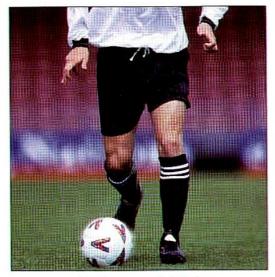
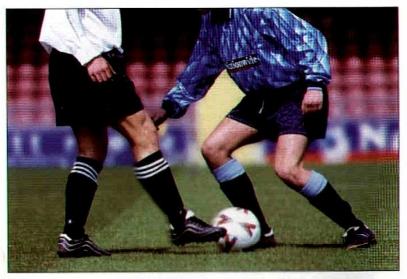


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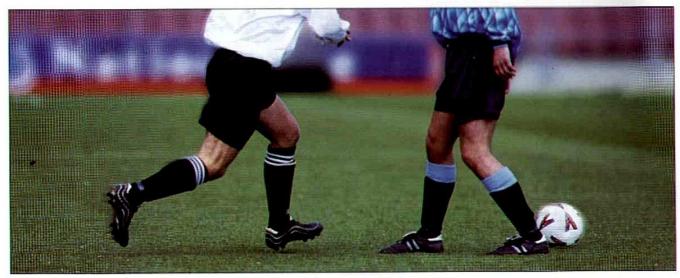




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STEP 2. As defender prepares to tackle, wait for perfect moment.

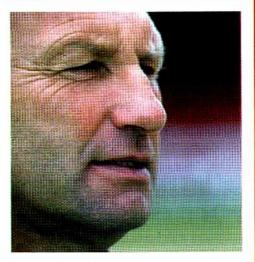


STEP 3. When opening appears seize opportunity. (Precisely what a Personal Loan from Nationwide enables you to do.)



#### Colin Todd - page 6

Todd will be looking to build on last week and get all three points today.



#### Oxford United - page 10

Caretaker boss Mike Ford brings his struggling Oxford side to the County

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**Gary Alexander was** disappointed not to win last week but was pleased to get on the score sheet...





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# "Blood and thunder..."

A lot of people have been asking over the past few days why today's local derby against our old enemy Oxford United is being played on a Sunday.

Some have even suggested that it was because SKY TV wanted to cover the game live. Sadly, that is not the case although I believe this fixture would have made great TV.

When the FA decided in July that the England v Germany World Cup Qualifier at Wembley would be played on Saturday, October 7th, the Football League wrote to all their member clubs advising them that because this game was to be screened live on TV at 3pm, clubs could re-arrange their fixtures by either bringing forward the game to Friday evening or put it back to Sunday.

Because this fixture is a derby clash naturally the police had their say and stated they did not want us to play the game on Friday evening because of the safety issue in and around the ground - and in the town centre.

We then decided that we would play the game on Sunday - today - and opted for a 2pm kick-off to allow everyone the chance to enjoy a Sunday lunch here at the County Ground before the game.

I am of the firm belief that Sunday afternoon is sacrosanct and internationals and live TV should not be allowed. This is the view of The Football League as well and I know that over the past couple of seasons as this 'new' day for England internationals has slowly crept into the calendar, much lobbying has taken place to prevent it becoming a regular occurrence.

However, FIFA have now stepped in and informed all nations that games

will be played on certain weekends and it now looks as if we have lost our cast iron guarantee on Saturdays at 3pm.

International football these days takes precedence over all domestic games which I believe is sad because it is clubs like ours that are the lifeblood of the game in this country. Sadly FIFA and UEFA do not look upon the English domestic game as we do - perhaps they don't understand its strength or perhaps, as I suspect, they don't want to.

Anyway, here we are at the County Ground on Sunday afternoon ready to do battle with the Auld Enemy.

Welcome to the directors of Oxford United to today's game and a warm welcome also to an old friend, Secretary Mick Brown, who has worked tirelessly to keep his club afloat amid rumour and speculation over the past couple of seasons.

I am sure the game will possess all the blood and thunder of a traditional derby and I am equally sure that the points will be staying in Wiltshire.



Dor love

Peter Rowe Chief Executive

# Looking to a brighter future as Town recruit...

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#### Stewards- Matchdays

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### Hearing on Football Transfers

South West Liberal
Democrat MEP, Graham
Watson chaired a hearing
in European Parliament in
Strasbourg to discuss the
Football Transfer System
this week.

At the hearing, Watson was joined by representatives of national football associations including David Dein, Vice-Chairman of the Football Association and Chairman of Arsenal FC.

Mr Watson said: "We need to study the implications of the ban on the Football Transfer System before any decisions are made. The effects on grassroots football and small clubs in the South West would be farreaching, and I call on the Commission to postpone any decision on the matter until after the hearing."

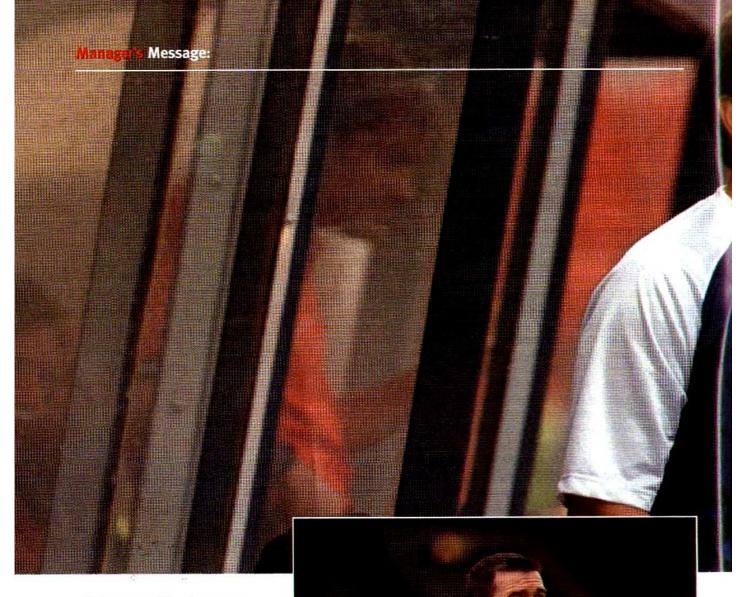
### **Cup Drawing Near**

Listed below are the dates of the draws for the Fourth Round Qualifying and First and Second Round proper of the AXA Sponsored FA Cup.

Fourth Round Qualifying Draw -Monday 16th October 2000. Available on Newsline on 09066 555888.

First Round Proper draw -Saturday 28th October 2000. This draw will be live on SKY Sports 1 during the Soccer Saturday programme at approximately 5.15pm.

Second Round Proper draw -Saturday 18th November 2000. This draw will be live on SKY Sports 1 during the Soccer Saturday programme at approximately 5.15pm.



Welcome to this afternoon's game against our nearneighbours Oxford.

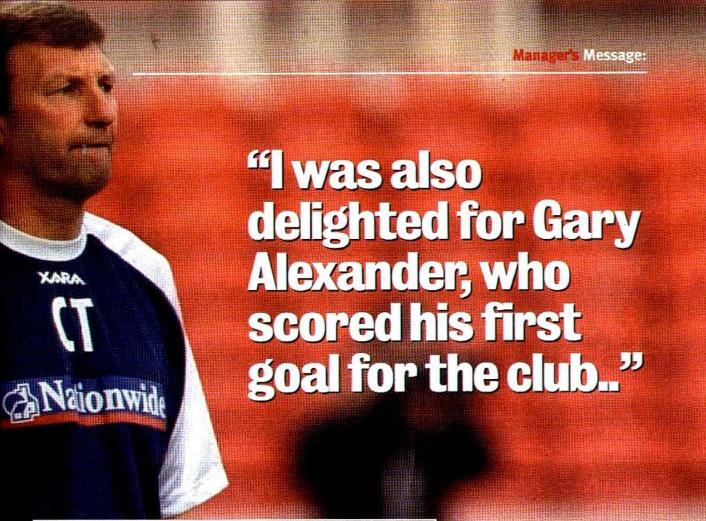
A lot of managers tend to treat local derbies as just another game but there is certainly a buzz around a football club when these matches are coming up and I've found that to be the case at Swindon as the other clubs I have played for and managed.

I have been involved in some big games like Newcastle v Sunderland and Everton v Liverpool and, although I have only been here a few months, I know that this fixture is the one that the supporters really look forward to. The rivalry between the two clubs is definitely there and although we face both the Bristol teams and Reading in this division, I know that you all regard this as 'the' game.

 What makes this game even more special is that both sides would have liked to have been in better positions after eight games.

Oxford are bottom of the table and have had a change of manager this week after Denis Smith stepped down from his managerial responsibilities and now Mike Ford has taken over on a caretaker basis. But this could work in Oxford's favour as I'm sure their players will want to prove themselves, as if the motivation of winning a local derby is not enough.

This will mean that we will have to be on our guard if we are going to get something out of the game.





We enter this game in good heart after what I thought was a good performance against Wigan last Saturday. I was particularly impressed with the way we fought back from being a goal down against the team who are favourites to win this division and the credit for that recovery has to go to the players. Confidence has not been

too high lately but they bounced back well. It was just a shame that we were unable to hold on to what would have been three very good points. The frustrating thing was that we were just unable to get that third goal and their equaliser came in the last four minutes but I'm sure we can learn from that.

I was also delighted for Gary

for the club in that match with a fine header. Martin Wiliams worked well to set it up and, after the way he took his goals at Luton the previous week, I'm aure there will be plenty more to come from both of them. Hopefully, it will happen this afternoon.

Alexander, who scored his first goal

Your support has been excellent this seaosn and I'm sure you will do yourselves credit this afternoon. What I want to hear is constant noise from our supporters, cheering the team on. The players know just how important this game is and I'm sure they will put in a battling display and, hopefully, it will be enough to earn us three points.

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**Enjoy the Game** 

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Swindon Home Shorts...

Sizes: 30/32,34/36,38/40; £15.00

Kids Sizes: 18/20, 22/24, 25/28; £12.00

Swindon Home Socks...

Sizes: Boys, Youths: **£3.99** 



#### Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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# Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services



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**Home Goals For** 

**Away Goals For** 

All Goals Against

45 mins Home Goals Against 113 mins

# Last Season At County Ground \_\_\_\_\_n/a At Manor Ground \_\_\_\_\_n/a This Season

This Season Robins' Season records: Home Win......Non

Face2Face

Away Win.1-0 Bristol City
\_\_\_\_\_3-2 Luton
Home Defeat \_1-4 Walsall

The U's' Season records:

Home Win \_\_\_\_\_1-0 Bury
Away Win \_\_\_\_\_None

Home Defeat \_\_\_\_\_0-1 POSH,

.0-1 Brentford, 0-1 Bristol City Away Defeat ....0-5 Millwall

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180 mins

225 mins

150 mins

41 mins

Robins : DLLLWLWS

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90 mins

113 mins

45 mins

F 7 A 16 Pts 8

The U's : LLLLSLLWLL

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Form Guide shows results so far. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = NoScore Draw. Most recent result to the right

#### Oxford United's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

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95/96	2	4	2	Moody	17	5,876
96/97	1	3	4	Jemson	18	7,608
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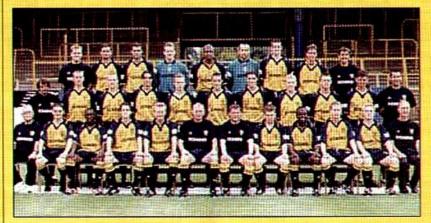
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# Oxford United Football Club 2000/2001



Left to right, Back Row: Neal Reynolds, Ian McGuckin, Lee Jarman, Richard Knight, Steve Anthrobus, Jimmy Glass, John Shepheard, Jon Richardson, Peter Rhodes Brown.

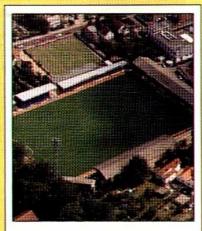
Middle Row: Charlie Craig, John Robertson, Derek Lilley, Chris Hackett, Simon Weatherstone, Dean Whitehead, Sam Ricketts, Nell McGowan, Joey Beauchamp, Matt Murphy, Mike Ford.

