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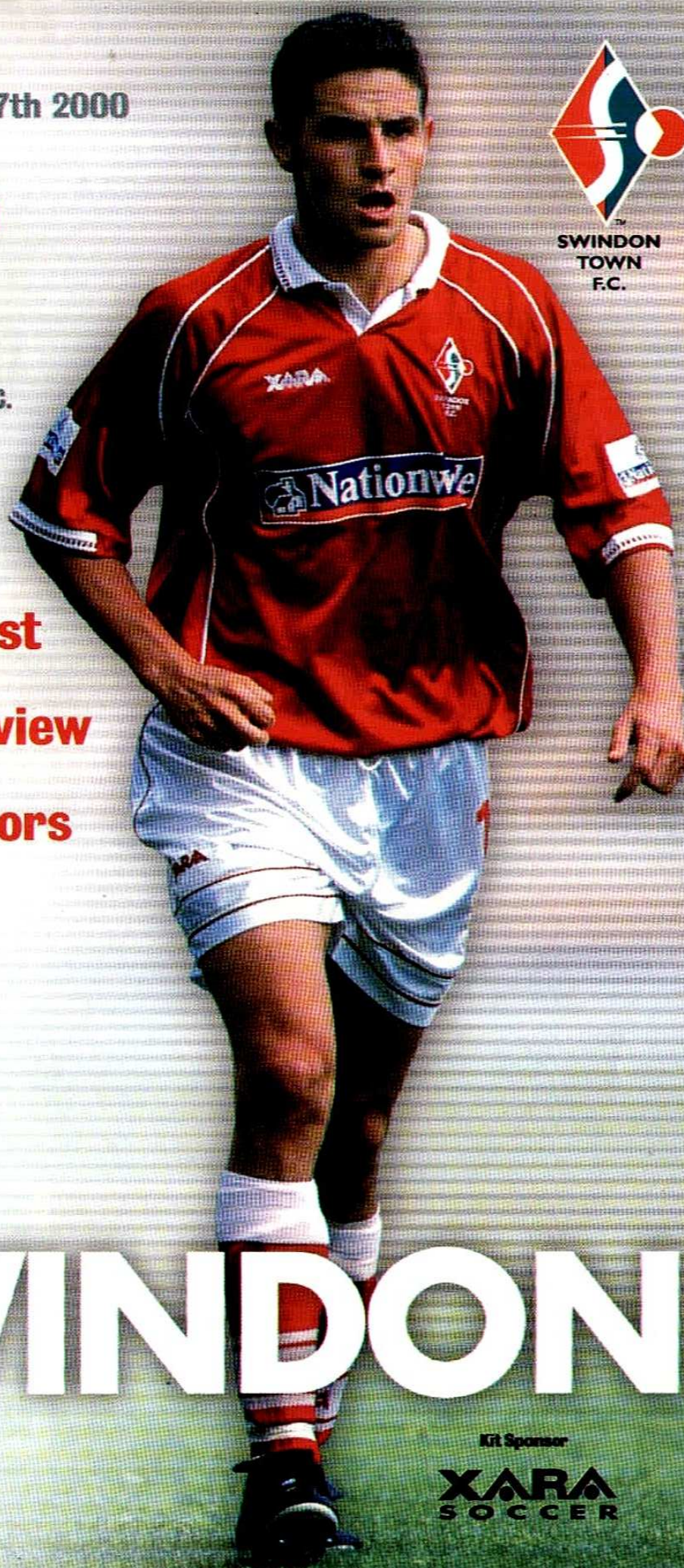
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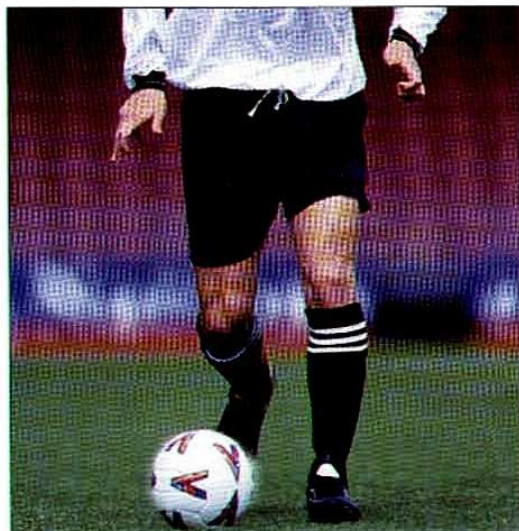
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Andy King looks ahead to tonight's game and reflects on the events of last week.



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A Warm Welcome:

Rallying Together

Supporters who don't believe in miracles, please take heart - they do happen and they happen at football clubs. How can I say that? Well, I've personal experience of a football tale that will gladden the hearts of every Town fan.

Back in 1996 I was associated with Braford City, a club at the time going through similar problems to ours here at the County Ground. They had dispensed with their manager Lennie Lawrence, were languishing in the lower half of the second division and crowds were hovering around the 3,500 mark.

Chairman Geoffrey Richmond appointed Lawrence's number two Chris Kamara to the hotseat in the hope that things would improve. That was in November and by early March the side were still mid-table - a long way off what was hoped for.

Then the local newspaper ran a headline that read, 'Mission Impossible', a line that was to stir everyone at the club, including the former Town man Kamara. He photocopied it, enlarged it and pasted it on the dressing room wall - where it hung for the remainder of the season.

Suddenly something clicked and the Bantams went on an unbeatable ten-match run that saw them qualify for the play-offs in sixth place on the last day of the season. Now if that sounds remarkable in itself, please read on...

The club was drawn against Blackpool with the first leg at home on a Sunday afternoon. The Seasiders had finished the season three places higher and were favourites for the promotion place on offer.

Things did not go well that afternoon at Valley Parade as Blackpool easily won 2-0 and

prepared for the return leg in confident mood. They even ran adverts in the local press for trips to Wembley! How foolish those actions turned out to be as Kamara inspired his troops to a stunning 3-0 triumph and booked their place under the twin towers.

That sunny Sunday afternoon in May is one I will never forget. 33,000 Tykes descended on Wembley to witness a fantastic end to this fairytale of a story as the Yorkshire outfit beat Notts County 2-0 and on the wall of the Wembley dressing room that afternoon was plastered a giant copy of that now infamous headline.

This tale shows what can be achieved if we are all pulling in one direction and goes to prove that, despite our recent woes, anything is possible in football. The message is quite clear: Keep faith in this club and help us all to achieve our ambitions and dreams. On that day in 1996 a dream came true for a club led by a former Swindon Town stalwart. What odds for 2001?

Finally, a warm welcome to our visitors this evening, Wrexham. This game was due to be staged in September but had to be called off because the Welsh club had several players on international duty. Welcome to the players, directors and supporters, we hope you enjoy your visit - but as always, there is only one winner - Come on you Reds.

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive
Chief Executive

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Swindon Shorts

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Michele Gard - NSPCC

"We hope we have made somewhere in the region of £15,000, although it will take a week or two before we have a final figure.

"Although we felt the crowd was a little disappointing on the day, seeing the atrocious weather conditions and chaos that has followed, we think we were very lucky that the match was able to go ahead.

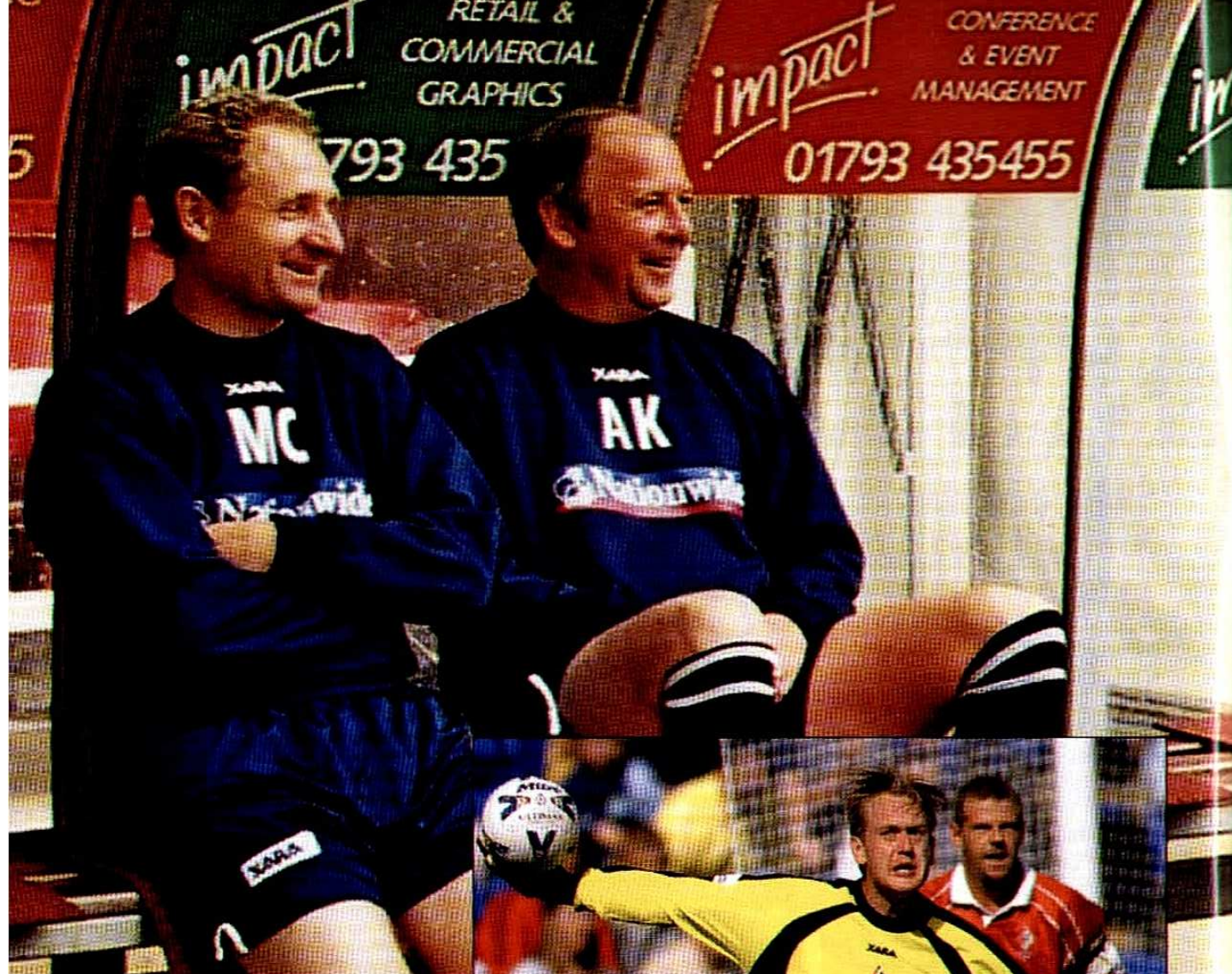
"The most important thing is that the money raised will make a difference to the lives of many children. We are really grateful for the support of STFC and all the fans who braved the weather on Sunday. Everyone of them was a hero."

Sporting Club Dinner Goes Down a Ball

Last Wednesday saw Alan Ball visit the County Ground as guest speaker at Swindon Town's Sporting Club Dinner.

Over 100 guests attended the evening that was held in the Executive Suite in order to raise money for the Football club. The evening was a resounding success and, after the champagne and canape reception and two course dinner, over £1,000 was raised in an auction of collectable sporting goods. Among the items auctioned off was a Tottenham shirt signed by Les Ferdinand, Auldley Harrison's boxing gloves and a weekend holiday.

Following the grab-a-grand competition in which over £600 was raised for the club, World Cup winner Alan Ball delivered his speech, the highlight being a hilarious gag about lack of bass on his microphone. Included in the attentive audience were Terry Brady, Andy King and several of the first team. After Bally's powerful delivery on his World Cup win, comedian Alan 'Sludge' Lees took over to captivate and enthrall the guests for over an hour.



Good evening and welcome to tonight's clash with Wrexham.

It would have been nice to follow up last Tuesday night's win against Cambridge with another home victory against Wycombe but unfortunately things didn't quite work out as we had hoped. When we entered this string of three home games we were looking to take all nine points but on Saturday the performance was just not up to scratch.

I am looking for consistency from the lads. Against Notts County and against Cambridge we started playing like we know we can. Obviously the result against Notts County was not ideal but the performance was gutsy and we created chances. That carried on where we had left off against Cambridge, we managed to create a

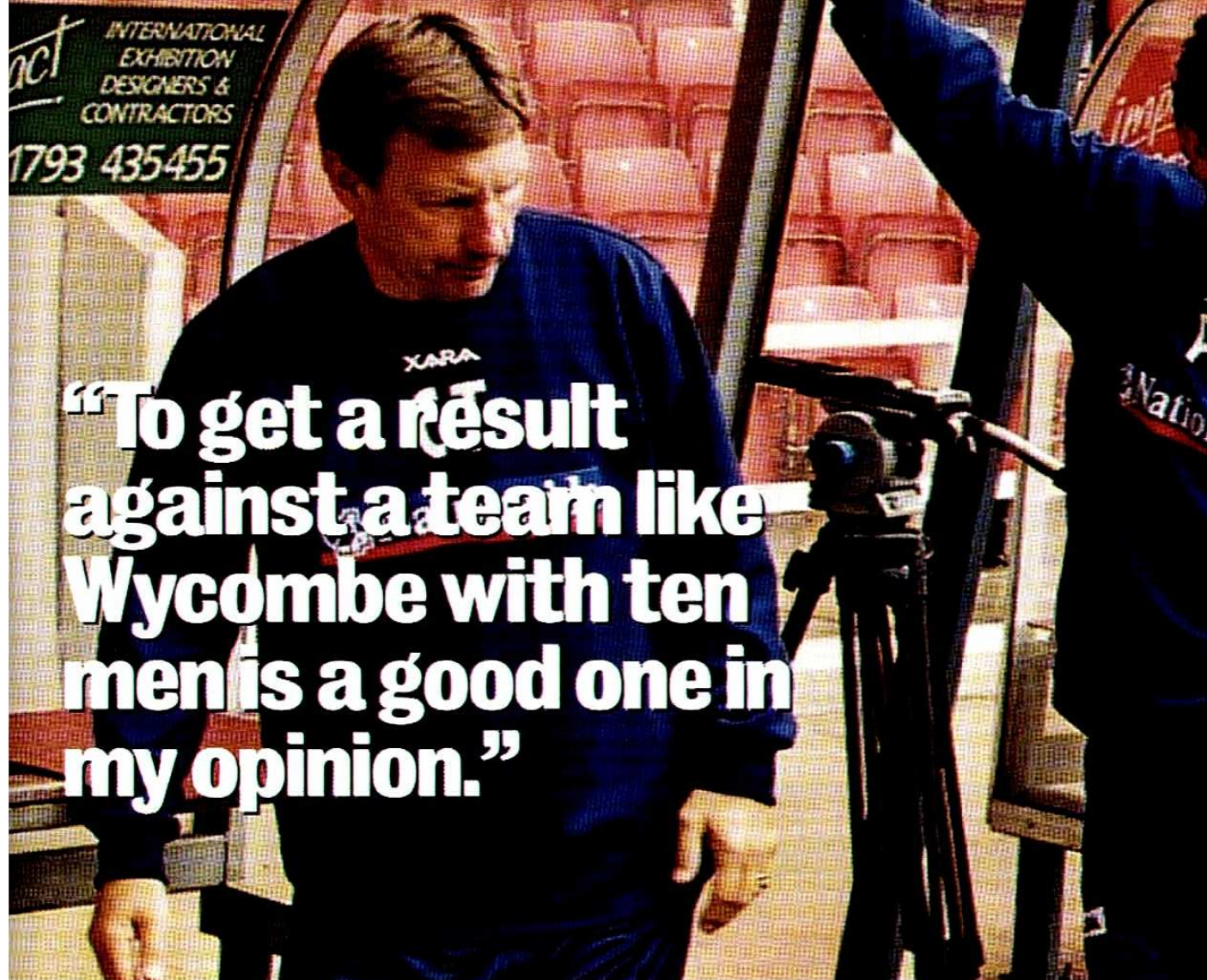


lot of chances and had people in the right places to convert some of them, but on Saturday a lot of those elements just weren't there.

