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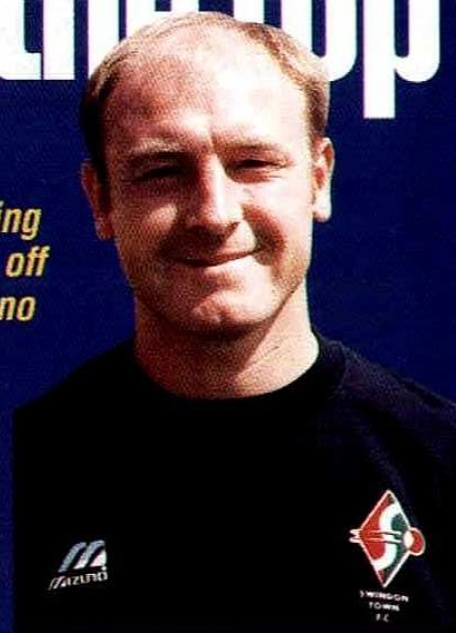
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From the top

**With Manager
Steve McMahon**

It is always disappointing when a game is called off and last Saturday was no exception. Everyone builds themselves up for a weekend and then when all of a sudden it is all off you feel deflated; you are at a loose end.



We had the lads in for training on Saturday morning, they need a blow-out, and then had the rest of the weekend off. There were so many matches called off there was not even a game to go to.

Suggestions that the postponement against Oldham gave us an extra week to get our injured players fit is off the beam. Shaun Taylor would have played last Saturday anyway. It just makes everything such a hassle because we are now beginning to get a back log of fixtures - the game at Peterborough United next week having to be postponed yet again, this time because of the re-arranged F.A. Cup-tie with Oldham which is not a help at all. You would always rather have games.

Now we are looking at schedules that will involve us playing two games a week for much of the remainder of the season which is going to be tough at a very important time of the campaign for us.

Carlisle United might not have fulfilled the optimum that was showered upon them pre-season but they made it hard for us at their place, though we played quite well at times, and Eddie scored a spectacular goal to win the game for us in the end. That was the first

time I played him up front and it worked.

But we know what we have to do this afternoon and everything is focused on this game. I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special welcome to Mervyn Day, who played with me at Aston Villa and who has only recently joined the managerial set. I hope it all goes well for him at Brunton Park.

Before I go, I must mention that people keep asking me my thoughts on the FA Cup Fifth Round draw but I really do not want to comment, it is pointless even thinking about it. We have an important game against Carlisle United this afternoon in the League and then Oldham Athletic here on Wednesday evening in the Cup, and these fixtures are all we need to think about right now.

Enjoy the game and give the lads your vocal encouragement. It helps tremendously.

Steve McMahon

It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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Mario Zagalo was the first man to win the World Cup as player and then manager

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Did you know ?!

Ferenc Puskas played competitive football for Spain, before he played for Hungary



WHO AM I ?

1. Born Aldershot. 6th September 1947.
2. Began career with Luton.
3. Moved to Aston Villa in '69 and onto Derby in '74.
4. Also played for Everton, Birmingham, Sheffield Utd and Torquay.
5. Former Scottish captain who has managed Millwall and Boro' amongst others.

?? QUIZ ??

1. From which club did England goalkeeper David Seaman join Arsenal?
2. Which club are known as 'The Railwaymen'?
3. Whom did Pele regard as 'the World's Greatest Defender' during his career?
4. Which club did Bobby Charlton manage for a short spell in the '70's?
5. Where do Barnet play their home games?
6. Which two former Soviet states beat Wales last season in the Euro '96 Qualifiers?
7. Who is Crewe Alexandra's most famous supporter?
8. Which Italian team did David Platt originally join from Aston Villa?
9. Which nation hosted the 1950 World Cup Finals?
10. How many host nations have actually won the World Cup on home soil?

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'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood

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*With Club Secretary
Jon Pollard*

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With the deep freeze now hopefully behind us we are pleased to welcome today to the County Ground, the players, officials and supporters of Carlisle United Football Club for this afternoon's Endsleigh League Division 2 fixture.

F.A. Cup

Our F.A. Cup 4th round tie with Oldham Athletic was the first casualty of last weekend's freeze. Indeed the weather was so bad that referee Martin Bodenham who was coming to Swindon from Brighton to inspect the pitch had to turn back because the snow was so bad in Sussex!

We now hope to play the tie here at The County Ground next Wednesday evening kicking off at 7:45pm.

Tickets purchased for the original date are of course still valid. However anybody in possession of a ticket unable to make it next Wednesday are advised that they have until 4:45pm on Monday to get the complete ticket back to the Advance Ticket Office for a refund. No applications for refunds will be entertained after that time. If next week's game results in a draw the replay will be at Boundary Park, Oldham on Tuesday 13 February 1996 kicking off at 7:45pm. There will be no advance booking for the game. Admission is by payment at the turnstiles on the night.

The winners of the 4th round have a home game against the winners of the Southampton vs Crewe Alexandra tie which is being played next Wednesday evening at The Dell.

The date for the fifth round games is Saturday 17 February.

Supporters attending our game with Oldham are advised to keep their ticket stubs as they will allow priority booking for tickets for the next round if we are successful on Wednesday.

Reserves

Because of our F.A. Cup tie next Wednesday, the Reserves game at home with Millwall scheduled for Monday afternoon now has to be redated.

The Reserves next game is a rescheduled Avon Insurance Combination game with Brighton & Hove Albion. The game at The Goldstone Ground will be played on Monday 12 February kicking off at 2:00pm. Two days later the Reserves travel to play Wimbledon at Plough Lane on Wednesday 14 February where the kick off is also at 2:00pm.

Their next home game is not until Monday 26 February when Portsmouth are here at The County Ground in our last game which has a 2:00pm kick off. After that we switch to 7:00pm kick offs starting with the Watford game on Monday 11 March.

The game with Norwich City postponed just after Christmas has been redated for Wednesday 24 April kicking off at 7:00pm at The County Ground.

New Dates

Yet again our away fixture with Peterborough United has been changed. We now travel to London Road on Tuesday 5 March to face The Posh kicking off at 7:45pm. This now means that our game with Oxford United scheduled for that day has been put back two weeks and will now be played at The Manor Ground on Tuesday 19 March. This game is strictly all ticket. Details of our allocation will be made available shortly.

Bring a Friend

Because of the large number of home games coming up this month we have introduced a special offer to alleviate the financial pressure on supporters. For our game with Brentford on Wednesday 21 February, Season Ticket holders can claim a free ticket while concession tickets are available anywhere in the stadium for just £1 when purchased with an adult's ticket. Full details are on page 32 of this afternoon's programme.



Endsleigh League

Next Saturday we travel to South Wales where we meet Swansea City at The Vetch Field in the Endsleigh League kicking off at 3:00pm.

Our next home game is the rescheduled game with Burnley which is being played at The County Ground on Wednesday 14 February kicking off at 7:45pm. This is subject to us not having an F.A. Cup 4th Round Replay with Oldham Athletic the previous evening.



Carlisle United

the visitors

By John Nolan

Carlisle walked off with the Third Division Championship last year, clinching the title with 91 points - eight clear of second placed Walsall.

It was a convincing show with 27 of their 42 games won, 10 drawn and just five defeats which logically seemed to confirm the growing confidence that had swept the Cumbrians to two years of triumph.

The squad for this season was further strengthened in the summer with the arrival of Warren Aspinall, from AFC Bournemouth; while Gareth McAlindon and Nathan Murray were recruited from Newcastle United and the experienced Glynn Snodin from Barnsley - all on free transfers. It certainly impressed the bookies who installed Carlisle as 7-1 favourites to take the Second Division title.

It all started poorly however, with a 2-1 loss at home to Bristol Rovers. Then a 3-0 defeat at Chesterfield; Hull City ejected them from the Coca-Cola Cup (5-4 on agg.), and we won 1-0 at Brunton Park courtesy of an Edwin Murray goal.

The first points were taken from successive draws at Rotherham (2-2) and Swansea (1-1) then came the first win, at home to Burnley (2-0). The unbeaten run was extended to four games with a 1-1 draw with Peterborough United but Carlisle had not turned the corner. A

4-0 drubbing at Oxford saw to that.

Following a 2-0 win over Hull City the Cumbrians went seven games without a win and though they have been able to secure the odd impressive triumph - 4-2 against Wycombe Wanderers; 5-2 at Hull City - they have not been able to produce any consistency in Division Two this season.

By the turn of the year Carlisle were languishing in 18th place in Division Two with 23 points from 23 games; they had been hoisted out of the FA Cup in the first round by Preston and New Year's Day offered no crumbs of comfort either - the Cumbrians losing 2-1 at home to Blackpool.

It all proved too much for boss Mick Wadsworth, in charge since August 1993, and the Third Division's Manager of the Year last May. He left and Mervyn Day was appointed as his successor. Already 1996 is looking brighter. Burnley were thumped 5-0 in the Auto Windscreens Shield - David Reeves recording a hat-trick; Darren Edmondson scoring two in two minutes! Chesterfield were held 1-1 and Reeves' 14th League goal of the season earned an away

point at Bristol Rovers.

Tony Caig is cemented in as the regular custodian with Edmundson or Murray at right back, Gallimore on the left and the powerful presence of Bennett and Walling in the centre. In midfield Aspinall is joined by Hayward, Prokas and Conway with Reeves and Currie in attack.

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Marc Cleeland, Jeff Thorpe, Lee Peacock, Rory Delap, Paul Conway, David Currie, Tony Gallimore, Will Varty, Gareth McAlindon, Nathan Murray (No longer with club).

Middle Row:

David Wilkes (Youth Team Coach), Peter Hampton (Physio), Tony Hopper, Richard Prokas, Darren Edmondson, Tony Caig, Tony Elliot, Jamie Robinson, Glynn Snodin (Chief Scout), Rod Thomas, Joe Joyce (Assistant Manager), Neil Dalton (Assistant Physio).

Front Row:

Warren Aspinall, Steve Hayward, David Reeves, Mick Wadsworth (No longer with club), Mervyn Day (Manager), Dean Walling, Derek Mountfield (No longer with club), Paul Murray.



Carlisle United

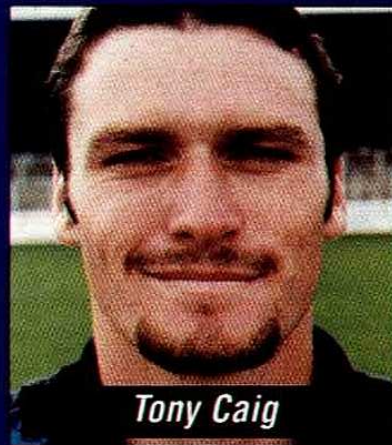


Gary Bennett

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** Excellent in the air, strong in the tackle, and still pacey at 34, Gary arrived at Brunton Park in November 1995 to bring experience to the back line. In 1979 Manchester City picked Gary up from amateur football but he was unable to break into the first team and joined Cardiff City in 1982, establishing himself as a regular in the Bluebirds defence. In July 1984 Sunderland paid £65,000 for his transfer by the end of that season he made the first of three Wembley appearances (never a winner) for the Rokerites in the Milk Cup Final against Norwich City. He was to play there again against us in the Play-Off Final and in the FA Cup Final vs Liverpool in 1992. Captained Sunderland to the 3rd Division Championship in 1988 and is 8th in Sunderland's all-time list of appearances.
Born: Manchester 4-12-61.

Tony Caig

- **GOALKEEPER.** A product of West Cumbria Tony joined Carlisle United on the YTS and has graduated through the ranks at Brunton Park. Made his League debut at the age of 20 against Halifax Town in season 1992-93, and installed himself as the regular custodian last season when he made 40 League appearances and kept goal at Wembley in the Auto Windscreens Shield Final. Stands six-foot-one. Born: 11-4-74.