Front Row: Ken Ridley, Rob Folland, Manny Omoyinmi, Jamie Cook, Peter Fear, Denis Smith, Mickey Lewis, Paul Powell, Ben Abbey, Paul Tait, Ross Weaterstone.

# The U's...

Oxford United Football Club have a distinguished history for a small Club. The Club has spent the majority of its life in the top two divisions of English football. At one stage, in front of 90,396 spectators, United lifted the Milk Cup after defeating Queens Park Rangers 3-o at Wembley. Like us though, Oxford will be known to many not by their football, but by the cloud of financial insecurity that has enshrouded the club. Following the death of Robert Maxwell in 1991, a take-over ran into such problems that some of the staff were not even paid for most of the season. In the face of this adversity Oxford United almost produced one of the great FA Cup shocks of all-time. Premiership leaders Chelsea went to the Manor Ground and escaped with a 1-1 draw after a late controversial penalty. This game put the precious

talents of Dean Windass in the shop window and it was no surprise when a £1 million offer saw him depart for Bradford City. The absence of a consistent goalscorer cost the Club dearly and United were relegated to Division Two. Shortly before the end of the season, the Club's protracted take-over was finally completed when London hotelier Firoz Kassam agreed to purchase Robin Herd's shares. On the field, a poor start to the 1999-2000 season saw Malcolm Shotton and Mark Harrison resign their positions as manager and assistant manager respectively. Former Youth team coach Mickey Lewis briefly replaced Shotton, only for a poor run of form to see former manager Denis Smith reappointed to the position he vacated two years earlier.



# ClubFACTS...

Name: Oxford United FC Nickname: The U's

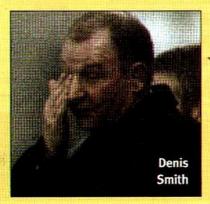
Previous name: Headington United

Ground: The Manor Ground

Capacity: 9,520

Highest League Scorer (season):

John Aldridge, 30, 1984-85



# Smith resigns...

OXFORD UNITED

Denis Smith resigned as manager of Oxford United last Monday afternoon as a result of his club's miserable start to the season.

Saturday's defeat at home to Bristol City saw the U's fans turn on manager Smith and there was vociferous chanting for him to be removed. Smith has pledged to remain with the U's in a consultative capacity as he clearly wishes to remain at the club with which he has had such a long relationship. Said Smith: "Although it is in the best interests of the club for me to step aside, I hope to be able to make a contribution to the club away from the direct responsibilities for the playing side."



**F**ollowing the resignation of Denis Smith last Monday, Oxford old boy Mike Ford has been placed in the temporary hot seat...

U's Chairman Firoz Kassam is adamant that the U's will not be appointing from within as they look to fill the managerial vacancy at the club left by Denis Smith's resignation last Monday. It waits to be seen who is linked to the hotseat.

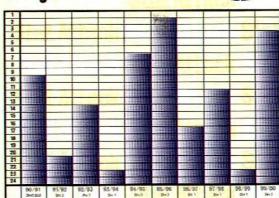
Ron Atkinson is one name that has been mentioned. The former U's star has seemingly previously ruled himself out from taking over the helm at the Manor Ground though when he said: "I've got too much on with my media work. "I'm flying all over the place and it's a lot less stressful than football management. I have been approached by a couple of people about jobs lately and the answer has been 'thank you, but no way!'."

Two other names that have been suggested are Southport's manager Mark Wright and Crystal Palace's Ray Houghton. It is not the first time the former England international has been linked to the U's management job, throwing his name into the hat after the departure of Malcolm Crosby. He said: "I'm happy at Southport and really want to do well here, but full-time football is where you have to set your sights and I'm ambitious. Former Ireland international Houghton, who played 83 games for the U's between 1985 and 1987, is on the coaching staff at Selhurst Park.

# clubfacts...

# OXFORD UNITED

## Ten year record...



## The last five meetings...

Oxford United	2-0	Swindon Town	(DN 1)	13-02-1999
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Swindon Town	4-1	Oxford United	(DWY1)	06-12-1997
Oxford United	2-0	Swindon Town	(DW1)	19-04-1997

# **Oxford United...**

## **Full time results...**

Oxford 9-1 Dorchetser Town	11-11-95	Record win
Oxford 0-7 Sunderland	19-9-98	Record loss

### **Club honours...**

Division Two Champions 1984-85
Division Three Champions 1967-68
Football League Cup Winners 1986

### **Next five fixtures...**

Sat Oct 14	Oxford	VS	Wrexham	Н
Tue Oct 17	Oxford	VS	Luton	H
Sat Oct 21	Rotherham	VS	Oxford	A
Tue Oct 24	Oxford	VS	Wigan	H
Sat Oct 28	Reading	VS	Oxford	A

# Top goalscorer's ...

Joey Beauchamp	2
Gook, Tait	1
Jarman	1

Joey Beauchamp back in town

Joey made his debut for Oxford United as a substitute on the last day of the 1988/89 season.

He joined West Ham United at the end of the 1993/94 season for a fee approaching £1 million. His stay in East London was brief and he did not make a first team appearance for the Hammers as he failed to settle. He joined Swindon Town soon afterwards, but a change of manager at the County Ground saw Joey fall out of favour and he took the opportunity to return to the Manor for a cut price fee of £75,000 in October 1995 - just 15 months after originally leaving. He has remained at the Manor ever since and he has now made over 330 appearances in his two spells at the Manor.

Derek Lilley eye for goal

Derek first caught the eye as a 17year-old at Greenock Morton.

e started his career as a part-time player before Morton offered him a full-time professional contract at 19. In his next three seasons with the Scottish club, he was top scorer - amassing 64 goals in 176 League appearances. His goalscoring ability caught the eye of several clubs and Leeds United won the race for his signature in March 1997. Leeds paid £500,000 to gain his services, but in his two seasons at Elland Road, he made just 19 appearances, scoring once. Following loan spells at Hearts and Bury, Derek joined Oxford on the eve of the 1999-2000 campaign for a small fee. He is a powerful striker who was also used in midfield last season. He is strong on the ball, has the ability to take on defenders and is not afraid to shoot at goal from any angle.

### 1 Richard Knight



Richard originally joined United on loan in January 2000 from Derby County as cover for the

cover for the injured Paul Lundin and Andre Arendse.

Richard's

form was a
key factor in
United's successful battle
against relegation and,
after being released by
Derby County at the end
of the season, Denis
Smith moved quickly to
ensure that he
remained at the
Manor Ground.

### 2 John Robertson

John joined, United in the summer after catching the eye whilst playing for Ayr United. Still only 24, John is a tough tackling right back who also likes to get forward and join attacks. Denis moved quickly to capture Robertson who was attracting interest from several other clubs.

### 3 Paul Powell

Paul's progress in the first team has been spectacular and he has now made over 100 first team appearances. He was second top scorer last season with 12 goals in all competitions - an amazing achievement considering he spent most of last year playing at left back. He was voted supporters' player of the season last year.

## 4 Peter Fear



Peter joined
Wimbledon as a
trainee and was
awarded a
professional
contract in 1992.
The former England

international remained at Wimbledon until his free transfer under the Bosman ruling to Oxford United in July 1999. His first season at the Manor was dogged by injury, but everyone will be hoping that a fully fit Peter Fear will play a key role in this campaign.

# 6 Ian McGuckin

lan was originally a target of Denis
Smith during Smith's previous reign as
manager in 1995. At the time, the
commanding centre back was playing
for Hartlepool and in May 1997, he
became the first signing for Fulham
under the Mohammed Al Fayed reign.
Frozen out at Fulham, McGuckin
jumped at the chance to join United
under the Bosman ruling in the
summer and he is eager to kick-start
his career.

## 7 Matt Murphy



Matthew prefers to play in midfield but was used as a central striker for much of the 1998-99 season. He signed from Corby Town for £20,000 in February 1993 and

made his first team debut in front of a near full house at Newcastle in April 1993. His goalscoring prowess has made him an important member of the team and he finished last season as top goalscorer with 17 goals.

# 8 Paul Tait



Paul Tait joined Oxford from Birmingham City in January 1999 on a free transfer. He had been the Blues' longest serving player,

making his debut for the St.

Andrews club as a 16-year-old. A competitive player, who can also be creative, Paul is an important member of United's young squad.

## 9 Steve Anthrobus



Steve was born in Lewisham and began his career with the local club -Millwall. It was not long before he caught the attention of south

**Emmanuel** 

Omoyinmi

London neighbours Wimbledon and the Dons paid £150,000 for his services in February 1990. He signed for Shrewsbury Town at the start of the 1995-96 season. He joined Oxford in June 1999 to add strength and power to the United forward line.

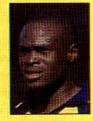
# 12 Jamie Cook

Jamie is a product of the youth team and made his debut in August 1997. He has often been used as a substitute, coming on when opposition legs are tiring. to make full effect of his pace and

skill.

### 14 Emmanuel Omoyinmi

Manny as he is more commonly known, joined United on a free transfer from West Ham United in July 2000. Manny has explosive pace and



is a product of West Ham's youth academy system. He can play as an attacking midfielder, but prefers to use his pace as a centre forward - a position from which he has scored some spectacular goals.

### 21 Neil McGowan

Neil joined Oxford United in August 1999 for a small fee from Albion Rovers. He arrived at Oxford and after breaking into the first team in



October, he quickly established himself as a regular in the side.

# 27 Dean Whitehead

Dean is a very promising central midfield player. He is comfortable on the ball and has the ability to play. the ball simple as well as a defence splitting pass. The management at Oxford will be very keen to see how Dean progresses in this his first season as a professional.

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# Left feeling flat

### Norwich City Reserves 2 Swindon Town Reserves 1

We made the long journey to Norwich for the evening kick-off.

We were all in good spirits and the long journey didn't affect any of the lads. They're all well-used to that by now, including the younger ones.

We settled into our rhythm quickly and did quite well in the first half. At the break the scores were level at o-o. To be honest we were happy with that as Norwich had a very



#### Reserve League Fixtures Season 2000/2001

Wed	16th Aug	Wycombe W.	2,00	0-1
Wed	11th Apr	Oxford United	2.00	3-0
Wed	30th Aug	Brighton	2.00	0-1
Wed	13th Sept	Bournemouth	2.00	2-0
Wed	20th Sept	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	2.00	-
Wed	27th Sept	Cheltenham	2.00	4-1
Tues	3rd Oct	Norwich City	7.30	1-2
Wed	11th Oct	Colchester	2.00	A
Wed	1st Nov	Southend	2.00	Н
Mon	6th Nov	Peterborough	2.00	A
Wed	15th Nov	Cambridge	2.00	Н
Wed	29th Nov	Luton Town	2.00	Н
Tues	5th Dec	Northampton	2.00	A
Wed	20th Dec	Barnet	2.00	A
Wed	10th Jan	Millwall	2.00	Н
Wed	17th Jan	Leyton Orient	2.00	A
Wed	24th Jan	Gillingham	2.00	Н
Wed	7th Feb	Q.P.R.	2.00	Н
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strong side out and were making it very difficult to settle on the ball. Still, we worked hard and caused the opposition a lot of problems from corners and free-kicks.

After the break Norwich went ahead and although I we were disappointed to concede I was pleased with the way we responded and we didn't let them run away with it. We equalised from a well worked free-kick that had caused them problems in the first half, Andy Williams whipped a good ball in from a wide position and Giuliano Grazioli had taken up a good position on the far post and finished well.

That should have been enough to guarantee a point away from home but, with about ten minutes left, Norwich scored again and we didn't have time to come back from that.

