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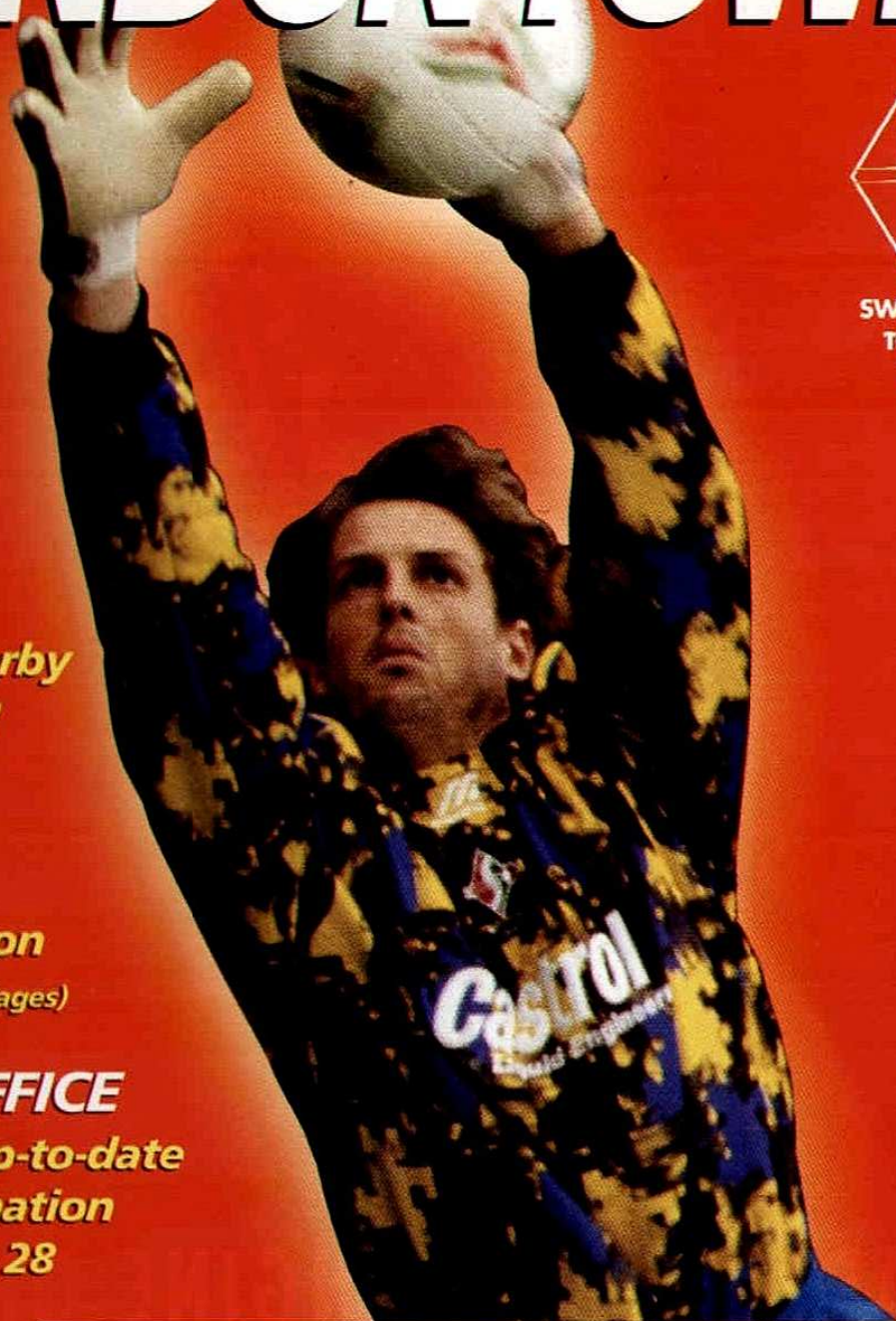
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welcome to swindon town

Today we welcome high flying Bolton Wanderers to the County Ground for this Nationwide First Division encounter which has been chosen for live coverage by Central TV and Granada.

And I'm sure they've made a wise choice as it promises to be an real thriller with the Trotters hoping to continue their charge back towards the Premiership and Swindon keen to push their way back up among the pace makers.

Last season the Burnden Park side struggled in the top flight and when they were relegated many thought their slide would continue in Division One.

However under the guidance of Colin Todd the Lancashire outfit have brought in some fresh faces and look good bets for a swift return to life with the big boys.

With John McGinlay and Nathan Blake banging in the goals and a tough defence conceding very few, Wanderers have led the field for much of the campaign.

But today we aim to take a chunk out of their armour and make up some ground on the leading sides.

Undone at Athletic
Swindon's travel sickness continued as they went down 2-0 at Charlton Athletic, their fifth consecutive away defeat.

But this was no surprise with Town minus their back four as Mark Seagraves, Frederic Darras and David Kerslake were all injured and Ian Culverhouse was suspended.

Second half goals from Carl Leaburn and David Whyte were easily enough for Charlton and it could have been worse.

Royals run ragged

While Town's away form has been a real worry, at home they have continued to pick up points and in the last game here at the County Ground, local rivals Reading were overpowered 3-1.

Kevin Horlock got Swindon off to a flyer with a headed goal and although Trevor Morley equalised, Wayne Allison eased Swindon back into the lead and a class finish from Mark Walters made the points safe.

Busy schedule

After today's game the busy holiday fixture list continues with three league games in the space of a week.

On Boxing Day we travel to Fratton Park to take on Portsmouth where the lads will be keen to avenge the 1-0 defeat they suffered here at the County Ground back in September.

Next Saturday revenge is again the order of the day as Grimsby come to town having beaten us 2-1 earlier in the campaign.

On New Year's Day Queens Park Rangers are our visitors and we know an awful lot about them having met them three times already this term.

New deal agreed

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the manager

Steve McMahon says

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This afternoon we face a tough task against a Bolton Wanderers side who have been setting the pace at the top of Division One for the majority of the season.

They have a very strong squad all round. There is a wealth of experience in their team after coming down from the Premiership and they look likely candidates to bounce straight back into the top flight.

Colin Todd has spent wisely and sold quite well and he is now starting to get the benefit from it.

But enough of praising our visitors. We have proved that we can compete with the best in this division and if we can produce the goods then Bolton will have their work cut out for them.

We had a couple of classic Coca-Cola Cup games with them two seasons ago and if those matches are anything to go by then we are in for a treat today.

Christmas is traditionally an important period for players and their teams. There are a lot of points on offer and by the time the New Year begins you are past the half way stage of the season and starting the final run-in.

We need to string together a good run and with a bit of luck we can avoid any more injuries and get a full strength squad back together again.

Losing Siggy has been a major blow and he will be gutted to miss this afternoon's game against his former club.

When he has been fit and playing he's been as solid as rock and there is no doubt he has been sadly missed over the past few weeks.

We were also without Frederic Darras, David Kerslake and Ian Culverhouse for the game at Charlton so it was no surprise we were beaten.

Even a team in the Premier League would have struggled without four key defenders.

Hopefully most of the defence will be back in contention by now including David Kerslake.

His loan spell was due to finish after today's match but as I write these notes I'm trying to extend

the deal to keep him here for longer.

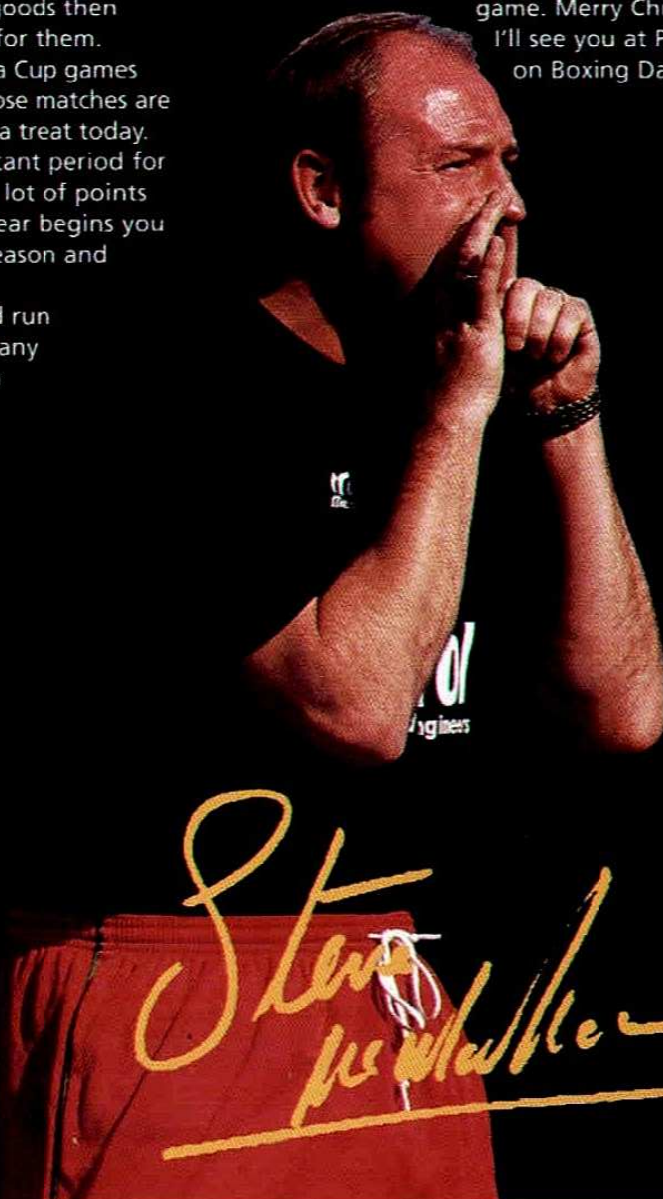
I need to strengthen the squad here, that is obvious, but with little money available it is not an easy task.

In the meantime the waiting game continues with the players who have been offered new contracts.

In light of the Bosman ruling we have been trying to offer players extended contracts. In the past it has been a different situation.

We want to keep them and we certainly don't want to lose them for nothing which could be the case if they decide to leave.

Let's just hope we can get the deals sorted as soon as possible - in the meantime enjoy the game. Merry Christmas and I'll see you at Portsmouth on Boxing Day.



today's visitors

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

Following the disappointment of relegation from the FA Premiership last term, Bolton have bounced back with a vengeance and have led the First Division table for much of the current campaign.

The loss of the highly-rated Alan Stubbs during the summer seemed to spell disaster for Bolton, but powerful attacking play - with international strikers Nathan Blake and John McGinlay combining well up front - has been allied to a powerful but creative midfield and a mean defence.

Newcomers Per Frandsen and Michael Johansen, both from FC Copenhagen in Denmark have both given manager Colin Todd numerous options in midfield, and both players like to push forward as well.

Wanderers have been among the division's leading scorers all season

and results such as a 6-1 victory over Grimsby and a 4-2 triumph away at Bradford underline their scoring prowess. McGinlay and Blake are vying for the hot-shot title, with 12 goals apiece in the League by the beginning of December.

Most recently, Todd moved to snap up midfielder Jamie Pollock from Middlesbrough for £1m, after a brief and unhappy spell overseas, but the former England U21 cap has yet to break into the first-team.

Perhaps the high point of an enjoyable season for the Burnden Park Club was their amazing 6-1 destruction of Premiership Tottenham in the Fourth Round of the Coca-Cola Cup - we have been warned.

They are not beyond the odd slip-up, however, and this was never better proved than by a 5-2 thrashing at the hands of struggling Southend in September, while more recently they suffered a 3-1 reverse at Birmingham City.

But Bolton have set themselves up as the team to beat in Division One this season and although a succession of draws in recent weeks has seen their lead whittled away, they must be among the favourites for an automatic promotion place.



BOLTON



Bolton Wanderers Football Club 1996/97

Back Row: (left to right)

Nathan Blake, Alan Thompson, Jimmy Phillips, Gerry Taggart, Mark Westhead, Aidan Davison, Scott Green, Mixu Paatelainen, Simon Coleman, Chris Fairclough.

Middle Row: (left to right)

Steve Carroll, Hasney Aljofree, Nicky Spooner, Stuart Whitehead, Per Frandsen, Gavin Ward, Keith Branaghan, Greg Strong, Neil Marsh, Stephen Quinn, Scott Taylor, Dean Crombie.

