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**BRIAN LAWS..**

# Chances must be taken

**As I write these notes on Wednesday morning to say I am disappointed, would be an understatement. Two home games and two defeats is not good enough.**

We have had moments in both games when we have been the side on top and chances have been there for the taking. These periods of the game are crucial for us - we must make them count in our favour. Otherwise the longer the games go on, the more tension creeps in.

Portsmouth, for instance, when we had chances and were the better side by far in the first half. One defensive slip in their first attack of the game and it has cost us dearly. Jason Pearcey probably had the quietest game of the season, but ended up on the losing side.

Following that defeat, we had an ideal chance to bounce back and

will never use. The only thing that will put it right is hard work on and off the field, a sense of togetherness. Players and the Club in general must stick together through good times and bad. Without that camaraderie, it will get worse.

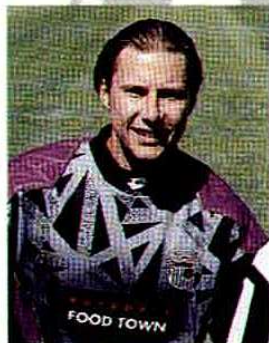
Also I feel that we are a quiet side - good communication is a must for success. This is a testing time for us and we need all the players to stand up and be counted. I can assure you that is what will happen - they will be giving 110%.

If you look back at our last two games, you can mention several "if/onlys", but you cannot live off them. Never mind how unfortunate you think you might have been, a result is a result, "look in the paper" as the saying goes. So forget "if/onlys", we must all knuckle down and get on with it.

In finishing I must again mention Steve Livingstone, who dropped into the back four again on Tuesday evening with Richard Smith sidelined with an ankle injury. I am being serious when I say Livvo can be a top central defender in this Division, although of course I prefer him to be in the other box. But he has done such a good job at the back he is a very valuable player for us.

We'll be giving it 100% to put it right - keep giving us your support. All the best

*Brian Laws*



**Jason Pearcey**  
"little to do v Portsmouth"



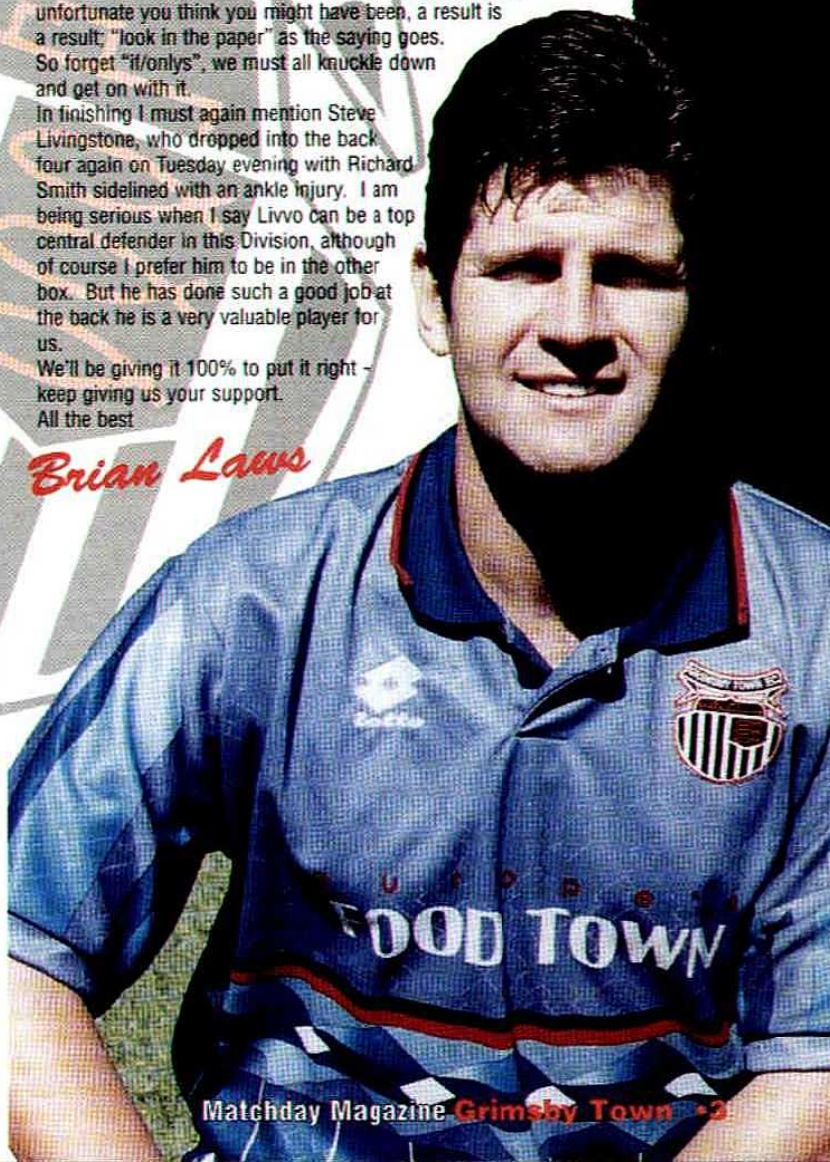
**Richard Smith**  
'ankle injury'

respond with the visit of Oldham in the Coca-Cola Cup. We started brightly enough but again failed to take goalscoring opportunities. Although Oldham possibly had more possession than Portsmouth had had, the two ninety minutes were almost identical.

It is so disappointing that when we were looking forward to three home games on the bounce, we have been beaten in the first two of them. Of course, there is no better way to put things right than to take three points against Swindon Town this afternoon.

They have had a decent start and will be difficult opponents but with a positive attitude from everyone (me, players and fans) we can do it. I've stated before how important support from you is; get behind the players; at this time it is so vital you are with us and not against us.

We have been working hard in training, to be more creative in the final third. At times we have seen a lot of the ball, but have not 'hurt' the opposition by showing some craft in and around the penalty area. I could say that with new faces in the side, it will take time to gel, but that would be a poor excuse and one which I



# Match Statistics

KEY: **Scorers name in bold** D=Debut o -  
Player Booked n - Player Sent Off



Date	Opp.	Venue	F/A	Gate	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AUG 17	<b>Wolves</b>	H	1-3	7910	0	-	Pearcey	Laws	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith	Widdrington d	Shakespeare
AUG 21st	Oldham A. CCC1	A	1-0	2975	-	-	Pearcey	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith	Widdrington n	Childs
AUG 24th	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-3	6800	0	22	Pearcey	McDermott	Gallimore	<b>Handyside</b>	Livingstone	Widdrington	Childs
AUG 27th	Ipswich	A	1-1	9762	1	22	Pearcey	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Shakespeare	Widdrington	Childs
AUG 31st	<b>Portsmouth</b>	H					Pearcey	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith	Widdrington	Southall
SEPT 4th	Coca Cola Cup 1 (2)						Pearcey	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Shakespeare	Widdrington	Childs
SEPT 7th	<b>Swindon Town</b>	H											
SEPT 10th	Bolton Wanderers	A											
SEPT 14th	Port Vale	A											
SEPT 18th	Coca Cola Cup 2 (1)												
SEPT 21st	<b>Oxford United</b>	H											
SEPT 25th	Coca Cola Cup 2 (2)												
SEPT 28th	Barnsley	A											
OCT 1st	<b>Norwich City</b>	H											
OCT 5th	<b>QPR</b>	H											
OCT 12th	Reading	A											
OCT 15th	Southend United	A											
OCT 19th	<b>West Brom</b>	H											
OCT 23rd	Coca Cola Cup 3												
OCT 26th	Crystal Palace	A											
OCT 29th	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	H											
NOV 2nd	<b>Sheffield United</b>	H											
NOV 9th	Charlton Athletic	A											
NOV 16th	F.A. Cup 1												
NOV 16th	<b>Stoke City</b>	H											
NOV 23rd	Huddersfield Town	A											
NOV 27th	Coca Cola Cup 4												
NOV 30th	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	H											
DEC 7th	F.A. Cup 2												
DEC 7th	Birmingham City	A											
DEC 14th	Manchester City	A											
DEC 21st	<b>Bradford City</b>	H											
DEC 26th	<b>Bolton Wanderers</b>	H											
DEC 28th	Swindon Town	A											
JAN 1st	<b>Oxford United</b>	A											
JAN 4th	F.A. Cup 3												
JAN 8th	Coca Cola Cup 5												
JAN 11th	<b>Port Vale</b>	H											
JAN 18th	Norwich City	A											
JAN 25th	F.A. Cup 4												
JAN 28th	<b>Barnsley</b>	H											
FEB 1st	Charlton Athletic	H											
FEB 8th	Oldham Athletic	A											
FEB 15th	F.A. Cup 5												
FEB 15th	<b>Huddersfield Town</b>	H											
FEB 19th	Coca Cola Cup SF(1)												
FEB 22nd	Sheffield United	A											
MAR 1st	<b>Birmingham City</b>	H											
MAR 5th	Stoke City	A											
MAR 8th	F.A. Cup 6												
MAR 8th	Bradford City	A											
MAR 12th	Coca Cola Cup SF(2)												
MAR 15th	<b>Manchester City</b>	H											
MAR 22nd	<b>Tranmere Rovers</b>	H											
MAR 29th	Wolves	A											
MAR 31st	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	H											
APR 5th	Portsmouth	A											
APR 6th	Coca Cola Cup Final												
APR 12th	F.A. Cup Semi Final												
APR 12th	QPR	A											
APR 19th	<b>Reading</b>	H											
APR 26th	West Brom	A											
MAY 4th	<b>Southend United</b>	H											

