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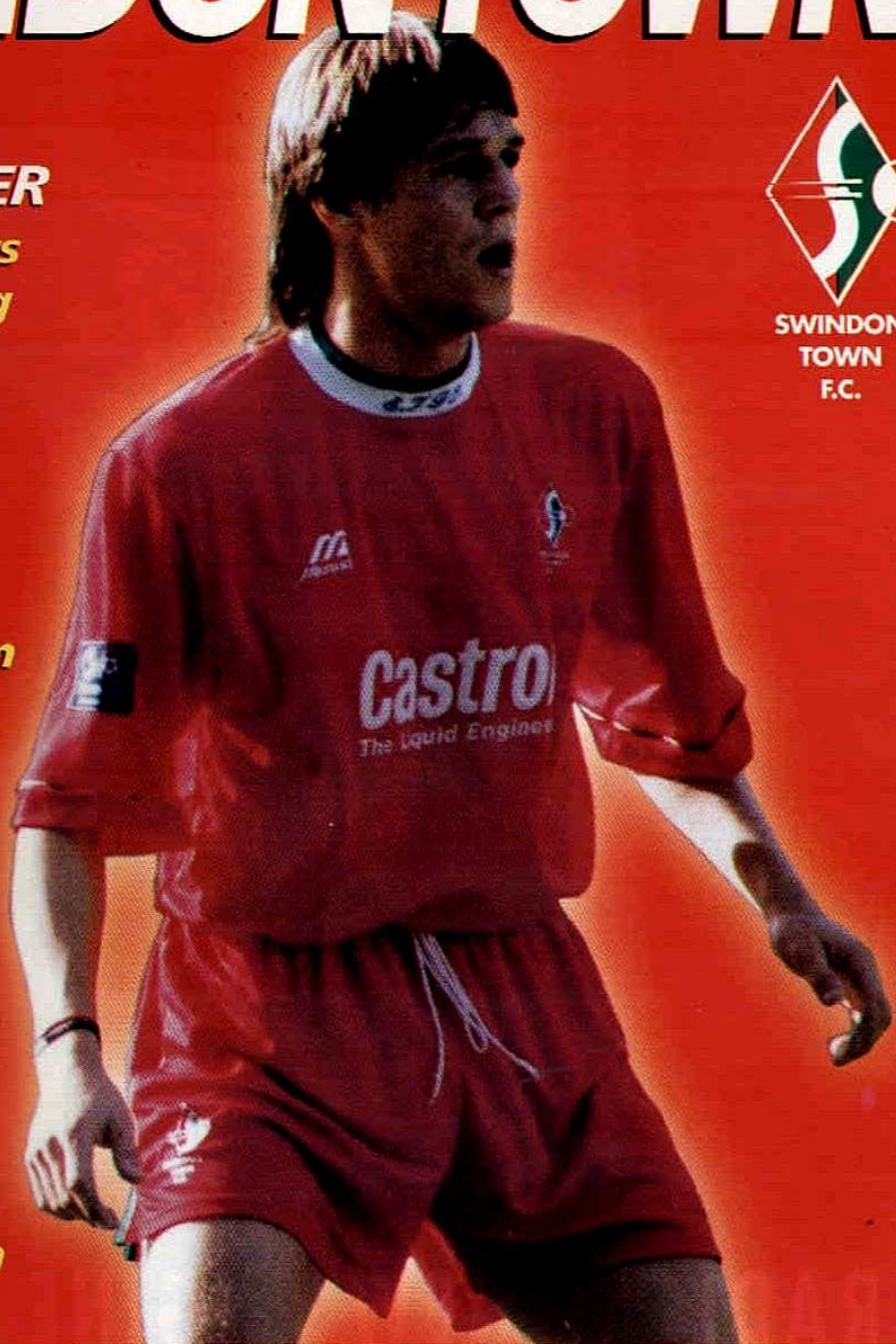
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# welcome to swindon town

***This afternoon we go on a revenge seeking mission against our near neighbours from Reading, having gone down 2-0 at Elm Park last month.***

It is good to be back on home territory after our recent away day marathon and Steve McMahon's men are keen to repeat the performance they gave when they were last here at the County Ground.

The 3-0 verdict over Barnsley included a rare header from Mark Walters, a bullet of a shot from Ty Gooden and a poachers special by Steve Finney.

And a replay of that impressive display should be enough to send the Royals back down the M4 empty handed.

However the Berkshire side have picked up some useful results of late including a 2-1 triumph over QPR last Saturday followed by a 0-0 home draw with Birmingham City on Tuesday night.

But by all accounts it was a bit of a bore draw with the highlight being a streaker racing across the pitch.

**No Joy on our travels**

***Tuesday night's 2-0 defeat at Sheffield United left us pointless from our three most recent away trips.***

Gareth Taylor's sixth minute strike knocked us back and a second half goal by Petr Katchour sealed the points.

Paul Furlong struck the only goal of the game in our 1-0 defeat at Birmingham City last Saturday.

Northern Ireland International Kevin Horlock

went close to levelling twice with well taken free kicks but the woodwork and Steve Sutton denied him.

It was a case of too little too late at Ipswich last week as Town tumbled to a 3-2 reverse at Portman Road.

Poor defending allowed Ipswich to race into a 3-0 lead with goals from James Scowcroft, Gerry Creaney and Steve Sedgley (penalty).

Mark Walters missed a spot kick before Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison found the net to make the final scoreline more respectable.

**SKY text**

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**David signs on loan**

***Welcome back to David Kerslake who has rejoined Swindon on a month's loan from Tottenham Hotspur.***

The 30 year old defender made 163 appearances for Town between 1989 and 1993 before moving on to Leeds and Tottenham.

Out of favour at White Hart Lane, David was delighted when Steve McMahon enquired after him and he is sure to add some expertise to the team during his loan spell here at the County Ground.

We wish him well.



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# *the manager*

## Steve McMahon says



***Having lost three games in a row away from home you have to start asking questions about the character of some of the players here.***

It's ok winning at home but you have to pick up results away as well and recently we have not been performing particularly well on our travels.

We have not been defending properly. Take the game at Ipswich for example. We conceded a goal after 23 seconds - and we had the kick-off!

Then on Tuesday at Sheffield United we fell behind in the sixth minute. It is just not good enough because straight away we were chasing the game again.

At Birmingham our defending wasn't much better and overall we just didn't seem to have the self belief which I find very difficult to understand when we have beaten the likes of Barnsley and Manchester City.

Of course our cause hasn't been helped by injuries and unavailabilities. We've missed the likes of Mark Seagraves, Frederic Darras and Ian Culverhouse but it really isn't an excuse for the way we have played.

On the other hand I've been pleased with the way David Kerslake has settled in. He was arguably our best player at Sheffield and his experience will be a great help during his loan spell here. He's done a terrific job but as far as signing him on a more permanent basis is concerned we'll just have to wait and see how things progress.

Finances dictate that we have to be careful but perhaps we'll be able to do some deals on the transfer market - it's a matter of sitting tight and seeing what happens.

Talking of deals, over the past few weeks we have been trying to get several players to sign extended contracts to keep them here for the foreseeable future.

It is unfortunate that some players have refused to make a decision but we can't sit around and wait for them to make their minds up.

There is no more money

available and when it comes to it, no player is bigger than the Club - it is up to them.

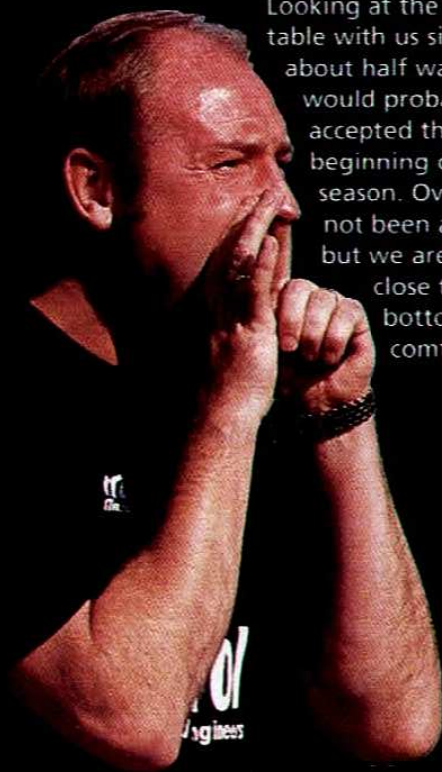
Enough of that, this afternoon we have got to regroup and it will be a case of all hands to the pump against a Reading team who have had a good run of late.

It will be a very difficult game against Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding's side, particularly after our three successive defeats.

Earlier in the season we lost 2-0 at Elm Park but today it is not simply a case of gaining revenge - it's about getting our form back.

Yes ability is important and we know our players have got that, but it is also about character and we will need to show more of that today.

Looking at the League table with us sitting at about half way, we would probably have accepted that at the beginning of the season. Overall it has not been a bad start but we are still too close to the bottom for comfort.



*Steve McMahon*



# today's visitors

**The 1996/97 campaign hasn't been the best of times for Reading so far - although Royals fans will be keen to remind us of a certain 2-0 victory they secured at Elm Park on October 26th.**

Swindon, of course, were the victims that day and the Royals will be keen for a repeat of that scoreline this afternoon as they bid to climb away from relegation worries near the foot of the Division One table.

Man of the moment for Berkshire's finest is former West Ham and Manchester City striker Trevor Morley, who has found the net eight times in the League at the time of writing, and is by some distance the Royals' top scorer this term.

Morley grabbed both goals in that 'derby' game of a few weeks ago - including one from the penalty spot - and it is good to see the popular forward back to his best after a horrific skull injury which threatened to prematurely finish his career last season.

Elsewhere, the Royals have mixed good, bad and indifferent in equal measure this season.

On the plus side they have

scored memorable victories over Sheffield United, Manchester City, Wolves and in-form Oxford United; while on the indifferent they could only manage draws at the likes of Grimsby and Oldham.

They have had a couple of big shocks, too, with a 5-2 defeat at Ipswich - albeit after the dismissal of goalkeeper Bobby Mihailov for a professional foul - followed by a comprehensive 6-1 hammering at Crystal Palace.

Their biggest problem - Morley apart - has been in scoring goals, with their prolific ex-Swindon star Jimmy Quinn often restricting himself to the subs bench these days.

Two years ago, Quinn and his management partner Gooding guided Reading to second place in the First Division - only missing out on promotion after a heart-breaking Wembley Play-Off Final.



Swindon



**Reading Football Club 1996/97**

## Back Row: (left to right)

Ron Grant (Kit Man), Trevor Morley, Phil Parkinson, Michael Thorp, Paul Holsgrove, Stuart Lovell, Jimmy Garrry, Jeff Hopkins, Andrew Robertson, Lee Nogan, Richard Hill (Coach).

## Middle Row: (left to right)

Paul Turner (Physio), Martin Williams, Andy Bernal, Paul Bodin, Dariusz Wdowczyk, Sal Bibbo, Bobby Mihailov, Michael Meaker, David Bass, Keith McPherson, Guy Sanders, Steve Kean (Youth Team Coach).

## Front Row: (left to right)

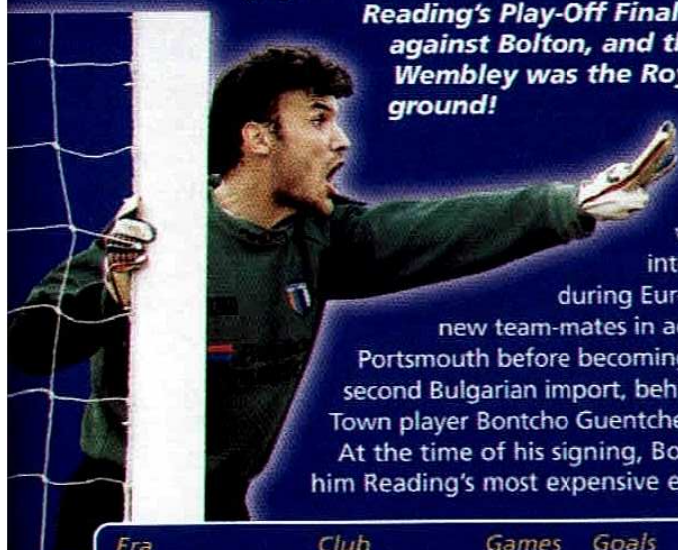
Darren Caskey, Michael Gilkes, Martyn Booty, Steve Swales, Mick Gooding (Joint Player/Manager), Barry Hunter, Jimmy Quinn (Joint Player/Manager), Derek Simpson, Andrew Freeman, Alan Carey, James Lambert.





# a closer look at Bobby Mihailov

**When Reading signed Bulgarian international goalkeeper Borislav ('Bobby') Mihailov at the beginning of the 1995/96 season there was a rumour doing the rounds that the popular number one had seen a video of Reading's Play-Off Final appearance against Bolton, and thought that Wembley was the Royals' home ground!**



It is, of course, an apocryphal tale. Mihailov - who won his 97th international cap during Euro 96 - watched his

new team-mates in action at Portsmouth before becoming this country's second Bulgarian import, behind ex-Ipswich Town player Bontcho Guentchev, now at Luton. At the time of his signing, Bobby's fee made him Reading's most expensive ever player, but a

series of back and hamstring injuries restricted him to just 17 senior games last season.

A world class custodian, Bobby captained his country against England at Wembley during the 1995/96 campaign and has proved himself to be one of the First Division's leading stoppers.

He is known as 'wiggy' due to the hairpiece he wears during games.