Front Row: (left to right)

Ewan Simpson, David Lee, Michael Johansen, Bryan Small, John McGinlay, Colin Todd, Phil Brown, Gudni Bergsson, Andy Todd, Stephen McAnespie, Scott Sellars, Colin Dyson.



a closer look at John McGinlay

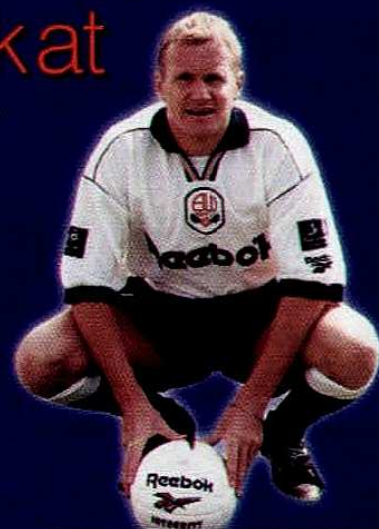
Much of Wanderers attacking play is focused on McGinlay, who topped the Trotters' scoring charts for the third successive season last term - albeit with only six strikes in the League.

A late starter both in the professional game, and on the international scene, McGinlay has developed over the last few seasons into one of the most feared front men outside the top flight.

He played with Scottish Highland League Clubs Nairn County and Elgin City, as well as Hanimex of New Zealand and Yeovil Town, before getting his break with Shrewsbury Town in 1988. His international debut came against Austria in 1994 - and true to form he celebrated his call-up with a goal.

Missed the start of last season with injury, but returned to action in what was a difficult campaign for the Wanderers and often found himself as a lone striker, or even playing wide midfield on occasions.

But it is up front that he is at his most dangerous - as several First Division Clubs have already found to their cost this term.



FACT FILE..

Name: John McGinlay

Position: Forward

Born: Inverness, 08.04.64

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 6lb

International Honours:

Scotland 'B', 9 Full caps

League Record Last

Season: 32 games, 6 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
From Elgin City, non-League				
88/89 - 89/90	Shrewsbury	60	27	Free
90/91	Bury	25	9	175,000
90/91 - 92/93	Millwall	34	10	£80,000
92/93 - 95/96	Bolton	142	63	£125,000
(figures correct at beginning of 96/97 season)				

Colin Todd the manager

One of the top defenders of his generation, Colin Todd won 27 Full caps for England in a career that also saw him pick up two League Championship medals at Derby County.

He has steadied the Bolton ship, having presided over their fall from Premiership grace last season, and he brings his Club to the County Ground this afternoon sitting proudly at the head of the Division One table.

Truth be told, last season's rot was already in place before Colin took on the manager's role in January 1996, after previously sharing the position with Roy McFarland.

This term has seen Colin introduce his own ideas and personnel, and the consequent upturn in both



performances and results has been a joy to watch for the Burnden Park faithful.

He began life as a central defender with Sunderland in 1966 and made more than 170 League appearances for the Rokerites before transferring to Derby in February 1971 in what were glorious times at the Baseball Ground.

Two League Championship successes quickly followed and Colin played almost 300 League games for the Rams before moving to Everton and then having spells at Birmingham City, Forest, Oxford and Luton prior to retiring in 1984.

With his playing days over, Colin teamed up with former team-mate Bruce Rioch at

Middlesbrough, where he

helped win promotion from the Third Division to the First in successive seasons.

He later became manager at Boro, and then assistant at Bradford, before teaming up with Rioch again, this time at Burnden Park, where he has already coached two promotion-winning sides.

Trotters' fans are hopeful for a memorable hat-trick in May 1997.

playerprofile

B O L T O N W A N D E R E R S

A consistent and reliable 'keeper, **KEITH BRANAGAN** moved to Burnden Park from Millwall in July 1992, for whom he had played in the old First Division. An Ireland 'B' international, Keith was an ever-present in the Wanderers side that won promotion from Division Two in 1993, and looked to be on for a repeat of that record last season until an training accident ruled him out for March. He was voted Wanderers' 'Player of the Year' for their Premiership campaign last term.

GAVIN WARD made five appearances between the sticks for Bolton last term, following his £280,000 move from Bradford City in March. Also formerly with Cardiff, West Brom and Leicester.

Other goalkeepers on the books at Bolton include Northern Ireland international **AIDAN DAVISON** - who has had a spell on loan at Ipswich Town this term - and youngster **MARK WESTHEAD**, who signed professional for the Club last summer.

A £900,000 signing from Raith Rovers in September 1995, full-back **STEVE McANESPIE** had previously helped Rovers to the Scottish First Division title and Coca-Cola Cup success during 1994/95. A right-sided defender who loves to push forward, he played a handful of first-team games in the Premiership last term before being displaced by **SCOTT GREEN**.

Signed from Derby for £50,000, Green never made the senior side at the Baseball Ground, but has become something of a utility star at Burnden, where he is happy to play in defence, midfield or up front. Still only 26, his ability in all areas of the field makes him a valuable commodity.

The experienced **JIMMY PHILLIPS** is currently in his second spell at Bolton, having turned professional with the Club in 1983 before moving to Glasgow Rangers for £95,000 in March 1987. A calm and composed left-back who possesses a dangerous left-foot, Jimmy also had spells with Oxford and Middlesbrough before returning to Burnden in July 1993 for a fee of 300,000. He has played more than 300 senior games for Bolton.

Signed in March 1996 from Aston Villa, **BRYAN SMALL** is a former England Youth and U21 cap who has struggled to live up to his early promise. Had a spell on loan at Birmingham City in 1994/95 before transferring to Bolton last season, and making his Wanderers debut in the final

game of 1995/96, at Arsenal.

GERRY TAGGART is a hard-as-nails Northern Ireland international defender who moved to Burnden from Barnsley in August 1995 for a joint Club record £1.5 million as Wanderers strengthened their side for Premiership football. Unfortunately, the former Manchester City player managed only 11 League games thanks to injury and his absence was a blow as Bolton struggled in the top flight. It was Taggart's spectacular goal which earned Northern Ireland a famous 1-1 draw with Germany in a World Cup Qualifier last month.

Another player bought for the Premiership was former Nottingham Forest, Tottenham and Leeds United player **CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH**, who scored his second goal of the season as Bolton drew 2-2 with West Brom a fortnight ago. An England U21 and 'B' International, the cultured Fairclough won a League title with Leeds in 1992.

Bolton's longest serving player is defender **NICKY SPOONER**, who has been with the Club since signing professional in July 1989. Injury has blighted his career and he missed the whole of 1995/96, but this versatile defender is hoping to become a regular feature in the Wanderers' senior side.

Icelandic international skipper **GUDNI BERGSSON** is a former Tottenham star who joined Bolton after a short trial in March 1995, and went on to make his debut in the Coca-Cola Cup Final at Wembley. A reliable and hard-working defender who leads by example, Gudni missed just four Premier games last season.

Swindon fans will remember **ANDY TODD** - son of manager Colin - as this defender or midfielder with an eye for goal had a spell on loan here at the County Ground in 1994/95. He joined Bolton from Middlesbrough for an initial fee of £250,000 in August 1995 and scored on his Wanderers' debut, away at Anfield. Injury kept him out of action for much of 1995/96, but he returned for the final League game, v Arsenal, when he again found the net.

A broken leg ruled **SIMON COLEMAN** out of action for much of last season, but this solid and dependable defender is always a danger at set-pieces, as well as strong at the back. Formerly with Mansfield, Middlesbrough and Derby, before joining Bolton from Sheff Wed for £350,000 in October 1994.

Bolton



PLAYER PROFILE

GREG STRONG is a former Wigan player and England Youth International who moved to Burnden from Springfield Park for £20,000 in August 1995, while midfielder

ALAN THOMPSON has also won representative honours for his country, playing for England at Youth and U21 level.

A highly-rated left-sided player, Alan celebrates his 23rd birthday tomorrow and will be keen to add to his already big reputation this afternoon.

He began with Newcastle, but joined Wanderers in time to play a big part in the 1994/95 season that saw Bolton win promotion and also reach the Coca-Cola Cup Final, where he hit a spectacular consolation goal for the Lancastrian side.

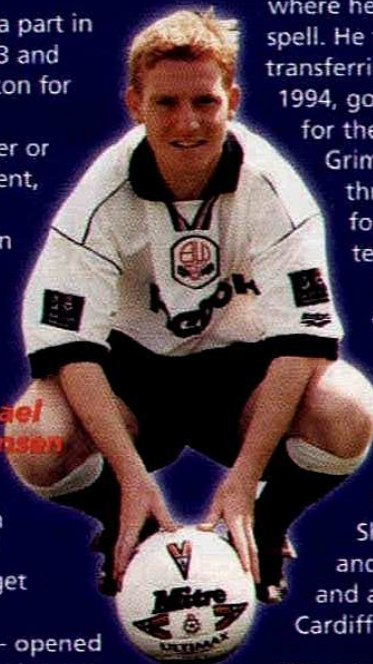
SCOTT SELLARS is a cultured and creative midfield dynamo who's list of previous Clubs reads like a Who's Who of football success in recent years. Began as a 17-year-old with Leeds United before moving to Blackburn and helping Rovers into the top flight in 1992. An England U21 star, Scott then returned to Leeds before moving on to Newcastle United for £700,000 and again masterminding a promotion campaign. Wanderers will be hoping that his magic rubs off on them this term.

Winger **DAVID LEE** has played a part in two Bolton promotion seasons - 1993 and 1995 - since signing from Southampton for £300,000 in November 1992, while **WAYNE BURNETT** is a midfielder or sweeper who played for Leyton Orient, Blackburn and Plymouth before transferring to Bolton for £100,000 in December 1995.

Danish pair **PER FRANDSEN** and **MICHAEL JOHANSEN** have both added class and goalscoring prowess to the Bolton midfield this term.

Signed in a joint deal worth more than £2 million from FC Copenhagen during the summer, both players are comfortable on the ball and like to get forward and support their attack. Frandsen - 3 Full caps for Denmark - opened his Bolton account with the only goal in a 1-0 win over Man City in August, while Johansen had to wait until the following game - a 3-1 triumph over Norwich - for his first goal.

Michael Johansen



Most recent signing for Bolton was former England U21 midfielder **JAMIE POLLOCK**, who signed from Middlesbrough for £1 million in late November, but has yet to break into the first-team. Pollock actually left Boro during the summer to sign for Osasuna in Spanish League, but found himself unable to settle in Spain. Under UEFA rulings, he was obliged to either remain at Osasuna for at least one season, or return to the Club from which he had come, so a complicated arrangement had to be made whereby Pollock was transferred back to Boro, before moving onto Bolton.

Other midfielders include **STUART WHITTAKER**, a 21-year-old former Liverpool apprentice, and 18-year-old **STEPHEN QUINN**, who signed professional during the summer.

It is up front that Bolton are at their strongest - as their 'goals for' column reflects. As well as Scottish star John McGinlay (see A Closer Look At), they boast other internationals in the shape of **MIXU PAATELAINEN** and **NATHAN BLAKE**.

Paatelainen was already an established Icelandic star when he moved to Dundee United in 1987/88, where he scored 47 goals over a five year spell. He then moved on to Aberdeen before transferring to Bolton for £350,000 in July 1994, going on to score twice on his debut for the Trotters, in a First Division match at Grimsby. Missed much of last season through injury and has struggled to force his way back into the side this term.

Much of the reason for Paatelainen's absence can be attributed to the form of Blake, who is waging a personal battle with John McGinlay for the top scorer's award at Burnden Park. A Welsh International who cost £1.35 million when he moved from Sheffield United last season, the quick and powerful Blake began with Chelsea and also played for his home-town Club, Cardiff City.

Other hopefuls up front for the Trotters include former Bromsgrove Rovers player **STUART WHITEHEAD**, a £5,000 signing in September 1995, and **SCOTT TAYLOR**, a highly-rated 20-year-old formerly with Millwall.

Bolton

VITAL STATISTICS



Bolton's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	3	46	10	15	21	46	58	45	21st
87/88	4	46	22	12	12	66	42	78	3rd
88/89	3	46	16	16	14	58	54	64	10th
89/90	3	46	18	15	13	59	48	69	6th
90/91	3	46	24	11	11	64	50	83	4th
91/92	3	46	14	17	15	57	56	59	13th
92/93	2	46	27	9	10	80	41	90	2nd
93/94	1	46	27	9	10	80	41	90	2nd
94/95	1	46	21	14	11	67	45	77	3rd
95/96	P	38	8	5	25	39	71	29	20th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST BOLTON SINCE 1960...

