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welcome to swindon town

What with postponements and abandonments it has been a while since we've seen some action here at the County Ground but this afternoon we welcome Bradford City in the Nationwide First Division.

The Bantams are managed by former Swindon player Chris Kamara who has done a sterling job since taking charge in November 1995.

He guided Bradford to promotion via the play offs and although his team have struggled somewhat this term, with the likes of Chris Waddle in their line-up they are certainly a force to be reckoned with.

Back in October City sneaked a 2-1 home win over Swindon despite a penalty from Mark Walters, so this afternoon we hope to put the record straight.

More misery on Merseyside

Swindon were edged out by the odd goal in three at Tranmere last Friday to once again return from Merseyside disappointed.

Two goals from Pat Nevin were just enough for John Aldridge's team although a spectacular response from Kevin Horlock kept town in touch.

Town travelled to the game with the bare bones due to their lengthening list of injuries with goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall being called into the squad for the first time this season.

And Mildenhall came on to make his first appearance this season - but not between the

posts - as a makeshift striker!

He was thrown on near the end with the Gaffer hoping his height might make the difference. However the 18 year old was unable to help his side earn a point.

FA Cup exit at Everton

The dismissal of Ian Culverhouse for hand-ball after just 52 seconds of our FA Cup third round tie at Everton gave us little chance of causing an upset and we bowed out of the competition after a 3-0 defeat.

Gary Elkins saw red near the end to leave Swindon with just nine men but the turning point was undoubtedly that record breaking sending off which left the Gaffer fuming.

"We will never know if we could have turned them over with 11 men. We had prepared well and I thought we had a real chance," he said.

New dates for Grimsby & QPR

Two new dates have been agreed for the matches against Grimsby Town and QPR which both fell foul of the weather during the festive period.

Swindon will take on Grimsby Town at the County Ground on Saturday January 25th (3pm) in a re-arranged fixture.

Queens Park Rangers will come to town on Wednesday February 5th (7.45pm) in a rescheduled match after the clash on New Year's Day was postponed due to frost.

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the manager

Steve McMahon says



Things just don't seem to be going our way at the moment but we now have the opportunity to put some points on the board with three of our next four matches at home.

Looking back over what has happened during the last few weeks, the three points we were on our way to collecting against Grimsby would have been just the tonic we were looking for.

But the referee abandoned the match and that's the way things go sometimes.

Obviously we are not getting the results we would like at the moment and it would be easy to make excuses with the amount of injuries we have had. However that is part and parcel of football and we simply have to get on with the job in hand.

Of course it will be a lot easier when I've got a full squad to pick from and I just hope some of our injured players can regain their fitness as soon as possible.

In the mean time I may have to try and bring in someone else on loan, particularly as we have been unsuccessful in extending David Kerslake's stay here.

David is due to return to Spurs after today's game and I would just like to say thank you to him for his help. He hasn't played in as many matches as he would have liked because of postponements but he has done a good job in difficult circumstances and it is a shame we can't keep him here.

However I've not given up on a future return for David and I'll be keeping a close eye on his situation.

A warm welcome to today's visitors Bradford City. Included in their line-up is a former England colleague of mine Chris Waddle and it will be nice to see Chris again.

Bradford are managed by former Swindon player Chris Kamara who has done a tremendous job and did particularly well to gain promotion via the play-offs.

It must have been a great thrill for Chris, going up after

beating Notts County at Wembley but I think the turning point was their semi final against Blackpool.

After losing 2-0 in the home leg, they went to Blackpool and won 3-0 which shows the great spirit Chris has installed into the team.

They haven't enjoyed the best of fortunes this season but are capable of beating the top teams. Their problem is similar to ours - a lack of consistency.

No doubt you have all heard about the four players who have been put on the transfer list recently and I would just like to get the message across that we do not want to lose our best players.

It is not the same old story of Swindon selling their assets, it is a very different situation. We want to protect our interests and if players do not

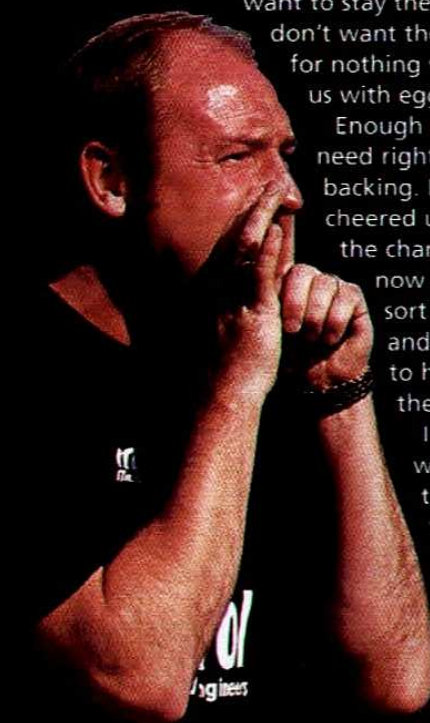
want to stay then we certainly don't want them to walk out for nothing which would leave us with egg on our faces.

Enough of that. What we need right now is your full backing. Last year you cheered us all the way to the championship and

now we need the same sort of vocal support and a little bit more to help us move up the table.

I know of one fan who won't be able to cheer us on today as long time supporter Andrew Skinner from Witney, is marrying Maureen Horne this afternoon.

We all wish them well for the future and for their honeymoon in Florida!



Steve McMahon

today's visitors

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

At approximately eight minutes past three o'clock on Sunday 26th May 1996, Bradford's Des Hamilton scored the first goal in the 1995/96 Second Division Play-Off Final - and the Bantams were on their way back to the big time.

Mark Stallard duly added a second after half-time to condemn Notts County to defeat and the Pulse Stadium Club found themselves back in the Football League's top flight for the first time since 1922.

The new campaign - in Nationwide's Division One - started dreadfully for the proud Bantams, despite a convincing opening day win by 3-1 at home to Portsmouth.



The next seven games brought only three further points - courtesy of a Lee Duxbury inspired victory against Tranmere - and Bradford have yet to fully recover.

Inspired signings such as Chris Waddle, John Dreyer, Ole Bjorn Sundgot and Robert Steiner have given the side a more balanced look, particularly going forward, and November saw the Bantams enjoy their best month so far, with two draws and two wins helping haul them up the table. At the time of writing they have won five times in the League, with one of those victories coming against Swindon, when the Robins visited the Pulse Stadium in early October.

Goals from Marco Sas (44) and Carl Shutt (46) a minute either side of half-time did for Town that day, and Steve McMahon's troops will be out to avenge that defeat this afternoon.



Bradford City Football Club 1996/97

Back Row:

Wayne Jacobs, Andrew O'Brien, Graham Mitchell*, Nicky Mohan, Ian Ormondroyd*, David Brightwell, Marco Sas, Carl Shutt

Middle Row:

Peter Williams (G/K Coach), Steve Redmond (Physio), Christian Sansam*, Mark Stallard, Des Hamilton, Jonathan Gould, Andy Kiwomya, Richard Huxford, Wayne Bullimore, Bryan Edwards (Kit Manager), Paul Jewell (Reserve Team Manager)

Front Row:

Gordon Cowans, Craig Midgley, Erik Regtop*, Chris Kamara (Manager), Eddie Youds, Martin Hunter (First Team Coach), Shaun Murray, Tommy Wright, Lee Duxbury.

* No longer with Club

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a closer look at Chris Waddle

One of the finest players of his generation - and without a doubt Britain's most famous ex-sausage factory worker - Chris Waddle is now weaving his magic at the Pulse Stadium.

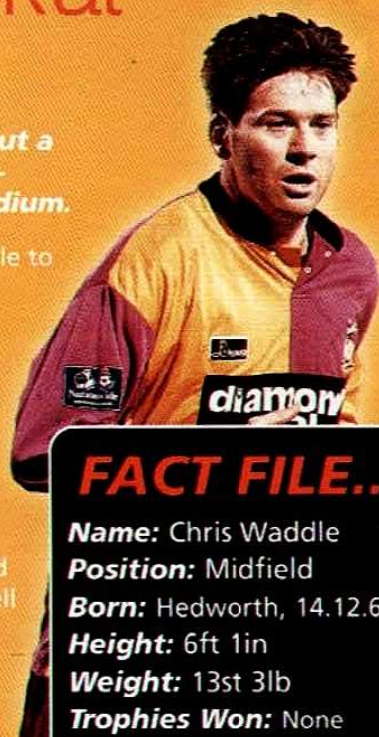
Disillusioned with life at Sheffield Wednesday, where he was unable to command a regular first-team place despite his undoubted talents, Chris was released on a free transfer during the summer.

He is the first to admit that he was surprised not to receive an offer from a top flight Club, and instead turned to Scottish minnows Falkirk - where he spent the first month of the current season - for match practice.

Bradford boss Chris Kamara brought the left-footed wing wizard back south in October 1996, and he has recently signed on with the Bantams for the remainder of 1996/97.

Even at 36 the old Waddle magic is still there and he has delighted the Pulse Stadium with his array of tricks, flicks and shimmies, as well as adding a potent threat to Bradford's forward play.

With three goals in 16 games to his credit at the time of writing, Steve McMahon would be well advised to keep firm tabs on his ex-England colleague this afternoon.



FACT FILE..

Name: Chris Waddle

Position: Midfield

Born: Hedworth, 14.12.60

Height: 6ft 1in

Weight: 13st 3lb

Trophies Won: None

International Honours:

Football League Rep XI;
England 1 U21, 62 Full caps

League Record Last

Season: 32 games, 2 goals
(all with Sheff Wed)

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
From Tow Law Town, non-League				
80/81 - 84/85	Newcastle	170	46	£1,000
85/86 - 88/89	Tottenham	138	33	£590,000
89/90 - 91/92	Marseille	107	22	£4.25m
92/93 - 95/96	Sheff Wed	109	10	£1m

Chris Kamara the manager

Having taken over from Lennie Lawrence in mid-November 1995, former Swindon favourite Chris Kamara enjoyed a remarkable first six months in charge at the Pulse Stadium.

Renowned for his aggressive, never-say-die attitude as a player, Kamara has shown the same level of skill, guts and determination in his short managerial career, with a series of daring signings providing much excitement among the folk of Bradford.

When he took the helm, the Bantams were sitting in mid-table and looking at a season of consolidation in the Second Division. By May,

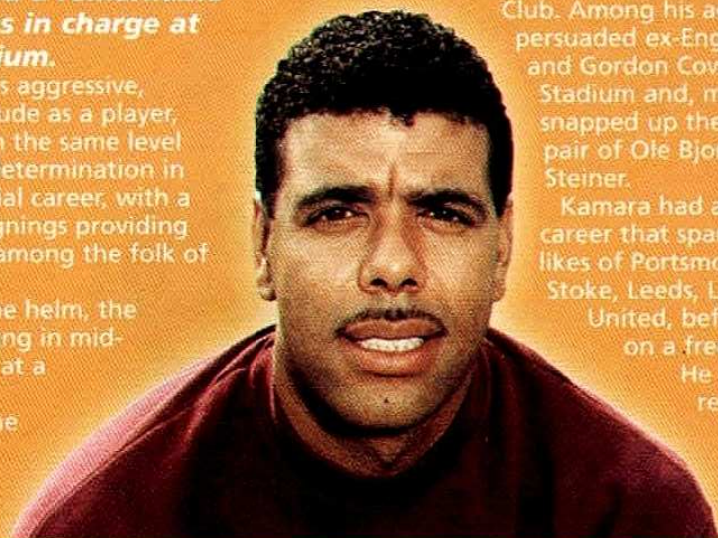
however, he had guided his side into sixth position in the League, and contention in the Play-Offs.

The Semi-Finals saw City up against bookies' favourites Blackpool - who they beat 3-2 in a thrilling two-legged affair - before a Wembley meeting with Notts County resulted in all the glory of promotion.

Since guiding his team into Division One, Kamara has made some audacious captures for the Club. Among his achievements, he persuaded ex-England pair Chris Waddle and Gordon Cowans to move to the Pulse Stadium and, more recently, he has snapped up the impressive Scandinavian pair of Ole Bjorn Sundgot and Robert Steiner.

Kamara had an excellent playing career that spanned 20 years with the likes of Portsmouth, Swindon, Brentford, Stoke, Leeds, Luton and Sheffield United, before moving to Bradford on a free transfer in July 1994.