## FACT FILE..

**Name:** Bobby Mihailov  
**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Born:** Sofia, Bulgaria, 12.02.63  
**Height:** 6ft 1in  
**Weight:** 12st 4lb  
**International Honours:** Bulgaria 97 Full caps

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
From Botev Plovdiv, Bulgaria 95/96	Reading	16	-	£300,000

# Mick Gooding & Jimmy Quinn the managers

**Reading may have narrowly missed out on promotion two seasons ago, avoided relegation by an equally slender margin last term and seen a steady trickle of leading players leaving the Club, but in Mick Gooding and Jimmy Quinn they can boast a management pair that give their all on and off the field.**

The experienced double act guided the Royals to second spot in 1994/95s final table, before a heart-breaking Play-Off Final defeat at the hands of Bolton denied them promotion,

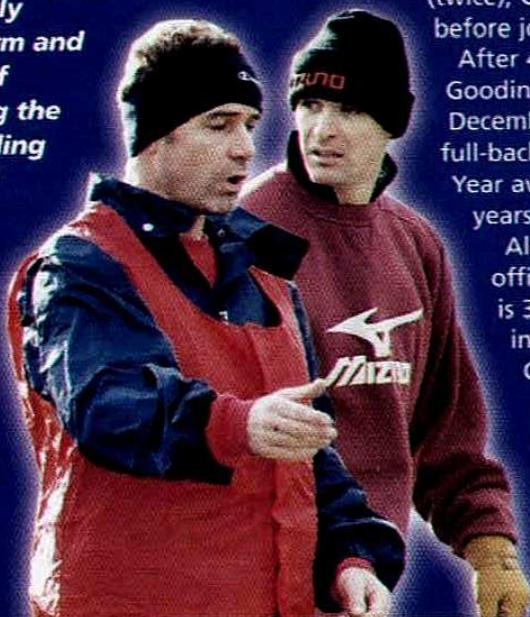
and although last year saw the Royals slide out of the reckoning early on, there were still enough positive signs to give hope for the current campaign.

Mick Gooding had done the rounds as a journeyman lower division player with Rotherham (twice), Chesterfield and Peterborough before joining Wolves in 1988.

After 44 games with the Molineux Club, Gooding joined Reading for £50,000 in December 1989. A tireless midfielder or full-back, he won the Club's Player of the Year award for the third time in five years last season.

Alongside Gooding in the manager's office - and on the pitch - at Elm Park is 36-year-old Northern Ireland international and former County Ground favourite Jimmy Quinn.

A prolific goalscorer throughout his 15-year professional career, Quinn had spells with Swindon (twice), Blackburn, Leicester, Bradford, West Ham and Bournemouth before joining the Royals for £55,000 in July 1992.







# playerprofile

READING FOOTBALL CLUB

Understudy to Bulgarian International Bobby Mihailov is former County Ground favourite **NICKY HAMMOND**, who followed a spell on loan last season with signing permanently for the Elm Park club for £40,000 in January 1996. Reading's goalkeeper injury curse struck Hammond low soon after arrival at the Club, however, and the former Swindon man underwent cartilage surgery on his back during the summer having missed the final three months of last season.

Australian International **ANDY BERNAL** is currently enjoying his second spell in English football, having moved to Elm Park from Sydney Olympic in July 1994. Bernal had previously spent three seasons at Ipswich Town in the late 1980s and endured a rocky spell earlier this season when he was sent-off twice in three games.

There is a familiar face at left-back, where former Swindon man **PAUL BODIN** is playing following his summer transfer from the County Ground. A Welsh International. Bodin signed on a free transfer after helping guide the Robins to the 1995/96 Second Division title.

**JEFF HOPKINS** is another Welsh star (16 caps) who joined Reading from Crystal Palace, after a brief spell on loan at Bristol Rovers. A powerful central defender, Hopkins skippered the side during the Division Two title win in 1993/94.

Former Coventry player **MARTYN BOOTY** signed from Crewe last season and has looked a sound performer in the right-back slot while central defender

**KEITH McPHERSON** is an ex-Club captain who cost £100,000 from Northampton in the summer of 1990.

Young **STEVE SWALES** is a pacey full-back who was signed

for £70,000 from Scarborough in July 1995 and the exotically named **DARIUSZ WDOWCZYK** is a Polish international, and former national captain, who came on a free from Celtic in Aug '94.

Solid central defender **BARRY HUNTER** was appointed the new Club captain after joining from Wrexham in July for a fee of £400,000. He is the nephew of former Ipswich and Northern Ireland star Allan Hunter and has recovered well from two broken legs earlier in his career.

Midfielder **DAVID BASS** is a youngster who missed much of 1994/95 with cruciate damage, but is tipped for a bright future by the Reading coaching staff.

Along with Bass,

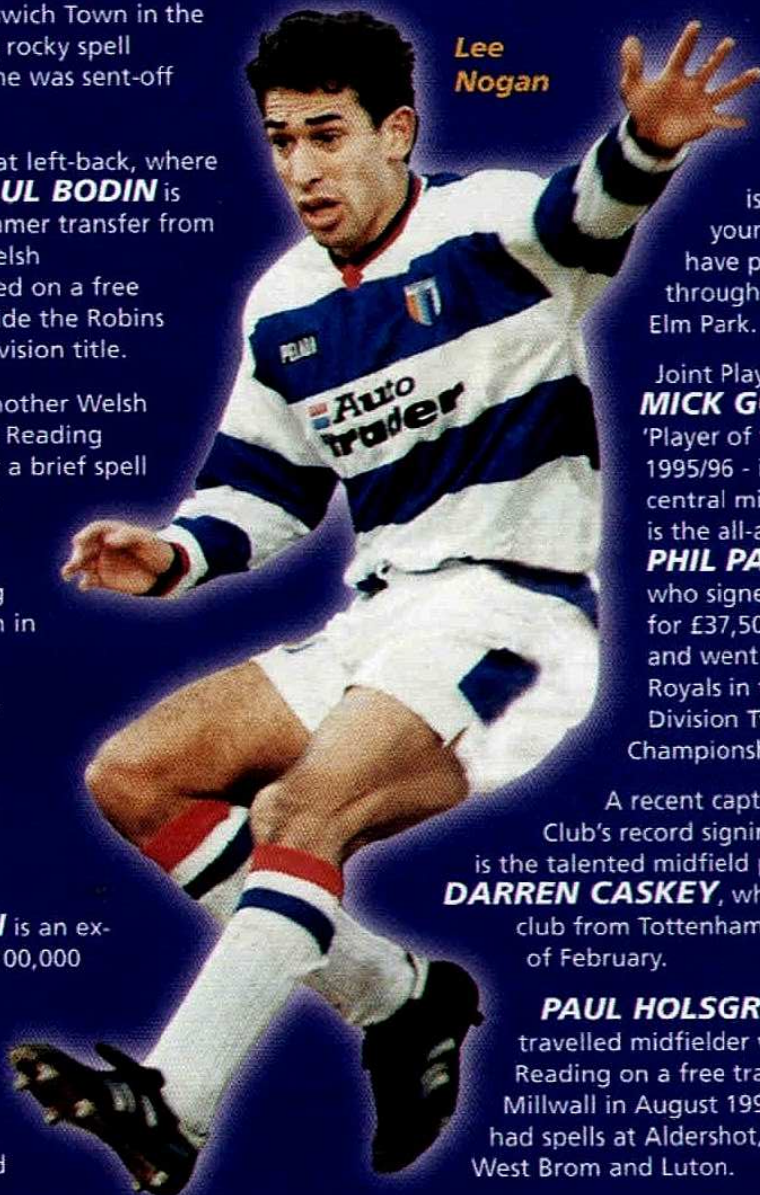
**DEREK SIMPSON**

is another young player to have progressed up through the ranks at Elm Park.

Joint Player/Manager **MICK GOODING** - 'Player of the Year' for 1995/96 - is a powerful central midfield force, as is the all-action **PHIL PARKINSON** who signed from Bury for £37,500 in July 1992 and went on to help the Royals in their 1993/94 Division Two Championship success.

A recent capture, and the Club's record signing at £700,000, is the talented midfield playmaker **DARREN CASKEY**, who joined the club from Tottenham at the tail end of February.

**PAUL HOLSGROVE** is a well-travelled midfielder who joined Reading on a free transfer from Millwall in August 1994 and has also had spells at Aldershot, Wimbledon, West Brom and Luton.



Lee  
Nogan



# Reading

## PLAYER PROFILE



**ANDY FREEMAN** joined the Royals from the Palace during the second year of his YTS contract at Selhurst Park and made one subs appearance last term.

Highly-rated 21-year-old **ALAN CAREY** is a striker who has scored a pile of goals for the Youth and Reserve sides at Elm Park and is sure to make a big impact when he finally holds down a regular first-team spot. Injury wrecked the 1995/96 campaign for him.

**MICHAEL GILKES** has played in defence, midfield and up front for the Royals during his 12 seasons with the Club and has established himself as a great crowd favourite. Highly skilful, with tremendous pace, Gilkes had spells on loan at Southampton and Chelsea in 1991/92.

Third top scorer last season - with nine goals in all competitions - was Aussie-born **STUART LOVELL**, who is a product of the Club's fruitful Youth policy. Still only 24, he has had trials for the Australian national side.

**Stuart Lovell**



Reading's third Welsh International comes in the shape of flying winger or

front man

**MICHAEL MEAKER**,

who was valued at £250,000 in the £1 million deal that took midfielder Simon Osborn to QPR in the summer

of 1995, while the fourth is another £250,000 man, **LEE NOGAN**, who arrived from Watford in January 1995 and snatched 11 goals in all competitions last term.

Former West Ham and Manchester City star **TREVOR MORLEY** has

overcome a career threatening fractured skull to again prove his worth as a class goalscorer at Reading, and to renew an old acquaintance with Player/Manager - and ex-Hammers team-mate - **JIMMY QUINN**, who was leading scorer last term with a total of 17 strikes.



**JAMES LAMBERT**

came up through the youth ranks at Elm Park and spent time training with Monaco in 1992. Five goals last season earned him a call-up for the Football League XI v Italy's Serie B.

**MARTIN WILLIAMS**

is a dangerous winger or central striker who signed on a free transfer from Luton in the summer of 1995.

**Trevor Morley** - Proving his worth as a class goalscorer in the league



# Reading

## VITAL STATISTICS



### Reading's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	14	11	17	52	59	53	13th
87/88	2	44	10	12	22	44	70	42	22nd
88/89	3	46	15	11	20	68	72	56	18th
89/90	3	46	15	19	12	57	53	64	10th
90/91	3	46	17	1	10	53	76	59	15th
91/92	3	46	16	13	11	59	62	61	12th
92/93	2	46	18	15	13	66	51	69	8th
93/94	2	46	26	11	9	81	44	89	1st
94/95	1	46	23	10	13	58	44	79	2nd
95/96	1	46	13	17	16	54	63	54	19th



**10 YEAR  
RECORD**

### How Reading performed last season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 12	STOKE	(a)	D1-1	A.Williams (83)
Aug 19	DERBY	(h)	W3-2	Lovell (36), Morley (58), Nogan (90)
Aug 26	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	D0-0	
Aug 29	MILLWALL	(h)	L1-2	Gooding (34)
Sep 01	SOUTHEND	(a)	D0-0	
Sep 09	LUTON	(h)	W3-1	Nogan (17,69), Lovell (60pen)
Sep 12	GRIMSBY	(h)	L0-2	
Sep 16	LEICESTER	(a)	D1-1	Bernal (25)
Sep 23	PORT VALE	(h)	D2-2	Lambert (30,90)
Sep 30	SUNDERLAND	(a)	D2-2	Lovell (55), Kerr (87)
Oct 07	WEST BROM	(a)	L0-2	
Oct 14	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W3-1	Lambert (17), A.Williams (70), Quinn (78)
Oct 21	OLDHAM	(a)	L1-2	Lovell (41)
Oct 28	IPSWICH	(h)	L1-4	Lovell (64)
Nov 04	C.PALACE	(a)	W2-0	Shaw (13og), Nogan (25)
Nov 11	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	L0-1	
Nov 18	BARNLEY	(h)	D0-0	
Nov 21	CHARLTON	(a)	L1-2	Brown (45)
Nov 25	SHEFF UTD	(a)	D0-0	
Dec 02	WEST BROM	(h)	W3-1	Morley (6), Holsgrove (41), Nogan (71)
Dec 09	PORT VALE	(a)	L2-3	Morley (31), Quinn (78pen)
Dec 16	SUNDERLAND	(h)	D1-1	Quinn (86)
Dec 30	NORWICH	(a)	D3-3	Lambert (14), Nogan (72), Kerr (83)
Jan 01	TRANMERE	(h)	W1-0	Morley (79)
Jan 13	DERBY	(a)	L0-3	
Jan 20	STOKE	(h)	W1-0	Gooding (67)
Feb 04	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L0-1	
Feb 10	MILLWALL	(a)	D1-1	Bowry (32og)
Feb 17	GRIMSBY	(a)	D0-0	
Feb 24	LEICESTER	(h)	D1-1	Lovell (75pen)
Feb 27	LUTON	(a)	W2-1	Booty (45), Lovell (78)
Mar 02	WATFORD	(h)	D0-0	
Mar 09	WOLVES	(a)	D1-1	Gooding (17)
Mar 16	NORWICH	(h)	L0-3	
Mar 19	SOUTHEND	(h)	D3-3	Nogan (45,54,66)
Mar 23	TRANMERE	(a)	L1-2	Caskey (36)
Mar 30	OLDHAM	(h)	W2-0	Quinn (41,52)
Apr 02	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	L1-3	A.Williams (32)
Apr 06	IPSWICH	(a)	W2-1	Bernal (22), Quinn (53)
Apr 08	C.PALACE	(h)	L0-2	
Apr 13	BARNLEY	(a)	W1-0	Quinn (78pen)
Apr 16	WATFORD	(a)	L2-4	Caskey (62), Quinn (90)
Apr 20	CHARLTON	(h)	D0-0	
Apr 27	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L0-3	
Apr 30	WOLVES	(h)	W3-0	M.Williams (22), Quinn (40,86)
May 05	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	W2-1	Nogan (10), Quinn (23)

