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welcome to swindon town

**After an enforced 10
day breather, today we
finally return to
Nationwide First Division
action with the visit of
our near neighbours
Oxford United.**

Derby days are always highly
charged occasions and this
afternoon's match promises to
be a typical cut and thrust
encounter.

Oxford are in the middle of
an impressive run of results
while Swindon are desperate
to regain the winning habit
after two successive defeats.

Bradford Blues

**Swindon once again
failed to hold onto an
early lead as they
allowed Bradford City to
come from behind and
sneak a 2-1 triumph at
Valley Parade.**

A penalty by Mark Walters
put Town in the driving seat
after Steve Cowe had been
bundled over in the box.

But Bradford, managed by
former Swindon player Chris
Kamara, drew level with their
own debatable spot kick -
despatched by Marco Sas after
Frank Talia had been adjudged
to have fouled Carl Shutt.

And the home side scored
what proved to be the decisive
goal early in the second half
when Shutt headed home a
left wing cross.

Wolves Gain Revenge

**Mark McGhee's Wolves
gained revenge for their
Coca-Cola Cup exit at
the hands of Swindon**

**with a 2-1 league win
here at the County
Ground on Friday
September 27.**

But Swindon could have run
out impressive winners if they
had made the most of their
chances.

Wolves struck first at the end
of the opening 45 minutes
when Darren Ferguson had a
lucky break after racing clear
and rounding Frank Talia.

Kevin Horlock put Town back
on level terms with a 66th
minute drive but it was the
visitors who stole the points
when substitute Dom Foley
made the most of poor
defending.

"We were mugged," said
Town boss Steve McMahon.

New Date Announced

**Swindon's trip to
Portman Road to face
Ipswich Town has been
re-arranged for Tuesday
November 19 (7.45pm).**

The game was originally due
to take place last Saturday but
the Suffolk side were able to
have the match postponed
with three of their players on
international duty.

SKY Pick Royals Clash

**SKY Sports have chosen
to cover our home game
against Reading at the
end of November as a
live broadcast.**

It means the match has been
brought forward 24 hours
from Saturday November 30 to
Friday November 29 (7.45pm).

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the manager

Steve McMahon



Although we go into today's local derby on the back of two defeats, there is nothing to be too alarmed about because in both games I felt we were the better team.

A couple of defensive lapses have let us down but apart from that we can take heart from the fact that we have not been over run in either game - far from it.

In fact we did not deserve to be beaten in either match and played very well in stages.

We've made some silly errors at vital times and the only way we can put that right is by showing a professional attitude and making sure we do the right things.

Today's match is a big fixture all round for the players and supporters alike. There should be a good atmosphere with lots of passion and it will be nice to play in front of a decent crowd because I must admit that the attendances we have had here at the County Ground so far this season have been a little disappointing.

Oxford are on a good run at the moment although their form has been quite similar to ours as they have had some great results and some poor ones.

We had two good games with them in Division Two last season and I'm certain this afternoon's contest will be another exciting encounter.

Off the field I made a very difficult decision last week in parting company with Andy Rowland.

He was a great servant to the Club both as a player and a coach but in the end it got to the stage when I needed something different. A change was necessary at first team level and I would like to make it clear that it was purely a professional decision, nothing else.

I would like to wish Andy and his family all the best for the future.

Two others who left the Club last week were Eddie Murray and Dean Hooper who I decided to release.

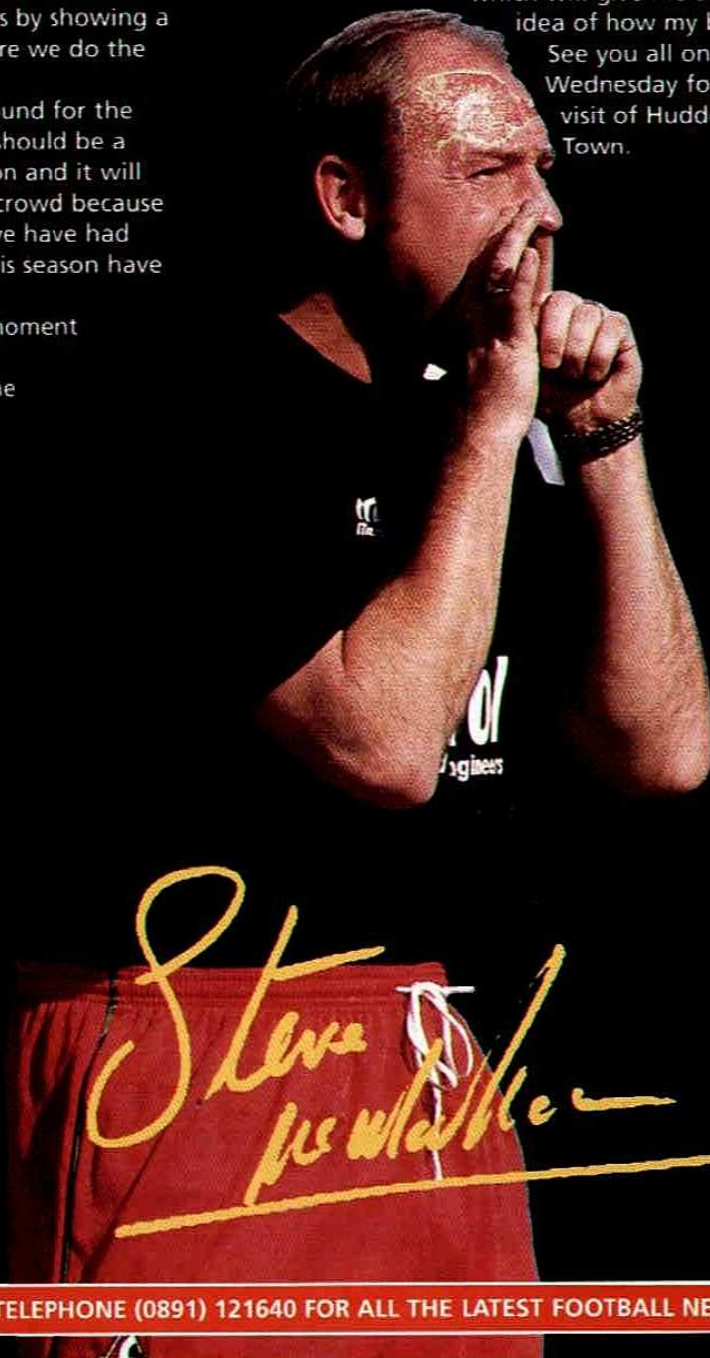
In my opinion they were not going to make it in the Swindon Town set-up and by letting them go, it at least gives them a chance to sort themselves out somewhere else.

On the incoming front former Wimbledon defender Roger Joseph is spending a week or so here on trial. I'm always looking to improve the squad but we will just have to wait and see how he does.

On a personal note my own injury is now feeling a lot better. I haven't really tested it to the full yet but I hope to get a Reserve team game in soon

which will give me a better idea of how my back is.

See you all on Wednesday for the visit of Huddersfield Town.



Steve McMahon

today's visitors

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Oxford United Football Club.

Our near neighbours from the Manor Ground joined us in promotion from the Second Division last season and after a shaky start, they have enjoyed some good form of late.

A FIVE match unbeaten run, including three successive victories has blasted the U's into the top half of the First Division table and with the likes of ex-Nottingham Forest favourite Nigel Jemson and former Swindon star Joey Beauchamp in fine fettle, they look a definite threat going forward.

Life in the higher division didn't start too brightly for Oxford. A 2-1 opening day defeat by QPR got things off on the wrong foot and, although they followed up with a 5-0 thrashing of Southend, three successive defeats - v Norwich, Port Vale and Reading - left Denis Smith's side reeling. The ship

was steadied thanks to a 1-1 draw at home to Wolves, and the U's haven't looked back since.

In the Coca-Cola Cup too they have enjoyed a measure of success with two notable scalps to their credit already.

The first round saw them drawn against high-flying Division One colleagues Norwich City, where a thrilling 3-2 victory in extra-time at Carrow Road saw them through to a plum second round draw with one-time Premiership leaders Sheffield Wednesday.

Following a 1-1 draw at Hillsborough, that man Nigel Jemson - a former League Cup winner with Forest - popped up to notch a winner five minutes from time and set-up their third round clash away at Port Vale the week after next. We can rest assured that they will come to the County Ground looking for all three points this afternoon.

We hope that all supporters enjoy the game and have a safe journey home after the match.



Oxford



Oxford United Football Club 1996/97



BACK ROW: Bobby Ford, Martin Gray, Nigel Jemson, Marc McGregor, David Rush, Mark Angel, Joey Beauchamp, David Smith, Les Robinson, Paul Powell.

MIDDLE ROW: Elliott Jackson, Mark Harrison (Reserve Team Manager), Maurice Evans (General Manager), Malcolm Elias (Youth Development Officer), Simon Marsh, Phil Gilchrist, Martin Aldridge, Stuart Massey, Malcolm Crosby (Assistant Manager), Mickey Lewis (Youth Team Manager), John Clinkard (Physio), Phil Whitehead.

FRONT ROW: Mark Druce, Matt Murphy, Darren Purse, Matt Elliott, Denis Smith (Manager), Mark Stevens, Paul Moody, Todd Lumsden, Mike Ford.



one to watch Nigel Jemson

Things are finally looking up for Nigel Jemson.

The Oxford striker scored his club's Coca-Cola Cup winner against Sheffield Wednesday recently to crown a memorable start to the season and put the bad old days firmly behind him.

Jemson was tipped for stardom after scoring the League Cup Final winner for Nottingham Forest in 1990 but a series of injuries and a life-threatening car crash put his climb up the soccer ladder on hold.

He has jumped around from club to club trying to kick start his career again and Oxford are his seventh port of call in five years.

But lady luck has finally begun smiling on Nigel, beginning with his final loan spell before moving to Oxford for £60,000 during the summer.

Unable to gain a regular place in the starting line-up at Notts County, the former England U21 cap was loaned out to Rotherham and he proved an instant hit at Millmoor - a popularity underlined as he struck twice in the Auto Windscreen Shield Final against Shrewsbury to take the trophy back to South Yorkshire last April.

The Millers couldn't afford to make Jemson's move permanent however, and Manor Ground boss Denis Smith pounced for his signature during the summer in what looks an inspired move.

Jemson has cracked seven goals already this season and says: "People have written me off but I'm determined to prove them wrong."

"Critics say I've had more clubs than Lee Trevino but I'm happy at Oxford."



FACT FILE..

Name: Nigel Jemson

Position: Forward

Born: Hutton, 10.08.69

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st 10lb

Trophies won: League Cup 1990; Auto Windscreens Shield 1996

International Honours: England U21 cap

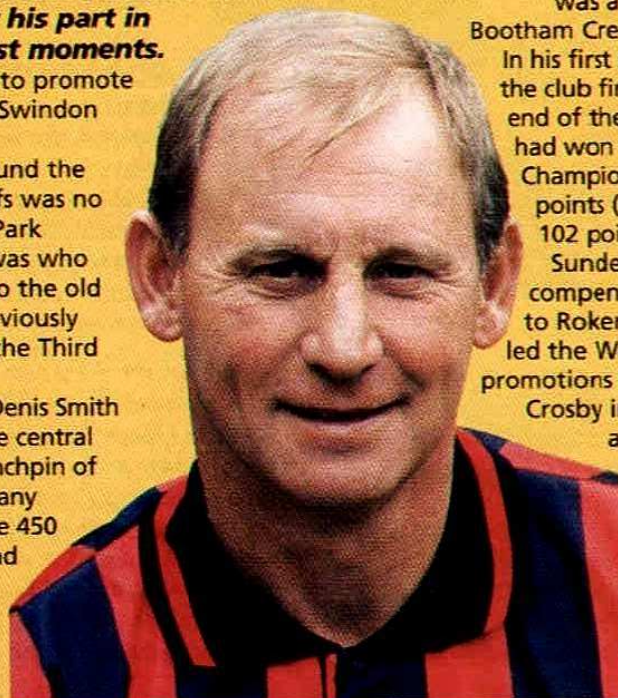
League record last season: 19 games, 5 goals

Denis Smith the manager

The man who brought Sunderland back from the dead is perhaps best remembered by Swindon fans for his part in one of Town's darkest moments.

