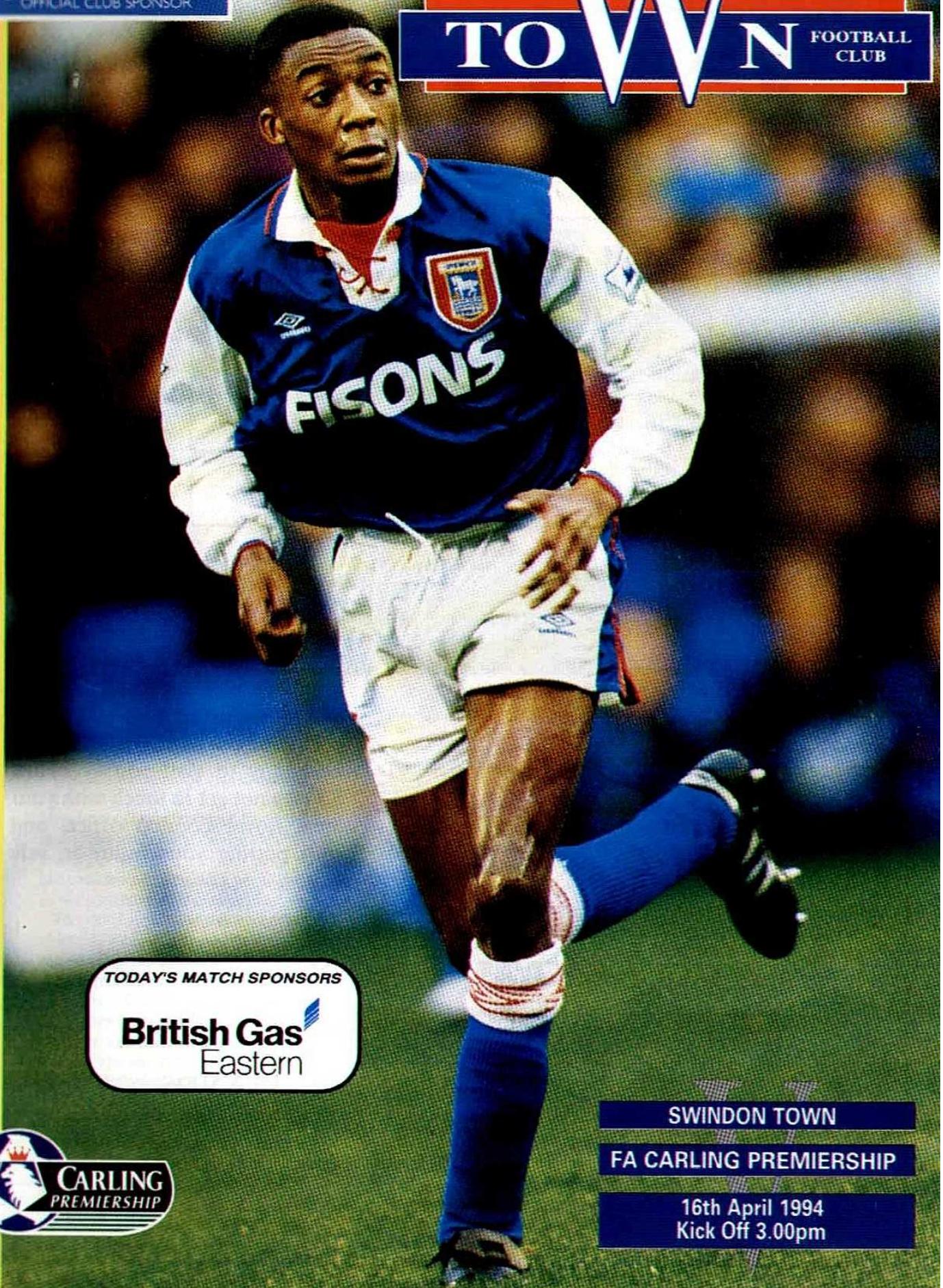


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# A strikers tale

Before the start of this season Bontcho Guentchev set himself two targets – to play well for Ipswich Town and to be a part of the Bulgarian squad which plays in the World Cup finals in the USA this summer.

Maybe he has not quite achieved the first until recently, but he has high hopes of making the final Bulgaria squad which will not be announced until the end of May.

Bontcho, who was on international duty today for Bulgaria in a friendly against Oman, said: "I feel I am in good form at the moment, perhaps the best of my professional career.

"At the moment I am in very good shape and am keen to play as many games as I can for Ipswich and hopefully some important goals to help keep the team in the Premiership."

Bontcho's most recent goal came from the penalty spot in the 2-2 draw against Manchester City at Portman Road. He said: "Before I came to Ipswich the coaches at my three previous clubs all had confidence in me taking penalties. I do not remember ever missing one."

The gifted striker has had experience of playing football in Bulgaria, Portugal and now England and is ideally placed to make comparisons.

He says: "Bulgaria and Portugal have a Southern-Latin style of play, but I do not agree with many of the specialists in Europe who say that the difference is only in the physical side of the game.

"The biggest difference is the concept of the game itself. I think that this concept was established many years ago and was formed in a way to satisfy the requirements of the supporters and to increase the competitiveness of English clubs against other European and world

opposition.

"I maintain that all football games in England look very much like a storm raging in the ocean irrespective of the division in which it is played. The show is terrific and unrepeatable."

Bontcho knows full well how tough it is



*Bontcho strikes against QPR*

to play in the FA Carling Premiership and the pressure that there is on strikers to score goals.

He said: "The situation in the Premiership influenced my preparations. The statistics of my play shows a sharp decrease in the percentage of wrongly played balls, but there is a great increase of dispossessing defenders in and around their own penalty area.

"This change in style has impressed the coaches of the Bulgarian national team, but it does not impress me. I see a

great number of possibilities for development in the game for Ipswich and in my game personally as regards creating more clear-cut scoring opportunities, despite the tremendous pressure we are put under by opposing defenders."

A couple of months ago Bontcho tried

out the new Predator boot which has been designed by former Liverpool player Craig Johnston and he sees a big future for them.

He said: "The boots will quickly be put to good use by players who have good shooting skills and who can adapt their contact with the ball in game situations under pressure."

Bontcho, very popular with the Town supporters, will be hoping to maintain his progress with both Ipswich and Bulgaria in the months to come.

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# From the bench

Three consecutive defeats have left us badly in need of points from our last four matches of the season to insure that we preserve our Premiership status. There can be no doubt that we have been sucked into the relegation battle and we now very much need to display resilience to ensure our survival in the top flight.

Each and every game throughout the season has been important but there is now added significance through the last month of the season. The programme is tough especially as our last two matches are against the sides contesting the Championship, so extra efforts are required.

We fully accept that our home supporters have been disappointed by recent performances and results at Portman Road, but now is the time for everyone associated with the club to unite in helping us through.

We also understand the anger and frustrations shown by some supporters after the Coventry game. I can assure all supporters that their feelings were more than matched by my men. In the second half at that match, after Coventry had scored, I am afraid that we went to pieces. The most hurtful thing was that we showed a lack of fighting quality.

For the first half of the game we had looked the better side, but Peter Ndlovu gave us a warning of his danger



**MICK McGIVEN**

when he hit the post. We did not learn from this and Ndlovu was instrumental in both Coventry goals. On each occasion we made needless mistakes and were punished.

We do not wish to make excuses, but we have had a long injury list and as well as being without our regular goalkeeper, our most experienced defender and our leading goalscorer, there have been other key members of our squad missing in recent weeks. This has stretched our resources and limited our options in team selection, but it does not account for our second half collapse.

Craig Forrest and John Wark returned for our visit to Anfield and we were denied a point, which we felt our performance deserved by a bad mistake from a young player. Unfortunately we lost concentration and then committed a foul in the penalty area to present Liverpool with a win.

These things happen in football, but up to that point and throughout the match we had limited Liverpool to shots from long range and almost silenced the Kop. In addition we created the best two chances of the match but could not take them.

However, on the brighter side, our effort and application was much better. Everyone stuck to their task and was prepared to battle. This is the attitude that we must now show, not just today, but in all our remaining fixtures.

Our support, especially away from home has been magnificent, and this afternoon we urge you all to try to forget about our home performances of the past couple of months and get behind your team. We emphasise the need for patience and tolerance to boost the confidence of the side so hopefully giving us the results that we require.

We are meeting Swindon for the fourth time this season and they need the points just as much as we do. Despite being at the foot of the table throughout the season, we know that John Gorman and his players have not given up the fight. We welcome them, but expect no favours and must fully realise that the retention of our place in the Premiership is still in our own hands.

