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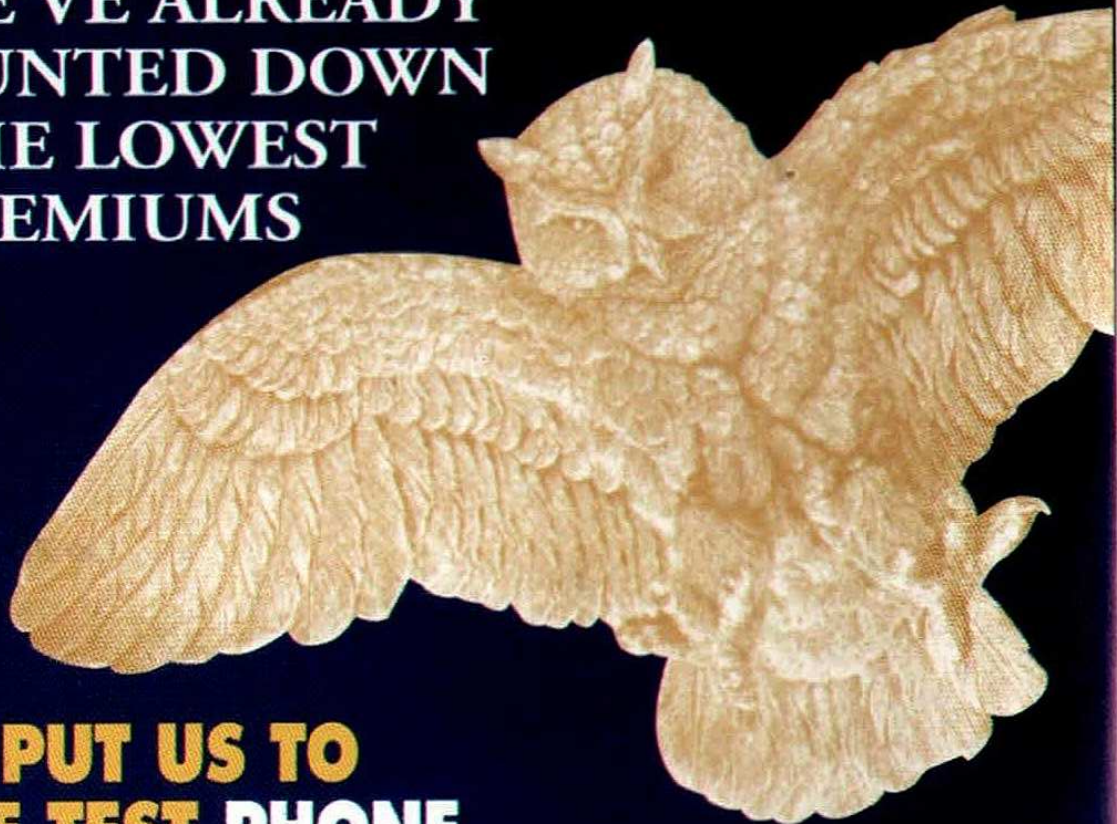


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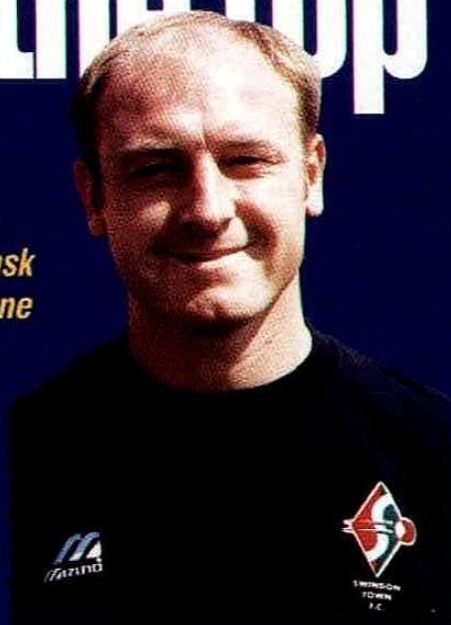
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Front cover photograph:
David Preece - scored a belter against
Crewe last Monday.

From the top

**With Manager
Steve McMahon**

What can I say? The lads did everything we could ask of them over Easter. No one could ask for more than nine points from three games. Yet we got it with Blackpool and Crewe slipping up to make our position even better.



We gave the players a couple of days off to recuperate but now it is back to work. Everyone will be pleased with their achievement over the holiday period, and I can't praise the players highly enough, but this is no time to relax. Promotion to Division One is in our hands and we have to go out there and grasp it.

I made no secret of my disappointment with our performance against Brighton. When you are two goals up you should be able to control the situation. We didn't. We were totally unprofessional that night. I expected and demanded better against Notts County and Crewe and the players responded as we would expect them to.

Our first priority is to make certain of automatic promotion. We can possibly achieve that in the next two games because next Wednesday we are home again to Burnley. But it is up to us.

The lads know what is at stake and that First Division football is theirs for the taking. It is up to them. They know that if they keep their feet on the ground, concentrate on the job in hand, and tackle the next few games in a professional manner they should be able to realise their ambitions.

I have maintained all season that we are the best team in the league and those fans who were at Crewe on Monday must have been convinced of that. We controlled the game against the team that was third in the league. But to prove it conclusively we have to win the Second Division Championship and if we are sensible and keep our heads; keep doing the right things there is no reason why we shouldn't.

This is an exciting time for everyone connected with the Club. I'm absolutely delighted with the last week's work but we must remember it is not over yet. Our destiny starts this afternoon against Bournemouth. If we can maintain our recent form we will be well placed for the final hurdle.

Enjoy the game.

Steve McMahon



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This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of AFC Bournemouth Football Club to The County Ground, for today's Endsleigh League Division 2 fixture.

Ticket Availability



Tickets for our last two home games against **BURNLEY** on Wednesday 17th April and **STOCKPORT COUNTY** on Saturday 4th May are now on sale and selling fast. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment. This can be done either by calling in person to the Advance Ticket Office here at the County Ground or by calling (01793) 529000 and making a booking via credit card.

Supporters should note any tickets purchased for Burnley for the original date of 30th December will be valid for 17th April.

We regret that tickets for our away fixture against **BLACKPOOL** on 20th April are sold out. Please do not travel without a ticket there will be no cash admission on the day.

Our away games at **CHESTERFIELD** and **SHREWSBURY** will be all-ticket and tickets will be on sale from today to Season Ticket Holders only. **CHESTERFIELD** is terracing only and priced at £7.00 with no concessions. **SHREWSBURY** will be mainly terracing with just a few seats and priced at £7.00 for terracing with no concessions and £10.00 for seats, again no concessions.

Tickets for both these games will go on general sale from Saturday 20th April when the Ticket Office will be open from 9.00am until 12.00pm.

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Steve McMahon's Charity Match

We are pleased to announce a charity match that will be played here at the County Ground on Sunday 19th May, 3:00 pm kick-off.

The game will be between our Steve McMahon's celebrity XI and a Nationwide Building Society XI.

Proceeds from the match will be going to The Mitchem Trust, Rikki Hunts "Ultimate Challenge" charity, and The McMillan Nurses Appeal.

It is sure to be a real fun afternoon.

Tickets are £3 adults, £1 concessions and are available from the **STFC Box Office** or by phone on (01793) 529000.

Watch out for details on who will be playing in Steve's team.

Sports Auction

A unique 'Sports Auction' is being organised by Kevin Wilson - Northern Ireland International & Player/Coach at Walsall F.C. All funds raised will be divided between:

The British Sports Association for the Disabled and Turnditch Village School.

There are over 50 sporting items to be auctioned, many donated by major Football Clubs, including a 1996 autographed club shirt from Swindon Town FC.

All bids for the above are to be posted to: 'Sports Auction', Turnditch, Derby, DE56 2LH, stating name, address, telephone number, full description of items and the value of your bid. For an extensive list of the other items please send a SAE to the above address before 10th May 1996. Closing date for all postal bids is 25th May 1996.

Player's Player of the Month

March's Player's Player of the month Award will be presented to the winner before today's game by a Castrol V.I.P. The winner will receive a meal for two at Fattios Italian Restaurant, Highworth.

Swindon Town F.C. are Magic

On Tuesday 11th June 1996 Swindon Town Football Club will present an evening of mystery with the Magic Circle, in aid of charity. The event, organised by Swindon Town's Chairman, Mike Spearman, will be held at the Victory Services Club in Seymour Street, West London and offers a rare opportunity into the mysterious world of Magic.

As part of an overall fund raising drive, all money raised from the evening will go directly to the children's charity, the Mitchem Trust, as part of Rikki Hunt's 'Ultimate Challenge' to the North Pole in April.

The event will be quite unique, as the Magic Circle very rarely opens its doors to the public and the evening will include a sherry reception, a chance to meet leading 'close-up' magicians, a presentation on the history of the Magic Circle, stage performances by some of the worlds leading magicians and of course the company of Mike Spearman.

Tickets cost just £25 and will be sold on a first come first served basis. For further information, contact the Swindon Town Marketing Department on (01793) 532121.



AFC Bournemouth the visitors

By John Nolan

Two wins in twelve games was AFC Bournemouth's form going into Tuesday night's home fixture with Swansea City, the two victories, both 2-1, recorded in March at Shrewsbury town and home to Bristol Rovers.

It has been a rather inconclusive campaign for the men from Dean Court though on the field one has to conclude they have shown improvement. For this time last year the Cherries were fighting to stave off relegation, the nightmare of 1996 has been more of a financial nature.

An outstanding VAT debt left the Club on the brink of extinction until former boss Harry Redknapp bailed them out by taking Scott Mean to West Ham United for £200,000 to clear the bad debt with a further £550,000 to follow.

The Redknapp West Ham connection is very prominent with several former Hammers now parading their skills in the cherry red shirts. Paul Mitchell is the latest to arrive from Upton Park, making the return trip to Dean Court on transfer deadline day. Amongst those who have gone the other way in recent years are Keith Rowland, the Northern Ireland full back, and Matthew Holmes who the Hammers sold to Blackburn Rovers for over a £1 million earlier this season.

Indeed, manager Mel Machin was very active with last minute signings from Celtic, Tottenham Hotspur and Crystal Palace, completing his dealings. Striker John O'Neil arrived from Parkhead for an undisclosed fee. Owen Cole, from Spurs, and Ian Cox from Crystal Palace were on free transfers.