They were a very strong side but over the 90 minutes I thought we more than matched them. We could have passed the ball better although, saying that, our passing created as many chances as they had. When we had equalised there was only one team in it and we could have killed them off but we spurned our chances. We looked as fit, if not fitter than the opposition

#### Malcolm Crosby

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which enabled us to create a few good chances to draw level in the dying minutes,

especially from a free-kick but the ball rebounded off the wall when we needed a quality ball into the box. We were very unfortunate not to get a point and it was disappointing to lose but I can't fault the performance as every one gave there all for the team.

We're not going to get upset as it was a very good performance, as there have been so far this season.

We've won five and lost two and in general the lads have been superb in their attitude and application.

Swindon Town Line up: Stephen Mildenhall, Juan Cobian, Brian Smith, Marko Tuamelo, Kim Heiselberg, Bobby Howe, Steve Cowe, Herring, A Williams, Charlie Griffin, Guiliano Grazioli.



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We are hopeful that the commentator from the Wembley play-off final will be with us, ITV's Brian Moore.











The lads were all upset that we didn't win the game and take all three points last week. Wigan are one of the top sides in the division but I think we deserved to win.

To equalise when they did just makes it all the more disappointing for us, especially as there were only about four minutes left.

We knew it was going to be a tough game, but we came out and gave it everthing we had. The early goal was a bit of a body blow town us but we dug in and that's what the manager is looking for. When the ref blew up we were all running towards the half way line ready for Bart to kick it out. Before that we defended really well. But the ref made the decision and they had a free kick about ten vards out and to be honest, we did not defend as well as we could but it was always going to be diffilcult being so close to goal. They squared a good ball and finished it well.

It was nice to get onto the score sheet last week! It has been a while, I think the last goal I scored was a couple of seasons ago but I just seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Dukesy did well down the left and Williams was unlucky not to finish but the ball rebounded to me! To be honest it was just pleasing for us to take the lead when we had been playing quite well and had missed one or two chances.

Almost equally as pleasing was Gary's goal. It was a very important goal for him because I think his confidence has been suffering a bit. He had worked tremendously hard in training all week and he showed it out there in the game. That goal will do him the world of good and I think you will see Gary move on to greater things now the first one is in the bank.

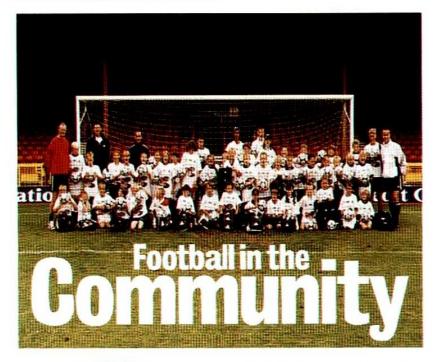


Williams was also very impressive

up front. The front two as a team worked very well and very hard for each other, holding the ball up on numerous occassions and always aggressive. It just goes to show that all the new fellas are settling in. I think it has taken a bit of time but as there have been so many new faces it was always going to take a while. Spirits are high and the confidence is growing, especially after last week's performance.

People keep mentioning the small crowds to us but it is a two-way thing. We have to start performing to the level that the fans expect and start putting results together. I think the crowds will come back, we are playing better stuff and we have the perfect opportunity today to cheer them up with a win against local rivals Oxford United.

Watching football is an expensive hobby these days but I think the fans have all been saving up for this one! But, to be honest, those that have come and watched us have been fantastic and have got behind us. The best way to repay their faith in us will be with a win today and we are all looking forward to it.





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As you can see by the photographs, a fantastic day was had by all. During the day we had the pleasure of the ex-Swindon legend Steve White who joined us in some of the ball skill sessions.

The whole day gave Jon, Luke and I great pleasure to see so many smiling faces. A big thank you to Terry Ferris for his photographic skills with the camera.

We would like to thank Terry Ferris for taking the above photos and many more on the day..

Until next time, keep cheering and we will see you soon!

Best wishes,

Clive, Jono and Luke







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With the Soccer Centres up and running we are now getting more and more kids starting on the courses which is great news.

For current members I am having talks with Jackie Kent and I'm hoping to reserve 500 free tickets for a first team game very soon. This will mean that all kids will go free if a paying adult accompanies you. Look out for news in the next programme.

# Centres

Listed below are all the times and centre where the Soccer Centres take place.

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Here's hoping for three points against our local rivals.

Enjoy today's game Jimmy Fraser

Swindon

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MON	5.00 - 6.00pm	5 - 10 years
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	10.00 - 11.00am	5 - 8 years

#### HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

TUES	4.00 - 5.00pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00pm	7 - 8 years
THURS	5.00 - 6.00pm	8 -11 years

#### **HAYDON** (Swindon Borough)

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

#### MALMESBURY ACTIVITY ZONE (New Centre)

MON	4.00 - 5.00pm	5 - 6 years
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THURS	5.00 - 6.00pm	0 - 11 Vears

#### STRATTON

MON	3.30 - 4.30pm (intermediate)	6 - 8 years
	4.30 - 5.30pm	9 - 11 years
WEDS	3.30 · 4.30pm	7 - 8 years
	4.30 - 5.30pm	8 - 9 years
FRI	3.30 - 4.3opm (Beginners)	5 - 6 years

#### MARLBOROUGH

WEDS	3.30 - 4.00pm	5 - 7 years
	4.00 - 5.00pm	7 - 9 years
	5.00 - 6.00pm	9 - 12 years

#### RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

WEDS	5.00 - 6.00pm	5 - 7 years
	6.00 - 7.00pm	8 - 11 Vears

#### CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

WEDS	5.30 - 6.30pm	9 - 11 years
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#### **BAMPTON NEW CENTRE (OXON)**

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

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

# Keeping our fingers crossed

We're only really talking about Mark Robertson - he has picked up a hamstring strain.

I don't think it will keep him out too long, only about a week or so. He did some jogging on Monday but we're taking it easy at the moment.

Bobby Howe started full training on Monday after his rib injury. He should play some part in the Reserve team game against Norwich City on Tuesday (3rd) night.

We've been working extremely hard

with Gareth Davies. He's got to go back and see the specialist but we can work hard up until then to see what happens. Once he's seen the specialist we'll go from there.

Other than that we're OK. We've done comparatively well as far as injuries go this season. I'm reluctant to get too carried away with things but it seems that the proportion of training has been good for the players.

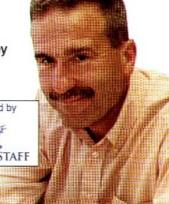
The facilities have certainly helped.
The argument is that the surface is of a
much better quality and that helps

minimise things like strains. I hope things continue the way they have and I just have to

keep my fingers crossed.

Dick Mackey









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# **Auld Enemy Clash**

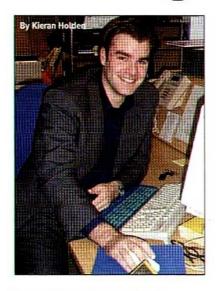
So here we are then... It's been a couple or so years since we've played the 'Auld Enemy' and I think it's fair to say it's been eagerly anticipated by both sets of fans since the end of May.

Of course our last two encounters with our visitors from up the A420 ended in 4-1 victories for us, however the last one was more than 2 years ago and, of course, that is a long time in football. Since then we've both dropped out of the First Division and both of us would love to return at the earliest possible opportunity.

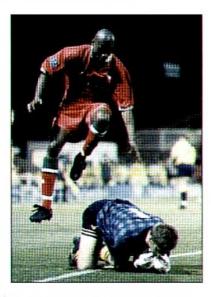
Most of the Town players who played in that 4-1 win in September 1998 have gone on to pastures new. Although Alan Reeves played a full 90 minutes in that wonderful win, Mark Robinson and Adam Willis watched the game from the bench. Jimmy Glass made one of his few starting appearances that night, but today he'll see the game from another perspective.



Our record over the yellows is a good one here at the County Ground, we haven't lost to them



here in over 27 years. That is something that we do not want to surrender today. In the 47 meetings we easily have the upper hand, we've won 19, drawn 19 while there have only been 9 defeats.



There's plenty of links in the Town dressing room to today's visitors, the Gaffer, Colin Todd made a handful of appearances back in the early 80's (we won't hold that against him) and Reserve team manager Malcolm Crosby managed them, however Crosser is well and truly red these

days. On the other side, of course there's Joseph Beauchamp - the less said the better, and I think I'm right when say that caretaker manager Mike Ford lives or certainly used to live in Swindon.

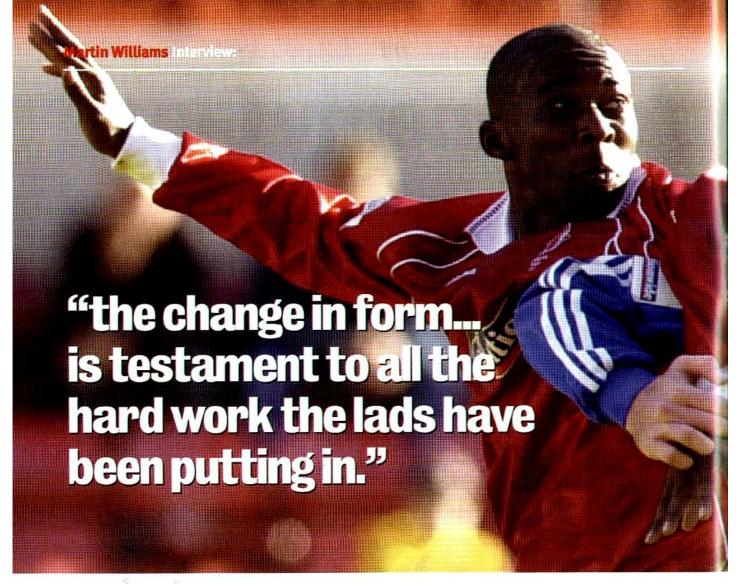
No doubt you've heard over and over again that local derbies are special occasions and that they require commitment, passion and determination. Of course that is all true, but many of the players in action today may not be aware of the importance of the game to the supporters. I mean in the scale of things, 'Us versus Them' is hardly Celtic v Rangers, Liverpool v Everton or even Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid. But to all of us involved and interested in today's clash, we think it is as important, no, more important than all three put together.

As Swindon fans we need to show passion and commitment, and that is no more truer today. Let's make sure Colin Todd and the players are aware how much this game means to us. Admittedly some will say our derby dates with Bristol Rovers, City or even Reading are just as big, and they wouldn't be wrong, but no doubt the supporters that make the trip along the A420 today will be very vocal, and therefore we must be louder.

However, they'll be a minority people coming to the County Ground this afternoon for all the wrong reasons. Whether they be from the red side or the yellow side, we must not let them spoil the event for the rest of us when friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship is the order of the day.

Even if I can't bring myself to even say THEIR name!.

Enjoy the game.... Come on YOU REDS



Before I joined Luton I used to play football at school with some of the kids that were a bit older than me.

After that I started to play on Sundays for a local team before joining Luton Town Under 13's where I played every week for about two years. When I was about 15 I lost interest in football altogether, partly because I had to walk to training or get public transport and also because I had very little money, it used to do my head in! I went to work for my Dad for a bit and then I had a trial for Leicester City in about 1989. Having played for the Juniors there for just under two years I left for Kenilworth Road in 1991.

In 1995 I spent a short period on loan at Colchester before I joined Reading in the same year. I enjoyed my time at Reading where I scored

a few goals! For the last couple of seasons I played up front and before that I used to play on the right wing. Last year I suffered from a various array of injuries and so spent a lot of time on the bench which was dissappointing. In the end I was pretty sad to leave although the circumstances in which I left the club weren't perfect. As I said, I had suffered from a few injuries and was kept out of the side by Martin Butler who joined from Cambridge. The manager was messing me about and I was being told different things by different people. In the end I just got on with things, made the most of the situation and opted for a new start. It was disappointing to leave in the way that I did but that's football! Colin Todd first got in touch with me

Colin Todd first got in touch with me in the summer but I also knew Andy King from my days at Luton which helped the move. It was all pending on a medical and a couple of days

later my knee went but thankfully in the end, it didn't hamper the move. A big factor in my decision to join Swindon was the reputation of the manager, Colin Todd. He has a very good track record and I believed I could learn a lot from him.

