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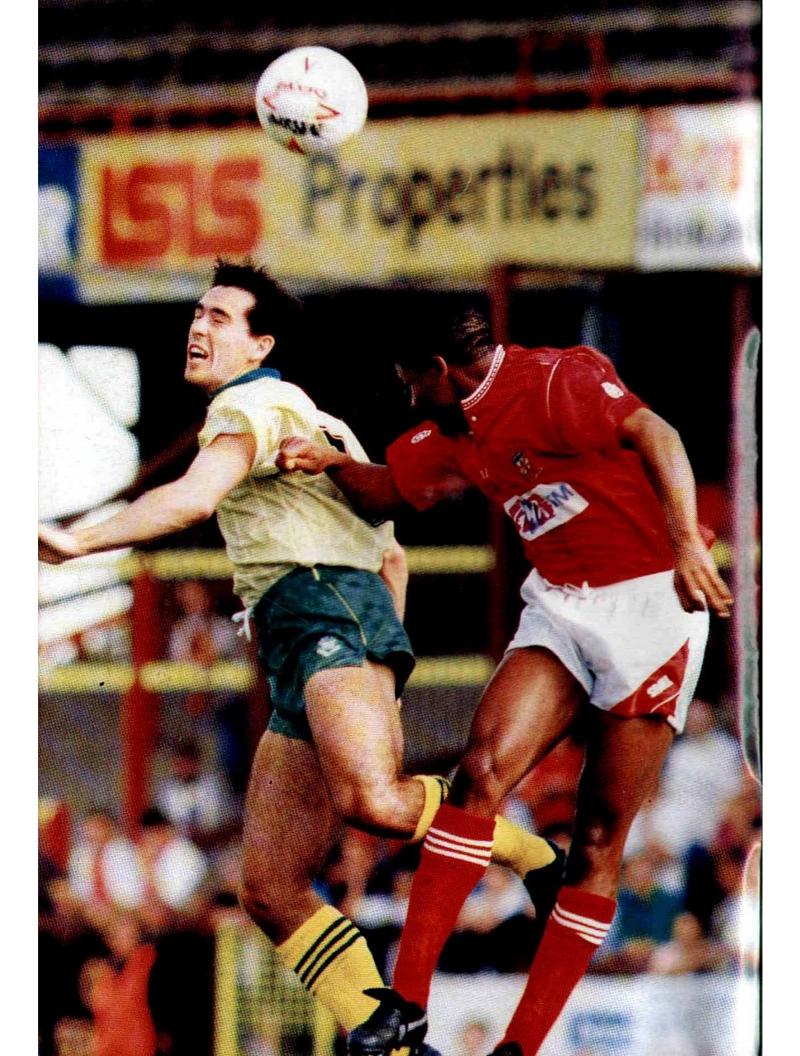
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Cover Photo: City's Junior Bent, scorer of the only goal of the game is foiled on this occasion by a Swindon defender in last season's game at the County Ground.

Inside Cover: Swindon defender Jon Gittens, now at Southampton, is beaten in the air by Bob Taylor in City's 1-0 victory.

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ay I firstly extend to you all a warm welcome to Ashton Gate on this Boxing Day morning for the first match of a busy holiday programme and hope that you enjoyed your Christmas Day to the full.

After a run of four successive defeats, another 'local derby' is probably the best thing for us and will give us the 'gee up' that we need.

You just cannot give goals away like we did at Twerton Park last Saturday and expect to win. When you score two goals away from home then you would expect to get something out of the game.

Whilst we can point to individual mistakes in the Rovers game, we must remember that we are all in this together, the players, the staff and myself.

Independent observers felt that we played well and deserved at least a share of the spoils but I'm sick of being told that we've played well when we've lost.

We cannot be playing that well when we're getting beaten and at the moment, we would all settle for a win, no matter what the quality of performance.

Swindon themselves have gone seven games without a victory and like us, confidence has become shaken. I saw them play Ipswich at the County Ground last Friday and was most impressed.

They played really well, creating loads of chances which they didn't take and we all know about that! It just goes to show that you pay a high price at this level for not putting your chances away. With so little separating the

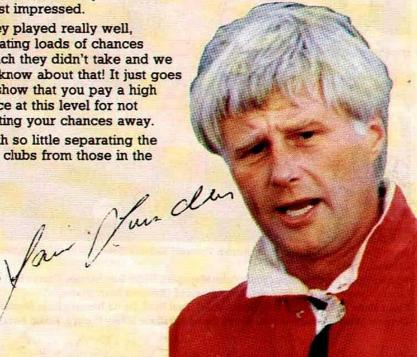
top clubs from those in the

lower regions in the Second Division, it is important that we get back to winning ways and with two successive home games over the holiday let us hope we can achieve maximum points.

Certainly you the supporters have a part to play too. Please get behind the team and create the sort of atmosphere all players thrive on. The last thing we need is for the crowd to get on their backs when things are not going well.

This time last year we gave you plenty of goals and excitement in a real Christmas feast of attacking football. Let us hope that we can repeat that over this holiday period but above all let us hope for that elusive win.

Jimmy Lumsden.





SWINDON TOWN

Ground: The County Ground Nickname: The Robins Manager: Glenn Hoddle Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts Red/White Socks.

erhaps it was inevitable that, following the traumas of suffering demotion from the First Division without kicking a ball at the start of last season, Swindon would struggle to reproduce the form that took them to the playoffs.

That is how it turned out, despite the fans expectations that the team under OSSIE ARDILES could continue where they had left off. Indeed, the amiable Argentinian departed for Newcastle in March at a time when Swindon had dropped perilously close to the relegation zone.

The Board appointed Ardiles' former Tottenham team-mate GLENN HODDLE as manager and an air of optimism swept over the club. Second Division safety was ensured with a home victory over Leicester with two matches to spare and attention could be paid to the new season ahead.

Hoddle revived his own career, successfully lining-up as a 'sweeper' and his rejuvenated side soon built up a reputation for their good attacking football which has put them amongst the

pundits' favourites for promotion at the end of this season.

