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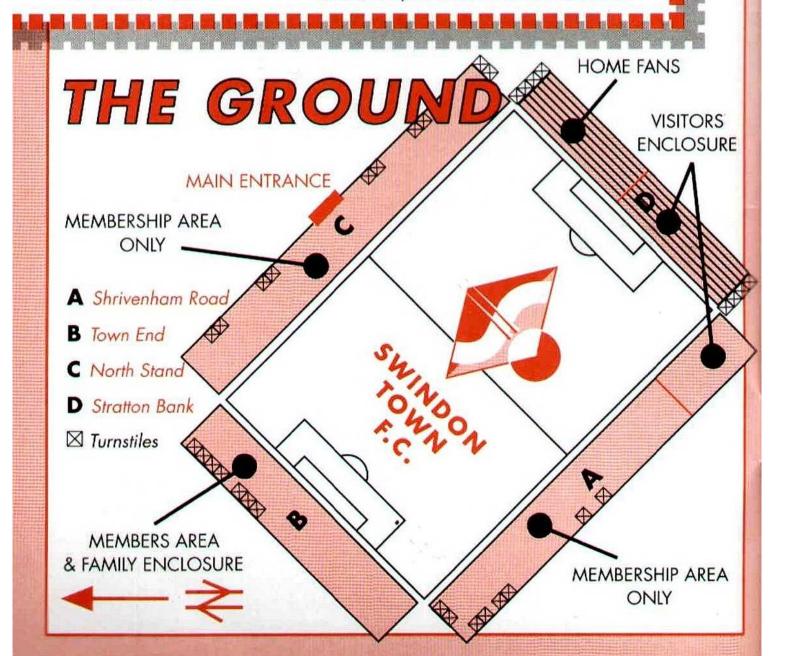


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#### WELCOME

This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of *Tranmere Rovers Football Club* to The County Ground for what is our last floodlit League home game of the season.

#### **BARCLAYS LEAGUE**

On Saturday we entertain Southend United here at The County Ground in the Barclays League kicking off at 3.00pm.

We are then faced with two consecutive away fixtures when on Saturday 28th March we travel to meet F.A.Cup semi-finalists Portsmouth at Fratton Park followed on Wednesday 1st April by the long haul north when we face Sunderland at Roker Park where the kick off is at 7.45pm.

Our game with Bristol Rovers at Twerton Park, Bath has now been re-arranged for Sunday 12th April kicking off at 11.30am. The game is **all ticket**.

Terrace Tickets at £5.50 each are available on a first come first served basis from The County Ground Ticket Office. No seat tickets are available.

#### COMBINATION

With two Cup ties forthcoming, the Reserves now take a short break from action in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination. Their next League game is here on Wednesday 25th March when they entertain Crystal Palace kicking off at 2.00pm.

#### RESERVE TEAM CUP

Next Monday evening the Reserves play their Reserve Team Cup semi-final against Plymouth Argyle here at The County Ground kicking off at 7.30pm. The winners of the game host the final against the victors of the other semi-final when Southampton meet Bristol Rovers.

#### WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

Tomorrow night the Reserves are at Calne Town in the semi-final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield kicking off at 7.30pm. We are of course current holders of the Shield.

#### YOUTHTEAM

Having finished their travels for the season the Youth Team now have three remaining home games in the South East Counties League. This Saturday it's the turn of Crystal Palace to visit Wanborough, followed on consecutive Saturdays by the visits of Bristol City and Brentford. All games kick off at 11.00am.

#### ONLOAN

Reserve defender Richard Green is currently on Temporary Transfer with Fourth Division Gillingham.

#### **REVIEW No.7**

Issue number seven of the Swindon Review, our official Club newspaper is on sale from Friday price **50p**. Included in this issue is a report from Phil Duffell on the recent Football League game in Italy along with some more exclusive photographs from Dave Evans. Free with every copy are ten cards from the Football League PRO SET collection.



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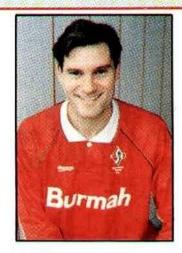


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# Glenn Hoddle



I was down at Millwall last week and saw Tranmere play exceptionally well. One has to respect their football - they are a quality side - it's nice to see people play the game in this manner. They totally destroyed Millwall on the night.

We had a really good game with them on Merseyside earlier this season despite their being no goals. But John Aldridge is back on form and is going to be an obvious danger that we shall need to extinguish this evening.

Things have not been going too well for us of late, we have run into a sticky patch. Tonight's exercise will be more about character, courage and metal than football as far as we are concerned as we battle to regain our momentum.

True, we are getting low on numbers, with injuries and the sale of players. So this is 'roll up our sleeves' time - a time to stand up and be counted. After three defeats in succession, it is now more a case of looking for our next wirl than pressing for promotion, though if we get back to winning ways tonight, the other will fall into place.

It is a strange situation, for we are still continuing to play better than our opponents; creating more chances than them, yet coming away with nothing to show. One reason is that for all our creativity, we are not taking our chances. Another key factor is we are conceding too many goals.

We have worked hard on our defence over the last week, particularly with regard to the fact that we have lost games to Middlesbrough and Charlton from set pieces. Hopefully we will be a bit tighter after conceding those five goals at Oxford. I didn't realise, until after the game, that Oxford had not beaten us for ten years. That, coupled with the fact that it was a derby game, left us very disappointed.

It was a crazy match - could have been seven all. Once again we were punished for silly mistakes, and I was as guilty as the others, and though Oxford made even worse bloomers, we failed to capitalise on their errors.

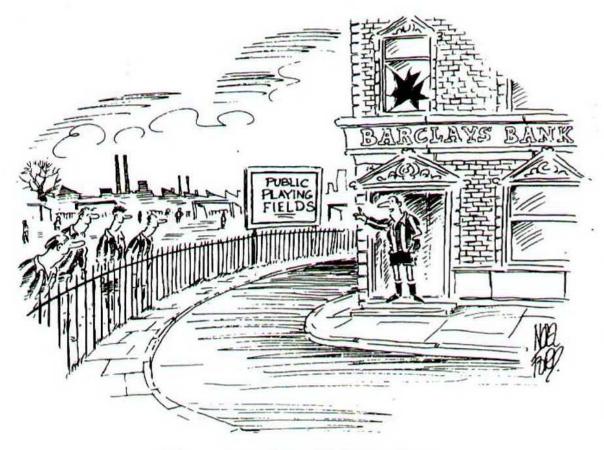
A pity because we had enjoyed such a good season. I suppose if we were Liverpool, we would be bemoaning the fact that we have lost a couple of players, sold through necessity, and had five or six more injured. With resources such as ours, this is more crippling than anything the Reds have been moaning about all season but we won't make an issue of it. We have to remain positive and set our sights on a play-off place. I have tried to recruit a couple of players on loan to strengthen our depleted ranks but have met with only negative responses from the clubs I have approached. So we have to turn the corner under our own steam.

Our luck most change for the better soon. Once gain, last week, Alan Curbishley came to me after the match with Charlton and told me his team had 'nicked it'. It was a repeat of Lennie Lawrence's apology after 'Boro's victory here. It is hard to keep taking these knocks on the chin but we are not going to let it get us down.

It is not all gloom and doom - there is much to give us hope and satisfaction. Before the kick-off tonight, young Shaun Close will receive a bottle of champagne from Barclay's manager Tony Eves, as his reward for netting the fastest goal of the week. Shaun scored at Oxford in the 33rd second! Pity is wasn't the winner.

Reflecting on goals, it was nice to see Duncan back on the scoresheet against Charlton. It has visibly lifted him. And Dave Mitchell, who scored two good shots at Oxford, has also been boosted by his success and could return tonight after injury.

GLENN.



'The manager will be delighted to discuss more comprehensive insurance for the club and, yes we CAN have our ball back.'

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TALKING TO

BARCLAYS

Bob Stokoe makes an emotional journey tomorrow evening when he breaks a vow by returning to Roker Park - the home of Sunderland, the Club he managed to FA Cup success in 1973.

Stokoe said that he promised never to go back to Roker Park after the way he was treated by former manager Denis Smith. Until last week's 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge, Stokoe had not seen Sunderland play for almost three seasons. Stokoe, who now scouts for lan Porterfield at Chelsea, says, "I'll be there in the stand supporting Chelsea. Under Denis Smith I was reduced to a glorified barman on matchdays. No doubt it will be an emotional night for me. Since I declared that I wanted Chelsea to win the tie, I've received no stick whatsoever from the Sunderland fans and knowing them I don't really expect any on the night."

