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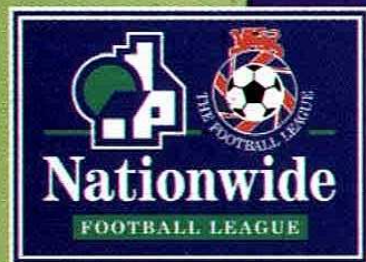


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# welcome to today's game

***The sooner we forget about last Saturday's result the better!***

That's not to say we won't learn from the experience but the lads now have the chance to get the wheels back on with two home games in a row.

This afternoon we take on Port Vale and next Saturday battling Bury are the visitors, so two solid home displays will be just what the doctor ordered after our wounding last week.

Since our last game here at the County Ground, a scrappy 2-1 victory over Tranmere Rovers, the team went to West Brom where they emerged with a precious point following a 0-0 draw.

Unfortunately that gutsy form wasn't carried over to Maine Road and while we were slipping to defeat, today's opponents Port Vale were notching up a superb 2-0 home victory over Queens Park Rangers.

That result put them just a point behind us so there is an awful lot at stake when kick-off arrives.

Both games against Vale were very tight last season as a Mark Robinson free kick made sure of a point in a 1-1 draw here, before we went down by the only goal of the game in the return match.

It is bound to be another close call so get behind the lads and let's erase the memory of that Manchester mauling.

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**NEXT MATCH** Saturday 11th  
October vs  
Bury

The County Ground is again the venue for our next match against Bury a week today and I hope you'll get behind us for that one.

It promises to be a tough game against a Bury side who have picked up some useful results since being promoted last season.

With your continued backing I know we can keep up among the top sides - so make it loud!



# Steve McMahon says

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**To be honest with you, as I write these notes, last week's result at Manchester City still hasn't really sunk in.**

I just hope it doesn't affect us from now until the end of the season and that the hiding we took doesn't spark off a bad run of results for us - that's all I'm concerned about.

A result like that can easily happen to any team. I spoke to Alex Ferguson earlier in the week and he said "keep your chin up". They got beat 5-0 at Newcastle last year and 6-3 at Southampton and went on to win the League!

I'm not saying we're going to win the league but it just goes to show that those results do happen sometimes - even to the biggest teams in Europe.

## A one off

Let's just hope it was a one off and that they don't continue to happen because if they do - we'll be in big trouble.

Last Saturday it was a case of City getting it half right and us getting it all wrong and the combination made City look a lot better than they really were. But you have got to give credit to them, they took their chances and in the end could have scored a couple more.

## Apologies

All I can do is apologise to those of you who made the journey to Maine Road, it was embarrassing.

We've been working extra hard in training all week in an attempt to put things right but the only way we can make up for it is by showing you what we are made of today against Port Vale.

With two home games in a row the players have the perfect opportunity to get the disappointment of last week out of their systems.

## A point to prove

They now have a chance to restore some faith in you the supporters, their own families and themselves - they've got a lot to prove.

Hopefully we might have Philippe Cuervo back in contention today because there is no doubt we have missed his flair, but it's probably too early for the likes of Ian Culverhouse and Craig Taylor who have now returned to action for the Reserves.

## Loan deals

As far as the two loan signings are concerned, well with a bit of luck Chris Casper's spell here will have been extended by the time you read this and I've also been trying to keep Brian Borrows for another month with a view to a more permanent deal.

We had another trialist in this week with Christian Johansson coming over from Sweden to show us what he could do.

He was due to play for the Reserves at Portsmouth on Wednesday but at the last minute we found out that his Club would not let him play in a competitive match for us.

You can't see how good a player is just by watching him in training, so unfortunately he went back home without getting a game.



# today's visitors *The Valiants* port vale

***This afternoon we extend a warm County Ground welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Port Vale Football Club for this Nationwide League Division One game.***

We hope you all enjoy your trip to Wiltshire and wish you a safe journey home after the match.

For a club struggling under all the familiar constraints of a smaller outfit - cash flow problems, being forced to sell your top players to survive - Port Vale give hope to all of us.

Last season John Rudge's troops ended up in a highly creditable eighth spot in the First Division - their best finish since 1934 - and they have started the current campaign in much the same vein.

Last Saturday's 2-0 win over fellow promotion hopefuls QPR,

with goals from Tony Naylor and Dutch import Mark Werner Snijders lifted Vale back into eighth place, with other highly impressive results coming in beating Sunderland (3-1) and drawing away at Wolves (1-1).

Following the sale of Steve



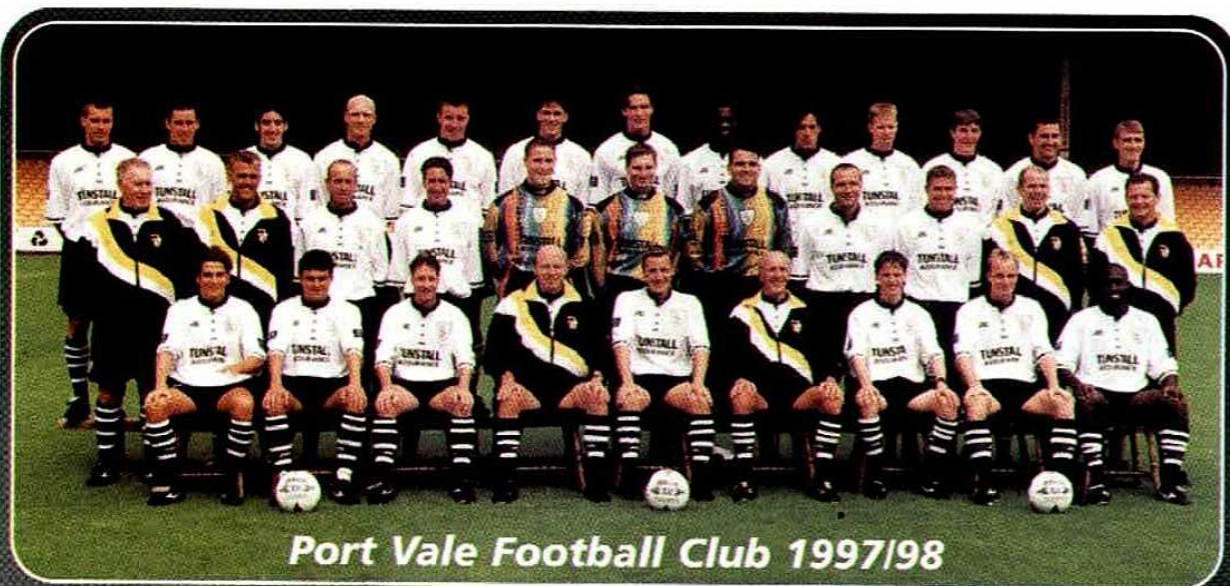
Guppy to Leicester and dashing winger Jon McCarthy to Birmingham, many predicted that Vale would be down among the dead men already - but they have once more confounded the critics, with the partnership of Naylor and Lee Mills again working well.

Mills, in particular, finished last season in spectacular form - indeed he scored Vale's winner against Swindon on March 22nd - and he has begun well again, with four goals in the first eight games of the current campaign.

Despite the encouraging form of last season, the Valiants were in a somewhat less healthy state off the park, with Chairman Bill Bell reportedly threatening to close the Club down if a new buyer could not be found.

The two high profile summer sales have helped balance the books a little, though, and happily matters seem to have settled down in that direction now.

Town failed to beat Vale in the League last season, with a 1-1 draw coming here at the County Ground in the second game of 1997/98. That is a statistic that Steve McMahon and Co will be hoping to change this afternoon.



**Port Vale Football Club 1997/98**

**Back Row:** (left to right)

Jan Jansson, Allen Tankard, Simon Armstrong, Neil Aspin, Steve Williams, Lee Mills, Gareth Griffiths, Jermaine Holwyn, Justin O'Reilly, Rogier Koordes, Liam Burns, Stewart Talbot, Dean Glover.

**Middle Row:** (left to right)

Stan Nicholls (Kit Man), Mark Grew (Youth Team Coach), Martin Foyle, Wayne Corden, Matthew Boswell, Paul Musselwhite, Arjan van Heusden, Andy Hill, Richard Eyre, Rick Carter (Physio), Jim Cooper (Community Officer).

**Front Row:** (left to right)

Matthew Carragher, Ian Bogle, Tony Naylor, John Rudge (Manager), Andy Porter, Bill Dearden (Coach), Tony McShane, Jon McCarthy (now Birmingham), Dean Stokes.



# player profile The Valiants



# port vale

## Goalkeepers

### Paul Musselwhite

A tall, commanding 'keeper who started last season in unfamiliar territory, as second choice at Vale Park. He regained the No1 shirt in mid-October and kept it for almost the whole of the rest of 1996/97.

**Born:** Portsmouth, 22.12.68  
**Height:** 6ft 2in  
**Weight:** 14st 4lb  
**League record last season:** 33 games, 0 goals  
**Honours:** Autoglass Trophy 1993

Era	Club	Games
91/92	Scunthorpe	132
96/97	Port Vale	203

### Arjan van Heusden

After two seasons spent mainly on the sidelines at Vale Park, Arjan began last term as first choice for the Valiants and had an extended run in the side before losing out to Paul Musselwhite in October. He signed a new one-year contract with the club in the summer and is currently on loan at Oxford.

**Born:** Alphen, Holland, 11.12.72  
**Height:** 6ft 2in  
**Weight:** 13st 12lb  
**League record last season:** 13 games, 0 goals  
**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	22

## Defenders

### Neil Aspin

Vale's Club Captain and all-round inspiration, Aspin has twice been voted 'Player of the Year' at Vale Park and is still the driving force behind the side.

**Born:** Gateshead, 12.04.65  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Weight:** 13st 12lb  
**League record last season:** 33 games, 0 goals  
**Honours:** Autoglass Trophy 1993

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Leeds	240
96/97	Port Vale	292

### Dean Glover

Vale's captain when they won the Autoglass Trophy at Wembley in 1993, Dean is currently in his Testimonial season with the club. A reliable and consistent central defender.

**Born:** West Bromwich, 29.12.63  
**Height:** 5ft 11in  
**Weight:** 12st 2lb  
**League record last season:** 42 games, 2 goals  
**Honours:** Autoglass Trophy 1993

Era	Club	Games
86/87	A. Villa	23
86/87	Sheff Utd	5
87/88	A. Villa	5
88/89	Middlesbrough	50
96/97	Port Vale	338

### Andy Hill

Originally signed as cover for the injured Neil Aspin in August 1995, Andy is now first choice right-back at Vale Park. Tough-tackling player who is approaching 450 League games.

