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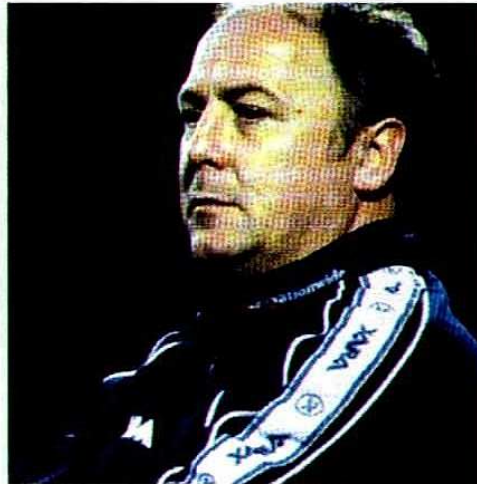
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Seven points from nine is not a bad return, but King says we shouldn't be getting too carried away



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John Hollins' side must win today if they are to stand any chance of staying up this season



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Town's goalscorer last week talks about his brace at Oxford



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## A Warm Welcome:

# Town Far Superior

Being a Swindon Town supporter living in Oxford is not an easy way of life but last weekend I had the pleasure of walking into my local with a smile as wide as the English Channel.

I often have to put up with little jibes about my association with Town but there's no way I could ever think of following the cows - sorry Ox's or U's. Because of my Wiltshire heritage and the fact that I am a Moonraker, Swindon Town will always be part of my sporting background. Last week it was my birthday and my wife, God bless her, managed to outwit me and stage a surprise birthday bash at the local with loads of friends - old and new - turning up, including a couple of 'friends' who unfortunately support the enemy.

One, called 'Trigger' - because of his striking resemblance to the character in the smash TV series Only Fools and Horses - presented me with a piece of Oxford turf and an appropriate card. Pasted to the back was a picture of Bart Griemink and a sign saying 'Dodgy keeper.' The gift was presented in a light-hearted manner and was equally accepted in similar fashion - but it did NOT enter the Rowe household. I deliberately left it outside the pub, fearing it would bring bad luck. Saturday evening it was still outside - but it had begun to wither and die. I think several passing dogs had decided it looked a better bet than a lamp post.

And that just about sums up the plight of that 'other' team I suppose - not that I am one for gloating - oh, well, just this once. The weekend get together was a wonderful occasion in which to push home Town's superiority although I have to say my 'Oxford' chums were magnanimous in defeat saying we were by far the better side. Nonetheless it was a great weekend to be a Town fan living in enemy territory and I hope that the form we have shown over recent weeks continues today as we strive to ensure Division Two football stays



here next season at the County Ground. One other great piece of news this week was the Football League granting us permission to borrow the League Cup from current holders Liverpool for our Sporting Club Dinner here at the club on March 29. The 1969 reunion dinner is going to be a great night out and we have also obtained rare footage from ITV to show. Already manager Danny Williams, Don Rogers, John Trollope, Willie Penman, Joe Butler, Rod Thomas and Frank Burrows have confirmed and the rest of the team is expected to do so in the next few days. Arsenal skipper Frank McLintock is the guest speaker along with a very funny man, Bob 'The Cat' Bevan. If you have yet to purchase your ticket - £35.00 plus VAT - then I would urge you do so quickly as tables are selling fast. Maybe your company would like to take a table of ten. Please, please, please help us ensure this evening is the very best - contact Rob O'Carroll in the Marketing Department on 01793 333718 for bookings and further information.

Finally, a warm Wiltshire welcome today to John Hollins and his Swansea City outfit for another 'six-pointer of a game.' But as I always say, there's only one winner: Come On You Reds!

*Peter Rowe*

**Peter Rowe**  
Chief Executive



# Swindon Shorts

## England U18's v Wales U18's



England Under 18's celebrate

Swindon Town F.C. is playing host to the England v Wales under 18's International match organised by the English Schools Football Association. The game kicks-off at 7pm on Friday 23rd March 2001.

Commercial Manager, Jackie Kent said: "We have already had a mass of enquiries which is very encouraging. We have now made tickets available in advance to enable schools and other youth groups to organise their parties" Tickets are priced at £6 adults, £3 concession and £2 under 16's - Buy 10 tickets and get 2 free. For more information call the ticket office: 01793 333777 or book On-line: [www.swindonfc.co.uk](http://www.swindonfc.co.uk)

## Programme-Tastic!

Programme collectors and fanatics have another two Programme Fairs to attend.

The first, organised by Aldershot Town Supporters Club is to be held on Sunday 11th March in the Families Room under the South Stand. The fair is set to start at 11.00am until 2.00pm and admission is by programme or 30p on the door.

The second is to be held on April 22nd at Evesham United Football Club. The fair will take place in the social club at the Common Road ground and admission is free.

## Town To Launch New R.A.F.T Initiative

Swindon Town will launch a new joint initiative with Wiltshire Police on Saturday, March 17 aimed at combating football hooliganism.

The groundbreaking Robins Against Football Troublemakers (RAFT) will see a unique information sharing

system being set up to identify football troublemakers and exclude them from future games at The County Ground. A press launch will take place at the club at 1pm on Saturday, March 17 with senior officials from both organisations where detailed information about the scheme will be made known.

## Reserves Update

Last week's home game with Gillingham was postponed as a result of the adverse weather conditions and will now be re-arranged. Details of the new date will appear in our next programme (Reading), along with a match report from Town's games against Brentford and Bristol City (Wed 21st March, County Ground - kick-off 2pm).

## Robins Recruitment

Person to assist in cooking meals for Swindon Town Youth Team.

Job Entails:

Preparing a meal for 8 players, shopping and light housework for two hours each weekday afternoon. Anyone interested should call Rob at the Club on 01793 333718.

## Today's Fixtures

Here is a list of today's fixtures in full:

Bury vs Notts Co  
Luton vs Oxford  
Northampton vs Port Vale  
Peterborough vs Walsall  
Rotherham vs Bristol R  
Stoke vs Cambridge  
Swindon vs Swansea  
Wigan vs Bournemouth  
Wrexham vs Reading  
Wycombe vs Oldham

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# "I really wanted the lads to go on and express themselves, show people what we can do and go and win the game by four or five..."

King, pictured here  
against Coventry City

**Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Swansea City.**

It has been another good period of form for us, with two wins and a draw and three clean sheets in the space of two weeks. But we all know how quickly that can change and so we must not get carried away. Today's game is another must win match. Swansea, like us, are hoping that they can still avoid the drop come the end of the season. But we have struggled against sides below us in the league at home and so we must make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Last week we gave our travelling fans something to shout about with a 2-0 win against Oxford United. I think we were worthy winners at the end of the

game, but I was disappointed with the way in which we played in the second half. In the first period we outplayed them. With eleven against eleven we were superb and should have been three up at the break. That was as good a performance I have seen since Wrexham. But in the second period we faced ten men and then nine and we seemed to get very complacent, something that has crept into our game recently and has cost us games.

I really wanted the lads to go on and express themselves, show people what we can do and go and win by four or five. I wanted us to keep possession and take advantage of the extra man, but maybe I was asking too much of them, after all it is sometimes harder to play against a

depleted side (something that Reeves pointed out to me after the game!) But let us not forget the importance of those three points, I cannot take too much away from the lads because we got what we wanted, it continues the run of form we have been having and it bolsters squad confidence.

The squad has done everything I have asked of them in the last two games, but on Saturday there were some phenomenal individual performances. Ian Woan was superb. I often wonder why he is not still playing at a higher level because he is certainly the best midfielder in the division and he gives us that little bit extra and the players around him greater belief. He can affect the rest of the side because they are aware of his quality.





Steve Robinson is another player who affects the game, covering every inch of the pitch, tackling and getting into the box. We had spoken about getting on the score sheet before hand and he goes and scores two, the second a tremendous goal. Along with Hewlett, I believe that you won't find a better midfield in the division. I honestly believe that and that is without even mentioning the youngsters we have coming through.

But if we are talking about improving players then we have to mention Steve Mildenhall again. He had nothing to do all game until the second half and he made three crucial saves. He also had to put up with some disturbing behaviour behind the goal, but he probably

pocketed about £4.80 from that! That incident certainly gave Oxford a bit of impetus, but I think that was the only trouble that happened so all credit to the fans. It was an action packed derby in which both sets of fans played their part.

Dave Kemp, Oxford's manager is a great friend of mine and I knew that his side would come at us. By playing with three up front it caused them problems and alerted my players of my positive intentions. We started the game the livelier of the two sides, with Michael Reddy having an opportunity in the first minute. I don't believe you will find many more teams that will play like that away from home, but on the other hand we spoil it with a poor second half performance. But the

team is growing with confidence and that can only be a good thing as we approach the most crucial stage of the season.

Finally may I wish the directors, management team, players and supporters of Swansea City Football Club a very warm welcome to Wiltshire. They will be hoping to achieve some kind of result in order to kick-start their bid for safety and so we will be up against a very resurgent side. Our support at Oxford was phenomenal and if you can get behind us in a similar fashion today, then we are half-way there to an important home victory.

Enjoy the game.

**Andy King**



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as worn by Steve Mildenhall  
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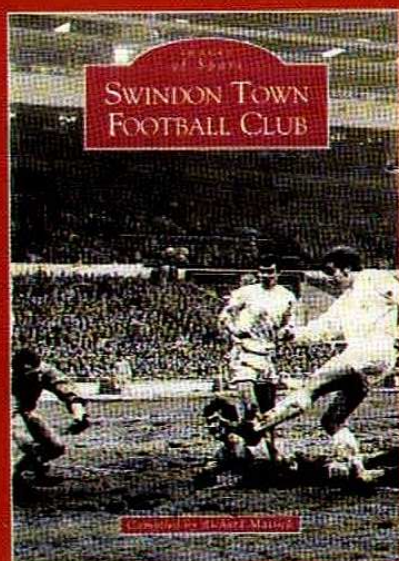
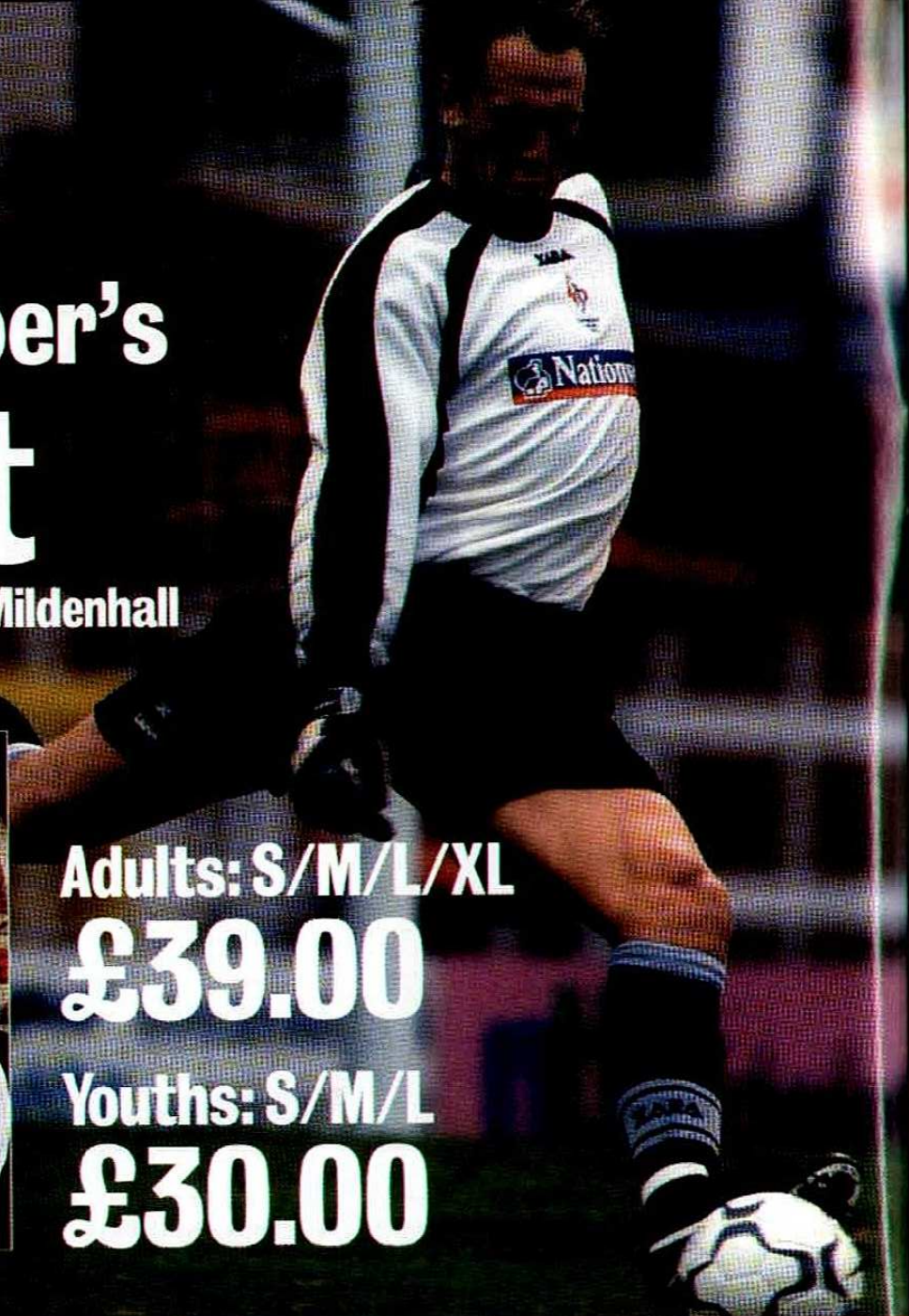


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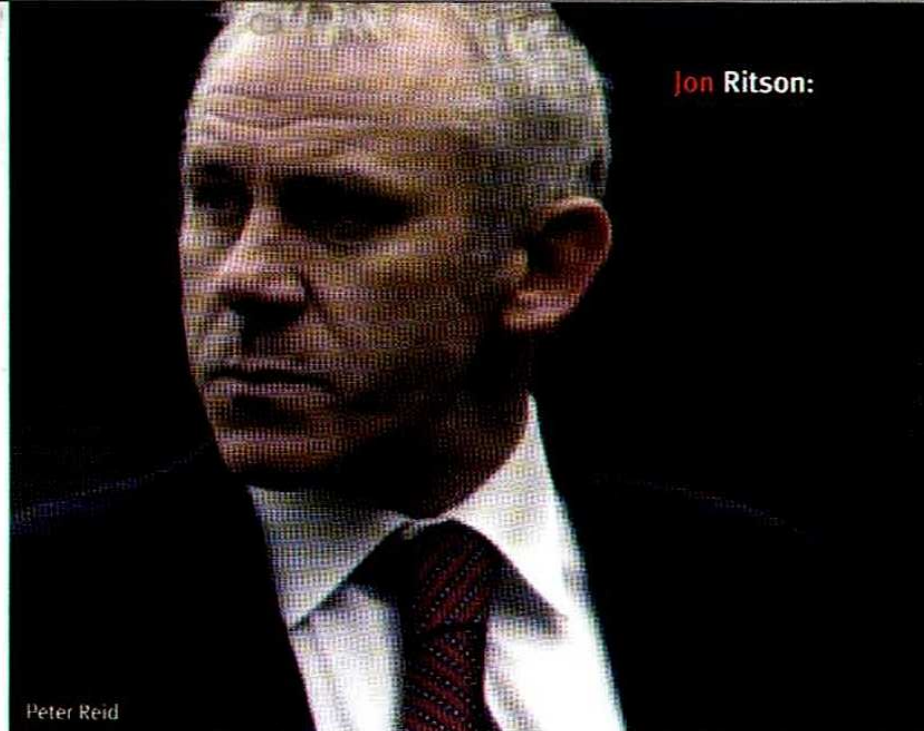
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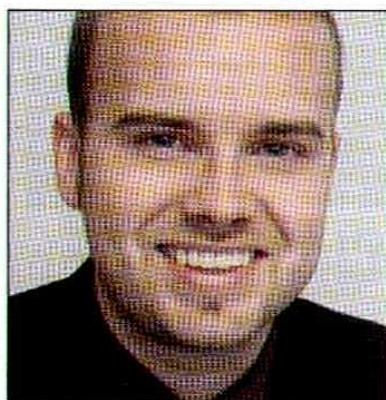
— at the heart of Swindon

I know Comic Relief is almost upon us but I think a few of the Oxford supporters were a little premature in making their donations. How flattering that the loyal fans packed into the London Road end decided to help us out by giving us their unwanted change.