Home	Div	Result
14-Nov-1964	2	1-3
31-Jan-1970	2	3-2
06-Feb-1971	2	3-1
03-Feb-1974	2	2-2
24-Mar-1987	3	2-0
05-Apr-1995	1	0-1
Away	Div	Result
26-Mar-1965	2	1-1
04-Oct-1969	2	1-0
05-Dec-1970	2	3-0
15-Dec-1973	2	0-2
23-Aug-1986	3	2-1
01-Nov-1994	1	0-3

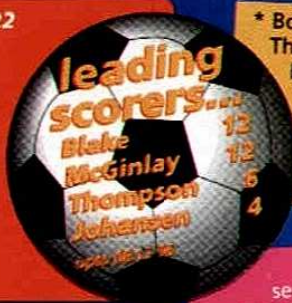
Swindon score first

How Bolton have performed so far this season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	PORT VALE	(a)	D1-1	Thompson (23)
Aug 20	MAN CITY	(h)	W1-0	Frandsen (49)
Aug 24	NORWICH	(h)	W3-1	Blake (27,77), Johansen (46)
Sep 01	QPR	(a)	W2-1	McGinlay (28), Thompson (90)
Sep 07	SOUTHEND	(a)	L2-5	Blake (22), McGinlay (31)
Sep 10	GRIMSBY	(h)	W6-1	Johansen (9,80), Blake (19,54), Lee (79), Taylor (90)
Sep 14	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	W2-0	Blake (50), Fairclough (87)
Sep 21	BRADFORD	(a)	W4-2	Thompson (1), Blake (20,85), Frandsen (55)
Sep 28	STOKE	(h)	D1-1	Blake (42)
Oct 02	WOLVES	(a)	W2-1	McGinlay (46,86)
Oct 12	OLDHAM	(h)	W3-1	Johansen (7), McGinlay (20,31)
Oct 15	TRANMERE	(h)	W1-0	Sellars (51)
Oct 19	CHARLTON	(a)	D3-3	McGinlay (23,61pen), Blake (73)
Oct 25	BARNLEY	(a)	D2-2	McGinlay (1pen), Thompson (49)
Oct 29	READING	(h)	W2-1	Sellars (40), McGinlay (58)
Nov 02	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W2-0	Thompson (20), McGinlay (72)
Nov 13	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L1-3	Sheridan (75)
Nov 16	C.PALACE	(h)	D2-2	Sheridan (11), McGinlay (21pen)
Nov 19	OXFORD	(a)	D0-0	
Nov 22	SHEFF UTD	(a)	D1-1	Blake (10)
Nov 30	BARNLEY	(h)	D2-2	Blake (20), Thompson (89)
Dec 08	WEST BROM	(a)	D2-2	Frandsen (37), Fairclough (62)

TOTAL MATCHES: 22

Goals	
Blake	12
McGinlay	12
Thompson	6
Johansen	4
Frandsen	3
Fairclough	2
Sellars	2
Sheridan	2
Lee	1
Taylor	1

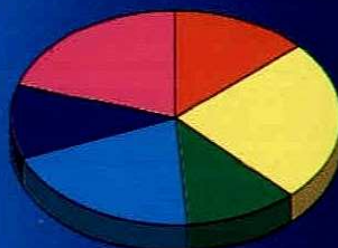


* Bolton are known as The Wanderers because in their formative years they had no particular home ground.

* Their first season in the Football League was in 1888-89 when their record for the campaign read: Played: 22, Won 10, Drawn 2, Lost 10, Goals scored 63, Goals against 59, Points 22

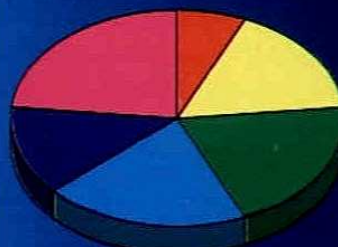
* Burnden Park, home of Bolton, staged the lowest attendance ever at a FA Cup Final when only 20,740 watched the replay between Tottenham and Sheffield United there in 1901.

The times the goals have gone in for Bolton at both ends this season.



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	6
16-30	11
31-45	5
46-60	9
61-75	5
76-90	9
TOTAL	45



League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	2
16-30	5
31-45	6
46-60	6
61-75	4
76-90	7
TOTAL	30

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. At which ground do Leicester play their home games?
2. Who is the manager of Nottingham Forest?
3. Lee Bowyer left which club to join Leeds?
4. For which country is Birmingham midfielder Barry Horne an International?
5. Whose pass for Man Utd against Rapid Vienna was 'made in heaven' according to Glenn Hoddle?
6. In which year did Chelsea last reach the FA Cup Final?
7. At which First Division club is James Scowcroft?
8. Who are the current Scottish Cup holders?
9. Who knocked AC Milan out of this season's Champions League with a 2-1 win in Italy?
10. Name the two Romanian stars at Upton Park.
11. What top European award did George Weah win last year?
12. Who is the manager of Wales?
13. Which former Chelsea winner is starring at Woking?
14. Manchester City's Georgi Kinkladze plays for which country?
15. The 1996 FA Cup Final was played between which two Northern clubs?



WHO AM I?

1. This player often gets first use of the bath water sometimes early in a game.
2. Born in Watford in 1965 this midfielder started his career at Wimbledon in 1986.
3. He has played several games for Wales after spells at Leeds, Sheffield United and Chelsea.
4. Returned to Wimbledon in 1992.

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. Who scored our first goal of the season?
2. At which club did Scott Leitch start his League career?
3. Fraser Digby left which club to join Town?

....AND AWAY

1. For which country is Bolton striker John McGinlay an International?
2. How many goals did Bolton put past Tottenham recently?

RULES OF THE GAME!

If, in the opinion of the referee, a goalkeeper lies on the ball longer than is necessary when he has made a save, what should happen?

- A. Player cautioned but play continues
- B. Player cautioned and indirect free-kick given
- C. Player cautioned and penalty kick given

Answers..... 1. Filbert St. 2. Frank Clark. 3. Charlton. 4. Wales. 5. David Beckham. 6. 1994. 7. Ipswich. 8. Rangers. 9. Rosenborg. 10. Ilie Dumitrescu and Florin Raducioiu. 11. European Player of the Year. 12. Bobby Gould. 13. Clive Walker. 14. Georgia. 15. Man Utd and Liverpool.
Home: 1. Wayne Allison. 2. Dunfermline. 3. Man Utd. **Away:** 1. Scotland. 2. Six.
Who am I: Vinney Jones. **Whose Crest:** Cambridge United. **Rules of the game:** ans B.

a brief lookback

Dick Mattick looks back ...

In early December 1970, Swindon were hovering around the half way mark in the old Second Division.

Before the trip to Bolton they had been boosted by a 3-0 win over a Sheffield Wednesday team managed by Town's former boss Danny Williams.

Bolton were below them in the table but following the departure of Jimmy McIlroy after only three weeks as manager, Nat Lofthouse had taken charge and lifted them out of the relegation zone.

Just 7,531 turned up to see the match in the somewhat decaying grandeur of Burnden Park where grass was sprouting through some of the terracing.

Charlie Hurley appeared to give Bolton the lead after 20 minutes when he headed home a Terry Wharton corner - but the goal was disallowed.

After 29 minutes Swindon went in front when Don Rogers received a pass from Frank Burrows in the centre circle and raced away to shoot past Alan Boswell from 10 yards.

Rogers was enjoying a purple patch at this time having scored twice in the previous match against Wednesday, prompting the Colemanball from his manager Fred Ford:

"I've got a boy here who scores a goal of the

month every week!"

Swindon defended well with Burrows overcoming the pain of chest bruising before they broke away to extend their lead in the 75th minute.

A seemingly harmless long ball was chased by the Robins' other winger, Chris Porter, a £3,000 bargain from Bridgewater.

Hurley thought Boswell hung back expecting a back pass. This allowed Porter to nip in and shoot home via a post.

Porter also set up Swindon's final goal for Rogers after 84 minutes.

Rogers, described as *"innocent and friendly as a starving cobra"* by one reporter, had

begun to run the Bolton defenders ragged in the second half and it was justice that the final goal should fall to him, even if the 3-0 scoreline somewhat flattered Swindon.

Teams:

Swindon: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Porter, Gough, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers.

Bolton: Boswell, Ritson, McAllister, Williams, Hurley, Hulme, Wharton, Hunt, Manning, Greaves, Taylor.

Today's question:

A famous footballing name from Hereford was referee of this match. Who was he?

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

The winner will receive a special prize.

Don Rogers

talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



Having spent the best part of 10 years of my career at Bolton Wanderers, today's game is of particular interest to me.

I joined Bolton as a YTS player and worked my way up into the Senior squad where I had a smashing time.

The early part of your footballing career always remains close to your heart and I was lucky enough to have a successful spell at Burnden Park under Ian Greaves who was the manager when I broke into the first team.

The highlight for me was when we clinched promotion to the First Division (now Premiership) having just missed out the year before. It is every players' ambition to play at the highest level so making it into the top division was a great feeling.

In the team at the same time as me were the likes of Peter Reid and Sam Allardyce who went on to enjoy long careers in the game so I have happy memories of my time at Bolton.

We had a good team in those days and now Colin Todd has put together another strong side which has quality players right through the squad.

They have the strength in depth which is needed for a sustained push for promotion but I'm confident we can match them and there is no greater challenge than playing the top of the table team.

A win today would set us up nicely for the busy Christmas period and there would be no greater confidence booster than to pick up three points against one of the high flyers in Division One.

The way this league is at the moment two wins can take you up into the promotion places and two defeats can mean you are looking over your shoulders at the relegation zone.

It is very tight but winning games breeds confidence and that's what we will be aiming to do this afternoon - pick up a win to set us up for the hectic schedule ahead.

On Boxing Day we face a tough trip to Fratton Park to play Portsmouth and then we are back at home for the visits of Grimsby and QPR.

With so many matches in quick succession there are a lot of points up for grabs and we will all be going flat out to bank as many as possible to give us something to build on as we go into the New Year.

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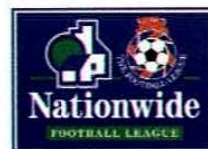
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leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



The last Saturday before Christmas is notorious for poor gates yet no less than 20 clubs were embroiled in First Division action yesterday with the all-Yorkshire derby between Sheffield United and Barnsley possibly the pick of the bunch.

Of course you all know the results by now so there is little point in previewing the day's programme of events. I thought under the circumstances, with the turn of the year almost upon us, this might therefore be an ideal time to reflect back on last August's predictions and see how they relate to current circumstances.

Bolton Wanderers were one of my tips to do well, as one of the side's relegated from the Premiership they obviously had class, despite losing ace midfielder Sasa Curcic to **Aston Villa** for £4 million and Alan Stubbs to **Celtic** for another £3.5 million yet Colin Todd's side were deemed only seventh favourites at 12/1 by bookmakers William Hill.

Their position at the top of Division One suggests those lucky punters who invested on the Trotters could strike it rich next April.

You know who the bookies favourites were don't you? Yes, **Manchester City** at 3/1.

Well it will not be the first time the bookmaking fraternity

have finished with egg on their faces, remember last year?

Swindon Town were given no chance in Division Two, in fact **Carlisle United**, who were eventually relegated to Division Three, were the bookies hot tips for the Second Division title! Could the Maine Road club follow in their footsteps?

Big spending **Birmingham City** and Howard Kendall's **Sheffield United** were second favourites at 7/1. Well after a sluggish start the Blades have begun to cut a swave through the first division and were up to second place, and, within three points of **Bolton** before last weekend's fixtures, so they have certainly lived up to their reputation.

Birmingham too could make an impact after a disastrous start that at one time saw them in the relegation zone. At last Trevor Francis seems to have got things together and if they played up to form at **Southend** on Friday they will also be in a strong position.

Barnsley, who have occupied all the top three positions this season, weren't given a hope by William Hill. Fifteenth at 33/1 was their asking price and they have certainly made a few commentators eat their words since then. It has been the opposite way round for **QPR**, who at 9/1 were fifth favourites. The Loftus Road club lost player-manager Ray Wilkins and their way too, for positioned in the bottom half of the table they have hardly realised their potential...and don't forget they are our first opponents in 1997.