In fairness to the lads, this game was always going to be the hardest of the three. Wycombe are a very good side who have started brightly and I probably would have settled for a point before the game if you had offered it to me. If we can play under par against a good side like Wycombe and come away with a point then we are obviously there or thereabouts. But I'm bit of a

perfectionist and not really happy unless my team wins, so hopefully we can eradicate these performances and play to a level which will win us games and get us up the table.

We were slow to come out of the blocks on Saturday and it took us a while to get involved which is a little bit disappointing. We have talked about starting quickly and getting ourselves ahead like we did against Cambridge. We changed a few things at half time and we looked like getting ourselves back in the game.



"To get a result against a team like Wycombe with ten men is a good one in my opinion."

I wasn't too disappointed with the defensive display. In the last few games we've opted for something different with a threesome of Reeves, van der Linden and Willis working well as a trio. They have had to adapt their own game to suit this new system and I think they have done really well, with the defence looking just a little bit tighter.

"No matter how hard you complain you can't change their decision (although you always try!)"

So far this season it has just been too easy for our opponents. If we

can make it a little bit harder for them we are half way there. What disappointed me was the quality in the final third. We didn't really get the chances and space that we have been used to in the last two games, but then again we weren't finding the right positions.

Obviously we won't be able to bag two or three goals every game but at home I would like to think we could put the visiting defence under a little bit more pressure than we did on Saturday.

I can't really have a go at the lads too much. After all, we didn't lose and when we went down to ten men, we worked extremely hard. This is the second time this season we have had to play with ten men and once again I don't think we deserved to, but the ref made his decision and you have to go along

with it. No matter how hard you complain you can't change their decision (although you always try!) so we just had to dig deep and grind away. To get a result against a team like Wycombe with ten men is a good one in my opinion.

The game itself wasn't the most exciting to watch and I feel sorry for the fans in games like that. When we don't create chances and are under the cosh, it is very hard for the fans to get behind the lads. But despite the performance and the cold weather the fans got behind us and I can't fault them.

Even against Cambridge when there was only three and a half thousand, you really got behind us and it does help us. Hopefully tonight against Wrexham you can give us a bit more of the same and in return we can give you something to shout about!

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Wrexham's to the right and scored in navy

Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by FIS
Due to print deadlines, stats don't include weekend's games

Where



How



Top League Scorers



15 in 15 games Team Goals **24 in 14 games**
1 goals Ratio per Game **1.71 goals**

5 in 14 games Player's Goals **6 in 13 games**
0.36 goals Ratio per Game **0.46 goals**

3	Games Scored In	5
1	Games Scored 1st Goal	2
1	Games Scored 1 Goal	4
2	Games Scored 2 Goals	1
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

1 (2pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	1 (2pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	1 (1pts)
2	Number of points gained	3

SCORING SEQUENCES

Consecutive Games Scored

1	2 Games	1
0	3 Games	1
2 games	Maximum Scoring Run	5 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2	2 Games	0
1	3 Games	1
1	4 Games	1
9 games	Maximum Dry Spell	7 games

Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	1						
1	1	1	1					
2	2	1	1					
3	2	1	1					
4	1							
5								
6								
7								

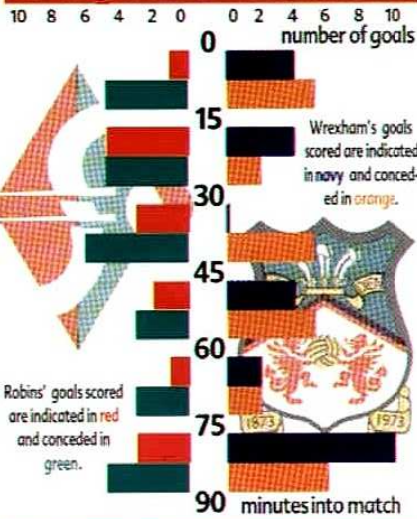
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Swindon have won 1 game 1-0

..and Wrexham

WREXHAM GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1	1						
1	1	1	1	1				
2	1	1						
3	2							
4	1							
5								
6								
7								

eg. Wrexham have won 2 games 4-3 and lost 2 games 1-3

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

90 mins	All Goals for	53 mins
70 mins	Home Goals for	105 mins
120 mins	Away Goals for	35 mins
50 mins	All Goals Against	50 mins
48 mins	Home Goals Against	63 mins
51 mins	Away Goals Against	42 mins

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

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

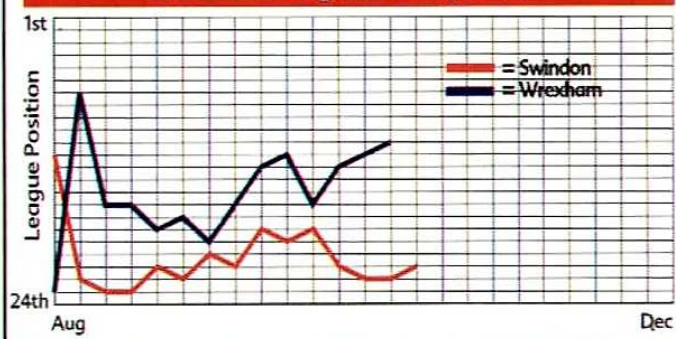
Swindon	: LWSWLDLLLW	F 13 A 18 Pts 11
Wrexham	: LSLWSWLWDW	F 16 A 18 Pts 15

Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Wrexham's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	4	1	2	Armstrong	10	1,888
91/92	4	4	1	Connolly/Watkin	8	2,647
92/93	3	1	1	Watkin	18	4,997
93/94	2	1	2	Bennett	32	3,933
94/95	2	4	2	Bennett	29	4,080
95/96	2	3	2	Connolly	18	3,701
96/97	2	QF	1	Connolly	14	4,112
97/98	2	3	1	Roberts N	8	4,109
98/99	2	4	1	Connolly	11	3,948
99/00	2	4	1	Connolly/Faulkner	9	3,952

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The Robins...

Midway through last season the Robins were near the relegation zone, but an excellent run of form towards the end of the campaign lifted them clear of danger and they finished in 11th position on 62 points.

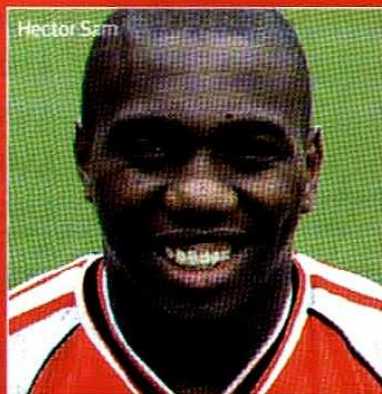
That good run included a superb end to the season as the Robins won all of their final five games without conceding a single goal. Although striker Carl Connolly departed to QPR in the summer, Flynn strengthened his side by bringing in Trinidadian internationals Hector Sam and Carlos Edwards, but there was a disappointing start to the season as the Robins crashed to a 2-0 home defeat against Bristol City. Wrexham got their first win the following week though, and did it in style with an excellent 4-1 victory at Bury.

But another home defeat followed, 3-1 against promotion favourites Wigan, and the tone for the Robins' early season had been set as defeat continued to follow victory. A convincing 3-1 win against Oldham was followed three days later by a 3-1 reverse against Rotherham, and Flynn's side recovered from a home defeat against Walsall to record a 2-1 victory at Bournemouth. Gaining consistency seems to be the key for the Robins, who have failed to build on their successes and as a result are hovering around mid-table rather than challenging for a play-off position. Flynn will also know that his team needs to address their disappointing home form. If the home form can improve, there is no reason why they can't make a challenge for the play-offs.



ClubFACTS...

Name: Wrexham FC
Nickname: The Robin's
Turned Professional: 1912
Ground: Racecourse Ground
Capacity: 9,200
Highest League Scorer (season):
Tom Bamford, 44, Div 3 1933/34



Brian Flynn is confident he can still clinch the transfer of giant defender Dennis Lawrence, who is currently serving in the Trinidadian army.

The six foot seven inch Trinidadian international flew back to the Caribbean last week to begin talks about his possible army discharge. 26-year-old Lawrence was allowed to leave to come on trial to this country and had spells with Newcastle and

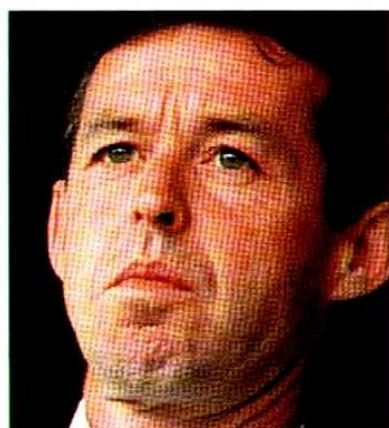
Bolton, who offered him a contract. But Lawrence wants to sign for Wrexham and link up with his international team-mates, Carlos Edwards and Hector Sam (pictured), who are both making a big impact.

Wrexham chairman Pryce Griffiths said today: "I have no objection to anyone coming to Wrexham to strengthen the team - provided we can afford it. There's a long way to go yet before this becomes a deal."

Now the third longest-serving manager in the League (behind Crewe's Dario Gradi and Manchester United's Sir Alex Ferguson), Brian Flynn has been in charge at the Racecourse Ground since November 1989, since when he has presided over nearly 600 fixtures.



Wrexham's Brian Flynn



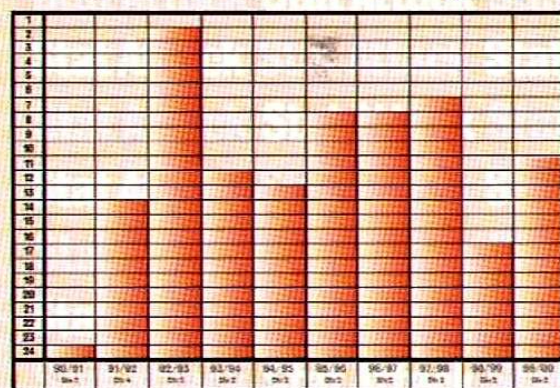
He is assisted by former England international Kevin Reeves and ex-Liverpool defender Joey Jones.

When Flynn took over for his first managerial position, the Robins had been languishing in the bottom division of the Football League for six years. But Wrexham finished in the runners-up position at the end of the 1992/93 season to take themselves up into Division Two, and that is where they have stayed ever since.

Flynn was one of the greatest players Wales has ever produced, a skilful, all-action midfielder who made 66 appearances for his country and also enjoyed a successful domestic career. He was best known for his performances with Burnley and Leeds, but he also had spells with Cardiff, Bury, Doncaster and Limerick before finishing his career with the Robins, leaving him in a prime position to take over the reins when Dixie McNeil departed the hot-seat in 1989.

clubfacts...

Ten year record...



The last five meetings...

Swindon Town	1-1	Wrexham	(DIV 2)	16-12-1995
Wrexham	4-3	Swindon Town	(DIV 2)	30-09-1995
Wrexham	0-1	Swindon Town	(DIV 4)	18-01-1986
Swindon Town	0-1	Wrexham	(DIV 4)	17-08-1985
Wrexham	4-0	Swindon Town	(DIV 4)	05-01-1985



Wrexham FC...

Full time results...

Wrexham 10-1 Hartlepool U 13-3-62 **Record win**
 Wrexham 0-9 Brentford 15-10-69/70 **Record loss**

Club honours...

Division 3 Champions 1977/78
 Division 2 Best 7th 1997/98
 FA Cup 6th Rd 1974, 78, 97

Next five fixtures...

Sat Nov 11	Millwall	vs	Wrexham	A
Sat Nov 25	Wrexham	vs	Bristol	H
Sat Dec 2	Peterbo'gh	vs	Wrexham	A
Sat Dec 16	Wrexham	vs	Brentford	H
Sat Dec 23	Notts Co	vs	Wrexham	A

Top goalscorer's ...

Sam	8
Ferguson, Faulconbridge	4
Chalk, Killen	3

Darren Ferguson Son of Alex

Initially signed on a short-term contract a year ago following his return from a spell in Dutch football with Sparta Rotterdam, Darren Ferguson has now committed himself to a two year deal at the Racecourse Ground.

A cultured midfielder with good passing ability and an eye for goal, he has barely missed a game since moving to North Wales just over a year ago. Although born in Glasgow, Ferguson joined Manchester United as a youngster and progressed through their youth system to eventually turn professional in 1990. Under the management of his father Sir Alex, he made a number of first team appearances for United without fully establishing himself in the side, and he moved for £250,000 to Wolverhampton Wanderers in January 1994.



1 Kevin Dearden



The 'keeper started his career with Spurs but chances were limited at White Hart Lane and he had loan spells with nine different clubs before joining Brentford in 1993. After more than 250 appearances, injuries cut short his time at Griffin Park and he took up a new challenge with Wrexham in July 1999.