Peter Reid

# Everything to Play For



According to 'Mildy' and a few of the other lads, pound coins were among the loot piling up on the grass. Still, I suppose some people literally have more money than sense. It certainly brings a new meaning to the chant 'what a waste of money.'

Seriously, these fans should be dealt with if identified. If they want to get rid of their money that badly, I am sure there are plenty of worthy causes who'd be happy to have it. Turbo (I will stick with this nickname until he tells me otherwise, because we already have a 'Robbo' at the club) unleashed a couple of absolute screamers to win the game for us. They say you get what you pay for but in his case

£50,000 seems almost insulting. Not that we should be complaining. 'Kinky' has done us proud by unearthing several gems this season. It's just a shame that we can't keep some of them. Perhaps if we keep Michael Reddy long enough, old 'Reidy' will forget all about him.

Why go back to Sunderland anyway? What can they offer him that we can't? The trip to Oxford proved that the players remain utterly committed to providing us with an interesting end to the season. Why bother coasting to victory against nine men. Spectators don't want that sort of thing. A bit of tension adds to the occasion. We all knew the lads would win in the end (phew) but they just wanted to make sure nobody was bored in the last half an hour.

'Kinky' keeps altering the formation for games. We've had 4-4-2, 4-3-3, 3-5-2 and 4-5-1. There are further changes to come. He has rejected Terry Venables' favoured Christmas Tree formation and has hinted at as yet untested 'lump of coal' and 'octopus' formations still to come. Watch this space. A former member of the sports desk at Advertiser Towers is currently taking

great pleasure in sending me emails asking if I would like directions to the Third Division club he covers every week. I pray every night that I will be able to tell him to shove his 'helpful' suggestions at the end of the season. It feels so close. As 'Reevesy' said this week, we are not out of the woods yet.

This afternoon we have a great chance to keep the winning run going by beating Swansea City. The match at the Vetch earlier this season was hardly a classic but we still managed to grind out a draw. With all the other strugglers starting to put runs together as well, it is vital we keep up the momentum. We have to keep believing - both on and off the pitch.

We seem to have a glut of away trips coming up, so I'll see you all again for the home game with Reading on March 27. Should be another cracking local derby. If you can't get to any of the forthcoming games, check out all the action through the Evening Advertiser live feed at [www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk](http://www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk).

**Jon Ritson**  
Evening Advertiser  
Town reporter



# Swansea City Football Club 2000/01



**Back Row:** (left to right) Kristian O'Leary, Matthew Bound, Carl Mounty, Roger Freestone, Jason Jones, Chris Todd, Andrew Mumford.

**Middle Row:** Martin Thomas, Jason Price, Ryan Casey, Johnathan Coates, Damien Lacey, Steve Watkin, Steve Jones, Lee Jenkins, Walter Boyd, Jason Smith, Kristian James.

**Front Row:** Michael Howard, Michael Keegan, Leigh DeVulght, Stuart Roberts, Richard Appleby, Nick Cusack, Tommy Mutton, Gareth Phillips, Danny Barwood, Bari Morgan, Lyndon Gregson.

## The Swans...



By Paul Leyshon

When former Robins favourite Frank Burrows resigned as manager of Swansea in 1995, it signalled a period of eight managerial changes in three years and boardroom upheaval that led to relegation to Division Three.

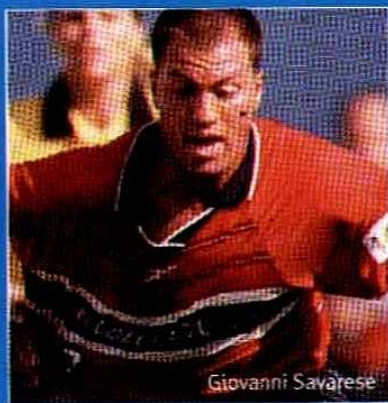
Having battled over four seasons to return to Division Two, it is a case of déjà-vu for the Swansea faithful as the club is once again on the market, and the team are strong favourites for a swift return to the basement division. After John Hollins' young squad lifted the trophy at Rotherham last May, mid-table security seemed easily attainable this term. But, with only 51 goals last season and no cash signing for three years, it is little wonder that they have struggled to adapt. A steady first quarter included victories over Peterborough and

Notts County, and a convincing 4-0 rout of Luton. But Swansea can look to September's 5-1 drubbing at Reading as the catalyst of their downfall. Two victories in twenty-four have followed, along with a long injury list. The most notable being the long-term absence of dependable full-back Steve Jones. The goals of on-loan Venezuelan Giovanni Savarese, and flair of French trio Mathias Verschave, Nicholas Fabiano (both loan) and David Romo, have sparked a recent upturn in form, but a tendency to concede last minute goals has left the Welshmen ten points adrift from safety. Having ground out an eventless draw at the Vetch in October, the Swans hope victory today will ignite a possible Houdini act.



## ClubFACTS...

**Name:** Swansea City  
**Nickname:** The Swans  
**Ground:** Vetch Field  
**Capacity:** 12,000  
**Year Formed:** 1912  
**Highest League Scorer:**  
 Cyril Pearce, 35, 1931-32



Giovanni Savarese

## Quaking In Their Boots?

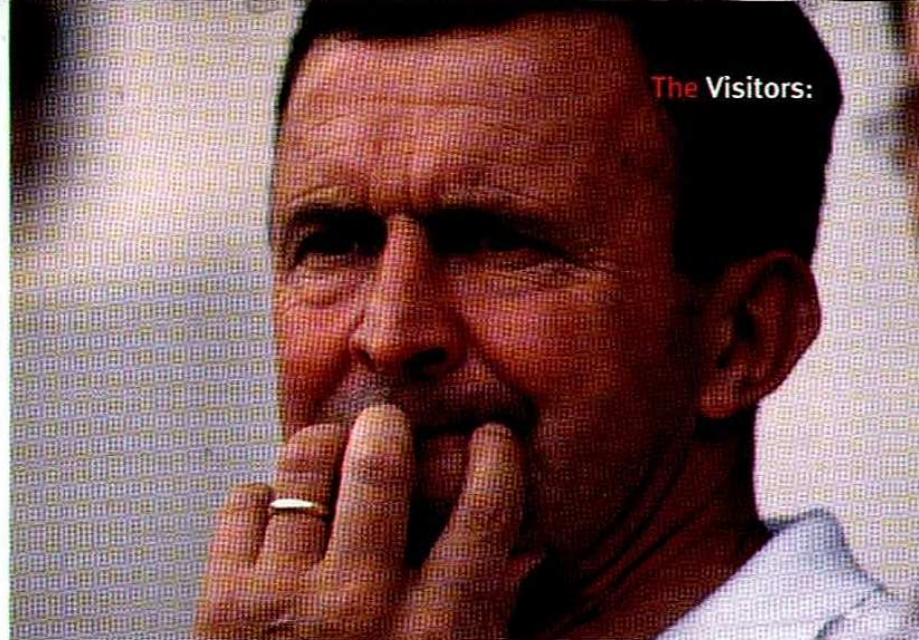
Swansea will be hoping that top marksman Giovanni Savarese will be fit to play some part in today's relegation dogfight at the County Ground.

The Venezuelan International, on loan from San Jose Earthquakes, will be eager to contribute after

having missed the past fortnight with concussion. Savarese has been the success story of the season, having netted 14 league and cup goals since his arrival in October, including a Hat-trick in the away defeat at Luton. His international record of 10 goals in 28 matches underlines his striking pedigree.



John had a distinguished playing career with Chelsea, Arsenal and Queens Park Rangers, making over 900 league appearances.



# Meet John Hollins

Between 1985 and 1988 he was manager of Chelsea, and prior to his appointment at the Vetch Field was assistant manager at Loftus Road.

He made his league debut at 16 years of age with Chelsea, and

prior to joining Arsenal made 592 appearances, scoring 69 goals for the club. Between 1968 and 1970 he made a record 167 consecutive first team appearances for

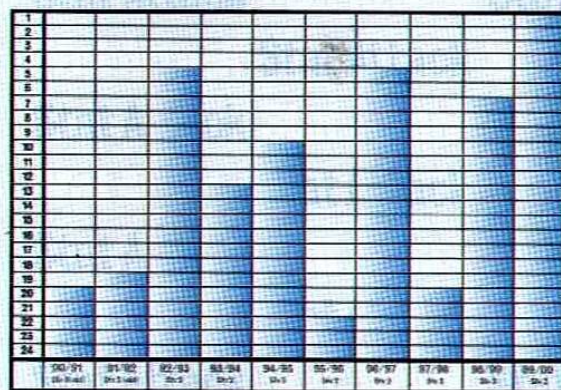
Chelsea. Last season saw John voted Third Division

Manager of the Year following the club's Championship success the previous season.

John had taken 'the Swans' to the semi-final stage of the Third Division Play-Offs, unfortunately going down to Scunthorpe United.

## Club Facts...

### Ten year record...



### The last five meetings...

Swansea City	0-0	Swindon Town (Div 2)	17-10-2000
Swansea City	0-1	Swindon Town (Div 2)	10-02-1996
Swindon Town	3-0	Swansea City (Div 2)	10-01-1996
Swindon Town	0-1	Swansea City (Div 3 old)	14-04-1979
Swansea City	1-2	Swindon Town (Div 3 old)	26-12-1978



## Swansea City...

### Full time results...

Swansea City	12-0	Sliema Wdrs	1982/83	Record win
Swansea City	0-8	Liverpool	1989/90	Record loss

### Club honours...

Division Three	Champions	1999/00
Autoglass Trophy	Winners	1994
Division Three (South)	Champions	1948/49, 1924/25

### Next five fixtures...

Sat Mar 24	Swansea City	vs	Wrexham	H
Sat Mar 31	Swansea City	vs	Bournemouth	H
Tue Apr 3	Colchester	vs	Swansea City	A
Sat Apr 7	Bristol R	vs	Swansea City	A
Sat Apr 10	Swansea City	vs	Wycombe Wdrs	H

### Top goalscorers ...

Savarese	11
Watkin	6
Roberts, Bound	3



# Giovanni Savarese

**Venezuelan International striker who joined the Swans in mid-October until the end of the season.**

He played for his country a week previously against Brazil. His last club was San Jose Earthquakes, and he has also played for New York Metro Stars and New England Revolution in the America Major Soccer League. In three seasons in the MSL, he scored 41 goals. During his playing career he has been capped by his country on 28 occasions, scoring ten goals. Swansea's first nine games saw Giovanni score seven goals, on three occasions two goals a game. Scored a hat-trick in the 5-3 defeat at Luton in late February. Carried off with concussion at Bury in early March, sidelining him for two weeks.



## 1 Roger Freestone



Last season saw Roger keep a club record of 22 clean sheets. His consistency

was rewarded when he made his International debut for Wales against Brazil at the Millennium Stadium. This season will be his tenth following his £45,000 transfer from Chelsea in 1991.

## 2 Steve Jones

Steve is a fearless tackler and a committed, gutsy footballer. Strong in aerial challenges, his attacking skills are also evident as he always makes himself available when pushing forward. A bargain signing since transferring from non-league Cheltenham Town in November 1995.

## 3 Michael Howard

Solid, determined left full back who has made the position his own since joining after a trial period in February 1998 from Tranmere. Over the last two seasons his consistent performances have seen him miss just eleven league matches.

# Steve Watkin

**A fractured cheekbone in the penultimate game last season against Exeter City saw Steve miss the Championship run in at Rotherham United.**

Possessing the ability to hold off defenders and an eye for goal, the hard working striker has displayed consistent form, especially over the

last two seasons under John Hollins. Known for his FA Cup goalscoring achievements at previous club Wrexham, Steve scored a stunner for 'the Swans' last season against Colchester United in the last minute of an FA Cup tie at the Vetch Field. On occasions last term, Steve was also used in a midfield role. Scored a thirty-yard cracker at Rotherham in October, signed a new two-year contract mid-November.







## 4 Nick Cusack



Another player who was nominated last season by his fellow professionals for the Third Division's

representative side. An experienced campaigner, Nick's versatility saw him occupy a role as a striker as well as his normal midfield position last season. Joint top goalscorer with 7 league goals last season.

## 6 Matthew Bound

His consistency during the Swans' Championship winning season last term saw him named in the Third Division representative side. Signed a new contract with the club during the close season. Placed on the standby list for Wales in World Cup Qualifying matches against Norway and Poland.

## 14 Kristian O' Leary

Has the ability to play in midfield or defence. Called into the Welsh Under-21 squad last season, but injuries prevented him from representing his country. Strong tackler, his increased fitness over the last two seasons has made him a vital member of the first team squad.

## 5 Jason Smith



Jason has developed an excellent understanding with Matthew Bound in the middle of

defence. Signed from Tiverton Town for a fee in the region of £10,000, he had previously been on Coventry City's books. A strong competitor in aerial or ground challenges.

## 15 Damien Lacey

Possessing an enormous work-rate in the midfield engine room, Damien is a former trainee at the Vetch Field. Stress fractures to his right heel bone, restricting his ankle movement saw him miss the start of the season. Has kept his place since a reserve appearance against Cardiff's second string.

## 17 Stuart Roberts

Possessing pace and able to deliver good crosses from wide positions, Stuart's injury problems denied him further international honours at Under-21 level for Wales. Regularly used during October/ November on the right or left side of midfield.

## 18 Jason Price



Capable of playing at either right full back or on the right side of midfield, Jason's pace is

always a handful for the opposition. Signed from Aberamman's youth team in May 1995, Jason has been a regular inclusion in the Welsh Under-21 squad over the last two seasons.

## 20 Lee Jenkins

Welsh Under-21 International who, despite being unable to command a regular place in the first team line-up, remains a regular member of the squad. Still only 21 years of age, Lee made his first team debut whilst still a trainee in September 1996. Impressed at left full back when covering for the injured Michael Howard.