Cole and Cox, who was Bournemouth's, "Man of the Match," made their debuts in the 2-1 win over Bristol Rovers on March 30, while former West Ham striker Steve Jones thrashed in his 17th goal of the season to win the game.

Back in September the Cherries were glistening in third place in the league table but successive defeats away to Notts County and Blackpool, and home to Crewe, sent them tumbling ten places. They have never really recaptured their form since then a succession of injuries depleting the ranks considerably.

Manager Machin had to call upon loan players such as Chris Casper,

who returned to Old Trafford on April 9, after three successful months filling in at centre-half. But the Cherries boss says: "We can make excuses about the key players who have been missing, but I still feel we have individuals with good ability, but they have to sort themselves out and find some character to perform consistently away from home."

The 4-0 defeat at Carlisle last week was their 13th loss away from home. Only goalkeeper Jimmy Glass covered himself with credit with a string of fine saves. The team was: Glass, Young (Mitchell 82), Beardsmere, Coll, Casper (Rawlinson 68), Bailey, Holland, Cox, Jones, Robinson, Brissett (O'Neil 52).

Amongst the youngsters introduced to League football this season are 18 year-old utility player Steve Strong, and 19 year-old forward David Town who actually made his debut the season before last against Reading.

AFC Bournemouth Football Club 1994/95 season



Back Row: Mike McElhatton, Matty Holland, Neil Young, Scott Mean (now at West Ham United), Rob Murray, Jason Brissett.

Middle Row: Larry Clay (Youth & Community Development Officer), Sean O'Driscoll (Youth Development Manager), Steve Fletcher, Adrian Pennock, Alex Watson (now at Torquay United), Ian Andrews, Neil Moss (now at Southampton), Steve Jones, Mark Morris, Jamie Victory, John Williams (Assistant Manager), Steve Hardwick (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Russell Beardsmere, Mark Rawlinson, John Bailly, Mel Machin (Manager), Steve Robinson, Marcus Oldbury, David Town.

AFC Bournemouth



Ian Andrews

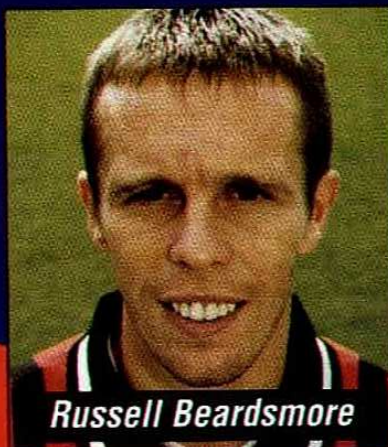
- **GOALKEEPER.** Was hailed as a future England certainty during an outstanding spell with Leicester City when he also played for the England Under-21 side in the mid eighties. The young custodian however made his League debut for Swindon Town when on loan with us in 1984 before returning to make 126 League appearances for Leicester. In 1986 he transferred to Celtic but didn't really settle and after a loan spell with Leeds he signed for Southampton in 1990. Four years later he moved to Dean Court. Made 38 appearance last season and has played 26 games this term but is just coming back after breaking a finger. Born: Nottingham 1-12-64.

John Bailey

- **MIDFIELD.** Recruited in the summer of 1995 from Enfield Town he made his League debut on August 12, 1995, when brought on as a substitute in the 1-0 defeat at Bradford City. A strong right-sided player he has established himself as a regular in the side. Scored his first League goal at Stockport at the end of September and has also netted against Bristol Rovers and Wycombe. Had previous experience with Dagenham before they merged with Redbridge. Born: 6-5-69.

Russell Beardsmore

- **FULL BACK.** Left-sided defender. Russell grew up as a midfield player with Manchester United, winning five caps with England at Under-21 level in 1988-89. Made his League debut against West Ham United in September 1988, coming on for Billy Garton, and played nearly 60 times before joining the Cherries in 1993 after a loan spell with Blackburn Rovers. It was last season that Mel Machin switched him to defence - it proved a masterstroke for he has been outstanding and consistent in this role. Born: Wigan 28-9-68.



Russell Beardsmore

Jason Brissett

- **MIDFIELD.** Was on Arsenal's books as a youngster but was allowed to leave Highbury for Peterborough United. Made six League appearances for Posh in 1994-95 before signing for Bournemouth in December 1994 and making an impression in 24 appearances that season. A consistent performer he scored his first goal in the 2-1 win over Rotherham (2-9-95); and has since found the net twice at Exeter and also against Bristol Rovers and Carlisle. Born: London 7-9-74.

Jimmy Glass

- **GOALKEEPER.** Signed on a free transfer from Crystal Palace on March 3, 1996, he made his debut in the 1-1 draw at Hull City the following day. Jimmy joined Palace as a trainee but made his League bow with Portsmouth when on loan, in February 1995 at Stoke. It was one of three outings he had with Pompey. Went to Gillingham on loan earlier this season, but did not play. With England International Nigel Martyn firmly established in the Palace goal there was no opportunity at Solihurst Park. Height: 6' 4" Born: Epsom 1-8-73.

Matthew Holland

- **MIDFIELD.** A product of the West Ham United academy Matthew displays all the techniques associated with this school of

football. A good passer with fine vision he has also earned a reputation on the south coast for firing in spectacular goals. His enthusiasm knows no bounds - he played with a broken arm against us last October - joined West Ham from School and after the 1991-92 season when he played 14 Reserve games as a sixth former Youth Team player he was given a pro contract. Was unable to graduate into the senior eleven however and signed for Bournemouth, after a loan spell in April 1995. Born: Bury 11-4-74

Paul Mitchell

- **DEFENDER.** Back at Dean Court after leaving the Cherries for West Ham in the summer of 1993 when he signed together with Keith Rowland - the fee for Paul being approximately £40,000. Has made only one appearance for the Hammers and has been injured for most of this season. Returned on a free transfer on transfer deadline day. Born: Poole 20-10-71.

Mark Morris

- **DEFENDER.** Former Wimbledon apprentice he made his debut for the Dons in 1981. Went to Aldershot on loan in 1985 and was transferred to Watford in 1987. Two years later he was with Sheffield United and was in their promotion winning side in 1990. A year later he was pulling on the red shirt of Bournemouth and has now made over 200 appearances for the Cherries. The Club Captain and strong in the air he is one to look for at set pieces. Born: Morden 29-6-62.

Rob Murray

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** Joined the Club as a trainee making his League debut in 1992. Took some time to establish himself, making only 12 league starts in 1993-94 despite scoring eight goals! Then last season he made his mark, after being switched to centre half at Christmas, with 30 League games. Has had some injury problems this season. Born: Hammersmith 31-10-74.

AFC Bournemouth



Marcus Oldbury

- **MIDFIELD.** A diminutive five-foot-seven but brim full of confidence and skill and his cheeky control of the ball makes him a real crowd pleaser. Was with the club as a schoolboy then went off to Norwich City to seek fame and fortune. Completed two years as a trainee and won a pro contract but despite making a scoring debut for the Canaries Reserve side against Spurs he was unable to claim first team recognition. They played him as a left-winger but he prefers a central role. In the summer of 1995 he returned home and made his League debut, as a sub, at Stockport (30-9-95).
Born: Bournemouth 29-3-76.

John O'Neill

- **STRIKER.** Signed from Glasgow Celtic for an undisclosed fee on transfer deadline day he made his League debut in the last six minutes at Burnley on Tuesday April 2, 1996. The following evening John scored a hat-trick and hit a post in a devastating 19-minute spell in a Reserve game against Bath City. An Irishman of 22, he was with Queens Park before moving to Parkhead where he made three senior appearances in total but just one, as a sub in 1994-95.

Mark Rawlinson

- **MIDFIELD.** Learned his trade at Old Trafford where he helped the Manchester United A-Team win the Lancashire League. Was a non playing substitute in United's FA Youth Cup Final team of 1993, which lost to Leeds United; and turned professional that same July. Was released in the summer of 1995 and moved down to Dean Court making his senior bow, as a sub, in the 2-1 win over Luton in the Coca-Cola Cup (22-8-95). Four

days later he came on at Wycombe for his League debut.
Born: Bolton 9-6-75.

Stephen Robinson

- **STRIKER.** A former Irish Schoolboy International (10 caps). Stephen has also been capped by Northern Ireland at Under 15, 16, 18 and 21 levels. He started his career with Tottenham Hotspur, joining their trainee ranks in 1991, and turning professional in 1993. Failed to break into the senior ranks and moved to Bournemouth in 1994, making his League debut against Bradford in August '94. Scored five goals in 32 league outings in 94-95.
Born: Lisburn 10-12-74.

Jamie Victory

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** Another graduate from West Ham United great things were expected from him after he picked up the Young Player of the Year award at Upton Park. But competition is stiff there and he was unable to dislodge the senior establishment and played alongside Adrian Whitbread in the Hammers Reserve side last season. In the summer of 1995 he joined the Cherries and made his League debut at Notts County (9-9-95). Scored his first ever League goal in the 1-0 win over Brentford (18-11-95). Born: 14-11-75.

Neil Young

- **RIGHT BACK.** A former Tottenham Hotspur junior - he was with Spurs from his schoolboy days - he earned professional status in 1991. Unable to break into the senior side he went for a brief spell on loan to Sweden to gain experience and in the summer of 1994 was released to join AFC Bournemouth. Made 32 League appearances last season and is now a regular selection.
Born: Harlow 31-8-73.

AFC Bournemouth Football Club Season 1995/96 Endsleigh League Division 2

Bradford City	A	0-1
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	3-0
Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1
WREXHAM	H	1-1
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	2-1
Notts County	A	0-2
Blackpool	A	1-2
CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	0-4
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	H	3-1
Stockport County	A	1-3
Bristol Rovers	A	2-0
BURNLEY	H	0-2
Swansea City	A	1-1
CARLISLE UNITED	H	2-0
SWINDON TOWN	H	0-0
Walsall	A	0-0
BRENTFORD	H	1-0
Chesterfield	A	0-3
Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-2
STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	3-2
HULL CITY	H	2-0
Oxford United	A	0-2
SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	0-2
BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1
Peterborough United	A	5-4
BRADFORD CITY	H	3-1
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	2-3
Bristol City	A	0-3
BLACKPOOL	H	1-0
Rotherham United	A	0-1
Crewe	A	0-2
NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-2
OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1
Hull City	A	1-1
Wrexham	A	0-5
YORK CITY	H	2-2
Shrewsbury Town	A	2-1
York City	A	1-3
BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-1
Burnley	A	0-0
Carlisle United	A	0-4
SWANSEA CITY	H	3-1

the man in charge



Mel Machin

Mel Machin was appointed AFC Bournemouth's manager in September 1994 when the team was bottom of Division Two and earmarked for relegation. It took all his

considerable coaching skills to turn things around but he did it and halted a slide that had seen them fall from the old Second Division.

