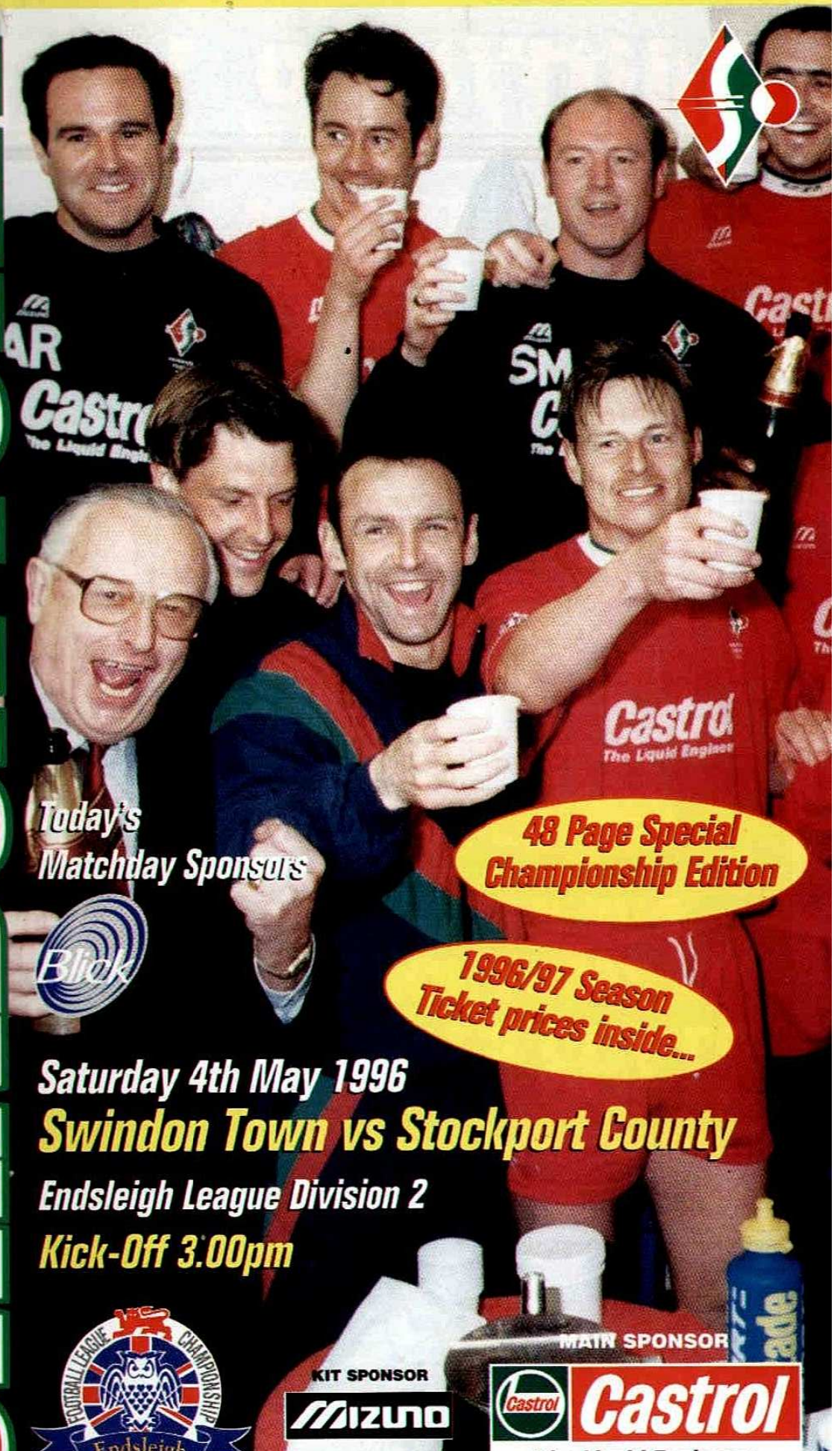


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### Front cover photograph:

Swindon Town Chairman, Mike Spearman, enjoys the celebrations with Steve McMahon, Andy Rowland and players.

# From the top

*With Manager  
Steve McMahon*

*What can I say? Since I took up football as a youngster this has been my best ever season. It has been absolutely fantastic hasn't it?*

In my wildest dreams I couldn't have anticipated it would go this way. I thought we had a chance this year but to do it so convincingly and with so much style, I'm very proud, I really am.

I am proud for the players - I'm just a proud man at the moment. And the players should be proud of themselves as well, after what they have achieved.

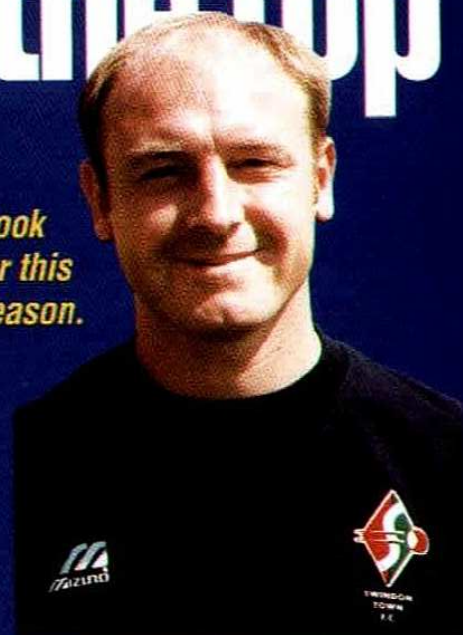
When I say that I feel a greater sense of satisfaction with this achievement than I did as a player I really do mean it. It is not like some nonsense that I have just come out with. I do feel winning this Championship has given me greater pleasure.

There's nothing better than to do it as a Manager because everybody is in it together - I don't do it on my own. As a player it is an individual thing when you do anything but as a Manager it is down to everyone around you. It is down to the players; the coaching staff; everyone connected with the Club. It is absolutely magnificent for them.

The attitude of the lads at Shrewsbury and Bradford speaks volumes. It is a natural reaction to relax once you have broken the winning tape but they went out and did the business as usual and hopefully we can continue to do it again this afternoon.

We want to go out on a winning note because winning becomes a very, very good habit, they have got to be confident now, even the players we have brought in. They are fresh faces, they are chomping at the bit and want to do particularly well so it is good.

We will need to strengthen the side by two or three players for the First Division and I will be looking



to do this. I have always said if they are better than what we have got I want to get them in.

It doesn't matter what division we participate in, the same standards apply. I believe in playing football. We have got to be strong. Physically we are strong; football wise I think we are the best in the Division and I think we have got a good mixture of both here.

Well done everyone, particularly the fans who have been magnificent. In view of what has happened here over the past two or three years you have got to take a pat on the back. You should be proud of yourselves as well. Without the fans all we have achieved would mean nothing.

Finally, could I ask you to please stay off the pitch after today's game. The trophy will be officially presented after the final whistle and then hopefully we will be doing a lap of honour. Please do not spoil the afternoon and let's enjoy it together.

Enjoy this afternoon and the summer. See you in Division One.

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# This is Swindon

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*This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Stockport County Football Club to The County Ground for our last Endsleigh League Division 2 fixture of the 1995/96 season.*

## 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 MacMillan 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.....

## Dalglish Confirms

Kenny Dalglish has confirmed that he will be taking part in Steve McMahon's Charity Match.

## Kevin Morris Benefit

The Kevin Morris memorial benefit match Swindon Town vs Chelsea will be played on Sunday 28th July 1996 at The County Ground. Look out for further details on ticket information

## Laurence Ivor Barnard

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Laurence Ivor Barnard, a Town fan for over 75 years. Laurence would have loved to have seen Swindon gain Promotion and win the Championship. His favourite player was Don Rogers. He will be sadly missed by wife Pat and children.

## Programmes Gallore

On Saturday 11th May Swindon Town F.C. will be hosting a Programme Collectors Fayre. The event will take place at the County Ground from 10.30am until 1.00pm. For more information please contact Dave Hollister on Swindon (01793) 430430 extension 213.

## 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.

## Welcome to Mizuno

We would like to welcome Peter Barber, Head of Sports Europe and his guests at today's game. Included in the party are Sam Okuda, General Manager of Mizuno Corporation (UK) and his family and Tetsuo Sakawaki, Assistant General Manager and his family.

## Season Tickets

The only way to guarantee seeing all the action next season is to join the growing army of season ticket holders. For prices and all the benefits, see pages 24 and 25.

## The Children's Society in Wiltshire

Swindon and Trowbridges are the centres of the Society's unique pioneering Infant Support Project working with Failure to Thrive in the very young from 6 months to 3 years old which has proved so successful that their work has now been launched on video and by book to spread the word nationwide. Both projects will soon be amalgamating in Chippenham where The Children's Society will be setting up a nationwide consultancy on Failure to Thrive.

Research shows that up to 1 in 20 under fives - around 185,000 children - suffer from Failure to Thrive where there is no medical cause. If left untreated this can lead to restricted growth and mental retardation. In extreme cases it can be fatal.

Also in Swindon the Family Support Project helps children with disabilities to enjoy leisure facilities not otherwise accessible by offering a network of support and by providing respite care within the home when necessary. It also offers an information service giving guidance to all families with disabled children in the area. Next month some of these children will be able to enjoy a trip on the Kennet & Avon Canal thanks to the generosity of local companies and the Bruce Trust. Your generosity today will be greatly appreciated.

## Charity Ball

The Charity Ball on June 14th is completely sold out. Thank you to all the companies who have supported us on this and we look forward to a great night.



# Celebration TIME!

Before today's game there will be a number of presentations on the County Ground pitch starting at approximately 2.00pm.

Steve McMahon and the team will be presented with the Endsleigh League Division 2 Championship Trophy and medals after the game, providing all fans remain in their seats. Following the presentations, Steve McMahon will lead the team on a victory lap of honour with the Trophy.

With respect to the Club in its celebration of achievement, we ask that all fans refrain from going on to the pitch at any time before, during and after the game.

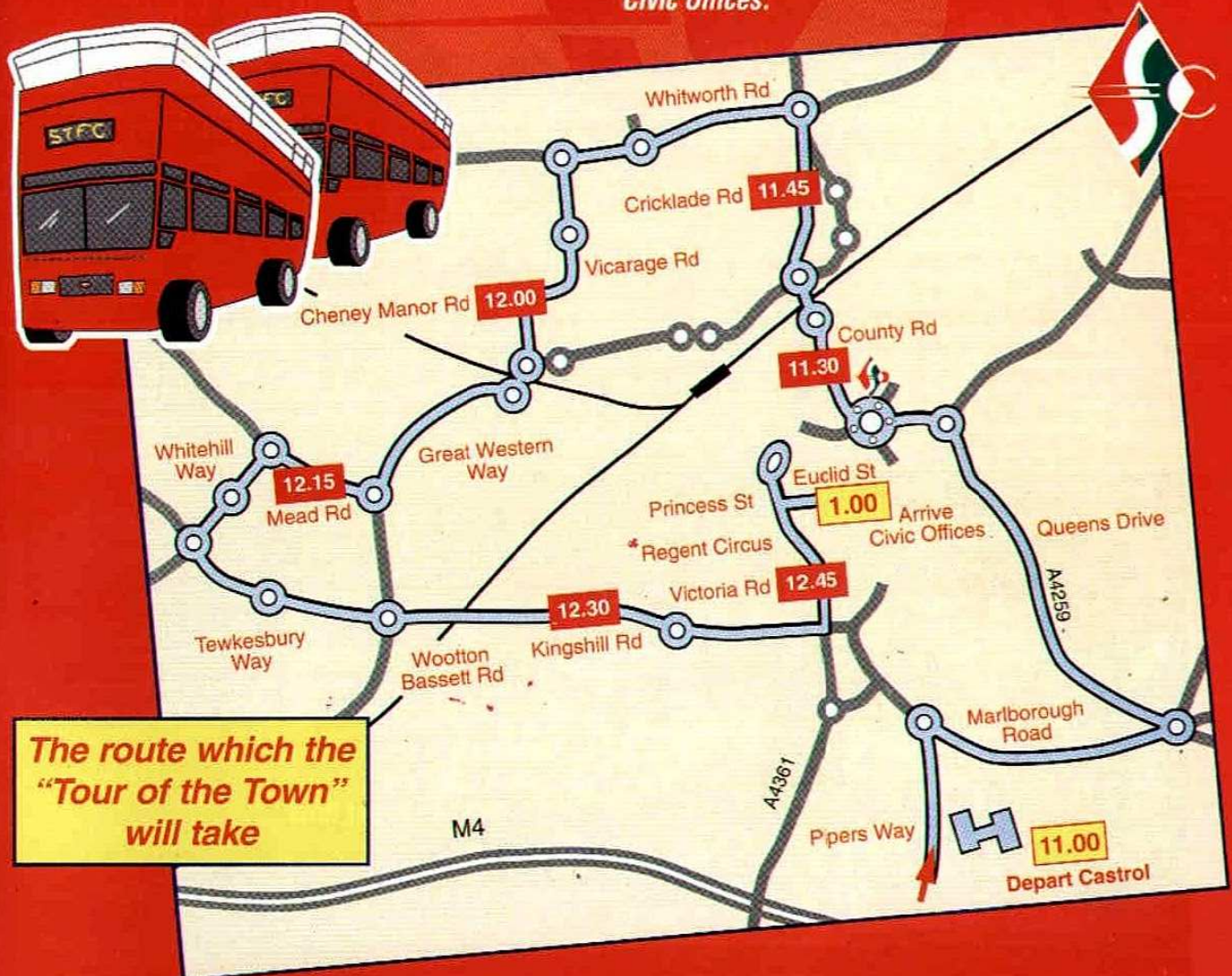
Thank you for your co-operation and and enjoy the game.

Tomorrow (Sunday 5th May) Swindon Town Football Club will be parading the Second Division Championship Trophy through the streets of Swindon (see map for details of the route).

The event will kick off at 11.00am at Castrol UK Headquarters in Pipers Way, Swindon.

Following a tour of the town, the 2 bus parade will reach its climax at the Civic Offices, Euclid Street, where the team will be greeted by the Mayor of Thamesdown and will appear on the balcony with the Trophy.

To keep supporters informed of the tour's progress, BBC Wiltshire Sound's Stuart Mac will be broadcasting direct from the bus both on radio 103 - 105FM and via a live link to those fans awaiting the arrival of the team at the Civic Offices.





# Stockport County the visitors

By John Nolan

**GOALS** from Alun Armstrong and young Tony Dinning last weekend kept County's hopes of a place in the play-offs simmering at Bristol Rovers' expense, securing a 2-0 victory over the Twerton Park club.

However, Stockport's success in this direction has relied very much on our influence in this final week for they needed us to peg back Bradford City on Tuesday night and then succumb to their challenge here this afternoon in the final show-down of the season to make the top six.

Quoted by the bookies at 20-1 for the Championship last August Stockport have suffered mixed fortunes after an encouraging start during which they kept clean sheets in the opening three games.

By early September Stockport were fifth in Division Two, a position they still held going into October. But though they tipped Ipswich Town out of the Coca-Cola Cup (3-2 on aggregate), and only lost 2-0 at Villa Park in that same competition, they were unable to win a League game from the end of September, when they beat Bournemouth 3-0, until December 19 when they won 1-0 at Peterborough United.