## 30 David Romo

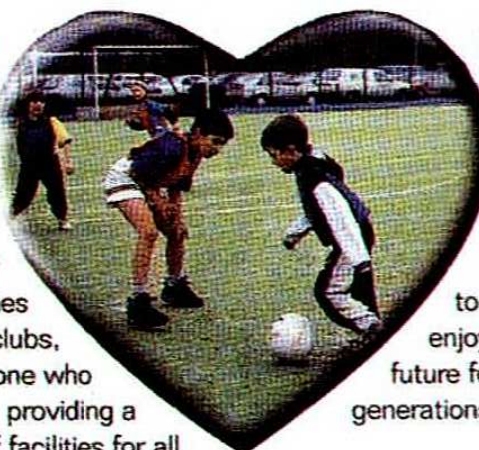
After a week's trial at the end of September, David signed a two year contract for the Swans. The midfielder had impressed John Hollins during his trial period, and joined on a free transfer from French side Guingamp. His clever midfield play will be a useful addition to the Swans' midfield.



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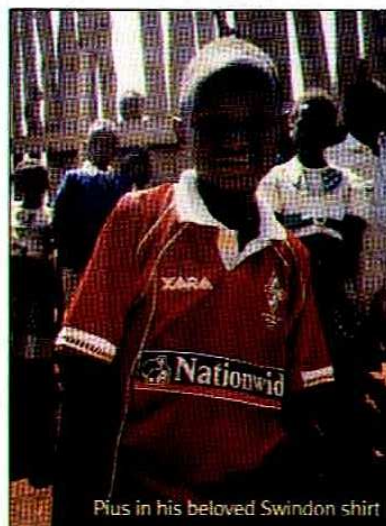


# Swindon & Africa Unite

**Children from Goddard Park Primary School and members of S.T.F.C's Rotary Club have raised funds in aid of preventing a school in Africa from closure.**

The school had been threatened by landlords with eviction, but thankfully they can now afford a permanent plot of land. Everyone involved raised funds in the UK and in the school's twin city, Desai in Kenya and Swindon Town kitted out the school football team. Desai is a community-created school that has no electricity, yet children from the two schools send e-mails to each other with the help of another school in Nairobi.

Martyn Tobin in year five recently received Pius' photograph, also kitted out in Swindon gear (pictured here.) Pius and his friends cannot afford the local state primary, which costs £90 to be admitted. At Desai his parents have



Pius in his beloved Swindon shirt

a huge struggle to put him and his brothers through school at £2 each per month. Their Dad earns £20 a month as a night watchman and most of this goes on rent with a small amount of basic food each day. Education is seen as precious and the family goes

without to place the children in school. Death is always present in the slums and many attending the school are street children who are being looked after following the loss of both parents.

The teachers all live in the slums and receive about £19 per month when enough money is available. With a drought in Kenya the last six months have been particularly hard. The children take the Kenya Certificate in Primary Education (KCPE) and this year children from Desai achieved up to 392 marks (250 marks is a pass) which was higher than the local state primary. Now it has the land the urgency is to raise funds to erect the school building. This will stop the need to pay rent and release funds to pay the teachers properly. We have raised £6000 and the target is £10,500. Let's help Pius so that children in Nairobi and Swindon can work together for a brighter future.

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**Dan Chisholm:**

I'd hate you to think the importance of today's match is lost on me. It's just that I have two Godchildren in Swansea and have spent many a happy hour over the last seventeen years trudging along the seafront in Mumbles, or on the Gower Peninsula.



John Beck

# May the Best Team Win



The beach at Rhossili is the best in Britain and you haven't lived until you've walked across to Worm's Head at low tide, only to realise the tide is coming in and you may have to be rescued!!

I've suffered the nightmare of being an Englishman in a Welsh bar when they've been stuffed at rugby, had my photo taken outside the house

where Dylan Thomas was born and sampled the delights of Laver bread and cockles after a little rockpooling under Mumbles pier. As my friends would say: "Cow-win far-bar-lass!"

I'm glad that young Marcus (who is ten on Tuesday) has been encouraged to follow his local team. Following Manchester United just because so many young children do is not for him. He is a young Swan (not an ugly duckling hahaha) and loves the trip from his Durnant home to the Vetch. The fact that he lives next door to Jimmy Rimmer has nothing to do with his choice of club.

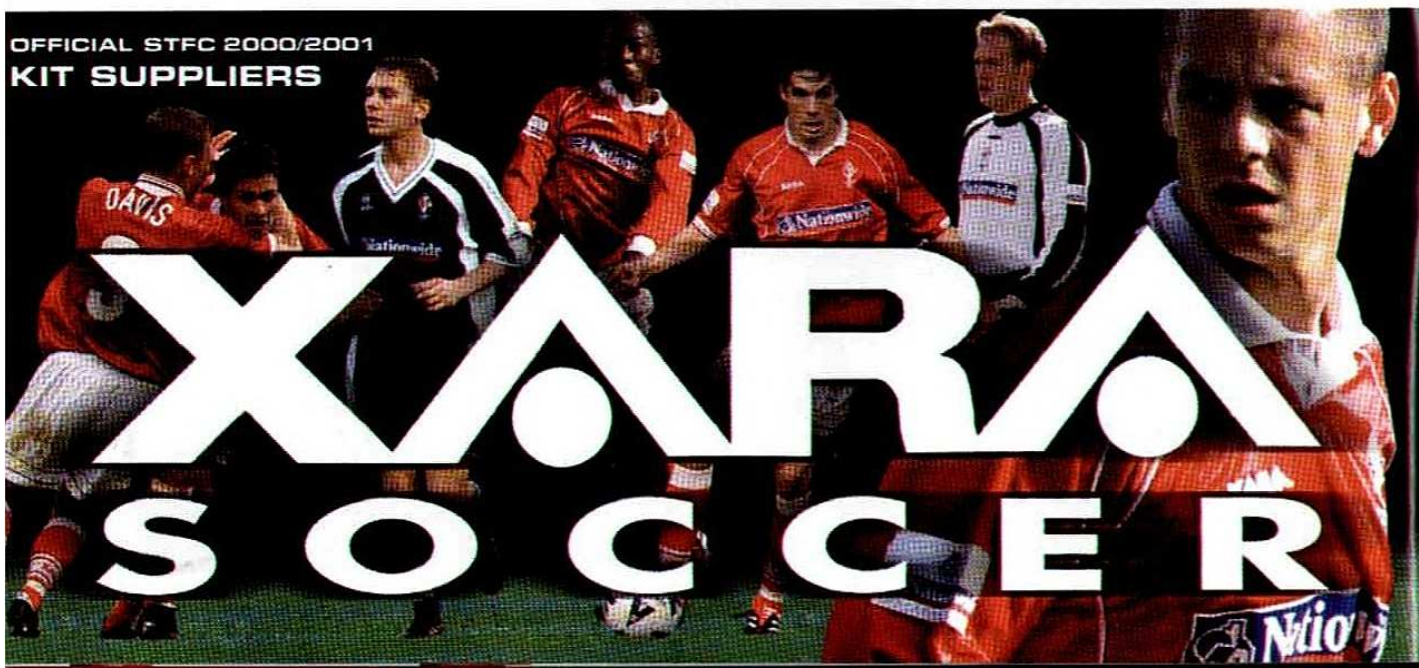
Every Swansea supporter will welcome this fixture. On paper, your money would perhaps be on a

Swindon win, but let's not forget the significance of the game. An away win pulls the Swans closer to Luton and the chance of climbing out of the relegation frame. A home win means the Town could pull even further away from the drop zone. BUT - I think we can say that, with two games in hand on Cambridge, they are in BIG trouble. I fear if John Beck has reinstated the long-ball game, they're on their way down. Bristol Rovers have a couple of games in hand on both of us so, it's far from over.

Today's game will not be for the faint-hearted. Get behind the boys and may the best team win.

**Dan Chisholm**  
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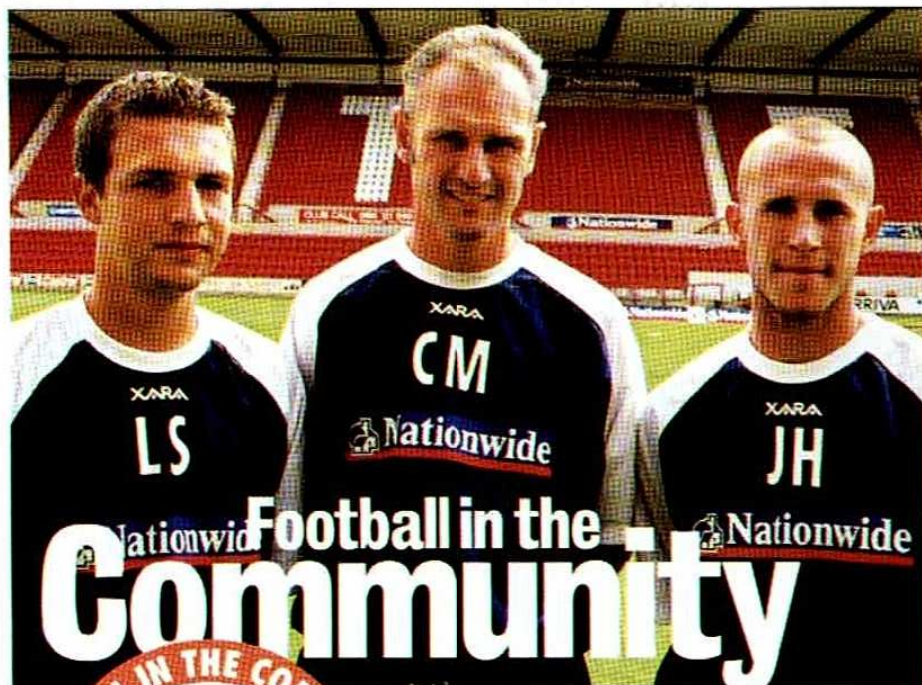
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We are delighted to welcome Durrington Rangers F.C. who visit us as guests of our popular Saturday team club.

Durrington come to a game every year and we would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Potter for all of her hard work in making today's visit possible for her club. Pictured here are the under-9's donning their smart new kit sponsored by Spar. Last week we went to Bristol Rovers' training ground where Chisledon gallantly represented us in the area finals of the Rail Track Play Safe six-a-side competition. The lads found themselves against top quality opposition, but fortunately managed to notch up a 4-0 win against Southampton. In their other group games they lost by the odd goal, but all the boys along with their manager Pete Cook deserve a pat-on-the-back for flying the flag for S.T.F.C. with great pride. Well done lads and let's hope that you do well next year and reach the area finals again. We have received our photos back from

half-term. It was an excellent course with everyone going away with an S.T.F.C. replica ball. A big thank you to Geoff and Marcus, the ground staff, for allowing us to use the pitch for the presentations. We also need to thank the players for their support, especially Ian Woan who did an excellent Q & A session with the children at St. Joseph's school. We are always after coaches to work on our courses, if you would like to attend a UEFA/FA coaching course, then the following courses are available through the Wiltshire FA. For further details contact Adrian Riddiford on 01453 872489.

Signing off!

Clive, Jon & Luke



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Jimmy Fraser

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**H**appy St Patrick's Day to you all and a warm welcome to the County Ground for this afternoon's six-pointer with Swansea, let's hope the luck of the Irish (Keith O'Halloran and Michael Reddy) rubs off on us today.



John Toshack

# To be Sure, to be Sure



**Our visitors from South Wales have had a tough season back in Division Two after winning the Third Division title last term, and added to their poor season has been the form of their rivals Cardiff, who have been bank rolled by Sam Hamman.**

What a change a season makes, last term there was optimism at the Vetch after new owners came in and then the title. Back in the late 1970's Swansea marched up the leagues

under the guidance of John Toshack and topped the old Division One table three times in their magical season of 1981-82, they eventually finished in 6th place. However, they were relegated the next season, and the next season, (not quite as spectacular as Bristol City's demise in a similar period), nevertheless Swans fans' memories of the top flight are obviously better than ours.

Today's game marks my last 'on the mic' here at the County Ground, to say that it has been enjoyable is a massive understatement! Funnily enough it was always something I wanted to do here at the County Ground, from when I was a ball boy back in 1987! No doubt some of you will be pleased that you will no longer have the pleasure of me bursting your eardrums every second Saturday, but rest assured that Stuart Mooooooooooooooooooooo will still be here to announce the goals in the way only he can. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people at the club, firstly Jackie Kent, for letting me achieve

my boyhood dream of spinning the records here, to Andy King, Malcolm Crosby and all the players who have always taken time out to talk to me on my reporting duties for BBC Wiltshire Sound, the gorgeous girls in the office, the Voluptuous Andrea, Lovely Linda and Curvy Carol, Marion and Keith who make the most fantastic tasting tea before the game and at half time, and to James and the staff at HMV in Swindon who kindly supply the tunes.

Let's make a right racket in the County Ground this afternoon, and shout Andy and the boys on for three much-needed points.

Come on YOU REDS!

**Kieran Holden**  
Matchday Announcer

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Steve Mildenhall:

**“...there is no reason, with the league as tight as it is, that we can't look to finish in the middle of the table.”**

**Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground after last week's enthralling derby with Oxford!**

The Manor Ground can be an intimidating place to go at the best of times, but with Oxford scrapping for their lives at the bottom of the table there was an added incentive for both sides. It was definitely an entertaining derby, but one that should have been concluded earlier than in the 93rd minute.

We started the game brightly; with the three up front we looked very dangerous going forward and had several chances to open the scoring. Steve Robinson's goal was superb and we should really have got another one or two before half time because we dominated much of the play. Just before the break Oxford went down to ten men and I think in the second half we expected to go

on and score a few more. The second half was a different story. It is sometimes harder to play against ten men and even when they went down to nine, we really struggled to get our game together. Oxford put players behind the ball and we found it hard to break down, but they also looked very dangerous on the break.