He will always be fondly remembered at the County Ground as one of the 1985/86 Division Four title winning side.





playerprofile

B R A D F O R D C I T Y

Signed for a Club record fee of £350,000 in November 1996 from German side Kaiserslautern, **MARK SCHWARZER** has made the goalkeeper's shirt his own at the Pulse Stadium. An Australian international (6 caps), he was spotted by Bantams' boss Chris Kamara while playing for Manchester City against Bradford in a Pontin's League match and made his senior debut at Charlton on 22nd November - winning the 'Man of the Match' award for good measure.

Schwarzer has taken over from **JONATHAN GOULD** as first choice between the sticks at Bradford. Gould - the son of Welsh national boss Bobby Gould - was signed from Premiership Coventry City on a free transfer at the back end of last season. He had the unenviable job of taking over from the popular Gavin Ward, who was sold to Bolton, but quickly established himself and played a big part in the Bantams' promotion run-in.

DAVID BRIGHTWELL is a former Manchester City player, and the brother of current Maine Road favourite Ian Brightwell, who joined Bradford for £30,000 in December 1995, following a short spell on loan at the Pulse Stadium. Able to play at full-back or in the centre of defence, he performed consistently well for the Bantams last term, although he has had a period on loan at Blackpool this season.

Despite missing much of the promotion campaign following two cartilage operations, former Millwall man **RICHARD HUXFORD** returned in time to help the Club up in the vital Play-Off games. Happy playing anywhere across the midfield, or at right-back, Richard cost the Club £50,000 when he signed from Millwall a couple of seasons ago.

FA Cup Third Round hero for Bradford was defender **JOHN DREYER**, who transferred from Stoke City in November 1996 for a tribunal set £25,000 - the Potters having originally valued him at £150,000. Dreyer scored twice to knock out Wycombe Wanderers, and he also found the net on his Bantams' debut, a local 'derby' against Huddersfield. A powerful central defender, Dreyer was also previously with Oxford United, Torquay (loan), Fulham (loan), Luton and Bolton (loan).

Bradford boss Chris Kamara took full advantage of the new 'Bosman Ruling' to sign former Dutch U21 international **MARCO SAS** on a free transfer during the summer. A one-time teammate of former Ipswich Town favourite Romeo Zondervan - who recommended the tall, elegant defender to Bradford - Sas has proved a big favourite with the Pulse Stadium crowd and has already chipped in three goals from defence this season.

RICHARD LIBURD had a shaky start to his Bantams career after signing for £200,000 from Middlesbrough in the summer of 1994, but has now settled in to become a valuable member of the side who is equally happy in either of the full-back positions. A very fit player who loves to push forward and get into attacking positions down the flank.

Like Richard Huxford, full-back **WAYNE JACOBS** missed a chunk of 1995/96 with knee ligament problems, but has bounced back to prove his worth in the First Division. Rated by Bradford as one of their greatest ever bargains, Wayne was snapped up on a free transfer from nearby Rotherham, having also had spells with Sheffield Wednesday and Hull City.

Club captain **EDDIE YOUNDS** has, at the time of writing, missed the whole of the current campaign with injury, having overcome a hernia operation only to get hurt in his Reserve team comeback match at York City early in the current campaign. He joined the Club from Ipswich for £175,000 in March 1995 and his powerful presence in central defence or midfield were a big plus in the march to promotion last term.

Calm on the ball and strong in the air, centre-back **NICKY MOHAN** moved to Bradford from Leicester City in the summer of 1995 and at the time of writing has been ever-present for the Bantams this season. Also formerly with his hometown Club, Middlesbrough, he cost the Bantams £225,000 when he moved from Filbert Street.



Bradford

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



A quick and skilful winger of the old school, **ANDY KIWOMYA** was a free transfer signing from Scunthorpe in the summer of 1995. The brother of Arsenal striker Chris Kiwomya, Andy spent much of last season unable to break into the first-team at the Pulse Stadium, but has forced his way into the reckoning this year with a string of impressive performances down the flank. Previously with Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Dundee, Rotherham and Halifax, Andy retired from the professional game with injury in 1989, but has since overcome his problems.

Scorer of City's opening goal in last season's Play-Off Final, 20-year-old **DERRICK HAMILTON** - known as Des - is a Bradford-born youngster who is regarded by many as the Club's prize asset. A strong and aggressive, hard-running midfielder, Des can also play in defence if required.

Having begun his career at Bradford, midfield man **LEE DUXBURY** was sold to Huddersfield for £250,000 in December 1994 and went on to help the Terriers to promotion that season. He was unable to establish himself in the First Division, though, and soon returned to the Pulse Stadium for a cut price £135,000. He was ever-present after returning to the Club last term and stood in as team captain while Eddie Youds was out injured.

Former England Schools and Youth international **SHAUN MURRAY** found it difficult to win a regular first-team place at the Pulse Stadium last season - and when he did finally break into Chris Kamara's plans he suffered an Achilles injury which ruled him out of the final eight games of the campaign. An attacking midfielder with good control and vision, he began with Spurs and also had a spell at Portsmouth before moving to Bradford for £200,000 in August 1994.

Yet to make a first-team appearance this term is the highly-rated **WAYNE BULLIMORE**, who was signed from Scunthorpe for £40,000 shortly before Christmas 1995. A skilful playmaker in the midfield, Bullimore was injured 60 seconds into his Club debut - at Oxford - and suffered serious cruciate problems which have kept him out of senior football for more than a year.

City can boast experience in abundance in their midfield, where alongside Chris Waddle (see One to Watch) manager Chris Kamara can call on the services of another England old boy, **GORDON COWANS**.

Signed from Sheffield United on a free transfer during the close season, Cowans has tasted the high life in a career that has taken in Aston Villa, Bari (Italy) and Wolves, as well as Full England international caps. Kamara is hopeful that Cowans can provide a steadying influence on the younger players around him - both on and off the pitch.

One time Scotland U21 international **TOMMY WRIGHT** provides a steady stream of crosses from the right wing, although he hasn't had too many first-team opportunities this season. Began with Leeds and also had spells with Oldham and Leicester before joining the Bantams from Middlesbrough on a free transfer in July 1995.

Player of the Year for the glorious promotion season was veteran front man **CARL SHUTT**, who chipped in with eight League goals last term, including the one that took Bradford into the Play-Offs. Unable to command a regular first-team place, he was offered a free transfer last season before battling his way back into the senior side and proving his worth.

MARK STALLARD arrived from Derby County in January 1996 for a fee of £110,000 as Chris Kamara's first signing as manager of Bradford City. He grabbed ten goals for the Bantams last term, including the second at Wembley against Notts County in the Play-Off Final. Has been less successful in front of goal so far this season, having found the net just once at the time of writing.

Skilful midfielder-cum-striker **SERGIO PINTO** is the brother of Portuguese international Joao Pinto, who was one of the outstanding performers at Euro 96. Previously with Boavista in his home country, Sergio impressed in a trial and was offered a contract in October 1996.

Chris Kamara pulled off a masterstroke when he snapped up Scandinavian duo **OLE BJORN SUNDGOT** and **ROBERT STEINER** in November. Sundgot was a free transfer from Molde FK, where he formed a dangerous partnership with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, now at Man Utd. A Norwegian international, Sundgot has scored twice in the League for Bradford so far, while on-loan Steiner has found the net on four occasions.

A prolific scorer for Norrköping IFK in Sweden, Kamara will be keen to make Steiner's move permanent.

Bradford

VITAL STATISTICS



Bradford's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	15	10	17	62	62	55	10th
87/88	2	46	22	11	11	74	54	77	4th
88/89	2	46	13	17	16	52	59	56	14th
89/90	2	46	9	13	23	43	67	40	23rd
90/91	3	46	20	10	16	62	54	70	8th
91/92	3	46	13	19	14	62	61	58	16th
92/93	2	46	18	14	14	69	67	68	10th
93/94	2	46	19	13	14	61	53	70	7th
94/95	2	46	16	12	18	57	64	60	14th
95/96	2	46	22	7	17	71	69	73	6th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST BRADFORD CITY

Home	Div	Result
24 Sep-1958	3	2-2
29 Aug-1959	3	5-3
11 Mar-1961	3	4-0
04 Oct-1977	3	0-1
30 Mar-1988	2	2-2
04 Apr-1989	2	1-0
06 Mar-1990	2	3-1
13 Sep-1995	2	4-1
Away	Div	Result
01 Oct-1958	3	2-1
02 Jan-1960	3	0-1
22 Oct-1960	3	1-2
26 Apr-1978	3	1-2
15 Aug-1987	2	0-2
17 Dec-1988	2	2-2
30 Sep-1989	2	1-1
30 Apr-1996	2	1-1
02 Oct-1996	1	1-2

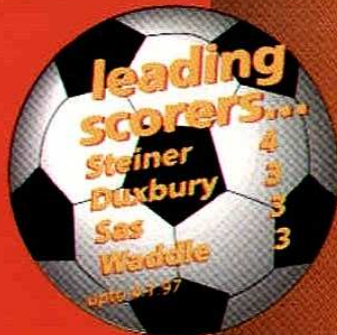
Swindon score first

How Bradford have performed so far this season

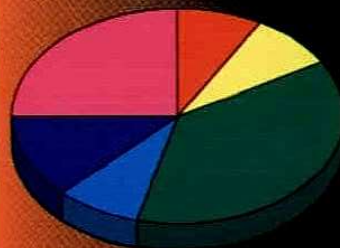
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	W3-1	Regtop (62pen), Duxbury (77), Stallard (88)
Aug 24	WOLVES	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 28	STOKE	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 31	TRANMERE	(h)	W1-0	Duxbury (73)
Sep 07	NORWICH	(h)	L0-2	
Sep 10	SHEFF UTD	(a)	L0-3	
Sep 14	OXFORD	(a)	L0-2	
Sep 21	BOLTON	(h)	L2-4	Liburd (36), Sas (41)
Sep 29	PORT VALE	(a)	D1-1	Jacobs (83)
Oct 02	SWINDON	(h)	W2-1	Sas (44pen), Shutt (46)
Oct 05	SOUTHEND	(h)	D0-0	
Oct 12	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L0-3	
Oct 16	QPR	(a)	L0-1	
Oct 19	BARNESLEY	(h)	D2-2	Waddle (26), Kiwomya (67)
Oct 26	WEST BROM	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 29	C.PALACE	(h)	L0-4	
Nov 02	OLDHAM	(h)	L0-3	
Nov 08	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	D3-3	Waddle (6), Dreyer (13), Steiner (38)
Nov 16	IPSWICH	(h)	W2-1	Sundgot (32,77)
Nov 23	CHARLTON	(a)	W2-0	Steiner (44), Waddle (77)
Nov 30	WEST BROM	(h)	D1-1	Sas (31)
Dec 07	MAN CITY	(a)	L2-3	Steiner (21,52)
Dec 17	READING	(h)	D0-0	
Dec 21	GRIMSBY	(a)	D1-1	Duxbury (44)
Dec 26	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L1-2	Jacobs (37)
Dec 28	NORWICH	(a)	L0-2	
Jan 01	BOLTON	(a)	L1-2	Shutt (88)

TOTAL MATCHES: 27

Goals	
Steiner	4
Duxbury	3
Sas	3
Waddle	3
Jacobs	2
Shutt	2
Sundgot	2
Regtop	1
Stallard	1
Liburd	1
Kiwomya	1
Dreyer	1

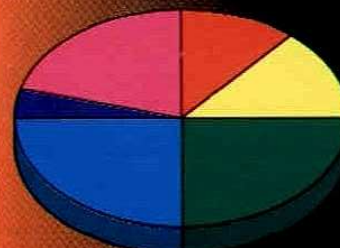


The times the goals have gone in for Bradford at both ends this season.



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	2
16-30	2
31-45	9
46-60	2
61-75	3
76-90	6
TOTAL	24



League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	5
16-30	6
31-45	11
46-60	11
61-75	2
76-90	9
TOTAL	44

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. At which ground do Norwich play their home games?
2. Who do England play in their next World Cup qualifier?
3. Who is the new manager at Maine Road?
4. From which club did Chelsea sign Gianluca Vialli?
5. Man United play which club in the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup?
6. For which country is Vinnie Jones an international?
7. At which First Division club is Martin Foyle?
8. Kevin Keegan took over as manager at Newcastle in 1990, 1992 or 1993?
9. Gavin Peacock left which club to join QPR?
10. For which country is Arsenal's Patrick Vieira an international?
11. Who won the FA Cup in 1992?
12. Who scored Wimbledon's goals in their 2-0 Coca-Cola Cup Quarter-Final win over Bolton?
13. At which club did Liverpool 'keeper David James start his League career?
14. Who is the Czech Republic star at Upton Park?
15. For which team did Oxford's Nigel Jemson score the winning goal in the 1990 League Cup Final?