It perhaps was not such a surprise to those close to him for Mel is no Stranger to Dean Court. As a stylish fullback or midfield player he shared in some of the great days there under John Bond between 1970 and 1973.

Staffordshire born Mel represented Stoke-on-Trent Schoolboys before joining Port Vale as an apprentice in 1960. He was a striker in those days and made his League debut three years later. In July 1966 he moved to Gillingham.

When John Bond quit Bournemouth to become manager of Norwich City

he took Mel with him. Although then recognised for his defensive qualities he did score a hat-trick for the Canaries in a 3-1 win at Nottingham Forest in October 1974.

His last game was played on 17th September 1977, retirement forced upon him after injuring a knee playing for the Seattle Sounders in the USA that summer. Norwich gave him a coaching job and he went on to forge a great partnership with Ken Brown.

In May 1987 he decided to take the plunge and became manager of Manchester City. He took them back to Division One but was not allowed to finish the job and was cruelly sacked in November 1989. Two months later he was installed as Barnsley's boss and had some success with the Tykes until resigning in 1993.

Under the Spotlight

Steve Jones is a bubbly sort of character whose direct style and ferocious appetite for goals makes him a threat to any defence.

Born in Cambridge on March, 17, 1970, Steve first came to prominence as a striker with non-League Billericay. Harry Redknapp, then Billy Bonds' assistant at West Ham, spotted him in November 1992 the Hammers investing £22,500 in his future.

Steve was 22 and the step-up from non-League football was quite a challenge. While he rattled in the goals in Reserve Team football - he was the Hammers' leading scorer in the Combination for two successive seasons - it took him 14 months to make an impression in the first team.

In one remarkable week he hit the headlines. Following a prominent role, and a great goal, in a 3-3 draw with Norwich City which was



Steve Jones

screened live on Sky. Jones crashed in an unstoppable equaliser at Notts County in the FA Cup. The Jones boy had arrived in the big time or so it seemed.

Alas, it was not to be. Thrown in to try and turn a struggling team's fortunes around he was never given an extended run and so was unable to establish the confidence needed to bring out the best in him. In and

out of the side he was to finish his West Ham career with statistics of 4 goals in 8(8) League appearances and one goal in 2(2) FA Cup outings.

In October 1994 Steve signed for AFC Bournemouth after an impressive two-game trial and the goals so anxiously sought after at Upton Park began to flow. In 32 League and Cup appearances in 1994-95 Steve registered 8 league and one cup goal to finish as the Cherries top scorer.

He opened his account this season in a 1-1 draw at Luton in the Coca-Cola Cup and in the first home fixture, against Peterborough United, slammed in a hat-trick.

A strong running attacker with defence destroying pace he is a hard worker and brave when it comes to physical contact. His winner against Bristol Rovers was his 17th goal of the season and ended a run of ten games without a strike. He netted his 18th goal against Swansea.

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Preview

HAPPY EASTER - You bet! The eggs were piling up in the Swindon Town basket for not only did we take a maximum nine points from our three fixtures but Blackpool, Crewe and Notts County all slipped up.

Mind you two of them, Notts County and Crewe, had to play us so what did they expect but Blackpool must feel like burying their heads in their famous golden sands after losing 1-0 at Oxford and 2-1 at home to Rotherham United. Yes Rotherham, who had only previously won once away from home.

So we are back where we belong on top of Division Two. Everyone knew that Blackpool's stint at the top was only for a limited period and with four games to go they badly need to return to winning ways this afternoon at Twerton Park against a Bristol Rovers side that could still make the play-offs.

The important thing for us is that we have opened up an eleven point lead over third placed Oxford United whose maximum achievable points total is now 85 points. Notts County, by virtue of their games in hand could score 87 points.

Thus at this moment in time theoretically we need seven points from seven games to guarantee automatic promotion to Division One a task which in itself would seem quite comfortable - and of course the actual target will be less than this for it assumes our rivals will win every game which on current form seems highly unlikely.

Oxford United are the current form team besides us but they are without a game this week-end - they should be home to Shrewsbury Town who are playing Rotherham United in the Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley tomorrow - and could lose momentum.

Notts travel to Brentford who are unbeaten in their last five home games, three of which they have won, and might have to settle for a point. The Bees have started buzzing with a 1-0 win at Peterborough last Monday the latest sting in their tail.

Chesterfield, remain the dark horses. They have won more games at home than we have and will fancy to add to that 13 win tally against Bristol City today.

Shaun Taylor says he was surprised by Crewe's lack of ambition against us on Monday but today they will surely exert their superiority over the toothless tigers of Hull City. This has got to go down as an away win.

Bradford City's play-off ambitions will be tested at Walsall where Chris Nicoll's team are enjoying a mini-revival though their run was ended by a 3-0 defeat at Wrexham on Monday. Even so a draw here will be seen as good value for the Yorkshire Club.

As Stockport are without a game because of that AWS Final Bristol Rovers and Wrexham could leap-frog them if they pull off wins this afternoon.

At the bottom Hull are fighting valiantly 4-2 they beat Wycombe and 0-0 - it was at Stockport over Easter - but they look doomed. Swansea take on Brighton in a virtual six pointer while Carlisle, home to Wrexham, and Burnley, home to Peterborough United, need nothing short of victory to help their respective causes.

York City too need the points more than do Wycombe Wanderers and should continue the run that earned four points over Easter with a 3-1 win over Peterborough and 1-1 draw at Ashton Gate.

BLACKPOOL
Bristol Rovers
Swindon Town
Walsall
York

CREWE
Hull City
Rotherham Utd
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Kevin Horlock - Two great match-winning goals over Easter.

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Robins in Action

Swindon Town vs Notts County

Goal Hero KEVIN HORLOCK goes on the run.



STEVEN COWE worries the Notts County goalkeeper.



Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

I want to start off by congratulating the players on a marvellous job don over Easter. it is not easy when games come on top of each other as they have in the last week yet everyone rolled their sleeves up and showed a great professional attitude.

Easter is always a special time for football but I don't think I can recall a more successful one than this. When we looked at the fixtures at the beginning of the season we looked at the Easter holiday schedule and thought it would be a real crunch time.

Notts County at home and Crewe away, two sides who are expected to be there or thereabouts so if we could come through those games unscathed then we had got to be doing well.

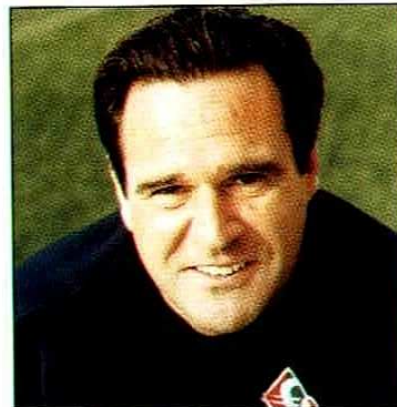
As it happened we also had to fit in the game against Brighton which had been postponed because of the bad weather earlier in the year so this was an added test for the

lads and as you know they came through with a hundred per cent success record to lift us back to the top of Division Two.

It is a real credit to everybody involved particularly as in the last two games we came through with clean sheets.

The Crewe match on Monday didn't turn out to be the crunch game we had anticipated because of their recent slump and to some extent we were disappointed in the way they played, although saying that I was quite delighted, but we were a little bit mystified in the way they played.

It seemed to us as if they couldn't



raise their game on the day and we did expect them to be really flying and hammering us. It didn't materialise like that and we were quite surprised that we had so much control of the game. We never looked in any danger.

But Easter '96 was a job well done and now we have to concentrate on finishing off our task in the coming games.

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TreatmentRoom

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

STEVE FINNEY - Saw a specialist earlier this week and was given good news in respect that he received the all clear to start a more vigorous training programme.

This means that not only is the injury healing well but he can increase his work load and we are able to work the ankle more aggressively, redeveloping the calf and proprioception work, which is really "balance".

This is a great step-forward for Steve for providing he continues to progress at this rate he will be looking to start light-running and jogging work in approximately ten days which is ahead of the timetable we expected.

Once he gets into this his workload will increase further with sprinting,

twisting and turning, and the reintroduction of ball-work.

The specialist was very pleased with Steve's progress so far and of course this has been a great boost to the player.

TY-GOODEN - Went into hospital yesterday for a hernia operation. We should know by now how successful this has been.

EDDIE MURRAY - Our only other casualty strained the upper thigh on his right leg while training with the reserve team squad. Eddie has already missed last Wednesday's reserve team game against



Brighton but we are hopeful he will be returning to play some part in next week's fixtures.

The Swindon Town Shadow Board

We had expected to be able to announce the results from our 'Great Ideas' competition in the Notts County programme. The response from Swindon supporters has been so good that we need more time to judge all of the entries and decide which of your ideas deserves the Executive tickets prize. Thank you to everyone who entered and contributed to the bulging mailbag which confronted us. We hope to complete judging so that we can announce the winner in the Stockport programme - the prize will now be tickets for a match early next season, hopefully in Division 1!

Don't forget that our next Open Forum is here at the County Ground on 18 April - tickets are still available from the Matchday ticket office and we look forward to another big crowd and a lively debate. Send your questions to the Shadow Board on a comments card and if your question is selected you will have the opportunity to pose it directly to our panel yourself.

Finally please contact us if you had any difficulty obtaining a copy of our newsletter and we will happily post one to you.

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



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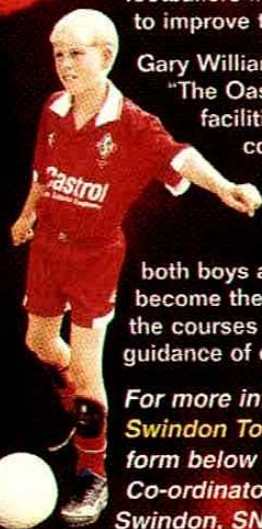
In the Community



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The week commencing 15th April will see Swindon Town's hugely successful Soccer Centres, supported by Thamesdown Borough Council, enter their third term.

Due to the success of the courses at the Oasis Leisure Centre, Swindon Town are pleased to announce the opening of the second Soccer Centre at the Link Centre in West Swindon. Courses at the Link Centre will cater primarily for the younger age group of (5 - 11 year olds) and budding footballers in the West Swindon area now have the opportunity to improve their soccer skills.