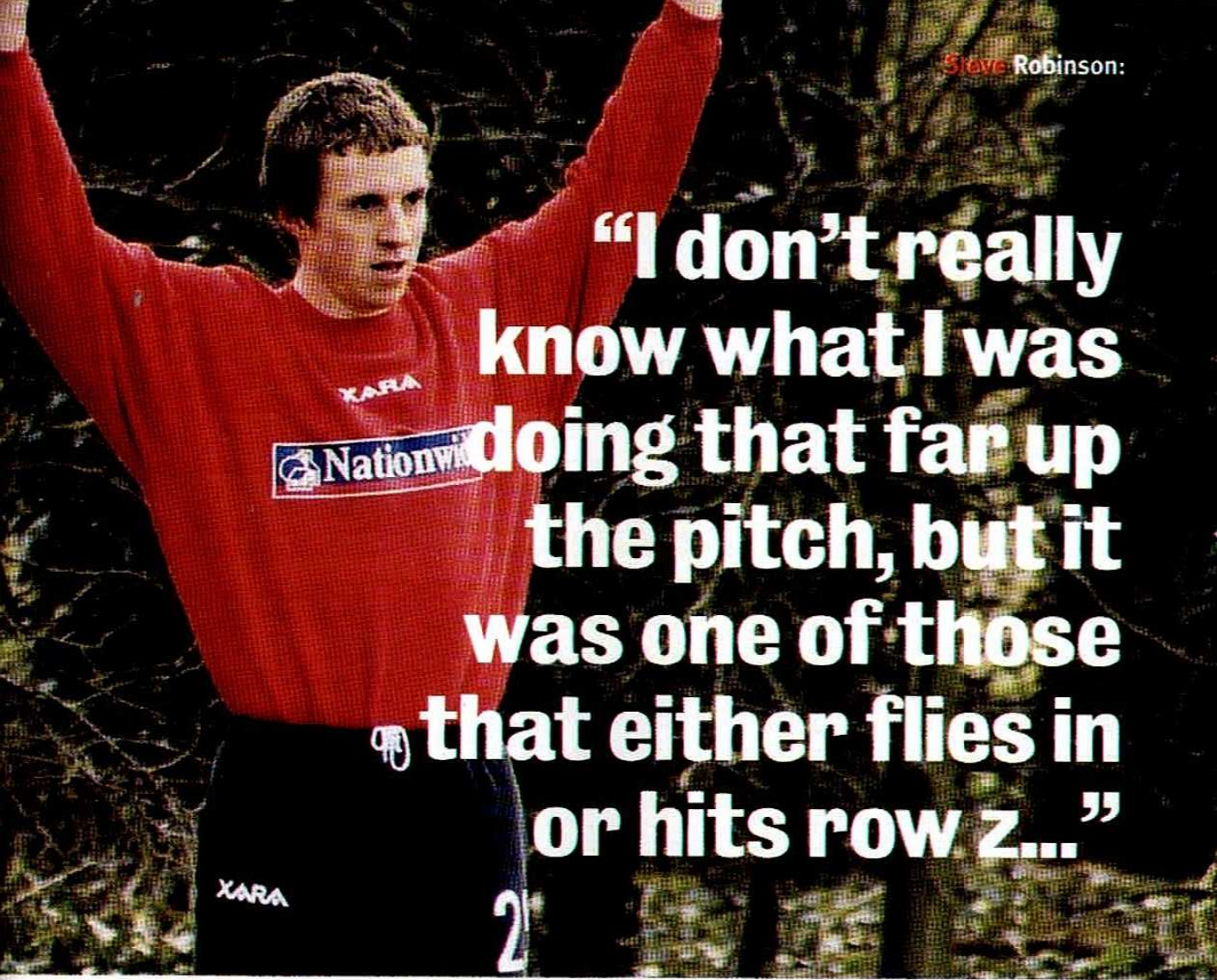
It was a very close game but I think you would have expected that what with it being a derby and with both sides at the wrong end of the table. The atmosphere was superb, although there were a few worrying moments when fans started throwing things at me. I think the referee got hit when they had a corner, but it was nothing too serious.

We have to enter today's game equally as confident as we did last weeks. 'The gaffer' played with three up front and I think that was a sign of

his positive intentions. He made it pretty clear that he didn't want to settle for anything less than three points and we got them. For Oxford, it was probably the only thing that could salvage their season and please their fans. But we handled the situation pretty well and we can now extend this positive run. Not only that, but maybe look to catch up on the sides above us because there is no reason, with the league as tight as it is, that we can't look to finish in the middle of the table.

Today we start a run of three games in which we are really looking to collect points from. Swansea are below us in the league but I am sure that they probably feel that they can salvage their season. We have a good foundation to build on; hopefully we can keep another clean sheet and go on to make it four games unbeaten.





**“I don’t really know what I was doing that far up the pitch, but it was one of those that either flies in or hits row z...”**

**It has been a good couple of weeks for the club with an undefeated run of three, the perfect answer to the defeat against Luton.**

A draw against Wigan (where I didn't feel that we played well at all) and a win in difficult circumstances against Oldham really set us up for the trip to Oxford last Saturday.

This was my first Swindon - Oxford derby and it was very passionate, but we came away with three crucial points. It was weird for me because I am not from around these parts, but all week I had been hearing about how big a game it was! We had to win that game, not only for ourselves and to keep our good run going, but because a few teams at the bottom are starting to put runs together. We started very positively and always looked the more likely to go ahead although I

never thought it would come from me! We had the three lads up front and they caused Oxford all sorts of problems, Michael (Reddy) had a good chance in the first minute and I think Gary (Alexander) hit the post.

I was really happy to get onto the score sheet, the first a low volley, the second another volley after some good work from Danny (Invincible.) I don't really know what I was doing that far up the pitch, but it was one of those that either flies in or hits row z, fortunately for me and the team it went in.

I don't think it was a dirty game, so it was surprising that two players were sent off. The first lad had a kick at me but it wasn't anything too bad and it was perhaps a little harsh to send him off, but Oxford seemed to be spurred on by that and certainly

were by the second one! But for some reason we struggled to play against nine men.

In the first half we were terrific. We knocked the ball around confidently and it was a pleasure to be a part of. Every single player in the side was superb and that is as well as we have played since I have been here.

We didn't play as well in the second period but it is always hard in those situations and we can now look to continue that run today. We won't be getting carried away; we are still near the bottom of the table and are well aware that there is a lot of work to be done before the season is over. But two wins in two and three consecutive clean sheets have certainly put us in good stead.

Enjoy today's game.



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Position: Defender  
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Weight: 12st

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**Ian Woan 31**

Position: Midfielder  
Born: 14/12/67  
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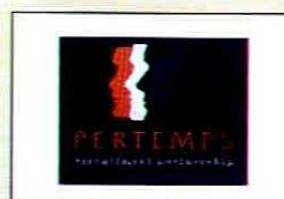
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**"I often wonder why he is not still playing at a higher level because he is certainly the best midfielder in the division."**

How They Saw It:



THE MANOR GROUND

10TH MARCH 2001

OXFORD UNITED 0

SWINDON TOWN 2

S ROBINSON (2)



Town dominated the first half and should have had more to show for their efforts than a one-goal lead. Yet despite all Town's early pressure, David Kemp's side should have taken the lead when Anthrobus missed a close range header.

Eventually the visitors' pressure paid off when Davis put in a cross which was headed clear by Patterson, the ball dropping to Steve Robinson on the edge of the box which was thrashed past Knight. Town's hopes of three points were increased six minutes before the interval when Dean Whitehead was sent off for kicking out at Robinson. In the 63rd minute Alan Reeves caught Phil Gray with his arm and the hostility brewing off the terraces was hardly soothed when the referee only produced a yellow card. Matt Murphy's disgust earned him a second booking, yet being reduced to nine men seemed to stir Oxford to greater efforts. However, Danny Invincible pumped over a cross from the left which Robinson met with the sweetest of volleys at the far post.

oxford united

The first half was enormously disappointing. Anthrobus missed an early chance, glancing his close range header wide.

On 29 minutes, Patterson's headed clearance was returned with interest by Steve Robinson, whose excellent volley from 25 yards beat Knight to his left. The frustration of United's midfield became evident 10 minutes later when Whitehead petulantly kicked out at Robinson earning him a red card. The game was ignited just beyond the hour mark. Phil Gray skipped past Reeves on the right and was blatantly obstructed. This incensed some United players and the referee booked an angry Murphy for the second time. This sparked Oxford into a belated assault on the visitors goal.

Oxford continued to create some pressure but very few clear cut chances. In the time added on, Swindon broke away down the left and substitute Invincible's deep cross was brilliantly volleyed in by Robinson for his second of the game.



## MANAGERS' VIEWS

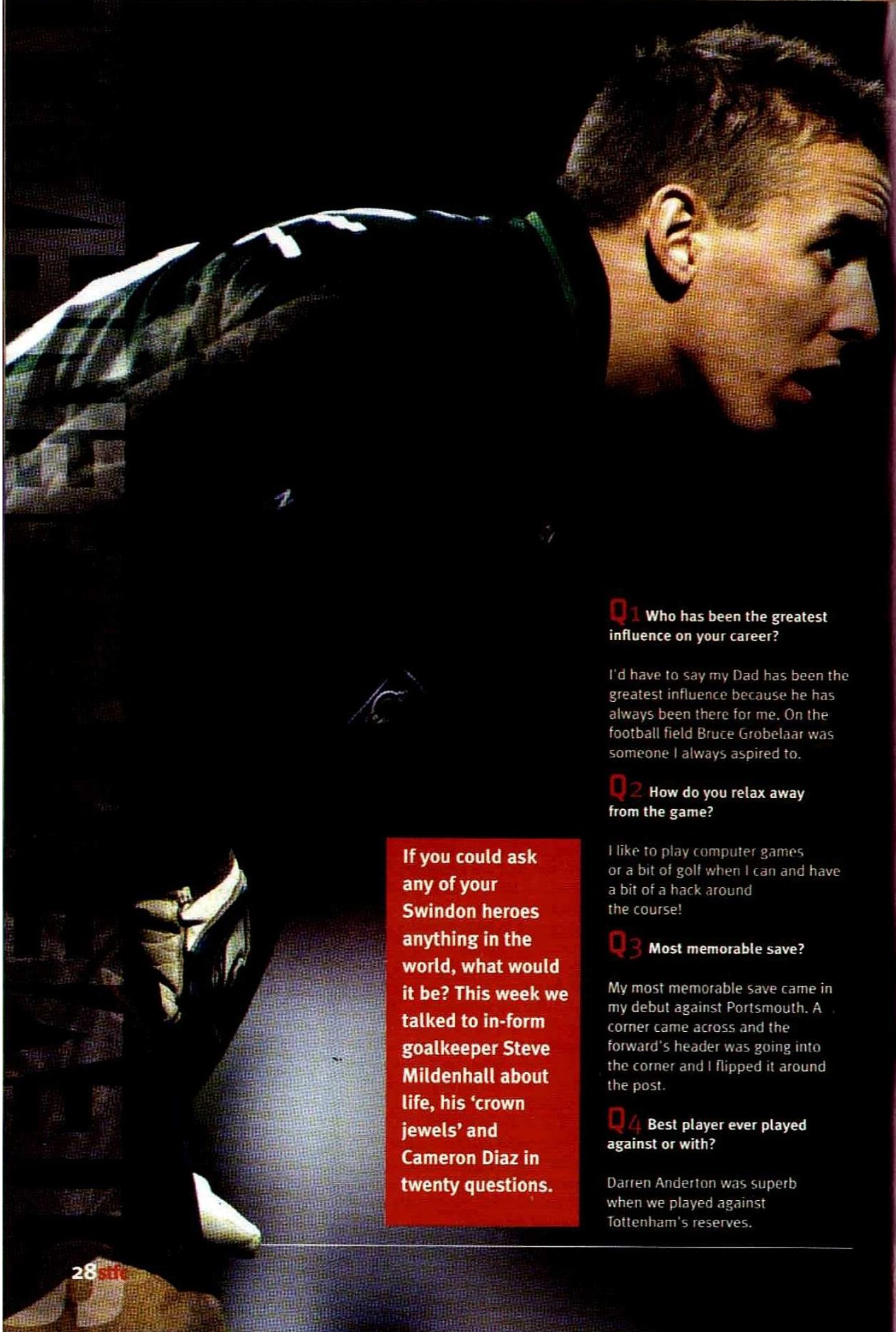
DAVE KEMP

"What can you do when you have two influential players sent off? I don't think many of the players were too happy with Dean Whitehead because from that point we were under a lot of pressure. Nevertheless the nine players worked very hard but we lost to two spectacular goals in the end."

ANDY KING

"The squad has done everything I have asked of them in the last two games, but on Saturday there were some phenomenal individual performances, Ian Wear was superb. I often wonder why he is not still playing at a higher level because he is certainly the best midfielder in the division."





**If you could ask any of your Swindon heroes anything in the world, what would it be? This week we talked to in-form goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall about life, his 'crown jewels' and Cameron Diaz in twenty questions.**

**Q1** Who has been the greatest influence on your career?

I'd have to say my Dad has been the greatest influence because he has always been there for me. On the football field Bruce Grobelaar was someone I always aspired to.

**Q2** How do you relax away from the game?

I like to play computer games or a bit of golf when I can and have a bit of a hack around the course!

**Q3** Most memorable save?

My most memorable save came in my debut against Portsmouth. A corner came across and the forward's header was going into the corner and I flipped it around the post.

**Q4** Best player ever played against or with?

Darren Anderton was superb when we played against Tottenham's reserves.



# 20 QUESTIONS

TO STEVE MILDENHALL

**Q5** Best and worst moments in your footballing career to date?

The best was making my debut, the worst was whilst making my debut, I got kicked in a rather sensitive area!

**Q6** What is the last football match you paid to watch?

That is going back a bit! I think the last game I paid to go and watch was the match in which we beat Leicester 4-3 at Wembley to win promotion to the Premier League under Glenn Hoddle.

**Q7** What is the most bizarre tactic an opposing player has used to put you off your game?

I don't really think any players have used bizarre tactics to put me off, but the behaviour of the Oxford fans was a bit disturbing last week. That's the worst I've experienced.

**Q8** Who is your hero and why?

Bruce Grobelaar. I supported Liverpool as a kid and I always admired him and watched his videos, he was a great goalkeeper.

**Q9** Most embarrassing moment on or off the field?

My most embarrassing moment involved that debut game at Portsmouth again! After the game I inspected 'the damage' having been kicked in the nether regions, when a cameraman decided to focus his attention on me. I think he had to turn away pretty sharpish.

**Q10** What has been your strangest encounter with a football fan?

Apart from last Saturday at Oxford, I can't really think of a strange encounter with a football fan.

**Q11** Any annoying habits of any of the lads you can tell us about?

I could but it would get me into a lot of trouble! There are just too many to mention, but none that I am willing to share!

**Q12** If you weren't a footballer, what would you be?

It is funny really because I have never really thought about anything else. Mind you I did some work experience for an avionics technician once, so something to do with aircraft would be cool, maybe work with British Airways?

**Q13** Your ultimate ambition as a footballer?

The same as anyone, to play at the top for both club and country.

**Q14** If Swindon could sign any player in the world, who would you most like to play alongside?

Rivaldo because he is so talented, some of the things he can do with a football is amazing.

**Q15** Do you have any other hidden talents other than football we should know about?

Ha, Ha, Ha, none that you could print!

**Q16** Favourite sporting moment/memory?

My favourite sporting memory was Swindon's promotion from Division Two under Steve McMahon. I was just starting to train then and it was incredible to be a part of.

**Q17** If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money and why?

I think I would have to move somewhere sunny, maybe an island or instead go to Ireland and just get away from everything.

**Q18** You're on a deserted island and you can take three possessions, what are they and why?

I'd take some music, a crate of Guinness and Cameron Diaz.

**Q19** If you were on 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' and you had to have one of your team mates as your 'phone a friend', who would it be and why?

Mark Robinson, he is the brightest player and seems to know the answer to everything.

**Q20** What would your advice be to any young players hoping to pursue a football career?

Just work as hard as you can. There are many people in the game who have different opinions and just because someone says you are not good enough, doesn't mean that you should give up because they are usually wrong.





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. 24 Glorious Technicolor

It is now very unusual to see a League match programme (in England) that does not have full colour reproduction on every page, but it is only in the last 20 years that such Technicolor coverage has spread.

