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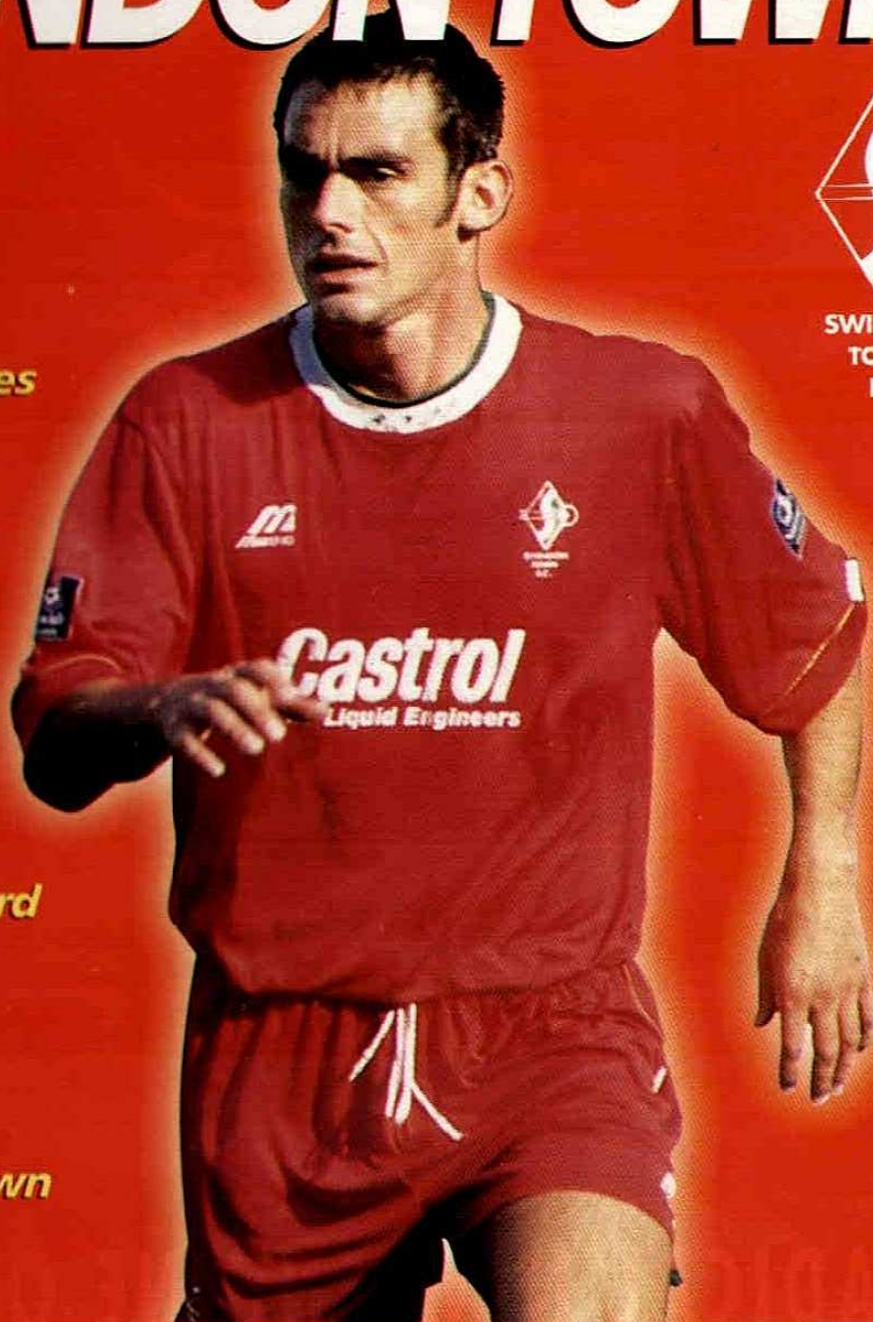
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welcome to swindon town

On the cup trail

Tonight we welcome Queens Park Rangers to the County Ground for this Coca-Cola Cup, second round, first leg tie.

Having dropped out of the Premiership last term, the Loftus Road side are keen to bounce straight back into the top flight and if current form is anything to go by, they look capable of doing just that.

The departure of Ray Wilkins from the manager's post did not help their cause but they have stayed up among the front runners in the Nationwide First Division and tonight they hope to continue along the road to cup glory.

However Wolves found out to their cost that Swindon are a force to be reckoned with and we'll be going flat out to repeat that impressive first round display we showed against Mark McGhee's team.

Houston in the hot seat

Stewart Houston took over as manager of QPR on Monday and tonight is his first game in charge.

The former Arsenal number two decided to accept the job of getting Rangers back into the top flight to end weeks of speculation as to who was going to be Ray Wilkins' successor.

Good luck to Stewart but I'm afraid we're not that keen on him making a winning start to his new career.

Rovers run over

After three successive defeats, Swindon

returned to winning form last Saturday with a comfortable 2-1 triumph over Tranmere Rovers.

Mark Walters set the wheels in motion with a first half penalty after he had been bundled over in the box. His spot kick opened his goal-scoring account for the Club and we hope there are many more to follow.

A 76th minute strike by Kevin Horlock - his first of the campaign - put the issue beyond doubt and although that old war horse John Aldridge pegged one back, it was too little too late for the visitors.

New signing at Swindon

Everyone at the Club would like to welcome former Wimbledon player Gary Elkins on board.

The 30 year old defender signed a three year contract on Monday with the fee being £80,000.

"Gary is an exceptional player with a great left foot. I tried to get him last year so I am very pleased we have finally managed to sign him," said Town boss Steve McMahon.

Elkins isn't cup tied so we could well get our first glimpse of him tonight - keep your eyes peeled!

Coca-Cola Cup odds

Liverpool, Manchester United and Newcastle United are the bookies' favourites to lift the famous three handled Coca Cola Cup trophy with odds of 6/1. Where are Swindon you may ask? Well we are 150/1 outsiders.



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If teams could **transfer fans,**
what would you be worth?

the manager

Steve McMahon



What a great result it was on Saturday. I thought our performance for the majority of the game was excellent but we have got to show that sort of consistency in every game now.

You hear this said all the time, that it is vitally important not to get beaten, even when you are not playing well. That's why I was so disappointed to lose against Portsmouth last week because it was a game we should have got at least a point from, despite a poor first half showing.

However the win on Saturday means the players should now be full of confidence as we go into tonight's Coca-Cola Cup clash with Queens Park Rangers.

They chalked up a magnificent result at Barnsley on Saturday and any team that can go there and get a result must be playing well.

QPR are a big club with Premier League status and I have no doubt that tonight's match will be a very tough one for us. But having already beaten Wolves in the first round, there is no reason why we can't make further progress in the competition.

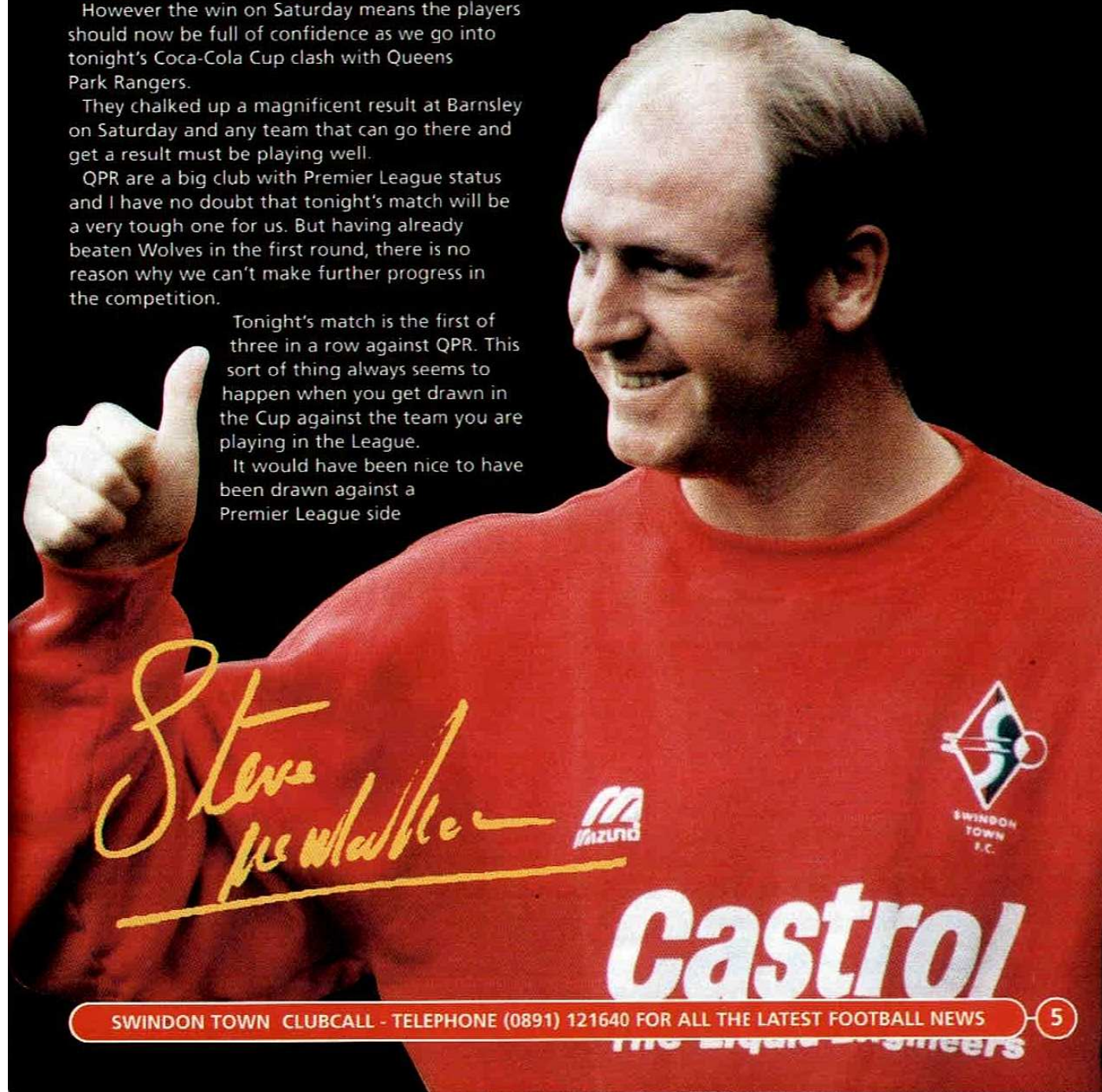
Tonight's match is the first of three in a row against QPR. This sort of thing always seems to happen when you get drawn in the Cup against the team you are playing in the League.

It would have been nice to have been drawn against a Premier League side

but QPR are still a major force and there should be big crowds to see both of the Cup clashes.

Finally I would like to welcome on board our new signing Gary Elkins from Wimbledon.

I tried to bring him in last year - so I'm delighted to have finally signed him. He is a quality defender with bags of experience and with a lot of Premiership games under his belt. I have no doubt he will prove to be a valuable asset.



today's visitors

This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of a Queens Park Rangers side with whom we are going to become very well acquainted in the next few days.

Tonight's meeting will be the first of three games in a week against our west London visitors - we travel to Loftus Road on Saturday in the Nationwide League, and we are there again next Wednesday night in the second leg of today's competition.

Rangers, of course, have undergone their fair share of turmoil in the last couple of weeks, following the surprise resignation of manager Ray Wilkins.

Despite taking the Superhoops to relegation last season, Wilkins had fashioned an attractive passing side at Loftus Road and there were signs that things were starting to turn round for him after a promising start to the new campaign. But Wilkins decided that he had

had enough, and walked away from the post, leaving assistant Frank Sibley in charge on a caretaker basis.

Earlier this week Stewart Houston took over as manager to end weeks of speculation regarding the vacant job at Loftus Road.

QPR will be without the services of their highly-rated England U21 star striker Kevin Gallen for most of the season, after recent tests showed a severe cruciate ligament problem for the youngster.

On the positive side, the Club have managed to hold onto their brightest jewel, striker Trevor Sinclair, who has been the subject of envious glances from many Premiership admirers.