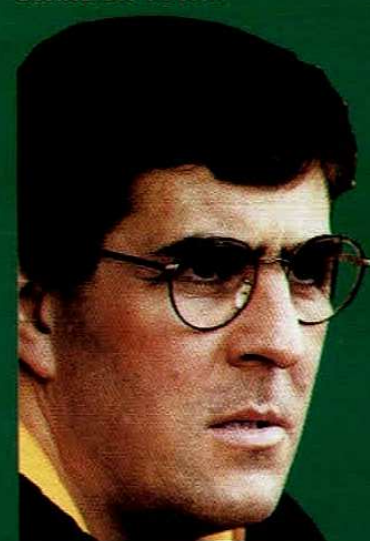
The bottom five in the betting odds last August were **Oldham Athletic** at 50-1 and **Grimsby**

Town, **Portsmouth**, **Reading** and **Southend United** all at 66-1.

At the time of preparing this column **Portsmouth** were seventh from bottom with **Reading**, **West Brom**, **Southend United**, **Grimsby Town**, **Bradford City** and **Oldham Athletic** beneath them. So the bookies seem to have been on the right wave-length in this department.

West Bromwich Albion though had been quoted as eighth favourites, just behind **Bolton**, at 16/1 so they certainly have not lived up to expectations. Neither have **Wolves** who at 7/1 were joint second favourites.

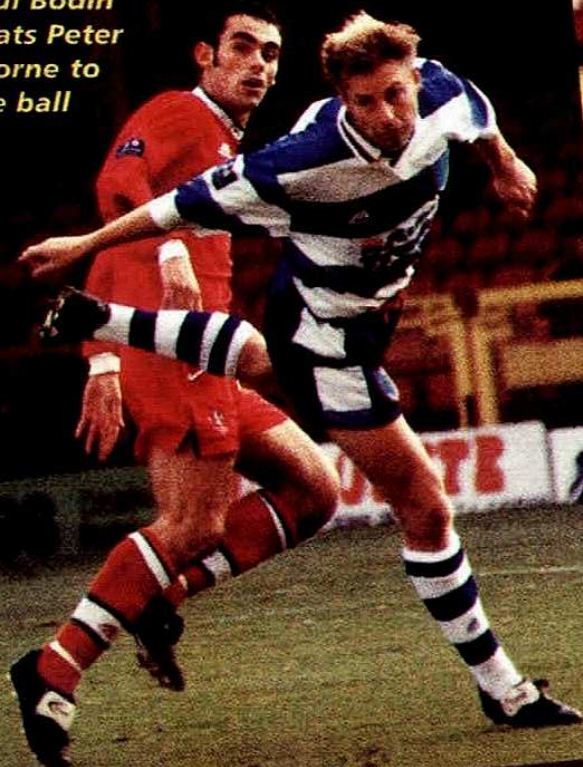
Norwich City fans are feeling a little disillusioned at the moment because the Canaries have dropped out of the fast lane, yet seventh place - 10 points behind the leaders - is a better position than expected. At 25-1 they were down in 11th place alongside **Charlton Athletic**, **Stoke City** and **SWINDON TOWN!**



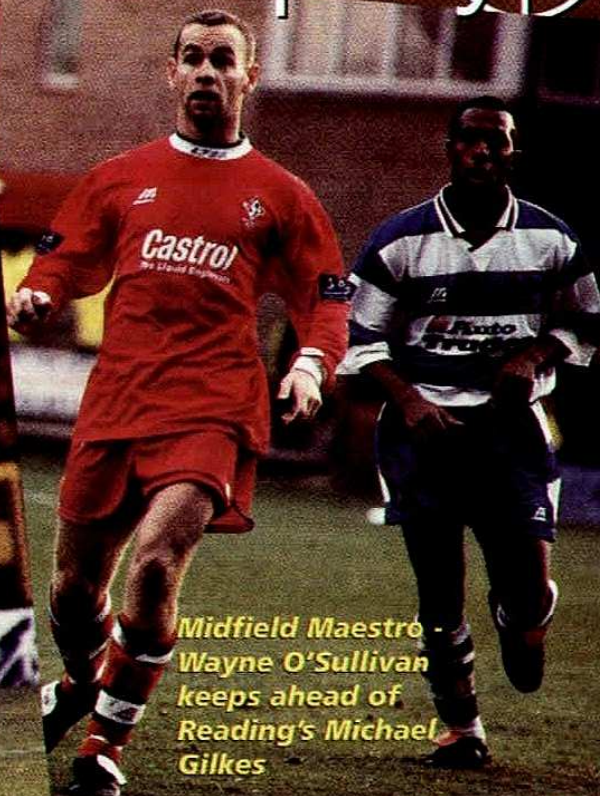
Mark McGhee's Wolves not living up to expectations.

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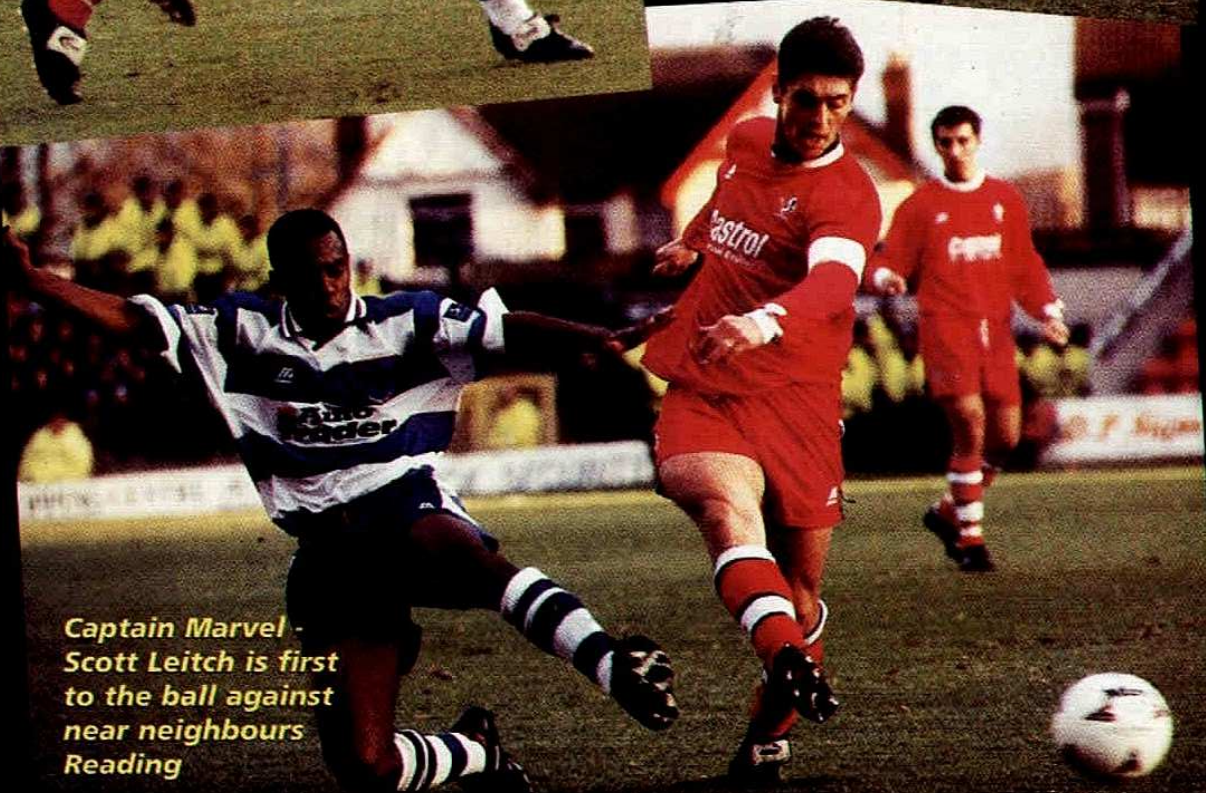
Former
Swindon
defender
Paul Bodin
beats Peter
Thorne to
the ball




Midfield Maestro -
Wayne O'Sullivan
keeps ahead of
Reading's Michael
Gilkes




Captain Marvel -
Scott Leitch is first
to the ball against
near neighbours
Reading





That's mine - Loan signing David Kerslake makes himself at home at the County Ground against Reading

Back off - the Chief keeps Paul Bodin at bay



On the run - Wayne O'Sullivan is in control against the Royals

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 1996
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community scheme news

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

The third and final stages of our Community Office 8-a-side tournament took place on Friday November 29th and it proved to be the most exciting of the three qualifying stages.

In Group E Grange Juniors and Lydiard Tregoze progressed to the next round while in Group F a three way play-off was contested by Wroughton, Colebrook and Pinehurst.

After extra time all three sides remained equal and a penalty shoot-out went to sudden death with Wroughton and Colebrook progressing to make it into the last 12 in the competition.

Commiserations to Pinehurst who were desperately unlucky not to make it further in the tournament.

The major event to put in your diary over the Christmas period takes place on December 30th when we have our Christmas and New Year bonanza taking place here at the County Ground.

For further details either contact us at the Community Office or call in at reception.



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.

Don't eat too much Christmas pudding and Jon and I look forward to talking to you very soon.

Clive and Jon.



**Clive
Maguire**

**Jon
Holloway**



The next courses are commencing week beginning Monday 6th January. 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. Closing date to enrol is Saturday 18th January.

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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
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 +
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9 years +

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Merry Christmas to the Junior Robins and Bolton's Junior Whites, who travelled to the County Ground today for morning football and lunch, before this afternoon's exciting game.

Barmy Army Party

Well, I thought Sunday was supposed to be a day of rest but not for the lads today - and certainly not for some of us last week! The Junior Robins Family Party at Cairo's saw about 500 of you turn up for the Christmas Party of a lifetime! *Special thanks to The Evening Advertiser, Cairo's Nightclub, Stu Mac, the players and of course, you the fans, for making the event such a success!* The proceeds from the party went to The MacMillan Nurses and we'll keep you notified of the amount raised.

Portsmouth Trip

A reminder to those of you travelling on the Boxing Day coach to Portsmouth that the Barmy

Army coach will be leaving the ground at 11:30am and expected return is approx. 7:00pm. Also, a reminder to parents to please wait with your child until the coach arrives. For the Portsmouth trip a packed lunch should also be provided. We'll also see how many of you turn up with turkey sandwiches!

Pantomime Visit Thursday 2nd January

As always, the Junior Robins will continue the festive celebrations after Christmas with a visit to the Wyvern Theatre. This year's show is Cinderella, starring Bernie Clifton and Jess Conrad. Not only will you have a great time watching the show but all juniors will receive a goodie bag and be invited to meet the cast. So grab your family and friends and enjoy an entertaining afternoon with the family's favourite pantomime!

COST £7.50 per person

**Have a great Christmas,
Louise.**

today's lucky mascots



LIAM KEVILLE

turned 7 last week and lives in Covingham, Swindon. He is a pupil at Covingham

Park Infants School and his hobbies include football, swimming and computer games. His favourite Town player is Fraser Digby.



OLIVER O'HANLON

of Wantage, Oxfordshire is 9 years old. He attends the Wantage Church of

England school and likes fishing, cricket and football. Oliver is a forward for the Grove Challengers U9's. His favourite players are Steve Finney and Peter Thorne.



ROBERT MARSDEN

celebrated his 10th birthday on the 17th December and he lives in Shaw, Swindon.

Robert is a pupil at Brookfield Primary School and plays as a left-back for Shaw U10's. His favourite Swindon player is Steve Finney.



Swindon Town are pleased to announce that our lucky matchday mascots are now sponsored by Burger King and Little Chef



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	0-3
Wed	Dec 04	Torquay Utd (FAYC 1)	A	1-1
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.

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	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	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H	1-1
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	1-1
Dec 11	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3
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	TORQUAY UNITED	H	

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South East Counties

League, Division Two.

Swindon Town Youth 0

Wycombe W. Youth 3

This was without doubt the most disappointing performance I have witnessed from the youth team since taking over last March.

Their attitude was poor and if the lads want to go on to bigger and better things at Swindon Town Football Club they will have to do a lot better.

Having drawn 1-1 with Wycombe earlier in the season another tight game was expected but we struggled right from the off and fell behind after just three minutes when a mistake by Danny Hunt led to Wycombe's opener.

Within 10 minutes we conceded a second following another defensive error which left us with an uphill battle from then on.

Unfortunately the lads did not show the necessary enthusiasm or spirit and it was no surprise when Wycombe scored a third goal during the second half.

Let us just hope we learn from this and find something positive to build on in the future.

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

FA Youth Cup,

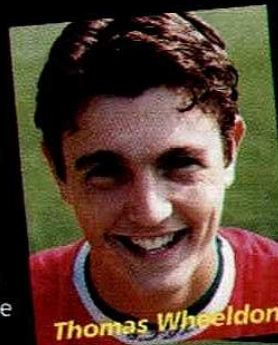
Second Round.