That win lifted County from 13th to 10th but it was mid-February before they were able to make further progress, winning at Swansea 3-0 and at Bradford 1-0; home to Notts

County 2-0 while in a vital game at Crewe Jeff Eckhardt's goal proved the decisive factor.

Stockport were sixth and looking dangerous but though they held Blackpool 1-1 and overwhelmed Oxford United 4-2 slip ups against the likes of Peterborough United (0-1 at home), and Wycombe (1-4 away) cost them dearly.

A 1-0 defeat at Brentford saw the Edgeley Park Side slide to ninth at the beginning of April but although a 2-1 win at Chesterfield boosted hopes these were suddenly dashed by a goalless draw at home to bottom club Hull City.

Skipper Mike Flynn reflecting on the team's inconsistency says: "It really has been the story of our season - following a great win with a poor home result."

Still in with a shout it was a 2-0 defeat at Rotherham last week that really scuppered Stockport's chance and left them relying on us to earn them a tilt at the play-offs. JIM CANNON made a return after injury in a friendly against Bangor - Andy Mutch scored twice - and was at rightback against Bristol Rovers

and TOM BENNETT might well be in line for a run out this afternoon.

NEIL EDWARDS has been an ever-present in goal Gannon has come in for Connelly at rightback with Lee Todd on the left. Mike Flynn and Matthew Bound in the middle. In midfield Chris Marsden. Paul Ware. Chris Beaumont and John Jeffers provide the backing for strikers Andy Mutch and Alun Armstrong.

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Stockport County Football Club 1995/96 season



### Back Row:

Alun Armstrong, Tony Dinning,  
Richard Landon, Ian Helliwell,  
Jim Gannon, Matthew Bound,  
Jeff Eckhardt.

### Middle Row:

Rodger Wylde (Physio), Tom Bennett,  
Michael Oliver, Neil Edwards, John Sainty  
(Assistant Manager), Matt Dickens,  
Chris Beaumont, Paul Ware,  
Dave Philpotts (Youth Team Manager).

### Front Row:

Sean Connelly, Phil Johnson,  
Gavin Allen, Martyn Chalk, Dave Jones  
(Manager), Michael Flynn (Captain),  
Lee Marshall, Lee Todd,  
Marc Lloyd Williams.

# also Stockport County



## Chris Beaumont

- **MIDFIELD.** Began his career with non-League Denaby United and was offered the chance of League soccer by Rochdale who signed him on a free transfer in July 1988. A year later he was persuaded to join Stockport County in an £8,000 deal and his versatility has proved a great asset to the team. Chris has turned out at right back, and up front as well as in his favoured midfield role and has scored 39 goals in just over 253 appearances. Born: Sheffield 5-12-65.

## Matthew Bound

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** A former trainee at the Dell, Matthew emerged as a commanding figure and captained the Southampton reserve side. He played in five Premiership games for the Saints but with Dutchman Ken Monkou in commanding form his opportunities were severely limited. Joined Hull City on loan but it was former County boss Danny Bergara who persuaded Alan Ball to let him go for £100,000 in October 1994. A strong dependable centre-half Matt made his debut in the 1-0 win at Leyton Orient. Made 17 appearances last season (1 goal against Scarborough in the AWS) and has been an ever-present in the County defence since the 1-0 win at Peterborough on December 19, 1995. Born: Trowbridge 9-11-72.



Matthew Bound

## Sean Connelly

- **DEFENDER.** Joined Stockport on a free transfer from Hallam in August 1992, he made his 120th appearance in the 3-0 win over York a fortnight ago. An effective all round defender - he is comfortable anywhere across the back - who is also a qualified physiotherapist and often provides cover for Rodger Wylde. Ironically, Sean had some injury problems of his own last season but still managed to make 43 appearances. Has played right back this season but has still to score for the club. Born: Sheffield 26-6-70.

## Matt Dickins

- **GOALKEEPER.** Signed after a successful loan spell in March 1995 and featured in a dozen games at the end of last season after making his debut as a sub in a 3-2 home defeat by York but has yet to get a game this season. A trainee with Sheffield United he moved to Lincoln City on a free in February 1991 but his big break happened in March 1992 when Blackburn Rovers paid £250,000 for his registration. In the shadows of Flowers and Mimms he didn't get a chance and after a loan spell with Blackpool he tried his luck at Edgeley Park. Born: Sheffield 3-9-70.

## Keiron Durkan

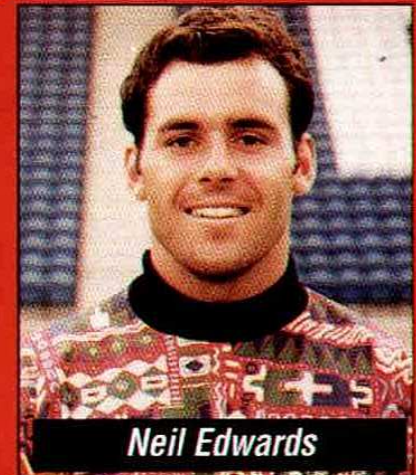
- **RIGHT WING.** Line-hugging winger signed from Wrexham for £75,000 on transfer deadline day (March '96) he ironically made his debut in a 3-2 win at the Racecourse Ground. Now coming to the end of his fourth season as a professional he played in 28 League games for Wrexham last season following an unfortunate injury to Mark Taylor but was only on the fringe this term. Born: Chester 1-12-73.

## Jeff Eckhardt

- **MIDFIELD.** Coming to the end of his second season with County after a £50,000 move in July 1994. Began his career with Sheffield United in August 1984 and made nearly 90 appearances for the Blades following his debut in a 3-1 win at Crystal Palace (30-3-85). Fulham paid £50,000 for him in 1987 and in seven seasons at Craven Cottage he clocked up 270 games. He scored two against Stockport at Edgeley Park during the 1993-94 season and obviously impressed the home team management who swooped to take him there. Has scored 11 goals this season. Born: Sheffield 7-10-65.

## Neil Edwards

- **Goalkeeper.** A trainee with Leeds United he was allowed to move to Stockport for £10,000 in September 1991. Despite his lack of inches - he is five-foot-eight - Neil's enormous agility and quick reflexes have earned him Welsh Under-21 honours and the firm support of fans. Was troubled by injuries last season but has been an ever-present this term and made his 160th appearance in the 0-0 draw with Hull on April 20, 1996. Born: Aberdare 5-12-70.



Neil Edwards

# 2000 Stockport County



## Michael Flynn

- DEFENDER. Player of the Year last season and skipper of the side big Mike is a very influential figure on the field. A former Oldham Athletic apprentice he made 45 appearances before switching to Norwich City in a £100,000 deal in December 1988. A year later he joined Preston for £125,000 and chalked up over 150 games before joining County in March 1993 for a club record £150,000. Made his 140th appearance for County at Chesterfield last month. Born: Oldham 23-2-69.J



Michael Flynn

## Jeff Jeffers

- MIDFIELD. Former Liverpool youngster who made his name with Port Vale. Went to Anfield from school in 1987 but had to wait until he joined the Potteries side for regular first team football. Stockport were interested in him last year but were put off by an £80,000 price tag. Their patience was rewarded when they picked him up on a free. A left sided player he made his County debut as a sub in the 1-1 draw with us on November 18, 1995. Born: Liverpool 5-10-68.

## Chris Marsden

- MIDFIELD. Signed in February 1996 from Notts County after a month on loan at Edgeley Park. Notts had paid Wolves £250,000 for his services in November 1994

after Chris had been unable to secure a regular place in the Wolves eleven. Scored on his Notts debut in a 3-3 draw with Venezia in the AIC. Previously served with Sheffield United and Coventry City. Scored his first goal for County in the 4-2 win over Oxford (30-3-96). Born: Sheffield 3-1-69.

## Andy Mutch

- STRIKER. Andy was on our books until his contract was ended earlier this year having not played for the first team this season. Andy had been signed by John Gorman from Wolves for £250,000 in August 1993 but was never able to reproduce the prolific marksmanship he displayed at Molineux during a highly successful partnership with Steve Bull that produced 97 goals from him in 289 appearances. Made his debut for County in the 3-2 win at Wrexham (16-3-96) and scored his first goal v Brighton and a hat-trick in the 4-2 victory over Oxford United. Born: Liverpool 28-12-63.

## Paul Ware

- MIDFIELD. A trainee with Stoke City he played some 150 (10 goals) games for the Potters and a second Division Championship medal in 1993. Moved to County in September 1994, for £10,000 and made his bow, as a sub, in a Coca Cola defeat by Sheffield United. A competitive midfielder with skill and vision he has recovered from a hernia operation. Born: Congleton 7-10-70.

## Mark Lloyd Williams

- STRIKER. Hit the headlines with a bucketful of goals for Bagnor City in the Konica League and had scored over 30 last season when County beat a trail of League clubs to his signature. It cost them £10,000 and he made his League debut at Rotherham in the final game of the 1994-95 season. This term he has been gradually introduced to Second Division football and he has one goal in 20 appearances. Born: 8-2-73.

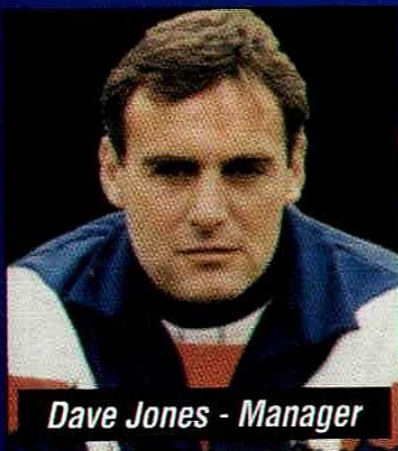
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SWANSEA CITY	H	2-0
CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-1
Blackpool	A	1-0
Notts County	A	0-1
WYCOMBE WNDRS.	H	1-1
Shrewsbury Town	A	2-1
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	3-1
Oxford United	A	1-2
BRENTFORD	H	1-1
Hull City	A	1-1
CHESTERFIELD	H	0-1
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1-1
York City	A	2-2
SWINDON TOWN	H	1-1
Bristol Rovers	A	1-3
SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	0-2
AFC Bournemouth	A	2-3
Peterborough United	A	1-0
CARLISLE UNITED	H	2-0
Brighton & H.A.	A	1-1
BRADFORD CITY	H	1-2
Burnley	A	3-4
WALSALL	H	0-1
Swansea City	A	3-0
Bradford City	A	1-0
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Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-4
BLACKPOOL	H	1-1
Carlisle United	A	1-0
PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	0-1
Wrexham	A	3-2
BRISTOL CITY	H	0-0
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Brentford	A	0-1
Chesterfield	A	2-1
HULL CITY	H	0-0
YORK CITY	H	3-0
Rotherham United	A	0-2
BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-0

County's away record is second only to ours: W11, D3, L8, F31, A27



# the man in charge



**Dave Jones - Manager**

*Dave Jones took over as team manager on Friday, 31st March 1995.*

Liverpool born and bred he joined Everton as a 15-year-old and worked his way through the grades to attain professional status as a centre-half.

Soon established himself in the senior side and was a virtual ever-present until 1981, having gained international recognition from England at Youth and Under-21 levels. Coventry City paid £275,000 to take him to Highfield Road in 1981. Unfortunately a serious knee injury ended his time there prematurely.

However, he overcame the problem and went to Hong Kong where he had two good seasons with Seiko but any ambitions of getting back into League soccer were

dampened when medical advice suggested he stop playing.

His heart ruled his head and he got in another two seasons with Preston North End before hanging up his boots after more than 300 Football League games.

Cut his managerial teeth in non-League football with Southport, Mossley and Morecombe before being recruited to the Edgeley Park staff as Chief Coach in July 1990.

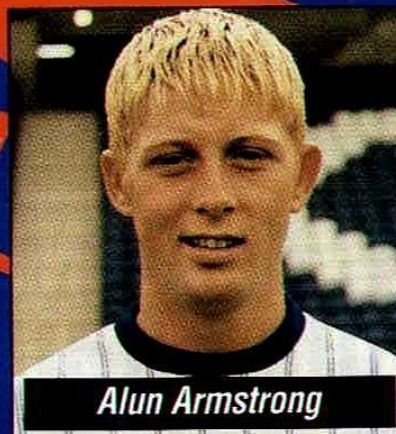
Established himself as Danny Bergara's right hand man and was the obvious choice to succeed him when he left. John Sainty, the former Spurs striker is his assistant.

## Under the Spotlight

*Alun Armstrong is being hailed as the find of the year by Stockport County fans who have watched him develop and mature to emerge as this season's star man.*

A Geordie, he joined Newcastle United as a trainee but such is the quality and quantity available to Kevin Keegan these days young Alun found it difficult to oust the likes of Peter Beardsley, Robert Lee, Ruel Fox, Andy Cole and Malcolm Allen from the Magpies first team.

While it can be absolutely stimulating working with such class players it can also be frustrating when you are a young pro trying to make the grade and finding first team opportunities virtually non-



**Alun Armstrong**

existent so when the opportunity to move to Stockport County arose Alun saw it as a positive step forward on his career ladder.

In July 1994 he moved to Edgeley Park. It proved one of the best

£35,000 investments the club has ever made. Alun scored on his League debut on the opening day of the 1994-95 season and finished the campaign as the top scorer with 14 goals in 40 (5) League appearances and one in the Coca-Cola Cup.

Already established as a firm favourite with Edgeley Park fans he started this season as he finished the last with 3 goals in the opening six games and with three games to play he had already topped last season's haul with 17 goals to his credit.

An unmistakable figure with his six-foot frame and bleach-blond thatch Alun, who was 21 on February 22nd, has gained a lot of admirers for his ability at putting the ball in the net.



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## Dear Fans

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for the wonderful support you have given to myself, my Co-Directors and above all Steve and his full squad. At the beginning of the season I wrote to you stating we were about to embark on a long and hard season with Promotion our main goal. As I write this letter we have been promoted and we can now all join together and enjoy the moment and look forward to First Division football next season.

Our team have been supported by a wonderful behind the scenes staff and the Board endorse my grateful thanks for all their hard work and devotion to Swindon Town. Finance is a first priority and Phil Alexander, Marketing Controller together with his wonderful team have hit all budgets given them. All other staff under the guidance of our Chief Executive Steve Jones have given their all and my Board could not wish to have a better set of people running the Club.

Our Manager Steve McMahon in his first Managerial post has achieved his ambition of leading us back to Division One. It has been a hard and long season, already 42 matches played and to keep the lads going throughout is in itself a heavy task. I know I speak for us all when I say to Steve, "Thanks Steve for what you have done for the Club and I know your next task is to consolidate in the 1st Division." I must at this point mention Andy Rowland, his Assistant and all the other back room staff who have all played their part.

To you the fans I must say you are a credit to the Club, credit to Football and a credit to yourselves. My Board have been proud of the way you have travelled many hundreds of miles to support the Club from Brighton to Carlisle.

When you read this letter we shall be about to play our last game of the season, so let us make it a Carnival Day we all deserve it, I know you will join me in wishing our playing staff a great closed season and we shall all look forward to returning to The County Ground for the challenge ahead.