The success has been achieved with much the same squad as last season. Pressing finances meant that Swindon had to sell to keep their heads above water with ALAN McLOUGHLIN and JON GITTENS both moving to Southampton while full-back PAUL BODIN moved to Crystal Palace before the end of last season.

The fact that Swindon have fared so well so far this season is down to the youngsters that Hoddle has persevered with this term. It seems that that air of optimism that was evident in the club when Hoddle was appointed could well be justified.

THE SOUAD

Goalkeepers

Twenty three year old goalkeeper NICKY HAMMOND has been in possession of the number one shirt in recent weeks. Nicky, a free transfer signing from Arsenal four years ago, has been kept in the shadows by England Under 21 international FRASER DIGBY.

Digby, an ex-Manchester United apprentice first arrived at the County

Ground on loan in March 1986 and signed on a permanent basis in December 1986. Until this season he had missed just a handful of games as he passed the 200 appearance milestone.

Defenders

The right-back position has regularly been filled by DAVID KERSLAKE, a £110,000 signing from Queens Park Rangers in November 1989. David struggled to gain a regular place at Loftus Road despite gaining England honours at schoolboy, youth and Under 21 levels and he has certainly benefitted from the move.

On the other flank, young NICKY SUMMERBEE has come into his own after starting a game for the first time in Town's final fixture of last season. Son of former Swindon forward Mike Summerbee, Nicky has a bright future.

At the heart of the defence, the strong and durable SHAUN TAYLOR is likely to figure. Signed from Exeter City for £200,000 in the close season, he came into football late being 23 when he arrived at Exeter from Western League Bideford. Alongside him, Scot COLIN CALDERWOOD is the only surviving member of Swindon's Fourth Division championship-winning side of six years ago. A knee ligament injury restricted his appearances last season when young ADRIAN VIVEASH slotted



Back Row: Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Richard Green, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, David Mitchell, Neston Lorenzo, Steve White.

Middle Row: John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Nicky Summerbee, Darren Hall, Paul Trollope, Edwin Murray, Fitzroy Simpson, Shaun Close, Steve Foley, Martin Ling, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager).

Front Row: Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Paul Hunt, David Bennett, Ross Maclaren, Duncan Shearer, Glenn Hoddle (Manager), John Gorman (Asst. Manager), Tom Jones, David Kerslake, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).

Argentinian NESTOR LORENZO who originally came to the County Ground on loan from Italian club Bari can fill most defensive positions, while former Shrewsbury full back RICHARD GREEN is also available for selection.

Midfield

In this area, Swindon have been able to field a fairly settled trio.

When Alan McLoughlin left for Southampton. MICKY HAZARD inherited the Town's number four shirt and has rarely looked back. A £130,000 signing from Portsmouth fifteen months ago, he was previously with Tottenham and Chelsea.

Alongside him ROSS MACLAREN is now in his twelfth season as a professional, and plays just in front of the back four although on occasions he has played just behind the back four. Formerly with Shrewsbury and Derby, Ross is in his fourth season at the County Ground.

Former Chelsea apprentice TOM JONES was one of Swindon's stars in their 4-0 victory here last season and has been a regular since coming to the club in September 1988 from Aberdeen while Liverpool born STEVE FOLEY has also figured in the engine room.

Manager GLENN HODDLE, a master in midfield has made first team appearances this term to add to the 370 he made at Tottenham but has fulfilled a new role - as sweeper.

Forwards

In DUNCAN SHEARER and STEVE WHITE, Swindon have a potent strike



Shearer has maintained an impressive "goal every other game" average since making his Football League debut for Chelsea in 1986. A club record £230,000 signing Huddersfield in June 1988 he is currently Swindon's leading scorer this season while White, now approaching the veteran stage, notched up his 100th for Swindon recently.

into a back four position after starting & THE RECORD BREAKERS

SWINDON TOWN

IOHN TROLLOPE holds the all-time record for making the most League appearances for any one club. Trollope played 770 League games between 1960 and 1980.

ROD THOMAS won 30 of his 50 caps for Wales as a Swindon player. No other Swindon player has won as many International caps.

SWINDON are one of only two clubs to win a major Cup final at Wembley as a Third Division club. They defeated Arsenal 3-1 in the 1969 League Cup final.

*********************** HARRY MORRIS established a club record, never since challenged. when he scored 47 League goals in the Third Division (South) in 1926/ 27. He also scored one in the F.A. Cup that season.

MORRIS also holds the record for scoring the highest aggregate number of goals for Swindon. he netted 216 League goals, plus 14 in the F.A. Cup between 1926 and 1933.

MORRIS twice scored five goals in a game for Swindon - against Q.P.R. in 1927 and Norwich in 1930. *************************

KEITH EAST also scored five, against Mansfield in 1965.

PAUL RIDEOUT, now with Notts County, made his League debut for Swindon against Hull In November 1980 at the age of 16 years and 107 days. He is the youngest player ever to appear in their senior team. **************************

ALEX FERGUSON was Swindon's oldest player. he was 43 years and 103 days of age when he played his final game against Bristol City in 1947.

SWINDON received their first £1 million transfer fee when Republic of Ireland international Alan McLoughlin joined Southampton last season.

FLASHBACK..

Littlewoods Cup **BRISTOL CITY 3 SWINDON TOWN 2**

Matches between City and Swindon don't come any more exciting than the Littlewoods Cup first round second leg tie at Ashton Gate on August 25th 1987.

City had lost the first leg 3-0 and seen Gordon Owen sent off. Both the team and the little winger were looking for revenge as the return match began at electric pace.

In the first 20 minutes alone City scored twice, hit the woodwork twice and missed a penalty. Owen grabbed both goals, a ninth minute header and a 25 yard shot that left goalkeeper Fraser Digby helpless.

It seemed Terry Cooper's team might achieve the impossible when Joe Jordan was pushed in the back by Timmy Parkin. But Digby dived to parry Alan Walsh's penalty and Swindon sensed a reprieve.