2 Mark McGregor

Former Robins trainee who was captain of the youth team before moving up to the full-time ranks in 1995. He has since made nearly all his senior appearances in the right-back role. Still only 23, he has already moved through the 200 League appearance barrier.

4 Gareth Owen

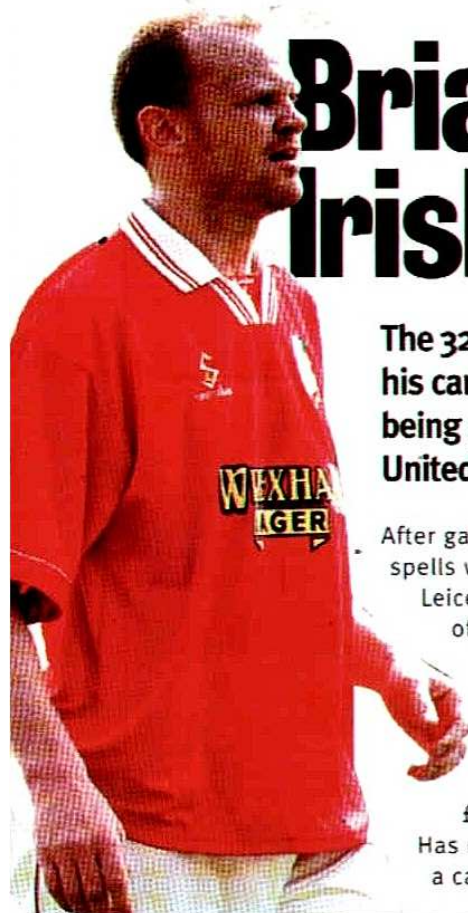
He joined Wrexham as a schoolboy and made his debut in 1989, since when he has been a key member of the team. Gained Wales under-21 caps and has also been called into the senior international squad.

Brian Carey Irish Skipper

The 32 year-old Irishman started his career with Cork City before being snapped up by Manchester United in 1989.

After gaining first team experience in two loan spells with the Robins in 1991 he joined Leicester City for £250,000 at the beginning of the 1993/94 season.

Carey made 66 first team appearances for the Filbert Street club before moving on to join his former loan team Wrexham for £100,000 in the summer of 1996. Has missed much of this season with a cartilage injury.



6 Dave Ridler

Defender who has become a regular at the centre of defence in the last two years, with only

suspension forcing him out of the team. Has now made more than 100 appearances for the Robins and is a regular selection again this season.

12 Paul Barrett

Midfielder signed from Newcastle. His performances in the Pontins' League alerted Wrexham to

his talents and he signed a three year deal at the Racecourse. Progressed through the ranks at St James' Park but moved to Wales for first team football

21 Lee Roche

This Bolton-born right-back is looking to gain first team experience from his extended stay in North

Wales. He has already had one season as a professional at Old Trafford and will be hoping that his loan spell can help him towards United's senior squad.

10 Martyn Chalk

Brian Flynn signed this wide midfielder from Stockport as part of a deal that saw Kieron Durkan move in the opposite direction in March 1996. Came out of non-league football with Louth United to join Derby before switching to Stockport for £40,000 in 1994.

15 Steve Roberts

Defender who broke into the first team last season and secured a regular place with some assured performances. He came through the ranks at the Racecourse, following in the path of older brother Neil. He is a Wales Youth international.

19 Carlos Edwards

A current international (alongside Royal Tony Rougier), who has been involved in Trinidad's World Cup qualifying games. A tricky winger who can also operate in midfield, he has provided the Robins with new attacking options.

11 Craig Faulconbridge

Originally with Birmingham, the striker switched to Coventry and progressed through the ranks at Highfield Road but never played in the senior side and, with a year left on his contract, he moved to Wrexham.

17 Andy Morrell

Initially injured in training, the striker returned to show enough promise to gain an extended trial and then a professional contract. Now looking to make an impact in the first team after a rich vein of form with the reserves.

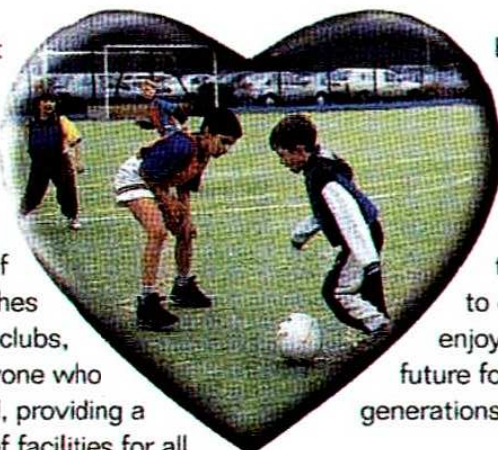
33 Emad Bouanane

Came from France for trials this summer and made a big impression in Gareth Owen's testimonial against Man United. A tall defender who gets forward as much as possible, he has learnt quickly in his new surroundings and has already become a regular member of Brian Flynn's first team squad.

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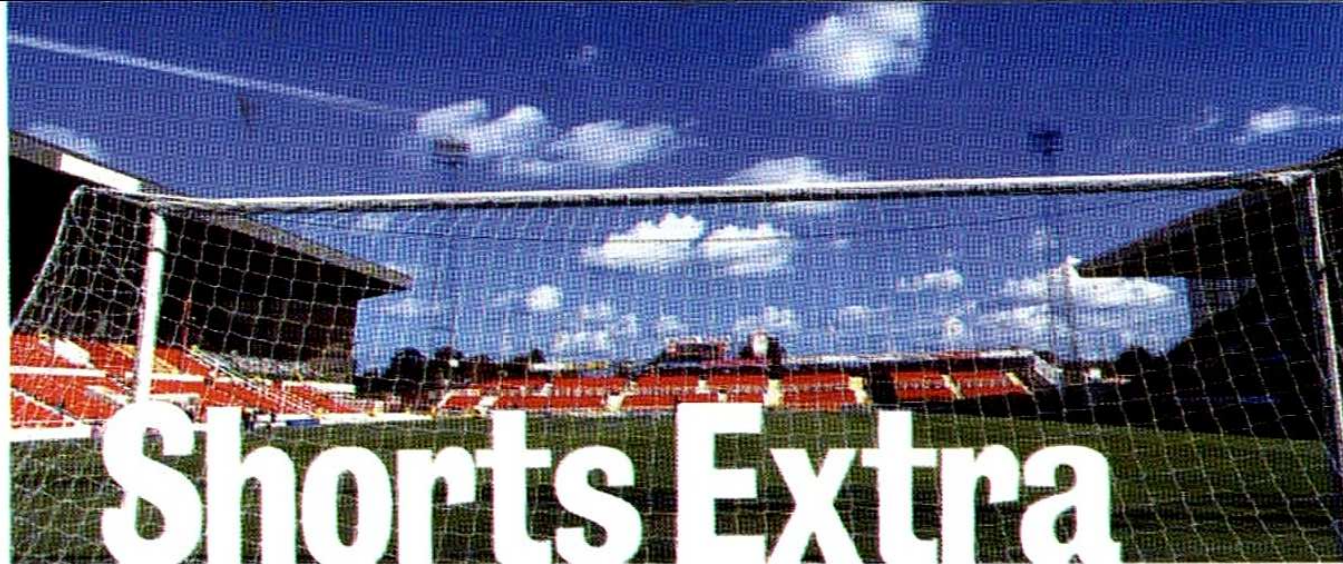


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Town's Two Move on to Pastures New

Swindon Town duo Charlie Griffin and Marko Tuomela have left The County Ground for pastures new.

Centre forward Griffin has joined Nationwide Conference side Woking for an undisclosed fee after a successful stint on loan at the Surrey club. The transfer is subject to both parties agreeing personal terms. Charlie signed for Town in February 1998 from non-League Chippenham Town where he'd had a prolific season in the Screwfix Premier League. Charlie made ten starts and 21 substitute appearances during his Town career scoring two goals. His first goal for the club came against Barnsley in the last game of the 1997/98 season. The coaching staff thought Charlie would build on that goal and make the step up as a first team regular. Unfortunately, Charlie found getting to grips with the Second Division tough and, despite being a regular goal-scorer in the reserve team, was loaned to Yeovil and Woking before making the move to Woking permanent last week.

Finnish defender Tuomela joined the Robins in September on a short-term loan from Norwegian club Tromso. Town's caretaker manager Andy King has decided he does not fit in his plans and the tall Finn has returned to Norway.

Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

Here is our favourite look-a-like so far. Ash from Kiddy's cartoon Pokémon and Town's very own hero Danny Invincible.



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Birthday Boy!

The club would also like to apologise to John Hermon who celebrated his 8th birthday with us here at the County Ground on Saturday.

Unfortunately, his details were overlooked and did not appear in Saturday's programme.

John attends St Andrew's Primary School in Blunsdon and plays for Blunsdon Boys under 8s football team. His favourite player is Giuliano Grazioli and we hope he and his family enjoyed their day with us.



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It's not uncommon for any team having parted company with the 'gaffer' to feel it has a point to prove, but I have to admit last Tuesday's magnificent win over Cambridge took me by surprise - but not for the reasons you'd imagine. I began wondering whether the team really enjoyed playing under Colin Todd as manager. Why?

At Meadow Lane, the lads played with big hearts, commitment and a will to win. Okay, it didn't quite work

out, but the game against Cambridge convinced me. Heart, passion, desire, guts - at no stage were they going to lose.

Danny Invincible was on fire; the defence was solid and the midfield always looked in control of the game. Above all, I was very impressed by the performance of Ian Woan who has a quality left foot and he helped to set up two of the three goals. Certainly he's older, but he's lost none of the class he showed in his Premiership days at Nottingham Forest. I do hope the club is able to keep him.

Above all, it's apparent that Andy King enjoys working with the players and that they, in turn,

responded by delivering excellent performances. I hope that Andy King is given the opportunity to prove that he is the man for the job. If the club is to emerge from the shadow of the dark clouds of the last few seasons to enjoy a new beginning, the man for the job could be under our noses. I believe that man is Andy King.

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter



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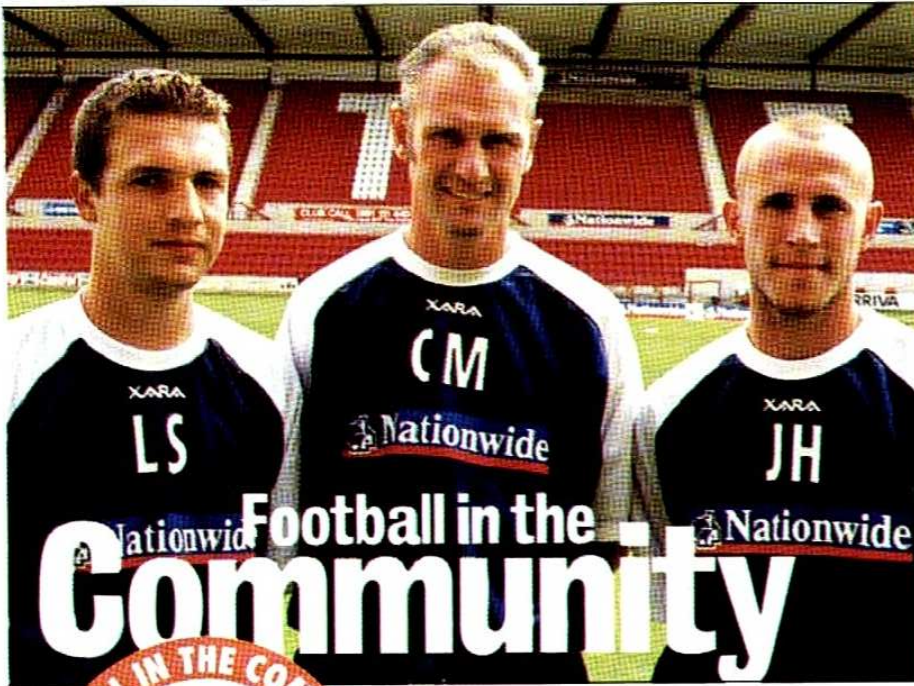
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It's that time of year for us to start organising our prestigious annual 6-a-side for boys under-11 and girls under-13.

Last week we mailed out to all of the local schools in the area anticipating that this years tournaments will be bigger than ever. Once we have received all of the applications we will be making the draw for the heat matches, which will take place in January 2001. The eventual winners then go on to represent STFC in the South West area finals, which then gives them a chance to win through to the National finals and the chance of playing at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. Good luck to everyone who participates. This evening we welcome Wrexham to the County Ground and Jon and I are looking forward to seeing Kerr Russell and Brian Crearie, who we met 4 years ago whilst taking our UEFA coaching licences in Aberystwyth, Wales. We are also hoping to catch

up with Joey Jones who is on the coaching staff at Wrexham. Let's hope the 3 lads won't be too disappointed if we take all three points!

All the best

Clive, Jono and Luke



Swindon's Soccer



Centres

I held a meeting at the club last week with the Soccer Centre Coaches.

One of the biggest things to come out of the meeting was the fact that we need to promote the club to the Soccer Centre kids. Following on from our kit discount, we will be giving out 500 free tickets to kids at the Soccer Centres when accompanied by a paying adult. This is for the Stoke City game later this month. Also at this game I am hoping that 16 kids from the Stratton

Soccer Centre will be playing on the pitch at half time. This will be a great

experience for the kids. This is something that the Centre of Excellence do, but I feel it would be a great opportunity for the Soccer Centre Kids. If the groundsman allows us we hope to do the same for the kids at every centre we run.

Enjoy today's game.