Yours very sincerely



Mike Spearman  
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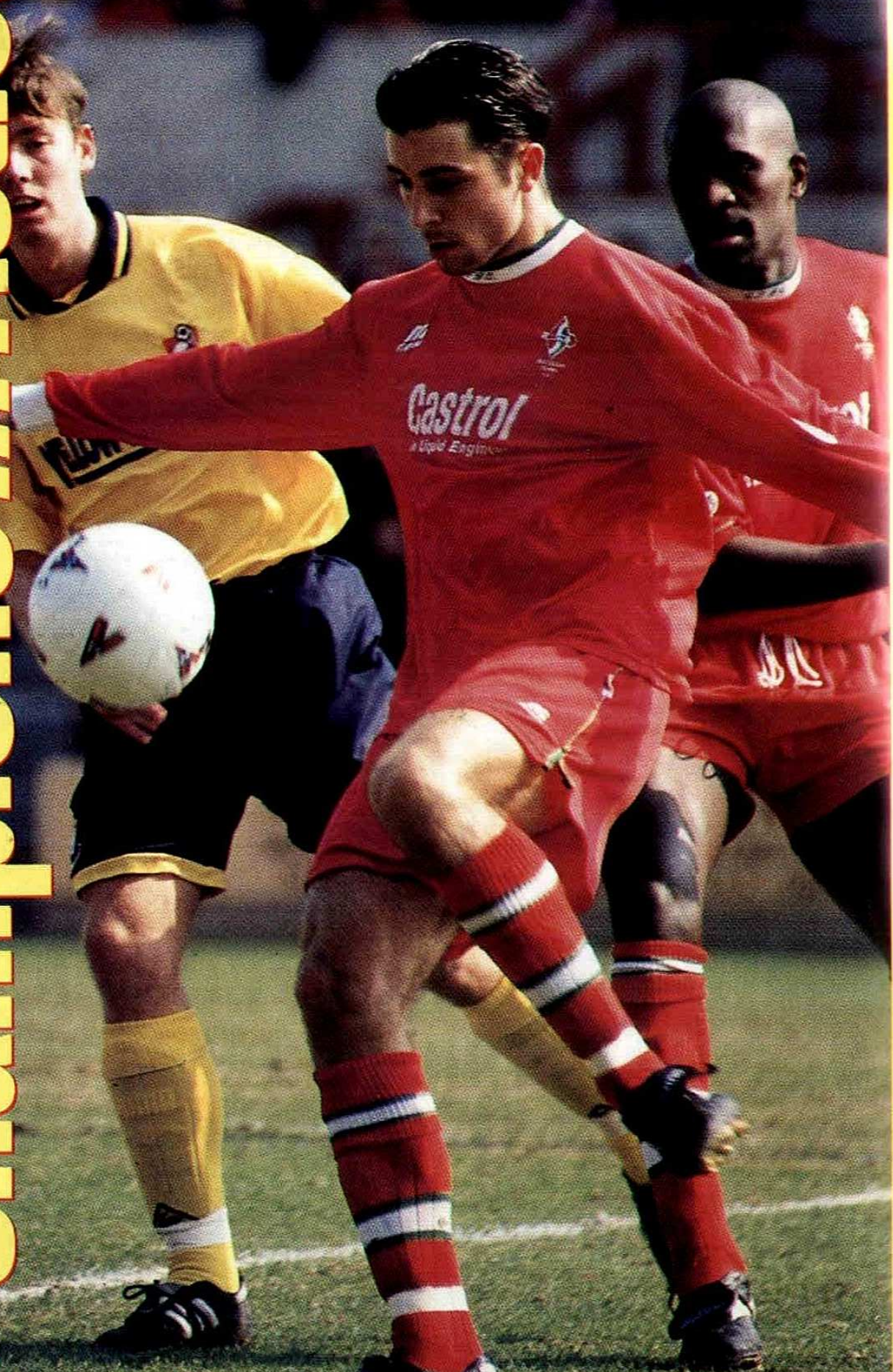
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# Champions in Action

*KEVIN HORLOCK and WAYNE ALLISON in action against Bournemouth.*



*WAYNE ALLISON in defence.*



*PETER THORNE holds off a challenge.*

# Training Ground

**With Andy Rowland**

*It has been a fantastic season, home and away, and we can't praise the players enough. Obviously we would have liked to have won more games at home and give our fans a little bit more to shout about, but in saying this I don't think over the season it matters how you do it as long as at the end of the day you get to your target.*

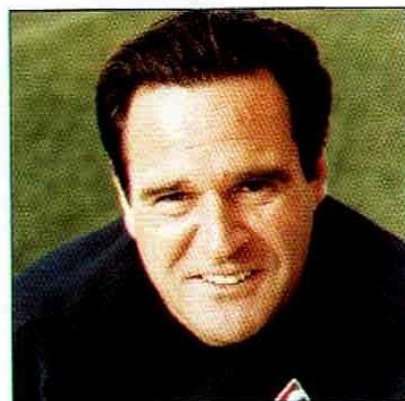
Of course we have done that but it would have been nice to have turned one or two of those home draws we had into a couple of wins. Teams have come to The County Ground and made it very hard for us which is obviously a measure of the respect that they have for us.

Away from home opponents feel more obliged to entertain their crowd and that has given us the opportunity to play a little bit more and we have managed to get 13 wins which is a fantastic achievement.

Going back to the support all I want to say is thanks for everything. Home and away you have been inspirational throughout the season. Let's hope we can go out on a nice note and enjoy the day.

Everyone has their own individual highlight from the season. The biggest thing for me is that we have been able to turn around and say we achieved what we set out to do. Last year we asked the supporters to give us a chance; they gave us a chance and we have delivered. We wanted to show that we could get a team together that was going to be worthy of promotion. We have managed to do that.

The biggest relief for me was at Blackpool when we clinched promotion. I was more relieved and delighted that day than anything else because we had actually achieved what we wanted to do. The ultimate objective was to get back to Division One. The Championship



at Chesterfield was just the icing on the cake as far as I was concerned.

Winning titles is not easy. Managers have been saying to us all season that we are the best team, we will definitely go up, but you have still got to go and do it. You have still got to achieve it and overcome the ups and downs and get there. We believed we were the best but it still had to be proved. So the satisfaction of achieving the final goal has been immense.

## SWINDON'S LATEST SIGNING LOOKS GOOD IN ANY POSITION.

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Endsleigh League Division Two - 1995/96 Season

# CHAMPIONS



Colin Benson looks at how we won the Second Division Championship -

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES.

*Those tears of desperation following a second successive demotion in the spring of 1995 have been replaced by tears of joy as Swindon Town bounce straight back to Division One as proud and rightful Champions.*

Promotion was clinched aptly in an epic 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road when second placed Blackpool played hosts to table topping Town and the Championship, that is so rightly ours, was confirmed three days later at Saltergate.

It must be said that in deepest Wiltshire success was never doubted though in the summer of 1995 the bookies tipped us only at 9-1 alongside Brentford and behind 7-1 favourites Carlisle United and Burnley at 8-1.

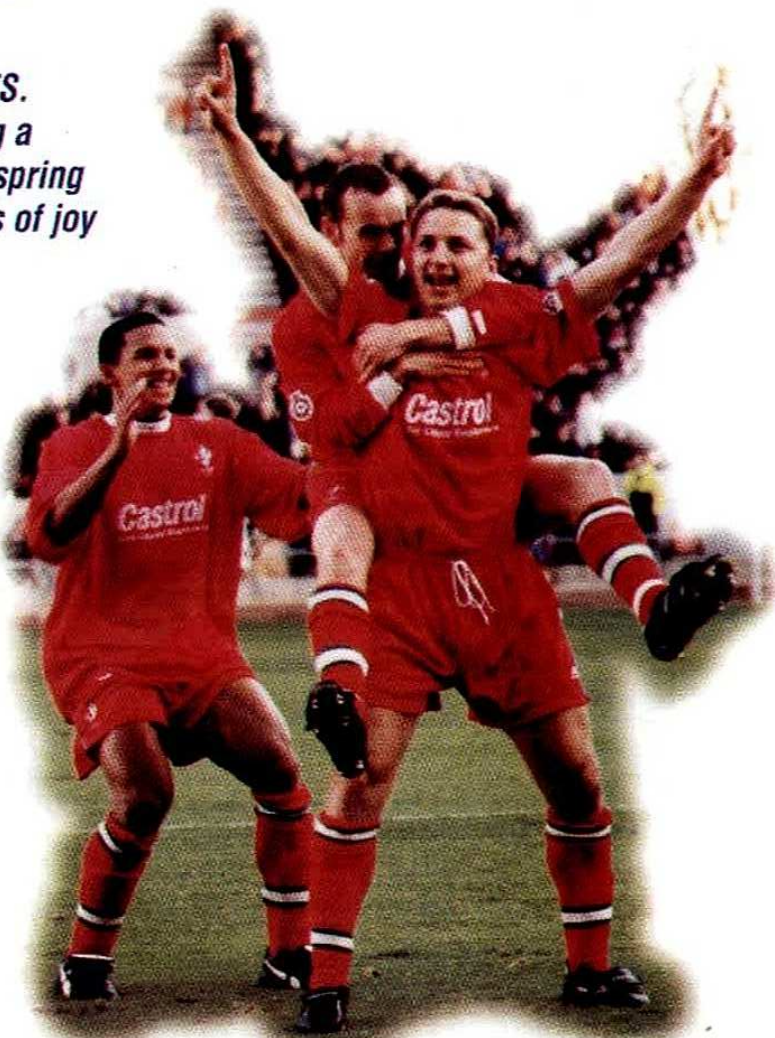
Steve McMahon had made some inspired signings during his first summer in charge. The arrival of big striker Wayne Allison from Bristol City for £475,000 was a major catch while the

impressive Mark Seagraves was pinched from

Bolton Wanderers for only £100,000 and even better, from a financial angle, striker Steve Finney who was signed on a free transfer from the Gaffer's old club Manchester City.

All three were to play a significant role in Town's success.

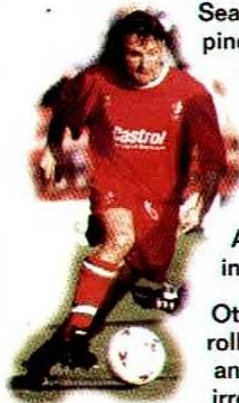
Other names were to be added to the roll of honour as the season developed and none had more impact than the irresistible Paul Allen alongside



stalwarts such as skipper Shaun Taylor, Paul Bodin and Ian Culverhouse; Mark Robinson and Kevin Horlock, not to mention the manager's own contribution on the field of play.

As the season approached the Gaffer couldn't wait to get started on his first full season in charge. He vowed Town could get out of Division Two by playing football. He was as good as his word.

Mind you there were a few worries before the big kick-off at Hull City on August 12. Goalkeeper Fraser Digby



was injured, number two Nicky Hammond had been transferred to Plymouth Argyle for £40,000, and the manager had to hurriedly recruit Shay Given on loan from Blackburn Rovers.

Another forced change to plans involved Peter Thorne, the first choice striker. He too was unable to play and so young Steve Finney waltzed out for his League debut. He proved a fair replacement netting the only goal of the match in the 68th minute.



Shamus Given, six-three tall and still only 19, maintained another clean sheet against

York City while Finney took just a minute to score on his home debut and 60 minutes to make it two and enhance his reputation. The Gaffer suggested there was still a lot more in his play to come yet. Paul Bodin converted a penalty in between Finney's two goals.

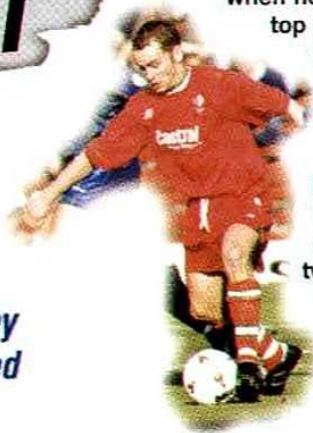


It was young Edwin Murray who turned up trumps at Carlisle. Thrown in as an emergency striker he crashed in a spectacular 20-yard volley to maintain Town's 100 per cent record.

Swindon were top of Division Two, two points clear of Swansea City, as Oxford United rolled into town. Over 13,000 were here to enjoy the fun that night and cheer Wayne Allison's first goal for the Club. Unfortunately Given was beaten for the first time and we had to settle for a share of the spoils.

## RECORD START

*The team's response was an emphatic 2-0 win at Brentford, sparked by a brilliant 38th minute solo effort from Wayne O'Sullivan. Another Steve Finney strike in the second-half clinched the points.*



The lead at the top was now three points over Blackpool as Frank Talia, also on loan from Ewood Park, took over in goal against Chesterfield. He was beaten in nine minutes by Kevin Davies but Wayne Allison shot in a 46th minute equaliser and we could so easily have clinched the game in the 71st; Steve McMahon's effort coming back out off the underside of the crossbar. It brought back memories of England's World Cup triumph over Germany on 1966, Macca reflecting, "unfortunately this time the Russian linesman wasn't around to give it."

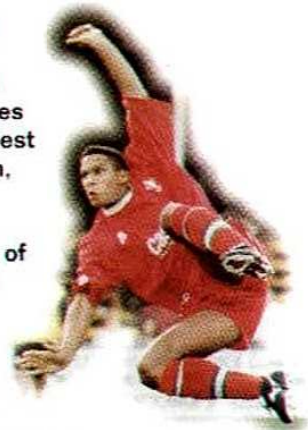


The Bradford City game had all the trimmings of a top of the table clash. It was first v second with just a point in it and Town putting up an unbeaten record against a City side undefeated away from home. No one was disappointed, Allison, Finney, Horlock and Robinson all on target in a thoroughly convincing 4-1 win, with Steve Finney's goal an absolute peach after a dazzling build-up of some two dozen passes before Ian Culverhouse delivered the ball for the striker to crash home.

If Kevin Horlock put the icing on the cake with our fourth against Bradford then he supplied the main ingredients at Twerton Park with a splendid hat-trick. Shaun Taylor also weighed in with his first of the season for another 4-1 victory over derby rivals Bristol Rovers.

The place was really buzzing when Ty Gooden scored the winner from 30 yards against Rotherham United. Nine games without defeat equalled our best ever start to a League season, though Australian custodian Frank Talia shared the headlines. He made the save of the match in the 54th minute when he came out to foil top shot Shaun Goater. Ten minutes later sub Gooden smashed in his winner.

Expectations were high for the trip to Wrexham and we should have been able to set a new unbeaten Club record after going two goals up courtesy of Wayne Allison. But Steve McMahon's warnings against complacency were not heeded and Wrexham came back 2-2. Peter Thorne then restored our lead only for the Welshmen to strike twice more to win 4-3.





# "MAGGA" TOP BOSS

**Wayne O'Sullivan's inclusion in the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 squad was**

**a welcome boost prior to the derby clash with Bristol City at The County Ground. Blackpool were now breathing down our necks a good result was essential.**



Before the kick-off Steve McMahon was presented with his first Manager of the Month award then in

typical barn-storming way he controlled midfield to help steer us to a 2-0 victory. After Wayne O'Sullivan had given us a 12th minute lead it could have been all over at 2-0 twenty minutes later but Paul Bodin missed from the penalty spot. No damage done however. Wayne Allison scrambling in a killer goal against his former club two minutes from time.