Cambridge United were brought down to earth last week with a 2-0 home defeat by Kevin Keegan's Newcastle United. Before that the U's had lost only one of the previous eight games and manager John Beck believes that his players must attain a right frame of mind. "We have to relieve the pressure a bit from ourselves and believe in everything that we do, despite the criticism that we receive. We cannot afford to take the criticism to heart, as I think by now it would have broken a thousand times. We must always look on the bright side of life." Plymouth Argyle's new player manager Peter Shilton was pleased that his first game in charge of the relegation threatened Club earned a point against his former Club Derby County in a 1-1 draw at Home Park. Shilton is looking forward to his first managerial role. "There is a lot of potential down here and I will be looking for the support of the public. I believe that football is a spectator sport and that people want to see something in the way of entertainment. I want to come down here and



make an impact on the pitch as well as off it. It is a First Division Club with very good potential in terms of gates. The main thing at present is to get the best out of the players I've got available, to get the results and make sure that we stay in the Second Division."

Middlesbrough boss, Lennie Lawrence, believes that his Club is the best in the north east and has no regrets about moving up from Charlton in the summer. "I knew it was the right move for me, hopefully the right one for Middlesbrough, and absolutely the right one for Charlton. It is hard here because the demands are just as great, but at least I'm a manager in normal circumstances. I have a Club which has a ground, magnificent support and a team with decent players. We are the best Club, footballing and finance-wise in the north east, but the case will always be made that the other two are bigger by the huge media hype towards them."

Wolves utility man, Tom Bennett, believes that his Club is still in with a chance of reaching the play-offs. "There is no shortage of confidence in the camp. Since Derek Mountfield arrived, the defence has looked a lot more solid and it has allowed us to play much better football as a team. After our recent good run and our performance against Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup, we really believe that we have a chance in the League."

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#### FORTHCOMING • ATTRACTIONS





#### SOUTHEND HAVE AN ANGELL ON THEIR SIDE.





Southend United have emerged as one of the surprise challengers in the Second Division scramble for honours and, if not serious contenders for one of the top two places, must certainly be regarded as one of the likely contestants to participate in the play-offs.

Not bad for a side that clawed its way out of Division Three last season as runners-up to Cambridge United but, after drawing 1-1 at Portsmouth last December, the Shrimpers moved up to fifth place in the League chart and have hovered there ever since.

Having attained Second Division status for the first time in their history, they are certainly making the most of it and are nicely placed to create an all-time Football League record should they achieve promotion to the new Premier League. For they will become the first club ever to rise from the Fourth to the top Division in successive seasons!

If Southend were dismissed as likely challengers by the pundits last August, they have certainly opened a few eyes. The quality of the Shrimpers' play has surprised many, including Middlesbrough chief Lennie Lawrence,

who saw them hold his side 1-1 at Ayresome Park, and Brian Little, whose Leicester team were fully extended to force a 2-0 win at Filbert Street after some early scares

The Shrimpers' recent away form has not been so good however - six successive defeats pegging their ambitions somewhat. But they still remain just nine points short of the pace-setters and in Brett Angell, Ian Benjamin and Andy Ansah, have individuals who can turn a game. It was Southend United who knocked Town off the pedestal after we had moved to the top of the Second Division ladder in November. Steve White and Duncan Shearer had led a spirited comeback at Roots Hall after Nicky Hammond had saved Dean Austin's penalty. It was Southend's eighth failure from nine spot-kicks! Brett Angell scored twice and the tireless Steve Tilson netted another in a thrilling 3-2 win.

So can Town set the record straight in the return fixture here at The County Ground? To find out, don't miss **SWINDON TOWN v SOUTHEND UNITED** - here on Saturday 21st March at 3.00pm.







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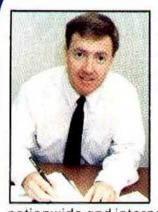
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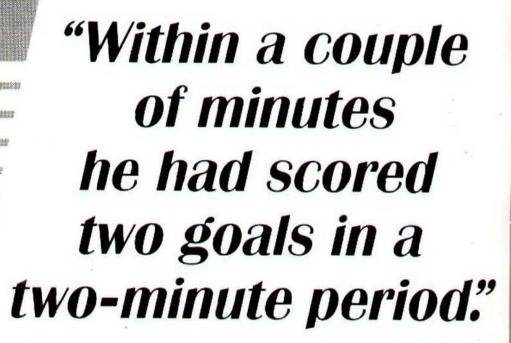
Our first mascot for this evening is eleven year old *Kelly Lewis*. Kelly lives at Liden, Swindon and attends Holy Family Junior School. Her favourite player is Glenn Hoddle. Her hobbies include football and cricket and she is a red belt in Karate.



Our second mascot is seven year old **Jamie Stratford**. He comes from Newbury in Berkshire and attends Greenham Court School. Jamie's favourite player is also Glenn Hoddle and, not surprisingly, he loves to play football - and his dad says also making a mess!

Hope you both enjoy your evening!





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Another busy week presented us with a Reserve Team Cup quarter final at Oxford and a home game with Ipswich Town in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination.

At Oxford we gave away a two goal lead before we started playing and after this sloppy start we got our act together and pulled off a great 3.2 win. Agoal in the first half from Nestor Lorenzo gave us a lifeline and in the second half we took control of the game.

It seemed only a matter of time before we would draw level and sure enough Lorenzo scored again with a header from a Darren Hall cross. With ten minutes remaining, Richard Green scored our winner, again with a header, this time from Nicky Summerbee's cross. This win now leaves us with a semi final tie at home to Plymouth Argyle, which is being played at The County Ground next Monday evening.

The Football Combination game with Ipswich Town was not quite as interesting, with neither side managing a goal. We had our best spell of the game in the last twenty minutes of the first half with Darren Hall and Nicky Summerbee getting in a couple of telling crosses without anybody being able to get on the end of them. With both Shaun Close and manager Glenn Hoddle being substituted at half time in preparation for the first team game at Oxford, our re-

shuffled line-up still managed to be more of a threat than the strong lpswich team, who included seven players with recent first team experience.

Although we didn't manage to find the net, it was still a creditable performance with the younger lads coming in and doing well.

#### Andy Rowland Reserve Team Manager

#### NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

League Table up to and including 7.3.92

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|                   | Pld. | Won | Dwn | Lost | For | Against | Pts. |  |
| ARSENAL           | 31   | 16  | 6   | 7    | 67  | 41      | 60   |  |
| QPR               | 31   | 18  | 4   | 9    | 61  | 38      | 58   |  |
| CHELSEA           | 28   | 17  | 6   | 5    | 60  | 25      | 57   |  |
| SOUTHAMPTON       | 25   | 16  | 5   | 4    | 48  | 19      | 53   |  |
| CRYSTAL PALACE    | 29   | 14  | 9   | 6    | 50  | 35      | 51   |  |
| PORTSMOUTH        | 32   | 15  | 2   | 15   | 66  | 66      | 47   |  |
| LUTON TOWN        | 29   | 13  | 7   | 9    | 43  | 35      | 46   |  |
| NORWICH CITY      | 25   | 14  | 3   | 8    | 50  | 27      | 45   |  |
| SWINDON TOWN      | 27   | 12  | 6   | 9    | 46  | 41      | 42   |  |
| WIMBLEDON         | 29   | 11  | 8   | 10   | 44  | 34      | 41   |  |
| IPSWICH TOWN      | 30   | 10  | 8   | 12   | 53  | 57      | 38   |  |
| TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR | 29   | 10  | 6   | 13   | 43  | 43      | 36   |  |
| FULHAM            | 28   | 10  | 5   | 13   | 32  | 41      | 35   |  |
| MILLWALL          | 29   | 9   | 8   | 12   | 53  | 64      | 35   |  |
| WATFORD           | 29   | 11  | 1   | 17   | 42  | 54      | 34   |  |
| OXFORD UNITED     | 29   | 10  | 3   | 16   | 45  | 66      | 33   |  |
| WEST HAM UTD.     | 29   | 8   | 7   | 14   | 44  | 56      | 31   |  |
| CHARLTON ATHLETIC | 26   | 7   | 5   | 14   | 33  | 50      | 26   |  |
| BRIGHTON          | 29   | 6   | 5   | 18   | 41  | 61      | 23   |  |
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# Off beat John GORMAN

The 5-3 defeat at Oxford United came as a real blow to our pride. There's only one way to take a loss like that, and that's to show character, take it on the chin and fight back. We've had a few knocks recently and it's made our situation more difficult than it should be. The week leading to the Oxford game was not very usual with Glenn, Colin and David Kerslake away for most of it with the Football League team in Italy. Micky Hazard, Martin Ling and Ross MacLaren were sidelined with injury, with Ross having his operation, The Reserves had two games and, with the transfer of Fitzroy Simpson, this meant that we only had six fit first team players able to come in for training.