WHO AM I?

1. Born in Swansea in 1964 this lively forward signed for his local team in 1982.
2. Spells at Brighton, Oxford and Derby preceded him moving to Liverpool in 1991.
3. Moves followed to Villa and Galatasary in Turkey.
4. He returned to England with Nottingham Forest in 1996 and has played over 80 games for Wales.

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. Who scored our first goal in the 2-2 home draw with Bolton?
2. And what about the winner at Pompey?
3. Wayne Allison left which club to join Town?

....AND AWAY

1. In which year did Chris Waddle finish up a two time Wembley loser with Sheffield Wednesday?
2. Eddie Youds joined Bradford from where?

RULES OF THE GAME!

What is the diameter of the centre circle when measured in yards?

- A. 18 yards
- B. 20 yards
- C. 22 yards

Answers.... 1. Carrow Road. 2. Italy. 3. Frank Clark. 4. Juventus. 5. Porto. 6. Wales. 7. Oxford. 8. 1992. 9. Chelsea. 10. France. 11. Liverpool. 12. Efan Ekoku and Oyvind Leonhardsen. 13. Watford. 14. Ludek Miklosko. 15. Nottm For. **Home:** 1. Mark Walters. 2. Steve Cowie. 3. Bristol City. **Away:** 1. 1993. 2. Ipswich. **Who am I:** Dean Saunders. **Whose Crest:** Carlisle United. **Rules of the game:** B.

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

"Forget the last time they were here....it's a completely new game." These were Lou Macari's words of advice to his team as they stepped out at the County Ground to play Bradford City on March 30th 1988 in a League Division Two match.

He was referring to the Yorkshire club's visit on January 16th when the game had been abandoned due to fog with Swindon 3-0 up.

Town were without their usual captain, Colin Calderwood who had a toe injury. Also missing from the Swindon line-up was the present City manager Chris Kamara who was serving a ban imposed for an elbowing incident at the end of a match at Shrewsbury.

Despite these absentees the Robins had the better of the first half and although Paul Tomlinson in the Bantams' goal annoyed Macari with his time wasting tactics, he did produce good saves to prevent both Jimmy Quinn and Dave Bamber from giving Town the lead.

The second half was only two minutes old when

Roy Wegerle, a loan signing from Chelsea, produced a brilliant individual run which took him past three defenders before he hit home a left foot shot.

Three minutes later Dave Hockaday hurled a long throw into the Bradford box which caused confusion and allowed Bamber to head Town's second goal.

Terry Dolan, the City manager, then made an inspired double substitution sending on Ron Futcher and Mark Leonard. Futcher nudged home from close range in the 68th minute and then Leonard scored an equaliser with virtually the last kick of the game.

Leonard's goal left Lou Macari fuming as he claimed that, according to assistant manager John Trollope, 48 minutes and 17 seconds had been played in the

second half when it went in.

Adver reporter Clive King produced a prize simile declaring that the referee "threw as much light on the situation as a dead glow worm" when he refused to comment on anything at all.

So David Ellary left the County Ground about as popular a man as when he abandoned the original game with just 18 minutes remaining.

The point helped Bradford into a play off spot at the end of the season but they went down 3-2 on aggregate to Middlesbrough in the play-offs.

After two successive promotion seasons, Swindon had to be content with a mid-table spot.

Teams

Swindon: Digby, Hockaday, King, O'Regan, Parkin, Gittens, Wegerle, Bamber, Quinn, Foley, McLoughlin (Henry). Sub: White (not used).

Bradford: Tomlinson, Mitchell, Goddard (Leonard), McCall, Oliver, Evans, Hendrie, Sinnott, Ormondroyd, Kennedy, Abbott (Futcher).

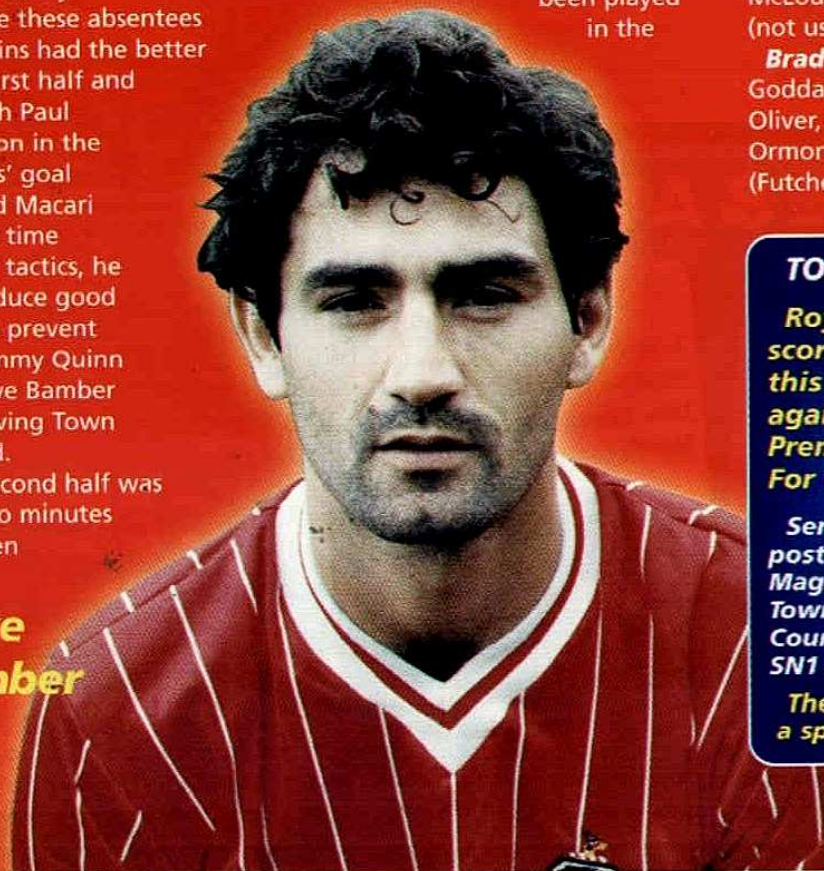
TODAY'S QUESTION.

Roy Wegerle, who scored for Swindon in this game, scored against them in the Premiership season. For which club?

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

The winner will receive a special prize!

**Dave
Bamber**



talkin'tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



We didn't have much joy in our two trips to Merseyside as we went out of the FA Cup at Everton and last week lost at Tranmere in the League.

I felt we deserved to get something out of the Tranmere match but individual mistakes cost us in the end.

Saying that we need to develop a nasty streak because despite the errors we should be able to grind out a result in games like that.

Obviously it was disappointing to lose Gary Elkins with flu on the day of the game which only added to our problems and Fraser was the first to hold his hand up and admit that their first goal was down to him.

If a striker misses an open goal you tend to forget it by the end of the match but when a keeper makes a mess, there is no turning back - that's the nature of the job.

Overall we didn't play too badly and had most of the play but that is of little consolation when you

come away with nothing to show for your efforts.

The Cup game at Everton was a real disaster. We had prepared well and were confident of doing well but all of us on the bench were left flat inside the first minute.

Cully is adamant he didn't handle the ball and it was a hell of a decision for the referee to make because it spoilt the tie totally.

To go to a Premier League side and be reduced to 10 men in the first minute leaves you with no chance.

Despite the circumstances all the lads conducted themselves well and never gave up, although it was backs against the wall for most of the remaining 89 minutes.

It is important now that we forget those two defeats and concentrate on getting back to winning ways.

We've slipped down the First Division table a little but a couple of wins can soon change that so we need to put together a decent run - starting today against Bradford City.

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leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



At last we seem to have overcome the weather and hopefully can look forward to a full League programme being completed this weekend.

The disruptions have resulted in some disparity in the First Division League table however with **Bolton** for example having completed 28 games, two more than second placed **Barnsley** and **Sheffield United**, while **Stoke City** in seventh position have played only 25 and **Birmingham City** 24.

Consequently the table does not reflect a true picture at the moment but one thing it does reveal is the fact that the Nationwide Football League Division One is as wide open this season as it has ever been.

Just take our own situation. Here we are in 16th position which on the face of it does not seem very promising, yet we are only seven points adrift of the play-off zone. Three wins and we are in business.

Looking the other way of course the gap between us and second from bottom **Southend United** is eight points, confirming how tight it all is. But we remain positive in our ambitions for as Steve McMahon so often points out, he has not seen any side in this division we should be afraid of.

We proved that against **Bolton**, who this afternoon entertain **Wolverhampton** in the battle of the Wanderers.

Mark McGhee has changed his

strategy of late and seems to have found a better balance in midfield. His team boast the best away record in the First with seven wins, four draws and one defeat and I fancy them for at least a point.

Barnsley should maintain their impressive home record against inconsistent **Ipswich Town**, the Suffolk club are under a bit of cloud following the suspension of England Under 21 striker Adam Tanner this week after he tested positive in a drugs test.

Sheffield United, edged out of the FA Cup by **Norwich City**, will surely pick up three home points against a **Southend United** side that has scored just five goals in 13 away games this season. Whatever happens, the Blades will still be in the top three tonight.

Chasing them should be **Crystal Palace**, Dave Bassett's lads blow hot and cold it's true but then so do **Portsmouth**. Beaten at Fratton Park by us on Boxing Day, 2-1 winners at Molineux in the FA Cup, then thrashed 3-0 by **Bolton** at Fratton Park last week.

Palace took on **Leeds United** in the FA Cup during the week, drawing 2-2 and maybe this one will be an anti-climax, so don't be surprised if Pompey pull off a shock.

Birmingham City have conceded only five goals on home soil and even though big money signing Paul Furlong is firing blanks up front, they should get the better of Paul Bodin and **Reading** this afternoon.

Charlton Athletic don't boast the best of home form and **Stoke City's** away record is nothing to be proud of. It looks like a draw at the Valley.

Now Frank Clark is a manager

I have the greatest of respect for. He's certainly a brave man becoming **Manchester City's** fifth boss in half a season.

The new shares issue which is hoped to swell the Maine Road coffers by more than £10 million, has been deferred until January 24th. result; no money for Clark to spend at the moment, and today he pits his wits against Brain Horton, who will understand more than most, the problems at Maine Road.

The pools panel gave **Oldham** a home win over **Huddersfield** last Saturday, if they were called in to forecast this one, they would probably give the benefit of the doubt to the Terriers, given **Man City's** poor showing away from home.

The arrival of former Arsenal and England star David Rocastle, on loan from Chelsea, has created a lot of interest in **Norwich**. Rocky is set to make his Canaries debut at Carrow Road and will surely enjoy a winning start against rock-bottom **Grimsby Town**.

Norwich, 4-1 winners at **Grimsby** are looking for a double that will leave the Mariners in very choppy waters.

Oxford United, stunned by their 2-0 defeat at **Bradford City** last Saturday - the Yorkshire side's first win in eight matches - are determined to do better at home to Tranmere.

Manager Dennis Smith claimed the bad weather had upset his sides' training routine but nearly every manager in the League could share in that excuse.

West Brom, outplayed in their Blackcountry derby at **Wolves**, desperately need a lift against **Oldham** today and should register their eighth win of the season.