The first full colour to be seen on programmes was at Wembley Stadium. The first match there, the 1923 FA Cup final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United, sported a full colour cover, albeit in design only and not in photography. For a number of years Wembley persisted with this style for Cup Finals and England v Scotland matches, the full colour sketches of the stadium, players and match action making up what they lacked in art appreciation.

The 1930's saw full colour abandoned by Wembley replaced by mono, or two-tone designs, some of them in the art deco style of the period. Sketches of the stadium and match action re-appeared after the war, but the coloration was, at most,

three colour - usually a green background with blue and red detail, along with black print. One or two clubs came close to full colour, also featuring three colours in their cover designs. Wolves were notable in this respect, with their old gold complemented by the other colours of the club crest.

Full colour photographs first appeared in club programmes in the late 1960's, initially as inserts (at West Ham) and then included on a four page spread which was obviously printed separately from the rest of the monotone issue. The major clubs, with their huge print runs, were at the forefront of this development - notably Chelsea and Arsenal.

In the 1970's, full colour was still in its infancy, although most clubs had incorporated a number of colours in their front page design and occasionally throughout the issue. Initially, colour was confined to the front page photograph. A national advertiser was invariably on the

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same sheet (i.e. on the back page) thereby assisting with the considerable extra cost. The Scots were slow to embrace full colour in their club programmes, and indeed the honour of the first in that country fell to lowly Albion Rovers in the late 1970s, albeit the cover design and background stadium scene were of little artistic merit. Today, we take full colour photography and design very much for granted, and indeed developments in recent seasons have seen laminated card covers, and (notably with Sheffield Wednesday) partially laminated cover designs which add to the aesthetic quality and attraction of those splendid productions.





# Frank Burrows

**With Swindon's Sporting Club Dinner just twelve days away we take a look at one of Town's heroes of '69, Frank Burrows.**

Now at West Bromwich Albion as Assistant Manager to Gary Megson, Burrows previously played an integral part in the cup winning side of '69.

The Scotsman began his footballing career with the now defunct Third Lanark, but joined Danny Williams' side during pre-season in 1968/69, replacing Mel Nurse. Alongside John Smith, signed at the same time, Burrows became a regular member of the side contributing greatly. Together they set a defensive record of games without conceding a goal. As a player, Burrows was commanding in the air, determined and had a unique understanding of the game, an attribute that would later stand him in good stead as a coach and manager.

In the season of 1975/76, such was the disastrous state of the club on and off the field (with the new stand eating away at ailing gate receipts), Burrows was called in after a crisis meeting to take over first team training. Fortunately for him and the club, a 1-0 win at Aldershot on the last day of the term was enough to ensure Division Three safety for another season. Unfortunately this was not enough to secure him a managerial position at the club and he subsequently moved to Pompey's Fratton Park in 1979, a year after having left the County Ground.

At Portsmouth, Burrows took charge for three years winning an impressive 61 games in 138 earning them promotion. His glorious managerial career continued at Cardiff in another three year stint with 54 wins in 64, a run that also earned the Bluebirds promotion. A second, yet less successful spell at Portsmouth meant a swift move back

to Wales, this time to take charge of today's visitors Swansea City. Burrows was at the Vetch for three years in which he won just 85 games from 230, a run of form that would see him return to Ninian Park, the home of arch-rivals Cardiff. Two years and one relegation later and it was off to the Hawthorns where he now earns his trade as assistant to Gary Megson. It would seem that his earlier success has now found him again, with the Baggies flirting with promotion to the country's top flight.



Frank Burrows at Wembley



# Humphreys Blow For Beck

Division Two strugglers Cambridge have been dealt a massive blow with the news that new striker Richie Humphreys could be out for the rest of the season.

The former Sheffield Wednesday striker could only last ten minutes in the U's 1-0 defeat at Luton and it is believed that he has fractured a bone in his ankle having fallen awkwardly when shooting. United boss John Beck said: "We are fearing the worst."

"The physiotherapist thinks it could be a fracture of a bone in his ankle. If it is, he won't be available from now until the end of the season."

"The boy couldn't drive home and had to stay in a hotel locally, he's going for an x-ray and then we'll know exactly what's happened." Humphreys will be sorely missed as the club attempts to avoid relegation.



Richie Humphreys

Mark McKeever



## McKeever Given Nod by Pirates

Struggling Bristol Rovers have been given the go ahead to sign loan star Mark McKeever in a permanent deal.

The Sheffield Wednesday winger has revealed that the Division One side has given him permission to seek a switch to the Pirates after the sides agreed an undisclosed transfer fee

earlier in the week. Speaking after Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat by Northampton Town he said: "This was my last game on loan but I have been told that Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday have agreed a fee for me. I don't think there will be any problem and I hope to be in the squad for Saturday. I would love to stay here."

## Garner Gutted After Leg Break

Rotherham has suffered a huge blow to their promotion aspirations following Darren Garner's leg break against Reading.

The Millers' key midfielder suffered a break in two places and he was carried off after just 15 minutes. Manager Ronnie Moore admitted that his side now face an uphill battle to finish in the top two of the division: "The ball was headed down in the penalty area and Darren went to shoot. His follow through hit the underside of James Harper's studs. Darren's bitterly disappointed and frustrated. It is a massive blow for us because he has been brilliant this season in an unfamiliar position - tucked in on the right side of midfield. We haven't got anyone else who can do that job."



Darren Garner





Lee Mansell

## Hatters Mad For Mansell

**Luton youngster Lee Mansell is set to sign a professional contract.**

The promising striker, who scored at the County Ground in Luton's 3-1 win, is set to be rewarded with the contract by Joe Kinnear. The 18-year-old YTS trainee has set Kenilworth Road alight since his rise from the youth team, scoring three goals in six appearances. Said Kinnear: "I had a long chat about his future and it is clear he is committed to the club. He is still on a YTS contract with a year left but I am looking to sit down with his parents and offer him professional terms on a longer basis."

## Millen Misery as Wilson Turns to Calderwood

**Bristol City will be without defender Keith Millen for the rest of the season after he underwent a knee operation.**

The 34-year old defender announced that he was going to delay the surgery to avoid missing out on the Robins' push for promotion, but he could not delay it any longer. Keith has been playing well despite the injury but does not want to do injustice to himself by carrying on. Manger Danny Wilson said: "I don't know how much pain he has been in or how long the injury has been bothering him, but it is something that has caught up with him. Even if his fitness held up, it was not fair to expect him to be in the right state of mind to play as well," Wilson added. Wilson is now on the look out for a replacement and former Town hero Colin Calderwood has been one of the names mentioned. Wilson admitted: "I've spent last week on the phone without success and I'll be making more calls this week."



Colin Calderwood

## Lawrence Latest

**Giant defender Denis Lawrence finally joined Wrexham last week.**

The defender joins fellow Trinidad and Tobago's Carlos Edwards and Hector Sam at the Racecourse Ground. The 6ft 7ins centre half went straight into the starting line-up for last Tuesday night's clash with Oxford after completing a deal believed to be worth £100,000. Boss Brian Flynn said: "Denis sees his footballing future here and we are absolutely delighted with that. His signing is another step forward and another positive move by the club."



John Beck

## Third Time Lucky For Fleming

**Cambridge boss John Beck has made his first signing as U's boss by recruiting Plymouth midfielder Terry Fleming.**

This is the third time that Beck has signed the 28-year-old, the first while he was in charge at Preston and the second for Lincoln. Fleming was part of Beck's promotion-winning side at Lincoln and captained the team in the following season. He joins on a free transfer and has signed a contract to the end of the 2002/03 season.

"I think the fact that I have now signed him three times says an awful lot about him," said Beck.



# FanScene

## Show Yer Colours and Mascots!



## Today's Lucky Town Mascots are...

**James Lane** is the first of two mascots this afternoon. 23 years of age, James is here today as a result of his brother buying a package in an auction in Uffington. James is an avid Swindon fan and currently resides at Durham University. He has a degree in Mandarin and is currently undertaking a Masters in Management having already spent six months teaching English in Russia.

Anchor's New Zealand Milk mascot, **Christopher Wallace** is aged twelve. Christopher attends Wootton Bassett's Comprehensive School and is Liverpool fan. He is also into Go-Karting, Basketball, computers, junior golf and Pokemon. His favourite player is Michael Owen. Christopher is accompanied by his Mum, Dad John and sister Jennifer, a warm welcome to all of you this afternoon.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Steve Penfold from Wyvern Staff who is 21 today! Steve, pictured here as a mascot for the Town several years ago is repeating the process today as he celebrates his birthday in the hospitality suite. Happy Birthday from everyone at Wyvern and Swindon Town Football Club Steve.

### Come on Ref! - Answers

1. No. The referee would award an indirect free-kick where the offence took place. 2. With an indirect free-kick. 3. With a penalty kick. 4. Yes, but the referee will only penalise deliberate handling of the ball. 5. 6.

## Town Traveller



Here is the second installment in Swindon fan, Simon White's travels. This latest chapter comes from Pushkar in Rajasthan. This week's picture is of Simon at the Taj Mahal in Asra taken earlier in the year in February. The photo was taken at the back of the Taj Mahal on the other side of the Yasmuna River, near the excavated ruins of the foundations for a black replica Taj. The replica was started by Shah Jahan but was never completed due to the cost and imprisonment of his son Arrangzeb.

## Happy 17th B'day

Happy 17th birthday to Amy Mathieson from Mum, Dad, Dale and all at Non-Stop Promotions in the Lou Macarie suite.



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## Come On Ref!

Here's the second of the two-part quiz sent in us by Derek Bray, the National Co-ordinator for Instructor Training of the FA.

1. Can a goalkeeper collect the ball in his hands when it has been deliberately kicked to him by his own team mate.
2. How does a referee restart the game after penalising a player for dangerous play?
3. If a defending player attempts to trip an opponent in his own penalty area, how will the referee restart the game?
4. If a goalkeeper in the opponents area, deliberately handles the ball, will he be penalised?
5. For how many seconds may a goalkeeper keep possession of the ball in his hands?



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# Town Top the League

**A win and a defeat but the Town Ladies have kept top spot in the South West Combination League.**

The Town travelled to Clevedon and a disappointing performance resulted in 3-1 defeat. Clevedon went ahead midway through the first half but within a minute Leanne Taylor had put the Town level. The home side regained the lead just before the break. The Town had a better second half but a late strike ensured that the Town returned empty handed. The next game was also away with a tough trip to face Cheltenham Town, who had only lost one league game all season. Georgia Alcock headed in Pam Ashman's free kick to give the Town the lead in the 3rd minute and Angie Tinson added a second four minutes later when she turned in Holly Ashman's cross. Leanne Taylor got a third on the half hour.

Cheltenham did pull a goal back in the second half but could not prevent the Town from taking all three points. The Town's reserves had a very successful trip to face table-topping Berkshire Sports and recorded a 4-0 win. The Town's goal scorers were Laura Morgan (2), Angie Tinson and Michelle Rich. Tomorrow the Town entertain Bristol City in the South West Combination League. When the two sides met on the first day of the season they shared six goals. This game will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick off at 2.00pm. The Town reserves are away and play Portsmouth's second string in the Southern Region League.

Roger Reeves

## South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
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
5th	Nov	Wimborne Town FA Cup 1	9-0
12th	Nov	Southampton FA Cup 2	3-0
19th	Nov	Denham United	9-3
26th	Nov	Reading	6-1
3rd	Dec	Denham United	2-1
7th	Jan	Stowmarket Town FA Cup	2-1
14th	Jan	Enfield FA Cup 4	1-2 (aet)
11th	Feb	Oxford United	5-0
18th	Feb	Reading	6-1
25th	Feb	Oxford United	7-0
4th	Mar	Clevedon Town	1-3
11th	Mar	Cheltenham Town	3-1
18th	Mar	Bristol City	H
15th	Mar	Saltash Pilgrims	A
13th	Apr	Yeovil Town	A
15th	Apr	Portsmouth	A

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Home: Portsmouth, Southampton & Cheltenham  
Away: Bristol Rovers

Sarah Moore plays for Wiltshire School and joined the Town six weeks ago. She has already played four games with the Town's second team.





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# Matches From Memory

By Dick Mattick



**On Boxing Day 1988 nearly 17,000 crammed in to Vetch Field to see the clash between two of the promotion contenders.**

**The Robins had plenty of support with the club having chartered a 600-seat train, while many others had come to the ground in cars and coaches.**

Swansea included no less than four ex-Liverpool men, perhaps most notably Tommy Smith the England International, but otherwise included many home grown players which were a testament to their scouting and youth policies. There was plenty of good football in the opening stages but the finishing did not match the quality of the approach play and both sides squandered chances. When Swansea did get the ball in the net it was ruled out for offside.

Swansea had lost their previous match and a lack of confidence seemed to show in their play. Swindon on the other hand had a run of six consecutive wins behind them and this showed in the relaxed manner of their play. Ray McHale was particularly prominent breaking up attacks for his won. It was no surprise therefore when a minute from half time Town took the lead. Wyndham Evans failed to clear and Chic Bates was on hand to smash the ball in from close range.

Six minutes into the second half the visitors increased their lead. McHale played the ball into the path of the advancing Paul Gilchrist who ran through to score. Swansea were

increasingly relying on playing high balls to their big strike force of Alan Waddle and John Toshack. This proved successful on the hour when Toshack headed home to set up a thrilling final half-hour. That Swindon survived this period was largely due to a powerful display by Steve Aizelwood who dominated the big Swansea strikers while Ken Stroud tidied up loose balls on the ground.

**“Swindon... had a run of six consecutive wins behind them and this showed in the relaxed manner of their play.”**

Aizelwood's performance was even more creditable in that he played part of the match with a broken nose. Despite this handicap, Swindon's defence which had conceded only two goals in seven matches hung on for a well-deserved victory.

The match ended with Swindon just two points behind Swansea with two games in hand. With a new identity card system addressing the problem of hooliganism and the installation of a new floodlighting system things



were certainly looking brighter for Swindon Town. Sadly, for Swindon supporters, although they enjoyed a good season finishing in fifth position with 57 points it was Swansea who gained promotion clinching the third promotion spot alongside Shrewsbury and Watford. It was to be the beginning of a rise to the big time, which would see Swansea pay a brief visit to the top Division and which accounts for the somewhat lopsided nature of the Vetch Field, with one corner looking ready for Premiership football, while the rest retains the more homely air of an earlier age.

**Swindon Town:** Ogden, McLaughlin, Aizelwood, Stroud, Ford, Kamara, McHale, Carter, Miller, Bates, Gilchrist. Sub: Williams

**Swansea:** Crudgington, Evans, Smith, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Toshack, James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan. Sub: Bartley.