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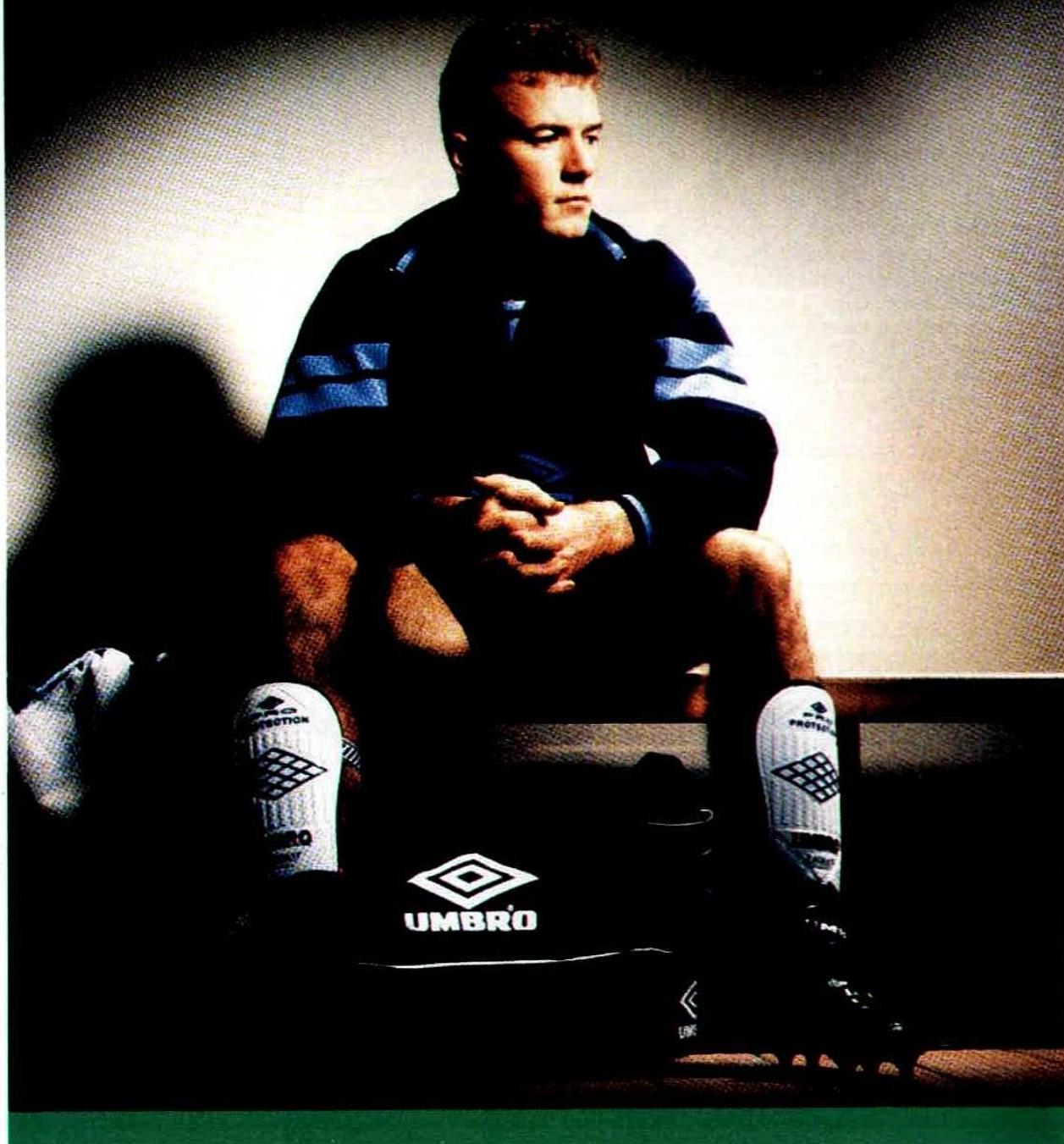
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# Family enclosure

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But then there is always someone worse off than yourself, and so it is a warm welcome this afternoon to Swindon Town!

## JB Soccer

The Junior Robins have been in town since this morning in 5-a-side action with our own JB's over at Alderman Road. I am sure that a good time was had by all and trust that all the Swindon Family Fans enjoy their day out with us.

That was our last soccer of the season for The JB's, but be looking forward to next season as we make plans to develop these sessions exclusively for you JB's with we hope one or two other privileges for JB MEMBERS. Look out for details about these as you join us in the JB's

Many thanks to Jackie and her coaching staff for their work and support this season including of course, today.

## 'Stand By Your Man'

"Sometimes it's hard to be a 'Blues' Fan, McGiven, after all — is just one man" You'll have good times, you'll have . . . etc. etc."

Not perhaps our long sought after theme song but worth a paraphrase or two.

A lot of water, some tainted with effluence, has passed under the bridge since that direct piece of communication by fans on Easter Monday. As a Town Fan of over thirty years active support I am going to indulge myself here in some kind of PERSONAL response.

I have no doubt that the inspiration behind that demonstration was a fair reflection of all our concerns and frustrations. Mine, Supporters and everyone who cares about the club including management and players. I do not though, happen to agree with the targeting and scapegoating that crup-

ted certainly not the timing. True it brought into the open all those concerns, true it illustrated just how important good communication is, in what is still, just, the peoples' game, but there is a great danger that the manner in which these views were voiced might have been destructive rather than constructive.

Time this afternoon I think for a SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATION. Let's get right behind the lads and the management and the club and ourselves and get this Blues show up and running for a RESULT!

See you at Sheffield, here against United and up at Blackburn.

## Family Blues on the Road

There are a few seats available still for our Family coach up to Hillsborough next week and to Ewood Park on either the 7th or 8th May. So if you fancy our last two excursions this season get in touch with me — but soon please.

## Over the Top

Another of our regulars in The Family Enclosure has been in sporting action recently. SIMON CHISNALL took part in a sponsored Abseil. I can only imagine what was going through his mind as this photograph was taken. Well done Simon. Mind you, he sits immediately behind me on the 'sun terrace' in our lower tier and if I so much as feel a wheelchair lowering on to my head Simon — your out!

## Competition Winners

Two presentations this afternoon from

Sponsors of recent competitions.

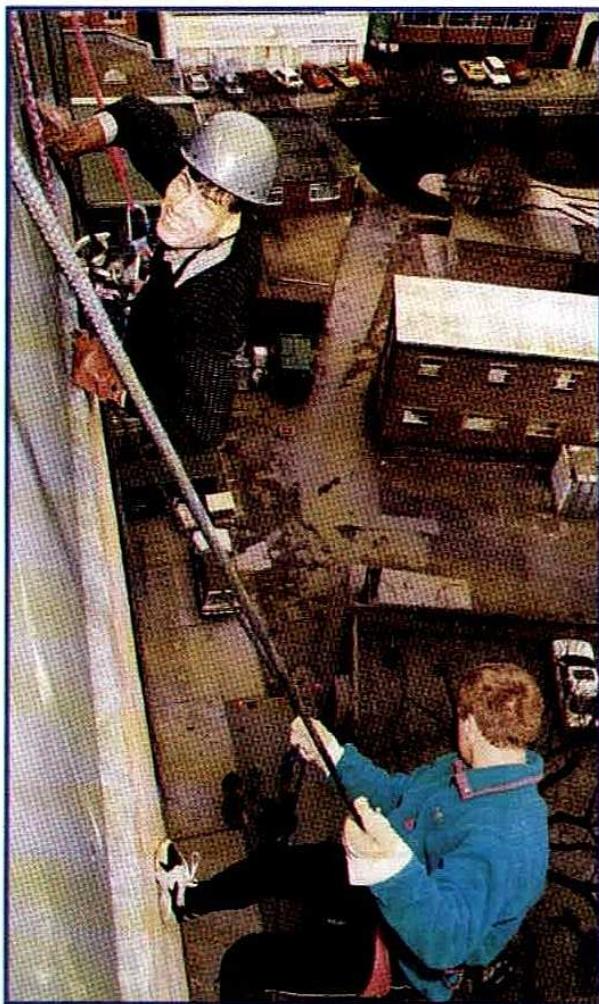
Firstly congratulations again! to JADI HALLS who receives a Barclays prize from John Skeates this afternoon.

Then, two prizewinners and their families will shortly be enjoying a day out at Easton Farm Park. LOTTY BARBOUR is here with us to present DANIEL WILSON and HANNAH ROBERTSON-GRAY with their prizes. Well done to all of you.

THANKS — for all your support in the Family Enclosure and on our travels this season and particularly to SUZANNE MOSAIC, ELLA and CATHERINE in our Family Room and all the others who have helped on occasions throughout the season.

My last notes for this year, have a great summer, see you in August, but in the meantime — COME ON YOU BLUES.

all the best — John



Simon Chisnall on a sponsored abseil

# Hot gossip

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## Celebrity support

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If he cannot get to the match personally, then he likes to find out the score as soon as possible.

## Trevor back in Town

Former Ipswich Town midfield player Trevor Putney was back in town earlier this month. He is now playing for Leyton Orient and came to Portman Road to have treat-

ment on a hamstring injury.

David Bingham, who is Town's physiotherapist, has built up a fine reputation at the club's Sports Injury Centre and many top athletes and footballers are now using it.

Putney began his professional career late after playing in the Essex Senior League for Brentwood. He moved from Ipswich to Norwich.

## Senior Cup up for grabs

Next Tuesday, April 19, Portman Road stages the final of the Suffolk Senior Cup when holders Woodbridge Town take on Saxmundham Sports.

Woodbridge play in the First Division of the Jewson League, while Saxmundham are in their first season as a senior club in the British Sugar SIL.

Both clubs expect to bring plenty of vocal support, with Woodbridge starting as short-priced favourites.

## England coach guests

England coach Terry Venables was in Ipswich at the end of last month when he was the guest speaker at the Felixstowe Town FC annual Sportsman's Dinner.

In his speech, Terry praised the England team which ex-Town manager Bobby Robson led to the semi-finals of the World Cup in 1990 in Italy.

And he found a Jimmy Hill look-a-like in Felixstowe official Steve Page, who acted as M/C for the evening which attracted a full house to the Ipswich Moat House Hotel, Copdock.

## Wembley bound

Although situated just over the Norfolk border, Diss Town can expect plenty of support from Suffolk when they play Taunton in the final of the FA Vase at Wembley Stadium on May 7.

Diss are managed by former Norwich City player Bill Punton. He replaced Terry Westley when Westley joined Ipswich Town as the Football in the Community officer.

Terry recently had a trip to Wembley himself. He is now youth coach at Luton Town, and was on the bench when the Hatters lost to Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-final.

## Micky must wait

Town stalwart Micky Stockwell must wait to see which club will visit Portman Road as part of this testimonial year. Micky was hoping that Norwich City would provide the opposition, but the Canaries have been unable to fit in a date at the end of this season.

It looks as though one of Town's favourite players will have to wait until the start of next season to fit in his special game.

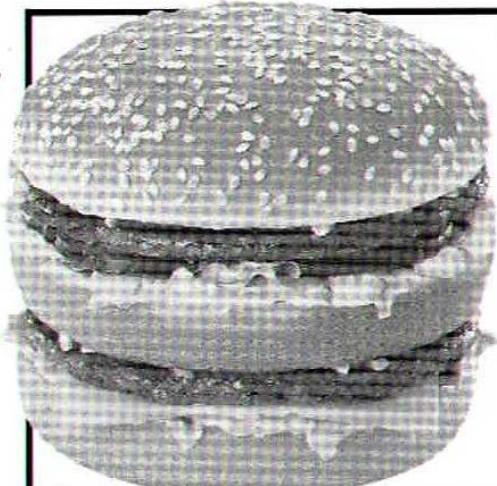
## Golf classic

The last event in Mick Stockwell's Testimonial Year (with the exception of 'the Match') is a golf day at Stoke by Nayland. Such was the success of Mick's last golf day there, that it was decided to hold one more before the end of his year.

The date is Wednesday April 27th, and teams of four can be entered for only £120.00 which includes evening meal, guest speaker etc. Personalities from the world of sport and showbusiness will be in attendance.

