

Swindon Town Welcomes Croatians

In addition to the two lucky mascots mentioned on the Marketing Swindon page in tonight's programme, we are also pleased to welcome to The County Ground a very special young man Romano Majenic who is here this evening along with twelve other youngsters from Croatia.

The children were brought out of Croatia by **W.H.Y.** (Wiltshire Help for former **Yugoslavia**) in January of this year and are all now staying with foster families over the next six months in Wiltshire.

Hopefully the war in Croatia will then be at a stage where the children can return home to a more stable life.

W.H.Y. have just returned from Croatia where they took two lorry loads of urgent medical supplies to the main hospital in Reijka.

This sort of aid is desperately needed by the hospital mainly for the children's ward which is not a nice sight to see. The organisers of the trip were naturally not use to such sights and will certainly remember them for some time.

W.H.Y. are in the process of returning with more aid and are in urgent need of more funds. Swindon Town Football Club are allowing them to collect outside the stadium this evening and they would welcome anything you can spare.

All of the children here this evening now attend local high schools in Wiltshire and have adapted to their new environment very quickly.



Romano is very keen on football and since his arrival in England he has watched most of his football on T.V.

He has been picked to play for his local school in Westbury and this lucky 13 year old is looking forward to running out with the team in his kit kindly sponsored by Burmah Petroleum Fuels.

The Croatian children enjoying life in England.

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WELCOME This evening we are pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of *Tranmere Rovers Football Club* back to the County Ground for tonights Barclays League fixture. The original game having been abandoned in December after a power failure.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

We are at home again this Saturday when Portsmouth visit the County Ground in the Barclays League kicking off at 3.00pm.

A reminder that the home game with Newcastle United on Saturday 13 March is all ticket. Tickets will be on sale from this coming Saturday. Seat tickets will be available from the Advance Ticket Office from 9.30am while terrace tickets will be available at the turnstiles on entry to the Portsmouth game. Terrace tickets will be sold on a one per person basis and supporters are asked to provide the correct where possible to speed up entry. Not all turnstiles will have Newcastle tickets

No telephone or postal applications will be dealt with until Monday 1 March.

In between the Portsmouth and Newcastle games we have two away fixtures. On Saturday 6

WITH JON POLLARD SECRETARY

March we visit Watford with a 3.00pm kick off at Vicarage Road followed by a 7.45pm kick off on Wednesday 10 March when we play Southend United at Roots Hall, Seats are available from the Advance Ticket Office for both games and are £10 each with terrace admission by payment at the turnstiles price £7. Southend United advise our County Club members that they will be admitted to the Members Club Bar at Roots Hall on production of their card or season ticket.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Tomorrow afternoon Ipswich Town are our visitors at the County Ground in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination kicking off at 2.00pm. We are at home again on the following three Monday afternoons when we meet Luton Town, Bristol City and Fulham consecutively. All games kick off at 2.00pm.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

No game for the Youth Team this Saturday as their scheduled opponents AFC Bournemouth are playing their South East Counties League Cup semi-final against Norwich City at Dean Court instead. The Canaries could in fact force us to go without a League game the following week as well if they draw their FA Youth Cup quarter-final tie with Bristol City next Tuesday as the replay will take place at Carrow Road on 6 March. If this is the case our League game against Bristol City will be played on Saturday 20 March.

BE OUR GUEST

In appreciation of their support shown throughout the season the Directors are inviting two supporters to 'Be Our Guest' in the Executive Suite at each of this seasons remaining home games. Do you know of somebody who deserves to win the tickets? They will sit in the Executive Area to enjoy the game along with a buffet, programme and match refreshments at half time all thrown in. Please send your nominations to the Club telling us why you should be pampered for the day. Could it be somebody's wedding anniversary, birthday or some other special reason?

POLICE WARNING

At the last home game against Millwall two smoke bombs released the were in Shrivenham Road Stand. Not only is this annoying to spectators in this area it is also very dangerous being in a confined area. The Police have warned that anybody found quilty of such offences in the future will be liable for arrest and a ban from the County Ground.



24 HOUR INFORMATION Calls charged at 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at all other times



After three good wins which really put us back on course we suffered some bad news last week when John Moncur broke down again in training and young Kevin Horlock suffered a stressed fracture in a reserve game.

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Kevin will be out of action for a minimum four or five weeks - more likely six - and this added to the disabled list which already included Craig Maskell and Micky Hazard.

Micky, who underwent key-hole surgery on a knee, will be layed off for four weeks and Craig, who has been out with a hamstring tear, is the one likely to be back in the fold in the next week or two.

Certainly any further serious injury problems could jeopardise our promotion chances. If we can keep the team we have at the moment together we will be lucky.

Tonight we welcome Tranmere for a second time this season and hope there are no further obstacles to us completing this fixture. In some respects I do sympathise with them for having the game abandoned when they were 2-1 ahead but we had just broken back and had plenty of time to retrieve the situation.

They must know the game could still have gone either way and what transpired with the floodlight switchroom fire was out of our hands. It couldn't be helped.

Our last three home games have seen us produce some really good form and we are hopeful we can continue in that vein tonight. With Tranmere, Portsmouth and then Newcastle to come it could be the foundation on which we can launch a prolonged challenge for promotion.

The 3-0 win over Millwall was particularly pleasing. We have played a lot better than that this season and got nothing, but because of Millwall's form and position this was an extremely important game.

We played a lot of good football on the day and seem to have got just the right balance between team-work and skill. That win certainly boosted our fans for they could see we had the makings of a successful side. It boasted the lads as well - they are just brimming with confidence.



One really pleasing aspect has been the solidness of our defence. When we lose the ball all eleven players are defenders of course and this is where the hard graft in team work comes into play. It seems to be gelling as three successive clean-sheets against Wolves, Sunderland and Millwall suggests.

I noted some papers made a thing about our "special wrong-foot training." There's nothing special about it, we do a lot of it in pre-season work and John just threw this one in as a variation in a five-a-side game on the Friday.

To be honest I think it can be quite dangerous at times because you put vourself in positions you are not accustomed to and distribute the weight differently. Shaun in fact was very close to straining his leg which prompted me to think we should revue this policy before a game. It was ironic that he should then go out and score against Millwall with his right foot!

Tonight we know we have to keep tabs on John Aldridge. If we perform well then we can keep the momentum going no matter what the outcome was at Cambridge on Saturday.

Every team goes through little sticky spells in the course of a season and hopefully we have come through ours now. At this juncture last year we couldn't break back and consequently lost so much ground on the leaders we were unable to catch up. Our recent form guide suggests we have overcome that hurdle this time.

One result doesn't make a season we know. But a good win tonight could be so influential on the final reckoning.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads with your vocal support.



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Catch Sunday's Top League Action







CENTRAL

Newcastle's lead at the top of the division has been cut back to only four points by West Ham following consecutive wins over Peterborough at Upton Park and at Watford recently. Hammers boss Billy Bonds believes his side could challenge for the championship despite Newcastle being clear favourites for promotion "Although we have closed the gap to four points, it is still going to be very difficult to catch them. They still have a lot of home games left and, really, they can win the League at home. The last time we were promoted though we were leading the division as they are and got caught." On the score sheet for the Hammers at Watford was summer signing Mark Robson who has proved a bargain buy from Spurs.

NEWS

Derby County have a run of four consecutive home games in which they will hope to gain maximum points to launch a serious challenge for the play offs. Having already lost nine League games as the Baseball Ground Derby manager Arthur Cox was relieved to beat Bolton 3-1 in the FA Cup to set up a sixth round tie with Sheffield Wednesday. Striker Ted McMinn considers the home games of great importance to the club: "We are all aware of our problems at home and it has got to be sorted out. This month is a very important one for us. Quite simply we cannot afford to lose another game at home."