Torquay United Youth 1

Swindon Town Youth 1

We travelled to the West Country to take on Torquay in the FA Youth Cup and came away with a creditable 1-1 draw.

The home side were defending an unbeaten record and had beaten us 5-1 in a pre-season friendly during our summer



Thomas Wheeldon



Robin Hulbert



Wayne Thorne

tour so we knew that the task before us was quite a large one. However the boys set about their job in a very professional manner and every one of them emerged with credit.

Torquay took the lead in the 50th minute after we had dominated the first half. The goal was a result of sloppy and indecisive play by Matthew Coupe in midfield while the back three failed to defend after his mistake.

After the goal the lads battled back well and got a deserved equaliser from a set play thanks to Thomas Wheeldon in the 75th minute.

Swindon hung on well against a Torquay team including five lads with first team experience to bring them back to the County Ground for a replay.

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

Swindon Town's other Youth team recovered from a 7-0 hiding at Cardiff to pick up draws against Cheltenham and Cirencester before going down at Plymouth.

The 1-1 home draw with Cheltenham saw Swindon play poorly in the first half and miss a host of chances.

They found themselves 1-0

down but managed to equalise late in the game with a goal from Mark Simpkins.

A trip to Cirencester resulted in the same score-line the following week but again Swindon were guilty of a disappointing first half display and were fortunate to only be trailing 1-0 at the interval.

The second half was a vast improvement and the B team clinched a share of the spoils when Chris O'Connell converted a penalty 10 minutes from time.

Last Wednesday the youngsters travelled to Plymouth in a re-arranged fixture where they went down 3-1.

The final scoreline flattered the home team as Swindon, fielding four 15-year-olds, gave a good account of themselves and were unfortunate not to emerge with a point.

Two sloppy goals were conceded in the first 20 minutes and although Reza Sutedehe pegged one back, Plymouth scored with their only second half shot.

South East Counties League Division 2 at 7th December 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Luton Town	15	10	3	2	33	13	23	+20
Crystal Palace	14	9	4	1	34	14	22	+20
Southampton	13	9	0	4	20	12	18	+16
Oxford United	14	7	4	3	26	21	18	+5
SWINDON TOWN	16	6	5	5	30	22	17	+8
Tottenham Hotspur	16	6	5	5	21	14	17	+7
Wycombe Wanderers	16	6	4	6	18	17	15	+1
Brighton & H.A.	15	6	4	5	20	26	16	-6
AFC Bournemouth	13	6	2	5	24	24	14	0
Bristol Rovers	14	7	0	7	30	32	14	-2
Bristol City	14	5	4	5	23	25	14	-2
Colchester United	13	4	3	6	18	21	11	-3
Wimbledon	14	3	4	7	13	19	10	-6
Reading	15	4	1	10	19	40	9	-21
Brentford	14	3	2	9	21	30	8	-9
Barnet	16	2	1	13	14	42	5	-28

CUP DEFEAT

Swindon Town Youth lost 2-0 at home to Torquay United in their FA Youth Cup replay last week. A full report on this fixture will appear in next Saturday's Matchday Magazine along with all the other Youth team news.



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STFC Supporters Club news

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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:

Sunday December 22nd

- Christmas Bingo. 7.30pm

Tuesday December 24th

- Lunchtime Christmas Draw.
1.30pm. Bar open 12noon - 3.00pm

Tuesday December 24th

- Christmas Eve Disco
with Inferno 7pm - 12.15am


Saturday December 28th

- Hangover Disco. Final Whistle 11pm

Tuesday December 31st

- New Years Eve Disco.


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



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**A below par performance
resulted in a 3-1 home
defeat for Swindon Town
Reserves against near
neighbours Bristol Rovers.**

Looking to improve on the disappointing goalless draw against Rovers in the League Cup, Swindon once again failed to play to their potential and were punished by the visitors to the County Ground.

Swindon enjoyed the lions share of possession early on but were restricted to two long range efforts by Alex Smith. One lob went just over while a low drive resulted in a comfortable save for the Rovers' keeper.

Then on 22 minutes the Bristol side took the lead when Paul Miller pounced on a mistake by Neil Allison to run clear and fire past Frank Talia.

Three minutes later it was 2-0 to the visitors as John French was left in acres of space just outside the Swindon penalty area and he slammed in a shot which found the net via a post. Swindon needed a quick reply

to stay in touch and that was exactly what they got in the 28th minute when Paul Allen's free kick was spectacularly headed in by Scott Woodman at the near post.

And just before the break Woodman had an opportunity to level the scores after good work by Allen and Alex Finlayson but he saw his low drive well held by Shane Higgs.

After the half time interval Frank Talia did well to tip over a close range header by Steve Parmenter as Rovers began strongly.

However Swindon hit back only to see goal-bound efforts by Finlayson and Woodman both blocked on the line.

In the 70th minute Paul

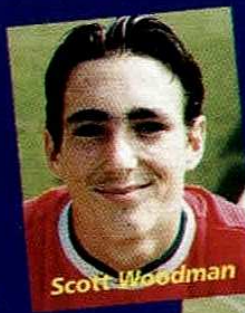
Allen raced away after breaking from inside his own half but saw his effort blocked while Finlayson shot

into the side netting when well positioned 10 minutes from time.

With time running out Peter Holcroft chipped a shot just over before the game

was put beyond Swindon's reach in injury time.

A corner was only half cleared and Paul Miller turned to fire home to leave Swindon on the end of only their third defeat of the season.



Scott Woodman



Alex Smith



Frank Talia



Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance
Combination Div 1**

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City	(L)	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 (L)		H 0-0
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS		H 1-3
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 (L)		H 2-00
Tue Feb 25	Watford		A 7-30
WED MAR 05	CARDIFF CITY (L)		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 (L)		A 7-30
TBA	Swansea City		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 14th December 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Wimbledon	7	6	1	1	21	12	18	+9
Tottenham H.	8	5	0	3	22	10	15	+12
Portsmouth	9	5	0	4	11	10	15	+1
Arsenal	7	4	2	1	16	5	14	+11
Ipswich Town	7	4	2	1	13	4	14	+9
Chelsea	7	4	2	1	14	8	14	+6
SWINDON TOWN	7	4	1	2	16	10	13	+6
Swansea City	7	4	1	2	13	10	13	+3
Q.P.R.	8	3	3	2	13	8	12	+5
Luton Town	6	4	0	2	9	6	12	+3
AFC Bournemouth	6	4	0	2	14	12	12	+2
Bristol City	8	3	2	3	15	13	11	+2
Cardiff City	9	2	4	3	7	12	10	-5
Brighton & H.A.	8	2	3	3	17	19	9	-2
Norwich City	8	2	3	3	13	16	9	-3
Oxford United	8	2	2	4	15	21	8	-6
Millwall	7	2	1	4	14	15	7	-1
Watford	7	2	1	4	9	16	7	-7
Crystal Palace	7	2	1	4	4	14	7	-10
West Ham United	8	1	3	4	7	11	6	-4
Southampton	6	1	1	4	8	12	4	-4
Charlton Athletic	5	1	0	4	8	12	4	-4
Bristol Rovers	8	0	3	5	5	20	3	-15

NEXT FIXTURE.

**Swindon Town Reserves'
first fixture of the New
Year sees them entertain
Ipswich Town at the
County Ground on
Monday January 6 (2pm).
This is followed by a trip
to Brighton and Hove
Albion on Wednesday
January 15th (2pm).**

Mark Robinson



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Tony Horne's view from a far!

Ask anybody who knows me what was my most memorable game over the last few years at Swindon and they will say: "It's got to be in the Coca-Cola Cup."

The 1994/95 season had been memorable for very few good reasons; we threw so many games away against poor sides, beat the few good ones, but for no apparent reason found ourselves in the semis of the Coca Cola and about 30 minutes from Wembley.....Let's go back in time to the winter of 1995.....

I vividly remember waking up on the floor in Christian Malford on the Sunday of the first leg. In between various hangover cures, we ummed and arred for two

hours whether to go to the game or not.

Eventually we decided to go, turning up 10 minutes late, the press box was over-flowing with hacks and hangers-on alike so we had to park our bums on the step outside.

It was a good game which we won 2-1 but I left feeling that the away goal could be dangerous.

Mark Robinson will remember this game. The ref gave him an early bath after deciding that it was he and not John McGinlay who had decided to go 15 rounds with the other. I couldn't possibly comment on whether this was the case or not. I can only relay the comments of the Castrol Stand to you.....something about a man with a white stick.

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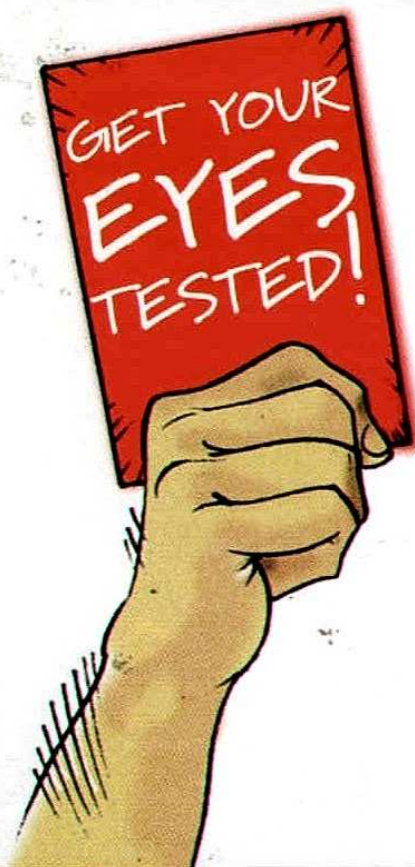


Two weeks later and the GWR FM posse hire a mini bus for the return

leg. We pull into the services in Staffordshire in the middle of a blizzard only to hear on Radio 5 "Tonight's Coca-Cola Cup match between Bolton and Swindon has been postponed. Gutted yes, but spare a thought for the fans of the other semi finalists - their game was called off 15 minutes before kick-off.

It was finally six weeks after the first leg that we headed off for Bolton. by now we had injuries, suspensions and the trap door to Division Two had our name on it.

We were singing Wembley when we took the lead but a double substitution for Bolton turned the game. We fell apart and the dream was gone.



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This game is **ALL TICKET** and
fans are advised that no tickets
will be on sale on the day of the
match. Ticket prices for the
uncovered seating area are £10
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the Family Ticket).

FA CUP THIRD ROUND.
EVERTON, Sunday January 5th,
(away), kick-off 3pm.
We have an allocation of 4,800
tickets for this cup tie with
season ticket holders getting
first priority.
A total of 800 tickets have
been on restricted sale since
December 13 and to qualify

fans need to buy either a ticket
for the QPR game on January
1st or the Bradford game here
at the County Ground on
January 18th.

These restrictions will run until
Friday December 27th.

Any tickets left over will go on
general sale without restrictions
at the Grimsby game on
December 28th.

OTHER GAMES ALSO ON SALE

Tranmere Rovers, Saturday
January 11th (away) kick-off 3pm.

Bradford City, Saturday January
18th, (home) kick-off 3pm.

Wolverhampton Wanderers,
Wednesday January 29th
(away), kick off 7.45pm. This is
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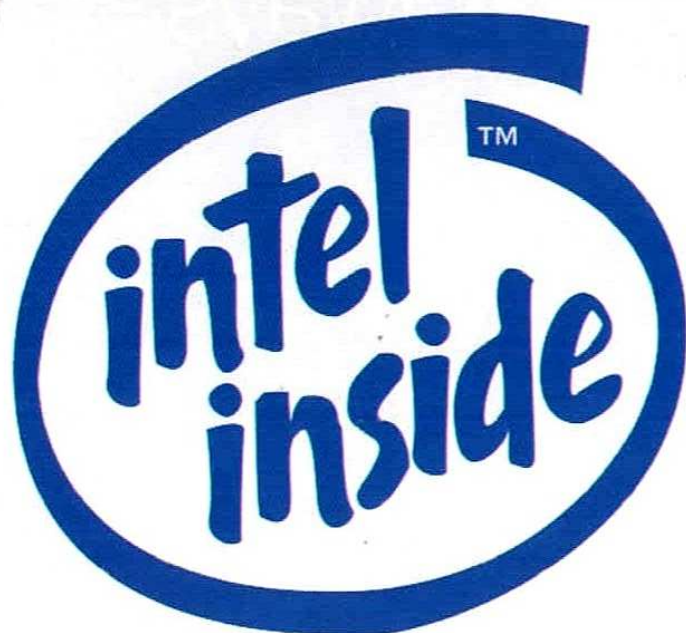
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For those too old to join the Junior Robins I hopefully bear good news. In the New Year a Senior



Robins club will be formed.