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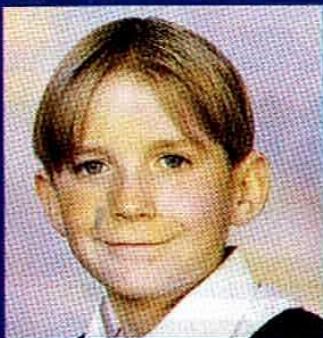


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**Swindon mascot**

*Today Swindon have brought a mascot with them and he is seven year old Max Podger from Ufford, Suffolk. Max attends Kyson School in Woodbridge and his hobbies include Computers, Cycling and Running. His favourite players at the County Ground are Fraser Digby, Andy Mutch.*

marking plus a 5-a-side competition

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# On the fringe

Ron Wigg's contribution as a first team player at Portman Road in the late 1960's was very much on the fringe, but he did have the habit of scoring goals when given a chance in the team.

The record books show that Dun-

mow-born Wigg made only 39 full senior appearances plus two as substitute, but he scored 14 goals before moving to Watford in the summer of 1970.

Signed from Leyton Orient in May, 1967, Wigg made just five appearances



Ron Wigg

in his first season at the club which happened to be the one that Town won the Second Division Championship under Bill McGarry.

Ray Crawford was the man in the possession of the number nine shirt and with Town going so well, Wigg's chances were few and far between.

When it came to an eye for goal, the tall, blond Wigg was the man. He marked his debut for Town in place of the injured Gerry Baker with two goals in the 3-1 win over Carlisle United.

More significantly, in only his fourth game, in the top-of-the-table match against Birmingham City at Portman Road, Wigg scored both goals in a 2-1 victory in front of the BBC Match of the Day viewers.

After playing in the next match against Huddersfield, Wigg did not play again in the first team that season and did not have enough appearances under his belt to qualify for the Second Division Championship medal.

Wigg was again left waiting in the wings on Town's return to the First Division. In fact, it was not until March when he got his chance following the departure of Crawford, but in the ten games he played he scored six goals.

He marked his first First Division appearance with a goal in a 2-1 victory over Manchester City and also scored in his next three outings against Spurs, West Ham and Sunderland.

Two more against West Bromwich and Sheffield Wednesday rounded off a very satisfactory spell for Wigg.

At the start of the following season he started in the side, but by mid-October had lost his place to Mick Hill. He did have half a dozen games after the turn of the year before Town signed Jimmy Robertson and Frank Clarke to boost their chances of avoiding relegation.

That season Wigg made a total of 24 appearances and scored four goals, but as it turned out the match at Sheffield Wednesday on January 31st was to be his last in Town colours.

A summer move to Watford in an effort to gain regular first team football was the best option for Wigg who had never been able to establish himself at Portman Road.

A useful centre-forward, both in the air and on the ground, Wigg was just short of making the grade in the First Division. He was sold to Watford for £20,000 as was Charlie Woods to the same club for £10,000.

Woods, of course, was to return to Portman Road a few years later and is now Town's assistant manager.

## THE BOSS

John Gorman has kept to his principles this season despite being on the receiving end of some depressing results. There have been some up moments though, and Swindon have taken points off the leading clubs by playing good football in recent weeks.

Gorman was number two to Glenn Hoddle before taking over the hot seat last summer. It was a big job to tackle with the club set for its baptism in the FA Carling Premiership.

He played for Carlisle United and Tottenham Hotspur during his playing career and he will have learnt a great deal from his experiences in 1993/94. Ross MacLaren is player coach.



**John Gorman**

Players who have played for both Ipswich Town and Swindon Town

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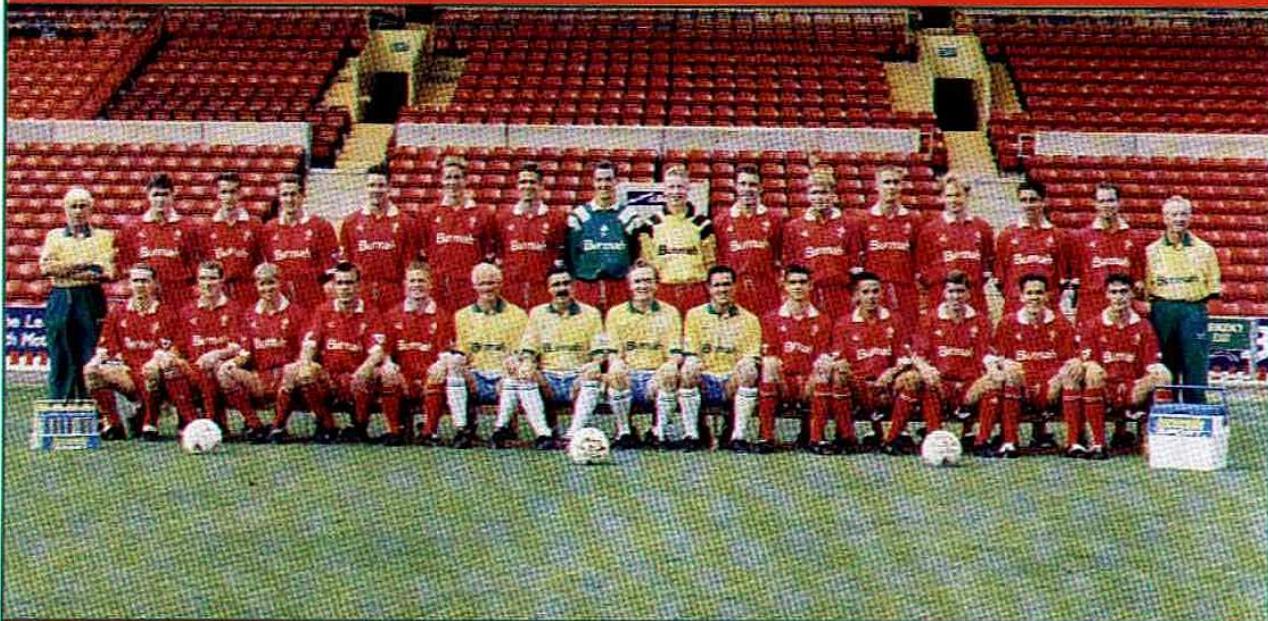
Swindon have been plagued with goal-keeping problems this season with number one **Fraser Digby** and his deputy **Nicky Hammond** having more than their fair share of injury problems.

**Paul Heald** has been brought in on loan from Leyton Orient, while Scottish Under-21 international **Stuart Kerr** was also recruited on loan.

Hammond was born in Hornchurch in September 1967 and played for Arsenal before joining Swindon on a free transfer in July 1987. He has played on loan for Bristol Rovers, Peterborough and Aberdeen.

Digby has made over 250 outings for

## SWINDON TOWN



*Back row (left to right): Kevin Morris (Physio), Ross MacLaren, Steve Lane\*, Steve White, Adrian Whitbread, Jan Aage Fjortoft, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, Chris Hamon, Andrew Thomson, Paul Bodin, Kevin Horlock, Craig Maskell\*, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).*

*Front row: Wayne O'Sullivan, Nicky Summerbee, John Moncur, Luc Nijholt, Micky Hazard\*, John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), John Gorman (Manager), David Hay (Asst. Manager), Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager), Austin Berkley, Edwin Murray, Martin Ling, Marcus Phillips, Lee Middleton.*

\*No Longer with the Club.

# STAR PLAYER

## SWINDON TOWN RECORD AT PORTMAN ROAD

### LEAGUE

1938/39	lost	1-3
1946/47	lost	1-3
1947/48	won	1-0
1948/49	lost	2-4
1949/50	lost	1-3
1950/51	lost	1-4
1951/52	won	5-1
1952/53	draw	1-1
1953/54	lost	0-2
1955/56	lost	2-6
1956/57	lost	1-4
1964/65	draw	0-0
1987/88	lost	2-3
1988/89	won	2-1
1989/90	lost	0-1
1990/91	draw	1-1
1991/92	won	4-1
<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>

### MILK CUP (Fourth Round)

1985/86	lost	1-6
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### FA CUP (Third Round, Replay)

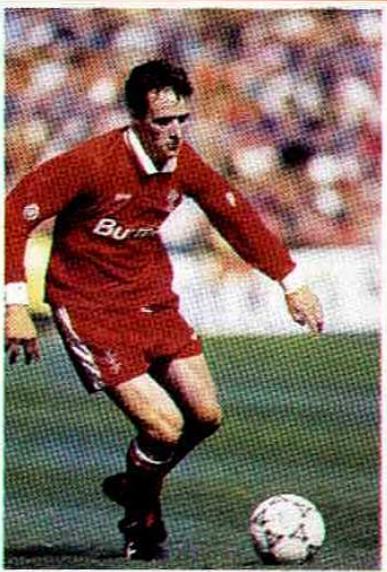
1993/94	lost (after extra time)	1-2
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Swindon since his £32,000 move from Manchester United in December 1986. He holds England caps at youth, Under-19 and Under-21 levels, and he briefly returned to Old Trafford as cover for Peter Schmeichel last season. Born in April 1967.

Paul Bodin hit the woodwork with a penalty that could have put Wales through to this year's World Cup finals. He is now in his second spell at Swindon, initially signed for £25,000 from Newport County in March 1988.

He joined Crystal Palace for £550,000 in March 1991, but failed to make an impression and returned to the County Ground ten months later. Paul was born in September 1964.

## Nicky Summerbee



Nicky Summerbee is the son of former England international Mike, and he has made big strides this season in the FA Carling Premiership. He joined Swindon straight from school and played at Portman Road a number of times in the Football Combination. Born in August 1971, he has now served his reserve team apprenticeship and progressed into a top player.

Manchester City were reported to have bid £1 million for his services just before the transfer deadline last month, but Summerbee, who has one year of his contract to run, stayed put.

He has become one of the most sought-after players in the game with a string of consistent displays for a Swindon side that has not always enjoyed the best of luck in the highly competitive Premier League.

Summerbee is an England Under-21 international and was Swindon's representative in the special match which was played at West Ham for the late Bobby Moore in March. John Wark was the Ipswich representative.

A great crosser of the ball, Summerbee began his career mainly as a striker and in former manager Glenn Hoddle's side that won promotion from the First Division last season he was employed as an attacking right back.