Having come down from the FA Premiership last season, QPR were not involved in the last round of the Coca-Cola Cup.



REFLECTIONS



Queens Park Rangers Football Club 1996/97

Back Row: (left to right)

Mark Perry, Karl Ready, Chris Plummer, Danielle Dichio, Lee Sharp, Richard Hurst, Mark Hateley, Alan McDonald, Steve Slade, Kevin Gallen.

Middle Row: (left to right)

John Hollins (Reserve Team manager), Billy Bonds (Youth Team manager), John Brierley (Fitness Coach), Danny Maddix, Michael Mahoney-Johnson, David Bardsley, Sieb Dykstra, Tony Roberts, Juergen Sommer, Steve Yates, Lee Charles, Nigel Quashie, John Nolan (Kit Manager), Brian Morris (Physio).

Front Row: (left to right)

Andrew McDermott, Mark Graham, Paul Bruce, Matthew Brazier, Andy Impey, Frank Sibley, Ray Wilkins (left the club), Simon Barker, Paul Murray, Trevor Sinclair, Trevor Challis, Rufus Brevett.



one to watch Nigel Quashie

Having spent six months out of action with glandular fever, highly-rated midfielder Nigel Quashie will be keen to get his career back on track this season.

The slightly-built youngster made his first appearance since March when he played in the 2-1 League defeat at home to Bolton a couple of weeks ago and he is anxious to build on the good work he put in during 1995/96.

Having signed professional just two weeks after his 17th birthday in August 1995, Nigel was one of the few plus points to come out of last season for QPR supporters, particularly so as he was a product of the Club's impressive Youth set-up.

A stylish central midfielder who loves to push forward with the ball at his feet, he served notice of a bright future with an outstanding debut against Manchester United at Old Trafford and also a quite superb

goal against Chelsea in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup.

That strike made Quashie the second youngest player ever to score in the FA Cup proper, and he ended the campaign with two goals in 13 League and Cup appearances.

Schooled in the midfield arts by Ray Wilkins, it should come as little surprise that the impressive young Quashie

is comfortable on the ball and is always able to spot an opening and finds it with a telling pass.

His return to the first-team fold is a bonus indeed for Rangers, at a time when some good news is badly needed.

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
95/96	QPR	13	2	From Apprentice

FACT FILE..

Name: Nigel Quashie
Position: Midfield
Born: Nunhead, 20.7.78
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st
Trophies won: None
International Honours: England Youth caps
League record last season: 11 games, 0 goals

Stewart Houston the manager

Following the recent departure of Ray Wilkins, Queens Park Rangers, who are currently sitting in sixth place in the First Division, have appointed Stewart Houston to lead their battle to regain Premiership status following last season's relegation dogfight.

Houston has experienced the highs and lows of top level management taking over as caretaker manager of Arsenal twice in two seasons. The departure of George Graham two seasons ago and

more recently Bruce Rioch leaving, the Gunners' were looking to Houston (No.2) to keep the ship afloat.

So it is to tonight's Coca-Cola Cup tie that Houston will be looking to begin his managerial career on the right note, with his bright Queens Park Rangers outfit hoping to secure victory and give them the advantage in the second leg at Loftus Road.

Within days he will face stern opposition in the league when Swindon's red army come to town!



QUEENS PARK RANGERS

player profile

Now established as QPR's first choice goalkeeper, United States International **JUERGEN SOMMER** was signed from Luton Town for a fee of £625,000 in August 1995 and at 6ft 5in forms an imposing barrier.

His deputy is the popular Welsh cap **TONY ROBERTS**, who progressed through the junior ranks at Loftus Road to sign professional in July 1987. He has found his first-team chances limited since his debut in December 1987, thanks mainly to the high quality of other 'keepers at the Club.

SIEB DYKSTRA is a Dutch 'keeper who signed from Motherwell in July 1994, but has yet to really establish himself at Loftus Road.

As you would expect from a side only recently relegated from the Premiership, QPR can boast a wealth of quality performers in their line-up, not least former England full-back **DAVID BARDSLEY** (2 caps). A consistent performer who loves to get forward on the overlap, David moved to Loftus Road from Oxford in September 1989, for a fee of £500,000, and also played for Watford in the 1984 FA Cup Final.

MATT BRAZIER is a former QPR trainee who signed professional in July 1994 and made his senior debut in the Coca-Cola Cup in October 1995 - and was voted Man of the Match.

Having spent several years in the shadow of Clive Wilson - now Tottenham -

RUFUS BREVETT established himself as the Club's regular left-back in 1995/96. He began with Doncaster Rovers and moved to West London in February 1991, with the Superhoops paying £250,000 for his services. Fast approaching 100 senior games, Rufus' only goal for the Club came in a 3-0 win over Southampton in March of this year.

His main rival for the left-back spot comes from former Club trainee **TREVOR CHALLIS**, who signed professional in July 1994. Has only played a handful of first-team games at Loftus Road - but did enough to impress the England set-up, as he won two U21 caps during last summer's Toulon Tournament in France.

Rangers' longest serving player, and the Club Captain, is the hugely experienced Northern Ireland International **ALAN McDONALD**. Alan has been with the Club since turning pro in August 1981, although ironically he made his League debut during a spell on loan at Charlton in April 1983.

Regarded as one of the best man markers in the game, **DANNY MADDIX** was snapped up on a free transfer from Tottenham in July 1987 and has now fully recovered from a nasty foot injury that for a time threatened to finish his career.

CHRIS PLUMMER has the unusual distinction of having made his England U21 debut before he ever played a senior game for his Club. Prior to this season Chris had made one first-team appearance for Rangers - as sub v Nottm Forest - but had five U21 caps to his credit. With a record like that, this young defender is sure to have bright future.

Welsh 'B' International **KARL READY** is a versatile defender who can play in central defence or either of the full-back positions. He is a former apprentice with the Club.

Player's Player of the Year for 1995/96 was central defender or right-back

STEVE YATES who signed for £650,000 from Bristol Rovers in August 1993. He has only every scored one League goal - and that came against Aston Villa in January 1995.



QPR

PLAYER PROFILE

Not surprisingly for a side recently managed by Ray Wilkins, QPR show a degree of class in the midfield area, where **SIMON BARKER** is a regular performer. Simon began life at Blackburn before moving to Loftus Road in £400,000 deal in the summer of 1988.

ANDY McDERMOTT

is a product of the fruitful Australian Institute of Sport, and he signed for Rangers in August 1995 after spending the pre-season training with the Club. He has yet to establish himself in the first-team, but at just 19-years-old he has time on his side.

May 1996 saw the signing of highly-rated Carlisle midfielder **PAUL MURRAY** for an initial fee of £300,000, although that could rise to £750,000 depending on appearances.

Only 17-years-old, **MARK PERRY** is a former Club apprentice who is expected to go far by the Loftus Road coaching staff. Mark was invited to assist with the Full England squad twice last season, and he has been predicted a bright future.

It is up front where QPR look, on paper at least, to be at their best, even without the services of the injured Kevin Gallen or Mark Hateley, who is currently on loan at Leeds United.

In **DANIELLE DICHIO** they have a former England Schools star who came through the ranks at Loftus Road to make his debut in October 1994. A loan spell at Welling Utd, where he scored four times in his first match, did enough to convince Rangers he was a stunning prospect and he proved them right by finishing as top scorer in 1995/96 with 13 goals.



ANDY IMPEY was snapped up from non-League Yeading in June 1990 for a bargain fee of £35,000, after a non-stop display in the FA Vase Final at Wembley impressed watching QPR scouts. An established U21 star, Andy was rewarded for his dangerous wing play with a call-up to an England squad training weekend recently.

The man that many were surprised to see still at Loftus Road at the start of this season was **TREVOR SINCLAIR**, sure to be one of the First Division's leading lights this season.

A £750,000 signing from Blackpool, Trevor's skill on the ball and eye for goal have marked him out as a real hot property and he was recently included in the Full England squad. Voted

supporters' Player of the Year for 1995/96, Sinclair could well hold the key to Rangers' season.

Frustrated by a lack of progress at Spurs, 20-year-old striker

STEVE SLADE moved across London during the summer to join QPR for a tribunal set fee of £250,000. An England U21 International, Slade scored twice in four games during last summer's Toulon Tournament.

Other front men for the R's include:

LEE CHARLES, signed from non-League Chertsey Town after scoring a hat-trick v QPR Reserves, former trainee

MARK GRAHAM

- a Northern Ireland 'B' International - and the elaborately-named **MICHAEL MAHONEY-JOHNSON**, also a former YTS at the Club.



VITAL STATISTICS

QPR's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	1	42	13	11	18	48	64	50	16th
87/88	1	40	19	10	11	48	38	67	5th
88/89	1	38	14	11	13	43	37	53	9th
89/90	1	38	13	11	14	45	44	50	11th
90/91	1	38	12	10	16	44	53	46	12th
91/92	1	42	12	18	12	48	47	54	11th
92/93	P	42	17	12	13	63	55	63	5th
93/94	P	42	16	12	14	62	61	60	9th
94/95	P	42	17	9	16	61	59	60	8th
95/96	P	38	9	6	23	38	57	33	19th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How Queens Park Rangers performed last season

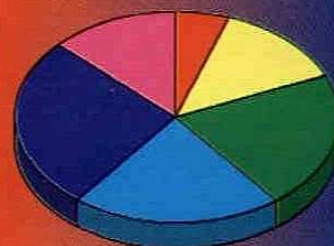
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 19	BLACKBURN	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 23	WIMBLEDON	(h)	L0-3	
Aug 26	MAN CITY	(h)	W1-0	Barker (32)
Aug 30	LIVERPOOL	(a)	L0-1	
Sep 09	SHEFF WED	(h)	L0-3	
Sep 16	LEEDS	(a)	W3-1	Dichio (16,63), Sinclair (39)
Sep 25	TOTTENHAM	(h)	L2-3	Dichio (34), Impey (46)
Sep 30	BOLTON	(a)	W1-0	Dichio (90)
Oct 14	NEWCASTLE	(h)	L2-3	Dichio (45,67)
Oct 21	MIDDLESBRO	(a)	L0-1	
Oct 28	NOTTM FOR	(h)	D1-1	Sinclair (76)
Nov 04	SOUTHAMPTON	(a)	L0-2	
Nov 19	COVENTRY	(h)	D1-1	Barker (37)
Nov 22	EVERTON	(a)	L0-2	
Nov 25	WEST HAM	(a)	L0-1	
Dec 02	MIDDLESBRO	(h)	D1-1	McDonald (15)
Dec 09	TOTTENHAM	(a)	L0-1	
Dec 16	BOLTON	(h)	W2-1	Osborn (40), Impey (75)
Dec 23	ASTON VILLA	(h)	W1-0	Gallen (54)
Dec 26	ARSENAL	(a)	L0-3	
Dec 30	MAN UTD	(a)	L1-2	Dichio (67)
Jan 02	CHELSEA	(h)	L1-2	Allen (71)
Jan 13	BLACKBURN	(h)	L0-1	
Jan 20	WIMBLEDON	(a)	L1-2	Hateley (57)
Feb 03	MAN CITY	(a)	L0-2	
Feb 11	LIVERPOOL	(h)	L1-2	Dichio (65)
Feb 17	SHEFF WED	(a)	W3-1	Barker (33,67), Goodridge (87)
Mar 02	ARSENAL	(h)	D1-1	Gallen (19)
Mar 06	LEEDS	(h)	L1-2	Gallen (30)
Mar 09	ASTON VILLA	(a)	L2-4	Dichio (50), Gallen (59)
Mar 16	MAN UTD	(h)	D1-1	Irwin (63og)
Mar 23	CHELSEA	(a)	D1-1	Barker (19)
Mar 30	SOUTHAMPTON	(h)	W3-0	Brevett (23), Dichio (60), Gallen (77)
Apr 06	NEWCASTLE	(a)	L1-2	Holloway (53)
Apr 08	EVERTON	(h)	W3-1	Gallen (15), Hateley (42), Impey (62)
Apr 13	COVENTRY	(a)	L0-1	
Apr 27	WEST HAM	(h)	W3-0	Ready (60), Gallen (70,78)
May 05	NOTTM FOR	(a)	L0-3	

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST QPR SINCE 1958...