To be fair, the decision to promote Sunderland in favour of Swindon following the 'financial irregularities' furore around the time of the 1990 Play-offs was no fault of the then Roker Park manager - but Smith it was who guided the Rokerites into the old First Division, having previously taken the club up from the Third Division in 1988.

Born in Stoke in 1947, Denis Smith was a tough, no-nonsense central defender who was the linchpin of his hometown side for many years. He played more the 450 games for the Potters and helped them to the League Cup in 1972 and also to promotion to the top flight in 1978/79.



He had a brief loan spell at York City in 1982 and was subsequently appointed player /manager there for 1982/83 - his current assistant at the Manor Ground, Malcolm Crosby, was a player under Smith at Bootham Crescent.

In his first season in the York hot-seat, the club finished seventh, but by the end of the following campaign they had won the old Fourth Division Championship with a the record 101 points (superseded by Swindon's 102 points two years later). Sunderland paid York £20,000 in compensation when Smith moved to Roker Park in June 1987 and he led the Wearsiders to those two promotions before being replaced by Crosby in December 1991 following

a poor run of results, culminating, ironically enough, in a 3-0 defeat at Oxford. After a brief spell at Bristol City he moved to the Manor Ground in September 1993, following the departure of Brian Horton.



playerprofile

OXFORD UNITED

The 6ft 3in **PHIL WHITEHEAD** is the regular number one at the Manor Ground, having replaced Tim Carter in that role. Signed from Barnsley in November 1993, for a tribunal set fee of £75,000, injury cost Phil his place in the early part of 1995/96, but he returned and showed fine form to keep 11 clean sheets in the final 16 matches to aid Oxford's charge to the second promotion spot.

His deputy is Swindon-born teenager **ELLIOTT JACKSON**, who has come up through the ranks at Oxford.

Oxford's Player of the Year for the last two seasons, and possibly one of the most composed central defenders in the First Division,

MATT ELLIOTT joined the U's from Scunthorpe for £150,000 in November 1993 and has proved an inspired buy.

A tall and strong central defender, he came into the game from non-League Epsom and Ewell and joined Charlton. He failed to make the grade at The Valley, though, and moved on for a spell with Torquay before joining Scunthorpe in March 1992.

Elliott's partner in central defence is usually

PHIL GILCHRIST, a pacey and strong in the tackle player who is also a long-throw specialist. Together with Matthew Elliott, Phil provided Oxford with one of the soundest defences in the Second Division last term, and the pair have been doing a similarly effective job this season.

Originally with Nottingham Forest, he also had spells with Middlesbrough and Hartlepool before joining Oxford for £100,000 in February 1995.

Having finally shaken off a string of niggling injuries, **MIKE FORD** missed just three games last season and also wore the captain's armband for Oxford on their way to promotion. A versatile

and committed defender or midfielder, Mike likes to get forward and has a powerful and accurate shot - a fact borne out by the three goals he has notched already this season.

Teenager **SIMON MARSH** struggled for first-team opportunities in 1995/96 thanks to the consistency of the U's defence throughout the promotion campaign, but this home grown left-back looks a good prospect for the future. He made his debut while still a Youth team player, at Brighton in September 1994.

DARREN PURSE began life as a trainee at Leyton Orient before moving to the Manor Ground during the summer of 1996 for a fee of £100,000, having caught the eye of several leading clubs. At 6ft 2in he is a commanding centre-half and last season even saved a penalty for Orient when he replaced the sent-off Ron Fearon between the sticks against Torquay.

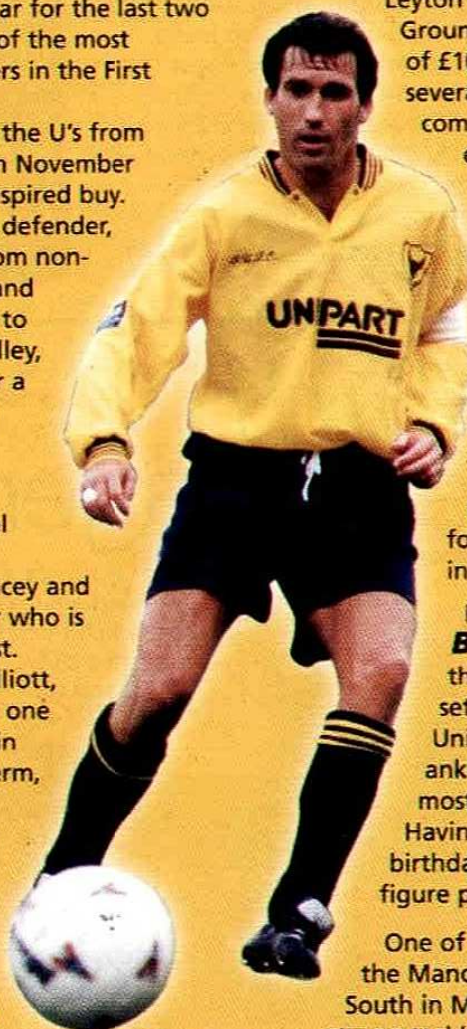
No nonsense right-back

LES ROBINSON missed eight League games with a hamstring injury last season, but is an honest and hard-working player who will run his heart out for the team.

Formerly a midfielder with Doncaster, Les has been outstanding since switching to the right-back berth following his £150,000 move to Oxford in March 1990.

Highly-rated young midfield player **BOBBY FORD** is a skilful passer of the ball who is always dangerous from set-pieces. He was a vital member of United's midfield last season, until an ankle injury ruled him out of the club's most productive spell of the season. Having recently celebrated his 22nd birthday, this Bristol-born player is sure to figure prominently in Division One this term.

One of three former Sunderland players at the Manor Ground, **MARTIN GRAY** moved South in March 1996, for a fee of £100,000. A strong tackler and a useful squad player, Martin is happiest playing a midfield 'holding' role, although he is also able to fill-in at the back when required. Had spells at Aldershot and Fulham last term and was sent-off in a case of 'mistaken identity' while at Craven Cottage - an error that was later rectified by the FA.



Mike Ford

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P L A Y E R P R O F I L E



STUART MASSEY moved to Oxford in the summer of 1994, having been released by Crystal Palace at the end of the previous season. Having been picked up from non-League Sutton United, Stuart failed to make an impression at Selhurst Park, but his eight goals for Oxford last season proved his worth. Strong in the tackle with good crossing ability and the midfielder's priceless talent of arriving late in the box to pick up knock-downs have all combined to make Stuart a real asset for the U's.

Another midfielder to hit eight goals last season was 25-year-old **MATT MURPHY**, who joined the club from non-League Corby Town in February 1993 for £20,000. A former building society clerk, Matt featured regularly on the subs bench last season - but still chipped in with his fair share of the goals.

Initially employed in the midfield holding role, **DAVID SMITH** was pushed forward last season, when he was ever-present in the promotion-winning side and also scored his first ever goal (during a 4-1 defeat by Wycombe). Moved to Oxford from Norwich for £100,000 in the summer of 1994.

Last season's top scorer for the U's was 29-year-old **PAUL MOODY**, who grabbed 24 goals, 17 in the League, including three hat-tricks. At 6ft 3in he causes obvious problems in the air and has proved a revelation since signing from Southampton in February 1994 for a fee of £60,000. He made a piece of Oxford history in 1995/96 when he became their first ever substitute to score a hat-trick - notching his triple in 12 minutes after coming off the bench v Burnley.

Also among the goals last term was **MARTIN ALDRIDGE** who showed all the predatory instincts of his namesake John by grabbing nine goals in a ten match spell before injury ended his season. Formerly with Northampton, he joined Oxford on a free transfer in December 1995 - following the departure of Wayne Biggins - and it was Martin's arrival that kick-started the U's drive for promotion.

A familiar face to Town fans is that of **JOEY BEAUCHAMP**, who rejoined Oxford in October 1995 - just 15 months after leaving the Manor for West Ham. A pile of personal problems blighted this skilful midfielder-cum-attacker's £1

million move to the Hammers, and he also failed to settle here at the County Ground following his £850,000 transfer.

But, upon returning to Oxford, Joey once again showed all the playmaking and goalscoring skills that had earned him such a glowing reputation. His 35-yard volley to beat Blackpool towards the end of last season proved crucial as Oxford leap-frogged the Seaside to clinch the second automatic promotion spot.

MARK ANGEL is another ex-Sunderland player who moved to Oxford in the summer of 1995, having been released by the Roker Park club.

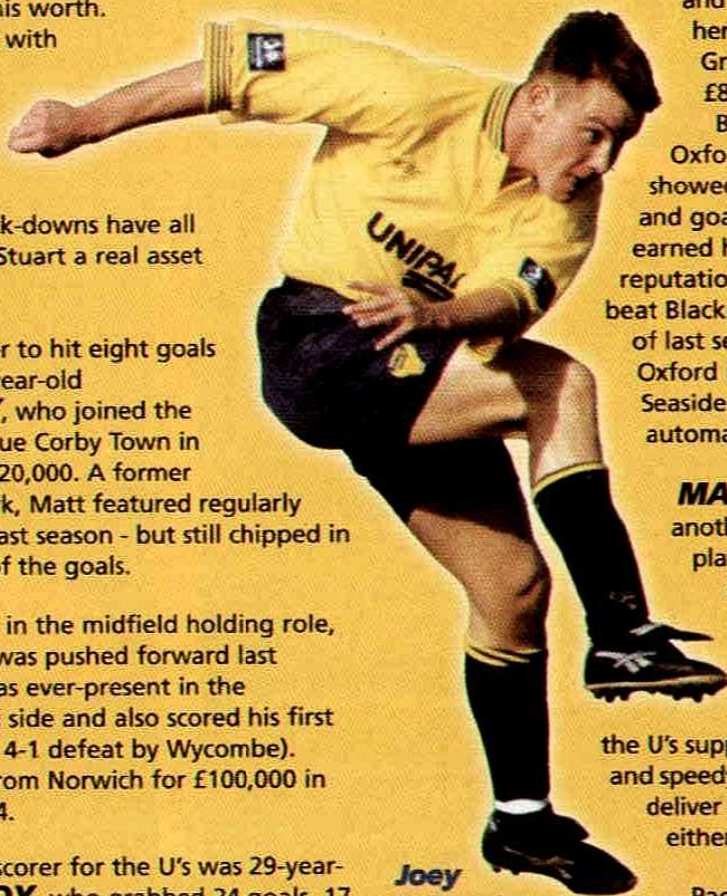
Very popular with the U's supporters, Mark is a tricky and speedy winger who can deliver a telling cross from either flank.

**Joey
Beauchamp**

Pacey striker
MARK DRUCE is a local

youngster who missed a chunk of last season following an achilles injury. Only fitfully used, but often on the bench, Mark has yet to get an extended run in the first-team, and the presence of some quality forwards in front of him leave his chances looking slim at the Manor Ground.

The third former Roker Park favourite now plying his trade at Oxford is **DAVID RUSH**, who played in the 1992 FA Cup Final for Sunderland. A hard-working striker, he scored 14 goals last season and provided the perfect foil for Paul Moody in the Oxford attack. Finding himself out of favour at Roker Park, David also had spells with Hartlepool, Peterborough and Cambridge before joining Oxford for £100,000 in September 1994.