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Stoke	4	3	1	0	7	4	10
Barnsley	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Norwich	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
Tranmere	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
QPR	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Wolves	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Swindon	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Bradford	4	2	0	2	4	3	6
Portsmouth	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Ipswich	4	1	2	1	9	7	5
C Palace	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
Port Vale	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Birmingham	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Reading	4	1	1	2	5	10	4
Huddersfield	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Oxford	4	1	0	3	6	5	3
Man City	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
West Brom	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Oldham	4	0	1	3	5	9	1
Sheff Utd	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Brimsby	4	0	1	3	4	8	1
Southern	4	0	1	3	2	10	1
Charlton	2	0	1	1	1	3	0



# THE WINNING TEAM



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**TODAY'S VISITORS**

# Swindon Town

**FRASER DIGBY (Goalkeeper)**

Tall elegant stylist with a safe pair of hands, Fraser served his apprenticeship at Old Trafford but was not given a first team opportunity by Manchester United. Loaned out to Oldham Athletic and Swindon for experience but again was not afforded first team exposure. In December 1986 Town paid £32,500 for his transfer and so impressive was he that he gained England Under 21 recognition to add to his England Schoolboy and Youth honours. A serious thumb injury cost him both his club and Under 21 place but he soon bounced back and has now made over 400 senior appearances for Town. In 1992-93 he did return to Manchester United on loan as cover but his only senior appearance at Old Trafford was for Town in the Premiership. Has played twice at Wembley in the play-off finals and this year celebrates a Testimonial season. Born: Sheffield 23.04.67

**FRANK TALIA (Goalkeeper)**

Hails from Melbourne, Australia, and was playing for a Club called Sunshine George Cross when he was spotted by a scout playing for the Australian Under 21 side. Was invited to England and had trials with Chelsea, QPR and a number of other clubs, English and Scottish Clubs before Blackburn Rovers signed him in August 1992. His only League appearances (15) were on loan to Hartlepool and when Rovers signed Tim Flowers Frank dropped down the pecking order. After a brief spell on loan with Swindon last year he eventually transferred in November 1995 and made 16 League appearances. Born: Melbourne 20.07.72

**IAN CULVERHOUSE (Defender)**

A cultured defender who was a polished fullback with Norwich City and excels in the role of sweeper. Ian is a product of the Tottenham Hotspur youth policy. Played only one senior game for Spurs, at Notts County 21.02.84, before joining Norwich City for £50,000 in October 1985. Played some 369 games for the Canaries and was outstanding in their first European campaign. Norwich wanted £900,000 for his transfer at the end of December 1994 but a Football League tribunal set the fee at £250,000. He was included in the PFA Second Division representative team last season. Born: Bishops Cleeve 22.09.64.

**FREDERIC DARRAS (Defender)**

Signed a three year contract on the 8th August from French Club Bastia. Frederic spent 11 years with French double winners Auxerre before moving

to Bastia. He represented France at Under 18 and 21 level and has made no fewer than 19 European Cup appearances, including a quarter final tie against Fiorentina. Born: Calais 19.08.66

**JASON DRYSDALE (Defender)**

Joined Town from Newcastle United on March 23rd 1995, for a fee of £340,000 but has been desperately unlucky with injuries that have limited his appearances for Town to just ten starts thus far. A former Watford trainee, he won a FA Youth Cup winners medal with the Hornets, and went on to make 160 senior appearances (scoring 13 goals), before a £425,000 move to St. James' Park in August 1994. Found his opportunities limited and after less than seven months opted to try his luck with Swindon. Born: Bristol 17.11.70

**KEVIN HORLOCK (Defender/Midfield)**

A current member of the Northern Ireland squad, Kevin has proved a great asset to the team since arriving from West Ham United with no senior appearance, on a free transfer, in the summer of 1992. Made his League bow in a 3-1 defeat at Portsmouth in 1992, when he replaced the injured Paul Bodin at fullback. Kevin joined the Hammers from school and scored 11 goals from left back for their Youth Team in 1990-91. A good tackler and striker of the ball he demonstrated his scoring ability at senior level last season by netting (16 goals, 12 in the League), including his first League hat-trick at Bristol Rovers on September 16 1995. Has always been a good passer of the ball and with his ball winning skills has slotted in well into Midfield. Born: Plumstead 01.11.72

**EDWIN MURRAY (Defender)**

Signed for Town as an Associated Schoolboy in 1988 and graduated through the ranks to gain professional status in 1991. Made his League debut against Oxford United on March 5th 1991 and was in the starting line up for the first time in an FA Cup 4th Round tie with Watford (28.01.95), when he was Man Of The Match. Played as a centre-back for a few years in the reserves and has subsequently featured at right-back and in the sweeper role but has yet to establish himself in the senior team. Born: Redbridge 31.08.73

**WAYNE O'SULLIVAN (Defender)**

Talented young full-back who was given his first senior opportunity in an Anglo Italian Cup tie at Oxford United in September 1992. Joined us from

school as a trainee and made his League bow as a substitute in a 2-0 home win over Port Vale (14.08.94) and was in the starting line-up for the first time against Watford a fortnight later. Has progressed well and last season not only established himself in the senior side but was also a regular in the Republic of Ireland's Under 21 squad, being first selected for the game against Latvia in October 1995. Born: Cyprus 25.02.74

#### **MARK ROBINSON (Defender)**

Joined the apprentice ranks at West Bromwich Albion on leaving school in June 1985 and made his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday on April 22 1986. He was not offered a professional contract by the Throstles, he was however recruited by Barnsley. Was given the chance with an extended first team run in 1989 and such was his form that Newcastle United swooped in with a cheque for £450,000 in March 1993. Mark lost his place through injury and found himself in the shadow of some great names, so gladly moved to Wiltshire for a then Club record of £600,000 in July 1994 and made his Town debut Vs Port Vale (14.08.94). Born: Rochdale 21.11.68

#### **MARK SEAGRAVES (Central Defender)**

A former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth International, Mark was seen as the ideal partner for Shaun Taylor at the heart of the defence when Town paid Bolton Wanderers £100,000 for his registration in June 1995. Made his Town debut at Hull City on the opening day of the season and played in the opening 17 games before injury curtailed his involvement to 25 starts for the season. Mark's League debut was for Norwich City at Coventry City (22.11.86) and he played three games while on loan from Liverpool before a £100,000 transfer to Manchester City in September 1987. Made 42 League appearances for City and joined Bolton Wanderers for another £100,000 in September 1990 clocking-up 180 senior games for the Trotters. Born: Bootle 22.10.66

#### **SHAUN TAYLOR (Defender)**

This will be Shaun's fifth season with Swindon since being signed by Glenn Hoddle in July 1991. Started his career with Bideford Town at the age of 23, before being signed by Exeter City where he made 233 first team appearances. Has hardly missed a game, played in the Championship side last season. Shaun is the Club Skipper. Born: Plymouth 26.02.63

#### **PAUL ALLEN (Midfield)**

Paul was signed on a free transfer in October 1995 from Southampton. Started his career with West Ham United as an apprentice in 1979 and went on to make 197 appearances, scoring 11 goals. In June 1985 Paul signed for Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 where he made 377 appearances and scored 28 goals. In September 1993 he moved to Southampton for £550,000, with the departure of Ian Branfoot Paul only made 43 appearances. He had loan spells at Luton Town and Stoke City during his spell with the Saints. Born: Aveley 28.08.62

#### **LEE COLLINS (Midfield)**

Following a successful trial period and impressing Steve McMahon, Lee signed a two year contract in November 1995. Made his first team debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield defeat by Hereford United. Born: Bellshill 03.02.74

#### **TY GOODEN (Midfield)**

Signed by John Gorman in 1993 after being released by Wycombe Wanderers following a successful trial period. Made over 30 appearances and received a Championship Medal last season. Born: Canvey Island 23.10.72

#### **SCOTT LEITCH (Midfield)**

This former Motherwell, Dunfermline and Heart Of Midlothian £15,000 bargain buy was delighted when Steve McMahon offered him a permanent move after enjoying successful loan period last season. Scott is determined to help Town continue their climb to the top. Born: Motherwell 06.10.69

#### **ALEX SMITH (Midfield)**

Former Everton Trainee signed professional forms in January 1996. Alex played in Everton's European Winners Cup campaign, but never managed to play in the Premiership. Made 13 first team appearances last season. Born: Liverpool 15.02.76

#### **MARK WALTERS (Midfield)**

After starting his career at Aston Villa, Mark has enjoyed successful spells at Glasgow Rangers, and Liverpool. Joined Swindon in the summer on a free transfer from Southampton and is looking forward to relaunching his career at The County Ground. Mark has one England Cap and three Championship Winners medals in his possession and is hoping to add to his collection at Swindon. Born: Birmingham 02.06.64

#### **KEVIN WATSON (Midfield)**

Came through Tottenham's junior ranks having joined the Club at the age of eleven. Made 12 first team appearances under Terry Venables in 1994. Had loan spells at Bristol City and Barnet. Captain of the Spurs Reserves for the last two seasons. This 22 year old midfielder looks set to have a bright future ahead of him and is looking forward to playing first team football.

