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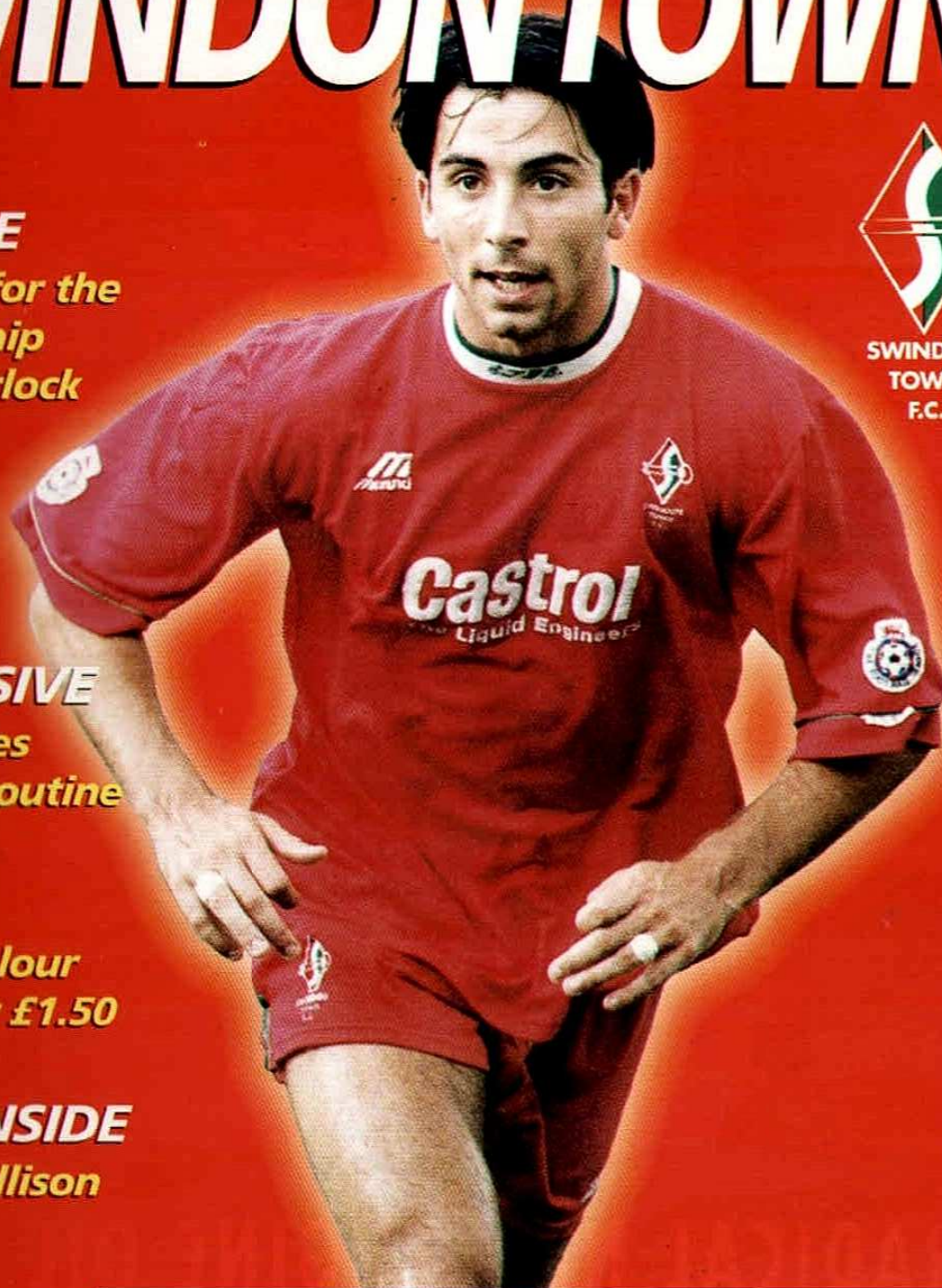
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welcome to swindon town

After getting out of jail with a point on Saturday, tonight the team are determined to regain the form they showed against Wolves.

Three points are essential to really get some momentum behind our Nationwide First Division campaign but Oldham will be out to spoil the party.

However anything like the performance the lads gave against Wolves should be enough to get the first League win in the bag.

Mark on the mark

A pile-driver of a free kick by Mark Robinson clinched a point in Saturday's 1-0 draw with Port Vale.

After a dismal first half display by Swindon, all the visitors had to show for their superiority was a single goal by Jon McCarthy.

But Swindon responded with a much improved second half showing.

Harsh half time words by Macca brought new life to the team and after Wayne Allison had been felled on the edge of the Port Vale box - up stepped Mark Robinson to unleash an unstoppable free kick.

Wayne in the fast lane

The 'Chief' Wayne Allison officially took possession of a Volkswagen Golf 2.0 GL Estate prior to Saturday's game.

Mann Egerton of Eldene Drive Swindon, have sponsored Wayne with the vehicle and their VW Fleet Manager Adrian Dowdeswell handed over the keys.

"It's exactly the kind of support we need from the people of Swindon in our drive for Premiership football," said Wayne.

Shaun's Success

Skipper Shaun Taylor added another trophy to his massive haul when he picked up the Junior Robins' Player of the Year Award.

The Club's official barmy army voted Shaun to be the most outstanding player both on and off the pitch for the second year running.

Swindon on the big screen

Swindon Town's Coca Cola Cup return at Wolves on Wednesday September 4th will be shown live on a big screen in the Supporters' club bar.

Anyone who would like to come and watch the lads defend their 2-0 first leg advantage can come down to the ground from 7pm onwards.

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Our first half performance against Port Vale was pathetic to say the least and to be honest in the end we were lucky to get a point because we could have been dead and buried by half time.

I couldn't have complained if they had gone into half time three or four up - it was embarrassing.

There was much more guts about us in the second half but it shouldn't take harsh words from me at half time to get them going - the players should be able to fire themselves up.

You can't give players passion, they have got to want to win more than the opposition and in the first half we simply didn't have that.

It wasn't all doom and gloom because I thought the lads responded in the second half but if we start like that again I will have to think about ringing the changes.

I've never seen us play as bad as that at home. The performance at Norwich was poor but this was something else.

Tonight we have the chance to get that display out of our system against an Oldham team who are always tough to beat.

But if we are to come out of the game with all three points we will have to perform right from the start and get at them straight away.

The players have got to believe they can do it and that self belief will win us matches.

After Saturday's poor display the players have got to lift themselves and I will be looking for a positive reaction.

At least we've got one point on the board now but at the end of tonight's 90 minutes I will be a lot happier if we have four points to our credit.

We are not back at home for a couple of weeks but I'm sure a lot of you will be travelling away with us. So keep behind us and we will get things right.



today's visitors

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Oldham Athletic Football Club to the County Ground. We hope that everybody enjoys the match and has a safe journey home after the game.

Following the disappointments of last season, when The Latics could only finish in 17th spot in the First Division, and at one stage looked in serious danger of going down, Graeme Sharp will be keen to see his troops in better form this time around.

They have been rocked by the pre-season loss of three of their leading players.

Highly-rated young 'keeper Paul Gerrard has moved to Everton - managed by former Boundary Park boss Joe Royle - while 26-year-old striker Ian Olney has been forced to retire through injury.

Full-back Chris Makin - another England U21 star - has also left the Club, using the 'Bosman ruling' to secure a move to Olympique Marseille on a free transfer.



But the initial £1.2m raised from the sale of Gerrard (there could be a further £300,000 to come depending on England selection) has allowed Sharp to enter the transfer market and bring in some new blood in the form of John Morrow from Glasgow Rangers, and that could be just the kick-start Oldham are waiting for.

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one to watch Lee Richardson

The 1995/96 season will go down as one to remember for Oldham's dynamic midfield man Lee Richardson - despite the Latics' disappointing form for much of the campaign.

Voted 'Player of the Season' at Boundary Park, and also the Endsleigh League First Division Player of the Year, 27-year-old Lee's forceful runs from central midfield brought Oldham eleven goals, making him top scorer in the League in what was admittedly a fairly low-key season for the Club.

A strong and skilful player, Lee packs a lethal shot and an eye for goal that results in some spectacular long range strikes, as

well as the role of penalty king at Boundary Park.

When he joined Oldham in August 1994, Lee teamed up with an old colleague in winger Rick Holden. While the pair were at Halifax in the mid-1980s, Richardson had been employed as Holden's boot cleaner!

Despite earning some glowing reviews during his early days at The Shay, and earning a step up to Watford, in the old Second Division, and then on to Blackburn and Aberdeen, Richardson's threat as a goalscorer has only been realised since being handed a more advanced role by Graeme Sharpe at Boundary Park.



FACT FILE..

Name: Lee Richardson
Position: Midfield
Born: Halifax, 12.03.69
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st
Trophies won: None
League record last season: 27 games, 11 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
86/87 - 88/89	Halifax	56	2	From Trainee
88/89 - 89/90	Watford	41	1	£175,000
90/91 - 92/93	Blackburn	62	3	£250,000
92/93 - 93/94	Aberdeen	64	6	£250,000
94/95 - 95/96	Oldham	57	17	£300,000

Graeme Sharp the manager

Holding the reigns at Boundary Park is former Everton and Scotland favourite Graeme Sharp, who succeeded Joe Royle in the post in 1994. Sharp has been with the Latics since the Summer of 1991, and he has been a valuable source of goals for the club since then.

Although he rarely ventures out onto the park these days, Sharp kicked off the 1995/96 campaign as the leading scorer at the Club - with 39 strikes to his credit - thanks to the departure of former Oldham hot-shot Andy Ritchie to Scarborough in the Summer of 1995, and he can still be a potent threat when he does step into action.

Sharp, who has won 12 full caps for Scotland, began his long and distinguished career with Dumbarton way back in the 1978/79 season. He leapt to the attention of Everton when he notched up 16 goals in 34 League games the following campaign, and towards the end of that season he was on the move to Goodison Park.

Alongside fellow Scot Andy Gray - now a presenter on Sky TV - Graeme helped the Toffeemen to their glory years of the mid-1980s,

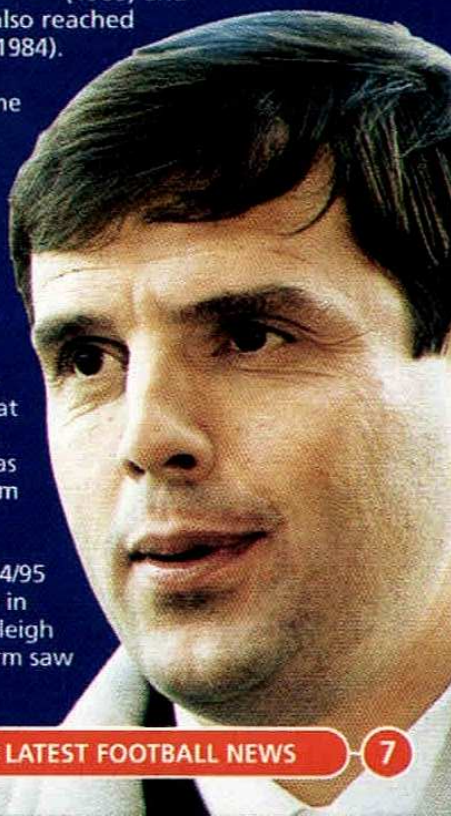
when they walked off with two League titles (1984/85 and 1986/87), an FA Cup (1984), the European Cup-Winners' Cup (1985) and also reached

a League Cup Final (1984).

Sharp's greatest individual season came during the glorious 1984/85 campaign, when he notched 21 League goals in 36 games as the Blues romped to the old First Division title.

In the Summer of 1991, Sharp's eleven-and-a-half year stay at Goodison Park came to an end, and he was transferred to Oldham for £400,000.

His first season as player manager - 1994/95 - saw the Latics finish in 14th spot in the Endsleigh League, while last term saw a slip of four places.





OLDHAM ATHLETIC **player**profile

Back in the number one shirt following the departure of Paul Gerrard to Everton, **JON HALLWORTH** joined the Latics from Ipswich Town for £125,000 back in February 1989 and has now made more than 200 senior appearances for the Boundary Park club.

One of the biggest names in the Latics' line-up is highly experienced Norwegian International **GUNNAR HALLE**, who can play anywhere down the right side of the field.