**Born:** Maltby, 20.01.65  
**Height:** 5ft 11in  
**Weight:** 13st 10lb  
**League record last season:** 38 games, 1 goal  
**Honours:** England Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
83/84	Man Utd	-
90/91	Bury	264
94/95	Man City	98
96/97	Port Vale	73

### Jermaine Holwyn

Plagued by injury since joining Vale, Jermaine missed the whole of 1995/96 with cruciate damage and then suffered further knee problems last season which necessitated summer surgery. Comfortable anywhere in the back four.

**Born:** Amsterdam, Holland, 16.04.73  
**Height:** 5ft 10in  
**Weight:** 11st 8lb  
**League record last season:** 7 games, 0 goals  
**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	7

### Dean Stokes

Valuable squad member who provides defensive cover, particularly in the left-back position. Strong tackler with good pace.

**Born:** Birmingham, 23.05.70  
**Height:** 5ft 8in  
**Weight:** 11st 2lb  
**League record last season:** 10 games, 0 goals  
**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	52





*Paul  
Musselwhite*



*Andy Hill*

### Allen Tankard

Speedy left-sided full-back who is one of the first names on John Rudge's team-sheet at Vale Park thanks to his consistently high quality defending and distribution.

**Born:** Islington, 21.05.69

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 10lb

**League record last season:**

37 games, 1 goal

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Southampton	5
92/93	Wigan	209
96/97	Port Vale	131

#### **Other Defenders include:**

Mark Werner Snijders (from AZ Alkmaar, Holland, Sept. 1997, Free); Matty Carragher (from Wigan, July 1997, Free); Gareth Griffiths (from Rhyl, non-League, Feb 1993, £1,000. Out with a cruciate injury).

## Midfielders

### Ian Bogie

Having begun his career in the same Newcastle Youth team as Paul Gascoigne, Ian is the playmaker who keeps Port Vale ticking. He signed a new three-year deal with the club during the summer.

**Born:** Newcastle, 06.12.67

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 10lb

**League record last season:**

31 games, 1 goal

**Honours:** England Schools caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Newcastle	14
90/91	Preston	79
93/94	Millwall	51
94/95	L.Orient	65
96/97	Port Vale	72

### Wayne Corden

Despite being predominately right-footed, Wayne is usually seen on the left flank, where he has been in the shadow of Steve Guppy since signing pro in September 1994. He will be keen to establish himself in the first-team following Guppy's £850,000 transfer to Leicester.

**Born:** Leek, 01.11.75

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 11st 5lb

**League record last season:**

12 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	15

### Jan Jansson

Joined Vale on loan in 1996/97 - during the Swedish close season, in a bid to regain match fitness after a lengthy injury. His skilful performances in midfield impressed manager John Rudge, who moved to sign the player permanently during the summer.

**Born:** Kalmar, Sweden, 26.01.68

**Height:** 5ft 10lb

**Weight:** 12st 4lb

**League record last season:**

11 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** Sweden U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	11

### Rogier Koordes

Physical left-sided midfield player who competes with Wayne Corden for the spot vacated by Leicester-bound Steve Guppy. Able to dig in and defend, as well as get forward well.

**Born:** Haarlem, Holland, 13.06.72

**Height:** 6ft 1in

**Weight:** 12st 11lb

**League record last season:**

13 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Telstar, Holl	12
96/97	Port Vale	13

### Andy Porter

Tough-tackling and hard-working central midfield ball-winner who has also earned himself a reputation as one of the First Division's leading man-markers.

**Born:** Holmes Chapel, 17.09.68

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 12st

**League record last season:**

44 games, 4 goals

**Honours:** Autoglass Trophy 1993

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	316

### Stuart Talbot

Last season's 'Young Player of the Year' for Vale, who found himself used more away from home as Vale operated a 4-5-1 formation, when his power and pace bursting through from midfield to support the lone striker was a great asset.

**Born:** Birmingham, 14.03.73

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 13st 7lb

**League record last season:**

34 games, 4 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Port Vale	56

#### **Other Midfielders include:**

Simon Armstrong (from Boston Utd, non-League, July 1997, Free. England Youth caps)





## Forwards

### Gareth Ainsworth

Became Vale's record signing when he moved from Lincoln in September 1997. A fast and skilful right-sided striker, he was the Imps' top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1996/97.

**Born:** Blackburn, 10.05.73

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 9lb

**League record last season:**

46 games, 22 goals (all for Lincoln City)

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
91/92	Preston	5
92/93	Cambridge	4
95/96	Preston	82
96/97	Lincoln	77

### Martin Foyle

Set an unwanted new club record last season with 30 substitute appearances, the form of Tony Naylor and Lee Mills

keeping him out of the side for the most part. He handed in a transfer request during the summer, but manager John Rudge challenged him to stay and fight for his place.

**Born:** Salisbury, 02.05.63

**Height:** 5ft 11in

**Weight:** 12st 11lb

**League record last season:**

37 games, 3 goals

**Honours:** Autoglass Trophy 1993

Era	Club	Games
83/84	Southampton	12
83/84	Blackburn	-
86/87	Aldershot	98
90/91	Oxford	126
96/97	Port Vale	200

### Lee Mills

Vale's 'Player of the Year' for last season, and second top scorer with 15 goals, including the winner in the 1-0 win over Swindon in March which came in a run of eight goals in his last ten starts. A strong striker with a powerful shot.

**Born:** Mexborough, 10.07.70

**Height:** 6ft 1in

**Weight:** 12st 11lb

**League record last season:**

35 games, 13 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Wolves	25
94/95	Derby	16
96/97	Port Vale	67

### Tony Naylor

Top scorer for Vale last season with 20 goals, Tony is a nippy and skilful striker who causes all sorts of problems with his pace and trickery in the box. Almost joined Potteries' rivals Stoke in the summer, but instead signed a new four-year deal with Vale.

**Born:** Manchester, 29.03.67

**Height:** 5ft 7in

**Weight:** 10st 6lb

**League record last season:**

43 games, 17 goals

**Honours:** None.

# John Rudge the manager

Having joined Vale way back in January 1980, first as coach, then assistant manager and, four years later, as manager, John Rudge goes down as one of the most loyal men in football.

Indeed, he is currently the second longest-serving manager in the entire League, having taken up his post just nine months after Crewe's Dario Gradi.

During the close season, however, the unthinkable almost happened, with Rudge not only rumoured to be leaving Vale Park - but to be departing for deadly rivals Stoke City.

Happily for supporters of Vale that proved to be a false alarm, with a new three-year deal being signed just days before the expiry of his previous deal.

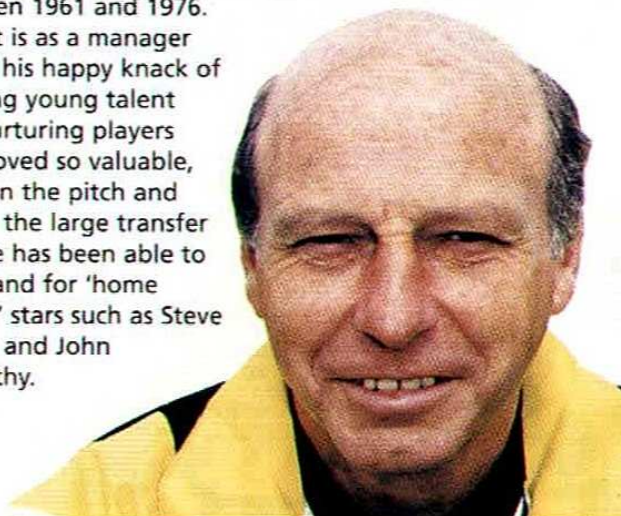
The new contract will take his time served at Vale Park to more than two decades - and he has presided over some major improvements in that time.

Rudge has been manager of the Vale Park outfit since March 1984 - when he succeeded John McGrath - and he has presided over two promotions; Four to Three in 1985/86 and from Three to the old Division Two in 1988/89; as well

as a glorious trip to Wembley in the 1993 Autoglass Trophy Final and a slightly less triumphant visit in 1995/96's Anglo-Italian Cup Final, when they lost to Genoa

As a player, Rudge began as a forward with Huddersfield Town and went on to make more than 300 senior appearances with the Terriers, Carlisle, Bristol Rovers, Torquay and Bournemouth between 1961 and 1976.

But it is as a manager where his happy knack of spotting young talent and nurturing players has proved so valuable, both on the pitch and also in the large transfer fees he has been able to command for 'home grown' stars such as Steve Guppy and John McCarthy.





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## who's played for port vale

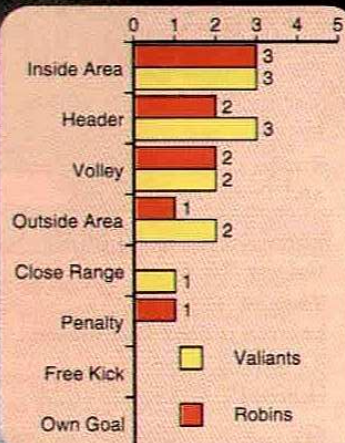
### Vale's Roll Call

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Neil Aspin	9	2		Leeds
12/4/65	2	1		
Andy Hill	9	3		Man City Bury Man Utd
20/1/65 Eng Yth	2			
Lee Mills	9	4	2	Derby Wolves
10/7/70	2	2		
Paul Musselwhite	9			Scunthorpe
22/12/68	2			Portsmouth
Stuart Talbot	9	1	4	Moor Green
14/6/73	2	1		
Allen Tankard	9	2		Wigan Southampton
21/5/69 Eng Yth	2			
Andy Porter	7(2)	1		
17/9/68	(1)			
Wayne Corden	7			
1/11/75	2			
Tony Naylor	5(1)	3		Crewe Droylsden
29/3/67	2			
Martin Foyle	4(3)	1		Oxford Aldershot
2/5/63	(2)			Southampton
				Blackburn (L)
Dean Glover	4(1)	1		Middlesbrough Villa
29/12/63	1			Sheff Utd (L)
Jon McCarthy	4	1		York Hartlepool
18/8/70 N Ire	2			
Mark Snijders	4	1	2	AZ Alkmaar
12/3/72				
Gareth Ainsworth	3(1)	1		Lincoln Preston
10/5/73				Cambridge
Ian Bogie	3(1)			Orient Millwall Preston
6/12/67 Eng Sch	1			Newcastle
Jan Jansson	2(4)			Norkopping
26/1/68 Sweden	1(1)			
Rogier Koordes	2			Telstar
13/6/72				
Dean Stokes	(3)			Halesowen
23/5/70	1			