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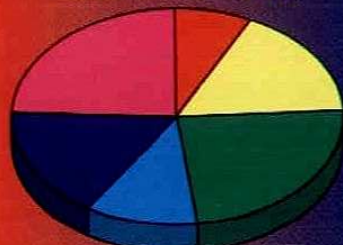
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25-Feb-1961	3	1-1
13-Oct-1961	3	4-1
20-Oct-1962	3	1-1
06-Nov-1965	3	5-0
04-Feb-1967	3	0-1
24-Oct-1967	3	5-1
27-Aug-1968	3	0-0
11-Mar-1977	3	2-2
21-Aug-1979	3	0-0
24-Jan-1981	3	3-1
26-Sep-1981	3	0-2
18-Feb-1984	4	1-1
26-Sep-1987	2	4-0
14-Sep-1994	1	1-0

Away	Div	Result
03-Dec-1960	3	1-1
02-Mar-1962	3	1-1
08-Mar-1963	3	2-1
01-Apr-1966	3	2-0
24-Sep-1966	3	1-2
04-Oct-1967	3	1-2
09-Oct-1968	3	1-0
02-Oct-1976	3	1-4
10-Oct-1979	3	1-2
30-Aug-1980	3	1-4
20-Feb-1982	3	1-1
29-Oct-1983	4	2-2
26-Dec-1987	2	1-0
01-Apr-1995	1	0-3

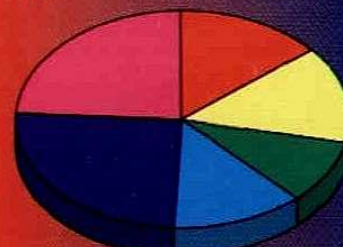
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored in 1995-96  
clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	4
16-30	9
31-45	13
46-60	6
61-75	9
76-90	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>



League goals conceded in 1995-96  
clockwise starting at RED

0-15	9
16-30	9
31-45	6
46-60	8
61-75	16
76-90	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>



# QuickQuiz!

## the question is...

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

1. At which ground do Charlton play their home games?
2. Who scored England's first goal in their World Cup win in Georgia?
3. Who is currently in charge at Manchester City?
4. Which First Division club are nicknamed The Bantams?
5. Who do Manchester United play in their last Champions League match?
6. For which country is Gary McAllister an international?
7. At which First Division club is John McGinlay?
8. Who scored the only goal in the 1990 World Cup Final between Germany and Argentina?
9. QPR have just paid out over £2 million for which Scottish International?
10. Name the two Portuguese stars at Upton Park.
11. Which Newcastle striker recently scored his 200th League goal when he notched against West Ham?
12. Who is the manager of Northern Ireland?
13. At which League club did Matt Le Tissier start his career?
14. Who is the Czech Republic star at Anfield?
15. The 1996 Scottish Coca-Cola Cup Final involved which two clubs?



## WHO AM I?

1. This player is now out of the League having started his career at Reading and played a loan spell at Swindon near the end.
2. A spell at Portsmouth yielded 34 goals in 100 games.
3. Transferred to Nottingham Forest twice in 1985 and 1992 he also had a spell at Old Trafford from 1984.
4. Played for England 26 times.

## CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



## HOME & AWAY..

### HOME....

1. Who scored our first goal in the 3-0 win over Barnsley?
2. At which club did Ty Gooden start his League career?
3. Kevin Horlock left which club to join Town?

### ....AND AWAY

1. Who beat Reading in the 1994-95 First Division Play-Off Final?
2. Trevor Morley played for Man City or United?

## RULES OF THE GAME!

*How far is it from the penalty spot to the centre of the goal line?*

- A. 10 yards  
B. 12 yards  
C. 15 yards

**Answers....** 1. The Valley. 2. Teddy Sheringham. 3. Phil Neal. 4. Bradford. 5. Rapid Vienna. 6. Scotland. 7. Bolton. 8. Andy Brehme. 9. John Spencer. 10. Hugo Porfiri and Paulo Futre. 11. Peter Beardsley. 12. Bryan Hamilton. 13. Southampton. 14. Patrick Berger. 15. Hearts and Rangers. **Home:** 1. Mark Walters. 2. Swindon. 3. West Ham. **Away:** 1. Bolton. 2. City. **Who am I:** Neil Webb. **Whose Crest:** Luton Town.

Rules of the game: ans B.



# a brief lookback

## Dick Mattick looks back ...

**The 1957/58 campaign was a critical one for clubs in the old Third Division South for at the end of the season the teams finishing second to 12th would form a new nation wide Third Division, with the bottom 12 becoming a Fourth Division.**

Having finished 24th in 1955 and 23rd in 1956/57, Swindon seemed prime candidates for the latter, but when they travelled to Elm Park at the end of March seeking revenge against the team which had knocked them out of the FA Cup that season, the Robins were high up the table and had an outside chance of promotion.

The improvement in form had brought manager Bert Head recognition and his name was being linked with a managerial vacancy at Newcastle.

In his Advertiser report, R.C.E. described Town's 4-0 victory as; "every bit as convincing as the margin suggests."

All the goals came in the first half with Andy Micklewright deputising for the injured John Richards (who finished the season as Town's leading scorer with 16 league goals) shooting home from a difficult angle after 15 minutes.

Two people later to become successful as a painter and decorator, and physiotherapist in the Town, combined for Swindon's second goal, when

Bert Head's first signing Arnold Darcy centred for Johnny Skull to push home.

Swindon put the game out of Reading's reach in the minutes before half time with Andy Micklewright heading his second goal and then Jim Kelly just getting an outstretched foot to the ball in a chase with a defender.

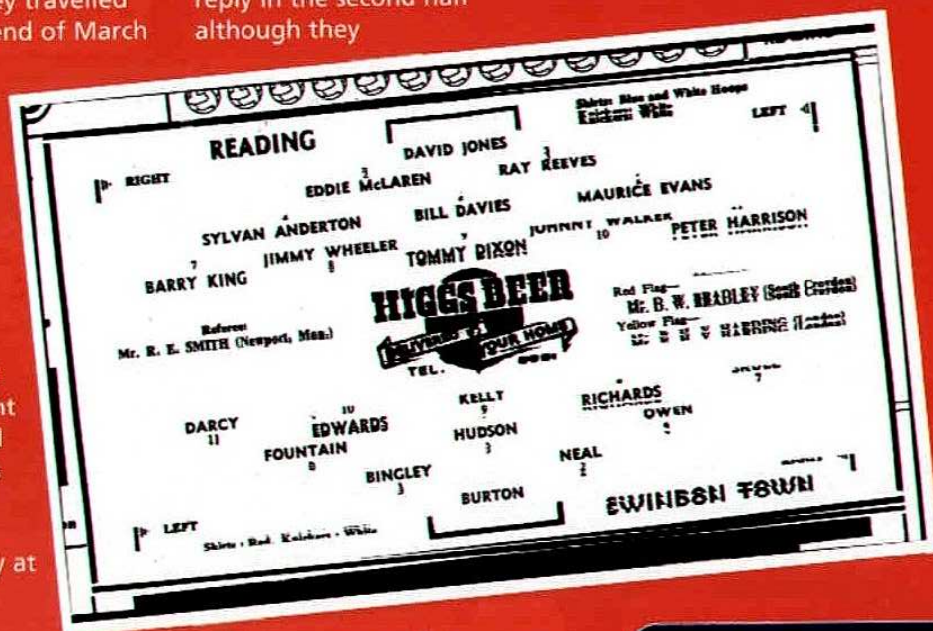
Despite left back Ray Reeves and centre forward and leading scorer Tommy Dixon swapping positions, Reading failed to reply in the second half although they

programme for the Reading team from which I do not know if there were any changes.

**Swindon:** Burton, Neal, Bingley, Owen, Hudson, Fountain, Skull, Micklewright, Kelly, Edwards, Darcy.

**Reading:** Jones, MacLaren, Reeves, Anderton, Davies, Evans, King, Wheeler, Dixon, Walker, Harrison.

## How the teams lined up in 1958



did come more into the game.

Swindon's comfortable victory in this match helped them towards their best ever Division Three South points total of 57, three points behind promoted Brighton and Hove Albion.

Reading, who the match programme showed leading the table on goal average, fell away to finish one place behind Swindon in fifth position.

Probably due to the extensive reporting of Saturday matches in the Football Pink, the teams were not given in the Advertiser, so I have had to rely on the

**Today's question:**  
**When was the last season, before the present one, when Swindon, Reading and Oxford were all in the same Division?**

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

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# talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



***It was always going to be a tough programme with three away games in a row and that has certainly proved to be the case.***

Isn't it amazing how things can suddenly change around? After beating Manchester City and Barnsley we looked as good a side as any in the division and yet suddenly we've lost three in a row.

At Sheffield United on Tuesday I felt one of the problems was our team was so small physically.

United tried to expose that and it cost us early on and it took us until the second half before we finally began to get the ball down and play our own game.

We missed the presence of Siggy, Fred and Cully who you could say are our three main stoppers and it was a real blow to be without them.

But that is making excuses. We have got enough players to cope with that.

The main problem has been our poor defending. At Ipswich it was an inexcusable performance defensively and although we could have got something from the game at Birmingham again

we gave away a silly goal.

At Sheffield we showed them too much respect early on and by the time we started to play it was too late.

One of the plus points from Tuesday was the performance of loan signing David Kerslake who is proving to be a valuable addition.

He was our best player at Bramall Lane and took to his new role of sweeper very well.

David apart there is a lot of room for improvement and we need to show that we have learnt a few lessons - starting this afternoon against Reading.

It is a local derby so the players will really be up for it. We don't seem to have experienced the same problems at home as we have away so let's hope we can correct the last three results.

I'm sure if we can get our noses in front it will make a big difference because of late we have been falling behind early on which has left us chasing the game.

There is a lot at stake and we need to put three points on the board. All I can ask is that you the supporters give us your full backing.

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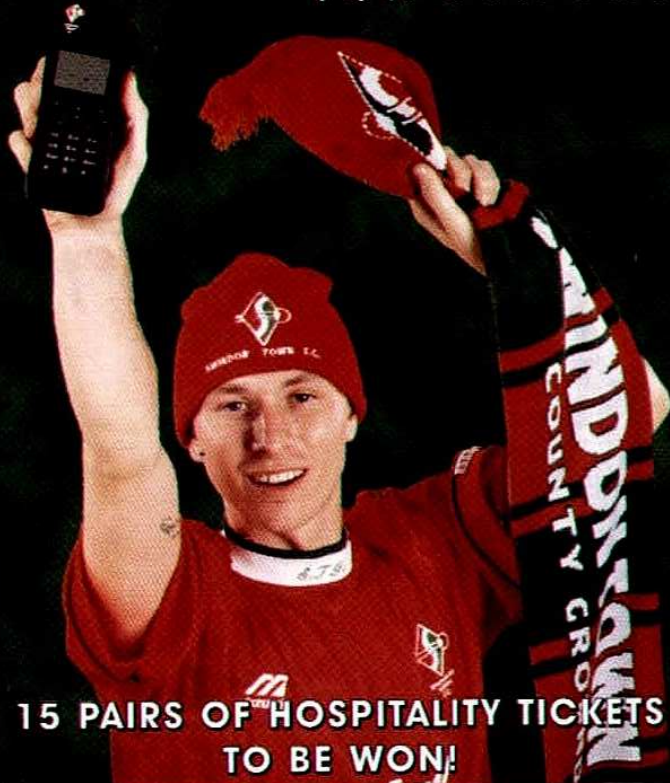
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# leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



**Reading, like ourselves were in action on Tuesday evening when they played hosts to a Birmingham City side looking for their fourth win in five games.**

It was £1.5 million striker Paul Furlong who put the skids under us last Saturday when he snatched the only goal of the game at St. Andrews' and City's third win in four games lifted them into 10th place in the table, equal with us on 26 points with a game in hand.

These are tough times for Town. **Birmingham** last Saturday, **Bramall Lane** on Tuesday and next **Charlton**, then **Stoke City** away. **Reading** is our only home game in a sequence of five and consequently a victory would be well appreciated to help keep us in touch.

Today we complete our derby double with the Royals having lost 2-0 at Elm Park just over a month ago. It is the only local derby game in Division One on this the last day of November.

There are some smashing games in prospect around the country however with league leaders **Bolton** at home to third placed **Barnsley** as good as any.

The Trotters have only slipped up twice at home, the last being a draw with **Crystal Palace**, while the Tykes have lost only once on their travels - here at the County Ground.

It has the hallmarks of a draw though surely **Bolton** must be

due a win.

Just how unpredictable the First Division is this season was illustrated by **Crystal Palace** last week.

Having carved out a glorious 2-2 draw with **Bolton** at Burnden Park a fortnight ago, thanks to midfielder David Hopkin who scored his 12th goal of the season, they then lost 3-2 at home to **Wolves**.