Despite everything that's happened I have still got a lot of friends down at Reading and I am pleased they are doing well. They have spent a lot of money at the club so it is hardly surprising the early success that they are enjoying. But despite their good start I really believe that we can do better. Admittedly we haven't hit good form as early as they have but I believe that it will all come together. We have started to pick up a lot in the last few games, the change in form from when I started to the Wigan game for example, has been dramatic and is testament to all the hard work the lads have been putting in.



I think that we can get a win against Oxford and then take things from there.

# "...l keep hearing about this derby game against Oxford!"

Personally I have settled in OK. When you play for a club for five years and then leave and join somewhere new it is always difficult but the lads were terrific in making me feel welcome. I joined at a time when all the other new lads were already here which made it a little bit harder. But everyone was still a little bit quiet and apprehensive which may have had something to do with our slow start. Now, the togetherness is there, everyone is talking and the spirit is good.

I have been fairly pleased with my form so far although I don't think that I have reached full fitness yet. It was particularly nice to get two goals against my old club! In the six games that I've played, I've had a couple of indifferent performances but also a couple of good ones. To be honest I am just hoping that the team can continue to play the way we did against Wigan. I think we can score a lot of goals with everyone pitching in, me, Gary, Graz, Charlie and some of the younger ones too.

Obviously I'm hoping to hit double figures if I can, but there is competition for places which is healthy and can only be good for the club. I think that my advantage is that I am quite strong, reasonably quick and OK in the air so I will do my best!

I was disappointed that we didn't beat Wigan last week because we had chances to kill the game off just before half time. If it had been 3-1 at the break it would have been a diferent story but it wasn't to be. We even had a couple of chances after half time but at the end of the day it was a big improvement and it has helped our confidence no end. They are obviously one of the teams pushing for promotion and we had them on the rack for much of the game, it was even a dodgy decision that led to their first goal and before that we had made them look really ordinary. They were a lot stronger last year to be honest but if we keep playing like that, we have every chance.

For the last two games I keep hearing about this derby game against Oxford! It is obviously the one that the fans want to win but obviously we will all be up for it. They've been struggling too so it is a very important game for us - a six-pointer. It's a good chance for us to get our first home win and I'm really looking forward to it!





Weight: 12.3

Made six starts for Middlesbrough where he came through the youth ranks before joining St Johnstone in March '97 for £50,000. Keith went on to make over 60 appearances but relished the opportunity of proving himself in England after a very successful period at McDiarmid Park. Despite being offered a new contract North of the border, he chose to join Swindon's new era under Colin Todd and should fill the problem position of right midfield.







Martin Williams

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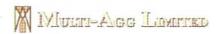
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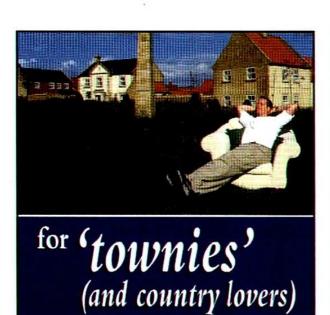


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# **Derby Day Determination**

I once read somewhere that Liverpool fans don't care where their team finish up at

the end of the season, just as long as they beat Everton twice in the Merseyside derby.

Well that is all very well if you are a Liverpool fan and you can expect your team to be in the top four of the table come May, but when you are Swindon or Oxford I doubt that school of thought really stands up. Would we really admit that it is OK to be relegated just as long as we beat Oxford twice along the way. No I didn't think so. The fact is that a derby game, at the end of the day, is the same as any other football match and it doesn't do you any good by starting to get overemotional about it. Admittedly, there is more spice about it. The atmosphere today should be

something special and I, as a spectator, am looking forward to the match. But, for the players, today should be treated as any other football match. Three points are at stake and that has to be the ultimate goal at the end of the day? Don't get me wrong. I know a win today would mean a great deal to the people of Swindon. Those of you who work alongside Oxford fans five days a week are hoping beyond hope that Colin Todd's boys can pick up the three point maximum today. But the greater picture shows us that there is an even greater reason for a win today, one which is even greater than personal pride.

You see Swindon are now at one of those crucial stages in a season where they could go either way. After an awful start they have finally started to get themselves together and play some decent football. The performance against Wigan showed us a style of football that has not been seen in quite some time at the

County Ground. Their passing at times was a thrill to watch and how that third goal did not come, I don't know. They have pulled themselves up, dusted themselves down and now they have the chance to really put together a decent run and escape the lower reaches. They have shown just what they can do. Now they have to prove they can do it again, no matter who the opposition are. A win today will give everyone greater confidence and give our little run a further boost.

October looks a good month for Town, away at struggling Oldham, Swansea and Notts County and at home to high-flyers Bristol Rovers and Millwall.

Every game is winnable and that has to be Town's aim. They have chiseled out a chance to make a break up the league and that means winning today? no matter who the opposition are.

#### **Matt Reeder**

Sports Editor

# The stage is set for a great game.





Ah - the local derby. A game about passion, commitment and being proud to wear the shirt.

The desire to beat 'The Auld Enemy'. Whether it's Celtic v Rangers .. or Swindon v Oxford .. every fan feels the same way. It's about victory. Nothing else will do. What you DON'T realise is the strength of feeling every BBC sports presenter feels on a day like today.

Shaun Hodgetts of BBC Wiltshire Sound lives and breathes Swindon Town. BBC Radio Oxford's Jerome Sale is a lifelong Oxford United supporter. For ninety minutes, forget working for "one BBC" ... they want three points just as much as you do.

Today, I'll stay outside the commentary box. As I recently joined BBC Wiltshire Sound from Radio Oxford, you can imagine the stick I took from Jerome and my former colleagues. Yes, they DID call me sc\*\*\*\*r .....

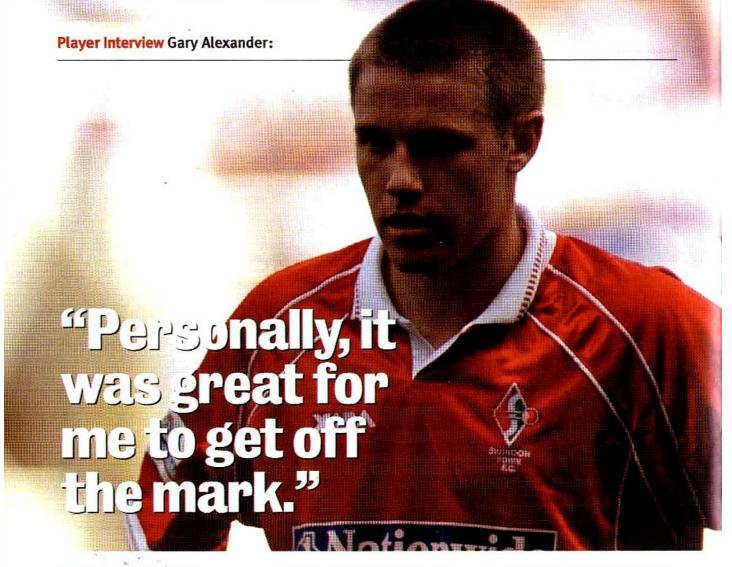
It's amazing how much both clubs have in common. In recent years, what looked like certain closure became a brighter future with a new stadium on the horizon thanks to the efforts of Mssrs Brady and Kassam. Maybe today's game should be a celebration of our very existence.

The game now has added spice following the resignation of Oxford's manager Denis Smith. The team will have a point to prove ... as does a Swindon side looking to give Colin Todd his first home league victory. The stage is set for a great game.

Who do I think is going to win??? Ouch ... it's painful on this fence ..

#### Dan Chisholm

Breakfast presenter BBC Wiltshire Sound



We were obviously very disappointed not to take all three points last week, especially as the equaliser came in the 85th minute - it was just heartbreaking.

But we have to take heart from that, we came back from being a goal down against one of the top sides in the division and we could even have taken the lead before that. I couldn't see why he gave the pass back but we did well to fight back.

People talk about our poor home record but at the end of the day, we've lost one home game and that was to Walsall who are top of the league and we were all off our game. Against Wigan the work rate was tremendous and I don't think the home win is too far away now. The manager has talked about our commitment and out there against Wigan it was unbelievable. We were

just all devastated to give away the goal and it wasn't even a great goal that they scored, although they did win a number of set pieces towards the end. It would have been brilliant to get our first home win against a top side.

Personally, it was great for me to get off the mark. Williams did tremendously, everyone thought that the keeper was going to get there first, but he didn't and Wills put through a great ball and all I had to do was hit the target to score. It definitely helps you to settle in to get yourself on the scoresheet, but it's not just me. There are about 7 to 9 new lads and everyone seems to be settling in now, we are all very close and the confidence is there.

We are all looking forward to the big derby game today. We have had one big derby already and came through that with a win, but this is obviously the biggest one against Oxford and we are all striving to get our first home win for the fans to celebrate.



# the verdict from the draw against high-flyers Wigan

# How they saw it

### National www.Teamtalk.com

Bruce Rioch's men had opened the scoring when Simon Haworth placed an unstoppable shot past Bart Griemink after referee Paul Alcock awarded Wigan a controversial free kick.

Swindon's reply came quickly though, former West Ham striker Gary Alexander levelled with a header on twenty one minutes from a Martin Williams cross. Within a minute, Williams provided again, this time captain Mark Robinson benefited, tapping home from two yards.

With Swindon clinging on, Scott Green handed the Latics a draw when he diverted Arjan De Zeeuw's wayward shot.

### Home www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk



This was a Swindon Town previously unseen. A team which had pace and aggression up front but which could also pass the ball about and create sustained pressure.

This was a Swindon Town moving in the right direction, moving closer and closer to the style demanded by manager Todd. Wigan's late equaliser may have spoiled the party and the pathetic refereeing display from Paul Alcock certainly frustrated proceedings, but Town can feel a huge sense of accomplishment. Wigan, under the management of Todd's old friend Bruce Rioch, are a decent side who will be fighting for promotion come May. However, Town matched them in every department, making a nonsense of their position at the bottom.

# Away www.wiganlatics.co.uk

Paul Alcock ridiculously awarded an indirect free kick inside Swindon's box for an alleged back pass.

Martinez duly passed the free kick to Haworth who coolly slotted into the top corner from 8 yards. A mix-up between Carroll and Balmer allowed Williams to cross from the left and Gary Alexander headed in. A minute later and Town skipper Robinson finished from 3 yards. The second half did not start too well for the home side as Hewlett missed a simple chance after a penalty box melee. Better was still to come though as a Bradshaw corner was knocked back into the six yard area by De Zeeuw and Green pounced like a cat from 4 yards to head in with 4 minutes left!



# Managers' views...



"The effort and commitment was superb. We contributed very well to the game. They put a lot of pressure on us in the last ten minutes and

unfortunately we didn't withstand it. But we can take a lot from this performance into next week's game."

Todd believes that the players have come a long way and was pleased with the performance. He was disappointed not to take three points

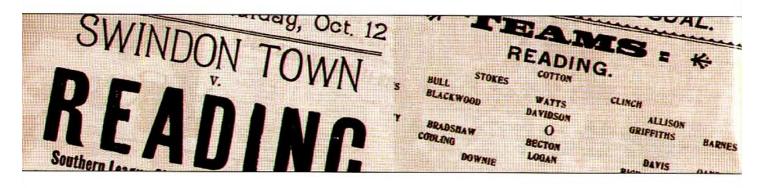


"If we have aspirations to be at the top end of this division at the end of the season, we have to show the character and the qualities that

those teams carry, and you certainly saw that in the second half. Credit to the boys, they showed tremendous character and I'm fairly happy with the point at the end of the day."

Wigan's boss Bruce Rioch expresses his relief with the point but is disappointed with his side's overall display last week.





# 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

#### 5. More substantial issues before the Great War

The fund-raising potential of football programmes became widely appreciated by clubs in the years which followed the turn of the century, and by the outbreak of the Great War, clubs had become polarised into those who published multi-page, advertising-included recognisable match programmes, and those who published nothing at all. Few, if any, remained with the half-way house of a simple team sheet.