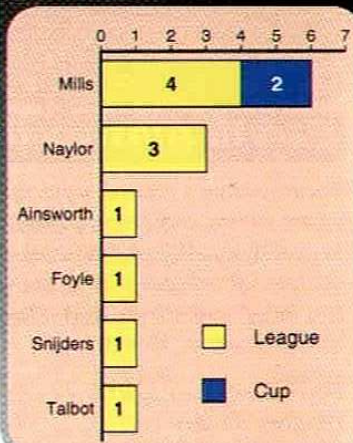
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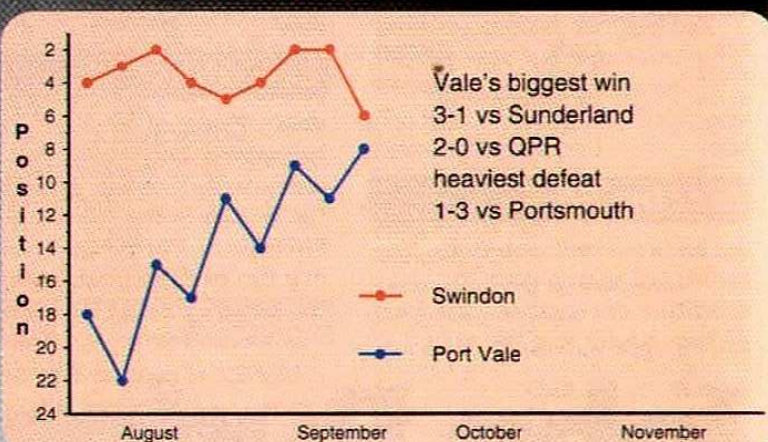
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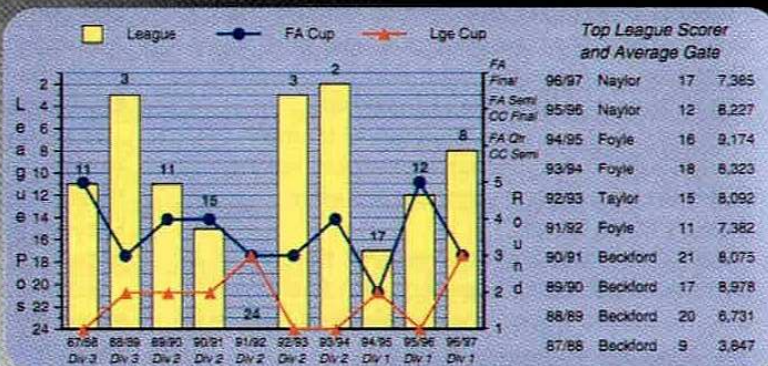
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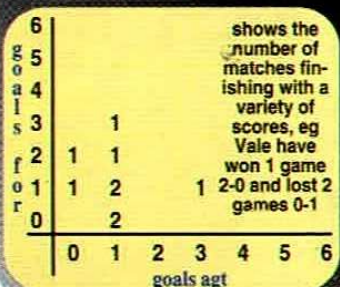
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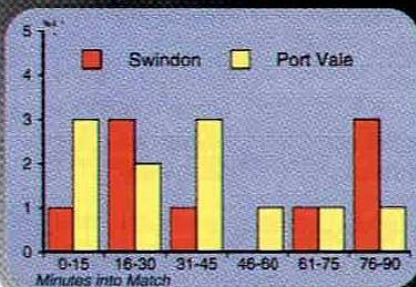
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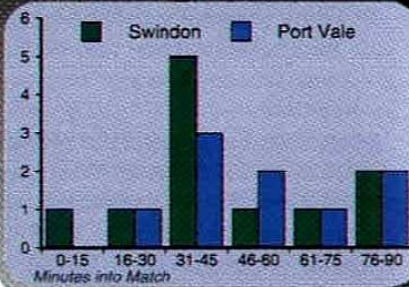
## port vale's results analysis



## when goals were scored



## and when goals conceded





# looking back...

*Dick Mattick looks back*

## 5 YEARS AGO

Despite falling behind to a 19th minute goal by Paul Furlong, Swindon recovered to lift themselves to fourth place in the Division One table with a home victory over Watford.

In the second half Summerbee centred for Maskell to head home but it was not until the

last ten minutes that Town turned their territorial superiority into further goals. Maskell scored again with a 25 yard volley in the 83rd minute and four minutes later Shaun Taylor headed home a Paul Bodin corner.

Goals by Nicky Cross, Ray Walker and Keith Houchen help

the Vale to a 3-1 home win over Brighton.

Port Vale finished the season in third place in Division Two. Whereas the season ended in Wembley joy for Town, it was Wembley disappointment for Port Vale who went down 3-0 to West Bromwich Albion in the play off final.

## 10 YEARS AGO

An inspired substitution by Lou Macari helped Town escape with a point from the Den and to dent Millwall's hundred per cent home record. Town were trailing 1-0 to a 21st minute goal by former Oxford favourite

"Chicken" George Lawrence when within a minute of replacing Kieran O'Regan, Jimmy Quinn laid on the equaliser for Steve Foley. Although Teddy Sheringham restored the Londoners' lead two minutes later, a Quinn penalty four

minutes from time earned the Robins a point. A goal by Andy Sinton was enough to send Port Vale to defeat at Brentford's Griffin Park Ground in their Third Division clash. There were 29 arrests at Scarborough where the home side beat Burnley 1-0.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Despite having Howard Pritchard sent off for a second bookable offence in the first minute of the second half, Swindon clung on for a point in a Fourth Division match at Hull. Charlie Henry and Russell Lewis

were outstanding in defence in front of Jimmy Allan who kept a clean sheet. First half goals by Bob Newton and Terry Armstrong were not enough for the Valiants who let a 2-0 half time lead slip to go down 3-2 at home to Stockport County in

Division Four but Vale went on to win promotion.

Former Port Vale winger Mark Chamberlin was selected for the full England squad after just eight games with First Division Stoke City. Reading FC was put up for sale.

## FLASH-BACK

"Danny misses dreary draw" was the headline on Daragh Croxon's Adver report of the Division Three match against Port Vale at the County Ground in October 1977. Danny Williams, the Town manager, had gone scouting to try and strengthen a side which had lost four of their previous five matches. It looked like they were heading for another defeat when Peter Sutcliffe shot Vale in front after 31 minutes. It was Steve Aizlewood shown in aerial action in the picture who equalised five minutes later when he headed home a Dave Moss corner. Also in the picture

which shows Vale keeper Trevor Dance punching clear, are Ken Stroud peering through the bodies and number 11 Gus Gilligan who was making his home debut having been selected in place of Trevor Anderson. Although Chris Guthrie and Anderson, who replaced him as a substitute, both hit the woodwork it was a poor performance and Town announced they were prepared to splash out £20,000 to buy a new defender.





# Mike Walsh's diary of the week



## Wednesday

**September 24th**

This was a big day for both Ian Culverhouse and Craig Taylor as they prepared to make their come backs from injury by playing in the Reserve team fixture at home to Norwich City.

For "Cully" it was his first game in nearly six months after surgery on his troublesome ankle and Craig was looking forward to his first match since pre-season when it was discovered he needed a hernia operation.

It was great to report that both players came through the game unscathed. Cully looked assured in his sweeper role and Craig was very dominant and aggressive which was good to see.

Unfortunately we lost the game 2-1 which was a little unfortunate but there were a lot of positives to emerge from the fixture.

## Thursday

**September 25th**

Earlier in the week Moroccan International Hassan Kachloul had joined us on a trial basis from French club Metz as we continued our policy of inviting foreigners over to see what they are capable of.

Well, Hassan did score a good goal for the Reserves which was great for him, but we felt that his overall performance did nothing to make us think he would be a valuable addition to the squad.

We will only make new signings if we feel they are better than the players we have already got and although we will continue to monitor how Hassan does, we decided to send him back home, for the time being at least.

## Friday

**September 26th**

With a very tough game coming up at Manchester City we set off from the County Ground at 10am.

When we arrived we had a quick training session and talked about what we needed to do the next day before turning in for the night at our hotel.

## Saturday

**September 27th**

Being former City players it was nice for myself and the Gaffer to be back at Maine Road but of course we only had one thing on our minds and that was bringing the three points back to Swindon.

But as you all know things didn't work out that way as we were given a hiding and I would just like to apologise to our fans who made the trip up there because we were terrible and you deserve better than that for your money.

The game plan was to try and keep Georgi Kinkladze quiet for the first 20 minutes but he scored after just seven minutes and from then on our tactics just went out of the window.

## Sunday

**September 28th**

I have no doubt that several players had a lot to think about while they were at home relaxing after the humiliation the previous day. I just hope there is a positive reaction after a performance like that and that the players want to put things right just as much as we do.

## Monday

**September 29th**

As you would expect the County Ground was not the happiest of places to be as we all tried to come to terms with what had happened at Maine Road.

All the players came in and we talked about what had gone wrong on Saturday and we even put ourselves through the pain of watching a video of the game - just to highlight the many mistakes we had made.

On a more positive note we welcomed on board another trialist as Christian Johansson, a 22 year old defender, joined us for a week from Swedish Premier League side Elsborg.

## Tuesday

**September 30th**

We got down to some really hard work out on the training ground and tried to put Saturday's nightmare out of our minds.

It was now a case of lifting all the players in readiness for Saturday's home game against Port Vale.

## Wednesday

**October 1st**

Unfortunately trialist Christian Johansson couldn't play for the Reserves in their game at Portsmouth as his Club would not give him permission to take part in a competitive game for us. We are not in the position to be able to sign someone by simply watching them in training so we had no alternative but to send him home. It was unfortunate for the lad but was due to circumstances beyond our control.