Five minutes later Dave Bamber held off a David Moves challenge to shoot past Keith Waugh. But the tie was alive again when Owen's miscued shot set up Micky Tanner to make it 3-1

It was a Tanner error that settled matters. He lost possession to Bamber who was brought down by Rob Newman in the 54th minute. Steve Berry converted the spot kick to ensure Swindon's aggregate

City: Waugh, Llewellyn, Moyes, Newman, Bromage, Marshall (sub: 74 mins Caldwell), Fitzpatrick, Tanner, Walsh, Owen, Jordan (sub: 68 mins Neville).

Swindon: Digby, O'Regan, Parkin, Calderwood, King, Berry, Kamara, Coyne (sub: 77 mins Henry), Barnard, Bamber, Quinn. Sub (not used) Foley.

Referee: Keith Cooper (Pontypridd)

Attendance: 7,013

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A free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers five years ago, last season saw him troubled by injury but he has bounced back this term.

Their consistency has meant that DAVE MITCHELL, capped 17 times for Australia has not had much of a look in since joining the club from Chelsea for a nominal fee in the close season, and the same can be said for SHAUN CLOSE who cost £70,000 when he moved from AFC Bournemouth two years ago.

On the flank, FITZROY SIMPSON has, on occasions, flattered to deceive but is again producing some good football and beginning to realise the potential that his early days in the first team promised, while MARTIN LING adds experience in this department after returning to Swindon for a second spell.



MEET THE MANAGER

B orn in Hayes,
Middlesex, 33 year old
GLENN HODDLE is
following in the footsteps
of his former Spurs
colleague Ossie Ardiles
who left the club for
Newcastle in March 1991.

Like the Argentinian, Glenn is in his first spell of management and appears to have acquitted well.

At Spurs, he made 370
Football League
appearances and scored
88 goals from midfield in a
twelve year career at
White Hart Lane and his
cultured displays won him
full England caps.

On leaving Tottenham, Glenn tried his hand in Continental football with Monaco in 1987. A knee injury curtailed his appearances in France but happily, he has proved his fitness and already has played an important role on the field as Swindon have mounted an early challenge at the top of the Second Division, playing as a "sweeper".



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Last weekend's games had little bearing on the top of the Second Division as the weather forced several postponements for the second successive week.

In attempt to avoid the notorious 'Black Saturday' when traditionally attendances are badly affected, today's visitors, Swindon, and Plymouth elected to play their games on Friday evening.

Newcastle manager Ossie Ardiles travelled to Home Park in optimistic mood after some improved performances of late, but the Geordies were yet again frustrated and unable to chalk up their second away win of the season.

They were foiled by a goal from Plymouth's recent £200,000 signing from Notts County, Dave Regis - his first for the club and another late on from substitute Martin Barlow as the Devon club temporarily lifted themselves out of the bottom three.

Swindon without a win in six matches going into their home game with Ipswich must have felt hopeful of ending that run in the light of their 4-1 win at Ipswich earlier in the season.

Again missing the silky skills of player/manager Glenn Hoddle, the Wiltshireman played well enough creating numerous chances without converting them and, indeed, they were grateful to goalkeeper Nicky Hammon late on for an important save to deny their visitors.

The goalless draw did little favours to either club, Swindon moving above Leicester on goal difference, while Ipswich, who were drawing for the seventh time away from home remain a place above in sixth position.

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The match of the day in the Second Division must surely have been the one between Blackburn Rovers and Derby County, but torrential rain in Lancashire caused the game to be postponed and one feels that Derby probably fared better thanks to the Pools Panel result than they would have, had the gamed been played, being awarded an away win!

Even Blackburn's undersoil heating couldn't save the game as it had the week before when they beat the freeze and Bristol Rovers to go to the top of the League.

Middlesbrough in third place were foiled by the weather too at Ayresome Park but nerarby North East neighbours Sunderland played hosts to Portsmouth who were hoping to move into the top six.

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An own goal from Andy Awford put paid to those hopes but there was some early Christmas cheer for under-pressure Sunderland manager Denis Smith who saw his side chalk up a second successive home victory - the first time his side have achieved that feat in eleven months!

TWO



REVIEW

Wolves and England striker Steve Bull notched his tenth League goal of the season at Vale Park as his side threatened to become only the second side to win at Port Vale in the League this season.

Manager Graham Turner saw his side take command but waste a golden opportunity of sealing the game when Paul Cook saw his penalty saved by Vale 'keeper Mark Grew. That gave John Rudge's side the encouragement they needed and with three minutes remaining Robin Van Der Laan grabbed an unlikely equaliser to deny Wolves of a much needed victory.

For the second year running, the Bristol derby at Twerton Park produced a five goal feast and after Rover's 3-2 victory, Dennis Rofe, who must now be the only contender for the vacant manager's seat, was naturally

delighted that his side registered their first home victory since October 5th.

"Naturally we're all relieved to have got that victory behind us after throwing silly points away here at Twerton Park in recent weeks. Let us hope that the players take heart from that and make Twerton Park the fortress it has been for us in previous seasons".

There were plenty of goals on the South Coast at the Goldstone Ground but four of the seven scored went to visitors Millwall as Brighton manager Barry Lloyd's problems mounted.



It was Brighton who last season ended Millwall's promotion hopes in the play-offs but John McGinley's double set the Lions roaring and plunged Brighton into the bottom four.

Port Vale's reserve goalkeeper Trevor Woods has been put on the transfer list at his own request. A regular last season, Woods has played only 37 games for Vale and is only 23 years old yet is highly rated in the game. Woods is keen for a fresh start elsewhere. "I was Young Player of the Year last season and voted amongst the top 10 players in the Second Division. I was one place behind Watford's David James and I was hoping to make a real impression this season. I was injured in February and lost my place to Mark Grew and now there doesn't seem any prospect of first team football at Vale. I would consider anything and just hope they don't ask silly money for me".

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BEHIND THE SCENES by John Bailey

Let Off

I had intended in this
"Christmas Special" to
publish one of those "Twenty
Things You Didn't Know
About" with "Shelts" as
the subject but owing to the
tight deadline imposed by
the Editor, I just didn't have
enough time to reduce the
fifty things I had to twenty.

"Info"

Instead, I've managed to get hold of some 'inside' information about some of the presents received by the lads yesterday.

Now the skipper was given tickets to visit his relatives in Bangladesh, but I understand he's unlikely to take advantage of the opportunity as they're only singles!