Tony Caig

David Currie

- **STRIKER.** This fellow can be truly hot stuff on his day. Has great ball control and dribbling skills and scores some amazingly spectacular goals. Played for Stockton Boys and on leaving school in local soccer in Thornaby. In November 1981 David was invited for a trial with Middlesbrough and after two months was given a contract. Made his League debut at Swansea in April 1982. Darlington got him on a free transfer on 1986 - it proved a shrewd capture for they realised £150,000 on selling David to Barnsley in February 1988. Success earned him a move to Nottingham Forest but he could not establish himself and he eventually returned to Barnsley via Oldham Athletic. Joined Carlisle in the summer of 1994 and scored four goals in 38 League appearances in the Third Division Championship side.
Born: Stockton-on-Tees 27-11-62.

Rory Delap

- **DEFENDER/MIDFIELD.** Has been with the club since his schoolboy days and has come up through the youth ranks to develop into a six-footer. Made his senior debut at 16, at Scarborough in 1992-93, and was given a professional contract in 1994. Rory times the ball well and has a powerful shot. He scored his first senior goal in a 1-2 defeat at Crewe on October 14, 1995.
Born: Birmingham 6-7-76.

Darren Edmondson

- **FULLBACK.** Now in his sixth season as a professional after graduating through the YTS Darren is a dependable utility man. Has made some 20 appearances this season, mainly at right-back. A strong tackler who has suffered from the current code, picking up a three-match ban after totalling over 21 disciplinary points.
Born: Coniston 4-11-71.

Tony Elliott

- **GOALKEEPER.** Former England Schoolboy International he also won Youth caps at Under-16 and

Under-17 levels. Tony was with Birmingham City as a youngster but when they released him he joined Hereford United. Had a spell with Huddersfield Town before moving to Carlisle in 1993. A superb shot stopper he has appeared in 10 League games this season but suffered an internal injury at AFC Bournemouth last October. Born: Nuneaton 30-11-69.

Tony Gallimore

- **FULLBACK.** Local lad who learned his trade in the red and white stripes of Stoke City under the guidance of Alan Ball. Was on loan to Carlisle before a transfer was eventually agreed in the summer of 1993. Had a most impressive campaign in 1994-95 when he was named in the PFA Third Division selection as the best left-back in the division. A good defender, comfortable on the ball - he loves to get forward.
Born: Crewe 21-2-72.

Steve Hayward

- **MIDFIELD.** Was 17 when Derby County signed him in 1987. Made his League debut against Arsenal that same season and was truly an outstanding youngster, winning England honours at Under-18 and Under-19 levels. Won 17 Youth caps in all and played in the European Championship Finals in Hungary in 1990 and in the World Youth Championship Finals in Portugal a year later, under David Burnside. Signed for Carlisle United in March 1995 for a fee of £100,000. Born: Pelsall 8-9-71.

Paul Murray

- **MIDFIELD.** Joined Carlisle as a schoolboy and won himself a professional contract in 1993. Made his League bow at Darlington in December 1993. Made two starts and three sub appearances in the Third Division Championship run of 94-95 during which he made his International debut for England Under-18s in a triangular UEFA tournament against Slovenia and Latvia. A skilled technician who has caught the eye of several big clubs. Scored his first senior goal in the 5-2 win at Hull on December 9, 1995.
Born: Carlisle 31-8-76.

also Carlisle United



Lee Peacock

- FORWARD. Youngster on the fringe - he has made 20 odd appearances this season, half as a sub. Was with Carlisle as a schoolboy and is now in his first season as a professional. It was in the campaign of 1993-94 though that he was first blooded in the first team against Wigan. A current Scotland Under-18 Youth International - he scored on his debut against Israel in 1994-95. Netted his first senior goal for Carlisle in a 1-1 draw at Swansea (2-9-95). Born: Paisley.

Richard Prokas

- MIDFIELD. Another who has graduated from the Carlisle schoolboy ranks - Richard was rewarded with a pro contract in the summer of 1993. After making his senior debut at Torquay in August 1994 he was virtually an ever-present collecting a Third Division Championship medal in 1995 and a runners-up trophy in the Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley. Hard working no-nonsense player who is very influential in the middle of the park. Born: Penrith 22-1-76.

David Reeves

- FORWARD. Top scorer with 24 goals last season - 20 in the League - he did as much as any to win Carlisle the Third Division Championship in 1995. Is top shot again this season with 11 goals to date and is one of the most highly rated strikers in the lower divisions. Started his career with Heswell, Sheffield Wednesday signing him in the summer of 1986. Made his League debut while on loan to Scunthorpe United, in a 3-1 win over Exeter City in December 1986. With goals in 10 for them and 8 goals in 16 loan games for Burnley (1987-88) confirmed his potential. Played for Bolton Wanderers and in the same Notts County team as Mark Draper but it is at Carlisle, where he arrived from Notts for a Club record fee of £121,000 in 1993, that David has really shone. Named in last season's PFA Divisional side for the second year running he is a captain who leads by example. Born: Birkenhead 19-11-67.

Roderick Thomas

- FORWARD. A graduate from the first intake of the National School of Excellence at Lilleshall, Rod, a former England Schoolboy International, was first associated with Watford. Made his League debut in a 1-0 win at Arsenal in April 1988 and was such an exciting right-winger, with devastating pace and magical dribbling skills, that he had made over 60 senior appearances for the Hornets before he was 19. In 1988-89 he played in all three of Watford's teams and scored the winning goal in the FA Youth Cup Final. Added Under-21 caps to his other honours but by 1992 Rod was beginning to struggle to hold his place and in the summer of 1993 he was transferred to Carlisle. Scored 6 goals in 36 3rd Division Championship appearances in 1994-95. Born: London 10-10-70.

Jeff Thorpe

- UTILITY. Versatile competitor from West Cumbria who has been in and out of the side this season. A left-sided player he can operate in the fullback or wing positions. Is a regular on the substitutes bench with just three starts this season in 20 odd appearances. This is Jeff's fourth season as a pro after coming through the YTS. Born: Whitehaven 17-11-72.

Dean Walling -

- DEFENDER. Arrived at Brunton Park from Guiseley as a striker but really came into his own after being moved into the centre of the defence. "Deano" is a big favourite with the fans who voted him Player of the Year for 1995. Also gained the recognition of his fellow pros by being selected in the 1995 PFA Third Division side. Was second top scorer in the Third Division Championship campaign with 8 goals in 41 appearances. Dean was with Leeds United as a youngster but they released him in 1987 when he signed for Rochdale. Made his League debut with them at Scunthorpe in September 1987. Born: Leeds 17-4-69.

Carlisle United Football Club Season 1995/96 Endsleigh League Division 2

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Hull City*	A	2-1
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HULL CITY*	H	2-4
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Swansea City	A	1-1
BURNLEY	H	2-0
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	1-1
Oxford United	A	0-4
HULL CITY	H	2-0
Walsall	A	1-2
NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-0
Crewe Alexandra	A	1-2
Bradford City	A	1-1
BRADFORD CITY	H	2-2
AFC Bournemouth	A	0-2
Wrexham	A	2-3
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DONCASTER ROVERS#	H	1-1
PRESTON NORTH END+	H	1-2
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WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	4-2
WREXHAM#	H	2-1
Burnley	A	0-2
Hull City	A	5-2
WALSALL	H	1-1
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Shrewsbury Town	A	1-1
BLACKPOOL	H	1-2
BURNLEY#	H	5-0
CHESTERFIELD	H	1-1
Bristol Rovers	A	1-1

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the man in charge



Mervyn Day - Manager

Mervyn Day was thrust into the managerial hot-seat in January 1996 following the departure of Mick Wadsworth but if his managerial apprenticeship is half as glorious as his playing

one then Carlisle are in for more happy times.

Born in Chelmsford on 26th June he developed through schoolboy football as a natural athlete. In the summer of 1971 he became an apprentice at West Ham United and such was the impact he made as a teenager on breaking into the Hammers' first team that the normally reticent Ron Greenwood declared "This is the England goalkeeper for the next ten years."

Alas, the spectacular custodian never quite lived up to that expectation collecting five Under-23 caps to add his England Youth honours. After making his League debut in a 3-3 draw with Ipswich on a rain-lashed night in August 1973 Mervyn went on to make almost 250 League and Cup appearances in five and a half years.

The highlights of his West Ham days came in 1975 when he played in the FA Cup Final win over Fulham and was named the PFA Young Footballer of the Year. Twelve months later he collected a runners-up medal in the ECWC Final v Anderlecht.

In July 1979 Mervyn transferred to Leyton Orient in a £100,000 deal. Performed with distinction for another 200 games then got a move to Aston Villa (Aug 1983).

In January 1985 he transferred to Leeds United and kept so many clean-sheets in their 1990 Second Division Championship win one colleague remarked "you would think he owned a laundry." Scored his only competitive goal in a ZDS Cup penalty shoot-out with Stoke and clocked up another 250 plus games.

The summer of 1993 saw Mervyn join Carlisle as coach.

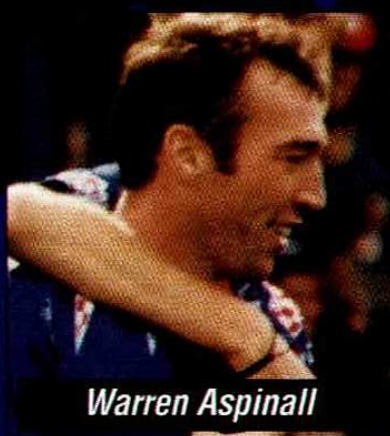
Under the Spotlight

It was at Brisbane Road on a cold March day in 1985 that Warren Aspinall made his Football League entrance for Wigan Athletic, in a 1-1 draw with Leyton Orient.

The teenager not only made a big impact with the Wigan fans but caught the attention of several scouts too; Everton swooping to sign on the prodigy.

At Goodison Park young Aspinall found himself rubbing shoulders with the likes of Peter Reid, Trevor Steven, Paul Bracewell, Kevin Sheedy, Adrian Heath and Gary Lineker. It was a hard act to break into and he was loaned back to Wigan to gain experience, scoring 21 goals in 41 Third Division games for them in 1985-86.

In all though he was to make only seven First Division appearances for



Warren Aspinall

the Toffeemen before Billy McNeill invested £300,000 in his transfer to Aston Villa in January 1987.

Warren registered three goals in a dozen First Division appearances that season but was unfortunate to find himself in a relegation bound team. In Division Two the following

season he grabbed 11 goals in 32 games but like at Everton was probably in the wrong place at the wrong time to make the most of his opportunities. Villa were struggling and August 1988 he became Portsmouth's record signing at £315,000.

Had five years at Fratton Park, finished his first season there as second top scorer with 12 goals.

Moved down the coast to AFC Bournemouth where he spent a couple of years and in March 1995 joined Carlisle United, initially on a month to month basis, but so impressed he was offered a full contract in the summer of 1995.

Capped six times by England at Youth and Under-19 level. Warren has been a regular this season contributing six goals.

Born: Wigan 13-9-67.



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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Preview

The weather wiped out last weekend's Second Division programme as well as our FA Cup Fourth Round tie with Oldham Athletic but hopefully the situation will be better this Saturday so that we can resume our promotion challenge.

There were just three scheduled mid-week fixtures in this division: Brentford home to Wycombe Wanderers. Burnley v Oxford United and the most important, as far as we are concerned, Bradford City v Crewe Alexandra. Hopefully the Yorkshire side were able to dent Crewe's progress. If they did not then Crewe will be level on points with us at the top, having played the same number of games.

This afternoon struggling York City are at Gresty Road which suggests Crewe should chalk up their tenth win of the season. The Minstermen mind you have the best away record of the bottom nine clubs with three wins and a draw and of course can look back with pride on their great success at Old Trafford in the Coca-Cola Cup. So let's hope they can pull another big surprise out of the hat today.

Blackpool will certainly be expected to add three points to their tally, home to a Hull City side that has conceded 43 goals and scored just 18 (7 away from home); and Notts County should keep in step by making home advantage tell over Peterborough United. Posh are on a bad run at the moment and have an appalling record at Meadow Lane.