All the other sides from the First Division lost to Premier League opposition in FA Cup. Newcastle the will consider themselves unlucky after losing 1-0 at Blackburn with Roy Wegerlie scoring the all important goal in the last minute, Barnsley went out 2-0 at Manchester City and Southend United lost at Sheffield Wednesday by the same score. Heaviest defeat though was incurred by Grimsby Town who lost 4-0 at Ipswich. All clubs will however welcome their 40% share if the gate receipts, with good attendances at all games.

Several First Division players were on International duty during the week. The Northern Ireland squad who played Albania in Tirana included seven players: Tommy Wright of Newcastle, Alan Fettis of Hull City, Gerry Taggart of Barnsley, Gary Fleming also of Barnsley, Kevin Wilson of Notts County, Jim Magilton of Oxford and Philip Gray of Luton.

Despite their Cup exit at Manchester City, Barnsley have enjoyed a relatively good season currently occupying a mid table position. Tykes boss Mel Machin, often referred to as one of the nice men of football has revealed his system of team selection at Oakwell. Explained Machin: "I allow them three poor performances on the trot and then I drop them." Barnsley have almost finished the redevelopment of a new grandstand at Oakwell.

Birmingham City, struggling near the foot of the table will be glad when they can call upon the services of former Manchester City youngster Jason Beckford. Sidelined for five months, Jason, who made twenty first team appearances at Maine Road is keen to get back into action. "The worst thing is seeing the lads on TV. I speak to my brother Darren almost every day. He's upset as well but this year will turn out nice for me if Norwich do well." City's home defeat to Portsmouth last Saturday leaves the Blues in real relegation trouble.



Billy Bonds - "Difficult to catch Newcastle."

Tranmere Rovers were on the crest of a wave when they visited us in December. Tucked nicely in a challenging position they were enjoying their best ever sequence in the Football League.

A measure of Rovers' confidence could be gauged by the 2-0 advantage they established over us, all be it against the run of play. It was a lead that was whittled down to one goal clearly in the second half before a floodlight failure blacked out both the game and the result.

One can certainly understand their disappointment though the feeling in the Swindon camp was that we were getting on top and looking set to redress the balance.

Having missed out on a possible three points Rovers went on to secure a win the Anglo Italian Cup and enhanced their First Division Championship prospects with a 3-0 victory over Wolves.

Good form in the League was supplemented by success in the F.A.Cup. Premier League Oldham Athletic were despatched 3-0 in a convincing performance that had onlookers singing their praises. And in the next round they performed creditably against another side from the top echelon, losing their fourth round tie against Ipswich Town by the odd goal in three.

A crushing 4-0 eclipse of Oxford United kept Rovers in touch with the leading contenders in Division One but then after an almost faultless run of ten

Joannaeree Rovers games, which brought six wins, things began to go wrong.

A 5-1 thrashing by bottom of the table Notts County prompted scathing criticism from manager **John King**, who described it as the worst performance under his stewardship.

Even a draw at Charlton seemed scant reward. Tranmere had led at the Valley and saw this as two points lost rather than one gained.

A scrambled 1-0 win at Cambridge United was far from convincing in terms of overall performance. So though the points were gratefully received there was still cause for concern regarding the fluency of their game.

Then last Saturday week Rovers' unbeaten home record was shattered in what was described as a lack-lustre performance, which saw relegation candidates Luton Town win 2-0!

No one can put their finger on the cause of this apparent change in fortune. True, star striker **John Aldridge**, who had netted 29 goals prior to last weekend's fixture missed three games through suspension, but his replacement was **Ian Muir**, the club's record scorer.

Fullback Tony Thomas who was the object of a £500,000 approach from Liverpool before they were rebuffed and signed Jones instead, has been out with injury. Ged Brannan, who suffered an ankle injury in the cup tie with Oldham, has also been sidelined but is expected to return to the side any time now.

In the meantime lan Nolan has proved a very consistent replacement.



John Aldridge.

Rovers were very unhappy about the circumstances surrounding the black-out here in December and have subsequently made representations to get the rules concerning abandonments changed. They would do well to recall a home game they staged against Peterborough United in 1985.

On that infamous occasion Posh were beating Rovers 1-0 when the game was abandoned because of a power failure. Apparently there were no protests from the Prenton Park officials that night. In the re-match Rovers went on to thrash Peterborough United 7-0! Could history repeat itself?

FORM GUIDE

Opponents	-	Α	
Cambridge Utd Sunderland	2	0	Aldridge, Malkin
Sunderland	0	1	
Bristol Rovers	23	1	Muir, Garnett
Luton Town	3	3	Aldridge, Muir, Nevin
Grimsby Town	1	1	Nevin
Oxford Utd	2	1	Morrissey, Nevin
Charlton Athletic	0	0	A66.555
Newcastle Utd	0	1	
Birmingham City			Aldridge (2), Mungall, Irons
Notts County	3	1	Aldridge,
			Brannon, Mungali
Bristol City	3	0	Aldridge (2),
			Nevin
Wattord	2	3	Morrissey, og Malkin
Peterborough Utd			
Southend Utd	3	0	Morriseey,
			Aldridge, McNab
Leicester City	1	0	Nevin
Brentford	3	2	Irons, Nevin-(2)
Portsmouth	0	4	
Derby County	2	1	Aldindige (2)
West Harn Utd	5	2	Aldridge (2) Aldridge (3), Irons, Malkin
Walves	3	0	Aldridge (3)
Millwall			Morrissey
Bamsley			Mungall
Chariton Athlectic	2	2	Aldridge, Nevin
Oxford Utd			Higgins, Aldridge (2),
Notts County	1	5	og Hiagins
Cambridge Utd			McNab
Luton Town	0		the start



Back Row: Alan Morgan, Mike Foster, Ged Brannon, Dave Higgins, John McGreal, Ian Nolan, Kenny Irons, John Morrissey, Tony Thomas.
 Middle Row: Norman Wilson (Secretary), Kenny Jones (Physio), Neil McNab, Steve Vickers, Graham Branch, Chris Malkin, Eric Nixon, Danny Coyne, John Aldridge, Ronnie Moore (Coach), Ray Mathias (Reserve Team Manager), Warwick Rimmer (Youth Development Officer).
 Front Row: Shaun Garnett, Steve Cooper, Ian Muir, Steve Mungall, John King (Manager), Mike Smith, Mark Hughes, Dave Martindale, Tony Draper.

JOHN ALDRIDGE - Striker. A prolific scorer throughout a career that has spanned South Liverpool, Newport County, Oxford United - they reaped in £750,000 from Liverpool for his transfer in 1987 - and Real Sociedad. Won Championship honours while at Anfield where he scored 50 goals in 83 League appearances before his £1.1 million exodus to Spain. Became Rovers, record signing in June 1991 when they paid £250,000 to Real, with whom he had been top scorer in each of his two seasons. Topped Rovers' hit list last season also with 40 League and Cup goals to equalise the Club's individual scoring record. Has now scored 230 goals in the Football League. Born: Liverpool 18.9.58.

GED BRANNAN - Defender. Versatile performer who can fill a number of defensive and midfield roles. Now in his third season as a professional he had graduated through the youth ranks at Prenton Park. Was a member of the England Under-19 squad in 1990 -1991. Born: Liverpool 15.1.72.

DAVE HIGGINS - Central Defender. Originally spotted playing for a team called Eagle, in the Liverpool Sunday League, Dave joined Rovers but failed to make the grade and spent five years in non-League soccer with South Liverpool, Ellesmere Port and Caemarvon. Returned to Prenton Park in 1987 and made his League debut at Darlington (30.10.87). Born: Liverpool 19.8.61.