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VITAL STATISTICS



OXFORD'S record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	1	42	11	13	18	44	69	46	18th
87/88	1	40	6	13	21	44	80	31	21st
88/89	2	46	14	12	20	62	70	54	17th
89/90	2	46	15	9	22	57	67	54	17th
90/91	2	46	14	20	12	70	66	62	10th
91/92	2	46	13	11	22	66	73	50	21st
92/93	1	46	14	14	18	53	56	56	14th
93/94	1	46	13	10	23	54	75	49	23rd
94/95	2	46	21	12	13	66	52	75	7th
95/96	2	46	24	11	11	76	39	83	2nd



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How they performed last season

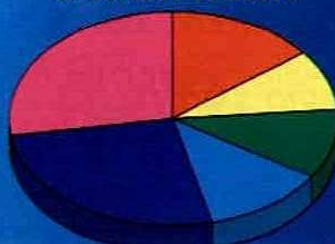
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 12	CHESTERFIELD	(h)	W1-0	Allen (85)
Aug 19	BRENTFORD	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 26	ROTHERHAM	(h)	D1-1	M.Ford (90)
Aug 30	SWINDON	(a)	D1-1	Moody (63)
Sep 03	YORK	(h)	W2-0	Elliott (7), Biggins (17pen)
Sep 09	HULL	(a)	D0-0	
Sep 12	WALSALL	(a)	D2-2	Gilchrist (81), Rush (86)
Sep 16	CARLISLE	(h)	W4-0	Gilchrist (12), R.Ford (22), Rush (63), Murphy (76)
Sep 23	SWANSEA	(a)	D1-1	R.Ford (15)
Sep 30	BRISTOL RVS	(h)	L1-2	Allen (60)
Oct 07	STOCKPORT	(h)	W2-1	Gilchrist (6), Moody (45)
Oct 14	WREXHAM	(a)	L1-2	Elliott (48)
Oct 21	WYCOMBE	(h)	L1-4	Smith (53)
Oct 28	BLACKPOOL	(a)	D1-1	Rush (53)
Oct 31	SHREWSBURY	(a)	L0-2	
Nov 04	BRISTOL CITY	(h)	W2-0	Angel (83), Murphy (90)
Nov 18	PETERBOROUGH	(a)	D1-1	M.Ford (36)
Nov 25	CREWE	(h)	W1-0	Rush (12)
Dec 09	SWANSEA	(h)	W5-1	Moody (59,68,81), Elliott (74,90)
Dec 16	BRISTOL RVS	(a)	L0-2	
Dec 23	BRADFORD	(a)	L0-1	
Dec 26	BOURNEMOUTH	(h)	W2-0	R.Ford (11), Massey (15)
Jan 13	BRENTFORD	(h)	W2-1	Aldridge (35,64)
Jan 20	CHESTERFIELD	(a)	L0-1	
Jan 30	BURNLEY	(a)	W2-0	Massey (26), Allen (69)
Feb 03	ROTHERHAM	(a)	L0-1	
Feb 10	BRIGHTON	(h)	D1-1	Elliott (28)
Feb 17	WALSALL	(h)	W3-2	Moody (66pen), Aldridge (79,90)
Feb 20	YORK	(a)	L0-1	
Feb 24	CARLISLE	(a)	W2-1	Elliott (79), Aldridge (90)
Feb 27	HULL	(h)	W2-0	Rush (12,69)
Mar 02	BOURNEMOUTH	(a)	W1-0	Beauchamp (7)
Mar 09	BRADFORD	(h)	W2-0	Moody (62), Aldridge (68)
Mar 12	BRIGHTON	(a)	W2-1	Murphy (42,64)
Mar 16	NOTTS CO	(a)	D1-1	Rush (32)
Mar 19	SWINDON	(h)	W3-0	Elliott (19), Aldridge (54), Beauchamp (88)
Mar 23	BURNLEY	(h)	W5-0	Aldridge (37), Moody (76,80,89), Beauchamp (85)
Mar 30	STOCKPORT	(a)	L2-4	Beauchamp (25), Aldridge (70)
Apr 02	WREXHAM	(h)	D0-0	
Apr 06	BLACKPOOL	(h)	W1-0	Beauchamp (82)
Apr 08	WYCOMBE	(a)	W3-0	Rush (42), Massey (68), Moody (75)
Apr 16	NOTTS CO	(h)	D1-1	Moody (5pen)
Apr 20	BRISTOL CITY	(a)	W2-0	Rush (57), Moody (73)
Apr 23	SHREWSBURY	(h)	W6-0	Moody (16,57), Massey (34), Rush (67), Beauchamp (81), Murphy (90)
Apr 27	CREWE	(a)	W2-1	Moody (10), Beauchamp (61)
May 04	PETERBOROUGH	(h)	W4-0	Grazoli (53og), Moody (65), Elliott (68), Rush (72)

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST OXFORD SINCE 1972/73...

Home	Div	Result
24 Feb 1973	2	1-3
20 Oct 1973	2	1-0
27 Dec 1976	3	1-0
27 Mar 1978	3	3-2
02 May 1979	3	2-0
07 Apr 1980	3	1-1
16 Sep 1980	3	1-0
04 May 1982	3	3-2
05 Feb 1989	2	3-0
17 Oct 1989	2	3-0
05 Mar 1991	2	0-0
28 Jan 1992	2	2-1
20 Sep 1992	1	2-2
19 Mar 1996	1	0-3
Away	Div	Result
16 Dec 1972	2	0-1
17 Mar 1974	2	1-1
08 Apr 1977	3	0-0
26 Dec 1977	3	3-3
16 Apr 1979	3	1-0
06 Feb 1980	3	2-2
01 Oct 1980	3	0-0
07 Apr 1982	3	0-5
05 Oct 1988	2	1-1
24 Mar 1990	2	2-2
22 Sep 1990	2	4-2
07 Mar 1992	2	3-5
09 Jan 1993	1	1-0
30 Aug 1995	1	1-1

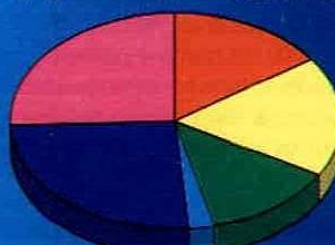
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15 mins	11
16-30	7
31-45	8
46-60	9
61-75	20
76-90	21
TOTAL	76



League goals conceded in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15	6
16-30	7
31-45	5
46-60	1
61-75	10
76-90	10
TOTAL	39

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. Who is the skipper of Scotland?
2. Which First Division club are nicknamed The Canaries?
3. Gianluca Vialli left AC Milan, Juventus or Parma to join Chelsea?
4. For which country is Anders Limpar an International?
5. At which ground do Luton play their home games?
6. Which club won the 1994 FA Cup Final?
7. Name the three Brazilian internationals at Middlesbrough.
8. Who is the manager of Ipswich?
9. England played their second World Cup match last week. Who were the opposition?
10. Which Scottish club has Paolo Di Canio and Pierre Van Hooijdonk in their ranks?
11. Who are the two Neville brothers at Old Trafford?
12. For which First Division side does Paul Wilkinson play?
13. Who won the Third Division Play-off Final last season?
14. Which Aston Villa striker scored a hat-trick in his club's 4-3 defeat by Newcastle last week?
15. For which country are Florin Raducioiu, Gheorghe Hagi and Gheorghe Popescu Internationals?



WHO AM I?

1. Born in Leicester in April 1969 he joined Norwich in 1988 but never played in the first team.
2. Signed for Cambridge United in August 1988 and scored 50 goals for them before moving to Old Trafford in 1992.
3. Signed for Coventry in 1994 for £2m after recovering from a broken leg.
4. Over six feet in height he is a tall, strong striker.

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. Who do we play in the Third Round of the Coca-Cola Cup?
2. Where did Frank Talia start his League career?
3. Who scored our goal in the unlucky League defeat by Wolves last week?

....AND AWAY

1. Nigel Jemson scored the League Cup Final winner for which club in 1990?
2. Paul Moody left which club to join Oxford?

RULES OF THE GAME!

When a corner kick is taken players from the opposing team must be what distance from the ball until it is in play:-

- A) 5 yards
- B) 10 yards
- C) 20 yards

Answers..... 1. Gary McAllister, 2. Norwich, 3. Milan, 4. Sweden, 5. Kenilworth Road, 6. Man Utd, 7. Emerson, Juninho and Branco, 8. George Burley, 9. Poland, 10. Celtic, 11. Gary and Phil, 12. Barnsley, 13. Plymouth, 14. Dwight Yorke, 15. Romania. **Home:** 1. Man Utd, 2. Blackburn, 3. Kevin Horlock. **Away:** 1. Nott'm Forest, 2. Southampton. **Who am I:** Dion Dublin. **Whose Crest:** Sheffield United. **Rules of the game:** ans B.

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

In May 1982, while the Falklands War was progressing in the South Atlantic, Swindon were involved in one of their fiercest battles with local rivals Oxford.

Not only was pride at stake - but also precious points which Oxford needed to help them win promotion, while Swindon needed them to avoid relegation.

The first half was something of a non-event: "no goals and nobody drowned" Stanley Holloway might have said but it ended with an unusual incident.

After referee Eric Read had blown for half time, Roy Burton raced down the field to inspect the Town End goal and was booked for illegally marking the pitch.

The second half had been in progress less than a minute when the very same goalmouth was again the scene of controversy.

Charlie Henry just beat the Oxford goalkeeper in a race for a through ball and centred to the far post. The ball was only partially cleared and fell to Rideout who drilled it home.

The whole episode took place under a smoke-screen created after two smoke bombs had been thrown onto the pitch.

The fact that play had not been stopped incensed some Oxford fans and less than a minute later the game was held up for the referee to receive treatment after he had been struck in the face by a coin.

Just after the hour, Swindon

increased their lead with a goal about which there could be no dispute, Cornishman Roy Carter hitting a low right foot drive from the edge of the area into the bottom corner of the net.

Oxford came into the game on the back of an unbeaten run of 12 matches and when Peter Foley pounced on a mistake by Kenny Stroud to allow the U's skipper, Billy Jeffrey, to score, it looked like they might make it 13.

Rideout however scored a second goal three minutes later, taking a pass from Andy Rowland and hammering home a shot.

It was as well he did for David Fogg netted an 88th minute penalty for handball to make the final score 3-2, thus giving Swindon revenge for the 5-0

defeat they had suffered the previous month at the Manor Ground.

Although that night ended happily for Swindon, the season did not as they were relegated to Division Four.

Oxford also suffered disappointment, finishing fifth, seven points behind Fulham who took the third promotion spot.

Teams:

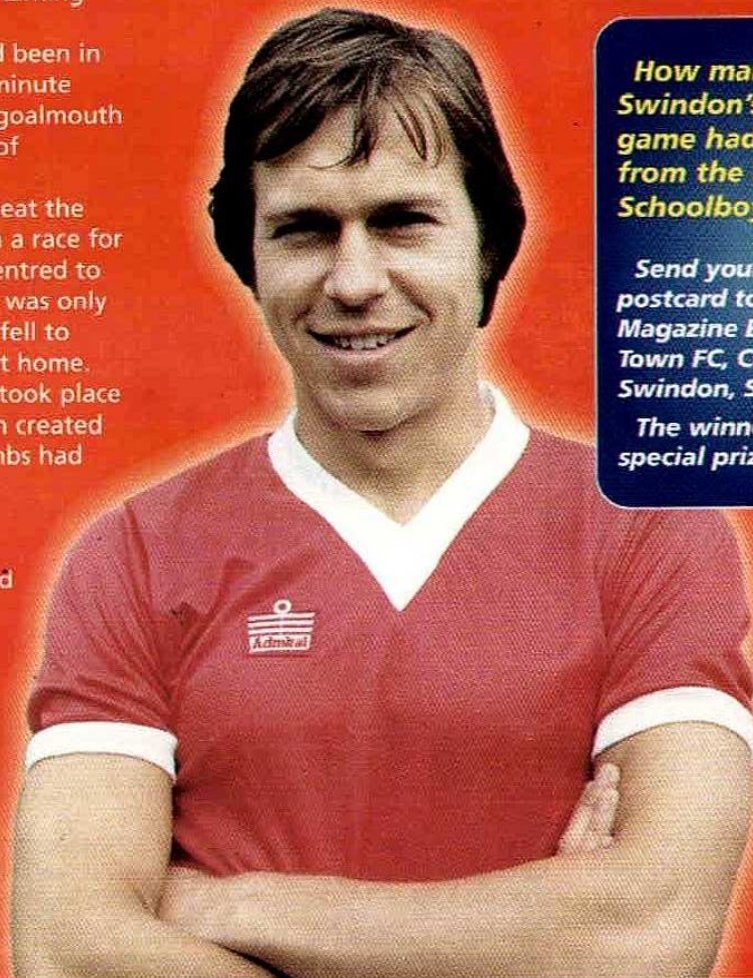
Swindon: Allan, Henry, Baddeley, Emmanuel, Lewis, Stroud, Williams, Carter, Rideout, Rowland, Graham. Sub: Pritchard (not used).

Oxford: Burton, Fogg, Doyle (Kearns 71), Train, Briggs, Shotton, Lawrence, Foley, Hebberd, Brock, Jeffrey.

How many of Swindon's team in this game had graduated from the Swindon Schoolboys team?

Send your answers on a postcard to: Matchday Magazine Editor, Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.

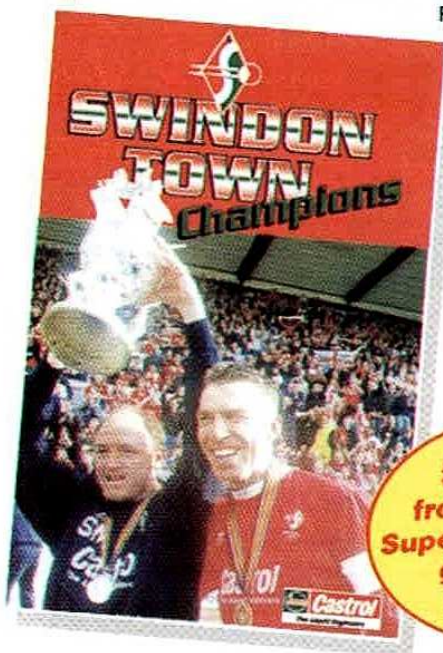
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Kenny Stroud

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

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leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



Monday morning's early revelation that Steve Coppell had agreed to hang his jacket on the Maine Road managerial chair must have been sweet news for MAN CITY fans who have seen their rudderless ship swept from embarrassment to embarrassment on the choppy waters of the First Division this season.

When I told Steve McMahon the appointment had been announced he replied with a big smile: "Good luck to him. I think he's a brave man," and the Gaffer should know.

Coppell of course has a good track record, the former University Graduate who started his career with **Tranmere Rovers** and found fame and fortune with **Manchester United** and **England** as a player, cut his managerial teeth at Selhurst Park with **Crystal Palace**. He knows only too well how much the Maine Road faithful crave for success and knows too that with their resources he must be able to restore pride in the club by taking them to the Premiership.

Although **City** are a lowly 14th Coppell has time and games in hand and they should now be regarded as serious contenders for promotion. He has an interesting start this

afternoon at Loftus Road where another new chief is finding the going tough. Four League games into his managerial career at **QPR** Stewart Houston has still to win. He could be in the same position come 4.45pm this evening.

It's derby day for us and for leaders **Bolton Wanderers** who entertain **Oldham Athletic**. The Latics are still rock bottom of the pack but did secure their first win of the season last Saturday - 3-0 over **Port Vale**. Ian Ormondroyd, the 6ft 5in beanpole striker nicknamed "The Stick" whacked John Rudge's men with two of the goals. That took his haul to three in three games since Graeme Sharp rescued him from **Bradford City's** reserve side.

Bolton are just one short of their 25th League goal of the season and Nathan Blake, on 9 goals, will be confident of adding to the haul. If the Trotters keep firing at this rate they are going to top 100 goals come the finish. Whatever, they should have too much firepower for **Oldham**.

One team that hasn't been firing live ammunition, despite a heavy investment on their strike force, is **Birmingham City**. The Blues have managed just 8 goals in 7 games and have slumped to 23rd yet anything short of victory over **Bradford City** today will be seen as a dismal failure.

Has **Barnsley's** bubble burst? The Tykes have a reputation for quick starts and early let-downs and the home defeat inflicted by lowly **Grimsby Town** recently certainly brought the former leaders down to earth. We should have a better idea of

their true prospects after this afternoon's shoot-out with **Crystal Palace** at Oakwell. Dave Bassett's allsorts are the second highest scorers in the division but are short on wins and might have to settle for a point.

Tranmere Rovers beat **Portsmouth** 4-3 in a thriller last week - and John Aldridge didn't score! What concerned the Rovers player-boss most however was the goals against. It wasn't professional he pleaded and had to be sorted. Well Howard Kendall's **Sheffield United** will provide a good test and perhaps Aldo will get his 10th goal of the campaign. But I fancy a Blades victory.

The Canaries could be singing from the top-branch of the First Division tree this morning. A win over **Ipswich Town** last night would put them a point ahead of **Bolton**. The form-book suggests they should have accounted for their Suffolk rivals who have been inconsistent. But despite this and **City's** impressive defensive record - just 6 goals conceded, the best in the division - experience reminds one that derby games often defy the form team. So I'll go for the draw.

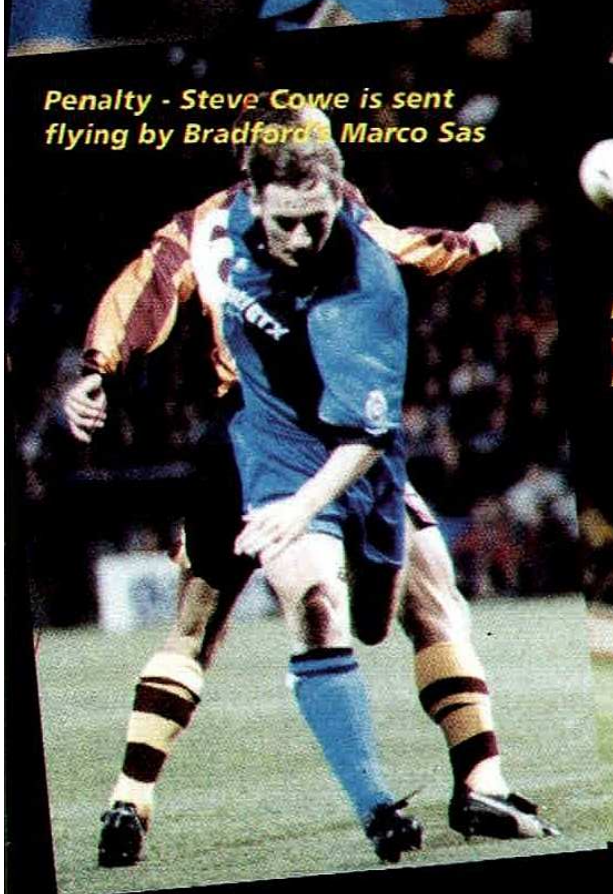
One team that isn't living up to expectations is **Wolves**. Beaten at home by struggling **Reading** last week Mark McGhee must have wished this fixture had been one of those postponed because of International call-ups. The truth is the Molineux men are doing no better now than they were under Graham Taylor's stewardship and anything but three points from their trip to **Southend** tomorrow will be seen as failure.

Actionreplay

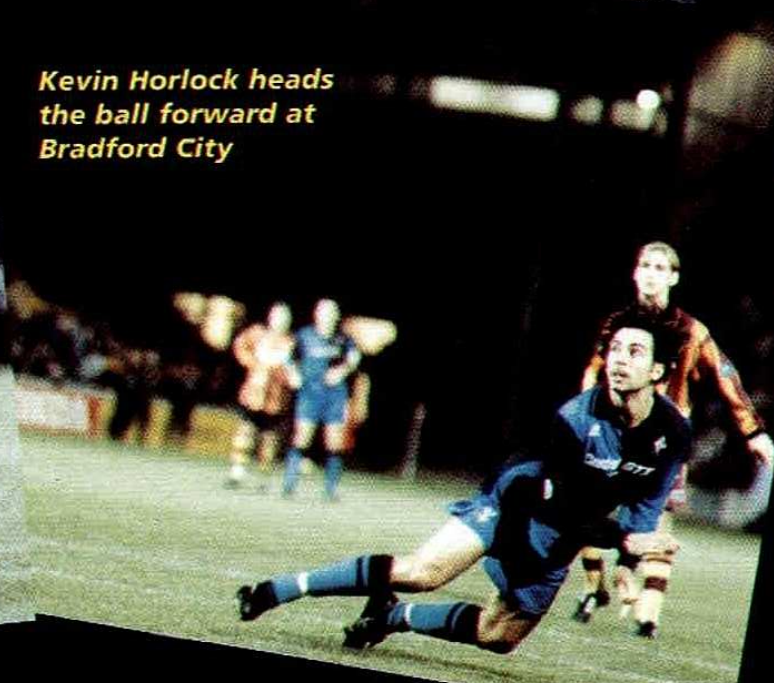
*Wayne Allison leaps
above the Bradford
defence*



*Penalty - Steve Cowe is sent
flying by Bradford's Marco Sas*



*Kevin Horlock heads
the ball forward at
Bradford City*





Spot on - Mark Walters puts Swindon ahead from the penalty spot

Whipped cross - Kevin Horlock fires the ball into the danger zone



Snap shot - Steve Cowe lets fly at Valley Parade



Disaster strikes as Carl Shutt's header loops over the diving Frank Talia



WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 1996
Bradford City 2 Swindon Town 1
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance 9,249



community scheme news

First of all we need to pay tribute to the eight lads who represented the Club through the Soccer Centres at Newbury.

The youngsters along with the management team of Mark Pratt and his son Daniel did us all proud by reaching the final where they narrowly lost by the odd goal.

I have spoken to the tournament organisers who confirmed that Mark Pratt and his lads were an absolute credit to the Club - so once again very well done.

Now a quick reminder to you all about our forthcoming courses which commence on the week beginning November 4th 1996.

**Until next time,
Clive and Jon.**

Six-a-Side League

A girls six a side league starts at the **Oasis Leisure Centre on Saturday November 2nd.**

There will be matches at an Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 level with the cost just £25 per team, payable in advance to Wilts County Council.

Matches will take place at 11am (Under 10 and 12's) and 12 noon (Under 14's and 16's) and **further information can be obtained by contacting Danny Robinson on 01793 526622 or Nikki Green on 01793 511033.**



Swindon Town's Soccer Centre team who were runners-up in the Peter Rowe Memorial Trophy; (back, left to right) D. Pratt, M. Jones, R. Stubbs, B. Turner, M. Pratt (manager). (front); T. Ireland, A. Edenborough, M. Harrison, L. Turner, J. Turner.



**Clive
Maguire**

**Jon
Holloway**



The next courses are commencing week beginning the 4th November. The T-shirts have been a great success adding to the professionalism of the scheme. So, don't delay and enrol at the course and centre which applies to you.

Cost - £14.00 For 7 week course
- £17.00 If you require a T-shirt

Link Centre

Monday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	5-6 years
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	5-6 years
Thursday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	7-8 years
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	9-11 years

Oasis

Monday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9-11 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	12-14 years
Friday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Girls 9 years +
Saturday	9.00am - 10.00am	5-6 years
	10.00am - 11.00am	7-8 years

Stratton

Monday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	5-6 years
	4.30pm - 5.30pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	7-8 years

Marlborough

Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-11 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	11.16 years

Highworth

Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-6 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	7-8 years
Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9 years +
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the junior robins

with Louise Kaye



Good afternoon our young fans at this afternoon's game against Oxford, especially Daniel Lewis, who won two tickets having entered the Junior Robins competition last month. October is certainly going to be hectic as we have three away fixtures within a week - and as usual, the Junior Robins will support them all the way!

Old Trafford

Your support has been overwhelming and both Junior Robins coaches were booked within a few days of you receiving your Newsletter. Those travelling will now have received confirmation, including the departure times etc. It will be a fantastic opportunity to sport your Junior Robins T-shirts at the event.

If you were unlucky enough to miss out at Manchester United, there are still spaces available on the following trips:

Crystal Palace Saturday 19th October

As usual, you will be travelling in Executive style and on this day you will depart the County Ground at 11.30am. Crystal Palace have offered a number of concessionary tickets and the cost

includes your match tickets and return travel.

Juniors £12.00 Adults £17.00

Reading Saturday 26th October 1996

Not only does this trip include match tickets and return travel, you also have the chance to join in the ever popular 'Family Club' football. Yes, you'll get the chance to show off the skills you've been taught at the weekly training sessions as you play against Reading's Junior Royals in the morning. This exciting day out is exclusive to Junior Robins only at an unbelievable price.

Juniors £6.00 Adults £12.00

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You only have until the end of the month to take advantage of this great offer.

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today's lucky mascots



RICHARD BRUNTON is 28 years old and mascot today thanks to his ex-colleagues, as a leaving present. Richard now works in accounts for Novell, near where he lives in Bracknell. Not only does he help out at the 'Riding for the Disabled Association' in his spare time, Richard's a big fan of the Town, his favourite player being Scott Leitch.



Brother and sister, **LIAM** and **NICOLA WATTS** are also lucky mascots as a joint celebration of their birthdays, which fall either side of today's match.



LIAM, aged 10, lives in Hungerford and is a pupil at Hungerford Primary School. His hobbies include swimming, gymnastics and football, in which he plays position as a left back.

No doubt, Liam will be thrilled to meet favourite player, Scott Leitch today.