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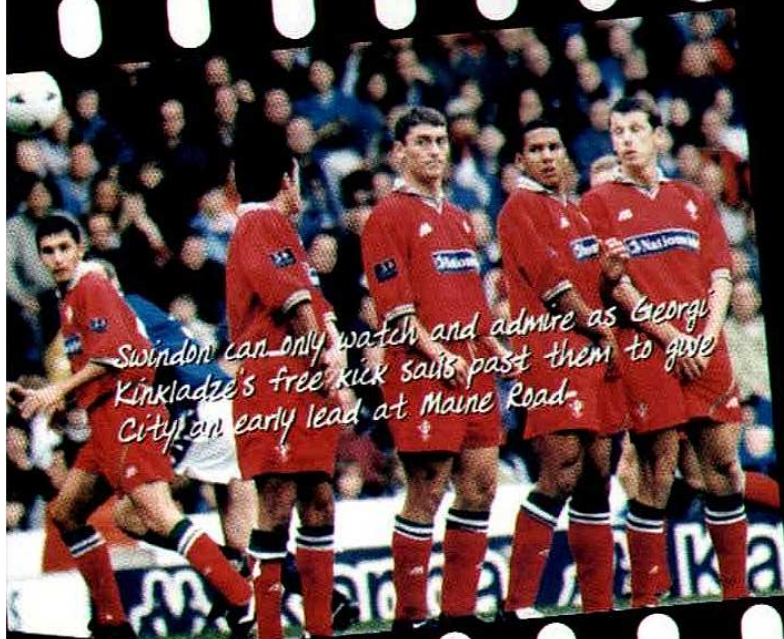
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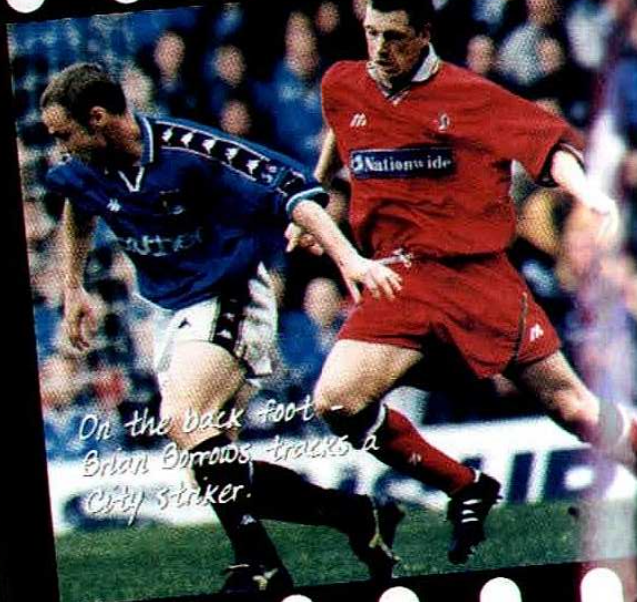


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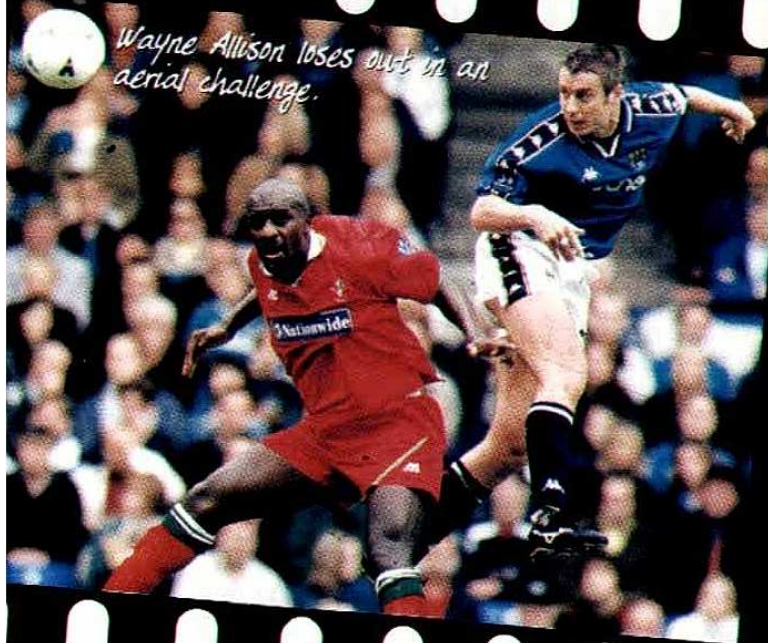
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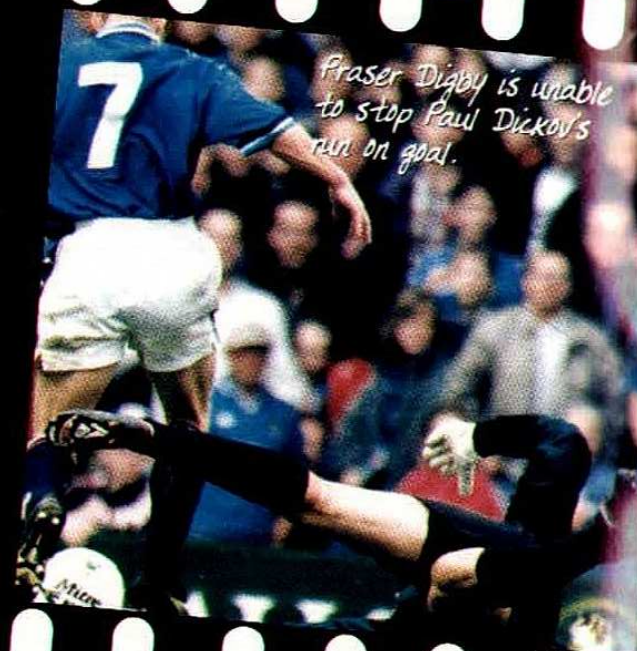
Swindon can only watch and admire as Giorgi Kinkladze's free kick sails past them to give City an early lead at Maine Road.



On the back foot - Brian Borrows tracks a City striker.

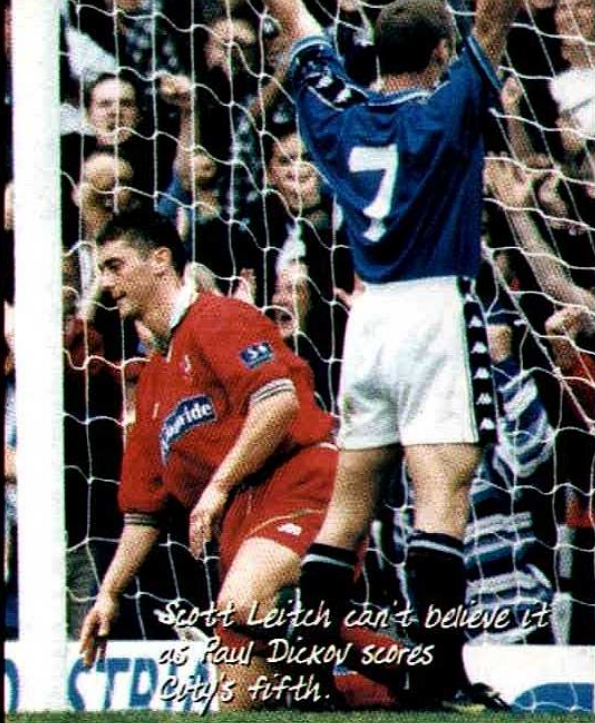


Wayne Allison loses out in an aerial challenge.



Fraser Digby is unable to stop Paul Dickov's run on goal.





*Scott Leitch can't believe it as Paul Dickov scores City's fifth.*



*Clash of heads - Wayne Allison with City's Kit Symons.*



## RESULT...

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER  
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Man City 6  
Swindon Town 0**

Attendance 26,646

## TEAM...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Frederic Darras (Drysedale 53mins)
- 3 Brian Borrows
- 4 Darren Bullock
- 5 Chris Casper
- 6 Alan McDonald
- 7 Alex Smith (Walters 53mins)
- 8 Scott Leitch
- 9 Steve Cowe (Hay 53mins)
- 10 Wayne Allison
- 11 Ty Gooden

## MATCH REPORT

Having struggled since the start of the season, City suddenly found their form in what Maine Road manager Frank Clark described as his side's best performance since he took over. Once Goergi Kinkladze had given City an early lead with a superb free kick, there was no way back for Swindon who found themselves 3-0 down at half time after an own goal by Chris Casper and a header by former Town star Kevin Horlock.

Paul Dickov struck twice in quick succession after the break before Lee Bradbury completed the tally to leave Swindon licking their wounds. "It was an embarrassing performance," admitted Steve McMahon afterwards and on loan defender Chris Casper added:

"We have got to learn from it and make sure it doesn't happen again. Once they scored the first it was backs against the wall but if we had managed to keep them quiet for the first 20 minutes, which had been our game plan, it could have been very different."



# reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



## Match report.

**Avon Insurance Combination Division One.**

**Brighton & HA Reserves 0  
Swindon Town Reserves 2**

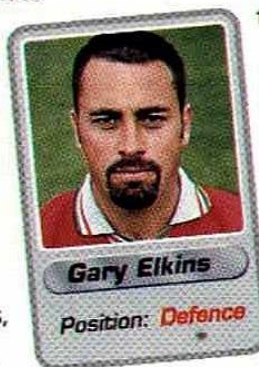
**We finally got our show on the road with a comfortable victory at Brighton, this after four successive defeats.**

The lads showed a thoroughly professional attitude on a disgraceful pitch and took a first half lead when Alex Smith's corner was headed in by Mark Seagraves.

Smith helped set up the second goal on the hour when his through ball sent Steve Finney clear and after being brought down in the area,

We continued to dominate the match and had enough chances to have won much more convincingly but I was pleased with the result and delighted with our first clean sheet of the season.

**Team:** Talia, Pattimore, King, Watson, Seagraves, Elkins, Thorne, Collins, Finney, Cowe, Smith. Subs not used: Hulbert, Meechan, Campagna.



**Gary Elkins**

**Position:** Defence

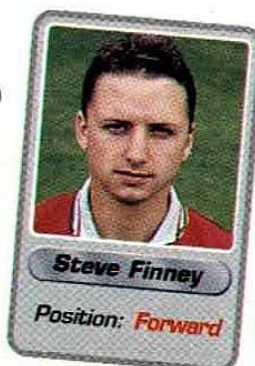
something out of the game.

We fell behind in the 24th minute when Steve Mildenhall could only push a header onto the bar and the rebound was bundled in.

But we hit back within 60 seconds as Gary Elkins' inch perfect cross was

headed into the top corner by trialist Hassan Kachloul, a Moroccan international.

Steve Finney nearly gave us the lead when his header went just wide after outjumping Bryan Gunn and at half time I was pleased with the way we had



**Steve Finney**

**Position:** Forward

**Swindon Town Reserves 1  
Norwich City Reserves 2**

**Defenders Ian Culverhouse and Craig Taylor both made impressive come backs from injury but we still lost by the odd goal in three.**

## Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
DARREN BULLOCK	3	0	0	0	3	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
STEVE COWE	5	1	0	0	5	1
LEE COLLINS	6	0	0	0	6	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	1	0	0	0	1	0
SOL DAVIS	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	1	0	0	0	1	0
GARY ELKINS	6	0	0	0	6	0
ALEX FINLAYSON	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	5	1	0	0	5	1
PETER HOLCROFT	2	0	0	0	2	0
ROBIN HULBERT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
HASSAN KACHLOUL	1	1	0	0	1	1
PHIL KING	2	0	0	0	2	0
STEPHANE LEONI	1	0	0	0	1	0
PAUL McAREAVEY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
STEVE McMAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
ALEX MEECHAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	2	1	0	0	2	1
ALEX SMITH	5	0	0	0	5	0
FRANK TALIA	5	0	0	0	5	0
CRAG TAYLOR	1	0	0	0	1	0
WAYNE THORNE	3(2)	0	0	0	3(2)	0
MARK WALTERS	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WAYSON	6	0	0	0	6	0

## FIXTURES 97/98

### Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Tue Aug 12	Crystal Palace	A 1.2
WED AUG 20	TOTTENHAM	H 0-2
Thur Aug 28	West Ham United	A 0-1
WED SEP 03	LUTON TOWN	H PP
WED SEP 10	CHALTON ATHLETIC	H 0-1
Mon Sep 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-0
THU SEP 25	NORWICH CITY	H 1-2
Wed Oct 01	Portsmouth	A 1.00
Wed Oct 08	Wimbledon	A 2.00
WED OCT 15	IPSWICH TOWN	H 7.15
Wed Oct 22	Watford	A 7.30
WED OCT 29	ARSENAL	H 7.15
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 7.00
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 7.15
Thur Nov 20	QPR	A 7.00
WED NOV 26	MILLWALL	H 7.15
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 7.15
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 7.00
WED DEC 17	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 7.15
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A 7.00
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 7.15
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 7.30
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 7.15
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 7.00
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 7.15
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 2.00
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 7.15
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 2.00
Wed Mar 18	Oxford United	A 7.30
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 7.15
WED APR 01	Q.P.R.	H 7.15
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7.30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 7.30
WED APR 22	WATFORD	H 7.15

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above.  
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passed the ball with Kevin Watson and Robin Hulbert bossing the midfield.