Gary Williams, the Soccer Centres Co-ordinator, commented: "The Oasis has been a successful venue as it has first class facilities both inside and out and with demand for the courses being so high, we now have the opportunity to open our second Soccer Centre, with the help of Thamesdown Borough Council".

The Swindon Town Soccer Centres are open to both boys and girls of any ability and whether you want to become the next football sensation, or you just enjoy the game, the courses offer a unique insight into football under the guidance of qualified coaches in a fun environment.

For more information, please contact Gary Williams at Swindon Town FC on (01793) 644777, or complete the form below and send it to Gary Williams, Soccer Centres Co-ordinator, Swindon Town FC, The County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.

Courses at the Link Centre will start this Monday (15th April):

Mondays 4:30pm - 5:30pm and 5:30pm - 6:30pm for 5 - 8 year olds
Thursdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm and 5:30pm - 6:30pm for 9 - 11 year olds

Courses at the Oasis will also resume on Monday 15th April:

Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm for 9 - 11 year olds
Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm for 12 - 14 year olds
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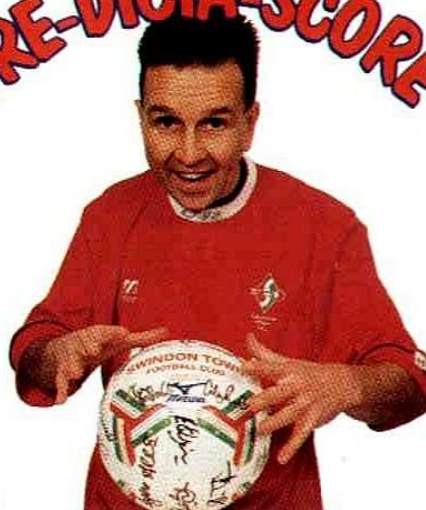
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Home & Away



Well, we're off again! This time it's our long awaited game against Blackpool followed just three days later by another trip Northwards to Chesterfield.

Blackpool

Route To Blackpool

Depart Swindon on the A345 bearing right onto A4311. Turn left onto A419 and then onto A429 (Stow). Turn off onto A417 (Winstow) for approximately 18 miles and then take A40 east (Cheltenham). Take M5 joining the M6 (Stafford). At Jct 32 turn off onto M55 and leave M55 at Jct 4 onto A583 (Blackpool). Turn off onto A5073 and take A5099 for a quarter of a mile turning into Bloomfield Road for Blackpool F.C.

Chesterfield

Route To Chesterfield

As per route to Blackpool to M5. At Jct 4a on the M5 turn off onto M42 then at Jct 11 take A42 north (Measham) to M1. Leave M1 at Jct 29 and follow A617 for approximately 5 miles taking B65051 and then the B6051 which will take you to The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield F.C.

Ticket Office Opening Times

Mon - Thurs	9 a.m. - 4.45 p.m.
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Saturday	9 a.m. - 12 noon

Phone bookings (01793) 529000

TRAVEL CLUB

Blackpool - Fare £12.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 9.00am

Chesterfield - Fare £10.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 2.45pm

Bookings taken at the Travel club Office in the Castrol Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Telephone Marlborough (01672) 540330 or at the Information Centre in Regent Street. Pick-up points are available, please enquire when booking. A 50% reduction available for all children accompanied by an adult.

S.A.S. TRAVEL

Blackpool - Fare £13.00

Depart	West Swindon	8.15am
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Chesterfield - Fare £9.00

Depart	West Swindon	2.15pm
	County Ground	2.30pm
	Ermin Street	2.45pm



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

Bookings taken on Swindon (01793) 825835 - 24 hour service. County Ground Office open Tuesday - Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., Thursday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. and before every home game. All coaches are non-smoking and fitted throughout with seat belts and have a hostess service. Bookings also taken in association with SILVER KNIGHT Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. on Chippenham (01249) 720360. Reductions available for Junior Robins.

Steven Cowie

Talks to Colin Benson

CB: Welcome to Swindon Town Steve. Can you tell us something about your background. How did you come into football?

SC: I signed for Aston Villa as a schoolboy. I was 15 or 16, got my apprenticeship and came through that and was given professional status.

I have been a pro for three years and it has all taken off from there really.

CB: Where did Aston Villa spot you?

SC: I was playing for my District in a tournament in Coventry and afterwards had a few clubs interested in me. I went to Villa for a trial and it went from there.

CB: So who were the big influences on you at Villa Park?

SC: It was the time of Alan McNally. The Club were having a good spell and they treated me that well it made a big impression.

I went to a few others to have a look around and decided Aston Villa would be the best to start my career at.

CB: Were you a striker then?

SC: Well, I was a striker come midfielder or whatever, anywhere I think. I was small then and did not grow much so they put me up front and I worked at playing this role and think that it is my best position anyway.

CB: Yes, you are very sharp and have a good quick turn haven't you?

SC: I like to think so (he laughs).

CB: Any first team experience with Aston Villa?

SC: No. I was in the travelling

squad six or seven times. I was just starting to knock on the door when all this came about really.

CB: did you have any second thoughts. The fact that you were with a big club like Villa who had just won the Coca-Cola Cup. Everything is buzzing. It must be great if you can get in that side and play alongside the likes of Dwight Yorke?

SC: Yes. Obviously I had second thoughts but on reflection I thought this was the best move for my career. It would have been silly not to take the chance.

It is a chance and now it is up to me to make the most of it myself.

CB: You were with us for a week then it was off to Wembley to celebrate that Coca-Cola Cup Final. Must have been quite an experience?

SC: It was a brilliant day, a great day. The celebrations afterwards you could say were very good....very, very good in fact.

We were all delighted. It was not just the team but everyone at the club was involved and with the FA Cup semi-final also coming up the following week the whole atmosphere was one of excitement. We made the most of it and then got down to the business again. Unfortunately they lost the semi-final but it has been a great season for them and it was nice to be with them.

CB: You were still a Villa man then of course, with us on loan. Now you are a Swindon man what are

your early impressions?

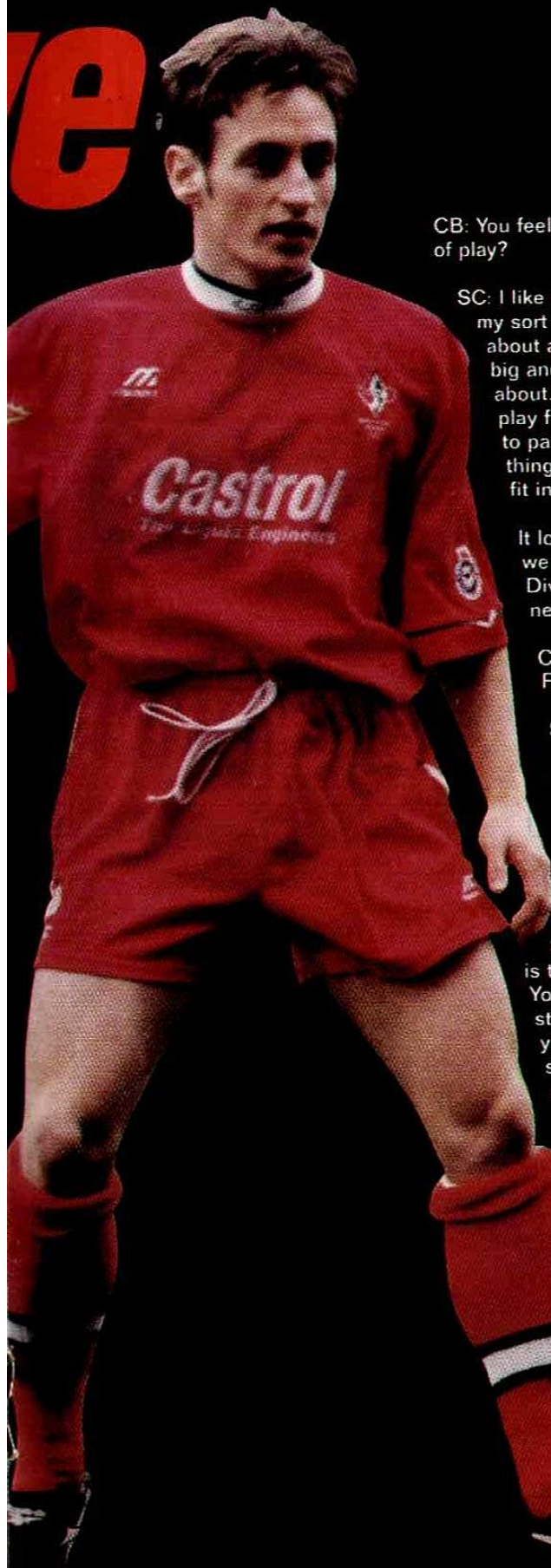
SC: The Club is going places isn't it. You can tell that by the way they are playing; the staff and all that they have got the club back to where it was again and hopefully we can go on from that.

CB: Steve, you came here on loan initially so no doubt you thought this is a chance to gain some experience. What came about to change things and make it a permanent transfer?

SC: I'm not sure to be honest. The Gaffer brought me here on loan to start with. I'm not sure if it was something to do with the two clubs or what. But he said he was looking to sign me on a permanent basis and within a week it had all gone through and I'd signed for Swindon Town.

CB: It all happened so quick you couldn't keep pace?

SC: Yeah. Even the loan business was sprung on me before I knew what was happening. I didn't find out until a day or two before.



CB: You feel you fit into this system of play?

SC: I like to think so. They play my sort of football; knock it about a bit. Obviously I'm not big and able to put myself about, but yeah. They like to play football on the floor, like to pass it and that sort of thing so hopefully I will fit in.

It looks inevitable now that we will be playing First Division Football next season.

CB: Was that a deciding Factor with you?

SC: Definitely yes.

CB: How did you see yourself fitting in because, no disrespect to you, we have some good quality strikers here?

SC: None taken... But it is the same everywhere. You have to have a good strong squad and force your way in on the strength of your own performances. Hopefully I will be able to get myself in there at some stage and then go from there and hope it takes off.

CB: The Gaffer is always emphasising the importance of the squad system and with two games a week it would seem the opportunity will arise before the end of the season.

SC: I like to think so. You just have to take things as they come. I have the next couple of years ahead of me so I want to make the most of what is happening now and really get down to it in training to establish myself as a regular next season.

CB: Do you prefer to play up off the target man or to sit in behind the two front men?