We had to mix with the Youth players who were not involved in the Reserve Team games to make up the numbers. It wasn't possible to do much team play until the day before the game.

The game at The Manor Ground could have ended up 6-6 there were so many incidents and mistakes. The most goals we had let in before then was three, so we were not too happy to lose, scoring three goals away from home and conceding five.

Still it's history now and we have got games with Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United under our belts since then.

The sale of Fitzroy Simpson to Manchester City had to be done. I've enjoyed working with Fitz. He's a great competitor and has shown so much improvement since last year. He should have a great future at

Maine Road. Richard Green has gone on loan to Gillingham. This will give him an opportunity to get some regular first team football as his chances were limited here. We wish both boys every success.

Let's hope our injuries soon clear up. Steve White's back injury is starting to heal. Ross MacLaren will be a big loss to the team as he was outstanding all season. Because of the injury situation, we have been looking at a number of players ourselves with a view to taking one or two on loan which should give us a bit more strength in depth.

This evening we welcome John King and his assistant Ronnie Moore to The County Ground. Earlier in the season we fought out a goal-less draw at Prenton Park which was a credit to both teams:

We are at home again on Saturday when we entertain David Webb's Southend United. Should prove to be another great game.

Until then - be good.



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By Colin Benson

Football can be a cruel profession. Take Nestor Lorenzo. In the summer of 1990 he was on top of the world - well almost! - as he played for Argentina in that quickly forgotten World Cup Final against West Germany. Now he is scratching around in the backwoods of Wiltshire hoping to get a game.

The transition from the Olympic Stadium in Rome to Oxford United's rather spartan Manor Ground might well provide a culture shock to most, but when Nestor was called on for the last half-an-hour last Saturday week, it was like a dream come true. For in the past twelve months, the Argentinian star's career has floundered on the rocks.

So after the euphoria of that Rome night, just under two years ago, what has gone wrong for a player who seemingly had the world at his feet?

It is true he made an impression in Italy, enough to persuade Bari to offer him a job. With a desperate economic climate back home in South America and the lire-laden Italians offering tantalising incentives, he didn't take much convincing.

Nestor seemed settled until the cogs of the international transfer market caught him up. Juventus were negotiating the transfer of England pivot Des Walker. Brian Clough saw Nestor as the ideal replacement.

Says Nestor: "The move appealed to me. English football is a big competition in which anyone can beat anyone and Forest had a good squad and played my type of football. So I came over. But then, Juventus said no to Walker and Mr Clough said no to me... I was very disappointed.

"Ossie Ardiles contacted me and explained he had a few problems at Swindon which he felt I could help with. I was left with the choice of coming here or returning to Argentina.

"I felt I played quite well last season. I got off to a good start with a goal in my first game against Portsmouth and, apart from a few problems with referees, settled in well. But this season I haven't really had a chance to show what I can do.

"The game against Charlton last Tuesday was my first full match of the season and I played in midfield which is not my proper position. I try to do my best there for the sake of the team but I am really a centre-half or sweeper.

"The game here is much quicker than in Argentina where you have more time to stop the ball, look up and make your pass. Here it is very frantic and the ball spends so long in the air. At Swindon we try to play good football but it is not always easy against some opponents."

Nestor, who prior to the proposed move to Nottingham had turned down Lucerne, believes he still has a future in the game. He says, "I have been playing football since I was four, encouraged by my elder brother, who was a good player himself but too lazy to become a professional."

He was 19 when he made his senior debut for Argentine's Juniors - whose captain was none other than Diego Maradona - in a 2-1 win over Independiente. Capped by Argentina at Under-18 level and a member of their Olympic team in Seoul in 1988, Nestor collected his 25th full cap on that balmy night in Rome when Argentina finished second in the World.

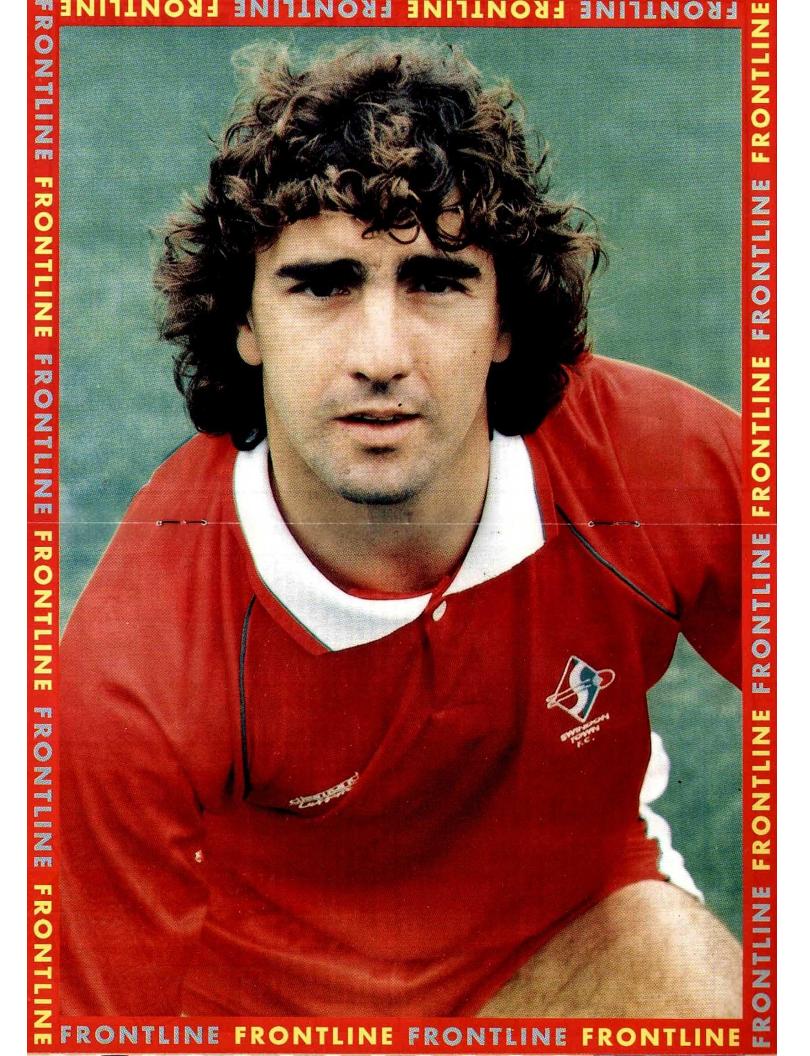
It was a great experience and a great achievement that should have been the stepping stone to more success. But with current Argentinian boss Alfie 'Coco' Basile insisting on a national side comprised of home-based players and Nestor fighting to come to terms with the English game, his progress has been somewhat sidelined.

"I have another year on my contract here and I hope to fulfill it as a first team player," he says. "My relationship with the manager is good. We speak to each other like professionals and I'm sure that given the chance I can play my part."

The birth of his daughter, four months ago, was the happiest moment of his life and he admits the only damper is the fact that he is not in the side. "Sometimes I want to leave and return to Argentina," he says. "Other times I feel my future lies here."

So can Nestor come to terms with the English game and make an impression?

"I'm not the person that decides that," he smiles. "I'll do my best."











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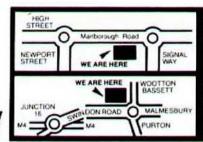
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# A VERY WARM TO TRANMERE ROVERS

#### ROVERS LOOKING TO CONSOLIDATE

By John Nolan.

Roy of the Rovers has nothing on Tranmere who have shot from Division Four to Division Two in three years and have played at Wembley more times than any other club since 1988; with two Leyland Daf Cup Final appearances, as well as play-off and Centenary match appearances.

Back in the Second Division for the first time since 1939, Rovers started well with new record signing **John Aldridge** scoring both goals in a 2-0 win at Brighton. A hat-trick in the next game, at Halifax, in the Rumbelows League Cup, confirmed Aldridge's quality, and the former Liverpool ace scored in each of the opening five games in which he netted nine goals.

No less than 21 goals were recorded in the opening eight League and Cup fixtures but 16 goals were also conceded as points were dropped to Bristol Rovers (2-2), Grimsby, Charlton and Bristol City - all by the same scoreline.

After a 1-0 home defeat by Cambridge United on October 18th, Tranmere got their act together. A 3-1 defeat at Leeds United, in the Rumbelows League Cup, being the only blot until they crashed 4-0 at Portman Road in the last game in November.