Best known as a defender in this country, Halle spent time in midfield last season and he actually scored a hat-trick for his country in their famous 10-0 destruction of San Marino a few years ago. A £280,000 signing from Lillestrom in 1991, Halle has won more than 50 caps for Norway.

CRAIG FLEMING is another bargain buy, who cost just £150,000 when he signed from Halifax Town. A renowned competitor, Fleming missed much of 1994/95 with injury,

but after a couple of operations he is now back to his best and enjoying his partnership with former Manchester City star **STEVE REDMOND**. Capped by England at every level except Full, Redmond cost then Oldham boss Joe Royle £600,000 when he signed in August 1992.

A recent arrival from Sheffield United is central defender or midfielder

JOHN GANNON.

Formerly with Wimbledon, Gannon was bought for a small fee by manager Graeme Sharp in March 1996 to add some fighting spirit to his troubled side.

The experienced **IAN SNODIN** rejoined his former team-mate Graeme Sharp when he moved to Boundary Park from Everton on a free in January 1995. Midfielder Ian made more than 400 appearances during his time with Doncaster, Leeds and Everton.

SCOTT McNIVEN and **DAVID McNIVEN** are 18-year-old twin brothers and both have represented Scotland at Under-21 level. Scott is a quick defender who already has 18 senior games under his belt, while David is still awaiting a senior League outing.

Three players who have progressed from Oldham's impressive junior set-up are **PAUL RICKERS**, **NICK HENRY** and **RICHARD GRAHAM**.

Rickers is a 21-year-old Yorkshire lad with good close control who won two Man of the Match awards in just three senior outings in 1994/95 and is considered very much a star of the future by the Oldham coaching staff. Won a regular midfield spot last term.



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PLAYER PROFILE

A terrific 1994/95 campaign saw Richard Graham win Endsleigh League and England Under-21 representative honours, after the 20-year-old made an impressive League debut against Manchester United the previous season.

Nick Henry - nicknamed 'Yard Dog' - is a tigerish midfielder who is the current Club Captain and has a knack for scoring vital goals. With a new contract under his belt, Henry has re-affirmed his faith with the Boundary Park club and also recovered from a serious back injury suffered in October 1995.

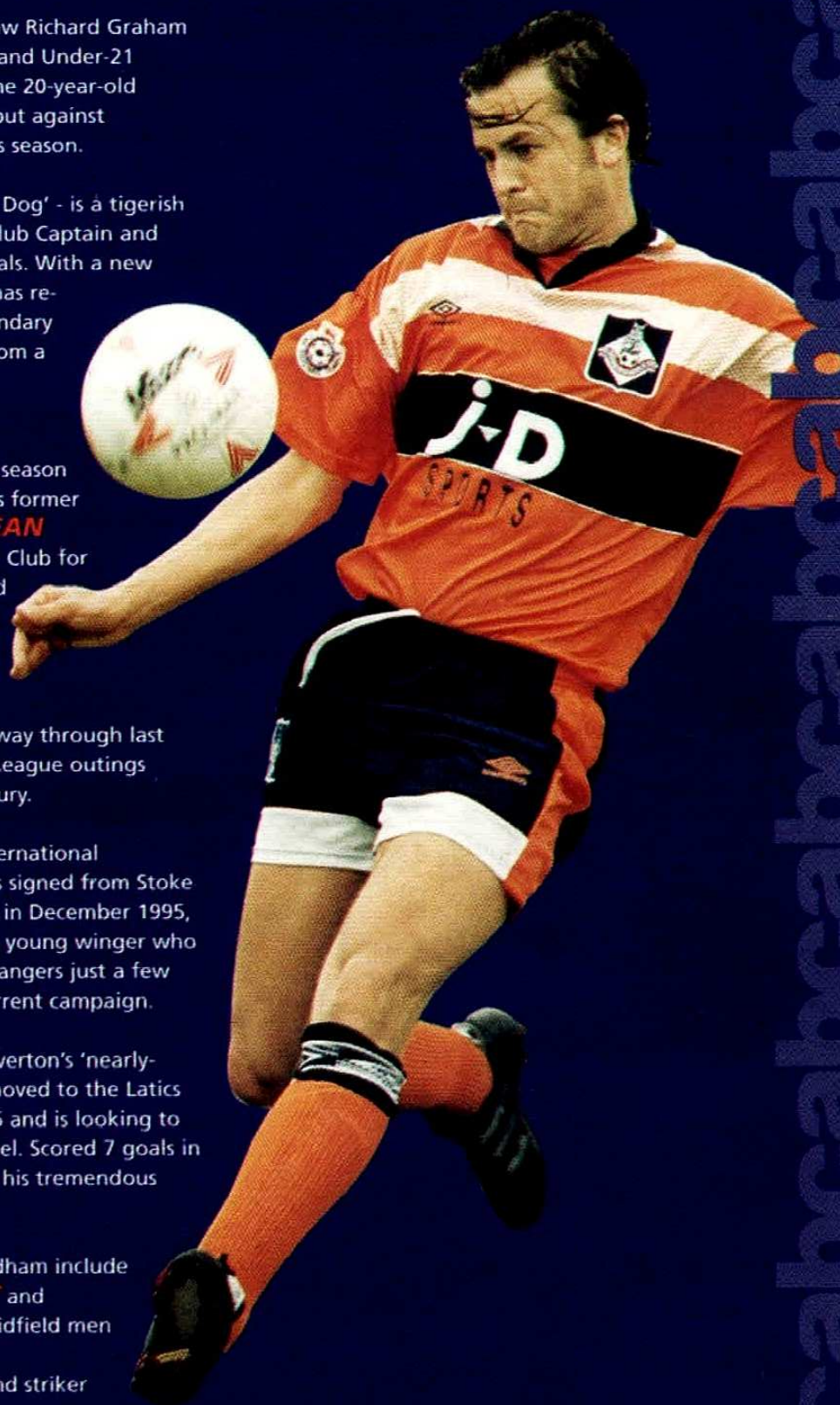
Oldham's joint-top scorer last season for the second successive year is former Bradford City sharp-shooter **SEAN MCCARTHY**, who joined the Club for £450,000 in December 1993 and struck 11 times in 1995/96.

He is aided and abetted by ex-Southampton striker **NICKY BANGER**, who moved north for £325,000 midway through last season and scored twice in 13 League outings before being sidelined with injury.

The highly-rated Icelandic International **TODDY ORLYGSSON** was signed from Stoke City for a tribunal set £175,000 in December 1995, while **JOHN MORROW** is a young winger who was picked up from Glasgow Rangers just a few days before the start of the current campaign.

After several years spent as Everton's 'nearly-man' **STUART BARLOW** moved to the Latics for £450,000 in November 1995 and is looking to make his mark at the lower level. Scored 7 goals in 25 outings in 1995/96 and uses his tremendous pace to full effect.

Other squad members for Oldham include defenders **CARL SERRANT** and **DARREN LONERGAN**, midfield men **ANDREW HUGHES** and **MARTIN PEMBERTON** and striker **DAVID BERESFORD**.



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VITAL STATISTICS



OLDHAM'S record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	22	9	11	65	44	75	3rd
87/88	2	44	18	11	15	72	64	65	10th
88/89	2	46	11	21	14	75	72	54	16th
89/90	2	46	19	14	13	70	57	71	8th
90/91	2	46	25	13	8	83	53	88	1st
91/92	1	42	14	9	19	63	67	51	17th
92/93	P	42	13	10	19	63	74	49	19th
93/94	P	42	9	13	20	42	68	40	21st
94/95	1	46	16	13	17	60	60	61	14th
95/96	1	46	14	14	18	54	50	56	17th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How OLDHAM ATHLETIC performed last season

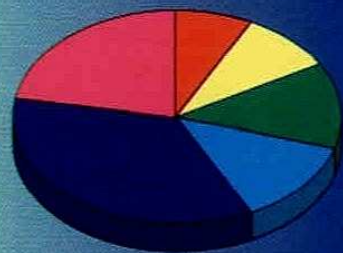
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 12	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W3-0	Brennan (35, 63), Richardson (79)
Aug 19	BARNSELY	(a)	L1-2	McCarthy (83)
Aug 26	SHEFF UTD	(h)	W2-1	Banger (63), McCarthy (67)
Aug 30	NORWICH	(a)	L1-2	Halle (46)
Sep 02	STOKE	(a)	W1-0	Overson (68og)
Sep 09	WEST BROM	(h)	L1-2	Bernard (44)
Sep 12	IPSWICH	(h)	D1-1	McCarthy (78)
Sep 16	CHARLTON	(a)	D1-1	McCarthy (7)
Sep 23	C.PALACE	(h)	W3-1	McCarthy (49), Brennan (67), Banger (84)
Sep 30	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 07	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	D1-1	McCarthy (79)
Oct 14	GRIMSBY	(a)	D1-1	Richardson (43)
Oct 21	READING	(h)	W2-1	Richardson (24), Beresford (66)
Oct 28	DERBY	(a)	L1-2	McCarthy (65)
Nov 05	PORT VALE	(h)	D2-2	Wilkinson (7), Richardson (85pen)
Nov 11	LUTON	(a)	D1-1	Halle (65)
Nov 18	WOLVES	(a)	W3-1	Makin (62), McCarthy (64), Beresford (78)
Nov 21	MILLWALL	(h)	D2-2	McCarthy (44), Barlow (80)
Nov 25	SOUTHEND	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 02	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	L1-2	Beckford (20)
Dec 09	C.PALACE	(a)	D2-2	Vonk (62), Redmond (71)
Dec 16	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	W4-0	Poole (26og), Francis (57og), Barlow (59), Halle (69)
Dec 23	WATFORD	(h)	D0-0	
Dec 26	TRANMERE	(a)	L0-2	
Jan 13	BARNSELY	(h)	L0-1	
Jan 20	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	D0-0	
Feb 03	SHEFF UTD	(a)	L1-2	Hughes (35)
Feb 10	NORWICH	(h)	W2-0	Makin (12), Barlow (62)
Feb 24	CHARLTON	(h)	D1-1	Richardson (66pen)
Feb 27	WEST BROM	(a)	L0-1	
Mar 03	TRANMERE	(h)	L1-2	Graham (71)
Mar 09	WATFORD	(a)	L1-2	McCarthy (72)
Mar 12	SUNDERLAND	(h)	L1-2	Richardson (43)
Mar 16	LEICESTER	(h)	W3-1	Barlow (18), Serrant (76), Richardson (88pen)
Mar 19	IPSWICH	(a)	L1-2	Richardson (73pen)
Mar 23	SUNDERLAND	(a)	L0-1	
Mar 30	READING	(a)	L0-2	
Apr 02	GRIMSBY	(h)	W1-0	Barlow (57)
Apr 06	DERBY	(h)	L0-1	
Apr 08	PORT VALE	(a)	W3-1	Barlow (33), Beckford (46), Richardson (78pen)
Apr 13	WOLVES	(h)	D0-0	
Apr 17	LEICESTER	(a)	L0-2	
Apr 20	MILLWALL	(a)	W1-0	Richardson (56pen)
Apr 27	SOUTHEND	(a)	D1-1	Creaney (3)
Apr 30	STOKE	(h)	W2-0	Richardson (26), Creaney (73)
May 05	LUTON	(h)	W1-0	Barlow (84)

OUR LEAGUE RECORD v OLDHAM

Home	Div	Result
11-Apr-1966	3	0-1
03-Dec-1966	3	6-3
27-Apr-1968	3	0-0
28-Jan-1969	3	5-1
10-Oct-1987	2	2-0
10-Dec-1988	2	2-2
13-Jan-1990	2	3-2
12-Mar-1991	2	2-2
18-Aug-1993	Prem	0-1
08-Apr-1995	1	3-1
Away	Div	Result
12-Apr-1966	3	1-1
28-Apr-1967	3	0-1
02-Dec-1967	3	2-0
26-Oct-1968	3	3-2
11-Mar-1988	2	3-4
13-May-1989	2	2-2
26-Aug-1989	2	2-2
02-Oct-1990	2	2-3
07-Dec-1993	Prem	1-2
31-Dec-1994	1	1-1

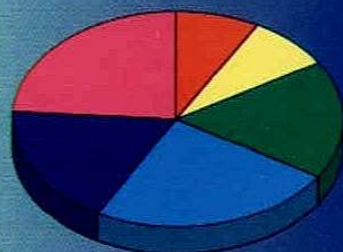
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	4
16-30	5
31-45	7
46-60	7
61-75	19
76-90	12
TOTAL	54



League goals conceded in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15	4
16-30	4
31-45	9
46-60	12
61-75	9
76-90	12
TOTAL	50

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. Which club play their home games at Highfield Road?
2. Which Scottish club is nicknamed The Jam Tarts?
3. How many goals did Alan Shearer score in Euro 96?
4. Which country won the 1990 World Cup?
5. Gary Lineker played in Japan for Grampus Eight, Tenko Nine or Peking Ten?
6. Who won their first ever major trophy in 1987?
7. Why did Torquay fans start supporting Stevenage at the end of last season?
8. For which country is Ipswich's Claus Thomsen an International?
9. Newcastle and which other club play at St James' Park?
10. Who is the manager of Port Vale?
11. Mark Hughes' nickname at Chelsea is what?
12. Keith Curle left Man City to join which club?
13. Who did Leicester beat in last season's Play-Off Final?
14. Patrik Berger has just signed for which Premiership club?
15. One club has half its name made up from the same letter. Which club?