Chesterfield will be home bankers against a Swansea City side that has shipped 27 goals in 13 away trips though there will be a note of caution for the Spireites as Swansea registered their second away win of the season last time out- at Shrewsbury Town! Yes, a real surprise this one, former West Brom star Carl Heggs (who Shrewsbury had tried to sign in the summer) firing the Swans ahead; Ian Stevens making it 1-1 and Comforth grabbing a 76th minute winner.

Shrewsbury have recalled goalkeeper Tim Clarke for his first start in over three months in place of Paul Edwards and they also have leftback Chris Boden on loan from Derby County but they could lose further home points today to Bradford City who are desperate to check a slide from the challenging pack.

The tipsters suggest AFC Bournemouth v Wycombe Wanderers are the hottest favourites to draw today. But that man Steve Jones is back on the goal trail and led the Seasiders to a 3-1 home victory over Bradford City last time out at Dean Court. I expect the Cherries to pip Alan Smith's defensively minded Wycombe this time out.

Burnley lost 1-0 at Rotherham which was a bit of a shock to Turf Moor fans who will be anticipating better reward from their trip to Brentford. The Londoners were encouraged by their 2-0 home victory over York but such is their inconsistency one suspects they might well have to settle for a point this time though Dave Webb's boys tend to blow really hot or really cool at Griffin Park.

Brighton's revival under Jimmy Case has still to take off. Beaten 2-1 at home by Peterborough United they will find Wrexham made of even sterner stuff and could well be satisfied with a point.

Former Town defender Adrian Viteash and his pals were getting wound up for their FA Cup Fourth Round trip to Ipswich Town last week which of course suffered a similar fate to most of the games. Today they could unleash their growing enthusiasm on Bristol Rovers after winning 1-0 at Stockport County a fortnight ago.

The Saddlers are beginning to make an impression and their away statistics of five wins and two draws with just seven goals conceded in 12 games is comparable to most in the division. Away win is the forecast.

Rotherham United have fared better in recent weeks after a very disappointing run but they will have a better idea of just how much they have improved after this afternoon's encounter with Oxford United. Oxford have yet to win away from home where they have become draw specialists with six tied games.

Finally, Stockport County play hosts to Bristol City and will be very disappointed if they do not chalk up their fourth home win against a Bristol side that has already dropped 24 points away with 2 wins, 6 draws and 6 defeats.

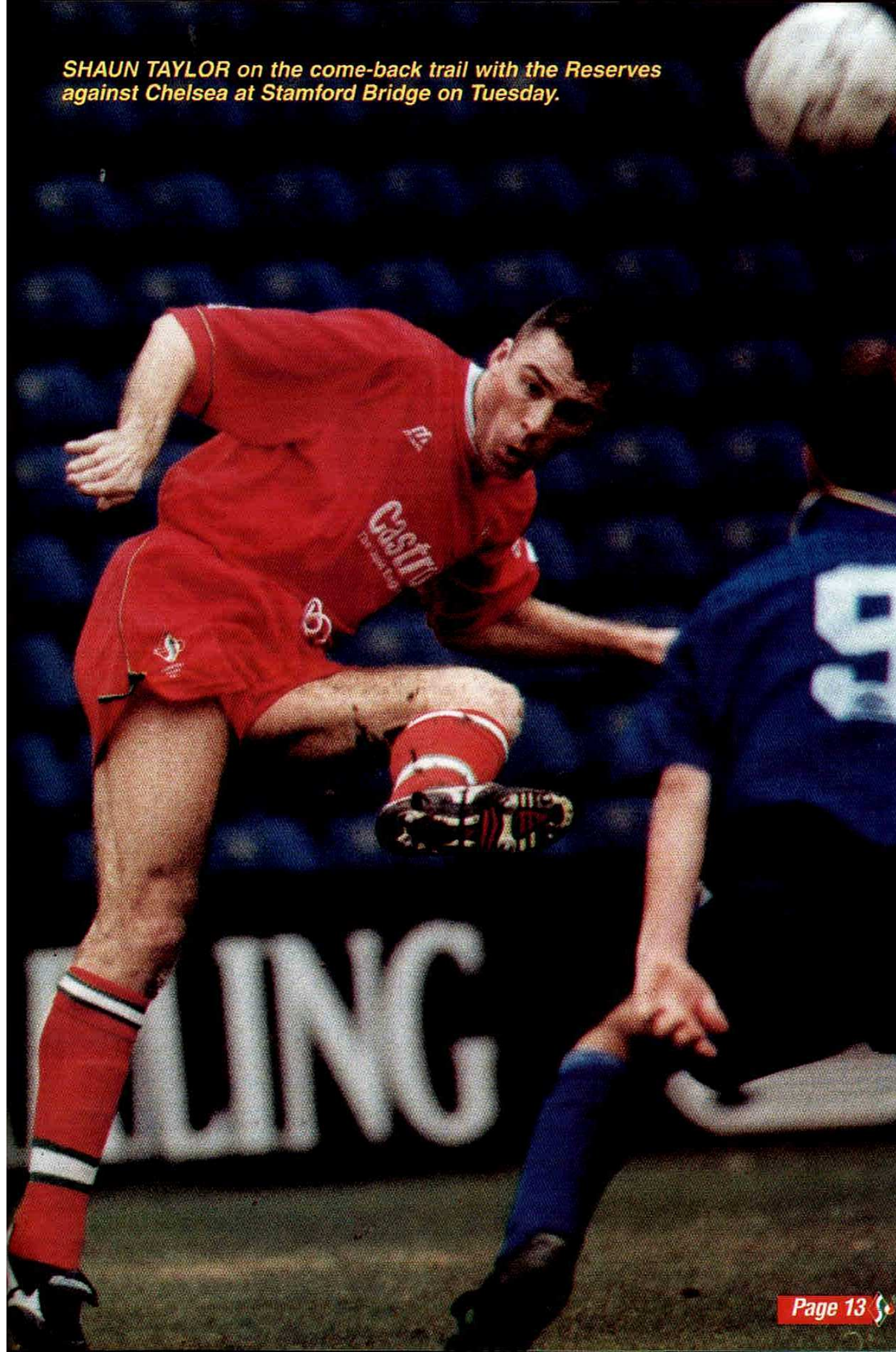


Dario Gradi who hopes to lead Crewe to the Premiership.

Robins in Action

What does the Manager do when football is frozen out?..... Take the kids bowling at SWINDON SUPER BOWL!

SHAUN TAYLOR on the come-back trail with the Reserves against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.



Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

With our F.A. Cup tie against Oldham Athletic postponed until next Wednesday we now face a hectic fixture backlog for the remainder of the season.

We are now left playing two games a week throughout this month and the way things are going will be doing exactly the same in March.

We have worked it out that we could be playing 11 games in 33 days. So it works out to be a game very two or three days.

But there again we are not the only team who have been affected as such so it is now up to us to keep everybody sharp.

Steve and I have always preferred to play midweek games as well as Saturday fixtures.

In the past when we have only played at the weekend we have not seemed quite as sharp as we should be the following Saturday.

Playing twice weekly keeps everybody on their toes and you

don't have to work quite as hard on the Training Ground.

We were of course bitterly disappointed when John Griffiths was called in the day before the Cup tie but he had no choice but to call the game off. He knows the pitch as well as we do and with no chance of a thaw knew that the areas which were frozen over, despite the pitch covers, had no chance. In fact the goals mouths were treacherous. The keepers would have been slipping and sliding all over the place and could have seriously injured themselves if they hit their head on the ground.

When games are being called off throughout the winter there are the usual calls for a mid-season break. This is all very well but where do you call for it. You can have snow



in this country at anytime from November to March with no notice whatsoever.

Hopefully we have now seen the worse of the weather and can now buckle down to the task ahead of us. Today it's three points to maintain our lead at the top of the table and then on Wednesday it's back to the Cup.

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TreatmentRoom

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

The postponement of last Saturday's F.A. Cup tie with Oldham meant that not only have we not picked up any further injuries but it also allowed the injured players extra vital days to recover from their respective injuries.

Shaun Taylor played in last Tuesday's Reserve Team game with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and provided he has no ill effects should be available for selection for today's game.

Andy Mutch and Lee Collins also played in the game following their hernia and thigh problems.

Good news for Edwin Murray who has now returned to training after recovering from a minor thigh strain which has kept him out for the last fortnight.

Mark Seagraves is now back in light training and is hopeful of returning to the first team squad in the next few days. His back problem has meant that he has not been able to jog or run but he has been maintaining his fitness level with plenty of bike and swimming work.

Dean Hooper has been keeping Mark company as he recovers from a knee ligament injury incurred while on loan at Peterborough United recently.

Finally the Manager is progressing very well and we expect him to be



back playing sooner rather than later.

I'm sure if he had his way he would be playing today!

The Swindon Town Shadow Board

Plans are now well advanced by the Shadow Board for a Swindon Town Football Club brochure, to be available to all supporters. We are planning to include articles on a number of topics.

- **History of the Club**
- **'Behind the Scenes' at the County Ground**
- **'Meet the Players' interviews**
- **Introductions to the Directors and staff**

The brochure is scheduled for release at the start of next season and thus it will include full details of next season's fixture list - which of course every one of us hopes will be in the First Division!

The Shadow Board is looking for sponsorship for the new brochure so that we can make it available to fans at no cost. If you or your company are interested in discussing sponsorship arrangements or advertising opportunities in the brochure please write to the Chairman, Shadow Board.

The next Open Forum will be in Swindon on 26 March 1996

A reminder that you can write into us at the Shadow Board at P.O. Box 663, Swindon, SN1 2NX.



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In the Community

With Shane Cook

The Preliminary Round games of the Refuge 6-a-side competition gets under way next Tuesday evening at Dorcan Sports Centre in Swindon when the first six teams get the tournament under way to decide who goes forward to represent Swindon Town in later stages. The Final of the Competition will again be staged at Wembley Stadium prior to the Auto Windscreens Shield Final in April.

In action on Tuesday are Colebrook, Saltway, Grange, Drove, Freshbrook and Robert Le Kyng Schools. The winners of the Round Robin Preliminary round meets the winners of the second group who are playing at Wroughton on Monday week. Participating there are Lawn, Covingham Park, Wroughton, Tregoze and Holy Rode Schools.

Any young goalkeepers interested in signing up for Fraser Digby's Keepers Clinic are advised to book as soon as possible as there are now just a few places remaining.

Open for boys and girls aged from 6-16, the course will offer comprehensive coaching for keepers over three Sundays, 25 February, 24 March and 21 April.

Based in Swindon the total cost of the course is £45.

For full details or a booking form please call the Community Office on Swindon 421303.

Finally good news for all participants on our Half-Term and Easter Funweeks.

We will be giving vouchers to all who attend the Half-Term Funweek to receive £40 per adult and £20 per child off one weeks holiday booked with Haven.

For those attending the Easter Funweek there is the chance of winning a free holiday in a seven berth caravan at any one of Haven's centres in the U.K. in April, May, September or October.

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Full details of the Funweeks will be in the programme for our game with Burnley on 14 February.