SC: I can always do that, as I did when I came on against Brighton. But I like to think of being up there with my back to defenders and that sort of thing. A front-line attacker.

CB: How difficult is it to try and make an impression when you come on for just a short while near the end of a game?

SC: It is very difficult at times. It depends on the way the game is going of course. But you just have to try your best for the team and hopefully the performance will take care of itself then.

CB: Do you come from a footballing family?

SC: Well my Dad was actually a schoolboy with Brighton and my Uncle played for Brighton as well.

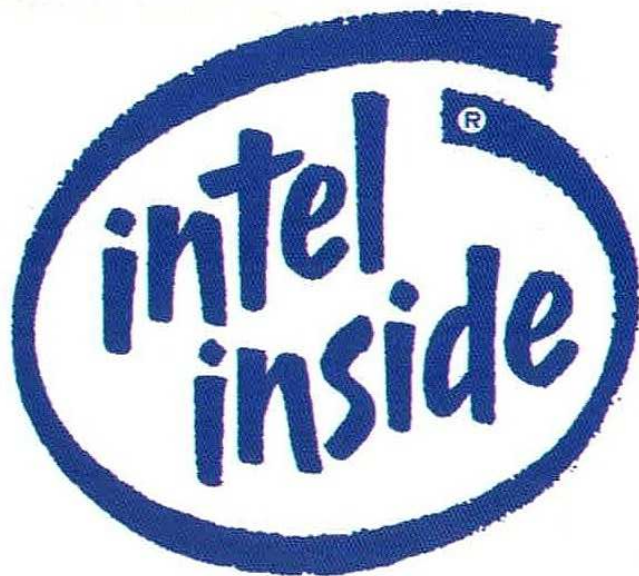
CB: Really because your family don't come from there do they?

SC: No, they actually come from Gloucester, but he got spotted by Brighton and was there a while.

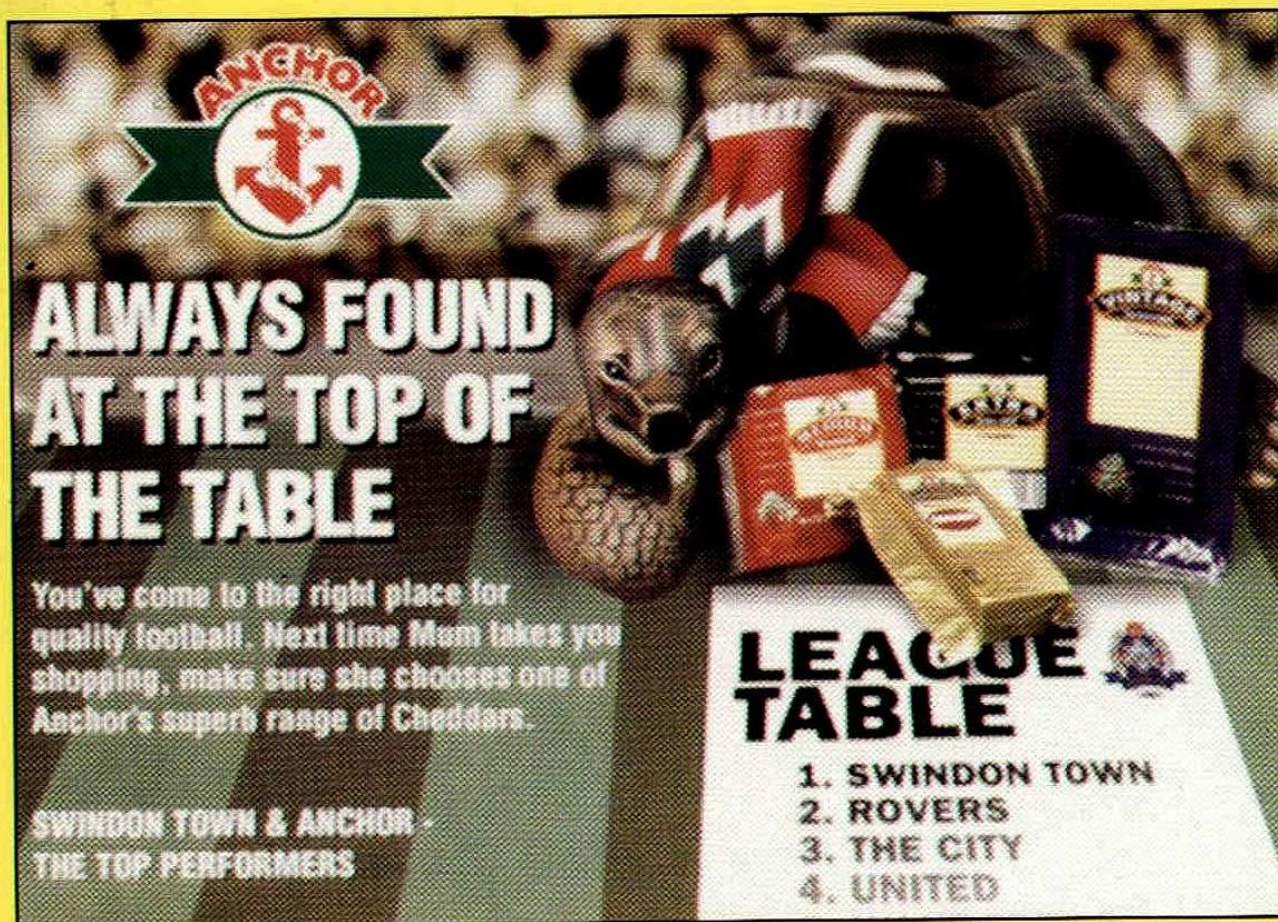
CB: So when Brian Little told you Swindon were interested you didn't have to look at the map?

SC: No. It has worked out well for me with being local so I was delighted.

CB: Well let's hope this is the start of a great career.



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That has to be one of the best Easters on record. The lads played out of their skin against Notts County and then, 48 hours later, demolished Crewe in their own backyard.

I think the Gaffer can afford to smile a bit now, and who wouldn't when Kevin Horlock produces last minute winners of the calibre he did against Notts County. Their keeper saved everything in sight all afternoon and then Kev beats him with his back to goal! If you couldn't make that game, you should have heard the roar that went up when I announced the Oxford versus Blackpool result: Oxford winning 1-0 and scorer..... unbelievably was Joey Beauchamp. I always knew Joey's heart was in the right place I just wish I hadn't had to wait two years to witness it! Can anyone stop us now?

Once the season is all over and confined to the record books, we will be asking you to turn up one more time at The County Ground on May 19th for a game involving Steve McMahon's Celebrity XI. I understand that my name is first on the team sheet, as you would expect. Forget Ferdinand and Finney - here comes Hot Shot Horne. I know Macca has had his eye on me for some time but we were never able to agree terms! I hope both our respective hamstring injuries have recovered in time!

Finally Horne's Howler....Stuart Mac from the Beeb is also rumoured to be in Macca's celebrity eleven. Isn't that the funniest thing you've heard all season?

The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

Good afternoon to all Junior Robins, the Junior Cherries of Bournemouth and of course, Robert Disney and Ashley Hurcombe, who each won a pair of tickets for today's game in March's Newsletter competition. I hope you all have a great afternoon at the County Ground.

BLACKPOOL TRIP

In April's Junior Robins Newsletter, one of the many exciting happenings includes a trip to Blackpool on Saturday 20th. As you can imagine, places on this popular trip are going fast and you have until Friday 19th April to book your seats. As you can appreciate, it will be a long journey so there will be no morning activities although the coach's facilities include a toilet, video and there will be a couple of stops en route.



TRAINING SUMMER BREAK

Unfortunately, there will be no Junior Robins training over the Summer Holidays. The last Monday session will be on 29th April 1996. However, to stop you suffering from football withdrawal, I will be organising several day-trips and events to keep you busy over the summer. If you have any recommendations for summer activities or places to visit, please drop me a line.



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Sharpe on the birth of their daughter Lauren Jade who at only 1 week old is a welcome addition to the Junior Robins!

Today's Lucky Mascots



Mark Wroe, from Calne, is 12 years old. He attends the John Bentley School, where he also plays as goalkeeper for the School team. Besides football, Mark also enjoys fishing and rugby. I am sure he will enjoy meeting his favourite player, Wayne Allison, today.



13 year old Alex Bottomley from Melksham, Wilts attends St. Laurence School. His many hobbies include swimming, basketball and golf and he plays in midfield for Melksham F.C. Apart from Swindon Town, he is a fan of Southampton, his favourite player being Matt Le Tissier.



Jack Bottomley, aged 9 and brother of Alex attends Seend School. He enjoys music, basketball and especially football, as he plays for Shaw and Whitley in midfield. Jack also has a second team, Blackburn, his favourite player being Alan Shearer.

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Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

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Swindon Town Golf Day

Following the success of last years exciting event we are pleased to announce that our Golf Day will be on **Monday 15th July 1996** at The Wiltshire Golf Club (formerly Wootton Bassett Golf Club) You can enter a four man team for only £250.00 + VAT or a three man team for £225 + VAT with the extra team member being a Swindon Town F.C. celebrity. Included will be 27 holes of Golf, lunch, dinner and all prizes. The event will again be sponsored by Mizuno.

To book your team phone Tracy Bond in The Marketing Dept on Swindon (01793) 532121.

Swindon Town Crèche

This is a new and exciting service brought to you by Swindon Town Football Club and Thamesdown Borough Council. From now until the end of the season 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.



Marching Bands Display

We are pleased to host a Marching Bands Display here at The County Ground on Saturday 25th May 1996. All funds raised will go to The Army Benevolent Fund. For further details see page 30.

Presentation Time



Mike Spearman, STFC Chairman, presents John Rendell from Ernst & Young with a signed framed shirt. Ernst & Young were Matchday Sponsors against Brighton & Hove Albion.



Wayne Allison presents a signed Football to Chris Jones and his guests from Thamesdown Computers who were Matchball Sponsors against Brighton & Hove Albion.



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Swindon Town Ladies



Swindon Town Ladies lost their first league game of the season when they were beaten 5-3 in a top of the table clash with Reading Royals, on the County Ground Extension.

Within the first 30 minutes the Town had lost a key defender and conceded three goals. Not the best of starts against the Royals. The Town gained a glimmer of hope when Pam Laker calmly slotted home a penalty but we then fell further behind again when a long lob forward landed in the net.