**Palace** were two down, got back to 2-2, then lost to a 61st minute winner inflicted by a former player, Geoff Thomas! Ouch, that hurt, but surely this afternoon Dave Bassett's team will overcome the icy blasts from the North Sea at bottom of the table **Grimsby Town** at Cleethorpes to re-establish their promotion credentials.

The Selhurst Park mob are the top guns away from home with 22 goals and here they are up against the leakiest defence in the Division, the Mariners having conceded 39 goals prior to Tuesday's trip to **Charlton**, 20 of them on home soil. It looks all too easy doesn't it? An away banker that surely will come unstuck. Must be a draw.

Over in East Anglia, **Norwich City** are beginning to slip. A combination of lost points at home and postponed games the problem. Sunday's match at **West Brom** lost to the weather. Held at home by both **Southend United** and more recently **Reading** (former Town striker Keith Scott scored the equaliser) the Canaries have dropped too many home points with five games drawn and one lost and must really bounce back with a victory over **Birmingham City** today. I fancy them to do just that.

Talking of the unpredictable,

what about **Ipswich Town**? You can't rule them out even this afternoon at Prenton Park where **Tranmere Rovers** have scored plenty and let in lots.

Could be an early goal here too. The Suffolk side scored against us in 25 seconds and were one down to **Port Vale** inside 66 seconds last Saturday before bouncing back 2-1.

The opening two minutes could be a nightmare for both goalkeepers.

What then of **Wolves**? They play tomorrow but despite that 3-2 win at Selhurst Park, you can't back them as they are at home to **Manchester City**. It is not the Maine Road club that fills you with doubt, their recent record hardly impresses anyone, it is the fact the game is at Molineux. You see **Wolves** are experiencing a similar run to that which we enjoyed last season. Remarkably good away form, disappointingly average at home.

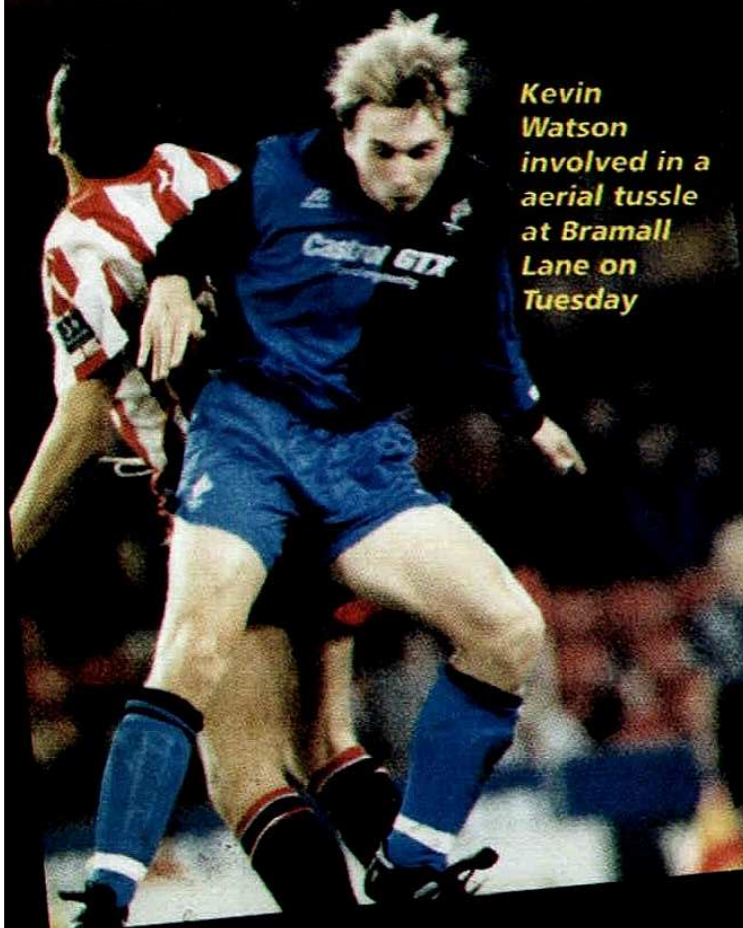
**Wolves** have lost only once away and won six. But home fans have only had two wins to cheer all season with five defeats and three draws testing their resolve to the full. You might say Steve Bull and his colleagues are due another Molineux victory - but can you be sure?

Lou Macari has followed in Steve McMahon's footsteps by hiring the services of a former player on loan. Striker Mark Stein has rejoined **Stoke** from **Chelsea** where most of his shots appeared to be blank. Stein gets a chance to fire some real bullets at **Portsmouth** where **Stoke** might find the going a bit rough.

**Sheffield United** will certainly be in good heart at Loftus Road where they play QPR.



# Actionreplay



*Kevin Watson involved in an aerial tussle at Bramall Lane on Tuesday*



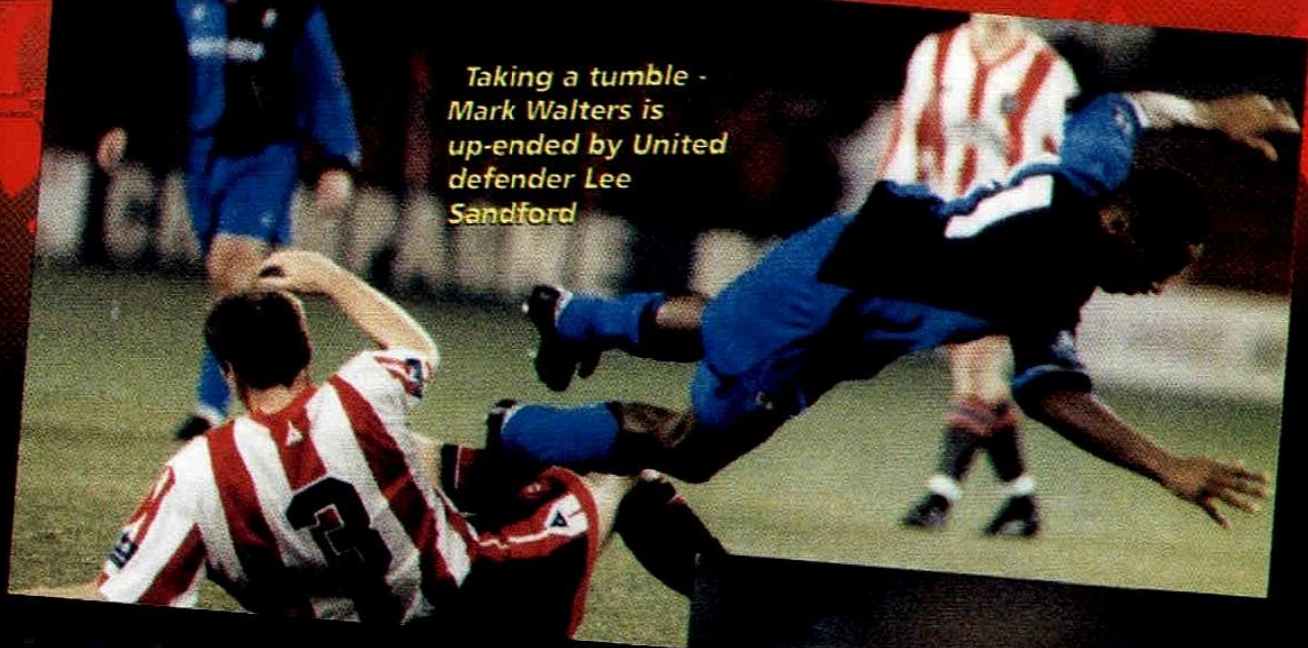
*Scott Leitch leaps to conquer with support from Mark Walters*



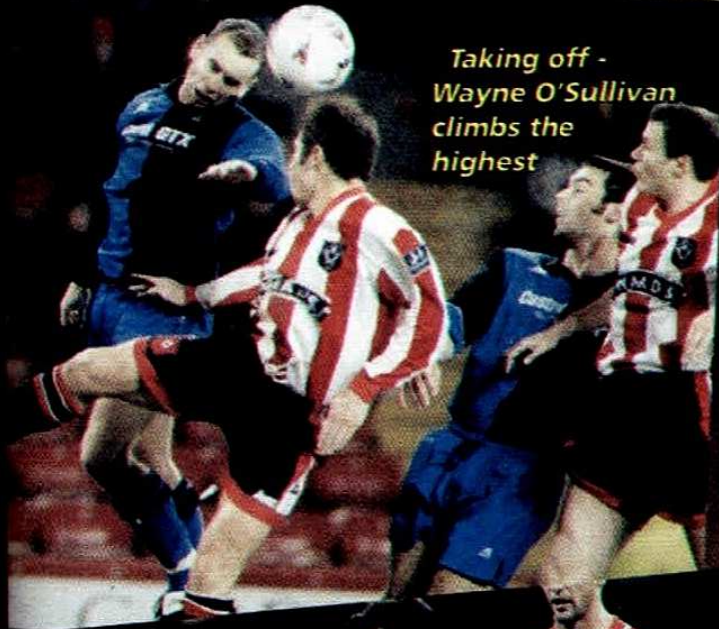
*Outnumbered - Gary Elkins is denied by two opponents*



*Taking a tumble -  
Mark Walters is  
up-ended by United  
defender Lee  
Sandford*



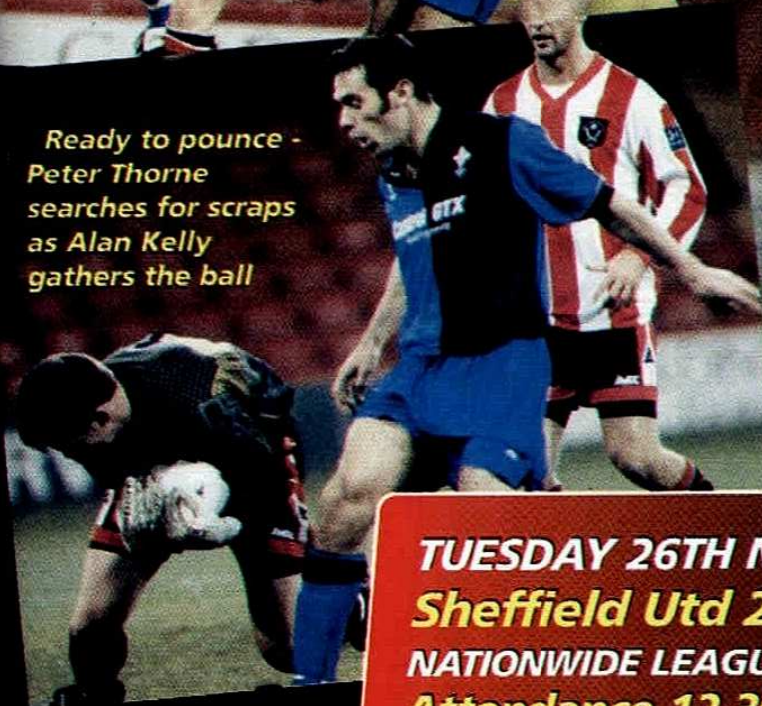
*Taking off -  
Wayne O'Sullivan  
climbs the  
highest*



*Flick on - Peter  
Thorne beats  
Sheffield's David  
Holdsworth to  
the ball*



*Ready to pounce -  
Peter Thorne  
searches for scraps  
as Alan Kelly  
gathers the ball*



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**Attendance 12,301**





# community scheme news

*First of all we would like to apologise to all the budding goalkeepers out there who showed an interest in the Fraser Digby Coaching School.*

Unfortunately we had to cancel due to a lack of response but don't despair because having spoken to Fraser we are now planning a three day course during Whitsun next year, so keep an eye open for details.

The next special date to put in your diary is the Christmas Holiday Bonanza we are running on December 30th 1996.

This fabulous package includes spending the morning watching the first team training, meeting some of the players before having lunch with us.

For more details please contact the Community Office as soon as possible.

There is just time to tell you about our Community Office 8-a-side tournament.

The second heats took place at Greendown where some excellent matches were played. There was great skill and commitment from all the sides involved.

In Group C the winners were Shaw Ridge with Lethbridge finishing as runners-up, while in Group D Haydon Wick and Westlea both made progress to the next stage of the competition.

Many thanks to all the other teams who participated and made sure it was an exciting evening for everyone.



Walter Koza from the **Bread Basket**, is sponsoring our Saturday Team Club by providing all the

packed lunches for the kids.

Many thanks to Walter and the staff at his shop in Manchester Road.

**Until next time, keep cheering on the lads and take care.**

**Clive and Jon.**



**Clive  
Maguire**

**Jon  
Holloway**



The next courses are now well under way. 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**

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	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
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Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-11 years
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# the junior robins

with Louise Kaye

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**Good afternoon to the Barmy Army and of course, the Junior Royals who joined us at the County Ground earlier this morning for football.**

I hope those of you who went on the Barmy Army coach to St. Andrews last week had a great day. A reminder to those of you who are travelling to Charlton on the 7th December that the Junior Robins coach is leaving at 9:00am and don't forget your swimming and football gear for the morning. Lunch will be provided on the day.

As a reward for winning the 1995/96 Fair Play Award, Blunsdon Under 14's are today's ballboys.

The FA asked Wiltshire County FA to nominate a team from Wiltshire for the award and the Swindon and District League nominated Blunsdon.

The Wilts FA looked at all nominations taking into account the discipline records etc and decided that Blunsdon deserved to win the award.

A warm welcome to them all for today's big local derby.