Mixed Fortunes

There were mixed fortunes for the "backroom" staff, including The Gaffer.

I understand that he received a copy of The New Musical Express to help him update his tapes while *Tony Taylor* has been given a new set of cones.

Alan Crawford got quite excited, I hear, when told he had been given a new minibus - until he realised it was a matchbox toy which left Chief Scout Tony Fawthrop. He did quite well - he's the proud owner of a bigger ash-tray.

Variety

As you would expect, there was a wide range of gifts for the players.

Indeed, the lads clubbed together to get Andy Leaning a copy of the Cambridge Diet Sheet to help him with the Friday 'weigh-in', but we were pre-empted in obtaining Andy Llewellyn's present by the makers of Clorets who gave him a year's supply for Thursday mornings (don't ask me why!)

Disappointed

'Scotty' was disappointed not to get a new flat-cap but he cheered up when he heard he'd been granted Planning Permission to build his pigeon loft.

And 'The Aize' had his spirits raised by the lads who made him the proud owner of a new TV so that he could watch next summer's European Championship in Sweden now that Wales have failed to qualify.

Personal Effects

I'm told that Andy May is now sporting a new money belt to accommodate his card winnings while his midfield partner Dave Rennie has been given a hair-coloured skull cap to replace the existing pink one.

And we're still trying to persuade 'Gavs' to wear the gag he was given - so there's a fair amount of ear-ache going around at the moment

Speedy Recovery

On a serious note, our best wishes go to *Terry Connor* for a speedy recovery after his recent knee operation and that would certainly be his choice of the ideal 'pressie'.

Terry 'the Tussle' as we know him did however get a gift from the lads - free membership to the World Wrestling Federation to spare some of the lads a few bruises!

Thanks

I must thank the thoughtfulness of some of my teammates who put me in contact
with Ken Dodd's lawyer. It
was a great gesture. They
reckon he was my best
chance of getting my licence
back!.

Last But Not Least

I thought it was a bit much that "Matty" Bryant received a can of "Three in One" for his back and Micky Mellon was presented with an Irish dictionary and a map of Cork.

But I suppose they fared better than my mate Russell Osman - after all what can you buy for the man that has everything?

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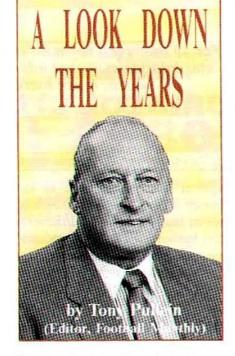
Our 23 year wait for the return of Second Division Football to Ashton Gate ended when we won the Championship of the Southern section of the Third Division by nine points from our nearest challengers Leyton Orient. We also scored 101 League goals only three short of the all-time club record.

After having missed promotion by only five points the previous season, manager Pat Beasley had confidence in his squad though he did introduce a few new faces to the side during the course of the season.

Bob Anderson, signed from neighbouring Bristol Rovers the previous April, took over in goal whilst Mike Thresher, who had developed in the junior teams here, came in at full-back. Tommy Burden, who would today be described as a midfield player, was signed from Leeds in October.

But the man who did much to help us seal our promotion effort was outside-right Arthur Milton, who was signed from Arsenal in February. Milton was one of those rare characters who represented England at both cricket and soccer. A Gloucestershire cricketer, he played in six Test matches. He won his England soccer cap against Austria at Wembley in November 1951.

The campaign opened quietly with drawn games at Gillingham and Torquay but the true quality of this City side was in evidence when we crushed Leyton Orient, the team that was to become our most serious challenger, by five clear goals in our opening game at Ashton Gate.



By the end of October we had opened out a four-point lead over Orient, Norwich and Coventry.

The team got the jitters after being knocked out in the first round of the F.A Cup by Southend. Just before Christmas we were beaten 1-4 at home by Gillingham.

But maximum points from two holiday games against Reading restored confidence and, though Orient led the way for much of the second part of the season. We took full advantage when they lost all three games at Easter.

John Atyeo led our scoring list for the second season in succession with Arnold Rogers again following closely behind.

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League Appearances

Allen, P. 1; Anderson, B. 23; Atyco, J. 46; Bailey, J. 18; Boxley, J. 43; Burden, T. 27; Cook, A. 23; Eisentrager, A. 10; Guy, I. 45; Jackson, T 7; Micklewright, A. 3; Milton, A. 14; Peacock, E. 44; Regan, D. 3; Regan, J. 22; Rodgers, A. 26; Rogers, J. 44; Thresher, M. 22; White, J. 46; Williams, C. 39.

League Goalscorers
Atyco 28, Rodgers 25, Rogers 13, Boxley
11, Burden 8, Williams 4, Milton 3, White
2, Eisentrager 1, Micklewright 1,
Opponents 5.

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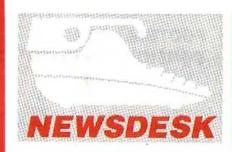
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Football in the Community

We welcome Shaun Parker to Ashton Gate having recently taken up the post of Football and Community Officer with the club.



The job was created as part of a nationwide scheme set up by the F.A., the Football League and the P.F.A. The aim is to develop relationships between the local community and Bristol City.

City already have several community activities underway among them soccer schools, a pensioners club and the well established Junior Reds.

Shaun is anxious to hear your ideas and thoughts, so if you can help, he'd be pleased to speak to you. You can contact him here at the club.

Forthcoming Events

Already, Shaun has several projects in the pipeline. On Saturday next, 28th December he has arranged a Coaching Centre Challenge to be held at the Failand Training Ground between 10.45 am and 1.00 pm.

The challenge has been arranged to give the four coaching centres a chance to test out their skills For all the latest team news and views, injury up-dates, star interviews, ticket information, competitions - and much, much more, 24hrs a day - call

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against each other, and is for Under 12's. It's a seven versus seven league based tournament and the winning team will receive an autographed football while everyone taking part will receive a ticket for the PORT VALE match.

On January 18th, Esso are sponsoring a group from childrens homes to watch the Southend game here and on the following day, Sunday 19th January the Mencap National Soccer Trials will be held at Ashton Gate. More details of both these events in later programmes.