Born: Hackney 03.01.74

#### **WAYNE ALLISON (Striker)**

Top shot in his first season with Town scoring 20 goals, 16 of them in the Second Division Championship. A very popular figure who makes the most of his height and weight to unsettle defenders. A Yorkshireman, he served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town and caught the attention of Watford who invested £250,000 in his transfer in July 1989. A year later he was on his way to Bristol City for £300,000 where he soon established himself as a local hero finishing top scorer for the third time in 1995 (13 League goals) but deciding to move at the end of his contract. A League Tribunal ruled Town had to pay £475,000 for his registration. Born: Huddersfield 16.10.68

#### **STEVEN CROWE (Striker)**

Could prove to be Steve McMahon's most astute signing if he realises his potential. Hails from Gloucester but was with Aston Villa as an Associated Schoolboy graduating to professional status in the summer of 1993. Is 5'8" tall yet shields the ball well and has a natural instinct for being in the right place. Has two good feet and a great awareness of players around him who he brings into play like a veteran. Steven was recruited on loan initially, as cover following the injury to Finney, but impressed the management so much that a permanent move was quickly arranged. Made his League bow as a substitute in the 2-0 defeat of Peterborough United (23.03.96) and registered his first League goal in a 3-1 win at Chesterfield (23.04.96). Born: Gloucester 29.09.74

#### **STEPHEN FINNEY (Striker)**

No relation to Tom Finney though he started his career with Preston North End who he signed for as a Schoolboy in December 1987 and gained professional status with in 1991. Made his senior debut, as a sub in the Autoglass Trophy at home to Hull City and was introduced to League football from the bench, against Exeter City (18.01.92). Preston released him after six appearances and he was signed by Manchester City in February 1993 after a trial. It was at Maine Road that Steve McMahon came into contact with him and when City released Steve on a free, he quickly signed him in the summer of 1995 as cover. However, injury to Peter Thorne saw Steve make a scoring League debut at Hull on the opening day of the season and he was joint top scorer with 16 goals when he suffered a broken ankle at Burnley on March 16 1996. Born: Hexham 31.10.73

#### **PETER THORNE (Striker)**

Snatched from the shadow of Alan Shearer in January 1995 Peter is a strong, robust striker in the mould of the England hero. Joined Blackburn Rovers as a trainee in 1989 and made his only first team appearance for them at Wembley in the Charity Shield match with Swindon scoring four goals in his first two games and netted all five goals against TP Seinajoki of Finland in the summer of 95. Despite a catalogue of injuries he contributed 10 goals in 22 League starts to help win the Second Division title. Born: Manchester 21.06.73

#### **THE MEN IN CHARGE**

##### **STEVE MCMAHON (Player/Manager)**

In his first full season as Player/Manager the former Liverpool favourite led Swindon Town to the Second Division Championship in style. Alas, injuries prevented him from making as big a contribution as he would have liked on the pitch, but he did make 21 League appearances.

As a player he is a competitive dynamo who has won acclaim at the highest level of the game and collected almost all the honours available for both Club and country yet he declares that winning the Second Division Championship was the highlight of his career. And what a career it has been. Liverpool born and bred he was a ball-boy at Goodison Park and on the club's books as an Associated Schoolboy. He made his League debut at Sunderland in August 1980 and scored 11 goals in 100 League games before a £300,000 transfer to Aston Villa in 1983. By then Steve was a seasoned England Under 21 International and went on to win a European Championship medal in 1984. With Villa he emerged as a midfield general of the highest order but his career in the Midlands was short lived; Kenny Dalglish making him his first big buy with a £375,000 move to Anfield. By the end of his first season with Liverpool Steve had League and FA Cup medals to add to his collection as the Reds clinched the "double". There were more to come as he shared in Liverpool's phenomenal success, while at international level he was in the 1990 World Cup squad and won 17 caps. On Christmas Eve 1991, Manchester City paid £900,000 for his services and until his move to Swindon as Player-Manager in November 1994 he had continued to perform at the highest level.

##### **ANDY ROWLAND (First Team Coach)**

Started his career with home town Derby County and then spent time with Bury before an £85,000 move to Swindon Town in September 1978. Hung up his boots at the end of the 1985-86 season and took on the role of Reserve Team Manager. At the beginning of the 1994-95 season he was

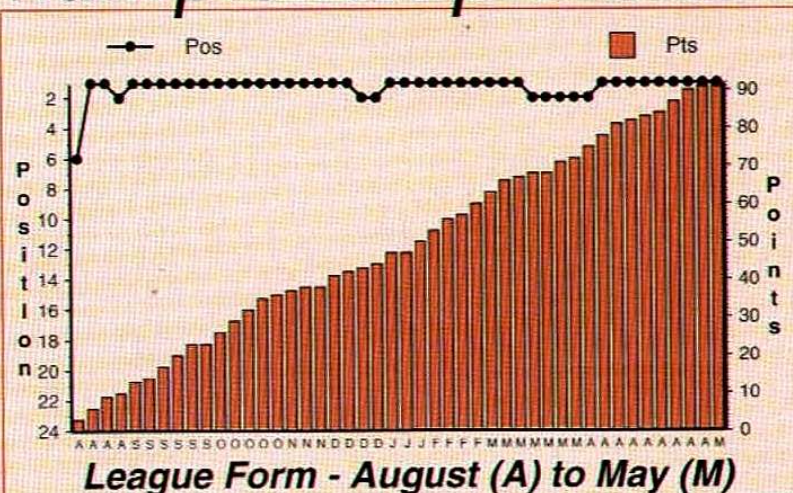
# Swindon - Championship Stats

A=Appearances (Sub)  
C=Cautions (Sent Off)  
G=Goals

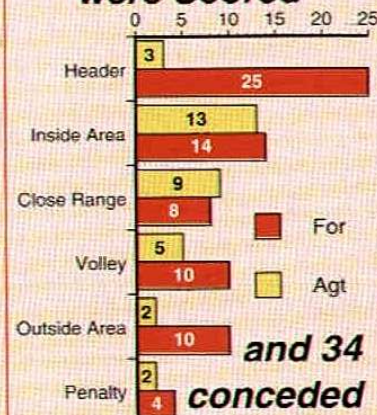
## Appearance Details 96/97

Cup details in italics	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Darras	4	2		Bastia Auxerre
19/8/66 <i>France U21</i>				
Drysdale	4		1	Newcastle Watford
17/11/70 <i>Eng Yth</i>	1	1		
Horlock	4			West Ham
1/11/72 <i>N Ire B</i>	1			
Leitch	4			Hearts Motherwell
6/10/69	1	1	1	Dunfermline
Robinson	4	1		Newcastle Barnsley
21/11/68	1			West Brom
Talia	4			Blackburn Hartlepool (L)
20/7/72	1			
Allison	3	1		Bristol City Watford
16/10/68	1	1		Halifax
Allen	2(1)			Southampton Stoke (L)
28/8/62 <i>Eng U21</i>	1			Luton (L) Tottenham
				West Ham
Finney	2(1)	1		Man City Preston
31/10/73	1			
Seagraves	2(1)			Bolton Man City
22/10/66 <i>Eng Yth</i>	(1)			Liverpool Norwich (L)
Watson	2(1)	1		Tottenham Brentford (L)
3/1/74	(1)			Bristol City (L) Barnet (L)
Cowe	2	1		Villa
29/9/74				
Culverhouse	2			Norwich Tottenham
22/9/64 <i>Eng Yth</i>				
Taylor	2			Exeter Bideford
28/2/63	1			
Walters	2			Southampton Liverpool
2/6/64 <i>Eng</i>	1			Wolves (L) Stoke (L)
				Rangers Villa
Thorne	1(2)			Blackburn Wigan (L)
21/6/73				
O'Sullivan	(1)			
25/2/74				