Chances were few and far between after the break with Steve Finney seeing a long range shot well saved while Steve Mildenhall did well in a one on one situation with a Norwich forward.

But we lost concentration 15 minutes from time when poor marking at a free kick allowed Danny Mills to head home unchallenged.

**Team:** Mildenhall, Collins, Elkins, Watson, Seagraves (Campagna 45), Taylor, Culverhouse (Thorne 63), Hulbert, Finney, Meechan, Kouchoul. Sub not used: McSherry.

**▶ NEXT HOME GAME**

**Wednesday 15th  
October 1997**

**⚡ Ipswich  
Town**

**Kick-Off 7.15pm**

**▶ NEXT AWAY GAME**

**Wednesday 8th  
October 1997**

**⚡ Wimbledon**

**Kick-Off 2.00pm**

**▶ THE LEAGUE**

**Avon Insurance  
Combination Div 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Tottenham H.	8	6	0	2	15	9	18	+08
Crystal Palace	7	5	0	2	14	8	15	+06
Arsenal	7	4	2	1	18	9	14	+09
Millwall	7	3	2	2	8	8	11	00
Charlton Athletic	8	3	1	2	12	7	10	+05
Portsmouth	7	2	4	1	8	5	10	+03
Oxford United	7	2	4	1	10	9	10	+01
West Ham United	8	3	1	4	13	15	10	-02
Norwich City	7	2	4	2	9	14	10	-05
Wimbledon	7	2	3	2	9	5	9	+04
Southampton	7	2	3	2	12	11	9	+01
Watford	7	2	3	2	7	7	9	00
Leeds United	6	2	2	2	8	9	8	-01
Ipswich Town	7	2	2	3	7	14	8	-07
Sheff Wed	7	1	3	3	8	12	6	-04
Q.P.B.	7	1	2	4	8	12	5	-04
Brighton & H.A.	7	1	2	4	7	15	5	-08
SWINDON TOWN	6	1	0	5	4	8	2	-06



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## FIXTURES 97/98

### South East Counties League Division 2

SAT	AUG 09	BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat	Aug 16	Southampton	A 1-2
SAT	AUG 23	LUTON TOWN	H 2-4
WED	AUG 27	CARDIFF CITY (UFC1)	H 3-3
Sat	Aug 30	Reading	A 3-1
Tue	Sep 9	Cardiff City (UFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
SAT	SEP 13	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
WED	SEP 17	P'BORO LTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
Sat	Sep 20	Colchester United	A 2-1
SAT	SEP 27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Tue	Sep 30	P'boro Ltd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A
SAT	OCT 11	WYCOMBE W.	H
SAT	OCT 18	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC2)	H
Sat	Oct 25	Wimbledon	A
Sat	Nov 01	Tottenham Hotspur	A
SAT	NOV 08	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat	Nov 15	Barnet	A
SAT	NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Sat	Dec 06	Bristol City	A
SAT	DEC 13	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A
SAT	JAN 03	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat	Feb 07	AFC Bournemouth	A
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H
SAT	MAR 07	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A

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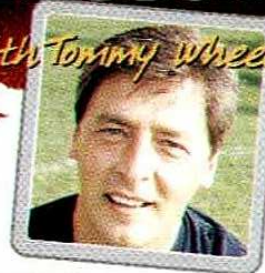
### West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	A 4-2
AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	H 2-3
Sept 06	Cheltenham Town	A pp
SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-2
OCT 04	(LEAGUE CUP ROUND 1)	
Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H
OCT 25	YEovil TOWN	H
Nov 01	orquay United	A
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H
Nov 15	Bashley	A
NOV 22	(LEAGUE CUP ROUND 2)	
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H
Dec 06	Bristol City	A
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Jan 03	Cardiff City	A
JAN 10	CHELTHAM TOWN	H
Jan 17	Cirencester Town	A
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H
Jan 31	Hereford United	A
FEB 07	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Feb 14	Swansea City	A
Feb 21	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H

All home Saturday fixtures kick-off at 11.00am. Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At the British Rail Ground. Kick-off times are subject to change without prior warning.

# youth team focus

with Tommy Wheelodon



### South East Counties League Cup.

#### Swindon Town Youth 1 Portsmouth Youth 0

A goal by Alex Meechan was enough to see us through this league cup tie after a solid team performance.

Meechan scored in the 35th minute and we continued to dominate until just before the break when it took a miraculous goal line clearance by Wayne Thorne to keep us in front.

As Portsmouth pushed forward in the second half, Thorne again came to our rescue with another goal line clearance and a fine save by Anthony Betterton made sure of our progress through to the next round.

**Team:** Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Thorne, Hodson, Culbertson, McSherry, Hulbert, McAreavey, Meechan, Robinson. Subs not used: O'Connell, Mills.

### South West Counties League.

#### Swindon Town Academy 1 Cirencester Academy 2

A poor second half showing led to an odd goal defeat as all our good early work was undone.

Neil Dix gave us a deserved 10th minute lead but when Dix was carried off after coming off worse in a 50/50 challenge with the keeper, our chances faded fast.

Poor defending allowed Cirencester to draw level before the break and they took control of the second half to run out winners.

**Team:** Tarran, Taylor, Brogden, Cairns, Sharps, Bennett, Campello, Butley, Jordan, Hughes, Dix. Subs used: Spurtey, Clayton

### Midland Youth Cup First Round.

#### Swindon Town Youth 1 Peterborough Youth 1

We were fortunate to get a second bite at the cherry after a poor overall performance in the Midland Cup.

Goalkeeper Anthony Betterton was the hero with several outstanding saves, particularly in the first half.

Ian McSherry gave us a second half lead with a well taken header following a great cross by Alex Meechan but United hit back to level and force a deserved replay.

**Team:** Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Thorne, Hodson, Culbertson, McSherry, Hulbert, McAreavey (O'Connell), Meechan, Robinson (MacDiarmid). Sub not used: Mills.

### NEXT HOME GAME

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES**  
**Saturday 11th**  
**October 1997**

**Wycombe Wanderers**

**Kick-Off 11am**

### NEXT HOME GAME

**SOUTH WEST COUNTIES**  
**Saturday 18th**  
**October 1997**

**Swansea City**

**Kick-Off 11am**





Alex Meechan



Bradley Peters

### South East Counties League.

#### Colchester United Youth 1 Swindon Town Youth 2

Superb strikes by Alex Meechan and Robin Hulbert saw us to victory at Colchester in a good all round display.

Meechan gave us the lead with a delightful turn and chip after 18 minutes and 10 minutes later Robin Hulbert added the second with a sweet left foot shot. Colchester pegged one back just after the break and Swindon had to defend stoutly to hold onto the points.

**Team:** Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Organ, Hodson, Culbertson, Hulbert, Thorne, O'Connell, Meechan, McSherry.  
**Subs not used:** Hughes, Bennett.

### South West Counties League.

#### Exeter City Youth 2 Swindon Town Youth 1

The lads battled bravely against a strong Exeter team but in the end had nothing to show for their efforts.

Karl Robinson gave us a first half lead before Exeter hit back with two second half goals.

**Team:** Tarran, Taylor, Jordan, Cope, Sharps, Cairns, Mills, Spurtey, Campello, Robinson, Butley. **Subs used:** Clayton, Pottinger.

### South East Counties League.

#### Swindon Town Youth 4 Bournemouth Youth 2

Alex Meechan took his tally of goals to seven in 10 games after striking twice in our victory

over Bournemouth.

But we made hard work of things as the visitors were allowed to hit back from 3-0 down to 3-2 before we killed them off near the end.

Meechan scored after just two minutes and we took complete control when the same player lobbed home the second shortly afterwards.

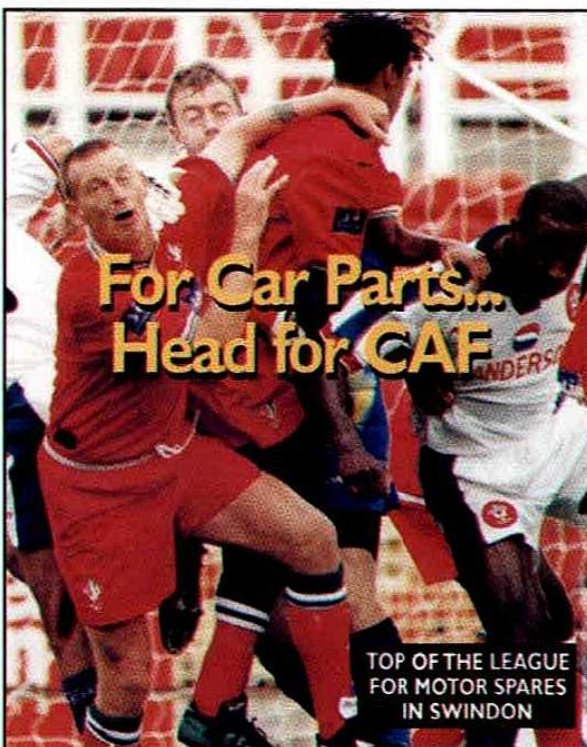
An own goal made it 3-0 but we then seemed to take our foot off the pedal as Bournemouth got back into the game with a goal either side of half time.

However Bradley Peters made the points safe when he popped up to score 10 minutes from time.

**Team:** Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson, O'Connell, Hulbert, Thorne, Culbertson, Meechan, McSherry.  
**Subs not used:** Robinson, Mills.

## Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
ANTHONY BETTERTON	4	0	2	0	6	0
PETER CAIRNS	1(2)	0	(1)	0	1(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	6	0	4	0	10	0
RICKY CULBERTSON	3(2)	0	4	0	7(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	3	1	(1)	0	3(1)	1
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	0	1	0	3	0
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0
STUART HODSON	6	0	4	1	10	1
ALAN HUGHES	2	0	(1)	0	2(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	3	2	3	0	6	2
PHIL MACDIARMID	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PAUL McAREAVEY	5	2	3	2	8	4
IAN McSHERRY	2(3)	0	2(1)	1	4(4)	1
ALEX MEECHAN	6	6	4	1	10	7
JAMIE MILLS	2	0	2	0	4	0
CHRIS ORGAN	1	0	0	0	1	0
CHRIS O'CONNELL	5(1)	1	1(1)	0	6(2)	1
BRADLEY PETERS	4(1)	1	3	0	7(1)	1
KARL ROBINSON	1(1)	0	4	0	5(1)	0
MICHAEL TARRAN	0	0	1	0	1	0
WAYNE THORNE	6	0	4	0	10	0



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# community scheme news

*with Clive & Jon*

Since our summer courses came to an end in August, Jon and I have been busy working in local and surrounding Primary Schools to spark off an interest in football and of course Swindon Town Football Club in particular.

We have set up several after school team clubs at places such as Beechcroft Infants, Box Primary School and St Peters in Marlborough.

These are run after school, with children paying £1 per hourly session up until the Half Term holiday. In their final session all the youngsters involved receive a comprehensive goodie bag.

If you think your teacher and school may be interested, please get them to telephone us as soon as possible as things are getting really hectic.

While we are on the subject of schools, a quick reminder to all you Head Teachers who have not yet returned your entry forms for our prestigious Community Office 8-a-side tournament.

The closing date for this is the Friday before Half Term so please get your slips in to avoid disappointment.

Today we have a very special guest with us in Anthony Reeves, who along with his father has been a lifelong supporter of the Club.

Mr Reeves originates from Shrivenham but moved to Oxfordshire some years ago. However he continues to support the Club through thick and thin.

Anthony, who plays for Thame Boys was diagnosed as having leukemia just over two years ago. Jon and I have kept a close eye on his progress and we are delighted to say that through his great courage and determination he is now in remission.

Jon and I were proud to be invited to Thame Boys' presentation evening in May when we learnt the terrific news of Anthony's progress.

He is here today along with his family and before the game Anthony will be presented with our smart new away shirt by Steve McMahon.

Have a great day Anthony.



Clive Maguire

Jon Holloway



The new Soccer Centres courses have now started. For further details contact Tom Jones: 01793 644777.



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# JUNIOR ROBINS

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## Junior Robins Disco

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All families who confirmed their places before 1st October will gain free admission this evening.

**Unfortunately we will not be admitting anyone who is hoping to pay on the door. this option was subject to availability but we are expecting maximum numbers and can not admit any more than the capacity allows. We apologise for any disappointment and recommend that next time you book in advance.**

Please remember to bring your Junior Robins card to obtain your free raffle ticket and surprise gift.

## Weekly Training

If you went along to the Oasis Leisure Centre on Monday for the new training session, I am sure

you enjoyed an excellent hour of coaching. The training has been incorporated with our Soccer Centres Scheme which allows children with ability to be spotted and given the opportunity to progress through to our Centres of Excellence - the first step on the ladder to being a professional footballer. One day the fans could be watching you play for the Town!

If you did not return the form you received with your Newsletters you will not be able to attend the training. A register will be kept of all Junior Robins and please remember to bring your Junior Robins card and £2.00 fee.

Before kick-off today, Junior Robin Michael Sturmey will receive a Swindon Town shirt from Fraser Digby. Michael voted for Fraser as Swindon's Sports Personality of the Year recently and his name was drawn from the box to meet Fraser in person.

**To join the Junior Robins or become a mascot call Louise in the Marketing Dept on:  
01793 532121**

# mascots...mascots...

## Today's mascots

Congratulations to Town mascot, **Thomas Frankham**, who is the Junior Robin competition winner to be mascot today. Thomas was delighted when he was told he had won the prize and we wish him and his family a wonderful day.

**Steven Weller** is celebrating his 11th birthday today so Many Happy Returns from everyone at the County Ground. Steven, from Urchfont, Wiltshire, attends Lavington School and his hobbies include football, rugby,



cricket, computer games and supporting the Town. Spending time with the team today will be a great experience for Steven as his ambition is to play for Swindon Town.

**Timothy Hall** will be 9 years old on the 28th September and lives in Eldene, Swindon. He is a pupil at Eldene Junior School and as well as computers he enjoys all sports including cycling and football and plays for the Stratton under 10's team. Tim's favourite player is Wayne Allison.



"Hey kids make some noise"

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# tony horne's view from a far

*I write, on the back of the first major disappointment of the season...*

**...namely the 6-0 drubbing at Manchester City. An unhappy return for the Gaffer, delight for Kevin Horlock.**

This was particularly upsetting because of the good start we have made this season, and because we all know in our heart of hearts that there is only one team in Manchester and we should not have been turned over so convincingly by these guys. United maybe, City no way. The Manchester City managerial job is one they dub 'poisoned chalice', and the club has consistently underachieved lately, and, in my opinion, is flattered to be constantly referred to as a 'sleeping giant'. I am sure all Swindon fans are hoping this

result is just a hiccup.

Meanwhile.....funny goings-on in Nationwide land. In Division 2, who would have predicted Keegan's return? Er, actually, I did! A week before the messiah's return, I was actually on Metro FM in Newcastle, predicting that it would be Fulham for Kev. The news has gone down as badly on Tyneside as it has by the Thames-though gag-writers have had a field day, citing the fact the KK had said he was turning his back on football, and he was true to his word, by joining Fulham. If Fulham start to get going now, and Swindon Town fail to get promoted this year, I would just love it if they would do us the honour of coming to the County Ground next season! His first fixture in charge was at Wigan - hardly the Nou Camp is it ?

Meanwhile Nationwide 1's biggest freeloader is thankfully away, so he won't be making an appearance at The County Ground this season. Yes, Fabrizio Ravanelli is gone, and good riddance. I feel very strongly that FIFA should have imposed a worldwide ban on Rava, who has just behaved so shockingly. Arvedederici team-player! Not that anyone is likely to shell out £42k a week anyway, but you would think twice now about signing a 30 year old Italian if you really wanted your team to do the business, when it really mattered. Amazingly, and ironically, the one guy whom last season, you could find anywhere in the world except Middlesbrough, has stayed. Or will nobody buy Emerson?

*Enjoy the game today. Thoughts to Tony@horne.ace.co.uk*

## OUTSTANDING IN OUR FIELD

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# centre of excellence

*with Phil Cannon*

**Last weekend our Under 13's and Under 15's entertained Southampton at our training ground - and very entertaining they both were.**

Trying to watch both games at once obviously had its drawbacks but both teams played extremely well.

The Under 15's fell a goal behind very early on but fought back magnificently to run out 5-2 winners thanks to goals from Nathan Edwards (2), Kevin Halliday (2) and Phil Scarlett.

It was a good all round performance by the team but special mention has to go to Alan Young who was a constant thorn in Southampton's side.

The Under 13 team went two

goals up courtesy of a double by Mark Draycott and although Southampton pegged one back, our lads held on for a fine 2-1 victory.

The Under 14's travelled to Southampton for their game where they lost 4-2 after conceding two late goals.

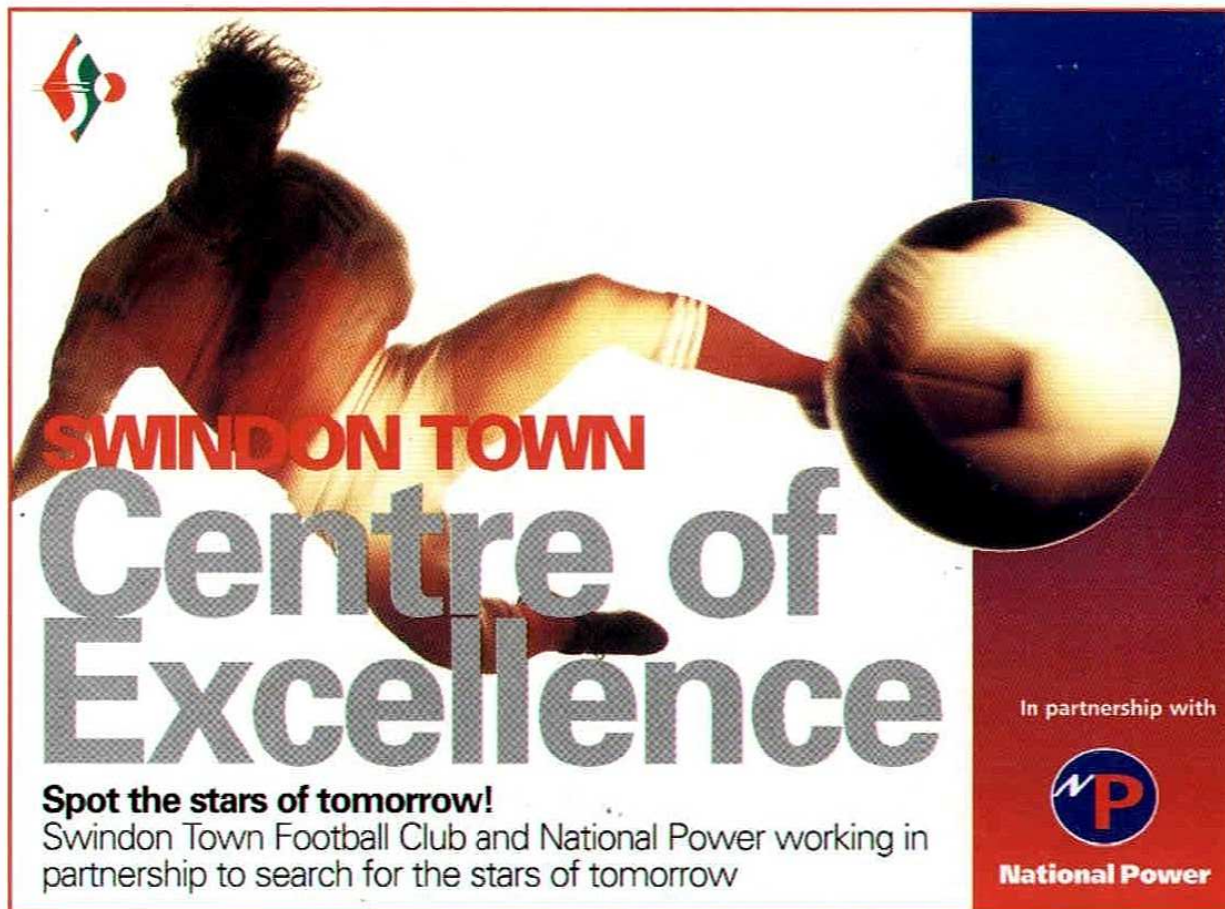
The week before last our Under 13's overwhelmed Hereford 11-0 with goals from Stuart Bellinger (3), Dave Bampton (2), Mark Draycott (2), Reece Whinney, Nathan Walker, Steve Bunting and Jamie Cheeseman.