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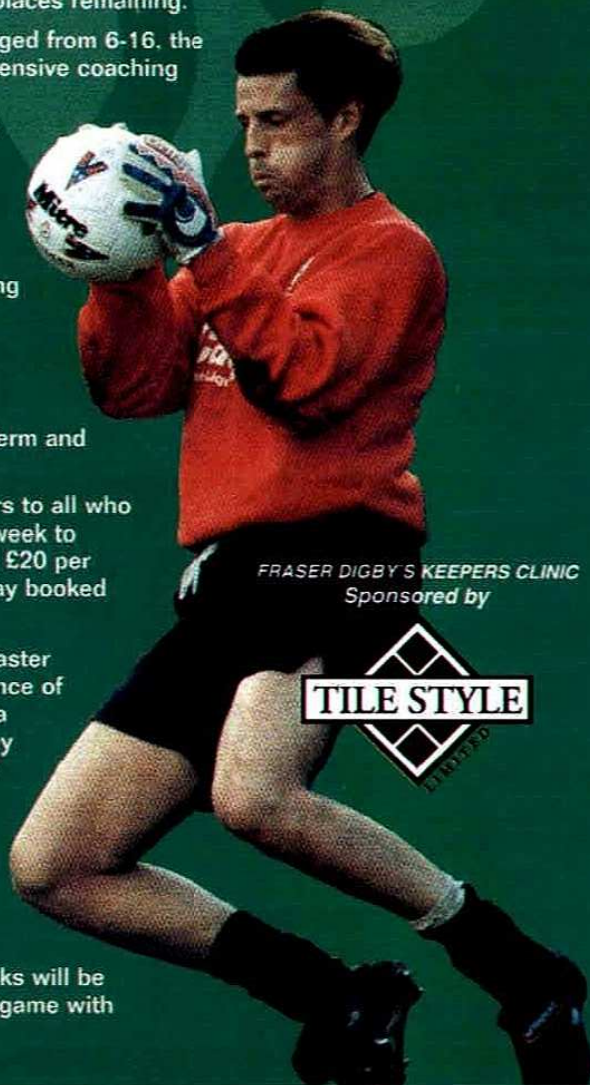
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Home & Away



After next week's F.A. Cup tie with Oldham Athletic we travel along the M4 to South Wales when we meet Swansea City at The Vetch Field in the Endsleigh League.

There is then the possibility of an F.A. Cup replay the following Tuesday at Oldham Athletic. If this is not the case we then play Burnley here at The County Ground in a rescheduled League fixture on Wednesday 14 February.

Then depending on the result in Wednesday's F.A. Cup tie we will either be playing the winners of the Southampton vs Crewe Alexandra 4th round tie here at The County Ground in Round 5 or if we lose against Oldham will travel to play Bradford City in the League. Altogether it looks pretty confusing.

Swansea City

ROUTE TO SWANSEA CITY

From Swindon take the M4 Westbound leaving at j42 and follow Swansea (A483) signs. After 4 miles follow the signs for City Centre West. 1/2 mile later turn right (opposite County Hall) into West Way. At the first set of traffic lights turn left into Glamorgan Street for The Vetch Field.

Oldham Athletic

ROUTE TO OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Leave Swindon on A419/A417 via Cirencester and Gloucester to join M5 Northbound at j11. Join M6 Northbound staying on it for 73 miles leaving to join M62 at j10. At j20 turn off onto A627 (M) to junction with A664. Take 1st exit at roundabout onto Broadway, then 1st right onto Hilbre Way to Stadium. Approximately 185 miles.

Bradford City

ROUTE TO BRADFORD CITY

Leave Swindon on A419/A417 via Cirencester and Gloucester to join M5 Northbound at j11. Join M6 Northbound staying on it for 73 miles leaving to join M62 at j10. At j26 turn off onto M606. At the end of motorway take 2nd left from roundabout onto A6177 Ring Road. At next roundabout (3rd exit) turn right to City Centre (A614). At 2nd roundabout turn right onto Central Ring Road (A6181) then left at next roundabout. Left again at following roundabout marked 'Local Access Only'. Pass through traffic lights at top of hill following Keighley (A650) sign. Stadium is 1/2 mile along on right.

TRAVEL CLUB

Swansea City - Fare £8.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 11.30

Oldham Athletic - Fare £12.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 13.30

Bradford City - Fare £12.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 08.45

Bookings taken at the Travel Club Office in the Castrol Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 19.00 - 21.00. Telephone Swindon (01793) 611499 - 24 hour service. Bookings also taken in association with Barnes Coaches Monday to Friday 09.00 - 17.00. Telephone Marlborough (01672) 540330 or at the Information Centre in Regent Street. Pick-up points are available. Please enquire when booking. £2 reduction available for all children accompanied by an adult.

S.A.S. TRAVEL

Swansea City - Fare £7.50

Depart West Swindon 10.15
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Oldham Athletic - Fare £11.50

Depart West Swindon 13.15
County Ground 13.30
Ermin Street 13.45

Bradford City - Fare £12.50

Depart West Swindon 08.15
County Ground 08.30
Ermin Street 08.45



Coaches also pick up at Malmesbury, Lyneham, Wootton Bassett and Lower Stratton.

Bookings taken on Swindon (01793) 825935 - 24 hour service. County Ground Office open Tuesday - Thursday 10.00 - 14.00. Thursday 19.00 - 21.00 and before every home game. All coaches are non-smoking and fitted throughout with seat belts and have hostess service.

Bookings also taken in association with **SILVER KNIGHT** Monday - Friday 09.00 - 17.00 on Chippenham (01249) 720360. Reductions available for Junior Robins.

Tony Grant

Talks to Colin Benson

CB: Tell us how did you first get into football?

TG: I've been a football fanatic ever since I can remember: being born in Liverpool it is the natural course of events. I played for the County teams and all that kind of stuff and then signed on for Everton when I was a young lad.

It has just gone from there, in the Youth Team and Reserves and now in the First Team.

CB: Were you always an Evertonian or did you have red affiliations before they became interested in you?

TG: No, always Everton that is all that matters you see. I was brought up in the days when they had a great team, in the eighties, and I used to go and watch them.

CB: Who were your favourite stars?

TG: For Everton it was Peter Reid. He was a great Evertonian. For me they were a great team and the football they played just appealed to me so I loved to go and watch them.

If I can become half the player Peter was and avoid injury that will do me.

CB: Do you remember Alan Ball in his white boots?

TG: No, that was before my time. But there have been great names over the years, outstanding individual talents, and I think they are slowly getting back to winning ways.

CB: What difference has Joe Royle made to the club?

TG: He has made a great difference

all round. Everton had been going through a bad spell for quite a few years which was highlighted even more because across Stanley Park Liverpool were doing so well.

The whole place was in a shadow of pessimism then along came Joe, who the fans really adore, and he right away filled everyone with hope and confidence.

They are all good players in the First Team at Goodison but they just weren't producing it. Many of them lost confidence because of the bad run of results. Joe has given everyone back their self-belief and got the best out of them and they are playing well now. There are not many teams better than Everton in the Premiership right now actually.

CB: A good bet for the Cup?

TG: Yes...We won it last year so why not again.

CB: What about yourself. Has Joe helped you develop your own game at all?

TG: Yeah. I think his enthusiasm is infectious to everyone actually. Willie Donachie is a big influence and is involved more with me at this level but the gaffer takes a sort of fatherly interest in everyone and has this capacity for dragging a bit more out of you. He has helped me in a big way.

Sometimes you think you are doing best when in fact you can give a little bit more. Joe will get that little bit more out of you, which sometimes is a difficult thing, but he has this ability.



But really Everton's revival is down to a combination of Willie and the Gaffer. They work off each other and are well practised as a management team.

CB: Now then Tony. In my 'News of the World Football Annual' for this season it has your height listed as 5'7". Have you grown appreciably in the last twelve months?





TG: Well I'm a bit bigger than that...about five-feet-ten I believe. Jimmy Gabriel keeps telling me he thinks I have been growing noticeably over the last year or so.

I have not realised this myself, but he can see better than me. He sees me day in day out. Hopefully I can just fill out soon. I could do with a bit more weight.

CB: Do you have a special diet or anything like that?

TG: No not really. I just eat normally. I don't eat junk food or anything like that. My favourite food is my mum's cooking.

My favourite meal? That has got to be Sunday roast.

CB: You have played in the First Team at Everton. When did you get your opportunity?

TG: I made my debut last season at Queens Park Rangers in the Premiership. I was involved in about six or seven games in all and thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

This season started brilliantly for me with a game at Wembley in the Charity Shield. I had about seven consecutive games and was involved in the first twelve or thirteen fixtures. I enjoyed it really. It is thrilling playing alongside the big names.

Then I hit a bad patch in the middle of the season but the last couple of months I have been playing much better.

CB: What do you put that down to?

TG: The lads won the FA Cup last season and we won the Charity Shield at the beginning of this season so I think we went into a lot

of games early on thinking we could win easily. We were going at teams but not working as hard as we should and consequently didn't get the right results.

So there was a lot of emphasis put on everyone working for each other and the football has eventually shown through in the end which is how it should be.

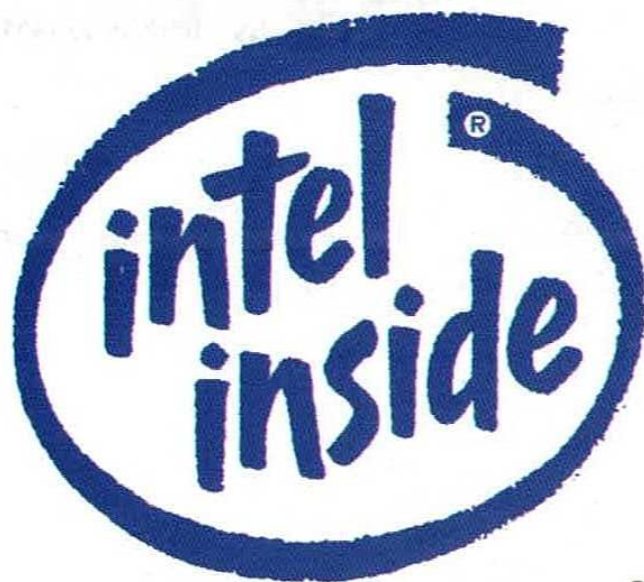
CB: When did you first learn of the opportunity to come to Swindon?

TG: Well, it was just as I say in the last few weeks Everton have been playing well and been playing three central midfielders, which is my position. So it meant that if I stayed in Liverpool I was only going to be stuck in the Reserves which is not what I want now.

So I had a word with the Gaffer and told him I wanted to go out on loan. Then one day he told me Swindon were interested so I decided to come.

It's all right. They are a good bunch of lads - we have a good laugh - and they are a good team as well. The football is the same as I have played nearly all my life really, all on the floor, passing and passing to feet, which is how we play it at Everton. So I have had no problems slotting in.

I don't know how many games I'm going to get as I'm only here on a one month's loan at the moment but I am looking forward to the game against Carlisle United, and hope this one is not postponed by the weather.



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Well it was certainly nice to go into the draw for the last 16 in the F.A. Cup last Sunday. To think we didn't even have to kick a ball in anger to do so either!

All we have to do now is take care of Oldham on Wednesday and we can look forward to either a local(ish) derby against Southampton - Matt Le Tissier and all or fellow promotion hopefuls Crewe Alexandra in a couple of weeks time.

Make sure you come along to our 4th Round tie on Wednesday to give the lads every vocal encouragement to cheer them on to Round 5.

It looks as if February and March are the two months for producing footballers.

We have no fewer than six players at the club who will be celebrating this month and just as many next month as well. Many happy returns to Lee Collins who is 22 today.

Now we will see if the rumours about Scots are true if Lee buys the cakes or not!

Also this month Trainee Ryan Souter is 18 on Monday. Jonathan Holloway is 19 on February 11, new signing Alex Smith is 20 on 15th, Wayne O'Sullivan clocks up his 22nd birthday on 25th February and big Shaun Taylor is a mere 33 the following day.

Finally here's Horne's Howler for this afternoon and I see that Watford supporters celebrated when they heard that at last their signing from Millwall Jamie Moralee had scored.

It wasn't until later on they found out that it was with Eastender's star Danmella Westbrook!

The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

Good afternoon to all Junior Robins who have braved the cold for today's game at the County Ground.

TRAINING INFORMATION

A new service is available to Junior Robins in doubt of training session times or whether the pitch is in playing condition. Every Monday, Swindon Town ClubCall will have this information after the introduction on the phoneline. The number to ring is 0891 12 16 40 and please make sure you get permission from whoever pays the phone bill before dialling. (Calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at all other times). It is understandable that you all want to wear your Swindon Town shirts, but it is advised that you wear a tracksuit to training while the weather is cold. Please remember to wrap up warm!