Membership will be free and a club night - every Friday - will provide the opportunity to get together for a social evening.

I'll have more detailed information in a few weeks time but if you are looking for somewhere to go for a game of bingo, quiz night, etc - watch this space!

A Christmas Message

*As Santas' workshop closes down
and Rudolph gets in gear,
let's cast aside each need to frown
and fill our hearts with cheer.
Let football fans across the land
(whoever they support)
shake each other by the hand
in honour of OUR sport!
Let even those of coldest heart
go out their way to please.
What better way is there to start
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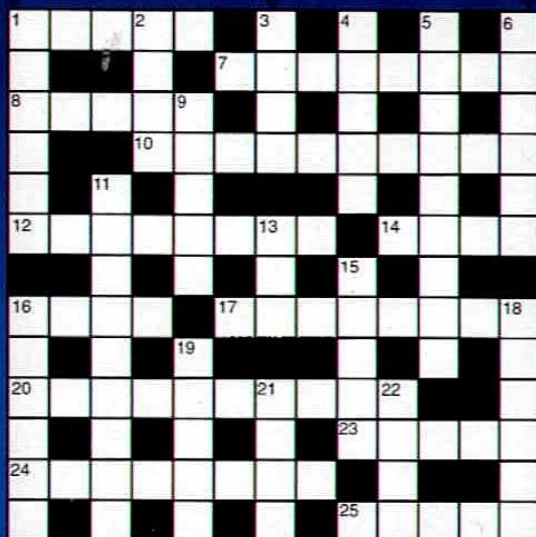


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crosswordtime...

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clues across...

1. Laurent....., French international defender (5)
7. Steve, (1990s) AFC Bournemouth striker (8)
8. Steve, (1990s) Sunderland midfielder (5)
10. Home of Peterborough United FC (6) & (4)
12. Peter, former Chelsea winger 1960/70s (8)
14. Test Yeovil FC to find eyelid inflammation, apparently (4)
16. Dynamo on and ex-England goalie Billy appears in full (4)
17. Club nickname of Bolton Wanderers (8)
20. European Cup winners 1979 & '80 (10)
23. Zelijko, Leicester City squad goalkeeper (5)
24. Andy, (1990s) Aston Villa midfielder (8)
25. Cup excitement, maybe (5)

clues down...

1. Michael, young Everton (1990s) forward (6)
2. Coventry City (1990s) striker Mr Whelan (4)
3. Open Cut and a injured player has (4)
4. Upright spectators do (5)
5. One of three nicknames found at West Brom (9)
6. Needle match, maybe (6)
9. Females such as the Millwall Lionesses team (5)
11. Kenilworth Road side (5) & (4)
13. Football requirement (3)
15. Takes corner rather than reveal a joint of meat (anag) (5)
16. Jason, former Exeter City midfielder (6)
18. Football (6)
19. David, (1990s) Sheffield Wednesday striker (5)
21. Belgian League side (4)
22. 1930s, England defender George was a man most definitely (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS...
 1 BLANC, 7 FLETCHER, 8 AGNEW, 10 LONDON ROAD, 12 HOUSEMAN, 14 STYLE, 16 MOON, 17 TROTTERS, 20 NOTTINGHAM, 23 KALAC, 24 TOWNSEND, 25 FEVER.
 ANSWERS DOWN...
 1 BRANCH, 2 NOEL, 3 BLEED, 4 STAND, 5 THROSTLES, 6 GRUDGE, 9 WOMEN, 11 LUTON TOWN, 13 AIR, 15 STEAK, 16 MINNETT, 18 SOCCER, 19 HIRST, 21 GENT, 22 MALE.



face in the crowd

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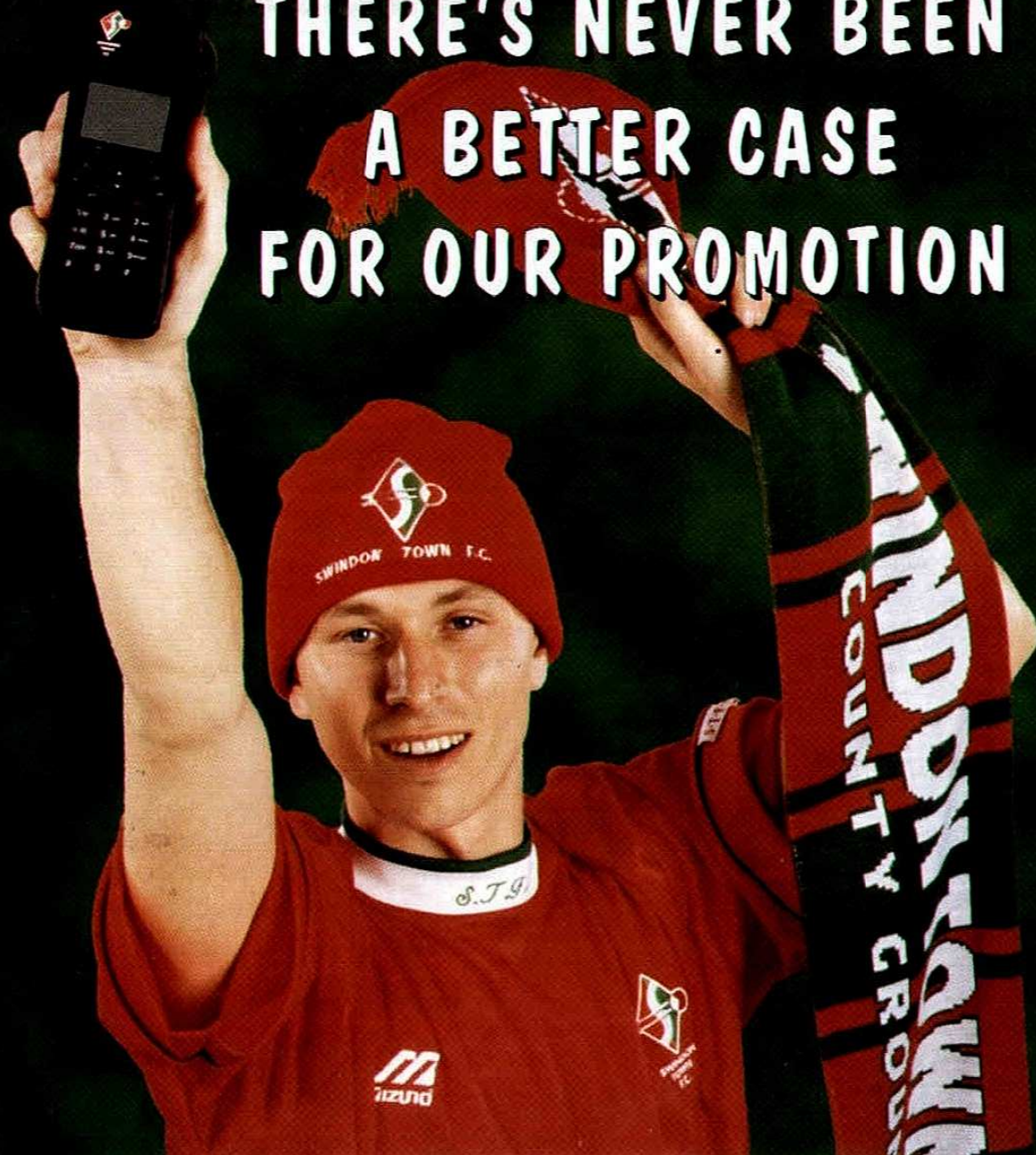
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marketingnews

with Martin Stevens

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Presentation Time



Telecental were the Matchday Sponsors at the local Derby against Reading. Director of Marketing & Business Communications, Bill Crawford, receives a limited edition signed framed shirt from STFC Chairman, Mike Spearman.

Mr Crawford, presents their man of the match, Kevin Horlock, with his bottle of champagne.



Dave Wiltshire and his guests from Bowerhill Machine Tools receive their autographed footballs from Kevin Horlock. Bowerhill were the Matchball Sponsors at the local derby against Reading.

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At the time of writing no fewer than eight first team players have been receiving treatment for a wide range of complaints.

With the very busy Christmas period of matches starting today we have been desperately trying to get them back as soon as possible.



Mark Seagraves continues to be sidelined after his knee surgery but should be available in the New Year.

Mark has already set his mind on a date for a Reserve fixture come-back on January 6th.

Peter Thorne may well be available for this afternoon's match if all has gone to plan with his ankle rehabilitation.

He has worked hard on remobilising and restrengthening the ankle joint following his twist injury against Reading.



Frederic Darras should also be back following a hamstring strain that has plagued him for three weeks.



As with all injuries to the hamstring, one must be very careful when the player returns to training that he continues to stretch and strengthen the muscle group as they have a horrible habit of reoccurring.

Frederic will continue a vigorous stretching routine to hopefully prevent such a thing happening again.



Jason Drysdale injured his ribs in a training incident last weekend, but along with Frank Talia (back) and Ty Gooden (groin) all should be fit for today's game against Bolton Wanderers.



Take care and have a great Christmas.

the shadowboard

What a great evening we all had in Devizes for the last Shadow Board Open Forum.

We would like to express a special thanks to Steve McMahon for his lively and interesting contribution to the evening.

He also gave Devizes the scoop news that David Kerslake was returning to the Town. Great night, great gossip and a hot scoop - what more could we ask for.

Thanks Steve.

Many out-of-town fans have difficulty getting to the ground and getting parked in time for kick-off.

I can speak from personal experience! During Christmas the Club has arranged for the shopping park and ride schemes to include stops at the County Ground on match days. Please look out in the local press for details.

We think that this is a great idea and one that could be extended all season. Please let us know - using a Shadow Board comment card or by letter to the address below - if you would use a park and ride scheme all season if such a scheme was available.

We are also interested to know where the demand is greatest - i.e. from North Swindon, the South etc. Do please let us know.



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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

Injuries and suspensions are what you could term natural hurdles for teams to stride over during the course of a League marathon. But when you lose the services of players through international call ups there does seem a slight injustice meat out to the club and their supporters.

At Stoke City last week we were without Kevin Horlock, a young player who has developed under the guidance of Glenn Hoddle and Steve McMahon into a fully fledged international. Good for him and good for the Club of course but not when we are deprived of his services in an important First Division game.

The current ruling states that you can only request a postponement of a match if you have three players absent on international calls. This only used to apply to full internationals but this year the rule has been extended to embrace players on Under 21 duty as well. This is a step in the right direction but just a stride short of the mark in my opinion.

I know Steve McMahon feels the current situation is unfair for the smaller clubs, particularly as we are more likely to have only one player involved. In these instances that player is probably significantly more important to the team than he might be to a larger club with deeper and more expensive resources from which to provide cover.

Certainly, to a club of our standing the enforced loss of a player of Kevin's stature can be a bitter pill to swallow on top of the natural wastage through

injury and it does seem that the logical conclusion in order of fair play would be to give any club supplying a player, or players, for international service the option to request a postponement of League fixtures which clash with their services.

It is really down to the clubs themselves to unite and press for the necessary amendment to the current ruling. It can be done and will be done if the spirit is willing.

Meanwhile, we must again congratulate Kevin who thoroughly deserves his international recognition by Northern Ireland. While we slogged it out at the Victoria Ground he was fighting for World Cup points against Albania at Windsor Park.

Being an international player gives the individual not only a boost in confidence and stature but also a shot in the arm. A week away from normal surroundings with different coaches and routines can act like a tonic.