9 year old **NICOLA** also attends Hungerford Primary School and along with Liam, plays for Hungerford U'11s but in midfield. She also enjoys gymnastics, swimming and supporting the Town. Nicola's favourite player is Wayne Allison.

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	3-2
MON	SEP 23	BARNET (SJFC 1)	H	3-1
SAT	SEP 28	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-2
Sat	Oct 05	Southampton	A	0-2
SAT	OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	H	
Tues	Oct 15	Arsenal (SJFC 2)	A	
TUES	OCT 22	HEREFORD (MYC 1)	H	
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 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	
Sat	Dec 07	Barnet	A	
SAT	DEC 14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
SAT	DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
Sat	Jan 04	AFC Bournemouth	A	
SAT	JAN 11	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Sat	Jan 18	Bristol Rovers	A	
SAT	JAN 25	READING	H	
Sat	Feb 01	Brentford	A	
Sat	Feb 08	Colchester United	A	
SAT	FEB 15	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sat	Feb 22	Luton Town	A	
SAT	MAR 01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Sat	Mar 08	Oxford United	A	
SAT	MAR 15	WIMBLEDON	H	
Sat	Mar 22	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat	Apr 05	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
SAT	APR 12	BARNET	H	

All home fixtures are to be played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough and will kick-off at 11.00am -
Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Southampton Youth 2 Swindon Town Youth 0 South East Counties League, Division Two.

We travelled to Southampton for a top of the table clash with our Premier rivals last Saturday and despite being beaten, the performance of the team was creditable.

Three players stood out against a quality Saints side with Alex Finlayson, Robin Hulbert and Phil MacDiarmid all playing well.

MacDiarmid in particular caught the eye with a strong, workmanlike display in midfield while Finlayson and Hulbert continued to perform at a high standard.

The game itself was a credit to both teams who played high quality football - a statement the Southampton officials agreed with totally.

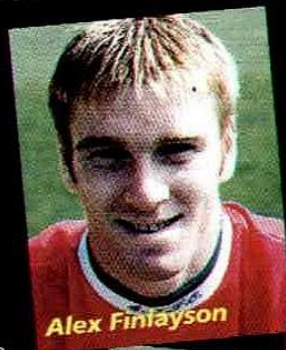
There were no goals in the first half as both defences played solidly but Southampton took the lead 10 minutes into the second half with an unstoppable shot from 25 yards out which gave Jon Haines no chance.

Swindon didn't let their heads drop and gave their all to

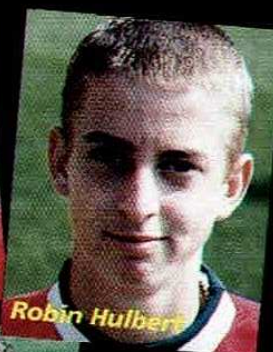
reduce the deficit with most of the play being in the Southampton half of the field with the Saints reduced to sporadic break-aways.

They sneaked a second goal near the end but only after Finlayson, Pattimore and Woodman had all gone close to equalising.

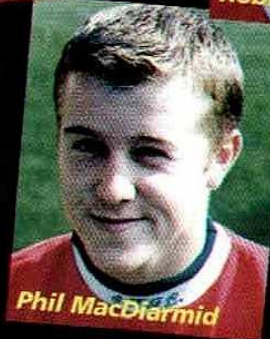
I was very proud of the attitude of the lads and pleased with the neat and tidy football they played which was appreciated by the home fans with generous applause.



Alex Finlayson



Robin Hulbert



Phil MacDiarmid

Team:

Haines, Campbell, Wheeldon, Thorne, Organ (Pattimore), MacDiarmid, Coupe, Hulbert, Hunt, Woodman, Finlayson, subs: Meecham, O'Connell.

Swindon Town Youth 1 Colchester United Youth 2 South East Counties League, Division Two.

Too many youngsters had off days as Swindon slipped to a disappointing 2-1 defeat at home to Colchester.

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	1-1
Sept 28	Hereford United	A	1-0
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	CHELTHAM 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	
TBA	Plymouth Argyle	A	

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However it was Swindon who took the lead with top scorer Alex Finlayson hammering home another superb effort after cutting in from the left and bending a right foot shot into the top corner.

Colchester equalised when we lost possession in midfield and allowed a straight run on goal.

A defensive reorganisation was needed after 25 minutes when Thomas Wheeldon went off injured but the half time score remained at 1-1.

The second half followed a similar pattern with too many lads unable to find team mates with their passes and there seemed to be a general lack of enthusiasm to win the ball.

The game looked to be heading for a draw until the referee gave an amazing penalty decision in the 93rd minute of the match.

Anthony Betterton made a magnificent save to his right but the official asked for the kick to be re-taken and the Colchester skipper made no mistake second

time around.

The result was unimportant, it was the display that was the disappointing thing.

Team: Betterton, Campbell, Wheeldon (MacDiarmid), Coupe, Organ (Hodson), Thorne, Hulbert, Woodman, Hunt, Meecham (O'Connell), Finlayson,

**Hereford United Youth 0
Swindon Town Youth 1
South West Counties
Youth League.**

**Swindon's B team
produced their best
performance of the season
to clinch a fine win thanks
to a goal by skipper Simon
Futcher.**

Despite fielding a understrength side with four 15 year olds, the lads played with a professional, positive attitude which justified the three points gained.

There was little to choose between the two sides until Swindon finally got the break through after some good work

by Ian McSherry who was brought down on the edge of the box. The resulting free kick was bent into the bottom corner by Futcher.

After this Swindon were forced to defend but they did so with solid determination to hold out for the three points.

Coaches Clive Maguire and John Hurst were delighted with their sides performance particularly Mark Simpkins, Jamie Mills, Ian McSherry and Gareth Benfield who all had outstanding games.

South East Counties League Division 2 at 5th October 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	7	5	2	0	16	4	12	+12
Luton Town	7	4	1	2	17	16	9	+11
SWINDON TOWN	7	4	1	2	18	9	9	+9
Southampton	7	4	0	3	12	7	8	+5
Oxford United	7	3	2	2	15	11	8	+4
Colchester United	7	3	2	2	13	11	8	+2
Tottenham H.	7	3	2	2	7	5	8	+2
AFC Bournemouth	7	3	2	2	13	13	8	0
Wycombe W.	7	3	1	3	10	11	7	-1
Brighton & H.A.	7	3	1	3	8	10	7	-2
Bristol City	7	1	4	2	7	8	6	-1
Bristol Rovers	7	3	0	4	13	21	6	-8
Wimbledon	7	2	1	4	9	12	5	-3
Brentford	7	2	1	4	8	11	5	-3
Barnet	7	1	1	5	7	19	3	-12
Reading	7	1	1	5	10	25	3	-15



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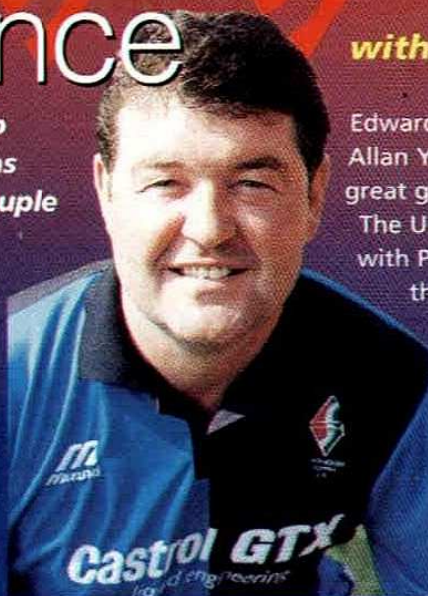
with Phil Cannon

Last weekend we sent two teams to Plymouth Argyle as well as playing host to a couple of sides from Plymouth.

It turned out to be a fairly successful set of matches with the Under 13's and Under 14's both winning well while the Under 15's and Under 16's battled out draws.

The Under 13 team romped to a 6-1 success at home with Jon Kerrigan striking twice. Completing the tally were Ian Herring, David Francis, Sam Scully and James Blastland who was outstanding.

The Under 14's were also convincing winners in a 5-1 away day victory. Les Bishop led the way with two goals and there were single strikes by Nathan





Edwards, Matthew Goodwin and Allan Young. Chris Collins had a great game.

The Under 15 side shared four goals with Plymouth on home territory. On the mark were Owen Bryan and James King with Philip McConnell giving an outstanding performance.

Meanwhile at an Under 16 level, a goal by Bradley Peters made sure of a 1-1 draw for the Under 16's at Plymouth in a game which saw Gareth Benfield impress.

Making a seven hour round trip with youngsters to places like Plymouth requires a lot of organisation and commitment from my coaches and a lot of understanding from their wives - thanks lads and girls, keep up the good work.




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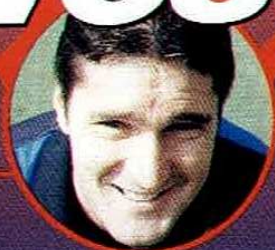
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Charlton Reserves 1 Swindon Town Reserves 4

Steve Finney struck twice as Swindon Reserves romped to an impressive away win at Charlton in the Avon Insurance Combination League.

Alex Finlayson and Peter Thorne rounded off the tally with Thorne going on as substitute later that day to score the first team's winning goal which booked a Coca-Cola Cup third round tie at Manchester United.

The Reserves took some time to warm up and although there were no goals in the first half, this was only down to a string of fine saves by Frazer Digby which kept his side on level terms.

Charlton eventually took the lead shortly after the re-start when a defensive error by Matt Coupe allowed the home team to take the lead from the penalty spot.

However Coupe made amends shortly afterwards when his impressive run and low

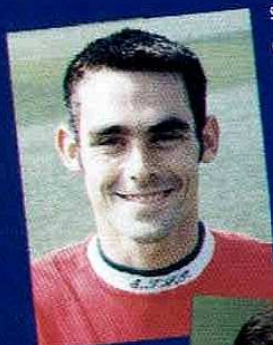
cross allowed Finney to level the scores in the 57th minute.

Ten minutes later substitute Alex Finlayson made an immediate impact, cutting in to fire into the corner to make it 2-1 to Swindon.

Steve Finney bagged his second and Swindon's third when he was set up by Paul Allen and curled a superb shot into the top corner before Peter Thorne completed the tally after more good work by Finlayson.

I thought the professionals showed a great attitude which helped the youngsters to shine in a good all round display.

Team: Digby, Allen, W. Thorne, Collins (Finlayson), Coupe, Organ, Pattimore (Hulbert), Watson, Finney, P. Thorne, Smith.



**Peter Thorne,
Steve Finney
Paul Allen**



On Monday the Reserves beat Luton Town 1-0. A full report will appear in Wednesday's programme.

Fixtures 96/97

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City (LC)	A 2-1
THUR SEP 19	TOTTENHAM	H 1-3
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic	A 4-1
MON OCT 07	LUTON TOWN	H 1-0
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH	H 2-00
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City	A 7-30
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United	A 7-30
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2-00
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)	H 2-00
Wed Nov 27	Swansea City	A 2-00
Wed Dec 04	Oxford United (LC)	A 7-30
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-00
Wed Dec 18	Cardiff City	A 2-00
MON JAN 06	IPSWICH TOWN	H 2-00
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-00
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL	H 2-00
Wed Feb 05	AFC Bournemouth	A 2-00
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON	H 2-00
MON FEB 17	BRISTOL CITY (LC)	H 2-00
Tue Feb 25	Watford	A 7-30
WED MAR 05	CARDIFF CITY (LC)	H 2-00
MON MAR 10	NORWICH CITY	H 2-00
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea	A 7-00
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL	H 2-00
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United	A 2-00
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.	H 2-00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon	A 2-00

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

Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1 at 4th October 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Ipswich Town	3	2	1	0	7	2	7	+5
Wimbledon	3	2	1	0	8	5	7	+4
Millwall	3	2	0	1	11	4	6	+7
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	+6
Tottenham H.	2	2	0	0	5	2	6	+3
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	5	3	6	+2
Portsmouth	3	2	0	1	5	3	6	+8
Cardiff City	4	1	3	0	5	4	6	+1
Chelsea	3	1	2	0	3	2	5	+1
Oxford United	3	1	1	1	7	5	4	+2
SWINDON TOWN	2	1	0	1	5	4	3	+1
Swansea City	2	1	0	1	4	4	3	0
Q.P.R.	3	1	0	2	5	6	3	-1
AFC Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	1	3	3	-2
Watford	3	1	0	2	5	8	3	-3
West Ham United	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	0
Brighton & H.A.	3	0	2	1	7	8	2	-1
Norwich City	3	0	2	1	4	5	2	-1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	4	1	-1
Bristol City	3	0	1	2	4	6	1	-2
Crystal Palace	3	0	1	2	1	8	1	-7
Bristol Rovers	3	0	1	2	2	10	1	-8
Charlton Athletic	2	0	0	2	2	7	0	-6

Next Fixture..