Jimmy Fraser

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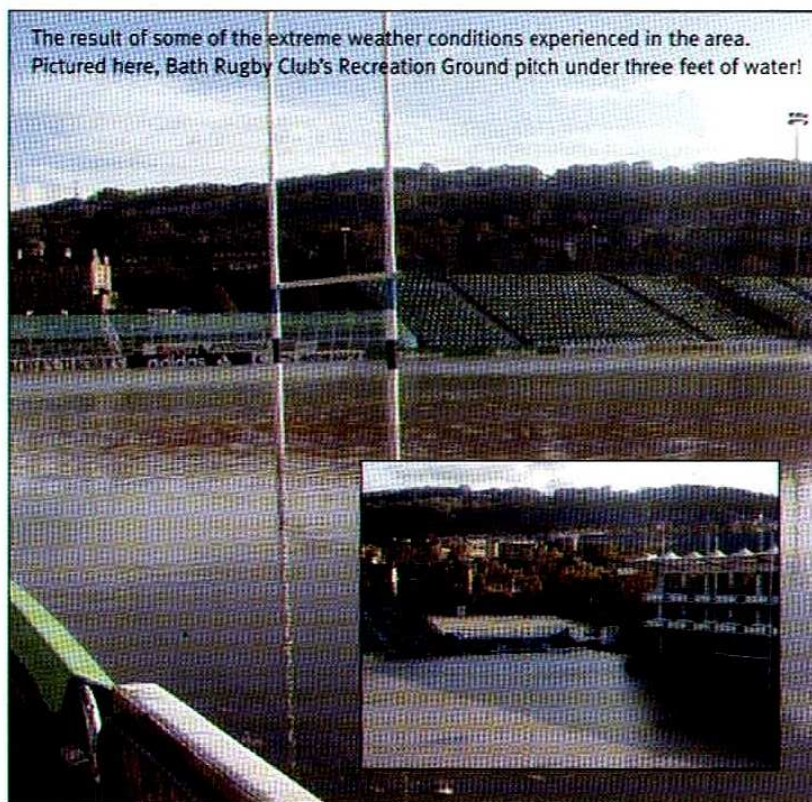
We've recieved the great news that Mark Draycott has been called up to the Northern Ireland under-15 international side. Also that 2nd year boys Chris Collins and Luke Kitchen have been called up into the Wales youth squad.

Bad weather put paid to all of the weekend's games. We were due to play Exeter City but we had to call the games off because the pitches were too waterlogged. Hopefully, with a change in the weather, all this week's fixtures will go ahead. Anybody who would like to come along are, as always, very welcome. The lads especially appreciate the support.

Phil Cannon
 Youth Development Officer



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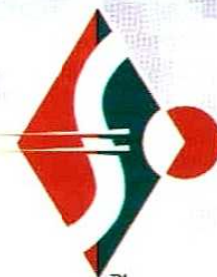
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Bart 1. Griemink





"...I'm not going to give up my place in the starting line-up without a fight."

I thought that we deserved a point against Wycombe on Saturday.

We went 1-0 down to an amazing strike that flew into the top corner of the net. Apart from that I think we were very strong defensively throughout the side. We didn't make our chances count at the other end and it was very important that we kept going and made the opposition work right up until the final whistle.

The sending off of our goalkeeper did not help us and, like Andy Williams' red card, it seemed like another harsh decision that has gone against us. The ball was hit long over my head and I just left it for Bart to pick it up. There was no danger from any of their players which made it very curious why he sent him off. A caution would have been fair but the referee chose to apply the letter of the law when common sense could have prevailed. That decision only served to spur us on and we knew from that

point we had to work a lot harder for each other. We put Wycombe under a lot of pressure and deservedly got the equaliser right at the death when we were taking chances at the back.

We didn't have a lot to lose so I'd been pushed up into the centre forward position to try to add a bit more aerial strength and I think it worked. After that I thought we were still a bit cavalier in our approach and should have been a bit more sensible and settled for the draw, especially with only having ten men on the field, but a point for us was a good result.

Wycombe are a good side near the top of the table and we have to accept - and be very happy with - a draw at this stage of the season, especially when a lot of our players are still getting used to the English Second Division. I hope it shows that we are forming a strong defensive unit. I've been given my

chance in the side and I'm pleased with the way I have performed and I'm not going to give up my place in the starting line-up without a fight. We've been conceding a lot of goals but we are starting to tighten up defensively and look stronger. I'm sure it has a lot to do with the fact that we are now playing with three central defenders and two wing backs. It gives us more cover at the back and also gives the wide players more options going forward.

Like many of the players, I think that Andy King is doing a great job. The players like working with him, he is a good coach and, more importantly, he knows how to get his ideas through to the players. We're starting to see the benefits on the pitch, in the last three games we have created more goal-scoring chances than perhaps we did all last season. Hopefully we can win the match against Wrexham on Tuesday and add a little more weight to his application for the manager's job.

the verdict from the home draw against Wycombe

How they saw it

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Swindon, who lost 'keeper Bart Griemink for a deliberate handball on 62 minutes, fought back with a Reeves' goal in the last minute to earn a draw.

Wycombe took the lead after only nine minutes. The ball fell to Rammell who struck a sweet left-foot volley from the edge of the box. A Wycombe long ball saw Griemink rushing out to anticipate but to his horror he'd come out of his area and was given a straight red card. Swindon, however, did get a deserved point through the industrious Alan Reeves.

Home www.football.nationwide.co.uk/football/

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Ten-man Swindon snatched a point at the death through captain Alan Reeves against visitors Wycombe after goalkeeper Bart Griemink was sent off.

Former Walsall striker Andy Rammell swept home an unstoppable half-volley after a poor Swindon clearance had fallen invitingly to him on the edge of the box. Griemink raced out of his box and seemed unaware that he had strayed from his area when he casually picked up a long ball played over the top for McSporran to chase. Grazioli prodded a shot on to Taylor's crossbar and as the ball rebounded Reeves steamed in to bundle the ball home from close range.

Away www.wycombewanderers.co.uk/

Wycombe conceded a stoppage-time equaliser against ten-man Swindon Town at The County Ground and were left regretting the missed opportunity to take all three points.

Andy Rammell had fired Wycombe into an eight-minute lead but The Wanderers failed to capitalise on slack defending from the home side to extend that lead. Swindon were reduced to ten-men in the 61st minute when 'keeper Bart Griemink handled outside his area. It was in stoppage time that Swindon snatched their point after Captain Alan Reeves followed up a Grazioli shot that came back off Martin Taylor's crossbar. A very disappointing end to the game for Wycombe, plus new injury worries.



Managers' views...



"Bart made an error of judgement and only by a couple of feet. There was no way he was denying Wycombe a scoring opportunity. At

worst he should have got a yellow card but there never seems to be any consistency over decisions like that."

Andy King gives his opinion on Bart Griemink's sending off against Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday.



"I've got a lot of thinking to do. I'm not a fan of the loan system but maybe it is time to bring someone in on loan. It was a disappointing

way to lose three points. We've got to start putting some points on the board again. We've got a catalogue of injuries which are getting worse."

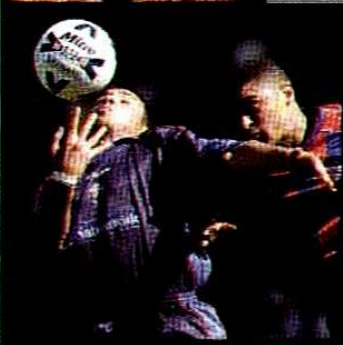
Lawrie Sanchez disappointed that his side could not turn their possession into goals against the Town.

Andy King

Lawrie Sanchez



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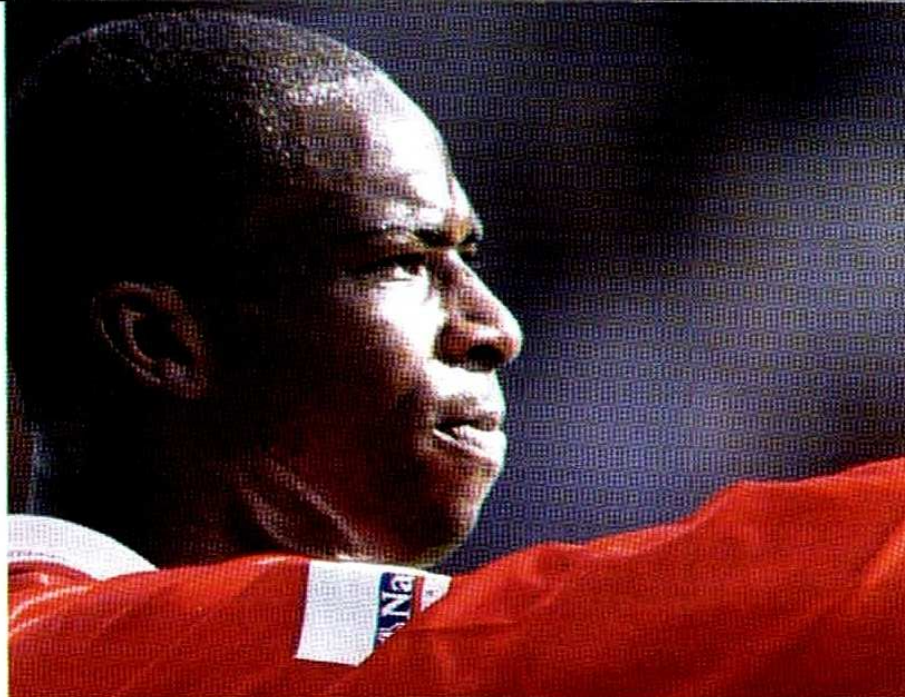
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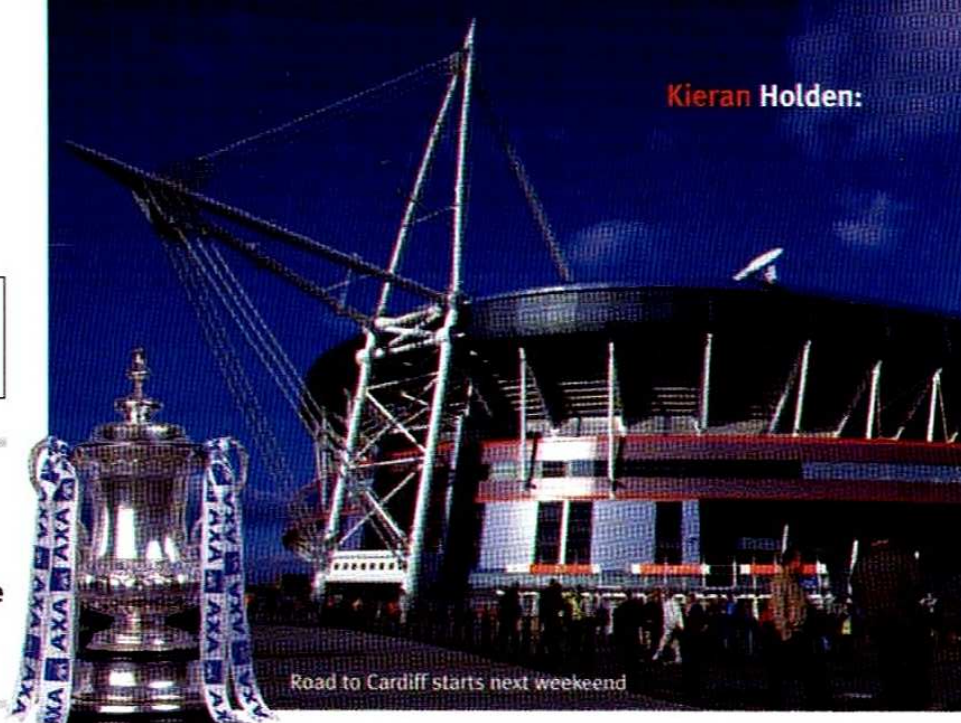
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Kieran Holden:

FA Cup Time Again For Swindon Town



This match, like last Tuesday's against Cambridge, is another 'game in hand'. However, unlike the saying 'a bird in the hand...', games in hand are of no benefit unless they are won, so let's hope the boys can pick up another 3 point maximum tonight and continue the charge up the table.

With all the developments at the club over the last 3 weeks or so it's been good that the players have been able to concentrate on the matters on the pitch instead of getting embroiled in all the other issues. I'm sure most of you would agree that, as supporters, it's been a pain having so many home games in a short space of time, especially when you consider the

drought of County Ground fixtures in September, but that's one of the reasons we are here tonight.

Wrexham put paid to our fantastic start to the 1995/96 season with a 4-3 win at the Racecourse Ground. A Wayne Allison brace had given us a 2-1 half time lead, but the Welshmen proved they were made of sterner stuff. Karl Connolly grabbed a hat-trick and Barry Hunter got a fourth, this was after Peter Thorne had pegged us level at 3 apiece. The return fixture wasn't such a barnstormer, they were another side that came to the 'fortress' County Ground looking for a point, and that was what they got from a 1-1 draw.

The magic of the FA Cup begins this weekend, and what an exciting draw we have been handed - Ilkeston Town at home. OK on paper, albeit not one to whet the appetite, but the opportunity to progress to the next round looks very good indeed. The Derbyshire side are no mugs though and they are expected to bring quite a following on Saturday, and they will no doubt be in good voice. I don't need to remind you of the last time a Town side faced Non-league opposition in the FA Cup, do I Graz? All things considered, when you look who our rivals have drawn it's been a

good draw. Our friends at Ashton Gate have a very difficult trip to Derbyshire to face Chesterfield. The early pace-setters in Division Three this season will provide City with a very tough test. Oxford, like City, are away to Third Division opposition with a trip to Macclesfield, while Bristol Rovers face Cardiff City at home, but a large contingent of Bluebirds will be there for the Severnside Derby (at least that's what I think they're called). Only Reading will be happy along with us, they are at home to Ryman League side Grays Athletic, (no I've never heard of them either). I'm not counting my chickens but wouldn't it be nice to get an interesting draw in round 3? (if we get there, fingers crossed) as opposed to the usual drab sides we've played recently. Please, please, please make it a Premiership side from the East Midlands!

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Get behind the boys tonight... Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden
Matchday Announcer

Alan Reeves:




We knew the match against Wycombe on Saturday was probably going to be the hardest out of our three home matches in succession. We were right and I thought we did well to get a point, especially after going down to ten men, but on reflection I still thought that we did enough to win the match.

We did create a few chances but were out of luck in front of goal. Wycombe did on the other hand and with really the only shot to trouble us went in. In fairness it was a great strike and the other nine times out of ten he would have probably stuck high into the stands. They got in front and it was obvious they were

prepared to settle for that. They had us watched last Saturday and in midweek so they knew that we have been playing well. Ok, we didn't get the rewards from Notts County but we took a lot of heart from our performance, built on it against Cambridge and got the result and then built on it again versus Wycombe.

It seemed everything was against us when Bart was sent off and I think unjustifiably so, but we dug-in, showed a bit of character and deservedly got a point out of the game. If Bart was outside of the area then it wasn't by much, maybe a couple of inches but it

wasn't like they had players with a goal scoring opportunity and I think the referee could have shown a bit more common sense and just booked him. It could easily have ruined the game but because of the lads' character we surged back at them with ten men. In the past our heads might have dropped and conceded another goal or two but on Saturday it only served to gee us up and get us back into the match. We've got more belief in ourselves now; we said it would take time and I think it is starting to come through now. As the game moved on we had to take more and more chances pushing men up field, especially on set-pieces.



“...as they hesitated I managed to get my studs on it and force it over the line.”