That run, which included a goal-less draw with us and a 1-0 win at Middlesbrough in the ZDS Cup, helped consolidate Rovers in Division Two and they have maintained their position since winning nine and drawing 15 of their opening 31 Second Division games.

Goalkeeper Eric Nixon was installed as captain by manager John King and the 29 year-old former Manchester City custodian has led by example, keeping Paul Collings, 23, formerly with Ellesmere Port and Neston, very much in the shadows.

Besides the 13 players covered on the next page, who have featured in recent Tranmere teams, Mr King has also called on the experienced former Spurs and Manchester City midfielder, **Neil McNab** - a former team-mate of Glenn Hoddle. The ex Morton player has also seen service with Bolton, Brighton aand Leeds (on loan) and cost Rovers a then record £125,000 to bring from Maine Road in January 1990 but has recently joined Huddersfield on loan.

At the other end of the transfer scale, **Dave Martindale's** registration from Caernarvon in 1987 cost just £1,500. That proved to be one of Mr King's most astute signings, for Dave has fulfilled the promise that persuaded Liverpool to sign him as an apprentice before letting him drift into non-League football with Southport and Runcorn.

Both McNab and Martindale operate in midfield but at 27, Martindale has seven years on the veteran McNab.

Shaun Garnett, at 22, is pressing Vickers and Higgins for a centrehalf shirt and when pressed into service has impressed with his speed and calmness. Another on the fringe is striker Chris Malkin, who scored four goals in 25 Third Division appearances last season but inscribed his name into Rovers folklore when he netted the goal in the play-off final last May that clinched promotion to the Second Division. Chris clocks 11 seconds for the 100 metres but, since his arrival from local club, Stork, the former bank employee has not yet clinched a regular position.

#### THE MAN IN CHARGE



JOHN KING is enjoying his second spell in charge of Tranmere Rovers, where he has become the most successful manager in the Club's history...Born near Lords Cricket Ground but raised in Liverpool, he joined Everton from school. A ball-winning wing-half, John moved on to Bournemouth after four years and in 1960 signed for Tranmere.

Was in the 1967 promotion side but then signed for Port Vale where he gained another promotion medal before playing out his days with the then non-League Wigan. Returned to Prenton Park in 1973 as coach and when Ron Yeats was sacked in '75, he took control. The following season Rovers bounced back to Division Three at the first attempt. But in 1980 they were relegated again and John was axed. Coached Rochdale before being installed as manager of Northwich Victoria, who he led to two FA Trophy Finals at Wembley. The next appointment was with Caernarvon, until Tranmere persuaded him to return to Prenton Park in April 1987...His achievements include keeping Rovers in the League, promotions from Division Four to Division Two and five Wembley appearances inside three years.



Back Row:Left to Right - Mike Foster, Scott James, Alan Morgan, Darren Moore, Marcus Richardson, Ged Brannan, John McGreal, Ian Nolan, Kenny Irons, John Morrissey, Mike Smith, Tony Thomas, Neil Hardy

Centre Row: Left to Right - Warwick Rimmer (Youth Development Officer), Ray Mathias (Reserve Team Manager), Steve Vickers, Jim Steel, Shaun Garnett, Chris Malkin, Eric Nixon, Paul Collings, Danny Coyne, Graham Branch, Dave Higgins, Dave Martindale, Ronnie Moore (Coach), Kenny Jones (Trainer), Norman Wilson (Secretary) Front Row: Left to Right - Jim Harvey, Steve Cooper, Mark Hughes, John King (Manager), Ian Muir, Steve Mungall, John Aldridge, Neil McNab, Tony Draper



## TRANMERE ROVERS



JOHN ALDRIDGE - Striker. Signed last summer from Real Sociedad for £250,000, he scored his 31st goal of the season against Port Vale last week. A prolific scorer with South Liverpool, Newport County, Oxford and Liverpool-where he replaced lan Rush - he moved to Spain in 1989 for £1.1 million after winning championship honours with the Reds who had signed him for £750,000. Was top scorer for Sociedad in each of his two seasons there. Played for Eire in the European Championship Finals and the World Cup Finals but has never been able to reproduce his scoring form at this level. Born: Liverpool 18.9.58.

JIM HARVEY - Midfield. Team captain, he started his career with Glenavon and was brought to England by Arsenal in 1977, making the first of his three First Division appearances for them at Derby (9.5.78). Spent seven seasons with Hereford before moving to Bristol City in 1987 but, again, made only three League appearances. After six games for Wrexham, on loan, he moved to Rovers for £25,000 in October '87. A Northern Ireland Under-23 cap, he is a deadball specialist. Born: Lurgan 2.5.58.

**DAVID HIGGINS** - Central Defender. A fast strong tackler originally discovered playing in the Liverpool Sunday League side, Eagle. Did not make the grade with Tranmere and spent five years with South Liverpool, Ellesmere Port and Caernarvon before returning to Prenton Park in 1987. Born: Liverpool 19.8.61.

**KENNY IRONS** - Midfield. A graduate from the youth ranks, he established himself last season deposing captain Jim Harvey in both Wembley matches. A strong runner with two good feet, he is best when given a wide role on the wing. Born: Liverpool 4.11.70.

JOHN MORRISSEY - Forward. Followed his father, John, to Everton, but in three years made just one League appearance - at Luton, in May 1985. Moved to Wolves that summer but three months later he was back on Merseyside with Tranmere - the fee £8,000. Has developed into an outstanding winger. Born: Liverpool 8.3.65.

IAN MUIR - Striker. No stranger to The County Ground, lan played two 4th Division games in our colours in season 1984-85 while on loan from Brighton. Served his apprenticeship with QPR, making his League bow v Cambridge United in April '81. Played for Burnley on loan before joining Birmingham City - one game - and arrived at Prenton Park on a free transfer in July 1985. Has since become Rovers leading scorer of all time having chalked up 155 goals. Born: Coventry 5.5.63.

STEVE MUNGALL - Fullback. The longest serving player on the books, Steve has made over 500 appearances since transferring from Motherwell in 1979. Initially joined

as a midfield player and has since played in a variety of roles. Made 20 Premier League appearances for Motherwell after making his debut v Aberdeen in April 1977. Born: Bellshill 22.5.58.

PAT NEVIN - Midfield. Made his Rovers debut last week against Port Vale following his loan-transfer from Everton. Was spotted by Clyde playing for Gartcosh United and made his entrance for them v Stenhousemuir in August 1981. In May 1983, he joined Chelsea and was outstanding in their 2nd Division Championship side. Had scored 36 goals in 193 League games for the Blues when Everton bought him for £925,000. Failed to establish himself at Goodison Park. Capped by Scotland. Born: Glasgow 6.9,63.

ERIC NIXON - Goalkeeper. Was the Club's record signing in July 1988 when he moved from Manchester City for £60,000 and has proved a key figure in Rovers' rise from the Fourth Division. Formerly with Curzon Ashton, he made his League debut in a 2-2 draw with West Ham, at Maine Road, in September 1985. Eric set a unique record in 1986-87 when he became the only player to have appeared in all four divisions in one season, following loan spells with Wolves, Bradford City, Southampton and Carlisle. Born: Manchester 4.10.62.

IAN NOLAN - Midfield. Signed last November from Marine, he made his League bow on Guy Fawkes night against Millwall. A former youngster with Preston North End, he played for Northwich Victoria prior to joining Marine and was employed as an electrician.

JIM STEEL - Striker. Overcame a dislocated shoulder earlier this season to forge a good partnership with Aldridge. Served his apprenticeship with Oldham Athletic, making his debut at Cardiff in August 1978. Played for Wigan and Wrexham on loan before signing for Port Vale, helping them win promotion to Division Three in 1983. Moved on to Wrexham, where he played in Europe, and joined Rovers for £50,000 in October '87. Quits at the end of this season to join the Merseyside Police. Born: Dumfries 4.12.59.

**TONY THOMAS** - Fullback. Joined Rovers on the YTS after South Liverpool's scheme collapsed and has developed into a first team regular. Made his debut, at 17, in 1988-89 and is able to operate anywhere in defence or midfield. Born: Liverpool 12.7.71.

STEVE VICKERS - Central Defender. Joined Rovers in 1985 from Spennymoor United and was introduced to League football v Northampton Town in April 1986. A Newcastle fan, he turned down the chance to join Middlesbrough as a youngster, but has blossomed into a highly rated player at Prenton Park. Born: Bishop Auckland 4.2.67.

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#### BENNO'S BRIEF



Ironic cheers filled the air of most Second Division grounds, and indeed those in other divisions as well, when the news came through that Bristol Rovers had thrashed Blackburn Rovers 3-0...It is not that the great British public have it in for the men from Ewood Park. It is just that their open cheque diplomacy runs against the grain of English sportsmanship and tradition. Their seemingly bottomless coffers suggesting an unfair advantage over the rest of us.