Swindon Town Reserves face Portsmouth Reserves in their next home Avon Insurance Combination fixture on Monday October 21st. The fixture will take place at the County Ground with a 2pm kick-off.

Frederic Darras



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I've binned the microphone and taken up the pen and send my first despatches from a , quite frankly, bitterly cold Newcastle.

And what a day to miss out on football!

Liverpool versus Manchester United on the SKY this morning and Oxford at the County Ground today. This has to be the Saturday of the season so far (I thought it was against the rules to show live league footie on a Saturday by the way).

I so wish I could be at the ground today for this the clash of all clashes. It would be worth the entrance money alone just to hear the roar when the Oxford team gets read out and Joey Beauchamp's name is announced!

Most Swindon fans will have forgotten two things about Oxford: the 3-0 defeat at the Manor Ground last season and all that stuff in the press about those Oxford workers who said that they wouldn't move to Swindon for £3000.

Today is the day to overturn those two memories.

On a lighter note the season is now two months old and I would like to make my top 10 observations so far:

1. Newcastle (2nd) have let in 10 goals; Blackburn (bottom) have conceded 11. Mmm... same old problem Kev.
2. British clubs are no good in Europe.
3. Leicester are in the top half of the Premiership ...at the moment. Mmm.
4. Football Focus is not great.
5. Whatever happened to Paul Kitson?
6. Birmingham, who are paying defender Steve Bruce shedloads, are second bottom in Division One.
7. A city the size of Bristol can still only field two very average football teams.
8. Why do players get a red cards for stuff in the Premiership that they don't get yellow cards for in the Nationwide.
9. Richard Keys' arms are hairy.
10. Wolves are on Sky a lot.



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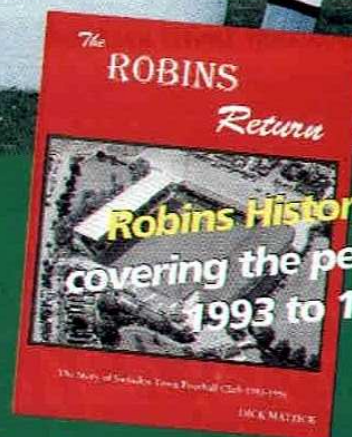
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IPSWICH TOWN Tuesday 19th November - Away:



The game has now been re-arranged to the above date. Tickets that have already been issued are still valid. Anyone who is unable to make the re-arranged date will be able to obtain a refund via the Advanced Ticket Office.

HUDDERSFIELD -
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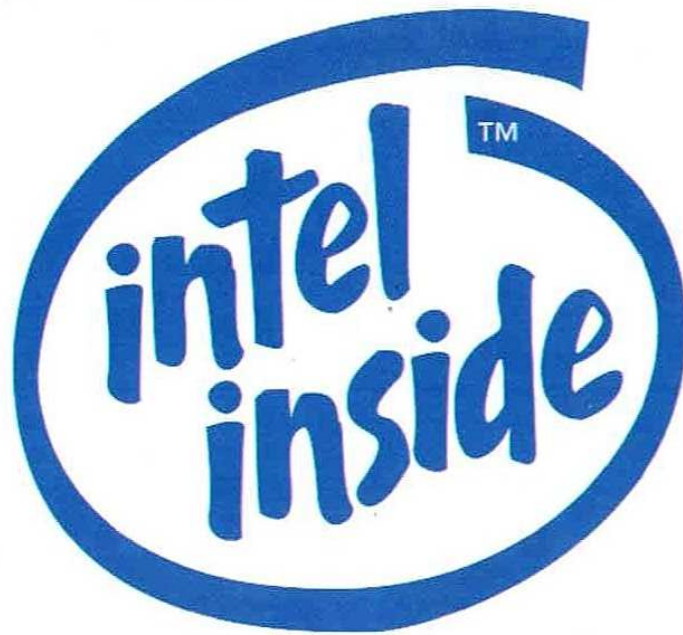
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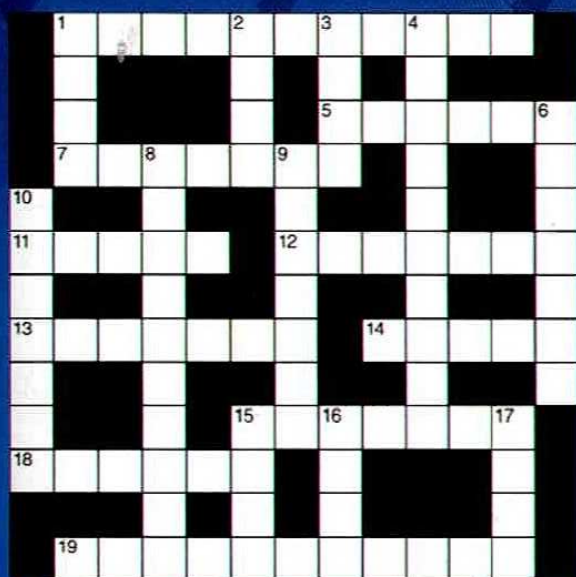


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clues across...

1. Not an English trophy (8)&(3)
5. Benny, Millwall boss 1966/74 (6)
7. Verbally abused ref's may suffer one (7)
11. Get angry with Bristol Rovers nicknamed 'The Pirates': (5)
12. Merry workers at Rotherham United (nick) (7)
13. Euro '96 semi-finalists (7)
14. Is Lampard the ex-West Ham player hiding a faith, maybe (5)
15. St..., Birmingham FC home ground (7)
18. Chris, Blackburn Rovers striker (6)
19. Dodged football move (11)

clues down...

1. Team (4)
2. White Hart Lane team (abbrev) (4)
3. Four goals up and a side definitely should be (4)
4. Injured players may have to (10)
6. Jon, Norwich City defender (7)
8. Players may be sent off if they have (10)
9. Park here to watch Scottish Club Queens Park (7)
10. Controls a football Club (7)
15. Ex-Player Stan Bowles reveals creatures, maybe (anag) (4)
16. Nickname found at Spotland (4)
17. One of many at the sole of boot (4)

answers across...

1 SCOTTISH CUP, 5 FENTON, 7 EARACHE, 11 IRATE, 12 MILLERS, 13 ENGLAND, 14 ISLAM, 15 ANDREWS, 18 SUTTON, 19 SIDESTEPPED

answers down...

1 SIDE, 2 THFC, 3 SAFE, 4 CONVALESCENCE, 6 NEWSOME, 8 RETALIATED, 9 HAMPDEN, 10 DIRECTS, 15 ANTS, 16 DALE, 17 STUD



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with Martin Stevens

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Injury Clinic in a bid to shake off the hamstring problem which has troubled him since the Coca-Cola Cup match at Wolves.

The injury is high up in his buttock and this area notoriously takes a longer time to settle than if the injury occurred in the middle or "belly" of the muscle, rather than at the ends where the muscle/tendon attaches to the bone.

Frank Talia should have shrugged off a shoulder complaint that he picked up in the midweek fixture against Bradford.

The postponement of last Saturday's game enabled us to treat the injury all weekend without

aggravating it during a match.

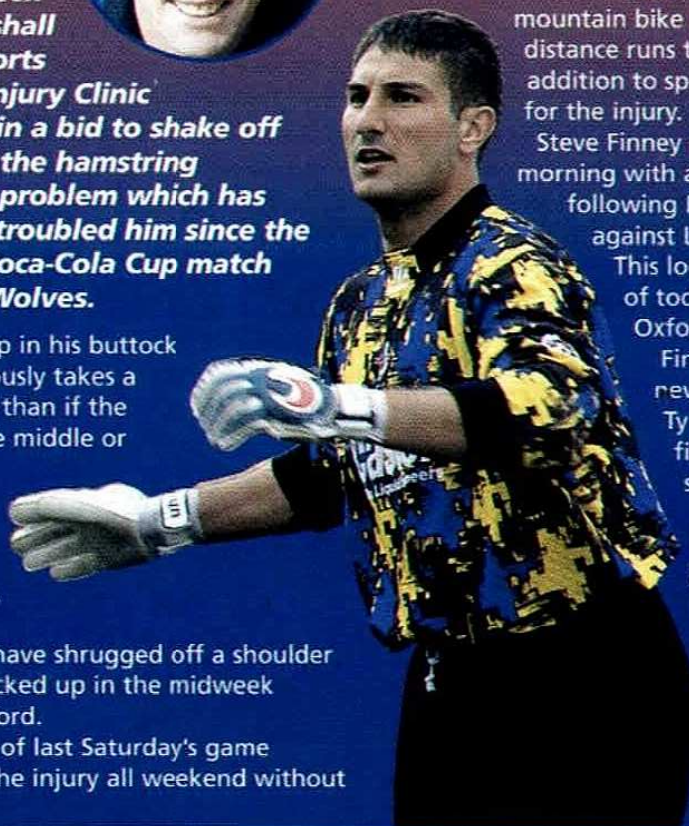
Frank has been working on the mountain bike coupled with some long distance runs to maintain his fitness, in addition to specific shoulder exercises for the injury.

Steve Finney reported in on Tuesday morning with a knee ligament injury following Monday's Reserve fixture against Luton Town.

This looks set to keep him out of today's derby game with Oxford United.

Finally, some more positive news to report is that Ty Gooden completed his first full match of the season on Monday.

He came through the Reserve fixture with no adverse reaction which was a great boost for Ty who has had a long list of problems in recent months.



the shadowboard

Thank you for the letters and cards which continue to come from Swindon supporters near and far. The miscellaneous topics which we have addressed recently include:

- * a suggestion that a map be printed on the back of match tickets
- * an idea that the Club produce a binder for a full seasons' programmes (naturally we endorse this one so that our programme notes are safe)

A number of fans have also asked about Reserve match-days. This question comes up from time to time and the answer is simple. Steve McMahon has requested the current arrangements for Reserve matches in order that players returning from injury or having a run-out in the Reserves have recovery time before the next first team game.

Finally a number of fans have commented to us about the arrangements for Manchester United ticket sales. We support the Board's goal of ensuring that home section tickets are not purchased by Manchester fans.

There is no doubt that by requiring fans to buy multiple tickets it will help achieve this goal.



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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

Swindon Town v Oxford United might not turn a hair outside of our respective boundaries but a derby game is a derby game in any language and though this domestic show-down might not crave the sort of media glamour that surrounds Liverpool v Everton; Manchester United v Manchester City and Arsenal v Spurs, to us it is just as meaningful.

Steve McMahon of course is a veteran of many a Merseyside derby where red meets blue at the highest level and the ramifications reverberate around the respective clubs until next they meet. The hype and general clamour of our own modest affair with Oxford United might not compare in terms of the number of people who are caught up in the frenetic ritual of such a contest, yet the deep down passion and excitement generated within the supporters ranks is equally uplifting and the Gaffer is well aware of the significance.

It might not be the big derby that the boss is used to but says Steve: *"It's big, it's big enough don't worry. It is the biggest I've got at the moment and there is just as much pride at stake for the supporters and players so it is important."*

As all football fans with a leaning towards the game's history will know when we speak of a "local derby" we mean a football match played with a fierce partisanship between neighbouring clubs, and the expression is indeed easy to understand. But why a "derby" why not a "Sheffield"

for was it not in this part of Yorkshire where organised football matches between regular local clubs first came into being?

There were so many clubs involved in the Sheffield area at the time that they had to play their home games on different days, the day often being used in the title. Hence Sheffield Wednesday, the only survivor, were known as such because they played their games on a Wednesday.

But it seems the term "derby" goes back even further than this. Indeed tradition says there was football in Derby in A.D. 217.

In that year the men of Derby are supposed to have driven a body of Roman soldiers out of the town and to have celebrated the event by a football carnival, which thereafter was enacted annually on Shrove Tuesday. Later these Shrove Tuesday festivities ceased to be football carnivals (they bore little resemblance to what we know as football anyway) and became faction fights between the men belonging to the parishes of St Peter's and All Saints, the point debated at these fights being the boundaries of the respective parishes.