Antoine, Adam and myself got forward; we had to throw caution to the wind because we might as well lose two or three nil taking a chance than settling for a 1-0 defeat. Graz turned well and forced a good save from the keeper, I think it rebounded off the bar and as they hesitated I managed to get my studs on it and force it over the line.

The lads went mad and I was buried under the heap of celebrations but it was great feeling to come through adversity like that. It was especially pleasing because it would have meant so much to the fans. Attendances have been down but after Tuesday's result they turned

up in force and gave us fantastic support for the entire 94 minutes, or whatever it was. Even when we had gone 1-0 down and Bart had been sent off they were still roaring us on and I'm certain they helped us get that point.

All the lads' confidence is up and we're really looking forward to the next home match against Wrexham. In the last three matches we have shown that we're by no means a bottom three side. I believe we have been the better side in all three matches. We've only picked up four points but with the way things had been going we would settle for that for now, but we need to build on our

performances again and get another win under our belts. I'm sure Wrexham will have been watching the progress we have made in the last couple of weeks and won't be looking forward to a trip to the County Ground.

As far as the managerial situation goes, I think I can speak for all the lads believing that Andy King should get the Managers job on a full time basis. He's a great coach, motivator and got super backing in the form of Malcolm Crosby. Obviously we don't make the decisions so all we can do is keep producing good performances and hope that tips the balance in his favour.



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.

No. 10 War Time Finals Team Sheets

It took football programmes about 20 years to recover from the Second World War, because it was not until the mid 1960's that programmes returned to the size and standard they enjoyed before 1939.

The main set-back came with war-time paper rationing, and it is to the credit of most clubs that they continued to publish something during these difficult years, although it usually amounted to little more than a teamsheet. The initial confusion of early war-time football saw clubs issued greatly slimmed-down issues, dropping to 8 pages for Regional League matches in 1939/40.

As the exigencies of war hit home the programmes shrank again, to single or folded sheet issues. These constituted poor value for money for the buyers - they were invariably priced at 1d - only half the price of standard 1930's issues which were certainly more than twice the size!

A prime example of this was the excellent Queen's Park Rangers programme of 1939/40, 8 pages with a striking cover, which a year later was a single sheet with teams on one side and results/fixtures on the reverse. Sheffield Wednesday settled for a single sheet (printed both sides) with barely a paragraph of text - in common with other programmes of the era, priority was given to team lines, results and fixtures, league tables and half-time scoreboards. Doncaster Rovers started off with a large size four pager but after a year dropped down to a single sheet, while Huddersfield Town and Leeds United strove manfully to sustain a 4 page (folded sheet) programme.

Manchester United settled for a single sheet which contained only results/fixtures and team lines and the same format was used, with the inclusion of some text and a little more information, by Millwall and Newcastle United. One has to admire the dogged determination to carry

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on despite the enormous disruption of the war, exemplified by these programmes. Team lines were obviously subject to great change as players came and went from the forces, or were available from reserved occupations, and guest players abounded. Not the least of the attraction of these programmes is the existence of famous names in some unlikely team lists.

Those few advertisers who remained in the greatly slimmed down programmes are fascinating. A four-page Sunderland programme of 1944/45 for instance, carried four adverts - George Younger's Prize Medal Ales, Shop at Binns for everything - walk around any time - no obligation, a Consulting Optician and a local store which sold radios, bicycles and prams, re-conditioned pianos and utility furniture.



**"...such
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Don Rogers

Rogers, scorer of that winning goal in 1969, is now 55 years old and has now settled in the Swindon area, continuing to develop his sports shop business, which he began in his playing days, as well as manager of Ryman's League Hungerford Town.

Rogers, a then quiet lad from the old Somerset mining town of Midsomer Norton, made his debut for the Town on the 17th November 1962 in a match which saw them defeat the visitors Southend United by four goals to one. He made only six further appearances that season and the signing of the England Youth international Graham French might have indicated his future at Swindon was not bright, but such were Don's performances that he became a first-team regular while French was consigned to the reserve team.

The following season was to see Swindon relegated but it also saw the Town's FA Youth Cup final appearance, which owed much to the skill of Rogers. In front of a crowd of 17,000 at the County Ground he

scored Town's goal in the 1-1 draw and outshone the great George Best. Back in Division Three in the 1956-66 season Don notched 18 League goals and the following season he was Town's top scorer with 24 goals in the League. He bagged a further 7 in an FA Cup run which took Swindon to Round Five. It included a victory over West Ham United, World Cup stars and all.

Many top League clubs began to show an interest in Don but he remained at Swindon, finishing top scorer three seasons in a row. The third season saw Swindon lift the League Cup and Don score perhaps his most famous goal, racing from the half way line to round Bob Wilson and clinch Town's extra time victory over Arsenal at Wembley.

Poor results and increasing financial problems with keeping up payments on the North Stand led to the sale of Rogers to Crystal Palace. Here he was hailed by Geoffrey Green of the Times as a young Lochinvar come out of West as he scored on his debut and starred in the Palace team that

thrashed Manchester United 5-1. Don was unfortunate enough to move to Queens Park Rangers just before the manager who had bought him left and found himself something of a misfit. In March 1976 Swindon were in dire straits; gates were falling, cash was short and the Club was facing the threat of relegation to Division Four.

Don returned to provide salvation. An exchange deal for Peter Eastoe brought Town much-needed cash and a legend who brought the crowds back. A goal on his return thrilled the much-increased gate and the corner was turned. Suffering increasingly from the hip problem that was to force his retirement, Don's appearances were limited but his return created the enthusiasm that helped keep Town up. The late Fred Ford once said of Don Rogers

"I've got a boy here who scores a goal of the month every week". With any other player such a comment would have been fit for a 'Colemanballs' book, with Don it was often true.

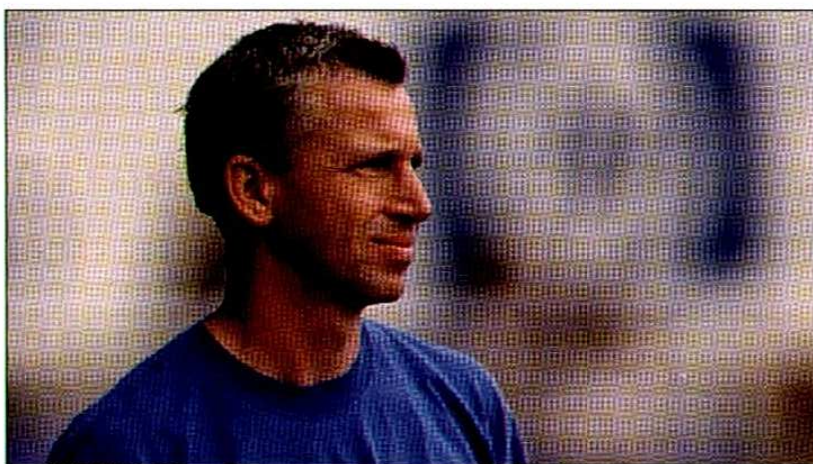
Wimbledon Move a Load of Bull

Bury midfielder Darren Bullock has quashed any rumours of a move to Wimbledon by declaring that he is not interested in the move to the former Premiership team.

Speculation has linked the 31-year old to a move to Selhurst Park but the Bury hard man has suggested that he would like to see out his career at Gigg Lane. He said: "Of course it's flattering to be linked with a club who have only just come down from the Premiership.

"But I've heard no word from Wimbledon and I'm in no rush to leave Bury. I've got 18 months left on my contract here and I'm enjoying my football."

He added: "The chairman and the gaffer were good to me by giving me this chance and I would like to re-pay them. However, I'll be having a chat to see if there is any truth in the rumours."



Town Paid a Royal Visit

Reading boss Alan Pardew has admitted that he tried to bring former Nottingham Forest midfielder Ian Woan to the Madejski Stadium.

Woan, who's contract at Barnsley ran out, elected to join Swindon on a month's loan but Pardew has not ruled out another move for the former Nottingham Forest player in the near future. Alan Pardew was a spectator at the County Ground last

Tuesday night to watch Woan. He said: "We looked to take him for a week but Swindon came in with an offer for a month. I'll keep my eye on him because he's a quality player who's hungry to get his career back on track."

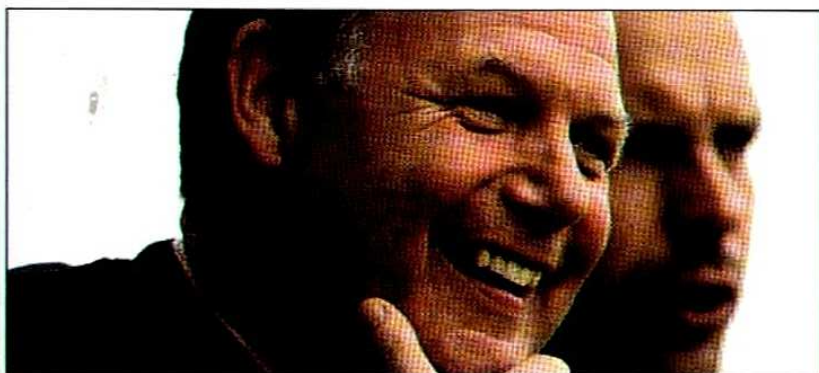


Kemp Named as New Boss

Local rivals and Division Two basement club Oxford United have appointed David Kemp as their new manager.

Kemp succeeds Denis Smith who resigned last month following his unsuccessful second stint with the club. He was recommended to the club by former Wimbledon manager and now consultant at the Manor Ground, Joe Kinnear. The pair had previously worked together at Selhurst Park.

Ex Millwall boss Alan McLeary, sacked by the Lions last month, has also been confirmed as Kemp's assistant. Kinnear meanwhile, who quit as Wimbledon manager in March 1999 following a heart attack, has agreed to become full-time Director of Football at the club.



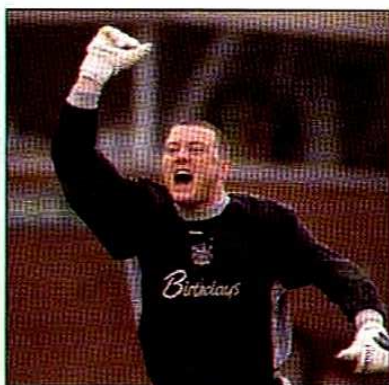
Youth Hopes Fried by Barry

Four young Peterborough footballers have been told that they have no future at London Road by Barry Fry.

Centre-back James Campbell, winger Niall Inman, full-back Grant Haley and striker Matthew Hann were all told to look elsewhere. Fry said: "It's a horrible thing to do, but I had to be honest with the players and tell them I could not see them breaking into our reserve team on a regular basis never mind the first team. "They

were all young players full of promise when I signed them, but they haven't developed as I would have hoped and now it's time to make room for the next generation of kids.

"None of them are teenagers any more and at their age they should be knocking on the first-team door at the very least."



Bury Trials

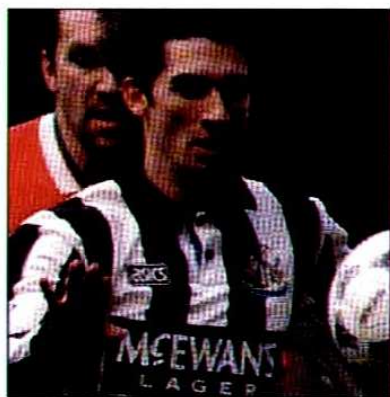
Bury have taken Icelandic international goalkeeper Gunnleifur Gunnleifsson on trial at Gigg Lane.

The move suggests that there is some truth in the speculation about Paddy Kenny's immediate future and that he could soon be on his way to a higher Division club. Shakers boss Andy Preece is refuting the link, "We haven't had any offers for Paddy yet. But people are bound to read something into it! This lad was a recommendation to us.

Magpies To Steal Kitson?

Notts County have failed in an audacious bid to bring forgotten West Ham striker Paul Kitson to Meadow Lane.

It is believed the player, currently out of favour and out of sorts at Upton Park, is reluctant to drop down two divisions despite being down in the pecking order with the East London side.



Moore Awards for Ronnie

Rotherham boss Ronnie Moore has been awarded the Division Two Manager of the Month Award following his side's impressive form in October.

Moore has engineered a run of 5 wins in six games and said of his side, "We only have 20 outfield players at the club as opposed to 28 last season when we won promotion from Division Three. Our recent success is down to the hard work and determination of the players. I'll be honest, I didn't think the boys had it in them.

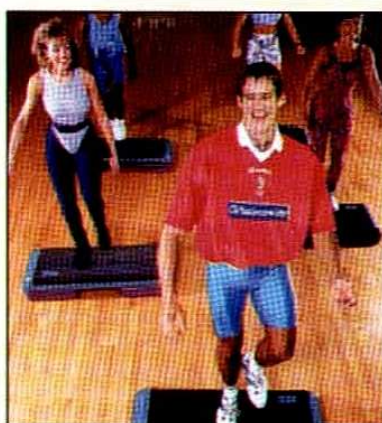
I want to manage in the First Division and even higher - I want that to be with Rotherham United. However, we are fourth in the table and only pulling crowds of 4,000 and we need more people through the turnstiles. Together with the help of the players, directors and everyone at the club, I want to guide the club to further success."

FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!



Big Town fan Gemma Barnett is pictured here 'Showing Her Colours' in Disneyland, Paris.



Richard Philling or 'Tillo Tollo' is pictured here 'Showing His Colours' whilst doing some step aerobics.

Send your contributions to us at PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB. We look forward to seeing your stuff!

Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

Here are two more look-a-likes, send in your suggestions to PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Rd, Newbury, Berks. RG14 7BB. Or e-mail Daniel@pia-am.co.uk



Butch Dingle

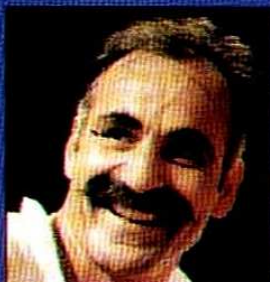


Gareth Davies

We think the late Butch Dingle is a 'dead ringer' for Town's Welsh central defender Gareth Davies.



Mansour Bahrami



John Gorman

Even better is tennis legend Mansour Bahrami and former Town boss John Gorman.

Appeal!!!

The Fans' page has been severely lacking this season, poor old Ken MacKenzie has featured in nearly every issue and we are running out of pictures of the staff here at PIA!

This page is YOUR chance to feature in the programme. Any recollections of meeting Town fans, players, rival fans abroad, funny stories or tales you have to tell. We would like as many fans sending in their pictures of themselves in Swindon kit as possible, whether it be from around the world, on holiday or at the ground. Also we would welcome your ideas on your worst Swindon Town XI or your dream team, any birthdays - THIS IS YOUR PAGE, so remember, anything you would like to see in print, send it in and we will make sure that it goes on your page.



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The County party of eighteen contained two players who are not on Town's books. Netti Wyness, Pam Ashman, Natalia, Zarczyński, Katy Lemon, Leanne Taylor, Kim Reeves, Michelle Rich, Clar Wheeler, Diane George, Tracy Peacock, Georgia Alcock, Adelle Taylor, Holly Ashman, Lucy Bailey, Nikki Relph and Jessica Weir were the players to be included in the squad. The game against Devon will be the first in this season's South West Counties Championship. Wiltshire will also play Somerset and Hampshire. The winners of the group will play the winners of the other section of Sussex, Gloucestershire, the Army and Dorset. This is the fifth season

that the Championship has been run and Wiltshire were the very first winners of the trophy beating Sussex in a thrilling final. The following two seasons Wiltshire finished runners-up but last season the County finished bottom of the qualifying group. On Sunday the Town, if they beat Wimborne Town, will face Southampton in the second round of the AXA Women's FA Cup or if they lose will be without a fixture. The Town Reserves play away to Thatcham Town in the Southern Region League, who they beat by two goals to nil in the first game of the season.

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	A
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
1st	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	6-2
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-2
29th	Oct	Wimborne Town	tba
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
12th	Nov	"AXA" FA Cup 2nd	
19th	Nov	Denham United	H
26th	Nov	Reading	A
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2	H
10th	Dec	Portsmouth	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	H
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BRISTOL RVS	7	6	1	0	22	2	19
YOEVIL TOWN	8	5	3	0	15	8	18
CHELtenham TN	7	5	2	0	17	9	17
SWINDON TOWN	7	4	2	1	23	9	14
PORTSMOUTH	6	4	0	2	11	6	12
BRISTOL CITY	7	2	2	3	14	13	8
SALTASH FMS	6	2	1	3	6	16	7
CLEVEDON TN	6	1	2	3	8	13	5
DENHAM UTD	7	1	1	5	11	18	4
SOUTHAMPTON	5	1	0	4	4	18	3
READING LADIES	7	0	2	5	13	20	2
OXFORD UTD	5	0	0	5	4	16	0



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1984



It was the dawn of the Lou Macari era and the omens were not looking good.

On the first day of training only eleven players turned up and three pre-season fixtures had to be cancelled due to the state of the County ground pitch. By the first game of the season, Lou Macari had begun taking steps to turn things around.

Mike Graham and Kevin Baddeley, two players released by Blackburn Rovers as a tribunal award for Jimmy Quinn, meant a little more money could be spent. Some of it was paid to Hyde United for Peter Coyne, a former Manchester United and England schoolboy striker. Coyne had a goal a game record at United - one goal one game!

The crowd of 3,591 that turned up to watch the first match of the new season had pay increases of nearly 20% but Chesterfield at £1.60 and Hartlepool at £1.70 were still the only clubs with a cheaper admission price than Swindon's £1.80. The visitors Wrexham were featuring in the European Cup Winners' Cup but travelled to Swindon without the previous season's leading scorer David Gregory, who was out with an ankle injury. Many fans were annoyed at having to pay 45p for a programme with just a blank space printed where the Swindon team should have appeared. "I don't want any of my team thinking they are automatic choices" was Lou's explanation.

The grumbles increased when, after 31 minutes, Wrexham's John Muldoon was let free on the right and his cross was headed home by big Jim Steel. It should have been



Lou Macari

2-0 immediately afterwards but Andy Edwards side-footed wide from six yards. Lou Macari got Swindon level five minutes later, a cross by Paul Batty was only just inside the area but Macari got to it and sent a looping header over Stuart Parker in the Wrexham goal.

"...Amateurish" was how the chirpy Scot described Town's performance..."

Andy Edwards twice had chances to put the Welsh side back in front but with new signing Peter Coyne coming on as substitute it was Swindon who began to look the more likely side to score. A fine cross from David Hockaday was headed just over by Alan Mayes. It was Mayes again who nearly scored when he beat the off-side trap and kept his feet after a tackle only to



Peter Coyne

see Parker smother the ball. It was Mayes who had the last laugh when, just four minutes from the end, Hockaday crossed to give Town's number 10 a simple tap-in goal.

Macari was not carried away by victory. "Amateurish" was how the chirpy Scot described Town's performance and he frankly admitted, "the best team lost". The season ended with Town in eighth spot, 12 points below the last promotion spot. Wrexham's performance was even more disappointing as they finished in 15th position with 54 points.

Teams:

Swindon: Endersby, Bailie, Nelson, Macari, Henry (Coyne 57), Graham, Barnard, Batty, Rowland, Mayes & Hockaday.

Wrexham: Parker, King, Cunningham, Salathiel, Keay, Wright, Muldoon, Horne, Steel, Edwards & Rogers (Williams 82).



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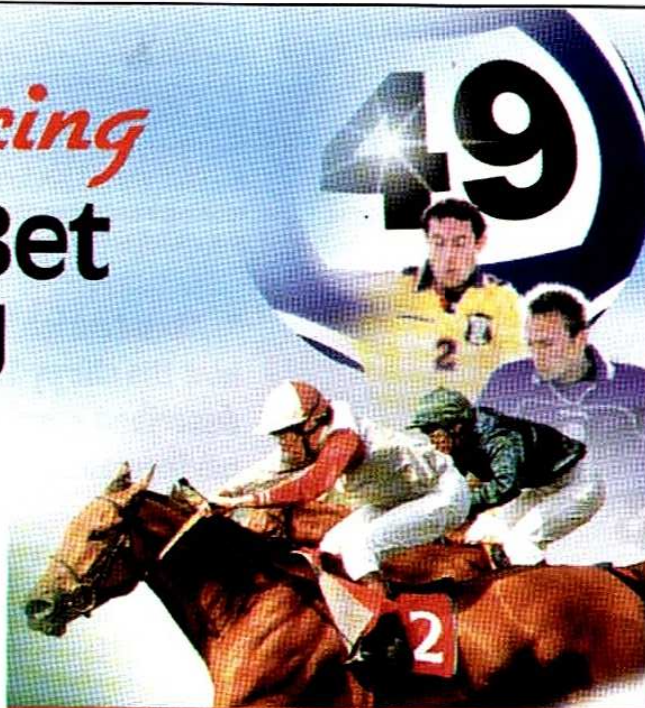
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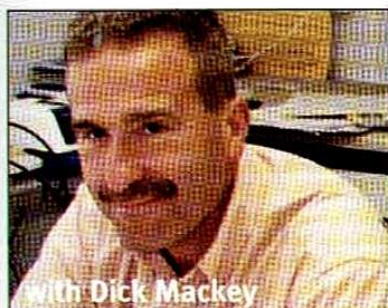
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Treatment & Youth:

Getting Fit On the Internet

There have been few developments since our last report, but by the time you read this we will have played Wycombe.

Last week Gary Alexander began kicking a ball but he found that quite difficult so we reverted to some strengthening exercises, including long runs up to and around Lawns. Furthermore, he's been pushing some heavy weights because we want him as strong as we can get him.

Towards the end of the week he was shooting a ball again and found it a lot easier so it seems that we're getting there. We are

anxious to get his ankle absolutely right. He's had this injury a couple of times now and we don't want to get into a chronic situation. We can then get him back into full training, which we are hopeful that he'll be doing next week.

Gareth Davies continues to work hard and every day we're getting him closer to football action. At the moment we hope to be getting him involved in football in some form or another by the 15th of this month.

We've had no further set-backs and things are going well for Gareth. Matty Hewlett is feeling much better and walking better now. It's difficult

to treat him at present because there are only so many things you can do at this stage. He still feels a bit sore which restricts what he can do but we're getting hold of some new exercises that we've found on the internet.

These things are always very interesting and new ideas and exercises help to keep the interest going. All the new information we use in terms of rehabilitation is always from a trustworthy source. We won't put a player at risk with any crazy ideas we might find. We're always open to fresh of ideas that will help treat an injury as long as it's safe.

Youths Drawn At Home In FA Cup

SOUTH WEST CONFERENCE UNDER 17 SECTION

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	PTS
CARDIFF	8	7	0	1	24	8	16	21
CIRENCESTER	8	5	2	1	15	9	6	17
CHELTENHAM	8	5	1	2	23	12	11	16
TORQUAY	8	5	1	2	15	10	5	16
SWANSEA	7	3	2	2	17	14	3	11
EXETER	9	2	3	4	12	20	-8	9
BRISTOL	8	2	2	4	8	13	-5	8
PLYMOUTH	9	1	5	3	12	17	-5	8
SWINDON	7	2	1	4	15	18	-3	7
OXFORD	10	1	3	6	13	23	-10	6
AFC B'MOUTH	8	1	2	5	10	20	-10	5

MATCHES UP TO AND INCLUDING 29/10/00

SOUTH WEST CONFERENCE UNDER 19 SECTION

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	PTS
BRISTOL	8	5	2	1	14	8	6	17
PLYMOUTH	8	5	2	1	10	7	3	17
OXFORD	8	4	3	1	14	7	7	15
CARDIFF	7	3	2	2	13	8	5	11
TORQUAY	8	3	1	4	14	15	-1	10
SWANSEA	8	2	3	3	11	14	-3	9
SWINDON	8	2	2	4	10	9	1	8
EXETER	7	1	2	4	6	8	-2	5
CIRENCESTER	8	0	3	5	6	22	-16	3

MATCHES UP TO AND INCLUDING 29/10/00

**The AXA FA Youth
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At the County Ground



They Think It's All Over...

Following Wrexham's last ditch comeback against Luton last week, we take a look at five of the best comebacks in recent history...

5 Bolton Reading (1994)

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The Play-off Final of 1994 would have brought back many fond memories for Town supporters. Just one year earlier, Town had also taken a considerable lead, this time against Leicester City.

Reading, already 2-0 up, had the opportunity to wrap up the game with a penalty. Unfortunately Scott Taylor missed the opportunity and the seeds of doubt were sown in the Royals' ranks.



Former Town boss and then manager of Reading, Jimmy Quinn, did his best to rally the troops but Bolton took the game into injury time with help from Fabian De Freitas.

Bolton went on to win the tie 4-3 to move up into the Premiership whilst Reading, like us, suffered a speedy descent into Division Two.

4 Southampton Liverpool (2000)

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Whenever a team takes a three goal advantage, supporters of that club will undoubtedly begin to get 'itchy feet', nervous that their side may relinquish the lead in dramatic fashion. Yet when Liverpool went 3-0 to the good against lowly Southampton, the scouse faithful could have been forgiven for thinking that it was all over. Michael Owen had got his name on the score-sheet a week before England were due to play France, and

Dietmar Hamann added to the tally. Hoddle must have had strong words with his side at half-time, for his side managed to somehow salvage a point.

With just twelve minutes to go, Pahars gave the Saints hope with a low drive. Minutes later, El Khalej popped up with a speculative back header to give the home fans hope. Pahars got his second of the game in injury time when he finished a move started by himself to level the score.





Five of the best:

3 Liverpool Newcastle (1996)

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Having thrown away an eight-point lead at the top of the table, Kevin Keegan and his gung-ho Newcastle side needed three points in order to keep up with arch-rivals Manchester United who had closed the gap on the Geordies.

They faced a free-scoring Liverpool side who had endured another disappointing season but, in Fowler and Collymore, had two strikers capable of punishing a leaky defence.

In the second half Newcastle led 3-1 with Asprilla orchestrating their front line with a superb goal with the outside of his boot. Despite their two-goal lead, Newcastle, as they had done all season, surrendered allowing Fowler and Collymore to level the score at 3-3. In the dying moments, with Keegan willing to settle for a draw,

Collymore stepped up once more to drill a left-footed winner leaving the Liverpool faithful ecstatic and the former Anfield hero clutching his head in his hands with despair.

2 Birmingham Swindon Town (1993)

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The Easter period is one of the most important parts of the season for those teams looking for promotion, with many sides playing several fixtures in a short space of time. This proved to be particularly evident for the Town in the season of 1992-93 when, in April, the play-offs were within reach but a defeat against Tranmere at the weekend had closed the gap between themselves, Leicester and Millwall.

Town travelled to then struggling Birmingham on the Bank Holiday Monday needing a win with only five games of the season left. Things did not start well for the Town and with just over an hour

gone, they found themselves 4-1 down following goals from Peer, Frain, Saville and Moulden. Arguably the remaining 30 minutes are the most exhilarating in this club's history, but it was the side's strength in the face of adversity that eventually propelled them into the dizzy heights of the Premier League.

First, Craig Maskell pulled one back with a low shot into the bottom corner and then Dave Mitchell levelled the scores with fifteen minutes to go with two goals. Maskell added another to send the travelling Town faithful into delirium and Mitchell bagged his first hat-trick in English football with an opportunist goal to crush the St. Andrews crowd.





1 Bayern Munich Manchester United (1999) 1 2

Having already been crowned as domestic league and cup winners, United had already established a stranglehold on domestic honours before their Champions League encounter with Bayern Munich in the Nou Camp. Yet such was (and still is) United's domination of English football, that the yearning for European glory had become more substantial among fans and players alike, with Alex Ferguson in particular looking to take the coveted Champions' League Cup in order to complete the trophy cabinet. However, despite the expectancy and high hopes, United went a goal down early on and once again looked tactically inept against foreign opposition, failing to create many chances and looking decidedly shaky in defence. In the second half United showed a little more invention but could not break down the Munich

defence, yet there was a feeling of inevitability about the equaliser. With one minute to go, substitute Teddy Sheringham scored from close range and the game seemed to be heading towards extra-time with United looking buoyant and Munich dejected.