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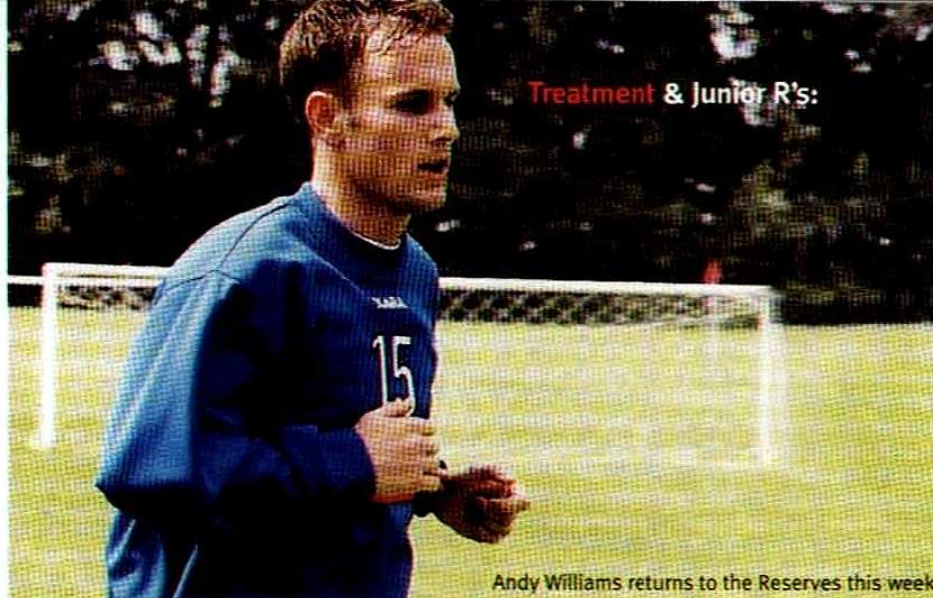
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with Dick Mackey



Treatment & Junior R's:

Andy Williams returns to the Reserves this week

# Williams Returns in Reserves

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground. The last week has been quite positive, the highlight being the return of Andy Williams to the Reserves on Wednesday night against Brentford.

Andy Williams trained last Tuesday and so was given a brief run-out at Griffin Park. It is great for him and the club to see him return to action.

David Duke has joined us in the treatment room in the last week. He has damaged his medial knee ligaments but it is not too serious. This week he was running in straight

lines, the medial ligament restricting him from turning and changing direction. He is coming along nicely and so he should not be out for too long.

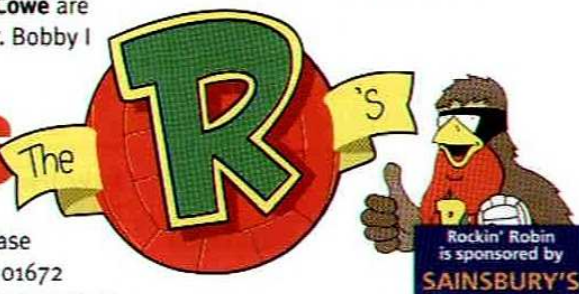
It was also pleasing to see Ian Woan and Sol Davis come through Saturday's game without reaction. I expected Ian to play about 60 minutes against Oxford, but he did extremely well and completed the game. He said that he was tired but we expected that, but there was no reaction to his thigh strain.

Bobby Howe and Steve Cowe are soon to be out of plaster. Bobby I

would expect to have his cast removed this Thursday, Steve Cowe a couple of days later. James Williams has joined us with a groin strain and we are still monitoring the progress of Alan Young. He went to see a specialist last Tuesday and unfortunately he is making slow progress. He had a very nasty ankle sprain and we have to make sure that he is absolutely spot on before he returns. We will be making some decisions this week on his progress.

Until next time, enjoy the game.

## Junior Robins



A warm welcome today to all Junior Robins.

We would like to go out with a bang at the end of the season at Stoke City. Their Juniors have invited us up early to play in a pre-match game.

They will provide lunch for everyone who turns up, including Mums, Dads and Grandads etc., so it should be a really great day. Let's have a concerted effort on this one and once again, for all you supporters who have not yet joined up with us - GET CRACKING!

For more information please contact either George on 01672 520679, or Richard on 01993 703110.

The listed matches below are still on:

**Bristol Rvrs** March 24th 2001  
**Millwall** April 14th 2001  
**Stoke City** May 5th 2001

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, then we will do our best to put them on the page.

Finally, Please support the bar staff now known as the 'Winnerettes'. They will be dancing at half-time with the Robinettes on the 27th March (Reading) to raise money for a new electronic wheelchair for Connor who's Mum works in the Winner's Lounge. So come on, let's do our bit and see what we can do to help Connor be more mobile.



# Dodgy Goals

Supporters all over the nation will feel aggrieved at some stage of the season as a result of a 'dodgy goal'. They are usually the result of a controversial refereeing decision such as the one surrounding Raul's goal two week's ago. We look at five of the best.

## 5 Raul Real Madrid

The Spanish striker scored a goal for Real against Leeds United 12 days ago in a European Champions' League tie that left everyone who witnessed it, and those that have seen it since on TV replays, in utter astonishment - everyone that is except the referee.

Luis Figo had crossed the ball into the Leeds box and Raul blatantly replicated Maradona's 'Hand of God' manoeuvre of 1986 by rising and punching the ball into the net! Furious protests were ignored and the goal stood. At half-time several Leeds' players, including 'keeper Nigel Martyn and Lucas Radebe, again remonstrated vociferously with referee Ryszard Wojcik, but to no avail. Raul's puncher - sorry, header - proved decisive as Real won the tie 3-2. In all fairness to the referee, he visited the Leeds changing room after the match, having seen a video

replay, and apologised wholeheartedly to the entire Leeds contingent for his error. The recording is to be assessed by UEFA and Raul is nervously expecting the retribution for his action.

## 4 Peter McParland Aston Villa

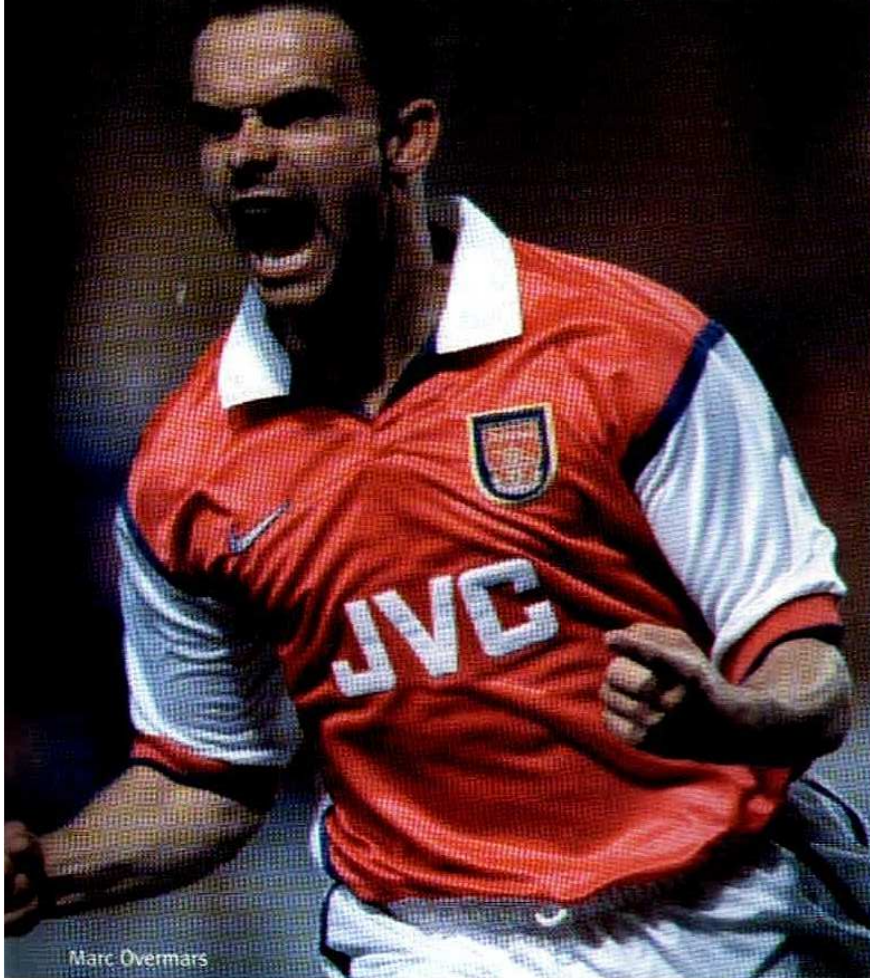
McParland scored two 'dodgy' goals in Villa's FA Cup Final victory of 1957.

Earlier in the game he had clattered into Manchester United's 'keeper Ray

Wood so violently that the unfortunate last line of United's defence was carried off dazed, with a fractured cheekbone and blood pouring from his head. In those days a goalkeeper with the ball in his hands was fair game and McParland was not cautioned, or reprimanded in any way, for what would be deemed today a heinous, sending-off act of foul play. Wood did return to the field later but he wandered around, badly concussed, on the wing whilst centre half Jackie Blanchflower deputised for him between the sticks. McParland put both his goals past the hapless central defender as Villa went on to a 2-1 victory - those were the days!







Marc Overmars

### 3 Marc Overmars Arsenal

The fifth round FA Cup tie between Sheffield United and Arsenal in 1999 was the scene of utter uproar after the home side had kicked the ball into touch to allow an injured player to receive treatment.

Arsenal's Ray Parlour took the re-start throw in and, in a gesture of sportsmanship, propelled the ball towards the Blades' goal line. But, horror of horrors, the ball fell to the feet of Arsenal's newly-arrived Nigerian import Nwanko Kanu who, instead of letting the ball roll over for a goal-kick, passed it to Overmars who tapped the ball into Sheffield's goal. Pandemonium erupted, the United players, and manager Steve Bruce went ballistic, accusing the Gunners of cheating but, after the game - which Arsenal went on to win - Arsene Wenger bowed to the pressure and graciously agreed to a replay, which Arsenal also went on to win!

### 2 Sir Geoff Hurst England

A big man made for the big occasions. Strong and deceptively fast, Geoff Hurst made history by becoming the first, and only, player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

That was achieved, of course, at Wembley in July 1966 in England's 4-2 thrashing of West Germany. Almost 40 years later the validity of his second goal in that game is still embroiled in controversy. His fiercely-struck left foot shot hit the underside of the cross-bar and rebounded directly downwards. 'Over the line' claimed England, 'in front of the line' retorted the Germans and the referee, thankfully, judged in favour of the home team. The film of the incident is often shown and analysed in great depth, but is wholly inconclusive. It was the turning point of the game and England went on from there to earn a thoroughly deserved victory.



1, Hurst turns and gives himself a shooting opportunity...



2, His effort beats the 'keeper and crashes against the crossbar...



3, His shot bounces just over the line...



4, Hurst celebrates as the German players complain.



# 1

**Diego Maradona**  
Argentina

**An immensely gifted player, Maradona's second strike against England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final tie in Mexico City is hailed as one of the greatest individual goals ever scored.**

However, his first in that match was scored with his hand in an obvious - to everyone with the sole exception of the referee - and blatant act of professional cheating. In a post-match interview he denied the offense and referred to it as the intervention of 'The Hand of God'. His subsequent decline into the sordid scenario of drug addiction and abuse led to two world-wide playing bans and is regarded by many English fans as retribution for his outrageous cynicism and ruthless flouting of the laws of the 'beautiful game'.

FIFA have gone on record since to defend the "most brazen piece of gamesmanship" to be seen in the World Cup Finals. In the July 1986 Issue of 'FIFA News', the official publication of World Football's governing body, an article exclaims that "Diego Maradona's football in Mexico was honest." Maradona's 'honesty' will be talked about for years to come.



1, There appears to be no danger as Fenwick shepherds the ball...



2, A lofted clearance puts Shilton under pressure...



3, Few give Maradona the chance of beating Shilton in the air...



4, So he uses his hand in order to 'reach' the ball first...



5, Shilton is beaten and millions watch to see where the ball lands...



6, Maradona's 'Hand of God' bounces towards the goal...



7, He watches as the ball trickles in, much to England's dismay...



8, Maradona and Argentina go on to win the World Cup Final.

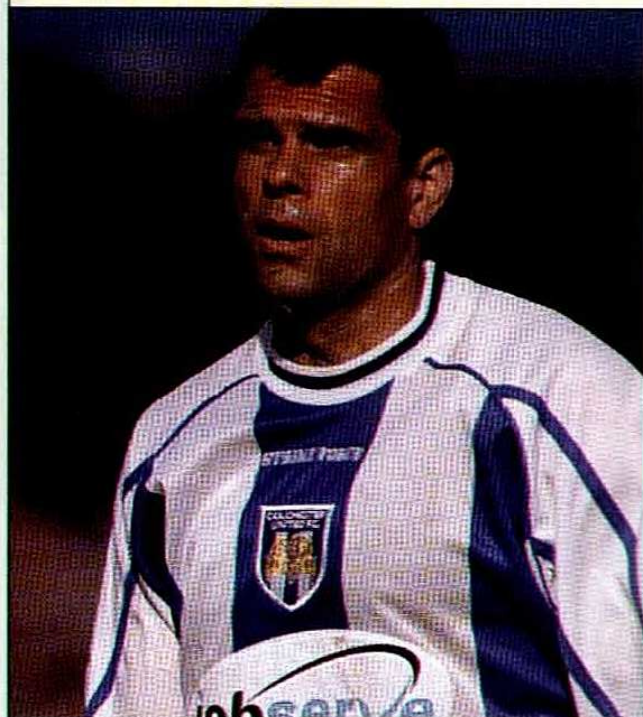




## V Colchester United Football Club

(AWAY) Tuesday 20th March 7.45pm

Pictured: Mick Stockwell



**Town defenders will be relieved that they won't be facing Lomano Tresor Lua Lua when they face Colchester United for the second time this season.**

The skilful striker did everything but score in the 0-0 draw in the first game of the season, a performance that would later attract Newcastle's attention and a £2.25m deal. Colchester were the bookies' favourites to enter the relegation trap door and despite a good start, have been dragged into the mire following a 1-0 home defeat by Port Vale.

Now just four points ahead of the Town (at the time of writing), a Town win at Layer Road could drag the U's to within one point of ourselves. It has been the side's inconsistency that has cost them dearly, however, such is the scale of the side and lack of money available to Steve Whitton, the club has done well to survive for this long without falling into the dreaded four. More goals are needed from the likes of Stockwell, Duguid and McGavin if they are to stay up.



## V Bristol Rovers Football Club

(AWAY) Saturday 24th March 3.00pm

Pictured: Nathan Ellington



**Bristol Rovers have experienced a huge fall from grace this season. From promotion contenders to relegation outsiders, this local derby becomes a huge 'six-pointer.'**

Last season the club looked destined to go up, however one win in the last ten meant that the Pirates collected just six points from 30. This season, a similar fate has been dealt to the west country side; an unbeaten run of twelve games at the start of the season followed by a disastrous spell of seven games without a win and no goals in ten. Ian Holloway's departure paved the way for Garry Thompson to step in, but they must improve their home form if they are to stay up. One home win all season must give Andy King a lot of confidence in travelling to the Memorial Ground. It appears that Rovers' young midfield engine room is running out of steam and the precocious talent of Nathan Ellington is finding the pressure of filling Jamie Cureton's boots too much to handle.





# Box Office



Up-to-date ticket information for forthcoming matches, home and away.

## AWAY v Colchester United Football Club Tuesday 20th March 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture to be held at the Layer Road.

### Matchday Prices From:

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



## HOME v Reading Football Club Tuesday 27th March 7.45pm

Nationwide Division Two re-arranged fixture to be held at the County Ground.