Home	Div	Result
13-Dec-1958	3	2-0
19-Dec-1959	3	2-1
03-Apr-1961	3	1-0
17-Oct-1961	3	0-0
12-Jan-1963	3	5-0
23-Apr-1966	3	2-1
02-May-1967	3	1-1
10-Jan-1970	2	0-0
10-Oct-1970	2	1-0
04-Sep-1971	2	0-0
12-Aug-1972	2	2-2
24-Nov-1993	Prem	1-0
Away	Div	Result
27-Apr-1959	3	1-2
22-Aug-1959	3	0-2
31-Mar-1961	3	1-3
04-Sep-1961	3	1-6
01-Sep-1962	3	2-2
27-Nov-1965	3	2-3
04-Sep-1966	3	1-3
12-Sep-1969	2	0-2
17-Apr-1971	2	2-4
18-Dec-1971	2	0-3
17-Feb-1973	2	0-5
30-Apr-1994	Prem	3-1

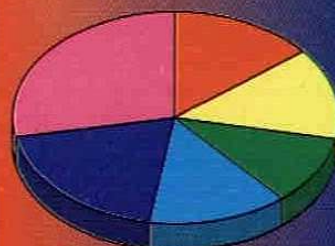
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	2
16-30	5
31-45	8
46-60	8
61-75	10
76-90	5
TOTAL	38



League goals conceded in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15	8
16-30	8
31-45	6
46-60	8
61-75	11
76-90	16
TOTAL	57

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. Born in Bargeddie in Scotland in 1944. Signed for Aston Villa in 1962, Chelsea in 1964 and Arsenal in 1966.
2. Won the 'double' with Arsenal in 1971 before moving to Manchester United in 1972 and later to Plymouth and then Crystal Palace.
3. Started managerial career with Millwall in 1972 and then returned to Arsenal in 1986 as manager, winning the Championship in 1989 and 1991.
4. Left Arsenal in 1995 but has just returned as a Premiership manager.

CLOSE UP! WHO'S CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. What did Ronnie Whelan have to buy Steve McMahon after we beat Southend recently?
2. At which club did Ian Culverhouse start his League career?
3. Who scored our goal in the 2-1 defeat at Grimsby?

....AND AWAY

1. Who did QPR beat in the Coca-Cola Cup First Round this season?
2. For which country is Alan McDonald an International?

RULES OF THE GAME!

When a linesman wants to tell the referee that a team wishes to make a substitute he:-

- A) Runs onto the pitch to tell him
- B) Waves his flag around at waist height
- C) Holds his flag above his head in both hands

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. Sparkey, 12. Wolves, 13. C. Palace, 14. Liverpool, 15. Millwall.
Who am I: George Graham.
Who's Crest: Aston Villa.
Rules of the game: ans C
Home: 1. Dinner, 2. Tottenham, 3. Steve Cowe.
Away: They had a bye, 2. Northern Ireland.

a brief lookback

Dick Mattick looks back ...

When Swindon Town met Queens Park Rangers in the third round of the FA Cup in the 1970/71 season, to say that a crowd of 14,840 saw the game would be a slight exaggeration!

This was the gate figure but the thick fog over the Loftus Road Ground meant spectators had to be satisfied with glimpses of the play when it was on their side of the pitch.

The pitch conditions were far from ideal with one side being hard and rutted and the other wet and slippery. Les Allen, then manager of Rangers and later manager of Swindon, admitted that Town adapted to the conditions better than his side.

It was a day when small players with a low centre of gravity were in their element with Joe Butler and Tony Gough excelling.

Tony Gough, a £500 bargain buy from Bath City, was nominated by Town manager Fred Ford as his Man of the Match, while reporter Eric Nicholl picked the Rangers' keeper Parkes and Swindon's Noble as his star men.

Parkes had kept the London side on level terms in the 22nd minute with a fine save from Rogers and this was the closest either side came to a goal in a somewhat lack-lustre first half.

A goal eventually came on the hour. Following an outstanding

left wing corner, Butler attempted a shot which was collected by "King" Arther Horsfield who scored.

In the 79th minute, Rodney Marsh dummied over the ball only to find it had run to Joe Butler rather than one of his own team-mates.

The little Geordie raced 40 yards before feeding Noble who scored. Marsh made some amends by scoring from the penalty spot after a handball offence by Rod Thomas, but it proved too late for Rangers to stage a recovery.

Teams:

Swindon: Downsborough, Thomas, Potter, Harland, Trollope, Smith, Butler, Gough, Noble, Horsfield, Rogers.

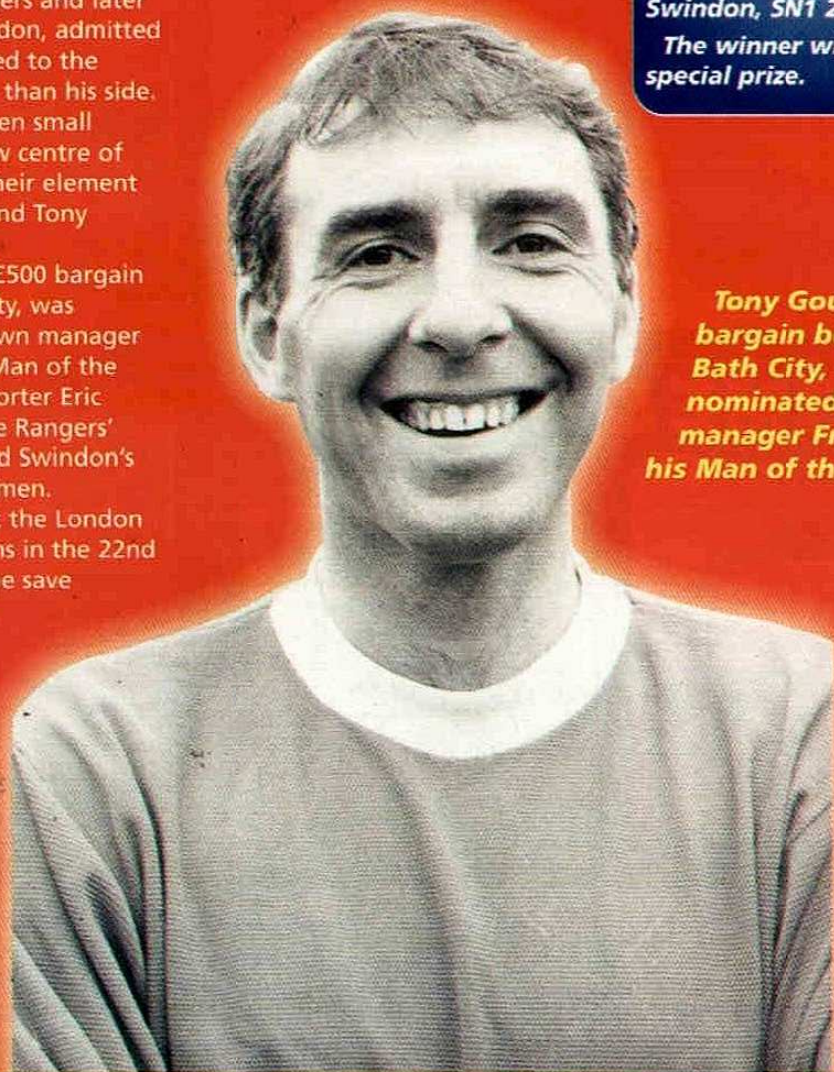
QPR: Parkes, Clement, Hunt, Sibley, Watson, McGovern, Busby, Francis, Leach, Venables, Marsh.

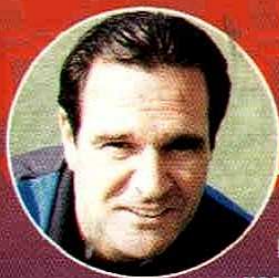
Which one of the Queens Park Rangers players later joined Swindon Town?

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The winner will receive a special prize.

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trainingground

with Andy Rowland

After seeing off Wolves in the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup, tonight we take on a QPR side who, on paper, are probably the second strongest team in the division.

It will be another good test for us but it is a bit of a shame that we also play them in the League in between the two legs of the Cup.

It is never an ideal scenario and we'll probably be sick of the sight of each other by the end of next week.

QPR had a great result at the weekend and they now have a new manager installed for tonight's match which means their players will no doubt be keen to impress him.

It could make for an even more difficult task for us but after getting our season back on the rails against Tranmere, who are reputedly one of the best sides in our division, hopefully the players have now got the message we have been trying to drum into them all season - don't be afraid of anyone!

I don't think we need to remind the players of this anymore because we beat Tranmere quite comfortably despite the fact that a win for them could have taken them to the top of the table.

In the last round of the Coca-Cola Cup we did well to win through against Wolves and we will be hoping to achieve the same sort of result over the two legs with QPR.

Of course we want to build up a cushion of at least a couple of goals from tonight's game here at the County Ground.

And if we can get some sort of result up at Loftus Road in the return, we should be in the draw for the next round which will be a big bonus for the Club as it could mean a clash against one of the Premiership sides. This in turn would mean a bumper crowd and some much needed cash.

But I'm certain Queens Park Rangers will be doing everything they can to at the very least get a draw here tonight and then win the home leg.

Whatever the result it promises to be an exciting match and if we play as well as we can there won't be any problems.

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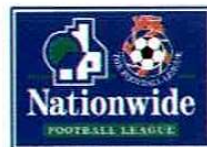
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cup update

by Colin Benson



Twenty
eight

teams were involved last night and another 26 do battle tonight in the vital first leg ties for a place in the third round of this prestigious competition when **Manchester United**, **Liverpool**, **Aston Villa**, **Newcastle United** and **Arsenal** will join the draw.

These five big-guns were given byes through to the third round as they are involved in European competition. It was a bit of a sweetener to persuade them not to turn their backs on the old League Cup. Mind you after their showing in Europe they could well be pleased to be involved in this domestic affair after all.

But back to tonight and a sell-out crowd at Underhill where little **Barnet** prepare for one of their biggest nights ever - the visit of **West Ham United**. It will be interesting to see how the Hammers' array of foreign stars handle the famous Underhill slope.

Barnet disposed of **Exeter City** 6-0 on aggregate but both teams are struggling in their respective leagues. West Ham must have too much class for the Third Division side but don't be surprised if they have one night of glory. It could be a draw.

Blackpool and **Chelsea** have clashed once before in the

League Cup, in 1966/67 when it ended 1-1 at Bloomfield Road, but the Tangerines seem to be suffering from a hang-over after last season's collapse and I can't see them creating any upset here against the Blues.

Ron Atkinson was manager and Trevor Francis one of his players when **Sheffield Wednesday** beat **Manchester United** in the 1991 League Cup.

Tonight they are rival managers as **Coventry** play hosts to **Birmingham City**, the Sky Blues were obviously lifted by Saturday's come-back over **Leeds** but Birmingham too were given a big boost by their 3-1 destruction of **Stoke City**. These are fraught times at Highfield Road and the pressure is on them.

Meanwhile George Graham has an ideal opportunity to get a first win under his belt as **Leeds** take on **Darlington**. This is the first time the Third Division outfit have got past the first round in seven years and no doubt as far as they will get this time.

York City caused a sensation last season when they KO'd **Manchester United**. But can they repeat their Old Trafford victory at Goodison Park? They say lightning never strikes twice but Joe Royle's boys will take nothing for granted, particularly after letting their 1-0 lead slip against **Middlesbrough** on Saturday.

As for Boro they will be expecting a goal feast from Ravanelli and company at the Riverside Stadium tonight where **Hereford United** are the visitors. Hereford are rock-bottom of the Football League having scored just two goals in

seven league games.

It's a 13th League Cup appearance for **Wycombe Wanderers** at **Nottingham Forest**. Could be unlucky for them too as Forest try desperately to recapture the form of a year ago.

Frank Clarke's side had a bad second half to the season and have not yet recovered. They have a good record in this competition though with four wins in six finals and should progress to the third round.

Oxford United have enjoyed their good times, they were winners in 1986, when they beat **QPR** in the Milk Cup Final.

A tough assignment for them tonight however at **Sheffield Wednesday**, though the Owls will be feeling tired after Monday night's Premiership battle with **Arsenal**.