Kevin said: ***"Just being in the squad is a bonus for me. To be in the starting eleven is even better. The Germany game was a big one for me - it is not every day you get the chance to play the best team in Europe - and although Albania were nowhere near as glamorous it was still a very crucial game for us.***

"We were together for five days. We met up on Tuesday, had a bit of lunch together and then trained in the afternoon. After that it was training morning and

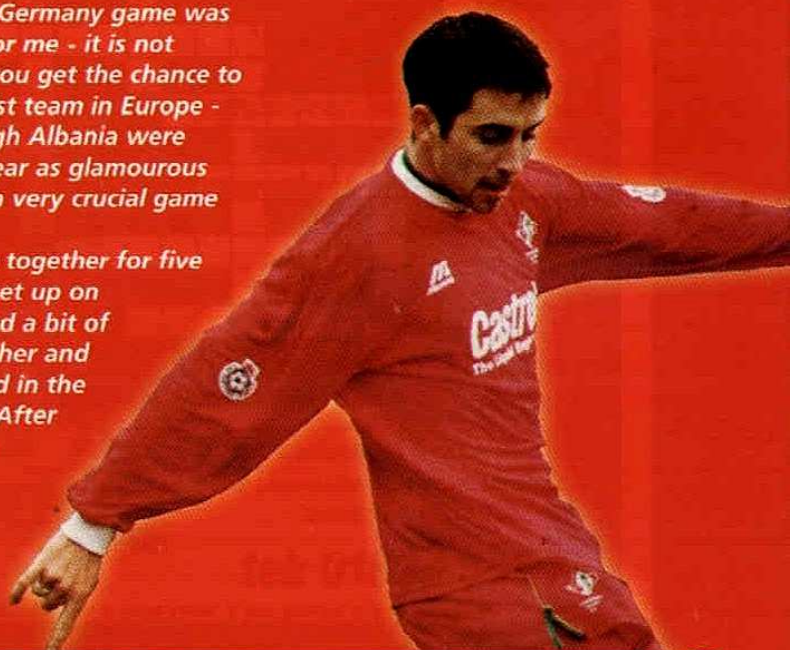
afternoon which is pretty good. It helps the team to mould together."

Without too many big names to call upon Northern Ireland have survived over the years through team work and organisation.

Kevin added: ***"They are a great bunch of lads and the training is slightly different to that at Club level. The manager has to cram so much into four days. The system you are to play and free kicks etc but it is perhaps not so demanding physically. It does make a nice change though to get involved now and again, it takes your mind of the League programme at home.***

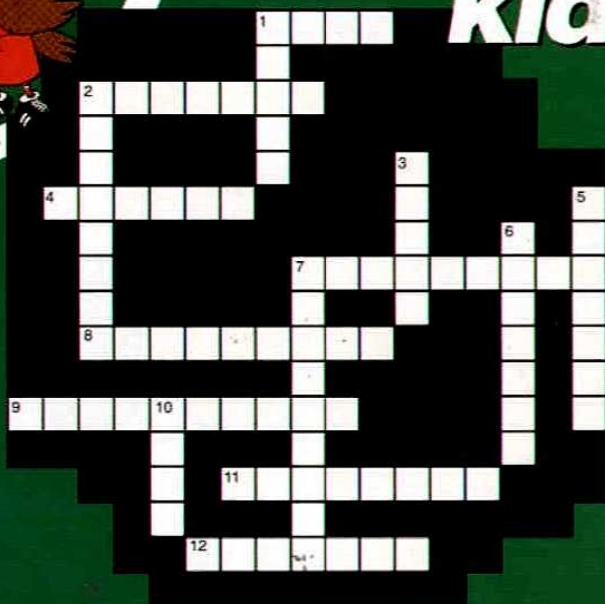
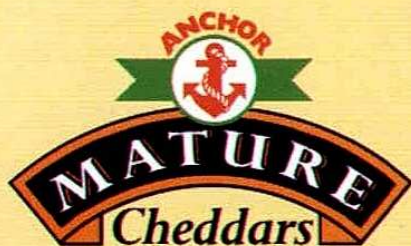
"I am not saying I want to miss games for Swindon, that is very disappointing for me, but now and again these breaks do refresh you and rekindle the spirit."

Hopefully we shall see the benefits against Bolton today and maybe in the not too distant future Kevin will not have to miss domestic fixtures for the sake of furthering his international career.



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kidscrossword *by Mike Fowler*

Across

- Former England player now manager at Bolton. (4)
- N.Ireland international who scored against Germany. (7)
- Former defender now at Celtic. (6)
- England striker now Bolton President. (9)
- Swindon player who has played over 150 games for Bolton. (9)
- Bolton is in this northern county. (10)
- McGinlay comes from this country. (8)
- Yorkshire born and arrived at Bolton via Leeds, Blackburn and Newcastle. (7)

Down

- Bolton have won the F.A.Cup on how many occasions. (5)
- Bolton nickname. (8)
- Bolton shirts are this colour. (5)
- Bergsson came from this cold island. (7)
- Park where Bolton play home games. (7)
- This team beat Bolton in the 1995 Coca-Cola Cup Final. (9)
- Son of the manager and former Swindon loan player. (4)

KIDS QUIZ

1. Can you name the Spanish singer who played for Real Madrid.

2. Name the comedian with a little partner who played for Man City.

3. Name the ageing Scottish rock singer who played for Brentford.

4. This comedian has S.B. as his initials and once played for Liverpool.

1. Julio Iglesias, 2. Eddie Large, 3. Rod Stewart, 4. Stan Boardman

ANSWERS DOWN:

1 THREE, 2 TROTTERS, 3 WHITE, 5 ICELAND, 6 BURNDEN, 7 LIVERPOOL, 10 ANDY

ANSWERS ACROSS:

1 TODD, 2 TAGGART, 4 STUBBS, 7 LOFTHOUSE, 8 SEAGRAVES, 9 LANCASHIRE, 11 SCOTLAND, 12 SELLARS

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves

I'm pleased to say that I'm progressing well after my cartilage operation and I hope to be back in action as soon as possible.

I've been doing lots of bike riding and weights to generally keep myself in shape and my leg has been holding up well.

Realistically I probably won't be fit in time for this afternoon's game against Bolton Wanderers which will be a big personal blow because you always want to play against your former club.

Bolton are doing particularly well at the moment and I have still got a lot of good friends there including Phil Brown the assistant manager.

They are the top team and deservedly so as they have got strength in depth through out the side.



Their defence has been very strong, the midfield can

play and up front they have got McGinlay and Blake who are two of the top scorers in the League.

Yes it means today we have got a difficult task but if we play well and to our capabilities I have no doubt we can pick up the right result.

Our away form has been poor but we've done quite well at home and let's just hope we can continue to play well here at the County Ground.

Today's game is the first of a hectic Christmas schedule which includes a tough trip to Portsmouth on Boxing Day and then two home games against Grimsby and QPR.

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Christmas can be great of you go through it unbeaten but of course if you are losing it really drags.

We'll just have to make sure we get a good run going and that means starting today with a win against the top side.

If we can get everyone fit and available that would certainly help matters because there is nothing better than competition for places.

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Spotlight on Peter

Injuries have once again restricted Peter Thorne to just a handful of appearances for Swindon Town this season - but the young marksman is still one of the Club's leading scorers.

An impressive strike rate has led to lots of speculation with regards to possible big money moves to Premiership outfits, but Old Trafford born Thorne is quite happy at the County Ground and is determined to keep his mind on the job of finding the net for Swindon.

"Apart from the injuries I've been pleased with the way things have gone so far this season.

"My strike rate isn't bad and I just hope I can continue to score goals for Swindon," he said.

The former Blackburn forward hasn't been at all distracted by the paper talk, indeed he has found the perfect solution.

"I don't read the papers. That way I'm certain not to be affected by any gossip and it makes it easier to just get on with playing football," he said

Thorne signed for Swindon in January 1995 after learning his trade at Premiership Blackburn.

He found it tough breaking into the Rovers' first team and jumped at the chance of a move south when Steve McMahon enquired after him.

"It was hard work at Blackburn with so many forwards fighting for a place in the first team. The likes of Sutton, Shearer, Newell, Warhurst and Gallagher were all in the picture.

"I did come on as a substitute

for 20 minutes in the Charity Shield against Manchester United and it was a fantastic experience to play at Wembley.

"But generally I was in the Reserves and it was on the way back from a Reserve fixture that I first learned that Swindon were interested.

"I came down the next day for talks and although a couple of other Clubs were interested I picked Swindon.

"I've never looked back and I feel it was a good move for me and I'm sure I can be back playing in the top flight soon with Swindon," he said.

If Town are to make a late spurt up into the play off positions then Thorne's knack for scoring vital goals could be the key factor.

And he feels Swindon are good enough to get there.

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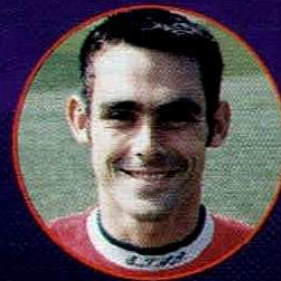
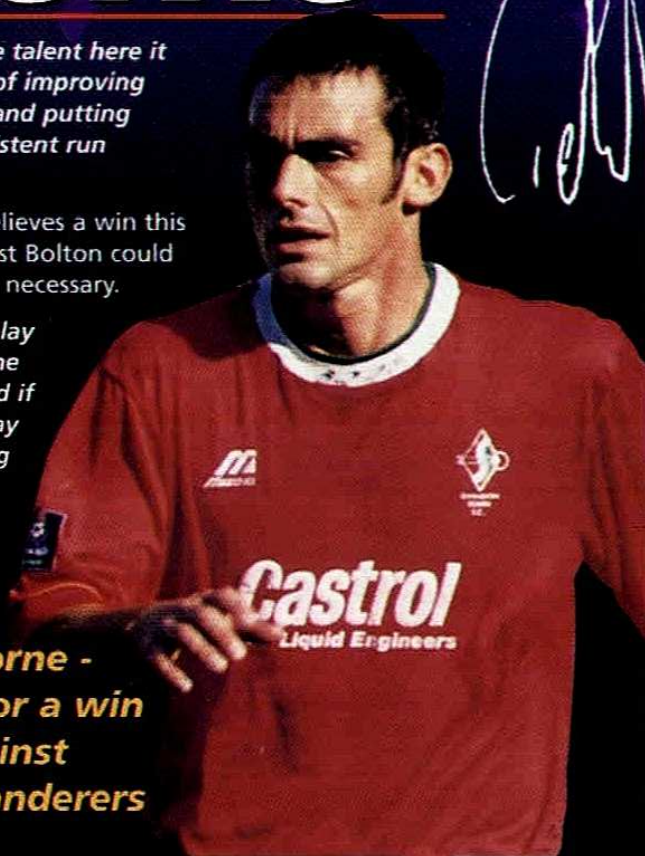
Thorne

"We've got the talent here it is just a matter of improving our away form and putting together a consistent run of results."

And Thorne believes a win this afternoon against Bolton could be just the tonic necessary.

"We seem to play better against the better teams and if we can win today it would be a big boost to everyone," he commented.

**Peter Thorne -
Looking for a win
today against
Bolton Wanderers**



Name: Peter Thorne

Age: 23

Birthplace: Manchester

Position: Striker

Former Clubs: Blackburn

Nickname: "Thorney"

Who did you support as a youngster?: No-one

Career highlight so far:
Signing for Swindon Town

Favourite past-time:
Surfing

Most respected player in football: Ronaldo

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Harford lends a hand

A famous face was on show at the County Ground recently with former Blackburn boss Ray Harford helping out on the training ground.



Harford was invited to the Club by manager Steve McMahon and although only here on a temporary basis

- his experience was of great use to the Swindon coaching staff and players.

Steve McMahon said :
"It is good to get different people in because they bring in new ideas.

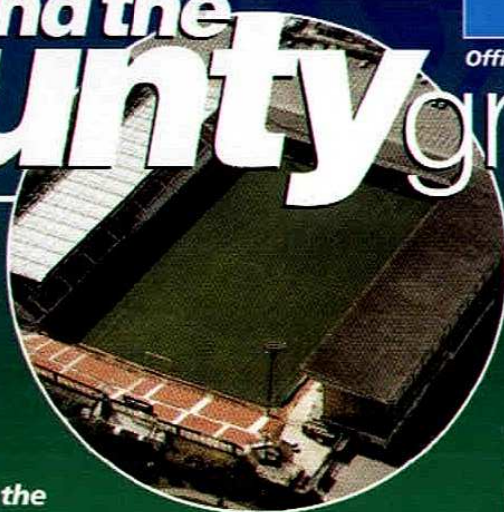
"You can learn a lot from someone like Ray and the players have enjoyed having him around.

"He has done a fine job and has been a big help to the Club and at the same time it has got him involved which is good."

Harford , rated as one of the best coaches in English football, left Blackburn almost two months ago.

He was coach at Blackburn when Kenny Dalglish was in charge in 1995 and the two led Rovers to the Premiership title.

Harford took over as manager when Dalglish moved upstairs and after leading the team to seventh spot last term he decided to leave earlier this term with Blackburn, minus Alan Shearer, floundering near the foot of the table.