WHO AM I?

1. I was born in Stirling in Scotland in December 1971 and signed for Dundee United from Carlisle Thistle in 1990.
2. Moved to Glasgow Rangers for £4 million in 1990 but played only 14 times for them.
3. One of the tallest strikers at 6'3" noted for his power in the air.
4. Moved to Everton in October 1994 for whom he has now made nearly 50 appearances.

CLOSE UP! WHO'S CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. From which club did we sign Peter Thorne?
2. Where did Fraser Digby start his League career?
3. Who finished runners-up to Town in the Second Division last season?

....AND AWAY

1. Who normally takes the penalties for Oldham?
2. Which defender left The Latics to join Leeds last season.

LAWS OF THE GAME!

How many feet must a player have on the ground when taking a throw-in :

- A) One foot
B) Two feet
C) Neither foot

Answers..... 1. Coventry, 2. Hearts, 3. Five, 4. Germany, 5. Grampus Eight, 6. Coventry, FA Cup, 7. Because it Stevenage won the Vauxhall Conference they wouldn't be promoted, meaning Torquay would stay up, 8. Denmark, 9. Exeter play at St James Park, 10. John Rudge, 11. Sparky, 12. Wolves, 13. C. Palace, 14. Liverpool, 15. Millwall.
Home: 1. Blackburn, 2. Man Utd, 3. Oxford, **Away:** 1. Lee Richardson, 2. Richard Jobson.
Who's Crest: Burnley, **Rules of the game:** ans B (Two feet)

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

At the beginning of 1924 only two teams had ever defeated Swindon in cup ties at the County Ground.

With the visit of Oldham from the old Second Division, this record seemed to be under threat as the Northern side had defeated mighty Sunderland 2-1 in the first round of the competition.

It had been feared that Danny Bew, who had been kicked on the knee in Town's previous league match at Aberdare, would not be fit. But Jimmy Edmonds, the club masseur worked miracles to get him fit.

The Great Western Prize Band entertained the record crowd of 22,884 in glorious weather prior to the kick off but one person not there to hear them was the Town's MP, Mitchell Banks who was indisposed but sent a telegram of good wishes to Town skipper Billy Wareing.

Given that Wareing was the captain it seems a little odd that the toss for choice of ends was lost by Fleming.

This was probably due to the fact that Fleming, in his last season, played only five league games and was not a regular in the side although he played in the eleven that represented Swindon in all the season's cup ties.

The Advertiser report, which spread over two 16 inch long columns of tightly worded print, described how "on the alter of keenness science was almost sacrificed" in a first half in which play swung from end to end and a white terrier invaded the pitch just before half time.

Eight minutes into the second half, with Swindon attacking the

Stratton Bank, a goal finally came when Fleming found Bertie Denyer and the winger darted between the left back and left half to score with a fierce shot.

Ten minutes later Jack Johnson, Swindon's leading scorer in this

Fleming, who was to make the last of his 35 FA Cup appearances for Swindon when they were knocked out in the fourth round replay at Burnley.

There was a man appearing before the Town's magistrates on Monday accused of being drunk and disorderly in Fleet Street on the night of the victory over Oldham.

The Magistrates Clerk enquired "Were you celebrating the cup result?"

"No sir," came the reply.

This may have made the Magistrates less merciful than they might have been and he was fined 10 shillings!

Teams:

Swindon: Randall, Dickenson, Weston, Cooper, Bew, Wareing, Denyer, Crossley, Fleming, Johnson, Davies.

Oldham:

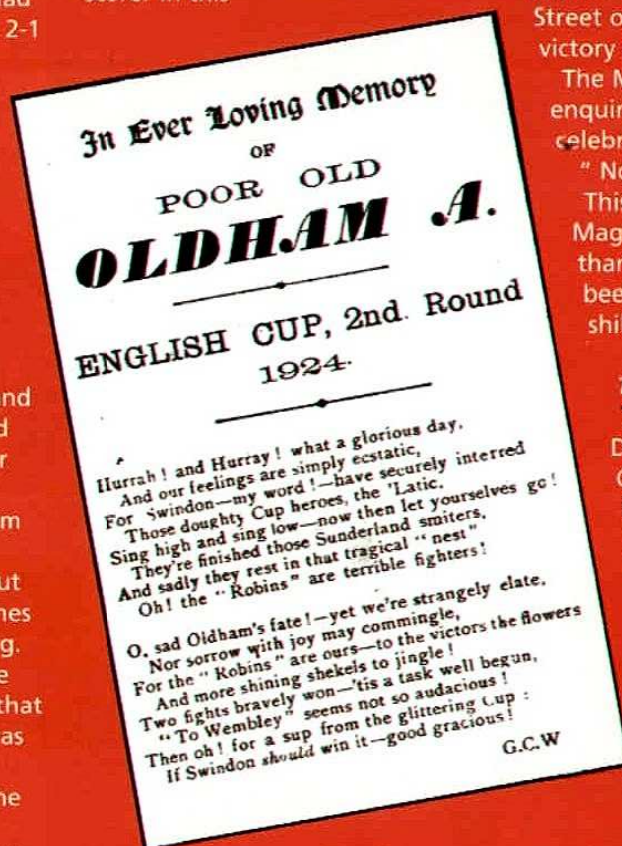
Matthews, Wynne, Grundy, Taylor, Pilkington, Naylor, Douglas, Houson, Blair, Staniforth, Watson.

One Swindon player in this match had a son who also played league

football for Town. Can you name him?

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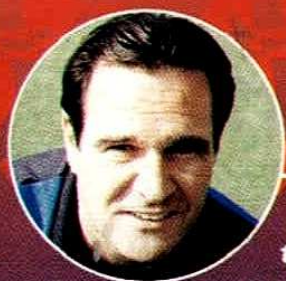
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Card commemorating Swindon's 2-0 victory over Oldham Athletic in the 1924 cup match

campaign, and Fleming combined to set up Charlie Crossley who scored with a low shot.

Matthews in the Latics goal, a veteran who had appeared for Burslem Port Vale against the Town 19 years before, was absolved from blame for either of the goals, but the reporter did claim he was windy of



trainingground

with Andy Rowland

***This week I
thought I would give
you all an insight into
how we prepare for an away game.***

As you will know our first trip of the season was to Norwich. On the Friday before the match all the players came in for an hour's training session.

We went through a few training drills, including shuttle runs, before playing a 10-a-side match and then it was back to the ground for a shower before the players reported to the Post House at 1:30pm.

The trip to Norwich took about four hours and while on the coach the players kept themselves occupied in a variety of different ways.

Some played cards, some read and others, mainly the younger players just sat and listened to music. We do have a video machine on our coach but unfortunately none of the players remembered to bring a good film to watch.

There are a number of videos on the coach but as you can imagine we've seen them all about six times.

Triggy spent most of the trip making coffee while Eddie Buckley slept, woke up for his meal and then went back to sleep again until we arrived in Norwich at about 5:30pm.

Next came the evening meal with the directors and most of the players were in bed by around 8:30pm.

Most of the lads had a lie in on the Saturday morning but by 11:30am we were all up and out for a short walk.

Then came the pre-match meal. The players have their own specifications with some eating nothing and others having anything from beans on toast to pasta.

Myself, John Trigg and the directors popped down to Carrow Road to put the kit out and everything was ready when the players arrived at 1:45pm.

Just over an hour later the action started and unfortunately at the end of 90 minutes we had been beaten 2-0.

As you can imagine it felt like a much longer journey home after the defeat.

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club a successful season.



football shorts *by M.J. Evans*

Court out?

England played for 20 minutes against Wales at the Oval in 1879 with only 10 men. Mr W. E. Clegg (Sheffield Wednesday) was working on evidence in the trial of Charles Peace and was unable to travel to London the night before the match to join up with the rest of the team. The following day there was a heavy snowfall and his train was delayed. He eventually reached the Oval and took part in the final 70 minutes of the game, which incidentally, England won 2-1.

Swansea rules

When Swansea Town (now known as City) joined the Southern League in 1911 they had to publish the rules of the game in the official programme to explain the rules of the game of football as most of the spectators were more used to watching rugby.

Tidy keeper.

When Gareth Sprake of Leeds United and Wales played in goal for either team the back of the net was littered with chewing gum wrappers as he chewed vast amounts of gum to help with his

concentration; in contrast to the Welsh international 'keeper, the Spanish international goalie Zamora hated mud and dirt. He was known to bring a broom on to the pitch and when it was safe at his end of the field could be seen brushing away any dust or mess from his goalmouth.

Best reasons

Manchester United withdrew George Best from the Northern Ireland squad to play Spain in Belfast on November 10, 1971 due to death threats upon the player. The game was cancelled later on due to the troubles in Ulster.

Truly a united kingdom player

There are occasional records of players winning Cup winners medals for more than one country but J. Delaney entered the record books in 1956 when he helped Cork Athletic win the Association of Eire Cup which completed a winners medal in four UK countries for the player. His Cup winning saga began in Scotland with Celtic in 1937; in 1948 he won his next medal playing for Manchester United and six years later in 1954 he won a Cup winners medal in Northern Ireland playing for Derry City.

leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



Only the second week of the season and already we are into our fourth game, our third in the First Division.

The majority of sides were in action last night with **Birmingham City**, **Ipswich Town**, **Oxford United** and **Sheffield United** all involved, with the game of the night - on paper at least - being **Crystal Palace** at home to **West Bromwich Albion**.

Ipswich Town, who have suggested they can be serious challengers for promotion, should have enhanced their odds at home to **Grimsby Town** who look like they could be struggling for survival this season. **Oxford United's** clash with **Norwich City** was another fixture of great significance.

Tonight, **Wolves** at home to **QPR** will answer a lot of questions. The Londoners won last time out at Molineux and I fancy them to do so again. **Barnsley** play host to **Reading**. The Tykes got off to a great start with a 2-1 victory at **West Brom** on the opening Saturday and on their day can match any in the Division. But consistency has not been one of their strong points in recent seasons and player-manager Danny Wilson will be demanding a win over **Reading**.

Stoke City should beat a **Bradford City** side still struggling to adapt to life in Division One and the gap is

quite enormous as Steve Finney confirms. The game at **Norwich City** was his first ever at this level and he said:

"What can I say. We were possibly outplayed. We just didn't match them.

"They did let us play but we didn't take them up on it and we were very disappointed with our efforts."

The lads managed to get that out of their system with a convincing performance against **Wolves** in the Coca-Cola Cup but the Nationwide League is the bread and butter and it is most important to get some back to back results.