Justine Hume pulled one back after a neat build up with Nadine Lloyd. Just after the restart Royals scored a fifth as the Town pushed forward. From then on the Town were in control but could create few openings through the tight Reading defence.

Sarah Privett was able to pick up a loose clearance to score her first goal of the season. It was a disappointing end of the season and although every player had given their all; on this occasion it just wasn't to be.

This was the first League game that the Town had ever lost in the three years since they were formed.

The Town have booked one of the promotion spots but must now await Reading to complete their five remaining League fixtures to know whether they go up as Champions.



By Roger Reeves

The Town have lost one and drawn one, and the Royals have lost just one game. The draw against bottom place Carterton back in January split the two clubs.



Town full-back Vikki McCann and Royal's winger Susanna Abbot clash.



Town's Justine Hume beats Royal's Emily Wilkinson to score the Town's second goal.

Result:
Southern Region League - Division 2
Swindon Town 3 Reading Royals 5

Scorers: Laker, Hume, Privett

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

Subs: Mackeddle, Martin.

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 (LCPRI)	A 4-0
Sun 14 Jan	Carterton	H 1-1
Sun 21 Jan	Oxford University	A 5-3
Sun 4 Feb	Thame	H 2-0
Sun 18 Feb	Oxford United (LC1)	H w/o
Sun 3 Mar	Leighton Linslade	H 12-0
Sun 10 Mar	Aldershot (LC2)	A 10-1
Sun 17 Mar	Carterton	A 3-0
Sun 24 Mar	Reading Royals (LC3)	H 2-7
Sun 31 Mar	Reading Royals	H 3-5

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

Southern Region League Division 2 as at 9 April 1996

	HOME			AWAY			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWINDON TOWN	18	16	1	1	110	17	49
Reading Royals	13	12	0	1	68	16	36
Thame United	15	11	1	3	50	18	34
Gosport	16	10	0	6	57	38	30
Oxford University	13	6	1	6	37	27	19
Milton Keynes United	14	4	5	5	28	42	17
Basingstoke Town	14	4	0	10	20	64	12
Eastleigh	16	2	1	13	21	73	7
Leighton Linslade	13	2	1	10	10	69	7
Carterton	16	1	2	13	9	46	5

Player Appearances as at 9 April 1996

	Apps	Goals
Kerle Garwood	22	41
Jane Hawkins	1	0
Justine Hume	15	5
Pam Laker	18	10
Nadine Lloyd	22	45
Tracy Mackeddle	4	1
Deb Martin	17	7
Vikki McCann	21	1
Sarah Privett	18	1
Kim Reeves	18	5
Allison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	21	0
Clare Tyson	20	1
Clare Wheeler	18	8
Netti Wyness	18	1

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
Wed 14 Feb	Wimbledon	A 3-0
Mon 26 Feb	PORTSMOUTH	H 0-0
Tue 05 Mar	Q.P.R.	A 2-0
Mon 11 Mar	WATFORD	H 1-1
Wed 13 Mar	Tottenham Hotspur	A 1-0
Mon 18 Mar	CHARLTON ATH.	H 2-0
Wed 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	A 1-4
Mon 25 Mar	WEST HAM UNITED	H 1-1
Wed 27 Mar	MILLWALL	H 1-3
Wed 10 Apr	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 1-0
Thurs 18 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	Brighton & Hove Albion	A

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 10 April 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Q.P.R.	29	21	1	7	58	33	23	64
Tottenham Hotspur	29	20	3	8	55	26	29	63
Arsenal	29	17	8	4	62	26	34	58
Norwich City	31	17	8	8	56	38	18	57
Wimbledon	31	16	4	11	60	46	14	52
Crystal Palace	28	12	10	6	37	25	12	46
West Ham United	27	12	7	8	46	38	8	43
Southampton	30	11	10	9	40	37	3	43
Chelsea	31	12	7	12	40	39	1	43
Bristol City	29	10	6	13	30	36	-6	36
Ipswich Town	25	9	8	8	42	33	9	35
Luton Town	27	10	5	12	39	40	-1	35
Oxford United	30	8	9	13	45	52	-7	33
Portsmouth	30	8	9	13	38	51	-13	33
Charlton Athletic	25	8	5	12	34	49	-15	29
Brighton & Hove Alb.	26	7	5	14	27	52	-25	26
Millwall	28	6	7	15	39	58	-19	25
SWINDON TOWN	30	5	11	14	25	44	-19	24
Bristol Rovers	29	7	3	19	40	66	-26	24
Watford	25	5	4	16	27	46	-19	19



We had a week off from matches coming up to Easter and got back into our programme last Wednesday with a home game against Brighton & Hove Albion.

Obviously the boys were looking forward to it. Those fans who came were able to have a good look at young Cowe, whose turns and movement are so good, and they were rewarded because they saw him score his first goal for the club.

Young Pattimore, who has just been called up to the Welsh Under-18 squad, was down to play but he picked up an injury in Holland over the Easter and had to drop out.

We brought in another kid, Thomas Wheeldon, for his first full game and he put in an excellent performance. Did his job properly, played everything simple. I was delighted with him. And young Scott Woodman up front worked very hard and did himself proud.

We had a very good first half, passed it well, saw a lot of movement and Steve Cowe scored his first goal, which was nice.

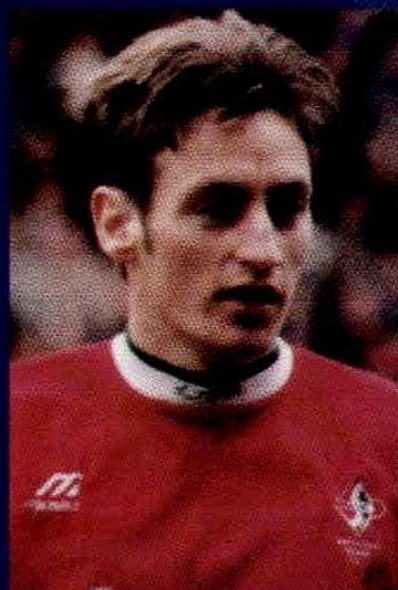
It came from a great long ball from Dean Hooper. Wayne O'Sullivan

just flicked it on and Steve got in round the back of their centre-half and as the goalkeeper came out he just rolled it between the 'keeper's legs'. So it was a good finish.

We took Steve off at half-time because his hamstrings were just a bit tight. It was a precautionary measure in view of the first-team games coming up. We have to protect the first team boys and look after them. Alex Finlayson came on in his place. He is another kid, still learning.

In the second half we got a bit sloppy and gave the ball away a lot.

But overall we did not have much to trouble us and fully deserved the win.



Goalscorer Steven Cowe

Match Facts:

Avon Insurance Combination Division 1
Swindon Town (1) 1 Brighton (0) 0

Team: Digby, Hooper, Smith, Drysdale, Wheeldon, Seagraves, O'Sullivan, Collins, Ling, Cowe (Finlayson 45), Woodman.

Subs: Harvey, Campbell.

Scorer: Cowe.



Youth Team Focus



By Tommy Wheeldon

The lads came up against a strong Brentford side who had already beaten us earlier in the season. We had no less than eight first-year apprentices in our starting line-up to test the strength of the nucleus of next season's squad and I'm pleased to report that we came out on top with a superb 3-1 win.



We began the match strongly and should have taken the lead through Matt Coupe, who made a superb run from midfield to find himself with just the goalkeeper to beat. As the goalkeeper narrowed the angle Matt stroked his shot wide of the far post.

Further chances fell to Iain Harvey and Scott Woodman but after some excellent approach work to our dismay both opportunities were missed.

Steve Mildenhall, in our goal, had been well protected and did not have one shot to save, so despite being pleased with our movement and general play in the first-half it looked as if we would reach the half way stage scoreless.

Then Alex Finlayson made a terrific by-line run, nutmegging the fullback and laying a pass back to Scott Woodman who brought in Iain Harvey to smash the ball past the Brentford keeper from ten-yards. It was a super goal to end the half on.

I stressed to the lads that Brentford were still very much in the game

despite us having had eighty five per-cent of the play. They were just one down so we needed to build on this advantage.

In the first ten minutes of the second-half we were rewarded with a second goal. Striker Alex Finlayson hitting home a fine shot.

After this the lads took their foot off the accelerator and allowed Brentford to become a force in the game. After continually dominating our midfield they deservedly pulled a goal back.

To their credit, our lads rallied together as a unit, and once again began to pass and move and scored an excellent third goal in the 85th minute from the right foot of Ryan Souter.

I was particularly pleased with the performance of the ever maturing Michael Pattimore who looks very comfortable in the sweeper role; and Chris Organ who has not had the best of times this season but defended well against a tricky winger and moved up into attack on numerous occasions. He eventually made the winger worry more about him.

Result:

**South East Counties League
Swindon Town (1) 3 Brentford (0) 1**

Scores: Harvey, Finlayson, Souter

Team: Mildenhall, Organ, Thomas, Pattimore, Hunt, Coupe, Harvey, Finlayson Souter, Woodman S, Pearce. **Subs:** Wheeldon, Campbell.

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 28 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 2-3
Sat 17 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 5-0
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-1
Sat 02 Mar	OXFORD UNITED	H 0-1
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A 0-0
Sat 16 Mar	BRISTOL CITY	H 2-0
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A 1-3
Sat 30 Mar	BRENTFORD	H 3-1
TBA	Oxford United	A
TBA	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H
TBA	BARNET	H
TBA	Reading	A

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

South East Counties League Division 2 as at 1 April 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	26	19	4	5	73	30	42	43
Luton Town	27	14	4	9	50	40	32	10
Wycombe Wanderers	27	14	4	9	46	39	32	7
Oxford United	25	14	3	8	56	34	31	22
Brighton & Hove Alb	25	13	3	9	38	33	29	5
Tottenham Hotspur	26	10	9	7	44	41	29	3
Southampton	27	12	4	11	46	27	28	19
AFC Bournemouth	26	11	6	9	43	43	28	0
Wimbledon	24	12	3	9	47	32	27	15
Brentford	28	10	6	12	35	46	26	-11
Barnet	25	7	8	10	33	36	22	-3
SWINDON TOWN	26	7	7	12	31	42	21	-11
Bristol City	25	7	6	12	36	44	20	-8
Reading	26	6	7	13	29	63	19	-34
Bristol Rovers	28	5	5	16	32	53	15	-21
Colchester United	27	4	7	16	28	64	15	-36

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Winning WAYS

By Dave Hollister

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Our two Easter Nest-Egg draws both went to winners who live in Swindon.