The Under 14's beat Hereford 4-0 with Liam Byfield and Chris Hughes among the scorers while goals from Adam Cook, Wayne Cleverly and Owen Bryan made sure of a 3-3 draw for the Under 16's against Hereford.

## **Stars of the future?**

Under 11 Centre of Excellence player Matthew Mills and Under 12 star Michael Pook in action.






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## Bury



Next Saturday we have another home game to look forward to as Division One newcomers Bury are the visitors (3pm kick-off).

away at their brand new stadium.

Tickets for this game go on sale from Monday with 1,000 available in advance priced £15 for adults and £10 concessions.

**Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:**

## Wolves



Our next away trip is on Saturday October 18th when we travel to Molineux to face Mark McGhee's Wolverhampton Wanderers (3pm).

This game is strictly ALL TICKET with 1,500 available in advance costing £12 for adults and £8.50 concessions.



Norwich City,  
Saturday October  
25th, 3pm.



Q.P.R.,  
Wednesday  
November 5th,  
7.45pm.



Bradford City,  
Saturday November  
8th, 3pm.



Middlesbrough,  
Saturday November  
22nd, 3pm.

## Sunderland



The following  
Tuesday, October  
21st (7.45pm kick-off) it's Sunderland

**Don't forget**  
that tickets for Reserve  
team games are on sale at  
the advance box office up  
until 7.30pm on matchdays.  
The Reserves' next home  
game is on Wednesday  
October 15th against Ipswich  
Town (7.15pm kick-off).  
On Wednesday October  
29th Arsenal are the visitors  
(7.15pm kick-off) and tickets  
for both games are now on  
sale priced £4 adults and £1  
concessions with free  
admission for season ticket  
holders and Junior Robins.

## Did You Know?

For every home game this  
season a Family Ticket in the  
Rover Stand (one adult and  
one child) can be obtained for  
just £11.

Juniors (Under 16) can buy  
single tickets for only £2.50 in  
the Rover Stand and don't  
forget that Goldcard holders  
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**Matchday Ticket Office:**  
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9am - kick-off

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Monday to Friday.



# on the road... travel...



## Wolves

**Saturday Oct 18th**  
**Kick-Off 3.00pm**

*Town will be looking to quickly erase their six-goal mauling at Maine Road, when they face an inconsistent Wolves side at Molineux in a fortnight. Once again, this is an ALL TICKET game, so you must purchase your ticket before the day.*



## Going to Sunderland...

**Tuesday October 21st**  
**Kick-Off 7.45pm**

*Don't miss the next issue of our Matchday Magazine for all your travel details to Wearside.*

## Travelling by Road...

Take the A419/A417 to join the M5 at Junction 11a. Leave the M5 at Junction 2 (signposted A4123 Wolverhampton). Turn left on to the Ring Road and follow for approximately one mile.

After passing a brewery on the left, take the second left into Waterloo Road. Molineux is on the right, with street parking available off New Hampton Road East, on the left.

## Did You Know?

*Jack Smith, a full-back with Town in the 1930's, started and ended his playing career with Wolves. He took up coaching at Molineux after a bus ran over his foot!*



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## Mark's kit sponsors

**Town star Mark Walters has had his kit sponsored by G.J. Holtham Plumbing and Heating this season and "Wal" is pictured with Gerry Holtham and his son Daniel.**

Mark would like to say a big thank you for their support this season.



*always been very committed to supporting the local community and making a positive contribution to its continued development.*

*"As the club's main sponsors we are only too pleased to be able to help the players of tomorrow by providing an excellent home venue for the Youth team," said Karen Dean, Nationwide's Gym Manager.*



raise for charity.

Last year local school teacher Chris Kirkland did the Club proud by finishing third in Division One and picking up a special trophy for raising the most money for charity.

Entries should be sent to; Matchday Magazine Editor, Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.



Chris Kirkland waves to the camera at the start of the 1997 Football Challenge

## Boss says thanks

**Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon recently handed over a signed framed shirt to officials from Nationwide to say thank you for the use of their sports facilities.**

Nationwide, the Club's main sponsors, have allowed Swindon Town Youth to play all their home games in the South East Counties League at the Pavilion, Pipers Way and Steve McMahon is delighted.

*"It's tremendous that Nationwide have shown their commitment to the Club by offering their facilities free of charge to help our youth set-up.*

*"Playing on a quality surface can only benefit our stars of the future," he said.*

*"As one of Swindon's major employers, Nationwide has*

## in & around the county ground

### Entries still invited

**The search is still on for a super-fit fan to run in the colours of Swindon Town in the Flora London Marathon Football Challenge, which takes place on Sunday April 26th, 1998.**

This is your chance to represent the Club in a fixture with a difference as you will take on runners from all the other British Clubs over the 26.2 mile course.

If you feel you have got what it takes to lead Swindon Town to glory then send your entries in now giving full details of running career, best times and how much money you hope to

## Freddie on target!

**Flying Frenchman Freddie Darras made a guest appearance at the recent NPA Swindon 10K run held at Wroughton Airfield.**

Freddie was the official starter of one of the races and like a true professional he didn't panic when the starting pistol failed to fire. The organisers, Swindon Borough Council were delighted to have Freddie there and said he was in top form - just as he has been on the pitch this season!





# winning ways

by Dave Hollister



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WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

**Mr G. Richards of Wroughton collected £525 at the Tranmere Rovers game on 13th September for winning nest-egg number 2235.**

All Other tickets with numbers ending 235 and sold on that day qualify for the Car Draw. (See instructions on the bonnet of the Hyundai Coupe i below).

In the Matchday Magazine Vs Nottingham Forest I set a poser and forecast that no-one would provide the correct answer to it. I asked which player received the "highest ever benefit collection of £178" as stated in a 1970's programme. No-one did come up with the correct answer of **Peter Downsborough**.

The autographed football on offer therefore becomes the property of whoever submits the first-correct answer drawn to the following question. He was born in Ludgershall and made his first team debut for the Town at Lincoln in the Football League Cup in August 1980. His name please! Closing date is this coming Tuesday, 7th October.

This leads conveniently into news of our STFC Quiz Night on Thursday 20th November. It's a team quiz with six members per team. Entry forms are now available from the promotions office adjacent to County Road. All questions relate to Swindon Town's history between 1949 and 1989, a forty year spell of mixed fortunes.

It's only fun but the trophy for the winning team is one to cherish. Will your team be our 1997 champions? Why not!



*John Keevil, Sales Executive with Whichford Hyundai, is pictured presenting the company's Player of the Month Award for August to Frederic Darras. The September award will be made prior to today's kick-off.*

# WIN 1

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# from the press box *by Susanna Bateman*

**During three and a half years sitting at the back of the Arkell's Stand in the GWR FM and CLASSIC GOLD press box to watch the Town, I've seen Premiership matches as well as Division 1 and Division 2 games.**

Many's the time I've shouted encouragement (!) with Marion and Sarah who work the scoreboard and provide refreshments for the players and press at half and full time....

But no more - Instead I'm stuck in a little studio surrounded by high tech digital equipment (although I have to say you don't get as cold now the winter's on its way) and have to rely on John Cross to let me know what is going on - in addition to writing for the Adver, he reports for Classic Gold Saturday Sport 936 & 1161.

But that doesn't mean I can't get into the game.....It's great to be able to flick a switch and hear the whole football stadium cheering when the ball is in the back of the net. It's even better when it's your team scoring!

We really need to win this afternoon - most of us would never have predicted a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of Man City this time last week. (I can assure you it was a coincidence we played *"Dancing Queen"* and *"I Should Have Known Better"* at the stroke of full time.) All credit to Steve McMahon though coming out at Maine Road to talk to the media after the match....

The lads are going to be pretty fired up this afternoon - earlier this week they had to watch the video nasty of that afternoon in Manchester - so they're bound to be out to get some confidence back and give the fans something to cheer about.

So what can we look forward to this afternoon (apart from the excellent tea at half time), Well John Cross is so excited at the return of Philippe Cuervo he's been brushing up on his French. *"Ooh La La"* and *"C'est La Vie"* have been just about all he can manage so far, you never know if we're lucky we'll get an *"Allez les rouge"* just before kick-off.

It's quite interesting building up a relationship with someone you talk to through a radio studio - and in the main John

and I get on fairly well (he's not bad at being the butt



of a few jokes) although I have to say the friendship was tested to the limit last week when I called him on air at 7.30 in the morning to have a chat about the Man City match.... at the time he was spending *"quality time with his partner"*..... More a case of *"Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir"*. Anyway good luck to Swindon this afternoon, we had a pretty poor start last season in our home match with Port Vale but pulled back in the second half and I reckon if we get behind the team we won't have to wait long for a couple of goals going in the right net!