Blackburn paraded their latest acquisition, Roy Wegerle, at Bristol, alongside David Speedie, who had just returned from suspension, but it failed to lift Kenny Dalglish's multi-million pound side.

This defeat left Blackburn clutching just two points from four games, reducing their advantage over chasing Ipswich Town from seven points to mere goal-difference, with Cambridge United closest of the chasing pack.

When Blackburn announced the arrival of their fairy godmother, Lennie Lawrence publicly conceded that the rest of the Second Division were left vying for one place. His pessimism seems to be ill-founded and though Mr Dalglish insists he is unconcerned about his team's slump, he wouldn't be the first to fail at buying success.

Those with long memories will recall Sunderland's buying spree in the early fifties. They cast their net -regardless of expense - from Plainmoor to Pittodrie - hauling in such big-name players as Ivor Broadis, Trevor Ford, Len Shackleton and many more.

Thery were dubbed 'The Bank of England side' and were abused and criticised; accused of attempting to buy the honours of the game. But the criticism turned to amusement as they slipped towards Division Two. Sunderland became the

laughing stock of soccer, and the saying 'you can't buy success' was hammered home with each successive defeat.

I'm not suggesting Blackburn will suffer a similar disaster, but League history is strewn with failed big-money attempts to buy success and the fact that Blackburn Rovers have the cash in no way means that they are guaranteed a place in the Premier League next season.

In contrast to the millionaires of Blackburn, tonight's visitors, Tranmere Rovers, made the biggest investment in the Club's history last summer when they paid £250,000 for Eire striker John Aldridge. It is interesting to reflect that Tranmere produced one of the greatest strikers of all time, back in the 1920s - Dixie Dean. They received £3,000 for his transfer to Everton in March 1925.

Another famous scorer was Harold 'Bunny' Bell who set a League record on Boxing Day, 1935, when he netted nine times against Oldham. But most of the Club's success has been achieved in recent times and their achievements must offer hope to the likes of poor Aldershot. For in December 1982, the Club was only saved from closure by a loan from the Wirral Council.



John Aldridge - Tranmere's record signing.

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VISA MASTERCARD AMEX



#### Paul Plowman

continues to look back at previous encounters with today's visitors

When newly promoted Tranmere came to The County Ground on the third Saturday of the season 25 years ago, the Town had just suffered a mid-week League Cup defeat at Newport County. As a result, manager Danny Williams axed the left-wing partnership of Joe Butler and Bruce Walker and close-season signing Dave Harper returned to the side at right-half. With another newcomer, winger Barry Lowes, injured in the opening game, Owen Dawson, normally a full-back, came in at number seven. Don Rogers switched to his customary left-wing berth. Swindon soon got the Cup reverse out of their system, when Willie Penman put them a goal up in the first minute. The move started in the Town's own penalty area. Rod Thomas found Dawson on the right, he helped the ball on to Roger Smart and the inside-left's centre was pushed past keeper Jimmy Cumbes for Penman's first goal of the season.

Cumbes, a Lancashire cricketer, was by far the busier of the two goalkeepers but wasn't beaten again before half-time arrived. Just eight minutes into the second half, he was powerless to stop Swindon's second goal. Dawson, who had worried the visitors throughout the first period, accepted a pass from Pat Terry before slipping an inch-perfect ball into the path of Rogers, who unleashed a fierce left-foot shot which swelled the net.

Peter Downsborough pulled off a fine save to deny Roy Sinclair and then the Town might have added a third goal themselves. Terry was impeded just a few yards from goal, but Swindon's only reward was an indirect freekick. Tranmere packed the goal-line and Rogers' shot was, not surprisingly, blocked. But goal number three soon came in the 82nd minute. Thomas lofted the ball through the middle to Terry and the centre-forward in turn found Penman. The Scot raced past Stan Storton before side-footing the ball round the advancing keeper.

The visitors gained a consolation three minutes from time, when George Yardley - once a Scottish amateur goalkeeper - knocked in a cross from Stephen 'Mandy' Hill.

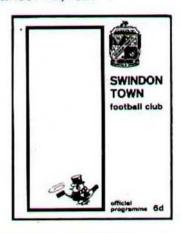
The defeat left Rovers still bottom of the table and without a point. They recovered to finish three points clear of relegation, while the Town ended in tenth place.

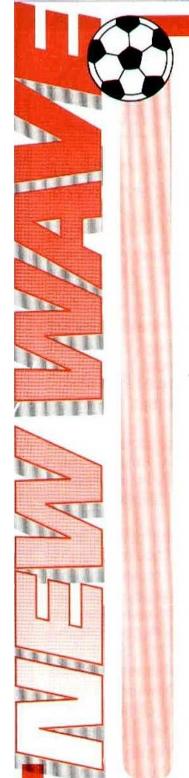
One local news item that day was the opening for the first time, at 10am, of Regent Street as a pedestrian precinct.

**Town:** Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Harper, Nurse, Harland, Dawson, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub not used: Butler.

Rovers: Cumbes, King J, Martin, Pritchard, Storton S, Casey, Hill, Yardley, Hudson, Sinclair, Williams. Sub not used: Parry.

Attendance: 12,152.





#### ALLIED COUNTIES CUP

Monday 2nd March 1992

#### SWINDON TOWN 1 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0

A hard game physically, against a bigger side who made us show our battling qualities, and to the lads credit we more than matched them for effort.

For long periods we had to survive a lot of pressure from Wycombe who are unbeaten in the League. This meant that we were unable to get our passing game going as we would have wanted. We did however continue to show plenty of spirit and, early into the second half, Chris Jay regained possession, Robert French took the ball into the penalty area, where he was brought down and subsequently got up to convert the penalty for the only goal of the game.

A good all round team performance-perhaps not in the football played, but in the way the lads applied themselves to the task, getting the reward for their hard work.

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday 7th March 1992

#### SWINDON TOWN 2 ALDERSHOT 0

An early goal should have given us confidence, but it had the reverse effect, leaving a scrappy game with little football being played by either side. We went ahead from a Murray Fishlock corner, the near post players missed the ball, allowing Norman McPhee to move in to head the ball home. Steve Lane wasted the chance to put us further ahead, intercepting a back pass,

rounding the keeper but putting his shot wide of an open goal. The rest of the game was fairly even with neither side creating too many clear cut chances. More disappointing was the way we approached the game, with poor movement and support for the player on the ball, which never gave us a chance to put any moves together. It was not until the last minute that we scored our second, when Marcus Phillips chased a long ball, won the challenge with the keeper and slid the ball home.

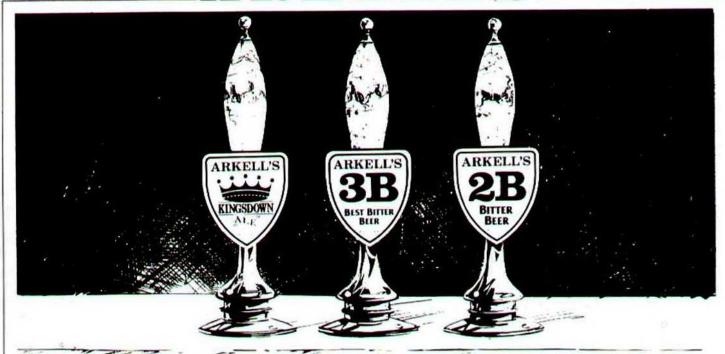
All together this was a disappointing performance, not applying ourselves properly or helping each other enough - with or without the ball - which resulted in a very scrappy game. The performance of the players is important for, although we like to win, the individual team performance and improvement comes first.

John Trollope YOUTH TEAM MANAGER

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE UP TO AND INCLUDING 7TH MARCH 1992

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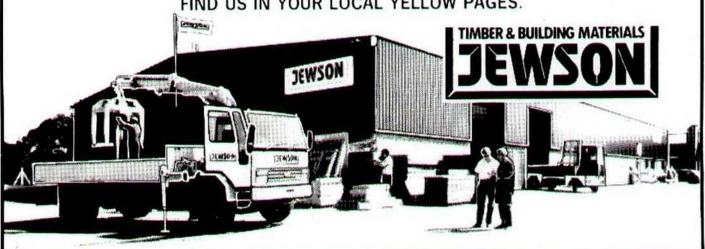


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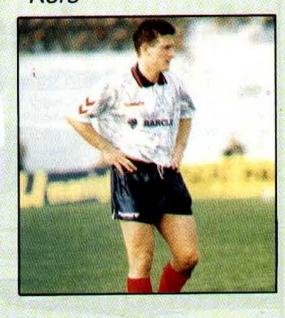


Steve Bull and Glenn limber up.