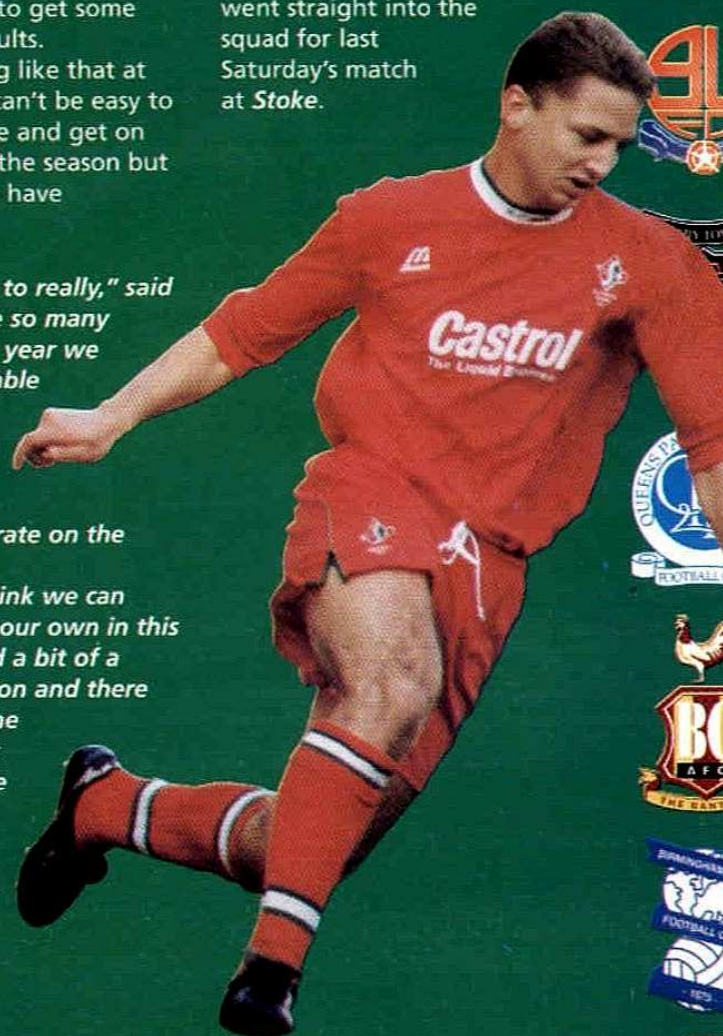
After a mauling like that at Carrow Road it can't be easy to put it to one side and get on with the rest of the season but the lads seem to have done that.

"You have got to really," said Steve. "We have so many hard games this year we have got to be able to pick ourselves up after defeats, dust ourselves off and concentrate on the next game.

"I definitely think we can more than hold our own in this division. We had a bit of a crude introduction and there was no doubt the manager wasn't happy. But these are early days, only a game or two, and it's not a problem yet," he said.

The Gaffer insists we are good enough to beat any opposition at this level providing the players believe in themselves. They certainly did that against **Wolves** last week and a repeat performance tonight will do us a power of good.

Incidentally **Manchester City** have not been involved this week, though they were busy enough last Friday, splashing out £1 million to take striker Paul Dickov from **Arsenal**. The 23-year-old, who is Alan Ball's first signing since they were relegated and is a replacement for Niall Quinn (sold to **Sunderland** for £1.3 million), went straight into the squad for last Saturday's match at **Stoke**.



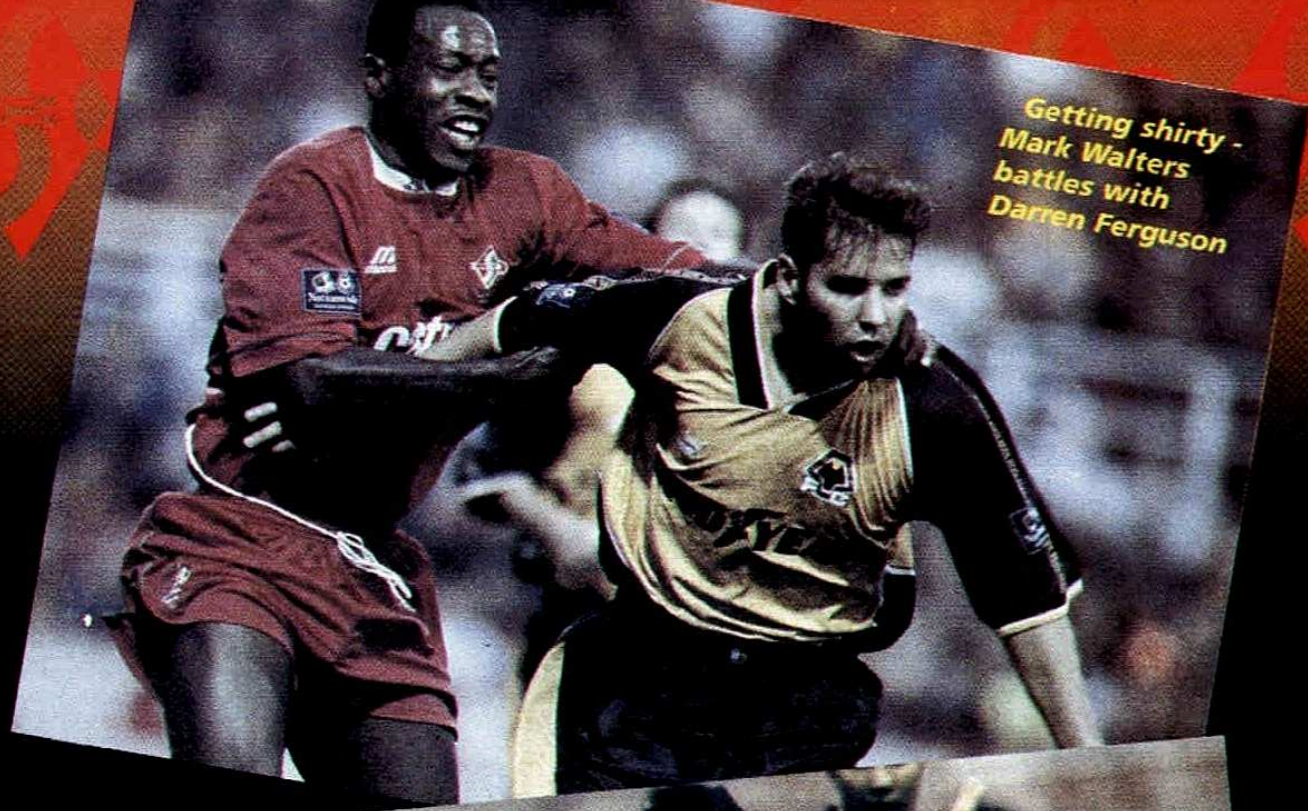
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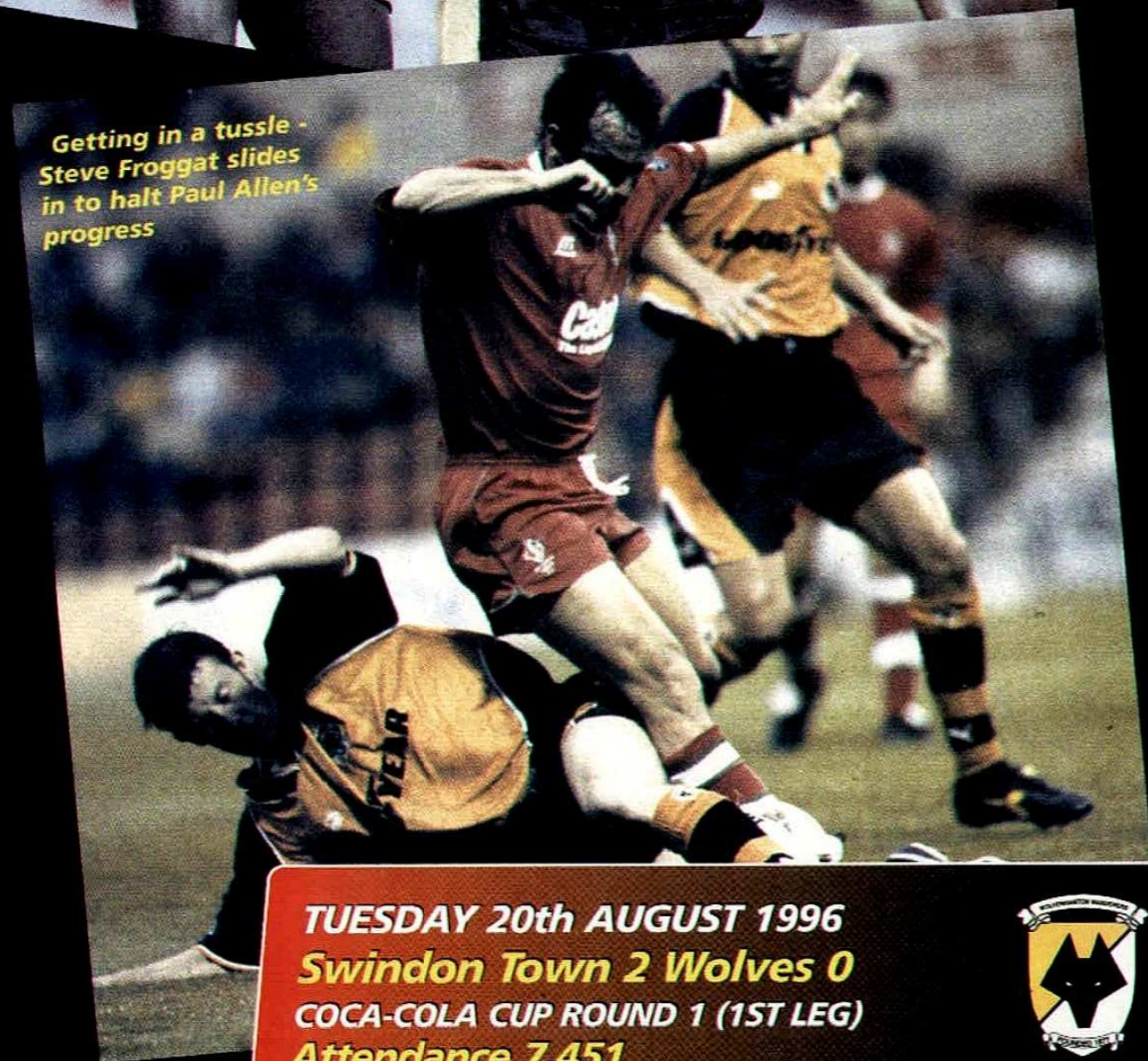
....I've got you

there's no escape.....

A job well done - Scott Leitch is mobbed after scoring the second goal against Wolves



*Getting shirty -
Mark Walters
battles with
Darren Ferguson*



*Getting in a tussle -
Steve Froggat slides
in to halt Paul Allen's
progress*

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community scheme news

With the end of August fast approaching, all you kids will no doubt be looking forward to returning to school!

I can hear the moans and groans already!

When you get back to school don't forget to remind your teachers about the **Learning Through Football** Programme we run here at the County Ground.

We have recently employed a new teacher called **Natasha Holt** who has taken over from **Barbara Moody**.

Jon and I would like to thank Barbara for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

The Learning Through Football Programme will continue to run on a Tuesday when a school will join us from 9.30am until 2.30pm.

Pupils will be taught by Natasha while an hour is allocated for a coaching session with Jon and I.

So if your school has not yet booked their place, please get your teacher to call us on **01793 421303**.

Talk to you soon - Clive and Jon.



Youngsters who took part in the Wickwar fun week near Bristol, arranged by club steward Malcolm Alexander.



**Clive
Maguire**

**Jon
Holloway**

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



It's not only a new season for Macca and the boys - it's also a new season for the Soccer Centres.

This season we will be playing small sided matches in and around Swindon, with the players being selected from our centres.

So if you thought you'd have to be content with watching Steve Finney and big Shaun Taylor wearing the famous red shirt, think again - it could be you.

We will keep all of our centre players informed of when the games will be taking place.

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Having sat through three games already this season, you must be itching to get those boots on your feet. You'll be glad to know there's plenty of action coming up, exclusively for Junior Robins...

football football

Get ready, because weekly training starts for the new season on Monday! Training is run by Clive and Jon in the Community Office and players will be available for autograph opportunities every month. Held at The County Ground Extension field, you'll need to bring your membership cards and fee of £1.75, payable to the coaches. Times are as follows:

5-7 years 5:30pm - 6:30pm
8-11 years 6:30pm - 7:30pm
12 and over 7:30pm - 8:30pm

It is advised that you turn up 10 minutes before your necessary session to benefit from the full hour and of course to take advantage of meeting any players if they are present.



familyclub

Throughout the season, I will be organising trips to away fixtures which often include morning football with Junior supporters and lunch before watching the game. On occasion I can also offer free tickets to away games, although transport is not provided. Exchange visits are on a reciprocal basis and for Saturday games, you can entertain visiting juniors at the County Ground in our new Family Room. Turn to your September Newsletter, out in the next fortnight, for information on forthcoming events.