All these events are part of Bristol City's involvement in the Community.

Thank You

The following letter was received from Ashton Park School:

Dear Mr. Kew.

I am writing to thank you for agreeing to Gary Shelton coming into school to talk to a group of Year 10 students as part of their Careers Programme. It was a very useful time and the students thoroughly enjoyed the session. Gary was terrific with the group and the balance between general interest and careers was good.

I shall, of course, be writing separately to Gary to thank him. Many thanks again for the support given to the school.

Ms.D.E.Watson Ashton Park School

Football Supporters Association

The local Branch of the F.S.A. will be held on Monday, 6th January 1992 at The George and Railway Public House at 8.00 pm.

At this meeting a player from both City and Rovers will be attending and as usual non-members are welcome.

F.A. Cup - Third Round

City v Wimbledon

The tie will be played on Saturday. 4th January 1992 (kick-off 3.00 pm).

Season ticket holders have until Saturday 28th December to claim their usual seats. Tickets will go on general sale on Monday 30th December.

We have been asked to point out to supporters that this season, for the first time, if a replay is needed and then results in a draw after extra-time, kicks from the penalty spot must be taken to determine the winner.

Programmes Wanted

Phillip Jones of 31 Bibury Avenue, Patchway, Bristol has an extensive collection of Bristol City programmes from 1952 and is missing only eight.

He would like to hear from you if you have the following programmes

Season:

1951/52
Bristol City v Southend
1953/54
Bristol City v Northampton
1955/56
Bristol City v Frankfurt
1956/57
Bristol City v Shelborne
1956/57
Bristol City v Bury

1957/58 Bristol City v Singen 1957/58 Bristol City v Tottenham Hotspur 1961/62 Bristol City v Merthyr Tydfil

Phillip will pay £5 each plus a Bristol City programme of the same season and also wishes to purchase a 1947 Cup Final programme as well as others pre 1960.

You may either contact him by writing to the above address or alternatively by telephoning Almondsbury 614420.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE COLLECTION

We were pleased to hear that the Ground Collection at the Charlton match on Saturday 30th November raised the splendid sum of £1473-90 for the St. John Ambulance.

The Assistant Commissioner (Operations), Mrs N.G.Ford has asked that a special word of thanks should go to supporters who contributed so generously.

Thank you.

Bob Returns

'Bob Hatton Rattle' on BBC Radio 5 returns for a third series on Sunday 5th January 1992 at 5.05 pm.

Fondly regarded as 'the football fans friend', Bob Hatton Rattle was the first football 'fanzine' of the air. The programme looks at our national game through the eyes of the paying fan.

Frequently amusing, occasionally hard-hitting and sometimes' tearfully nostalgic, the programme is presented by James H.Reeve.

Listeners can write to Bob Hatton Rattle, BBC East, All Saints Green, Norwich NR1 3ND if they have a point of view they want to express.

League Lay Down Early Warning Procedure

With the winter weather having already caused disruption in the Football League, it is perhaps opportune to consider once again the conditions laid down by the Football League in their 'early warning' procedure for the inspection of pitches.

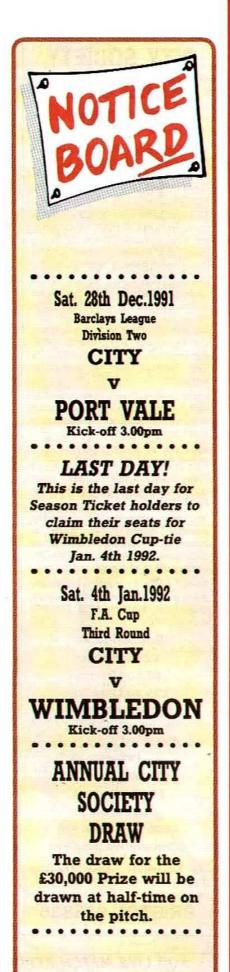
In an effort to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to supporters, League clubs are instructed to liaise closely to ascertain the travelling arrangements of visiting fans. Home clubs are also asked to contact match referees for travel details and any plans to stay overnight in order that they can be reached at short notice.

Clubs can also request referees to travel the day before the match if an early pitch inspection is necessary. [in the event that the match referee is unable to travel early, the League would call in a local official to advise them on the condition of the pitch]. Regardless of weather conditions prevailing at the time, referees are required to report at the home club during the months of November, December, January and February at least two hours before the advertised Kickoff time.

CITY MASCOT



Welcome to six year old JAMES HICKS, a pupil at St Mary's Infants School, Tetbury. His hobbies include football and motor racing and his favourite player is Bob Taylor.



HAND OVER £75,000

At half-time today, the City Society will be presenting a cheque for £75,000 to the Football Club by way of a donation from the funds raised by the members.

This brings the total donations made since 1985 to £165,000. On behalf of the City Society Committee a big thank you to the members who've made these donations possible.

The City Society is a Private Members Club, the principal activity of which is to ensure the survival and promotion by active personal and financial support, of football and other sporting and leisure activities in Bristol and in particular to support and assist Bristol City Football Club in connection therewith.

We are pleased to welcome Journalist and Racing Commentator, Julian Wilson to Ashton Gate this morning to make the presentation.

Are you a member of the City Society?

The more members, the more support we are able to give to the Football Club.

You may subscribe on a weekly, monthly, quarterly half yearly or annual basis by standing order or credit card or call in and pay at the City Society office at the ground.

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For full details contact The City Society here at Ashton Gate or by telephoning

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Travelling Independently to Brighton on New Year's Day?

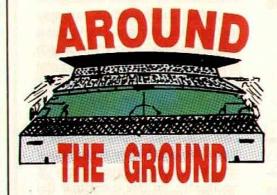
If you are travelling to Goldstone Ground, the Sussex Police have written to the club to advise that close attention is given to traffic control in the vicinity of the football ground and a tow-away system is in operation to deal with illegally parked vehicles.

The above information has been endorsed by the Brighton Supporters club who advise that car parking facilities are scarce - apart from the neighbouring Greyhound Stadium car park.