United have left their victories to the final stages before (Liverpool in the Cup, Sheffield Wednesday in the League), but not even Alex Ferguson could have expected the climax that occurred. In injury time, super-sub



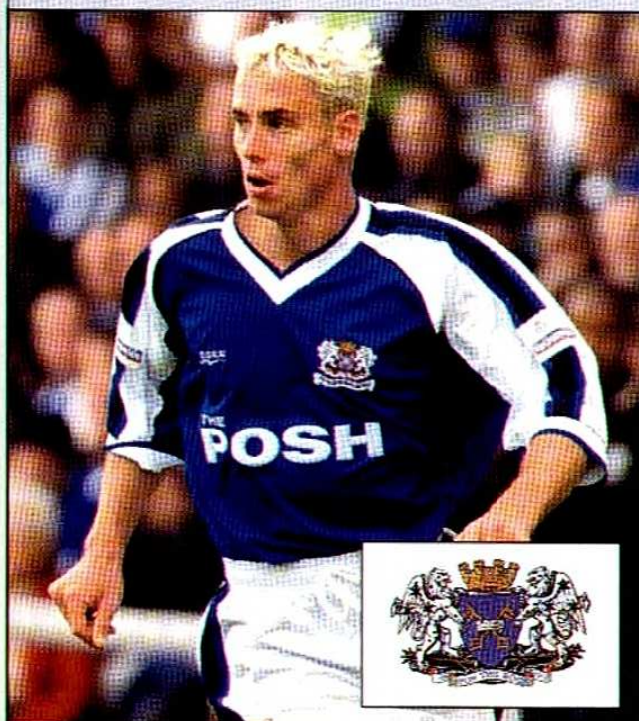
Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who had been brought on in the vain attempt at salvaging an equaliser moments earlier, slotted home in order to complete the most momentous treble in history.



V Peterborough United Football Club

(AWAY) Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

Picture: David Farrell



Despite being one of the favourites to go down, Peterborough have managed to hold their own in the middle of the table in Division Two.

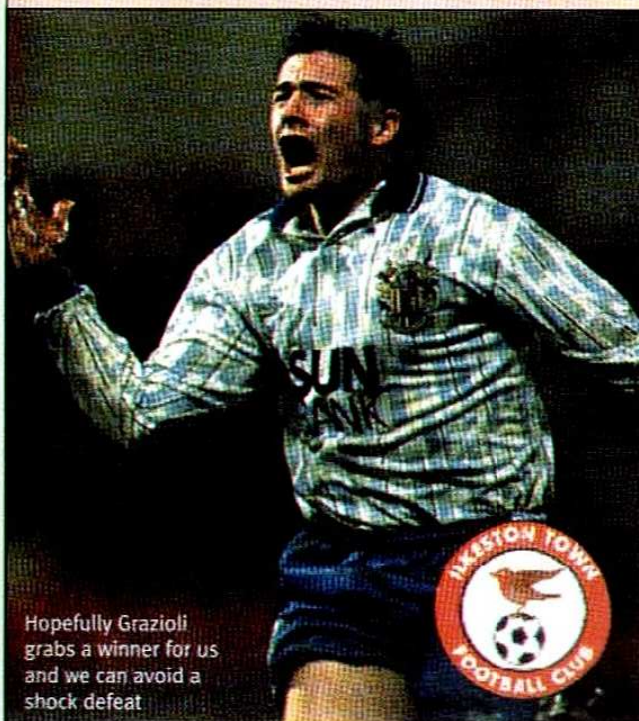
After two games this season, Posh found themselves in the play-off positions but they have slipped away since then. Still, for a small club such as themselves, to be where they are is no mean achievement. This season's form has largely been due to the form of Jason Lee who, after several seasons in the football wilderness, has resurrected his career under Barry Fry. Lee was also one of the goalscorers that sank Colchester last week in their 2-1 victory. Leon McKenzie's form has also been instrumental in Posh's promising start, orchestrating things from midfield. Andy Clarke is another player Town will have to keep an eye on, the second player to get on the score sheet in last week's second-half win. Posh fans tell us that hard man Dean Hooper and Gareth Jellyman are also players that could cause us problems in the game at London Road.



V Ilkeston Town Football Club

(HOME) Saturday 18th November 3.00pm

Picture: Graz



Hopefully Grazioli grabs a winner for us and we can avoid a shock defeat

Once again Swindon have drawn a non-league club at home in the FA Cup, but before you start looking forward to round two, just remember what happened a few of years ago against Stevenage.

In 1997 an unknown striker called Grazioli dumped us out of the cup and Town will have to be on their guard against the Derbyshire side who are currently seventh in the Dr Martins League. Ilkeston have their own equivalent of Stevenage's then striker Graz in Rob Gould, the club's top scorer with 8 league goals. The club has had several cup runs and are no strangers to giant-killing having reached the second round before under the management of Keith Stevens. Ilkeston are now managed by John McGovern who was named as the new boss at the start of the month. McGovern will take over the club's quest for FA Cup glory following their last round victory against Hucknall Town which they won 1-0 but explains that the league is his priority. "The aim is to get out of the league that we're in and get into a higher division."



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AWAY v Peterborough United Football Club Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

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Adults: £10
Concessions: £5
Juniors: £5



AWAY v Northampton Town Football Club Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at the Sixfields Stadium.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £12
Concessions: £8.50
Juniors: £8.50



HOME v Ilkeston Town Football Club Saturday 18th November 3.00pm

FA Cup 1st round fixture to be held at the County Ground. Ticket prices are currently under negotiation.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £tbc
Concessions: £tbc
Juniors: £tbc



FA Cup 2nd Round Saturday 9th December 3.00pm

FA Cup 2nd round fixture. Opponents (if applicable!) to be confirmed in the Stoke City Programme.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £tbc
Concessions: £tbc
Juniors: £tbc



HOME v Stoke City Football Club Saturday 25th November 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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



HOME v Rotherham Utd Saturday 16th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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



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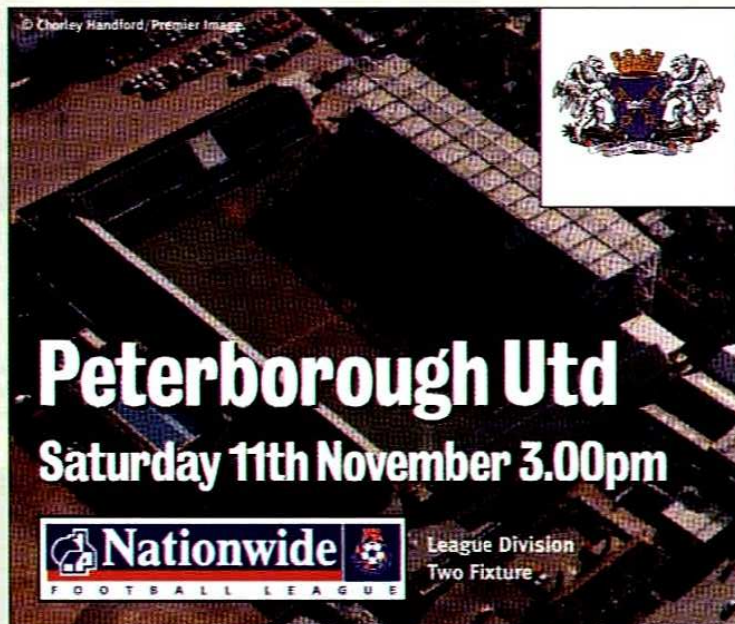


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Peterborough Utd
 Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 League Division Two Fixture



Travel Information

**Peterborough Utd Football Club,
 London Road**

Ground Capacity: 15,675
 Club Nickname: The Posh



Adult Fare: £10
U-15 Fare: £9

Supporters' Club
 Members receive a £1
 discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 10.00
 Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 10.15
 Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 09.45

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Northampton Town
 Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 League Division Two Fixture



Travel Information

**Northampton Town Football Club,
 Sixfields Stadium**

Ground Capacity: 7,653
 Club Nickname: The Cobblers



Adult Fare: £8
U-15 Fare: £7

Supporters' Club
 Members receive a 50p
 discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 11.00
 Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 11.15
 Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 10.45

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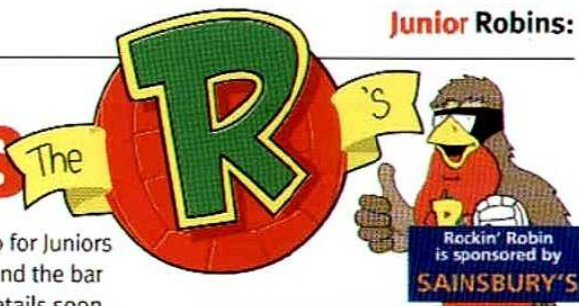
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Junior Robins



We were very disappointed with the turn-out for our trip to Notts County.

We have quite a few matches already booked for the JR's so once again for all of you who are thinking of registering and haven't done so yet GET ORGANISED and sign on! For more information please ring George on 01672 520679, or Jackie on 01793 333779.

Brentford January 20th 2001
Wrexham February 4th 2001
Bristol Rovers March 24th 2001
Millwall April 14th 2001
Stoke City 5th May 2001

The Christmas Disco is now a FIRM DATE for Wednesday December 20th, so make a date in your diary to come along. The Disco will start

at 7.30 and will cost 50p for Juniors and £1 only for adults (and the bar WILL BE OPEN). More details soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS:

Richie Smith
 will be 10 on the 11th
Jonathan Woodhouse
 will be 12 on the 18th
Shaun Barlow
 will be 9 on the 25th
Darren Priddle
 will also be 9 on the 13th

Robins don't forget - this is your page so if you have any pictures, jokes, poems or stories that would be of interest to other juniors or if it's your birthday/special friend's birthday, send in your request. We will do our very best to put them on this page for you.

Mascots' Package

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Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club



Latest update from the Evening Advertiser Half Time draw shows winners as :-

Bristol Rovers
D Webb of Chippenham
Ticket number 197 £325

Millwall
D. Allin of Bicester
Ticket number 180 £220

Both winners are members of the regular subscription scheme.

The winning tickets for the games against Cambridge, Wycombe and Wrexham, due to printing deadlines, will be given in the programme notes for the Ilkeston Cup match and repeated in the Stoke programme. Talking of Ilkeston, it has been a little unusual over the past decade to find

ourselves competing at this stage of the competition but, whoever the opposition, the F A Cup still retains the element of uncertainty that has given the competition magical moments over the years.

We are sure that our supporters will give Ilkeston a warm welcome to the County Ground, but at the same time shout the Town to a place in Round 2.

Returning to the half time draw, we hope to publish details as soon as possible again on our website once this returns to action following our recent technical difficulties, for which we apologise. We still require additional sellers for the half time draw tickets, so if you can spare just a little time pre-match then please contact Roger Bunce on 01865 820499. You could really help us make a difference.

Programme collectors can now visit the programme shop in the building attached to the away travel office prior to match days. We hope this will return a favourite facility to supporters.

Our disabled group now operates a refreshment kiosk in the Nationwide stand and they will be pleased to see you should you drop by. If there are any disabled supporters out there who are not aware of the group's activities, then this is an ideal point for first contact. The Junior Robins are still looking for members and would welcome any request from younger supporters up to the age of 16 who can then benefit from all the Group's activities. If interested please contact Kevin Hall on 01793 346884 who will be pleased to outline the special benefits available.

A Load of Blarney

**Tony you've been picked son,
you've been picked for England.**

Cascarino's heart leapt, his ambition had been fulfilled. Only when opening the letter did he realise that he'd been selected to play for the Republic of Ireland. "Um", he thought, "am I qualified?"

• "Mother!", he shouted, "did grandad really have an Irish passport?"

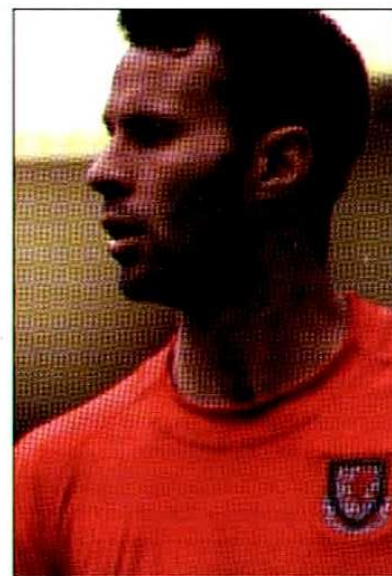
His mum pondered the question and then answered in the affirmative. "Brilliant" shouted Tony, "I'm going to play international football". Tony had a nagging doubt but he justifiably thought that the Irish FA would have done all the correct checks as he thought to himself: "I'm not that good anyway, I'll probably only play a couple of times". But still the 'phone calls kept on coming and the caps kept clocking up.

88 appearances later and Cascarino was reflecting on life as the most-capped player in the history of Irish

football. He thought "I'll write a book, they'll love it and I'll include something that will really blow them away". Apparently Tony's mother had not been altogether truthful, she had in fact been adopted and although her step-grandfather did have an Irish passport it did not qualify her beloved Tony to play for Ireland as he was not a 'blood relative'. "Still" thought Tony, "there's nothing they can do about it now". It's hard to believe that in Jack Charlton's era, a manager who dished out caps more readily than an Irish birth control clinic, Cascarino was alone in being dubiously qualified to play for Jack's side.

Anyone with an Irish pet or anyone seen tucking into a pint of the black stuff was fair game for the Irish FA, but in a period of unprecedented success for the boys in Green who cared? So maybe when we're looking for reasons as to why English football has been struggling of late we should look at the English

players who are plying their trade for the other home countries. Certainly Ryan Giggs (English qualified and a representative for England schoolboys) would be an extremely welcome sight marauding down the left for England. If only we knew about Tony's devilish secret everything may have been different!





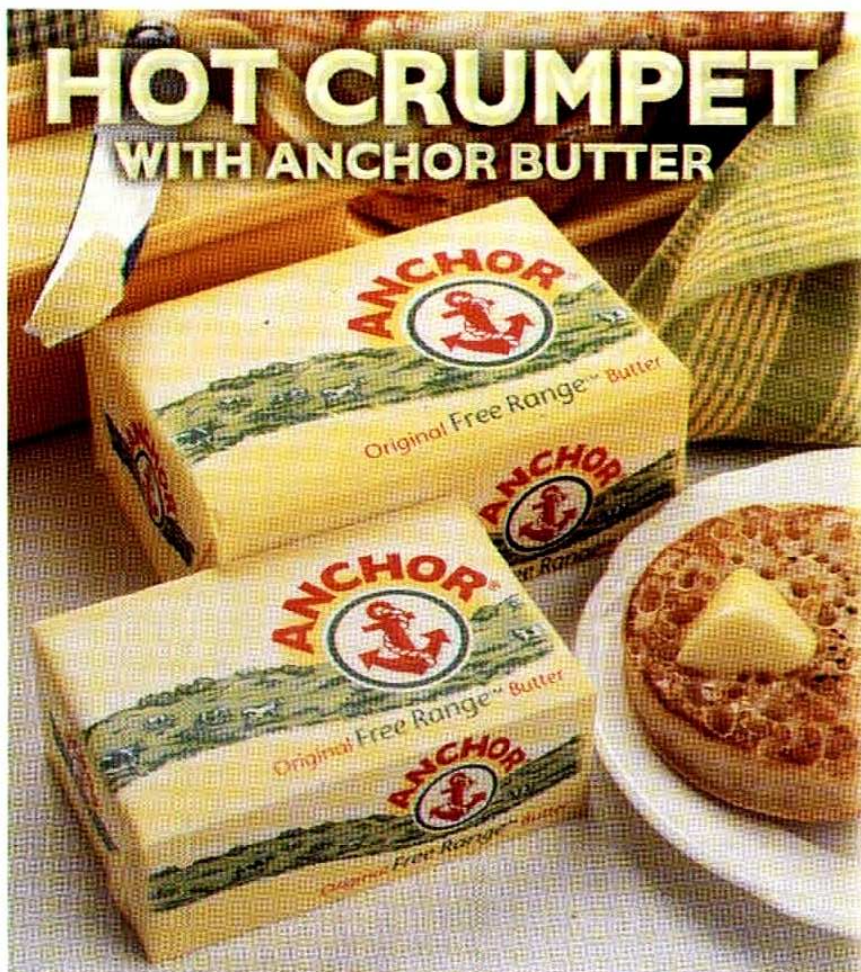
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Week in pictures

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



Monday 30th

UEFA tell AC Milan that they'll face no further punishment after 'keeper Dida entered Britain with a fake EU passport.