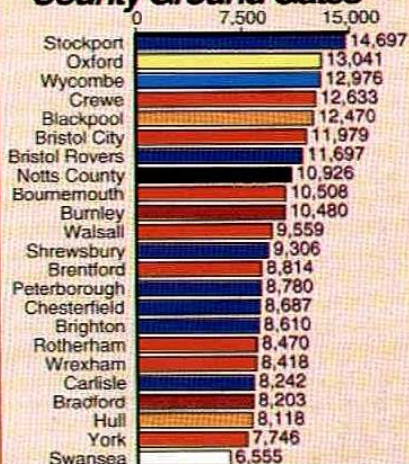
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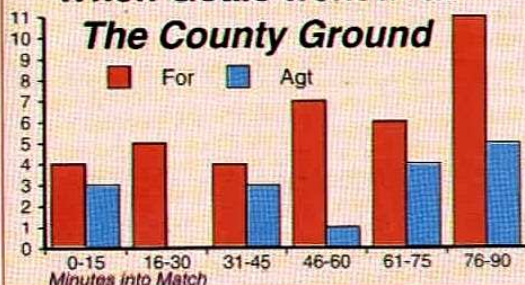
## How 71 Goals were Scored



## County Ground Gates

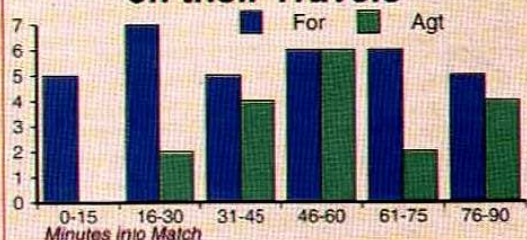


## When Goals went in at The County Ground

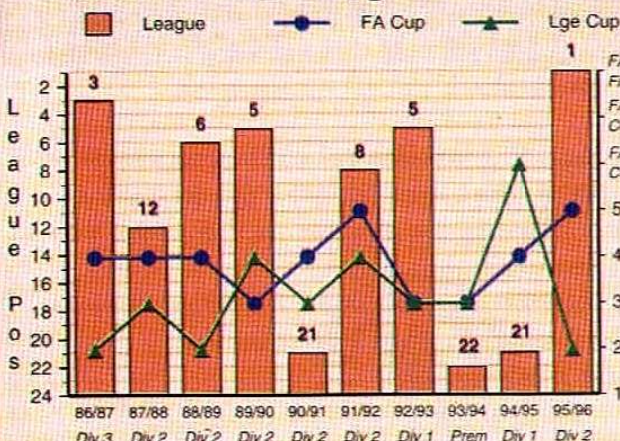


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## and when the Net bulged on their Travels



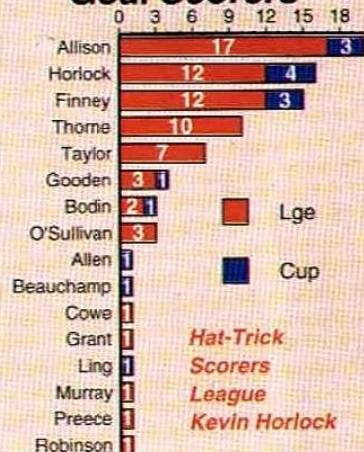
## Robins' 10 Year League and Cup Record



## Top League Scorer and Average Gate

FA Final	FA Semi	CC Final	FA Qtr	CC Semi	R	Q	U	N	D
95/96	Allison	17	10,602						
94/95	Fjortoft	16	9,408						
93/94	Fjortoft	12	15,011						
92/93	Maskell	18	10,489						
91/92	Shearer	22	9,871						
90/91	Shearer	22	9,507						
89/90	Shearer	20	9,433						
88/89	Shearer	14	8,692						
87/88	Quinn	21	9,542						
86/87	White	16	7,454						

## Goal Scorers



Hat-Trick  
Scorers  
League  
Kevin Horlock





## TODAY'S QUIZ

# Quiz Time...

### QUIZ NO. 4

- 1 Name the player who played in the English premiership in the nineteen nineties who's mother and sister survived the Munich Air Disaster.
- 2 Who was shown the red card in a Scottish Cup final before a ball was kicked but still went on to lift the trophy at the end of the match?
- 3 Who is the oldest player ever to have appeared in a World Cup final stages match?
- 4 Name the 7 British league teams that begin with the letter "H".
- 5 Who was the first man to have both captained and then managed a World Cup winning team.
- 6 Name the England World Cup winning team of 1966.
- 7 Name England's managers since Sir Alf Ramsay.
- 8 Which team won the F.A. Charity Shield 4 times in a row in the 1980's?
- 9 Which two clubs did Bobby Charlton briefly manage before joining the board at Manchester United?
- 10 Who was Brian Clough's long term assistant in Football management?
- 11 Which match in 1985, was abandoned after 40 minutes with the score at nil-nil, and the result allowed to stand?
- 12 Who scored Wimbledon's F.A. Cup winning goal in 1988?

1 John Lukic. His mother was the wife of the Yugoslavian Air attaché and both her and John's sister were on board. His sister lost an eye in the crash.  
 2 Margaret Thatcher, the then prime minister who was subjected by fans to a 'red card' protest relating to the 'poll tax'. Of course she lifted the trophy at the end of the game and presented it to Roy Aitken, the winning Celtic captain. 1988 Celtic vs Dundee Utd.  
 3 Roger Milla of Cameroon against Russia in 1994 aged 42 years and 39 days.  
 4 Hamilton Academical, Hartlepool United, Heart of Midlothian, Herford United, Hibernian, Huddersfield Town, Hull City.  
 5 Franz Beckenbauer in 1974 and 1990.  
 6 Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Slies, Charlton (Jack), Moore, Ball, Hunt, Charlton (Bobby), Hurst, Peters.  
 7 Joe Mercer, Don Revie, Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson, Graham Taylor, Terry Venables.  
 8 Glenn Hoddle.  
 9 Preston North End and Wigan Athletic.  
 10 The late Peter Taylor.  
 11 Bradford City versus Lincoln City on May 11th 1985, the day of the Bradford fire disaster.  
 12 Lawrie Sanchez.

## ARE YOU THE JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE?

Is this your face circled? This picture was taken before kick-off against Portsmouth. If it is you contact Tim Harvey at Blundell Park to claim your prize of half a crate of John Smiths Extra Smoothie.

*See page 13 for last weeks winner*

Look out in the next Matchday Programme for another JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE.

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**TIM HARVEY**

# Behind the Scenes

Welcome to our third home league game of this season. I would like to thank our match sponsors this afternoon ADIA ALFRED MARKS and we hope Andrew Railton and his guests enjoy their day at Blundell Park. There are still sponsorship opportunities available for this season, whether it be main match sponsor, matchball sponsor or corporate hospitality for your customers or employees. Whilst we can never guarantee the result or entertainment between 3pm and 4.45pm (!), we can guarantee that you will be looked after from start to finish with any of our executive packages. For further information please contact myself or Tony Richardson on 01472 697111.

## WHAT A SMOOTHIE!

Well done to Chris Browne of Grimsby who was our "John Smiths Smoothie" from our Portsmouth programme. Being a tee-totaller himself, Chris decided to donate his prize of half a crate of John Smiths Extra Smooth to one of the Town players and his choice was Gary Childs. There is another "Smoothie" on Page 11 today - it could be you.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our winners on the Half Time Bonanza v Portsmouth were:

**1st prize (£160) - Mr R C Harrison of Caistor**

**2nd prize (Autographed Ball) - Mr Birkwood of Cleethorpes**

## 3rd prize - UNCLAIMED NO. 02441

Tickets for today's draw are on sale around the stadium, with the draw as usual taking place on the pitch at half-time. Don't worry if you miss the winning numbers first time round because they will be repeated on the scoreboard during the second half.

## PENALTY COMPETITION

Glenn Cooper from Barnsley was the winner of last week's Mighty Mariner Penalty Competition, eventually winning after four sudden death penalties. Glenn, who is on holiday in Cleethorpes, received an autographed GTFC football. We will be holding more pre-match penalty competitions throughout this season.

Finally, as editor of the matchday magazine, I was horrified to read in a national newspaper that their journalist thought that the Mini Mariner Joke of the Day from our Portsmouth programme was (quote) "too disgusting for words". I can only state that the joke was taken from a children's joke book and I find it amazing that anyone should take this view. It is rather ironic that the word disgusting was used by a newspaper who print stories of sexual scandal regularly and produce a daily picture of a bare chested female!



*He was well beaten with this and many other penalties during the pre-match competition last week*

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**MIGHTY MARINER**

# Mouth (all) Mighty.

## ... and Magic Mini

I thought seeing as there is another game I would drop you all a line. The mighty Mariners don't seem to be too mighty but I am sure we'll all club together and catch up for lost time.