Southampton, without a win this season must turn the corner against **Peterborough United** at the Dell. Mind you Barry Fry's side have only won once and that was away from home, so this is a real tussle between two out of form teams.

Southampton to win handsomely.

Last week was not a good one for Lou Macari - he should fair better tonight against **Northampton Town**. **Stoke** beat the Cobblers 3-1 in 1979 and have the class to repeat that victory.

Finally, **Portsmouth** are at **Wimbledon**. The two clubs have met before, in 1984/85 when Pompey won 3-1 on aggregate.

The timing seems wrong this time as the Dons have just hit form. The Pompey chimes should be silenced.

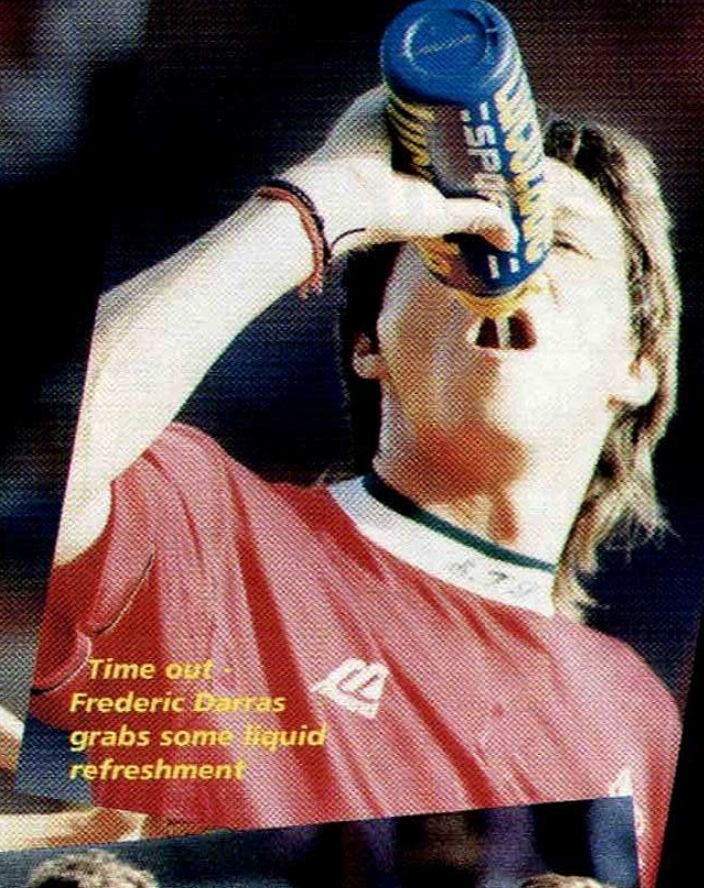
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community scheme news

COMPETITION TIME

During the summer we've been selling our new Community Office T-shirts and to mark the occasion we've got "five pairs of tickets" to give away in an easy to enter competition.



All you have to do is send us photos of you wearing your T-shirts in the most unusual place you can. It could be around Swindon, or somewhere else in the county of even somewhere you've recently been on holiday. What we believe to be the five most interesting and original pictures will have their photos published on this page as well as having a pair of tickets each. So make sure you get your super-snaps into us here at the Community Office, Swindon Town FC, County Ground Swindon, SN1 2ED.

The T-shirts were one of many things which were on offer during our highly successful Summer Funweeks.

We were able to give all the children a goodie bag and this was made possible by Garry Kelly of Quadrent and Adie Rowe of Bayer.

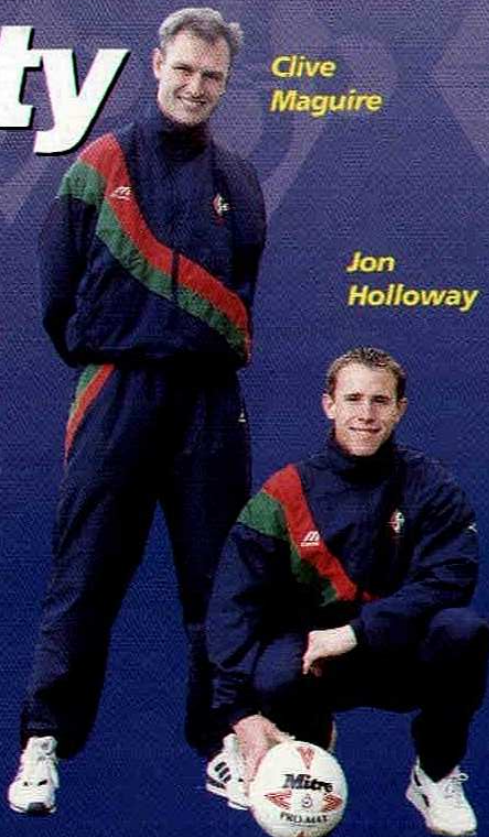
Neil Tilley from our Club sponsors Castrol has also been very supportive - so once again thank you all very much.

Finally a special thank you to Fran Pound and her team at Lifestyle in supporting us and making the County Ground Extension available for our main venue.

**See you all soon,
Clive and Jon.**

Clive
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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 Wayne Allison wearing the famous red shirts, 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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Good evening to all our younger fans at this evening's game. Make the lads proud this evening and make some noise - you are after all, our Official Barmy Army!

QPR trip



Thanks to all of you who have booked onto the Junior Robins coach to QPR on Saturday. The Hatts coach will depart the County Ground at 11:30am, so please arrive ten minutes earlier to register with Alan Layzell. Expected arrival back at the County Ground is approx. 7:30pm and it is a good idea to provide a packed lunch. Have a great day at Loftus Road and here's hoping we get the right result.

Birthday wishes

As those of you who have already celebrated a birthday this season know, Junior Robins will be



pleased to hear that we have a special treat for you. On your birthday you will receive a card from the Town, along with a special Junior Robins McDonalds voucher.

A birthday wish to all our young fans celebrating their birthdays this month, along with players, Ian Culverhouse and Steve Cowe.

Recommend a friend

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See you soon - Louise

today's lucky mascots



ANDREW LARGE

is 8 years old and lives in Highworth, where he attends Southfield Junior School. He is a big fan of Swindon and his favourite player is Paul Allen. Apart from supporting the Town and playing for the school team, Andrew likes playing with friends and according to dad - being noisy!



SHELLEY PALMER

of Covingham, Swindon will be celebrating her 13th birthday on the 27th of this month. Shell's hobbies include sport, listening to her music and playing the saxophone. She is a pupil at Dorcan School and is also a big Town fan, her favourite player is Wayne Allison.



QPR MASCOT

9 year old BEN HAILEY lives in Reading and attends Churchend Primary School in Tilehurst. Ben enjoys swimming and riding his bike and of course, supporting QPR - his favourite players being Juergen Sommer and Kevin Gallen. We wish Ben and his family an enjoyable evening at the County Ground.



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

youth team focus

with Tommy Wheeldon



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	1-1
SAT	SEP 07	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	8-0
SAT	SEP 14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H	0-3
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

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Fixtures 96/97 West County Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 24	Bristol City	A	2-1
AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H	0-4
Sept 07	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1
SEPT 14	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H	0-0
Sept 21	Exeter City	A	
Sept 28	Hereford United	A	
Oct 05	Plymouth Argyle	A	
OCT 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	
OCT 19	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
Oct 26	AFC Bournemouth	A	
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H	
Nov 09	Bashley	A	
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Nov 23	Cardiff City	A	
NOV 30	CHEL TENHAM TOWN	H	
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	
DEC 14	EXETER CITY	H	
Jan 04	Hereford United	A	
JAN 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	
Jan 18	Swansea City	A	
Jan 25	Torquay United	A	
FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	

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Swindon Town Youth 0 Portsmouth Youth 3 South East Counties, League Cup, first round.

It was a case of "after the Lord Mayor's show" when Swindon Town's youth team came back down to earth with a bump after a 3-0 home defeat by Portsmouth.

Our previous week's work against Bristol Rovers (8-0) saw us hit so many highs, but against opposition from a higher league, Portsmouth cruised through to the next round of the Cup. To be fair the score-line probably flattered Portsmouth but I was still disappointed with a number of our individual displays.

Portsmouth took the lead against the run of play after 22 minutes when our defence were caught square and conceded a penalty, which was duly converted.

I felt at this stage the boys had played some good possession football and it was only the brilliance of the Pompey keeper that had kept them in the game.

After the break, the boys took the game to Portsmouth in search of the equaliser and were only denied by the post after a great header by Matt Coupe.

Sol Davis followed up the chance and missed a golden opportunity to level when he blazed high and wide.

Portsmouth increased their lead after 65 minutes through bad defending when nobody took charge in the penalty area to clear a free kick.

At this stage I decided to throw caution to the wind and went for broke, pushing players forward in numbers.

But after 85 minutes Portsmouth hammered the final nail in our coffin with a break-away goal.

To the credit of our lads they continued to play the right way even when things went against them - but three or four weren't good enough on the day.

Team: Betterton, Campbell, Wheeldon, Pattimore, Hunt, Organ, Coupe, MacDiarmid, Meecham, Finlayson, Davis.

Subs: Hulbert, Woodman (both used).

This Saturday the youth team will be aiming to bounce back when they travel to local rivals Reading in Division Two of the South East Counties League.

Swindon's other youth team drew 0-0 at home to Cirencester Town in the South West Counties League.

The 'B' team, as they are known, gave a good account of themselves playing against a team who were a year older than themselves and considering the side has only been together for five weeks, coach Clive Maguire was a happy man.

'A' team players, Jonathan Haines, Wayne Thorne, Stuart Hodson and Chris O'Connell all performed well, as did Luke Sharps.

This Saturday the 'B' team travel to Exeter City where they will be hoping to continue their improved form.

centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

The season started off with mixed fortunes with the Under 13's and Under 14's both winning against Hereford United.

Meanwhile the under 15's slipped to defeat at the hands of Hereford and the Under 16's drew with Reading.

The Under 13 side ran out 2-0 winners with the under 14's storming to an 8-3 verdict.

They also had the added joy of playing on Hereford's first team pitch at Edgar Street which was a real bonus.

Our Under 15's were beaten 7-3 at home to Hereford United and as the score line suggests, we have got a lot of work to do at an Under 15 level.

The Under 16 squad travelled to our near

neighbours Reading where they fought out a 3-3 draw.


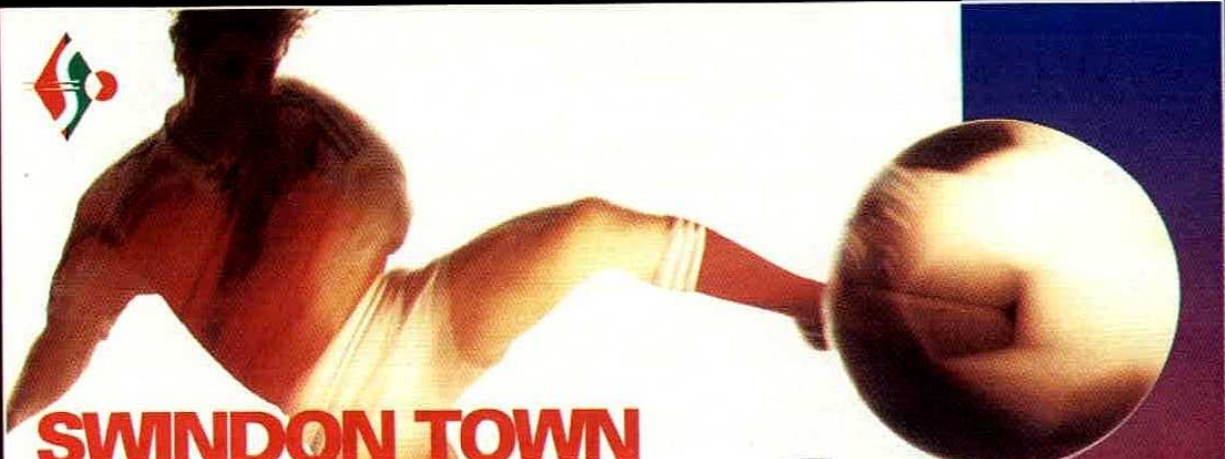
The reports I've received on that match were very encouraging.