Training.



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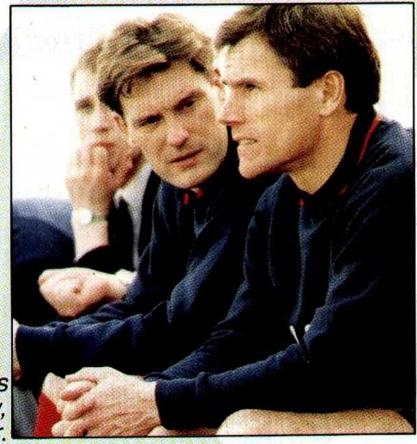
Picture special by Dave Evans.



Line-up.



Glenn and his No.2 for the day, Peter Taylor.



|          |      | 1991-         | VN FC FIXTURES<br>1992           |     |       |                 | 1       | 2          | 3              | 4                       | 5            | 6       | 7                     | 8                                   | 9  | 10                   | 11          | 12         | 14                              |
|----------|------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| CAT      | ALIG | 17            | LEICESTER CITY                   | н   | 0-0   | 13.238          | DIGBY   | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | HAZARD                | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL    | FOLEY (3)  | WHITE (11)                      |
|          | AUG  |               | W.B.A (RLC 1-1)                  | н   |       | 6.811           | DIGBY   | FOLEY      | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | HAZARD 1              | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL 1  |            | WHITE (11)                      |
|          | AUG  | 24            | CAMBRIDGE UNITED                 | A   |       | 6.232           | DIGBY   | FOLEY      | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | HAZARD 1              | SHEARER 1                           | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL    | JONES (10) |                                 |
|          | AUG  | 28            | W.B.A (RLC 1-2)                  |     |       | 7,423           | DIGBY   | JONES      | VIVEASH        | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | HAZARD                | SHEARER 2                           |  | MacLAREN             | SIMPSON     | LING       | LORENZO                         |
| 10000    | AUG  | 31            | BARNSLEY                         | н   | 3-1   | 7,742           | DIGBY   | JONES      | VIVEASH        | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | HAZARD                | SHEARER 1                           |  | MacLAREN             | WHITE 1     |            | LORENZO (3)                     |
| TUE      | SEP  | 03            | IPSWICH TOWN                     | 100 |       | 11,002          | DIGBY   | JONES      | VIVEASH        | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD 1 |         | 1 HAZARD              |                                     | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | WHITE 1     | LING (11)  | LORENZO                         |
| SAT      | SEP  | 07            | PORT VALE                        | A   | 2-2   | 7,168           | HAMMOND | JONES      | VIVEASH        | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN 1           | WHITE 1     | LING (7)   | LORENZO                         |
| SAT      | SEP  | 14            | SUNDERLAND                       | H   |       | 11,694          | HAMMOND |            | VIVEASH        | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER 1                           | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN<br>MacLAREN | WHITE 1     | LING       | VIVEASH                         |
| TUE      | SEP  | 17            | BRISTOL ROVERS                   | н   | 1-0   | 11,162          | HAMMOND |            | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | WHITE 1     | CLOSE (7)  | VIVEASH                         |
| SAT      | SEP  | 21            | WOLVERHAMPTON WNDRS              | A   | 1-2   | 15,219          | HAMMOND |            | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | WHITE 2     | CLOSE (1)  | VIVEASH (8)                     |
| WED      | SEP  | 25            | MILLWALL (RLC 2-1)               |     |       | 6,048           | HAMMOND |            | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | and the second second second second | The state of the s | MacLAREN             | WHITE       |            | KERSLAKE (7)                    |
| SAT      | SEPT | 28            | WATFORD                          | н   | -     | 8,863           | HAMMONE |            | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   |         | 1 HAZARD              | SHEARER 1                           |  | MacLAREN 1           | WHITE 2     | CLOSE (7)  | HODDLE (3)                      |
| TUE      | OCT  | 01            | OXFORD UTD (ZDSC 1)              |     | 37    | 5,868           | DIGBY   | JONES      | SUMMERBEE      | AND THE RESERVE AND THE | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER                             | 3 3 4 6 6 6 6 6 6  |                      | WHITE       | CLOSE      | JONES (4)                       |
| SAT      | OCT  | 05            | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE                  | A   |       | 6,802           | DIGBY   | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | HODDLE                  | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER 4                           |  |                      | WHITE 1     | CLOSE      | VIVEASH                         |
| TUE      | OCT  | 08            | MILLWALL (RLC 2-2)               | Н   | 3-1   | 7,137           | DIGBY   | JONES      | SUMMERBEE      | KERSLAKE                |              | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER 2                           | Service Control  |                      | WHITE       | CLOSE (3)  | FOLEY (9)                       |
| SAT      | OCT  | 12            | DERBY COUNTY                     | H   | 1-2   | 11,881          |         | KERSLAKE   | VIVEASH        | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         | HAZARD 1              | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE 1     | CLOSE      | FOLEY                           |
| SAT      | OCT  | 19            | BLACKBURN ROVERS                 |     | 2-1   | 11,008          |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      |                         | CALDERWOOD 1 |         |                       | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE       | CLOSE      | FOLEY                           |
| WED      | OCT  | 23            | CHELSEA (ZDSC 2)                 |     | 0-1   | 5,784           |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       |                                     | SIMPSON  |                      | WHITE       | CLOSE      | FOLEY                           |
| SAT      | OCT  | 26            | BRIGHTON & H.A.                  |     | 2-0   | 7,370           |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      |                         | CALDERWOOD   |         | 1 HAZARD              | SHEARER 2                           |  |                      | WHITE       | VIVEASH    | FOLEY (11)                      |
| TUE      | OCT  | 29            | HUDDERSFIELD T. (RLC 3)          | 100 | 4-1   | 10,088          |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE 1    | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD 1 |         | HAZARD                | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE 1     | CLOSE      | FOLEY                           |
| SAT      | NOV  | 02            | NEWCASTLE UNITED                 |     | 2-1   | 10,731          |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         | HAZARD                | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE       | FOLEY (7   |                                 |
| WED      | NOV  | 06            | CHARLTON ATHLETIC                |     | 0-0   | 5,360           |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         | HAZARD                |                                     |  |                      | WHITE 1     | VIVEASH    |                                 |
| SAT      | NOV  |               | SOUTHEND UNITED                  |     | 2-3   | 7,709           |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      |                         | CALDERWOOD   |         | H HAZARD              | SHEARER                             |  | MacLAREN             | WHITE 2     | CLOSE      | FOLEY                           |
| 10000000 | NOV  | 16            | PORTSMOUTH<br>TRANMERE ROVERS    |     | 2-3   | 9,585           |         | KERSLAKE   | FOLEY          | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         | H HAZARD              | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  |                      | WHITE       |            | SUMMERBEE                       |
| SAT      | NOV  | 22            | GRIMSBY TOWN                     | Н   | 1 -02 | 8.836           |         | KERSLAKE   | FOLEY          | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         | H HAZARD              | SHEARER                             | SIMPSON  | 1 MacLAREN           | WHITE       |            | SUMMERBEE(4)                    |
| SAT      | DEC  | 1377          | MIDDLESBROUGH                    |     | 2.2   | 13.300          |         | KERSLAKE   | SUMMERBEE      | FOLEY                   | CALDERWOOD   | VIVEASI | H HAZARD              | SHEARER                             |  | 1 MacLAREN           | WHITE       | CLOSE      | MITCHELL                        |
| TUE      | DEC  | 17            | CRYSTAL PALACE (RLC 4)           | н   |       | 10,044          |         | KERSLAKE   | VIVEASH        | FOLEY                   | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  |                       | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE       | JONES (3   |                                 |
| FRI      | DEC  |               | IPSWICH TOWN                     | н   | 0-0   | 8,401           |         | KERSLAKE   | JONES          | FOLEY                   | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       | SHEARER                             |  |                      | WHITE       |            | B) SUMMERBEE(4<br>1) SUMMERBEET |
| THU      | DEC  | 26            | BRISTOL CITY                     | A   | 1-1   | 14,636          |         | KERSLAKE   | JONES          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     | 1 SIMPSON  |                      |             |            | 1) SUMMERBEE                    |
| SAT      | DEC  |               | BARNSLEY                         | A   | 1-1   | 8,357           |         | KERSLAKE   | JONES          | LING 1                  | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     | 2 SIMPSON  |                      | MITCHELL    | WHITE      | SUMMERBEE                       |
| WED      | JAN  | 01            | MILLWALL                         | H   | 3-1   | 9,745           |         | KERSLAKE   | JONES<br>JONES | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     | 2 SIMPSON  |                      | MITCHELL    | 1 WHITE    | SUMMERBEE(9)                    |
| SAT      | JAN  | 04            | WATFORD (FAC 3) CAMBRIDGE UNITED | н   | 3-2   | 11,087          |         | KERSLAKE   | JONES          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         | R HAZARD              | SHEARE                              | R SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL    |            | SUMMERBEE(4)                    |
| SAT      | JAN  | 11            | LEICESTER CITY                   | A   | 1-3   | 14,226          |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN 1        | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLOR  | H HAZARD              | SHEARE                              | R SIMPSON  |                      | MITCHELL    |            | SUMMERBEE(4)                    |
| SAT      | JAN  | 25            | CAMBRIDGE UTD (FAC 4)            | A   | 3-0   | 7,428           | DIGBY   | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     |  |                      | MITCHELI    |            | SUMMERBEE(4)                    |
| TUE      | JAN  | 28            | OXFORD UNITED                    | н   | 2-1   | 9,707           |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     | 1 SIMPSON  |                      | MITCHELL    |            |                                 |
| SAT      | FEB  | 01            | BLACKBURN ROVERS                 | A   | 1.2   | 14,887          | DIGBY   | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     |  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL    |            | SUMMERBEE(10<br>SUMMERBEE       |
| TUE      | FEB  | 04            | BRISTOL CITY                     | н   | 2-0   | 9,627           |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     |  | MacLAREN<br>MacLAREN | MITCHELL    |            | SIMPSON                         |
| SAT      | FEB  | 08            | BRIGHTON & H.A.                  | Н   | 2-1   | 9,127           |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LING                    | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       |                                     |  | MacLAREN             |             | 1 SUMMER   | BEE SIMPSON                     |
| SUN      | FEB  |               | ASTON VILLA (FAC 5)              | н   | 1-2   | 16,402<br>6,817 |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       | SHEARE                              | R SIMPSON  | MacLAREN             | MITCHELL    | CLOSE      | SUMMERBEE(10                    |
| SAT      | FEB  |               | GRIMSBY TOWN<br>MIDDLESBROUGH    | A   | 0-0   | 10.379          |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   | TAYLO   |                       |                                     |  |                      | MITCHELI    |            | SUMMERBEE(7)                    |
| SAT      | MAF  |               | OXFORD UNITED                    | A   | 3-5   | 7,995           | HAMMOND | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | JONES                   | CALDERWOOD   |         |                       | SEE SHEARE                          |  | HODDLE               | LORENZO     |            |                                 |
| TUE      | MAF  |               | CHARLTON ATHLETIC                | H   | 1-2   | 7,196           |         | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | JONES<br>LORENZO        | CALDERWOOD   |         | R SUMMERB<br>R HAZARE |                                     |  | HODDLE               | MITCHELL    |            |                                 |
| SAT      | MAF  | Acres Control | NEWCASTLE UNITED                 | A   | 1-3   | 23,138          | DIGBY   | KERSLAKE   | BODIN          | LUHENZU                 | CALDENWOOL   | INTEU   | III IIII              | BREARE                              | n orogr  |                      | .m.ronicati |            | ,                               |
| TUE      | MAF  |               | TRANMERE ROVERS                  | н   |       | . 4             |         |            |                |                         |              |         |                       |                                     |  |                      |             |            |                                 |
| SAT      | MAF  | -             | SOUTHEND UNITED                  | H   |       | 1               |         |            |                |                         |              |         |                       |                                     |  |                      |             |            |                                 |
| SAT      | -    |               | PORTSMOUTH                       | Ā   |       |                 | 2       |            | 1.00           |                         |              |         |                       | 18.4                                | DOD  | TANIT                | NOT         | CE         |                                 |
| SAT      | APR  |               | PORT VALE                        | н   |       |                 |         |            |                |                         |              |         |                       | IM                                  | PUK  | TANT                 | NOTI        | CE         | 1                               |
| WED      | APR  |               | MILLWALL                         | A   |       |                 |         |            |                |                         |              |         |                       |                                     |  | ncements             |             |            | cement                          |
| SUN      | APP  |               |                                  | A   |       |                 |         | 2 7        |                |                         |              |         |                       |                                     |  |                      |             |            |                                 |
| SAT      | APF  |               | WOLVERHAMPTON WNDRS              | н   |       |                 | Figure  | s in bra   | ickets de      | notes s                 | substitute.  |         |                       |                                     |  | system v             |             | ceded by   | a loud                          |
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| SAT      | APP  |               |                                  | H   |       |                 | SWINDO  | IN WUN 4-3 | ON PENALTIES A | FIEREXIN                | A TIME.      |         |                       |                                     |  |                      |             |            |                                 |
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#### NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