In my last letter to you I said that I am able to come to your parties, fayres, fetes etc and I am sure you know to ring me on 697111. I might also be useful to put an end to your workplace joker!

I even had a phone call from Leicester City mascot Filbert Fox and he said very little, because he's a fox!! With all the silly animals in the league, it would hardly be worth setting up a union, OK so my beard may be a bit over the top but at least I would never eat your pet bunny.

On the subject of pets, if you have a Harry Haddock let us know by bringing him along to our next home game.

The nights will be soon getting longer and the weather cooler, hopefully oppositions will freeze solid and Town will start to run riot round every team as we are now very low in the league table, and some of us are too old for all this dramatic action.

On the lighter side I was thinking about my sons name. If he grows to the same size as me he will have to change his name to 'Massive Mariner'. I will never forgive Mrs Mariner for naming him without telling me.

So perhaps Town haven't won at Blundell Park as yet but I think it's because they can't hear the chants you lot used to sing, so to help you out I have jotted down a little tune you might know:-

***Walking down the Grimsby Road***

***To see the Laws' aces***

***Oh, the lads,***

***Should have seen us coming***

***Fastest team in the land***

***Always in the running***

***All the lads 'n' lasses with smiles on their faces***

***Walking down the Grimsby Road***

***To see the Laws' aces.***

***For the 90 minutes it will be a bonus  
and give the lads something to play for.***

See you next time.  
Best Wishes  
Mighty

**.....AND MAGIC MINI**

Hi Town fans. Mini Mariner here once again. It's a shame we haven't had much to cheer about so far at Blundell Park, but it will come right, I'm sure. Flipin' eck what about Tuesday evening. It was well past my bedtime anyway and then it went into extra time

and then penalties. I couldn't believe it when

Clive hit the post - how unlucky! But that is

football - it's an up and down life being a Club

mascot I can tell you, but I wouldn't be without it.

Three points are ours this afternoon - I can feel it in

my bones.

Whatever happens, keep on cheering and keep on smiling.

Mini Mariner

**Mighty + Mini Mariner's outfit is kindly sponsored  
by Cosalt International of Grimsby**

### **SOCCER SOAPBOX**

Like 95% of boys of my generation, I was very much interested in football. I remember subscribing to the first issue of "Shoot" (a magazine I took for 5 years), and purchasing the soccer comic "Scorcher". Names of characters like Billy's Boots and Bobby of the Blues will I'm sure be familiar to many in my age group. Another way of expressing my enthusiasm was through playing subbuteo, a game that still has its devotees - I believe they even have a world championship these days. There's also the famous song by Half Man Half Biscuit which celebrates subbuteo, and has one of the all-time favourite titles: "All I Want For Christmas Is A Dukla Prague Away Kit". Or should that be Dukla Prague?

Yet there's nothing so important as your first proper game. Mine was at Blundell Park in the early months of 1969, when Town were playing Bradford City. I seem to recall we made a good start - certainly the score was 1-1 at half time. Unfortunately, Bradford piled on the pressure after the break, ending up 5-1 winners. Still, there was the consolation that as a Mariners' fan, things could only get better. We had problems getting into the ground, when after going through separate turnstiles, I found myself on the opposite side of a wall as my father! Fortunately it was low enough for me to be lifted over - as a seven-year-old, I wouldn't have fancied being alone in such a massive place.

In the late 1960s, Town's programme had a splash of red on what was a black and white cover, dominated by a drawing of the Dock Tower. Inside our own pages was a magazine-type effort called the 'Football League Review', common to all clubs. I don't know when this publication ceased, but it was probably some time in the seventies, when programmes throughout the country expanded into the glossy affairs we see. Incidentally, those who collect match-day memorabilia might be interested to discover that the local OXFAM shop in Victoria Street has some old Town programmes for sale, mainly from 1992 and 1993.

The aforementioned Bradford match was naturally a Saturday afternoon fixture, as is today's game against Swindon. With many firms 'knocking off' on a Saturday lunchtime, it became the done thing for men to go to the pub for a pint or two, then off to the match. In the 1990s however working patterns are much more flexible, while the demands of TV companies have led to matches being played on different days to avoid live football clashing with its small screen equivalent.

Yet somehow one expects to hear football results on a late Saturday afternoon, and there's something missing in the summer months when we don't get our fix. Mind you if the result is right, who's really complaining!

Tim Mickleburgh



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# Paul Crichton

## THE ALTERNATIVE PLAYERS FACT FILE:

### PERSONAL

NAME: Paul Crichton  
BIRTH PLACE/DATE: Pontefract - 3.10.69.  
MARITAL STATUS: Married  
CHILDREN: One on the way  
STAR SIGN: Libra  
What school did you go to?  
Nab Wood Middle, Beckfoot Grammar.  
What was the name of your first girlfriend and where did you meet her (be honest)?  
Cannot remember, honest!  
Where did you buy your first alcoholic drink and how old were you?  
In the pub, aged 8.  
What was the naughtiest thing you did at school?  
Drawing rude pictures on the blackboard.  
Who did you have a crush on when you were a teenager?  
Stephanie Beecham

### FOOTBALL

What is your pre-match meal?  
Whole chicken, 4 tins of tomatoes, toast and Diet Coke.  
What was the first professional match you ever went to watch?  
Bradford City v Hereford United (a real classic!).  
Who is your room mate for away games?  
(Thankfully not Graham Rodger) Jason Pearcey  
What are his worst habits?  
Talking in his sleep.  
What is the highlight of your career to date?  
Ashley Fickling actually driving us home above 80 mph.  
What has been the most embarrassing moment of your career?  
Kicking at fresh air and missing that back pass!  
Which current law of the game do you dislike most?  
Back pass  
If you were not a footballer what would you be?  
Publican  
What is your favourite ground?  
Anfield

Which of your team mates deserves a medal and why?

Gary Childs for wearing that wig and keeping a straight face!!

### LIFESTYLE

What is your favourite piece of clothing?  
The rubber suit I borrowed off Graham Rodger.  
How do you relax?  
Play golf and have a beer.  
What was the last film you watched that made you cry?  
Philadelphia (because Tom Hanks looked like Graham Rodger)  
What is your all-time favourite record?  
'Search For The Hero' by M People.  
What would be your worst nightmare?  
Having the same haircut and clothes as Neil Woods.  
Which person has been an inspiration to you?  
My wife and family.  
Who would top your guest list at a party?  
My best mate Malcolm (No Hair) Meek.  
What song would you sing at a karaoke?  
Any Elvis song.  
What is your pride and joy?  
My wife and family.

### PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

Continuing our Player Profile Series, we asked Paul to make his predictions for this afternoon's Division One fixtures.

Nationwide Football League - Division One	
Bradford City v Norwich City	1-1
Grimsby Town v Swindon Town	2-0
Ipswich Town v Huddersfield Town	1-0
Manchester City v Barnsley	2-2
Oldham Athletic v Sheffield United	0-3
Portsmouth v Port Vale	2-0
Queens Park Rangers v West Brom	2-0
Southend United v Bolton Wdrs	0-1
Stoke City v Crystal Palace	1-1
Tranmere Rovers v Birmingham City	0-0

**PLAYER PROFILE**



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# Notice Board

## BIRTHDAY BOYS

It's Happy Birthday to Steve Livingstone who will be 28 tomorrow and to Clive Mendonca who will also be 28 on Monday

## AT YOUR SERVICE

If you find that you have a dirty or wet seat, then please notify a steward who will be happy to arrange for it to be wiped.

## DIEGO QUILTS

Soccer star Diego Maradona has quit Boca Juniors to get professional advice on his drug addiction. Apparently the club were fed up with him being caught in possession!

## OPENING SOON

Grimsby Town's third Club Shop will soon be opening. Situated in St. Peters Avenue, opposite the Market place, the shop will be fully stocked with G.T.F.C. official merchandise. An opening date will be arranged in the near future.

# On this day..

### ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

#### 7TH SEPTEMBER

- 1895 - Tommy McCairns is bang on form with all the goals in Grimsby's 4-2 victory over Lincoln City. 4,000 fans watch the game at Abbey Park.
- 1918 - Town's Midland Section wartime season gets off to an unexpected start with a 4-7 defeat at Coventry City. Only Tom Sankey of Grimsby's goalscorers played for the Mariners in peacetime soccer.
- 1929 - Grimsby gain their first home win in Division One following promotion with a 4-0 beating of Newcastle United. The great Hughie Gallacher (a future Mariner) is at number nine for the Magpies.
- 1957 - Over 16,000 spectators see Grimsby defeat Doncaster Rovers 3-1 at Blundell Park in Division Two. Ron Stockin (2) and Ron Rafferty are on target.
- 1963 - A day to forget. Town crash 0-6 at Middlesbrough in the Second Division, with a certain Brian Clough netting for Boro.
- 1966 - Hat-tricks by Rod Green and Brian Hill set up a memorable 7-1 success over Scunthorpe United. Matt Tees is also on the mark, making it a nightmare game for Iron Keeper Ray Clemence.
- 1971 - Town's first season under the guidance of Lawrie McMenemy continues apace with a League Cup win over Shrewsbury Town. Two goals by Stuart Brace earn a 2-1 victory, setting up a Third Round tie v Gillingham.