So as I said before it really was a mixed bag of results and my coaches and I know that some performances have to improve.

We will be working flat out to make sure this is exactly what happens in the very near future here at Swindon Town Football Club.

Look out for more news from the Centre of Excellence in the next edition of the Swindon Town Matchday Magazine - I'll be keeping you all informed with all the goings on as we try to develop the stars of the future.






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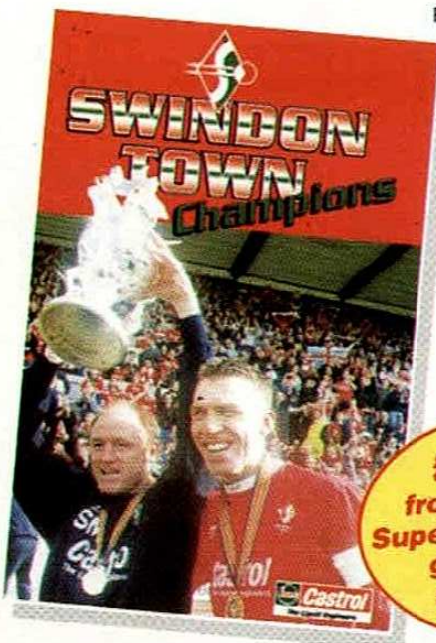
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reserves round up

with Ross MacLaren



Tomorrow night we play our first Avon Insurance Combination League match when Tottenham Hotspur are the visitors in a rearranged fixture.

The game was originally due to be played on Monday but because of tonight's Coca-Cola Cup clash, a new date was agreed and Spurs will now be coming to the County Ground tomorrow (7pm).

It promises to be a very difficult start for us. Spurs are sure to send a strong team because they have such a large squad of players to choose from but we will go flat out for maximum points to make a successful start in the league.

The honours were even last year when we met. We won 1-0 away and they got their revenge in the return, sneaking a 2-1 victory thanks to a last minute goal by Ilie Dumitrescu.

On that day our very own Kevin Watson was one of the

substitutes for Spurs and included in a powerful line-up were Erik Thorstvedt, Justin Edinburgh, Darren Caskey and of course Dumitrescu who denied us a point with his late strike.

The opening fixture against them last season also had to be rearranged after the first clash was abandoned with 20 minutes gone because of snow.

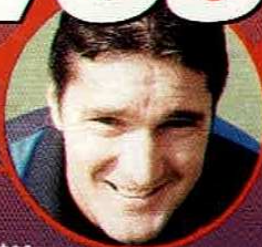
Just as we were about the kick off the snow started to pelt down and with us trailing 2-0 at the time, the referee decided to call a halt to proceedings.

I was very relieved because we looked to be heading to a heavy defeat and when the game was rearranged a goal by Ben Worrall was enough to clinch victory.

In the 2-1 reverse Andy Mutch was our scorer.

Tomorrow I'll be looking for a committed display from a team which should have a good mixture of youngsters and more experienced first team squad players.

And if we can emerge with maximum points I'll be delighted as it will set us up nicely for next Wednesday's visit to Charlton Athletic (2pm).



Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance
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Mon Aug 26	Swansea City (LC)	A 2-1
THUR SEP 19	TOTTENHAM	H 7.00
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
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MON JAN 20	ARSENAL	H 2.00
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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

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Next Fixture..

Swindon Town Reserves' scheduled Avon Insurance Combination League match at home to Tottenham Hotspur on Monday has been put back until tomorrow, Thursday September 19. The fixture will take place at the County Ground with a 7pm kick off.

STFC Supporters Club

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.

Mark Seagraves



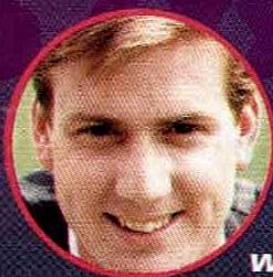
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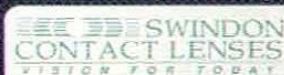




Tony Horne's pre-match party

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The season is about one month old and so far our Coca-Cola Cup victory over Wolves remains the best night of the season for me for two reasons:

Firstly I think the lads gave a great solid performance against potentially dodgy opposition armed with one Steve Bull up front.

Secondly, as it was the Coca-Cola Cup, the lads in the press box got loads of free Coke to help them through a humid night! I am addicted to Coke (conventional variety) so I went on a freebie frenzy thanks to the sponsors. Of course I am well aware that this is of no consolation if you had to queue up at half time and pay for the stuff. More of the same would

be just lovely tonight... for the entire crowd, please!

It's always a great feeling to get a good cup run under way, so let's hope that we can continue where we left off against Wolves with tonight's opponents QPR. Their ex-gaffer Ray Wilkins looks like he is about to do a Chris Waddle. That is not to say that he is going to thump a penalty into row 57 in a World Cup semi final but it seems he may be joining some old Scottish club as a player....! It's a funny old game (One week you're at Loftus Road, the next you are Loch Godknowswhere). I have always admired Ray Wilkins but I have a problem on two counts. I thought the nickname Butch was

a little sad and I wasn't sure about

the Tango ads. At Ray's age, you would think that he would be pulling hair out pondering his retirement from playing but then, with that much hair, such deliberations will not take too long, so on he goes, leaving Rangers behind him.

Wilkins has gone, but QPR week is here. In a varied and contrasting seven days, we play QPR tonight, then just for a change we travel to Loftus Road on Saturday for the league game, and after that something completely radical and unexpected, er...we are off to QPR again for the second leg. If for some reason you didn't like QPR, then you are in a bit of an old pickle, really.



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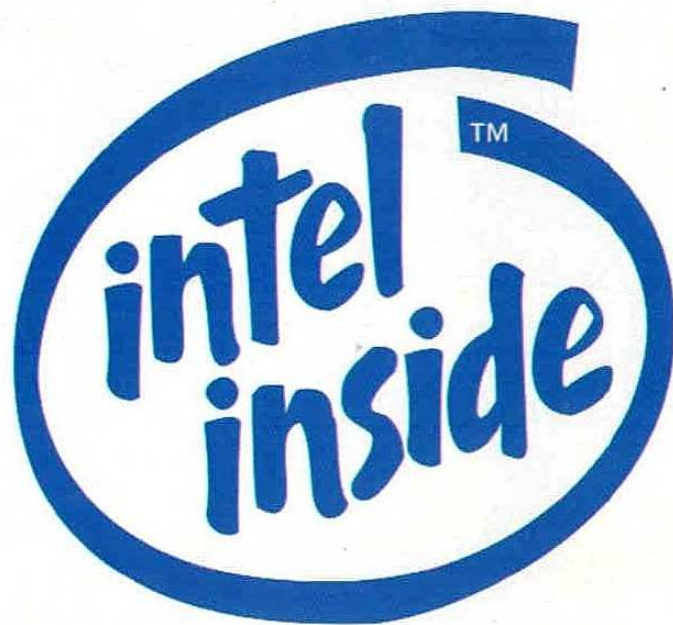
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The winning number was 28193 and was worth £563!

By sheer coincidence, if you divide 28193 by 563, you come up with the number of inches that Alan McLoughlin was offside by when he scored Pompey's winner!

But back to Pat Jefferies. His decision to "put something back into the Club while at the same time help other supporters to buy a Nest-Egg ticket" is to be admired.

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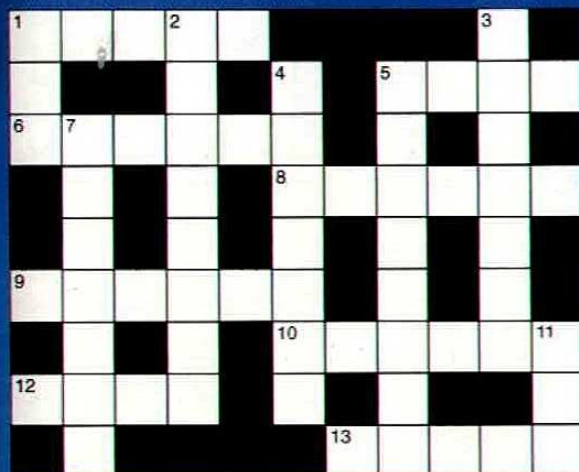


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clues across...

1. Alan —, former Kent and England wicketkeeper (5)
5. — Bohinen, Blackburn midfielder (4)
6. See 3 down.
8. Andre —, former Wimbledon tennis Champion (6)
9. Hans —, controversial ex-Wimbledon goalkeeper (6)
10. Rugby Union club side (6)
12. Roy — of the Rovers (4)
13. Joe —, former Great Britain rugby league captain (5)

clues down...

1. Famed Liverpool terraces (3)
2. They play at Prenton Park (8)
3. and 6 across. FA Cup Final venue from 1895 to 1914 (7, 6)
4. Stuart —, former Manchester United and West Ham striker (7)
5. Former Charlton, Gillingham and Maidstone defender (3, 5)
7. FA Cup finalists four times in the 1970's, winning twice (7)
11. — Glover, Charlton and Leicester midfielder of the 1960s and 1970s (3)

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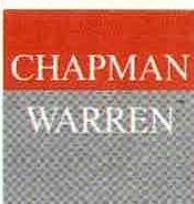


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with Martin Stevens

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Hoechst Trespaphan were Matchday Sponsors at the game against Tranmere Rovers last Saturday. David Bedford receives a signed framed shirt from STFC Chairman Mike Spearman as a memento of their day.



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Mark Robinson missed last weekend's match against Tranmere Rovers after injuring his right knee in the match against Portsmouth.



He has damaged his medial collateral knee ligament which runs along the inside of the knee joint.

This is a very common injury for footballers but fortunately Mark's problem is only minor and will not keep him on the sidelines for too long.

He is able to run and sprint but is still unable to twist and turn and this, along with tackling will be his final test before being cleared to return to full time training.

Eddie Murray has picked up a thigh strain. Again this injury is only minor and Eddie should be back training very soon.



Jason Drysdale's injury continues to improve and he has begun very light running work coupled with exercise bike routines and light weights to re-strengthen the hamstring group.



We will be upping the pace of Jason's running and increasing the resistance of weights as the injury progresses, with Jason hoping to do some light training with the ball by the end of the week.

The manager **Steve McMahon** will shortly be receiving the results of a MRI Scan that he underwent today, regarding his long term back problem.

He is due to see a top specialist on Monday morning to diagnose the problem once and for all.



the shadowboard

Two topics have resulted in a regular flow of comment cards and letters right from the launch of the Shadow Board - the public address system and ticketing arrangements.

The Club installed a new P.A. System during the close season and we were expecting great things from the start of the new campaign.

Unfortunately, no sooner had the new system been installed, when the expensive bits were stolen during a break-in at the ground. Once the insurance claim has been finalised we can all expect to hear the improvements we are all looking forward to.

The Ticket Office are implementing a number of changes which we support and which we feel will address many of the comments which have been received. Let us know how it goes.

Finally, the Shadow Board will be looking for two new members to join us from the start of next season.

We will ask for interested supporters to write telling us why they should be considered right after Christmas.

In the meantime start thinking about how you could contribute to our mission of improving communications between the Club and our army of supporters.

Regards
David Waldron



Shadow Board

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Write to us at the Shadow Board at: P.O. Box 663, Swindon SN1 2NX.

benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

Never mind Coronation Street going five times a week, it is the Loftus Road saga that Town fans will be pre-occupied with over the next seven days. Our own omnibus edition with Queens Park Rangers starts tonight.

Yes, it is the first leg of a Coca-Cola Cup second round tie and on Saturday we travel to London to take on Rangers again in the Nationwide Football League. Then back there again next Wednesday for the concluding part of the Coca-Cola Cup drama.

There is no doubt we will know each other inside out by then and it is also highly likely that the results will not be consistent, that's if history is a reliable guide.

Older fans will recall the days when quite often at holiday times clubs played back to back fixtures with each other on consecutive days, the two teams regularly travelling together on the same train to fulfil the second engagement.

The practise was eventually disregarded by the Football League after a succession of ugly clashes between individuals were carried over to the following game.