### Matchday Prices From:

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



## HOME - England v Wales Under-18's International - Friday 23th March 7.00pm

English Schools Football Association fixture to be held at the County Ground.

### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £11.00  
Concessions: £5.50  
Juniors: £5.50



## AWAY v Rotherham United Football Club Saturday 31st March 3.00pm

Nationwide Division Two fixture to be held at Millmoor. Over 2,000 tickets available, pay on the day.

### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £12.00  
Concessions: £8.00  
Juniors: £8.00



## AWAY v Bristol Rovers Football Club Saturday 24th March 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture to be held at the Memorial Ground. This match is all ticket. 1,132 Terrace tickets available for this match.

### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £11.00  
Concessions: £5.50  
Juniors: £5.50



## HOME v Northampton Town Football Club Saturday 7th April 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture to be held 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



## Box Office Opening Times

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Saturday (non-matchdays) 10.00am - 4.00pm  
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Swindon Town FC is playing host to the England v Wales under 18's International match. The game kicks-off at 7pm on Friday 23rd March 2001. Tickets are priced at £6 adults, £3 concession and £2 under 16's - Buy 10 tickets and get 2 free.





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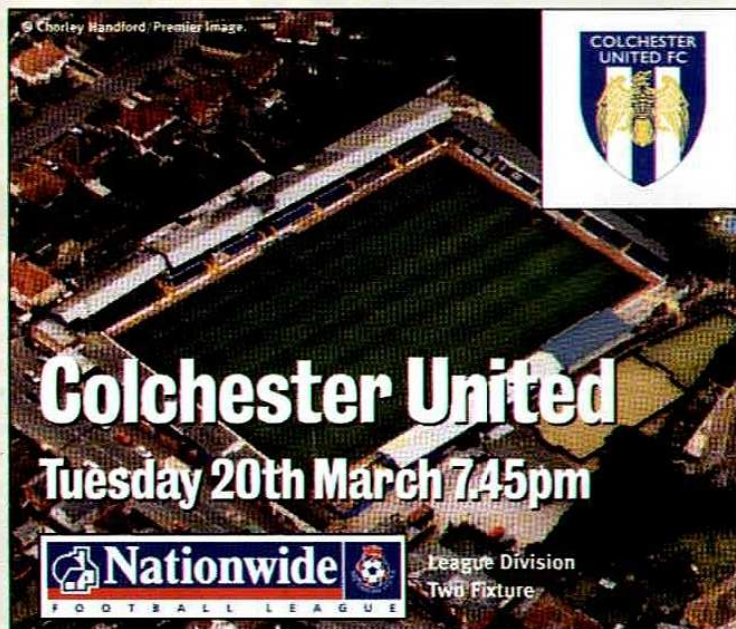
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**Colchester United**  
Tuesday 20th March 7.45pm

**Nationwide** FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
League Division Two Fixture



## Travel Information

**Colchester United Football Club,  
Layer Road**

Ground Capacity: 7,619  
Club Nickname: The U's



**Adult Fare: £13.50**  
**U-15 Fare: £12.50**

Supporters' Club  
Members receive a £1.00 discount on fares.

Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 13.45  
Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 14.00  
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 14.15

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**Bristol Rovers**  
Saturday 24th March 3.00pm

**Nationwide** FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
League Division Two Fixture



## Travel Information

**Bristol Rovers Football Club,  
The Memorial Ground**

Ground Capacity: 9,275  
Club Nickname: The Pirates



**Adult Fare: £5.00**  
**U-15 Fare: £4.00**

Supporters' Club  
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Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 10.30  
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 10.45

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# Swindon Town Football Club Supporters Club



**So much has happened since we wrote our last notes, with results on the field picking up to such an extent, that we have not conceded a goal in 270 minutes.**

This culminated in last Saturday's win at local rivals Oxford, the first time we have achieved that for a number of years and how we can enjoy the "double" that we have under our belts over those from 'the Manor.' Another three points today will further lift spirits and bring us closer to the safety level to avoid a nail-biting end to the season. As the season draws towards its natural conclusion, we are now thinking of how we can look towards next season and how we can draw supporters even closer together.

This following a number of very difficult seasons, where both on and off the field events have tested supporters' patience to the limit. We are trying to plan, at present, a series of social evenings and in our next notes should be in the position to announce the next of these. In the last couple of months we have welcomed a couple of new faces to our committee and new faces always bring new ideas. With our A.G.M. coming up in the summer, now is the time to contact us if you feel that you would like to help and contribute your skills and enthusiasm for the good of supporters and the Football Club. Please write to us or speak with anyone selling our Robins Revival lottery tickets on a match day for

further information. Latest news of the Evening Advertiser sponsored Robins Revival draw saw a win for Eva Hutchins of Marlborough, who picked up a prize of £187 for ticket number 247. Eva is known to many supporters, not only as a regular at the County Ground, but also a stalwart of away trips.

Congratulations, hopefully the win will be invested wisely in further away trips between now and the end of the season. Finally, a word of thanks to all supporters who travelled to Oxford last week in such numbers for the magnificent level of support. If this can be maintained between now and the end of the season, things really will be looking up!

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# A Load of Old Balls

**Any readers who, like myself, are in the latter stages of the inexorable, 65 year-long slog towards retirement will remember it. That most fundamental element of the game of soccer which, during my schooldays, was at times a fearsome, injurious projectile to be avoided at whatever cost - the dreaded leather football!**

The second half of the last century saw many changes to the ball in football, and thank heavens for that. Rudimentary forms of the game were played with the inflated bladders of domesticated animals; goats, sheep and pigs mainly, and the material, size, shape and weight of the ball were not stipulated within the original laws of the Football Association in 1863. A standard football was introduced originally only for all FA Cup matches, in October 1872, and it has evolved over the years into the synthetic, lightweight item of modern times. The Brazilian club Sao Paulo FC pioneered the concept of the now-universal white ball by painting a brown leather ball white for an evening floodlit game in the early 1950's. It quickly found favour worldwide and the English Football League introduced the white ball a few years later.

However, I digress. Back to the nemesis of my sporting youth. Made of stitched leather panels it contained a rubber inner-tube which was inflated with a bicycle pump - if anyone had remembered to bring one! The opening through which the inner-tube was inserted was closed with a thick lace, a lace that, if you were hapless enough to have it come into contact with your

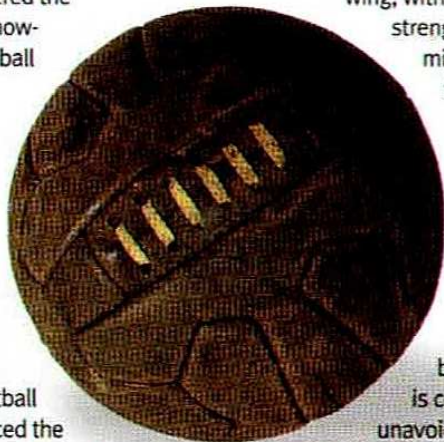
head, could inflict concussion, severe lacerations and copious loss of blood. The leather ball also had a particularly vindictive characteristic, its rate of water-absorbency was light years ahead of blotting paper and, on a wet day, its weight would increase tenfold at least. This phenomenon also applied to the above-the-ankle leather boots of that time.

On regular occasions you not only had to contend with a ball that Nelson could have used to great effect at Trafalgar but also with footwear more applicable to deep-sea diving than the beautiful game. Picture this - the ultimate nightmare scenario for a schoolboy footballer in the 50's. A biting cold gale force wind with monsoon-like, continuous rain blasts across the pitch. Your side are on the attack and the ball is at the feet of the only boy in your team strong enough to get it airborne with his foot. From the wing, with super-human strength, he launches the missile downwind into the opposition's goalmouth. Then, realisation strikes like a thunderbolt - you have been so asinine as to have witlessly wandered into the opposition's 6-yard box and the projectile is coming, absolutely unavoidably, your way! Slow motion kicks in - time stands still even - as football's very own Sword of Damocles hovers malignantly above you. There is no escape, but to head it would be suicidal with decapitation a distinct possibility and severe concussion an odds-on certainty. In a flash of inspiration you decide to take a couple of paces back to chest the ball down. But your feet are rooted to the ground, your exhausted legs unable to extract your boots from the cloying

mire. All you can do is duck and every breath of air in your body is smashed out of you as you are violently hurled to the ground by football's equivalent of a 25 inch naval howitzer shell. To this day such memories occasionally sneak their way into my dreams and I'm startled from my sleep, finding myself sitting bolt upright in bed, trembling and sweat-soaked at those vivid and painful recollections. However, on a more serious note, the lace-up leather football is creeping back into the headlines. There is growing medical evidence that these balls caused long-term, serious injury to many footballers in the 30's, 40's and 50's, particularly among the professional ranks. The great John Charles of Wales, Leeds and Juventus fame during this period was a giant of a man, but he is well documented as flatly refusing to head the ball during training. He is quoted as saying that "It was not unknown for players to be knocked unconscious from heading the ball. They were like iron in those days". Research is indicating that there is a strong link between the routine heading of heavy balls throughout a footballing career and dementia-related illnesses in later life. The likes of Stan Cullis, Joe Mercer and Bob Paisley, all immensely gifted players of that era and, later, incredibly successful managers, all spent their latter years in the oblivion of one form of dementia or another. There is growing evidence, not yet conclusive it must be added, of higher-than-average incidences of these illnesses among footballers of those years.

It is widely accepted nowadays that boxers, by regularly incurring heavy blows to the head, are much more likely to suffer from pre-senile dementia. If the regular heading of a heavy football isn't incurring heavy blows to the head then I don't know what is.

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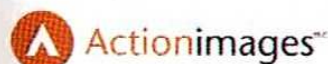
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# Week in Pictures

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



## Thursday 8th

Liverpool draw 0-0 against Portuguese league-leaders Porto in the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.



## Saturday 10th

Wycombe defeat Leicester in the FA Cup courtesy of an Essendoh goal, Essendoh bought on Tuesday off the internet



## Friday 9th

After taking a lead of 90, England demolish Sri Lanka in a heated test match, Darren Gough commended particularly for his bowling.



## Sunday 11th

Rebrov scores two for Spurs in a 3-2 win over the Hammers at Upton Park. They now face Arsenal in the semi's.



## Tuesday 13th

Manchester United celebrate Roy Keane's first and United's third goal against Sturm Graz at Old Trafford.



## Monday 12th

Steve Brown receives a ludicrous four-match ban for his celebration in Saturday's win against Leicester



## Wednesday 14th

Arsenal lose 1-0 to Bayern Munich but still qualify as a result of Lyon's failure to beat Spartak Moscow.





# Study Centres

## Swindon Town Study Centre - Playing for Success

During the February half-term holiday a group of 15/16 year old students from Churchfields School came to the Study Centre to begin their preparations for the forthcoming G.C.S.E's.

The aim was to provide an exciting and stimulating learning opportunity for the students. We feel it is important to offer young people challenges that will extend and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills. Their day included teaching specific learning skills in preparation for GCSE problem solving in teams, juggling, interviewing positive people and preparing revision aids.



### Adult Computer Training

Andy Williams has recently enrolled on the computer course at the Study Centre. He joins James Williams, Steve Cowe and Keith O'Halloran who have also enrolled this season.

When Andy left school he went straight on to a YTS training scheme at Southampton and never had the

opportunity to use computers. He is now well on the way to completing the first module of the course. Swindon Town's Study Centre delivers the City and Guilds 7261 Computer Applications course in partnership with Swindon College.

The course covers Word Processing, Spreadsheets and Databases. There are optional modules in Desktop Publishing and Powerpoint presentation. The centre also offers the European Computer Driving License and Internet courses.

In line with Swindon Colleges commitment to lifelong learning and widening participation, the normal tuition fee of £126 is waived. Students have 120 hours free tuition, only paying for their registration and assessments with City and Guilds.

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### TOP REVISION TIPS

LEARNING WORKS

Did you know we can 'forget' up to 80% of new information within 24 hours.

We can help our memory to be more efficient if we:

- Review new information
- Believe we can do it
- Relax

Find a connection with something we already know

Exaggerate, create a picture, make it funny

Remember what Henry Ford said: "Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're probably right!"



## WIN A SIGNED FOOTBALL



Which STFC player started to train as a teacher before becoming a professional footballer?

Answers to be sent in to Martin Turnbull at Swindon Town F.C. [martint@stfcstudy.org.uk](mailto:martint@stfcstudy.org.uk)



# Swindon & Swansea go Head to Head

## Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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

## Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

### Where



### How



### Top League Scorers



36 in 34 games Team Goals 34 in 34 games  
1.06 goals Ratio per Game 1 goals

8 in 31 games Player's Goals 12 in 21 games  
0.26 goals Ratio per Game 0.57 goals

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

7 Games Scored In  
3 Games Scored 1st Goal  
2 Games Scored 1 Goal  
3 Games Scored 2 Goals  
1 Games Scored 3 Goals

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS  
(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)  
2 (4pts) Games Won -> Drawn 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 1 (3pts)  
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 4 (4pts)  
5 Number of points gained 7

SCORING SEQUENCES  
Consecutive Games Scored  
2 Games 1  
3 Games 0  
2 games Maximum Scoring Run 2 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING  
2 Games 1  
3 Games 2  
4 Games 1  
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 4 games

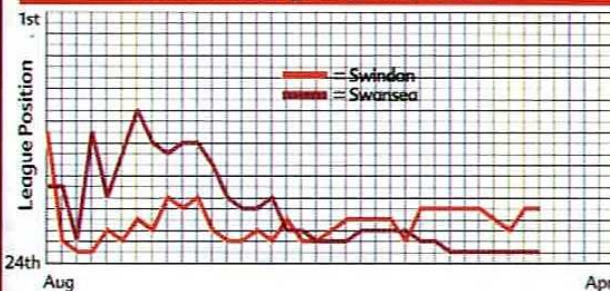
Robins' Results  
SWINDON GOALS  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
0 3 3 1 2  
1 4 4 2 1  
2 2 2 1  
3 3 2 2  
4 1 1  
5  
6  
7

Swans' Results  
SWANSEA GOALS  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
0 5 1 1 1  
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2 4 3 2  
3 1 1 1  
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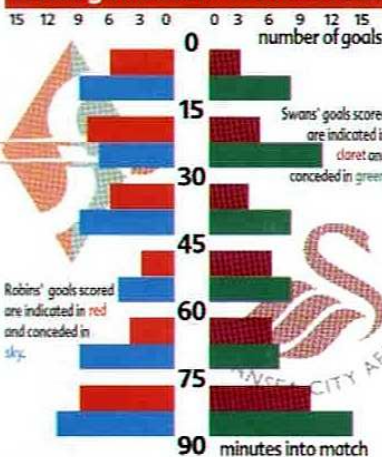
shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Swindon have won 2 games 3-0

eg. Swansea have won 1 game 4-0  
and lost 3 games 1-2

### Seasonal Progress Comparison



### When goals scored & conceded



### Average time of Scoring / Conceding

85 mins All Goals for 90 mins  
65 mins Home Goals For 96 mins  
131 mins Away Goals For 85 mins  
61 mins All Goals Against 55 mins  
56 mins Home Goals Against 90 mins  
69 mins Away Goals Against 41 mins

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

### Face2Face

#### Last Season

At The County Ground...n/a

At Vetch Field...n/a

#### This Season

Robins' Season records:

Home Win...3-0 Bury

...3-0 Oldham

Away Win...2-0 Oxford

Home Defeat...1-4 Walsall

...0-3 Stoke

Away Defeat...0-4 Posh

Consec. Wins...2

Consec. Defeats...4

Swans' Season records:

Home Win...4-0 Luton

Away Win...2-0 Posh

Home Defeat...0-2 Bury

...0-2 Colchester

Away Defeat...1-5 Reading

...1-5 Walsall

Consec. Wins...2

Consec. Defeats...5

### Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Robins : LWSSWSLDWW F 13 A 7 Pts 16

Swans : LLDLLLLWS F 9 A 22 Pts 5

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

### Swansea's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	3	3	1	Gilligan	16	3,662
91/92	3	2	2	Williams	11	3,367
92/93	2	4	1	Legg/West	12	5,164
93/94	2	1	2	Bowen	11	3,530
94/95	2	4	2	Torpey	11	3,582
95/96	2	1	1	Torpey	15	2,996
96/97	3	1	1	Penney	13	3,850
97/98	3	1	1	Bird	14	3,448
98/99	3	4	1	Watkin	17	5,225
99/00	3	2	2	Cusack/Watkin/Boyd	7	5,895

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# Statistics 2000/2001...