MARK HUGHES - Defender. An excellent sweeper, Mark arrived from Bristol City in 1985 for a bargain £3,000. Had started his career with Bristol Rovers - making his League debut v West Ham in May 1980 - and after a loan spell with 'Torquay he moved to Swansea City in 1984. City signed him that same season, '84-85, after just 12 games for the Swans. Capped by Wales at Under-21 level, he is now a member of the full squad. Born: Port Talbot 3.2.62. **KENNY IRONS** - *Midfield.* A graduate of the club's youth scheme, he is an exciting sight when in full flow with the ball at his feet. Loves to run at defenders and is equally effective in a deep scheming role or on the flank. Broke into the first team in the season of 1990-1991 and scored 7 goals in 43 League appearances last season. Born: Liverpool 4.11.70.

McNAB NEIL Midfield. Swindon Well known to the management - Neil was six years with Spurs after joining them in 1974 from Morton, Won FA Youth Cup and Scottish Under-21 honours while as White Hart Lane: making 72 League appearances before a £250,000 to Brighton signed Bolton. him for £225,000 in 1980 and he had with loan spells Leeds and Portsmouth before joining Manchester City. Cost Rovers £125,000 January 1990 and had a spell on loan with Huddersfield Town last season.

TRANMERE ROVERS

CHRIS MALKIN - Forward. A former banker, Chris inscribed his name into the record books when his goal in the 1991 Play Off final at Wembley won Rovers a place in the Second Division. A natural athlete he clocks 12 seconds for 100 metres he joined Rovers from local side Stork in 1988. Made his League debut v Exeter in August 1987. Born: Bebington 4.6.67.

DAVE MARTINDALE - Midfield. Cost a mere £1,500 when signed from Caemarvon in 1987. Dave had been an apprentice at Anfield but drifted into non-League circles with Southport and Runcom before impressing John King while they were at Caernarvon. Made his League bow at Scunthorpe (15.8.87). Born: Liverpool 9.4.64.

JOHN MORRISSEY - Forward. A former England Youth cap, John followed father, John, to Everton but made just one League appearance at Luton in May 1985 - in three years. Joined Wolves but three months later was at Prenton Park after Frank Worthington paid £8,000 for his services in October 1985. Born: Liverpool 8.3.65.

IAN MUIR Striker. Rovers top shot of all time with 161 goals he is back at his best after a year out with damaged knee ligaments. Another former England Youth international lan started his career alongside Stan Bowles at QPR after making his debut v Cambridge United in April '81. Made two Fourth Division appearances on loan in 1984-85 and had a loan spell with Burnley before signing for Birmingham City. Played just once for the Blues before joining Brighton in 1984 and arrived at Prenton Park in a free transfer in 1985. Born: Coventry 5.6.63.

STEVE MUNGALL - Fullback. Tramere's longest serving player - he joined them from Motherwell in 1979 and has chalked up over 600 appearances. Came as a midfield player but has shown great versatility over the years. Made his senior debut v Aberdeen in April '77 and made 20 Scottish Premier League appearances for Motherwell. Born: Bellshill 22.5.58.

PAT NEVIN - Forward. Cost a record £300,000 to prise from Everton in August 1992. Came into senior football with Clyde and cost Chelsea £95,000 in 1983. Became a firm favourite at Stamford Bridge where his delicate touch and creative genius was much appreciated. Five years and over 200 games later, Everton splashed out £925,000 for the classic winger but he never really settled in at Goodison Park. A current member of the Scotland squad - he played in the European Championship Finals in Sweden. Born: Glasgow 6.9.63.

ERIC NIXON - *Goalkeeper*. Was the Club's record signing when he moved from Manchester City for £60,000 in July 1988. Has now played in all four divisions of the Football League with Rovers and was captain when they played in the 1991 Play Offs. Represented the Football League v the Italians last season. Manchester City spotted him playing for Curzon Ashton and gave him his League chance in September 1985. Bom: Manchester 4.10.62.

STEVE VICKERS - Central Defender. Signed in 1985 from Spennymore United, Steve made his League debut in April 1986 v Northampton Town. A Newcastle fan, he turned down the opportunity to sign for Middlesbrough as a youngster. Born: Bishop Auckland 13.10.67.

TOWN vs ROVERS

	F	A	SCORERS
18.10.1958	1	2	Micklewright
10.04.1960	1	1	Gauld
31.08.1960	1	0	Jackson
02.09.1967	з	1	Periman 2, Rogers
18.02.1969	1	0	Nobie
03.09.1974	0	0	
30.10.1976	1	1	Anderson pen.
02.01.1978	1	0	McHale pen.
24.03.1979	4	1	Rowland 2. Mayes, MvHale
02.11.1982	4	2	Rideout 2 (2 pens.), Rowland, Barnard
03.03.1984	1	1	Neison
26.01.1985	2	1	Rowland pen., Coyne
02.11.1985	2	1	Barnard, Wade
17.03.1992	2	0	Shearer 2
AT PRENTON	PARK		
06.03.1959	1	3	Skull
15.04.1960	2	2	Mellor, Hunt
22.04.1960	2	2	Chamberlain 2
13.11.1957	2	3	Smart, Rodgers
24.01.1969	5	3	Jones 2, Rodgers, Smart, Noble
21.10.1974	0	3	
21.02.1977	1	0	Anderson
31.03.1978	1	1	Guthrie
21.08.1978	1	1	Carter
28.02.1983	0	2	
17.10.1983	1	2	Mayes
14.09.1984	2	0	Rowland, Nelson
04.01.1986	,	з	Gordan pen.
22.11.1991	0	0	

THE MAN IN CHARGE



John King, now in his second spell in charge of Rovers, has established himself as the most successful manager in the Club's history.

Born near Lords Cricket Ground in London, John moved to Liverpool at an early age and joined Everton from school. He was a ball-winning wing-half and served Everton for four years before signing for Bournemouth.

In 1960 John moved to Tranmere Rovers and was in their 1967 promotion side. He achieved another promotion with Port Vale before ending his playing days with Wigan Athletic who were then non-league.

Ron Yeats took him back to Prenton Park in 1973 as coach and two years later - when Yeats was axed - John took over the managerial seat. The following season Rovers bounced back to Division Three at the first attempt. But in 1983 they were relegated and John was sacked.

He coached Rochdale before managing Northwich Victoria who he led to to two FA Trophy finals at Wembley. Then he moved to Caernarvon where he revitalised the Club before Tranmere called on his services again in April 1987.

After a sticky start, when Rovers had to beat Exeter to stay in the League, it has been a story of success. John has led them to promotion from Division Four to the Second and to winning the Leyland DAF Cup in 1990 this one of five appearances at Wembley inside three years.



BY PAUL PLOWMAN

... looks back at previous connections with today's visitors

At this stage of the season twenty four years ago, the Town and Tranmere were in a similar position to today - chasing promotion - although in 1969 it was from the old Third Division.

Those were the days...

> The County Ground fixture was rescheduled that season, too, but on that occasion, Swindon's involvement in the League Cup ruled out the original date. So the clubs met twice within a month, at Prenton Park on Friday January 24 and at home on Tuesday February 18.

> Prior to the game in Birkenhead, the sides were level on points, but fourth placed Town had the considerable advantage of three games in hand over Rovers and a vastly superior goal average. Tranmere had the best away record in the Division, but had lost more games at Prenton Park than all but bottom club Oldham!

> Swindon inflicted a sixth home defeat on Rovers with a storming 5-3 win, despite being without influential midfielder John Smith, who was suspended. Two goals in five minutes from Chris Jones his first of the season - and a third on the stroke of half-time from Don Rogers sent the Town in 3-1 up. Further goals came in another five-minute flurry, from Roger Smart and Peter Noble. Swindon were now two points behind leaders Watford, with a game in hand.