What was incredible though was some of the results. For example West Ham United beaten at Upton Park 8-2 by Blackburn Rovers on Boxing Day 1963, overturned their Lancashire rivals 3-1 at Ewood Park two days later, having made just one change. Eddie Bovington replacing the injured Martin Peters in midfield.

Then there was the Fulham side, with Bobby Robson in midfield, that put 10 goals past

a hapless Ipswich Town at Craven Cottage but lost to the Suffolk club the following day at Portman Road.

What this all proves I don't really know but it should certainly give heart to those supporters whose teams lose their first leg ties this week.

Now let's talk about winners and one in particular, Mark Walters. The Gaffer knows what this fellow can do and now he is beginning to show us as his match-fitness improves and he gets a little sharper.

The dummy he threw two Portsmouth defenders inside their own penalty area last Wednesday night was vintage Walters and there is much, much more to come from the fleet-footed forward who used to thrill as a goal scoring left winger with Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool

before getting lost in the shadows of Anfield.

Mark told me he was just glad to be playing again and is enjoying the experience.

He said: *"It is different at this level. I have not played outside the top division apart from a couple of loan spells, so it is a new challenge."*

"But to be honest it has been a couple of years since I was playing reasonably regularly, so

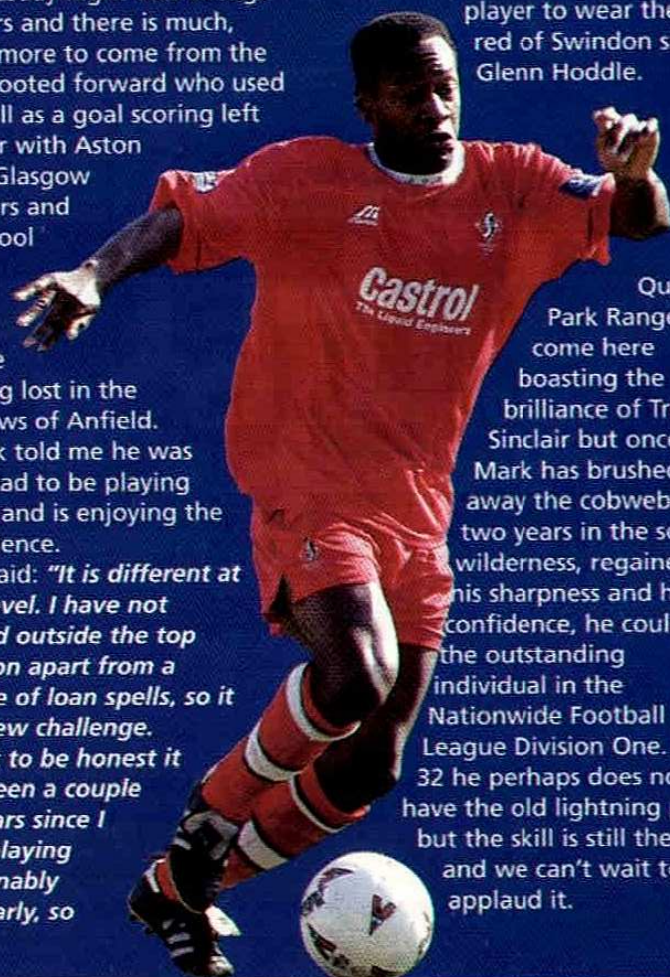
I'm just enjoying playing again. "I'm grateful to the manager and the Club for giving me the chance to run around again really. I had the chance to go to another club but I didn't think they were a footballing side so I am delighted to come here where they play my sort of game."

"We have had a couple of hiccups this season but the signs are we are going to do well."

Encouraging thoughts from a man destined to be a real crowd pleaser at the County Ground.

Mark was anxious to get on the score-sheet and he did just that from the penalty spot against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday. His touch, his control and balance just ooze class - he could be the most exciting

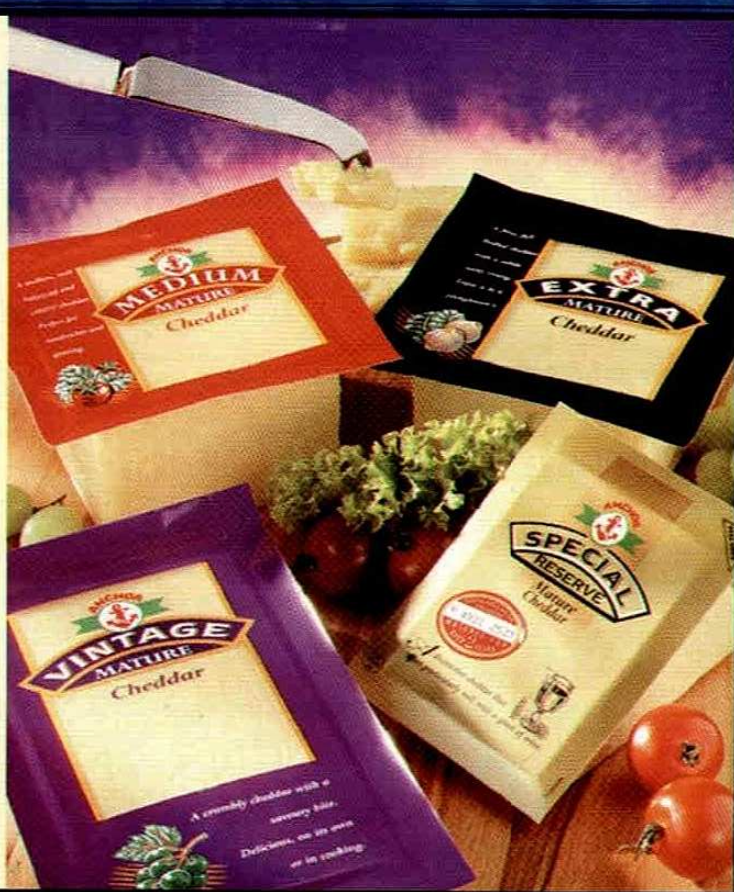
player to wear the red of Swindon since Glenn Hoddle.



Queens Park Rangers come here boasting the brilliance of Trevor Sinclair but once Mark has brushed away the cobwebs of two years in the soccer wilderness, regained his sharpness and his confidence, he could be the outstanding individual in the Nationwide Football League Division One. At 32 he perhaps does not have the old lightning pace but the skill is still there and we can't wait to applaud it.

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Across

2. Yorkshire team in Division 1 (8)
4. England Coach who was manager at Q.P.R. (4)
6. Queens Park in Scotland play on this ground (7)
9. Part of all kits (5)
12. Swindon played Grimsby on this park (8)
14. This Francis is now with Birmingham City (6)
16. This Francis moved to Spurs from Q.P.R. (5)
17. Q.P.R. play in this big city (6)
18. Former manager who played in Milan (7)

Down

1. Sinclair came from this seaside team (9)
3. Latest Southampton boss (7)
4. Arsenal play here (8)
5. The P in Q.P.R. stands for this word (4)
7. Swindon beat this team to win the Cup in 1969 (7)
8. Spurs man with a broken leg (7)
10. Shaun Taylor is now with this Bristol team (4)
11. Another name for a cup (6)
13. This famous Newcastle player came from Q.P.R. (7)



KIDS QUIZ

1. Juventus play in which Italian city?
2. Ajax play in which city in Holland?
3. Hibernian play in which Scottish city?
4. Auxerre were Champions in this country in 1995/96.

5. Borussia Dortmund play in which country?
6. Atletico Madrid were the leading team in Spain or Portugal last season?

Answers: 1. Turin 2. Amsterdam 3. Edinburgh 4. France
5. Germany 6. Spain

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



Saturday's win against Tranmere was just what we needed, especially after losing our previous three games.

It came as a great confidence booster because it proved that if we can beat a team that was third in the League, then if we play to our maximum ability, there is not really a lot to worry about from anyone.

Over the last few matches it has not been our attitude that has been in doubt or the team spirit. It was just a case of going out there and getting the right result which is just what we did on Saturday.

I thought Mark Walters did well and he has brought an extra dimension to our game. There is

no doubt he has heaps of ability but it is up to the rest

of us to bring him into the play as often as possible.

Well done Kevin Horlock for getting off the mark with a tremendous strike on Saturday. After a few near misses it was good to see him finally get on the score-sheet.

The only real disappointment from Saturday was conceding a late goal because up until then we had kept them very quiet.

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having just come down from the Premiership.

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It would be nice to grab a couple of goals tonight and keep a clean sheet which would really put the ball in their court for the second leg.

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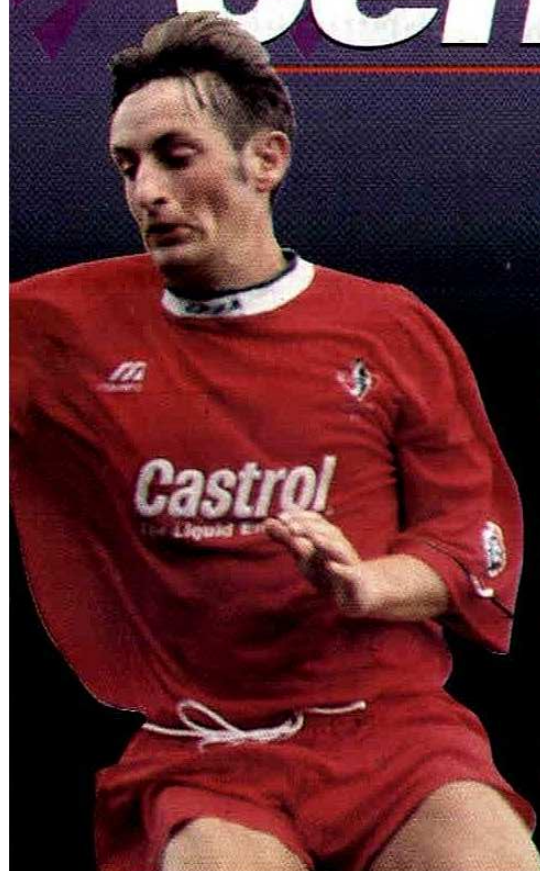
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With the likes of Savo Milosevic, Dwight Yorke, Tommy Johnson and Julian Joachim ahead of him in the queue for a first team front runners place at Aston Villa, it is no wonder that striker Steve Cowe jumped at the chance of signing for Swindon.

Cowe, who celebrates his 22nd birthday later this month, moved to the County Ground on transfer deadline day last March for £100,000.

He was on the bench for seven matches, made four full appearances and bagged his first goal for the Club as they clinched the Second Division Championship.

And after working hard during the summer the pacy forward has made an impressive start to the new campaign in Division One.

He wasn't part of the squad early on but was drafted in for the 1-0 win over Oldham Athletic and since then has struck twice to give his early season confidence a boost.

"I'm just pleased to be part of the first team after missing the first few matches and I've been quite pleased with my form so far.

"It's always good to score a couple of goals because if you go too long without scoring the pressure does start to build up.

"I wouldn't class myself as an out and out goalscorer, more of

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a creator but I'll be aiming to reach double figures this season and if I could score 20 it would be a great personal achievement," he commented.

After joining Villa as a 15 year old and working his way through the YTS system, Cowe was signed on as a professional.

However he failed to break into Aston Villa's first team although he was part of the squad on several occasions.

"I was playing well for Villa's Reserve side and was top scorer with 12 goals.

I felt I deserved to be given a chance in the first team and was disappointed when it didn't happen.

So when an offer came in from Swindon I jumped at the chance because I realised I wasn't going to get an opportunity at Villa.

"I must say everyone at Villa Park was good to me but I knew the time had come to move on and now I'm doing everything I can to build a successful career here at Swindon.

"The standard of opposition in Division One is very good and it is hard work for the forwards because the defences we come up against are physically strong as well as being able to play a bit.

"But I'm enjoying myself and

although we have made an indifferent start to the campaign I'm confident we can do well," he said.

Manager Steve McMahon will be delighted if Gloucester born Cowe can reach his goal of 20 strikes- because if he does it will mean the money spent on obtaining his services was a wise investment.

Name: Steve Cowe

Age: 21

Birthplace: Gloucester

Former Clubs: Aston Villa

Position: Forward

Nickname: "Cowie"

Who did you support as a youngster?: Liverpool

Career highlight so far:
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Favourite other sports:
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If you weren't a footballer, what would you like to be?:
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around the **County** ground

Many happy returns!