Wednesday 1st

Robbie Fowler scores his first goal for nearly a year in Liverpool's 2-1 Worthington Cup win over Chelsea.



Tuesday 31st

Danny Invincibile scores twice in Town's convincing 3-1 over Cambridge United.



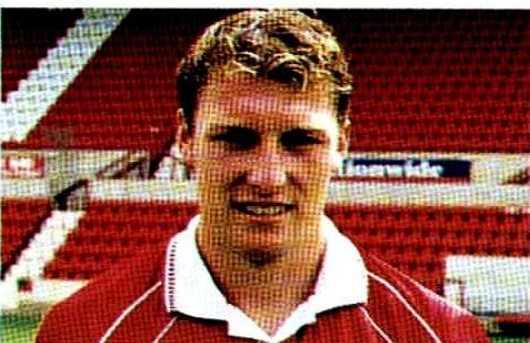
Thursday 2nd

Former Town boss Colin Todd finalises his move to Derby County.



Saturday 4th

Mark Viduka, Leeds' Brisbane Bomber hits all four in their dramatic 4-3 win at Elland Road.



Friday 3rd

Charlie Griffin signs for non-League Woking for an undisclosed fee.



Sunday 5th

Paul Merson lifts a dire match hitting the winner from 40-yards in the last minute of Villa's 1-0 win at Everton.





Nick John:

The Great British Game

Nick John highlights the attributes of the good old British game...

Swindon's opponents tonight, Wrexham, played away 10 days ago at Luton and found themselves 3-0 down, 10 minutes into the second half.

In Italy that would have been 'game, set and boring'. But not in this country where undoubtedly the most exciting football in the world is played.

Wrexham's boss Brian Flynn said, "Even at three down, I knew we were the better team". Sure enough, Wrexham pulled it back to 3-3 then, three minutes from the end, a certain Manchester United Supremo's son, Darren, snatched the winner. That's drama. As if to prove a point, the very same weekend saw Lincoln gain a 3-0 lead at Barnet, only to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, when Tony Richards nodded home the winner for Barnet with 10 minutes remaining. Right at the death of the game, Lincoln construed to miss a

penalty and sent the 1,642 Londoners home in raptures. Other results from the corresponding weekend included a thrilling 3-3 draw at the Reebok Stadium between Bolton Wanderers and Crystal Palace, with bad boy Clinton Morrison equalising in the 90th minute. Five goals at home for both Arsenal and Man Utd. Backed up by a pulsating match at Reading's Madejski Stadium, where the home side ran out 4-3 winners against strugglers Oxford Utd, in a game that swung both ways.

But listen to Italian football pundits talk, you'd think that Serie A was a gift from the heavens. Well it's not. The British game is a far superior spectacle, played in stadiums where the spectators are not miles away from the pitch, as they are in Italy. No wonder they need 90,000 supporters at a match - it's the only way they can generate any atmosphere.

The British game has improved unreservedly since the influx of foreign players and all the 'experts' worrying about not giving our youngsters a chance, need to chill out. Working with the cream of talent from other countries will increase the ability of our up and coming players rather than detract from it.

The likes of a gifted Joe Cole will progress through the ranks to the first team, while the not quite so gifted will take a roundabout route after a spell at a lower division club. So come on, let's appreciate what a wonderful institution British football is and for this mere mortal who still relies on terrestrial television for his fix of football. I would dearly love to see a good English game on a Sunday afternoon instead of the uninspiring stuff from Serie A on Channel 4. That is if the wife doesn't mind if I wash up a bit later on, that is!

Bart Griemink 1

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 29/03/72
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 15.0lb

Vale and West Oxon Supporters Group

Mark Robinson 2

Position: Defender
Born: 21/11/68
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12.4 lb

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Sol Davis 3

Position: Defender
Born: 04/09/79
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11.0 lb

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Matthew Hewlett 4

Position: Midfielder
Born: 25/02/76
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 11.3 lb

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Adam Willis

Position: Defender
Born: 21/09/76
Height: 6'7"
Weight: 12.2 lb

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Antoine van der Linden 6

Position: Defender
Born: -
Height: -
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Keith O'Halloran 7

Position: Midfielder
Born: 10/11/75
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 12.3lb

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Bobby Howe 8

Position: Midfielder
Born: 06/11/73
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10.4lb

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Charlie Griffin 9

Position: Forward
Born: 25/06/79
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12.8lb

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Giuliano Grazioli 10

Position: Forward
Born: 23/03/75
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12.0lb

MAN

David Duke 11

Position: Midfielder
Born: 07/11/78
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 11.0lb

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Position: Defender
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Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11.50lb

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Steve Cowe 14

Position: Forward
Born: 29/09/74
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10.2lb

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Andy Williams 15

Position: Defender
Born: 08/10/77
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 10.80lb

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Kim Heiselberg 16

Position: Defender
Born: 21/09/77
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11.7lb

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Daniel Invincible 17

Position: Midfielder
Born: 31/03/79
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12.4lb

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Gary Alexander 18

Position: Forward
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

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Frazer McHugh 20

Position: Midfielder
Born: 14/7/81
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11.80lb

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Gareth Davies 21

Position: Defender
Born: 11/12/73
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 11.12lb

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Alan Reeves 22

Position: Defender
Born: 29/11/67
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12.0lb

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Steve Mildenhall 23

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 13/04/78
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 13.5lb

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Andy King

Position: Assistant Manager
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

DRUGTEST

Malcolm Crosby

Position: Reserve Manager
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

BLOOR HOMES

Viv Busby Youth Manager

Position: Youth Manager
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

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Martin Williams

Position: Forward
Born: 12/07/73
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11.12

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2 Mark Robinson

Position: Defence
Born: 21.11.68, Rochdale
Height: 5ft 9
Weight: 12.4

Mark is now the Town's longest serving player since Swindon paid a club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994. He has been a consistent and versatile performer ever since. However, he could face competition from new signing Juan Cobian for the right-back slot this season.

Mark Robertson 19

Position: Midfielder
Born: 06/12/77
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11.09

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Alan Young 26

Position: Forward
Born: 12/08/83
Height: 5'8"
Weight: -

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Marko Tuomela 25

Position: Defender
Born: 03/03/77
Height: 6'4"
Weight: -

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Date Opponents Result Attn Pos

SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H	0-0	7,296	9
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A	0-2	14,134	20
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H	1-1	5,193	-
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H	1-4	5,492	24
MON AUG 28TH	PORT VALE	A	0-3	3,926	24
TUE SEPT 5TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A	2-1	2,825	-
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A	1-0	10,110	21
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A	0-3	3,673	22
TUE SEPT 19TH	TRANMERE WC2 (1)	A	1-1	4,289	-
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A	2-3	4,933	20
TUE SEPT 26TH	TRANMERE WC2 (2)	H	0-1	4,753	-
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H	2-2	4,895	21
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H	2-1	7,975	18
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A	0-1	4,009	19
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A	0-0	6,333	18
SAT OCT 21ST	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	1-3	8,097	21
TUE OCT 24TH	MILLWALL	H	0-2	5,030	20
SAT OCT 28TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A	2-3	4,007	20
TUE OCT 31TH	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3-1	3,452	20
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H	1-1	5,126	20
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H			
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A			
SAT NOV 18TH	ILKESTON TOWN (FAC1)	H			
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H			
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A			
SAT DEC 9TH	FA CUP 2ND RND				
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H			
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A			
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H			
SAT DEC 30TH	READING	H			
MON JAN 1ST	WALSALL	A			
SAT JAN 6TH	COLCHESTER UTD	A			
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H			
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A			
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H			
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A			
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H			
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A			
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H			
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H			
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TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H			
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A			
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H			
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A			
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A			
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H			
SAT APR 14TH	MILLWALL	A			
MON APR 16TH	NOTTS COUNTY	H			
SAT APR 21ST	WYCOMBE W.	A			
SAT APR 28TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H			
SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A			



Road to Cardiff - FA



Swindon have been drawn against Cardiff in the First Round of the FA Cup. The match will take place on Saturday 18th November.

Top Scorers 2000/2001...

DANNY INVINCIBLE	6
ALAN REEVES	4
MARTIN WILLIAMS	2
HOWE, DUKE, ALEXANDER, ROBINSON, GRAZ	1

Top Gates 2000/2001...

BRISTOL ROVERS	8,097
OXFORD UNITED	7,975
COLCHESTER UNITED	7,296
WALSALL	5,492

Last Four Matches...

WYCOMBE W.	4TH NOV	H	D 1-1
CAMBRIDGE UTD	31ST OCT	H	W 3-1
NOTTS CO	28TH OCT	A	L 2-3
MILLWALL	24TH OCT	H	L 0-2

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VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT	COWE	A. WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOLI	ALEXANDER	DAVIS	GRIFFIN	ROBINSON
GRIFFIN	DAVIS	GRAZIOLI	WILLIAMS	COBIAN
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	COWE
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A. WILLIAMS (s/o)	O'HALLORAN	COWE	REEVES	GRAZIOLI
WIGAN	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	REEVES
ROBERTSON	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN
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WALSALL	17	6	3	0	20	8	4	1	3	12	10	14	34
READING	17	7	1	0	29	8	3	1	5	8	13	16	32
WIGAN ATHLETIC	16	6	1	0	11	4	2	6	1	10	8	9	31
ROTHERHAM UTD	17	4	2	3	17	13	5	2	1	10	9	5	31
MILLWALL	15	5	1	2	17	5	4	2	1	15	9	18	30
NORTHAMPTON TN	15	3	2	1	8	5	5	1	3	11	7	7	27
STOKE CITY	15	4	2	1	13	5	3	3	2	11	12	7	26
WYCOMBE WDRS	17	5	1	2	14	7	2	4	3	4	7	4	26
BRISTOL CITY	16	3	2	3	15	9	3	4	1	8	5	9	24
BURY	17	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	4	6	9	-5	24
CAMBRIDGE UTD	16	4	2	3	16	10	2	2	3	8	11	3	22
BRENTFORD	15	4	3	1	10	10	1	4	2	7	12	-5	22
BRISTOL ROVERS	15	0	4	2	5	8	5	2	2	18	9	6	21
WREXHAM	15	2	1	5	7	12	4	2	1	18	15	-2	21
P'BOROUGH UTD	17	4	2	2	11	10	2	1	6	8	13	-4	21
NOTTS CO	17	2	3	3	12	13	4	0	5	6	14	-9	21
PORT VALE	16	3	4	2	14	8	1	1	5	3	14	-5	17
SWANSEA CITY	16	2	3	3	8	8	2	2	4	7	12	-5	17
COLCHESTER UTD	17	3	2	4	9	10	1	3	4	6	11	-6	17
BOURNEMOUTH	17	2	4	3	9	8	1	3	4	14	16	-1	16
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	16	3	2	3	10	10	1	2	5	8	18	-10	16
SWINDON TOWN	16	2	3	3	10	14	2	1	5	6	14	-12	16
LUTON TOWN	16	2	1	5	9	12	0	5	3	8	14	-9	12
OXFORD UNITED	17	1	2	6	5	11	0	0	8	8	27	-25	5

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Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.	LEAGUE APPS	CUP APPS	TOTAL APPS	GOALS ALL COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	16	4	20	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	14(1)	2(1)	16(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	12(1)	3(1)	15(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	-
ADAM WILLIS	5	14	1(1)	15(1)	-
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	5(3)	1	6(3)	-
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	16	4	20	1
BOBBY HOWE	8	8(2)	2	10(2)	1
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(8)	1(3)	5(11)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	12(1)	4	16(1)	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	2	2	4	-
STEVE COWE	14	1(3)	(1)	1(4)	-
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
KIM HEISELBERG	16	1	1	2	-
DANIEL INVINCIBLE	17	14(1)	1(1)	15(2)	6
GARY ALEXANDER	18	8	3	11	1
MARK ROBERTSON	19	3(3)	2(1)	5(4)	1
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	-	-	-	-
GARETH DAVIES	21	-	-	-	-
ALAN REEVES	22	14(1)	4	18(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	(1)	-	(1)	-
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	12	3	15	2
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)	-	(1)	-
IAN WOAN	31	3	-	3	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

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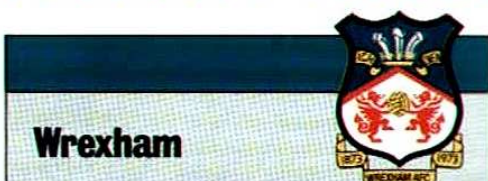
Swindon Town

The Squad

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

The Manager

Andy King



Wrexham

The Squad

1	Kevin Dearden
2	Mark McGregor
3	Phil Hardy
4	Gareth Owen
5	Brian Carey
6	Dave Ridler
7	Martyn Chalk
8	Kevin Russell
9	C. Faulconbridge
10	Duncan Ferguson
11	Wayne Phillips
12	Paul Barrett
14	Robin Gibson
15	Steve Roberts
16	Danny Williams
17	Andy Morrell
18	Hector Sam
19	Carlos Edwards
20	Mick Blackwood
21	Lee Roche
22	Steve Thomas
23	Kevin Hannon
24	Dave Warren
25	Kristian Rogers
26	David Walsh
27	Paul Whitfield
28	Chris Killen
31	Adrian Moody
33	Emad Bouanane

The Manager

Brian Flynn

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Match Officials

Referee

P. S. Danson

Assistant 1

J. N. Cordy

Assistant 2

J. Singh

4th Official

K. Pike

Match Facts...

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Attendance

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