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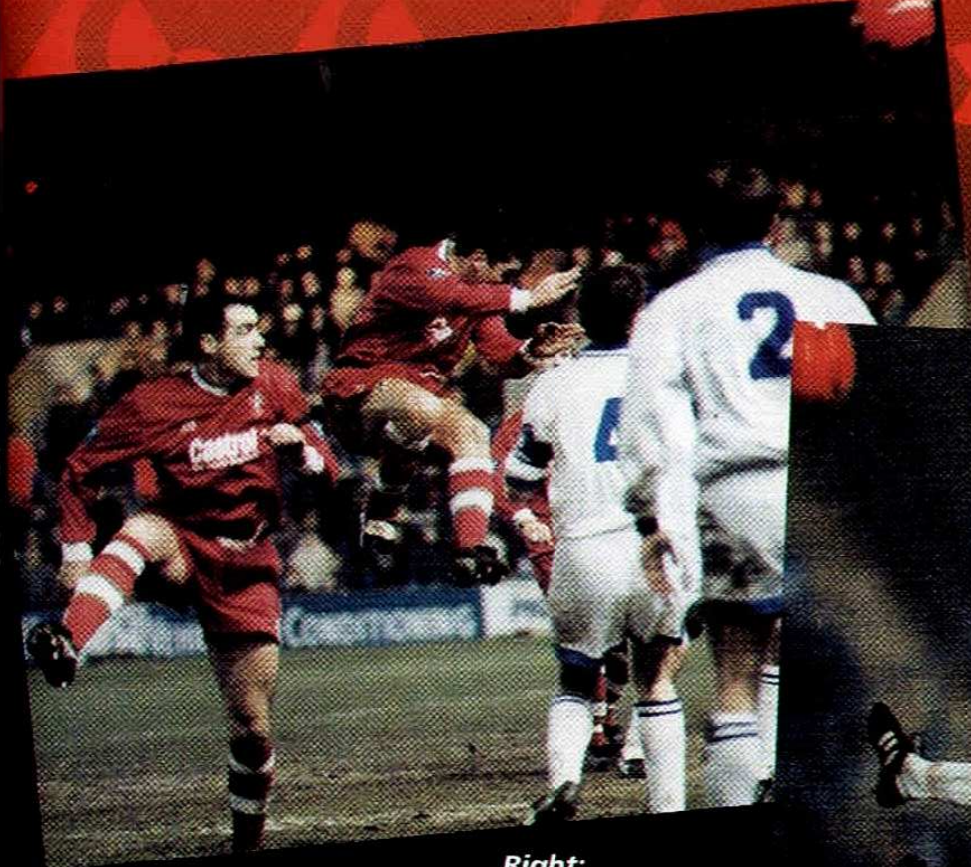
Top left:
*What no gloves!!
- Makeshift
striker Steve
Mildenhall flicks
the ball on at
Tranmere Rovers*

Top right:
*A probing pass
by David
Kerslake at
Tranmere*

Right:
*Outnumbered -
Steve Cowe tries
to break free of
two defenders*



Left:
*Springing into action
- Scott Leitch
launches himself at
the ball*



Right:
*Steve Mildenhall
in the thick of
the action at
Prenton Park*



Left:
*Tranmere keeper
Eric Nixon has to
hurdle a challenge
from Scott Leitch*



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance 8,763



community scheme news

Happy New Year to you all and let's hope it starts to warm up after the recent cold spell.

A quick reminder to all you young stars who would like to attend our football courses.

The next one to put in your diaries is a three day event which will take place here at the County Ground on February 11th, 12th and 13th.

Application forms are in reception, so don't delay and pick up a form as soon as possible.

Last year's courses were a huge success which was mainly down to all your fantastic support so I hope you will all be turning out in large numbers again to make 1997 as exciting as 1996.

Along with yourselves, we also need to pay tribute to several people behind the scenes who kindly donated goodies to make the Funweeks a real hit with everyone.

A big thank you goes to the following:
John Bradshaw (Mars Confectionery), Steven Hyde (Walkers Snack Foods Limited), Graham Mitchell (Nestles UK Limited) and last but not least, Paul Robertson (Coca-Cola & Shweppes Beverages Limited).

Your support and generous donations are much appreciated gentlemen.

Another thank you needs to go to Gerry Kelly of Quadrant who gave us these contact names and telephone numbers.

Until next time keep cheering the lads on and we will speak to you all very soon.



Nick Vitale
(centre) the new Soccer Centres co-ordinator with some of the kids on a recent Soccer Centre course. Anyone interested in joining the Soccer Centres should give Nick a ring at the Club.



**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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- £13.00 IF YOU REQUIRE A T-SHIRT

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Saturday	9.00am - 10.00am	5-6 years
	10.00am - 11.00am	7-8 years

Stratton

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

Marlborough

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

Highworth

Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-6 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	7-8 years
Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9 years +
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It's been a while since our last game at the County Ground so hopefully you will all be in great voice and looking forward to today's match against Bradford City.

For the benefit of those who joined the fun at the Wyvern Theatre to watch 'Cinderella' on Sunday 2nd January, I hope you had an enjoyable afternoon. Well done to Alexander Reynolds and Samantha Titcombe who had the chance to be in the spotlight and those who joined me will know what I'm talking about when I also say hello to my friends, Bernie and Dave.

Christmas may already seem like it was months ago but there's plenty of events ahead.

Swindon vs Wolves

Wednesday 29th January 1997

There will not be a coach travelling to Molineux but I do have some freebie tickets for Junior Robins. Don't miss your chance to see this fantastic stadium and watch what promises to be a great game. Please refer to your January Newsletters for the request form and further details.

Birmingham Juniors visit

Saturday 15th February 1997

The Brummy's junior club are visiting the County Ground for morning footie before the game. If you would like to join in and put your skills into practice then meet at the changing block near the extension field at 11:00am. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the match.

Barmy Army Discount

If you're one of the last under 16 year old Town fans to catch on, now's your chance to join the Barmy Army!

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Pick up an application form from the Club Superstore or Main Reception and wonder why you never joined earlier.



One of the recent additions to the Junior Robins' is Bradley James Clarke who is 8 months old today. Bradley, pictured here at just 5 months, had his photo sent in by his proud parents who are seated in the Intel Stand this afternoon.

today's lucky mascots



We welcome two brothers, **Lee** and **Scott Barnes**, who are Town mascots this afternoon from Cheney Manor, Swindon.



10 year old Lee and 6 year old Scott are both pupils at Holy Rood School and enjoy swimming and football. Lee plays for the Swindon Robins in defence and I'm sure both boys will be delighted to meet their



favourite players this afternoon. We wish them both and their family a great time at the County Ground this afternoon.

Wayne Dibley

celebrated his 25th birthday on the 11th January so Happy Birthday from everyone at Swindon Town.

Wayne of Winnersh, Berks works for Specsavers Opticians and has supported the Town since he was a child. His favourite player is Mark Walters.



Swindon Town welcome Bradford City's mascot this afternoon, 14 year old **Callan Ali**. Callan of

Thorpe Edge, Bradford, attends Guisley Comprehensive in Leeds and hobbies include fishing, football and BMX riding. Callan is a great fan of City's and follows them both home and away.



Swindon Town are pleased to announce that our lucky matchday mascots are now sponsored by Little Chef and Burger King at the Turnpike Roundabout.



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	4-1
WED DEC 11	TORQUAY UTD (FAYC 1 REPLAY)	H	0-2
WED DEC 18	WOLVES (MYC 2)	H	2-2
SAT DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	3-0
Sat Jan 18	Bristol Rovers	A	
Wed Jan 22	Wolves (MYC 2 replay)	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	
TBA	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
TBA	AFC Bournemouth	A	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Midland Youth Cup Quarter Final

Swindon Town Youth 2
Wolves Youth 2

This cup tie at the County Ground gave our boys the opportunity to prove themselves against a top quality youth side in the form of the talented youngsters from Wolves.

The Midlanders were lying third in their respective Midland League and had only lost twice all season.

I had watched them on two occasions and had been impressed by their shape and technical ability with four or five of their players of international pedigree.

The game began in controversial fashion in the sixth minute when the referee awarded a penalty to Wolves for what seemed a perfectly fair challenge in the area. Even the visitors didn't appeal for it but the spot kick was duly converted which left the boys with an uphill task.

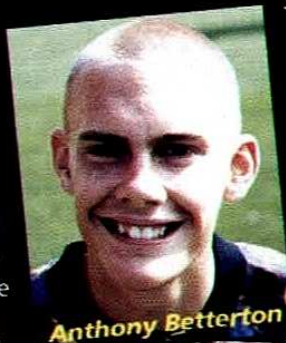
To their credit our lads played some good football and equalised in the 34th minute thanks to a tremendous free kick by Danny Hunt from all of 30 yards out.

We then controlled the game at our pace until just before the interval when bad defensive play by Thomas Wheeldon allowed Wolves' top scorer Robert Keane to capitalize and give the visitors a 2-1 interval advantage.

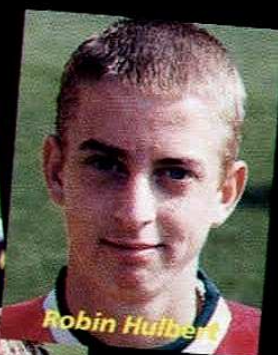
During the second half we played as well as we have done at the County Ground and drew level with a strike by our top marksman Alex Finlayson.

This took the tie into extra time but there were no more goals and the boys now travel to Molineux for the replay on Wednesday January 22nd.

The winners of the tie will meet Stoke City in the semi final.



Anthony Betterton



Robin Hulbert



Danny Hunt

Swindon:

Betterton, Pattimore, Coupe, Hunt, Thorne, Finlayson, Wheeldon, MacDiarmid, Hulbert, Woodman, Meecham. Subs:

Campbell, O'Connell, Davis.

I would like to congratulate Anthony Betterton and Robin Hulbert from our first year intake on their inclusion in the England Under 17 squad which has been gathered at Lilleshall for selection to the full England squad.

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	CHEL TENHAM TOWN	H	1-1
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	1-1
Dec 11	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3
Jan 18	Swansea City	A	
Jan 25	Torquay United	A	
FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
TBA	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
TBA	EXETER CITY	H	
TBA	Hereford United	A	
TBA	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	

All home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

**South East Counties
League, Division Two.
Swindon Town Youth 3
Brighton and H.A. Youth 0**

**The youngsters picked up
the perfect Christmas
present on December 21st
when they
overcame 10
man Brighton
3-0 at home.**

Both sides played
positive attacking
football with
chances created at
both ends but we
took the lead early
in the second half
when Alex Finlayson
found the net.

Shortly afterwards Brighton
had a player sent off for foul
and abusive language and I was
pleased with the way our lads
passed and moved to take
full advantage of having an
extra man.

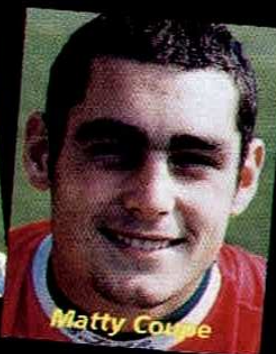
Phil MacDiarmid made it 2-0

when he scored with a
spectacular 25 yard free kick and
Matt Coupe added the third,
finishing off a well rehearsed
long throw routine which was
flicked on by Finlayson for
Coupe to head home.

It was a useful overall
performance by all the
lads and it was



Jon Haines



Matty Coupe

particularly good to
see Jon Haines back in action after
a long spell out through injury.

Team: Betterton (Haines),
Campbell, Coupe, Pattimore,
Hunt, Davis, Finlayson, Thorne,
MacDiarmid, Woodman,
Meecham.

**South East Counties
League Division 2
at 14th December 1996**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	15	10	4	1	36	15	24	+21
Luton Town	15	10	3	2	33	13	23	+20
Southampton	14	10	0	4	31	13	20	+18
Oxford United	15	8	4	3	28	21	20	+7
Tottenham H.	17	7	5	5	24	14	19	+10
SWINDON TOWN	16	6	5	5	30	22	17	+8
Wycombe Wanderers	17	6	4	7	19	19	16	-
Brighton & H.A.	16	6	4	6	20	28	16	-8
AFC Bournemouth	13	6	2	5	24	24	14	-
Bristol City	14	5	4	5	23	25	14	-2
Bristol Rovers	15	7	0	8	31	35	14	-4
Colchester United	14	5	3	6	23	21	13	+2
Wimbledon	15	4	4	7	17	19	12	-2
Reading	16	4	1	11	19	45	9	-26
Brentford	15	3	2	10	21	33	8	-12
Barnet	17	2	1	14	14	46	5	-32

NEXT FIXTURE

Next Saturday Swindon
Town Youth take on local
rivals Reading in Division Two
of the South East Counties
League.

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hoping to complete a league
double over their near
neighbours having beaten
them 3-2 earlier in the
season.



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These players were from our Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's age groups and the trip also included a tour of Everton's famous Goodison Park Stadium where the boys parents were also made welcome.

After the tour we all made our way to Everton's Centre of Excellence venue to play four games against the Toffees.

The standard of play from both sides was extremely good and brought glowing praises from Ray Hall the Youth Development Officer at Everton.

Our youngsters were a credit to Swindon Town Football Club both on and off the pitch and I'm sure the trip will stick in their minds for a long time to come.