\*0-0 AET, SWINDON WIN 3-2 ON PENALTIES

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## The Key...

FAC = F.A. CUP  
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

Date	Opponents	Result	Attn	Pos
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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	3-2	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	4,502	20
TUE OCT 31TH	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3-1	3,452	20
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H	1-1	5,226	20
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H	2-2	4,423	18
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A	0-4	5,700	20
SAT NOV 18TH	ILKESTON TOWN (FAC1)	H	4-1	4,406	-
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H	0-3	4,923	22
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	1-0	5,816	21
SAT DEC 9TH	GATESHEAD (FAC2)	H	5-0	4,703	-
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H	2-1	4,740	20
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A	0-1	2,521	20
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H	2-3	6,649	19
MON JAN 1ST	WALSALL	A	0-1	5,548	19
SAT JAN 6TH	COVENTRY CITY (FAC3)	H	0-2	14,445	-
TUE JAN 9TH	MILLWALL (LDV)	A	3-2*	2,394	-
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H	0-1	5,175	22
SAT JAN 20TH	BURY	H	3-0	4,960	19
TUE JAN 27TH	WYCOMBE (LDV)	H	2-1	3,244	-
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A	1-1	3,004	19
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	10,031	19
TUE FEB 13TH	SOUTHEND UTD (LDV)	A	1-2	3,331	-
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A	1-0	4,046	19
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-1	5,948	19
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H	1-3	7,160	21
SAT MAR 3RD	WIGAN ATH.	A	0-0	6,563	21
TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H	3-0	4,168	20
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A	2-0	7,480	19
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H			
TUE MAR 20TH	COLCHESTER UTD	A			
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A			
TUE MAR 27TH	READING	H			
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A			
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H			
TUE APR 10TH	BRENTFORD	A			
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			



GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOLO
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	ALEXANDER
GRIEMINK	COBAIN	HEISELBERG	ALEXANDER	HOWE	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOLO
GRIEMINK	COBAIN	HEISELBERG	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	HOWE	REEVES	COWE	HEWLETT
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	HOWE	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	HOWE	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	HOWE	INVINCIBLE
GRIEMINK	COBAIN	TUOMELA	O'HALLORAN	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
GRIEMINK	ALEXANDER	COBAIN	DUKE	DAVIS	REEVES	TUOMELA	M WILLIAMS 2	O'HALLORAN
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER	M WILLIAMS
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER	M WILLIAMS
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	HEWLETT	DUKE
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
GRIEMINK	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	WOAN	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	REEVES
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	WOAN
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GRIEMINK	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	COBAIN	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	REEVES	WOAN
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	DUKE	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBLE	M WILLIAMS
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GRIEMINK	COBAIN	REEVES	DRYDEN	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	WOAN	DUKE
GRIEMINK	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	DRYDEN	WOAN	DUKE	WITLEY	ALEXANDER
GRIEMINK	HALL	ROBINSON	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	MC HUGH	J WILLIAMS	YOUNG
GRIEMINK	HALL	REEVES	DRYDEN	DAVIS	COWE	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	VAN DER LINDEN
GRIEMINK	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	HEYWOOD	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	MC HUGH	COWE
GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEYWOOD	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN	MC HUGH	J WILLIAMS
GRIEMINK	M. ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	REDDY	HEYWOOD
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	HEWLETT	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	REDDY	HEYWOOD	REEVES
GRIEMINK	DAVIS	HEWLETT	REEVES	O'HALLORAN	S. ROBINSON	J WILLIAMS	DUKE	HEWLETT
GRIEMINK	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	REDDY	ALEXANDER	HEYWOOD	REEVES	S. ROBINSON
GRIEMINK	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	HEYWOOD	J WILLIAMS	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	MC HUGH	S. ROBINSON
GRIEMINK	HEYWOOD	REEVES	VAN DER LINDEN	INVINCIBLE	HEWLETT	MC HUGH	S. ROBINSON	HALL
GRIEMINK	M. ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEYWOOD	REEVES	S. ROBINSON 2	HEWLETT	WOAN	ALEXANDER

## Top Scorers 2000/2001...

DANNY INVINCIBLE	9
ALEXANDER	6
O'HALLORAN	5
REEVES, HOWE, REDDY	4

## Top Gates 2000/2001...

COVENTRY CITY	14,454
BRISTOL CITY	10,031
BRISTOL ROVERS	8,097
OXFORD UNITED	7,975

## Last Four Matches...

OXFORD UTD	10TH	MAR	A	W 2-0
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	6TH	MAR	H	W 3-0
WIGAN ATHLETIC	3RD	MAR	A	D 0-0
LUTON TOWN	24TH	FEB	H	L 1-3

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SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2001  
3.00PM VS SWANSEA CITY



PLAYER IN RED  
DENOTES SCORER  
(P=PENALTY SHOOT-OUT SCORER)

SYMBOL IN GREY (+ +)  
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED

1	2	3	4	5
WILLIS	HEWLETT	HOWE *	COWE +	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOU *	DUKE +	HOWE *	GRIFFIN +	VAN DER LINDEN
VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT +	COWE *	A. WILLIAMS +	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOU	ALEXANDER	DAVIS *	GRIFFIN	WILLIS
GRIFFIN *	DAVIS	GRAZIOU *	WILLIAMS +	COBIAN
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON *	GRAZIOU +	COWE +
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON *	ROBERTSON +	COBIAN
O'HALLORAN	M. WILLIAMS	TUDMELA	GRAZIOU	COBIAN
DAVIS	ALEXANDER	ROBERTSON *	A. WILLIAMS +	VAN DER LINDEN
HEWLETT	ROBERTSON *	ROBERTSON *	YOUNG +	GRAZIOU
TUDMELA +	ROBERTSON *	INVINCIBLE *	WILLIS +	GRAZIOU
WILLIS	INVINCIBLE	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	GRAZIOU
M. WILLIAMS	ALEXANDER	A. WILLIAMS *	GRAZIOU +	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER +	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS *	GRAZIOU +	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER +	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON *	GRAZIOU +	YOUNG +
GRAZIOU	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS *	VAN DER LINDEN	ROBERTSON *
M. WILLIAMS (S/O)	O'HALLORAN	COWE *	GRAZIOU +	COBIAN
WOAN	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON *	GRAZIOU	REEVES
ROBERTSON *	M. WILLIAMS +	COWE *	GRAZIOU +	COBIAN
REEVES	M. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOU *	ROBERTSON +	DUKE
WOAN	M. WILLIAMS +	ROBERTSON *	ALEXANDER +	COWE
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS +	DUKE *	GRAZIOU +	ALEXANDER +
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS +	DUKE *	ALEXANDER +	YOUNG +
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS +	DUKE *	ALEXANDER +	GRAZIOU +
INVINCIBLE +	ALEXANDER	VAN DER LINDEN *	M. WILLIAMS +	COWE
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS *	COWE *	YOUNG +	DUKE +
ALEXANDER	O'HALLORAN *	DUKE *	M. WILLIAMS +	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER +	O'HALLORAN	DUKE *	VAN DER LINDEN +	HALL +
INVINCIBLE	ALEXANDER *	VAN DER LINDEN *	COWE +	J. WILLIAMS +
INVINCIBLE	COWE	YOUNG *	J. WILLIAMS +	O'HALLORAN +
REEVES	ALEXANDER	COBIAN *	MILLS +	HALLIDAY +
INVINCIBLE *	INVINCIBLE	DUKE *	YOUNG +	ALEXANDER +
INVINCIBLE *	REDDY +	ALEXANDER *	YOUNG +	HALL +
INVINCIBLE *	ALEXANDER 2	REDDY +	HALL +	YOUNG
J. WILLIAMS	WOAN *	INVINCIBLE +	ROBERTSON +	WILLIS
J. WILLIAMS	HALL *	GRAZIOU *	HEWLETT +	MCHUGH
J. WILLIAMS	S. ROBINSON	ALEXANDER *	MCHUGH +	COBIAN
J. WILLIAMS	S. ROBINSON	MCHUGH *	ALEXANDER +	M. ROBINSON +
REDDY	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBLE *	INVINCIBLE	MCHUGH
J. WILLIAMS	DUKE	INVINCIBLE *	GRAZIOU +	M. ROBINSON
ALEXANDER	REDDY +	HALL +	GRAZIOU +	DAVIS
ALEXANDER	GRAZIOU	M. ROBINSON *	MCRAVEY +	MILLS +
GRAZIOU	REDDY *	INVINCIBLE *	MCRAVEY	HALL

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## Division Two 2000/2001

LAST UPDATED 14/3/2001

TEAM	PLD	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	GD	PTS
MILLWALL	36	12	2	4	36	11	10	4	4	33	23	35	72
ROTHENHAM UTD	35	12	4	3	40	22	8	4	4	21	20	19	68
READING	34	13	3	2	46	16	6	4	6	18	20	28	64
WALSALL	37	12	4	3	41	19	6	5	7	21	23	20	63
WIGAN ATHLETIC	37	11	7	0	24	10	4	8	7	19	22	11	60
STOKE CITY	35	9	5	4	26	15	6	8	3	30	22	19	58
NOTTS COUNTY	34	8	4	4	28	21	7	4	7	17	26	-2	53
NORTHAMPTON TN	37	8	6	4	24	20	6	5	8	18	25	-3	53
BRISTOL CITY	35	9	4	5	38	22	5	6	6	16	21	11	52
WREXHAM	34	8	4	5	25	21	6	4	7	28	33	-1	50
BOURNEMOUTH	35	6	6	5	26	18	6	5	7	31	27	12	47
BRENTFORD	35	7	7	3	25	23	4	7	7	15	25	-8	47
BURY	35	9	4	5	22	18	4	3	10	14	27	-9	46
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	36	9	4	6	30	22	2	6	9	12	29	-9	43
P'BOROUGH UNITED	35	9	4	4	27	21	2	6	10	14	29	-9	43
WYCOMBE WNDRS	31	7	3	5	19	16	4	6	6	13	17	-1	42
COLCHESTER UTD	35	6	4	7	19	17	5	5	8	19	27	-6	42
PORT VALE	32	7	6	4	30	16	4	2	9	10	22	2	41
SWINDON TOWN	34	5	6	7	25	29	5	3	8	11	21	-14	39
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	36	6	5	7	26	22	4	3	11	20	37	-13	38
BRISTOL ROVERS	32	2	8	4	12	16	6	5	7	23	20	-1	37
LUTON TOWN	34	5	2	9	19	27	4	5	9	22	33	-19	34
SWANSEA CITY	34	3	7	6	15	16	3	3	12	19	40	-22	28
OXFORD UNITED	34	3	3	12	15	26	1	1	14	20	49	-40	16

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## Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.	LEAGUE APPS.	CUP APPS.	TOTAL APPS.	GOALS ALL COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	24(1)	8	32(1)	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	22(4)	6(1)	28(5)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	24(1)	7(1)	31(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	15(1)	5	20(1)	-
ADAM WILLIS	5	19	3(1)	22(1)	1
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	17(8)	5	22(8)	1
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	30	8(1)	38(1)	5
BOBBY HOWE	8	16(2)	4	20(2)	5
GIULIANO GRAZIOU	10	6(14)	1(3)	7(17)	2
DAVID DUKE	11	21(7)	7(3)	28(10)	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	3	4(1)	7(1)	-
STEVE COWE	14	5(4)	2(2)	7(6)	3
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
MICHAEL REDDY	16	9	1(1)	10(1)	4
DANIEL INVINCIBLE	17	26(4)	3(1)	29(5)	9
GARY ALEXANDER	18	19(5)	7(2)	26(7)	6
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	9	2	11	-
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	3(1)	2(1)	5(2)	-
ALAN REEVES	22	30(1)	8	38(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	10(1)	2	12(1)	-
STEVE ROBINSON	25	6	1	7	2
ALAN YOUNG	26	1(2)	1(3)	2(5)	1
PAUL MCRAVEY	27	(1)	-	(1)	1
JAMES WILLIAMS	29	6(1)	3(1)	9(2)	-
IAN WOAN	31	14	3	17	1
GARETH HALL	30	3(2)	2(1)	5(3)	-
KEVIN HALLIDAY	-	-	(1)	(1)	-
JAMIE MILLS	-	(1)	(1)	(2)	-

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# The Squads



Sat Mar 17th 2001  
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Division Two

 <b>Swindon Town</b>	
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
10	Giuliano Grazioli
11	David Duke
12	Juan Cobian
14	Steve Cowe
15	Andy Williams
16	Michael Reddy
17	Daniel Invincible
18	Gary Alexander
19	Matthew Heywood
20	Frazer McHugh
21	Gareth Davies
22	Alan Reeves
23	Steve Mildenhall
25	Steve Robinson
26	Alan Young
27	Paul McAreavey
29	James Williams
30	Gareth Hall
31	Ian Woan
The Manager	
Andy King	

 <b>Swansea City</b>	
The Squad	
1	Roger Freestone
2	Steve Jones
3	Michael Howard
4	Nick Cusack
5	Jason Smith
6	Matthew Bound
7	Richie Appleby
8	Martin Thomas
9	Giovanni Saverese
10	Steve Watkin
11	Jonathan Coates
12	Gareth Phillips
13	Jason Jones
14	Kristian O'Leary
15	Damien Lacey
17	Stuart Roberts
18	Jason Price
19	Ryan Casey
20	Lee Jenkins
21	Andrew Mumford
22	Kristian James
23	Bari Morgan
25	Michael Keegan
26	Lee DeVulght
27	Carl Mounty
28	Lyndon Gregson
29	Chris Todd
30	David Romo
The Manager	
John Hollins	

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Assistant 1

**G. S. Evetts**

Assistant 2

**S. C. E. Head**

4th Official

**B. D. Baker**



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Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

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English Schools FA - England U-18 VS Wales U-18