#### AND IN THE NEWS...

- 1912 - French aviator Roland Garros reaches a record altitude of 13,200 feet.
- 1946 - America announces plans to build the world's first atomic submarines.
- 1971 - The BBC bans 'Sesame Street', accusing it of political correctness.
- 1990 - The Emir of Kuwait pledges \$5 billion to help fund military operations against Iraq.

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2. All matches will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and The Football League/FA Premier League and the Laws of the Game.
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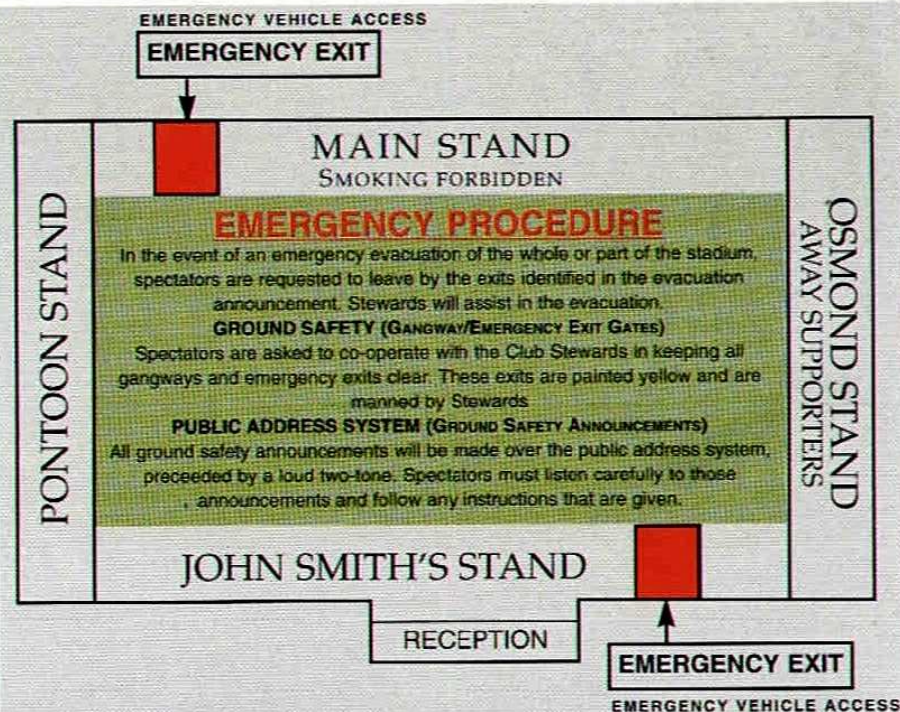
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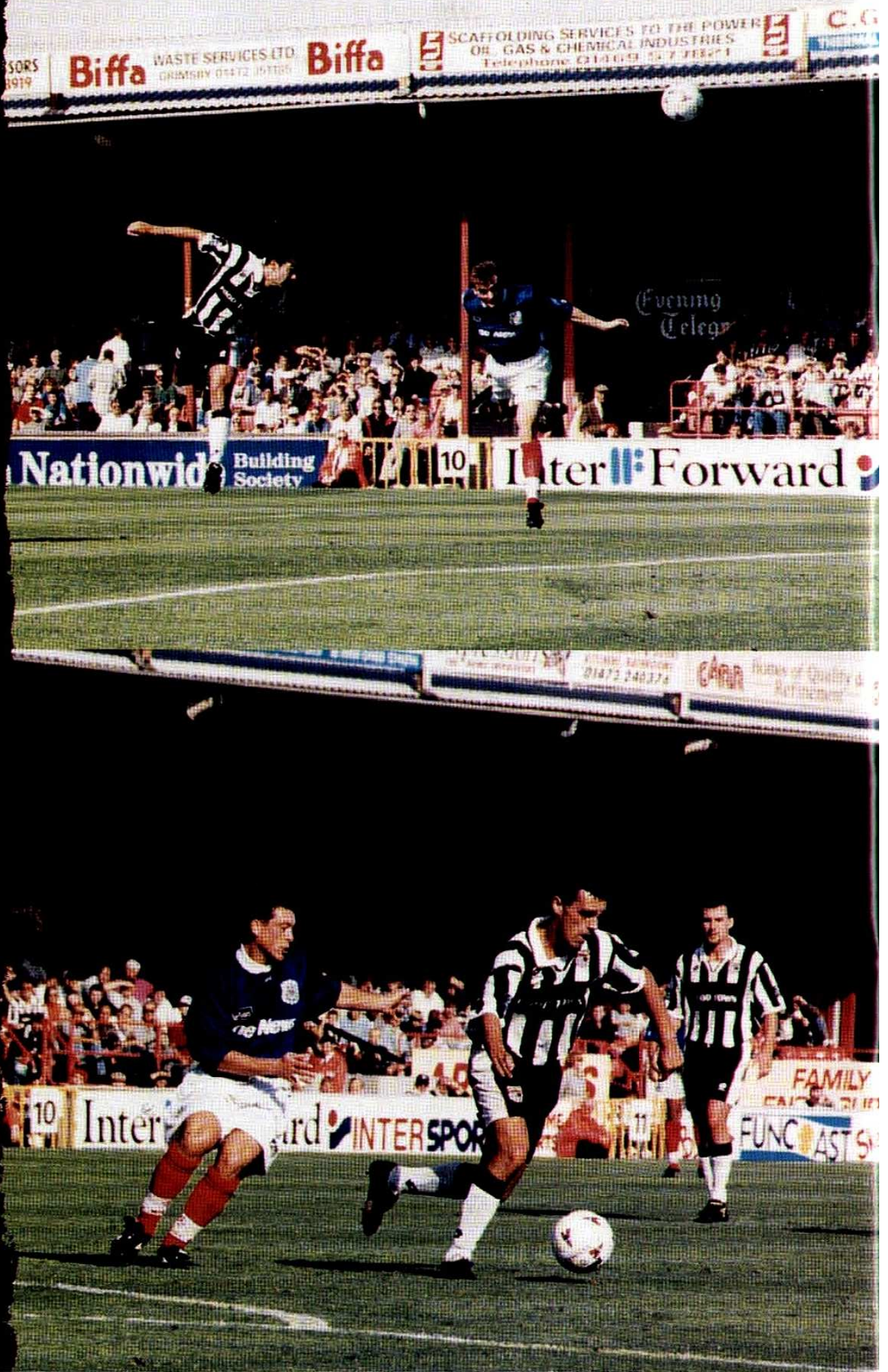
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# ACTION REPLAY



## BRIAN LAWS

"Overall, I thought we defended well but as a team we were a bit quiet and possibly not positive enough. Having seen it on video, it was an awful goal to concede. However, I have got faith in the players and I know things will come."

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1. Richard Smith beats the defence only to see his head hit the woodwork.

2. Clive in full flow.

3. John McDermott stretches to get in his cross during the first half of last Saturday's match.

4. "Spot the Ball" as Livo leads with the Portsmouth defence.



# Kenny's column

with Asst. Manager Kenny Swain



With our Reserve side not playing until Wednesday evening printing deadlines prevent me from giving details. Needless to say I hope we were successful from our trip to Stockport County. Next week sees the visit of Mansfield Town to Blundell Park, kick-off 7pm.

With no Reserve news update I can at least touch on our first team exit from the Coca-Cola Cup. Undoubtedly it is a low spot in recent times and coming early in the season that is particularly so, however, it is a test now of everybody's characters and nerve to respond to it positively.

We controlled most of the game,

particularly in the first half, but Oldham defended in numbers and allowed us the superior amount of possession in the middle area of the field. It was our lack of craft and determination around the final third which saw us struggle in the second half and extra time.

Ending in penalties we can have no regrets - nine terrifically taken penalties with the first one hitting the post from Clive of all players! Still, he is in credit from his contribution in those early weeks.

Roll on 3pm today!