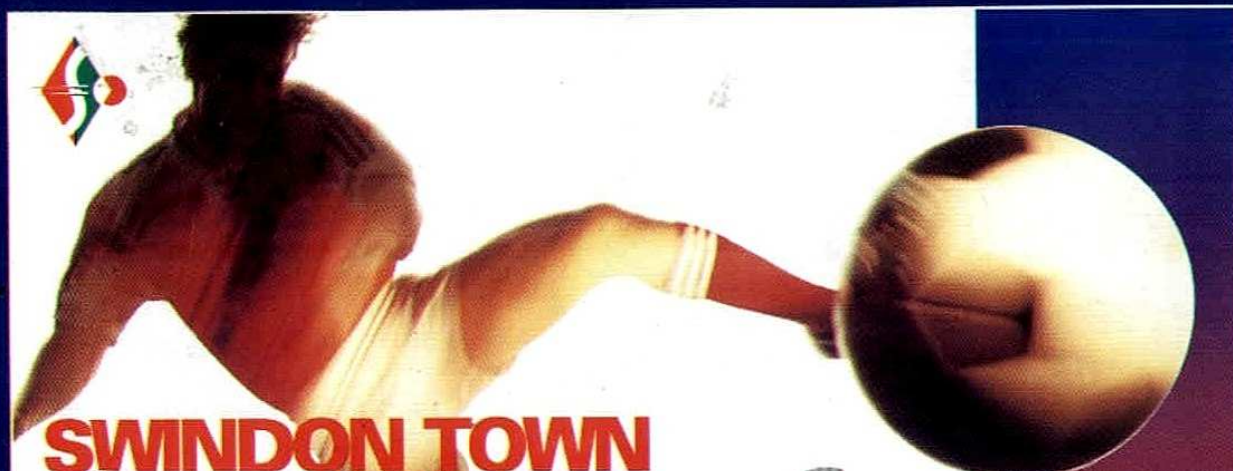
Thanks to all the coaches who took time off to travel with the boys and make sure it was a successful venture.



Swindon Town Centre of Excellence are planning tours in the Summer for the Under 10's, 11's and 12's to go to Torquay.

We have done this in the past and the tours have been very successful but costs are high and we are keen to hear from anyone who may be able to give us some sponsorship.

Anyone who would like to sponsor Swindon's stars of the future on tour should contact me Phil Cannon on 01793 430430.




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**Brighton & H.A. Reserves 1
Swindon Town Reserves 0**

Swindon Reserves returned to action for the first time in a month and struggled to find their form in a disappointing defeat down at Brighton.

The only goal of the game came 15 minutes into the second half following poor defensive play and despite having lots of possession, we rarely looked like getting back on level terms.

In the first 45 minutes we dominated without really threatening and the Brighton keeper had little to do.

Similarly Steve Mildenhall who was back between the posts after his brief appearance on the field for the first team at Tranmere, had very few shots to save.

So it was no surprise that the game was goalless at half time.

After the interval once again we saw a lot of the ball but were made to pay for sloppy defending as a Brighton player got the wrong side of Danny Hunt and gave the home team a

1-0 advantage.

We tried to respond but failed to find the killer touch in the final third of the field, although the Brighton goalkeeper was forced to pull off an important one on one save in the closing stages.

With 10 minutes remaining, substitute Alex Meecham was sent clear but the keeper saved with his legs and bang went our chance of gaining a point.

It is now four games since our last win and I'll be looking for a big improvement on Monday when we entertain Arsenal at the County Ground.

We did not create enough chances and failed to get behind the Brighton defence which was disappointing considering how much possession we

enjoyed.

Some positive points to come out of the defeat were the displays of Steve McMahon and Peter

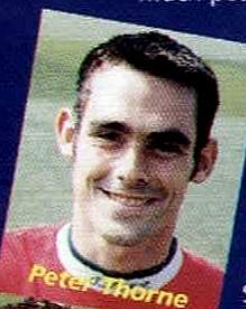
Thorne.

Both players came through the whole 90 minutes which is good news for the first team who have been plagued by injuries over the past few weeks.

Team: Mildenhall, O'Sullivan, Smith, McMahon, Coupe, Hunt, Pattimore, Hulbert (Davis), P. Thorne, Finlayson (Meecham), Holcroft. **Sub:** W. Thorne (not used).



Steve McMahon



Peter Thorne



Steve Mildenhall

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 1-1
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.		A 0-1
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL		H 2-00
Mon Feb 03	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
MON APR 21	IPSWICH TOWN		H 2-00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon		A 2-00
TBA	Oxford United (L)		A 7-30
TBA	Swansea City		A 2-00

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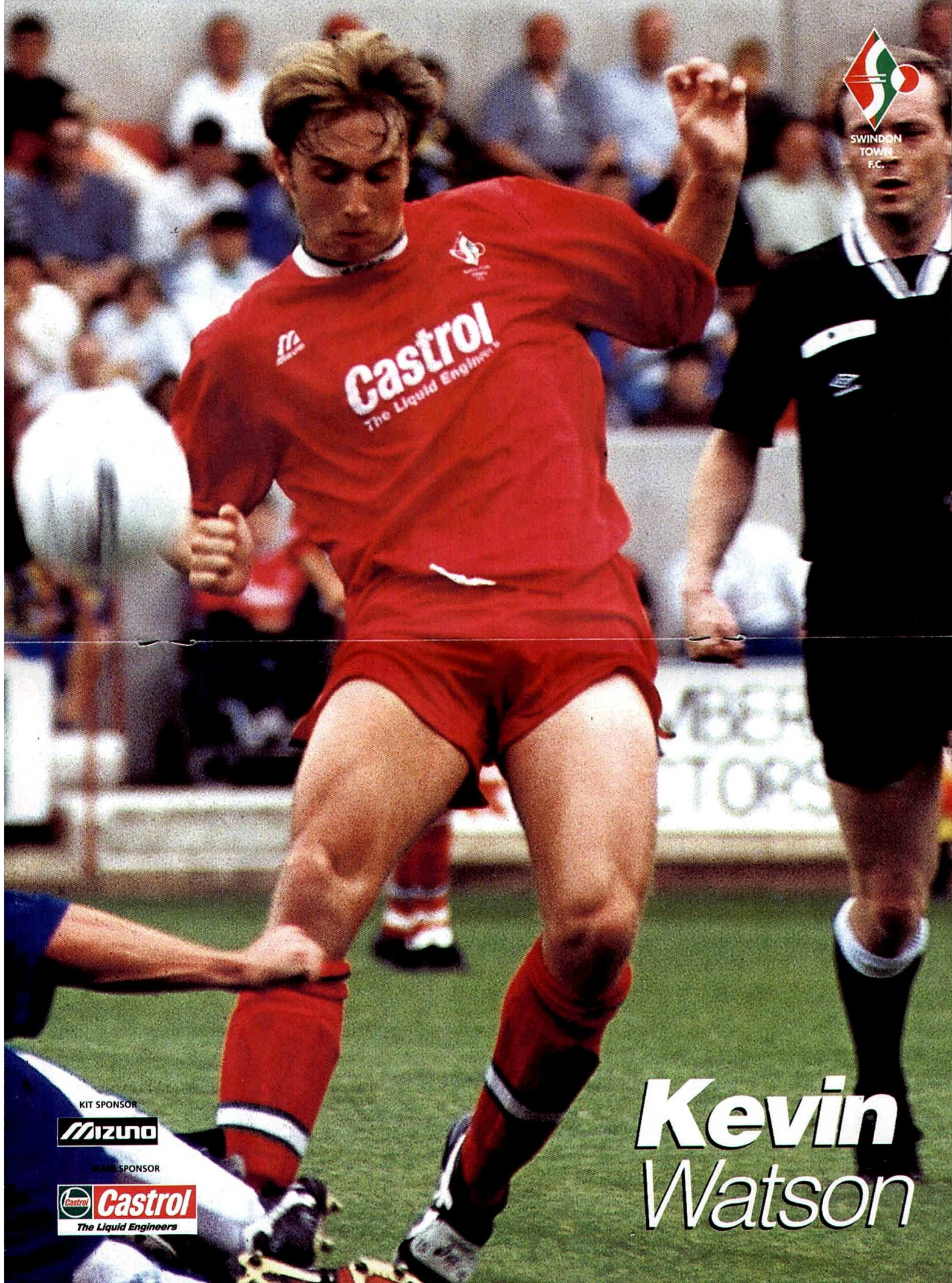
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Chelsea	10	6	2	2	20	11	20	+9
Portsmouth	11	6	1	4	15	13	18	+2
Arsenal	9	5	2	2	23	7	17	+16
Ipswich Town	9	5	2	2	17	7	17	+10
Q.P.R.	10	4	3	3	18	17	15	+1
SWINDON TOWN	9	4	2	3	18	14	14	-4
Swansea City	9	4	1	4	14	14	13	0
Luton Town	8	4	0	4	9	10	12	-1
AFC Bournemouth	8	4	0	4	18	20	12	-2
Bristol City	9	3	2	4	18	18	11	0
Brighton & H.A.	10	2	5	3	20	22	11	-2
Oxford United	9	3	2	4	17	21	11	-4
Cardiff City	10	2	6	3	8	13	11	-5
Crystal Palace	9	3	2	4	7	15	11	-8
Millwall	9	3	1	5	16	18	10	-2
Watford	9	3	1	5	12	19	10	-7
Norwich City	9	2	3	4	14	18	9	-4
West Ham United	10	2	3	5	10	17	9	-7
Bristol Rovers	11	2	3	6	10	24	9	-14
Southampton	8	2	1	5	12	14	7	-2
Charlton Athletic	8	2	1	5	9	21	7	-12

NEXT FIXTURE.

Swindon Town Reserves' next fixture is at the County Ground on Monday when they take on Arsenal (2pm) in what promises to be a tough test. For news of that match look out for details in future editions of the Matchday Magazine.



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says: "Ay, Des, it's better to have the points in the bag."

Meanwhile, back on the Tyne, the City of Newcastle is a morgue. It has become one of those boring questions: "Where were you when you heard the news about Keegan?" Well I was driving to Derby listening to Minster FM and I nearly crashed the car (again). You always hear rumours and I heard the one about KK calling it a day, but you just don't believe it, it's mere speculation. But no, not this time.

On the day of the news, Metro FM conducted a poll of Geordies, in which Peter Beardsley emerged as the number one candidate to take over with 46 per cent of the vote. Beardo is a great player but he is not the next manager of the Magpies. In 1997 you need to be

cool and media-sussed to make it as a Premiership boss. There have

been very few successful player-managers. In the end Newcastle opted for Kenny Dalglish who I am sure will do a great job having proved himself at Liverpool and Blackburn

On a personal note, I benefited from KK's disappearing act as George Gavin turned up from SKY Sports to do a bit at Metro FM about our phone poll. Right place at the right time for me. After the radio show I popped next door to record a bit for SKY Sports Centre.

I wish they had warned me beforehand, as I was wearing this bright orange jumper and had left my make-up at home! Still, a dream come true....move over Andy Gray, the Horne lad is coming!

King size congratulation to Ian Culverhouse who, in a match-wrecking decision, got sent off in the cup game at Goodison after 50-odd seconds and then would have awoken the next day to read his rating in a national newspaper as 7 out of 10. I have written to the BBC to ask, How Do They Do That?