Swindon Town Chairman Mike Spearman was delighted to hand over a signed, framed team photograph to a family who were VIP guests at the County Ground on Saturday.

Charles Jones along with his daughter and son-in-law Pat and Rick Morgan were invited to the game against Tranmere Rovers to help make up for missing out on a match some six years ago.

Charles and Rick were unable to gain entry to the ground back in 1989 for a league match against Wolverhampton Wanderers because they hadn't realised the match was all ticket.

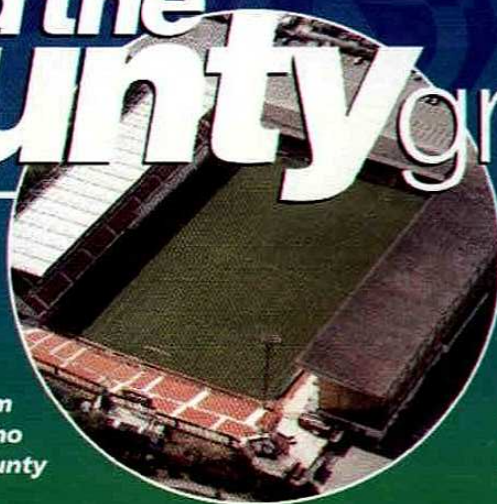
Rick Morgan was over on holiday from Canada and so went away bitterly disappointed that he had been unable to see his favourite side play.

However Swindon more than made amends on Saturday as the family had the best seats in the house to see Swindon run out 2-1 winners and they went away with a signed photo - as a memento of their special day out at the County Ground.



Boost for Anthony

Football fan Anthony Reeves was presented with a signed Swindon Town shirt by Club Chairman Mike Spearman prior to Saturday's game against Tranmere Rovers.



Anthony was playing football on tour in Holland at Easter when he was diagnosed as having a tumour in his kidney.

Since then he has responded well to treatment and the youngster, who plays for Thame Youths Under 14's in the Wycombe Star League, was invited along to the ground on Saturday along with his father Mike.

Before the game, Anthony was taken into the home dressing room where he met all the Swindon players and just before kick-off was presented with his signed shirt.

He then watched the match in executive seats and to cap a marvellous day his favourite team picked up a vital victory.

Exercise SUCCESS

Saturday's evacuation exercise from the Intel Stand was a great success with your co-operation greatly appreciated.

The drill went without a hitch

as police and stewards evacuated everyone from the stand well within the required time limit.

Stadium Manager Mike Hughes said; "I was very pleased with the way the drill went, there were no problems at all thanks to the fans total co-operation." As a requirement of the Taylor Report following the disasters at Bradford and Hillsborough, there are clearly defined instructions for action that must be taken in the event of an emergency.

And these procedures were thoroughly tested on Saturday thanks to all your help!

Saturday Creche

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

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

For more information contact Ann Reade on Swindon (01793) 514055 between 9.30am and 4.30pm weekdays only.

Macca at C&A

Swindon boss Steve McMahon will officially open the refurbished C&A store in Swindon tomorrow morning (Thursday).

Steve is very pleased to be able to help the local store who are heavily involved at Swindon Town.

swindontown ladies



by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies opened their account with a 4-2 away win at Havant Town.

The game got off to a slow start, but after nine minutes both teams scored. Carol Carberry put the home side ahead but almost immediately Pam Laker knocked in Kerie Garwood's cross to put the Town level.

The Town took the lead through Nadine Lloyd who scored with a powerful lob. In the second half Kerie Garwood increased Town's lead before Carol Carberry scored a second for Havant.

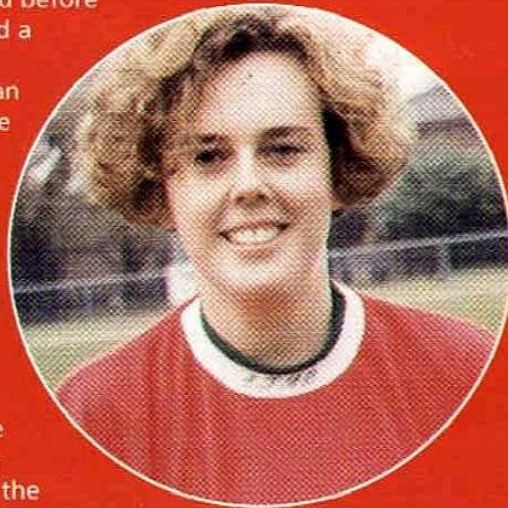
With a quarter of an hour remaining Kerie Garwood added a fourth for Town to secure the points. This was a much better performance and it was good to get the first win in the higher Division.

Next Sunday, the 22nd September, the Town do battle with Swindon Spitfires in the away fixture.

This will be the first time that the two sides have met since Town were formed four years ago.

The "Spits" have a history of over twenty years and in April completed their best season ever when they finished Champions of Division One.

This will be a good test for Town in their first season in Division One having worked through the three lower Divisions in consecutive seasons. Current form will be out of place when there is local pride at stake. The game will be played on the Allied Dunbar Sports Ground, Wanborough, and will kick-off at 2.00pm.



JUSTINE HUME, who has been with the club since its formation four seasons ago.

Swindon Town Ladies result Southern Region League Division 1 Havant Town 2 Swindon Town 4

Scorers: Kerie Garwood (2), Pam Laker & Nadine Lloyd.

Team: Alison Richards; Vikki McCann, Sara Privett, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Tracey Mackeddle, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood. **Subs:** Sil Cryer. (Not used) Sarah Ramsey & Clare Wheeler.

Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1

Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Sun 15th Sept	Havant Town	A	4-2
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	
SUN 23RD FEB	READING ROYALS	H	

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 United	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 Linslade	18	3	2	13	13	93	11
Eastleigh	18	3	1	14	23	77	10
Carterton	18	1	3	14	9	48	6

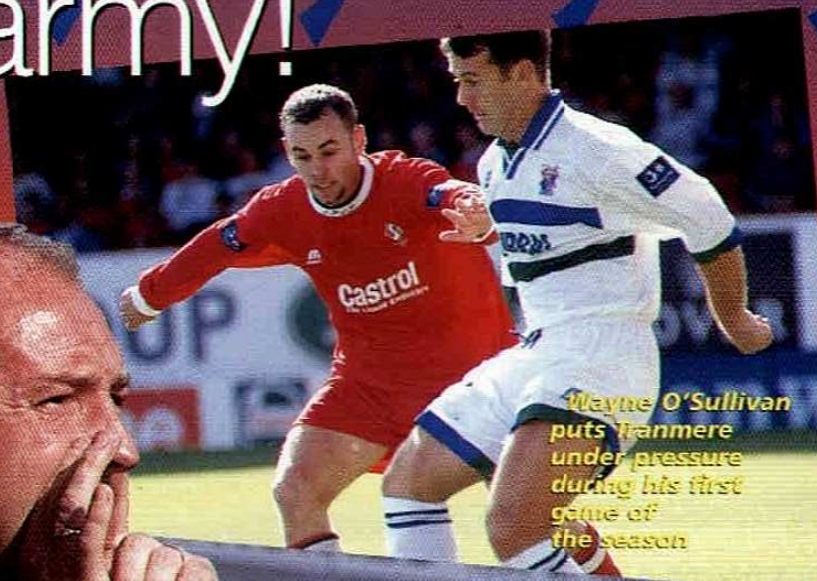
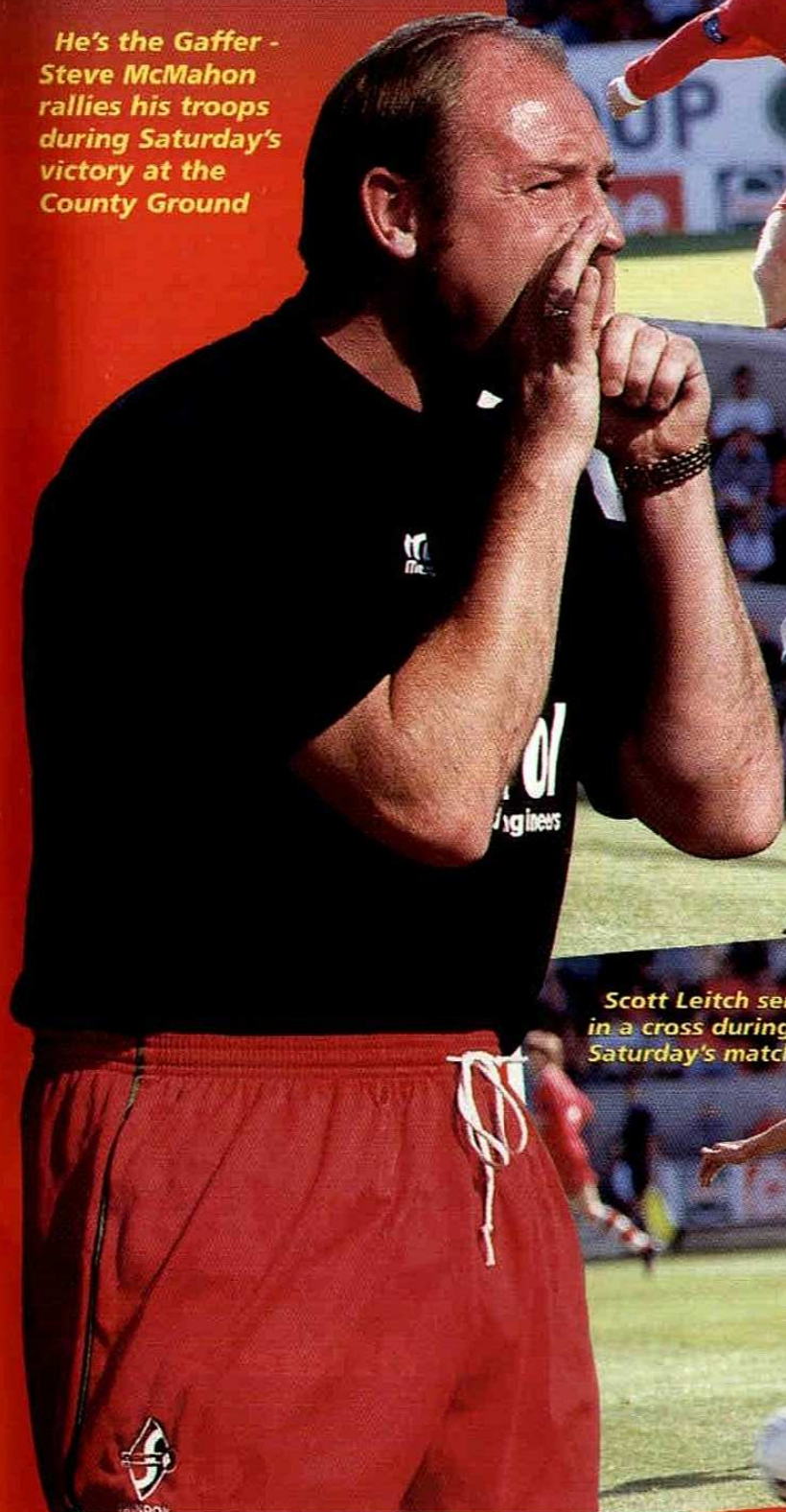
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Final Table 95/96 season Southern Region League Division 1

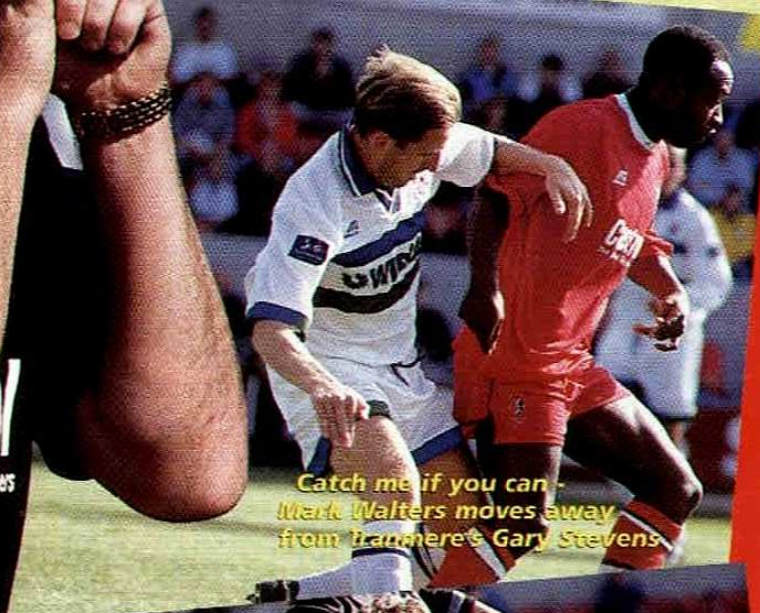
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Spitfires	18	16	1	1	53	12	49
Southampton	18	16	0	2	87	16	48
Binfield	18	10	4	4	50	25	34
Southampton Saints	18	10	3	5	43	34	33
Cheltenham	18	7	6	5	49	41	27
Portsmouth	18	6	2	10	28	40	20
AFC Bourne-mouth	18	6	2	10	23	46	20
Havant Town	18	4	3	11	19	42	15
Launton	18	2	1	15	15	72	7
Newbury Town	18	1	2	15	14	60	5

Steve McMahon's barmy army!