WED AUG 21 Reading TUE AUG 27 Millwall 2.2 TUE SEP 3 Away MON SEP 9 Bristol Rovers (RTC) Home 4-4 1-4 WED SEP 11 Wimbledon Home WED SEP 18 1-0 Portsmouth Home WED SEP 25 Ipswich Town 2-4 FRI OCT 4 Norwich City Away 0-3 2-2 WED OCT 9 Home West Ham United 1-2 MON OCT 14 Milwall WED OCT 16 Hereford Utd (RTC) Away TUE OCT 22 Southampton Home 1-1 WED OCT 30 TUE NOV 5 Oxford United Away 0-2 1.3 Home Watford Swansea City (RTC) MON NOV 11 Away 2-0 WED NOV 13 Brighton & H.A. WED NOV 20 Charlton Athletic MON NOV 25 Westbury United (WPS) Home 3-0 1-0 Away WED NOV 27 Queens Park Rangers 1-0 2-1 WED DEC 4 Norwich City Home WED DEC 11 Fulham Away TUE JAN 7 WED JAN 15 0-4 2-1 Chelsea Fulham SAT JAN 18 2-0 4-1 WED JAN 29 Oxford United Home SAT FEB 1 Tottenham Hotspur Away 1-3 1-1 SAT FEB 8 WED FEB 19 Luton Town Crystal Palace Portsmouth 3-3 3-0 MON FEB 24 Away Away Away WED FEB 26 Oxford United (RTC) 3-2 0-0 1-4 0-2 MON MAR 2 THUR MAR 5 MON MAR 9 WED MAR 11 Ipswich Town Charlton Athletic Away Away 7,30pm Wimbledon WED MAR 18 MON MAR 23 WED MAR 25 Caine Town (WPS) Plymouth Arg. (RTC S-F) Crystal Palace TUE MAR MON APR MAR 31 APR 6 Queens Park Rangers Luton Town Away Home WED APR 8 Reading WED APR 15 WED APR 22 MON APR 27 Arsenal Home Brighton & H.A.

> ALL HOME GAMES KICK OFF AT 2.00 PM

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Tottenham Hotspur

WED APR 29

T.B.A.

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

UP TO AND INCLUDING 16TH MARCH 1992

| AUG | 17 | Brighton & H. A.      | Home                   | 0-2 |
|-----|----|-----------------------|------------------------|-----|
| AUG | 24 | Bristol Rovers        | Away                   | 0-3 |
| AUG | 31 | Luton Town            | <ul><li>Home</li></ul> | 2-1 |
| SEP | 05 | Chelsea (SJFC 1)      | Home                   | 0.5 |
| SEP | 07 | Southampton           | Home                   | 1-0 |
| SEP | 14 | Crystal Palace        | Away                   | 1-1 |
| SEP | 21 | Brentford (LC1)       | Home                   | 0.2 |
| OCT | 05 | Maidstone United      | ' Home                 | 0-1 |
| OCT | 07 | Port Vale (MYC)       | Away                   | 1-1 |
| OCT | 12 | Reading               | Home                   | 0-4 |
| OCT | 19 | Oxford United         | Away                   | 0-5 |
| OCT | 21 | Bristol City (FAYC 1) | Home                   | 0-4 |
| OCT | 26 | AFC Bournemouth       | Home                   | 0-0 |
| OCT | 28 | Port Vale (MYC R)     | Home                   | 2-3 |
| NOV | 02 | Wimbledon             | Home                   | 0-2 |
| NOV | 09 | Aldershot             | Away                   | 1-2 |
| NOV | 16 | Tottenham Hotspur     | Home                   | 2-1 |
| NOV | 23 | AFC Bournemouth       | Away                   | 2-1 |
| NOV | 30 | Brentford             | Away                   | 2-3 |
| DEC | 07 | Bristol City          | Away                   | 2-1 |
| DEC | 21 | Brighton & H. A.      | Away                   | 2-6 |
| JAN | 04 | Bristol Rovers        | Home                   | 2-3 |
| JAN | 11 | Luton Town            | Away                   | 0-3 |
| JAN | 18 | Southampton           | Away                   | 0-0 |
| FEB | 08 | Maidstone United      | Away                   | 3-1 |
| FEB | 15 | Reading               | Away                   | 3-0 |
| FEB | 22 | Oxford United         | Home                   | 3-4 |
| FEB | 29 | Wimbledon             | Away                   | 0-2 |
| MAR | 07 | Aldershot             | Home                   | 2-0 |
| MAR | 14 | Tottenham Hotspur     | Away                   |     |
| MAR | 21 | Crystal Palace        | Home                   |     |
| MAR | 28 | Bristol City          | Home                   |     |
| APR | 04 | Brentford             | Home                   |     |
|     |    |                       |                        |     |