Hoddle, who has since moved to Chelsea, utilised the sweeper system which gave Summerbee plenty of scope, and the player who wears the number two shirt played 36 times in 1992-93, eight as substitute.

New manager John Gorman has mainly played Summerbee on the right side of midfield this season.

Summerbee's grandfather and uncle also played League football while his father Mike played for Swindon, Manchester City and England.

Up to last weekend, Summerbee had missed just three matches this season and scored three goals, one in the FA Carling Premiership.

He is one footballer who has found himself in the Guinness Book of Records, having clocked 86 miles an hour to have the fastest shot in football. He beat West Ham player David Burrows, who was timed at around three mph slower.

Summerbee has been one of the successes in a Swindon side that has often been found out at the back this campaign. Their forward play has been consistent and the goals have flowed fairly regularly with Summerbee playing a vital role.



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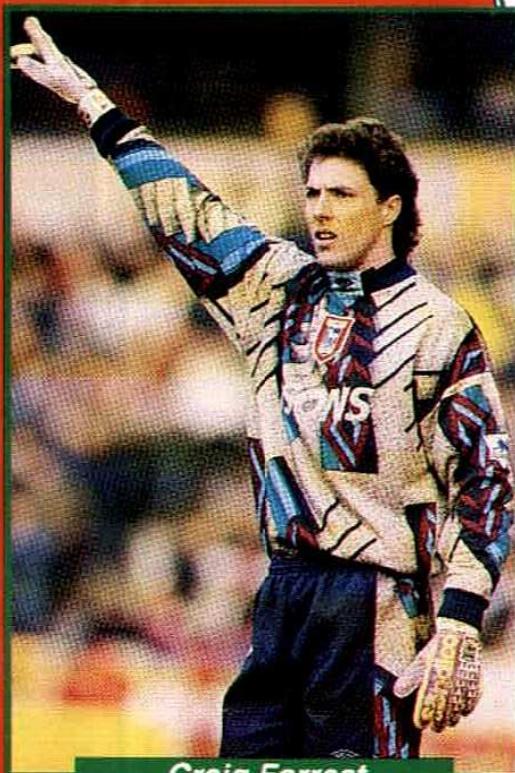
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# HEAD to HEAD



**Jan Aage Fjortoft**



**Craig Forrest**

*Jan Aage Fjortoft has hardly stopped scoring since netting on Swindon's last visit to Portman Road, in the Third Round of the FA Cup. On the point of returning to Norway, his season has really picked up.*

*Craig Forrest has battled back into the Town team after injury and has had some outstanding games this campaign. The Canadian international may have to be at his best to keep out the Norwegian today.*

Luc Nijholt was born in Holland in July 1961 and cost £175,000 when signed from Motherwell last summer. A Dutch Under-21 international, he started his career with FC Haarlem before moving to AZ67 Alkmaar, FC Utrecht and then Old Boys Basle in Switzerland before his move to Motherwell in 1991.

Shaun Taylor was an ever present in the League side last campaign. He cost £200,000 from Exeter City in July 1991 after coming into professional football late

from Bideford Town. He scored 12 times from a defensive position in 1992-93 and was appointed club captain in November. Born in March 1963, Brian Kilcline moved to Swindon for £90,000 from Newcastle, and the experienced central defender has helped to shore up the defence in recent weeks.

John Moncur is a midfield player who was born in September 1966 and cost £80,000 when signed from Tottenham. At Spurs he went on loan to six clubs,

Doncaster, Cambridge United, Portsmouth, Brentford, Ipswich and Nottingham Forest. He was hindered by injury last season but has impressed this term.

Ross McLaren was born in April 1962 and cost £140,000 from Derby after winning a Second Division championship medal with the Baseball Ground club. Now player coach assisting the reserve team, he is still available as a player when needed.

Jan Aage Fjortoft was set to quit

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Swindon and rejoin his former club Lillestrom on loan until the end of the season. He then scored at Portman Road and has not looked back. A Norwegian international he should be at the World Cup finals in the USA this summer.

**Martin Ling** is in his second spell at the County Ground. He signed for £25,000 in July 1986 but just 93 days later he moved to Southend where he made 138 League appearances. He actually spent some time on loan at Swindon while with Southend, before moving back permanently for £15,000 in the summer of 1991.



**Martin Ling**

**Steve White** is a forward who is currently enjoying a benefit year after being picked up on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in February 1986. Up to the end of last season he had scored 205 goals and made 472 appearances in his League career.

**Adrian Viveash** has progressed through the ranks at Swindon and is now playing at the back after starting as a winger. He broke his leg in a reserve game last November. **Kevin Horlock** was signed from West Ham 18 months ago but has had a history of injuries since.

**Chris Hamon** was born in Jersey in April 1970 and was given a two year contract a year ago. **Edwin Murray** is a

## Star player from the past

### JOHN TROLLOPE

**John Trollope** played 770 League games for Swindon Town during a distinguished career. This is a record number of appearances for the club.

**Trollope** is still connected with Swindon, and is youth team manager. His Under-18 team are currently top of the Second Division of the South East Counties League.

**He** played in the 1969 League Cup final at Wembley Stadium when the Robins beat Arsenal 3-1 and was a consistent defender who managed to steer clear of major injuries.

**Son Paul** is a professional, and he is currently playing for Torquay in midfield.

**Trollope senior** never won any international caps, but he was a fine example of a dedicated professional who served one club with his tremendous loyalty.

former apprentice who made his League debut against Oxford in March 1991 and was substitute three times last campaign.

**Andrew Thomson** is a 20-year-old home town born defender who has impressed in the reserves, while **Wayne O'Sullivan** was born in Cyprus in February 1974 and made his debut in the Anglo Italian Cup last season.

**Marcus Phillips** is a 20-year-old defender who has little first team experience. **Austin Berkley** was snapped up by John Gorman when released by Gillingham. Gorman was formerly youth team boss at the Priestfield Stadium. He scored on his Swindon debut.

**Lee Middleton** joined Swindon after being released by Coventry City in July 1992. **Andy Mutch** is a 30-year-old former Wolverhampton striker. He cost £250,000 last August and is best known for his seven year partnership with England international Steve Bull at Wolves. He scored 97 goals in 289 games for the Molineux club

and has played for England at Under-21 and B levels.

**Terry Fenwick** is an England international who has spent most of his time with London clubs, having made 70 appearances for Crystal Palace, 256 for QPR and 93 for Spurs. He was signed on a free transfer from Tottenham last September.

**Lawrie Sanchez** scored the winning goal for Wimbledon in the 1988 FA Cup final against Liverpool. He moved to Wiltshire from the London club before the transfer deadline after a long period with the Dons.

**Keith Scott** was signed from Wycombe Wanderers. Born in London in June 1967 he cost £300,000 last November after scoring frequently for the club which won its way into the Endsleigh League. He scored against Town in a League fixture at the County Ground.

**Ty Gooden** was signed after a trial period. He was released by Wycombe Wanderers at the end of last season.

**Frank McAvennie** was signed from Glasgow Celtic, and the experienced striker will be hoping to find the net regularly after failing to find consistency in a second period with West Ham.

**Adrian Whitbread** was born in Epping in October 1971 and cost £500,000 from Leyton Orient at the start of the season. He played under John Gorman in the youth team at Brisbane Road.



**Adrian Whitbread**

## DO YOU REMEMBER with Ron Ellis

### 5 YEARS AGO

On Saturday April 15th, 1989, Ipswich drew 2-2 against Bradford City at Valley Parade in a Second Division match. Gavin Oliver, Mark Leonard scored the Bradford goals. Mich D'Avray and Romeo Zondervan scored for Town.

**BRADFORD CITY:** Tomlinson, Mitchell, Tinnion, Abbot, Oliver, Evans, Campbell, Sinnott, Leonard, Quinn, Jewell (Ellis 80th, minute).

**IPSWICH:** Forrest, Baltacha (Yallop 68th, minute), Humes, Zondervan, D'Avray, Linighan, Lowe, Redford, Wark, Milton, Harbey.

Referee: Mr. R. F. Nixon (West Kirby, Wirral). Attendance: 9,691.

### 10 YEARS AGO

On Saturday, April 14th, 1984, Ipswich drew 2-2 against Nottingham Forest at Portman Road in a First Division match. Romeo Zondervan, Mich D'Avray scored the Town's goals. Steve Wigley and Peter Davenport scored for Forest.

**IPSWICH:** Cooper, Burley (Turner 62nd, minute), Barnes, Zondervan, Osman, Butcher, Putney, Brennan, D'Avray, McCall, Gates.

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST:** Van Breukelen, Anderson, Swain, Walker, Hart, Bowyer, Wigley, Mills, Davenport, Hodge, Walsh.

Referee: Mr. A. Gunn (Burgess Hill, Sussex). Attendance: 15,429.

### 15 YEARS AGO

On Saturday, April 14th, 1979, Ipswich beat Norwich City 1-0 at Carrow Road in a First Division match. The Town goal was scored by Frans Thijssen.

**NORWICH CITY:** Hansbury, Bond (Fashanu 77th, minute), Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Symonds, Reeves, Robson, Paddon, Peters.

**IPSWICH:** Sivell, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie (Geddis 40th, minute), Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Woods.

Referee: Mr. M. V. Sinclair (Guildford). Attendance: 25,061.

# Player history

## Neil Gregory

Ask any player at any level of football if bridging the gap between reserve and first team football is a difficult one – and you'll be told yes.

But what if a player has played in the reserves of an FA Carling Premiership club and then for the first team of a club in the Third Division? Is the gap just as difficult to bridge?

*Neil was born in Ndola, Zambia on October 7th, 1972. He is 21*

Well, the answer according to Ipswich striker Neil Gregory is still yes –

and he should know!

Neil has just returned from a two month spell on loan with Third Division Chesterfield, managed by former Ipswich boss John Duncan.

And the 21 year old, whose goalscoring exploits for Ipswich's second string have been prevalent over the last two seasons, hopes the experience gleaned from his stay at Saltergate will help him in the long run.

"I didn't play many senior games while I was there, but I just wanted to get some first team experience, and I accepted the chance when Chesterfield approached the club," says Neil.

"I was substitute for the first two games, then made my first appearance against Chester City and scored.

"However I wasn't involved all the time, and my last appearance was against Colchester at the end of March. Although I scored only one goal for the first team, I scored a few in the reserves.

"The step up from reserve to first team football is a big one. Mind you, it's always nice to score goals, whatever the level."

Understandably, Neil can remember the goal he scored against Chester as if it happened yesterday, although he did finish up on the losing side.

"There was a challenge won on the edge of the centre circle and the loose ball fell to me. I just headed towards the penalty area and saw the goalkeeper running out," recalls Neil.

*Neil has yet to make a first team appearance for Ipswich – however he sat on the subs bench during Ipswich's Premier League home clash with Wimbledon in September last season.*

"I tried to place the ball to the goalkeeper's right, but didn't hit the ball too cleanly. However, the ball went under his body and fortunately into the net.

"It was a brilliant feeling when the ball went in, but we ended up losing 2-1. Chester were one or two places below us at the time. Now they are challenging for the Third Division championship."

So a bit of first team experience for Neil, although there were one or two Ipswich fans who felt six months ago that it would be only a matter of time before a first team call up for Town beckoned.

Neil had gone through a spell of scoring eight goals in just nine games for the reserves, at a time when the Ipswich first team was struggling.

But any thoughts Neil may have had of impressing the management further were dashed when he suffered a dislocated shoulder during training.

"I was out of action for three months altogether, because as well as the injury, there were a host of reserve matches postponed," says Neil.

"The injury happened as I tried to break my fall. I put my hand out, but my elbow locked and the shoulder popped out and in again. It was sore for ages, but fortunately I've recovered from it.



"Whether I had a chance of getting in the first team or not I don't know, but that time has passed. All I can do is try and pick up from earlier in the season."

A hamstring injury is keeping Neil out of action for now, so he will be watching today's meeting with Swindon from the sidelines. However, that doesn't change his perception how important the game is for Ipswich.

"I would say this is our Cup Final," admits Neil, who is married to wife Joanna. "We badly need a win and three points are vital for us as we strive to retain our status in the Premiership."

"It should be an entertaining game for the fans. Swindon like to play attractive football, just like us, and they have one or two useful players."

*Neil has just returned from a two month loan spell with Third Division Chesterfield, whose manager is former Ipswich boss John Duncan.*

"Their full-back Kevin Horlock is a player I used to play with for Essex Schools, and Jan Aage Fjortoft has been on fire recently with a spate of goals. But the one player I rate in the Swindon side is John Moncur."

"To be honest, Swindon have done better than I expected them to. They've entertained a lot of people, and have been a little unlucky with a few results, although they've had a few heavy defeats."

It's a shame that the form of the Ipswich reserves this season hasn't rubbed off onto the senior side in the Premiership. Town's second string have been disputing second place in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination behind Chelsea.

Although Neil, whose older brother David is the reserve team captain, believes they've left their title challenge a little late, he feels Ipswich can push Chelsea harder.

"I have to admit, when I returned from my loan spell with Chesterfield, I thought I wouldn't get back in the side," says Neil.

*Married to Joanna, Neil will soon be 'Best Man' at his brother David's wedding – just for the record, David was 'Best Man' at Neil's wedding.*

"We've had a tremendous run, and it's good that we are keeping up the challenge. We were in a similar position at the turn of the year last year, but we fell away after suffering injuries and



fielding younger sides.

"This time we've sustained the challenge, and not so long ago we could have closed the gap on Chelsea. However they've pulled away again, but it would be nice if we can finish in second place".

The next few months which lay ahead for Neil are important, both on a personal and professional level.

First of all, he has the duties of 'Best Man' to perform for his brother David, who gets married in the summer – David was best man at Neil's wedding last year.

After that, the new season will be on the horizon, with the target of first team football at Portman Road to aim for.

"Next season will be very important for me," explains Neil. "I'll be moving

towards 22, and hope I can establish myself further in the pecking order.

"I'd like to think that I will be in contention very soon, as have other players such as Adam Tanner and Lee Durrant.

"This season Lee got his chance and took it very well, but that's the way it goes in football."

*Last month, Neil marked his first full senior appearance in English League football with a goal – for Chesterfield against Chester City, but Chesterfield lost 2-1.*

"More often than not injuries play a big part in the progress you make, but I'll see how things go, and hopefully they will go well."



# Look at Europe

The English Premier League is reaching an exciting climax with issues at the top and bottom of the table still to be decided.

With Arsenal reaching the Cup Winners Cup Final against either Benfica or Parma, we turn our attention to the European scene and have a look at the way our foreign neighbours have been progressing in their respective campaigns.

## Italy:

At the start of the season, it was predicted that this would be the most open fought championship race in years, in Italy. It was believed that there were at least four or five teams capable of winning the title and therefore lifting 'La Scudetto'. The early indications certainly stated that, with just a single point separating the top five teams, after the first ten games and all of the pre-season favourite's looked to be on course for a thrilling end of season showdown. Sampdoria and Juventus led the way at that time, with Parma, Inter and the current champions, AC Milan, just one point behind.

But as another third of the season passed, the indications started to appear that AC Milan were once again going to steal the show. Almost unnoticeably the champions had crept up on the chasing teams and now held a four point lead over second placed Juventus.

Milan have only lost two games all season, a defeat in Genoa, by Sampdoria and more recently their shock defeat in Naples, by Napoli. Once again their incredible run of results leaves them with very little to do, approaching the final games of the season. Although they have not really produced the magic, they gave us last season. Their consistency and determination, along with their ever present solid defence now sees them seven points ahead of Sampdoria and just three points away from being crowned champions of Italy, for the 14th time.

The biggest shock of the season, in Serie A, has been the dismal form of AC Milan's arch rivals, Inter Milan. Their summer signings of Dutch duo, Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk, was supposed to be one which was to bring them home an overdue league title and while the UEFA Cup may bare their name, they let their chances of a Serie A title slip away, less than half way through the campaign. Bergkamp has not done for Inter, what he achieved during his spell with Ajax Amsterdam and although he is a player capable of producing the magic, when it is needed. For Inter he has

just not produced enough.

The outstanding achiever award in Italy, should once again go to Parma. Only promoted to the first division four years ago, they have built a side capable of living with the very best and during the early stages of the season, constantly proved a great threat to Milan. Themselves and Sampdoria have a very slim chance of stopping Milan this season, but it is a slim one. Despite the league having faded away, Parma and Sampdoria still have honours to play for this season. Sampdoria are soon to play in the Coppa Italia final, against very unlikely opponents, in the shape of second division Ancona. Sampdoria will surely feel confident of picking up another piece of silver wear here and if they do, they could find themselves lining up alongside Parma, in next seasons European Cup Winners Cup competition. But all this depends on Parma and if they can successfully retain the trophy they so successfully won last season, in only their second European encounter. Last season their triumph brought them the 'World Team Of The Year Award', if they can lift up the trophy this summer in Copenhagen, then surely once again the above award will be theirs.

## Spain:

Barcelona and Real Madrid share 38 out of 61 league titles, in the Spanish Primera Division. But until last weekend this seasons honours looked to be going in a different

direction. Deportivo La Coruna had held the top position for the majority of the campaign and were turning out performances that made them look unstoppable. Unbeatable would probably be a better word, considering they have only conceded 15 goals all season. But last weekend saw Barcelona close the gap, to just two points, with Real Madrid another point behind. These two giants still have work to do, if they are to catch the new boys, but with only 8 games remaining, things are once again starting to look all too familiar. At the start of the season Johan Cruyff declared that he believed his team would finish empty handed this season. With two months to go, they look more than capable of winning the Spanish league and to say that they stand no chance of taking the honours away from AC Milan in the European Cup, is a statement that should not yet be made.

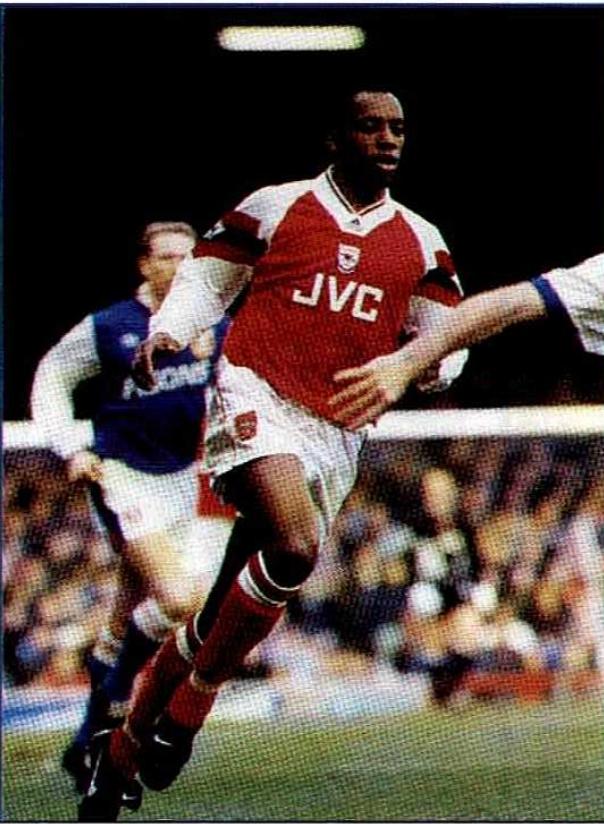
## Holland:

The return of Frank Rijkaard to Ajax Amsterdam, has certainly been one of Europe's most successful summer signings. His performances are surely one of the biggest reasons why this most successful of Dutch clubs, look set to collect their 24th league title. They have not really been threatened all season and despite being knocked out of the UEFA Cup, they have looked extremely confident and very impressive. Last seasons champions, Feyenoord are lying in second place in the league, four points behind Ajax, but they have played more games than the Amsterdam giants and will really have to look for a fantastic run of results, if they are to dislodge the leaders from the position they have virtually claimed theirs.

## France:

Paris St. Germain have completely dominated the French league this season. Forget Olympic Marseille, we now have new kings of France. They have only been beaten on two occasions this season and have really insured that the French league will be the first to be decided. Despite many peoples feelings towards Marseille, feelings of anger due to their bribery convictions of last season. They sit just behind Paris St. Germain in the French league and although the gap between the two, currently stands at six points, you have to sympathise with Marseille a little this season. Because of their eviction from Europe this campaign, they lost the services of many of their most influential players and therefore this season has been a tremendous battle. A battle that if it does eventually lead to them finishing the season in the runners up position, they should feel very proud.

All in all, it has been a pretty much predictable season on the continent. It did not start that way, but as time has gone by it is certainly ending so.



Ian Wright – in the wrong and will miss the final

**NEVILLE OVENDEN  
FOOTBALL COMBINATION**  
As at 9th April 1994

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	32	21	7	4	70	33	70
Ipswich Town	31	16	6	9	61	44	54
Southampton	33	14	9	10	55	57	51
Bristol Rovers	31	12	7	12	43	40	48
Swindon Town	30	15	2	13	41	38	47
Norwich City	31	13	7	11	55	47	46
Tottenham Hot.	28	13	6	9	50	29	45
West Ham United	27	12	8	7	41	29	44
Crystal Palace	31	11	10	10	41	36	43
Wimbledon	30	10	12	8	34	38	42
Millwall	31	11	9	11	49	54	42
Q.P.R.	29	12	5	12	42	42	41
Oxford United	33	10	9	14	48	53	39
Arsenal	32	11	5	16	53	59	38
Portsmouth	32	8	11	13	38	49	35
Luton Town	30	9	7	14	48	56	34
Charlton Athletic	27	9	3	15	40	45	30
Brighton & H.A.	27	7	6	12	28	32	29
Bristol City	29	6	8	15	32	64	26
Watford	28	6	6	16	36	60	24

**NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL  
COMBINATION FIXTURES 1993/94**

Wed	18 Aug	Watford	1-0
Wed	25 Aug	Portsmouth	2-2
Fri	3 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	0-4
Wed	8 Sep	West Ham	1-3
Wed	15 Sep	Wimbledon	3-1
Mon	27 Sep	Norwich City	3-4
Wed	6 Oct	Oxford	3-1
Sat	9 Oct	Southampton	3-5
Thur	21 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1
Tue	26 Oct	QPR	0-2
Fri	29 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	0-2
Wed	3 Nov	Portsmouth	1-1
Wed	10 Nov	QPR	3-2
Wed	17 Nov	Millwall	3-0
Wed	24 Nov	Oxford	2-0
Fri	3 Dec	Norwich City	1-1
Wed	15 Dec	Wimbledon	0-1
Wed	5 Jan	West Ham	P-P
Wed	26 Jan	Arsenal	4-0
Wed	2 Feb	Luton	2-2
Wed	9 Feb	Charlton	4-0
Fri	18 Feb	Arsenal	3-2
Mon	28 Feb	Charlton	2-0
Thu	3 Mar	Luton	3-2
Mon	7 Mar	Watford	3-0
Thu	10 Mar	Southampton	6-1
Mon	14 Mar	Swindon	0-0
Wed	16 Mar	Bristol City	1-0
Tue	22 Mar	Crystal Palace	1-4
Mon	28 Mar	Chelsea	1-2
Thu	31 Mar	Crystal Palace	2-0
Wed	6 Apr	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Mon	11 Apr	Millwall	1-1
Wed	20 Apr	Chelsea	7.30
Wed	27 Apr	Bristol Rovers	7.30
Thu	28 Apr	Bristol City	7.30
Tues	3 May	Swindon	7.30
Wed	4 May	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.30
Tues	10 May	West Ham Utd	2.00

All our home fixtures will be played at Ram Meadow, Bury St Edmunds. 7.30 p.m. kick-off.

**TOP SCORERS 1993/94**

Neil Gregory 12	Paul Goddard 9
Bontcho Guentchev 8	David Pirie 5
Gavin Johnson 4	Adam Tanner 3
Lee Norfolk 3	David Gregory 3
Phil Whelan 3	Simon Milton 3
Chris Kiwomya 2	Steve Palmer 2
Steve Whittom 2	James Scowcroft 1
Gary Thompson 1	Leo Cotterell 1
Graham Connell 1	Lee Durrant 1
Tony Vaughan 1	

# Team 2 and 3

Ipswich Town Reserves fielded a young side for their home fixture with Crystal Palace at Ram Meadow, Bury St. Edmunds. Second-in-the-table Town collected the points with a worthy 2-0 victory.

The man on the mark was teenager David Pirie, who scored both goals. In his first season as a full time professional, Pirie has not always been able to claim a regular place in the Neville Ovenden Combination side.

In windy conditions it was Gavin Dolby who released Pirie in the 40th minute to shoot over the advancing goalkeeper. Adam Tanner then played a superb ball through the defence and Pirie went close to scoring again.

Palace missed their chances as Town battled against the elements in the second half. The second goal came in the 67th minute when Pirie's shot from an angle gave the keeper no chance.

**Town team :** Wright, M. Weston, Vaughan, Connell, Mortley, D. Gregory, Norfolk, Tanner, Pirie, Dolby, Scowcroft. Unused substitutes: K. Weston and Mansfield.

Town had another home game at Bury when Bristol Rovers were the visitors. Craig Forrest made his return in goal after injury, while Neil Gregory was back in the side after his loan period at Chesterfield.

The game ended 1-1 with leading marksman Gregory getting on the scoresheet. He scored with an accurate shot in the 18th minute when Town were enjoying their best period of the match.

David Holmes was on trial from Beazer League Gresley Rovers and he did well up front creating chances for his team mates. Forrest had a quiet opening period, but did well to save a penalty from Gurney. The Canadian international produced an even better save from the rebound.

He was finally beaten by a volley from Brown and was then saved by the post when Brown broke through again.

**Town team:** Forrest, Connell, Durrant, Mortley, D. Gregory, Tanner, Pirie, Goddard (sub Norfolk 56 mins), Holmes, N. Gregory (sub Dolby 61 mins), Scowcroft.

Town travelled to Dulwich Hamlet to play Millwall Reserves with Simon Milton and Neil Thompson returning after injury. Milton, who has had a frustrating campaign through injuries, scored the goal with a near-post glancing header.

Thompson came through the full 90 minutes after his hamstring problem sustained during the home FA Carling Premiership game against QPR at Portman Road.

It was not such good news for Paul Mason, who had to hobble off after 35 minutes with an ankle knock, which hopefully will not prove to

*reserves*



**Bryan Klug**

be too serious.

American John Kerr put Millwall ahead after 15 minutes and then Town lost striker David Pirie and Mason. Goalkeeper Phillip Morgan did well with two fine saves, while Lee Norfolk shot wide when well placed.

**Town team:** Morgan, Connell, N. Thompson, Mason (sub M. Weston 35 mins), Tanner, Vaughan, Norfolk, D. Gregory, Milton, Pirie (sub Dolby 24 mins), Durrant.



**Midfield Maestro – Adam Tanner**

## youth



**Peter Trevivian**

Ipswich Town youths completed their home South East Counties League programme against Cambridge United with a goalless draw, but before that they had two friendlies at under-17 level in preparation for next season.

They went down 2-0 to Luton at GRE in a game that was spoiled by the strong wind. Coach Peter Trevivian, who was without Richard Wright, Leon Bell and Simon Portrey, said:

"It was a good work-out and gave me another chance to look at next year's squad. We played some good football in the first-half, but never got going after the interval. Both teams tried to play football in difficult conditions."

Luton won the game with two late goals including a 40-yard effort which was helped considerably by the wind.

**Team:** Holman, Eaton, Ellis, McCrindle, Coates, Brown, Mansfield, Miller, Travers, Elsworth, Hood. Subs: Pearson for Hood (26 mins) and Kennedy for Travers (35 mins).

Four nights later Town had a similar match at Harlow against their Under-18 side and came out winners with an 86th minute penalty from Danny Eaton following a hand ball incident.

It proved another good work-out for the Town youngsters against a bigger and more physical side and Trevivian was pleased with the way his players coped.

In addition to the goal, Town created a couple of good other chances which Pat Elsworth, and Scott McCrindle failed to take.

**Team:** Wright, Eaton, Ellis McCrindle, Coates, Brown, Bell, Portrey, Travers, Elsworth, Hood. Subs: Miller and Kennedy.

Last Saturday saw Town complete their home SECL fixtures, but again the wind played a big part in the outcome.

Trevivian said: "It was a tough match against a strong Cambridge team. In the first-half we played better against the wind. It was a scrappy game, but on chances created it could easily have ended at 4-4."

This season Town have certainly improved at youth level, but will feel disappointed they did not do even better.

They had a good run in the FA Youth Cup and have claimed some notable scalps in the SECL although they did suffer an 8-3 reverse to QPR in their last away game.

At least they kept a clean sheet last Saturday with a side that did not include James Scowcroft and Peter Mortley who have been two of the stalwarts this season.

Trevivian wanted to have a look at other players and Scowcroft and Mortley were substitutes.

**Team:** Wright, Eaton, Ellis, McCrindle, Coates, M. Weston, Norfolk, Naylor, Portrey, Dolby, Travers. Subs: Mortley for M. Weston (55 mins) and Scowcroft (not used).



**Graham Mansfield**

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

As at 9th April 1994

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O.P.R.	26	20	2	4	107	47	42
Tottenham Hot.	26	18	3	5	73	33	39
Millwall	26	17	4	5	76	49	38
Fulham	26	17	2	7	53	37	36
West Ham United	24	14	5	5	60	32	33
Arsenal	27	13	7	7	62	39	33
Chelsea	25	15	3	7	52	33	33
<b>Ipswich Town</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>
Watford	27	11	2	14	45	56	24
Norwich City	27	11	2	14	40	51	24
Cambridge United	29	6	9	14	39	65	21
Leyton Orient	28	6	6	16	31	58	18
Southend United	29	7	3	19	37	77	17
Portsmouth	26	6	4	16	37	67	16
Gillingham	26	4	4	18	26	61	12
Charlton Ath.	27	5	2	20	42	81	12

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1993/94

Date	Opponents	F	A
Aug 14	Norwich City	2	— 1
Aug 18	Norwich City EJP	2	— 0
Aug 21	Charlton Athletic	3	— 2
Aug 25	Stevenage EJP	1	— 2
Aug 28	Southend United	3	— 0
Sept 4	Millwall	4	— 1
Sept 6	Arsenal EJFC	1	— 2
Sept 11	Portsmouth	2	— 5
Sept 18	Wimbledon LC	2	— 3
Sept 25	West Ham United	2	— 1
Oct 9	Chelsea	1	— 1
Oct 16	Gillingham	1	— 2
Oct 23	Arsenal	2	— 3
Oct 30	Arsenal	2	— 1
Nov 2	Carlshaltan (FAYC)	8	— 0
Nov 6	Leyton Orient	1	— 2
Nov 8	Diss Town (EJFC)	6	— 0
Nov 13	Watford	5	— 2
Nov 20	Queens Park Rangers	4	— 0
Nov 27	Watford	1	— 1
Nov 29	Queens Park Rangers (FAYC)	3	— 1
Dec 4	Fulham	1	— 2
Dec 11	Fulham	1	— 1
Dec 18	Cambridge United	0	— 0
Jan 1	Norwich City	0	— 1
Jan 8	Charlton Athletic	3	— 1
Jan 15	Southend United	1	— 1
Jan 22	Millwall	0	— 1
Jan 24	Peterborough (FAYC 56 R3)	1	— 1
Jan 29	Portsmouth	0	— 1
Feb 4	Peterborough (FAYC R3R)	0	— 0
Feb 12	Tottenham Hotspur	1	— 2
Feb 16	Peterborough (FAYC R3R)	1	— 0
Feb 19	Chelsea	3	— 2
Feb 23	Portsmouth (FAYC R4)	2	— 4
Feb 26	Gillingham	1	— 1
Mar 5	West Ham United	2	— 0
Mar 12	Leyton Orient	1	— 1
Mar 15	Barkingside (EJFC R2)	10	— 2
Mar 21	Stevenage (EJFC R3)	6	— 1
Mar 26	Queens Park Rangers	3	— 8
Apr 9	Cambridge United	0	— 0
Apr 16	Tottenham Hotspur		

All our home fixtures will be played at the G.R.E. Sports Ground in Tuddenham Road Ipswich unless otherwise stated in the Local Press.

## TOP GOAL SCORERS 1993/94

Gavin Dolby 33	Ben Travers 9
Paul Hood 8	Simon Portrey 8
James Scowcroft 7	Kenneth Weston 7
Lee Norfolk 5	Tony Vaughan 5
Matthew Weston 4	Scott Ellis 2
Scott McCrindle 2	Graham Mansfield 1
Peter Mortley 1	Kevin Ellis 1
Leon Bell 1	Scott Coates 1



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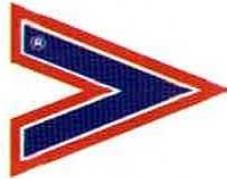
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# quiz page

Answers on page 29

J.B.s

1

How many successive games did Craig Forrest miss before his return against Liverpool?

2

What club award did Mick Stockwell win last season?

3

Against which club did John Wark score his last goal for us?

4

David Linighan has scored three League goals this season. Name his victims.

5

In which season did we sign Geraint Williams?

6

What's Gavin Johnson's favourite sport – apart from football?

7

Did Chris Kiwomya strike in the first or second-half of our 1-1 draw at Tottenham in March?

8

Against which club did Lee Durrant make his League debut for us?

9

How many penalties has Bontcho Guentchev scored this term?

10

Who replaced Phil Whelan in our defeat at Anfield last week?

11

Stuart Slater has represented England at Under-21 and B level. True or false?

Nicky Hammond joined Arsenal or Tottenham as a youngster?

Which of the Manchester clubs did Nicky Summerbee support before he joined Swindon?

Who was on the receiving end of Shaun Taylor's first goal of the season?

In which year did Brian Kilcline win an FA Cup winners' medal?

Which London club is sandwiched between Paul Bodin's two spells at Town?

Against which side did Martin Ling score his only goal of the term?

At which club did Adrian Whitbread start his career?

From which Scottish side did The Robins sign Luc Nijholt?

How many League goals has Jan Aage Fjortoft scored this term?

Against which club did Lawrie Sanchez make his Swindon debut?

What 'first' did John Moncur do for Swindon this season?

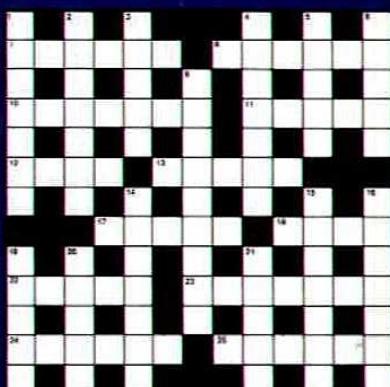
# XWORD

## Across

- Rugby League captain of Leeds (6)
- MP and radio sports presenter (6)
- What every goalkeeper wants (4-3)
- Aston Villa's reserve goalkeeper (5)
- Fencing instrument (4)
- Celtic defender who won Scotland caps from 1949 to 1960 (5)
- Hibs, Hearts and Aberdeen (5)
- Some train certain midfielder! (4)
- Graz, the Austrian team (5)
- Scotland scorer against Zaire in 1974 (7)
- Viren and I confuse Aberdeen player! (6)
- Blackburn or Raith (6)

## Down

- A top team in England's Third Division this season (7)
- What Van Basten has been for most of this season (7)
- Malcolm, who's had knee surgery recently (5)
- Goalkeeper for Alan Ball's team (7)
- Campbell, a goal-kicking rugby machine for Ireland (5)
- He scored seven goals for Arsenal against Aston Villa in 1935 (5)
- He scored 102 goals for Wolves in seasons 1987-89 (5,4)
- Brechin's manager before John Ritchie (7)
- How rival supporters often view each other (7)
- Scotland's top rugby team (7)
- His Dream was a chart hit in 1981 for Spurs (5)
- Shape of a flighted free-kick (5)
- Arnold Palmer won his 1962 British Open here (5)



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# Liverpool

## McGiven fumes at slip

Julian Dicks' 75th-minute penalty enabled Liverpool to chalk up their first win in five matches.

But they came perilously close to surrendering to Ipswich's blatant plan to stifle the game.

"We covered most of their attacking thrusts, they were becoming frustrated, then one moment's madness cost us the game," raged Ipswich boss Mick McGiven. The moment in question came when substitute Don Hutchison chested down Neil Ruddock's excellent through-ball and was hauled to the ground by Phil Whelan.

"It was a blatant penalty," admitted McGiven. "We had worked hard and tirelessly and to do that was ludicrous." In fact, Whelan was lucky not to be sent off. Three minutes earlier he had been booked for a similar foul on Rob Jones.

But referee Dermot Gallagher was content to award only a penalty and Dicks' confident kick gave Liverpool three unlikely points.

Liverpool tried to play football, but their neat passing game was made to look ineffective by resolute defence.

*Sunday Express – 11th April 1994*



Phil Whelan

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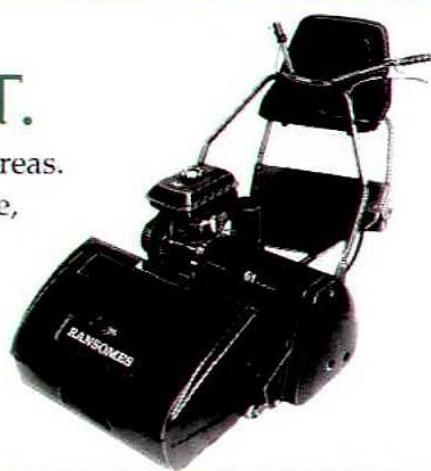
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# Premier news

At this stage of the season, with so many teams fighting for their lives as they are currently doing in the FA Carling Premiership, form tends to go out of the window.

With less than a month of the season to go, ten teams are still involved in the battle for survival.

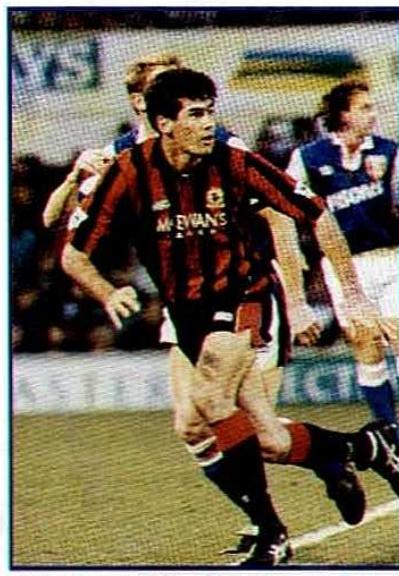
Before last weekend's matches, Southampton looked virtually dead and buried after they had lost both their Easter matches including the vital one at home to Manchester City.

Last Saturday the Saints bounced back to keep their survival hopes alive with a 5-4 victory at Norwich. In the second-half Alan Ball's side were 3-1 and 4-3 down, but came back to clinch victory with a Ken Monkou header in the last minute.

The real hero of the Saints comeback was skipper Matthew le Tissier who scored a hat-trick inside quarter of an hour.

Everton and Manchester City both improved their hopes of retaining their Premiership status with victories.

Mike Walker's Everton scored their first away victory since last October when they won at Ipswich, by taking all three points off West Ham at Upton Park. Former



**Blackburn's Mike Newell — could he be picking up a Championship medal?**

Hammers old boy Tony Cottee was the matchwinner with a 72nd minute goal.

Manchester City's revival continued at Maine Road. Scott Sellars gave Kevin Keegan's side a 19th minute lead, but City

hit back with goals from Paul Walsh in the 33rd minute and David Brightwell just after half-time.

Tottenham, however, remain in trouble after they went down to a Peter Ndlovu penalty at Coventry. Spurs luck was definitely out with the BBC Match of the Day cameras confirming that a spot kick should not have been given.

Swindon and Sheffield United were without matches while Ipswich were left to sweat after their defeat at Liverpool — a venue at which they have never won — with Julian Dicks scoring the only goal from the penalty spot.

There was a restricted programme because of the FA Cup semi-finals. Sheffield Wednesday, now on a roll, moved into sixth place following a 3-1 victory over QPR at Hillsborough.

Mark Bright scored twice and John Sheridan the other from the penalty spot with Devon White netting a late consolation for Rangers.

Chelsea, still not clear of relegation trouble, have reached the FA Cup Final against Manchester United. They beat Luton at Wembley with both goals being scored by Gavin Peacock, and in midweek they drew 1-1 with QPR at Loftus Road.

Blackburn and that man Shearer kept the pressure on Manchester United with a 1-0 Monday night win over Aston Villa.



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# Look who's coming to

The Portman Road season ends in style when mighty Manchester United are the visitors in the FA Carling Premiership.

With so much importance probably resting on the result, the game will be shown live on satellite television and be played on Sunday, May 1st, kick-off 4pm.

Last season Town beat the Reds at Portman Road 2-1 at a time when they were in the top six in the table. And in the last two matches between the two teams at Old Trafford the scores have remained level — 1-1 last season and 0-0 this campaign.

Ipswich, therefore, have a good recent

record against United, and they will be keeping their fingers crossed that this run continues.

Manchester won the title last season and at one time were on for a remarkable treble in 1993-94. They led the Premiership table by a mile, and were in the semi-finals of the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup.

Aston Villa beat them at Wembley Stadium in the Coca-Cola Final, and Oldham Athletic took United to a replay in the semi-final of the FA Cup.

Alex Ferguson has proved to be a wise choice as manager of the Old Trafford team. He did exceptionally well at Aberdeen where he led the Scottish club to a host of trophies.

The move to Manchester did not start too impressively, but Alex needed time to lay the groundwork.

The last three seasons or so have seen Manchester back at the very top of the tree again, with a host of international players and a style of football that is the envy of the rest of the footballing world.

There was one par-

ticularly sad occasion this season with the death of Sir Matt Busby, who did so well when he managed the side. His name is folklore in the Lancashire area and he led the Reds to the European Cup and a cabinet full of trophies.

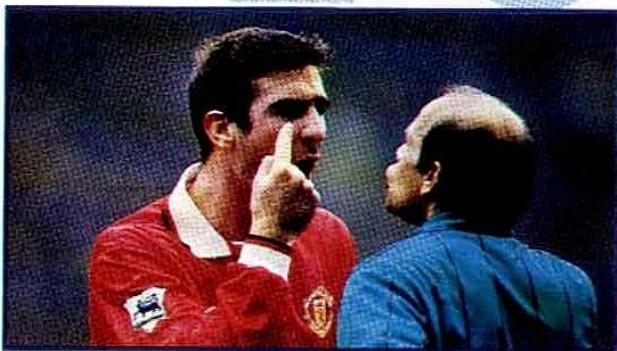
The Old Trafford ground is considered to be the best in the Premiership, and it has been updated in the last few seasons, with more capacity expected to be built in the not too distant future.

Star names at the famous club slip off the tongue. It is difficult who to pick out as the whole squad is packed with household names.

French-man Eric Cantona has captured many of the headlines, first with his excellent play, and then because of problems with referees, which saw him sent off the field in successive matches. He has been voted Footballer of the Year.

Ryan Giggs has the ability and the mental toughness to become one of the all-time greats, which Bryan Robson has served club and country as well as anybody.

Mark Hughes, Paul Ince, Gary Pallister, Steve Bruce, Paul Parker, Lee Sharpe and Peter Schmeichel make up part of the current famous Manchester United side that will be sure to draw a full house to Portman Road for the final game of what has been an eventful campaign for Ipswich Town.



*"Eye know I'm the best player in the League this season"*  
says Eric Cantona

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## Traveling Blues

### TRAVEL CLUB

For Travel Club members making their way to Hillsborough, home of Sheffield Wednesday F.C. The Travel Club coaches will leave Portman Road on Saturday, 23rd April at 09.00am with an adult fare of £8.70 and children between the ages of five and 16 accompanied by an adult or OAP £5.80.

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## TICKET DETAILS

### Sheffield Wednesday v Ipswich Town Saturday 23rd April

Tickets are now on sale from the Main Ticket Office priced at £12.00.

### Ipswich Town v Manchester United Sunday 1st May 4.00pm

Tickets have been on sale for this match on a priority booking basis for the last two weeks. Should there be any tickets remaining unsold we will be open after today's match. Both the Match Day Ticket Office in Portman Road and the Main Ticket Office will be open.

We will require either a previous match ticket or one from today's match for each Manchester United one. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on Monday, 18th April.

### Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich Town Sunday 8th May 4.00pm

Tickets for this match will go on sale from Wednesday 20th April priced at £10.00.

Ticket Information Line 0839 664499 (Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at all other times, Airphone Datalines Ltd).

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### Retaining Match Tickets

In the event of all ticket games it is likely that supporters who can produce match tickets from previous games will obtain priority booking. It is recommended that supporters retain home match ticket stubs to cover this eventuality.

# Colour action

Stockwell on the break



**HOME MATCHES & SCORERS IN BOLD TYPE**

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### L.O.P. lost on penalties

• Player booked

**Player sent off**

### † Player withdrawn

- Player injured ( ) time sub. used.

#### **Fisons Man Of The Month**

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# Youngsters

The eight boys who have been offered YT places for next season are today guests of the club, together with their parents.

After the match the families will have dinner with Town manager John Lyall and other members of the Portman Road staff at the Ipswich Moat House Hotel, Copdock.

The position of the boys, their duties, college studies, etc, will be explained fully to them.

The boys who are joining the club after leaving school during the summer are:

**Leon Bell:** Leon comes from Ipswich and attends Stoke High School. Leon has played for Ipswich and South Suffolk FA Under-16 side.

Last season he made six appearances for England Schools at Under-15 level. A central midfield player, he was first registered with Town in 1988 and signed associated schoolboy forms in October 1991.

**Wayne Brown:** Wayne comes from Barking and is a central defender, or left back. He has played for Barking Schools, Essex County Schools and Suffolk FA. Wayne signed

associated schoolboy forms in March 1993.

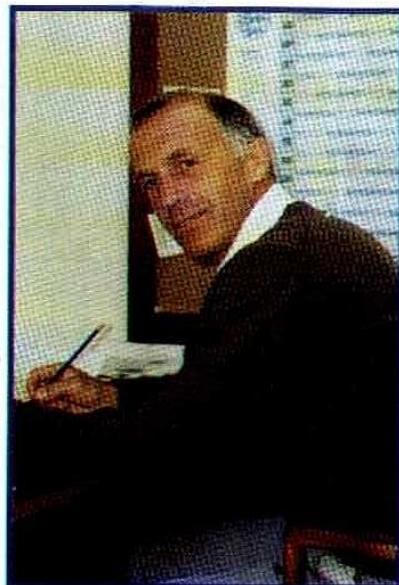
**Patrick Elsworth:** Patrick is from Littleborough near Manchester and is a centre forward. He has represented Rochdale Schools and signed associated schoolboy forms in June 1992.

**James Hollman:** James is from Felixstowe and attends Deben High School. He plays in goal and joined Town this season and has only recently signed associated schoolboy forms. James has played for Suffolk County Schools and Suffolk County FA.

**Robbie May:** Robbie is from Dovercourt and attends Harwich School. He is a left back and has attended the Portman Road School of Excellence for a number of years. He signed associated schoolboy forms in June 1992.

**Marc Miller:** Marc comes from Hatfield Peverel and attends the Sir John Payne School, Chelmsford. A versatile player, he can play at left back, left midfield or centre forward.

Marc joined the club's Centre of Excellence after moving to the area from Merseyside and signed associated schoolboy forms in February



**Tony Dable**

1992. He has played for Essex Schools and the Suffolk FA.

**Craig Pearson:** Craig is from Sunderland and is a striker. He can also operate on the left side of midfield. He has represented Sunderland Schools and Durham County Schools. Craig signed associated schoolboy forms in December 1992.

**Richard Wright:** Richard is from Ipswich and attends Thurlestone High School. He is a goalkeeper who first registered with the club in 1989.

In April 1992 he signed associated schoolboy forms. Richard has played for Ipswich and South Suffolk Schools, Suffolk County Schools and the Suffolk County FA.

Last season he played for England Schoolboys at Under-15 level, and this season he has been a member of the England Under-16 squad in the European youth tournament.

Richard has been the youth team goalkeeper in the South East Counties League and the FA Youth Cup for Ipswich this season while still at school:

He has also played for the Reserve team in the Neville Ovenden Combination a number of times.

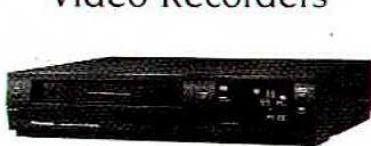
"We welcome the boys, and their parents, to the club and hope they have a successful time with Ipswich Town," said Tony Dable.



*Craig Pearson, Wayne Brown, Pat Elsworth, Marc Miller, Robbie May, Richard Wright, Leon Bell, missing from the photo James Hollman*

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Aileen came to the attention of the Carling Awards Panel when she won a recent Carling Commentator Challenge. A karaoke-style competition in which fans commentate on a piece of football action screened in front of a live audience.

The Awards panel said: "Aileen Turton's dedication to ensuring her son gets the most out of the game he loves deserves the highest recognition."

By winning the Carling No.1 Award, Aileen is following in the footsteps of some of the game's biggest names. Previous winners include Matt Le Tissier, Gary Mabbutt and the fans of Newcastle United and Everton.

Aileen Turton received a trophy, a cheque for £250 and a magnum of champagne in front of a capacity crowd on the Hillsborough pitch before the recent game against Blackburn Rovers.



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<b>Craig Forrest</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mick Stockwell</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>John Wark</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>(Capt.) David Linighan</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gavin Johnson</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Eddie Youds</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Steve Palmer</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Geraint Williams</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Stuart Slater</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Phil Whelan</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Chris Kiwomya</b>	<b>11</b>

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## Today's line-up

<b>1 Frazer Digby</b>
<b>14 Adrian Whitbread</b>
<b>6 Shaun Taylor (Capt.)</b>
<b>31 Brian Kilcline</b>
<b>3 Paul Bodin</b>
<b>2 Nicky Summerbee</b>
<b>7 John Moncur</b>
<b>33 Lawrie Sanchez</b>
<b>16 Kevin Horlock</b>
<b>9 Jan Aage Fjortoft</b>
<b>27 Keith Scott</b>

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## Other Squad Members

<b>Neil Thompson</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Paul Mason</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Bontcho Guentchev</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Paul Goddard</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Clive Baker</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ian Marshall</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Simon Milton</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Frank Yallop</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>David Gregory</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Lee Durrant</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Adam Tanner</b>	<b>25</b>

## Other Squad Members

<b>5 Luc Nijholt</b>
<b>8 Ross MacLaren</b>
<b>10 Martin Ling</b>
<b>12 Steve White</b>
<b>15 Adrian Viveash</b>
<b>17 Chris Hamon</b>
<b>18 Edwin Murray</b>
<b>20 Andy Thomson</b>
<b>23 Nicky Hammond</b>
<b>25 Andy Mutch</b>
<b>34 Paul Heald</b>

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