HAVE YOU BEAN TO THE SUPERSTORE?

Apart from the jellybean machine which has been installed in the Club Superstore, it is well worth taking a look at the offers in the Sale and new merchandise. Don't forget - all Junior Robins get 10% discount on every purchase (excluding sale items). You can also convince your mum and dad to treat you to some jellybeans while you visit as money spent in the 'Bean Machine' is donated to a good cause.



MASCOT PACKAGES

For more details or to book please call me in the Marketing Department on Swindon (01793) 532121.

Today's Lucky Mascots

This is a very special day for two brothers who are mascots today. Imman and Kristian, who are great supporters of Swindon Town, are moving to the Channel Islands in the near future. We hope to give them an extra special day to remember.



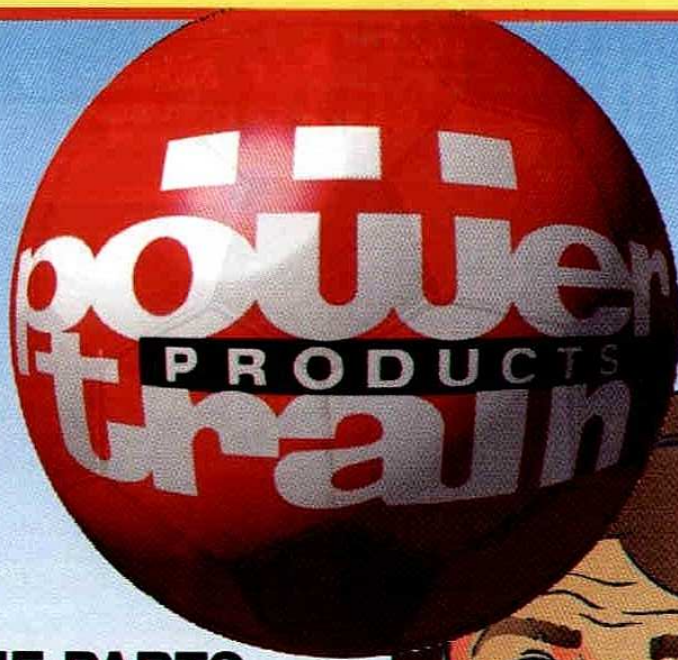
Kristian Rees-Bains is 8 years old and lives in Swindon, where he attends Lawn Junior School. Kristian's hobbies include computers and playing football as a striker. I am sure he will enjoy meeting his favourite player, Steve Finney, today.



Imman Bains, aged 4, attends Cleeve Lawn Playgroup. His main hobby is watching and playing football. He is mad about Swindon Town, his favourite players being Wayne Allison and Mark Robinson.



5 year old Lucy Westcott lives in Westlea, Swindon and attends Westlea Primary School. Her hobbies include ballet, computer games, quizzes and going to the cinema. Lucy's favourite Swindon Town player is Paul Bodin.



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Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

A big warm welcome to today's fixture from everybody in the Marketing Team.

Today's Matchday Sponsors

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"Be a friend...Bring a friend"

Due to the glut of home fixtures during February we will be running the above promotion for the Brentford game on Wednesday 21st February. See page 32 for further details.

New Facilities

As you can appreciate we are already planing for next season and it is our intention to extend our corporate hospitality facilities in The Castrol Stand. This is a superb way to entertain clients or employees on a regular basis. It is also an excellent networking opportunity as our client list already reads like a "who's who" of the Swindon business community.

If you would be interested in taking a suite for next season please give me a call on Swindon (01793) 532121 and I will show you our exciting new plans.

Swindon Town Crèche

This is a new and exciting service brought to you by Swindon Town Football Club and Thamesdown Borough Council. Starting from Saturday 24th February supporters will be able to leave their child at The Lifestyle Centre at the rear of the Castrol Stand for the duration of the game. It is only available for Saturday matches and there will be a £2 charge. Spaces are very limited. Children must be 2-8 years old. Bookings must be made in advance through Swindon Childcarers. To book please contact Anne Reed on Swindon (01793) 514055.



End of Season Sporting Dinner

We are holding another of our successful sporting dinners on Monday 15th April 1996 at the Swindon Marriott Hotel. Guest speakers are Gareth Chilcott, former England rugby star and Peter Parfitt former England cricketer. Both are accomplished after dinner speakers and they guarantee to make it a great night. Joining them on the top table will be Steve McMahon and Mike Spearman, the Club Chairman.

A table for ten will cost £300 + VAT. To book phone the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.

Executive Package

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Swindon Town Ladies



Swindon Town Ladies got back on the winning trail with a five goals to three victory over Oxford University Ladies.

The game was played on the large Iffley Road Stadium pitch and both sides made use of the space.

Justine Hume put the Town ahead when she slid in Kim Reeves' cross. Pam Laker added a second with a 40 yard strike that flew into the top corner of the net.

Oxford then pulled one back but Nadine Lloyd restored the Town's two goal lead. Just before half time Oxford converted an indirect free kick to reduce our lead. Oxford then went onto equalise early into the second period. This set the game up for an entertaining second half with play flowing from end to end and both goals had narrow escapes.

The Oxford University side, who included players of various nationalities, were making the Town fight for every ball. Clare Wheeler eventually broke the deadlock ten minutes from time, when she found the net from 30 yards. With a few minutes remaining Kerie Garwood set up Nadine Lloyd who secured victory for the Town.

Both sides had contributed to make it the best game of the season so far.

Tomorrow Swindon entertain Thame United on the County Ground Extension kicking off at 2:00pm. Thame will be out to avenge a five goals to one defeat when the two sides met in Oxfordshire back in October.



By Roger Reeves

Thame are currently third in the League having only been beaten twice, once by the Town and by Reading Royals. It could be an interesting encounter so why not come along and support the girls tomorrow!



Nadine Lloyd who scored twice against Oxford University.

Southern Region League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS	
Sun 3 Sept	Milton Keynes United	A 4-0
Sun 10 Sept	Reading Royals	A 4-1
	FA Cup 1st Round	H w/o
Sun 17 Sept	Eastleigh	H 4-0
Sun 1 Oct	Basingstoke Town	A 8-0
Sun 8 Oct	Gosport	H 4-2
Sun 15 Oct	Plymouth Pilgrims (FAC 2)	A 0-3
Sun 22 Oct	Oxford University	H 5-1
Sun 29 Oct	Thame	A 5-1
Sun 5 Nov	Milton Keynes United	H 13-0
Sun 19 Nov	Eastleigh	A 7-0
Sun 26 Nov	Leighton Linslade	A 7-0
Sun 3 Dec	Basingstoke Town	H 18-0
Sun 10 Dec	Gosport	A 5-3
Sun 17 Dec	Bracknell Town (LCPR)	A 4-0
Sun 14 Jan	Carterton	H 1-1
Sun 21 Jan	Oxford University	A 5-3
Sun 28 Jan	Oxford United (LC1)	H
Sun 4 Feb	Thame	H
Sun 11 Feb	League Cup 2	
Sun 18 Feb	Reading Royals	H
TBA	Leighton Linslade	H
TBA	Carterton	A

All home games are played on the County Ground Extension and kick-off at 2.00pm.

Southern Region League Division 2 as at 29 January 1996

	HOME			AWAY			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWINDON TOWN	14	13	1	0	90	12	40
Reading Royals	11	10	0	1	58	13	30
Thame United	12	9	1	2	44	16	28
Gosport	14	9	0	5	49	34	27
Milton Keynes United	13	4	4	5	26	40	16
Oxford University	10	4	1	5	29	24	13
Basingstoke Town	13	3	0	10	17	64	9
Eastleigh	15	2	1	12	21	71	7
Leighton Linslade	9	2	0	7	7	41	6
Carterton	13	1	2	10	9	33	5

Player Appearances as at 22 January 1996

	Apps	Goals
Kerie Garwood	14	31
Jane Hawkins	1	0
Justine Hume	8	2
Pam Laker	10	5
Nadine Lloyd	14	36
Tracy Mackeddie	4	0
Deb Martin	13	5
Vikki McCann	13	0
Sarah Privett	12	0
Kim Reeves	10	3
Alison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	13	0
Clare Tyson	12	0
Clare Wheeler	12	6
Netti Wyness	13	0

Result:

**Southern Region League - Division Two
Oxford University 3 Swindon Town 5**

Scorers: Lloyd (2), Hume, Laker, Wheeler.

Team: Sharpe, McCann, Privett, Wheeler, Tyson, Reeves, Laker, Hume, Martin, Lloyd, Garwood.

Subs: Richards, Ramsey.

ReservesReview



By Ross MacLaren

Avon Insurance Combination Division 1 Fixtures & Results

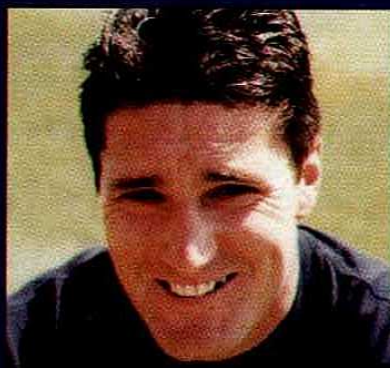
DATE	OPPONENTS	
Mon 14 Aug	LUTON TOWN	H** 1-1
Wed 23 Aug	Norwich City	A 0-6
Mon 28 Aug	OXFORD UNITED	H** 0-0
Wed 06 Sept	Southampton	A 1-4
Mon 11 Sept	ARSENAL	H** 1-1
Mon 18 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A 1-2
Mon 25 Sept	CHELSEA	H** 1-2
Mon 02 Oct	Millwall	A 1-1
Mon 09 Oct	WIMBLEDON	H** 0-0
Mon 16 Oct	TOTTENHAM H.	H** 1-2
Tue 24 Oct	Portsmouth	A 1-1
Mon 30 Oct	Q.P.R.	H** 1-1
Tue 07 Nov	Watford	A 1-2
Mon 13 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 0-0
Mon 20 Nov	West Ham United	A 0-3
Thu 30 Nov	Bristol City	A 0-1
Wed 20 Dec	Ipswich Town	A 0-1
Wed 03 Jan	Oxford United	A 2-3
Sat 13 Jan	Arsenal	A 0-1
Mon 15 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-0
Mon 22 Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3-1
Tues 30 Jan	Chelsea	A 0-3
Mon 12 Feb	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Wed 14 Feb	Wimbledon	A
Mon 19 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Mon 26 Feb	PORTSMOUTH	H
Tue 05 Mar	Q.P.R.	A
Mon 11 Mar	WATFORD	H
Mon 18 Mar	CHARLTON ATH.	H
Wed 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	A
Mon 25 Mar	WEST HAM UNITED	H
Wed 10 Apr	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Wed 17 Apr	Charlton Athletic	A
Mon 22 Apr	IPSWICH TOWN	H
Wed 24 Apr	NORWICH CITY	H
Mon 29 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	H
Wed 01 May	Luton Town	A
TBA	MILLWALL	H

Home games are played at either the County Ground, Swindon or Witney Town F.C. (games marked**) with both venue and time of kick off subject to change.



Avon Insurance Combination as at 30 January 1996

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Tottenham Hotspur	22	8	1	3	8	1	1	47	22	50	25
Arsenal	23	8	1	25	5	6	1	46	24	46	22
Wimbledon	24	6	2	3	6	1	4	48	34	45	14
Norwich City	22	7	2	2	5	3	3	45	28	41	17
Queens Park Rangers	21	9	0	2	4	1	5	39	29	40	10
Chelsea	23	7	2	4	5	2	3	36	26	40	10
Crystal Palace	20	3	3	2	7	5	0	26	14	38	12
Southampton	24	5	5	1	3	3	7	34	30	32	4
West Ham United	21	5	3	2	4	1	6	36	32	31	4
Oxford United	23	3	2	4	4	4	6	37	42	27	-5
Luton Town	21	5	2	4	2	3	5	30	30	26	0
Ipswich Town	18	4	3	3	2	3	3	31	23	24	8
Charlton Athletic	18	3	1	3	3	4	4	28	34	23	-6
Bristol City	21	3	1	7	4	1	5	19	29	23	-10
Bristol Rovers	22	4	0	5	3	1	9	32	45	22	-13
Brighton & Hove Alb.	19	5	3	3	0	2	6	19	36	20	-17
Millwall	21	3	5	4	1	1	7	29	45	18	-16
Portsmouth	20	2	5	4	2	1	6	20	40	18	-20
Watford	21	4	0	8	0	3	6	21	39	15	-18
Swindon Town	22	1	7	2	0	2	10	15	38	12	-21



After having gone all season and twenty games without a win, we lined up against Bristol Rovers in our last home Avon Insurance Combination game at The County Ground knowing that our first win could be only just around the corner having put in some impressive performances in our last few games.