*"We are slowly getting sorted,"* claimed the Gaffer. No one surely doubted his word. But Blackpool, winners at Brentford, and Crewe, winners at Chesterfield, were sticking close.

Two strikes from Steve Finney in the 17th and 37th minutes, and one from Kevin Horlock in the 44th put the skids under Brighton at the Goldstone Ground. Blackpool, held at home by Chesterfield, had lost ground to Crewe whose next engagement was at The County Ground.

Thus, we had a repeat of the Bradford scenario with the top against second and all the focus such games attract. The game lived up to expectations and it was perhaps fitting that an enthralling match should be decided by a Steve Finney penalty just three minutes from time.

Wayne Allison had put us in front only for Steve Garvey to grab an equaliser in the 78th minute while Paul Allen, making his first League start in our colours, looked impressive.

Notts County had crept into second place virtue of a 3-0 win at Twerton Park and for the third time it was top v second as we breezed into Meadow Lane.

It took just eight minutes for Shaun Taylor to head us in front and though Andy Legg equalised on the quarter



hour the gulf in class was evident throughout and the final result of 3-1 - Paul Bodin and Taylor again - was hardly a true reflection of our supremacy.

October ended with a goalless draw at Bournemouth but it had been a good month with four wins and one draw.

*This is how Division Two shaped up:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	15	11	3	1	31	11	36
Crewe Alexandra	14	9	3	2	28	14	30
Notts County	15	8	4	3	22	12	28

# SHREWS WIN HERE

*"I'm delighted, absolutely delighted,"* beamed the manager going into the home game with Blackpool. He was more disappointed at the end as Town squandered a fistful of chances to draw 1-1. *"It was two points well and truly lost,"* in his eyes.

The Tangerines had equalised Steve Finney's goal from a suspect penalty decision 20 minutes from time but it was a foretaste of what was to come. For though Town continued to rampage through the Division away from home they have not been able to produce the same consistency against packed defences on home territory.

The fact that most opponents have come here to shut up shop from the off has been a contributing factor and was very much the case when Shrewsbury Town arrived to plunder three points and inflict a first home defeat of the season.

Town had gained a point in a 1-1 draw at Stockport County and it could have been three; Helliwell's late late equaliser rubbing out Wayne Allison's first half lead. But home to Shrewsbury the Town attack was frustrated into submission by tactics labelled "negative" by Steve McMahon.

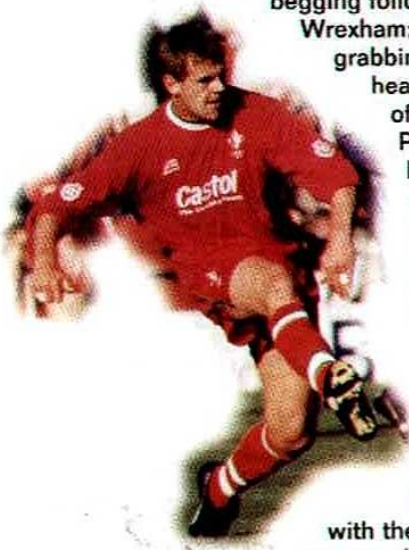
While pressing hard to breakaway from which Richard Scott scored the Shrewsbury winner. It was a bitter blow to Wiltshire pride though we still held a three point advantage over Notts County.

*November then had produced just two points from three games but even so we still topped the League chart by three points. This was the state of play at the end of the month.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	18	11	5	2	33	14	38
Notts County	18	10	5	3	30	16	35
Crewe Alexandra	17	10	4	3	34	18	34

# GOAL DROUGHT

December's League programme kicked off on a positive note with Steve Finney netting twice without reply at Rotherham. This was a gritty professional performance summed up by Mark Robinson like this: *"We may not have played pretty football, but it was effective."*



At home two more points went begging following a 1-1 draw with Wrexham; Wayne O'Sullivan grabbing the point when he headed in his third goal of the season from Paul Allen's deft cross before Wrexham capitalised on a gifted penalty four minutes from time. The decision so incensed the Gaffer he refused to comment on it.

Crewe, 1-0 winners at Notts County, were now two points behind us with the same number of games played. There was little room now for error.

The pre-Christmas trip to Walsall proved goalless and the state of the pitch for the home game with Wycombe Wanderers had Peter Thorne insisting the match should have been frozen off. There was certainly little good cheer in another 0-0 draw.

Crewe had now leap-frogged into poll position above us by virtue of the fact that they had scored more goals. 42 against our 36.

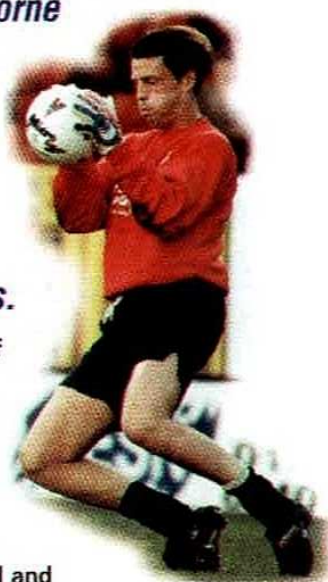
*With the Burnley game postponed because of the freeze this is how we entered 1996:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe Alexandra	22	13	5	4	42	23	44
Swindon Town	22	12	8	2	36	15	44
Notts County	21	11	6	4	33	18	39

# SNOW GOING

As the home game with Burnley, and the New Year's day trip to Peterborough were

postponed because of snow Town opened their 1996 League campaign with a 3-0 home win over Swansea City. Wayne O'Sullivan was back in the side as Shaun Taylor was injured, but 2 goals from Peter Thorne and another from Wayne Allison and a fourth successive clean sheet from Fraser Digby emphasised the gulf between the two sides.



This win put us back on top of the League ladder and given his good away form and York City's lowly position optimism was high at Bootham Crescent. The lads put on an exhibition of accurate passing in the first half but after the break folded and the 2-0 defeat prompted Steve McMahon to comment: *"I have no excuses. Our performance, or rather the lack of it, made me very angry."*

The boss continued: *"Winning doesn't come easy, you can't just go out on the field and expect success to come your way. You have to earn that right and you need a hunger, a passion to succeed and total commitment to achieve your goal."*

Fraser Digby and Paul Allen were the only ones to escape criticism but our league position was not affected as Crewe went down 3-2 at Bristol City.

Steve McMahon was still troubled by a knee injury that had kept him out of team action since the pre-Christmas game at Walsall and straight after the trip to York he went into hospital for a menisectomy to his right knee to remove a piece of torn cartilage.

The lads bounced back with a comfortable 3-0 win over Hull City with Peter Thorne opening the account just after the break; young Tony Thorne, on loan from Everton, making a scoring debut and Kevin Horlock claiming his ninth goal of the season.

Crewe kept within three points by beating Wycombe 2-0 while Blackpool and Notts County were locked together seven points behind but with games in hand.

*At the end of January the situation at the top was this:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	25	14	8	3	42	17	50
Crewe Alexandra	24	14	5	5	46	26	47
Blackpool	25	12	8	5	39	25	44
Notts County	23	12	7	4	35	19	43

# UNBEATEN

**Despite the cluttered fixture list and an FA Cup replay with Southampton February was negotiated without defeat in Division Two. Three wins over Carlisle United, Swansea City (away), and Bristol Rovers supplemented by a home draw with Brentford.**



Skipper Shaun Taylor returned to the side for the game against Carlisle after missing three matches because of a torn hamstring. The visitors were never really in the running and goals from Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison were enough to stretch the gap at the top to six points as Crewe's game with York was postponed.

Mind you the Gaffer was not too pleased when Delap was allowed to steal a consolation goal in the 83rd minute to cost Fraser his eighth clean sheet in 10 league and cup games.

Martin Ling, Ty Gooden and Tony Grant were in sparkling form in midfield at the Vetch, never allowing Swansea to get a look in and really the one-nil scoreline did not do us justice. But it was another clean-sheet and a fine winner from Shaun Taylor, who netted in the 28th minute.



Perhaps it was the aftermath of cup euphoria following our 1-1 draw with Premiership Southampton that caught up with us against Brentford though the boss did not see why it should. Disappointed with the 2-2 draw he reflected that *"on the night I think we had only three maybe four players who could be satisfied with their contribution."*

Our closest rivals in the Championship chase had slipped up both on Saturday and the night before leaving us eight points clear and manager McMahon said "we are making it hard for ourselves. We keep shooting ourselves in the foot."

Thankfully Ty Gooden and Wayne Allison - his 14th goal of the season - had shot the other way to snatch at least a point and extend the unbeaten run in league and cup to six.

Derby clashes being what they are there was a hint of caution in the air prior to the home game with Bristol Rovers, whose new year record was five wins and two draws. It was probably the ideal fixture at this time for there was no room for complacency.

This lesson was quickly rammed home when Rovers took the lead in the 12th minute through Stewart. It

took 67 anxious minutes to reply through Wayne Allison and at that stage a draw seemed all we could expect. But Shaun Taylor seems to make a habit of scoring against our near neighbours, and he did so again this afternoon, leading by example with the winning thrust just ten-minutes from time.

The lead was now down to three points but it was Blackpool who had emerged as the new challengers - taking advantage of Crewe's and our cup commitments to forge into second place.

February's final league table looked like this:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	29	17	9	3	49	21	60
Blackpool	31	16	9	6	49	29	57
Crewe Alexandra	29	16	6	7	52	31	54
Chesterfield	27	14	7	6	43	28	49

# MAD MARCH

**Seven games were crowded into a March programme which produced heartaches and joy as the marathon edged towards the final furlongs.**

We got off to a great start at Wycombe where Ty Gooden gave us a fourth minute lead with a tremendous 25-yarder against his former club. It looked all over when Peter Thorne squeezed in a second goal fifteen minutes later but then we took the foot off the pedal and allowed Wycombe to drift back into the game.

*"We were not clinical enough. We should be killing teams off and be more ruthless."* rapped McMahon afterwards but it was a victory that was very much needed as Blackpool won 1-0 at Burnley and Crewe won 3-2 at Wrexham.

The Tangerines had closed the gap to two points but had played three more games than us. Crewe, with one more game than us on the slate, were three points adrift.

The 2-0 victory at Peterborough United was dubbed "a very good professional performance," by the Swindon chief. On a mud heap of a London Road pitch Town, with Paul Allen back in midfield after a thigh strain, completely dominated the Posh and were never ever troubled by the home attack.

Two great goals from Wayne Allison and Steve Finney, who lobbed Posh goalkeeper Jon Sheffield with a shot that would have graced any game, clinched the points. The race between the two strikers was an intriguing contest within a contest. Both now had 16 goals on the score card.

Alas, Finney's challenge for top shot was to end 11 days later at Turf Moor where he suffered a hairline fracture just above the ankle and so Wayne was given the opportunity to edge ahead.

Shaun Taylor looked to have won us the game when he scored with an 84th minute header against Walsall but Scott Houghton equalised in injury time to steal a point for the Saddlers and deny us two.

It was another frustrating afternoon for home fans who have yet to see the best of the Champions. One problem is the negative tactics adopted by most sides visiting the County Ground. We have earned such respect that teams are frightened to extend themselves against us.

Typically Steve McMahon said it was roll your sleeves up time. His rally call asked the players *"to pull their socks up, dig deep and prove they want to play First Division football net season."*

The goalless draw at Burnley saw more points unjustly taken from our grasp - we should have had a penalty as is mentioned later - and these upsets, plus a pride sapping 3-0 defeat at Oxford United, allowed Blackpool to ease us from poll position, first on the strength of one more goal scored, then by a margin of two points.

With transfer deadline day drawing close and the injury to Steve Finney depleting the attacking ranks the manager was looking to freshen things up with a couple of new faces.



The Finney incident at Burnley had been particularly galling because the referee was the only man in the ground who didn't see the challenge on him as a foul. *"It should have been a penalty,"* insisted Andy Rowland who saw it like this:

*"Steve Finney had gone into the box, beaten a couple of players, was about to shoot and was fouled. The referee ran over to him and said, 'get up, he didn't touch you.'"*

*"Obviously it was more serious than that. Steve knew he had been fouled and if you saw his ankle afterwards it was obvious he did not do it tripping over the ball."*

So we had not only been robbed of a possible match winning spot kick but of the services of one of our most potent goal getters too.

The vastly experienced David Preece was introduced for the home game with Peterborough. Signed on loan from Derby County he was an instant hit as a midfield dynamo.

After 'big Chief' had given us the lead in the 11th minute and Peter Thorne had added another five minutes later the game was virtually won. Frank Talia, now a £100,000 recruit and in goal since the beginning of the month, comfortably kept a third clean sheet.

A 3-1 win over Carlisle kept Blackpool on top but Crewe, beaten at home by Bradford City, lost valuable ground. They were now seven points below us having played two games more. It was a nice little cushion we hoped to improve.

*"I thought we gave a good account of ourselves at*

*Bristol City, we played quite well and were unlucky, in my opinion, not to have won the game,"* insisted the Gaffer who pointed out.

*"After the Oxford game we had to get back to basics and start again doing the right things. Fortunately in the last two games I think we have."*



With Preece unable to participate because of a virus infection another on loan player, Scott Leitch, from Heart of Midlothian, stepped in at the last minute at Ashton Gate and showed maturity and composure beyond his years.

A third recruit was striker Steven Cowe, a youngster with tremendous potential, who joined us first on loan from Aston Villa but was then signed on a permanent transfer almost before he had unpacked his bags.

*So here's the state of play at the end of March after Blackpool had beaten Brentford 1-0 and Crewe had overcome Chesterfield 3-0:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<i>Blackpool</i>	39	22	11	6	61	32	77
<i>Swindon Town</i>	36	20	12	4	56	26	72
<i>Crewe Alexandra</i>	38	20	7	11	70	47	67
<i>Notts County</i>	37	18	12	7	51	30	66

## THE FINAL HURDLE

*If March had proved a busy month it was nothing to what was to come. Ten games to complete in April, five of them away from home.*

Not many teams would have relished such a challenge but given our tremendous away form nothing looked impossible. It seemed even now inevitable that Town would go up and indeed as Champions. Even so nothing can be taken for granted in this game as Brighton aptly reminded us.

It was second from top against second from bottom, a walk over on paper, and with Blackpool going down 1-0 at Chesterfield the night before - almost as good as a win for us - all was set for the win that would take us to within two points of the leaders.

But after a tentative start we found Brighton's defensive resolve sound enough and all the prompting and probing in midfield couldn't open them up. Then just before the stroke of half-time a lapse of concentration gave Peter Thorne a half-chance. One nil - driven in low from close range!

Within 32 seconds of the restart it was 2-0. A quick-silver move down and left, Paul Bodin's perfect cross and Wayne Allison produced the finish that mattered. We expected the lads to take them apart but it was Brighton who responded. Minton made it 2-1 and unbelievably it was 2-2 in the 69th minute.

Were we to suffer a classic upset? Was this a case of promotion wobbles? The lads managed to steady themselves and it was Thorney who came up trumps with an 85th minute winner. Our 21st victory of the season.

It might have been a shaky show but we were now breathing down Blackpool's neck and more significantly had opened up an eight point advantage over Crewe which in real terms was the difference of three wins.

This position looked even firmer after a 1-0 win over rivals Notts County on Easter Saturday; Kevin Horlock firing us back to the top of the table in the 89th minute with a spectacular overhead kick. What a treasure that goal proved as Blackpool tripped up at Oxford and Crewe came tumbling down at Brentford.

But there was even better to come. All season we had been anticipating the Easter Monday trip to Crewe could be a promotion decider. It wasn't quite like that after Crewe lost ground following the sale of three of their players but it was none the less still a crucial challenge.

There were no worries however as the boys put on a super show, Kevin Horlock turning up the power on Town's turbo charged return to Division One. He scored again, this time with a header from Wayne Allison's cross in the 27th minute.

A fiercely contested contest was really put beyond Crewe's reach when David Preece claimed his first goal for us, with a crisp shot from outside the box just after the break.

With Blackpool losing at home to ten-man Rotherham United the path to the title was beginning to look greener. Town now had 81 points from 39 playerd. Blackpool 77 points from 42 starts; and Oxford, now third, 70 points from 41 games.

What an Easter it had been for us with a maximum haul of nine points and Bournemouth and Burnley to play at home.

Kevin Horlock's scoring run continued against Bournemouth but it wasn't the display the Gaffer was hoping for. The spirited Cherries rocked us with goals in the 31st and 68th minutes (both from former Hammer Steve Jones) and could have been three-up at one stage. But two great efforts from another ex-Hammer, Kevin Horlock, salvaged a point.

Steve didn't want to talk about that one the only saving grace being Blackpool drawing 1-1 at Bristol Rovers; Notts County 0-0 at Brentford; and Oxford without a game.

*"We should be going out there and burying teams*

*at this stage of the season. I see no reason why not I really don't."* he reflected.

If players weren't affected the fans certainly were. You could almost hear the nerves jangling through the stand prior to the game with relegation haunted Burnley. Though no one really doubted we would make it the stutter in the advance on the title did nothing to ease the tension.

After two years of failure Town fans were on the brink of euphoria they didn't want to slip the wrong way.

The Championship was there almost in touching distance. If we had beaten Bournemouth we would have been one win away from promotion. If, though is a word so often used in football and it really counts for nothing.

Steve was quite candid about it. He said: *"There's nothing I can so to change things - the players have to do that. They know there is such a reward at the end of it. We have to be more committed, more passionate."*

The commitment was there against the Clarets but not the spoils of battle. A no-score draw easing us five points clear of Blackpool with two games in hand.

## PROMOTED

*What a title race this was turning out to be with the next engagement at Blackpool. First v second again, but this time with the second Division Championship the ultimate prize.*

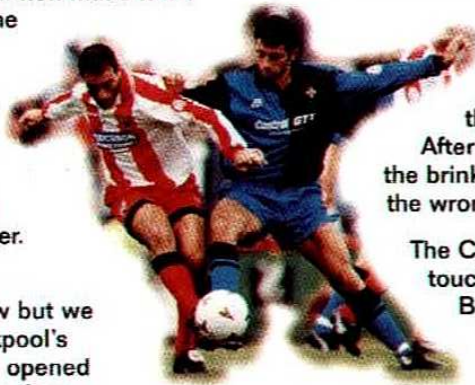
*This was the position at the top of Division Two:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	41	23	14	4	64	30	83
Blackpool	43	22	12	9	63	37	78
Oxford United	42	20	11	11	62	38	71

A Town victory at Bloomfield Road would clinch the title and the hype leading up to this all-ticket show-down matched the importance of the event.

Fraser Digby was recalled to goal as Frank Talia suffered an ankle injury in training but Steve McMahon resisted the temptation to make a comeback and fielded the following combination: Digby, Culverhouse, Bodin, Preece, Allen, Taylor, Robinson, Leitch, Thorne, Allison, Horlock...Seagraves, O'Sullivan and Cowe were to be brought on as substitutes for Allen, Leitch and Thorne during the afternoon.

The historical facts showed that Town had won only once at Bloomfield Road, and that was way back in the season of 1979-80, and of course this time they had their own Championship dreams still to play for so were certainly not going to give us an easy passage.



With Town boasting a phenomenal away record, with just 14 goals conceded in 19 journeys, it all added up to a titanic contest and that is what we got.

When Kevin Horlock fired us ahead in the 15th minute you knew this was going to be a momentous afternoon. Wayne Allison headed down and Kevin's right foot did the rest - his 15th goal of the season.

Town looked comfortable until a 25-yard effort from fullback Andy Barlow squeezed inside Fraser's near post for an unexpected equaliser in the 61st minute. This invigorated the Seasiders who might have snatched a victory in the closing stages.

But 1-1 it remained and Town had bounced back to Division One within a year and were now just two points away from the Championship.

*This was the position at the top:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	42	23	15	4	65	31	84
Blackpool	44	22	13	9	64	38	79
Oxford United	43	21	11	11	64	38	74

It was perhaps apt that promotion should be achieved in the shadow of Britain's biggest roller-coaster for in the past five years we have been up and down to the Premiership and back. Shaun Taylor has experienced it all.

He says: *"I have played in all the divisions since I came here, including two promotions and a double relegation. So I know how much this success means to our fans."*

The Gaffer emphasised how important it had been to check the slide:

*"We needed to bounce back quickly after the last two years otherwise we might have fallen into a rut,"* he said.

*"There has been no stability at the Club for the past five years and we need it now. For me this is the best feeling of all, it is at the top of the tree in my career."*

He wasn't quite right for there was another branch to negotiate - the title itself. This was to come three days later at Saltergate, the home of Chesterfield, who themselves were battling for a play-off place.

## CHAMPIONS

*The Championship was signed, sealed and delivered with a convincing 3-1 victory and the quality of the performance reflects the strength of McMahon's squad. For he had no less than seven first team players unavailable for selection yet the gulf between us and the Spireites was enormous.*

In truth, Chesterfield, boasting one of the best home records in the division, hardly threatened us with no less than three changes in midfield we controlled the game from start to finish.

It was a big night for young Steven Cowe who scored the opening goal on his full League debut and although Hewitt pulled Chesterfield level on the half-hour Peter Thorne hit back with number two a minute later.

Town were firmly in charge and the Championship was ours when Wayne Allison scored his 19th goal of the season eleven minutes from time. As the cry Champions, Champions, Champions, filled the air a jubilant McMahon beamed: *"This is way out in front of anything I have ever experienced as a player."*

*The statistics tell it all. Just look at this:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	43	24	15	4	68	32	87
Blackpool	44	22	13	9	64	38	79
Oxford United	44	22	11	11	70	38	77
Notts County	44	20	15	9	59	38	75

And this is the team that clinched the decisive points: Digby, Culverhouse, Bodin, O'Sullivan, Seagraves, Taylor (capt), Robinson, Cowe (Ling), Thorne, Allison, Horlock. Subs not used: Smith, Collins.

Promotion secured with four games to go; the title clinched with three to play this really has been a tremendous achievement. It is the culmination of hard work and dedication from management, coaches and players and to be truthful has always seemed to be our destiny from the day the very first League table was published last August.

Town have led the way, not only in terms of success, but in entertainment value and the quality of our game. Apart from token challenges from Crewe and Blackpool, who both had short spells at the helm, we have led the table for most of the season and the final crowning was nothing short of just reward.

Consistency is the lifeblood of champions and we have certainly had bucketfuls this season, both home and away. In fact looking at our title record our away figures are almost identical to our achievements at home.

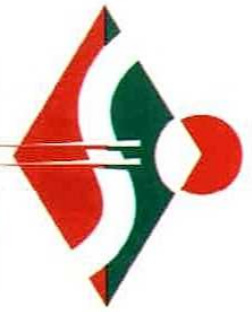
*This is the breakdown over the 43 games which won the title:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	22	12	9	1	37	16	45
AWAY	21	12	6	3	31	16	42

None of the other contenders came anywhere close to our away form. Blackpool won eight games, Crewe nine, Oxford only six. In fact the second best away record over this period belonged to this afternoon's visitors Stockport County, who claimed 11 victories and three draws in 22 away games, with 31 goals scored and 27 conceded.

*It promises then to be a fantastic finale to our CHAMPIONSHIP year.*

# The Postbag



Write your letters to 'Have Your Say' and we will be featuring them in future Matchday Magazines.

**Dear Sir,**

RE: STFC VS NOTTS COUNTY

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the manner in which your staff made our recent visit to your ground such an enjoyable experience.

It was the first occasion that I had taken my children, Lucy 5 and Adam 2, to a football match and although Lucy has difficulty in appreciating the fine skills (!) of my club Notts County, she nonetheless enjoyed her time in the Crèche.

I believe that your club's approach to visiting families is an example for others to follow and I look forward to visiting the County Ground next season when both our clubs are in the First Division.

Yours sincerely,

**Ian Kirke**

**From The Editor**

Thank you for your letter Ian. We do work hard at providing a family environment for families to enjoy football at the County Ground. It is nice to hear that it is appreciated.

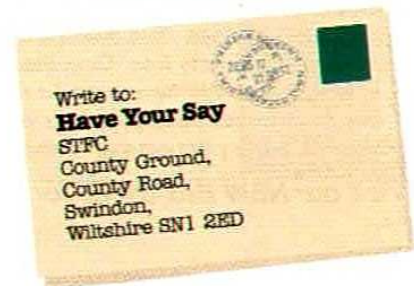
**Dear Sir,**

I am writing to STFC to inform your supporters of a poetry night. The event, sponsored by Burmah, will be the 1st football poetry night ever at a football club.

I will be appearing in the local media over the next couple of weeks to publicise the event but I would like to emphasise that my reasons for doing so are not mercenary but just to ensure that we have a right to remember. We are only playing for expenses, so the takings at the door are immaterial to us in that sense. We are appearing because we are good! (We are on at the Festival

Hall as part The European United' Jambaree before Euro 96 starts.) Because we enjoy it - but most because 2 of us are ex-Swindonians. (I attended Headlands School 1962-69 and played for Swindon Boys 1965. Mick Ryan was at Headlands late 60's/70's. He is a recorded singer and has written 3 SFTC songs especially for the night!)

It should be a totally brilliant night - **Monday May 6th 1996**, starting at 8pm in the Supporters Lounge at Swindon Town Football Club. **Tickets cost £2 (£1.50).**



## (To the tune of...) TEN GREEN BOTTLES

**CHORUS:**

We are the champions - we are Swindon Town.  
We play great football - the finest team around  
We showed ev'ry body - that we are simply the best  
So much better than any of the rest!

Big Shaun Taylor..is a cut above the rest  
He stands so firmly.. with ev'ry single test  
He stops attackers...firmly in their tracks  
Then passes the ball..to the other backs

Stevie Finney..is gonna..score a goal  
Our Steve Finney..is good..enough to score  
And leave their goalie..LAYING ON THE FLOOR!

**CHORUS:**

Fra'zer Digby always gets the ball..  
Diving bravely..when the strikers are so tall  
Then whacks the ball right up the other end  
And leaves their players trying to defend.

Peter Thorney..races thro defence  
Peter Thorney runs rings around defence  
He adds to his tally..coz he intends to score  
Then leaves their goalie..LAYING ON THE FLOOR!

**CHORUS:**

Zippy Bodin..he came up from Wales  
As a defender, you know he never fails  
Thinks he's a winger - races up to shoot  
Crossing the ball with his faithful boot

Wayne Alli - son..they call him the chief  
When he's scoring - that's a great relief  
He sticks the ball - firmly in the net  
And hopes that ain't..the only one he'll get!

**CHORUS:**

Fancy foot-work..comes from Paul Allan  
After ninety minutes..he has just began  
He loves to show - 'specially to the crowd'  
they all love it - and they cheer so loud!

Young Ty Gooden - is getting really good  
Always trying..like all players should  
He whacks the ball..from thirty yards or more  
Coz he's a striker - he always wants to score!

**CHORUS:**

"Macca! Macca!" is what the fans all shout  
He's a great leader..that's without a doubt  
As a player..he inspires the rest  
Swindon Town..think that he's the best!

**CHORUS:**

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# Season Ticket

## Endsleigh League Division 1



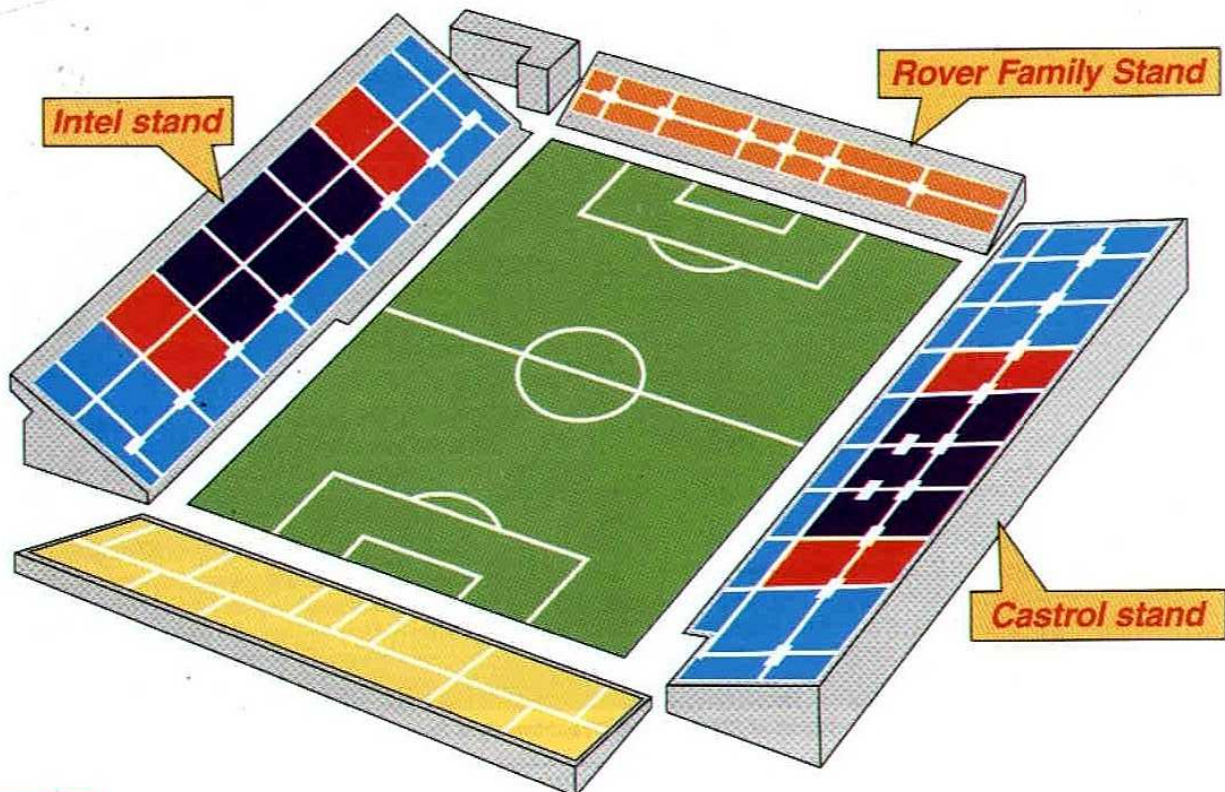
**Mike Spearman**  
CHAIRMAN

*There is nothing like a Championship year to wet your appetite for the following season, already I can't wait for August to come. The best way to guarantee all next season's action is to become a Swindon Town Season Ticket holder and here I am, pleased to announce next years Division One prices.*

I would also like to thank you for your participation in our supporters survey and as a result of careful analysis we are investing in a new state of the art in-house ticket office. The new ticket office will be situated along side our Superstore, this will eliminate outdoor queuing, reduce time spent in a queue and increase the period of time allotted prior to a game when tickets may be purchased. For those of you who are unable or simply do not have the time to attend the ticket office why not take advantage of our new, more responsive telephone & fax booking service.


As you can see our season ticket prices have received an average increase of only 7.5% compared to last season. Swindon Town is totally committed to providing family entertainment and to endorse this we have maintained last years prices for the Rover Family Ticket. This means a family of four can enjoy the game for as little as £20 with each extra child being admitted for only £1, however if you purchase a Family Season Ticket you can benefit from even bigger savings. The season ticket still offers 23 games for the price of 20 plus the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup absolutely free. One more added benefit is the 10% discount on the vast range of sportswear on sale in our Superstore. We have also, in response to demand, teamed up once more with Endsleigh who offer our superb 8 month payment plan, enabling you to take advantage of being a season ticket holder and at the same time defer payments during the course of the season.

**Visit our NEW Box Office for your Season Ticket Application - opening 13 May 1996.**





# Prices 1996/97

<b>Swindon Town Ticket Prices - 1996/97</b>					
	<i>If purchased BEFORE 15-6-96</i>			SEASON TICKET PRICES <small>(AFTER 15-6-96)</small>	MATCHDAY PRICE
	CASH C/CARD	INSTALMENT PLAN (7.4%)	MONTHLY PAYMENT		
<b>ROVER FAMILY STAND</b>					
Full Price	£200.00	£216.00	£27.00	£216.00	£10.00
Concessions	£100.00	£112.00	£14.00	£112.00	£5.00
Family Ticket (2+2)	£380.00	£416.00	£52.00	£416.00	£20.00
Additional Child	£20.00	£24.00	£3.00	£24.00	£1.00
<b>CASTROL/INTEL STANDS - ENCLOSURE/WINGS</b>					
Full Price	£220.00	£240.00	£30.00	£240.00	£11.00
Concessions	£130.00	£144.00	£18.00	£144.00	£6.50
<b>CASTROL/INTEL STANDS - INTERMEDIATE BLOCK</b>					
Full Price	£250.00	£272.00	£34.00	£272.00	£12.50
Concessions	£140.00	£152.00	£19.00	£152.00	£7.00
<b>CASTROL/INTEL STANDS - CENTRE BLOCK</b>					
Full Price	£270.00	£288.00	£36.00	£288.00	£13.50
Concessions	£150.00	£160.00	£20.00	£160.00	£7.50

## Benefits

- 23 Endsleigh home games
- The first round of the Coca-Cola Cup
- Priority booking for your seats for all other cup games
- Free entry to reserve team fixtures
- 10% Discount in our Superstore
- Priority booking on away tickets when an allocation is limited
- If you book your season ticket by 15th June 1996 you can apply for our Instalment plan option.

## How To Apply

If you are already a season ticket holder you will automatically be sent a renewal form with the option to take up your existing seat. New requests are very straight forward. Obtain an application form from the ticket office or contact us by phone and we will be only too happy to post one. Complete your form and hand this in at the ticket office with the required fee. Your application will be processed and your season ticket will be sent to you in plenty of time for the new season. Requests can also be processed by post and telephone (credit card bookings) Tel: (01793) 529000.

## Extra Discount

If you purchase your ticket in full before 15-6-96 you are eligible for even further discount as outlined above.

## Monthly Instalment Plan

The ideal way to enjoy the benefits of a season ticket holder with the advantage of deferred payments during the course of the season.

The Endsleigh instalment plan is only available up to the 15th June 1996. We need applications in by this date to enable all relevant credit checks to be carried out to ensure all season tickets are issued before the start of the new season.

When you collect your season ticket request form be sure to ask for an instalment plan application. Complete all the required details and return this with your season ticket application. Your season ticket will be reserved, at which time you will be issued with a receipt. Your season ticket will then be sent to you in plenty of time before the start of the season.

## Executive Season Ticket

The Executive Suite is an ideal venue for corporate entertainment or simply enjoying football in comfort and style. The Package includes: Best seats in the house, hot buffet, licensed bar, complimentary matchday programme, half and full time refreshments. This exclusive package costs £700 +VAT For further information or to book please contact Tracy Bond in the Marketing Department on Swindon (01793) 532121

# Meeting challenges head on



## Congratulations from one successful team to another

Blick plc congratulates Swindon Town Football Club, 2nd Division Champions '95/96. The head office of Blick plc and its subsidiaries Blick Telefusion, Blick Time and Blick International has been based in Swindon for 20 years. Together with the new member of the team, PAC International of Bredbury, near Stockport, we would like to wish both Swindon Town Football Club & Stockport County a successful '96/97 season.

The Blick Group of companies design, manufacture, supply and maintain advanced on-site radio paging, time management, access control, shop floor data collection, car parking, fire alarm, security systems and TV distribution.

For further information on any of Blick's products telephone: 01793 692401 and ask for Ivor Watkins.



# Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

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

*It has been a long season, this being the 32nd home game, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who have supported the Club during this, potentially, very difficult year.*

*Our customer base has expanded even further with Dana Ltd and Blick plc, today's Matchday Sponsors, being the latest additions to our sponsorship family. Sponsorship has to be a partnership and I would like to think that the excellent relationship we have with our sponsors, large and small, will lead to added prosperity for all parties.*

*Next season, we already have Castrol, Intel, Rover, Dana and National Power already committed for what will hopefully be another memorable year.*

*If your company would like to be involved with us next season, please give me a call on Swindon (01793) 532121 and we can discuss your business and how we can support you through any or all of our products.*

## Today's Matchday Sponsors

We are pleased to welcome **Blick plc** as today's Matchday Sponsors. This has been Blick plc's first season sponsoring STFC and we are pleased to be able to confirm their confidence in us.

Blick plc is the ultimate business to business organisation which, through it's main operating Companies: Blick Telefusion; Blick Time Systems; Blick International and PAC International of Bredbury, offer effective intergrated solutions to everyday business problems such as: **Communication** through on-site radio paging and public address systems; **Security** with access control, fire alarm and CCTV systems; **Time Management** with central data collection including personnel files, payroll and shop floor data; and not forgetting systems for **Car Parking** and **Satellite TV distribution**.

For further information about Blick plc, call Ivor Watkins on (01793) 692401.

## Today's Matchball Sponsors

It is a pleasure to welcome two Matchball Sponsors for this afternoon's fixture. The first of our



Matchball Sponsors today are **iQual**, an independent IT support company based in Hungerford. iQual specialises in the design and installation of IT Networks, hardware and software support, training and consultancy.

Also with us today are **Datatech Computer Services**. Based on the South Marston Industrial Park, they offer a wealth of experience in voice data networks and are specialists in structured cabling systems, including fibre optics. They also offer hardware and software support, including an upgrade service for PC's

## Swindon Town Robinettes

We would like to thank all the Clubs Robinettes for all the time and effort they have put into the season. We've seen a great performance from the girls, not just at the Club, but also in all the charity work they have participated in. Any young girls interested in joining the Robinettes next season should call Julie Page on Swindon (01793) 763349. You must be over 14 years old and over 5ft tall.

## Presentation Time



*Dana Ltd were Matchday Sponsors against Bournemouth. Mike Spearman, Chairman, presents David Ghent, Regional Manager South West, with a signed framed shirt as a memento of their day from STFC.*



*Kevin Horlock presents a signed football to Peter Strutt and his guests from Silver Shield Windscreens who were Matchball Sponsors against Bournemouth.*



*Bryan Mathieson of Non-Stop Promotions receives a signed football from Kevin Horlock. Non-Stop Promotions were Matchball Sponsors against Bournemouth.*



*Ian Culverhouse presents guests from Semitron with a signed football. Semitron were Matchball Sponsors against Burnley.*

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# Matchday Party

With **GWR** FM's Tony Horne

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SWINDON CONTACT LENSES



*We are the champions - and rightly so! Congratulations to Macca and the boys and thank you for your support this season. Division One watch out: the Barmy Army are on the way!*

We are going to have a real knees up here this afternoon and I really want to hear some noise when our Champions come out just before 3 o'clock. Mind you, I am a bit worried about what I am going to do every Saturday at 3pm for the duration of the summer. I am anticipating severe

withdrawal symptoms. I bet the missus tries to get me out shopping....oh roll on August!

We still have one more date this season: this is undoubtedly the biggest game since the 1969 League Cup Final. On May 19th Steve's Celebrity XI take on Nationwide here at The County Ground. See you there!

I hope you have enjoyed my column this season. Of course we normally end with *Horne's Howler*. (Usually, a really diabolical joke about Watford) Today, however, I would like you to ponder on *Horne's Caption*. Write something funny/offensive

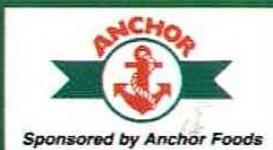
about this photo of me at the top of The Empire State Building in New York in February and send it to me here. Alternatively, send me a picture of you anywhere in the world in a Swindon Town Top. Take your kit on your hols this year. Have a great summer - see you in August, if not before.



# The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

*Welcome to today's celebrations at The County Ground as the team receive their well earned Division 2 Championship Trophy!*



The end of the season however, means the start of the summer fun for Junior Robins. Kicking off the celebrations both today and tomorrow. Then of course, the fantastic events and trips that I will be organising over the holidays! I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all Junior Robins, who have made the Club proud this season with your continued support, both home and away. I would also like to extend thanks to all the parents who have offered their support with the Junior Robins throughout the season, it is very much appreciated.

the Superstore until your card expires. All Junior Robins will receive a renewal form during the close season and anyone interested in joining for the exciting season ahead, forms will be available from the Club Superstore in June/July.



Charlie Carter, Paul Allen, Lee Collins, Steve Mildenhall, Steve Finney and Clive Maguire with the Junior Robins at the final training session on Monday 29th April.

## 1996/97 MEMBERSHIP

Current membership runs until mid-July, further details will be in your May Newsletter, so take advantage of your 10% discount in

## Today's Lucky Mascots



Happy Birthday to Richard Avis, who is celebrating his 32nd birthday today. Richard who lives in Tetbury enjoys golf, darts and football and his favourite Swindon Town player is Ty Gooden. We hope Richard and friends, Bob and Steven Goulding have a great day at The County Ground.



David Gilholm is also celebrating his birthday today, as he turns 12. David of Wantage, attends King Alfred's East School and hobbies include football and playing guitar and keyboard. He is a left-back for Wantage Concorde and is a big Swindon fan, his favourite player being Paul Bodin.



8 year old Thomas Wiltshire from Melksham attends Bowerhill Primary and his hobbies include reading and football. He plays for Whitley and Shaw under 8's in midfield and his favourite team is of course, Swindon Town. I am sure he will enjoy meeting favourite players, Shaun Taylor and Steve Finney, today.

# In the Community

Swindon Town Football Club are pleased to announce the appointment of two new community officers, Clive Maguire and John Holloway.



Clive has been involved with the Club for many years and as a qualified FA Coach, has been instrumental in the success of the Swindon Town FC Centres of Excellence, sponsored by National Power. Accompanying Clive will be John Holloway, who until recently was a professional footballer with Swindon Town, having progressed through the Youth Team. John is also an FA qualified coach and has assisted with the highly successful Football Funweeks.

Both are currently planning a busy schedule which will include a FOOTBALL FESTIVAL and competition on the County Ground pitch on SUNDAY MAY 26TH, ground tours for youngsters and the ever popular FOOTBALL FUNWEEKS which will run throughout the entire summer break. The first of this summer's Fundays will be held on the County Ground Extension on the 30th and 31st May and will run from 10.30am until 3.00pm and cost £12 per child.

Applications must be with us by 17th May. Further details are available from Clive or John on the number below.

Clive Maguire

All football courses are open to both boys and girls of any standard and the new community officers are looking forward to offering fun, quality coaching courses to youngsters from Swindon and surrounding areas.

For further information, please contact either Clive or John

on Swindon  
(01793) 421303.

John Holloway



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# 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 Flovers	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	2-1
Mon 22 Apr	IPSWICH TOWN	H	2-5
Wed 24 Apr	NORWICH CITY	H	1-3
Mon 29 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1
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 1 May 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queens Park Rangers	35	26	2	7	.72	39	33	80
Tottenham Hotspur	36	25	4	7	.75	31	44	79
Arsenal	34	21	8	5	.77	31	46	71
Norwich City	37	20	7	10	.71	47	24	67
Wimbledon	37	20	5	12	.78	55	23	65
Crystal Palace	35	15	11	9	.46	37	9	56
Chelsea	36	14	9	13	.48	45	3	51
West Ham United	33	13	9	11	.51	49	2	48
Luton Town	34	13	7	14	.43	44	-1	46
Southampton	35	12	10	13	.44	52	-8	46
Portsmouth	37	12	10	15	.46	55	-9	46
Ipswich Town	34	12	9	13	.57	51	6	45
Bristol City	35	12	7	16	.38	47	9	43
Millwall	36	10	10	16	.52	64	-12	40
Oxford United	36	8	11	17	.48	63	-15	35
Charlton Athletic	32	9	7	16	.42	62	-20	34
Bristol Rovers	35	9	5	21	.45	75	-30	32
Swindon Town	35	6	12	17	.32	57	-25	30
Brighton & Hove Alb.	33	7	8	18	.32	66	-34	29
Watford	31	6	5	20	.34	61	-27	23



*It has been a month of mixed fortunes as far as we are concerned. We kicked off with wins over Brighton and at Charlton where the highlight was a great goal that started on our own goal line and ended with Deano cutting a ball back for Wayne to side foot in for our second.*

Ipswich and Norwich proved too good - we just didn't defend properly as a team - didn't get people behind the ball once we had lost it and didn't mark when balls were coming into the box; and really gave away silly goals through individual errors.

We had a very young side out it is true but that young side had been doing very well for us. Maybe we expect a lot of things from them, they have been playing four games a week, so they came down with a bang.

It is a learning process for them and as the boss said when he came in as long as they learn from it and carry on the way they had been doing there is no problem. It is when they don't learn from these lessons that they have major problems.

Despite the setbacks there were some very positive aspects such as Alex Smith's second-half performance against Ipswich. He was hungry for the ball, eager to run at the defence, and scored his first goal.

That came about when Alex received the ball from Pattimore just on the halfway line and ran at them. Played a one-two, got in the

box, the keeper came out and he slid the ball in the corner. That made it 1-5.

Alex Finlayson scoring his first goal for the reserves; Scott Woodman working very hard. These were big pluses.

The opposition was experienced but I expected more out of our professionals. They have been doing well for the kids so maybe against Ipswich it was one of those games when nothing went right for them. But it is disappointing for once the pro's don't help the kids go into their shells because they are not used to the standard and get dragged all over instead of keeping their shape.

Given Norwich's position in the league and the quality of their team the 3-1 defeat to them was a much better performance. The front two and Pattimore did very well, the one sour note being the injury to Dean Hooper that left him in hospital with cracked ribs and a punctured lung.

Bristol City scored in the first minute - Eddie Murray made it 1-1 in the second minute and that's the way it stayed in our final home game of the season.

### Match Facts:

#### Avon Insurance Combination Division 1

#### Charlton Athletic (0) 1 Swindon Town (0) 2

**Team:** Mildenhall, Hooper, Smith, O'Sullivan, Wheeldon, Drysdale, Pattimore, Collins, Finlayson, Woodman, Campbell (Hunt 60). **Subs:** Coupe, Organ  
**Scorers:** Drysdale (pen), O'Sullivan

#### Swindon Town (0) 2 Ipswich Town (2) 5

**Team:** Mildenhall, Hooper, Drysdale, Collins, Wheeldon, Murray, Pattimore, Woodman, Finlayson, Ling, Smith.  
**Subs:** Hunt, Coupe, Campbell.  
**Scorers:** Smith, Finlayson.

#### Swindon Town (0) 1 Norwich City (1) 3

**Team:** Mildenhall, Hooper, (Campbell 59), Organ (Souter h/t), Coupe, Wheeldon, Murray, Pattimore, Harvey, Finlayson, Woodman, Hunt. **Sub:** Thomas.  
**Scorer:** Finlayson.

# Youth Team Focus



By Tommy Wheeldon

*Success starts at the bottom and for a club like ours this means that we need to be able to produce our own stars of the future so it is very pleasing to be able to report that our foundations at youth level are coming together nicely.*

Over the past two weeks we have seen one of our young starlets Michael Pattimore, gain International recognition playing for the Welsh Under-18 side against Northern Ireland at Wrexham, and I can confirm he made a nice tidy debut.

Michael is still only 16 and was therefore one of the youngest members in the Welsh squad. Well done Mike.

From a team point-of-view the Wilts Floodlit League side, which includes most of next season's Youth Team, romped away with their League Championship to emulate the senior side and bring another piece of silverware to the trophy cabinet.

Added to this our performances in the last two South East Counties League games have been encouraging with a 1-0 win over Brighton & Hove Albion and a 2-0 away victory over our local rivals at Reading.

The fact that we produced clean-sheets in both games is a credit to solid defensive performances but most of all to some excellent goalkeeping from Jonathan Haines,



who has only recently come into the side.

The winner against Brighton came from a Danny Hunt free-kick that was slotted home by the ever improving Scott Woodman; and against Reading both goals were scored by Alex Meechan, a schoolboy from Plymouth who was making his debut.

His first came after five minutes from a through ball from Danny Hunt, which Alex lobbed over the advancing 'keeper'. The second, on the hour, rounded off some neat approach play by Steve "Nipper" Campbell and Michael Pattimore - Alex finishing the move with aplomb.



**Michael Pattimore - capped by Wales**

## South East Counties League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS	
Sat 12 Aug	Barnet	A 1-2
<b>Sat 19 Aug</b>	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>H 1-3</b>
Sat 26 Aug	Southampton	A 0-2
<b>Sat 02 Sept</b>	<b>TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
<b>Tue 05 Sept</b>	<b>SHREWSBURY TOWN (MYC 2)</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>
Sat 09 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A 1-0
<b>Sat 16 Sept</b>	<b>BARNET (LC1)</b>	<b>H 4-1</b>
<b>Sat 23 Sept</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	<b>H 0-4</b>
Tue 26 Sept	Cardiff City (SJFC 1)	A 1-0
<b>Sat 30 Sept</b>	<b>READING</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Sat 07 Oct	Colchester United	A 0-2
<b>Sat 14 Oct</b>	<b>WYCOMBE WANDERERS</b>	<b>H 2-1</b>
Sat 21 Oct	Oxford United (LC2)	A 1-1
<b>Mon 23 Oct</b>	<b>LEICESTER CITY (MYC Q/F)</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Sat 28 Oct	Oxford United (LC 2R)	A 1-3
Tue 31 Oct	Watford (SJFC 2)	A 2-3
<b>Sat 04 Nov</b>	<b>AFC BOURNEMOUTH</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Sat 11 Nov	Bristol City	A 0-0
<b>Wed 15 Nov</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE (FAYC 2)</b>	<b>H 0-2</b>
<b>Sat 18 Nov</b>	<b>WIMBLEDON</b>	<b>H 4-1</b>
<b>Sat 25 Nov</b>	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	<b>H 2-1</b>
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
<b>Sat 13 Jan</b>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	<b>H 0-6</b>
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-0
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A 2-3
<b>Sat 17 Feb</b>	<b>COLCHESTER UNITED</b>	<b>H 5-0</b>
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-1
<b>Sat 02 Mar</b>	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	<b>H 0-1</b>
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A 0-0
<b>Sat 16 Mar</b>	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A 1-3
<b>Sat 30 Mar</b>	<b>BRENTFORD</b>	<b>H 3-1</b>
<b>Sat 13 Apr</b>	<b>BARNET</b>	<b>H 0-1</b>
<b>Sat 20 Apr</b>	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE A.</b>	<b>H 1-0</b>
Sat 27 Apr	Reading	A 2-0
Sat 04 May	Oxford United	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 May 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	29	20	4	5	75	35	44	40
Oxford United	28	17	3	8	64	36	37	28
Luton Town	29	16	4	9	54	40	36	14
Wycombe Wndrs.	29	16	4	9	53	39	36	14
Brighton & Hove Alb.	30	14	5	11	40	37	33	3
Southampton	29	13	5	11	51	27	31	24
AFC Bournemouth	29	12	7	10	47	47	31	0
Tottenham Hotspur	30	10	11	9	46	46	31	0
Wimbledon	28	12	5	11	49	40	29	9
Barnet	29	9	9	11	38	40	27	-2
Brentford	30	10	7	13	37	51	27	-14
SWINDON TOWN	29	9	7	13	34	43	25	-9
Reading	30	8	7	15	33	69	23	-36
Bristol City	29	7	7	15	38	49	21	-11
Colchester United	30	6	8	16	37	67	20	-30
Bristol Rovers	30	6	5	19	34	64	17	-30

# Swindon Town Ladies



*The Town Ladies are still waiting for Reading Royals to complete their four remaining fixtures to know whether they will be promoted as champions.*



*By Roger Reeves*

During the summer break most clubs, like the Town, hold six a side tournaments, which allows teams to keep fit and enjoy more sociable occasions. The Town Ladies and the Youth team will be entering some of the tournaments that are to be held in the area. The new season, in Division One, will start early September. Training, however will continue on Tuesday evenings.

A most successful "End of Season" Race Night was held in April and we are most grateful to everyone who supported this event. Our thanks also go to the sponsors, West End Flowers, Nationwide Building Society, Keeping

Transport, The Wiltshire Group and Swindon Town Promotions, and in particular Dave Hollister and his team for ensuring that the evening ran so smoothly. The Town Ladies hope to entertain Oxford United Ladies in a curtain raiser hope to Steve McMahon's Charity match on Sunday May 19th.

The Town Ladies thank all of their followers for the support throughout the season and hope to see you all in September when we play our first games in Division One.

## 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
	<b>FA Cup 1st Round</b>		
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 Linlade	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 4 Feb	Thame	H	2-0
Sun 18 Feb	Oxford United (LC1)	H	w/o
Sun 3 Mar	Leighton Linlade	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 29 April 1996

	HOME			AWAY			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
SWINDON TOWN	18	16	1	1	110	17	48
Reading Royals	14	13	0	1	77	17	39
Thame United	16	11	1	4	51	27	34
Gosport	17	11	0	6	59	39	33
Oxford University	14	6	1	7	38	29	19
Milton Keynes United	14	4	5	5	28	42	17
Basingstoke Town	15	5	0	10	22	64	15
Eastleigh	17	3	1	13	27	73	10
Leighton Linlade	14	2	1	11	10	75	7
Carterton	17	1	2	14	9	48	5

## Player Appearances as at 29 April 1996

	Apps	Goals
Kerie 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
Alison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	21	0
Clare Tyson	20	1
Clare Wheeler	18	8
Netti Wyness	18	1



### Back Row:

Nadine Lloyd, Clare Wheeler, Deb Martin.

### Middle Row:

Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson, Jo Sharpe, Jo Sharpe, Allison Richards, Vikki McCann, Zoe Stevens.

### Front Row:

Sarah Ramsey, Martin Wheeler (Chairman), Tracy Mackeddle, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood (Player/Manager), Roger Reeves (Assistant Manager), Mandie Lewis.

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By Dave Hollister

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*Mr D.R. Stock of Carterton won the half-time Nest-Egg draw at the Burnley game on 17th April, Ticket No. 14473 produced £721.00. With the exception of the Coca Cola Cup game with Blackburn Rovers on Wednesday 20th September, this represents the highest mid-week payout this season.*

Today's Nest-Egg result will be published in Monday's evening advertiser. It will also be available by way of the Promotions Office (Telephone 430430 Extension 213).

Although the season ends today, the task of the Promotions Office continues as normal. We still need canvassers and agents in many parts of Swindon and throughout Wiltshire. Rewards are more than exciting at the higher level. So please do not terminate your valued support today. Come and join the Promotions 'task force' during the summer months!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for supporting our efforts during the 1995/1996 season. You have

made it possible for us to pay over £89,000 in prizes from our Nest-Egg and Moonraker Chase Tricast alone. Thanks also to our ticket sellers who have made it all happen! May you all have sun tans come August!



*Promotion was not all that was won at Blackpool on 20th April. Julia Bunn, a passenger on our weekend coach trip, won the seaside's half-time draw. Julia who was celebrating her birthday on that Saturday, collected £803.00. Back at the hotel, the Champagne corks popped for two very good reasons!*

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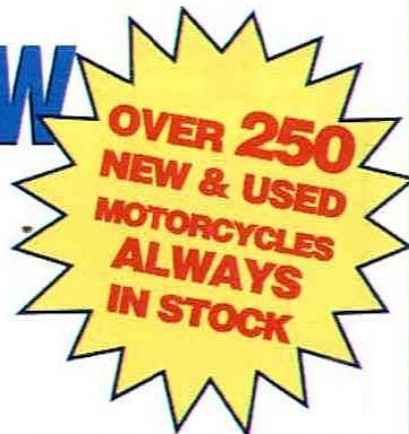
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With Youth Development Officer Tommy Wheeldon

**Congratulations to Steve McMahon, Andy Rowland and the 1st Team boys on winning the Division 2 Championship, but I must also sing the praises of some of our schoolboy achievements in our area.**

Bradon Forest U12 schoolboy team have become National Champions at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre. The team contained three of our own boys in Jamie Williams, James Blastland and Daniel Allen, who scored the winning goal in the last minute. In the U11 scene, Grange School have reached the last eight in the Predator Cup at the house of Man Utd on May 4th before England v Holland U15 International. Grange are representing the South West having beat another Swindon School, Shaw Ridge in the regional final at Devezes. Again the two schools were littered with Centre of

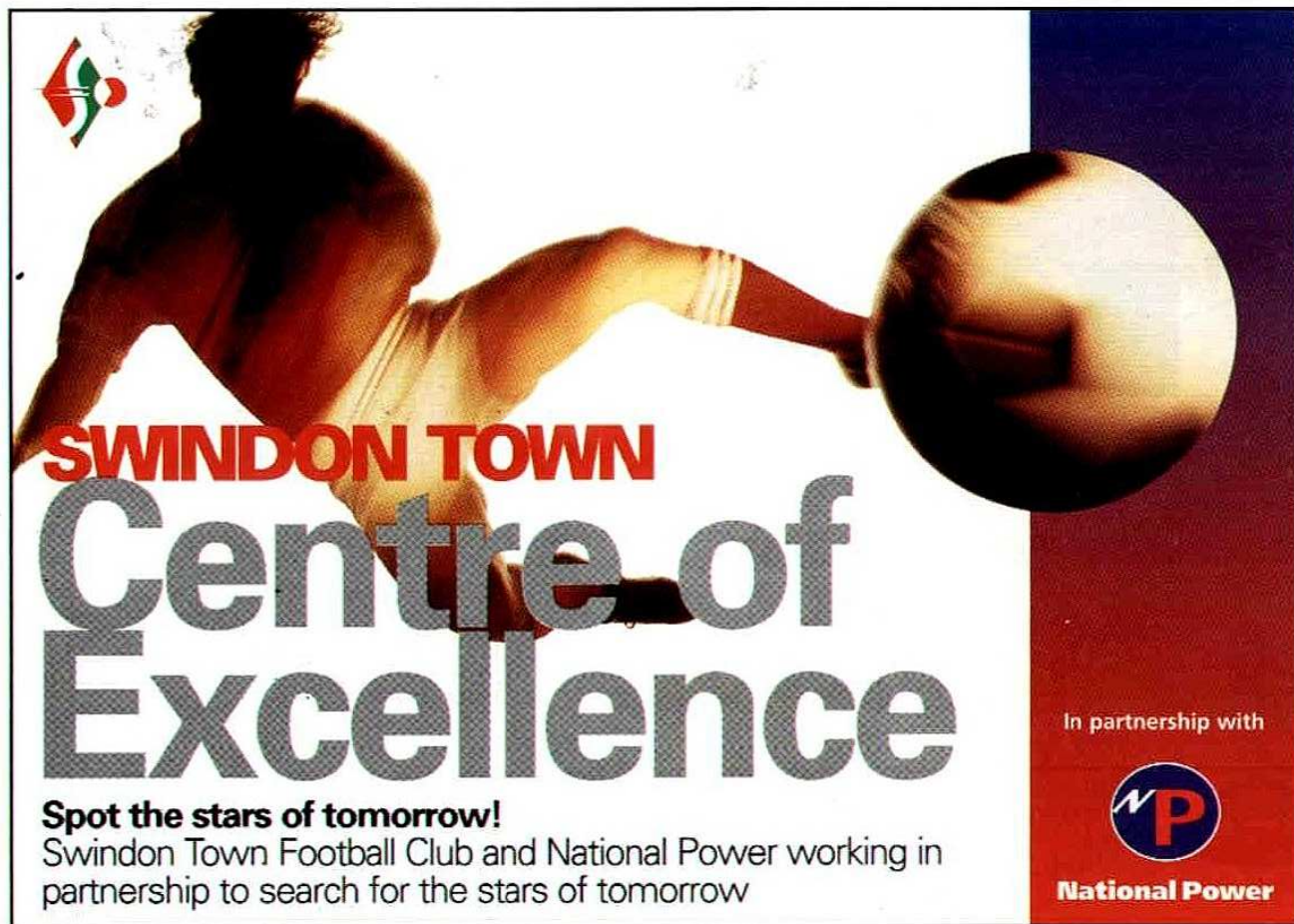


Excellence U11 boys. Good luck to Miles Barratt & the boys from Grange.

The U13's nationally will be represented by St Joseph's who once again are full of Centre of Excellence players. They have beaten off all comers in the South West finals to have the honour of representing Swindon Town FC in


the Auto Windscreens National Final at Bisham Abbey on May 9th. Once again good luck to St Jo's and Neil Ouldrige. All this means the will to win is being instilled into our local boys and due to these national experiences the boys can only get better.

On a different note myself and Les O'Neil travelled up to Newcastle to sign three promising youngsters to give our U14 squad a boost. The boys concerned are Michael Connell, John Bell and Kris Glenwright and our sincere thanks in signing the boys goes to our scout in the North East, Keith Dickenson.



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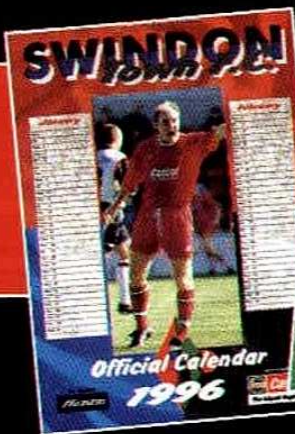
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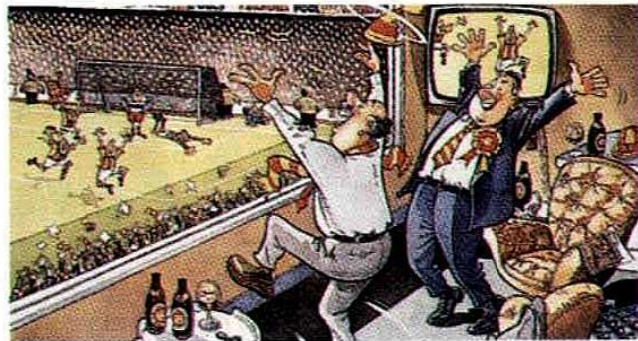


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# TreatmentRoom

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

**FRANK TALIA** - is still out with the ankle injury he sustained during a training incident three weeks ago. Frank was helping in Fraser Digby's goalkeeping school, along with Steve Mildenhall, and twisted his ankle damaging the ligaments on the inside and outside of the ankle.

An X-Ray shortly after the incident revealed that there was no fracture but Frank will stay behind and continue treatment until he is fit when he will be able to return to Australia for his close-season break.

**STEVE FINNEY** - Has commenced training but unfortunately it will be too soon for him to take any part in this last game of the season.

We don't envisage any problems with Steve's injury, he has progressed well, but like all the lads who are injured at the end of the season he will return early next summer to do extra stamina and fitness work prior to pre-season training commencing.

**TY GOODEN** - is recovering well from his hernia operation and is now able to sprint, twist, and turn. Next week we will get him involved in

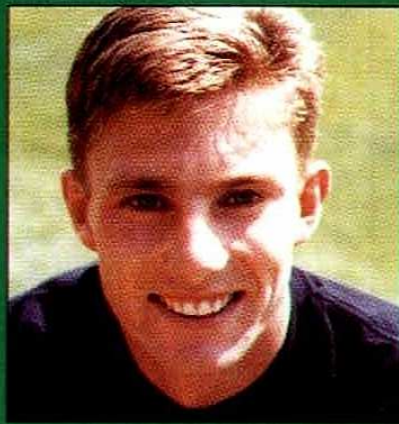
training with the ball and we envisage no further problems arising.

**PETER THORNE** - Has been receiving treatment for a fairly minor hamstring strain but unfortunately it does not look likely that he will be fit enough to play today.

Peter missed the game at Bradford on Tuesday but it is a precautionary measure as he has had several problems with his hamstring this season.

We hope that during the close-season he will do extra work to re-strengthen the hamstring. This will entail stretching and weight work and hopefully next season he will have no further problems with either his left or right hamstring.

**PAUL ALLEN** - is seeing a specialist. He has had a problem for



the past five or six weeks, since the Burnley game, with a damaged nerve at the back of the ankle which is causing discomfort in a big toe.

Since we confirmed promotion it was decided to rest Paul and hopefully this will cure the problem. Paul should come back fit and eager to go next July.

**DAVID PREECE** - Our loan signing will be another absentee this afternoon. He has been receiving treatment on an arthritic toe.

## The Swindon Town Shadow Board

*And so we have reached the final home match of a marvellous season. A time for us all to reflect upon the enormous progress that the Club has made in one short year and for the Shadow Board to say 'Congratulations' to the Champions on behalf of all Swindon supporters.*

Congratulations also to Nigel Harrison of Halley, near Witney, for his winning entry in our 'Great Ideas competition'. Nigel's idea reflects the fact that the Club draws support from a wide catchment area. He suggests that the Shadow Board facilitate the establishment of regional 'satellite' branches for the benefit of 'out of town' supporters. We all think that this is a brilliant idea and we will be working on details during the close-season. All 'out of town' fans please look out for more details in our programme spot early next season. We hope that Nigel will enjoy his Executive day out at one of our First Division matches next season.

Congratulations also go too the Povey family of Grange Park, Swindon, who appeared in a full colour centre spread in the Daily Mail in mid April - wearing their Swindon shirts with pride. Is the Povey family our biggest family of supporters? Can your family claim the title as our most-dedicated soccer family? Write to The Shadow Board with your family's story and we will feature the best stories next season.

*Happy summer holidays to all supporters and we'll see you all again in August!*

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



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# Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

***It is nice to finish the season with a home game and we know that there is going to be a party atmosphere here this afternoon as we pick up the Second Division Championship trophy and our medals.***

It is the culmination of eight months hard work and we know just what this means to our supporters. To be back in Division One next season is a tremendous incentive to everyone.

I don't know whether you were at Shrewsbury last Saturday but if you were you will know what I'm talking about when I say that you are the best fans in the land. The number of coaches and supporters who went there, when we had already won the Championship, was unbelievable. If you were not there you will not realise just what a spectacle it was. Now we obviously want to do it for our home fans and put on a show for them. We want to finish the season with a nice result and an attractive performance.

Bradford City last Tuesday and Stockport today have something to play for as they battle to win a place in the play-offs and I think we would prefer to be involved in games with a little bit of edge. Hopefully it will bring the best out of us.

It has been a tremendously exciting season for all of us and to be able to put our feet up this summer and look forward to First Division football next season is going to be a great stimulant.

We know already that we have QPR and Bolton to play and one other from five to come down from

the Premiership - so there are going to be some big big games for us to enjoy. It should be exciting times because there are some quality sides in the First Division.

I watched Derby v Crystal Palace on the TV last Sunday and Palace could be still in Division One next season. There are the likes of Wolves Birmingham and Norwich City and big clubs like those so it is going to be very interesting times.

Finally, a big big thank you for your support. Everyone in the dressing room appreciates your dedication. We gave you two bad years but you stuck by us and have been with us all the time. Now we have given you something to cheer. We hope you have enjoyed the season as much as we have.



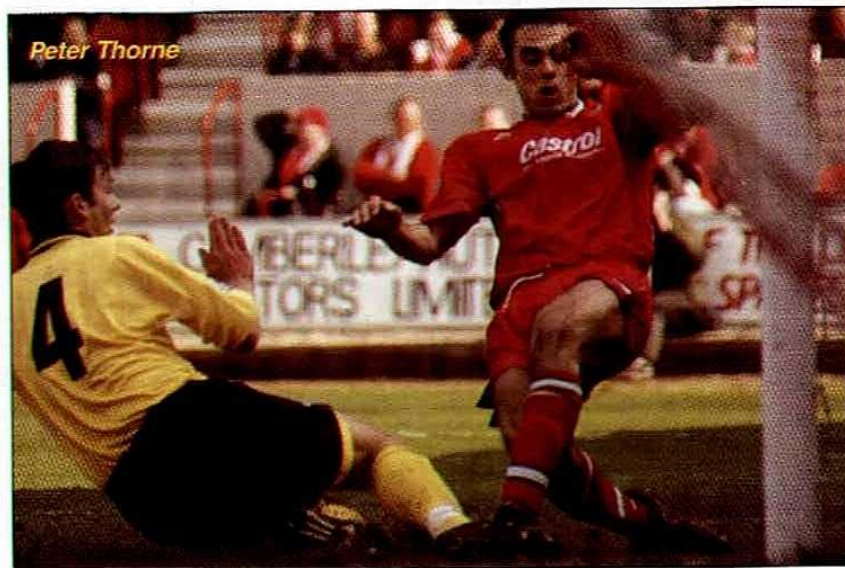
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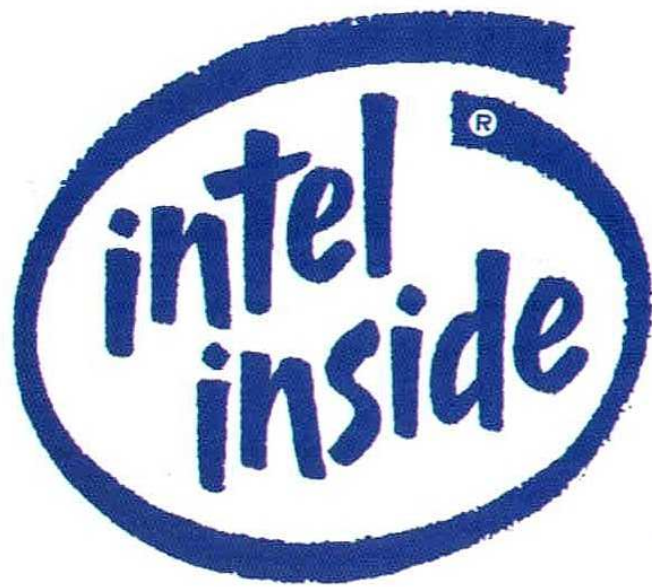
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# Statistics - Season 1

## Endsleigh League Division 2 as at 1 May 1996

	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
SWINDON TOWN	44	12	9	1	13	6	3	70	33	90	37	
OXFORD UNITED	45	16	4	2	7	7	9	72	39	80	33	
BLACKPOOL	45	14	5	4	8	8	6	65	40	79	25	
NOTTS COUNTY	45	14	6	3	7	9	6	63	38	78	25	
CREWE ALEXANDRA	44	12	3	7	9	4	9	74	57	70	17	
BRADFORD CITY	44	15	3	4	6	3	13	67	66	69	1	
STOCKPORT COUNTY	45	8	9	6	11	3	8	61	47	69	14	
WREXHAM	45	12	6	5	5	10	7	65	55	67	10	
BRISTOL ROVERS	45	11	4	7	8	6	9	55	59	67	4	
CHESTERFIELD	43	13	6	3	5	6	11	54	51	66	3	
WALSALL	44	10	7	4	7	5	11	55	43	63	12	
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	45	9	8	6	6	7	9	62	57	60	5	
BRISTOL CITY	45	10	6	7	5	9	8	54	58	60	-4	
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	45	12	5	6	4	5	13	51	58	58	-7	
ROTHERHAM UNITED	45	11	7	4	3	7	13	54	61	56	-7	
BRENTFORD	45	11	6	5	3	7	13	41	49	55	-8	
SHREWSBURY TOWN	45	7	8	8	6	6	10	58	60	53	-2	
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	44	9	6	8	4	7	10	58	60	52	-2	
BURNLEY	44	8	8	6	5	5	12	53	64	52	-11	
YORK CITY	43	8	6	7	4	7	11	55	69	49	-14	
CARLISLE UNITED	45	10	6	6	1	7	15	55	71	46	-16	
SWANSEA CITY	45	7	8	7	3	6	14	41	78	44	-37	
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	44	6	7	9	4	3	15	44	64	40	-20	
HULL CITY	45	4	8	10	1	8	14	34	75	31	-41	

## First Team Appearances as at 1 May 1996

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	26(1)	0	5	1	31(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	38	16	12	3	50	20
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	32(1)	2	9	0	43(3)	2
LEE COLLINS	2(7)	0	2	0	4(7)	0
STEVEN COWE	3(8)	1	0	0	3(8)	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	46	0	11	0	58	0
FRASER DIGBY	24(8)	0	11	0	35(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	9(3)	0	4(2)	0	13(5)	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	42(1)	12	10(3)	4	52(4)	16
SCOTT LEITCH	7	0	0	0	7	0
MARTIN LING	11(9)	0	5	1	16(10)	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	27(9)	3	5(3)	0	32(14)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
DAVID PREECE	6	1	0	0	6	1
MARK ROBINSON	45	1	11(1)	0	56(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	24(10)	0	9(1)	0	33(11)	0
ALEX SMITH	3(8)	0	0(1)	0	3(9)	0
FRANK TALIA	16(7)	0	0(1)	0	17(8)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	42	5	13	0	55	5
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	22(5)	10	6(4)	1	28(9)	10

## 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 2-2
Wed 17 Apr BURNLEY	H 0-0
Sat 20 Apr Blackpool	A 1-1
Tue 23 Apr Chesterfield	A 3-1
Sat 27 Apr Shrewsbury Town	A 2-1
Tues 30 Apr Bradford City	A 1-1
Sat 04 May STOCKPORT COUNTY	H

# 995/96 Fixtures



Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8,525	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	GOODEN	BODIN o	NJHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NJHOLT o	MURRAY
7,746	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	MURRAY	MILDENHALL
8,724	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	FINNEY	HORLOCK 1	HOOPER o	PITMAN	BEAUCHAMP o 1
8,325	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 o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,878	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	MURRAY o	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
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
8,222	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
8,306	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN o	TALIA
6,650	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	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 o	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
8,242	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GRANT	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	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 o	SMITH A	LING o 1
15,035	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	FINNEY o	DRYSDALE o	SEAGRAVES o
8,814	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
11,724	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	SEAGRAVES o	TALIA
13,962	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	O'SULLIVAN	LING
6,457	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	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 1	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	COLLINS o	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
9,360	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING o	SMITH	COLLINS
8,585	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	SMITH o	O'SULLIVAN o
9,066	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	LING o	COWE o
11,370	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	LING	COWE
8,612	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P 2	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE
10,928	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE
5,162	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE 1	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SEAGRAVES	O'SULLIVAN	COWE
10,508	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 2	SEAGRAVES	SMITH o	COWE o
10,480	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	SMITH	COWE o
9,175	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LEITCH	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SEAGRAVES o	O'SULLIVAN o	COWE o
5,523	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	FREECE	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COWE 1	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	LING o	SMITH	COLLINS
4,233	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	O'SULLIVAN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	COWE	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	ALLISON o	DRYSDALE o	COLLINS o
9,812	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	SMITH	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	COWE	HORLOCK	BODIN	DRYSDALE o	ALLISON o 1

# Team Sheet

## Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	Ian Culverhouse
3	Alex Smith
4	Martin Ling
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Shaun Taylor
7	Mark Robinson
8	Wayne O'Sullivan
9	Steven Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Paul Bodin
13	Jason Drysdale
14	Lee Collins

### Team Changes


## Stockport County

1	Neil Edwards
2	Jim Gannon
3	Lee Todd
4	Chris Marsden
5	Mike Flynn
6	Matthew Bound
7	Chris Beaumont
8	Paul Ware
9	Andy Mutch
10	Alun Armstrong
11	John Jeffers
12	
13	
14	

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**Referee:**  
K.J. Breen (Liverpool)



**Linesman (red/yellow flag):**  
M.D. Dearing (Middlesex)



**Linesman (yellow flag):**  
D.J. Hine (Worcester)

**Reserve Official:**  
M. Pickering (Wiltshire)



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