**KENNY SWAIN**

+ *John Cockerill's*

## Youth Update

Welcome to today's game against Swindon. As mentioned in the Oldham programme the young lads faced a difficult task away to Aston Villa last weekend. I tried a new formation of playing three at the back, similar to what the gaffer has played with the first team on a few occasions. After 20 minutes this was clearly not working and being 2-0 down I changed back to 4-4-2 which kept us in better shape till half-time and the score 3-0. To say I was disappointed with not only our passing but general effort and commitment was an understatement, and the lads certainly got the message. In the second half the improvement all round was 100% better especially our passing and movement and only conceded one more through a penalty. Even though I took a young side, with only 3 second year YT's, the rest all first year YT's and they had a strong side with 4 professionals, 6 second year YT's and 1 first year, I felt we started by being too much in awe of them and hopefully the lads will gain experience from this and prove they don't have to be in awe of anybody as we pass and play as good as anyone.

Enjoy the game  
*John*



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# Captain Kirks Travels

**John Kirk continues his reports on the Mariners away travels. Today he gives the low-down on the Tuesday night trip to Ipswich amidst tales of disgruntled Ipswich fans, Towns "Rope-a-Dope" routine and the reason why his bet on Clive to score the first goal did not come up trumps!**

Long distance lorries, holiday caravans, and locals combine with Norfolk lanes purporting to be main roads to make the road to Ipswich the 'Journey from Hell'. Thank goodness that our match there was on a summer Tuesday evening, and not in the middle of February.

The town centre could, almost inevitably, be anywhere, but W H Smith's had a good biography of Bill Shankly with a large chapter on his stay in Grimsby. Our search for the 'Golden Chip' lead us to another ethnic fryer where a veritable slab of cod was served rather than a fillet. This is the south of England, so the alternatives were rock or skate, but all about average in quality. So the search will resume at Bolton. No need for Leon's or Hobson's to get too worried yet!

Talk in the town was of very disgruntled Ipswich fans complaining about the sale of Marshall to Leicester for £800,000. Later, he sat out the game, watching from the stands.

Portman Road is close to the Town centre, and the first few games played there brought no reward at all for the Mariners of the past, but three draws in a row in the league was a reasonable record to take into this match.

Ipswich have assumed a very smart second strip - a dead ringer for Grimsby's traditional black and white with a suggestion of red too. How long can it be before Manchester United's desperate search for a proper strip leads them to Lotto's door begging for our gear?

Inside the ground, two bookies runners were despondently seeking bets from our supporters, so taking pity on them, I put my shirt on Clive to score first at 7-1. Unfortunately as it turned out, for some inexplicable reason, this was doubled up with a 1-0 victory forecast!

Clive, as usual came up trumps within minutes, and then we went into our 'Rope a Dope' routine - you know the one, where we let the opposition punch themselves out with shots from all angles. Inevitably all were off target with Peter and Livvo playing so well that Jason hardly had to get involved. Ipswich's one goal was as much as they deserved, and then, coming off the ropes, we almost did a true Ali job, with Clive hitting the post, and Peter almost

scoring a second goal in two games.

So we were off the mark, and "We feel good!"

Facilities in the ground were 'reasonable' and the police much more friendly and relaxed than at some other First Division grounds. This all helps people feel like guests rather than being accorded the welcome you might give Attila when he walks in the house with your favourite daughter.

The Ipswich programme is excellent, with some original facts about the Mariners.

Let's hope that the good work can now continue next Tuesday night at Burnden Park - the only ground with a supermarket where the away fans should be, and then onto Vale Park on Saturday.

Directions to Bolton Wanderers for this coming Tuesday were printed in both the Portsmouth and Oldham Athletic match programmes, so here we cover next Saturday's trip to Port Vale.

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## Football in the Community



**Community Scheme** update with Ian Knight



Welcome to today's

**MASCOTS** who are:

**Philip Taylor**  
**Rhys Kendall**  
**Jake Cornhill**  
and **Donna Lamming**

**Philip Taylor**

is 10 years old and attends North Somercotes C of E primary school. His hobbies are football, cricket and chess and his favourite Mariners players are Clive Mendonca, Steve Livingstone, Jamie Forrester and Peter Handyside.



8 year old **Rhys Kendall** is a pupil at New Waltham school. He lists his hobbies as football, music and all sorts of sport. When it comes to favourite players Clive Mendonca, Gary Childs and Paul Crichton are top of his list.



**Jake Cornhill** is also 8 years old and goes to Springfield school. His favourite players are Brian Laws and Clive Mendonca and to occupy his time Jake lists his hobbies as football and karate.



**Donna Lamming** attends Caistor Grammar School and is 11 years old. Her hobbies are football and horse riding. As far as favourite Grimsby Town players are concerned Donna reckons Brian Laws and Peter Handyside are the best.



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game.

Today will see the start of this season's half time 6-a-side competition. The two teams for today's game will be Caistor Crusaders and Louth Utd.

### SUMMARY OF RULES:

- Duration of game 7 minutes.
- If match drawn - sudden death penalties.
- If penalties do not decide a winner by the end of the half time interval, a rearranged game will be played.
- Goalkeepers must remain within 6 yards of their goal.
- Once the goalkeeper has picked up the ball, he must throw the ball out.
- Goals can be scored from anywhere.
- Normal corners and throw-ins apply.
- The referees decision is final - as always.

The top half of this season's draw is as follows.

**7.9.96 Swindon**

Caistor Crusaders V Louth United

**21.9.96 Oxford**

Clee Motor Spares (A) V  
Progressive Boys (A)

**5.10.96 Q.P.R.**

Waltham Jun V Fulstow (B)

**19.10.96 W.B.A.**

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In attendance at today's game we have children from Banjul, Gambia who are visiting Grimsby on a cultural exchange with De Aston School, Market Rasen. Pupils and friends from Banjul (Twin african town with Grimsby) are very welcome today and it is hoped they have a pleasant afternoon at Blundell Park. Several of the pupils will take part in a pre-match penalty shoot-out.

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# Captain's View

Welcome to today's game with Swindon Town, with three vital points at stake. Obviously Tuesday evening's defeat by Oldham in the Coca-Cola Cup was a huge disappointment especially coming so soon after defeat by Portsmouth. I am sure you, the supporters, feel gutted by the present set of results but I can tell you that the lads feel the same disappointment two-fold. We know we can do better, we know we have opportunities in both our last two games to score, but have not taken them, and we know defensive slips have cost us dearly. But, we also know that with hard work and team work we can come good. In football you must take the good with the bad - the game is full of highs and lows. That is something I have quickly learnt even in my short career in professional football. Team spirit is important and your support vital. Let's stick together and pull through this bad spell.

In all games this season I have felt we have been the best team for long periods during the game, but chances have come and gone.

with a 0-0 draw in Austria on the World Cup 1998 campaign. Wales and the Republic Of Ireland got off to flyers and England will no doubt be happy with their first result. It cannot be easy for Glenn Hoddle to have his first game as a competitive one. I am sure he would have preferred a friendly, to bed himself in but he will be content that he took all the points and kept a clean sheet in what was a difficult looking away trip.

But back to us - today is vital. Please get behind the players. We want our first league win as much as you do!

Best Wishes

**Peter Handyside**



*Brian Laws - wants us to be more positive in the last third*



*Clive Mendonca - hit the post*

The gaffer is keen that we extend the good periods of play to the full 90 minutes. It seems when chances are not put away that tension sets in and other teams are let back in - the Portsmouth game a fine example of that. Another similarity in the Portsmouth and Oldham games was how once the opposition had scored, they got numbers behind the ball. When it happened we struggled to create further goalscoring opportunities. We had possession but the opposition were happy because we were not threatening them with the ball. The gaffer wants us to be more positive in the final third. In football, chances often come along through defensive errors, but we cannot rely on these sort of opportunities. We must create our own. Obviously losing to Oldham on penalties was unfortunate and all the lads feel gutted for Clive. He has arguably been our best player this season and from the spot he is usually so dependable. This time unfortunately the thickness of the post prevented him from scoring - Gary McAllister and Gareth Southgate will know the feeling! At the end of the day, penalties should not have been needed but that's football.