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



DALE WELCH will be celebrating his 12th birthday tomorrow, Dale of Frome, Somerset attends

Oakfield Middle School and his hobbies include Carp fishing and football. His favourite Town player is Steve Finney.



Happy 40th birthday to **PAUL HEALY**, who is mascot this evening, thanks to his colleagues at the Evening

Advertiser. Paul lives in Rodbourne, Swindon and enjoys swimming and football - he is a big Swindon Town fan. I'm sure he'll have a great birthday, meeting all the lads.



MICHAEL BOSE joined the Junior Robins at the Open day and has chosen to be mascot at tonight's game.

Michael, of Shaftsbury Avenue, Swindon attends Liden Junior School and is a football fanatic. His favourite Town player is Mark Walters.



We still have a few Mascot Packages available for this season. To book please call Louise Kaye in the Marketing Department on (01793) 532121

Fixtures 96/97

South East Counties League Division 2

Sat	Aug 17	Brighton & Hove	A	2-0
SAT	AUG 24	BRENTFORD	H	3-2
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

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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

Swindon Town Youth 3 Brentford Youth 2.

We followed up our opening day victory with another win in Division Two of the South East Counties League on Saturday.

But to be honest it wasn't a particularly good performance and the only boy to emerge with any credit was Alex Meecham.

The rest of the team need to work at their game a little more and think about what they are doing!

We made a reasonable start and took the lead after 18 minutes when Michael Pattimore scored following a free kick.

It was 2-0 in the 28th minute as Meecham chased a long ball before sprinting clear, beating

the keeper and shooting into an empty net.

Just before half time, Brentford replied after some sloppy defending allowed the visiting striker a free shot at goal.

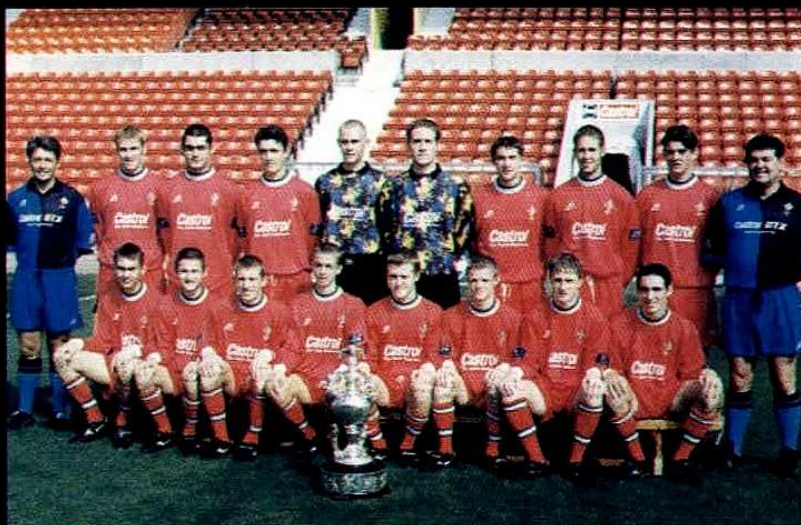
Anthony Betterton made a valiant effort to keep the shot out but to no avail.

We restored our two goal cushion just before half time when Michael Pattimore came out from the sweeper's position. He powered forward and unleashed a great shot which was parried out to the waiting Stuart Hodson who scored with ease.

To be honest the 3-1 half time lead flattered us. The boys weren't playing the correct way and we needed to step up a gear.

Instead of doing that we went into our shell and when Brentford scored on 72 minutes it meant we had to hold on during a nervous last 20 minutes.

Swindon Town Youth Team 1996-97



centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

September 5th is the official start date for the Centre of Excellence when our youngsters from an Under 9 to an Under 16 age level will return to action.

Greendown Community School is the venue and I'm looking forward to another great season.

With the Centre about to start I thought this would be a good time to list all the youngsters who have been registered with the Centre of Excellence.

Under 9's: Bradley Gill, Peter Orsi, Shaun Foley, Scott Rivers, Bradley Clark, Matthew Hoare, Jonathan Wheeldon. **Under 10's:** Anthony Hogg, Leigh Henry, Justyn McKay, Jack Hanrahan, Matthew Collins, Ian Gill, Jack Hazzard, Matthew Mills, James Montague, Karl Palmer, Michael Pook, Andrew Prickett. **Under 12's:** David Bampton,

Nicholas Dodd, Mark Draycott, Carl Flanagan, James Fleming, Kenny Hawkins, Luke Turvey, Nathan Walker, Matthew Young, Daniel Dunne, Jamie Cheesman.

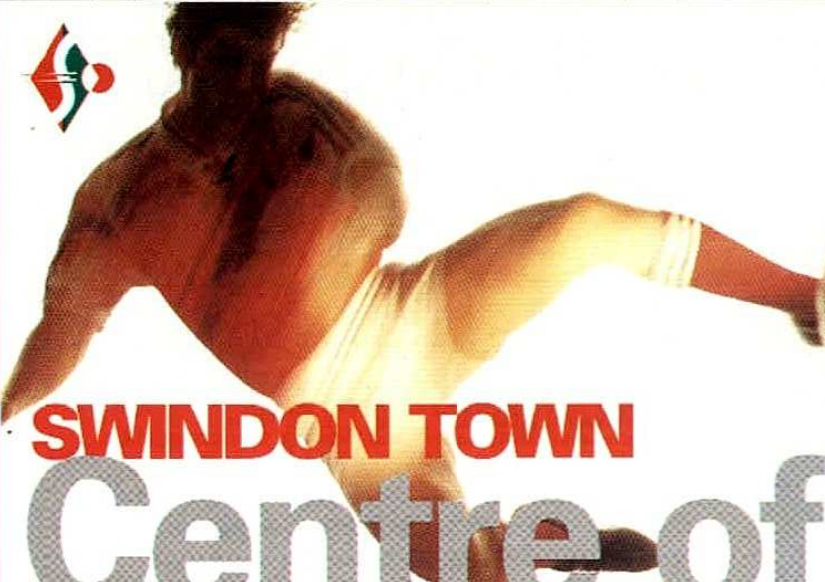
Under 13's: Daniel Allen, Daniel Aplin, James Blastland, Craig Farr, Dean Gilewicz, Alex Harper, Ian Herring, Stuart Holt, Chris Rivers, Jamie Williams, Sam Woodward.

Under 14's: Robert Bartlett, Adam Bell, Toby Clark, Chris Collins, Peter Collins, Nathan Edwards, Matthew Goodwin, Kevin Halliday, Jon Kerrigan, Luke Kitchen, Grant Pinkney,

Daniel Pockett, Steve Purcell, Bryan Smith, Thomas White, Alan Young, Andrew Zarczynski.

Under 15's: Simeon Allison, Owen Bryan, Matthew Charlton, Darren Dobsen, Antonio Falvo, James Harper, James King, Leigh Pook, Daniel Pratt, Lee Wilson, Phil McConnell. **Under 16's:** Luke Alford, Gareth Benfield, Lee Davies, Stephen Jenkins, Ian McSherry, Jamie Mills, Mike Tarran.






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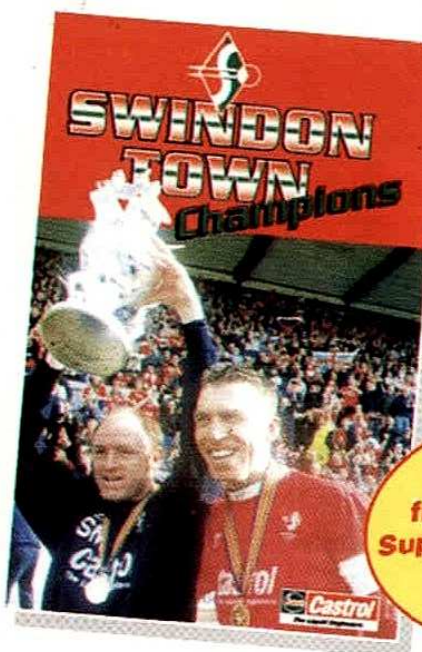
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Steve McMahon and key Swindon players, make this video a must for every Swindon Town fan's collection.



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reserves round up

with **Ross MacLaren**



After taking on Swansea City in the League Cup on Monday, the Reserves don't have another fixture until September 16th when we entertain Tottenham Hotspur in our first Avon Insurance Combination League match.

It is a quiet start to the season for us, but that is probably a good thing because in contrast the first team have got a hectic schedule.

With Steve McMahon having a bigger squad this season it should mean that the Reserves are stronger as well.

Some of the fringe players will need to keep up their match fitness by playing in the Reserves, so I could have a nice mixture of experienced pro's and youngsters.

In a perfect world I would like to have maybe nine pro's and just a couple of kids but it doesn't work like that because

everything is geared towards the first team.

We can't take the chance of first team squad members getting injured while playing for the Reserves just in case they are called up.

As far as this season is concerned, I obviously want to see a big improvement in our League position.

We struggled last year and with the League set to split into two divisions next season, we want to stay in the top flight with the big boys.

It is great to play against the likes of Tottenham, Arsenal and QPR who won the league last year because we can learn a lot from taking on these sort of teams.

I will be trying to arrange a friendly match over the next couple of weeks to fill in the gap and I'll give you news of that in my next round-up.

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
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON		H 2.00
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.

Next Match.....

We now have a long wait until our next fixture against Tottenham Hotspur on Monday September 16th. However I will be trying to arrange a friendly or two before that. Watch this space for details.

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.

If you would like further information please contact Sandie Cobern on 01793 725218 evenings only.

Wayne Allison



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Typical isn't it? The season is less than one month old and already David Beckham has won the goal of the season award.

I have been down the park this week with the young lads in my close and no matter how hard I try, I still can not recreate that lob - not even from 15 yards, let alone 55. However I have mastered the two yard tap-in now.

Our old mate Glenn has picked DB for his first game in charge of the national squad, together with Matt Le Tissier, confirming that El Tel was in a world of his own for the last 18 months in not picking him.

I hope the Southampton number seven plays and really takes the tizz!

I always think you can gauge a good idea of a manager's plans at the start of the season by the squad numbers that he dishes out to his players.

Quite clearly, most of your first choice players will wear numbers 1 to 11. Well.....I now present the sad story of the demise of an old Swindon boy Jan Aage Fjortoft. Last season he wore number 9.....this season, what with Boro signing Ravanelli, Ravioli, Tortellini, Taramasalata and Fettucine, Jan the man has gone from 9 to.....23. Don't worry Jan, you'll be signing for Birmingham before the season is out!

Tonight we welcome Oldham Athletic whom we last met in the FA Cup in February. I have been keenly looking forward to this game since I missed that match as I had to take a rather gruelling, unbearable break in New York! We won 1-0 that night with Martin Ling scoring. Martin who?

Enjoy tonight's game - let's hope we can reproduce the form we showed against Wolves and don't repeat the disappointing display we gave last Saturday against Port Vale.

We now have a series of away games but I will speak to you again when Portsmouth come to town.



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Tonight's match is the final part of our home hat-trick and now the team face three away trips in the space of a week.

On Saturday August 31 Swindon play away at **SOUTHEND UNITED** (3pm).



Tickets are already on sale and the first 500 places in the family enclosure can be picked up for £8 and £4.

Some 2000 places in the away end will be available on the day priced £12.

Next Wednesday September 4th we go to **WOLVES** for the second leg of our Coca-Cola Cup tie (7.45pm kick-off).

Over 2000 seats are available and tickets have been reduced from £11 to £10. Concession prices are £5.

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

A total of 1,824 seats are available at £12, no concessions - pay on the day. There are also 30 disabled places at £5 with helpers charged £6, pay on the day.



Other games already on sale at the Ticket Office (situated next to the Swindon Town

Superstore) are **PORTSMOUTH**, Wednesday September 11 (7.45pm) at the County Ground;



TRANMERE ROVERS, Saturday September 14 (3pm) at the County Ground.