Some of these early programmes were substantial affairs, providing a comprehensive coverage of club matters, commentary on football topics and description of visiting clubs. "The Villa News and Record", for instance, comprised 20 pages and was arguably superior to the club's programmes some 50 years later. Birmingham City (or just plain Birmingham as they were then known) favoured a very large page size, with a cover of blue paper and white internal pages.

A curiosity amongst programmes from the early decades of this century was the "Everton and Liverpool Official Football Programme" .... "the only programme issued by Authority of the Everton and Liverpool Clubs." This was a substantial, 16 page edition, which covered both city clubs, featuring the first team match of one and the reserve team fixture of the other, both played on opposite sides of Stanley Park on the same afternoon. This apparently happy collaborative arrangement persisted for many years on Merseyside, before the clubs reverted to their 19th century habit of issuing separate match programmes.

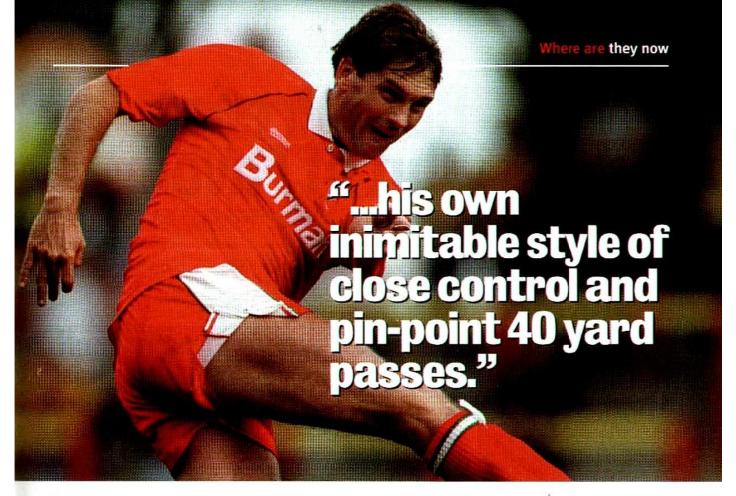
The Sheffield clubs were early and prolific programme issuers, with Wednesday being one of the last clubs to feature team selections on the front page. Their 16 page productions from the early 1900's were arguably before their time. It was not only League clubs who were beginning to make their programmes bigger and better.

Hartlepool United, who did not

join the League until after the Great War, had 'Martin's Key Card and Official Programme' issued on their behalf as early as 1909/10. This consisted of 12 pages, only three of which were given over to advertisements.

By the outbreak of the Great War, those clubs who regularly issued programmes were publishing multi-page issues which we would recognise today - minus the gloss, colour and photography of course. Universal programme production across the country did not happen until the 1920's.

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Football Collectable' contains
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As the gifted Johnny Haynes was reaching the pinnacle of his career at Fulham.

People were talking about a young man growing up in Hayes, Middlesex.

As a player from the same mould, Glenn Hoddle's reputation was spreading fast and came to fruition on the 8th April 1975 when he signed apprenticeship forms at White Hart Lane.

Over the next 5 years Glenn was to represent England's U-21 side twelve times and crowned the 1979-80 season by lifting the coveted P.F.A.'s 'Young Player of the Year' trophy. The rest is history as they say, with a career that spanned 20 seasons (12 at Spurs) and included over 100 goals, many spectacular volley's and free kick's from outside the box.

British football was deprived of four years brilliance when Glenn was lured to the South of France to play his football at Monaco where he soon became a footballing icon. Thrilling the partisan crowds with his own inimitable style of close control and pin-point 40 yard passes.

Returning to home shores at the outset of season '91 with our very own Swindon, he climaxed his playing days at Chelsea three seasons later by leading his side, as playermanager, to a 2-1 victory over London rivals Arsenal and was chaired off the pitch by adoring fans. How those Tottenham faithful must have watched green with envy. Having cut his managerial teeth down at the County Ground, he quickly realised that he also had a flair for bringing the best out of a squad of players. None more so than genial Scot Duncan Shearer. Quickly turning his game around to play facing the goal, Duncan realised that by making his runs down the channels, the boss could ping balls perfectly into his path.

Glenn's ambition was never going to keep him with Swindon and, after achieving promotion to the Premiership for the first time in our history, Ken Bates dangled an irresistible carrot and the deal was done with Chelsea, leaving John Gorman at the helm here. However an even bigger challenge was yet to appear, when he crowned his 53 International caps by accepting the England manager's job and at 38, became the youngest ever appointee.

His England managerial career has been well documented and we now find Glenn really has become a saint, rekindling his partnership and friendship with John Gorman down at the Dell. Gradually they are turning things around at Southampton in a fashion that we've all become well accustomed to.



# Boss Preece Out of Favour

Bury player-boss Andy Preece can't get into his own team!

Preece, 33, watched again from the dugout as Bury climbed to second spot in the second division with a fine 2-0 win at Swansea last weekend. Preece said: "I can't say I'm happy not to be in the side but I can't do anything if they keep playing like that,"

"I thought we were superb and we played with a lot of confidence."

Bury midfielder Jason Jarrett sealed the victory over the Swans after only recently singing an extension on his short-term contract that will keep him with the Shakers until the end of the season.

The talented 21-year-old made only his second appearance of the season but his manager thinks that he can go right to the top.

"He'd got a short-term contract and on Friday was given a new deal until the end of the season," revealed Preece. "He's got all the ability in the world and it's up to him now. If he can get his head right he can do whatever he wants."

# Bruno drops down

Wigan Athletic manager Bruce
Rioch is poised to sign Sheffield
United midfielder Bruno Ribeiro.
The 24-year-old former Leeds
United player is surplus to
requirements at Bramall Lane and
could be joining the Latics along
with Ayr United's Glynn Hurst.
Hurst is available for £250,000 and
the ex-Emley striker is keen to
come back south.





# **Cutting Edge**



Northampton Town manager Kevin Wilson paid a tribute to striker Jamie Forrester who scored a last minute equaliser that earned the Cobblers a point against Wrexham last Saturday.

"Jamie is a great goalscorer, give him a chance and the ball is in the back of the net," commented Wilson.

"Wrexham have been our bogey side over the years but we gave ourselves a hard task giving away two early goals."

# **Neill Back**

Millwall's Australian forward Lucas Neill returned from the Olympics and had a hand in all four of his team's 4 against Peterborough. The Aussie stiker is delighted to be back in the frame under the new management of Mark McGhee. "I accepted being left out at the start of the season because the former managers Keith Stevens and Alan McLeary knew I'd be missing for six weeks because of the Olympics. But it was a surprise when I heard they'd been sacked because we'd only dropped a few points, but the expectations at the club are so high." admitted Neill.





# **Royal Reward**

Reading's Alan Pardew is September's Second Division Manager of the Month.

His side have thumped in 18 goals during September and only conceded three. Going into September the Royals were lying in the bottom six but their goal blitz has sent them flying into third position. Their home form has been particularly devastating - in their three Madejski Stadium outings the Royals rattled in 14 goals, following up a 4-0 win against Brentford by beating Oldham 5-0 then Swansea 5-1.

Pardew took over the managerial reins from Tommy Burns almost 12 months ago and lifted Reading out of possible relegation danger to a 10th-place finish.

# **Horton's Odds Shorten**



Following Port vale's 1-0 home defeat to Wycombe Wanderers last Saturday, disgruntled fans called for the head of manager Brian Horton.

However, Horton has vowed to stay on and fight to save Vale's already crumbling season.

Horton said: "I'm not going to walk away. That would

be the easy way out. It's very disappointing. The players train well on Monday to Friday but it's on Saturday that we need the characters in the squad. There are a lot of young players in the team but they've still got to do better."

# Graydon Turns Up the Heat

Despite Walsall's 5-1 demolition of Notts County last weekend manager Ray Graydon is demanding more from his troops.

Standards are high at The Bescot this season and the Saddlers boss was not happy with the chances County created.

He said: "We started well and got an early goal which always helps.But we allowed them back into the game and at 2-1 Notts County came alive again."

Meanwhile the Saddlers boss has to be happy with his own performance this season. It looks as if he has made one of the bargain buys of the season in striker Jorge Leitao who scored for the third consecutive time in the 5-1 win. Signed from Portuguese second division side Deportivo

Feirense for £150,000, the 26-year-old admitted,

"I'm enjoying playing for Walsall and I'm getting used to the English game, I feel I'm getting better with every game but there is still room for improvement. I haven't set myself a goal target and my only aim is to help us win promotion."



### 'Sand' Storm

Bournemouth manager Sean O'Driscoll has admitted that he feels like he is trying to "juggle with sand."

After losing to Brentford last weekend and for the second time in five days O'Driscoll admitted, "I know the supporters want to see their team win and I can assure them the players and the management are also desperate to win because it makes things much easier for everybody," "We are lacking defenders which is why we've got two loan players in and we can't have any more than that at one time. The financial situation dictates that we can't buy anybody so we have got to work with the players we've got."

## **More Rodrigues**

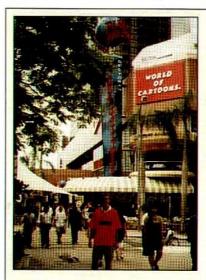
Bristol City boss Danny Wilson has decided to enter the transfer market once again to strengthen his struggling squad.

He believes Southampton striker Dani Rodrigues has a bright future and signed him on a month's loan.

The 20-year-old Portuguese striker had failed to break into the first-team picture at The Dell following his move from Farense in February 1999. He will add some much-needed punch to an attack that has scored only five goals in eight league games this season.

# FanScene Williams

# Town's show yer colours is back!



# Planet Swindon

Pictured above is Swindon Town fan Jon Shepherd who is 'Showing His Colours' outside Planet Hollywood in Kuala Lumpar, Malaysia.



# Swindon

Pictured here is Ken MacKenzie of Kintbury 'Showing His Colours' outside the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, South Korea scene of the 1988 Olympics.

- 1. Who recently resigned as Manager of Oxford United?
- 2. Who scored their first goal for nearly three seasons in the two-all draw with promotion hopefuls Wigan??
- 3. Name the Oxford midfielder who joined Swindon for just over a year for £850, 000, only to re-join the
- 4. Who was recently signed by Oxford by Denis Smith, only to be thrust in to the hot seat for today's game following Smith's resignation?
- 5. Which former Luton Town player now at the Town scored two goals against his former club?





Ooh are ya: 1. Wayne Allsion
2. Lord Bessean 2. Colin Prophett
4. Wark Robinson 3. Joey Beauchamp
2. Mark Robinson 3. Joey Beauchamp
4. Mike Ford 5. Martin Williams

## **ATTENTION ALL KIDS - WIN ONE HUNDRED QUID**

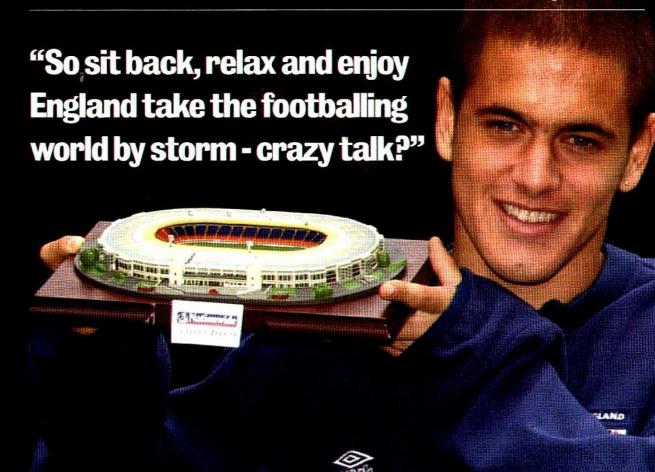
The club is looking for all budding artists to enter its 'Christmas Card' Competition.