## Party of Two Halves

The Junior Robins Family Party is proving to be as popular as expected. Advanced Tickets can be purchased at the STFC Superstore,

Evening Advertiser and Cairo's Nightclub and don't forget all Junior Robins can claim a FREE TICKET. It's going to be the biggest and best party this Christmas and the only bash where you get to party with the players!

**A Party of Two Halves**  
 Sunday 15th December '96  
 at Cairo's Nightclub

**first half**  
 Junior Robins Family Party  
 Kick-Off 5:00pm - 7:30pm  
 All children under 10 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

**second half**  
 Adult Party  
 Kick-Off 8:00pm - Midnight  
 Strictly over 18's  
 Dress: Smart casual, jeans OK

*Evening Advertiser's and Swindon Town's Festive Football Event*



**8 year old Junior Robin, Timothy Hall, enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime when he was Swindon Town's mascot at Old Trafford for the Coca-Cola Cup game in October.**

## today's lucky mascots



**Graham Seager** is 14 years old and lives in Liden, Swindon. Graham is a pupil at Dorcan

School and he is a big fan of football and the Town. I am sure he will be delighted to meet his favourite players, Steve Finney and Fraser Digby, this afternoon.

**Daniel Brearley**, aged 6, is from Carterton, Oxon, where he attends the Edith Moorehouse Primary School. A member of the Junior Robins, Daniel is a regular on the away trips and at the weekly

training. He likes to play golf but is also a left-back for Carterton Rangers U8's. Daniel's favourite player is Scott Leitch.



**Martin King** is 15 years old and lives in Freshbrook. He is a pupil at Greendown School and his main hobby is watching and

playing football. I am sure he will be delighted to meet his favourite Town players this afternoon.

A bit of friendly rivalry could be in the King family today as Martin's brother **Andrew King**



is a mascot for Reading. Andrew, aged 12, also attends Greendown School and plays for AFC

Greendown. His favourite Reading players are Michael Gilkes and Lee Nogan.



Reading mascot, **Aaron Parfitt** is 8 years old and lives in Tilehurst, Reading.

Aaron attends Churchend Primary School and he enjoys football and swimming. A Reading supporter, Aaron's favourite player is Dariusz Wdowczyk.



# 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	2-2
Tues	Oct 15	Arsenal (SJFC 2)	A	1-3
Sat	Oct 19	Wycombe Wndrs.	A	1-1
TUES	OCT 22	HEREFORD (MYC 1)	H	4-0
Sat	Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
SAT	NOV 02	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-1
SAT	NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1-2
Sat	Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	1-0
Sat	Nov 23	Luton Town	A	1-2
SAT	NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	
Wed	Dec 04	Torquay Utd (FAYC 1)	A	
Sat	Dec 07	Barnet	A	
SAT	DEC 14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
WED	DEC 18	WOLVES (MYC 2)	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	MAR 01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Sat	Mar 08	Oxford United	A	
SAT	MAR 15	WIMBLEDON	H	
Sat	Mar 22	Crystal Palace	A	
SAT	APR 12	BARNET	H	

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

### South East Counties League, Division Two. Luton Town Youth 2 Swindon Town Youth 1

**Last Saturday we travelled to take on a Luton team who were looking to go top of the Division Two table.**

The lads were looking forward to it after a superb win against Wimbledon and we started the game very well despite having to reorganise the line-up due to the absence of Chris Organ (broken leg) and Scott Woodman.

To add to that, being without Jon Haines (out for three months) and Alex Meecham (out for previous 5 weeks) the youth team is being stretched to the limit.

We started with only Alex Finlayson up front while Robin Hulbert and Sol Davis were asked to give support and this worked quite well.

The team played with a lot of confidence in the first half with Thomas Wheeldon, Steve Campbell and Matty Coupe seeing a lot of the ball.

But after the break the visitors took the lead when Danny Hunt put through his own goal.

To their credit the boys wrestled the game back from Luton and equalised with a

superb goal from Robin Hulbert after great approach play by Sol Davis.

However shortly afterwards we gave the advantage back to Luton when we were caught out defensively.

**Team:** Betterton, Campbell, Wheeldon, Pattimore, Hunt, Thorne, Coupe, Hodson, Hulbert, Davis, Finlayson. **Subs:** Woodman, MacDiarmid, O'Connell.

### Wimbledon Youth 0 Swindon Town Youth 1

After suffering the disappointment of losing against top team Crystal Palace, the theme in the



Chris Organ



Scott Woodman

build up for the trip to Wimbledon was keeping a clean sheet and be more professional.

Fixtures against the Dons are always difficult and reports from Phil Cannon and Les O'Neil who had seen them in a tournament up in the North-East, suggested this match was to be no different.

Wimbledon started well and put us under intense pressure but the back three of Thomas Wheeldon, Michael Pattimore and Chris Organ contained them well while Anthony Betterton looked confident in goal.

### 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	GIRENCESTER TOWN	H	0-0
Sept 21	Exeter City	A	1-1
Sept 28	Hereford United	A	1-0
OCT 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	1-1
Oct 26	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-1
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H	3-1
Nov 09	Bashley	A	0-3
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1
Nov 23	Cardiff City	A	0-7
NOV 30	CHELtenham 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	
TBA	TORQUAY UNITED	H	

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As the game progressed so we began to settle and pass the ball around and I was particularly pleased with Wayne Thorne who seems to perform well in any position.

Because he was doing well I decided to take him off at half time to give me a chance to have a look at Stuart Hodson who has trained well in recent week but has not had the opportunity to play regularly in my side.

Needless to say Wayne hated having to come off - which I was pleased about because it shows he cares.

We stepped up a gear and began to cause Wimbledon lots of problems but were dealt a blow when Chris Organ broke his leg following a crunching tackle - this on his 18th birthday.

His unfortunate departure meant we had to re-shape and introduce 15 year old Centre of Excellence player Ian McSherry for his youth team baptism.

In fact it was young Ian who won a tackle in midfield and fed Scott Woodman for the only

goal of the game.

I thought the attitude of the lads was brilliant in a bruising encounter. Everyone showed plenty of character particularly Matt Coupe, Robin Hulbert and striker Scott Woodman who all finished with injuries.

Credit also to Thomas Wheeldon who was solid at the back.

**Team:** Betterton, Hulbert, Pattimore, Wheeldon, Organ (McSherry), Thorne (Hodson), Coupe, Campbell, Hunt, Woodman, Finlayson.

*Everyone would like to wish Chris Organ a speedy recovery after breaking his leg on his 18th birthday. We hope to see him around the County Ground as soon as possible.*

Swindon Town's academy team recently achieved their first double of the season when beating Bristol City 2-1, but they were brought back down to earth at high flying Cardiff City where they lost 7-0.

The South West Counties League side repeated their opening day success against Bristol thanks to goals by Reza Sutodeh and Sol Davis. Sloppy defending resulted in City's reply just before the break.

There were outstanding displays by Dino Tedaldi and Jamie Mills.

**Team:** Tarran, Tedaldi, Bennett, Campello, Coccozza, Mills, O'Connell, MacDiarmid, Pacer, Sutodeh, Davis. **Subs:** Benfield, Harris.

An understrength B team gave it their best shot against title favourites Cardiff but in the end were no match for the Welsh side.

The pluses from the game were Reza Sutodeh who worked tirelessly up front along with Jamie Mills and Ian McSherry, the two Under 16's who both showed tremendous commitment.

**Team:** Tarran, Tedaldi, Bennett, Morris, Sharps, Mills, Fletcher, Tuck, McSherry, Simpkins, Sutodeh. **Sub:** Jenkins.



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# Centre of excellence with Phil Cannon

**Last weekend our Under 13's Under 14's and Under 15's played against Bristol Rovers on one of our first real days of winter.**

The weather was cold, wet and windy - you could call that typical football weather!

The results were mixed as the Under 13's won 5-1, the Under 14's lost 1-0 while the Under 15's battled to a 2-2 draw.

There was a marked improvement in the Under 15's performance but after leading 2-0 they conceded two late goals to finish up all square in a thoroughly entertaining

encounter.

Plenty of encouraging personal performances came out of the match but there are others who still have a lot of work to do to reach the required standard.

The Under 14's went to Bristol and lost 1-0 which brought an end to their good recent run of results.

Chris Collins was outstanding at the heart of the defence.

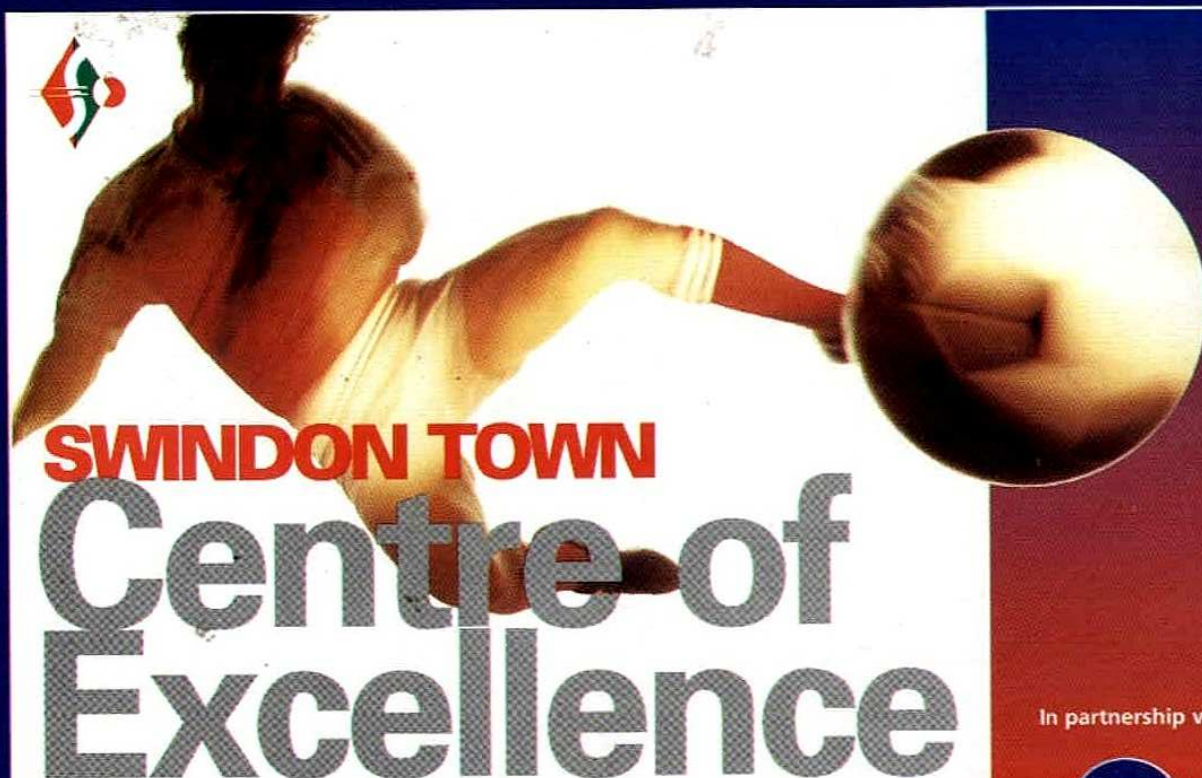
The Under 13's are getting a tremendous team spirit going and that spirit helped see them to a convincing 5-1 victory at Braydon Forest.



***All I can say is keep up the good work lads.***



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# reserves round up

with Ross MacLaren



## Avon Insurance Combination League Cup. Swindon Town Reserves 0 Bristol Rovers Reserves 0

The Reserves failed to score for the first time this season as they were held to a goalless draw by Bristol Rovers at the County Ground.

Despite sending out a strong squad Swindon squandered numerous chances and not even the presence of the Gaffer Steve McMahon could inspire Town to victory.

Swindon had the ball in the net during the opening minutes when trialist Neil Allison forced the ball in from close range - but the effort was disallowed for a foul on the Rovers' goalkeeper.

A raid down the right by Paul Allen saw him pull the ball back for the incoming Steve Cowe who saw his shot deflected for a corner.

At the other end Steve Mildenhall had to be alert to tip over a header from Rovers' Jason Harris and Paul Miller went close shortly afterwards.

Yet it was Swindon who created by far the better

chances as Allen and Alex Smith started to combine well down the right flank.

Twice in the space of two minutes Smith sent Allen racing away but from his first cross Cowe was unable to connect and the second ended in a tame shot by Ian Culverhouse.

Another fine run by Allen just before half time resulted in a deep cross which was cleared by the retreating Rovers defence and at the interval Swindon should have been comfortably ahead.

The second half fizzled out completely with Swindon restricted to just a couple of opportunities.

Newcomer Peter Holcroft forced a fine save low

down with a long range strike while Alex Finlayson was just too high with an effort following good work by

Steve Cowe.

One of the few plus points was the performance of goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall who has been on loan at Gloucester City and did well to keep a clean sheet.

**Team:** Mildenhall, Allen, Drysdale (G. Thorne), McMahon (Hulbert 75), N.Allison, Elkins, Culverhouse, Collins (Finlayson), Cowe, Holcroft, Smith.