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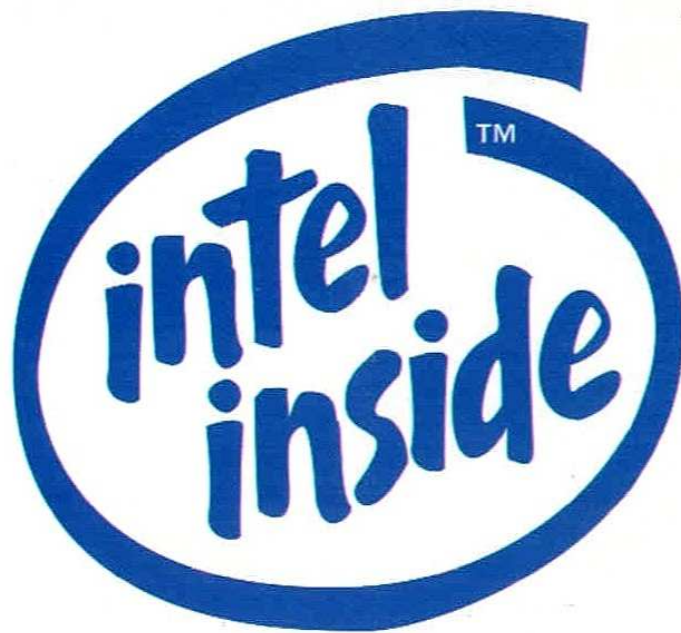
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Did You Know?

Whilst conducting research for our "Quiz Night of the Century" (Thursday October 10th) I found that time had probably flown by faster than it had seemed. For instance, did you know that it was thirty nine years ago last Saturday that Chelsea caused a stir with their brilliant new 17-year old star, Jimmy Greaves?

It's twenty nine years ago that Jimmy Hill announced he was quitting as manager of Coventry to pursue a career in television.

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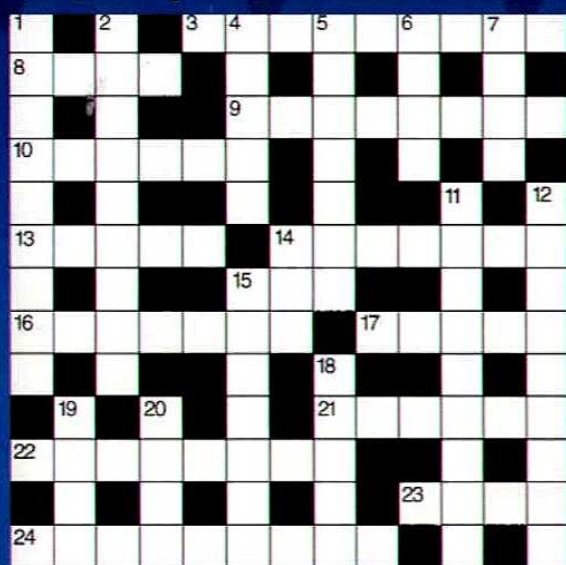


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crosswordtime...

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clues across...

3. World Cup winners 1978 (9)
8. Efon, Mansfield Town forward (4)
9. Periods of football training (8)
10. Joints often sprained (6)
13. Martin, soccer commentator
14. South American Middlesbrough player (7)
15. Headwear for international appearance (3)
16. English Premier League Club
17. Ian the singer sounds like Gordan the footballer
21. Drake, 1930's Arsenal Forward (6)
22. Hold back football trainers, apparently (slang) (8)
23. Con trick finds Cambridge United, apparently (Slang) (4)
24. Frank, former Eire International (9)

clues down...

1. Football punshments (9)
2. The nickname of Dundee Football Club (4) & (5)
4. Paolo, once involved in a betting scandal (5)
5. Danish International (7)
6. Towers, Wembley Stadium (4)
7. Three hat-tricks (4)
11. Endsleigh League (9)
12. Arsenal and England Defender (4) & (5)
14. Early time of year for Mr Molby (short) (3)
15. Craven, Fulham F.C. (7)
18. Fransisco, Real Madrd winger of the 1950's/60's and 70's (5)
19. Junior, Bristol City forward (4)
20. Reverse pots to cease play (4)

Answers across...

3.ARGENTINA, 8.ELAD, 9.SESSIONS, 10.ANKLES, 13.TILER, 14.JUNINHO, 15.CAP, 16.EVERTON, 17.DRURY, 21.EDWARD, 22.RESTRAIN, 23.SCAM, 24.STAPLETON.

Answers down...

1.PENALTIES, 2.DARK BLUES, 4.ROSSI, 5.ELSTRUP, 6.TWIN, 7.NINE, 11.INSURANCE, 12.TONY ADAMS, 14.JAN, 15.COTTAGE, 18.GENTO, 19.BENT, 20.STOP.



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with Martin Stevens

A warm welcome to everyone from all of us in the Marketing Department for this evening's game.

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Man of the Match Scott Leitch receives his bottle of Champagne from the Matchday Sponsors.



Wyvern Staff Agency were Matchball Sponsors at the game against Port Vale last Saturday.



Man of the Match Scott Leitch presents Genny Jefferies and her guests with their autographed football.

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Ian Culverhouse has now returned to squad training after shaking off an ankle injury which has caused him to miss the majority of pre-season training having damaged the ankle while in Finland.

Ian has now played in a couple of Reserve games and has had no reaction.

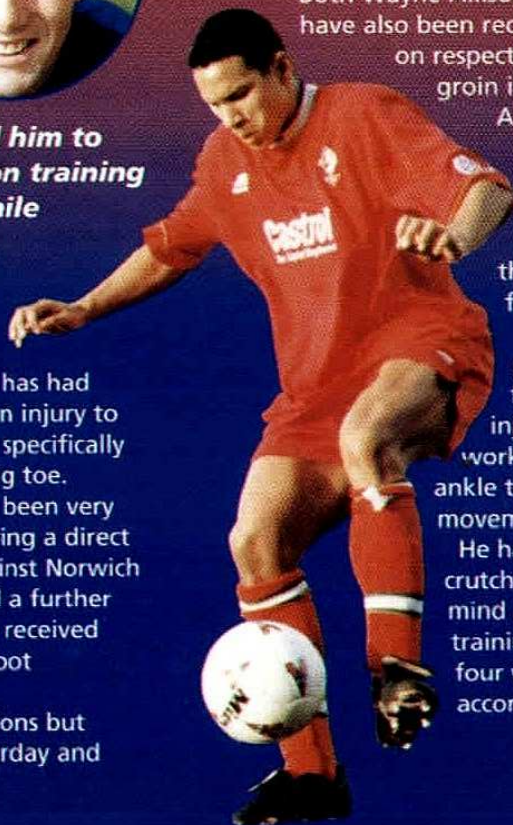


Mark Robinson has had treatment on an injury to his right foot, specifically around the big toe.

The toe has been very tender following a direct blow to it against Norwich and he suffered a further set-back when he received another kick on the foot

during the Wolves match.

Mark has missed some training sessions but hopefully would have played on Saturday and suffered no problems.



Both Wayne Allison and Frank Talia have also been receiving treatment on respective foot and groin injuries.

At the time of writing these notes we expected at least one of them to be fit for Saturday and both of them should be available for tonight's game.

Ty Gooden is progressing well following his ankle injury and we are now working on mobilising the ankle to restore full movement.

He has discarded the crutches and has a date in mind already to return to training in approximately four weeks - if all goes according to plan.

the shadowboard

DID YOU ALL ENJOY THE OPEN DAY THIS YEAR?

The Shadow Board were delighted to accept an invitation from the Club to help in the planning and organisation for this year's Open Day.

We set ourselves the goals of "no queues in the sun" and "fun for all" and we welcome your comments please - did we manage to achieve our goals?

Apart from the penalty shoot-out and having the first team squad for three hours of photos and autographs, the highlight for most of us had to be the opportunity for a

photograph with the Division Two trophy.

Wasn't it great to meet the Main Board and collect the Director's autographs. It was a wonderful way to build up the new season.

Finally, a reminder to all out-of-townners to contact the Shadow Board so that you can participate in the satellite supporters groups which are now being established.

Fill out a comment card so that we can include you in the first round of get-togethers.



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Benno gives his view

For England's elite footballers it must have been almost like waiting for their GCSE results as they tuned into Radio 5 to receive Glenn Hoddle's first England squad. Pass mark was good with only one of the established squad failing to get the necessary grade.

The outcome in fact was totally predictable with Matthew Le Tissier and David Beckham stealing the headlines. Injuries to skipper Tony Adams, David Platt, Jamie Redknapp and Phil Neville provided the spaces for a new name or two and prompted also the recall of David Batty.

So the men of Euro '96 can feel well pleased with their results though one, Tim Flowers, will be desperately disappointed. He had a knock back in the Summer when it seems Terry Venables elevated Tottenham's Ian Walker to second spot behind David Seaman. The inclusion of Liverpool's giant goalkeeper David James at the expense of Flowers would seem to draw a curtain over his International career.

Whether Glenn's goalkeeper coach Ray Clemence influenced this selection we don't know but it certainly underlines their forward planning. David Seaman 32, is undoubtedly the number one choice at the moment with Walker, who will be 25 at the end of October, the man in his shadow. James at 26 is three years younger than Flowers and in a couple of years time these two young men could provide England with our strongest goalkeeper partnership since Clemence and

Peter Shilton vied for the International jersey.

With hardly any time to prepare the side for the opening World Cup qualifier in Moldova our former manager has had to stick with the basic Euro '96 squad of course and it will not be until next Summer that we get a clearer picture of Hoddle's true intentions.

Says Hoddle: "My priority is to win this game. But I need to look at people I think will suit my way of play. It will be a little bit different and I would be foolish not to do that."

The Glenn Hoddle style as we know is based on skill and creativity and that is why he holds so much admiration for Le Tissier. I think most of us who admire such talents felt that Venables did not give the Southampton idol a fair deal, but observations of Matt's performances since being ignored Internationally, suggest he took it badly.

Last season his form wavered and not even his most ardent admirer could substantiate his inclusion in the Euro '96 squad. Sadly so far this season there does not appear to have been much improvement. Against Chelsea he was almost invisible and I covered Southampton's game at Leicester recently, where on a balmy sultry night, Le Tissier can not have broken sweat. He has talent and technique but at the moment has no fire in his belly.

I don't think he will be in Glenn's starting line up in Kishinev. There is a question mark over whether you could play Le Tissier and Gascoigne in the same side anyway and the time to experiment is not in a

crucial World Cup qualifying tie. Sure if he was on top of his game and destroying defences with his pin-point passes and spectacular shots he would be worth the gamble. Alas, he is not.

Glenn has been thrown in at the deep end with no chance of a friendly game to test the water but he will look to draw on the confidence demonstrated at Wembley in June and hope that his troops travel well.

It was always in my view very short sighted for Terry Venables not to arrange at least one or two away Internationals in his preparations for Euro '96. We knew England were playing at home in that competition but we also knew that immediately afterwards the team would be thrown into World Cup qualifying action.

Matt Le Tissier - recalled to England squad.

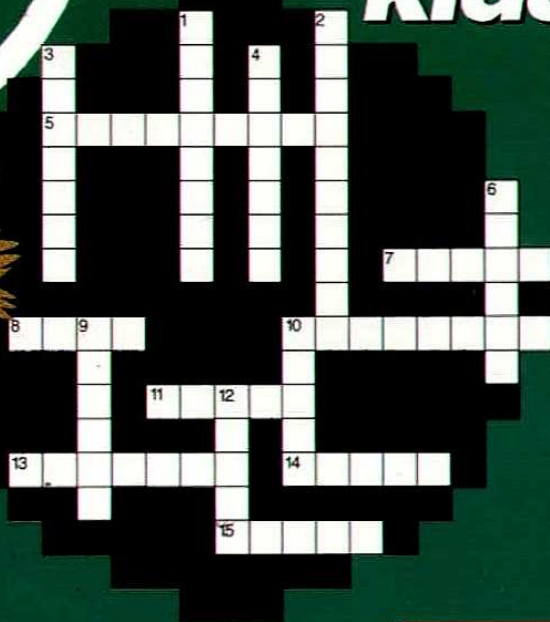


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kids crossword

Across

5. Hat-trick v Liverpool on Premiership Debut
7. SKY commentator at Swindon game v Wolves
8. Colour of Wolves' shirts
10. Son player for Wolves, dad top manager
11. Norwegian International for Oldham
14. Just leaving Blackburn
15. Oldham Manager

Down

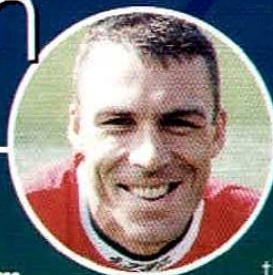
1. Park in Oldham
2. Sponsors of the Football League
3. The Oldham Earle who went to Villa
4. Scorer of the first Swindon goal v Wolves
6. Important road in Norwich
9. Oldham nickname
10. Ex-Chelsea, scorer for Norwich
12. First scorer of league season for Man City

KIDS QUIZ

1. Mike Walker the Norwich manager has goalkeeping son Ian who plays for which team?
2. Name the former Liverpool defender who appears with comments on Match of the Day
3. Port Vale are based in which town in the Midlands?
4. Name the current Swindon Physiotherapist
5. Alex Smith came to Swindon from which club?

captain's column

with Shaun Taylor



Following our poor performance against Port Vale on Saturday we must regain the form we showed against Wolves for this evening's game.