There will only be one Winner of the £100 club shop vouchers, but all entries will be given a consolation prize! All you have to do is draw/paint a picture with a Christmas theme, but at the same time linking the design to the club!

When you have finished your drawing/painting make Sure you put you name, address, telephone number, age and the school you go to on the back. If you can, why not write a little bit about your picture too. The competition is open to all juniors aged 16 years and under. Your entries should be sent for the attention of lackie Kent at The County Ground. All entries need to be in by Monday, 30th October 2000.

Here's an idea to get you started!





It's all over and I for one am mourning its passing. After two weeks of undisputedly the greatest sporting show on earth I am desperately seeking something else to grab my attention.

I tried to rekindle the spirit of the games this morning by doing my best to become the first person out of the train and then desperately lunging for the line at the top of the escalator in a vain attempt to pip the ageing businessman in the pinstripe suit (who I am reliably informed has never been beaten at the escalator 20m dash competition).

Fortunately in keeping with the current air of optimism sweeping through British sport, we have another rather large event coming up to keep us occupied. The final game at Wembley between England and Germany should be enough to keep sporting junkies going for a short

while and a win for the home nation would provide another timely top-up to English pride. The mouth-watering prospect of a World Cup Qualifying opener against a resurgent Germany followed by a tricky tie against Finland should go a long way to determining England's fate in this campaign. Only the most hardened optimists would back England to blitz the group and qualify comfortably. There are no obviously weak nations in England's pool with probably the weakest team, Albania, proving in their first match in Helsinki that they will not be a soft touch.

Hopefully this qualifying campaign will see a new England emerge with the likes of Joe Cole, Stephen Gerrard and Gareth Barry emerging as genuinely world class players. So sit back, relax and enjoy England take the footballing world by storm - crazy talk? After Sydney nothing else will do.



# **Town Ladies 5 Alive**

The Town Ladies moved into second spot in the South West Combination League following a 5-1 win at Denham United.

Tracy Peacock gave the Town an interval lead with a goal midway through the first half. After the break two goals from Pam Ashman and goals from Leanne Taylor and Kim Reeves took the Town's tally to five with the home side only scoring once in reply. The win puts the Town one point behind leaders Yeovil Town but the Town have a game in hand.

The Town Ladies Reserves maintained their 100% record with a 7-2 win at Burnham in the Southern Region League. Lucy Bailey grabbed a hat-trick and Nikki Relph, Denise Warbutton, Sam Quinn and an own goal accounted for the Town's seven goals.

Today both sides are at home and playing at the Ballards Ash Sports Ground in Wootton Bassett. The games have been moved from the County Ground Extension because of today's clash with Oxford United. Both games kick-off at 2.00pm. The first team entertain top of the league Yeovil Town in the South West Combination League, the Town will be keen to spoil the Glovers' unbeaten record although last season the Town won the home game but were defeated in Somerset. The Reserves play Hampshire side Alton United in the Southern Region League.

#### Roger Reeves

#### South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

310	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
toth	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	A
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
15t	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct.	Yeovil Town	H
15th	Oct	Southampton	A
2200	Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
29th	Oct	"AXA" FA Cup 15t	
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
12th	Nov	"AXA" FA Cup 2nd	
19th	Nov	Denham United	Н
26th	Nov	Reading	A
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2	Н
10th	Dec	Portsmouth	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	Н
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
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4th	Feb	Southampton	Н
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	Н
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A



LEANNE TAYLOR, Town's front runner who found the net against Denham United.



# **Matches from Memory**

By Dick Mattick





Not only the pride of winning a local derby was at stake when Swindon met Oxford on 4th May 1982.

Oxford were second in the table with a run of twelve games without defeat behind them while Swindon were struggling to avoid relegation and had the memory of a 5-0 defeat earlier in the season to spur them on.

The first half was comparatively uneventful to what was to follow in the second half. John Ley in the Oxford Mail described United as having better chances but neither side scored. After the whistle had gone for the first half, an incident occured which may have had some influence on the events that were to follow. Roy Burton instead of going to the dressing room ran to the Town End to inspect the goalmouth. Referee Eric Read observed what was happening and booked the ungainly but effective Oxford custodian.

The game burst into life at the start of the second half. Two smoke bombs had been thrown into the Oxford goal when Charlie Henry crossed to the far post where Paul Rideout crashed the ball through the smoke into the net. The reporters of the two sides' local papers differed in their views of the legality of the goal. In the view of the Oxford reporter, the goal should not have stood as Burton was unable to see while Clive King argued that as Roy Burton had advanced out of the smoke he could see clearly. Referee Eric Read could draw little assistance from the rules of the game which make no reference to smoke bombs and would have been entitled to halt play if he felt he was unable to see play clearly.

Minutes later, referee Read was felled by a shower of coins thrown from the enclosure housing the Oxford fans but he bravely recovered to carry on. With just over an hour gone Swindon increased their lead when Roy Carter buried a superb shot in the bottom corner of the net. This prompted Oxford manager Jim Smith to bring on Ollie Kearns as an extra attacker. An error by Kenny Stroud allowed Peter Foley to nip in and centre the ball to his skipper Billy Jeffery who slotted the ball home for United to set up a grand finale with just six minutes left.

#### "Paul Rideout crashed the ball through the smoke into the net."

The nerves of Swindon fans were eased when Andy Rowlands put Rideout away and the striker got his shot off, just before the challenge by Malcolm Shotton. Burton got a hand to the ball but the power of the shot took it into the net. Still the thrills and spills came with Mike Graham bringing down Ray Train and David Fogg netting from the spot. Two minutes remained for play after this goal and one nail-biting moment remianed for town fans when a cross by Fogg would surely have brought an equaliser if Kearns could have got a touch on it. With fellow strugglers Newport

County losing 2-1 at Preston the match looked to have set Swindon up for survival in Division Three but they managed to pick up only one point from their remaining three games and slipped into Division Four for the first time in their history while the defeat at Swindon followed by a 2-1 loss at Gillingham meant the end of the U's promotion hopes.

#### Teams:

Swindon: Allan, Henry, Baddeley, Emmanuel, Lewis, Stroud, Williams, Carter, Rideout, Rowlands, Graham. Sub: Pritchard (not used)

**Oxford:** Burton, Fogg, Doyle (Kearns), Train, Briggs, Shotton, Lawrence, Foley, Hebberd, Brock, Jeffrey





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On Sunday 24th September
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got together with 50 other
mascots at Huntingdon
Racecourse for the Mascots'
Grand National.

It was a fantastic day and Funky Fledgling and Rockin' Robin did the Town proud coming in 19th and 27th respectively.

Harry the Hornet came with a very late run to grab victory from the wings of Cyril the Swan in what was the most exciting Mascot Grand National to date.

A rough start to the race was expected and that is exactly what happened. Ronnie the Rhino immediately ensured that Beau Brummie, the 1999 Champion, would have a difficult start by 'mullering' Beau as the tapes went up. Beau was grounded later in the race and did extremely well to finish 6th. Beau may have made a tactical error in choosing to start on the second line up with football boots, as opposed to the first line up with his large boots. Chaddy the Owl ran a wonderful race to finish 3rd, and

1st of the 'Heavy Boot Brigade'. Indeed Chaddy looked to have done enough as he approached Hugo's Brook (The 5th), but landed awkwardly and saw Cyril take it up. Cyril too must have thought he had it in the bag approaching the line, only to see Harry buzz to victory. Memories of Red Rum and Crisp were revived as these two great mascots battled for the line. Cyril did not get the clearest of runs and after his 3rd last year will be hoping to go one better in 2001. Cyril, distraught after the race, told reporters "I thought I had it won, then that \*%\$£"! insect flew past me."

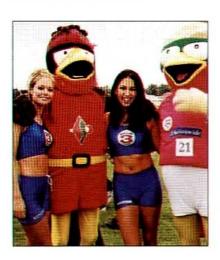
The Olympic Games halted as the World's eyes turned to Huttingdon and the Mascot Grand National. Marie Joe Perec, the French Women' 400m star was in attendance and told reporters this was why she had left Sydney. The Mascots held a two-second silence at the start of the race, in memory of 'Billy the Bantam', a runner in last years race who unfortunately fell apart two months ago.

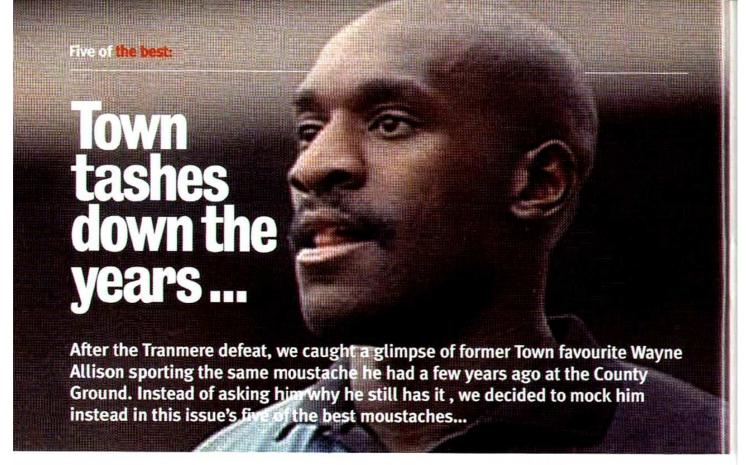
With so many in this year's field the

track record of 36 seconds, set by Beau Brummie in 1999, was never in danger. Harry completed the course in 44 seconds. Harry suffered a relatively clear run.

Next year's race will be on Sunday 30th September and over 100 Mascots are expected. Don't miss it, it's MASCOTASTIC!

Don't miss your chance to become a Mascot for the day. If your Under 16 years of age and won't to be a mascot at our special charity event on the 29th October turn to page 16 for further information.





## **5** Wayne Allison

Allison (pictured above looking dangerously like Darren from Big Brother) could only make it to number five with his wispy tash. Allsion's tash is a streamline model that resembles that of the policeman's out of the Village People video for YMCA (apparently...). Perhaps Allison just wanted to live up to his nickname 'The Chief' by cultivating a moustache that looks like one of those fake ones you used to . buy as a kid from the local joke shop, or get out of a Christmas cracker. Still, you wouldn't have heard any of the Town fans complaining when he was a regular fixture on the score sheet at the County Ground. Maybe it scared the opposition, but Allison was a big hero in these parts and we have missed his presence and character up front ever since he moved to home-town Huddersfield in 1997 for £800, 000. Before that he had scored 31 goals, almost averaging 1 in 3. In 1999 Allison moved on to Tranmere Rovers for a mere £300, 000, and he quickly became a hero with the Prenton Park

faithful. In his first season there he was top goalscorer with 19 goals, that despite missing out on the Wembley trail because of an earlier appearance in the same competition for Huddersfield. Allison will be remembered not for his ridiculous moustache, but for his power, ability at holding the ball up and heading prowess.

# Chris Kamara

the tash he used to have in his Town playing days. In fact the only change to the former Town hero's appearance is a slight shrinking of the 'affro' and that a commentators microphone has replaced the playing boots. Still passionate about the sport, Kamara can be seen every Saturday afternoon getting over-excited on screen with his back to the action! Danny Williams signed Kamara for a fee of around £14,000 prior to the start of the 1977/79 season. "It's a little bit of a gamble signing a lad of 19 but

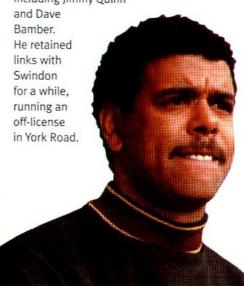
Lionel Richie look-a-like Chris Kamara

can be seen on Sky Sports with the

if it comes off he could be a great player" said Danny, who used Chris on the right side of midfield.

Kamara spent a second spell at Swindon after returning to Pompey for a brief spell and was re-signed on the opening day of the 1985/86 season for a fee of £12,500. Although the season was to be one of great success for Swindon, Chris failed to hold down a regular place.