Jones was on song again four days later when strugglers Oldham came to the County Ground. He grabbed a hat-trick as the Town hit another five, the visitors replying once. Two drawn games then followed before Jones found the target again with the final goal in a 3-0 win at Barrow. Wattord had now been caught, but still had a better goal average.

Tranmere's visit to Wiltshire was the first of four home games in twelve days. Rovers had by now slipped to eighth, but 19,714 turned up nevertheless - the second highest gate of the season to date. Peter Noble notched the only goal of the game just four minutes from time, to put Swindon two points clear at the top of the table.

They went on to win all four games 1-0, with Noble the matchwinner in three of them. Rogers obliged in the fourth and extended the lead to three points. But the run had to end somewhere and that somewhere was third from bottom Gillingham. The Town had not won in Kent for almost forty years and had lost on ten of the last eleven visits to Priestfield, and this was no exception.

Further reverses followed at Stockport and Plymouth either side of a certain Wembley date with Arsenal and the lead had now been surrendered. But Danny Williams' men had the perfect chance to redress the balance with the visit of Watford on the last weekend in March. Level on points, the Hornets had the game in hand and the Town the backing of a 29,000 capacity crowd at the County Ground.

But, it was not to be. A 1-0 defeat left Swindon chasing the leaders for the remainder of the season and in the end they. caught them, but were still denied the championship. Both sides had allowed their opponents only a miserly seven goals at home, but the Town had conceded one more goal away and so finished with a goal average 0.15 inferior to Watford's! Tranmere finished five places behind in seventh, and had to wait until 1991 to take their place in the Second Division.



Peter Noble -Scored in both games against Tranmere in 1968/69...

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AGE





A very special welcome to everyone here this evening from us all in the Commercial Department.

with Janet Garrett

Multi-Agg Limited and Tarmac Roadstone (Southern) Limited.

We welcome today as our match day sponsors some old and new friends, both local quarrying companies.

Multi-Agg Limited is a small privately owned company from Stanford-in-the-Vale, near Faringdon, Oxon who have had an old established association with Swindon Town Football Club in the form of advertising and sponsorship through the influences of their Managing Director and Swindon Town Director Cliff Puffett. Multi-Agg's guests today are mainly from the Builders Merchant network of companies who Multi-Agg supply with their comprehensive range of bagged aggregates.

Tarmac Roadstone (Southern) Limited are based at Old Bath Road, Newbury and are an associate company of Tarmac Construction the contractor who recently completed the North Stand extension. Tarmac Roadstone's party is led by their South Regional Manager Malcolm Whittle, a Wigan Athletic supporter although a great admirer of Glenn Hoddle and the Swindon style of play.

Thank you to both companies for your support today and throughout the season - have a very enjoyable evenina.

Latest Corporate and personal sponsorship availabilities from Swindon Town Football Club

An exciting opportunity to see the Swindon Town v Portsmouth game on February 27th as match day sponsors (20 places available). As* well as a champagne reception and superb meal, the advertising and behind the scenes fun makes this an excellent package particularly considering the positions held currently by the two teams!

Nearer to the end of the season is the match against Luton Town on April 10th. As the above package but there are forty places available, of course a particularly interesting game in prospect at this stage in the season,

arketing

There are also two opportunities to sponsor the Match Ball left this year for a party of four. As well as an autographed football and best seats for the game the pre-match meal and advertising make this a very good value for money way of seeing the best first division side in action. The games concerned are Luton Town on April 10th and Leicester City on April17th.

There are still two or three sites available for "crowd awareness" ground board advertising at very competitive rates. Where else would around 8,000 people regularly look at a static advert for your business over 90 minutes?

Dates for your diary? Fashion Show March 1st 7.30pm -

a few tickets left Business Lunch March 11th noon onwards - tickets now on sale Sporting Club Dinner April 21st -Table reservations now being taken.

Ticket Agents Watch for news of where our out of town supporters will be able to buy their tickets in their own areas - we are currently setting up a network of distributors who will be selling our replica kit alongside match tickets!!

Todays Lucky Mascots

It's every young supporters dream to become a mascot, to meet and run on the pitch with their favourite team. To make your childs/grandchilds dream come true contact me or Justine Phillips on 0793 430430 for more details.



Our first mascot today is ten year old Thomas Jeffries who attends Noremarsh Junior School at Wootton

Bassett. Thomas who plays in defence for the Wootton Bassett under 10's and likes to follow Tottenham Hotspur as well as Swindon Town. His favourite players are Glenn Hoddle and Micky Hazard. Other hobbies include playing with his computer, cycling and winding up his uncle every time Bristol Rovers lose!



Our second mascot of the day is eleven year old Kelly Lewis from Park South, Swindon were she attends St.Joseph's Lower School. Kelly has actually been a Swindon Town mascot before in last seasons fixture against Tranmere Rovers and enjoyed it so much she wanted to do it again. Kelly's hobbies include cricket and football. Kelly regularly attends the girls coaching sessions at Swindon Town Soccer School. Her favourite team is of course Swindon Town, her idols being Colin Calderwood and her dad.

Junior Robins

I do hope that all you Junior Robins who accompanied Paul on the trip to Cambridge enjoyed the day out, I hope that we will be arranging another visit soon, so keep tuned.

Are you playing Swindon Town's armchair bingo yet?

The more that play the more we pay!

Armchair bingo is now in its fourth week. Initial winners have so far emerged in several areas, including Swindon, Hungerford, Ramsbury and Shrivenham. Although the new lottery is still in its infancy, there is every indication that the game is spreading fast. Agents and canvassers are still required in many areas, nonetheless.

Is your neighbourhood being serviced? Is your place of work or social habitat aware of this new opportunity to win cash prizes every week? If not, this could be your chance to earn that extra income whilst bringing pleasure to others. For more details of what you can earn in just a couple of hours each week, contact Dave Hollister on 0793 430430 ext. 212.



PLAYER PROFILE

PAUL BODIN

PLAYER PROFILE

Paul Bodin's name doesn't usually feature on the goalscoring chart. In fact Paul is the first to admit; "I usually only get one now and again." Yet that certainly isn't the case right now. For the Welshman's cracker in the 3-0 demolition of title chasing Millwall etched his name on the scoresheet for the fourth successive game.

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It is the sort of form that leaves recognised strikers, such as Craig Maskell, green with envy.

"I scored seven goals, a couple of years ago, in the season when we reached the play-offs," recalls Paul. "But scoring is really just a bonus for me."

So what is the secret of his current success?

"As fullbacks we are getting forward a lot more into crossing positions," he says, "and recently I have been able to get round the back of defenders into shooting positions."

Four goals in four games. But which has given Paul most satisfaction?

Paul opts for the winner at Roker Park, saying: "The goal at Grimsby was very satisfying - it put us level. But we went on to lose the game which takes the gilt off the gingerbread.

"So I have to go for the one at Sunderland. I was in at the start intercepting Richard Moore on the halfway line. I managed to play the ball into Ross. He found Lingy and as I made the overlap Martin played a great ball into my path. I took one touch, pushed it forward and let fly.

"It is nice to receive the sort of attention a few goals brings but as a fullback my main concern is to defend. I was just as happy that we had kept another clean-sheet.

"There are defenders who will always be amongst the goals. Shaun Taylor for one. What's he got eight or nine now? If I can finish the season with seven to ten I will be delighted.

"Most of my runs are wide. It is just lucky that when I have tracked into the box I have managed to convert the half chance. But really I am just as happy to assist as to finish.

"The win at Sunderland was a great boost because it put us back in the promotion frame and the result against Millwall just confirmed our potential. Our destiny is now in our own hands.

"It is important for us to be strong at home. Our away form is already better than last season and though we went through an unproductive spell at the turn of the year - when we won just once in eight - we didn't slip too far down the table."

Tonight's joust with Tranmere is crucially important. Last time they were here, in December, they took a 2-1 lead before the lights went out! Do they then have a psychological advantage over us?

"I don't think so," suggests Paul. "This is a new game. To be honest they were lucky to be two-up last time. They scored two great goals mind you but we had most of the play and were beginning to get to grips when the lights went.

"They had a bit of a moan about it at the time. But it was just one of those things.

"Tranmere are one of the top teams in the division and if we want to go up we have to beat opposition of this calibre. It is as simple as that."

Paul's impressive form for Town since overcoming knee ligament damage is reflected in his instant recall to the Welsh squad for last week's friendly in Dublin.

"There is tremendous team spirit in the Welsh squad," says Paul, who adds: "The Welsh rugby win over England has lifted the whole Principality. The place is buzzing and we hope to be able to keep the flag flying by beating Belgium in our next World Cup qualifying match at the Arms Park."

In the meantime, just a year since making his return to Swindon with a debut goal at Leicester, Paul hopes he is on target for the Premier League.



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WITH JOHN GORMAN

Welcome back this evening to everybody from Tranmere Rovers for this re-arranged fixture following the abandonment last time round in December when the floodlights failed.

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Tranmere felt deprived as they were winning 2-1 when the lights went but there was after all some forty minutes still to go so we will feel no guilt by winning today in another vital promotion encounter after our emphatic 3-0 home victory over Millwall. We are obviously in a confident mood for tonight's game.

The week leading up to the Millwall game saw the spirit of the lads get closer and closer and we decided to change our normal build up to the game by playing nine holes of golf on the Thursday and trained a bit more on the Friday in practice.

We spent our usual spell working on dead balls for and against so we were well prepared for The Lions of Millwall.

Just recently during training we have been having mini games where by the players have to kick with their bad foot and at the end of each game I nominate the worst player who has to wear a yellow jersey in the next game. The laughs we have had with the players in awkward positions. Shaun Taylor was outstanding but we had a fright when his groin gave way a bit but with the way he took his right footed goal against Millwall it was well worth the practice. It was interesting that Steve White also netted with his weaker left foot in that game. I can't say the same about Paul Bodin who cracked his shot with his favourite so sweetly for his fourth goal in as many games.

The return of Ross MacLaren has really given us a nice balance and allowed us to push Nicky Summerbee and Martin Ling in without fear.

The injury scene is starting to clear. Craig Maskell is well on the mend and should be back in contention by now and John Moncur is another we need to get back as he was influential in the early stages of the season until his injury.

Micky Hazard is recovering after his knee injury although he will still be out for a few more weeks.

I know that I get somewhat excited when we score and I hope that I never lose that passion when your team does well. Glenn and I firmly believe in our style and it gives me a buzz to see the moves come off from our lads and finish with goals.

Our own Laurel and Hardy -Eddie Buckley and Kevin Morris have started handing me their Burmah hats when we score and you may well see me throw them into the air from the dug out when we score - let's hope you see this on many more occasions this season!

Talking of Eddie and Kevin I could compile a book on some of the many things which happen in the course of a week to these two and when space permits I'll let you into some of the hilarious happenings.

One which remains a favourite was when Eddie was trainer for the Reserves and during a game against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane Eddie ran onto the pitch to tend to an injured player but stopped dead in his tracks half way across the pitch when his own back went and had to lifted by the ambulance men off the field to be attended to !

Another tale on Saturday when we meet Portsmouth.

See you soon!



Shaun Taylor-Yellow Jersey.

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Portsmouth sail into Swindon on Saturday for another mega First Division date, as the season swings into its most crucial stage.

Our association with the south coast club goes back a long way, to the 3rd September 1898 to be precise, when we beat them 3-2 at the County Ground in the Southern League.

Coupar scored twice and Morris once in that close encounter and several Town stars have collected a brace in home games against Pompey. including Steve White who netted two in the corresponding fixture last season yet still finished on the losing side.

Yet no Town star has ever netted a hat-trick in a home League fixture against the men from Fratton Park, Jimmy Quinn scored three, including a penalty, in a 3-1 League Cup win here in September 1987 and Rogers claimed four goals in a 5-0 rout in April 1914.

No, it wasn't Don but Dave Rogers who was making his debut in a Southern League match after joining us from HM Forces. Dave, who operated as a centre-forward or wing-half, scored 30 goals in 177 league appearances before moving on to Gillingham in February 1926.

Portsmouth, who went into Saturday's game with Leicester

Home Away City, started the week on 50 points, two places above us but with two more games played are not the same team away from home. At Fratton Park, where they were somewhat surprisingly beaten by Bristol City 3-2 recently, they have conceded a meagre six goals in 13 First Division games. That represents the best defensive record in the division.

> But on their travels the statistics tell a different tale with 30 goals shipped in 16 outings. Still with Guy Whittingham, the country's leading scorer. spearheading their attack Portsmouth present a serious challenge to our promotion hopes.

> This is certainly not one to miss. Swindon Town v Portsmouth the next home round in the fight for the Premier League. Make a date. Here on Saturday 27th February at 3.00pm.



Steve White - hit two against Pompey last season.

COLIN'S CORNER COLIN CALDERWOOD

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What an important win that was against Millwall. A terrific win all the more rewarding as it was against a side higher than us in the table.

Tonight we have a similar situation against Tranmere. I suppose they feel a little aggrieved about the game being abandoned here when they were 2-1 up but that is football.

It happened to us a few years ago when we played Bradford City here in a promotion match. They were way up at the top of the league and we were three up against them. They then had a player sent-off but with just 15 minutes to play the fog rolled in. The game was abandoned and when it was replayed it finished 2-2 draw.

It went against us that time. Hopefully it will swing our way this time. But if we are to turn the tables then we have definitely got to keep John Aldridge quiet.

John scored both goals against us in that abandoned match and I blame myself for both of them. The first was a header; the second came from a long kick by Eric Nixon. He read it better than me and got in behind us.

So we will be on the look-out for Aldo tonight. But then every centre-half in the division has been trying to do that.

We are confident though. We seem to be on a better run than we were in December and we hope to do ourselves a favour by winning tonight This is one of our games in hand so let's make it count.



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The First Division race is turning into Blaydon hell for Kevin Keegan and that vociferous Geordie

army of fans who make St James' Park such a hostile environment for visiting supporters.

Coming up to Christmas it was just a matter of by how much -Newcastle United would win the First Division championship. Newcastle United's vice-like grip in the League looked impregnable.

Five weeks ago the Magpies led the table by a clear 15 points but following their defeat of the year - at Fratton Park and successive wins by West Ham United over Peterborough and Watford the gap between the leaders and the Hammers going into last Sunday's big show-down was four points.

I have said in this column before that I thought they would be caught and once the slide starts it is very difficult to check, as indeed Blackburn Rovers found almost to their cost of last year.

Glenn Hoddle makes an interesting point on the situation when he points out: "Their players haven't been under pressure all season until now." He explains: "All the rest of us have been under pressure to win every week to stay with the pack."..The players have been conditioned to the fact that winning is all important.

Says Glenn: "It hasn't been the same for Newcastle. They built up such a lead that there was a psychological cushion for them to lean on. They went into games knowing that a defeat would not alter their position at the top.

"It will be interesting to see if they have got the metal to overcome it."

Sure will. As we went to press before Sunday's top of the table clash at Upton Park the outcome of the game is not known - but I must say it is a lucky venue for Newcastle United.

However that is only the start of a difficult period for Keegan's men who face trips to Tranmere and Swindon in the coming weeks. We will all be hoping they choke on the singing of Blaydon Races, as they leave our grounds the vanquished.

The trip to Cambridge on Saturday commenced a crucially important period of the season for us. Cambridge, Watford and Southend United away. Tranmere Rovers, Portsmouth and Newcastle United at home.

The home games give us the opportunity to peg back teams

ahead of us in the championship challenge. The away games are ones that on paper we should pick up points from if we are truly promotion material.

Six games then that could fashion our immediate future. It is going to be nail-biting stuff.

Finally, congratulations to Paul Bodin who made the starting line for Wales in their friendly against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin last week.

Wales, the only team to win in Dublin since Jack Charlton took charge seven years ago, looked on their way to another success when Mark Hughes gave them the lead. But Ireland came back with two goals to break the jinx.

England meanwhile did what was required in their World Cup qualifyer against San Marino. Six goals - four from David Platt making his debut as captain.



Paul Bodin - played for Wales.



Lay off our game! This is the message going loud and clear to the men from Zurich who run, or is it ruin, our national game.

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FIFA's obturate general secretary, Sepp Blatter, is calling for throw-ins to be replaced by free-kicks. A suggestion that sends shivers down the spine of all those who appreciate this fine art of soccer.

Glenn Hoddle's reaction was one of horror. As you have probably gathered from his reactions in the press he is prepared to turn his back on the trade that has been his life if Blatter's bleats become law. And his is no idle threat believe me.

Explains Glenn: "I'm totally against the idea. It might work abroad but here British teams will abuse it.

"Continental teams will probably make something out of it but it will only kill the game here. It will become like American Rules football. A game of set plays.

"There is nothing wrong with the rules of the game as they stood before the commencement of this season. I know there has been suggestions to alter the offside rule and I can understand what people are getting at. But really there is nothing wrong with the offside law. It is our attitude towards it that needs changing.

"When you watch football in France, Italy, Spain, Germany and so on the game is not ruined by offsides. It only happens here where we once again abuse the situation.

"It is us that are the problem. Us that need to change our attitudes - not the rules.

"If for instance free-kicks were introduced instead of throws I'm sure the Continentals would still approach the game with the same attitude as they now show. Short, accurate passing with the intention of maintaining possession.

"We can hardly expect that here. Everyone will be endeavouring to play as Cambridge United did. Long balls humped towards the corner flags to try and win a kick-in in the last third of the field.

"We won't need midfield players anymore. They will become a thing of the past.

with Colin Benson

It will be sheer power hitting long balls into corners."

A frightening prospect for sure which could see our games become limited to big strong athletes, in much the way American Football is. The likes of Gordon Strachan, Micky Hazard and Johnny Giles cast into oblivion.

Do we want such a future for our children?

Thankfully Sepp Blatter's proposal is not on the agenda of the International Board, though it is listed under 'items for discussion.' He says: "It will be a grave mistake to try it our on youth football because this will not be a representative trial. Youth players tend to try and get the ball down and play nice little balls. So what could prove successful at that level might have no bearing at all in the application at senior level."

It is all very worrying. We have had it muted that the ovals should be enlarged etc etc and there is more than a hint of cynicism in Glenn's voice when he says: "I'm a little suspicious. With the World Cup coming up in America they seem to be looking for a gimmick to catch their attention."

Whatever the motive this latest attempt to change the rules gets the red card from us.



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Football in the Community

Sunday 14 February saw the Community Scheme hold the first of the Nicky Hammond Goalkeeping Schools.

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The day itself was a great success with sixteen boys of all ages benefiting from the coaching provided by Nicky and Keith Nash.

The session started at 10.00am with an excellent warm-up and participants then concentrated on various topics including shot stopping, positional play and working on angles.

The busy lads stopped for lunch before finishing the afternoon with a 2 v 2 situation resulting in a winning pair.

Both Nicky and Keith were very pleased with the attitude shown throughout the day by all the keepers.

There are two more goalkeeping sessions scheduled for the future and these will take place on Sunday 7 March and Sunday 4 April.

Any interested goalkeepers please contact the Football Community Office on Swindon 421303 for further details.

It is hoped that these Goalkeeper's Schools will become annual events. Like all the other Community Offices at Clubs around the country we are now getting together a programme which will maintain annual events similar to the goalkeeping school.

Here are a few of such events we here at the Swindon Town Community Office undertake:

March - We enter the NCP Schools Trophy which is sanctioned by the English Schools Football Association.

Last season along with Headmaster John Dickens Mountfield Manor School travelled to Ashton Gate the home of Bristol City FC where they represented Swindon Town in the area finals. They progressed through to the final of the area finals where they met the host Club duly beating them and progressed to the regional finals which were held here at The Swindon Town County Ground Complex. Unfortunately we went out of the competition to West Bromwich Albion.

April - Easter Soccer Schools will be held at Greendown School and St Josephs Lower School again and places can now be booked through the Community Office. We have just finished the half term sessions at these schools and again they were a great success and it is especially pleasing to see more and more girls turning up. I would like to thank both schools for their usual kind co-operation. Many players turned up throughout the sessions and the overall skills champion has received a certificate personally signed by Glenn Hoddle.

We welcome all participants of the half term soccer school to this evening's game.

May - We anticipate staging a festival of Womens Football with 6-a-side competitions for all age groups resulting in the finalists representing Swindon Town Community Scheme at Yeovil on Sunday 23 May to compete against representatives from other South West clubs.

As you can see from the above the next few months are going to be busy...but fun.



Nicky Hammond Goalkeeping School.

For details on any of the following contact the Community Office on Swindon **421303**. Faced with two away trips in the Football Combination I was delighted with the performances of the team in both games.

Against Wimbledon at Plough Lane we really had to battle and in the first twenty minutes showed real character when some of the challenges were flying in. However our defence held strong and Nicky Hammond made a couple of great stops to give us a platform to go and play.

After the initial early spell of pressure we gradually started to pass the ball around and began to cause Wimbledon a few problems.

Shaun Close and Chris Hamon were holding up play well and allowing our midfield to link-up, whilst Andrew Thomson and Eddie Murray at the centre of defence were seeing to it that a clean sheet was on the cards.

Our first goal came after twenty five minutes when Chris Hamon chased a back-pass and forced the home keeper into a fumble before going round him and slotting the ball home.

A second quickly followed, this time Shaun Close setting up Hamon for his brace.

As the game wore on the more confident we became and the second half was a pleasure to watch.

Full backs O'Sullivan and Horlock were great down the flanks and it was no surprise when Horlock linked up with Paul Hunt and Close to score our third goal and round off a memorable team performance.

At Queens Park Rangers we should really have wrapped the game up in the first half, creating several good chances and if it were not for some great goalkeeping by Peter Caldwell we could well have gone in four up at half time. As it was, with the score 0-0 we still had to go out in the second half and turn our good football into goals and although we didn't really get going in quite the same way



ANDY ROWLAND

we were well worth our win. Andrew Thomson got the all important winner scoring from a corner with a left foot volley which I think surprised him as much as anyone else at the game!

With two great away wins we must now try to maintain the level of performance in our run of forthcoming home games.

> Results: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Wimbledon 0 Swindon Town 3

Scorers: Hamon (2), Horlock. Team: Hammond, O'Sullivan, Horlock, Heffer, Thomson, Murray, Phillips M, Berkley, Hamon, Close, Hunt. Subs: Morah, Hall.

> Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Queens Park Rangers 0 Swindon Town 1

Scorer: Thomson. Team: Hammond, O'Sullivan, Horlock, Viveash, Thomson, Murray, Phillips M, Heffer, Hamon, Close, Hunt. Subs: Berkley, Morah.



Andrew Thomson-Volley at QPR.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Wed Aug 19		H	2-0
Wed Aug 26	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Wed Sep 02	West Ham United	н	1-1
Fri Sep 11	Norwich City	A	3-5
Mon Sep 21	Millwall	A	0-1
Wed Sep 30	Wimbledon	н	0-1
Wed Oct 07	Fulham	A	0-3
Wed Oct 14	Millwall	н	1-3
Wed Oct 28	Tottenham Hotspur	н	2-1
Thur Nov 05	Crystal Palace	A	3.3
Mon Nov 09	Watford	н	1-1
Tue Nov 17	Queens Park Rangers	н	1-1
Mon Nov 23	Chippenham T. (WPS)	н	8-1
Wed Nov 25	Ipswich Town	A	1-3
Tue Dec 15	Norwich City	н	2-2
Tue Dec 22	Luton Town	A	2-1
Fn Jan 15	Watford	A	1-1
Mon Jan 18	Cheisea	A	2-3
Wed Jan 20	Oxford United	A	5-0
Wed Jan 27	Southampton	н	1-1
Tue Feb 02	Wimbledon	A	3-0
Mon Feb 08	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0
Wed Feb 10	Portsmouth	н	0-3
Mon Feb 15	Chariton Athletic	н	0-0
Mon Feb 22	Bristol City	A	
Wed Feb 24	Ipswich Town	н	
Mon Mar 01	Luton Town	н	
Mon Mar 08	Bristol City	н	
Mon Mar 15	Fulham	н	
Wed Mar 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Sat Mar 27	Southampton	A	
Tue Mar 30	West Ham United	A	
Wed Apr 07	Oxford United	н	
Tue Apr 13	Chelsea	н	
Wed Apr 21	Chariton Athletic	A	
Sat Apr 24	Arsenal	A	
Wed Apr 28	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Wed May 05	Crystal Palace	н	
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All home matches will be played at The County Ground, Swindon with a 2.00pm kick-off until further notice.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION **DIVISION ONE**

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WIMBLEDON	23	11	6	6	37	23	39
TOTTENHAM H.	22	9	9	4	45	20	36
SOUTHAMPTON	21	9	6	5	37	25	34
IPSWICH TOWN	23	10	4	9	38	38	34
CHARLTON A.	23	10	4	9	34	35	34
OXFORD UTD	23	9	7	7	31	38	34
ARSENAL	23	8	6	9	40	32	28
WATFORD	23	7	9	7	33	39	30
WEST HAM	23	8	4	11	32	31	28
Q.P.R	20	7	6	7	32	27	27
NORWICH CITY	22	6	8	8	39	45	26
SWINDON TOWN	22	6	7	9	33	37	25
BRIGHTON	23	7	4	12	24	50	25
BRISTOL CITY	23	5	8	10	28	38	23
PORTSMOUTH	22	6	5	11	29	44	23
LUTON TOWN	22	5	5	12	22	42	20
FULHAM	23	3	4	16	16	47	13

The South East Counties League game against current leaders Wimbledon ended in another narrow defeat but the result did not reflect the balance of the play. For much of the game we performed well having good possession but unfortunately our finishing did not match our approach play. The players application was very good and they played some good football getting through and around the Wimbledon defence time after time.

Wimbledon were limited to very few chances and their winning goal came from a mistake in defence against the run of play.

Three missed chances when clear with only the keeper to beat and shooting over from six yards were the best of many openings and we can only blame ourselves for not gétting a result from all this good play.

Having worked on improving our game in the final third of the pitch it was a pleasing aspect of our play and we must now look to add that finishing touch.

Our first Allied Counties League game for eight weeks saw us up against local rivals Swindon Supermarine. A 2-1 scoreline ensured that we kept our 100% record.

As we look up to the performance of the individual and the team before the result this was a disappointing performance Swindon Supermarine gave a spirited and hard working display but unfortunately we never matched their effort by putting our style of play on the game for any length of time to gain control.

The players must believe that the passing game is the best way to develop their own game and is much more rewarding that results alone.



JOHN TROLLOPE

Our two goals came in the second half with a Steve Reeves free kick and an own goal. A defensive mistake gave Swindon Supermarine a consolation goal shortly before the end of the game.

Some of the players involved in the match are looking to become trainees next season and must look to improve in this performance of they are to be offered a place.

Results: South East Counties League Swindon Town 0 Wimbledon 1

Team: Phillips K, Pitman, Phillips J, Reeves, James, Jordan D, French, O'Driscoll, Luwero, Lane, Hoddle M. Subs: Jordan M, Fraser.

Allied Counties League Swindon Town 2 Swindon Supermarine 1

Scorers: Reeves, own goal. Team: Phillips K, Jordan M, Kearns, Reeves, James, McCluskey, Pitman, Medcroft, Short, Fraser, Worrall. Subs: Holloway, Mills.



Steve Reeves-Scored from free kick.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sat Aug 15	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 2-3
Sat Aug 22	Bristol Rovers	A 0-3
Mon Aug 24	Northampton Town (MYC P)	H 1-0
Sat Aug 29	Reading	H 4-1
Sat Sep 05	Colchester United	A 2-1
Sat Sep 12	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-4
Tue Sep 15	Tottenham H. (SJFC 1)	A 0-4
Sat Sep 19	AFC Bournemouth (LC 1)	A 2-2
Sat Sep 26	AFC Bournemouth (LC1R)H 0-3
Sat Oct 03	Brentford	H 0-3
Mon Oct 05	Oxford United (MYC 1)	A 2-2
Sat Oct 10	Oxford United	A 1-4
Sat Oct 17	Southampton	H 1-1
Mon Oct 19	Oxford United (MYC 1R)	H 3-0
Sat Oct 24	Oxford United	H 0-0
Sat Oct 31	Crystal Palace	H 1-0
Wed Nov 04	Oxford United (FAYC 1)	H 3-2
Sat Nov 07	Luton Town	H 1-3
Sat Nov 14	Wimbledon	A 0-3
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A 3-2
Sat Nov 28	Luton Town	A 1-4
Wed Dec 09	Southampton (FAYC 2)	H 1-0
Sat Dec 12	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-2
Mon Dec 14	Derby County (MYC 2)	A 3-2
Sat Jan 02	Reading	A 3-1
Tue Jan 05	Arsenal (FAYC 3)	H 5-2
Sat Jan 09	Colchester United	H 0-2
Sat Jan 30	Brentford	A 2-1
Mon Feb 01	Bristol City (FAYC 4)	A 0-1
Sat Feb 06	Wimbledon	H 0-1
Sat Feb 13	Southampton	A 1-1
Sat Feb 20	Crystal Palace	A
Sat Mar 06	Bristol City	H
Sat Mar 27	Bristol Rovers	H
Sat Apr 03	AFC Bournemouth	H
Sat Apr 17	AFC Bournemouth	A
T.B.A	Tottenham Hotspur	A

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.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

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Wimbledon	21	18	1	2	59	13	37
Bristol City	19	12	2	5	43	26	26
Brentford	20	10	6	4	34	21	26
Southampton	19	7	7	5	22	21	21
Bournemouth	18	7	5	6	24	26	19
Tottenham H.	19	8	3	8	36	41	19
Brighton	17	7	4	6	31	29	18
Crystal Palace	20	8	1	11	31	27	17
Luton Town	18	8	0	10	36	37	16
Swindon Town	20	6	3	11	24	40	15
Oxford Utd	20	5	4	11	35	41	14
Bristol Rovers	18	4	5	9	25	42	13
Reading	20	4	5	11	26	46	13
Colchester Utd	16	6	0	10	17	29	12

ALLIED COUNTIES YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES

	Mon Sep 21	Newbury Town	A	10-0	
	Mon Sep 28	Reading	H	3-1	
	Mon Oct 12	Kintbury Rangers	H	11-0	
	Tues Nov 17	Kintbury Rangers (LC1)	A	10-0	
1		Kintbury Rangers	A	3-0	
	Wed Feb 10	Swindon Supermarine	н	2-1	
	Wed Feb 17	Basingstoke Town	A	8-1	
	T.B.A	Hungerford Town (LC2)	н		
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All home Allied Counties Youth League fixtures are played at Swindon Supermarine F.C., South Marston. Games kick off at 7.30 pm.

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1992/93

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West Ham	31	9	3	2	30	12	8	4	4	25	17	59
Millwall ,	31	11	3	1	41	15	3	7	6	11	19	52
Portsmouth	31	11	2	2	30	7	3	7	6	24	30	51
Tranmere R	28	10	4	1	35	11	4	2	7	15	25	48
Swindon T.	29	9	4	2	30	17	4	4	6	19	24	47
Grimsby T.	29	8	4	3	24	18	5	1	в	19	20	44
Wolves'	31	7	ŝ	4	26	19	4	5	6	16	19	43
Leicester C.	29	7	4	4	23	18	5	3	6	17	19	43
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Watford	31	5	5	5	23	23	5	4	7	23	32	39
Oxford Utd	29	5	5	3	23	13	4	6	5	18	23	39
Bamsley	30	7	3	4	17	11	4	3	9	21	24	39
Derby C.	29	4	٥	10	23	27	7	5	3	24	14	38
Peterboro'	29	3	7	5	20	22	7	1	5	19	21	38
Brentford	31	6	3	7	22	22	4	4	7	17	23	37
Sunderland 1.	29	6	4	5	21	19	4	3	6	10	20	37
Cambridge Utd	30	6	3	6	18	20	2	7	6	16	28	34
Luton T.	30	3	8	4	15	21	4	5	6	16	24	34
Bristol City	30	5	5	4	18	18	3	4	9	16	35	33
Notts C.	30	5	5	5	19	18	2	5	8	16	31	31
Southend U.	30	5	6	4	21	13	2	3	10	12	25	30
Bristol R.	30	5	2	9	21	31	3	3	8	17	29	29
Birmingham City	30	6	2	6	18	22	1	6	9	9	29	29

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 92/93

	Leag	ue	CL	.p	Tota	al	
	Apps	G	Apps	G	Apps	G	
Austin Berkley	O (1)	0	1	1	1 (1)	1	
Paul Bodin	19(1)	5	4	0	23(1)	5	
Colin Calderwood	26	1	5	0	31	1	
Shaun Close	0 (6)	0	1(1)	0	1 (7)	0	
Fraser Digby	16	0	3	0	19	0	
Andy Gray	3	0	0	0	3	0	
Nicky Hammond	13	0	3	0	16	0	
Micky Hazard	25	2	5	0	30	2	
Glenn Hoddle	28	1	4	1	32	2	
Kevin Horlock	12(4)	1	3	0	15(4)	1	
Paul Hunt	0(2)	0	1	0	1(2)	0	
David Kerslake	27 (1)	0	5	0	32(1)	0	
Martin Ling	26(1)	2	6	1	32(1)	3	
Marcus Phillips	0(1)	0	O(1)	0	0(2)	0	
Ross MacLaren	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0	
Craig Maskell	27 '	18	5	2	32	20	
David Mitchell	22(5)	4	5	4	27(5)	8	
Eddie Murray	0(1)	0	0(2)	0	0 (3)	0	
John Moncur	10 (3)	1	2	0	12 (2)	1	
Wayne O'Sullivan	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Nicky Summerbee	19(8)	2	4 (2)	1	23 (10)	3	
Shaun Taylor	29	8	5	1	34	9	
Adrian Viveash	0 (5)	0	1(2)	0	1 (7)	0	
Steve White	8 (18)	2	1 (4)	2	9 (22)	4	

SWINDON TOWN FC FIXTURES 1992/93

Date	Opponents		FA	Att.
Sat Aug 15	Sunderland	н	1-0	11,375
	Bristol Rovers	A	4-3	6,150
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-2	15,493
Sat Aug 29	Cambridge United	н	4-1	8,292
Tue Sep 01	Oxford United (A.I.C.)	A	3-1	4,066
Sat Sep 05	Millwall	A	1-2	8.091
Sat Sep 12	Bristol Rovers	н	2-2	10.006
 Sectors and a sector and 	Brentford (A.I.C.)	H	1-2	3,189
Sun Sep 20	Oxford United	H	2-2	8,110
Wed Sep 23	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-1)	A	6-0	3.560
Sat Sep 26	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2	6,742
Tue Sep 29	Grimsby Town	н	1-0	5,759
Sat Oct 03	Watford	н	3-1	7,723
Tue Oct 06	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-2)	н	3-2	3,278
Sat Oct 10	Portsmouth	A	1-3	12,442
Sat Oct 17	Notts County	н	5-1	7,912
Sat Oct 24	West Ham United	A	1-0	17,842
Tue Oct 27	Oldham Athletic (C.C.C.3)	н	0-1	8,811
Sat Oct 31	Barnsley	H	1-0	7,784
Tue Nov 03	Brentford	н	0-2	7,988
Sun Nov 08	Newcastle United	A	0-0	28.091
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	н	3-2	7,777
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A	2-2	14,066
Sun Nov 29	Peterborough United	A	3-3	5,976
Sun Dec 06	Derby County	н	2-4	8,923
Sun Dec 20	Leicester City	A	2-4	15,088
Mon Jan 04	Q.P.R (FAC 3)	A	0-3	12,106
Sat Jan 09	Oxford United	A	1-0	9,146
Tue Jan 12	Birmingham City	н	0-0	14,398
Sat Jan 16	Charlton Athletic	н	2-2	8,980
Tue Jan 26	Grimsby Town	A	1-2	5,207
Sat Jan 30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	1-0	11,155
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland	A	1-0	17,243
Sat Feb 13	Millwall	н	3-0	10,601
Sat Feb 20	Cambridge United	A	0-1	5,437
Tue Feb 23	Tranmere Rovers	н		
Sat Feb 27	Portsmouth	н		
Sat Mar 06	Watford	A	-	
Wed Mar 10	Southend United	A		
Sat Mar 13	Newcastle United	н		
Wed Mar 17	Luton Town	A		
Sun Mar 21	Derby County	Α		
Wed Mar 24	Bristol City	н		
Sat Mar 27	Brentford	A	-	
Sat Apr 03	Peterborough United	н	-	
Tue Apr 06	Tranmere Rovers	Α		
Sat Apr 10	Luton Town	н	1	
Mon Apr 12	Birmingham City	A		
Sat Apr 17	Leicester City	н		
Sat Apr 24	Notts County	А		
Sat May 01	West Ham United	н		
Sat May 08	Barnsley	A	-	

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SWINDON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

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- 2 DAVID KERSLAKE
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 **GLENN HODDLE**
 - COLIN CALDERWOOD
 - SHAUN TAYLOR
 - NICKY SUMMERBEE
- 8 **ROSS MacLAREN**
- 9 DAVID MITCHELL
- 10 MARTIN LING
- 11 STEVE WHITE

12 SUB:

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Referee: H.W.King (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan) Linesman (red/yellow flag): R.W.Hodgetts (Kidderminster, Worcester) Linesman (yellow flag): N.J.Ludlow (Windsor, Berkshire) Reserve Official: J.Barnes (Swindon, Wiltshire)

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TRANMERE ROVERS TEAM CHANGES

- ERIC NIXON
- **DAVE HIGGINS**
- 3 IAN NOLAN
- 4 **KENNY IRONS**
- 5 STEVE MUNGALL
- 6 STEVE VICKERS
- 7 JOHN MORRISSEY
- 8 JOHN ALDRIDGE
- 9 **CHRIS MALKIN**
- 10 **NEIL McNAB**
- PAT NEVIN 11

HALF-TIME

SCORE

SUB: **12 GED BRANNAN**

SCORE

- **14 MARK HUGHES**
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