Apparently, to the south of the railway line (the visitors end of the ground) there are a number of small factory car-parks. However, these inviting looking off-street parks are privately owned and have an arrangement with a clamping firm to perform their dirty deeds whilst the poor unsuspecting football fan is watching their team.

The cost of release from these wretched clamps is upwards of £40 whilst the police tow-away fee is around £85.

You've been warned!





AWAY THE LADS

City v BRIGHTON

Barclays League Division Two New Years Day

For our match at Brighton on New Years Day, coaches will depart Ashton Gate at 10.30 am and the fare is £7.00 for Travel Club members and £8.00 for non members.

Supporters should stand on the East Terrace and admission is £6.00. South Stand Seats are available, pay at the turnstiles, price £10.00.

Programmes £1.20 each.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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Merry Christmas Junior Reds

We hope that you are all having a great Christmas holiday and that you have had almost all of the presents you were hoping for!

Hopefully today, the City can give us all a late Christmas present by taking all three points off Swindon Town. The recent spell of bad weather which caused the postponement of City's game against Wolves, also caused disruption to the Junior Reds programme of events.

First to suffer were the groups who had been scheduled to visit on that, day and we hope that we can fit in their visit on another game, so that they are not disappointed. Also, because of the fact that we were unable to give it fuller publicity, we have been forced to cancel the Juniors training session with the players which should have taken place on December 23rd. However, it is hoped

that we will be able to re-arrange this for half-term week - so watch this page for details.

Some events were not affected by the weather, and these included the Christmas Party which was held in the Supporters Club on 15th December. Details of this event and also the name of the winner of our raffle for Martin Scotts shirt will appear in our next programme page on December 28th v Port Vale.

Also, certain to be unaffected by adverse weather conditions is our planned trip to Blackburn on January 11th. This trip is now sold out, so could all of you who have put your names down please come into the clubroom and confirm your place, as failure to do so may mean that we have to turn down a Junior who could have taken your place.

There is a new face around the ground these days, but it is one with which we are sure that the Juniors are going to become very familiar. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome to Ashton Gate Shaun Parker. Shaun will be working very hard to promote Bristol City within the community, and the Junior Reds will be giving him all the help that we can some of you will have already met Shaun and will know that he going to give as much help to the Junior Reds. A very warm welcome Shaun.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec.3rd Alistair Gray (5), 4th: Phillip Badman (10), 5th: Rachel Bussell (17), Leon Kelly (16), Gavin Lovell (14), 6th Phillip Lewis (9), Nicholas Soper (8), 8th: Kelly Weaver (12), 9th: Kevin Croker (10), 12th: Scott Proctor (15), 14th: Nathan Ware (4), Lee Hamlin (11), Robin Maksimczyk (1), 22nd: Robert Fuller (3), 23rd: Eion Gibney (5), 26th: James Nicholas (7), 27th: Rebecca Francis (12).

SWINDON MASCOT



Welcome to WESLEY CLAMP who is 12 years old and comes from Kempsford, Glos. and is a pupil at Farmors School. He plays football for Fairford Under 12's and Farmors Under 12's and his favourite player is David Kerslake.

The Football Trust is helping the game at all levels. It assists clubs implement the Taylor Report. Grants are made for seating, new stadia, ground improvements, safety, community schemes, policing and stewarding and closed circuit television.

MEET FOOTBALL'S £32MILLION SUPPORTER

This £32M a year boost for football comes from the reduction in pool betting duty and the Spotting-the-Ball competition organised by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters.



THE FOOTBALL TRUST Helping the game The last Reserve game nine days ago saw a side of first team strength taking the field against AFC Bournemouth in the Clifton Stockbroker League and chalking up a 5-1 victory.

City's goal tally included doubles from Bob Taylor and Matt Bryant as Jimmy Lumsden opted for match practice for his squad following the postponement of the previous Saturday's League game with Wolves.

Team: Leaning, Llewellyn, Scott, May, Bryant, Aizlewood, Osman, Rennie, Allison, Taylor, Gavin.

The Reserves currently lead the Clifton Stockbrokers League and so end the year as they started it on top.

The latest League table shows City to have a six point lead over Bristol Rovers, who've played one game less:

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS
Bristol C	10	8	0	2	23	6	26
Bristol R	9	6	1	2	30	10	20
Swansea C	9	4	1	4	18	13	16
Torquay Utd	10	.5.	4	1	21	22	16
Plymouth 1	6	4	2	0	8	3	12
Hereford U	7	3	1	3	15	9	12
Exeter C	8	3	4	"1	15	18	10
Bournemouth	10	2	7	1	18	25	7
Cardiff C.	7	2	5	0	13	15	6
Cheltenham T.	. 7	1	6	0	5	21	3
Yeovil Town	9	1	8	0	7	31	3

The Next Game

The next game for the Reserves is not until Wednesday 22nd January 1992 when they play Bristol Rovers Reserves. The Rovers play their Reserve games at Yate Town's ground and the kick-off is 7.30pm.



YOUTH IN FOCUS

After last Saturday's scheduled home game with Luton in the South East Counties League, the City youngsters have a break until the New Year.

Prior to the Luton game, we had not had a game for a fortnight following the postponement of both our F.A. Youth Cup-tie with Southend and the South East Counties League game with Southampton due to frozen grounds.

As yet, no new date has been arranged for the F.A. Youth Cup, Third Round match with Southend. It was Southend who put the lads out of the South East Counties League Cup at the quarter-final stage but although we suffered a 2-0 home defeat on that occasion, Youth Team Coach Alan Crawford is optimistic that his lads can turn the tables at Roots Hall when the game is finally played.

'Despite the defeat, there was little to choose between the two sides and if we have the right attitude there's no reason why we can't progress. The Southend lads were perhaps a little physically stronger but most of our team are in their first year on the Y.T.S. scheme and it's something they are used to facing'.

In the League, the City youngsters are currently occupying a mid-table position having taken thirteen points from thirteen games.