Perfect harmony

Part of the pre-match entertainment at the Reading game was a guest appearance from the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regimental Band.

While the regimental recruiting sergeants were outside the ground hoping to spot potential newcomers, the band played in the centre of the pitch and they received a warm welcome from the County Ground faithful.

Fans old and young thoroughly enjoyed the variety of tunes and we hope to have the band back again soon.



Community spirit

Swindon Town have helped to purchase a new kit for a group of local lads.

Thanks to the Club's generosity the Skeetes and Focus Youth Club team now have a new set of shirts to make them one of the smartest looking sides around.

The team are pictured below showing off their strip after being presented with it by Town's big hearted Chairman Mike Spearman.



Cash Boost for Morris family

The gate receipts from the Kevin Morris Benefit match between Swindon Town and Chelsea in the Summer were officially handed to his family recently.

A cheque for the sum of £67,599 was presented to Kevin's widow Joy and daughter Sarah prior to our recent game against Reading.

Kevin Morris was Swindon's popular physio before he tragically took his own life in 1994.

But his memory lives on and the people of Swindon certainly turned out in force to support the pre-season friendly as a near capacity crowd witnessed Chelsea's 2-0 triumph.

It was the cause that mattered and the Morris family now have a healthy cash amount to keep them going in Kevin's absence.



swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies drew with the team who were top and were defeated by the team who were bottom in their most recent matches.

After the disappointing defeat by Southampton Saints, the draw with the then top team Portsmouth was a much better performance.

The Town were two goals down after fifteen minutes but fought back to draw level through Nadine Lloyd and Tracy Mackeddle.

Pompey took the lead again but Nadine Lloyd equalised for the Town.

In the 80th minute Portsmouth regained the lead and again Nadine Lloyd scored to complete her hat trick when she knocked in Pam Laker's corner to earn a point for her side.

After the Portsmouth game the Town were hoping to start a winning run against

bottom club Havant Town. But the Hampshire side took the lead midway through the first half before Deb Martin scored to bring the Town Level.

Carol Jones scored the winner for Havant in the 74th minute to give them their first win of the season. This was a most disappointing performance!

Six of the Town's players played for the County in the match against Somerset at Brislington.

Nadine Lloyd, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Tracy Mackeddle, Netti Wyness and Kerie Garwood all took part in the game in which Wiltshire, despite taking a first half lead, were defeated by three goals to two.

The match was Wiltshire's

second game in the South West Counties

Championship,

Group A and they have now won one and lost one.



Deb Martin who scored her first goal of the season in the match against Havant Town.

Swindon Town Ladies result

Southern Region League - Division One

Swindon Town 4 Portsmouth 4

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd (3) & Tracy Mackeddle

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

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Swindon Town 1 Havant Town 2

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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	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 (FAC 2)	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	4-4
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	1-2
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
Reading Royals	9	8	0	1	39	11	24
Southampton	10	7	0	3	38	14	21
Portsmouth	10	6	3	1	23	13	21
Southampton Saints	11	6	1	4	23	19	19
Swindon Spitfires	10	5	1	4	24	24	16
Cheltenham	10	4	3	3	16	27	15
Binfield	11	4	1	6	14	23	13
SWINDON TOWN	10	3	2	5	23	28	11
Havant Town	12	1	3	8	10	25	6
Ringwood	11	0	2	9	9	35	2

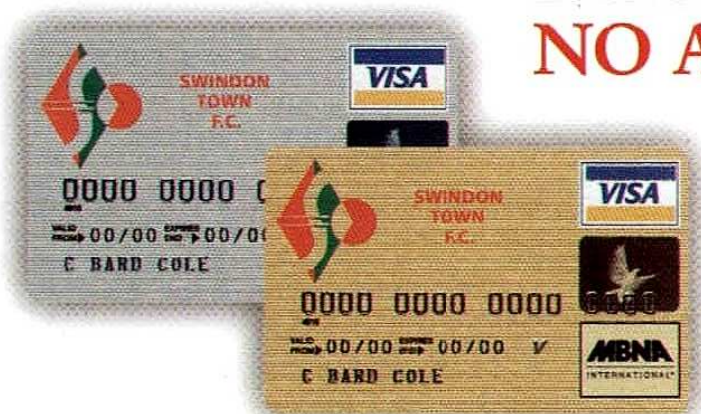
Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	13	-
Sil Cryer	2(9)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	13	7
Justine Hume	5(2)	-
Pam Laker	10	4
Nadine Lloyd	13	12
Tracy Mackeddle	12	5
Deb Martin	9(3)	-
Vikki McCann	10(2)	-
Sara Privett	7(2)	1
Kim Reeves	13	2
Alison Richards	5	-
Jo Sharpe	7(3)	-
Clare Tyson	13	-
Netti Wyness	10	-
Own Goals		1
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football shorts *by M.J. Evans*

British Firsts

When England lost 6-3 to Hungary at Wembley in 1953 it was their first defeat at Wembley by a side from overseas; but England's first defeat from a side outside of Great Britain came in 1949 when they were beaten 2-0 by Eire at Goodison Park, whilst Scotland lost their first home match to a foreign side in 1950 losing 1-0 to Austria.

Grimsby Go Down Fighting

Grimsby Town were relegated from Division One at the end of season 1931-32 but only after a brave fight in their last two matches. Facing West Bromwich Albion, in fifth place in the league and with their goalkeeper off the park injured

they went in at half-time 5-3 down but in the second half stormed the Albion to steal an incredible 6-5 win. The final game of the season saw the Mariners pitted against Sheffield Wednesday, who were in third position and in spite of a 3-1 victory were still relegated due to fellow strugglers Blackpool winning their last match.

Gypsy Curse

In 1913, the Sunderland captain crossed a gypsy ladies palm with silver on his way to their FA Cup Final at the Crystal Palace. Anxious to know whether or not the team were going to win that afternoon he was disappointed to learn that the team would never win the FA Cup until there was a "Scottish Lassie" upon the throne. Sunderland did lose to Aston Villa and the prediction

was to ring true almost a quarter of a century later when Sunderland made it to Wembley in 1937. Raich Carter received the Cup from the hands of the present Queen Mother, less than five months after that beloved Scottish lassie had come to the throne and only 11 days after her Coronation.

Goalkeeper Stays Put

On a tour of Canada many years ago, the Tottenham Hotspur side so out-classed their hosts from Saskatchewan that at half-time they offered their goalkeeper, Ditchburn to keep goal for them. Ditchburn improved things considerably in the second half only conceding four goals but the overall score was an impressive 18-1 to the Londoners.



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Portsmouth

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did YOU know?

A young man named D Rogers once scored four goals on his debut for Swindon against Portsmouth at the County Ground. But the year was 1914 and his name was not Donald but Dave - a gunner with the Royal Field Artillery. Town won 5-0.



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	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	22	8	3	0	3	6	2	45	30	42
SHEFFIELD UNITED	21	6	4	1	5	2	3	38	20	39
BARNLEY	21	6	3	2	4	5	1	38	26	38
CRYSTAL PALACE	21	5	3	2	4	5	2	46	22	35
WOLVES	21	3	3	5	6	3	1	29	21	33
TRANMERE ROVERS	22	6	2	3	3	3	5	31	26	32
NORWICH CITY	20	4	5	2	5	0	4	27	21	32
BIRMINGHAM CITY	22	6	4	1	2	4	5	23	21	32
OXFORD UNITED	22	6	3	2	2	3	6	27	21	30
STOKE CITY	20	6	1	2	2	5	4	27	30	30
SWINDON TOWN	22	7	1	3	2	1	8	32	27	29
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	21	6	2	2	3	0	8	23	29	29
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	22	6	3	2	1	4	6	25	28	28
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	22	3	3	5	4	4	3	25	28	28
PORT VALE	22	2	6	3	4	4	3	19	22	28
IPSWICH TOWN	22	4	5	2	2	3	6	27	32	26
MANCHESTER CITY	22	6	1	4	2	1	8	26	35	26
PORTSMOUTH	22	5	3	3	2	2	7	25	29	26
READING	22	6	3	2	1	2	8	25	33	26
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	21	1	5	4	4	5	2	28	33	25
SOUTHEND UNITED	22	4	4	3	1	5	5	23	36	24
GRIMSBY TOWN	22	3	2	6	2	4	5	24	41	21
BRADFORD CITY	22	4	3	4	1	3	7	21	37	21
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	22	2	5	4	2	3	6	23	28	20



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	5(3)	1	2	0	7(3)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	18(2)	6	4	2	22(2)	8
LEE COLLINS	2	0	-	-	2	0
STEVE COWE	11(5)	3	3(1)	0	14(6)	3
IAN CULVERHOUSE	13	0	4	0	17	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	16(2)	0	4	0	20(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	7	0	-	-	7	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
GARY ELKINS	12(1)	0	2	0	14(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	2	1(1)	0	7(7)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	(1)	0	-	-	(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	22	5	5	0	27	5
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	3	0	-	-	3	0
SCOTT LEITCH	21	0	5	1	26	1
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	11(4)	0	2	1	13(4)	1
MARK ROBINSON	20	1	4	0	24	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	15(1)	0	3(1)	0	18(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	10(7)	6	2(1)	2	12(7)	8
MARK WALTERS	18(1)	4	4	1	22(1)	5
KEVIN WATSON	7(5)	1	1(1)	0	8(6)	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 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 3-1	10,875
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A 0-2	10,565
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	
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A	
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
Sat Jan 25	F.A. Cup 4		
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
Sat Feb 8	West Bromwich Albion	A	
SAT FEB 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY (F.A. Cup 5)	H	
Wed Feb 19	Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
SAT MAR 15	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat Mar 22	Port Vale	A	
SAT MAR 29	NORWICH CITY	H	
Mon Mar 31	Oldham Athletic	A	
SAT APR 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	
Sun Apr 6	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
SAT APR 12	IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	H	
Sat Apr 19	Oxford United	A	
SAT APR 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sun May 4	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat May 17	F.A. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME GAME:
SAT DECEMBER 28TH



Swindon Town vs Grimsby
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 3.00pm

FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C. = Coca-Cola Cup

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* After Extra Time (4-3 agg)

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-offs are subject to change.



Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = ●▼■

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR▼	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK■	THORNE●	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN▼	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	ALLEN	FINNEY
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TALIA	DARRAS	SMITH●	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE▼	HORLOCK	ALLEN	WALTERS	FINNEY▼
TALIA	DARRAS	ROBINSON▼	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	WATSON●	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	ALLISON●	SMITH	FINNEY▼
TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN▼	COWE	THORNE●	HORLOCK	ALLISON●	WATSON▼	COLLINS
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▼
TALIA	ROBINSON▼	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN●	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY●	WATSON	THORNE▼
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TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS●	WATSON	ALLEN	CULVERHOUSE■	WALTERS	DARRAS	THORNE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN●	COWE	O'SULLIVAN
DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	COLLINS	COWE	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON 2	LEITCH	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON	SMITH
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■
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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

Apology

Due to early print deadlines this week's statistics are not up-to-date. We apologise for this but normal service will resume in the New Year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important safety announcements by the Club Management over the public address system will be preceded by a loud signal to catch the attention of spectators.



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Fraser Digby



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4	Kevin Watson
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6	Kevin Horlock
7	Wayne O'Sullivan
8	Ian Culverhouse
9	Steve Finney
10	Wayne Allison
11	Mark Walters
12	Peter Thorne
13	Ty Gooden
14	Frederic Darras

Team Changes

Bolton Wanderers

1	Keith Branagan
2	Gudni Bergsson
3	Jimmy Phillips
4	Per Frandsen
5	Gerry Taggart
6	Chris Fairclough
7	David Lee
8	Scott Sellars
9	Nathan Blake
10	John McGinlay
11	Jamie Pollock
12	Michael Johansen
13	Scott Green
14	Scott Taylor

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

	Referee: A.P. D'urso (Billericay, Essex)
	Assisted by: J.J. Ashman (Swansea)
	Reserve Official: A. Gourley



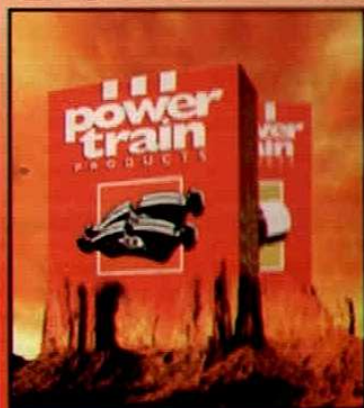
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