ALL HOME SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE GAMES ARE PLAYED AT THE ALLIED DUNBAR TRAINING CENTRE, KING EDWARD PLACE, WANBOROUGH. GAMES KICK OFF AT 11.00 AM

#### FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

UP TO AND INCI LIDING 10TH MARCH 195

|                  | Leagu  | e    | Cu     | IP.   | TOTAL |       |  |  |
|------------------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
|                  |        | DALS | APPS   | COALS | APPS  | GOALS |  |  |
| Paul Bodin       | 9      | 1    | 2      | 0     | 11    | 1     |  |  |
| Colin Calderwood | 34     | 5    | 11     | 1     | 45    | 6     |  |  |
| Shaun Close      | 2(14)  | 1    | 0(5)   |       | 2(19  |       |  |  |
| Fraser Digby     | 9      | 0    | 5      | 0     | 14    | 0     |  |  |
| Steve Foley      | 5(8)   | 0    | 2(1)   | G     | 7(9)  | 0     |  |  |
| Nicky Hammond    | 25     | 0    | 6      | 0     | 31    | 0     |  |  |
| Micky Hazard     | 32     | 5    | 10     | 1     | 42    | 6     |  |  |
| Glenn Hoddle     | 12     | 0    | 3(1)   | 0     | 15(   |       |  |  |
| Tom Jones        | 28(4)  | 2    | 8(3)   | 0     | 36(   | B) 2  |  |  |
| Martin Ling      | 9(6)   | 2    | 4(1)   |       | 13(   |       |  |  |
| Nestor Lorenzo   | 1(4)   | 0    | 0      | 0     | 1(4)  | 0     |  |  |
| David Kerslake   | 27(1)  | 1    | 8      | 0     | 34(   |       |  |  |
| Ross MacLaren    | 32     | 1    | 11     | 1     | 43    | 2     |  |  |
| Dave Mitchell    | 12(4)  | 3    | 4      | 3     | 16(   | 4) 6  |  |  |
| Duncan Shearer   | 34     | 19   | 11     | 10    | 45    | 29    |  |  |
| Fitzroy Simpson  | 29(1)  | 4    | 10(1   | 0 (   | 39(   | 2) 4  |  |  |
| Nicky Summerbee  | 15(13) | 0    | . 6(3) | 1     | 21(   | 16) 1 |  |  |
| Shaun Taylor     | 30     | 2    | 11     | 1     | 41    | 3     |  |  |
| Paul Trollope    | 0(1)   | 0    | 0(0)   | 0     | 0(1)  |       |  |  |
| Adrian Viveash   | 9(4)   | 0    | 3(2)   | 0     | 12(   | 6) 0  |  |  |
| Steve White      | 21(3)  | 10   | 7(2)   | 5     | 28(   | 5) 15 |  |  |

#### **BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**

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| Blackourn Rovers. | 35  | 13 |     | 1 | 36 | 12 | 5 | 5   | 7  | 18   | 23  | 53  |
| pswich fown       | 33  | 11 | 1   | 3 | 29 | 15 | 7 | . 1 |    | 23 . | 20  | 62  |
| Combreton Utd.    | 35  | 3  | •   | 4 | 26 | 14 |   | 5   |    | 34   | 20  | 59  |
| Derby County      | 34  |    | 2   |   | 24 | 18 |   | 5   | 4  | 55   | 19  | 55  |
| Charton Atti      | 35  |    | 4   | 6 | 22 | 21 |   | 3   | 7  | 22   | 21  | 55  |
| Southwed Unit     | 35_ | 10 | _1_ |   | 30 | 18 | 5 |     | 7_ | 21   | 25  | _54 |
| Matestoro         | 31  | 10 |     |   | 24 | 7  | 5 | 2   | 8  | 14   | 22  | 53  |
| Locaster City     | 33  |    |     | 3 | 23 | 15 |   | 3   | 5  | 16   | 28  | 52  |
| Portamouth        | 33  | 11 |     | 1 | 78 |    | 2 | 5   | 9  | 17   | 25  | 51  |
| Swindon Town      | 34  | 10 | 3   | 5 | 30 | 21 | 3 | 2   |    | 200  | 25  | 49  |
| Milegi            | 35  | 2  | 2   | 3 | 22 | 26 |   | 5   | 2  | 22   | 30  | 46  |
| Worker            | 33  | 7  | 5   | 5 | 73 | 15 | 5 |     | 7  | 20   | 20  | 45  |
| Transport Rovers  | 32  | 2  | 7   | 2 | 24 | 19 | 3 |     | 5  | 12   | 16  | 45  |
| Barreley          | 25  |    | 3   | 7 | 21 | 20 | 4 | 5   |    | 18   | 24  | 44  |
| Bretzi Rovers     | 36  | 8  |     | 3 | 33 | 25 | 2 | 4   | 11 | 32   | 29  | 64  |
| Sunderland        | 23  |    |     | 2 | 28 | 15 |   | 1   | 12 | 78   | 21  | 43  |
| Gemetry Town      | 34  |    | 4   | 7 | 22 | 22 |   | 5   | 2  | 15   | 26  | 42  |
| Brighton          | 36  | 6  |     | 2 | 30 | 28 |   | 4   | 10 | 16   | 27  | 39  |
| Newcastle Utd.    | 35  |    |     |   | 21 | 25 | 3 | 4   | 11 | 20   | 29  | 36  |
| Waterd            | 34  | 5  | 4   |   | 16 | 19 | 3 |     |    | 16   | 121 | 36  |
| Plymouth Arg.     | 34  |    | 3   |   | 20 | 18 |   | 3   | 12 | 14   | 31  | 36  |
| Oxfore Utd.       | 35  |    |     | 7 | 33 | 26 | 2 | 3   | 11 | 19   | 31  | 37  |
| Bristoi City      | 34  | 7  |     | 3 | 20 | 16 |   |     | 10 | 15   | 36  | 36  |
| Port Vale         | 26  | 4  | 7   | 6 | 17 | 22 | 3 | *   | 15 | 17   | 23  | 34  |

#### TODAYS LINE UP



SWINDON TOWN F.C.

> TODAYS MITRE MATCHBALL SPONSORS ARE:

#### THE WALTONS

FORTHCOMING GAMES AT THE COUNTY GROUND:

Saturday 21st March 1992 Barclays League Division Two vs SOUTHEND UNITED Kick Off 3.00pm

Monday 23rd March 1992 Reserve Team Cup semi-final vs PLYMOUTH ARGYLE Kick Off. 7.30pm

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#### **SWINDON TOWN**

TEAM

- Nicky Hammond
- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Paul Bodin
- 4 Tom Jones
- 5 Colin Calderwood
- 6 Shaun Taylor
- 7 Micky Hazard
- 8 Duncan Shearer
- 9 Shaun Close
- 10 Glenn Hoddle
- 11 Nestor Lorenzo

SUB: 12 Adrian Viveash

14 Nicky Summerbee

Referee: P.A.Durkin (Partland, Darset.) Linesman Red Trim: A.C.Howells (Part Talbot, West Glamorgan.) Linesman Yellow Trim: D.R. Palmer (Radstock, Avon.) Reserve Official P.Doust (Thornbury, Avon.)

#### TRANMERE ROVERS

1 Eric Nixon

TEAM CHANGES

- 2 Dave Higgins
- 3 Ian Nolan
- 4 Kenny Irons
- 5 Jim Harvey
- 6 Steve Vickers
- 7 John Morrissey
- 8 John Aldridge
- 9 Jim Steel
- 10 Pat Nevin
- 11 Tony Thomas

SUB: 12 Ian Muir

14 Steve Mungall

#### SWINDON TOWN CLUB CALL

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24 HOUR INFORMATION

\* Galls charged at 369 per minute cheep rate and 459 per minute that the set and 450 per minute that the

HALF-TIME SCORE

FULL TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE