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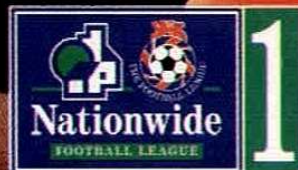
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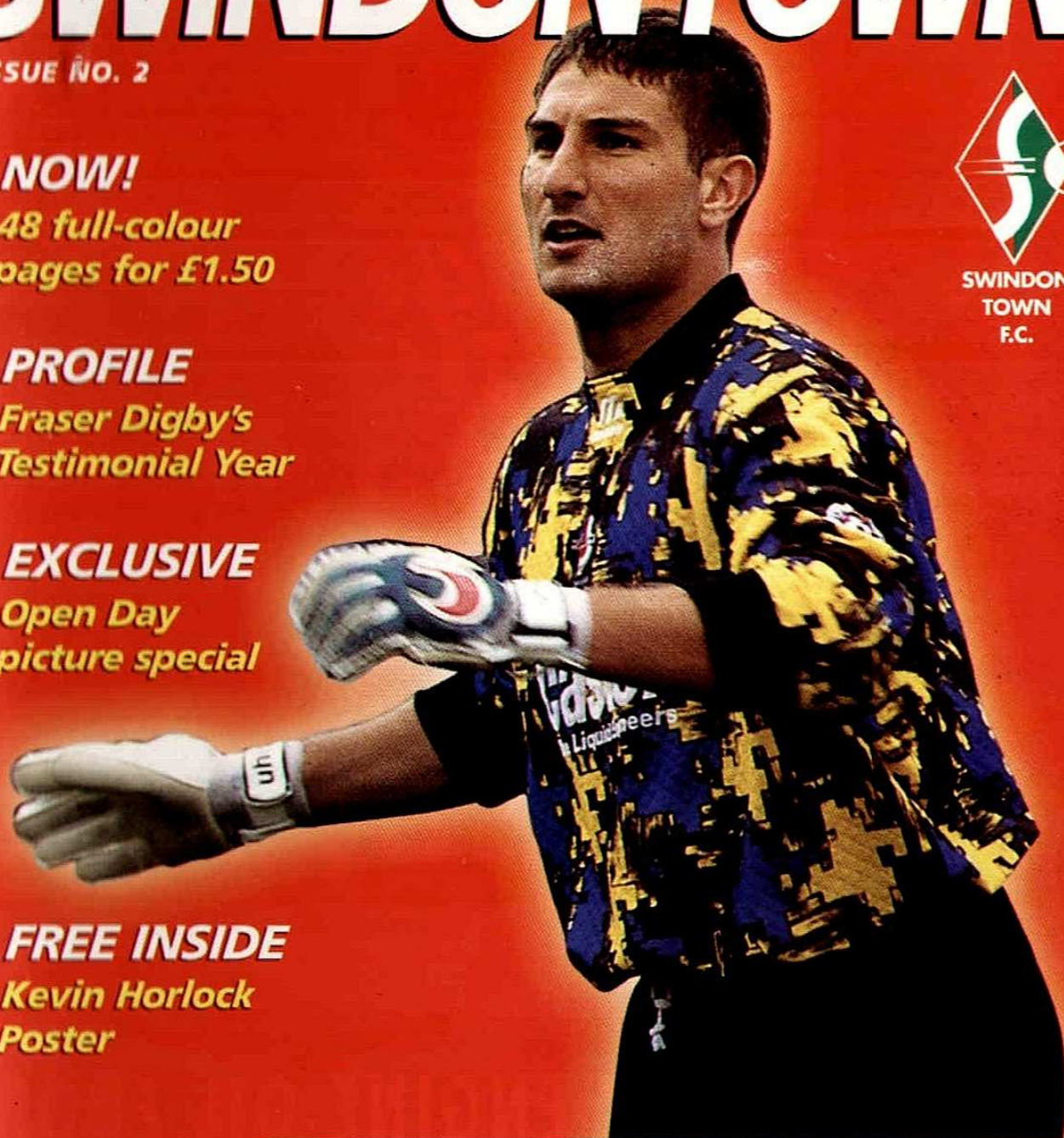
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welcome to swindon town

Having drawn a blank in our opening Nationwide First Division fixture away at Norwich City last Saturday, this afternoon we have the chance to notch up some precious points with a home game against Port Vale.

Port Vale may not be one of the favourites to challenge for honours but under the guidance of manager John Rudge they have caused a few upsets in the past and are capable of matching the best in the division.

Let's hope they enjoy a successful campaign, but not at our expense this afternoon.

Chalk and Cheese

Swindon left Carrow Road on Saturday with the tails between their legs after a comprehensive 2-0 reverse - but they certainly got that result out of their system on Tuesday. Screened live by the Sky Sports cameras, the Swindon team bounced back to form with a stylish 2-0 victory against Mark McGee's Wolves in the first round, first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup.

In football talk, it's only half time in the tie, but a two goal advantage going into the second leg at Molineux gives us every chance of progressing to round two.

Off the mark

Newcomer Scott Leitch celebrated his first goal

in Swindon colours when he hammered home to make it 2-0 against Wolves on Tuesday.

"It was great to open my account, but more important was the fact that the whole team played well," he commented afterwards.

The 'Chief' Wayne Allison was the other scorer on the night, heading in an inch perfect cross from man of the match Mark Walters.

On your bike



Mark Walter's reward for his man of the match display

on Tuesday was a Mountain Bike, donated by Cup sponsors Coca-Cola.

I'm reliably informed that Mark will in turn donate it to the treatment room - to help our injured stars make a speedier recovery!

SKY screen



Swindon Town's return match against Wolves at Molineux on Wednesday September 4 looks set to be screened live again by Sky Sports.

With the Midlands needing to score three times to make it into the next round of the Coca-Cola Cup it promises to be another exciting clash.

And with the Sky Sports team enjoying themselves so much at the County Ground in the first leg - they've decided to follow us away as well!

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the manager

Steve McMahon

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Today we return to League action following Tuesday's Coca-Cola clash with Wolves and our aim is to open our home league account with maximum points.

Our performance at Norwich last Saturday was a major disappointment to say the least but we put things right on Tuesday with a thoroughly professional display against Wolves.

All the lads worked tremendously hard and showed that they can compete with the best sides in the division.

It is important that we reproduce that sort of form on a regular basis and that means carrying on where we left off on Tuesday.

There are no easy games in the Nationwide First Division and Port Vale will no doubt prove to be stern opponents.

They enjoyed a great cup run last season, beating some top clubs along the way and after a shaky spell they did well to survive in the First Division.

Their manager John Rudge deserves a lot of credit for doing so well on a shoe-string budget and there is no way we will be taking his side lightly this afternoon.

Our goal this season is to make the County Ground a place where opponents fear going. Although last season it was our away form that grabbed the headlines, don't

forget we only lost once at home.

Yes there were too many draws mainly because teams came here intent on shutting up shop. But this season I'm sure our home matches will be much more open which will give us the chance to relax a bit and play the kind of entertaining football I know we are capable of.

Oldham are our visitors on Wednesday and we all know how difficult they are to beat. But with your continued support and backing, I'm confident we can emerge with the result we want.



today's visitors

After a dreadful start to the 1995/96 campaign, which saw Vale struggling at the wrong end of the First Division table and looking red-hot favourites for relegation at Christmas, John Rudge's troops finished a creditable 12th by the end of the campaign.

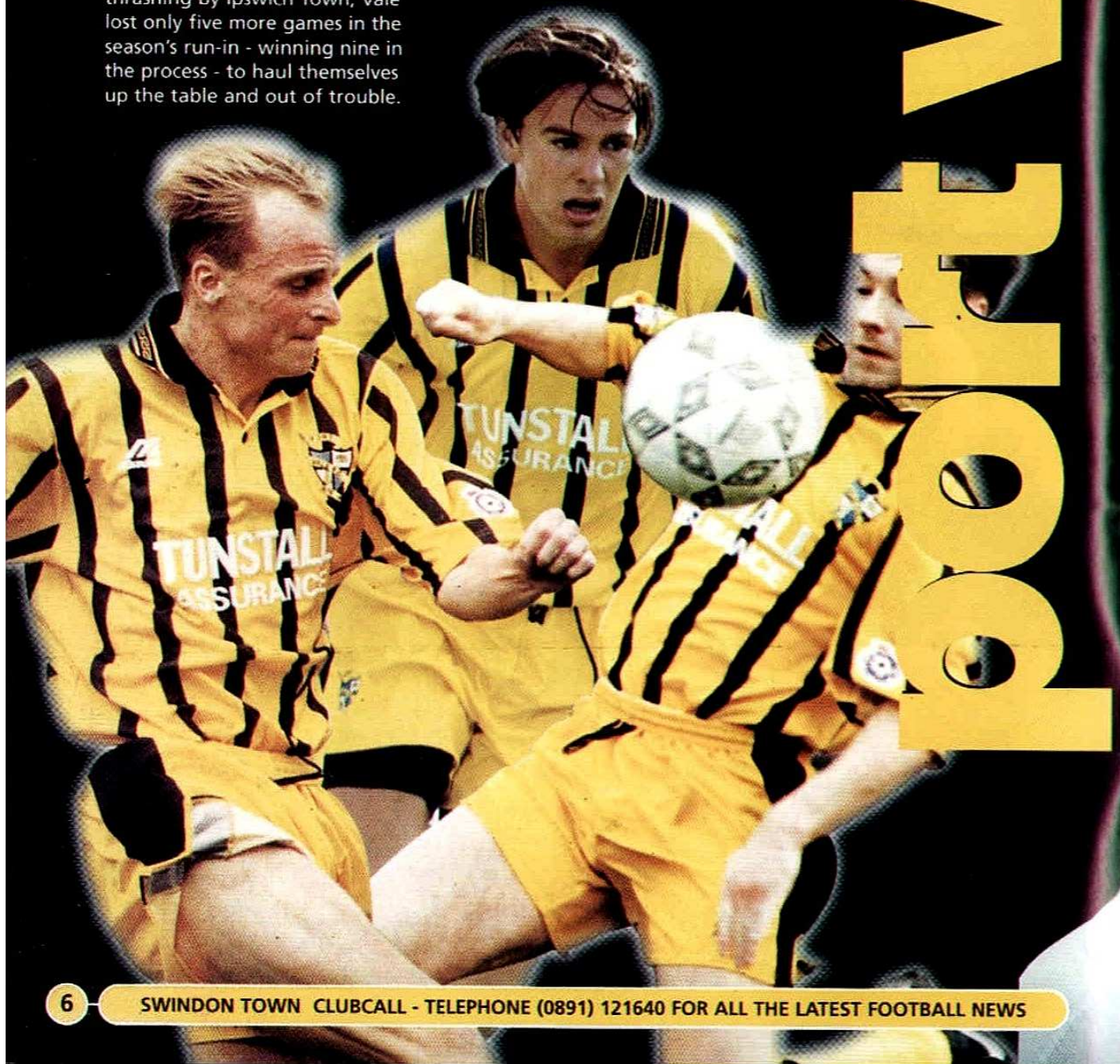


Perhaps the highlight of their season was a tremendous run in the Anglo-Italian Cup, which included a 4-2 victory at Portman Road to avenge that League mauling and ended in the

Vale facing Italian Serie B club Genoa in the Wembley Final in March.

With their neat blend of passing football, and a policy of attacking at every opportunity, Vale will upset a few teams this time around.

Following a 5-1 New Year's Day thrashing by Ipswich Town, Vale lost only five more games in the season's run-in - winning nine in the process - to haul themselves up the table and out of trouble.



Port Vale



one to watch Tony Naylor

Culled from one of the great 'production lines' of soccer talent - Dario Gradi's Crewe Alexandra - Tony Naylor has become one of the First Division's real dangermen over the last two seasons.

A skilful winger or out-and-out frontman, Naylor uses his tremendous pace to good effect and is able to accelerate away from defenders off either foot, and with an eye for goal.

Despite the step up in class from Gresty Road, Naylor has

flourished in the higher division, where his speed and dribbling skills have allowed him to create mayhem for some of the less mobile First Division defenders.

Doubts about his ability to adapt to life at Vale Park were quickly alleviated, when he grabbed a goal on his debut for the club, in a Coca-Cola Cup tie at Bristol Rovers, and then averaged a goal every 3.5 games to establish himself as the regular strike partner for Martin



FACT FILE..

Name: Tony Naylor
Position: Forward
Born: Droylsden, 29.03.67
Height: 5ft 6in
Weight: 9st
Trophies won: None
League record last season: 39 games, 11 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
From Droylsden, non-League				
89/90 - 93/94	Crewe	122	45	£20,000
94/95 - 95/96	Port Vale	72	20	£150,000

John Rudge the manager

With all the recent comings and goings in the football world - both from players and managers - there has been a great deal of discussion about the price of loyalty in the modern game.

Former Leicester boss Mark McGhee, for example, provoked a storm of protest when he walked out on the Filbert Street club in December last year to take control at

Wolverhampton Wanderers.

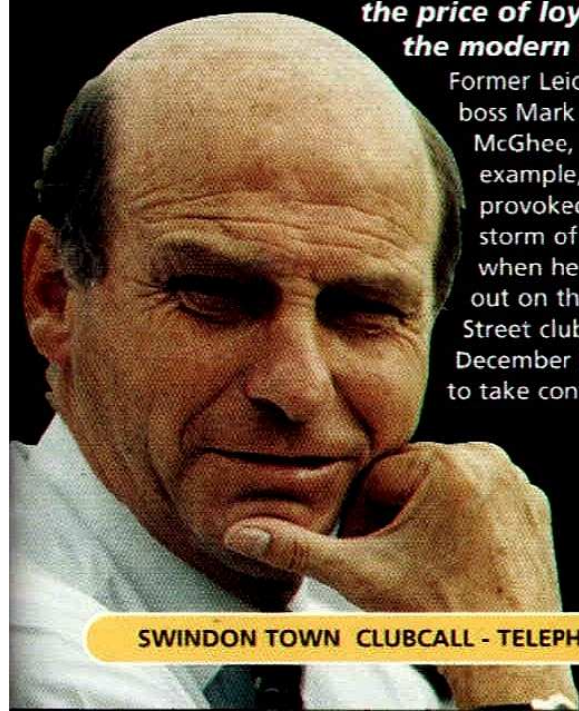
McGhee had only been with City for around 12 months, and had created a similar stir when he left Reading under a cloud at Christmas 1994.

But Port Vale boss John Rudge is a genuine role model for those who believe that contracts are there to be stuck to, and that there is a place for commitment to and from a club - through good times and bad.

Rudge has been with the Vale Park outfit since March 1984 - when he succeeded John McGrath - and he has presided over two promotions; Four to Three in 1985/86 and from Three to the old Division Two in 1988/89; as well as a glorious trip to Wembley in the 1993 Autoglass Trophy Final and a slightly less glorious visit in last season's Anglo-Italian Cup Final.

It has been a tremendous time for supporters of the club the manager is quietly confident that there is still plenty to offer - especially after the team's wonderful turnaround in fortunes in the second part of 1995/96.

John Rudge may not be a 'high profile' manager in the vein of a Ron Atkinson or Kevin Keegan, but there can be no doubting the wonderful job he has done - and continues to do - at Vale Park.





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PORT VALE

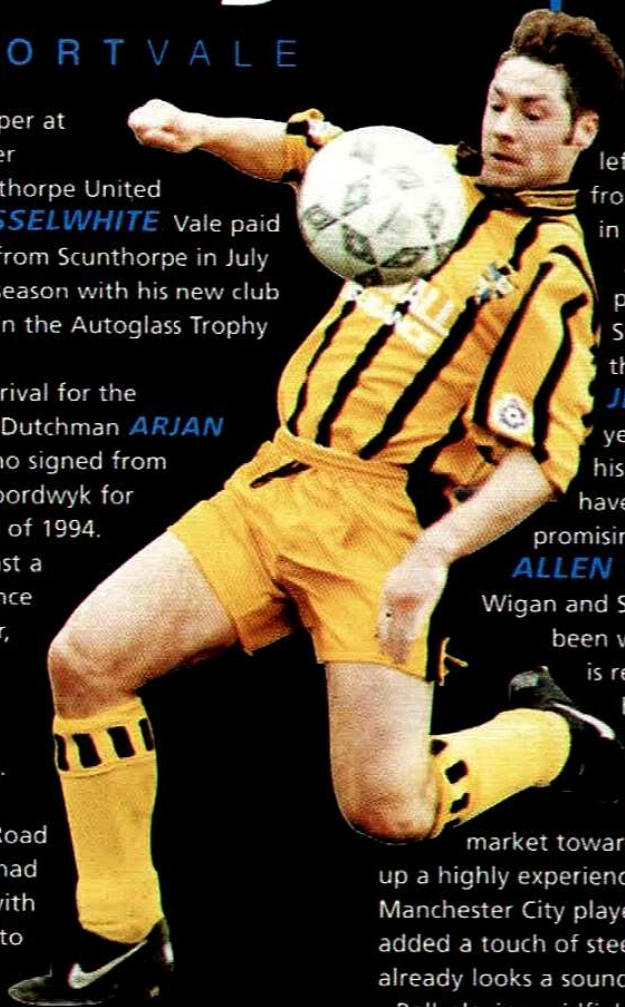
First choice goalkeeper at Vale Park is the former Portsmouth and Scunthorpe United stopper **PAUL MUSSELWHITE**. Vale paid £17,500 to prise him from Scunthorpe in July 1992, and in his first season with his new club he helped them to win the Autoglass Trophy at Wembley.

Musselwhite's main rival for the goalkeeper's jersey is Dutchman **ARJAN VAN HEUSDEN**, who signed from minor League club Noordwyk for £4,500 in the summer of 1994.

John Rudge can boast a great deal of experience amongst his back four, where full-back **NEIL ASPIN** - formerly with Leeds - has been outstanding. Aspin broke into the senior side at Elland Road at the age of 16 and had some glorious years with Leeds before moving to Vale for £140,000 in July 1989. Aspin can be relied upon to always give 100%, a fact borne out by him twice being voted the club's Player of the Year. He was appointed club captain in 1995.

Highly-rated 25-year-old central defender **GARETH GRIFFITHS** was a relative latecomer to League football, giving up his career as a draughtsman to concentrate fully on the professional game after signing for Vale from non-League Rhyl in January 1993.

Former Aston Villa man **DEAN GLOVER** is a top class central defender who has already made his mark by captaining the club to promotion as well as their historic Autoglass triumph. When he joined Vale from Middlesbrough he cost a then club record £200,000.



DEAN STOKES is a left-back who was picked up from local non-League football in January 1993.

A knee injury endured in a pre-season friendly in the Summer of 1995 has meant that former Ajax man **JERMAINE HOLWYN** has yet to have the chance to prove his worth for Vale, but the club have high hopes for this promising 23-year-old.

ALLEN TANKARD is a former Wigan and Southampton player who has been with Vale since July 1993 and is renowned for the ferocity of his shooting - dangerous from set-pieces.

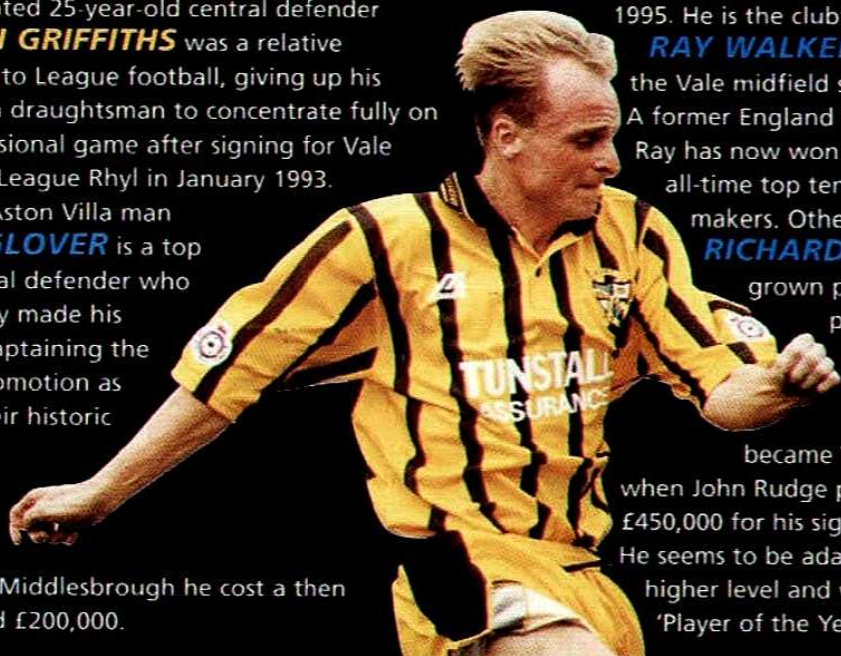
Manager John Rudge moved into the transfer market towards the end of 1995 to snap up a highly experienced old stager in former Manchester City player **ANDY HILL**. He has added a touch of steel to the Vale back-line and already looks a sound investment for the club.

Ball-playing midfielder **IAN BOGIE** began with Newcastle and also had spells with Preston and Millwall before joining Vale from Leyton Orient for £50,000 in March 1995. He is the club's penalty expert.

RAY WALKER has been a fixture in the Vale midfield since September 1984. A former England Youth International, Ray has now won a place in the club's all-time top ten list of appearance-makers. Other midfielders include **RICHARD EYRE** - a home

grown player who turned professional in the Summer of 1995. Skilful winger

JON MCCARTHY became Vale's record signing when John Rudge paid York City £450,000 for his signature in July 1995. He seems to be adapting well to life at a higher level and was voted Vale's 'Player of the Year' for last season.



port vale

PLAYER PROFILE

Second highest scorer last season, and always a valuable goals contributor from midfield, is **ANDY PORTER** who has graduated from the youth set-up at Vale Park and is now one of the club's most highly-regarded players.

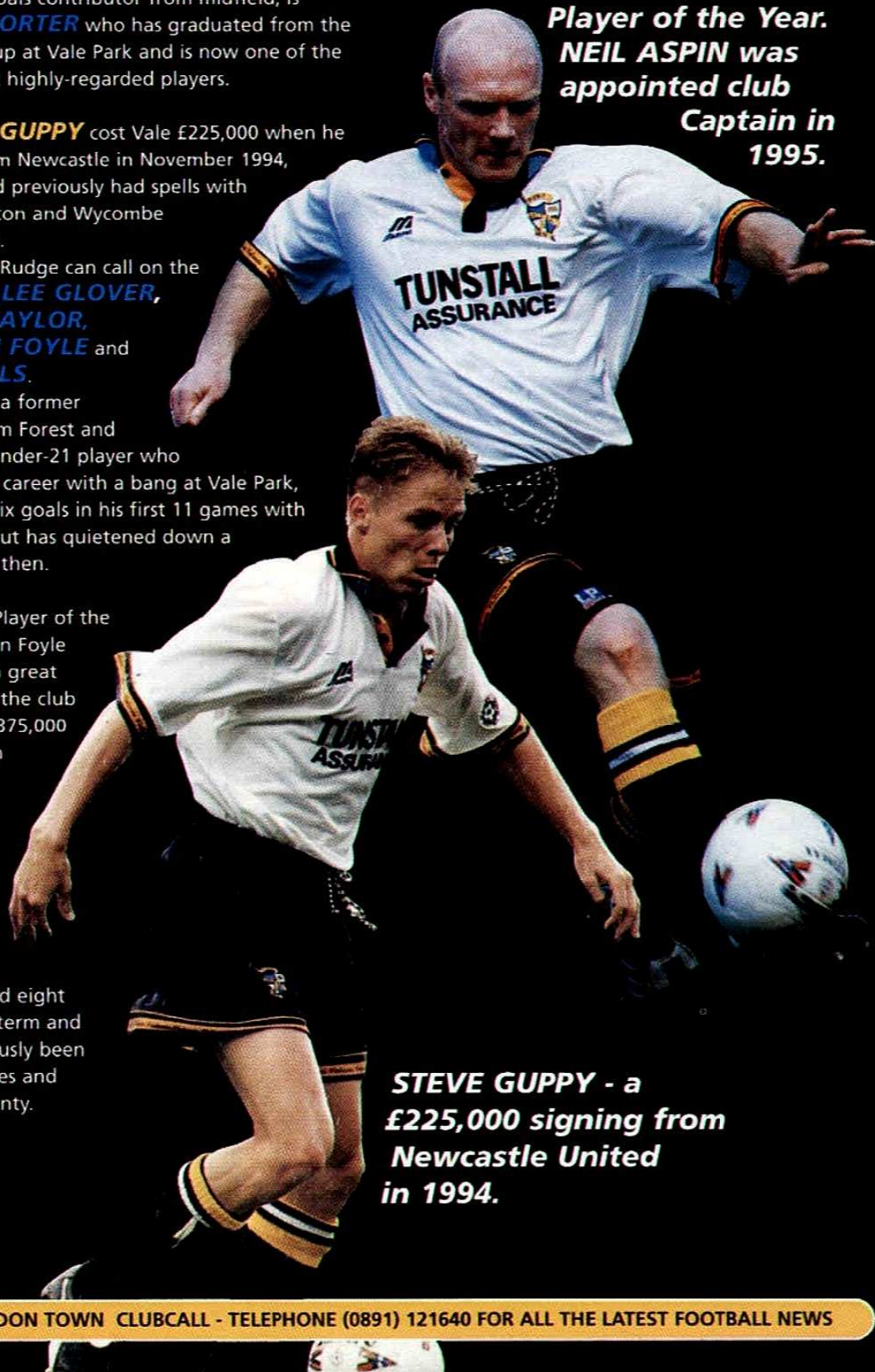
STEVE GUPPY cost Vale £225,000 when he signed from Newcastle in November 1994, and he had previously had spells with Southampton and Wycombe Wanderers.

Up front Rudge can call on the services of **LEE GLOVER**, **TONY NAYLOR**, **MARTIN FOYLE** and **LEE MILLS**.

Glover is a former Nottingham Forest and Scotland Under-21 player who started his career with a bang at Vale Park, grabbing six goals in his first 11 games with the club, but has quietened down a little since then.

Current Player of the Year Martin Foyle has been a great servant to the club since his £375,000 move from Oxford in June 1991 and the club have high hopes for young Lee Mills who netted eight times last term and has previously been with Wolves and Derby County.

*Twice voted the club's Player of the Year. **NEIL ASPIN** was appointed club Captain in 1995.*



STEVE GUPPY - a £225,000 signing from Newcastle United in 1994.

port vale

VITAL STATISTICS



PORT VALE'S record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	3	46	15	12	19	76	70	57	12th
87/88	3	46	18	11	17	58	56	65	11th
88/89	3	46	24	12	10	78	48	84	3rd
89/90	2	46	15	16	10	62	57	61	11th
90/91	2	46	15	12	19	56	48	57	15th
91/92	2	46	10	15	21	42	59	45	24th
92/93	2	46	26	11	9	79	44	89	3rd
93/94	2	46	26	10	10	79	46	88	2nd
94/95	1	46	15	13	18	58	64	58	17th
95/96	1	46	15	15	16	59	66	60	12th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How PORT VALE performed last season

Date Opps H/A Result Scorers (Goal times)

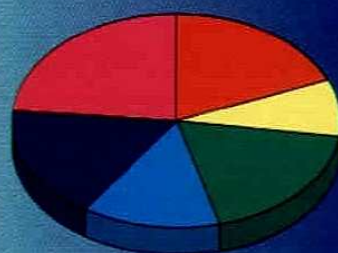
Aug 13	DERBY	(a)	D	0-0	
Aug 19	MILLWALL	(h)	L	0-1	
Aug 27	STOKE	(a)	W	1-0	Bogie (48)
Aug 30	SUNDERLAND	(h)	D	1-1	Porter (2)
Sep 02	NORWICH	(a)	L	1-2	Mills (40)
Sep 09	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L	0-2	
Sep 12	LEICESTER	(h)	L	0-2	
Sep 16	GRIMSBY	(a)	L	0-1	
Sep 23	READING	(a)	D	2-2	Mills (25), L.Glover (42)
Sep 30	WOLVES	(h)	D	2-2	Richards (37og), Porter (61pen)
Oct 07	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	W	2-0	McCarthy (13), Guppy (59)
Oct 15	C.PALACE	(h)	L	1-2	L.Glover (61)
Oct 21	BARNSELY	(a)	D	1-1	Guppy (38)
Oct 29	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	L	1-2	Porter (80pen)
Nov 05	OLDHAM	(a)	D	2-2	Mills (18,90)
Nov 11	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L	2-3	Naylor (34), Mills (83)
Nov 18	WATFORD	(h)	D	1-1	Samuel (63)
Nov 22	TRANMERE	(a)	L	1-2	Naylor (85)
Nov 25	CHARLTON	(a)	D	2-2	Porter (60), Griffiths (79)
Dec 02	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W	1-0	Foyle (6)
Dec 09	READING	(h)	W	3-2	Foyle (2), Guppy (17), Porter (34pen)
Dec 16	WOLVES	(a)	W	1-0	Porter (6)
Dec 20	SOUTHEND	(a)	L	1-2	Naylor (33)
Dec 26	WEST BROM	(h)	W	3-1	Naylor (48), Foyle (52), Guppy (88)
Jan 01	IPSWICH	(a)	L	1-5	Naylor (86)
Jan 13	MILLWALL	(a)	W	2-1	Foyle (5), Naylor (61)
Jan 20	DERBY	(h)	D	1-1	Naylor (76)
Feb 10	SUNDERLAND	(a)	D	0-0	
Feb 17	LEICESTER	(a)	D	1-1	McCarthy (71)
Mar 02	WEST BROM	(a)	D	1-1	McCarthy (46)
Mar 09	SOUTHEND	(h)	W	2-1	McCarthy (10), L.Glover (54)
Mar 12	STOKE	(h)	W	1-0	Bogie (1)
Mar 20	NORWICH	(h)	W	1-0	Foyle (16)
Mar 23	IPSWICH	(h)	W	2-1	Bogie (41pen), McCarthy (86)
Mar 27	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	W	2-1	Naylor (6), Griffiths (43)
Mar 30	BARNSELY	(h)	W	3-0	Foyle (9), Porter (63), Naylor (78)
Apr 02	C.PALACE	(a)	D	2-2	McCarthy (51), Foyle (75)
Apr 06	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L	1-3	Porter (68)
Apr 08	OLDHAM	(h)	L	1-3	Mills (87)
Apr 13	WATFORD	(a)	L	2-5	Porter (44pen), McCarthy (66)
Apr 16	GRIMSBY	(h)	W	1-0	Aspin (84)
Apr 20	TRANMERE	(h)	D	1-1	Naylor (84)
Apr 23	LUTON	(h)	W	1-0	Mills (34)
Apr 27	CHARLTON	(h)	L	1-3	McCarthy (26)
Apr 30	LUTON	(a)	L	2-3	Porter (7), Mills (87)
May 04	SHEFF UTD	(a)	D	1-1	Naylor (62)

OUR LEAGUE RECORD v PORT VALE

Home	W	D	L	Goal	W	D	L	Goal
04-Feb-1939	3(S)	1-1			01-Oct-1939	3(S)	0-2	
01-Feb-1947	3(S)	2-1			28-Sep-1946	3(S)	0-1	
27-Sep-1947	3(S)	1-0			14-Feb-1948	3(S)	0-1	
15-Sep-1948	3(S)	0-2			06-Sep-1948	3(S)	0-2	
19-Nov-1949	3(S)	0-0			09-Apr-1950	3(S)	1-0	
17-Feb-1951	3(S)	2-1			30-Sep-1950	3(S)	1-0	
28-Apr-1952	3(S)	2-0			10-Nov-1951	3(S)	2-2	
28-Dec-1957	3(S)	0-0			31-Aug-1957	3(S)	1-3	
17-Dec-1959	3	2-3			30-Apr-1960	3	1-0	
01-Oct-1960	3	6-0			18-Feb-1961	3	1-0	
30-Apr-1962	3	1-0			14-Apr-1962	3	1-1	
16-Mar-1963	3	2-3			27-Oct-1962	3	1-2	
22-Apr-1975	3	3-2			24-Aug-1974	3	2-2	
17-Jan-1976	3	2-1			20-Sep-1975	3	0-3	
21-Aug-1976	3	1-0			22-Jan-1977	3	2-2	
15-Oct-1977	3	1-1			11-Mar-1978	3	0-1	
26-Aug-1982	4	1-0			15-Jan-1983	4	0-0	
20-Oct-1984	4	0-1			09-Mar-1985	4	0-2	
22-Mar-1986	4	0-0			26-Oct-1985	4	0-3	
17-Mar-1987	3	1-0			21-Oct-1986	3	4-3	
03-Mar-1990	2	3-0			18-Nov-1989	2	0-2	
03-Nov-1990	2	1-2			11-May-1991	2	1-0	
04-Apr-1992	2	1-0			07-Sep-1991	2	2-2	
14-Aug-1994	1	2-0			17-Dec-1994	1	2-0	

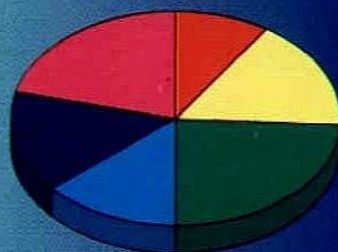
Swindon score first

The time the goals went in for Port Vale at both ends last season.



League goals scored in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	11
16-30	5
31-45	11
46-60	8
61-75	10
76-90	14
TOTAL	59



League goals conceded in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15	6
16-30	11
31-45	16
46-60	9
61-75	10
76-90	14
TOTAL	66

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

Settle down with your half-time cuppa and test your soccer knowledge.

1. What is the nickname of Plymouth?
2. Who is the manager of Celtic?
3. Who do Roma play in their local derby?
4. At which club is Ray Wilkins the manager?
5. Who won the FA Cup in 1992?
6. And which First Division club at the time did they beat in the Final?
7. Rangers and Scotland 'keeper Andy Goram has represented his country at which other sport?
8. Who did Alan Shearer replace as Britain's most expensive player?
9. Which club won the Second Division Play-Off Final last term?
10. Name the three Brazilians at Middlesbrough.
11. Who did Alex Ferguson replace as manager at Man Utd?
12. Did Nigeria beat Argentina or Brazil in the Olympic Football Final?
13. For which First Division club does Andy Hunt play?
14. Coventry paid £3 million for which former Leeds star recently?
15. Tennis ace Boris Becker was on trials at Bayern Munich as a youngster. True or false?



WHO AM I?

1. I was born in the army town of Aldershot in 1947 and played for seven teams in the Football League including Villa, Derby and Everton.
2. Played 24 Internationals for Scotland in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.
3. Managerial experience at Torquay, Middlesbrough, Millwall, and Bolton.
4. Became Arsenal Manager in 1995 but left in 1996.

CLOSE UP! WHO'S CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. Former Robins star Nicky Summerbee is a world record holder at what?
2. Shaun Taylor started his League career at which club?
3. By what score did we beat Leicester in the 1992-93 Play-Off Final?

....AND AWAY

1. In which competition did Vale reach Wembley last season?
2. From which club did they sign Tony Naylor - Crewe or Colchester?

RULES OF THE GAME!

If your Captain wins the toss:

- A) you kick-off
- B) you choose ends
- C) you choose whether to kick-off

Answers.... 1. Pilgrims. 2. Tommy Burns. 3. Lazio. 4. QPR. 5. Liverpool. 6. Sunderland. 7. Cricket. 8. Stan Collymore. 9. Bradford. 10. Emerson, Branco and Juninho. 11. Ron Atkinson. 12. Argentina. 13. West Brom. 14. Gary McAllister. 15. True. **Home:** 1. Hardest shot. 2. Exeter. 3. 4-3. **Away:** 1. Anglo-Italian Cup. 2. Crewe. **Who am I:** Bruce Rioch **Rules of the game:** and C. (or choose ends)

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

Towards the end of the 1974/75 season, Swindon and Port Vale clashed at the County Ground on a warm Spring evening, with both sides looking for a win to keep faint hopes of promotion from the old Division Three alive.

Swindon had arguably the best front three in the division with Eastoe, Irish International Trevor Anderson and Youth team product David Moss.

It was Moss who had a hand in each of the three goals in a five minute spell, starting in the 32nd minute which put Swindon in a seemingly unbeatable position.

First his free kick was headed in by Prophett and then, having been brought down himself, he converted the resulting penalty for his 23rd goal of the season.

The third goal saw him head on a cross by Trollope to Anderson who ran on to the ball and steered it past the keeper.

Roy Sproson's side, who had seen seven players sent off during the season, battled in an entirely acceptable manner in this game. Lacey and Bailey had both fired warning shots at the Swindon goal before half time and in the second half their big central defender Harris, came up to head home a right wingcross.

Eight minutes later, the former Stafford Rangers pair Bailey and Williams combined to add a second Vale goal, the latter netting after a left wing run and cross by the former.

That the Midlands failed to equalise was largely due to some fine defending by Kenny Stroud.

Town's victory gave them an 18th home league win of

the season, the best record of any club in the Football League that season. But faint hopes of promotion were erased when Charlton drew 2-2 at Hereford the following evening to clinch the third promotion spot behind Plymouth and Blackburn.

Teams.

Swindon: Allan, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Dillon, Anderson.

Sub: Syrett.

Port Vale: Edwards, Tarrt, Dulson, Ridley, Harris, Horton, Lacey, Bownbill, Williams, Bailey, MacLaren. **Sub:** Woodward.

*** Jimmy Allan, Swindon's goalkeeper made only six league appearances during this season.**

Who was Swindon's keeper in the other 40 League matches?

Send your answers on a postcard to:

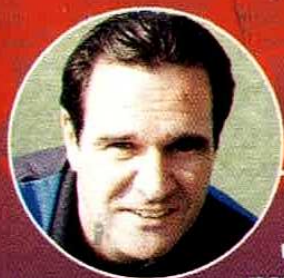
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County Ground, Swindon,
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The winner will receive a special prize from our Club Superstore.

The answer to the last question about the player who turned down a move to Bristol Rovers was Chic Bates, later to return to Swindon and join Lou Macari's coaching staff.

David Moss involved in all three goals





trainingground

with Andy Rowland

No doubt you are all well aware of the four new signings we made during the close season.

All four of them have fitted in very well and from what I've seen from them, both in matches and out on the training ground, they could all play a major part for us this season.

Our French newcomer **Frederic Darras** made an immediate impact when he came to the Club on a two week trial so we were delighted to sign him on a permanent basis. He played five friendlies for us in the space of eight days and I can't remember him putting a foot wrong in any of the matches, even though he played in several different positions.

He's a class act and I am sure he will soon become a crowd favourite here at the County Ground.

We already knew quite a lot about

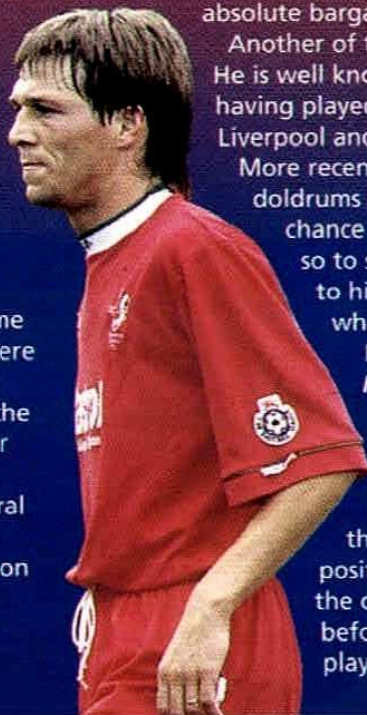
Scott Leitch before he joined us. And since signing I am even more convinced that the £15,000 we paid to bring him here will prove to be an absolute bargain.

Another of the new faces is **Mark Walters**. He is well known in the football world, having played for such giant clubs as Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers.

More recently he's been down in the doldrums but we have given him another chance to get himself back on the map so to speak. The fans are sure to warm to him because he is an entertainer who likes to take people on.

Making up the quartet is **Kevin Watson** who has come in and shown a superb attitude.

He knows he will have to fight for his place because there are six or seven scrapping it out for the three or four midfield positions. I've no doubt he'll relish the challenge and it won't be long before you see just what a quality player Kevin is.



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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season.
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We would like to take
this opportunity to wish your
club a successful season.



football shorts *by M.J. Evans*

Paying the penalty

Only two players have ever missed penalties in FA Cup Finals. John Aldridge became the first player to miss a penalty in a Wembley final when Liverpool lost to Wimbledon in 1988 but 75 years earlier Charlie Wallace playing for Aston Villa versus Sunderland became the first player ever to miss a penalty, but unlike Liverpool his team still went on to win the Cup by one goal to nil

Treble double

Cardiff City, in 1924 gave Arsenal treble trouble in consecutive weeks. Starting with a 2-1 win at Highbury in the League, the following week they saw off the Gunners 4-0 at Ninian Park and the next Saturday the Welshmen recorded a 1-0 win over the North Londoners in the 2nd Round of the FA Cup.

Russian Roulette

On November 28, 1945, Glasgow Rangers played Moscow Dynamo at Ibrox before a crowd of 90,000 fans. The Moscovites took a 2-1 lead by half-time and decided to bring on Dementiev to help boost their advantage for the following 45 minutes. It took the Rangers five minutes to notice

the disadvantage Dynamos had placed them under but as soon as the Rangers captain Terry Gillick pointed out to referee T. Thompson of Leamington that the Russians were playing with 12 men the team's manager was approached and the red-faced Reds withdrew Bobrov from the field. All things now being equal the Rangers strode forward and pulled back the goal deficit to 2-2 which is how the game finally ended.

Swansea Success

Whilst Cardiff City were the pride of Wales in 1927 by winning the FA Cup and taking the Cup out of England for the first time ever, further down in the valleys, Swansea can claim to have beaten Real Madrid 3-0 in the same season.

In the blood

Reginald Dwight, alias Elton John (Watford fan/director et al) can claim to have football in his blood. His uncle Roy Dwight played in the Nottingham Forest cup winning side of 1958-59 which beat Luton Town 2-1 with Roy scoring one of the Forest goals. Sadly, Roy only played for thirty minutes of the game after sustaining a broken leg.

leagueupdate

Mixed Beginnings by Colin Benson



With temperatures in the high eighties and passions equally as heated, the 1996-97 Nationwide Football League got under way last week with BRADFORD CITY and WOLVES topping the score charts with three goals apiece. The high scorers square up to each other this afternoon.

The individual honours went to **STEVE BULL** who rattled in an impressive hat-trick as **WOLVES** won 3-1 at **GRIMSBY**. It was the Mariners who virtually sank Wolves' chances of the play-offs last season, so revenge was sweet.

Bull and company were in action at the County Ground on Tuesday of course and resume this afternoon with a home game against **BRADFORD CITY**. **CHRIS KAMARA'S** side were 1-0 down to **PORTSMOUTH** at the interval on Saturday but bounced back with three match winning goals after Pompey 'keeper' Llahaven was sent off and will be no cosy push-overs at Molineux.

MANCHESTER CITY were given a flying start, on the Friday night the favourites for the title opened with a 1-0 victory over an **IPSWICH TOWN** side who rightly considered themselves very unlucky. Alan Ball's side were also the first to

play their second game, visiting local rivals **BOLTON WANDERERS** on Tuesday night where they lost 1-0.

Today they have a tricky trip to **STOKE CITY** and **LOU MACARI'S** side could trip them up. Stoke missed out in the play-offs last season and are likely to be challenging again.

IPSWICH TOWN look to have a touch of class about them and after the midweek cup exploits with **BOURNEMOUTH**, they have home advantage over **READING**. **PAUL BODIN** had a happy debut for the Royals, firing in the cross for **JIMMY QUINN** to head the only goal. A fine win over highly fancied **SHEFFIELD UNITED** but Town should open their home League programme with a victory.

TREVOR FRANCIS spent a lot of money during the Summer strengthening the **BIRMINGHAM CITY** ranks and celebrated his home coming with a win. But he rode his luck last Sunday for **CRYSTAL PALACE** outplayed them. The disjointed Blues will need to get their act together if they are to get the points at Bramall Lane.

Palace boss **DAVE BASSETT** didn't bemoan his team's misfortune however, "I'm not groaning," he grinned, "because I've come away from a ground before with all three points after a diabolical performance." Such is the unfathomable world of football but watch out **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** who could be on the receiving end at Selhurst Park today.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION, who had that dreadful start last

season, have been highly fancied to do well this season but they got off to another bad beginning, beaten at home 2-1 by **BARNSELEY**! Now

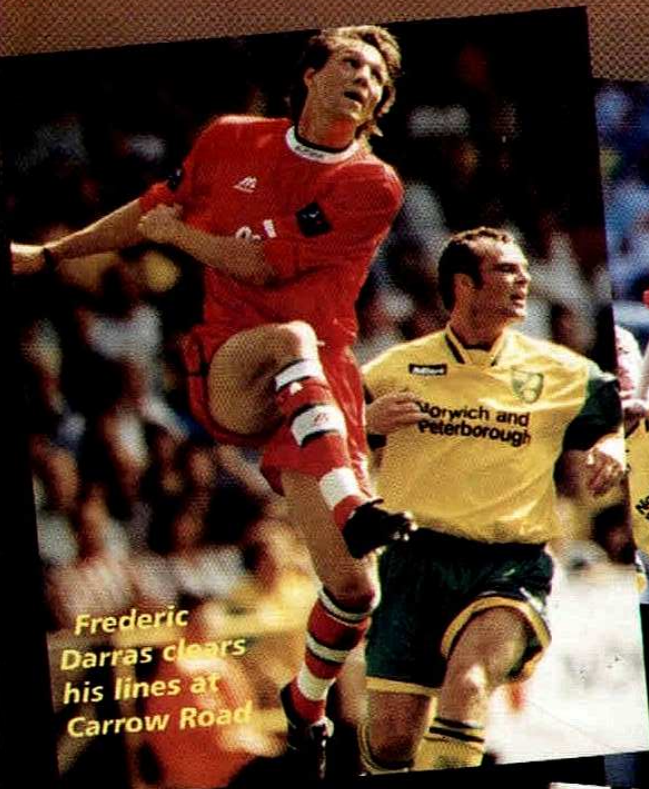
MIDDLESBROUGH have **RAVANELLI**; **CHELSEA VIALLI** and **BARNSELEY** have Clint. Clint? Clint who? **CLINT MARCELLE**, a 26-year-old Trinidadian who scored the opener on his debut. He's played for a host of Portuguese clubs and arrived in Barnsley for £200,000 from **FELGNEIR** on the recommendation of **BOBBY ROBSON**. He just could be the surprise package of the season.

WEST BROM might still be pointless after their first trip to **CHARLTON** while **BARNSELEY** take on **HUDDERSFIELD TOWN** tomorrow.

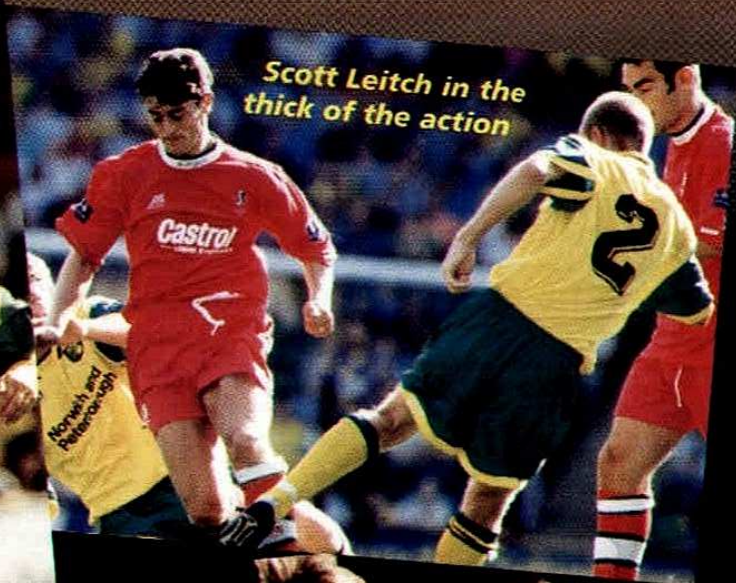
OXFORD UNITED looked to be about to pull off a sensational win when they led 1-0 at the break at Loftus Road. Our neighbours looked the better team, but **Q.P.R.** grabbed two second half goals through **GALLEN** and **DICHIO** thanks to **TREVOR SINCLAIR'S** scheming and weaving. Oxford entertain **SOUTHEND UNITED** today and should collect three points.

BOLTON started confidently with a 1-1 draw at **PORT VALE** and the signs are that **DAN VER FRANDSEN**, who cost £2.25 million, can fill the boots of **SASA CUCIC** who was sold to **ASTON VILLA** for £4 million. After home games with **MANCHESTER CITY** (last Tuesday) and **NORWICH CITY** (today) **BOLTON** fans will have a better idea whether their side is good enough to contest the promotion places.

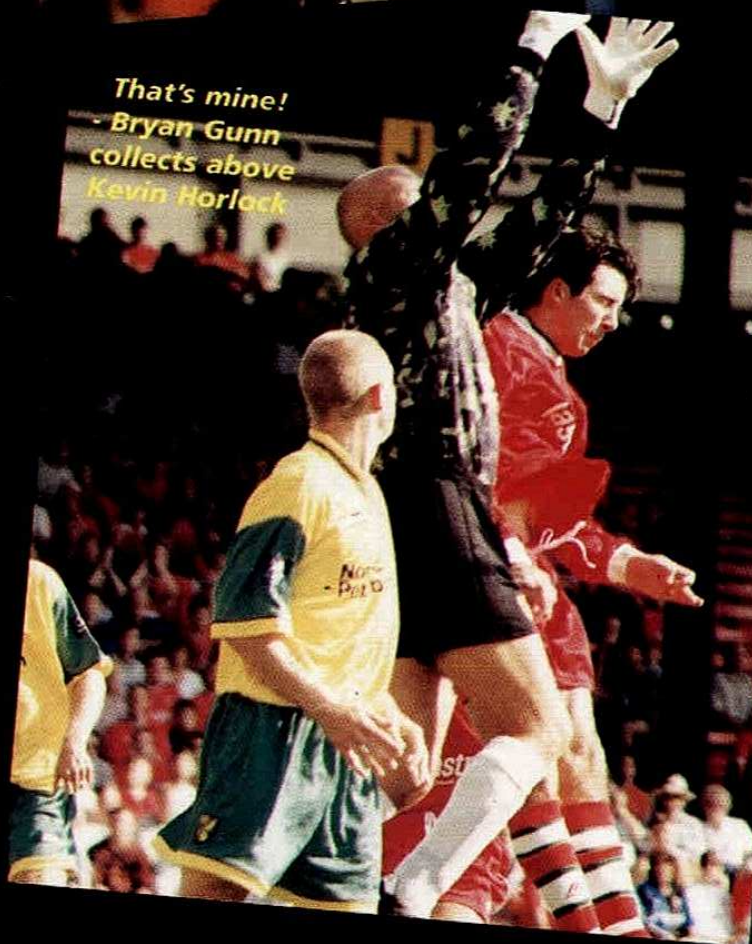
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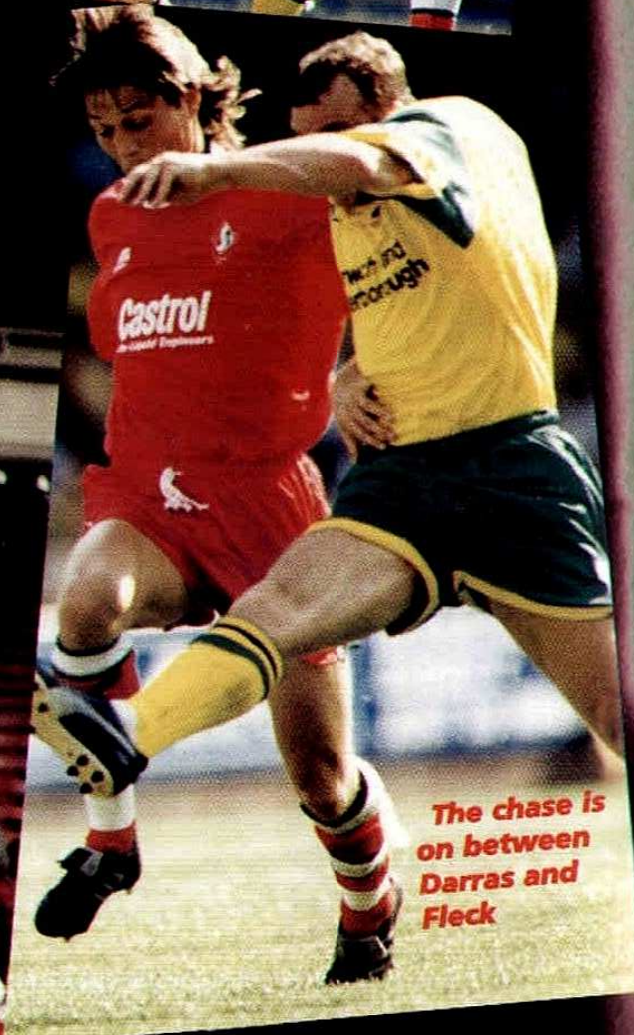
Frederic Darras clears his lines at Carrow Road



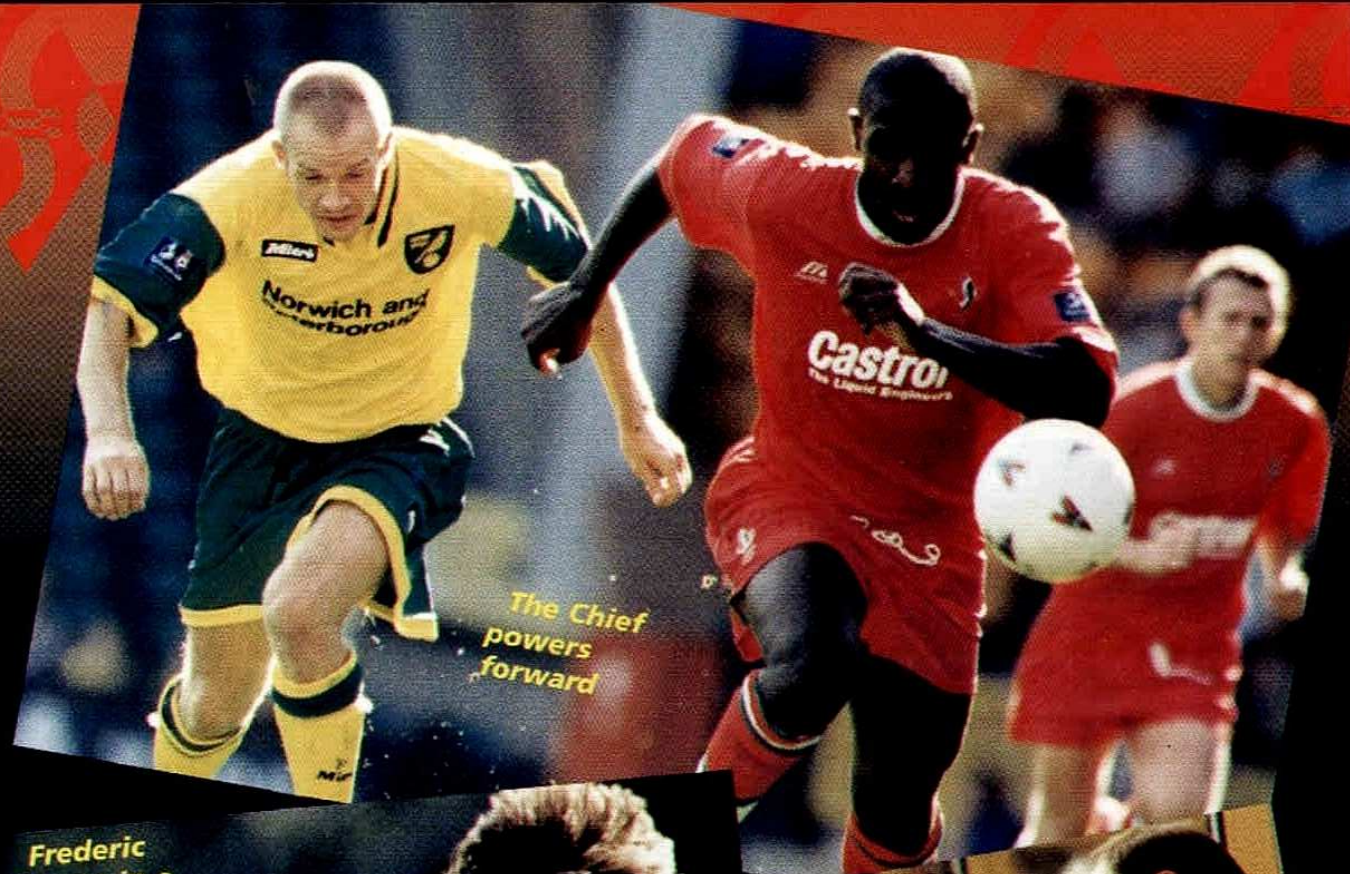
Scott Leitch in the thick of the action



That's mine! - Bryan Gunn collects above Kevin Horlock



The chase is on between Darras and Fleck

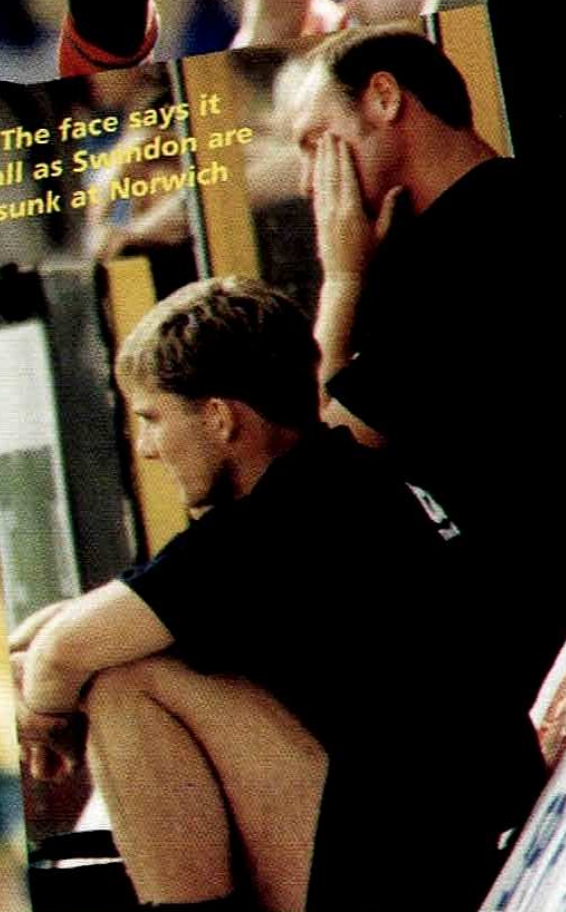


*The Chief
powers
forward*



*Frederic
Darras in a
tangle*

*The face says it
all as Swindon are
sunk at Norwich*



SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 1996
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance 15,165



community scheme news

Our first major task in the Community Office when we took over was to run our schools' visit project here at the County Ground.

We mailed nearly 200 schools in Wiltshire inviting them in to join us for a coaching session and a comprehensive ground tour.

As you may have already read in the Chelsea Matchday Magazine, some 33 schools came to visit us between June 3rd and July 19th.

The project was a huge success and included on this page is a sample of some of the many letters we were sent by the school children that attended.

It is hoped that a similar project will be held at the same time next year, so if you want your school to be involved - give us a call.

Before we go we must give a special thank you to **Ellen Quick** at **Dana** and **Adi Rowe** of **Tekprint** for supplying us with rulers and writing pads for everyone.

Intel and **Nationwide** also donated hundreds of pens - so once again, many thanks.

**Speak to you soon,
Clive and Jon.**

Letters of Thanks....

Dear Clive and Jon,

Thank you for inviting us to the County Ground, everyone had a fabulous day. I enjoyed playing games the best and all the rest was just as good too. I think you are very good coaches and I am still learning the six moves you taught us.

Thank you very much

*from Donna Burgess,
Seven Fields Primary School.*

To Clive Maguire and Jon Holloway,

Thank you for taking us for a brilliant training session, teaching us so many skills and for the tour which was very good. I enjoyed myself very much.

*Stephen Cole (aged 11),
Lainesmead Primary School.*



**Clive
Maguire**

**Jon
Holloway**



**For further information please
call us on 01793 421303.**



**A big Soccer Centre Welcome to
everyone for the 1996/97 season.**

Swindon Town Football Club Soccer Centres are looking forward to seeing you play. Our **Oasis and Link Centre** courses will be opening again on the week commencing **September 9**. The courses will run for seven weeks, the cost is **just £17** which includes a **Soccer Centre T-Shirt** and a chance to meet a Town player.

And don't forget our **Marlborough and Stratton Centres** re-open on **September 9**.

**To enrol simply go along to your
chosen centre or contact Gary Williams
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the junior robins

with Louise Kaye

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Every matchday, this page is dedicated to 'Swindon Town's official Barmy Army'. With the latest Junior Robins events, competitions, photos and reviews.

junior robins player of the year

It's that important game of the year again when the Junior Robins Player of the Year presentation will be made. Thanks to all of you who sent in your nominations of who you think was the most outstanding player of 1995/96 both on and off the pitch. Everyone who entered told us why they their chosen player deserved to win the title and the chosen Junior Robin entry won a mascot package.

Congratulations to 15 year old Stuart Calder who, not only will be a Swindon Town mascot tonight, but will present the award. Congratulations also to the 1995/96 Junior Robins Player of the Year - Shaun Taylor! Definitely the Junior Robins favourite, for the second year running. Shaun has won this award hands down, with almost every

entry being for the man who wears number 6! No doubt there will be some noise when the presentation is being made before kick-off.



more benefits

As from September 1st 1996, Junior Robins attending Community Office courses are entitled to a discount, on production of your card. For example a 3 day course costing £24.00, will cost Junior Robins only £20.00, although prices will vary depending on the course. All bookings should be made through the Community Office.

mascots 1996/97

A birthday present or gift with a difference, becoming a mascot is a day you'll never forget. Whether you're young, or young at heart, we can promise you a fantastic and memorable day. We still have a few fixtures available for mascot packages this season, although places are being snapped up fast. For availability and further details, contact me as soon as possible.

today's lucky Mascots



Junior Robins competition winner, **Stuart Calder** is mascot today, complimentary of Swindon Town. 15 year old Stuart from Thatcham, Berkshire attends Kennett School and enjoys football and playing the trumpet. He also writes match reports on the Town for his local paper.

15 year old **Zoe Pike** from Salisbury will be returning to Upper Avon in September where she will study 2 A levels and a GNVQ. Apart from netball, Zoe's main hobby is football, her favourite players are Wayne O'Sullivan and Peter Thorne.



All kitted out in Swindon's away strip are: **Scott Morland, Andrew Drinkwater and Samuel Boor** with the Wolves' mascot, **Andy Godden**, prior to last Tuesday's game.

Fixtures 96/97

South East Counties League Division 2

Sat	Aug 17	Brighton & Hove	A	2-0
SAT	AUG 24	BRENTFORD	H	
Sat	Aug 31	Bristol City	A	
SAT	SEP 07	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
SAT	SEP 14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H	
Sat	Sep 21	Reading	A	
SAT	SEP 28	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Sat	Oct 05	Southampton	A	
SAT	OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	H	
Sat	Oct 19		LC 2	
Sat	Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
SAT	NOV 02	OXFORD UNITED	H	
SAT	NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat	Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	
Sat	Nov 23		LC 3	
SAT	NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	
Sat	Dec 07	Barnet	A	
SAT	DEC 14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
SAT	DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
Sat	Jan 04	AFC Bournemouth	A	
SAT	JAN 11	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Sat	Jan 18	Bristol Rovers	A	
SAT	JAN 25	READING	H	
Sat	Feb 01	Brentford	A	
Sat	Feb 08	Colchester United	A	
SAT	FEB 15	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sat	Feb 22	Luton Town	A	
SAT	MAR 01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Sat	Mar 08	Oxford United	A	
SAT	MAR 15	WIMBLEDON	H	
Sat	Mar 22	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat	Apr 05	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
SAT	APR 12	BARNET	H	

All home fixtures are to be played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough and will kick-off at 11.00am.

Kick Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Fixtures 96/97

West County TV South West Counties Youth League

SAT	AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H
SAT	SEP 14	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H
SAT	SEP 28	HEREFORD UNITED	H
SAT	OCT 19	TORQUAY UNITED	H
SAT	NOV 02	BASHLEY	H
SAT	NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H
SAT	NOV 30	CHELtenham TOWN	H
SAT	DEC 14	EXETER CITY	H
SAT	JAN 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
SAT	FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H

(FEBRUARY 8 TO APRIL 30:
LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION)

Next Fixture!

Next Saturday there are two Youth Team fixtures.

The A-Team travel to Bristol City in Division Two of the South East Counties League while the newly formed B-Team open their South West Counties League account with a home game against Cardiff City

youth team focus



with Tommy Wheeldon

Brighton and Hove Albion Youth 0 Swindon Town Youth 2.

For our first South East Counties fixture we had to travel to the South Coast and face a tough Brighton side.

After our encounters with them last season the boys knew they would be in for a difficult, uncompromising game and so it turned out to be.

With just 10 minutes gone, Alex Finlayson, our Scottish striker, had to be taken off after being sandwiched in the air by Brighton's two central defenders. Unfortunately he was unable to play any further part in the match.

This injury gave Alex Meecham the opportunity to show what he could do and he went on to have a marvellous game.

We took the lead after 28 minutes when our centre back Chris Organ made a great

overlap and crossed from a difficult angle for Scott Woodman to open his account with a well taken right foot shot.

The team continued to play neat and tidy football from the back with Michael Pattimore, Thomas Wheeldon and Chris Organ always in command.

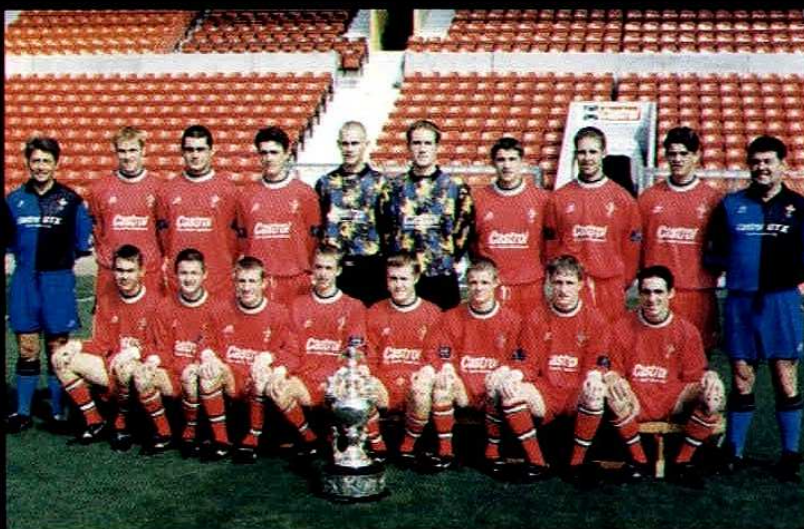
After the half time interval, Brighton changed tactics but our boys showed a very professional approach and matched the home side in every department.

And after 60 minutes we went further ahead from a well rehearsed free kick delivered by Michael Pattimore and finished off by impressive midfielder Matt Coupe.

After this Brighton mounted a charge but the defence stood firm and Anthony Betterton made a super save to keep a well deserved clean sheet.

For me there were no outstanding individuals but the whole team worked hard and played hard in a good solid team performance.

Swindon Town Youth Team 1996-97



centre of excellence

During July we took 45 children at an Under 12, 13 and 14 level to the Gold Coast Classic.

We were the only league club in the tournament and had to play against teams a year older, which was a massive disadvantage in both height and strength.

We used the trip as an exercise to see how our boys could conduct themselves against older age groups - and their behaviour was impeccable.

The way the Swindon Town teams played the ball around was the talk of the tournament. They were a credit to the club and their various coaches.

The tournament itself was excellently run with teams from all over the South West. There were also 250 Americans who came over just to play in the competition.

The American coaches, both ex-patriots, were



Just a note about the current season. I am in the process of sending out all the letters with the starting dates for the Centre of Excellence.

with Phil Cannon

amazed how our lads knocked the ball around and actually asked me how we coached the children to do so.

As far as the matches went, our under 12's got to their group final which they eventually lost 1-0. but this was a great achievement playing against older boys.

The under 14's got to the semi finals where they were beaten by the team who went on to win.

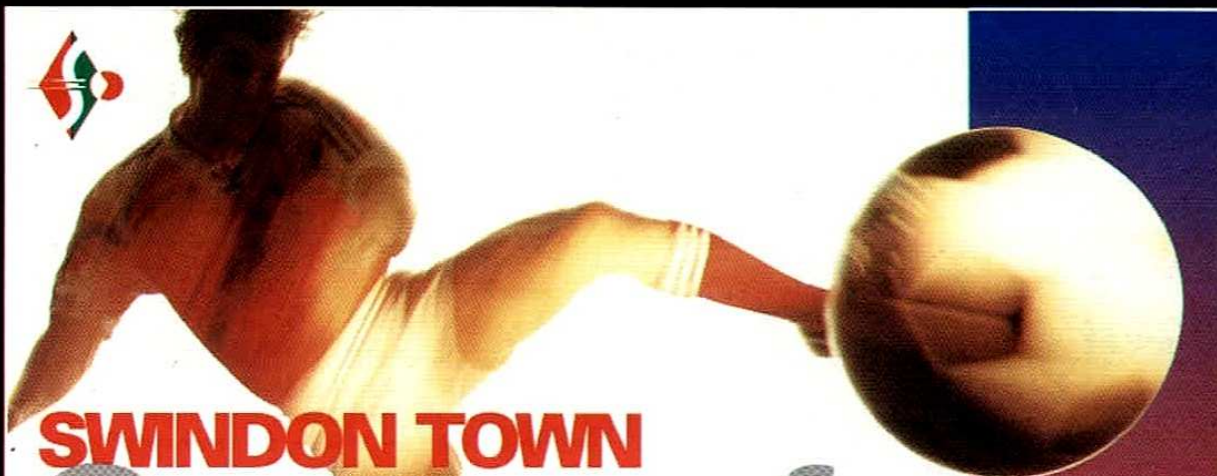
Later we found out that the other team consisted of six Centre of Excellence boys from Exeter City and one boy from Spurs' Centre of Excellence. So with that in

mind, our lads did tremendously well.

The tour gave me the ideal opportunity to meet the boys and for them to get to know me.

The parents should be very proud with the way their children conducted themselves both on and off the pitch because their behaviour was exemplary.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.




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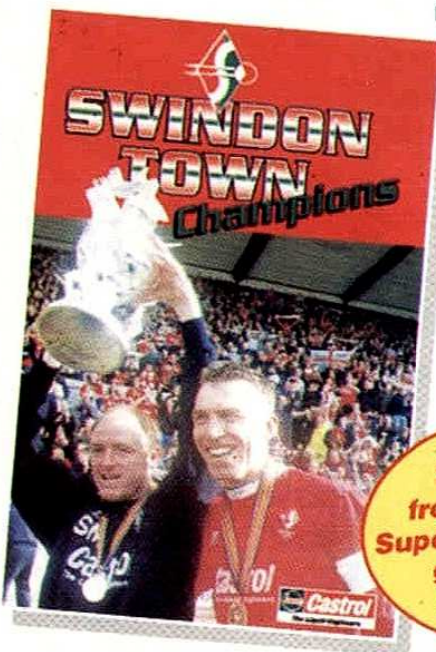
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SWINDON TOWN - CHAMPIONS

**VSI's video tribute to Steve McMahon's Championship side of 1995/96
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Relive the goals and triumphs of Swindon Town's Championship season exclusively on this eighty minute goal action video from Visionsport International. From the trouncing of Manchester United's cup slayers York City, follow the tense Coca-Cola Cup battle against Premiership Champions Blackburn through to victories over fellow promotion hopefuls Bradford City, Notts County and Crewe Alexandra. F.A. Cup goal action includes the defeats of Cambridge, Cardiff and Woking, the victory over Oldham Athletic and the two match battle with Premiership strugglers Southampton. Steve Finney, Wayne Allison and Kevin Horlock front the Robins' goal exploits in the run-in to the end of the season, concluding with the Championship celebrations after the Stockport County game, subsequent victory tour and civic reception in the town. Interviews with

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Swindon players, make
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fan's collection.



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reserves round up

with **Ross MacLaren**

Swindon Town Reserves 3 Oxford United Reserves 0

On Wednesday we took on Oxford United at the Allied Dunbar Training Ground in a friendly fixture.

Fielding a strong side we ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Wayne O'Sullivan, Peter Thorne and Steve Cowe.

We went into half time 1-0 up thanks to Wayne

O'Sullivan's volley which

flew into the top corner mid-way through the first half.

After the interval the lads continued to perform well and Peter Thorne added the second goal after Lee Collins' shot had been saved.

The killer goal came 15 minutes from time when Collins sent Steve Cowe through on goal and he coolly slipped the ball under the advancing 'keeper

It was a good all round performance on a very hard pitch and it was particularly pleasing to see Ian Culverhouse and Lee Collins back in action after injuries.



**Ian
Culverhouse
and Lee
Collins back
in action**

It was a thoroughly professional display which sets us up nicely for Monday's opening fixture at Swansea City in the League Cup.

Team:

Digby, Pattimore, Smith, Collins, Noads, Seagraves, Culverhouse, Watson, Thorne, Cowe, O'Sullivan.

Subs: Wheeldon, Meehan, Coupe, Woodman, Mildenhall.



Fixtures 96/97 Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City (LC)	A 2.00
MON SEP 16	TOTTENHAM	H 2.00
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic	A 2.00
MON OCT 07	LUTON TOWN	H 2.00
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH	H 2.00
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City	A 7.30
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United	A 7.30
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2.00
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)	H 2.00
Wed Nov 27	Swansea City	A 2.00
Wed Dec 04	Oxford United (LC)	A 7.30
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2.00
Wed Dec 18	Cardiff City	A 2.00
MON JAN 06	IPSWICH TOWN	H 2.00
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2.00
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL	H 2.00
Wed Feb 05	AFC Bournemouth	A 2.00
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MON FEB 17	BRISTOL CITY (LC)	H 2.00
Tue Feb 25	Watford	A 7.30
WED MAR 05	CARDIFF CITY (LC)	H 2.00
MON MAR 10	NORWICH CITY	H 2.00
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea	A 7.00
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL	H 2.00
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United	A 2.00
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.	H 2.00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon	A 2.00

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above.

Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning

Friendly Fixture!

On Monday the Reserves go to Swansea City for a League Cup clash. Coach Ross MacLaren said "Swansea have only just come into the league so they are a bit of an unknown quantity."

STFC Supporters Club

Membership renewals are now due for the Supporters Club, and should all be applied for by Saturday 31st August 1996. The cost is £5 and £2.50 for OAP's.

New members are welcome to apply after 31st August and the cost will be £6 and £3.50 for OAPs.

May we remind you that as well as the main club our premises in the Intel Stand are open on Matchdays.

During the week we are open every evening, normal licensing hours apply.

We have regular darts, snooker and skittles teams as well as entertainment which is always at a reduced rate for members.

Watch these notes for forthcoming events.

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It's great to be back where we belong - in Division one up against the Manchester City's of this world and back on the box too with a few visits from SKY on the cards. Welcome to the new season! I have been waiting for this since Gareth Southgate missed his spot kick in June.

Today we welcome Port Vale and their army of travelling fans. I wonder if they have brought with them their most celebrated fan of all time, the world famous Robbie Williams from Take That. Let me know up in the PA box if you see Robbie

here today, and I'll put his seat number over the tannoy so he can have an afternoon of uninterrupted privacy! Seriously, I would imagine Robbie is too busy promoting his new record to be here today but if you are here, I would just like to say congratulations for getting up off your bum and having a go when you could have just disappeared like Jason and Mark. It doesn't mean I like your record, but I admire a man who really goes for it.

Do you remember the last occasion we played the Vale at home in the league? It was on the first game of the season two years ago and I vividly recollect

that it was that game that prompted everyone to start wearing viking horns as some chap called Jan Aage went on a goal frenzy. How times have changed! Jan does not score so many goals and people certainly do not wear horns on their heads any more.

What will be the trends that develop during this exciting season? I am sure it is only a matter of time before you guys in the Intel Stand invent your own song about Frederic Darras, our new boy from Bastia. Now there's a challenge, mon ami!

Enjoy today's game - let's hope we get off to a winning start!



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The following Wednesday September 4th we go to **WOLVES** for the second leg of our Coca-Cola Cup tie.

On Saturday September 7th Swindon play away at **GRIMSBY TOWN** (3pm kick-off).

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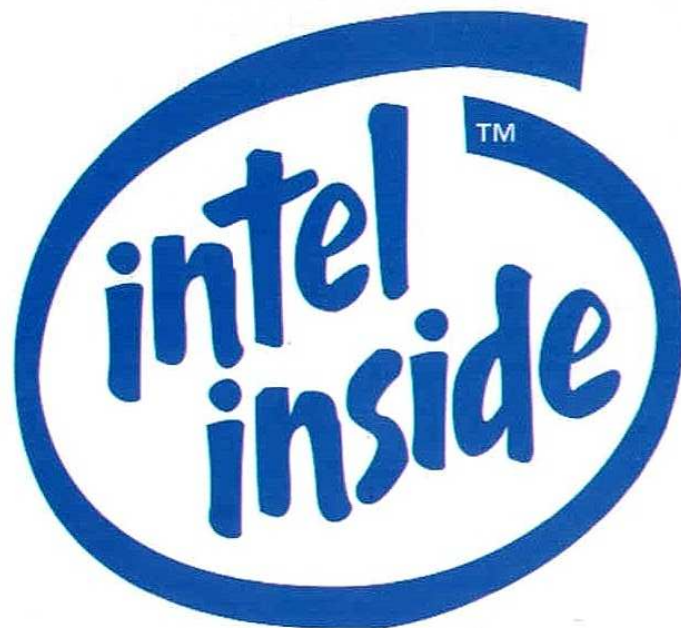
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winning ways By Dave Hollister

Sometime in October, STFC Promotions are holding a special team Quiz Night to find the "SWINDON TOWN F.C. MASTERMINDS" of 1996. I shall be contacting local pubs, clubs and businesses shortly to invite them to enter a team. That does not mean that you and your colleagues sat around you today cannot get a side together. I mentioned this now so as to give you time to get a team together and start swatting up.



Here's a few questions that will not be used during the quiz. If you can handle just a few of these there is no reason why you cannot pick up on of the magnificent trophies and prizes.

In which year did Paul Rideout leave Swindon for Aston Villa?

Who was the club's chairman in season 1985/1986?

From which club did Andy Rowland join Swindon in 1978?

Who left Swindon for Wolves in 1965?

How old was Don Rogers when he made his 1972 league debut?

If you think that you have got at least three right then you must be able to hold your own in any team. Watch this space for details.

PROGRAMME COLLECTORS will be pleased to know that all programme sales are now conducted from the **Promotions Office** (previously the Robins Corner) off County Road. Mike Skinner has left his "dog kennel" behind the Rover Stand to set up shop with us. Mike has a wonderful collection of programmes but will endeavour to get anything not in stock. He will only be "in residence" on matchdays but the promotions staff will conduct business during the week.

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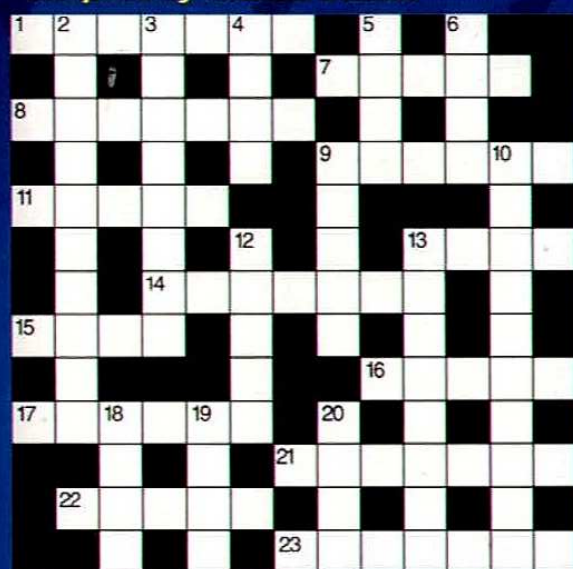


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crosswordtime...

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clues across...

1. Brave Port Vale player (nick) (7)
7.Webster ex-West Ham United defender (5)
8. Some lonely managers need one (7)
9. Nationality of Midfielder John Jenson (6)
11.Beardsley, "Magpies" striker (5)
13. Caribbean national side (4)
14. Top goalscorer 1966 World Cup Finals (7)
15. Nationality of Duncan Ferguson (short) (4)
16.Keegan, "Magpies" boss (5)
17. Player count for soccer team (6)
21. Rearrange tube tax to find former French manager, Albert (anag) (7)
22. Cardiff City nickname, "Blue" (5)
23. The nickname of non-league side Halifax Town (7)

clues down...

2. Hamilton.....FC (10)
3. Where every goalscorer likes to see ball end up (2) (3) & (3)
4.Whelan, Coventry City player (4)
5. Leaning and towering Italian League side (4)
6. Former USA & Coventry player, Mr Jones (4)
9. English Division One side (5)
10. Player on stand-by (10)
12.Villa Football Club (5)
13. English FA Cup winners 1987 (8)
18. Forename for Norway goalkeeper, Mr Thorsvedt (4)
19. After interval change them (4)
20. Home city for Bristol Rovers ground (4)

SPOT 14, CONTRACT 16, EVERTON 18, LIMP 21, ROGER 22, MERE
2, LEVEL 3, BARNSTLEY 5, ALTY 6, SWINDON 7, KEVIN 8, THROW 9, PENALTY
17, HORNET 19, EVERTON 20, FIXTURES 23, ANTWERP 24, ANGLO 25, ANGEL 26, STARS
1, CLUBS 4, WALSH 10, ELVER 11, HILL 12, ILSTON 13, IDEA 15, KEEPER



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Coca-Cola Cup first round tie against Wolves. Richard Newman receives a signed framed shirt from STFC Chairman Mike Spearman.

Serobex Screen Printers were Matchball Sponsors at the game against Wolves last Tuesday. Mark Walters presents Steve May and his guests with their autographed football.



Rockin Robin Saturday Creche continues

Situated in the Lifestyle Centre at the Stratton Bank end of the Castrol Stand, the Creche is managed by qualified staff from Swindon Child Carers and is for kids aged between 2-8 years.

Limited to 26 children, the facility is available for home and away fans on Saturday's only. Each session from 1.30-5pm costs just £2 per child and places must be booked in advance.

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Ty Gooden recently underwent an operation to remove a spur of bone that had been growing on the tibia bone of his left ankle.

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This was due to the offending piece of bone "catching" in the joint line of the ankle.

The only option available to us was for surgical intervention to be carried out to remove the spur of bone.

As the bone was very close to the skin, it was not a major operation but Ty will still be

out of action for approximately five weeks.

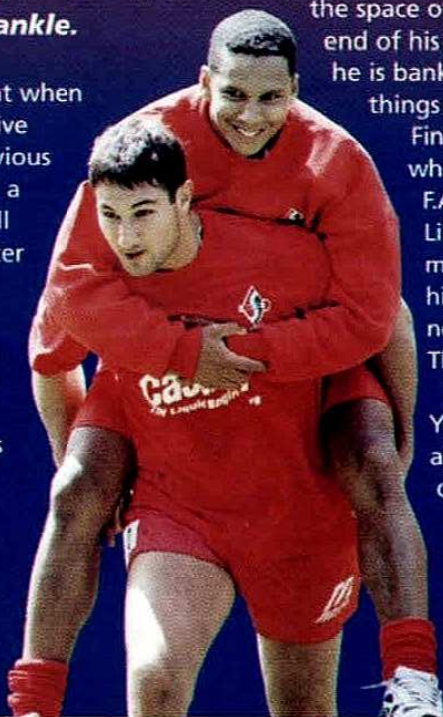
This latest set-back has been a real blow for him after working hard in the close season following his previous operations.

With Ty having undergone three operations in the space of four months, hopefully this is the end of his troubles. There is no doubt that he is banking on the saying that "these things come in three's."

Finally a big well done to Dick Mackay who has successfully completed the F.A. Sports Therapy Diploma at Lillishall. Dick, who is a valuable member of our medical team, passed his final examination in May and is now a fully qualified Sports Therapist.

He will continue to work with the Youth and Reserve squads and also assist me when time allows. congratulations!

Injury victim, Ty Gooden, looking to return as soon as possible...with Franks help!



the shadowboard

I am writing these notes immediately after watching the Charity Shield at Wembley. Am I the only football fan with a little smile that £60 million cannot buy soccer success? Am I the only Swindon fan asking myself what would Steve McMahon do with half of that amount? Let us have your ideas - how would you spend £30 million if you were Steve McMahon. We'll give a suitable prize for the best suggestions - providing they are suitable for publication!!

Last season Nigel Harrison of Hailey, near Witney won the 'Great Ideas' competition with his suggestion that the Shadow Board facilitate the establishment of regional 'satellite'

branches for our out of Town supporters. We will be pushing ahead with this idea during the next few weeks. As a first step please write to us if you are interested in helping to set-up a satellite in your area. Naturally we need as many people as possible to become involved - please write even if you are not able to devote very much time to your branch. The more people who become involved then the easier it is to 'get the ball rolling' and the more opportunities we will have for local events in each area.

At last today we have our first home Division One League match and on behalf of all Swindon supporters we are wishing the team good luck for three points to open the season.



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Benno gives his view

League club bosses are invariably former top-class players though there are some notable examples of successful managers who have never played the game at League level such as Lawrie McMenemy, Dario Gradi and Lennie Lawrence. But looking at the managerial line up in the Nationwide League Division One this season, we see that the clubs are led by a legion of great stars whose names just roll off the tongue.

How about this for a squad to challenge for the Premiership title.

MIKE WALKER - Goalkeeper.

Back in harness at Carrow Road, was born at Colwyn Bay 28-11-45. Stands 6' 1" he played for Wales at Under 23 level having come out of amateur ranks to sign for Reading in 1962. He also played for Shewsbury Town, York City, Watford, Charlton (on loan) and Colchester United.

GEORGE BURLEY -

Rightback. The Ipswich Town boss enjoyed phenomenal success as a player at Portman Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1978 and 11 Scottish caps. Went on to play for Sunderland, Gillingham and Motherwell, was manager at Ayr, had a couple of games with Falkirk and was player-manager at Colchester before becoming manager of Ipswich in December 1994. Born: Cumnock 3-6-56.

TERRY FENWICK - Central

Defender. The former England International had a spell with Swindon before moving to Portsmouth as a player-manager

in February 1995. Started his career with Crystal Palace in 1976 as a midfielder but enjoyed his best years with QPR, whom he joined in 1981, and Spurs, Terry Venables converting him to a central defender. Was a member of England's 1986 World Cup Finals squad in Mexico and collected 20 caps in all. Born: Camden Co. Durham 17-11-59.

COLIN TODD - Defender.

Bolton Wanderers' manager came out of the top drawer as a stylish footballing defender with an International pedigree. Won 27 caps for England having made his League debut for Sunderland in 1966 and moved on to Derby County in 1971. Won Championship medals with the Rams in '72 and '75. Continued his career with Everton, Birmingham, Nottingham Forest and Oxford United and had a spell of management at Middlesbrough. Born: Chester-le-Street 12-12-48.

Dennis Smith - Defender.

A no nonsense tackler who joined Stoke from school on 1966 and played with them until 1981. Then played for and managed York City before taking over the managerial reigns at Sunderland. Has been in charge of Oxford since September 1993. Born: Stoke 19-11-47.

ALAN BALL - Midfield.

Explosive little dynamo and one of England's World Cup winning heroes in 1966. Won 72 caps in a 10-year International career. Played for Blackpool, Everton (championship and cup medals), Arsenal, Southampton, Vancouver Whitecaps, Blackpool (player-manager), Southampton, Eastern Athletic (Hong Kong) and Bristol Rovers. Manager - Portsmouth. Stoke City. Southampton and Manchester City (July 1995).

RAY WILKINS - Midfield.

Still playing for QPR the former Chelsea, Manchester United and England captain is one of the game's great ambassadors. Won 84 caps and also proved himself in Italy with AC Milan. Born: Hillingdon 14-9-56.

STEVE McMAHON - Midfield

Swindon Town's player-manager also boasts an illustrious career with championship and cup medals in a playing career that started with Everton in 1980 and embraced Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City. Honoured 16 times by England. Born: Liverpool 20-8-61.

HOWARD KENDALL -

Midfield. An FA Cup finalist with Preston at 17 he developed into an outstanding talent with Everton (230 League games) then served Birmingham City, Stoke City and Blackburn (player manager). Has managed Everton (twice), Manchester City, Atletico Bilbao, Xanthi (Greece) and Notts County. Born: Newcastle

TREVOR FRANCIS - Forward.

The new Birmingham boss was a teenage sensation at St Andrews and became the first £1 million player when transferred to Nottingham Forest. Scored the goal that won forest the European Cup in 1979. Played with Manchester City, Sampdoria, Atlanta (USA), Glasgow Rangers, QPR and Sheffield Wednesday (player-manager) and won 52 England caps. Born: Plymouth 19-4-54.

JOHN ALDRIDGE - Striker.

Now player manager of Tranmere Rovers the Eire International enjoyed his greatest years with Liverpool.

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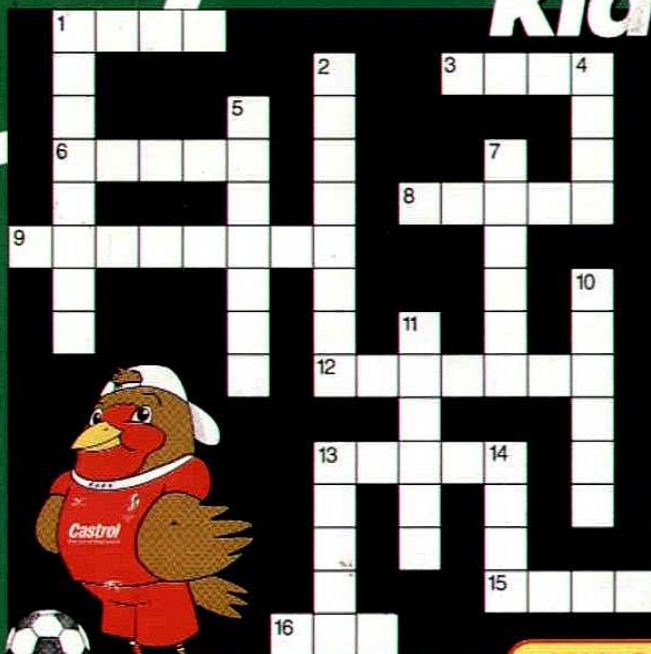
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1. SWINDON TOWN
2. ROVERS
3. THE CITY
4. UNITED

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kids crossword

Across

1. Every game needs one (4)
3. One at each corner (4)
6. Ex-Arsenal Manager (5)
8. Ex-England Coach (5)
9. Home of Everton (8)
12. Euro 96 top scorer (7)
13. Goals in a hat-trick (5)
15. F.A. Cup Final goalscorer (4)
16. Joints the posts (3)

Down

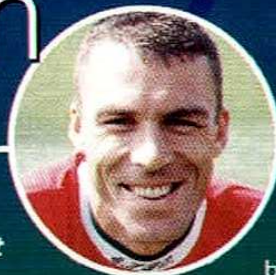
1. Euro 96 Final double scorer (8)
2. Winners of European Cup (8)
4. Andy from the SKY (4)
5. Every referee needs one (7)
7. Digby's first name (6)
10. New England assistant (6)
11. Leitch came from here (6)
13. Australian goalkeeper (5)
14. Big Jack was the manager (4)

KIDS QUIZ

1. Trevor Francis, Don Howe, Gerry Francis and Ray Wilkins have all managed which club?
2. Which current Swindon player scored 23 goals for Halifax Town?
3. Which former Swindon player scored 33 goals for Hereford last season?
4. Andy Thomson signed for which team from Swindon in January 1996?

captain's column

with Shaun Taylor



What a difference a few days can make. Last Saturday we all let ourselves down at Norwich but bounced back brilliantly on Tuesday to beat Wolves in the Coca-Cola Cup.

The defeat on the opening day of the season was a big disappointment because we all wanted to make a flying start in our first game back in the First Division.

Unfortunately we just fell flat and did not perform, however we most definitely put on a show here at the County Ground on Tuesday.

I think the Sky Sports camera's being here helped pump

everyone up and after Wolves' big win

against Grimsby the previous Saturday we all knew we had to perform.

It was a great all round performance but we can't afford to relax and I've no doubt the second leg will be extremely tough up at Molineux.

The important thing now is that we build on Tuesday's performance. We haven't got any league points yet and with two home games in a row we have the perfect opportunity to get off the mark and put some points on the board.

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will be no pushovers and we will have to earn the right to pick up all three points.

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a touch of **class** NEW SIGNING Mark Walters

Much travelled Mark Walters is determined to regain the scintillating form which thrilled crowds at Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool - after being given another chance by Steve McMahon.



time at Rangers are proof that Walters has the pedigree. Now the time has come for him to fulfil his potential.

"Playing for Swindon is an exciting new challenge for me after spending the last couple of seasons, basically sitting on the bench at Liverpool."

"I now have the chance to get my career going again and I had no hesitation in joining Swindon because Steve McMahon made it plain that this is an ambitious club."

"I still want to win things and I have no doubt I can do that with Swindon Town."

"There is a great team spirit here, everyone gets on and

there are no premadonnas which is important."

"We all know that a lot of hard work is needed if we are to be successful this season but everyone is prepared to work hard for each other."


Walters is still hungry for trophies even though he already has a healthy tally of silverware including three Championship medals with Rangers, FA and League Cup medals with Liverpool and his prize possession - a Super Cup winners medal.

This was picked up during his time at Aston Villa when they overcame the might of Barcelona over two legs.

"A lot of players don't win any medals during their careers so I should count myself lucky."

"But I want to win something else before the curtain comes down on my career." he commented.

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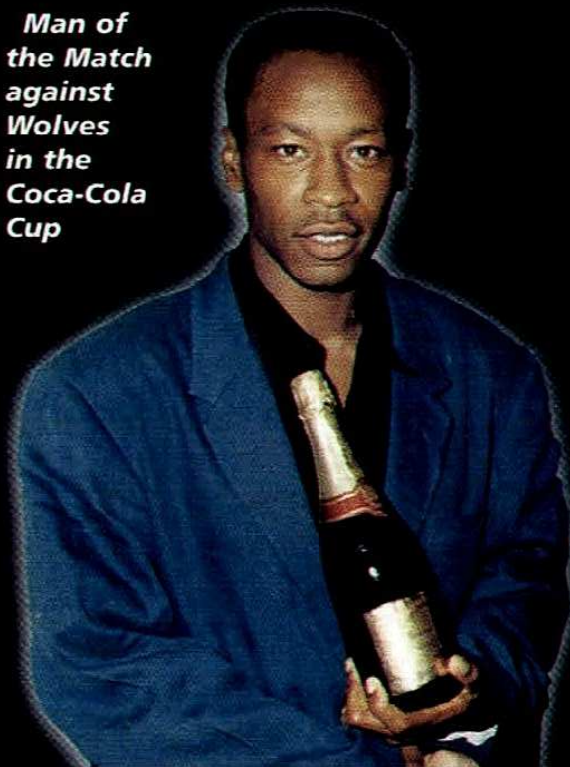


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Man of the Match against Wolves in the Coca-Cola Cup



profile NEW SIGNING **Fraser Digby**



Former Manchester United apprentice Fraser Digby is celebrating his 10th year at Swindon Town Football Club.

During that time the tall elegant stylist has made over 400 appearances and he has deservedly been awarded a Testimonial season.

"I've had a great time here at Swindon and I'm looking forward to some exciting events to help celebrate my 10 years with the club," he said.

FRASER'S TESTIMONIAL SCHEDULE



The former England Under 21 International's first major testimonial event is a **Golf Day** which is being staged at **Castle Combe** on **MONDAY OCTOBER 7**, sponsored by **Thames Water**.

For more details contact **Roger Grafton** on **01249 750638**.



On **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17** a **Race Day** is being held at **Cheltenham Race Course**, sponsored by **Carlton Refrigeration**. **Contact Derek Walker or Bruce Warr** for further information on **01793 520791**.

Several other events are currently being organised and anyone interested in sponsoring them should ring Mark Reynolds on 01793 430588.

Fraser is keen to hold another of his popular **GOALKEEPING CLINICS** during the season. Anyone interested in taking part should contact **Swindon Town's Community Office** on **01793 421303**.



Name: Fraser Digby
Age: 29
Birthplace: Sheffield
Former Clubs: Man Utd.
Position: Goalkeeper
Nickname: "Major"

Who did you support as a youngster?: Sheffield Wed's

Career highlight so far:
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Favourite other sports:
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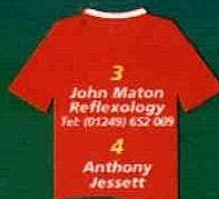
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around the **County** ground

A message from the Chairman

There is a saying in football - when the good times come, grasp them firmly and enjoy them!

We all, yes all of us, had a wonderful time last season and thanks to Steve and his army we achieved the second Championship title in the history of the Club and how we really enjoyed every second of that season.

Together with my fellow Directors I welcome you all to yet another season in the First Division of the Nationwide League.

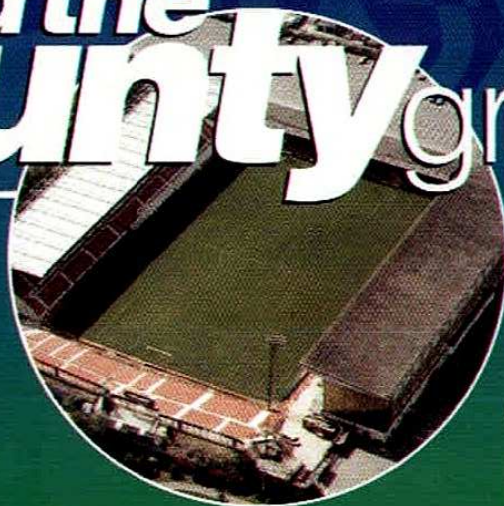
As I write to you I have just returned from Norwich where, as you know, we did not get the result we worked for during the close season.

Yes we shall have disappointments along the way but I know you will understand that we all have to overcome these set-backs and put them right next time.

I must say however that no First Division club could have a better set of supporters as we did at Norwich. You sang from the kick-off to the final whistle and that is why we as a Board are so proud of you. The spirit of Euro 96 was there for all to see.

The coming season is going to be a long and hard road but Steve has a squad that I am sure will do us proud. Knowing Steve, he will monitor the results as we go forward and we as a Board will do all in our power to support him to make our progress assured.

May I remind you as Chairman that I am here to answer any of your worries however small or large.



We together must work as a team just like Steve and his team on the field - by understanding and teamwork, we can go forward as a family.

On behalf of the Board we wish all of you a very happy season.

Portacabin Presentation

McLean Homes officially presented Swindon Town with a portacabin which is used by St John Ambulance on matchdays.

The portacabin has been used for the past year and the delayed presentation party recently took place at the County Ground when Regional Director of McLean Homes Melvyn Griffiths shook on the deal with Swindon Chairman Mike Spearman.



McLean homes have donated the building and Chairman, Mike Spearman said; ***"It is a very generous offering and will help the St John Ambulance keep up their excellent service."***

Macca's Boots Reach Ghana

Swindon boss Steve McMahon recently donated a pair of Mizuno football boots to help launch a textile recycling campaign raising funds for the Swindon Hydrotherapy Pool.



The manager's boots are now in Ghana where they were handed to an up and coming young player who plays for Kotoko, one of the best teams in the country.

The appeal is financed by Devizes Textiles who specialise in exporting second hand clothing and shoes to third world countries and grading of textiles for recycling.

Banks have been placed all over Thamesdown, the company buy the shoes and clothing deposited and all proceeds are given to the Hydro Poll, therefore generating income from waste material.

The Hydrotherapy Pool was opened in 1979. It is the only one open to the public in Britain and is used by the physically and mentally handicapped and those recovering from serious sports injuries.

swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

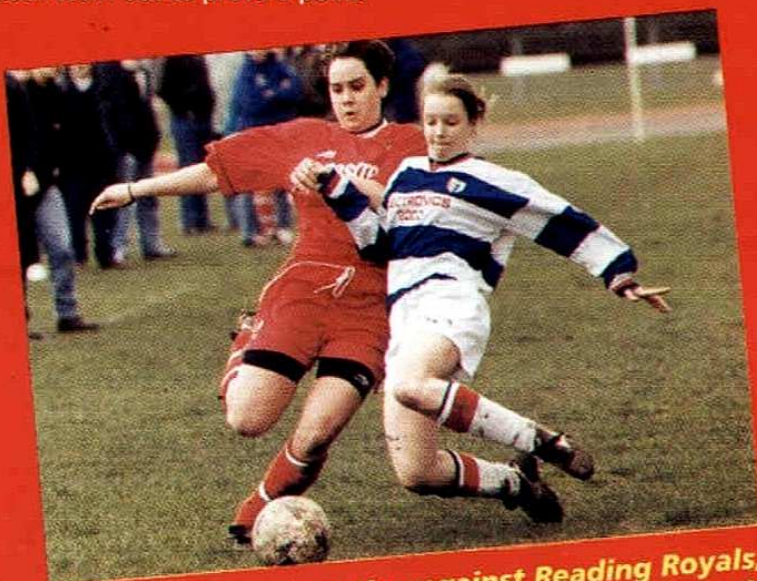
Swindon Town Ladies will open the new season with a home clash against old rivals Reading Royals.

It will be a repeat of the final game of last season when the Royals visited the County Ground Extension and won 5-3. This was the first league game that the Town had lost in the three seasons since their formation in 1993. The previous week Reading had visited the Town in the quarter final of the League Cup and recorded a 7-2 victory. In the away league match the Town had won 4-2. At the end of the season the Town just pipped the Royals to take the Second Division Championship and Reading, although promoted, had to settle for second place. As usual we can look forward to a very keenly contested match with each team out to prove a point.

After the Reading game on Sunday September 1st, the Town have three away trips to Portsmouth, Havant Town and Swindon Spitfires. Their next home league game will be on Sunday October 6th when Binfield will be the visitors.

The Town will be facing new opposition in Division One as previously they have only met Division One teams in cup ties. The Town beat Southampton after extra time in the second round of the FA Cup in 1994, before being beaten by Newbury, who were relegated last season, in the next round. Two seasons ago Cheltenham beat the Town by 2-1 in a League Cup replay after the two sides had drawn 2-2 in Swindon.

All of the Town's home games are played on Sundays at the County Ground Extension, inside the athletics track, and kick off at 2pm.



Vikki McCann, in action against Reading Royals, who was awarded the 'Most Improved Player of the Season' Trophy.

Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1

SUN 1ST SEPT	READING ROYALS	H
Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A
SUN 15TH SEPT	HAVANT TOWN	H
Sun 22nd Sept	Swindon Spitfires	A
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFIELD	H
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A
Sun 27th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	
SUN 3RD NOV	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	H
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A
Sun 24th Nov	To Be Advised	
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H
Sun 15th Dec	League Cup 2nd Round	
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side	
Sun 12th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 19th Jan	Ringwood	A
Sun 26th Jan	To Be Advised	
SUN 2ND FEB	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sun 9th Feb	Southampton Saints	A
Sun 16th Feb	Cheltenham	A

Final Table 95/96 season Southern Region League Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	18	16	1	1	110	17	49
Reading Royals	18	16	1	1	101	17	43*
Thame University	18	13	1	4	55	29	40
Gosport	18	9	2	7	61	42	29
Oxford University	18	7	4	7	45	35	25
Milton Keynes Utd	18	5	6	7	31	49	21
Basingstoke Town	18	6	0	12	25	64	18
Leighton Linlade	18	3	2	13	13	93	11
Eastleigh	18	3	1	14	23	77	10
Carterton	18	1	3	14	9	48	6

* six points deducted

Player Appearances 95/96 season

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

the swindon town open day

By Jason Harris

Fans flocked into the County Ground on Tuesday August 13 for the Club's official Open Day.

An estimated 3,500 supporters visited the Club where they were able to grab all the players' autographs and have a fascinating behind the scenes tour.

WHICH WAY NEXT?
- a group of fans plan their tour of the County Ground



A great day out for the whole family

There was a carnival like atmosphere as players and supporters mingled and chatted about the season ahead.

To add to the entertainment on offer there were penalty shoot outs for the kids, a couple of Rover cars on display and the BBC Wiltshire Sound Roadshow was on site.

Superb weather made sure the day was a great success and everyone involved had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Swindon Town plan to hold a similar Open Day next season, so if you missed last week's action-packed event - make sure you come along this time next year.

This beats walking around a supermarket!



football shorts

by M.J. Evans

Cold

Before the Great War, two Lancashire sides, Blackburn and Burnley, competed in a game where the temperature dropped so much that at the interval, many of the Blackburn team refused to continue. "It's too cold", they argued. So seven men stayed in the dressing room, leaving only four of their colleagues to meet the full force of Burnley. Amazingly the referee allowed this farce to continue, but no sooner had he blown his whistle for the restart, three of the four remaining Blackburn players went off complaining bitterly. With only the goalkeeper opposing them, Burnley quickly scored. Then to prevent a massacre, the goalkeeper refused to kick-off and the referee had no alternative but to abandon the game.

Freezing

In the early 30's Blackburn Rover's goalkeeper, Crawford, earned the praise of the crowd during a game played on an extremely cold afternoon. He joined his colleagues in the baths afterwards and had just put his hand into the steaming water, when he cried out in great pain and fell in a faint. The doctor found that Crawford had broken a finger, but the cold had so numbed his hand that he did not feel his injury. Only when he put his hand in the hot water did it melt and the fracture came to life.

Wet

Once when Sheffield Wednesday met Aston Villa, the rain was so heavy, that Villa star winger Athersmith, actually ran up and down one touchline during the game holding an umbrella!

Foggy

During a match in British Columbia, thick fog came down. Players could not see more than four or five yards. Eventually they assembled in the centre of the field and decided to call the whole thing off. Then it was discovered that somebody had already walked off with the goalposts.

Always Changing

No side has been in the Fourth Division (now Nationwide League Division Three) permanently since 1958-59, when the league first began. The season started with Millwall, Coventry and Crystal Palace amongst its members. York City, Exeter City, Gillingham, Torquay, and Hartlepool United also started out in that season.



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Caught.

Ball watching!

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Wednesday 4th September
Kick-Off 7.45pm

Swindon make a quick return to Molineux, where the curtain unfortunately came down on their last stay in the First Division - in May last year. But this time it's a cup contest and - as was proved against Charlton that season when Town trailed 3-1 after the home leg - anything can happen!

Did you know?

Town's first visit to Molineux was way back in 1908, in an F A Cup Third Round encounter. Swindon - then a non-League side fought bravely before going down 2-0.

Wolves went on to lift the trophy at the Crystal Palace.

GOING TO SOUTHEND?

If you missed our travel news for Saturday ring the numbers below NOW!

TRAVEL CLUB

Wolverhampton W.

Fare £8.00

Depart County Ground: 3.45pm

Bookings taken at the Travel Club Office in the Castrol Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00pm, or at the Information Centre in Regent Street. Pick-up points are available - please enquire when booking.

You can also book by telephone at Barnes Coaches on the number below.

A £2 reduction is available for all children accompanied by an adult.

For Bookings
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Wolves Rampant.....

In the season 1959-60 Wolverhampton Wanderers had two things to be proud of at the end of the season.

A 3-0 win over Blackburn Rovers saw the Wolves win the FA Cup at Wembley and despite losing out to Burnley in Division One the Midlands registered their third consecutive goal tally of 100 goals in a season.

S.A.S TRAVEL

Wolverhampton W.

Fare £7.50

Depart:

West Swindon 3.45pm

County Ground 4.00pm

Ermin Street 4.15pm



**24 HOUR
SERVICE**

Bookings can be made at the old Matchday Ticket Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 and before all home games. Bookings are also taken in association with Silver Knight Coaches on 01249 720360 on Mondays to Fridays between 9.00am and 5.00pm. All coaches are fitted with seat belts throughout and are NON SMOKING. A hostess service of hot and cold drinks and light refreshments is also provided.

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statistics 1996/97 season



Endsleigh League Division 2 1995/96 Season Final Table

	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
SWINDON TOWN	46	12	10	1	13	7	3	71	34	92	27	
OXFORD UNITED	46	17	4	2	7	7	9	76	39	83	36	
BLACKPOOL	46	14	5	4	9	6	6	67	40	82	20	
NOTTS COUNTY	46	14	6	3	7	9	7	63	39	76	24	
CREWE ALEXANDRA	46	13	3	7	9	4	10	77	70	73	7	
BRADFORD CITY	46	15	4	4	7	3	13	71	69	73	2	
CHESTERFIELD	46	14	6	3	6	6	11	56	51	72	5	
WREXHAM	46	12	6	5	6	10	7	76	56	70	20	
STOCKPORT COUNTY	46	8	9	6	11	4	8	61	47	70	14	
BRISTOL ROVERS	46	12	4	7	8	6	9	56	60	70	-4	
WALSALL	46	12	7	4	7	5	11	58	45	69	-13	
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	46	9	8	6	6	7	10	63	59	60	-4	
BRISTOL CITY	46	10	6	7	5	9	9	55	70	60	-10	
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	46	12	5	6	4	5	14	52	70	58	-18	
BRENTFORD	46	12	6	5	3	7	13	43	49	58	-6	
ROTHERHAM UNITED	46	11	7	5	3	7	13	56	62	56	-8	
BURNLEY	46	9	8	6	5	5	13	56	68	55	-12	
SHREWSBURY TOWN	46	7	8	8	6	6	11	58	70	53	-12	
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	46	9	6	8	4	7	12	59	76	52	-17	
YORK CITY	46	8	6	9	5	7	11	58	73	52	-15	
CARLISLE UNITED	46	11	6	6	1	7	15	58	72	49	-14	
SWANSEA CITY	46	8	8	7	3	6	14	43	79	47	-36	
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	46	6	7	10	4	3	16	46	68	40	-22	
HULL CITY	46	4	8	11	1	8	14	36	73	31	-37	



First Team Player Appearances 95/96

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
Fraser Digby	25	-	11	-	36	-
Ian Culverhouse	46	-	11	-	57	-
Jason Drysdale	13	-	5	-	18	-
Steve McMahon	21	-	9	-	30	-
Mark Seagraves	28	-	10	-	38	-
Shaun Taylor	43	7	13	-	56	7
Mark Robinson	46	-	12	1	58	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	33	3	7	-	40	3
Peter Thorne	26	10	8	1	34	11
Wayne Allison	44	17	12	3	56	20
Ty Gooden	25	2	9	1	34	3
Steve Finney	30	12	13	4	43	16
Kevin Horlock	45	12	13	4	58	16
Paul Bodin	33	2	9	1	42	3
Martin Ling	16	-	6	2	22	2
Eddie Murray	5	1	2	-	7	1
Steve Mildenhall	-	-	2	-	2	-
Joey Beauchamp	3	-	1	1	4	1
Dean Hooper	-	-	3	-	3	-
Frank Talia	16	-	-	-	16	-
Paul Allen	27	-	6	1	33	1
Gary Thorne	-	-	2	-	2	-
Lee Collins	5	-	2	-	7	-
Alex Smith	8	-	-	-	8	-
Shay Given	5	-	-	-	5	-
Steven Cowe	10	1	-	-	11	-
Scott Leitch	7	-	-	-	7	-
Tony Grant	3	1	-	-	4	-
David Preece	8	1	-	-	8	1

Swindon Town Fixtures 1996/96 Season

Date	Opponents	Res	Att.
Sat Aug 17	Norwich City	A 0-2	15,165
TUE AUG 20	WOLVERHAMPTON W. C.C.C 1 (1)	H 2-0	7,451
SAT AUG 24	PORT VALE	H	
WED AUG 28	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	
Sat Aug 31	Southend United	A	
Wed Sep 4	Wolverhampton W. C.C.C 1 (2)	A	
Sat Sep 7	Grimsby Town	A	
WED SEP 11	PORTSMOUTH	H	
SAT SEP 14	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	
Wed Sep 18	Coca-Cola Cup 2 (1)		
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed Sep 25	Coca-Cola Cup 2 (2)		
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	
Tue Oct 1	Bradford City	A	
Sat Oct 5	Ipswich Town	A	
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H	
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A	
Wed Oct 23	Coca-Cola Cup 3		
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A	
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H	
Sat Nov 9	Sheffield United	A	
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H	
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A	
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
SAT NOV 30	READING	H	
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A	
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A	
SAT DEC 21	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A	
SAT DEC 28	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
WED JAN 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
Sat Jan 4	F.A. Cup 3		
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
Sat Jan 25	F.A. Cup 4		
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
Sat Feb 8	West Bromwich Albion	A	
SAT FEB 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY (F.A. Cup 5)	H	
Wed Feb 19	Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
SAT MAR 15	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat Mar 22	Port Vale	A	
SAT MAR 29	NORWICH CITY	H	
Mon Mar 31	Oldham Athletic	A	
SAT APR 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	
Sun Apr 6	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
SAT APR 12	IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	H	
Sat Apr 19	Oxford United	A	
SAT APR 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sun May 4	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat May 17	F.A. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME GAME:
WED 28TH AUGUST



Swindon Town vs Oldham Athle
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 7.45pm

FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup
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All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm.
Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised.
Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.
All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = ●▼■

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN▼	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK■	THORNE■	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN▼	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■

Football For All

Swindon Town Football Club is proud to welcome both professional footballers and supporters from all nationalities to the County Ground. It is our aim that people from all races enjoy football at the County Ground without fear of harassment or intimidation and while recent research shows that we do not seem to have a problem with racism here at the Club, we musn't become complacent. Therefore, any supporter found distributing literature of a racially intolerant nature, or hurling racial abuse at players or fellow supporters, will be ejected from the ground immediately and will attract a lengthy ban from the Club.

Mike Spearman
Chairman

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Important safety announcements by the Club Management over the public address system will be preceded by a loud signal to catch the attention of spectators.



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teamcheck

Swindon Town vs Port Vale



Swindon Town

1	Frank Talia
2	Frederic Darras
3	Jason Drysdale
4	Scott Leitch
5	Paul Allen
6	Shaun Taylor
7	Mark Robinson
8	Mark Walters
9	Steve Finney
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Peter Thorne
13	Mark Seagraves
14	Kevin Watson

Team Changes

Port Vale

1	Arjan Van Heusden
2	Andy Hill
3	Allen Tankard
4	Ian Bogie
5	Gareth Griffiths
6	Neil Aspin
7	Jon McCarthy
8	Andy Porter
9	Martin Foyle
10	Tony Naylor
11	Steve Guppy
12	Lee Mills
13	Stewart Talbot
14	Paul Musselwhite

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

- Referee: **G. Pooley** (Bishops Cleeve)
- Assisted by: **B.M. Rice**
- Assisted by: **K.R. Torrance**

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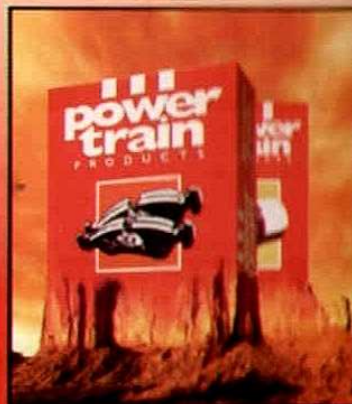
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Swindon Town vs Oldham Athletic
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 7.45pm