Moving away from local issues - I was pleased to see my senior countrymen get off to a good start



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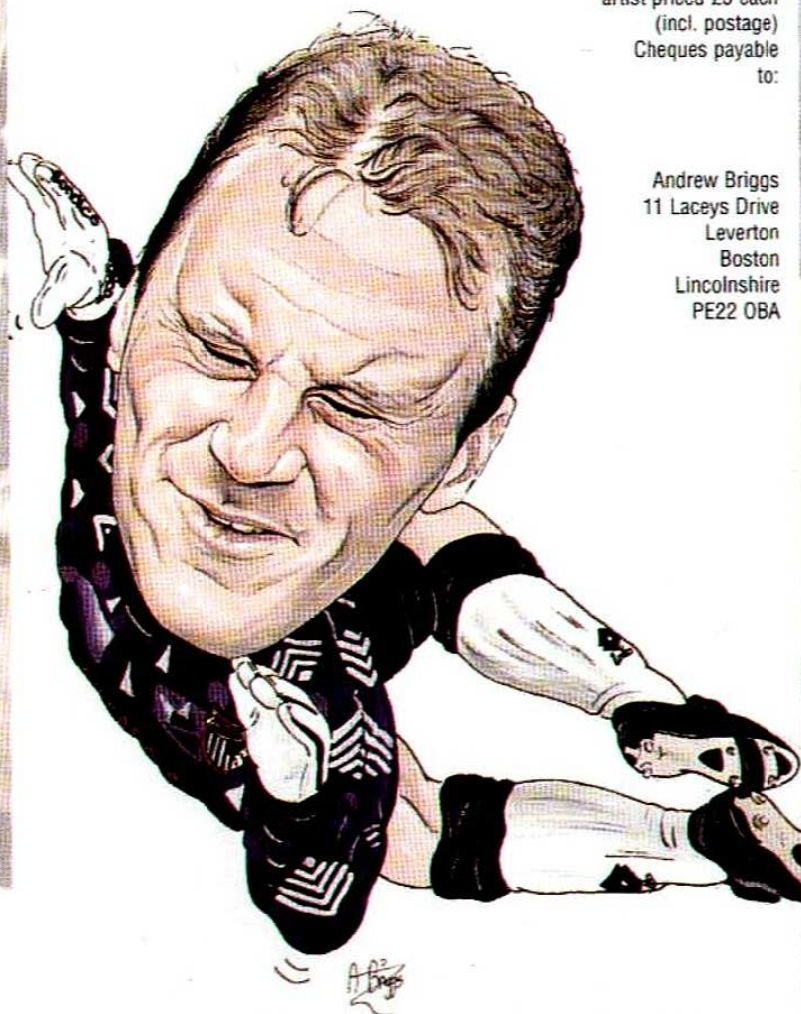
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Meanwhile at Carrow Road referee Rob Harris was at the centre of a storm, in a game where he booked seven players and awarded 38 free kicks. Norwich eventually won 1-0 thanks to a Neil Adams penalty, but after the game both sides were highly critical of Mr Harris' display. That win saw Norwich into fourth place, overtaking Tranmere, who lost at Bradford by a Lee Duxbury second half goal, nudging the Yorkshire side into the top ten. Today's

on Charlton Athletic on Tuesday evening at Maine Road, with neither side being involved in the Coca-Cola Cup as yet. City ran out 2-1 winners, coming from behind with goals by Rosler and Craney. Victory lifts City into the top half of the table, whilst defeat leaves Athletic at the bottom of the division with Southend, ourselves, Sheffield United and Oldham Athletic on one point. As with any club at this stage of the season three points can mean a jump of several places.

### QUOTES.....QUOTES.....QUOTES.....QUOTES.....

*"I was so angry I went up and told him exactly what I thought. Yes I told him, he was a disgrace."*

STEVE BULL REFERRING TO REFEREE ROB HARRIS, IN CHARGE AS NORWICH DEFEATED WOLVES 1-0.

*"I know we are building something for the future. It happened when I was manager at Wimbledon all those years ago."*

# Round-up

opponents Swindon Town also find themselves up there, as they returned from Southend with a 3-1 victory with goals from Watson, Cowe and Finney, with the attendance at Roots Hall the smallest of the day at 4011.

Midtablers Huddersfield and Crystal Palace fought out a 1-1 draw at the McAlpine Stadium, and a draw was also the result at Boundary Park, where Oldham Athletic and Ipswich Town shared six goals, which gave the Latics their first point of the season, allowing them to climb above the Mariners. That game at Boundary Park produced the fastest goal of the day as Paul Rickers notched the home sides opening goal in 15 seconds!

Port Vale recorded their first win (2-0 over Oxford United) and Reading drew 2-2 with second placed Stoke City. This was the first time that Stoke had dropped points this season.

There was no game for Birmingham City, Barnsley, West Brom and Sheffield United due to the international fixture list, whilst Manchester City took

DAVE BASSETT SPEAKING ABOUT HIS YOUNG CRYSTAL PALACE SIDE.

*"Mike has got the pedigree. When you've got it you don't lose it."*

LOU McCARI ON MIKE SHERON, WHO HAS SCORED FIVE GOALS IN FOUR GAMES FOR STOKE CITY.

*"Look mate, we want to win and you sitting here won't do any good."*

OLDHAM'S NICKY BANGER TALKING TO A FAN WHO WAS ON THE PITCH AND REFUSING TO LEAVE WITH TEN MINUTES LEFT TO PLAY.

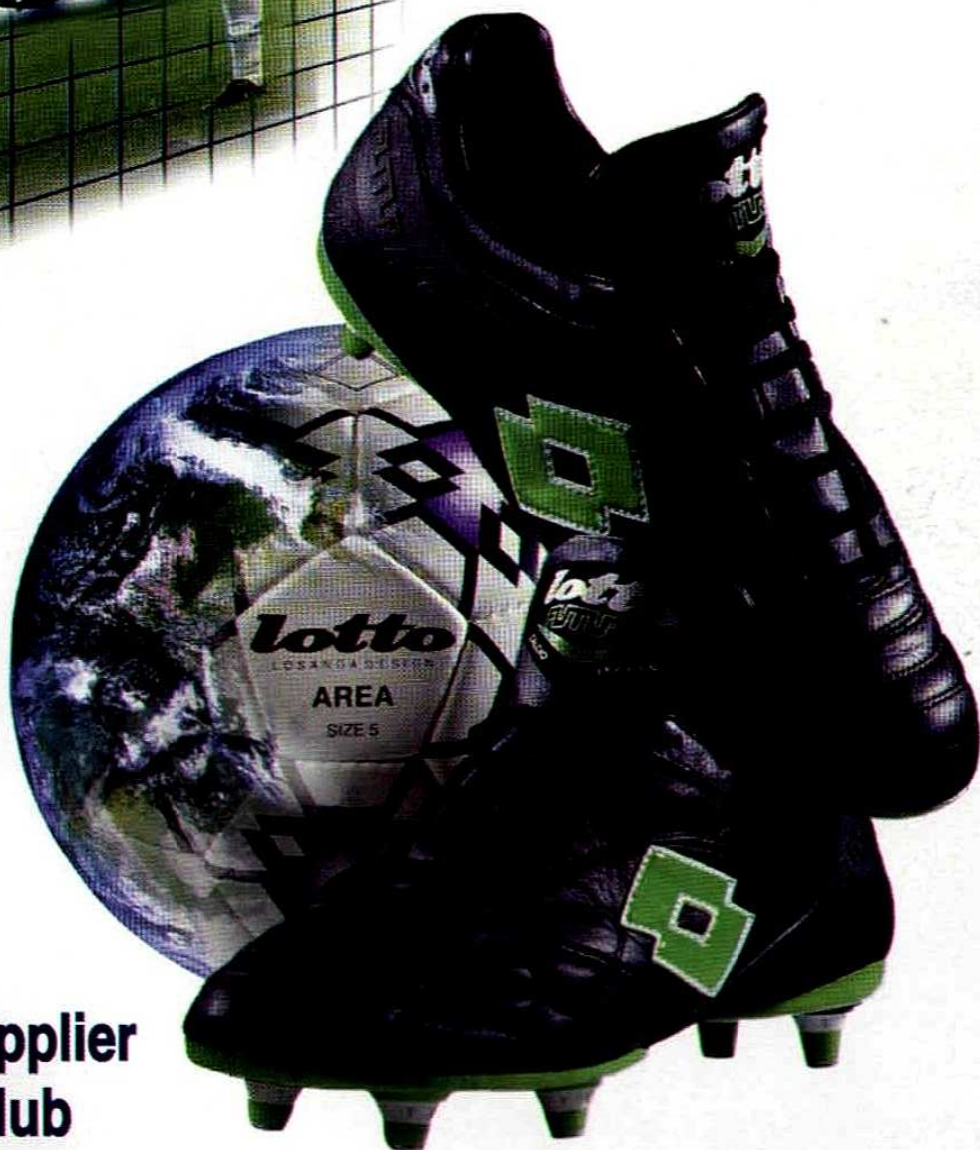
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**JOHN MCDERMOTT**

**2**

**TONY GALLIMORE**

**3**

**PETER HANDYSIDE**

**4**

**RICHARD SMITH**

**5**

**TOMMY WIDDRINGTON**

**6**

**NICKY SOUTHALL**

**7**

**PAUL TROLLOPE**

**8**

**STEVE LIVINGSTONE**

**9**

**CLIVE MENDONCA**

**10**

**KINGSLEY BLACK**

**11**

Substitutes

**GARY CHILDS**

**12**

**ASHLEY FICKLING**

**13**

**NEIL WOODS**

**14**

## Swindon Town

manager: Steve McMahon

Team Changes

**FRANK TALIA**

**FREDERIC DARRAS**

**JASON DRYSDALE**

**SCOTT LEITCH**

**PAUL ALLEN**

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**KEVIN WATSON**



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