Against Brighton on Wednesday 3rd April, Sandra Henson picked up £603. Her winning number was 27085.

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Red certainly seems to be the colour of the year. After an exceptional Easter during which we collected a maximum nine points out of three games - Steve McMahon must be on his way to another Manager of the Month award - we are red-hot favourites not only to gain automatic promotion but to win the Second Division Championship.

Up there in the Premiership it is the red of Manchester United that leads the way and after Alex Ferguson's boys pulled off wins over Manchester City and Coventry City, while Newcastle tripped up at Blackburn Rovers, who would bet against them?

In Division One it is the red and white of Sunderland that looks set to be crowned Champions. Derby County fired a broadside attack with that spectacular 6-2 victory over Tranmere Rovers on Monday but like us the Roker men have the lead and games in hand.

It is only in Division Three where the red flag is not to be seen. Preston North End are out in front with Gillingham and Bury their closest rivals. Exeter City, who are not even in the top ten, are the highest placed wearers of the red in this division.

It's odds on a clean sweep of the top three divisions however with red the colour and Manchester United, Sunderland and Swindon Town all in Championship form!

The other day I received my voting paper from the Football Writers' Association for my nomination of "Footballer of the Year." Now this is a most prestigious honour and selection is not something I take lightly. In fact it is sometimes a worrying aspect for one only wishes to vote for a worthy candidate.

There have been years when the choice has been almost automatic. Bobby Moore in 1964 for instance, Bobby Charlton in 1966; Gordon Banks, surely the best English goalkeeper ever, in 1972; Kevin

Keegan in '76; Kenny Dalglish in 1979. And in the 1980's Steve Perryman, Ian Rush and Gary Lineker were among the popular choices while 1990 honoured John Barnes who has been followed by Gordon Strachan, Lineker again; Chris Waddle then Alan Shearer and last year Jurgen Klinsmann.

But who this year? It would be nice to give it to a British contender and Peter Beardsley and Robbie Fowler come to mind but the foreign influence into our game is once again making a strong challenge. Cantona and Gullit have made spectacular contributions this season.

The Players themselves opted for Les Ferdinand and I asked our own skipper, Shaun Taylor, who would he go for?

Shaun had just been watching the Chelsea v Manchester United FA Cup semi-final on the TV and said: "You have probably got to say that there were two foreigners on either side who would be candidates. Eric Cantona, who now seems to have overcome his disciplinary problems and this season has performed really well on and off the pitch.

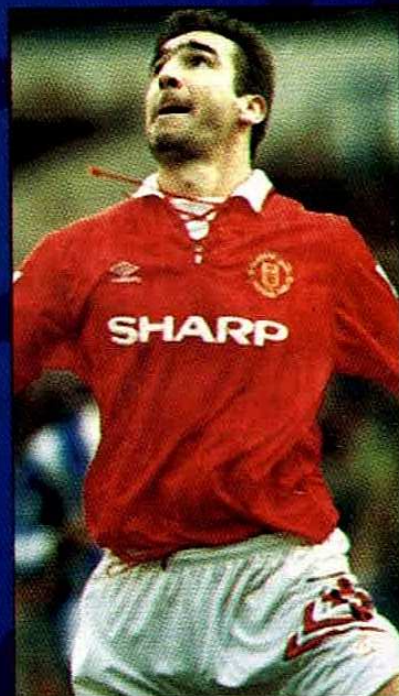
"Everybody seems to be backing Ruud Gullit to win it an I wouldn't be surprised if he does with Cantona not too far behind him.

"It might be a surprise but then you have got to look at Robbie Fowler. He may be only 21 but has scored 30 odd goals. He has got a great future ahead of him."

"Les Ferdinand who got the 'Players Player of the Year' must be in the frame, but over the

season I think we all agree that the foreign stars have continually done well. Gullit and Cantona and Ginola. We are all agreed there are a lot of foreigners here who do not have any special quality but the ones who have come in recently have and this has got to benefit our League definitely."

The "Footballer of the Year" award was first given to Stanley Matthews in 1948. In 1956 the great Manchester City goalkeeper Bert Trautmann became the first foreign recipient. Frans Thijssen Ipswich Town and Holland was crowned in 1981 and last year of course Klinsmann. Now the odds favour another Foreign winner. But Who?



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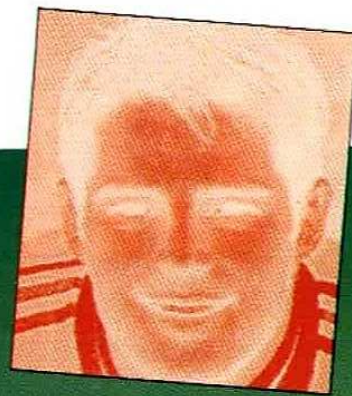
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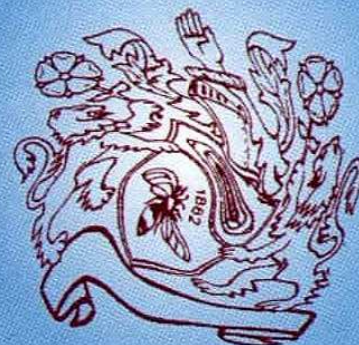
WHO AM I ?

1. Born June 25th 1973.
2. Famous father played for West Ham, Bournemouth and Brentford.
2. Played 13 games for Bournemouth before moving to Premier club.
3. Scored hat-trick for England U21's v Austria.
4. Coca-Cola Cup winner last season.
5. Part time male model.

?? QUIZ ??

1. At which club was Jasper Carrot a director?
2. Which club plays at Molineaux?
3. Who are known as 'The Stags'?
4. Where do Reading play their home games?
5. For which Italian club does Guiseppe Signori play?
6. Eric Cantona signed for Leeds United from which French club?
7. In which year did Peter Shilton make his League debut with Leicester City?
8. Which club were the first to achieve the League and Cup 'double'?
9. Which club did Wimbledon replace in the Fourth Division in 1977/78?
10. Dalain Atkinson joined Spanish side Real Sociedad from which British club?

Whose Crest ?



Answers

QUIZ: 1. Birmingham City; 2. Wolverhampton W; 3. Mansfield Town; 4. Elm Park; 5. Parma; 6. Nantes; 7. 1965/66; 8. Preston NE (1888/89); 9. Workington; 10. Sheffield Wednesday. WHO AM I? Jamie Redknapp. WHOSE CREST? Burnley.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood

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Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

It's looking good after a glorious run over Easter but we can't take anything for granted in this game as Blackpool found out last Monday when they lost at home to Rotherham.

This is how it goes. We have had little patches where we have not performed well - our most disappointing game was perhaps losing at Oxford at a time when Blackpool were on a winning streak and getting clear of us.

But it is funny how in three or four games it is all reversed. They have lost three on the spin, and so have Crewe, while Notts County have not done so well and we have managed to win three games which puts us in a good healthy position on top of the Second Division.

We keep saying it before every match. If we win the game we will stay top of the league and this has never been truer than it is right now and will be our criteria until the end of the season.

We have two home games coming up, against Bournemouth today and Burnley next Wednesday, and if we take six points that should be good enough to clinch promotion. It is in our hands and it is there to be grasped.

At Bournemouth earlier in the season it ended 0-0 which for us away from home was like dropping two points. On the day I think it was probably a fair result so we would like to make sure this afternoon and get a good home win under our belts.

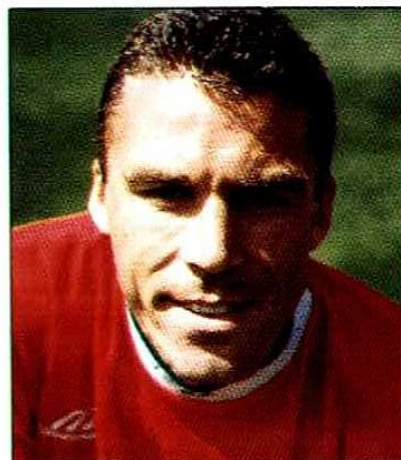
A victory this afternoon will put us in a great position. It won't confirm our promotion but it will go a long way to making it come true. But as I say we are not taking anything for granted. Bournemouth are clear of relegation but not in contention for the play-offs so they will be nice

and relaxed. They have no pressure on them at all.

Everyone wants to beat us - It has been this way all season - and knock us off our perch but the incentive must be with us and we have got to push things and make it count.

I would anticipate a more open game than we have experienced of late because Bournemouth have no reason to come here in a negative frame of mind. They will want to put on a show I'm sure and of course so do we.

once again at Crewe the support was breathtaking. You must have enjoyed it as much as we did and hopefully we can make it another happy afternoon today. We are four points clear of Blackpool and we are obviously trying to make that gap wider and wider during the next few games. It is all about consistency right now. Consistency in performance and most importantly consistency in results.



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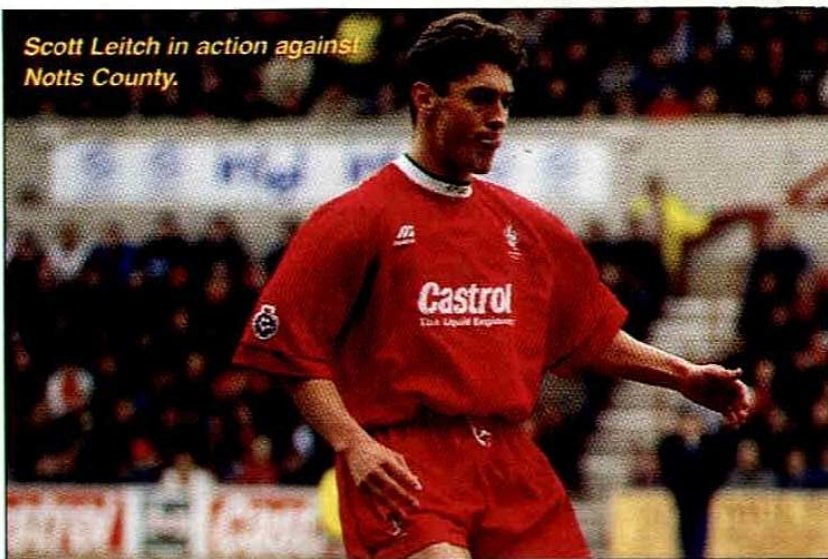
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With Youth Development Officer Tommy Wheeldon

During the Easter break the Under-11's and Under-13's played fixtures against teams from the North East. As I've said previously this gives them an insight into different styles of play and against players from a different part of the country. This is a great opportunity for us to match our opponents in a more physical approach.