'I've said before that it is the quality of our performance and the ability of our lads to listen and learn that is more important than the results and I feel that we

made some headway. Let us hope that we can continue in the second half of the season in the New Year.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Wimbledon	13	9	3	1	46	10	21
Brentford	14	10	1	3	31	16	21
Crystal P	14	9	2	3	39	14	20
Southampton	14	8	4	2	23	15	20
Oxford U	13	9		4	40	17	18
Luton T	15	8	2	5	30	23	18
Brighton	15	8	1	6	34	23	17
Bristol C	13	6	1	6	16	21	13
Swindon T.	15	5	2	8	13	27	12
Reading	11	5	1	5	29	28	11
Maidstone	12	4	1	7	19	28	9
Bristol R	14	4	1	9	27	51	9
Tottenham	15	3	1	11	17	43	7
Aldershot	14	3	1	10	18	49	7
Bournemouth	16	1	3	12	16	33	5

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE 1991/92

DATE	OPPONENTS	٧	RES
Aug. 17th	Luton Town	A	0-3
Aug. 24th	Aldershot	Н	1-0
Aug. 31st	Brighton	A	1-0
Sep. 9th	Brentford	A	0-5
Sep. 21st	Southampton L.C.	A	1-0
Sep. 28th	Tottenham	Н	4-0
Oct. 5th	Reading	Α	1-2
Oct. 12th	Bournemouth	H	2-1
Oct. 19th	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2
Oct. 26th	Luton Town L.C.	A	2-1
Nov. 2nd	Oxford United	A	0-3
Nov. 9th	Crystal Palace	H	2-0
Nov. 16th	Wimbledon	H	0-2
Nov. 23rd	Maidstone Utd	H	2-1
Nov. 30th	Southend L.C.	H	0-2
Dec. 7th	Swindon Town	H	1-2
Dec. 14th	Southampton	A	
Dec. 21st	Luton Town	H	
Jan. 4th	Aldershot	A	
Jan. 11th	Brighton	H	
Jan. 18th	Brentford	H	
Feb. 1st	Tottenham	A	
Feb. 8th	Reading	H	
Feb. 15th	Bournemouth	A	
Feb. 22nd	Bristol Rovers	H	
Feb. 29th	Oxford United	H	
Mar. 7th	Crystal Palace	A	
Mar. 14th	Wimbledon	A	
Mar. 21st	Maidstone Utd	A	
Mar. 28th	Swindon	A	
Apr. 4th	Southampton	H	

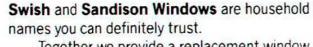
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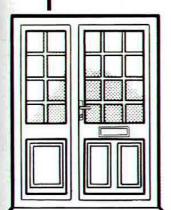
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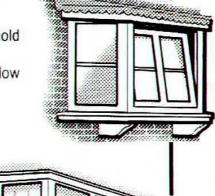


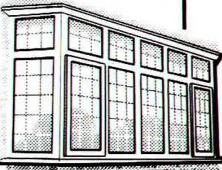


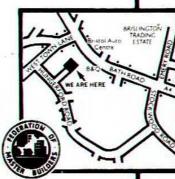
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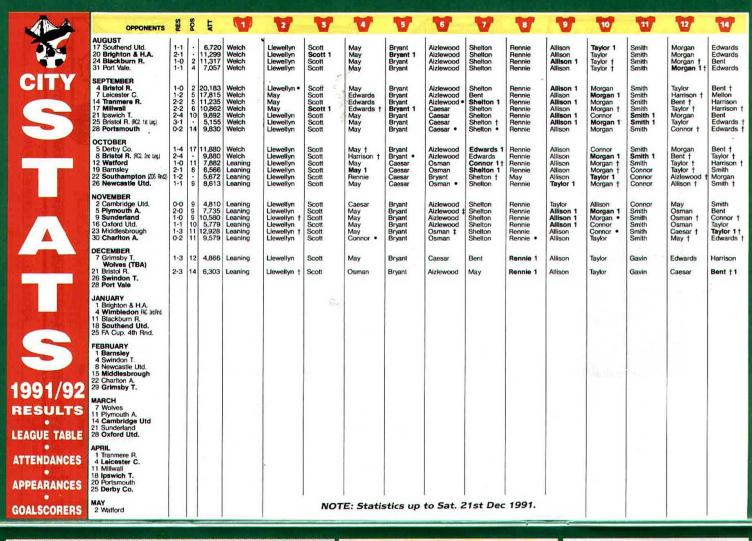


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BARCLAYS	LEAGUE	DIVISION	TWO 1991/92
	Home	Away ,	Leading

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L			Pts	League Goalscorers.	Av.Att.
Blackburn	21	8	2	1	20	7	4	2	4	12	12	40	Speedie 10, Garner 5	11,380
Cambridge	20	5	4	1	16	7	6	2	2	18	15	39	Dublin 9, Claridge 7	6,649
Middlesbr'o	22	9	3	0	21	5	2	2	6	10	15	38	Slaven 12, Payton 8	14,279
Derby Co	21	5	1	4	15	10	6	3	2	17	13	37	Davidson 7, Williams 5	12,682
Southend	22	6	2	4	21	17	4	4	2	12	10	36	Angell 13, Tilson 6	6,221
Ipswich	23	6	1	3	17	12	3	7	3	16	16	35	Kiwomya 5	11,381
Swindon	21	6	3	2	20	13	3	4	3	19	13	34	Shearer 12, White 10	10,125
Leicester	22	5	3	2	16	8	5	1	6	11	19	34	Kitson 5	11,884
Charlton	22	5	3	4	14	13	4	3	3	12	10	33	Nelson/Lee 5	6,093
Portsm'th	21	7	3	0	14	4	2	3	6	9	17	33	Anderson/Burns 4	8,733
Millwall	22	3	1	5	13	14	5	5	3	22	17	30	Kerr 8, Rae 6	8,567
Port Vale	24	4	7	1	14	12	3	2	7	12	17	30	Foyle 8, Van Der Laan 4	7,151
Sunderland	23	5	4	2	17	11	3	1	8	16	22	29	Byrne 8, Arms'ng 7	16,953
Bristol C	22	6	3	2	13	10	1	4	6	13	23	28	Allison 7, Taylor 3	10,783
Tranmere	19	4	4	1	14	11	2	5	3	9	12	27	Aldridge 9, Steel 3	8,356
Barnsley	23	6	0	6	17	16	2	3	6	10	17	27	Rammell 4	7,542
Wolves	22	4	2	5	16	17	3	3	5	12	14	26	Bull 10	13,085
Bristol R	23	3	5	3	21	21	3	3	6	10	17	26	Saunders 6, White 5	5,587
Newcastle	24	4	7	1	22	17	1	3	8	12	25	25	Peacock 8, Hunt 7	18,659
Grimsby	21	4	3	3	16	14	3	1	7	11	22	25	Woods 5	6,229
Brighton	24	4	4	5	22	21	2	2	7	10	19	24	Codnor/Meade 4	7,518
Plymouth	21	7	1	3	12	11	0	2	8	8	20	24	Marshall 7, Burrows 3	5,143
Watford	21	4	0	7	12	15	3	2	5	11	13	23	Blissett 7, Porter 4	8,523
Oxford	22	4	2	6	17	18	1	1	8	12	22	18	Magilton/Simpson 6	4,686