Since our last home game our league position seems to have gone down the pan a bit - which is frustrating seeing we have hardly played. I hate this time of year when you end up with 55 games in hand. If you took maximum points from all of them you would be heading for the play-offs but as Alan Hansen



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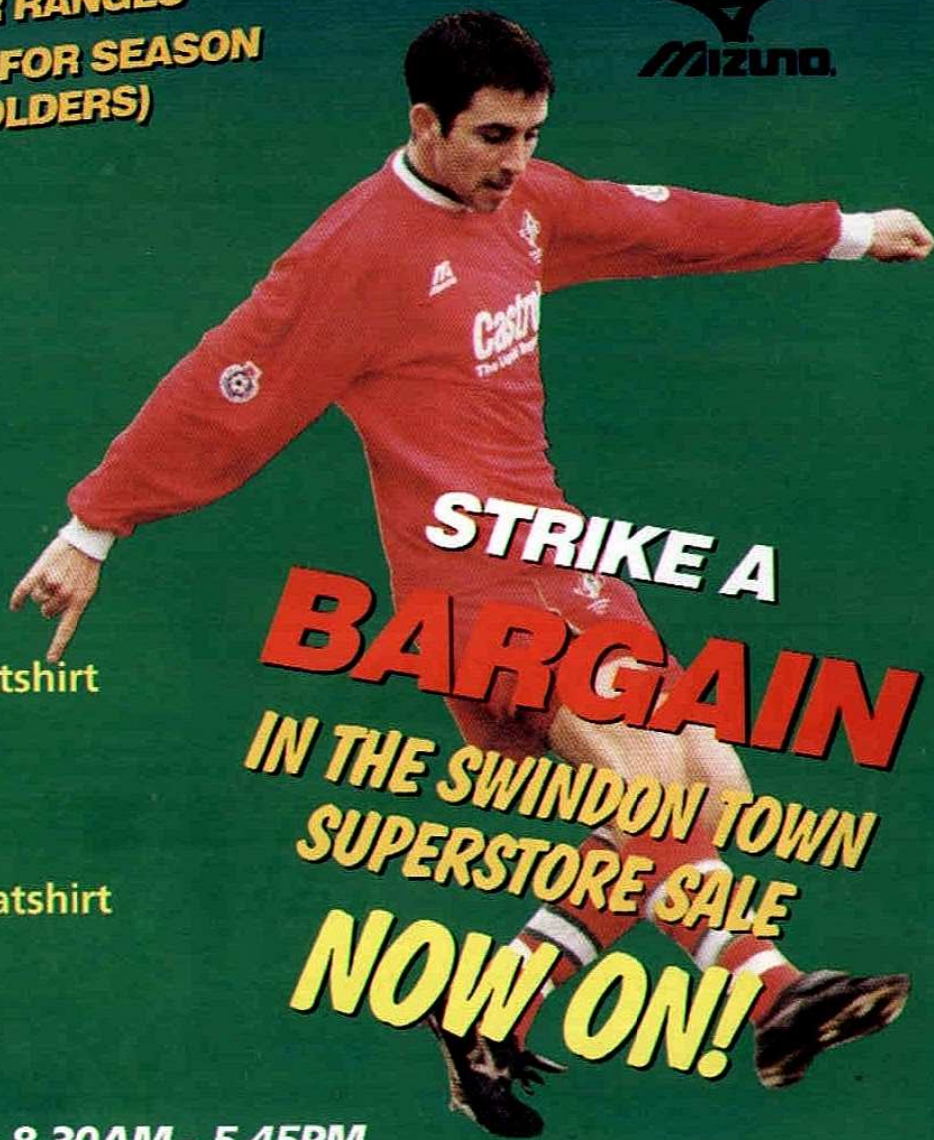
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SHEFFIELD UNITED,
Saturday February 1st
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Wednesday February 5th
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MANCHESTER CITY,
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(AWAY), KICK-OFF 3PM.
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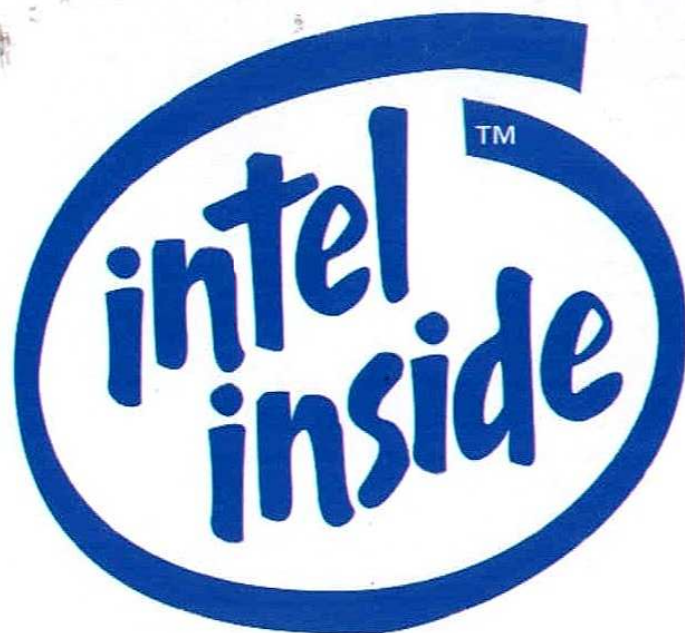
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The winning Nest-Egg number versus Bolton was 7687 and was worth £742. Our winner was John Smith of Sherford Road, Swindon.

Against Grimsby, due to the sudden decision by referee Mr. Halsey to abandon the match, we had to act swiftly. We proceeded with the draw in fairness to those who purchased tickets but would be unable to attend the rearranged fixture.

There was not adequate time to prepare the board but the announcement was made with everyone still present.

It came over loud and clear for Martyn Carpenter of Whitbourne Avenue. He collected £729 in return for ticket number 7655.

To avoid any confusion for those still holding white Nest-Egg tickets for the Grimsby game, the counterparts for the rescheduled game next Saturday will be printed on pink paper. (The printers chose the colour by the way!)

Our question in the Grimsby programme asked how many corners took place during the Bolton

game and how many went to each side. The answer was 12 with each side having six.

The first correct entry drawn was the one submitted by Hannah Dunstan. Hannah is 13 years old and lives in Ducklington near Witney. An autographed football will be presented to Hannah.

Our next Race Night is scheduled for Valentines Day on February 14th. It will take place in the Executive Suite at 8pm and tickets are now available from the Promotions Office. The cost is £5 inclusive of hot food and a free draw. Discount is available for parties of six or more with tables reserved.

I am delighted with the interest shown with regard to our Senior Robins Club formation.

Basically this will be an over 50's club but no discrimination is intended nor will it be applied. The club will be on Friday nights only, application forms are now available and details of our opening night will be announced shortly.

So if you are beyond the point of attending disco's and night clubs, then this will be the way to start your weekends.

Finally, here's a little quiz for our younger fans. **What is the nickname of today's visitors?** The first three correct answers opened will each win a soft toy. Closing date is February 1st - two weeks today!



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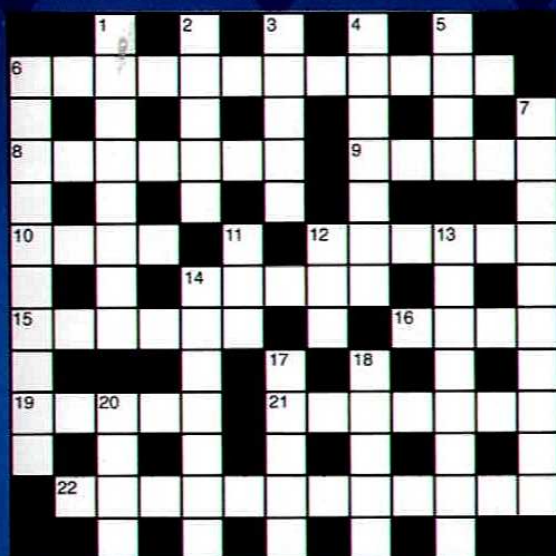


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clues across...

6. United are called "The Posh" (12)
8. Polish League Club (7)
9. Italian Cup (5)
10. Muller, (1970's) West Germany Striker (4)
12. Not level like the score 1-0 (6)
14. Grobbelaar or Steve, maybe (5)
15. Road home for 6 Acr (6)
16. Mark found at Scarborough Football FC (4)
19. Keep yours in a FA-Cup Final (5)
21. Club wage list for players (7)
22. shire, Scottish 3rd Division Club (4)&(8)

clues down...

1. Alex Ferguson once managed this Scottish Club (2)&(6)
2. Offside snares (5)
3. Ian, (1990's) Sheffield Wednesday defender (5)
4. Drug which Paul Merson once confessed to taking (7)
5. Ex-QPR boss Gordon Jago goes and becomes eager, (4)
6. Wimbledon's one time home (6)&(4)
7. One of the four seen on the pitch (6)&(4)
11. Blackburn Rovers FC contains a large vessel, apparently (3)
12. Rep. of Ireland League Club (abbrev) (3)
13. Stoke City's ground (8)
14. Peter, (1960's/70's) England goalkeeper (7)
17. Centre and penalty posts, maybe (anag) (5)
18. Andy, (1990's) Chelsea midfielder (5)
20. True Madrid side (4)

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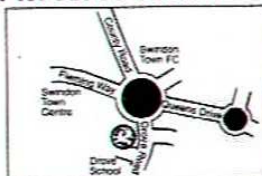
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MOTOLEC were the Matchday Sponsors at the home game against Bolton last month. Chairman, Jeff Seller, receives a limited edition signed framed shirt from STFC Chairman Mike Spearman.



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HAINE & SMITH and **NON-STOP PROMOTIONS** were joint Matchball Sponsors at last month's game against Bolton Wanderers, each sponsor receives their autographed football as a memento of their day at the County Ground.



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As most of you are no doubt well aware, the treatment room at the Club has been jam packed over the past few days.

The list of injured first team players has grown by the day and this has been the busiest I've seen it during my two years as Club Physio.

It is not just the number of players that has been the problem, it has been that all of them are first team squad members who, if you pardon the pun, have been sorely missed.

With a bit of luck we won't pick up any more injuries over the next few games and will start to get some of the players back into first team action.

Some positive news this week has been the return to training of Peter Thorne after a long lay-off with ankle ligament damage.

Frederic Darras is recovering well from his rib injury and has a chance of being fit for today's match and Jason Drysdale should be ok despite having a problem earlier in the week with the outside ligament of his left knee.

Alex Smith is back in training following a back

injury and should be back in contention soon

Mark Walters has been troubled by an injury to his left upper thigh and is unlikely to play today having only just returned to light training.



There are still a number of players who have more long term problems to overcome.

Ty Gooden will be sidelined for another few weeks with adductor tendinitis which is a long term groin problem.



Steve Finney has started to jog after his cartilage operation but is still some 10-14 days away from a return to full training although he has started to do some jogging.



Lee Collins will be unavailable for up to three weeks with a right knee ligament injury and Frank Talia's back problem continues to cause concern.

Let's just hope the situation improves as quickly as possible.

the shadowboard

We are already planning ahead for next season's Swindon Town Football Club brochure, which again will be available to all supporters.

The current brochure includes articles on the Club's history and introduces the Main Board and the Shadow Board.

There is also a glimpse behind the scenes at the County Ground and of course the full fixture list.

Next season's brochure will be even better! Please let us know - are there any topics which you would like featured? Drop your ideas on a comment card into one of the Shadow Board boxes.

Last season we featured a good ideas competition which led to the launch of the satellite supporters groups.

We know from the letters which we regularly receive that Swindon supporters have many exciting - and sometimes crazy ideas.

Let us have your brain - waves for this year's 'Good Ideas Competition' and as last year, we will be giving a fabulous prize for the best suggestion.

The competition will close after the Birmingham game in February so don't delay - write in straight away!

In the mean time give the team your full backing this afternoon as they take on Bradford in a vital fixture.



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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

The appointment of Howard Wilkinson as the Football Association's first technical director was the most predictable announcement to have come out of Lancaster Gate for some time.

Since Howard and Leeds United parted company last September, the former FA staff coach has seemed a natural for the post.

Not that his selection has pleased everyone and one former Leeds United old boy, Johnny Giles, claimed in his column in the Daily Express that the FA had failed to heed the lesson after the game was almost destroyed.

He claimed here we have a technical director whose values are steeped in the old-fashioned kick and rush routines long abandoned by today's football purists.

What utter bunkum. There was a time when he grew away from the FA and what it stood for; and for Giles to lay England's ills at the door of Charlie Hughes makes one wonder too. Now I'm not a Charles Hughes fan, far from it, and can recall the day he visited Upton Park and told John Lyall and others that Brazil, who with Zico and Socrates in the team had just given us a lesson at Wembley, were playing it all wrong. Charlie boy insisted they made too many passes.

Well, he left John, and all of us, speechless. But to suggest that this former teacher who preached the POMO (Position of Maximum Opportunity) gospel which simply stated get the ball into the opposition box as quickly as possible as this is

where the goals come from (and it wasn't even his doctrine) it was the deliberations of ex wing commander Reiper who advised Stan Cullis, the manager of Wolves in the 1950's) actually influenced the way our professional game was played is surely not just naive but an insult to all the managers in the game from Harry Redknapp to Alex Ferguson.

The truth is Mr Hughes has had little impact on the game for his domineering personality and blatant inflexibility did nothing to enhance his cause among young and old alike.