Steve Mildenhall came in as a late replacement for Frank Talia who injured himself on a running machine and the side was bolstered by the addition of Steve Finney, Wayne O'Sullivan and Jason Drysdale.

The game saw us clock up the first win in a long, long wait and what a performance the lads put in to earn it. We were passing the ball as well as I have ever seen it passed.

Wayne O'Sullivan scored a great goal to give the lead cutting in from the right and letting a left foot shot scream into the top corner of the net.

We went two up following good work from Steve Finney who turned his player on the edge of the box

Result:
Avon Insurance Combination
Swindon Town 3 Bristol Rovers 1

Scorers: O'Sullivan, Finney, Laidlaw

Team: Mildenhall, Pitman, Smith, O'Sullivan, Thorne G, Drysdale, Harvey, Worrall, Finney, Laidlaw, Wimble. **Subs:** Finlayson, Souter, Pearce.

and laid the ball across the six yard box for Jamie Laidlaw to tap in.

We came out after the break and allowed Bristol back into the game but a mistake by their keeper allowed Laidlaw to cross for Finney to tap in at the far post.

Rovers pulled a consolation goal back but it did not take anything away from our performance.

I hope that we can take heart from this win and go to win a few more games and start to pull away from the bottom of the League table.

Reserve Team Appearances as at 30 January 1996

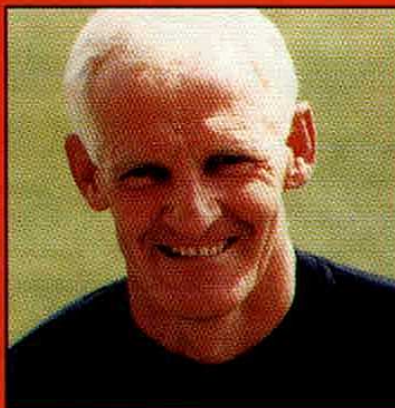
	Apps	Goals
P. ALLEN	1	0
J. BEAUCHAMP	5	0
P. BODIN	2	0
A. BROWN	2	0
P. BRUNO	1	0
S. CAMPBELL	0(1)	0
L. COLLINS	8	0
M. COUPE	1(1)	0
F. DIGBY	3	0
J. DRYSDALE	8	0
A. FINLAYSON	4(5)	0
S. FINNEY	2	1
T. GOODEN	10	3
J. HAINES	2	0
I. HARVEY	3(10)	0
J. HOLLOWAY	17(2)	0
D. HOOPER	14	1
K. HORLOCK	1	0
A. HUGHES	4(2)	0
B. KILCLINE	4	0
J. LAIDLAW	16(4)	3
M. LING	8	0
J. MARKS	2	0
L. MIDDLETON	2(3)	0
S. MILDENHALL	9(4)	0
E. MURRAY	13	0
A. MURPHY	10(1)	3
W. O'SULLIVAN	3	1
G. PEARCE	1(7)	0
J. PITMAN	13	0
M. RAWLINGS	1	0
A. SMITH	2	0
B. SMITH	2	0
R. SOUTER	4(4)	0
F. TALIA	8	0
S. TAYLOR	1	0
S. THOMAS	0(3)	0
A. THOMSON	9	0
G. THORNE	16	0
P. THORNE	4	2
J. TONER	1	0
A. VIVEASH	3	0
P. WHARTON	2	0
S. WIMBLE	5(8)	0
C. WOODMAN	1	0
S. WOODMAN	0(7)	0
B. WORRALL	14(5)	1



Youth Team Focus



With no South East Counties League game last week, today I am able to give mention of our other Youth Team who are members of the Wiltshire County Floodlight Youth League. In this midweek League we play the first year Trainees and players from the Under 16 squad.



By John Trollope

This enables us to field what will be the nucleus of next season's full Youth Team moulding the lads into some sort of unit but also assessing the Under 16's as we select next season's Trainees from these players, who if selected will join us in July for a two year period.

The League is an Under 18 competition giving the other teams an age advantage but mostly they are physical, bigger and stronger.

This is the part of the game which we want the youngsters to cope with, either to match them in the challenge or overcome these physical confrontations by using the ball much earlier not going into tackles that we know we cannot win.

This season so far we have played ten games, winning all of them, some quite easily but others have given us a hard physical game making our players work hard to create any time or space.

The performances have been inconsistent to say the least sometimes playing up to the form expected. However in others you would have thought the players had not seen or played together before.

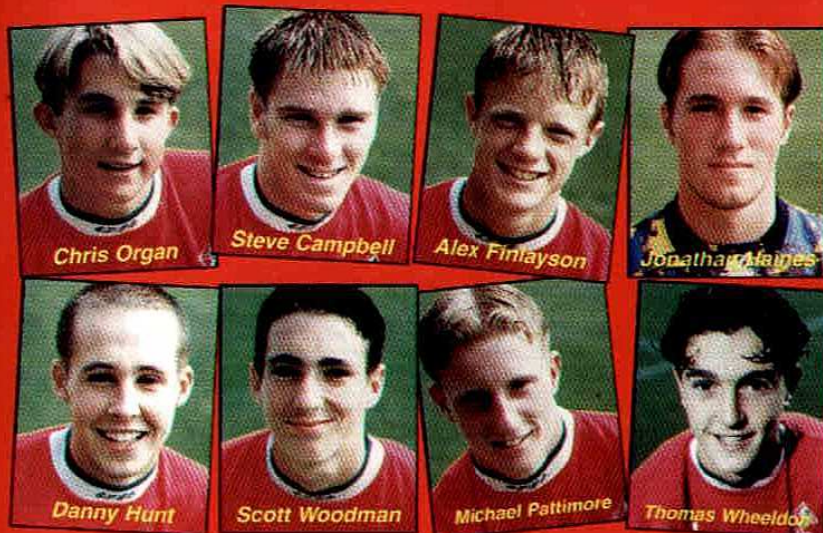
Results are not that important although we always set out to win the game. The improvement and the performance of the individual and the blending of the squad in readiness for next season are the main aims.

South East Counties League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS	
Sat 12 Aug	Barnet	A 1-2
Sat 19 Aug	LUTON TOWN	H 1-3
Sat 26 Aug	Southampton	A 0-2
Sat 02 Sept	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 1-1
Tue 05 Sept	SHREWSBURY TOWN (MYC 2)	H 2-0
Sat 09 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A 1-0
Sat 16 Sept	BARNET (LC1)	H 4-1
Sat 23 Sept	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 0-4
Tue 26 Sept	Cardiff City (SJFC 1)	A 1-0
Sat 30 Sept	READING	H 1-1
Sat 07 Oct	Colchester United	A 0-2
Sat 14 Oct	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 2-1
Sat 21 Oct	Oxford United (LC2)	A 1-1
Mon 23 Oct	LEICESTER CITY (MYC Q/F)	H 1-1
Sat 29 Oct	Oxford United (LC 2R)	A 1-3
Tue 31 Oct	Watford (SJFC 2)	A 2-3
Sat 04 Nov	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 1-1
Sat 11 Nov	Bristol City	A 0-0
Wed 15 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE (FAYC 2)	H 0-2
Sat 18 Nov	WIMBLEDON	H 4-1
Sat 25 Nov	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-1
Sat 02 Dec	Brentford	A 1-2
Wed 13 Dec	Leicester City (MYC Q/F R)	A 2-4
Sat 16 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-3
Sat 06 Jan	Luton Town	A 1-3
Sat 13 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-6
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-0
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A
Sat 10 Feb	Reading	A
Sat 17 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 02 Mar	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 16 Mar	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A
Sat 30 Mar	BRENTFORD	H
TBA	Oxford United	A
TBA	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H
TBA	BARNET	H

All home League games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough kicking off at 11.00am.

First Year Trainees



South East Counties League Division 2 as at 20 January 1996

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	17	7	1	0	6	2	1	52	15	29	37
Wycombe Wanderers	20	5	1	3	5	2	4	31	32	23	-1
Luton Town	18	5	2	3	4	1	3	35	25	21	10
Tottenham Hotspur	19	5	3	1	2	4	4	36	32	21	4
Oxford United	17	4	1	2	5	1	4	33	25	20	8
Brighton & Hove Alb.	17	6	0	4	3	2	2	25	25	20	0
AFC Bournemouth	18	4	2	2	4	2	4	32	34	20	-2
Wimbledon	16	5	1	3	4	0	3	34	21	19	13
Barnet	20	4	3	4	2	4	3	27	26	19	1
Southampton	18	6	1	3	2	1	5	34	19	18	15
Brentford	19	6	2	3	1	2	5	25	32	18	-7
Bristol City	19	1	5	4	4	1	4	28	32	16	-4
Bristol Rovers	18	3	1	5	2	3	4	23	26	14	-3
Swindon Town	18	3	3	3	1	2	6	17	33	13	-16
Reading	19	4	1	4	1	2	7	21	53	13	-32
Colchester United	19	1	3	3	1	1	10	18	41	8	-23

Winning WAYS

By Dave Hollister

**MECCERFLEX
NEST-EGG
UP-DATE**

The winner of the Half-Time Nest-Egg vs Hull City two weeks ago was Mr K Hall of Eldene in Swindon.

Knowing that ticket number 23024 had won him £741, he went for a drink after the game and finally collected his cheque the following Tuesday.

I know Mr Hall and his father quite well. Because of this I cannot draw the same conclusions as you may be doing as to his condition during the missing two days!

Our next Race Night is in the Executive Suite on Friday 1 March 1996. Tickets are £5 each inclusive of a hot meal and free draw. Tables for parties of four or more can be reserved in advance at the Promotions Office.

Following the Fantastic success of our 'Football Brain of 1995' Quiz Night in December, a 'Sports Brain' is being held this Spring. The date for this event is 1 April (by coincidence) and the venue once again is the Executive Suite. Entries will consist of teams of four and application forms are now available from the Promotions Office.

My assistant in Lottery activities is Ralph Whiting. During recent weeks his daughter Tracey, aged 10 has been helping me select the winning Nest-Egg numbers. On the day before the Hull City game she went horse-riding however. Beforehand she told her dad "I'm a bit worried. Will Dave manage without me?"

Believe it or not Tracey, I did... but it wasn't easy!



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DidYOUknow?

Carlisle's oldest player was Bryan 'Pop' Robson who was 39 years and 321 days old when he played against Shrewsbury Town (28/09/85).

Their youngest player is Rory Delap who was just 16 years and 306 days old when he made his debut vs Scarborough (08/05/93).



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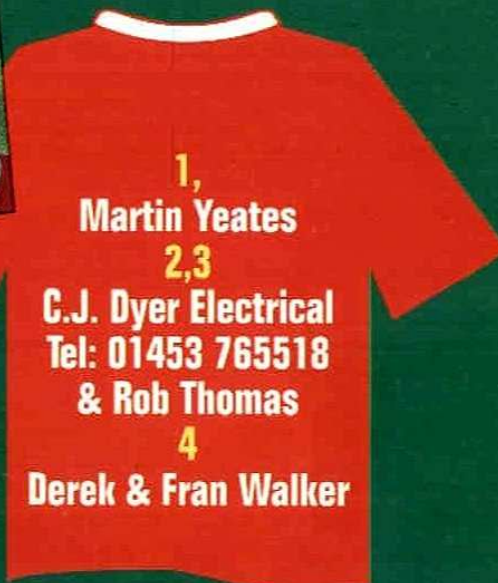
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"Be a friend...Bring a friend!"