Steve Mildenhall



Steve McMahon



Paul Allen



## 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 2-0
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City		A 2-3
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United		A 3-3
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		H 3-0
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)		H 0-0
Wed Nov 27	Swansea City		A 2-00
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS		H 2-00
Mon Dec 16	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
TBA	Oxford United (LC)		A 7-30

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 20th November 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Wimbledon	7	6	1	1	21	12	18	+9
Tottenham H.	7	5	0	2	22	9	16	+13
Ipswich Town	7	4	2	1	13	4	14	+9
SWINDON TOWN	7	4	1	2	18	10	13	+8
Swansea City	7	4	1	2	13	10	13	+3
Luton Town	6	4	0	2	9	6	12	-3
AFC Bournemouth	6	4	0	2	9	10	12	-1
Portsmouth	8	4	0	4	9	10	12	-1
Arsenal	6	3	2	1	13	5	11	-8
Q.P.R.	7	3	2	2	13	8	11	-5
Chelsea	8	3	1	2	12	8	11	-4
Bristol City	7	3	1	3	14	12	10	+2
Cardiff City	6	2	4	2	7	10	10	-3
Brighton & H.A.	7	2	2	3	17	19	8	-2
Oxford United	7	2	2	3	14	19	8	-5
Millwall	7	2	1	4	14	15	7	-1
Watford	6	2	1	3	9	15	7	-6
West Ham United	7	1	3	3	7	8	6	-1
Norwich City	7	1	3	3	12	16	6	-4
Southampton	6	1	1	3	8	10	4	-2
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	4	3	14	4	-11
Bristol Rovers	7	0	2	5	4	19	2	-16
Charlton Athletic	4	0	0	4	3	16	0	-13

**The Reserves' next game is on Monday December 9th when they take on neighbours BRISTOL ROVERS in the Avon Insurance Combination League (2.00pm).**

**Swindon will be hoping to improve on the performance they gave in the recent League Cup clash**



# Ty Gooden



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# Tony Horne's view from a far!

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**What's the difference between a Manchester cab driver and Peter Schmeichel? A cab driver will only let five in! Boom, Boom.**

These three gags are the latest that punters have sent me and surely there can be no better way to start the column.

Listen it's hard work writing

something fun / interesting about football every week - ask John Cross at the Adver!

Whenever I ask our programme ed Jason what he makes of this week's column, I am never discouraged by the continuous praise he heaps on me.

"It fills a page Tony.....it fills a page!" Oh well, that's one less Christmas card to send this year.

If you are a bit sad and have no idea what to send someone for Christmas this year, why not really cheese them off and buy them a piece of Sunderland's new stand. The Rokerites are quitting Roker at the end of the season for a new stadium (so next season they'll have one of

unique scheme, Peter Reid is offering you the chance to "cement your name in history" by owning a brick in the new stand. At £25 it has to be the most expensive bit of cement in the country.

Personally, I would be a tad upset if I opened my presents on Christmas Day to find one of them was a brick.

It hurts like hell not to be at the war of the M4 today. Not that I am under the thumb but I hope the missus will let me keep an eye on the score on teletext.

Programme ed Jason is actually from Reading but has asked me not to mention this, which is understandable really because it is a touch embarrassing!



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Block SR2/SR5	Adult	£110	£115.50
	Concession	£61	£64.05
Block SR3/SR4	Adult	£118	£123.90
	Concession	£66	£69.30
<b>Rover Family Stand</b>			
Family Package	Adult	£89	£93.45
	Concession	£45	£47.25
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# winning ways By Dave Hollister

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68 per cent of the tickets are sold outside the

ground on average. Of these 56 per cent are sold to fans approaching the ground from the South side. Seven of our twelve winners sit in the Castrol Stand.

I recently had occasion to send two programmes to Philip Martin who resides in Switzerland.

Bouquets are seldom tossed to people who work behind the scenes at football clubs and so I would like to reproduce an extract from the letter Philip sent me.

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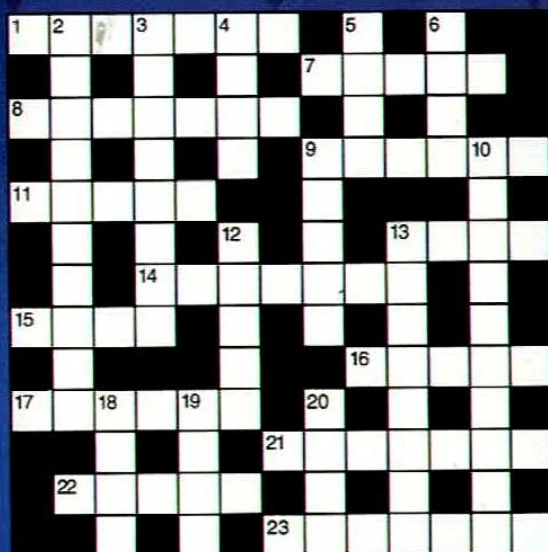
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# crosswordtime...

compiled by Thomas Trickett



## clues across...

1. City side nicknamed "The Swans" (7)
7. Commercial grounds feature these (5)
8. The Club nickname of Burnley (7)
9. Score draw (3) & (3)
11. Goalkeeper actions (5)
13. ...Bromwich Albion FC (4)
14. ...Moscow, Russian League side (7)
15. Toot at former Austrian defender Mr Kenrad (Anag) (4)
16. Think affectionately of soccer idols (5)
17. "The Gable...." Montrose FC (8)
21. Jason, Wycombe Wanderers midfielder (7)
22. Game (5)
23. Football game start (4) & (3)

## clues down...

2. Mark, 1970/80s Leicester City goalkeeper (10)
3. ...Scoponi, Argentina's second goals W.Cup '94 (8)
4. Football seat swallows you up, apparently (anag) (4)
5. Paul, Arsenal forward (4)
6. It's the pits when players do (anag) (4)
9. The Club nickname of Barnsley (5)
10. Clemans, Nigeria's team manager World Cup '94 (10)
12. Manager omits player from team (5)
13. Tony, Forest & England striker 1970/80s (8)
18. Business transaction when taking the lead (anag) (4)
19. Jeunesse...Luxembourg League Champions 1996 (4)
20. Italian international 1974 World Cup finals (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS...  
 1 SWANSEA, 7 SHOPS, 8 CLARETS, 9 TOWTWO, 11 DIVES,  
 13 WEST, 14 TORPEDO, 15 OTTO, 16 ADORE, 17 ENDIES,  
 21 SOLOMON, 22 MATCH, 23 KICKOFF  
 ANSWERS DOWN...  
 2 WALLINGTON, 3 NORBERTO, 4 EATS, 5 SHAW, 6 SPIT, 9 TYKES,  
 10 WESTERHOF, 12 DROPS, 13 WOODCOCK, 18 DEAL,  
 19 ESCH, 20 GORI



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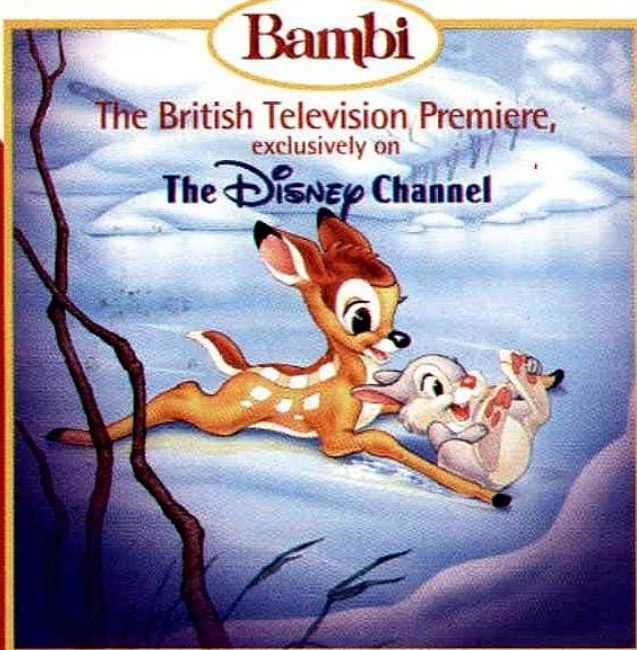
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# marketingnews

with Martin Stevens

*A warm welcome to everyone from all of us in the Marketing Department for today's game against local rivals Reading.*

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## Presentation Time



Lawson Demolition and Multi-Agg Limited were joint Match Day Sponsors at the last home game against Barnsley.

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Martin Wilson of Lawson Demolition, presents their man of the match, Frederic Darras, with his bottle of champagne.

Thames Water were Matchball Sponsors at the game against Barnsley. Derek Stroud and his guests are



presented with their autographed football from the man of the match, Frederic Darras. Thames Water had auctioned their tickets, with

proceeds going towards purchasing a "Fun Centre Computer" for Princess Margaret's Hospital.

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# treatment room

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with Jonathan Trigg

**As I am sure you are all well aware, skipper Mark Seagraves was injured during the match at Birmingham City last Saturday and will now subsequently miss the next four weeks after damaging the meniscus, more commonly referred to as cartilage in his right knee.**



Mark is under anaesthetic.

We do not envisage any further complications and we hope Mark will return to the squad early next year.



Freddie Darras also missed the Sheffield United game after straining his right hamstring on Monday. He will be at least another 10 days before he can return to squad training.



The cartilages act as buffers between the bones that make up the knee joint and can be damaged by pressure from these bones when an abnormal force twists the bones against each other. This is exactly what happened

to Mark at St. Andrews and on Wednesday he underwent a cartilage operation known as a menisectomy to remove the torn fragment of cartilage at the Ridgeway Hospital.

The torn cartilage has to be removed surgically as it will not heal or mend itself naturally.

This is performed arthroscopically, looking into the knee with a small periscope camera while



David Kerslake, Frank Talia, Kevin Watson and Lee Collins have all received treatment this week and should hopefully all be available for today's game.



Finally, best wishes to Doctor Nicholas our Club doctor who underwent heart surgery this week.

We wish him well and hope to see him back in circulation in the not too distant future.

## STFC Supporters Club news

**Membership renewals have now been completed but new members are still welcome to apply at a cost of £6 for adults and £3.50 for OAP's.**

Membership entitles you to use the premises in the Intel Stand on matchdays as well as the main club in the Castrol Stand. Normal licensing hours apply.

The Supporters Club have a range of activities including darts, skittles and bingo along with regular entertainment - watch the notice boards for further details.

The Christmas Draw has already started and for just 20p you can purchase an envelope, put your name and membership number on it and then have a chance of winning various prizes - including a first prize of £150.

**Other forthcoming events are:**

- Saturday December 14th** - Children's Christmas Party.
- Saturday December 21st** - Christmas Racenight.
- Sunday December 22nd** - Christmas Bingo.
- Tuesday December 24th** - Lunchtime - Christmas Draw.
- Tuesday December 24th** - Christmas Eve Disco.
- Saturday December 28th** - Hangover Disco.
- Tuesday December 31st** - New Years Eve Disco.

**If you would like any further information, please contact Sandie Coburn on Swindon 01793 725218 (evenings only).**



# benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

**The trip to Bramall Lane on Tuesday night was a nostalgic journey down memory lane for many of us, for it was at this famous venue that Swindon Town ventured forth to make a well deserved debut in the top flight of English league football.**

It seems in the long and distant past, yet it was August 14th, 1993 - just three seasons ago when we stepped out in the summer sunlight to rub shoulders with the best in the Premiership.

Ah, what hopes, what dreams we all shared then. We lost that momentous game 3-1 having got back to 1-1 with a John Moncur goal just after the break.

The result did not fully justify our overall play but then this was the pattern of the entire season. Our stylish approach somewhat flattering to deceive the brittleness of a defence that conceded 100 goals in 42 games.

Can you remember our starting line-up that Saturday afternoon? Of course you can, for they are indelibly inscribed in the Club's history; a perpetual record of our most glorious achievement in league football.

In goal the stylish, elegant Fraser Digby; Nicky Summerbee was right back, Luc Nijholt, skipper Shaun Taylor and Adrian Whitbread completed the defence with Ross MacLaren just in front of them. John Muncur, Martin Ling and Craig Maskell in the middle with Jan Aage Fjortoft and "Chalkie" White up front.

Kevin Horlock was brought on as a substitute and went on to make 32 (6) appearances in the Premiership but the only ones left on our staff today from that

initial starting line-up, just 39 months ago, are Fraser Digby, who played on Tuesday night and Ross MacLaren who was involved but as a member of the coaching staff now.

So where are they all? Where have they gone? Nicky Summerbee of course is with Manchester City and is looking up at us these days. Luc Nijholt went back to Holland last year after losing his place in Steve McMahon's team. Shaun Taylor, as you know, moved down the road to Bristol City earlier this season and is doing well.

Adrian Whitbread, who we secured as a promising young defender from Leyton Orient, has not enjoyed much success since leaving us for West Ham United in August 1994 in a deal which brought us in £300,000 plus Joey Beauchamp.

Adrian, languishing in the stiff, is looking for a move having only made a handful of games for the Hammers since he went to Upton Park.

He thought he would be the natural successor to Alvin Martin but now finds himself in the shadows of foreign imports Slaven Bilic and Marc Rieper.

John Moncur is also with the Hammers and doing well though he has missed much of the season through injury. John left us in June 1994 for £850,000 and likes it in the East End. Glenn Hoddle tried to sign him for Chelsea but he turned the move down.

Martin Ling was released by Steve McMahon last summer on a free transfer and is now pulling the strings in Leyton Orient's midfield in Division Three.

Craig Maskell, a former top-shot with Reading before us, went back to the Dell but only had fleeting moments of success with the Saints. Craig is now with Brighton.

"Chalkie" went to Hereford United after just six Premiership outings, three of them as a sub, while Fjortoft initially enjoyed glory with Middlesbrough after his big money move to Ayresome Park in the summer of '94.

It all turned sour for the Norwegian International after the arrival of Juninho and then Ravanelli and Jan does not even feature on the subs bench any more at Boro where in total he has scored 11 goals in 43 league and cup appearances. There is talk of a return to either Vienna or Norway.