Now I don't deny there are more flamboyant personalities around than Mr. Wilkinson, such as Ron Atkinson and so on, but Howard would seem to me to be the ideal figure head for what is probably the most important position in English football.

Here is a man in love with the game. Perhaps he doesn't smile enough but inside burns a passion as deep and committed as those of Keegan, Dalglish, anyone you care to mention. A former teacher himself who has sampled life as a player in non-League circles he played with Jim Smith at Boston and knows the ropes.

Glenn Hoddle is the England manager and as such will be responsible for our development on the international stage but his scope is limited to the players at the top of the pyramid. Wilkinson's brief covers the whole field down to the grass roots and it is here where his job will commence.

How does he intend changing the system?

"I can't change it," said Wilkinson. "I can only try and

persuade the people who can change it. I have no power. the FA has no power. The only influence is the strength of my arguments."

Howard insists he is starting with a clean sheet and he is obviously aware that one of his priorities is to unify the many disparate voices that make up the various compartments of the FA. He will need the co-operation of the English Schools FA for one and if the amateurs are keen to see our game improve they will give Mr. Wilkinson every assistance.

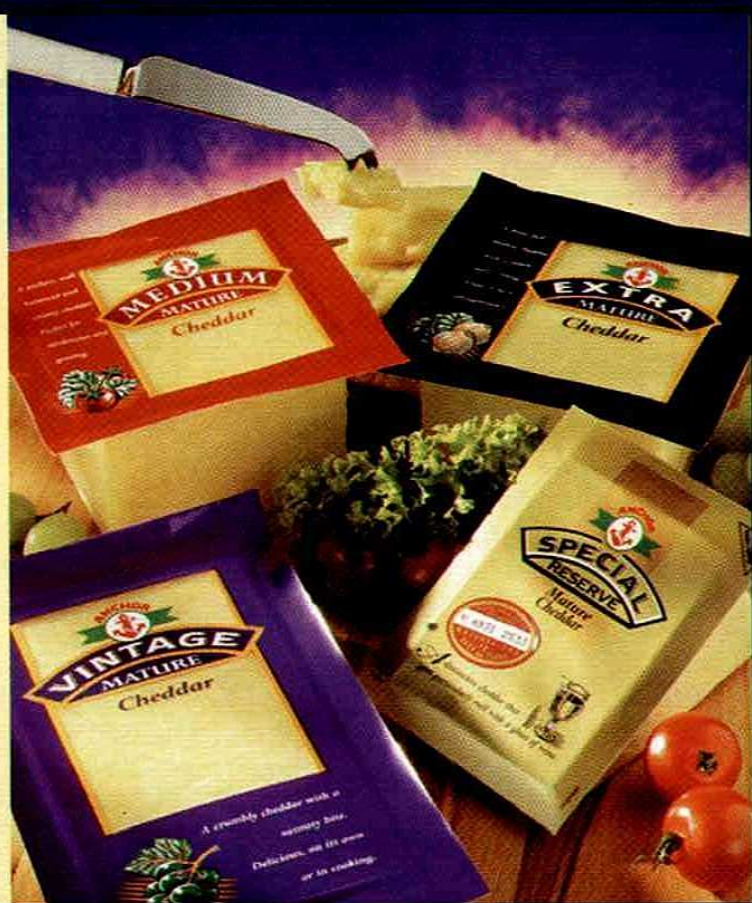
It will probably be a decade before we see the real fruits of his labours but in the meantime he has been given a four year contract. We wish him total success in producing youngsters of international standard.



Howard Wilkinson

OUR LINE UP FOR THIS SEASON

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kids crossword *by Mike Fowler*

Across

1. Talia played on loan for them. (10)
4. Sounds Irish but he plays for Coventry. (6)
7. On loan at Forest from Maine Road. (6)
8. Taking charge at Forest at least for a while. (6)
9. Everton player who came to Swindon for a while. (5)
10. Prolific scorer for Wolves in this Division. (4)
11. Bradford City nickname. (7)
12. This Richards moved to Wolves for nearly £2M. (4)
13. Former England man who played for Bradford. (6)
14. Former Swindon man who appeared for Bradford last season. (5)
15. Bradford manager with a Swindon connection. (6)

Down

2. Former Swindon striker who played for Everton and Villa. (7)
3. This Lawrence was a manager at Bradford. (6)
5. New man at Maine Road. (5)
6. Thorne played on loan for this team. (5)
8. The name of the new Bradford Stadium. (5)
10. Bobby Robson is the manager here now. (9)

KIDS QUIZ

Five managers have left teams in the Premiership this season. Can you name them and the teams they left up to the 11th January 1997.

1. RIOCH (Aston Villa), 2. WILKINSON (Leeds), 3. HARRISON (Blackburn), 4. CLARK (Notts Forest), 5. KEEGAN (Newcastle Utd).

ANSWERS DOWN:

10. BARCELONA, 2. RIDEOUT, 3. LENNIE, 5. CLARK, 6. WIGAN, 8. PULSE, 15. KAMARAPA, 10. BULL, 11. BANTAMS, 12. DEAN, 13. WADDLE, 14. FOLEY, 1. HARTLEPOOL, 4. DUBLIN, 7. CLOUGH, 8. PEARCE, 9. GRANT.

ANSWERS ACROSS:

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



If you give away silly goals you don't deserve anything from a match and that was the case at Tranmere last Friday.

Although we enjoyed a lot of possession, we paid the price for defensive errors and we simply have to tighten up at the back if we are to start picking up points.

Today we take on a Bradford side who have struggled so far this season. But that's not to say that we will underestimate them.

They had a good win against Oxford last week so I'm sure they will come here today feeling a whole lot better about themselves while we go into the game on the back of two defeats, so it promises to be a difficult match.

Bradford beat us 2-1 at their

place earlier in the season so the onus is on us to do

well and erase the memory of that defeat.

It is also important to pick up a victory having lost our two most recent matches. The reverse at Tranmere was our own fault but the 3-0 FA Cup exit at Everton came as a direct result of the referees decision to send off Ian Culverhouse in the first minute.

The ref spoilt what should have been a great cup tie and although I didn't see the alleged hand ball incident, if Cully says he didn't handle it then that's good enough for me.

It is difficult enough to get a result against any team when you



are down to 10 men, let alone a top Premiership side and we were all bitterly disappointed that we weren't given the opportunity to play them on equal terms.

From a personal point of view it is great to be back in the side after recovering from injury but I'd be a lot happier if the results had gone a bit better.

A long list of injuries hasn't helped but we have got a good enough squad to start picking up points.

Finally congratulations from all the lads to Mark Robinson and his wife on the birth of their second son Harry last weekend.

Both mother and baby are doing well. Well done Robbo!

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Spotlight on **loan signing**

Unless Spurs boss Gerry Francis has a dramatic change of heart, defender David Kerslake will return to White Hart Lane after today's match following a successful loan spell at Swindon Town.

And the 30 year old full back is not looking forward to going back to Tottenham where he has been totally out of favour.

"I simply have to get away from there because the manager doesn't seem to like attacking full backs like myself," he said.

But one thing is for sure, Kerslake will go back in a far more confident frame of mind after a string of impressive displays for Swindon Town.

"I was starting to lose confidence in my ability until

Steve McMahon brought me back to the County Ground on loan.

"I've had a decent couple of months and I will return to Spurs knowing that I'm not as bad a player as I thought."

"It was a great opportunity for me to re-launch my career coming back to Swindon, having not played in Tottenham's first team for over a year.

"I'm a bit disappointed that I couldn't have played in a few more games during my second month but that has been down to the weather. And although we have not had the best of results it has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience,"

he commented.

The person who has impressed

Kerslake most is the gaffer Steve McMahon. And he feels if the club can keep hold of Steve, then future success is not far away.

"It is vital that Swindon hold onto him. In the past they have had some big name managers but have not been able to keep them here.

David Kerslake who has been in fine form during his loan spell at the Club

SANDY MARTIN IN THE MORNING

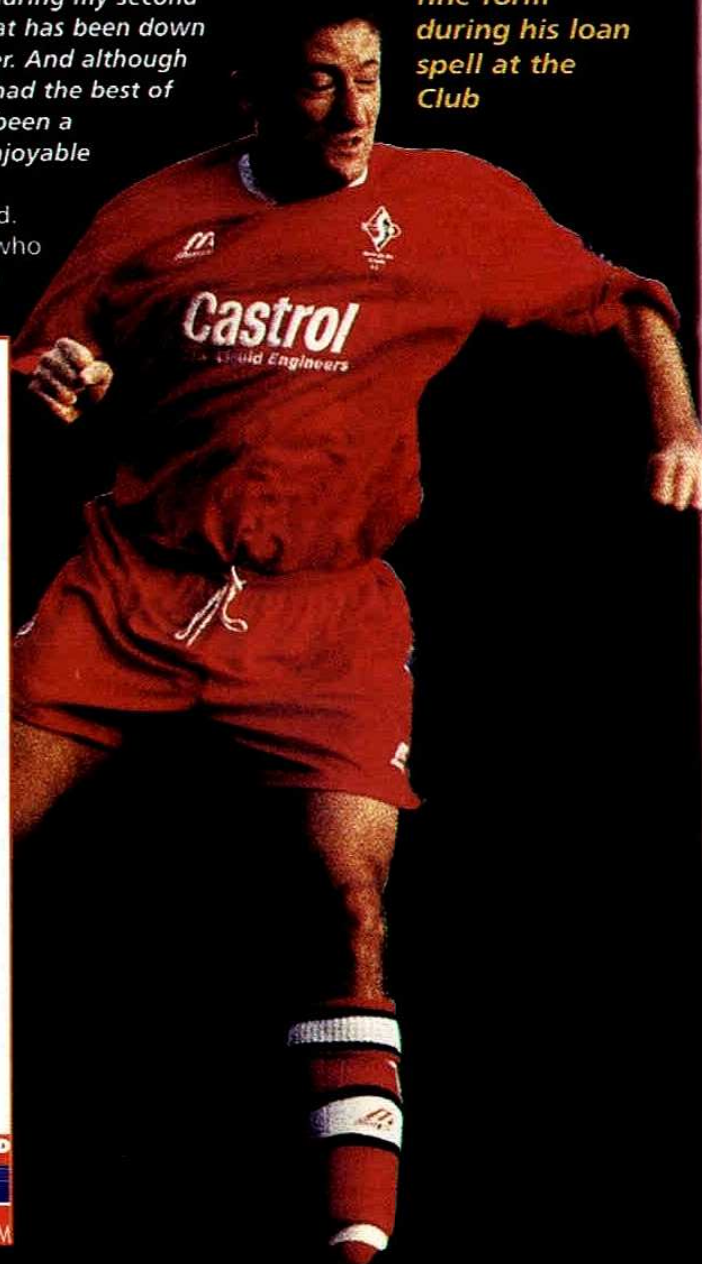
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David Kerslake

"But if they can keep Steve and he is given enough money to buy a couple of new players then I'm sure Swindon can be pushing for a place in the Premiership."

Before his recent loan spell began, Kerslake enjoyed four years at the County Ground between 1989 and 1993 with the highlight being a play off final victory over Sunderland at Wembley.

But the Stepney born star first began his footballing career at Queens Park Rangers before his move to Swindon.

From there he had a brief spell at Leeds, however he was quick to join Spurs when Ossie Ardiles came in for him.

Since then his Premiership appearances have been severely limited by a series of serious calf injuries before falling out of

favour with Gerry Francis.

However Kerslake's contract expires at the end of the current season and he is hoping to be given a free transfer in the summer.

"I'll see out my contract and then hopefully another club will come in for me because I know I can still do a job for someone," he said.

In the meantime Kerslake looks set to complete the season in Spurs' Reserves. But before returning he hopes to finish off in style by helping Swindon see off Bradford this afternoon.

"It would be nice to finish my loan spell on a high note but whatever happens I'd just like to say a big thank you to the Swindon fans who have always been good to me ever since I first played for the Club."

Name: David Kerslake

Age: 30

Birthplace: Stepney

Position: Defender

Former Clubs:

Q.P.R., Swindon, Leeds


Nickname: "Kers"


Who did you support as a youngster?: Spurs

Career highlight so far:
Beating Sunderland in Play-Off Final

Favourite other sports:
Golf

Most respected player in football: John Barnes


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Egyptian lover!