Swindon Town vs Brentford
Wednesday 21st February 1996
kick-off 7.45pm



"Be a friend....Bring a friend" is a promotion designed to alleviate the financial pressure on supporters during the excessive number of fixtures during the middle of February.

What is it? - Each Season Ticket holder will be entitled to a **FREE TICKET** for any available seat in the stadium. Simply produce voucher 'P' at The County Ground Box Office before 4.45pm on Tuesday 20th February to claim your ticket. This offer is subject to availability.

Any Other Benefits? - Yes! Concession tickets for any available seat in the stadium have also been reduced to **only £1.00** when purchased with an adult ticket. This can also be used in conjunction with the free ticket!

Who Shall I Bring? - Ideally you should bring a friend who either has never been before or perhaps someone who hasn't been for a long time but it is completely up to you. They will hopefully, having sampled the atmosphere and entertainment, come back to the County Ground again.

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Benno!



By Colin Benson

Blackburn Rovers have Jack Walker; Newcastle United Sir John Hall; Wolverhampton Wanderers Sir Jack Hayward O.B.E., Middlesbrough Steve Gibson and Carlisle United Michael Knighton.

What have they in common? Enthusiasm, a passionate supporter instinct, vision of course and loads of money to help make their dreams come true. But possibly most importantly they have lifted the image of the football club Director out of the doldrums of the cigar smoke filled boardroom on a Monday night, where business acumen often played second fiddle to romantic notions from the local butcher, baker and candlestick maker. Gone is the trilby hat characterisation, replaced by the high-powered, double breasted suit executive.

Mr Knighton's public image is much less conservative than the others I have mentioned and possibly his pockets are not quite so deep but his determination and horizons are no different. One recalls the first time he bounced onto the national stage nearly seven years ago, when he ran out at Old Trafford fully kitted up in Manchester United gear; juggled a ball, flicked it onto his head, let it drop and smashed a shot into the back of the net.

It brought the house down but he failed to score for it was not long before his attempts to buy Manchester United eventually collapsed.

They don't think of him as a fool in Cumbria however. Carlisle were at rock bottom in the Football League when Mr Knighton offered his assistance and told the world he would turn this soccer outpost into a major force. Since then they have won the Third Division Championship - only the second title in the club's history - and been

to Wembley to play Birmingham who won that 1-0 in sudden-death overtime.

There is no sudden-death end to Mr Knighton's ambitions however for football is truly in his blood. His antics at Old Trafford were born out of frustrations of a former Coventry City apprentice whose hoped for career was snuffed out by injury and his great grandfather Willie Layton won League Championship and FA Cup winners medals with Sheffield Wednesday at the turn of the century.

Carlisle's progress towards the Premiership has lost some of its momentum this season but the target is a ten-year plan. The Brunton Park club have, like us, danced with the big boys before for just one season - John Gorman was in their team - and Michael Knighton is determined to make sure that when they get there again it will not be for a one-season stand.

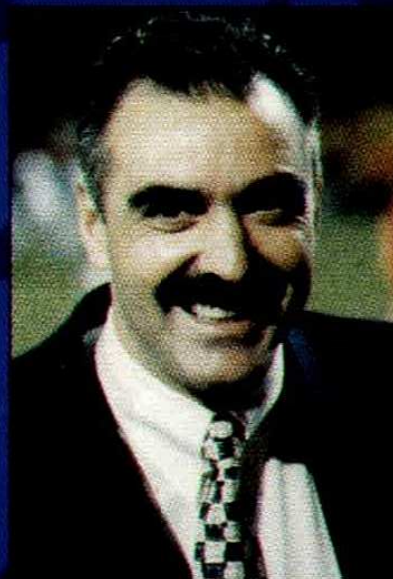
The Chairman's latest scheme to bolster the coffers by £4 million is to sell the club to the fans. He wants 2,500 supporters to pledge £7 a week for five years to buy up a 51 per cent controlling stake. If the fans take it up Carlisle United's progress might well accelerate. I suppose the emergence of such powerful Directors in the game is really only the product of evolution, the coming of the ultimate super-fan. For though supporters on the terraces and in the stands have traditionally distanced themselves from those in the Directors Box when you get down to the nitty gritty they are all of one kind. It is just that the fans who are prepared

to put their money where their hearts and mouths are, are called Directors.

Once upon a time it was names such as Douglas; Milburn; Wright; Clough and Bryan 'Pop' Robson which slipped off the tongue in reference to these clubs. Now Walker, Hall, Hayward, Gibson and Knighton take centre-stage...How times have changed.

I liked this quote from Barcelona goalkeeper Julen Lopetegui on hearing about FIFA's latest crazy proposal to widen goals by the diameter of two footballs.

Said Lopetegui 'I expect the next rule they will impose on us will force us to play with one hand under our backsides.' No doubt Fraser Digby will agree.



John Gorman, former Town boss who starred for Carlisle in their one season in the old First Division.

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Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

Everyone was disappointed at the postponement of our FA Cup tie with Oldham Athletic last Saturday, you feel very flat after building yourself up for something that does not take place. But it is the same for everyone and I'm sure you the supporters felt just as fed up as we did...At least you did not have to come in and do a hard session of sprinting and running on Saturday morning. (We love it really!)

I had a good chance of playing in the Oldham game so am naturally looking forward to today's League fixture with Carlisle United. The FA Cup might provide the glamour - and of course the draw that has given the winner of our tie home advantage in Round 5 against either Southampton or Crewe and has given us an extra incentive to succeed next Wednesday. But we have said all along this season that the League is our main priority. It is most important for us to regain First Division status.

So this afternoon is a very special game for us and it will not be an easy one we know that. They gave us a hard game at Brunton Park last August when Eddie Murray, pushed up into attack for the first time, scored the only goal. Carlisle have improved their form in recent weeks and we will need to be at our best.

Then next Wednesday, as I say, we take on Oldham in the Cup, and we will be virtually playing two games a week from then on. Most players do prefer to play games than train it is true but it can still be a punishing schedule come Easter time.

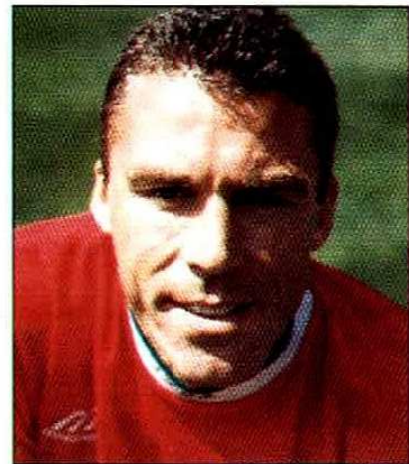
I think what we will want more than anything over this period is for the weather to be kind to us. If we do not get the conditions in which we can play our type of football then life is obviously going to be tougher. We definitely do not want any more postponements to clutter up our diary either.

We need pitches to be in good condition so we can play our football. Our ground staff have been marvellous, the pitch here is in perfect condition, we just have to hope there has been a lull in the freeze so that it is not so hard that it makes it difficult under-foot.

Whenever we get wholesale postponements forced upon us by the weather, as was the case last Saturday, there is always a rumble about having a mid-season break. But when would you have it? Our geographical position is such that you cannot forecast when winter will be at its severest here.

I'm not in favour of it. I prefer to go right through the season as we always have. This year we have had a bit of frost, last year it was rain, but still so what. You miss a couple of games or whatever but if we introduce a break and have similar conditions to those of last week when we come back it is going to be like a stop start season. I know if your results are not good it is not a bad thing but if you are going well it stops you in midstream.

Just missing out last weekend was bad enough. So no I'd much rather have it as it is. They say the League is a marathon, an endurance test, so let's leave it as one.



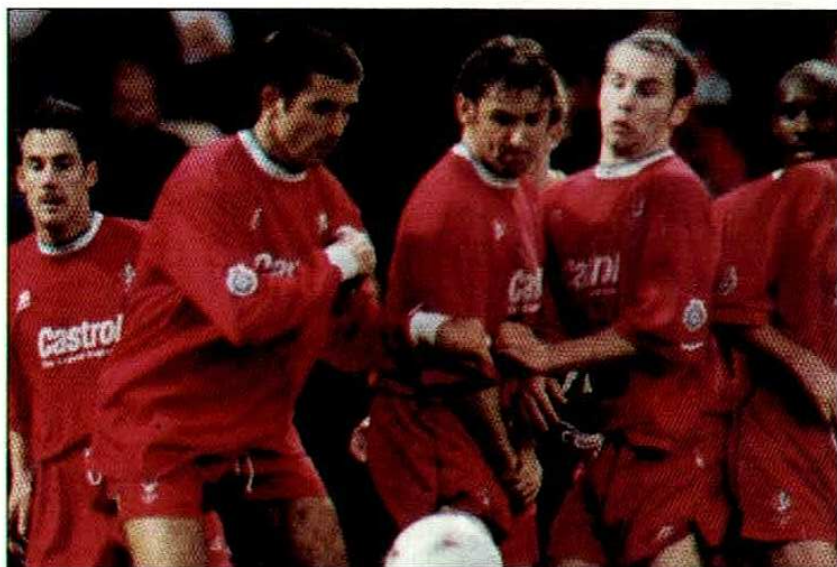
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A 'Search for a Star' began this week in association with the Evening Advertiser and supported by Thamesdown Borough Council.

The idea is to attract as many boys and girls as possible to play football in Swindon and the surrounding areas to create our own hot-bed of soccer.

In the short time I have been Youth Development Officer here at Swindon Town, I felt that the area needed a platform to show how much football means to the people.

The area is full of supporters and players who just love the game and I know that Steve McMahon was pleasantly surprised at the level of support from our fans especially the thousands who travel to away fixtures in all sorts of weather.

With this in mind we have set up a series of Soccer Clinics for the



future development of the game in Swindon with the first major one beginning at the Oasis Leisure Centre under the guidance of my co-ordinator Gary Williams and Ivor Gumm.