Another of our Premiership gang was Paul Bodin but injury delayed his debut until mid September when he helped us collect our first home point in a rousing 2-2 draw with Newcastle United.

Paul missed only a couple of games after that and finished the season as our second highest scorer in the Premiership with seven goals in 27 (4) appearances. He too was released by Steve McMahon last summer after helping us win the Second Division Championship.

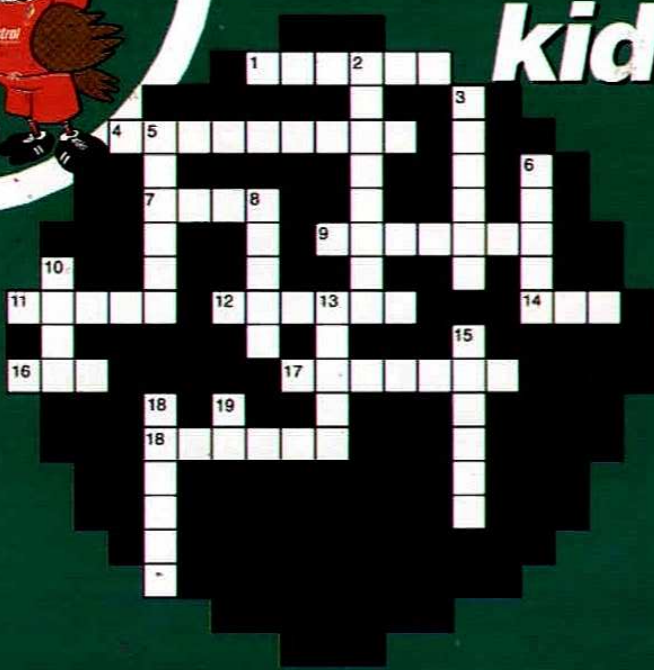
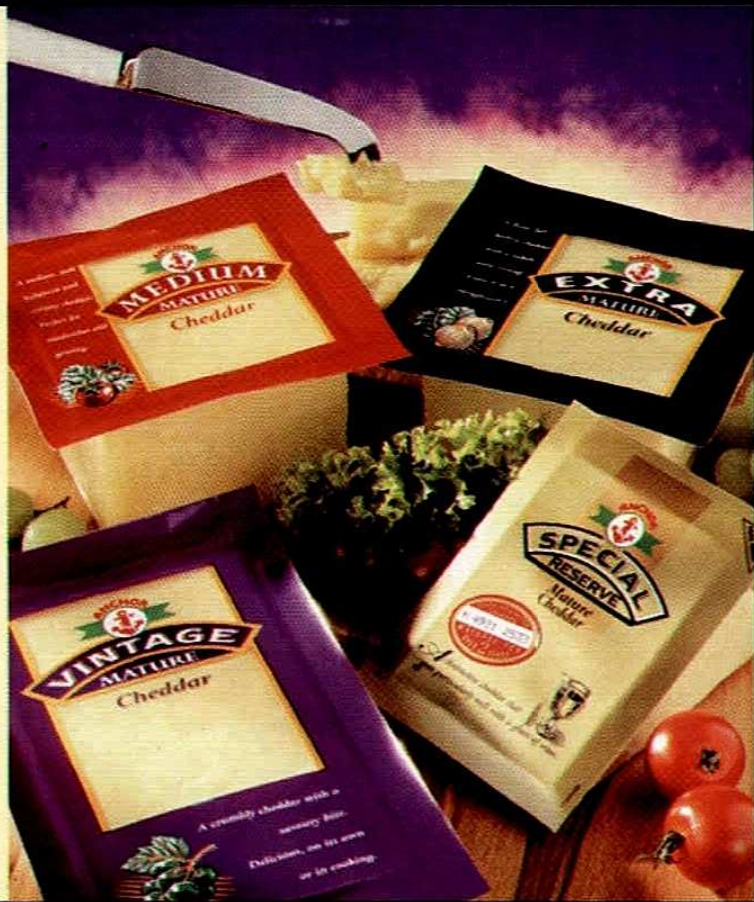
Paul is now enjoying life in Reading's back line and playing as well as ever. I saw him make a significant contribution in their recent 1-1 draw at Norwich City and he should be back on familiar territory this afternoon, though in a different shirt.





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### kids crossword

#### Across

1. Former Spur now with Reading. (6)
4. Reading is in this county. (9)
7. Direction to Reading from Swindon. (4)
9. Swindon and Reading keeper in recent years. (7)
11. Ex Swindon player who manages Reading. (5)
12. Former Reading manager now with Wolves. (6)
14. Football word for nought. (3)
16. The park where Reading play. (3)
17. Joint manager with Reading. (7)
20. Reading nickname. (6)

#### Down

2. Back to the County Ground from White Hart Lane. (8)
3. Former Reading keeper now a Magpie. (6)
5. Players in a team. (6)
6. Welsh International defender who has played for Swindon and Reading. (5)
8. How many times did Jimmy Quinn sign for Swindon. (5)
10. New boy Allison played for this club. (7)
13. Shapes made by the blue colour in the Reading shirts. (5)
15. Sheffield team in Division One. (6)
18. Forest keeper on loan to Reading. (6)
19. Gooden christian name. (2)

### KIDS QUIZ

Unscramble this phrase to form a famous team in England or Scotland.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. THINGS NOT TO FRAME | 4. A TIME WHEN DUST   |
| 2. WET CANDLES UNITE   | 5. O CAN DROVERS REST |
| 3. MARK IN LOCK        | 6. SOUTH SURE MINE    |

1. Nottingham Forest, 2. Newcastle United, 3. Kilmarnock, 4. West Ham United, 5. Doncaster Rovers, 6. Stenhousemuir.

#### ANSWERS ACROSS:

1. CASKEY, 4. BERKSHIRE, 7. WEST, 9. HAMMOND, 11. QUINN, 12. MCGHEE, 14. NIL, 16. ELM, 17. GOODING, 20. ROYALS.

#### ANSWERS DOWN:

2. KERSLAKE, 3. HUSLOP, 5. ELEVEN, 6. BODIN, 8. TWICE, 10. HULL CITY, 13. HOOPS, 15. UNITED, 18. WRIGHT, 19. TY.



# captain's column

with Mark Seagraves

**Unfortunately I won't be involved in today's local derby after injuring my right knee at Birmingham last Saturday.**

I went in for surgery earlier in the week to remove some damaged cartilage and hopefully I won't be missing for too long.

Today the lads are determined to get back to winning ways because we have had a bad time of late on our travels.

Saying that we have done quite well at home and if we can repeat the form we showed in our last match here against Barnsley they I'm sure we can pick up some points.

We need to get a decent run going and there is no better way to start than with what promises



to be a hard fought derby

against our near

neighbours from Reading.

Just over a month ago we lost 2-0 at Elm Park after a disappointing performance and the lads are desperate to put the record straight today.

But if we are to do that we will have to improve. At Ipswich we were very poor defensively and gave away some silly goals.

And at Birmingham we paid the price for a mad 10 minute spell at the back when we conceded the only goal of the game.

On Tuesday we were beaten by high flying Sheffield United so after three successive defeats it means three points today

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are essential.

There promises to be a great atmosphere today and having already won one derby game here against Oxford we hope to do it again this afternoon.

Before I go I would just like to officially welcome David Kerslake back to the County Ground.

As most of you probably know David is no stranger to Swindon and he has settled back in very well.

He's a good player with bags of experience and I'm sure he's relishing playing first team football again over the next month.

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# Spotlight on **Wayne**

**Despite being only 22 years of age, energetic midfielder Wayne O'Sullivan is one of the longest serving players at the County Ground - only testimonial man Fraser Digby has been at Swindon longer.**

O'Sullivan joined Swindon from school as a trainee, was given his first senior opportunity in an Anglo Italian Cup tie at Oxford in September 1992 and made his league bow two years later.

Since then the gutsy youngster has battled to hold onto a regular place in the first team line-up and this term has enjoyed a reasonable run in the side.

*"At the beginning of the season things weren't looking to optimistic and I wasn't really*

*getting a look-in because of the big squad with so many midfielders.*

*"All I could do was get my head down and get on with the job and eventually the Gaffer gave me my chance against Tranmere Rovers.*

*"We won 2-1 and I was voted man of the match by the sponsors which was a big boost for me.*

*"Since then things haven't gone too badly. I've set my standards and I just have to keep it going."*

*"It is hard because if you miss a game through injury and the next person comes in and does well, you have to bide your time before getting another chance.*

*"But it is good to have competition for*

*places - it keeps everyone on their toes."*

Wayne's career highlights so far include winning the Second Division title last season along with making two appearances for the Republic of Ireland Under 21 team.

He played against Latvia and Portugal last term and was delighted to be involved.

*"With my Mum and Dad both being from the Republic I always wanted to play for them so it was tremendous when I was called up for the Under 21's.*



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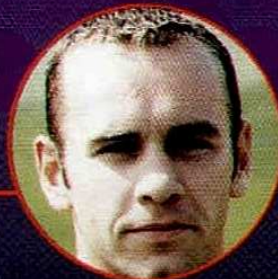


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# O'Sullivan



*"We actually trained with the full squad which included the likes of Andy Townsend, Paul McGrath and Jason McAteer which was a great experience."*

Wayne's next aim is to make it into the full Irish squad and if he can continue to show his current form then he surely must stand a chance.

*"I'm as ambitious as the next man and I would love to get a call up for the full Republic side."*

*"But first things first and that means establishing myself in the first team here at Swindon,"* he said.

Wayne has impressed so far but is the first to admit that the team need to play more consistently.

*"Consistency is a word the Gaffer keeps using but it is very true. One week we are exceptional then we seem to*

*have an off game. I don't know why and it is difficult to put your finger on the problem.*

*"It seems to be all or nothing and what we need to do when we are not on top form is find something in between."*

*"It is a new experience for us because in Division Two you could often get away with being below par. In Division One you get punished and we can't afford to have bad days."*

The future looks bright for Wayne who works hard at his game and has impressed Steve McMahon with his non-stop work rate.

His never say die attitude has made him popular with the Swindon Town faithful and surely soon his talents will be recognised with a full International call-up.

**Name:** Wayne O'Sullivan

**Age:** 22

**Birthplace:** Cyprus

**Position:** Midfield

**Former Clubs:** None


**Nickname:** "Sully"


**Who did you support as a youngster?:** Man United

**Career highlight so far:**  
Representing Republic of Ireland U21's

**Favourite past-time:**  
Theatre & Music

**Most respected player in football:** Michelle Platini


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## **Reece** meets his hero

*It was a day to remember for young Swindon Town fan Reece Dodd when he attended the game against Barnsley recently.*



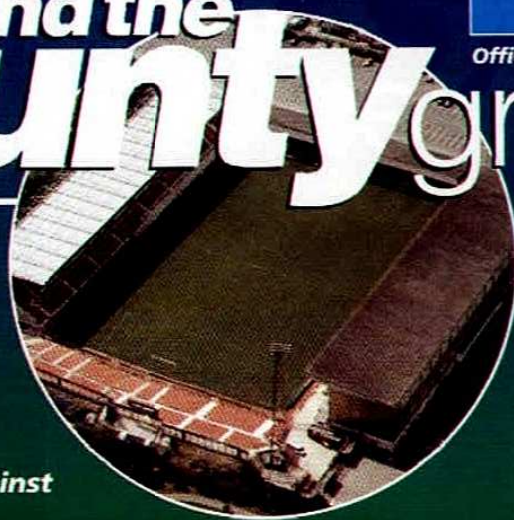
The six year old from Chippenham who suffers from cerebral palsy has been a regular at the County Ground for the past two seasons with his favourite player being the Chief Wayne Allison.

So he was delighted when the Chief took time out from his pre-match preparation to pose for a picture with Reece and then hand him a signed framed photo of the team as a keepsake.

*"It was a truly fabulous day out for us all, but especially Reece who will treasure the memory,"* said proud Mother Michelle.

*"I'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this very special day possible,"* said Reece's Dad John.

With such a severe handicap it has been tough finding out Reece's likes and dislikes but after visiting the County Ground for the first time it was obvious Reece was a football fan.



*"Reece has always been terrified of large crowds and lots of noise, so I expected to be bringing him home before half time, but he absolutely loved it. I've never seen him smile so much,"* said John.

Reece was all smiles after meeting the Chief and to cap a great day his team went on to overpower Barnsley 3-0.

## **Painting** the town red

*It was a real family occasion here at the County Ground for the game against Barnsley.*

Our kid for a quid promotion meant that hundreds of youngsters took advantage of gaining entry to the match for just £1. And to add to the atmosphere local entertainment company Scrungies were on hand to paint children's faces.

The whole day was a great success and the Club have plans to hold similar promotions in the future.

Watch this space for details.



## **Town** show community spirit

*Always ready to play their part in the community - Swindon Town have helped a local team purchase a new kit to wear.*

The Skeetes and Focus Youth Club team who play both 11-a-side a six-a-side matches were presented with their new shirts by Swindon Town Chairman Mike Spearman prior to one of our recent home matches.

## **Mike's** marathon trip

*An avid Swindon fan made a rather round about journey to go to the Reading versus Swindon match - even though Elm Park is only 18 miles from home.*

Mike Cunningham from Newbury, a supporter for over 28 years, travelled to the other side of Leicester (120 miles) to drop off his wife Sarah and kids Andrew and Claire at a roller skating competition they were competing in.

It was then back to Reading (another 120 miles) to meet some friends.