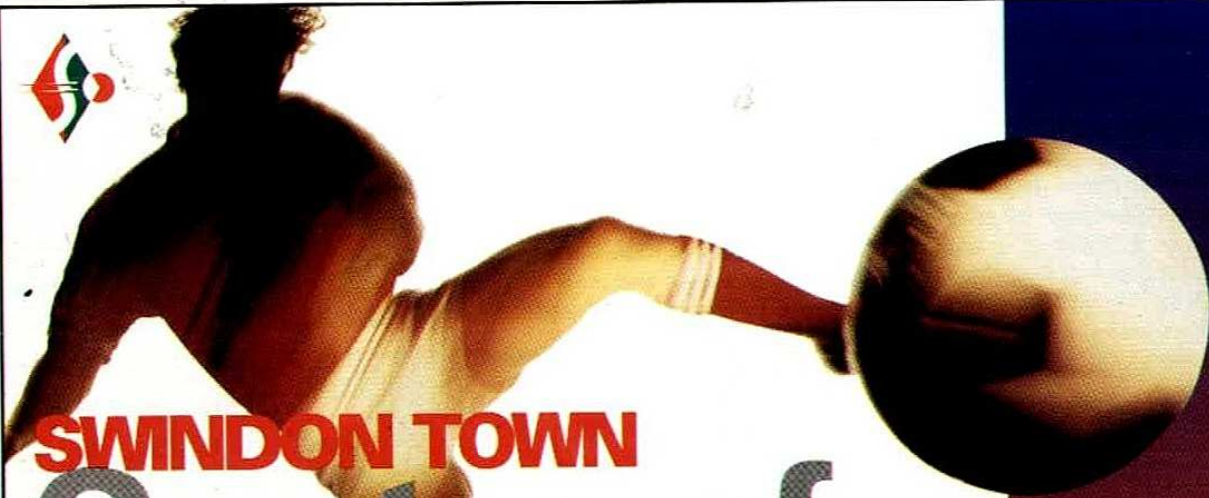

Gary Williams looked after the Under-11's and was pleased with individual performances namely



from Matthew Mills and Jamie Cheeseman with Craig Kunnings (Trialist) impressing in goal. The result was a 3-1 defeat but Gary blamed that on the fact that the boys don't normally play 11-a-side

and the North East boys play a more basic game. Our job is to produce players who are comfortable on the ball and the 3-5-2 formation that the 1st team play to encourage us to develop from the back player.

The Under-13's drew 1-1 and according to Nic Vitale the coach, they played well against a tough, aggressive team who liked to tackle and mix it more than our boys but to their credit Nic said they rolled up their sleeves and tried to match our opponents in the manner we expect. Joseph Broad, a trialist from North Devon scored our goal and Nic added, Toby Clark, as sweeper had an outstanding match.




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BLACKPOOL	42	14	4	3	8	7	6	62	36	77	26
OXFORD UNITED	41	15	9	2	5	7	9	61	37	70	24
NOTTS COUNTY	40	12	5	3	7	7	6	55	35	69	20
CREWE ALEXANDER	41	12	3	5	8	4	9	71	52	67	19
CHESTERFIELD	39	13	4	2	5	6	9	50	42	64	12
BRADFORD CITY	41	13	3	4	6	3	12	62	62	63	0
STOCKPORT COUNTY	42	6	9	6	11	3	7	56	45	63	11
BRISTOL ROVERS	41	11	3	7	7	5	8	53	55	62	-2
WREXHAM	41	11	6	4	4	9	7	66	50	60	-16
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	41	8	7	5	6	7	8	56	53	56	3
BRISTOL CITY	42	9	6	6	5	8	8	49	52	56	-3
BRENTFORD	42	11	5	5	3	7	11	49	45	54	4
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	42	11	4	6	4	4	13	47	66	53	-19
WALSALL	39	8	7	4	6	5	11	47	40	52	7
SHREWSBURY TOWN	41	6	7	7	6	6	9	52	57	49	-5
ROTHERHAM UNITED	41	10	7	4	2	6	12	46	56	49	-10
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	41	8	5	8	4	7	9	54	57	48	-3
YORK CITY	40	7	6	7	4	7	9	55	63	46	-8
BURNLEY	39	7	8	5	4	3	12	48	61	44	-13
CARLISLE UNITED	41	9	6	5	1	7	13	52	64	43	-12
SWANSEA CITY	42	6	8	7	2	6	13	38	73	38	-35
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	41	5	7	9	4	3	13	41	60	37	-19
HULL CITY	41	4	8	9	1	8	11	32	62	31	-30

First Team Appearances as at 10 April 1996

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	23(1)	0	5	1	28(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	37	14	12	3	49	18
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	28(2)	2	9	0	39(2)	2
LEE COLLINS	2(4)	0	2	0	4(4)	0
STEVEN COWE	0(5)	0	0	0	0(5)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	39	0	11	0	50	0
FRASER DIGBY	19(8)	0	11	0	30(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	9(1)	0	4(2)	0	13(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	22(9)	12	8(5)	4	30(14)	16
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	13(18)	3	7(4)	1	20(22)	4
TONY GRANT	3	1	0	0	3	1
DEAN HOOPER	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	36(1)	8	10(3)	4	46(4)	12
SCOTT LEITCH	4	0	0	0	4	0
MARTIN LING	9(8)	0	5	1	14(9)	1
STEVE McMAHON	20	0	7(2)	0	27(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	23(8)	3	5(3)	0	28(13)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
DAVID PREECE	3	1	0	0	3	1
MARK ROBINSON	39	1	11(1)	0	50(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	21(7)	0	9(1)	0	30(8)	0
ALEX SMITH	0(5)	0	0(1)	0	0(6)	0
FRANK TALIA	15(7)	0	0(1)	0	16(8)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	36	4	13	0	49	4
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	17(5)	9	6(4)	1	23(9)	9

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 2-1
Sat 10 Feb Swansea City	A 1-0
Mon 12 Feb OLDHAM ATHLETIC (FAC 4)	H 1-0
Sat 17 Feb SOUTHAMPTON (FAC 5)	H 1-1
Wed 21 Feb BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat 24 Feb BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-1
Wed 28 Feb Southampton (FAC 5 Replay)	A 0-2
Sat 02 Mar Wycombe Wanderers	A 2-1
Tue 05 Mar Peterborough United	A 2-0
Sat 09 Mar WALSALL	H 1-1
Sat 16 Mar Burnley	A 0-0
Tue 19 Mar Oxford United	A 0-3
Sat 23 Mar PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H 2-0
Sat 30 Mar Bristol City	A 0-0
Wed 03 Apr BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H 3-2
Sat 06 Apr NOTTS COUNTY	H 1-0
Mon 08 Apr Crewe Alexandra	A 2-0
Sat 13 Apr AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
Wed 17 Apr BURNLEY	H
Sat 20 Apr Blackpool	A
Tue 23 Apr Chesterfield	A
Sat 27 Apr Shrewsbury Town	A
Tues 30 Apr Bradford City	A
Sat 04 May STOCKPORT COUNTY	H

FAC = FA CUP CCC = COCA-COLA CUP
AWS = AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD
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995/96 Fixtures



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	NJHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK	NJHOLT	MURRAY
7,746	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK	MURRAY	MILDENHALL
6,724	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	FINNEY	HORLOCK 1	HOOPER	PITMAN	BEAUCHAMP
6,325	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY 1	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	PITMAN	DIGBY
13,041	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY	BEAUCHAMP	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	DIGBY
8,203	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON 1	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK 1	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
7,205	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY	HORLOCK 3	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
14,740	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	MURRAY	GOODEN
8,473	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	THORNE P	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	MURRAY	GOODEN
1,135	DIGBY	MURRAY	BODIN	ALLEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING 1	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK	THORNE G	O'SULLIVAN
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
12,470	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	DRYSDALE
8,222	DIGBY	HOOPER	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	THORNE G	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	McMAHON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P
7,383	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN 1	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 2	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	THORNE P
7,196	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
9,306	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
8,650	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	HOOPER	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY	HORLOCK	ROBINSON
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'SULLIVAN 1	TALIA
5,624	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	O'SULLIVAN	TALIA
12,976	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	O'SULLIVAN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	LING	TALIA
10,322	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	McMAHON	FINNEY	O'SULLIVAN
6,555	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	SEAGRAVES	ALLEN	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 2	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN	FINNEY	TALIA
3,613	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	FINNEY	SMITH A
8,118	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	LING	ROBINSON	GRANT 1	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SMITH A	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY
8,242	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GRANT	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	O'SULLIVAN
4,452	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	LING	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	GRANT	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	SMITH A	COLLINS
9,508	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	McMAHON	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	SMITH A	LING
15,035	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	SEAGRAVES
8,814	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
11,724	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY	SEAGRAVES	TALIA
13,962	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	O'SULLIVAN	LING
6,457	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	SMITH A	O'SULLIVAN
4,196	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	COLLINS	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
9,564	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	COLLINS	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
9,360	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	SMITH	COLLINS
8,585	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	SMITH	O'SULLIVAN
9,066	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	PREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	LING	COWE
11,370	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	LING	COWE
8,612	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	PREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P 2	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE
10,928	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	PREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE
5,162	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	PREECE 1	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE

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Mike Spearman Chairman

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Swindon Town

1	Frank Talia
2	Ian Culverhouse
3	Paul Bodin
4	David Preece
5	Paul Allen
6	Shaun Taylor
7	Mark Robinson
8	Wayne O'Sullivan
9	Peter Thorne
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Mark Seagraves
13	Martin Ling
14	Steven Cowe

Team Changes

AFC Bournemouth

1	Jimmy Glass
2	Neil Young
3	Russell Beardsmore
4	Owen Coll
5	Rob Murray
6	John Bailey
7	Matt Holland
8	Ian Cox
9	Steve Jones
10	Steve Robinson
11	Jason Brissett
12	
13	
14	

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

- Referee:**
E. Lomas (Manchester)
- Linesman (red/yellow flag):**
P. Armstrong (Thatcham, Berkshire)
- Linesman (yellow flag):**
I.A. Madge (Yatton-Avon)
- Reserve Official:**
A. Mellor (Downend, Bristol)



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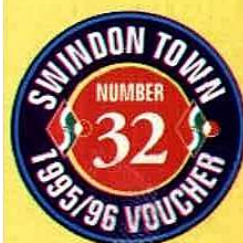
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