Thanks to Josette and John Farmer for sending in their photo of Swindon fans in strange places.

They are pictured outside the Valley of the Kings in Luxor, Egypt where the temperature was 134 degrees.

The couple come from Dunnington, Yorkshire and are keen to know if there are any other Swindon exiles living in Yorkshire!



Fancy a pen pal in Zimbabwe?

Swindon fan Washington Goto from Zimbabwe recently wrote into the Club asking for a pen pal.

The 21 year old is keen to link up with a Swindonian to keep in touch with all the goings on at the County Ground.

Washington is aged 21 and loves football.

Anyone interested in writing to him should contact him at: **Mpopoma T/Ship, House No 11 52-1626, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.**

Ricky from Rozenberg

Ricky Hill from Rosenberg in Holland is pictured wearing his Swindon Town

shirt which was kindly sent to him by Club chairman Mike Spearman.

In his thank you letter Ricky said: "Thank you very much for the shirt you sent me, it's a little bit big at the moment but if I keep eating my porridge it will soon fit me."



Horlock gives school a boost

Kind hearted Kevin Horlock decided to donate a £100 cheque to Crowds Special School after collecting the cash from Nationwide following the recent game against Bolton Wanderers.

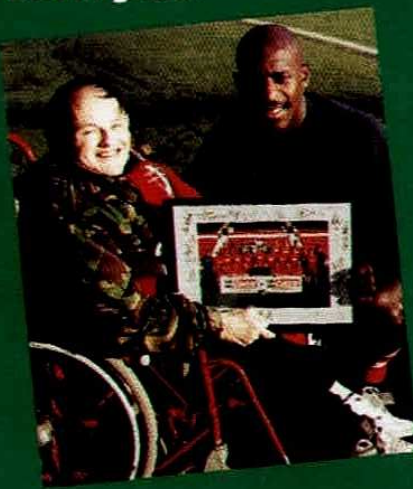


Horlock, the Club's Northern Ireland International was voted man of the match by Nationwide and his reward was £100 which he could donate to any local school.

And Kev gave it to Crowds Hill in Swindon to help them continue their tremendous work with children.

A day to remember for David

Swindon supporter David Lucas was all smiles when he met his hero Wayne Allison at the Bolton game.



David is one of the two people in the country who suffers from an incurable muscle wasting disease and is confined to a wheelchair.

Swindon invited David, his sister Michelle and her boyfriend Christopher Jones to the Bolton game where they received match tickets and passes to the Family Lounge.

As the Club's Christmas present to David for being such a courageous and loyal supporter, the Chief Wayne Allison presented him with a signed framed photograph of the team.

swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies are now in a relegation battle after they were beaten by Swindon Spitfires.

This was a most disappointing result after some promising performances in recent weeks. The Town were trailing 2-1 at half time but were still very much in the game even though Town's goal had been scored by a visiting defender.

But after the break the Town conceded an early goal and were then chasing a result. As they pushed forward they left gaps at the back and were punished for it.

Deb Martin scored a second for the Town. But it was of little consolation as this result leaves the Town just above the two relegation spots.

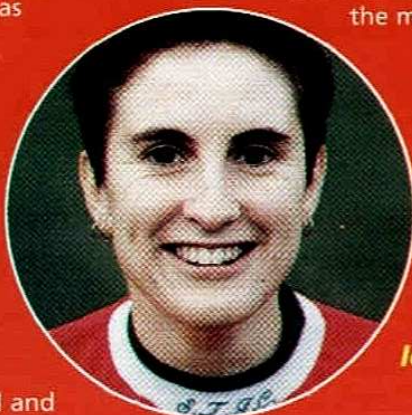
Clare White has signed for the Town from Swindon Spitfires. Clare was leading goal scorer last season and is a regular in the County squad. She is a young speedy forward and

we look forward to her finding the net for the Town.

Swindon have been drawn away to old rivals Reading Royals in the Quarter Finals of the League Cup. The Royals are at present top of the league so it is the draw that no one wanted.

Last Sunday the Royals, who beat the Town in Round Two of the Women's FA Cup, had a good win over Leyton Orient to reach the last sixteen of that competition.

Tomorrow Town travel to Ringwood for a Southern Region Division One game. Town won the home game by four goals to two. Ringwood are at present in bottom spot, so with the Town in their current position it is vital that they take maximum points from the match.



Clare Tyson who has been consistent and ever present at left back.

Swindon Town Ladies result

**Southern Region League Division One
Swindon Town 2 Swindon Spitfires 6**

Scorer: Own Goal & Deb Martin.

Team: Jo Sharpe, Vikki McCann, Sharon Black, Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddle, Kerie Garwood, Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Justine Hume. **Subs:** (Used) Sara Privett, Adelle Taylor & Leanne Taylor.

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	CARTERTON TOWN (L2)	H	8-1
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H	2-6
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 12th Jan	Binfield	A	post
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 Saints	12	7	1	4	26	21	22
Southampton	11	7	0	4	40	17	21
Portsmouth	11	6	3	2	23	15	21
Swindon Spitfires	11	6	1	4	30	26	19
Cheltenham	10	4	3	3	16	27	15
Binfield	11	4	1	6	14	23	13
SWINDON TOWN	11	3	2	6	25	34	11
Havant Town	13	2	3	8	12	25	9
Ringwood	11	0	2	9	9	35	2

Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	15	1
Sil Cryer	2(10)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	15	7
Justine Hume	7(2)	-
Pam Laker	10	4
Nadine Lloyd	15	15
Tracy Mackeddle	14	6
Deb Martin	11(3)	3
Vikki McCann	12(2)	-
Sara Privett	7(3)	1
Kim Reeves	15	3
Alison Richards	5	-
Jo Sharpe	9(3)	-
Adelle Taylor	(2)	-
Leanne Taylor	(2)	1
Clare Tyson	15	-
Netti Wyness	12	-
Own Goals		2
() Denotes used sub.		

new deal agreed with **Mizuno**

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Peter Barber agrees on a new 2 year deal with Mike Spearman and Mike Walsh

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let's make some noise



We want to improve the atmosphere here at the County Ground on matchdays to make sure Steve McMahon's men get the best backing possible throughout the 90 minutes.

The Barmy Army in the Intel Stand can not be faulted with their constant singing and chanting but they need some help from the rest of the ground.

So come on, let's really make some noise for the boys. We are inviting fans to bring along drums, trumpets or any instruments to really liven up proceedings.

Let's see if we can make the County Ground the noisiest in Division One!

Swindon build for the future



Director of Football Rikki Hunt has been a busy man over the past few months, offering new contracts to a number of players.

But as the saying goes 'you can't please all of the people all of the time' and while a number of players have pledged their long term future to Swindon Town, others have turned down new deals.

Those players who have agreed to stay at the County Ground for the foreseeable future include MARK ROBINSON, STEVE COWE, LEE COLLINS and more recently SCOTT LEITCH.

But in a bid to build for the future, the Club has placed four players on the transfer list

including KEVIN HORLOCK, PETER THORNE, FRANK TALIA AND WAYNE O'SULLIVAN.

Rikki Hunt explained:

"Striker Peter Thorne and goalkeeper Frank Talia have gone on the list after turning down new contracts with substantial increases.

"Meanwhile Northern Ireland International Kevin Horlock has also been put on the list.

"Kevin sees himself playing in the Premiership and at this moment in time, does not feel Swindon can guarantee this.

"Midfielder Wayne O'Sullivan, who is looking for regular first team football, has gone on the transfer list at his own request."

Rikki was quick to state that Steve McMahon will be allowed to find replacements.

"Money gained by the sale of

these transfer listed players will be used to strengthen the squad," he said.

And The Gaffer himself added: *"I hope the fans appreciate what we are doing is in the best interest of the Club as we need to plan ahead."*

While disappointed to see four of the squad go on the list, both Steve and Rikki are delighted that several key players have agreed to stay at Swindon.

"Some players have already accepted new long term contracts including Mark Robinson, Steve Cowe and Lee Collins.

"And I am delighted to announce that Scott Leitch has pledged his future to the Club having signed a new three and a half year contract,"

Rikki said.



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BOLTON WANDERERS	28	10	3	1	5	7	2	58	37	55
BARNLEY	26	8	3	2	5	5	3	45	30	47
SHEFFIELD UNITED	26	6	5	2	7	2	4	44	28	46
WOLVES	26	5	3	6	7	4	1	36	23	43
CRYSTAL PALACE	26	6	3	3	4	7	3	50	28	40
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	27	6	3	5	5	4	4	38	36	40
STOKE CITY	25	9	1	2	2	6	5	33	33	40
TRANMERE ROVERS	27	7	3	4	4	3	6	36	34	39
NORWICH CITY	26	6	6	2	5	0	7	35	36	39
PORT VALE	27	3	6	4	6	5	3	30	27	38
OXFORD UNITED	27	8	3	2	2	4	8	37	31	37
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	27	8	3	3	1	5	7	32	35	35
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	27	6	4	3	4	1	9	29	36	35
IPSWICH TOWN	27	5	6	2	3	4	7	34	38	34
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	27	3	6	5	4	6	3	43	44	33
SWINDON TOWN	26	7	2	3	3	1	10	36	34	33
PORTSMOUTH	28	6	3	5	3	3	8	30	35	33
BIRMINGHAM CITY	24	6	4	1	2	5	6	24	23	33
READING	27	6	6	2	1	3	9	30	39	30
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	25	3	5	4	3	4	6	28	31	27
MANCHESTER CITY	26	6	2	5	2	1	10	28	41	27
BRADFORD CITY	28	5	4	5	1	4	9	26	44	26
SOUTHEND UNITED	26	4	5	4	1	5	7	25	46	25
GRIMSBY TOWN	25	3	4	7	2	4	5	27	45	23



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	22(2)	8	5	2	27(2)	10
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
STEVE COWE	15(5)	4	4(1)	0	19(6)	4
IAN CULVERHOUSE	17	0	5	0	22	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	18(2)	0	4	0	22(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	11	0	1	-	12	0
JASON DRYSDALE	5	0	2(1)	0	7(1)	0
GARY ELKINS	14(2)	0	3	0	17(2)	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	25	6	6	0	31	6
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	7	0	-	-	7	0
SCOTT LEITCH	23	0	6	1	29	1
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	13(5)	0	2(1)	1	15(6)	1
MARK ROBINSON	24	1	5	0	29	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	16(1)	0	4(1)	0	20(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1(3)	0	0	0	1(3)	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	20(1)	5	5	1	25(1)	6
KEVIN WATSON	11(5)	1	1(2)	0	12(7)	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*	8,976
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 0-2	10,102
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H 2-2	8,948
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A 1-0	10,605
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A 0-3	20,411
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A 1-2	8,763
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
SAT JAN 25	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
WED FEB 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	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 JANUARY 25TH 1997



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-off's 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	SMITH●	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON■	COWE	THORNE▼	HORLOCK	ALLEN	WALTERS■	FINNEY▼
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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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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■
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS■	LEITCH	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	COLLINS●	THORNE	ALLISON	WALTERS	FINNEY	GOODEN■	WATSON●
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Mike Spearman
Chairman

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Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	David Kerslake
3	Gary Elkins
4	Scott Leitch
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Mark Robinson
7	Ian Culverhouse
8	Kevin Watson
9	Steve Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Peter Thorne
13	Steve McMahon
14	Wayne O'Sullivan

Team Changes

Bradford City

1	Mark Schwarzer
2	Marco Sas
3	Wayne Jacobs
4	Sergio Pinto
5	Nicky Mohan
6	Andrew O'Brien
7	Chris Waddle
8	Lee Duxbury
9	Carl Shutt
10	Robert Steiner
11	Des Hamilton
12	Andy Kiwomya
13	Richard Liburd
14	Gordon Cowans

Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:
K. Leach (Wolverhampton)



Assisted by:
M. Singh (West Midlands)
Mrs W.A. Toms (Dorset)

Reserve Official:
R. Maynard (Bristol)

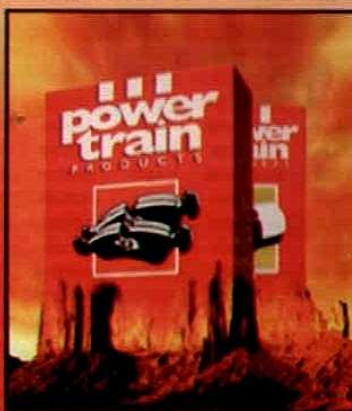


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