The centres are for any person boy or girl, between the ages of 5 and

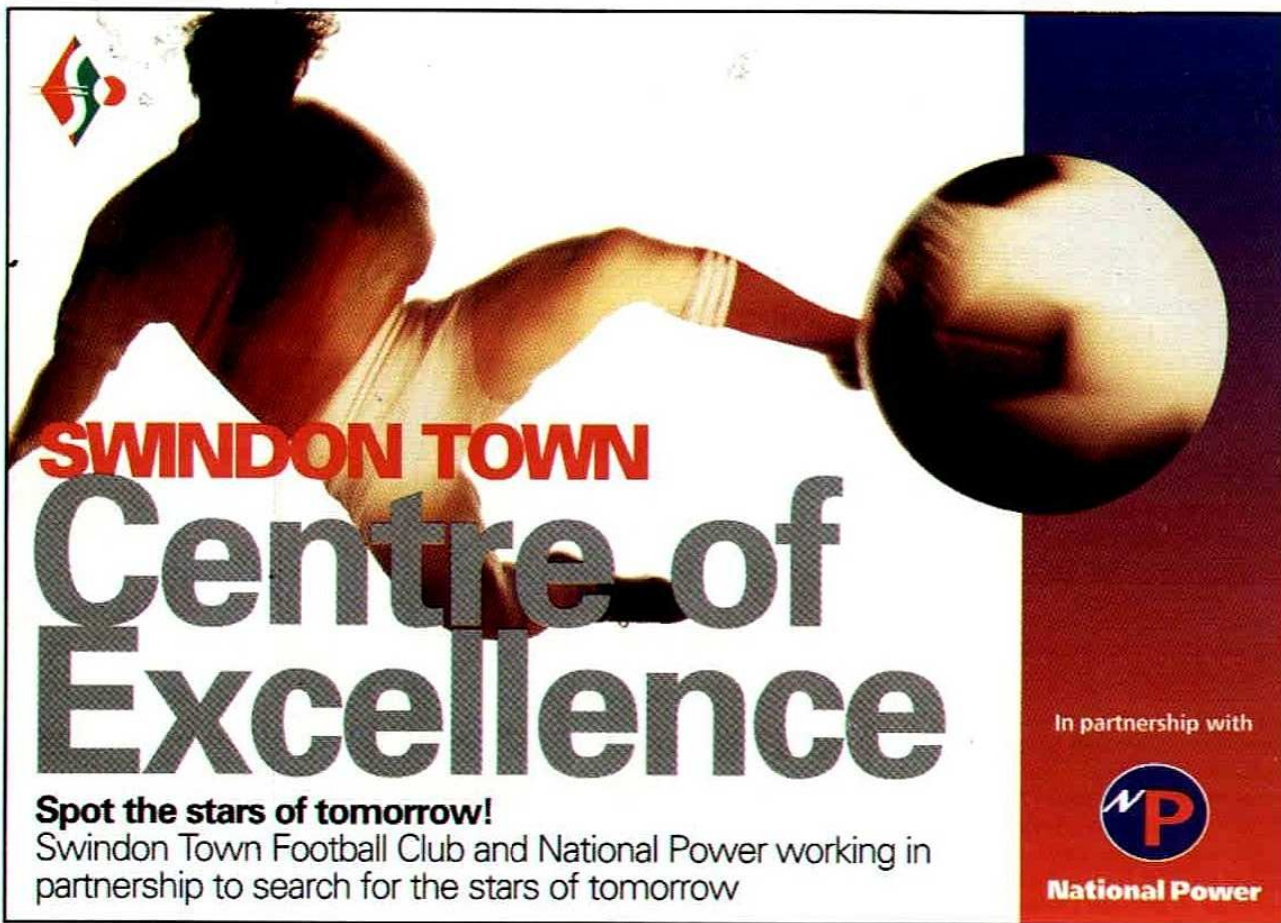
16 with any ability but with a passion for football.

The Centres Football is run by qualified F.A.Coaches and has attracted a lot of local teams who have registered boys on the course in a bid to help them better players in their local Leagues.

The course is designed as a three star system over a six week period.

One star at the end of the six week course signifies that the player is moving towards the standard required, two stars indicates that the player has achieved the standard required for that level and three stars would mean that the player is put forward for assessment for the Swindon Town Centre of Excellence and is the first step towards becoming a star.

For further details on the course please ring Gary Williams at the County Ground on Swindon (01793) 644777.




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Statistics - Season 1

Endsleigh League Division 2 as at 31 January 1996

	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
SWINDON TOWN	25	7	5	1	7	3	2	42	17	50	25	
CREWE ALEXANDRA	25	9	2	1	5	3	5	47	28	47	19	
BLACKPOOL	25	7	3	2	5	5	3	39	25	44	14	
NOTTS COUNTY	23	7	2	3	5	5	1	35	19	43	16	
BRADFORD CITY	27	8	2	3	4	2	8	38	43	40	-5	
CHESTERFIELD	24	8	3	1	3	4	5	36	25	40	11	
BURNLEY	25	7	5	2	3	3	5	39	33	38	6	
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	26	8	3	3	3	2	7	32	36	38	-4	
WREXHAM	25	6	6	1	2	7	3	36	27	37	9	
SHREWSBURY TOWN	26	6	2	5	5	2	6	35	35	37	0	
OXFORD UNITED	25	9	1	2	1	6	6	33	27	37	6	
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	26	4	7	1	4	5	5	32	27	36	5	
BRISTOL ROVERS	26	4	3	6	5	5	3	30	36	35	-6	
WALSALL	24	4	6	2	5	2	5	28	18	35	10	
STOCKPORT COUNTY	26	3	6	4	5	3	5	32	29	33	3	
ROTHERHAM UNITED	26	7	4	3	1	3	8	32	39	31	-7	
BRISTOL CITY	27	5	4	4	2	6	6	25	37	31	-12	
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	24	4	4	4	2	5	5	34	38	27	-4	
BRENTFORD	25	7	1	5	0	5	7	24	31	27	-7	
CARLISLE UNITED	26	4	5	3	1	5	8	31	40	25	-9	
YORK CITY	24	4	3	5	3	1	8	27	39	25	-12	
SWANSEA CITY	25	3	6	3	2	3	8	26	42	24	-16	
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB.	26	3	3	7	3	2	8	23	40	23	-17	
HULL CITY	25	1	5	6	1	4	8	18	43	15	-25	

First Team Appearances as at 22 January 1996

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	11(1)	0	3	1	14(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	23	9	9	3	32	12
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	18(2)	2	7	7	25(2)	3
LEE COLLINS	0	0	1	0	1	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	25	0	8	0	33	0
FRASER DIGBY	15(8)	0	8	0	23(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	5(1)	0	3(1)	0	8(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	19(4)	11	8(2)	4	27(6)	15
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	6(16)	1	4(4)	1	10(20)	2
TONY GRANT	1	1	0	0	1	1
DEAN HOOPER	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	22(1)	6	7(3)	3	29(4)	9
MARTIN LING	5(5)	0	4	1	9(5)	1
STEVE McMAHON	20	0	6(2)	0	26(2)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0
EDWIN MURRAY	3(10)	1	2(3)	0	5(13)	1
LUC NIJHOLT	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	21(3)	3	5(3)	0	26(8)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	25	1	8(1)	0	33(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	16	0	8	0	24	0
ALEX SMITH	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0
FRANK TALIA	5(7)	0	0(1)	0	5(8)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	22	3	10	0	32	3
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	6(5)	4	3(4)	1	9(9)	5

Season 1995/96 Fixtures

Opponents	Res
Sat 12 Aug Hull City	A 1-0
Tue 15 Aug Cambridge United (CCC 1-1)	A 1-2
Sat 19 Aug YORK CITY	H 3-0
Wed 23 Aug CAMBRIDGE UTD (CCC 1-2)	H 2-0
Sat 26 Aug Carlisle United	A 1-0
Wed 30 Aug OXFORD UNITED	H 1-1
Sat 02 Sept Brentford	A 2-0
Sat 09 Sept CHESTERFIELD	H 1-1
Wed 13 Sept BRADFORD CITY	H 4-1
Sat 16 Sept Bristol Rovers	A 4-1
Wed 20 Sept BLACKBURN ROVERS (CCC 2-1)	H 2-3
Sat 23 Sept ROTHERHAM UNITED	H 1-0
Sat 30 Sept Wrexham	A 3-4
Wed 04 Oct Blackburn Rovers (CCC 2-2)	A 0-2
Sat 07 Oct BRISTOL CITY	H 2-0
Sat 14 Oct Brighton & Hove Albion	A 3-1
Tue 17 Oct Torquay United (AWS 1-1)	A 1-1
Sat 21 Oct CREWE ALEXANDRA	H 2-1
Sat 28 Oct Notts County	A 3-1
Tue 31 Oct AFC Bournemouth	A 0-0
Sat 04 Nov BLACKPOOL	H 1-1
Wed 08 Nov COLCHESTER UNITED (AWS 1-2)	H 2-0
Sat 11 Nov CAMBRIDGE UNITED (FAC 1)	H 4-1
Sat 18 Nov Stockport County	A 1-1
Sat 25 Nov SHREWSBURY TOWN	H 0-1
Wed 29 Nov HEREFORD UNITED (AWS 2)	H 0-1
Sat 02 Dec CARDIFF CITY (FAC 2)	H 2-0
Sat 09 Dec Rotherham United	A 2-0
Sat 16 Dec WREXHAM	H 1-1
Sat 23 Dec Walsall	A 0-0
Tue 26 Dec WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 0-0
Sat 06 Jan WOKING (FAC 3)	H 2-0
Wed 10 Jan SWANSEA CITY	H 3-0
Sat 13 Jan York City	A 0-2
Sat 20 Jan HULL CITY	H 3-0
Sat 03 Feb CARLISLE UNITED	H
Wed 07 Feb OLDHAM ATHLETIC (FAC 4)	H
Sat 10 Feb Swansea City	A
Wed 14 Feb BURNLEY	H
Sat 17 Feb Bradford City	A
Wed 21 Feb BRENTFORD	H
Sat 24 Feb BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Tue 27 Feb Chesterfield	A
Sat 02 Mar Wycombe Wanderers	A
Tue 05 Mar Peterborough United	A
Sat 09 Mar WALSALL	H
Sat 16 Mar Burnley	A
Tue 19 Mar Oxford United	A
Sat 23 Mar PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H
Sat 30 Mar Bristol City	A
Wed 03 Apr BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H
Sat 06 Apr NOTTS COUNTY	H
Mon 08 Apr Crewe Alexandra	A
Sat 13 Apr AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 20 Apr Blackpool	A
Sat 27 Apr Shrewsbury Town	A
Sat 04 May STOCKPORT COUNTY	H

FAC = F.A. CUP CCC = COCA-COLA CUP
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Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6,525	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	GOODEN	BODIN o	NIJHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NIJHOLT o	MURRAY
7,746	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	MURRAY	MILDENHALL
6,724	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	FINNEY	HORLOCK 1	HOOPER o	PTMAN	BEAUCHAMP o 1
6,325	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY 1	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	PTMAN	DIGBY
13,041	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,878	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	MURRAY	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
8,687	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY	GOODEN o	DIGBY
8,203	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON 1	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK 1	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,205	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY	HORLOCK 3	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
14,740	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	MURRAY	GOODEN o
8,473	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o 1	THORNE P o	DIGBY
4,296	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 2	GOODEN	FINNEY	BODIN	DIGBY
16,924	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
11,797	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
7,808	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	ALLEN o	MURRAY	GOODEN
1,135	DIGBY	MURRAY	BODIN	ALLEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING 1	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	THORNE G o	O'SULLIVAN o
12,633	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN
8,725	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR 2	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN
6,352	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN o
12,470	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING o	MURRAY	DRYSDALE o
6,222	DIGBY	HOOPER	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	THORNE G	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	McMAHON o	O'SULLIVAN o	THORNE P o 1
7,383	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN 1	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 2	DRYSDALE o	GOODEN o	THORNE P o
7,196	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN	TALIA
9,306	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN o	TALIA
8,650	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	HOOPER	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY o	HORLOCK o	ROBINSON o
8,274	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
3,042	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
8,418	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GOODEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	O'SULLIVAN 1 o	TALIA
5,624	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	O'SULLIVAN o	TALIA
12,976	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	O'SULLIVAN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	LING o	TALIA
10,322	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	McMAHON o	FINNEY o	O'SULLIVAN
6,555	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	SEAGRAVES	ALLEN	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 2	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	FINNEY o	TALIA
3,613	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	FINNEY o	SMITH A o
8,118	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	LING	ROBINSON	GRANT 1	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SMITH A o	O'SULLIVAN o	FINNEY o

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Mike Spearman Chairman

Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = o



Team Sheet



Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	Ian Culverhouse
3	Paul Bodin
4	Ty Gooden
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Shaun Taylor
7	Mark Robinson
8	Martin Ling
9	Peter Thorne
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Wayne O'Sullivan
13	Steve Finney
14	Frank Talia

Team Changes

Carlisle United

1	Tony Caig
2	Darren Edmonson
3	Tony Gallimore
4	Dean Watling
5	Gary Bennett
6	Steve Hayward
7	Paul Murray
8	Dave Currie
9	David Reeves
10	Brian Atkinson
11	Richard Prokas
12	Jamie Robinson
13	Rory Delap
14	Lee Peacock

Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:

A.R. Leake (Darwen, Lancashire)



Linesman (red/yellow flag):

B.P. Bishop (Southdown, Wren)



Linesman (yellow flag):

D.G. Downs (Oldham, Hampshire)

Reserve Official:

S. Habgood (Cricklade, Swindon)



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