Anyway, football, skirmish, call it what you will, the conflict between neighbouring opponents became known as a "derby" and the term has stuck predominantly in the terms of football language.

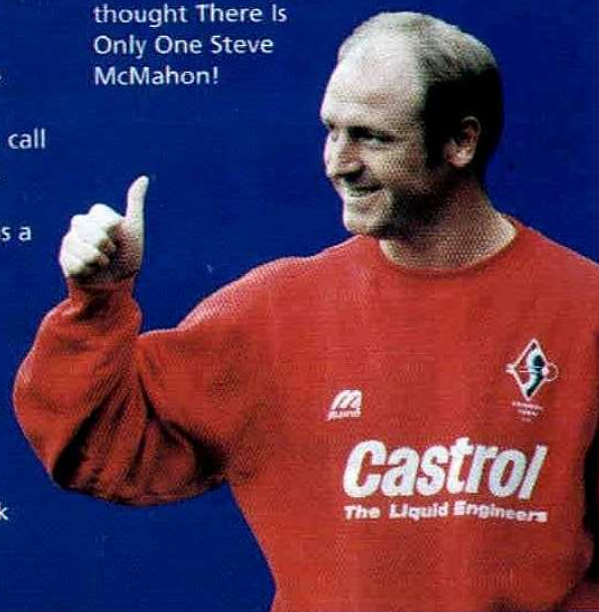
No doubt many of you like me were looking forward to our game at Ipswich Town last Saturday, and the eventual postponement at the Suffolk club's behest, because of international calls on their players, was cause for great

disappointment.

Saturday afternoon without a football match just doesn't seem right - it never has for as long as I can remember - but there was compensation thanks to BBC Radio 5 who provided excellent live commentary of the Northern Ireland v Armenia World Cup tie. The game wasn't up to much but provided a sporting background while I did some basic research for a pending piece.

Then suddenly out of the loudspeaker came a goal flash that at first didn't register until the following words had my ears pricking up immediately... ~Steve McMahon limping in poked the ball home to pull a goal back."

Sounds like the Gaffer's type of commitment to the cause doesn't it. The excitement that initial reference sparked soon died with the acceptance of actuality however. This McMahon had pulled a goal back for Clydebank, who lost 2-1 at Dundee. Surely Steve hadn't done a Ray Wilkins and signed for one game? Of course not.... But it did shatter one illusion. I had always thought There Is Only One Steve McMahon!



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1. Liverpool defender once at Oxford. (6)
3. The other university team. (9)
7. Northern Ireland manager in 1996. (8)
9. This Duke is the Oxford President. (11)
12. Oxford manager. (5)
13. Oxford shirt colour. (4)
14. Welsh striker once with Oxford. (8)
15. Oxford midfielder who became a Saint. (8)

Down

1. Gary Elkins signed from this team. (9)
2. Tranmere boss once at Oxford. (8)
4. Former Swindon player now with Oxford. (9)
5. Another team with an X in the name. (6)
6. Oxford home ground. (5)
8. Middlesbrough manager. (6)
10. Nicknamed the 'Red Imps'. (7)
11. Former Oxford player now managing Coventry. (8)



KIDS QUIZ

1. Name the new manager at Maine Road appointed in October 1996.
2. Glenn Hoddle played overseas for which club?
3. David Platt returned to England to Arsenal from which Italian team?

4. Ian Rush played in Italy with which team?
5. Mark Hughes played in Spain with which team?

Answers: 1. Steve Coppell, 2. Monaco, 3. Sampdoria, 4. Juventus, 5. Barcelona.

ANSWERS ACROSS:
1. WRIGHT, 2. CAMBRIDGE, 7. HAMILTON,
9. MARLBOROUGH, 12. SMITH, 13. GOLD,
14. SAUNDERS, 15. MAGILLTON
ANSWERS DOWN:
1. WIMBLETON, 2. ALDRIDGE,
4. BEAUCHAMP, 5. EXETER, 6. MANOR,
8. ROBSON, 10. LINCOLN, 11. ATKINSON.

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



Today we have the opportunity to pick ourselves up following two successive defeats and having had a long break between games, all the lads are really raring to go.

Of course we would rather have had a game last Saturday to give us the chance to get the defeat at Bradford out of our system but I must say it was nice to have a few days off.

I had a couple of rounds of golf and generally relaxed and now we are all fully refreshed as we go into a big local derby.

Our past record against Oxford has seen us draw one and lose one so I think it is our turn to get a win today - and that's exactly what we'll be aiming for.

But we know it won't be easy against a strong side

who work hard for each other with a few players who can certainly turn it on when they want to.

However if we play to our maximum it won't matter what the visitors do because we know we are good enough to get the right result.

Everyone here at the Club has been disappointed with the last two results. We played well enough to have beaten Wolves but somehow ended up losing 2-1 and the same thing happened at Bradford.

That word consistency keeps cropping up but it is of vital

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importance. As the Gaffer has told us, it is no good playing well in two games and then following it up with two poor performances.

Despite failing to get anything from our last two matches the mood in the camp is good and everyone is looking forward to this afternoon's game.

On Wednesday we have another home fixture, this time against Huddersfield Town and although it would be nice to pick up six points, the most important thing is that we don't get beaten.

The onus is on the defence - we have to eradicate some of the silly mistakes we have been making.

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skipper **Seagraves**

Bootle born defender Mark Seagraves has settled in the South very well after last year's £100,000 move from Bolton Wanderers.

The former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth International was forced to uproot with his wife and two children when the transfer went through in June of last year - but Siggy says it hasn't been a problem.

"To be honest I've enjoyed every minute since coming to Swindon. This is the first time in my career that I have had to move the whole family but we have all settled in very well.

"I think having such a successful season made life a lot easier for me to settle in and all

the lads made me feel ever so welcome."

Mark is now firmly established at the heart of the Swindon defence and was honoured when manager Steve McMahon asked him to take over wearing the Captain's arm band following the departure of Shaun Taylor.

"I can't pretend to be another Shaun. I have a job to do as skipper and I do it my way.

"Really there is not a lot extra to do apart from leading the team out onto the pitch but I must admit it is a nice feeling to be captaining the side," he said.

Mark has the greatest respect for manager Steve McMahon who he believes has helped turn Swindon into one of the most


professionally runs clubs in the league.


"You have got to be professional right the way through and that is certainly the case here at Swindon under Steve.

"He hasn't got massive amounts of money to spend on big stars but he has got by well on a tight budget and he hasn't brought in too many bad players has he?

"In the state of the current transfer market I'm sure Steve could make the Club a lot of money by selling two or three of our squad.

"However that is not what happens here any more. We used to be a club that sold its best players but Steve is determined to hold on to them and build for the future."


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Having started his career at Liverpool before moving to Manchester City in September 1987 and then signing for Bolton three years later, Mark has been involved with some of the country's biggest clubs.

In comparison Swindon may not be one of the leading lights in the game but Mark's aim is to play well enough to earn himself another contract here at the County Ground.

"I would love to end my career here but I know anything can happen in football. I'll just continue to take every day as it comes," he added.

Name: Mark Seagraves

Age: 29

Birthplace: Bootle

Position: Defender

Former Clubs:

Liverpool, Norwich (loan),
Man City, Bolton Wanderers

Nickname: "Siggy"

.....
Who did you support as a youngster?: Liverpool

Career highlight so far:
Making debut for Liverpool

Favourite other sports:
Golf

Most respected player in football: Alan Hansen



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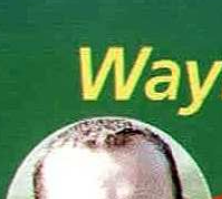
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Town boss Steve McMahon took possession of a cheque for £7,000 on behalf of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund prior to Swindon's recent home game with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

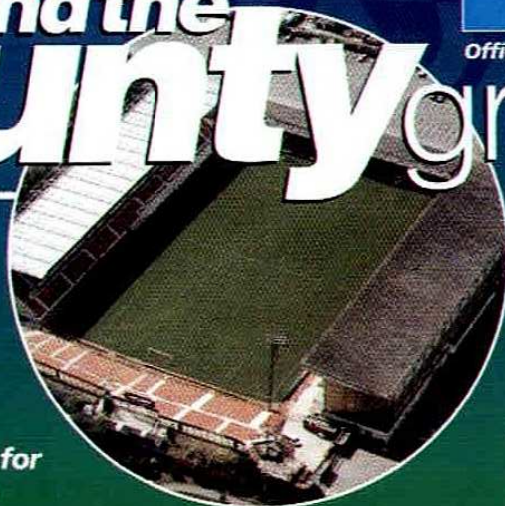


David Wilson from Nationwide handed the handsome sum over - the cash being raised from a charity football match at the end of last season between a Celebrity XI, led by Steve and a Nationwide team captained by David Wilson.

A grand total of £14,000 was raised from the match with half the sum going to the Mitchemp Trust.

The match itself ended in a comprehensive 9-1 victory for Steve McMahon's outfit with the Gaffer grabbing a hat trick. Also on target was special guest Ian Rush, the former Liverpool marksman who weighed in with a double strike.

But the real winners were the Macmillan Fund, Nationwide's ongoing charity along with the Mitchemp Trust which was set up by Swindon fan and famous explorer David Hempleman-Adams.



New kit unveiled

A special photocall was staged at the County Ground last week as the Swindon squad tried on the Club's brand new second change strip.

The peppermint green shirts, black shorts with green and white hooped socks were given a massive thumbs up.

The kit has been launched as a special souvenir of Swindon Town's Division Two Championship campaign as well as promoting Castrol's new product - GTX Magnatec.

The Club's main sponsors Castrol and kit manufacturers Mizuno are confident this latest strip will prove to be just as popular as the red and blue kits.



Kevin eases into the fast lane

Popular Town star Kevin Horlock was recently handed the keys to a sponsored car by Sudburys Mazda.

The vehicle has been supplied by the Groundwell Road based Mazda dealers who are pleased to be able to support Swindon's Northern Ireland International.

Clint Rickett, sales manager at the local garage made the official presentation last week with the help of Stratton Boys football team who have also been sponsored by Sudburys.



Todd takes award

Former England International Colin Todd scooped the Nationwide Football League Division One Manager of the Month Award for September after leading his side to the top of the table.

Todd is hoping to get the Trotters back into the top flight at the first attempt following their relegation last term.

Eagles swoop at Elm Park

Crystal Palace collected September's Yokohama Best Performance on the Road Award following their 6-1 triumph at Reading.

It was the first of two successive six goal hauls in the space of a week.

Swindon clinched a similar award at the tail end of last season - ours being for the best away record in all three divisions!

swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

Swindon Ladies progressed into round two of the Womens FA Cup with a victory over Cinderford Town.

Town travelled to the Forest of Dean on a wet and windy afternoon and after half an hour Nadine Lloyd scored a hat-trick to put Town very much in the driving seat.

Tracy Mackeddie added one more before the break and within minutes of the restart Kerie Garwood increased Town's tally.

Tracy Mackeddie went onto complete her hat-trick and Nadine Lloyd took her personal total to five.

With three minutes remaining Sil Cryer headed in Pam Laker's corner to score her first goal for the club. Town have been drawn away to old rivals Reading Royals in round two.

On Tuesday evenings the Town Ladies are continuing the coaching sessions for girls interested in playing football.

These sessions are held on the County Ground Extension, in the centre of the running track, and start at 6 o'clock and finish at 7.

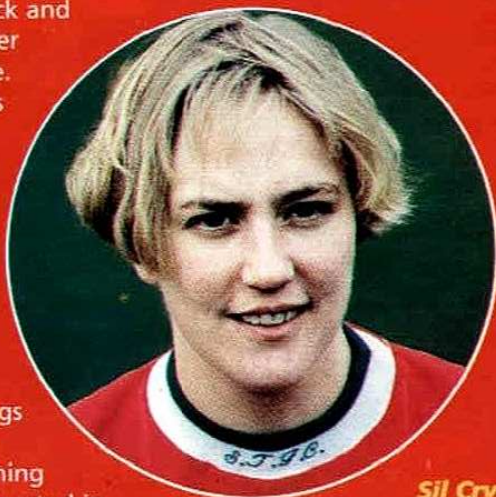
Just come along or phone Kerie on Swindon 430340.