As you can imagine after losing 2-0 the trip back to Leicester to collect his wife and children seemed a very long way.

But Mike finally had something to smile about when he got to Leicester as he arrived just in time to see Andrew and Claire receive a cup for winning their event.

Mike and family arrived home in Newbury around midnight for a total round trip of 495 miles!



# swindontown ladies

by Roger Reeves



**Swindon Town Ladies lost their first home game of the season when they were beaten by two goals to one by Southampton Saints.**

The game was played in torrential rain and both sides took time to adjust.

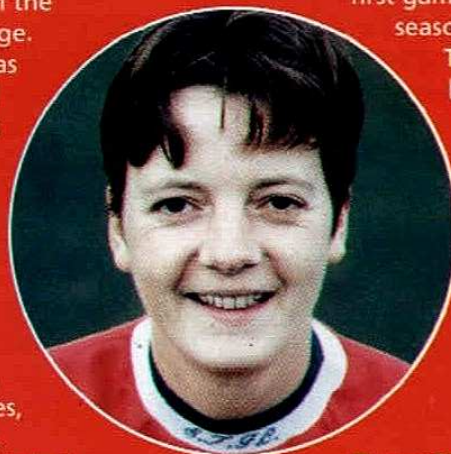
The Saints went ahead in the 33rd minute and the Town had to wait almost to half time before Nadine Lloyd headed in Pam Laker's corner.

Southampton scored what turned out to be the winner when Sarah Peel ran from her own half to slide the ball into the net. Despite their efforts, Town were unable to pull the goal back.

Last Friday the Town held a "Race Night" in the Executive Lounge.

The evening was most successful and our thanks go to all of those who supported the event especially the sponsors:

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**Tracy Mackeddle who has been included in the County squad.**

Such an evening requires a first class MC and we were very fortunate to have the services of Dave Hollister who took charge of the whole evening so professionally. Thanks Dave!

The Town have six players in the County squad to face Somerset in the South West Counties Championship. Kerie Garwood, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Netti Wyness, Nadine Lloyd and Tracey Mackeddle will all travel to Brislington for the match.

Tomorrow Town entertain Portsmouth in a Southern Region League Division One fixture.

Pompey are currently top of the league and Town will be keen to avenge a 3-1 defeat when the two sides met in the first game of the season.

The match will be played on the County Ground Extension and Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

## 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	BINFELD	H	4-1
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	4-2
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	0-7
Sun 27th Oct	Havant Town LC1	A	2-0
Sun 3rd Nov	Reading Royals (FAC2)	A	0-5
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	2-2
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	Post
SUN 24TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON STS.	H	1-2
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
Portsmouth	7	6	1	0	19	7	19
Reading Royals	7	6	0	1	33	10	18
Southampton	8	6	0	2	34	11	18
Southampton Saints	9	5	1	3	20	16	16
Swindon Spitfires	8	4	1	3	17	18	13
Cheltenham	7	3	2	2	10	19	11
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>
Binfield	9	3	0	6	11	21	9
Havant Town	10	0	2	8	6	22	2
Ringwood	9	0	2	7	5	27	2

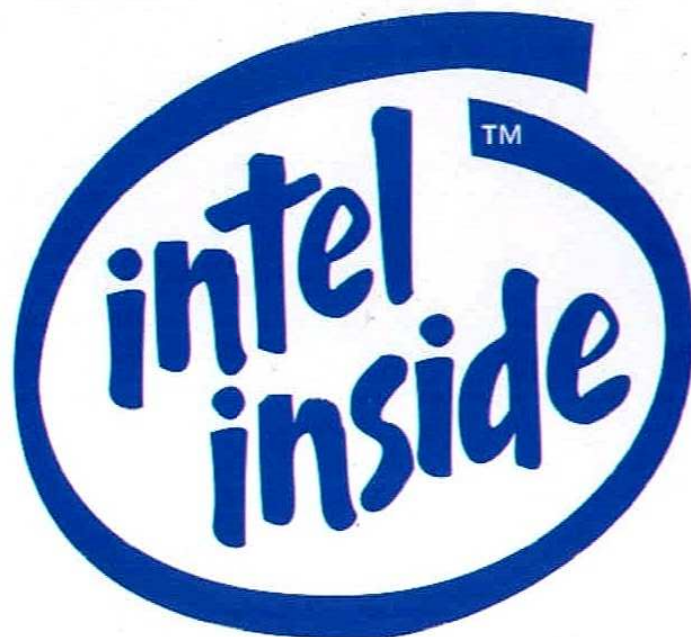
## Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	11	-
Sil Cryer	1(8)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	11	7
Justine Hume	5(1)	-
Pam Laker	9	4
Nadine Lloyd	11	9
Tracy Mackeddle	10	4
Deb Martin	7(3)	-
Vikki McCann	8(2)	-
Sara Privett	7(1)	1
Kim Reeves	11	2
Alison Richards	5	-
Jo Sharpe	4(3)	-
Clare Tyson	11	-
Netti Wyness	8	-
Own Goals		1
() Denotes used sub.		

## Swindon Town Ladies result Southern Region League - Division One Swindon Town 1 Southampton Saints 2

**Team:** Jo Sharpe, Sharon Black, Netti Wyness, Sara Privett, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddle, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood. **Subs:** (Used) Vikki McCann (Not Used) Justine Hume & Sil Cryer.





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# football shorts

by M.J. Evans

## Rise & Fall

Cardiff City were forced to seek re-election at the end of season 1933-1934 to Division 3 (Southern Section) following relegation from Division 1 in 1929 and two years later from Division 2. But 10 years earlier they had missed winning the championship of Division One merely on goal average. This 10 year fall from grace had also seen the Welshmen reach Wembley on two occasions losing the 1925 final before becoming the first team outside of England to ever win the trophy in 1927.

## Two Too Much

Two referees controlling the same match has been suggested many times over recent years and in 1935 a proposal for this was turned down by 35 votes to 18. The dual control plan was

tried out in two England representative matches played at West Bromwich Albion, but obviously they found one referee more than enough.

## Exception to the Rule

Glasgow rivals Celtic and Rangers have been involved in many memorable games in the past and their League encounter on May 21, 1979 proved to be no exception to the rule. Rangers with games in hand only needed to beat their arch rivals to guarantee the Scottish Premier League Championship. However, the expectant crowd of over 50,000 saw the visitors take a 1-0 lead at Parkhead. Celtic's anxiety was heightened when John Doyle's dismissal reduced them to 10 men at the beginning of the second half. A 67th minute equaliser revived

their hope before eventually taking a 2-1 lead. But Rangers were to pile on the agony when the scores were levelled on 2-2 before Celtic sealed victory with a further two goals and eventually winning the Scottish Championship.

## Headed Penalty

Eddie Hapgood of Arsenal had the unique privilege of scoring from the penalty spot with a header. Liverpool 'keeper Riley fisted the ball back from the spot kick to which Hapgood obligingly headed home.

## Home Record

Manchester United's record attendance at Old Trafford of 76,962 was achieved on March 25, 1939 when 76,962 fans saw an FA Cup semi-final between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Grimsby Town



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Sat December 7th Kick-Off 3.00pm



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## Stoke City

Sat December 14th Kick-Off 3.00pm



*Stoke took four points off the Town two seasons ago and ex-Town boss Lou Macari will be looking to do his old club no favours this time round either.*



### Going to Portsmouth?

*Look out for details in future editions of the Matchday Magazine*

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# statistics 1996/97 season



## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including November 26th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	20	8	2	0	3	5	2	41	26	40
CRYSTAL PALACE	19	5	2	2	4	5	1	43	18	34
SHEFFIELD UNITED	18	4	4	1	5	2	2	34	18	33
BARNLEY	18	5	3	2	4	3	1	33	18	32
NORWICH CITY	18	4	5	1	5	0	3	27	18	32
TRANMERE ROVERS	19	5	2	3	3	3	3	28	22	29
WOLVES	19	2	3	5	6	2	1	26	21	29
OXFORD UNITED	20	6	3	1	2	2	6	25	17	29
BIRMINGHAM CITY	19	6	2	1	1	4	5	22	21	27
SWINDON TOWN	20	6	1	3	2	1	7	29	25	26
IPSWICH TOWN	20	4	4	2	2	3	5	27	29	25
STOKE CITY	17	4	1	2	2	5	3	24	29	24
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	19	5	3	2	1	3	5	22	25	24
PORT VALE	20	2	5	3	3	4	3	18	22	24
PORTSMOUTH	20	4	3	3	2	2	6	24	28	23
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	18	1	4	4	4	4	1	23	27	23
READING	19	5	3	1	1	2	7	22	29	23
SOUTHEND UNITED	20	4	3	3	1	5	4	22	32	23
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	18	5	2	2	2	0	7	19	28	23
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20	2	3	5	3	4	3	22	28	22
MANCHESTER CITY	19	4	1	4	2	1	7	20	28	20
BRADFORD CITY	20	4	2	4	1	3	6	18	33	20
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	20	2	5	3	2	2	6	22	25	19
GRIMSBY TOWN	20	2	2	6	2	3	5	22	40	17

## 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 1-0	10,811
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 6-0	7,724
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A 2-1	15,088
Wed Oct 23	Manchester United C.C.C 3	A 1-2	49,305
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A 0-2	11,018
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 2-3	8,909
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H 2-0	14,374
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H 3-0	10,837
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A 2-3	7,086
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A 0-1	16,559
Tues Nov 26	Sheffield United	A 0-2	12,301
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	
SUN DEC 22	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	Barnsley	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		

| Player Name: | League | Cup | Total |
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|  | Apps. | Gls. | Apps. | Gls. | Apps. | Gls. |
| PAUL ALLEN | 5(2) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7(2) | 1 |
| WAYNE ALLISON | 16(2) | 5 | 4 | 2 | 20(2) | 7 |
| LEE COLLINS | 2 | 0 | - | - | 2 | 0 |
| STEVE COWE | 10(5) | 3 | 3(1) | 0 | 13(6) | 3 |
| IAN CULVERHOUSE | 13 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| FREDERIC DARRAS | 16(2) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 20(2) | 0 |
| FRASER DIGBY | 5 | 0 | - | - | 5 | 0 |
| JASON DRYSDALE | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| GARY ELKINS | 10(1) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 12(1) | 0 |
| STEVE FINNEY | 5(5) | 2 | 1(1) | 0 | 6(6) | 2 |
| TY GOODEN | 3(2) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3(2) | 1 |
| PETER HOLCROFT | (1) | 0 | - | - | (1) | 0 |
| KEVIN HORLOCK | 20 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 4 |
| ROBIN HULBERT | 0 | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) | 0 |
| DAVID KERSLAKE | 2 | 0 | - | - | 2 | 0 |
| SCOTT LEITCH | 19 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 24 | 1 |
| WAYNE O'SULLIVAN | 9(4) | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11(4) | 1 |
| MARK ROBINSON | 18 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| MARK SEAGRAVES | 15(1) | 0 | 3(1) | 0 | 18(2) | 0 |
| ALEX SMITH | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| FRANK TALIA | 15 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| SHAUN TAYLOR | 2 | 0 | 1(1) | 0 | 3(1) | 0 |
| PETER THORNE | 9(7) | 6 | 2(1) | 2 | 11(7) | 8 |
| MARK WALTERS | 16(1) | 4 | 4 | 1 | 20(1) | 4 |
| KEVIN WATSON | 5(5) | 1 | 1(1) | 0 | 6(6) | 1 |

## First Team Player Appearances 96/97

**NEXT HOME GAME:**  
**SUN DECEMBER 22ND**



**Swindon Town vs Bolton**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Kick-Off 2.10pm**



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.



Goalscore = 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	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	ELKINS
TALIA	DARRAS	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	ALLEN
TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	HULBERT	FINNEY
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DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON	WALTERS	COWE	ELKINS	HOLCROFT
DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON	WALTERS	COWE	ELKINS	THORNE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	HORLOCK	ROBINSON	DARRAS	THORNE	ALLISON	WALTERS	COWE	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS	LEITCH	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	COLLINS	THORNE	ALLISON	WALTERS	FINNEY	GOODEN	WATSON

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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

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## Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	David Kerslake
3	Gary Elkins
4	Scott Leitch
5	Mark Robinson
6	Kevin Horlock
7	Wayne O'Sullivan
8	Lee Collins
9	Peter Thorne
10	Wayne Allison
11	Mark Walters
12	Steve Finney
13	Ty Gooden
14	Kevin Watson

## Team Changes


## Reading

1	Tommy Wright
2	Andy Bernal
3	Paul Bodin
4	Keith McPherson
5	Barry Hunter
6	Michael Meaker
7	Michael Gilkes
8	Darren Caskey
9	Trevor Morley
10	Lee Nogan
11	Mick Gooding
12	Phil Parkinson
13	Jimmy Quinn
14	James Lambert

## Team Changes


## Today's Officials:



**Referee:**  
S. Mathieson (Stockport)



**Assisted by:**  
K.J. Nind (Worcestershire)  
R.B. Ward (Milton Keynes)

**Reserve Official:**  
K. Barnes

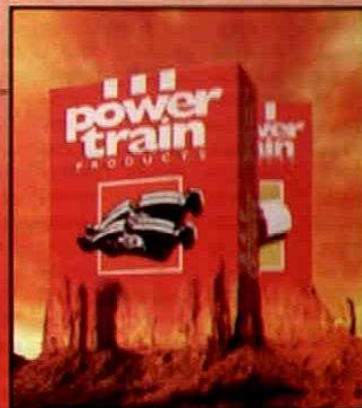


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