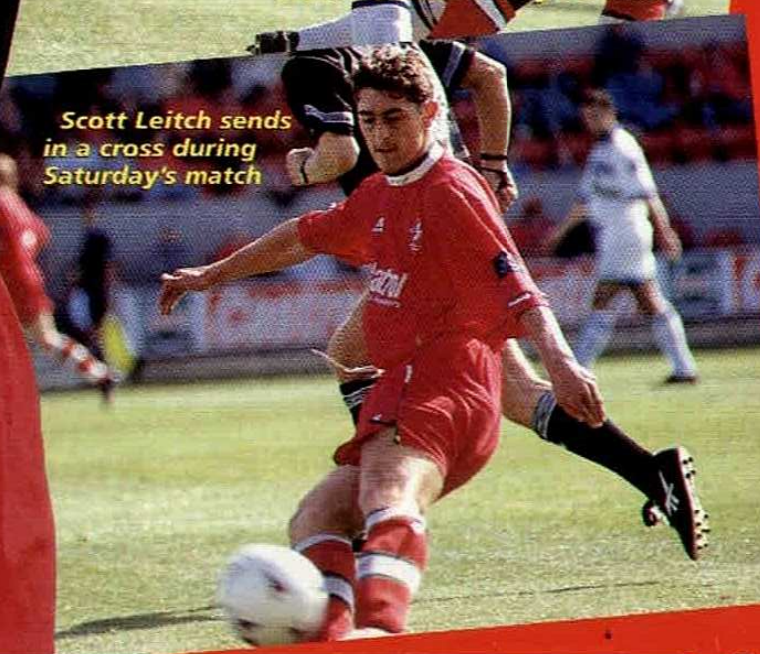
He's the Gaffer - Steve McMahon rallies his troops during Saturday's victory at the County Ground



Wayne O'Sullivan puts Tranmere under pressure during his first game of the season



Catch me if you can - Mark Walters moves away from Tranmere's Gary Stevens



Scott Leitch sends in a cross during Saturday's match

football shorts

by M.J. Evans

Jack in the Box

Lincoln City, founder members of Division Two have had four spells outside of the Football League. Relegated in 1908 they returned in 1909 but went out again in 1911 once again to return the following season. In 1920 they were again relegated, to re-enter the following season via the newly formed Division Three (North). More recently they were relegated from the old Division Four into the Vauxhall Conference but as in every previous instance sprang straight back this time as Vauxhall Conference Champions in season 1987-88.

On yer Barrow

When Barrow played Gillingham on October 9, 1961 in a Division Four match, the game was abandoned in the 75th minute due to bad light. The Gillingham team had been late arriving after missing their train before hiring a charter

plane to fulfil the fixture. The Gills were anxious for the game to be replayed but the result at the time of abandonment was ordered to stand by the Football League and Barrow won the match 7-0!

Bad Start

Halifax Town goalkeeper S. Milton had a memorable debut for his side on August 7, 1934 when he conceded 13 goals in a match versus Stockport County.

Coaching for Success

Some days you just know it isn't going to be your day and East Stirling must have realised that early on when they set out to play Montrose in a Scottish League Cup tie on August 8, 1981. The first coach broke down; the replacement coach also broke down and third time lucky, forget it, the third coach also came out in sympathy with the other two. Whether a fourth

coach was not available or whether their trust in the omnibus service had gone totally is not recorded, but they decided at this point to make their way to the ground via a series of taxis. Was it worth it? No, they lost 1-0, ever had one of those days?

30 Something

September 5, 1885 was a blistering day in the Scottish FA Cup. Dundee Harps set an all-time British record score of 35-0 by beating Aberdeen Rovers. That was until news broke through on the very same day that Arbroath had beaten Bon Accord 36-0. Excellent scores for both sides but commiserations for Dundee who after 90 minutes must have felt their scoreline would be a record for years to come! The highest individual score in one match in first class football is J. Petrie who scored 13 for Arbroath when they beat Bon Accord.



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Ball watching!

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on the road...

Queens Park Rangers



Sat 21st September Kick-Off 3.00pm
Wed 25th September Kick-Off 7.45pm

Town's second visit to the capital within four days brings together two former winners of this competition - and both clubs won the trophy whilst in the old Third Division! The two have met in the F.A. Cup before, with honours even from two games at Shepherds Bush - so who will draw first blood in the Coca-Cola Cup?

Did you know?

Two of Town's most popular stars of recent years - Don Rogers and Peter Eastoe - were involved in a transfer 'exchange' deal in 1976, when Eastoe joined Rangers. Rogers was also part of an exchange when he moved to Rangers from Palace two years earlier. Terry Venables was part of that deal.

Going to Bradford?
See our next Matchday Magazine for all your travel details

TRAVEL CLUB

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Fare £6.50

Depart County Ground: 11.30am (Sat)
11.30am (Wed)

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 Telephone:
(01793) 611499 or (01672) 540330

Travelling by Road.....

Take the M4 east onto the A4, leaving at Hammersmith Broadway. Take the third exit - passing The George pub on the left - into Shepherds Bush Road. Drive through Shepherds Bush Green into Wood Lane (A219). Turn left into Uxbridge Road and Loftus Road is on the right. Street parking may be restricted. There is a large NCP car park off Wood Lane - continue past the Uxbridge Road turning and the car park is on the opposite side.

or by Rail.....

Shepherds Bush (Hammersmith & City Line) is the nearest rail station. Trains run every few minutes direct from Paddington (Platform 14). Suggested departure times from Swindon are 10.55, 11.29 or 11.55 on Saturday and 16.29, 16.52 or 17.05 on Wednesday.

A Super Saver return fare is available at £23, but excludes the tube fare (Zone 2 return required)

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QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Fare £6.50

24 HOUR SERVICE



Depart:

West Swindon 11.15am (Sat) 4.15pm (Wed)

County Ground 11.30am (Sat) 4.30pm (Wed)

Ermin Street 11.45am (Sat) 4.45pm (Wed)

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
Fax:(01793) 821015

statistics 1996/97 season



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including September 15th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	7	4	0	0	1	1	1	17	9	16
BARNLEY	6	3	0	1	2	0	0	14	6	15
WOLVES	7	2	1	0	2	1	1	11	6	14
NORWICH CITY	7	2	2	0	2	0	1	8	4	14
TRANMERE ROVERS	7	3	0	0	1	1	2	9	6	13
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	7	1	0	2	2	2	0	10	9	11
STOKE CITY	7	2	1	0	1	1	2	10	12	11
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	6	2	1	1	1	0	1	10	8	10
CRYSTAL PALACE	7	2	2	0	0	2	1	9	6	10
SWINDON TOWN	7	2	1	1	1	0	2	8	8	10
PORTSMOUTH	7	1	1	1	2	0	2	6	8	10
IPSWICH TOWN	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	13	11	9
MANCHESTER CITY	7	2	0	1	1	0	3	8	9	9
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	6	1	0	2	1	2	0	9	9	8
BIRMINGHAM CITY	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	8	6	8
SHEFFIELD UNITED	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	10	8	7
OXFORD UNITED	7	2	1	1	0	0	3	9	8	7
READING	7	2	1	0	0	0	4	9	14	7
PORT VALE	7	1	2	1	0	2	1	6	8	7
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	6	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	6	7
BRADFORD CITY	7	2	0	1	0	0	4	4	10	6
GRIMSBY TOWN	7	1	0	2	0	2	2	8	16	5
SOUTHEND UNITED	7	1	1	1	0	1	3	7	14	5
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	7	0	1	2	0	1	3	7	14	2



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
PAUL ALLEN	3(1)	0	1	0	4(1)	0
WAYNE ALLISON	3(2)	1	1	1	4(2)	2
LEE COLLINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE COWE	5	2	1	0	6	2
IAN CULVERHOUSE	5	0	1	0	6	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	7	0	2	0	9	0
FRASER DIGBY	-	-	-	-	-	-
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
STEVE FINNEY	2(3)	1	1	0	3(3)	1
TY GOODEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEAN HOOPER	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEVIN HORLOCK	7	1	2	0	9	1
SCOTT LEITCH	7	0	2	1	9	1
STEVE McMAHON	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE MILDENHALL	-	-	-	-	-	-
EDDIE MURRAY	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	6	1	2	0	8	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	6(1)	0	1(1)	0	7(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1	0	0	0	1	0
FRANK TALIA	7	0	2	0	9	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	3(2)	0	1	0	4(2)	0
MARK WALTERS	4(1)	1	1	0	5(1)	1
KEVIN WATSON	4(3)	1	1(1)	0	5(4)	1

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 1-0	8,025
Sat Aug 31	Southend United	A 3-1	4,011
Wed Sep 4	Wolverhampton W. C.C.C 1 (2)	A 0-1	10,760
Sat Sep 7	Grimsby Town	A 1-2	4,089
WED SEP 11	PORTSMOUTH	H 0-1	8,687
SAT SEP 14	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 2-1	8,430
WED SEP 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS C.C.C 2 (1)	H	
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed Sep 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A	
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	
Wed Oct 2	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:
FRI SEPTEMBER 27TH



Swindon Town vs Wolves
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 = ●▼■

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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES	WATSON
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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	ALLEN	FINNEY
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	ALLEN	FINNEY
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	TAYLOR	WALTERS	FINNEY
TALIA	DARRAS	SMITH	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	ALLEN	WALTERS	FINNEY
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TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	ALLISON	WATSON	COLLINS

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 mustn'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 Queens Park Rangers

Swindon Town

1	Frank Talia
2	Frederic Darras
3	Wayne O'Sullivan
4	Scott Leitch
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Ian Culverhouse
7	Mark Walters
8	Paul Allen
9	Steve Cowe
10	Peter Thorne <i>Allison</i>
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Wayne Allison <i>Finn</i>
13	Kevin Watson
14	Lee Collins <i>Elkin</i>

Team Changes

Queens Park Rangers

1	Juergen Sommer
2	Mark Perry <i>Bry</i>
3	Rufus Brevett
4	Simon Barker
5	Alan McDonald
6	Steve Yates <i>C. Plummer</i>
7	Paul Murray <i>M. Galt</i>
8	Nigel Quashie <i>P. May</i>
9	Danielle Dichio
10	Andrew Impey
11	Trevor Sinclair
12	<i>S. Siddle</i>
13	<i>T. Robert</i>
14	<i>L. Charles</i>

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

Referee: **U.D. Rennie** (Sheffield)

Assisted by: **K.J. Hawkes**
D.C. Richards

Reserve Official: **K. Barnes**

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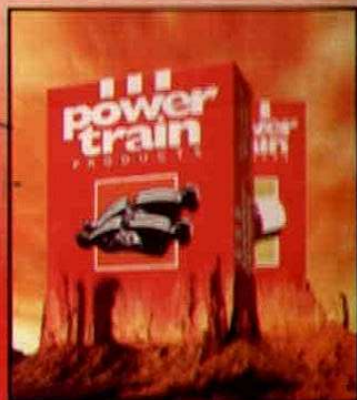


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