With Town securing promotion, he left in a mass exodus of players including Jimmy Quinn





# Paul Bodin

Paul was another victim of the 'wispy tash' brigade but unlike Allison's effort, it often went unnoticed because of its fair colour that matched his pale complexion.

> With no comparison intended, Bodin's tash could

nearly be mistaken for a Hitler nose warmer, but fortunately it is just a little bit longer to prevent too much of a similarity.

Paul first joined Swindon from Newport County for his first spell with The Town. Later he moved to South London, joining Crystal Palace in a £700,000 deal. After making a mere nine appearances for The Eagles, Bodin returned to the County Ground. A former Welsh international he was first choice penalty taker for both club and country. His coolness from the penalty spot proved decisive in the 1992 play-off final, scoring the winning goal from the spot and in doing so opened a new chapter in the history of Swindon Town Football Club. Commenting on the Wembley Final Paul Said: "The lap of honour at Wembley brought it home to me just how much it meant to the Town. "It was the most important penalty in my life. I was going to smash it, but when I saw the goalkeeper looking one way, I placed it into the other corner."

Paul is currently enhancing his managerial reputation in charge of local Dr Martens side Bath City.

Colin Prophett

Collecting this week's silver medal is Colin Prophett's 'wrap around' tash that matched his hair and kit. Resembling Australian cricketer David Boon, Prophett's tash came a very close second...

Prophett rapidly established himself at the Town when he signed in 1974 and missed only one match during the rest of the season. He notched his first goal for the Town in the home win over Walsall on March 8th 1975 and scored twice more before the end of the season. Five wins in the last six games of that campaign were not quite enough to take Swindon to promotion and they finished with 53 points, two points

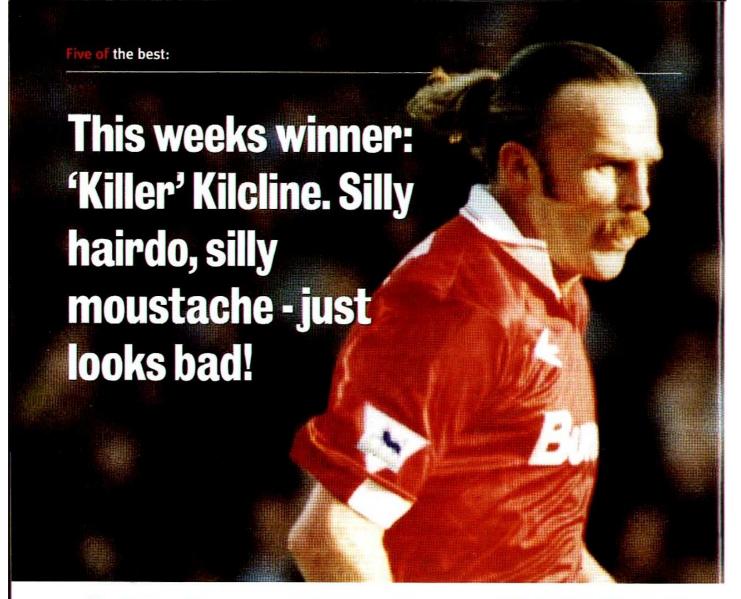
behind third placed Charlton Athletic.

The 1976-77 season saw some of the most exciting Cup action in a replay with Everton at Goodison Park. In the league it was also an excellent season for Colin as he featured in all 46 league games and scored six times an excellent performance for a central defender. The following season he was again ever-present in Town's starting line-up but, shortly after the start of the 1977-8 season, he moved to Chesterfield.

Nevertheless, his best footballing years were behind him at the County Ground. He joined Cardiff as coach before moving into non-league football with a number of clubs which included Matlock, Heanor and Alfreton.







# **1** Brian Kilcline

This issues winner is Brian 'Killer' Kilcline who won it by a nose ahead of Prophet (the hair and tash combination was the clincher!).

What can we say about this specimen other than it can only be described as the Carlos Valderama of the moustache world, if it was just a little longer it would have joined the rest of his hair to completely cover his head! Just like his hair, Kilcline seemed to have neglected the well-being of his facial hair and allowed it to grow into the ferret-like mess you see pictured above, a cross between Bigfoot and Merv Hughes. 'Killer' joined the Town from Newcastle United in 1994, an attempt by John Gorman to shore up the leaky defence that had entertained fans all over the country in the Premier League. The gigantic defender found it difficult to fill the void left behind by Colin Calderwood and later Shaun Taylor, who firstly picked up an injury and then moved to Bristol City.

Before joining the Town, Kilcline's most notable achievement was to play in the FA Cupwinning side for Coventry City in 1987. City defeated favourites Spurs 3-2 with the winning score being a

dramatic own goal from Gary Mabbut.
Following his spell at Highfield Road, Kilcline joined
Oldham Athletic and Newcastle before he made the trip
down to the County Ground.

His Swindon career was effectively brought to a close when Steve McMahon was appointed manager. Kilcline was cast aside and spent the remainder of his career training with the youth squad before going to Walsall on trial.



#### **Oldham Athletic Football Club**



#### (AWAY) Saturday 14th October 3.00pm

A strong run of form towards the end of last season landed 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 midtable 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.





#### Swansea City Football Club



The Swans impressive defensive pairing of Matthew Bound and Jason Smith, together with Steve Watkin and Walter Boyd leading the line, culminated not only in promotion but also a league championship as well last year for

the Swans.

Promotion was secured with a convincing 3 - o home win over Exeter, but the title was achieved in a dramatic last day thriller at Rotherham, the Swans' closest rivals for the championship. In a game marred by pitch invasions. two late penalties gave a 1 - 1 result, which meant that Swansea pipped the Millers for

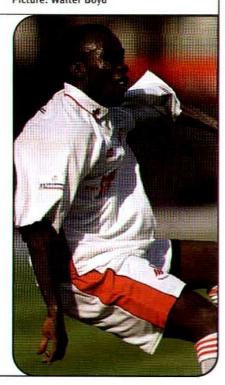
the title. The celebrations were unfortunately marred by the death of a Swans supporter. But overall the season was a triumph both for the team and for the

> manager, John Hollins. who had taken the side from the foot of the football league to the third division championship.

Many tipped the Swans for relegation but at the moment they lie in 10th place and look more than capable of holding their own in Division Two. Walter Boyd will be hoping to obtain a more regular place, the flamboyant lamaican international striker scored two goals on his debut last season but failed to secure a regular place.



Picture: Walter Boyd



# vindon Town FC

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

#### Oldham Athletic Football Club (AWAY) Saturday 14th October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Boundary Park. All tickets are pay on the day at Oldham.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: OAP's: £7

Juniors: £7



#### 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: Concessions: £8 - 10 luniors: £4-5



SWINDON TOWN F.C.

#### Swansea City Football Club (AWAY) Tuesday 17th October 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Vetch Field. All tickets are pay on the night at Swansea.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: OAP's: Juniors: £5



#### Notts County Football Club (AWAY) Saturday 28th October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Meadow Lane. No ticket details available vet.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: Concessions: Juniors: the



#### 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: f8 - 10 Juniors: £4-5



#### Wembley Heroes v

#### Sunday 29th October 2.00pm

NSCPCC Celebrity Football Match to be played at the County Ground

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £10 NSPCC Concessions: £5 Family (2 adults and 2 kids): £25

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# Away to Oldham & Swansea





#### Welcome to today's game against Wigan Athletic

own travel to Boundary Park to face struggling second division Oldham Athletic. After our 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:** Club Nickname:

13, 500 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



#### Swansea City Football Club, Vetch Field

Stadium Capacity: 10, 400 Club Nickname:

Swans

### Swansea City FC

Nationwide

Nationwide League Division Two

#### Tuesday 17th October 7.45pm

Adults: £10 Concessions: £5 luniors: £5

#### **Travel Information**

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 15.00 Depart ERMIN STREET: 15.15

Depen WEST SWINDON: 14.45

Adult Fare: £11 Under-15 Fare: £10

(\*Supporters' Club Members receive a Ft discount on fares)

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- Statutory NO ALCOHOL rule applies

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# **Junior Robins**



Our sincere apologies, the committee have TWO amendments to our previous notes.

Unfortunately there will be no prematch get together with Notts County juniors as we first thought, but our away trip is still ON, so we hope more of you have registered and will be travelling with us.

Also, we have had to cancel the Halloween disco booked for October 22nd but we are hopeful of arranging a Christmas disco for you on Wednesday 20th December. We will let you know as soon as we can if we are able to go ahead with this. Here are the remaining reciprocal games that we have booked for you, so if you have not registered as a JR - get cracking! .

Brentford January 20th Wrexham February 4th Bristol Rovers March 24th Millwall April 14th Stoke City May 5th

Richard is still recruiting for ball boys/girls so if you are between the ages of 12-16 and you would like to be part of this very important team, please give him a ring for more information on 01993 703110

Fran Brearley 01993213015 Julie Page 01793 763349 Kevin Hall 07773 485678 Kim Young 01993 212645 George Chadwick 01672 520679



#### Happy Birthday Mark!

Today's Home Mascot is Mark Shannon who is celebrating his fourth birthday. Mark is a big Town fan and likes Rockin' Robin.

Today's Away Mascot is William O'Brien who attends Ashton and Cote Primary School. William is 10years-old and his favourite Oxford player is Jamie Cook.

## Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club

On Wednesday 6th September, Peter Rowe attended the Vale of White Horse and West Oxon satellite group at Hanney Royal British Legion and was handed a cheque for £400, which had been raised by the group. The sum was to cover the cost of the kit sponsorship of Bart Griemink. News of their next meeting shortly.

The next meeting of the disabled group is being held tomorrow, Monday 9th October in 'Winners' lounge, starting at 7.30 p.m. Meetings are held on an informal basis and usually include a guest speaker from the Football Club. New group members are very welcome, simply turn up on the night. The latest winner of the Evening Advertiser sponsored Robins Revival Half Time Draw was G Barnes. The prize draw, made by ex Town player Arnold Darcy paid out the sum of £255

to the winning ticket - number 369. Please don't forget to buy your ticket today.

Regretfully our defeat against Tranmere cost us a possible home match against Leeds and now we can only look forward to the FA Cup for the possibility of another glamour match. Our members would, naturally, have benefited from priority for any all-ticket arrangement for the Leeds tie. This is just one of the benefits of

membership of the Supporters' Club.

Another is that personal accident insurance cover is included for any injury sustained at any game either home or away. Full details are available on request, as conditions apply. The cover is effected through our link with

The National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs. Membership of the supporters' club remains open and



costs just £5 for adults £3 concessions and £15 for family membership which allows for up to 5 people of which 2 must be children (under 18) Visit our website for an application form or see a committee member on matchdays.

We hope to confirm details of the planned social evening by the Bristol Rovers game, but can confirm this will be open to ALL supporters. Finally, a further plea to any supporter who is able to help us on matchdays with selling our half time draw tickets. We can really make a difference if we increase ticket sales, so if you would like to do your bit for the Football Club. but don't know how to get involved, call Roger Bunce on 01865 820499.

Our website remains http://go.to/swindontown for uptodate information.