Tomorrow, Sunday 13th October, we have a home fixture against Ringwood previously AFC Bournemouth.

They have not had a very happy start to the season picking up one point in a home draw with Cheltenham.

Last season Ringwood finished fourth from bottom but 13 points above the relegation zone.

The two sides have not met before so it should lead to an interesting encounter. The game, as with all home games, will be played on the County Ground Extension and Kick Off at 2 pm.



Sil Cryer, who comes from Iceland and signed for the Town in the close season. She scored her first goal for the Town in the FA Cup tie at Cinderford.

Swindon Town Ladies result

**"UK Living" Women's FA Cup - 1st Round
Cinderford Town 0 Swindon Town 10**

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd (5), Tracy Mackeddie (3), Kerie Garwood & Sil Cryer
Team: Alison Richards, Vikki McCann, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddie, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood. **Subs:** (Used) Sil Cryer & Jo Sharpe. (Not used) Sarah Ramsey

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	2-3
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A	10-0
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFIELD	H	
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	
Sun 27th Oct	League Cup 1st Round		
SUN 3RD NOV	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	H	
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	
Sun 24th Nov	To Be Advised		
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H	
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	
Sun 15th Dec	League Cup 2nd Round		
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H	
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 12th Jan	Binfield	A	
Sun 19th Jan	Ringwood	A	
Sun 26th Jan	To Be Advised		
SUN 2ND FEB	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sun 9th Feb	Southampton Saints	A	
Sun 16th Feb	Cheltenham	A	
SUN 23RD FEB	READING ROYALS	H	

League Table 96/97 season Southern Region League Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	3	3	0	0	16	0	9
Reading Royals	3	3	0	0	13	4	9
Swindon Spitfires	3	3	0	0	8	4	9
Portsmouth	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Southampton Saints	3	1	0	2	8	8	3
SWINDON TOWN	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
Binfield	4	1	0	3	4	12	3
Ringwood	4	0	1	3	3	11	1
Cheltenham	2	0	1	1	1	9	1
Havant Town	4	0	0	4	3	11	0

Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	4	-
Sil Cryer	(3)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	4	4
Justine Hume	1	-
Pam Laker	4	1
Nadine Lloyd	4	6
Tracy Mackeddie	4	4
Deb Martin	3(1)	-
Vikki McCann	4	-
Sara Privett	3	-
Kim Reeves	4	-
Alison Richards	3	-
Jo Sharpe	(1)	-
Clare Tyson	4	-
Netti Wyness	1	-

money spinner!

Swindon Town Football Club and Grosvenor Casinos Limited recently announced that they have entered into an agreement to allow Grosvenor to develop a casino at the County Ground.

This is a unique development, the first time a football club and casino operator have worked jointly anywhere in Europe.

The deal, which is still subject to legislative change by central government and approval by local magistrates, as well as landlord consent and local planning approval, will bring 100 new jobs to the area.

Swindon director Rikki Hunt was understandably excited about the deal which will give the club a major financial boost to the tune of up to £150,000 per year.

"This initiative is all part of Swindon Town's aim to be at the forefront of commercial thinking in football and the fact that we didn't hear about this but went out and got it, demonstrates the level of ambition that exists here at the Club."

"The board want to put the Club on a solid financial footing and this deal goes some way to helping us achieve that goal."

"We also want to be more self reliant and the cash injection we will receive from this deal will help to further develop the Club."

If all goes according to plan the 10,000 square feet available underneath the Castrol Stand running up to the Rover Family Stand will be transformed into a high class casino.

Grosvenor Casinos Chairman Mike Allison said: *"The football ground is already a major focus for leisure, is easily accessible and has plenty of parking, so is an ideal choice. The fact that the directors and management team are both forward looking and visionary is a bonus."*

Grosvenor Casinos are a subsidiary of The Rank Organisation Plc and are the largest operators of casinos in the UK with 32 nationwide.

Contrary to the image created on television and in the movies, UK casinos are low cost, non-elitist entertainment with the average member visiting once a month and spending less than £20.

"They are friendly relaxed places where millions of average people choose to spend part of their leisure time," added Allison.

This scheme has come about because of the government's decision to relax curbs and allow 13 new casinos to open in towns around Britain.

The legislative change is expected to take place in the New Year and the construction could begin later in 1997.

The Club believe this announcement fits in very well with its vision and mission.

Vision - To create the financial security which will enable sustainable Premiership football.

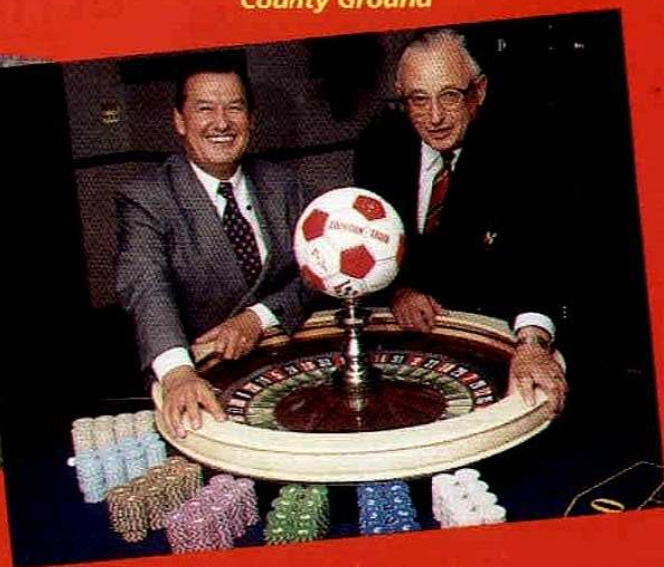
Mission - To achieve vision by maximising operating profits, return on investments and by reducing gearing.

"Short term fixes for long term problems don't work. Here we have a long term deal to help solve a long term problem which will lead to long term opportunities for Swindon Town," added Rikki Hunt.

Spin that wheel - Swindon Town and Grosvenor Casinos hope to forge a winning partnership at the County Ground



Swindon Chairman Mike Spearman and Grosvenor Casinos Chairman Mike Allison show off a model of the proposed new development



football shorts

by M.J. Evans

Chesterfield

Following the First World War Chesterfield F.C. were known as Chesterfield Municipal FC as the local council had played a large part in the reorganisation of the football team.

Villa fined

Aston Villa were the first club to be fined by the FA over the conduct of their players, officials and spectators. The club had 40 players booked and three sent off and had a fine of £3,000 suspended until the end of season 1972-73.

Hero & villan

Neil Hood had mixed fortunes in a Scottish Division One match for his club Clyde against Airdrieonians which his side won 2-1 thanks entirely to him. Having scored both goals for his side he gave away the penalty

from which they scored and he was sent off!

Record scotched twice

Clydebank's 4-1 victory over Airdrie saw the end and the beginning of two new club records. Goalscorers on that day were Blair Miller and Frank McDougall with two apiece. Miller's two goals overhauled Tony Moys 11 year record of 24 League goals in a season, with a further two taking his total up to 28. McDougall was to add a further 10 goals which brought his total to 25 goals, thus Moys' recorded being beaten twice in one season.

The Pathetic and the prophetic

Crewe Alexandra held Tottenham Hotspur to a 2-2 draw at Gresty Road. Spurs won

the replay by a massive 13-2 margin. The dejected Crewe players returned home via a train from Euston which departed from platform 13 and arrived back in Crewe on platform two. There's irony for you.

'Keeper captain

Crewe Alexandra allowed the team's player of the year to captain the side for their last game of the season against York City in May 1980. Crewe won the game 2-0 with the captain audaciously granting himself the role of penalty taker when the score was 1-0 to his side. But the daring skipper scored from the spot much to the relief of his teammates, and returned back to his goal. The keeper in question, a certain Bruce Grobbelaar, who else!



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Manchester Utd

Weds October 23 Kick-Off 8.00pm



Swindon were the only Premier League side to score four goals against the champions in 1993/94 - and they will be looking to net a few more in their next meeting!



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up to and including October 8th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	10	4	1	0	3	1	1	24	13	23
NORWICH CITY	10	2	3	0	4	0	1	14	6	21
BARNLEY	9	3	0	2	3	1	0	17	10	19
TRANMERE ROVERS	11	4	1	1	1	2	2	16	13	18
CRYSTAL PALACE	10	3	2	0	1	3	1	23	10	17
WOLVERHAMPTON W.	11	2	1	3	3	1	1	15	12	17
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	9	4	1	1	1	0	2	16	11	16
STOKE CITY	9	3	1	0	1	2	2	14	15	15
IPSWICH TOWN	10	2	2	1	1	3	1	16	13	14
OXFORD UNITED	10	3	1	1	1	1	3	13	8	14
SHEFFIELD UNITED	8	2	1	1	2	0	2	16	12	13
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	9	1	1	2	2	3	0	13	12	13
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	11	1	1	3	2	3	1	12	14	13
MANCHESTER CITY	9	3	0	1	1	0	4	9	11	12
PORT VALE	11	1	3	1	1	3	2	9	13	12
GRIMSBY TOWN	11	2	0	4	1	2	2	14	23	11
SWINDON TOWN	10	2	1	2	1	1	3	11	13	11
PORTSMOUTH	11	1	2	2	2	0	4	11	17	11
BRADFORD CITY	11	3	1	2	0	1	4	9	16	11
READING	10	2	1	1	1	0	5	11	21	10
SOUTHEND UNITED	11	2	2	1	0	2	4	11	22	10
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	8	3	1	0	0	0	4	7	8	10
BIRMINGHAM CITY	8	2	2	0	0	1	3	8	10	9
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	11	1	2	3	0	1	4	11	17	6



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	3(2)	0	2	0	5(2)	0
WAYNE ALLISON	6(2)	1	3	2	9(2)	3
LEE COLLINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE COWE	8	3	3	0	11	3
IAN CULVERHOUSE	8	0	3	0	11	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	8(1)	0	3	0	11(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
GARY ELKINS	3	0	1	0	4	0
STEVE FINNEY	2(4)	1	1(1)	0	3(5)	1
TY GOODEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEVIN HORLOCK	10	2	4	0	14	2
SCOTT LEITCH	10	0	4	1	14	1
STEVE McMAHON	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE MILDENHALL	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	4(1)	0	2	1	6(1)	1
MARK ROBINSON	8	1	3	0	11	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	9(1)	0	2(1)	0	12(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1	0	0	0	1	0
FRANK TALIA	10	0	4	0	14	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	3(4)	0	1(1)	1	4(5)	1
MARK WALTERS	7(1)	2	3	1	10(1)	3
KEVIN WATSON	4(4)	1	1(1)	0	5(5)	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 1-2	7,843
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-1	13,662
Wed Sep 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A 3-1*	6,976
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 1-2	8,572
Wed Oct 2	Bradford City	A 1-2	9,249
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H	
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A	
Wed Oct 23	Manchester United C.C.C 3	A	
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	
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A	
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A	
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
FRI NOV 29	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		

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 Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.
 All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



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TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	ELKINS
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Mike Spearman
 Chairman

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1	Frank Talia
2	Mark Robinson
3	Gary Elkins
4	Scott Leitch
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Ian Culverhouse
7	Mark Walters
8	Wayne O'Sullivan
9	Steve Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Peter Thorne
13	Frederic Darras
14	Paul Allen

Team Changes

Oxford United

1	Elliott Jackson
2	Darren Purse
3	Mike Ford
4	David Smith
5	Matthew Elliott
6	Phil Gilchrist
7	Bobby Ford
8	Martin Gray
9	Paul Moody
10	Nigel Jemson
11	Joey Beauchamp
12	Stuart Massey
13	Simon Marsh
14	Matt Murphy

Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:
G. Singh (Wolverhampton)



Assisted by:
D.S. Brammer (Weston-S-M)
K.R. Buller (Somerset)

Reserve Official:
M. Mazonowicz



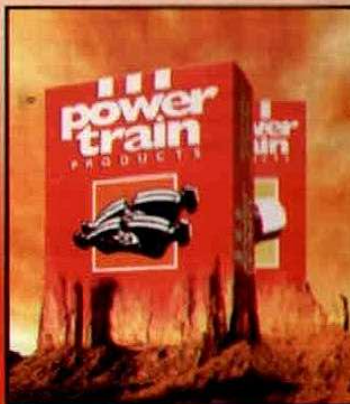
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