In the match with Wolves we all worked hard from the first to the last minute but on Saturday we let ourselves down badly in the first half.

Steve McMahon spelled out a few home truths at half time and we went out for the second half to try and rectify the situation.

I think we improved during the second half and after we scored I thought we were perhaps a little unfortunate not to go on

and sneak a win.

But saying that we were lucky to only be 1-0 down at half time so in the end we had to be satisfied with a point.

Tonight's opponents are sure to be difficult to beat but we will be looking to repeat the 1-0 cup victory we enjoyed against them last season.

I remember we played them in our first Premiership fixture when they beat us 1-0 and since then we have had some real dog fights with them.

And having only managed to get a point on Saturday it is even more imperative that we got all three tonight to get our

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profile **Kevin Horlock**



Rising star Kevin Horlock is revelling in his role at the heart of the Swindon midfield.

The 23 year old, joined the Club as a left back but has now staked his claim as a midfield maestro and the conversion has been an enjoyable one.

"I can't remember why I was originally put into the midfield, it must have been because of an injury to someone.

"All I know is that I played well and seemed to stick there.

"I can still slot in at left back if needed but I must admit I prefer playing in the middle. You get much more involved and see a lot of the ball," he said.

Now a Northern Ireland International, Kevin has proved a great asset since arriving from West Ham United on a free transfer in the Summer of 1992.

Kevin joined the Hammers from School as a YTS youngster and was a first year pro when he began to realise his chances of breaking into the first team at Upton Park weren't looking too healthy.

"I was very young and had the likes of Julian Dicks and George Paris ahead of me. I didn't really think I would get an opportunity so I decided to come to Swindon.

"At that time Paul Bodin was the first choice left back but I

thought it was better to be number two at Swindon, than number six at West Ham."

It wasn't long before Kevin got his chance after coming in to replace the injured Bodin at Portsmouth in 1992. The rest as they say is history.

Last season Kevin played a major role in helping Swindon clinch the Second Division Championship and he admitted:

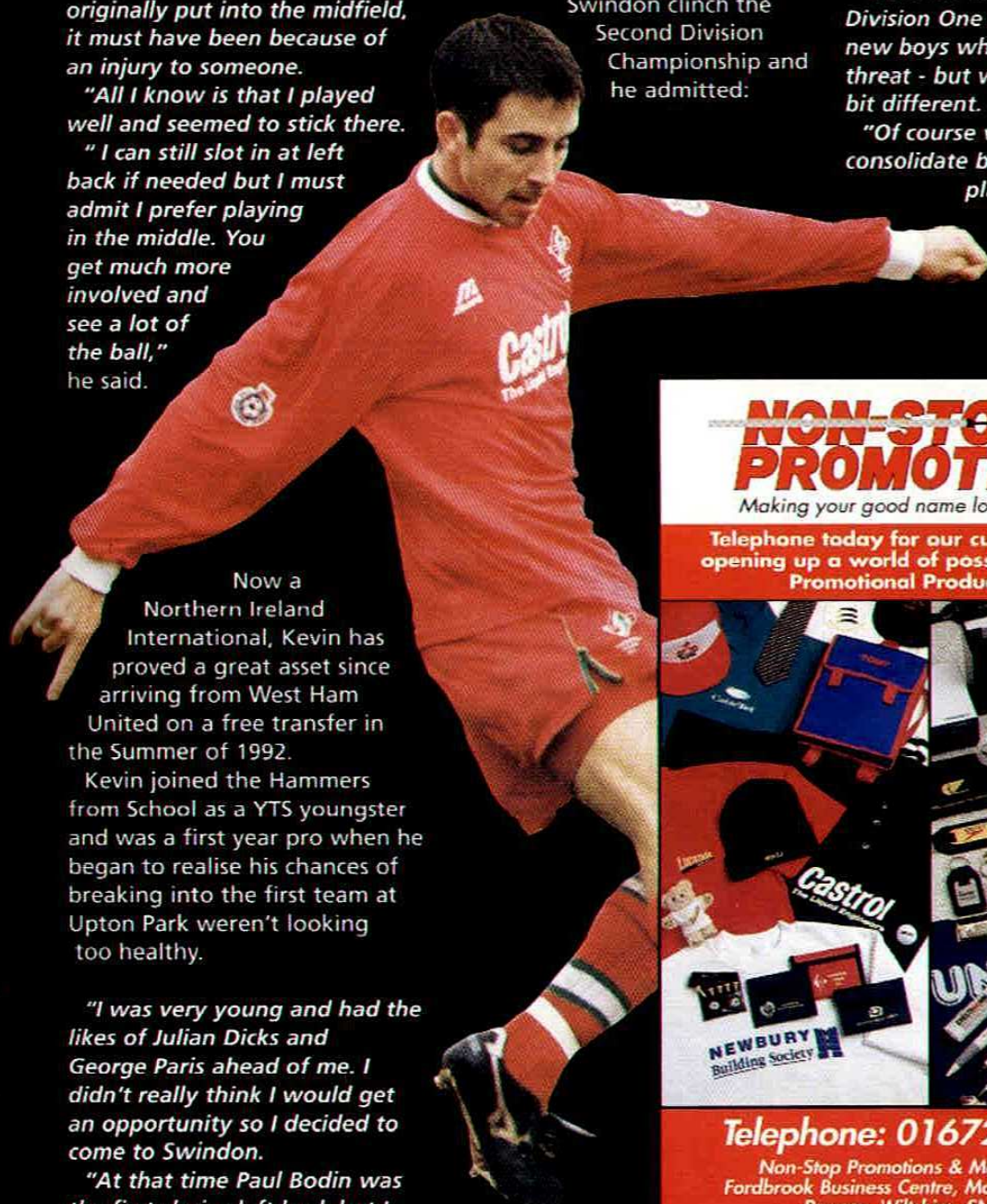
"That was the highlight of my career so far,"

As for his aims this season - he wants to get into the Premiership.

"We have got a strong squad and I'm sure we can push towards the play-offs.

"Some of the other teams in Division One may see us as the new boys who aren't much of a threat - but we see things a bit different.

"Of course we need to consolidate but all of us want to play at the highest level so we want promotion again," he said.



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Cheque Presentation

Swindon Town's Director of Football Rikki Hunt officially handed over a cheque for £12,268.11 to David Hempleman-Adams at the Wolves game.



The handsome sum was raised by Rikki from his trek to the Magnetic North Pole earlier this year.

Rikki was part of a team led by David Hempleman-Adams who travelled over 350 miles in temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees.

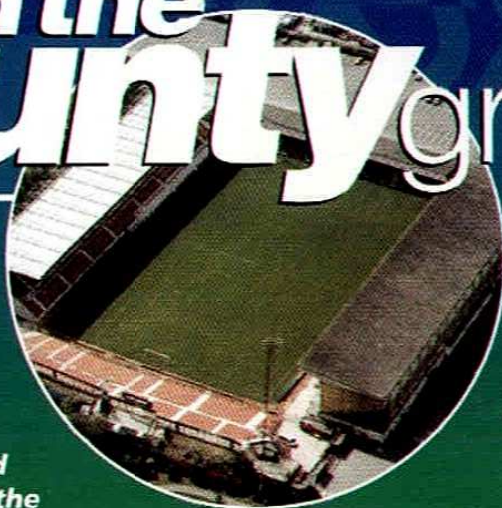
And it was all for a good cause with the cash raised going to the Mitchamp Trust, a charity which helps youngsters become involved in outdoor activities.

Rikki has most definitely caught the bug and in October 1997 he plans to conquer Summit Choyi, the fifth highest in the world.

And if Rikki succeeds - Mount Everest could be next!

Replica Trophy

Club Chairman Mike Spearman, with the help of intrepid explorer David Hempleman-Adams, recently took possession of the replica Endsleigh League Second Division Championship Trophy.



Ian Watkins, Business Development Manager for Endsleigh handed over the silverware before the Coca-Cola Cup clash with Wolves last week.

This marvellous trophy will now take pride of place in the Boardroom cabinet - but hopefully there are more to come in the not too distant future.



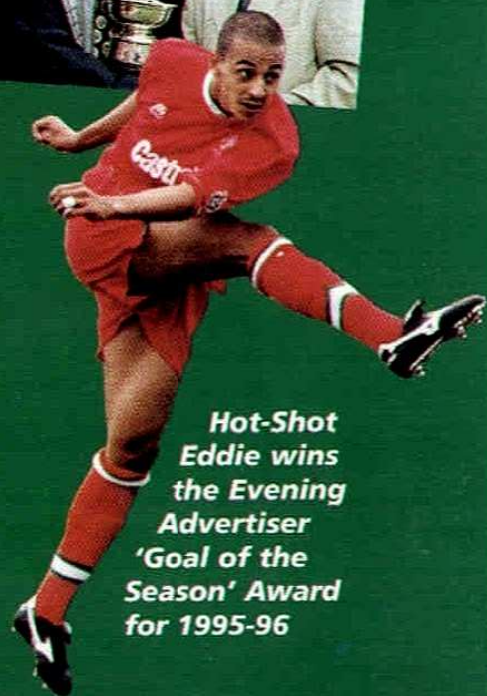
Murray Collects

Eddie Murray had good cause to celebrate last week when he was presented with the first Evening Advertiser Goal of the Season Award, sponsored by Non-Stop Promotions.

The 22 year old won the competition for his cracking long range strike against Carlisle United last season.

Bryan Mathieson, Managing Director at Non-Stop Promotions handed the award to Eddie before the Wolves match and said:

"The team at the Evening Advertiser had a tough job deciding. It was a close run thing with Wayne Allison and Steve Finney coming very close but in the end it was Eddie who came out on top."



Hot-Shot Eddie wins the Evening Advertiser 'Goal of the Season' Award for 1995-96

England Call

Congratulations to former Swindon player and Physio Steve Slattery who has been appointed official masseur for the England team.

England Coach Glenn Hoddle called Slattery last week and he will be part of the squad who fly out to Moldova for the team's opening World Cup qualifier on September 1st.

swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies have been drawn away to Cinderford Town in the First Round of the Women's FA Cup.

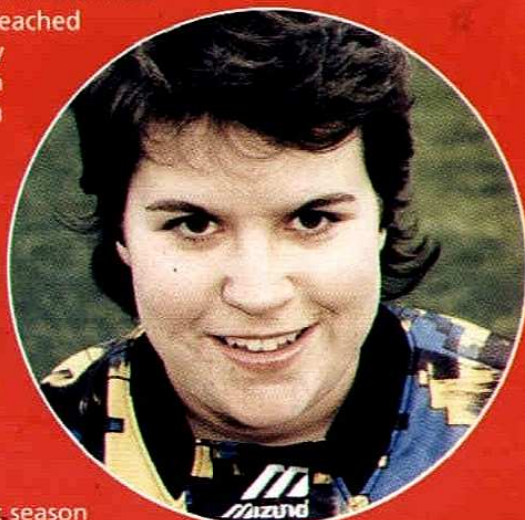
Cinderford were formed at the start of last season and compete in the South Western League. Last season they finished in third place in Division Three. They entered the FA Cup but fell at the first hurdle when they were beaten by Sherbourne in the Preliminary Round. Sherbourne went into the Fourth Round. This will be the Town's third entry in the Cup. Last season they were beaten 3-0 away by Plymouth Pilgrims in the Second Round after a 'walk over' against Inter Cardiff in the First. In 1994 the Town reached the Third Round by beating Weymouth Town, First Division Southampton, before being pipped by Newbury Town in a thrilling clash on the County Ground Extension. The tie against Cinderford will be played on Sunday 29th September.

At the end of last season the Town played Oxford United as a warm up game before the Steve McMahon XI versus Nationwide match on the County Ground. Two goals from

leading scorer Nadine Lloyd were enough to beat the "U's" who finished eighth in Division One of the National League. This was a good test for the Town who were worthy of the two nil victory.

On Sunday we start our league programme having gained promotion to Division One. We entertain our old rivals Reading Royals who will be out for revenge as last season, for the third consecutive year, we took the Championship leaving them as runners up. Last season we beat the Royals in Reading by four goals to two but on the return in Swindon the Town were beaten by five goals to three.

The game will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick off at two o'clock.



Keeper, Jo Sharpe, now in her fourth season with the club.

Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1

SUN 1ST SEPT	READING ROYALS	H
Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A
Sun 15th Sept	Havant Town	A
Sun 22nd Sept	Swindon Spitfires	A
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFELD	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
Alison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	21	0
Clare Tyson	20	1
Clare Wheeler	18	8
Netti Wyness	18	1

the swindon town robinettes! + guests

WE'LL BE BACK!

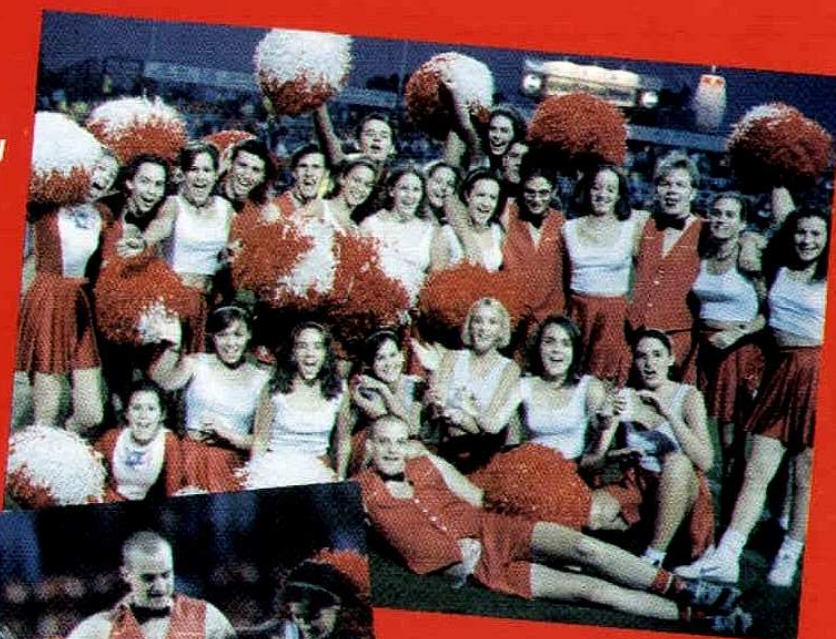
'The Chimps' as they chose to call themselves put in a stunning performance at the Wolves game and all in aid of charity.

Dressed in mock 'Chippendale' style costume their aim was to raise money through being sponsored for CALM. It was also their way of paying tribute to young Swindon Town fan David Whitmarsh who they all knew and who tragically died earlier this year.

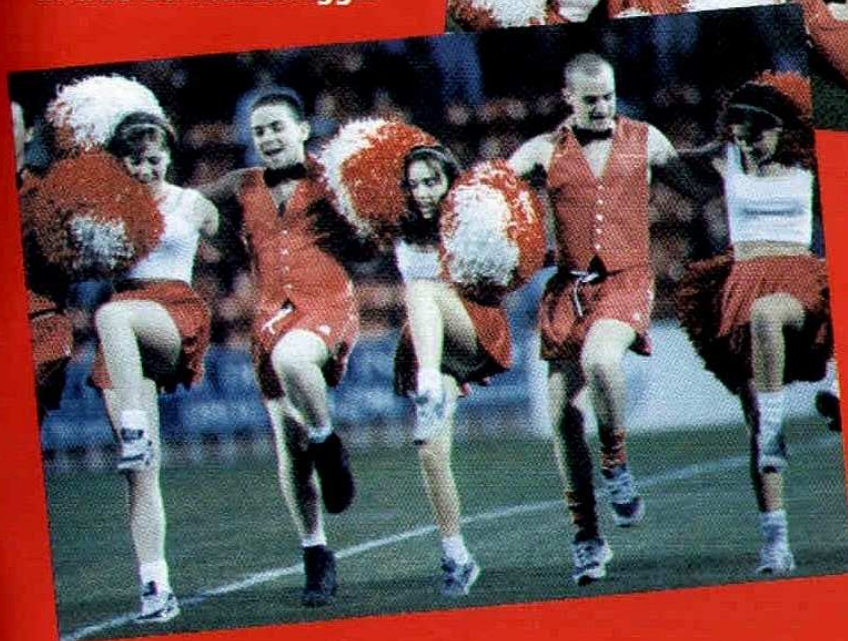
David's sisters Helen and Elizabeth also took part and between them all they raised over £1,000 so well done lads (and lasses)!!

However, 'The Chimps' also proved to be popular with the crowd and they have assured us that in true Schwarzenegger

style - They'll Be Back! - again for charity. But this time instead of being sponsored it is hoped to have bucket collections in each stand. They will be performing at one of the Christmas games and we will, of course, let you know which game and which charity will be benefiting from this particular routine. So watch this space - and please give generously.



The Chimps pose for a picture with the Robinettes



Having a knees up the County Ground crowd are entertained during the half time interval.

football shorts by M.J. Evans

Commentators Day

Kenneth Wolstenholme, the voice behind those immortal lines "they think it's all over, it is now", was the BBC's top football commentator during the Fifties and Sixties and he was also the commentator for the first live soccer match televised in Scotland. It was the Scottish FA Cup Final in 1955. Clyde drew 1-1 with Celtic on April 23 with Archie Robertson becoming the first player to score from a corner in a Scottish Cup final in the 88th minute.

Early Days

Chesterfield lost their 1956 F.A. Youth Cup Final to Manchester United despite having a young goalkeeper by the name of Gordon Banks in their side. However, the United Youth Team included Wilf McGuinness,

Albert Scanlon, Alex Dawson and Robert (Bobby) Charlton. Who would have believed it then that one of Britain's best loved forwards and most people's choice of all-time number one goalkeeper would one day play together in a team which was to bring the World Cup victory for England.

Radio Silence

The Football League decided to ban the broadcasting of all League matches at its AGM in June 1931. The ban remained for six years and was only lifted for coverage of certain matches to be relayed on the overseas wavelengths.

Mean Reward

Celtic's reward for becoming the first British club to win the European Cup was a hot-tempered match with South

American champions Racing Club (Argentina) in the World Club Championships. Celtic won the first leg at Parkhead 1-0 but the second leg saw them lose 2-1. The decider was played in Montevideo where tempers flared and Celtic lost 1-0 with only seven players finishing for the Scots versus nine Argentinians following six dismissals. The price of success for Racing Club was a new car for each player plus £2,000 each in cash. Four Celtic players were fined £250 each by the club.

TV Hungary Debut

England's first live transmission was ironically one of their worst performances but against one of their greatest opponents in 1953—being crushed at Wembley 6-3 by the Hungarian national side.



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Grimsby Town

Saturday 7th September
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Swindon are on their travels for the third time in eight days when they travel to Blundell Park on Saturday week. Town haven't won there in almost thirty years, but will take heart in Coca-Cola opponents Wolves' opening day 3-1 victory there. Travelling fans should be in for a treat anyway - as Cleethorpes boasts the best fish and chips in the Division!

Did you know?

Swindon have visited Blundell Park on 15 occasions - but this is one of the earliest in the season. Four of the last seven trips have been in February!

Shaun Taylor scored a late equaliser on the Town's last visit to Cleethorpes - when Dean Hooper made his debut for the club.

GOING TO SOUTHEND OR WOLVES?

For late availability of coach seats for Saturday - ring the numbers below NOW!

TRAVEL CLUB

GRIMSBY TOWN

Fare £12.00

Depart County Ground: 8.30am

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
Tel: (01672) 540330

Travelling by Road.....

Take the A419/A417 to join the M5 at Junction 11a. Leave the M5 at Junction 4a to join the M42. Follow the M42 on to the A42 and, at Junction 23a, join the M1.

Turn off the M1 on to the M18 at Junction 32, then at Junction 5 of the A180 signposted Cleethorpes. Follow the Grimsby Road into Cleethorpes and the ground can be seen on the left.

or by Rail.....

The nearest rail station is New Clee - a few minutes walk from Blundell Park. A special return fare (Apex - £35) is available for the weekend, provided that you book seven days in advance and specify which service you intend using. The ticket is not, however, valid via London. On the Saturday morning there are departures from Swindon at 06.50 and 08.20, changing at Gloucester and Sheffield and arriving at 11.50 or 13.50. Check travel times for your return when booking.

S.A.S TRAVEL

GRIMSBY TOWN

Fare £12.00

Depart:

West Swindon 8.15am

County Ground 8.30am

Ermin Street 8.45am



**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.

Reductions available for under-15's.

Tel:(01793) 825935
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statistics 1996/97 season



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including August 25th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
BOLTON WANDERERS	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	7	3
BARNLEY	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	6	3
WOLVES	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	6	3
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	6	2
STOKE CITY	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	6	2
BIRMINGHAM CITY	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	4	4	1
TRANMERE ROVERS	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	4	1
OXFORD UNITED	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	3	4
IPSWICH TOWN	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	3	2
BRADFORD CITY	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	3	1
CRYSTAL PALACE	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	3	1
NORWICH CITY	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	0
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	0
READING	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	-2
MANCHESTER CITY	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	-1
PORT VALE	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0
SHEFFIELD UNITED	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	-1
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	-1
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	-2
SWINDON TOWN	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	-2
SOUTHEND UNITED	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	-5
GRIMSBY TOWN	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	6	0	-3
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	-3
PORTSMOUTH	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	-3



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	2	0	1	0	3	0
WAYNE ALLISON	2	0	1	1	3	1
LEE COLLINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE COWE	-	-	-	-	-	-
IAN CULVERHOUSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREDERIC DARRAS	2	0	1	0	3	0
FRASER DIGBY	-	-	-	-	-	-
JASON DRYSDALE	2	0	1	0	3	0
STEVE FINNEY	2	0	1	0	3	0
TY GOODEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEAN HOOPER	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEVIN HORLOCK	2	0	1	0	3	0
SCOTT LEITCH	2	0	1	1	3	1
STEVE McMAHON	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE MILDENHALL	-	-	-	-	-	-
EDDIE MURRAY	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	1	1	0	3	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANK TALIA	2	0	1	0	3	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1	0	3	0
PETER THORNE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK WALTERS	2	0	1	0	3	0
KEVIN WATSON	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0

Swindon Town Fixtures 1996/97 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 1-1	8,706
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 SEPTEMBER 11TH



Swindon Town vs Portsmouth
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■
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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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 Oldham Athletic

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	Mark Seagraves
13	Peter Thorne
14	Kevin Watson

Team Changes

Oldham Athletic

1	Jon Hallworth
2	Gunnar Halle
3	Carl Serrant
4	Nick Henry
5	Craig Fleming
6	Steve Redmond
7	John Morrow
8	Lee Richardson
9	Sean McCarthy
10	Stuart Barlow
11	Paul Rickers
12	Nicky Banger
13	David Beresford
14	Martin Pemberton

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

Referee: David Orr (Iver, Bucks)

Assisted by: K.R. Ingham

A.D. Mills

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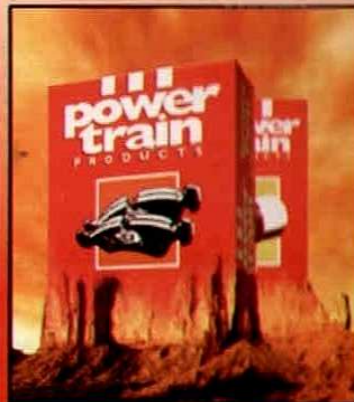
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