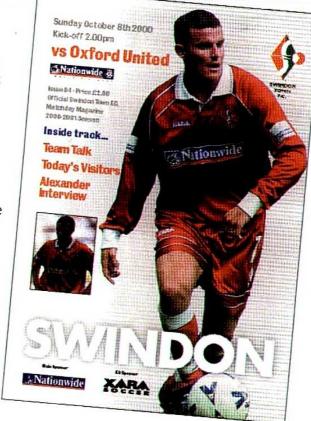
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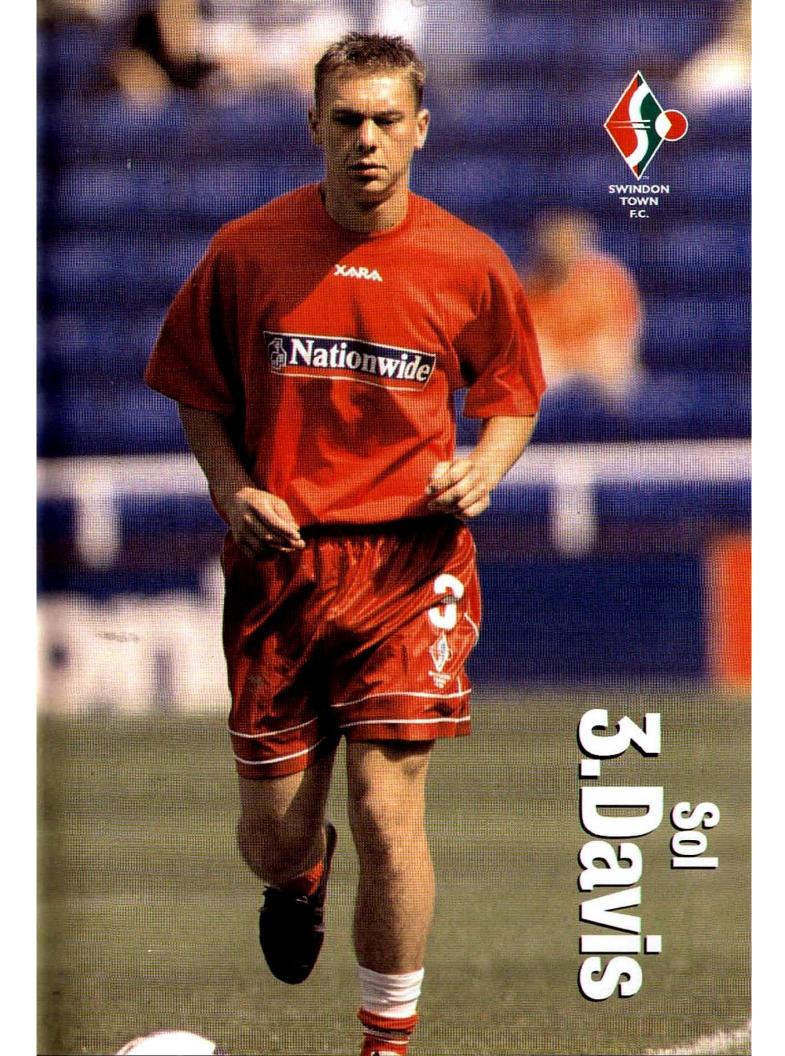
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A look back at this weeks sporting moments with...



# **Week in pictures**

#### Thursday 28th

Britain's sailing heroes hold aloft their gold medals after they had stormed Sydney Harbour last week.



#### Saturday 30th

**Audley Harrison wins** Olympic Gold in the Super Heavyweight Boxing in Sydeney.



#### Friday 29th

Venus & Serena Williams continue their domination of women's tennis winning gold in the Doubles in Sydney.



#### Sunday 1st

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#### Tuesday 3rd

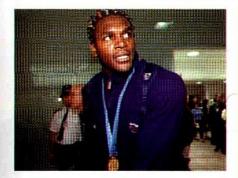
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Audley Harrison and the rest of the successful British Olympic Team arrive home.



#### Monday 2nd

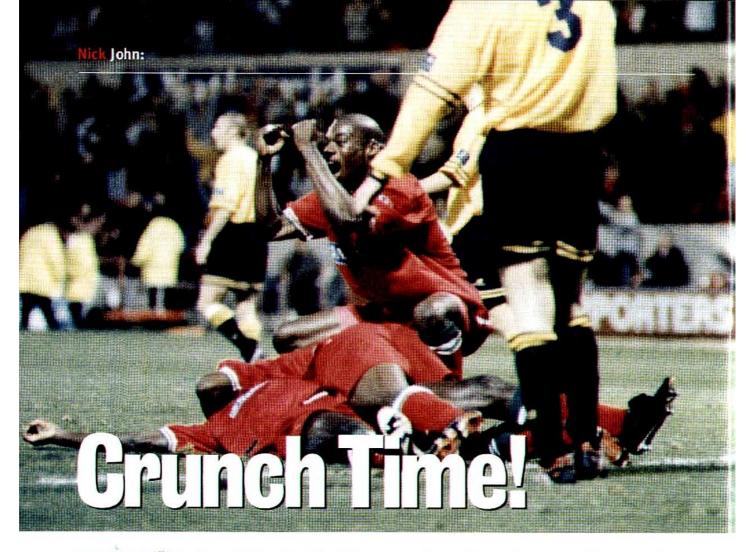
Denis Smith resigns as manager of today's visitors Oxford United and Mike Ford takes over as caretaker boss



#### Wednesday 4th

Paul Gascoigne's stunning Euro 96 goal against Scotland has been voted the greatest ever scored at Wembley in a poll conducted by Nationwide **Building Society.** 





## Nick John looks at the footballing version of modern warfare and just how much the Oxford derby means to the Town...

Forget the annual varsity rugby match or the historic boat race. The Oxford and Cambridge rivalry pales into insignificance for the hardened football supporters from Swindon or Oxford come 'derby day'.

Reading, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers certainly stir the passion and increase the blood flow at 3 o'clock on a match day. But the give and take from every quarter of the field in a battle with the amber and blacks of Oxford, means more than that and is for many the highlight of the season.

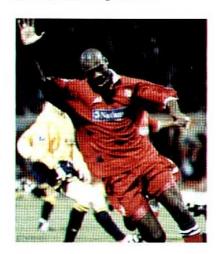
Colin Todd will understand the rivalry between the two clubs. But for any player or supporter involved today who have never sampled that special taste of a 'local derby', then

enjoy. For it will certainly not pass you by. Irrespective of league positions, this clash always produces an air of excitement and anticipation that transmits itself to the players.

Having said that. No longer will we see blood-splattered defenders, fuelled on adrenaline, uttering death threats to an opposing forward. Or players holding head wounds hastily stitched up and held in place by 25 feet of crepe bandage.

The game has moved on since those days, with the outlawing of the infamous 'tackle from behind' and blood-letting injuries receiving immediate attention. However, this does not detract from the furious pace, passion and frenzy that embodies a derby match. In fact it enhances it and makes the 'man in

black's' job just that little bit easier. So lets hope today's game is everything the modern fan wishes to see. With great ball skills, commitment and plenty of goals (4-1 will do). But just for old times sake, maybe a couple of earth-shuddering tackles wouldn't go amiss!



# Getting tough on football hooliganism

The new season is well under way and the hopes and expectations of millions of fans are about to be put to the test.

As a committed football supporter, I know that at its best, going to a match can be a passionate, communal experience and that even at its worst, it is still a great (if sometimes frustrating) way to spend an afternoon or evening.

Our grounds are as safe and secure as any in the world, more families are attending matches and the mass disorder that blighted the game in the 70's and 80's is no longer with us. Last season, league attendances totalled over 25 million, yet their were only 3,147 football-related arrests and many of these occurred well away from the grounds.

Working in partnership, the club, the

football authorities, government. supporters and the police have achieved a great deal. But no one is complacent - there may be fewer hooligans now but they are still with us.

Before Euro 2000, supporters were warned that the Belgian and Dutch police would clamp down hard on any misbehaviour and take tough action against anyone in the vicinity of disorder. Regrettably, a large number of England fans ignored that message and caused or got caught up in trouble in Charleroi and Brussels. The appalling scenes made headlines around the world. brought shame on our nation and came close to getting England thrown out of the competition. Such behaviour will not be tolerated. The Government has acted quickly to bring in tough new legislation,

Under the new powers:

\* Football banning orders will be imposed to stop known trouble

makers from attending both domestic and international matches for up to ten years.

\* When England play abroad, anyone with a ban will have to surrender their passport and report to a police station - and this will also be the case if your club side

is playing overseas.

\* You do not need to have been arrested at a football match or been convicted of a football related offence to get a ban. The courts can take any evidence into account, including convictions for violence or public order offences, evidence of racist chanting, club bans, CCTV footage or TV coverage from here or abroad. And that evidence can be from events which happened as long as ten years ago.

\* When England or club teams play abroad the police will prevent known trouble makers from leaving the country, confiscate their passports and ask a court to give them bans.

Of course, the vast majority of fans have nothing to fear. Contrary to media speculation, no supporter is going to be banned because they have a tattoo or because of how they look. Safeguards are in place to protect the genuine fan and make sure that bans are only imposed when their is strong evidence that they will help to prevent football violence and disorder.

But the message is clear - there is no place in football for thugs or racists. The clubs don't want them, the vast majority of supporters don't want them and the police and courts have new powers to deal with them.

Lord Steve Bassam of Brighton

Home Office Minister.

## **Statistics 2000/2001...**

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READING	10	6	1	3	23	10	19
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WYCOMBE	10	5	3	2	10	5	18
CAMBRIDGE UTD	9	5	2	2	17	8	17
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STOKE	9	4	4	1	15	7	16
BRISTOL ROVERS	8	3	5	0	17	9	14
NORTHAMPTON	9	4	2	3	10	7	14
ROTHERHAM	10	4	2	4	13	17	14
COLCHESTER	10	2	5	3	9	9	11
WREXHAM	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
SWANSEA	9	3	2	4	8	10	11
NOTTS COUNTY	10	3	2	5	10	15	11
BRENTFORD	9	2	5	2	10	16	11
PETERBOROUGH	10	3	2	5	10	16	11
BRISTOL CITY	8	2	2	4	5	6	8
BOURNEMOUTH	10	1	5	4	12	14	8
PORT VALE	9	2	2	5	9	14	8
SWINDON	8	2	2	4	7	16	8
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OLDHAM	10	1	3	6	11	22	6
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#### Appearances 2000/2001

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MARK ROBINSON	2	6(1)	2(1)	7(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	5(1)	3(1)	8(2)	11:5
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	8	4	12	•
ADAM WILLIS	5	6	1(1)	7(1)	-
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	1	1	2	-
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	8	4	12	
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	7	4	11	1
Juan Cobian	12	2	2	4	
STEVE COWE	14	1(1)	(1)	1(2)	(5)
ANDY WILLIAMS	15		(2)	(2)	
KIM HEISELBERG	16	1	1	2	
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	6(1)	1(1)	7(2)	2
GARY ALEXANDER	18	5	3	8	1
MARK ROBERTSON	19	1	2(1)	3(1)	
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	re.	*	(*)	
GARETH DAVIES	21	2.00			
ALAN REEVES	22	8	4	12	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	-			3
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	4	3	7	2
MARKO TUOMELA	25	1(1)	2	3(1)	
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)		(1)	
		-	-		20

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**Swindon Town** 

The Squad

Sol Davis

Adam Willis

**Bart Griemink** 

Mark Robinson

Matthew Hewlett

Keith O'Halloran

Giuliano Grazioli

**Bobby Howe** 

Charlie Griffin

David Duke

Juan Cobian

Steve Cowe

Andy Williams

Kim Heiselberg

Gary Alexander

Mark Robertson

Frazer McHugh Gareth Davies

Steve Mildenhall

Martin Williams

Marko Tuomela

Alan Young

Alan Reeves

Daniel Invincibile

Antoine van der Linden



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The Squad	
Richard Knight	1
John Robertson	2
Paul Powell	3
Peter Fear	4
Jon Richardson	5
lan McGuckin	6
Matt Murphy	7
Paul Tait	8
Steve Anthrobus	9
Derek Lilley	10
Joey Beauchamp	11
Jamie Cook	12
Hubert Busby	13
Manny Omoyinmi	14
Simon Weatherstone	15
Rob Folland	16
Jon Sheppard	17
Christopher Hackett	18
Lee Jarman	19
Phil Wilson	20
Neil McGowan	21
Mickey Lewis	22
Ross Weathestone	23
Jimmy Glass	24
Ben Abbey	25
J.P. Mills	26
Dean Whitehead	27
Sam Ricketts	28
Mike Leon	29
Mike Ford	30

### Clarion

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E.K. Wolst	enholme
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D.C. Richa	ards
Assistan	t 2
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#### Match Facts...

Half-Time Score

**Full-Time Score** 

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