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1991/92

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CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS **LEAGUE 1991/92**

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RES
Aug. 19th	Bournemouth	A	3-2
Sep. 18th	Bristol Rovers	Н	1-0
Sep. 24th	Cardiff	A	4-1
Oct. 1st	Cheltenham Town	Н	2-0
Oct. 8th	Exeter City	A	2-0
Nov. 6th	Swansea City	н	2-2
Nov. 20th	Torquay United	A	1-0
Nov. 25th	Yeovil Town	н	3-0
Dec. 3rd	Hereford United	Н	0-0
Dec. 17th	Bournemouth	н	
Jan. 22nd	Bristol Rovers	A	
Jan. 28th	Cardiff City	H	
Feb. 11th	Cheltenham Town	A	
Feb. 19th	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Feb. 25th	Exeter City	Н	
Mar. 4th	Hereford United	A	
Mar. 11th	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Mar. 17th.	Swansea City	A	
Mar. 31st	Torquay United	H	
Apr. 6th	Yeovil Town	A	

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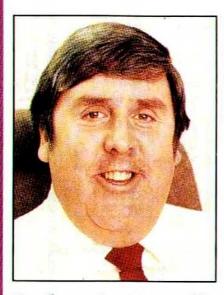
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Dec. 10th Yeovil Town 0-1 A

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Good morning to you all!

May I firstly pass on my compiments of the season. I do hope that you all had a good day yesterday and are not too fragile this morning!

It is good to be able to welcome Swindon to Ashton Gate for the first of our holiday games as we look to erase the memory of the last time we met here - last season when we lost 4-0.

TO-DAY'S MATCH SPONSORS

I am most grateful to Holiday Club Pontins for sponsoring to-day's game. I do hope that David Roberts and Alan Phillips and their guests have a great party.

It is the second successive year that Pontins have sponsored a game. Last season, it was our Easter Holiday game with Notts County, when the Pontin's 'Crocs' were in evidence. Who knows, they may make an appearance to-day!

TO-DAY'S MATCHBALL SPONSOR

My thanks go to Roy Blake of Crispin Design & Marketing Ltd who is sponsoring the matchball.

A keen supporter, Roy has helped

to produce the matchday magazine over the last couple of seasons and I am grateful to him for his help. Have a good time today, and keep up the good work.

CAR PARK SPACE

With both car parks here at Ashton Gate fully booked may I remind supporters that I have been able to negotiate the use of the Wills Tobacco car park in Winterstoke Road on matchdays.

Anyone interested in purchasing a space for the rest of the season - it will cost you £25.00 - should contact me on BRISTOL 633836 as soon as possible.

Plane Trip to Newcastle

May I remind supporters that arrangements have been made to run a plane trip to Newcastle for our Barclays League Division Two game at St James Park on Saturday 8th February 1992.

We have had several enquiries but there are still places available. I would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take advantage of our super package.

The cost of the trip will be £160 which covers:

- * the plane tickets
- * transport to and from Newcastle Airport to the ground
- * tickets for the game
- * a meal in the Newcastle Executive Lounge

Full details are available from the Commercial Department, so give me a ring on BRISTOL 633836.

WELCOME

To BBC Racing Correspondent Julian Wilson who is visiting Ashton Gate this morning.

At half-time to-day, Julian will be presenting a cheque for £75,000 to Chairman Leslie Kew on behalf of the City Society.

My thanks to Julian and also to all City Society members who have made the donation possible.

CITY SHOP

Why not pay a visit to the Club Shop to-day

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As with all games here at Ashton Gate, to-day's game is being filmed by Complete Video Services. The Videos are priced £14.00 plus £1.00 p&p and can be obtained on either VHS or Betamax from the Club Shop.





TEAM CHECK

Barclays League Division Two
Thursday 26th December 1991, Kick-off 11.30am.

BRISTOL CITY

- **1** ANDY LEANING
- 2 ANDY LLEWELLYN
- 3 MARTIN SCOTT
- 4 ANDY MAY
- **5 MATT BRYANT**
- **6 MARK AIZLEWOOD**
- 7 RUSSELL OSMAN
- **8** DAVE RENNIE
- 9 WAYNE ALLISON
- **10** BOB TAYLOR
- **11 MARK GAVIN**
- 12
- 14

versus

SWINDON TOWN

- **1** NICKY HAMMOND
- 2 DAVID KERSLAKE
- 3 ADRIAN VIVEASH
- 4 STEVE FOLEY
- 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- **6** SHAUN TAYLOR
- 7 MICKY HAZARD
- **8** DUNCAN SHEARER
- 9 FITZROY SIMPSON
- **10** ROSS MACLAREN
- **11** STEVE WHITE
- 12
- 14



BOB TAYLOR

Born: Horden 3.2.67 Height: 5'10" Previous Club: Leeds United. City Appearances: 108(9) Goals: 57

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE

R. B. GIFFORD

(Llanbradach)

Now in his eighth year on the League List, Rodger commenced refereeing in 1965. A partner in a local business concern, he spends a considerable amount of time talking to Referee's Societies and County Football Associations in Wales and England. When time permits he also enjoys gardening and after dinner speaking.



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