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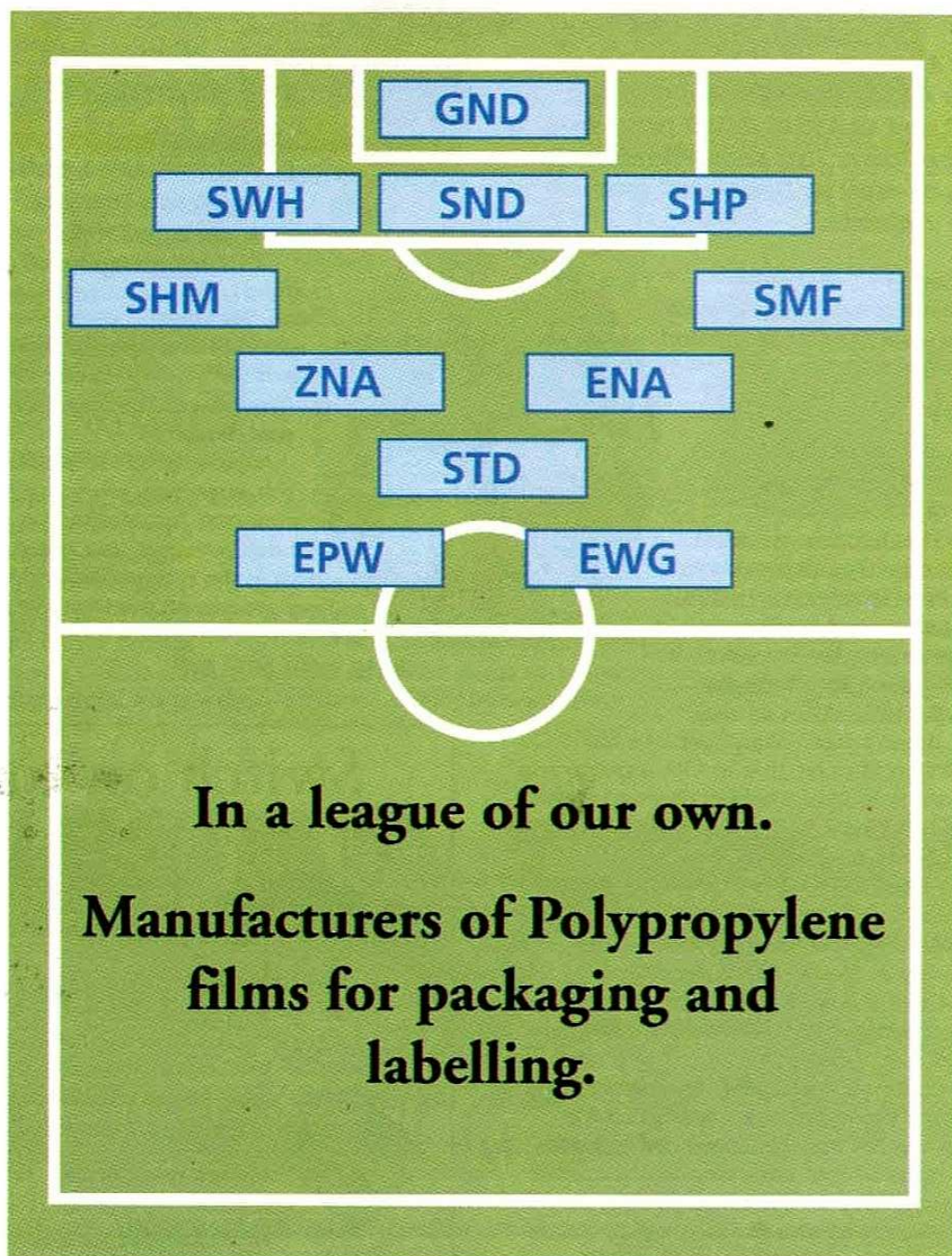
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with Julian Wetherall

# marketing news

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A particular warm welcome goes to the company's guests from **Britannia Packaging Ltd**, Stoke-on-Trent, one of **Hoechst's** major customers. **Britannia** converts **Trespaphan** films to package a number of leading food products in the UK.

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**Enquiries to Tom and Elaine Whitear: 01920 438335.**

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## Presentation Time

**Swindon Cable** - part of the **Telecential Group** were Matchday Sponsors for the recent game against Tranmere Rovers and Swindon Town



Chairman Rikki Hunt is pictured handing over a signed, framed shirt to Bill Crawford, Managing Director of Business Services at **Telecential** as a memento of their day at the County Ground.



Bill Crawford is also pictured presenting Man of the Match Ty Gooden with a bottle of champagne.

**McLean Homes South West Ltd** were Matchball Sponsors at the Tranmere game. Officials and guests of the company are shown being given a signed ball by Darren Bullock as a thank you for their support.



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# Jonathan Trigg's treatment room

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**Defender Ian Culverhouse made a successful comeback for the Reserves against his former club Norwich last week and was due to get a second match under his belt at Portsmouth on Wednesday.**



It's great to see Cully back in business after his ankle operation because it has been a long hard road to recovery.

Another player now hoping to force his way back into the first team following injury is

Craig Taylor who has now fully recovered from a hernia operation and he too was due to play for the Reserves during the week.

As for Frenchman Philippe Cuervo, at the time of writing he



had not trained at all since injuring his right hip in a training accident two weeks ago.

But hopefully by now he will have re-joined the rest of the first team and will be close to

making a come-back.

Mark Robinson is now in the final stages of his rehabilitation and is incorporating ball work with functional exercises. With luck he should be back in full time training in the next 10 days.

Frederic Darras sustained minor ankle ligament damage during the Manchester City game but he should be fit enough to be involved this afternoon.

Other players who have been in the treatment room this week include Phil King (back), Frank Talia (right knee) and Mark Seagraves (groin) all of whom will be unavailable for today's game.

## the shadow board

**Now that this season is well underway, we are launching a major expansion drive to create many more satellite supporters groups.**

There are already four groups in our out-of-town supporters, including the group in London which was formed long before the shadow board was created.

If you want to meet Swindon fans where you live - perhaps to drown your sorrows after the massacre of Maine Road or to relive the glories of Wembley visits in the past - then call these stalwarts:-

**In London - David Moulard (Swindon Supporters in London Association) on 0181 503 3735**

**In the Melksham area - Ade Robinson on 01225 704 539**

**In the Yeovil area - Mark Wells on 01935 413 329, and**

**In Warwickshire/Leicestershire - Barry Telling on 01455 292 206**

Speaking as an 'away' Swindon fan, it is always great to meet other fans in my locality. It was a lonely feeling driving to the office after the Manchester City game, knowing the abuse in store from my 'colleagues' and it is good to know that there are other fans sharing my fate!!

If you would like to help me form a satellite group in Bedfordshire, please write to David Waldron at the Shadow Board. If you would like to help form a group where you live, please write to Nigel Bennett at the Shadow Board.



Whether you like the idea of car pooling or just meeting for a beer occasionally, get yourselves connected in one of our groups. And look out for reports from some of our satellites in the future.

### Chairman

**Sheila Maslin**

### Members

**David Waldron**

**David Taylor**

**John Lodge**

**Dave Wiltshire**

**Derek Hand**

**Nigel Bennett**

**Neil Seamark**

**Alexander Deacon**

**Susan Tyrrell**

**Kevin Hall**

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





**Last Saturday was one of those black days we just need to put behind us and forget. It happens in Football.**

Admittedly a 6-0 beating hurts deep down, it is a sort of knock back to one's pride, not only for the players but particularly the supporters who have had to face the music from their colleagues at work. But you know the fans who need to be most worried by our eclipse at Maine Road are those who support **Port Vale**.

Why? Well just check the records and trace the general pattern of events that follow heavy defeats. In the great majority of cases the team thumped one week responds with positive performance in the next game.

It's true. Just take examples from this current season. I can tell you it augers well.

**Barnsley**, who Town fans must have great sympathy for, seeing as their situation seems very similar to the one we experienced in our only ever season in the top flight, were crushed 6-0 on their own soil by **Chelsea**. They were taken apart by the Blues' multi-national millionaires but bounced back bravely to beat **Bolton Wanderers** 2-1 in their next game.

Another Yorkshire club in trouble are **Sheffield Wednesday**. They were taken apart by **Blackburn Rovers** at Ewood Park. Thrashed 7-2 with a defensive performance that would not flatter an under-11 side. Again they hit back maintaining a clean sheet and beating **Leicester City** 1-0 at Hillsborough.

**Leicester City!** I hear you mock, yes, **Leicester City**. They might not be one of the big money fashionable organisations; their

football might not have the sophistication of a **Manchester United** or **Arsenal**. But I tell you what, they are grand fighters and the only side to have won a Premiership match at Anfield this season. Are they not joint second in the Premiership to **Man U**.

Yes it was a good win for the Owles. Another side who found themselves under the cosh at Ewood Park were once proud **Preston**. They were dumped 6-0 by **Blackburn** in the Coca Cola Cup tie and like us were smarting from the ignominy such a performance brings. But

## from the *Colin Benson* sidelines

the following Saturday they rolled their sleeves up and won a deserved point against Chris Waddle's **Burnley** at Turf Moor.

Another freak result that really took the biscuit saw **Tranmere Rovers** thump **Reading** 6-0 in a Division One game at Prenton Park. Now the Berkshire side were having a tricky time as far as results go and were struggling, and with an away trip to Third Division **Peterborough United** in the Coca Cola Cup the next on the cards, were fully expected to become another giant-killers statistic.

There were several pointers which indicated this fate. Firstly **Reading** were struggling and **Peterborough** flying at the top of their Division. Secondly Posh had forced a 0-0 draw at Elm Park and most of all the form of former Town favourite Jimmy Quinn.

The Irish international striker, who was joint player-manager at Elm Park until the end of last season, was back in his old goal

scoring routine.

It seemed the perfect scenario for the "**Mighty Quinn**" to dump his former employers in the mire. But **Reading** reacted with a positive show to achieve another perfect turn-a-round and come away from London Road with a 2-0 victory.

So **Vale** beware. Let's face it we were third in the football League title race this time last Saturday and a good team does not become a bad one in one game. The Gaffer summed it up when he suggested: "**When we get beaten we certainly know how to get beaten.**" He puts it down to this: "**The players have been lulled into a false sense of security. They think they are a good team but they are only a good team when they work hard.**"

The lads have certainly done that this week on the training field and will be fired up for this one.

So get behind them, give it all you have got vocally and let's make this a day to remember.

In this column last time I told you about how **Nottingham Forest** were cheated out of Europe by **Anderlecht**. They still deny bribery but none-the-less have been banned from European competition for a year by UEFA.

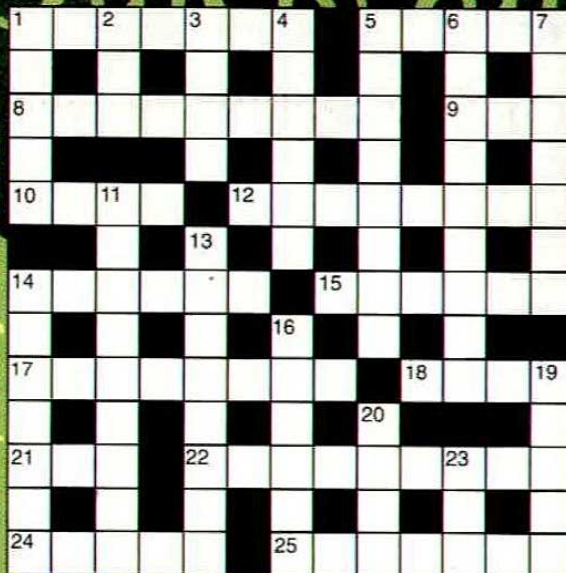
Now comes the story of how in a recent championship match between **RSC Anderlecht** and **RWD Molenbeek**, the visiting team mistakenly made four substitutions.

Although they lost the match, **Anderlecht** decided against lodging a complaint, preferring "**to put sporting ethics before material, financial and economic consideration.**"

It's a pity they did not uphold the same real moral stance in 1984.....Could this be a touch of conscience.



compiled by Dave Hollister



## clues across...

1. Southend United are one? (7)
5. Scottish Rovers (5)
8. They play at Millmoor (9)
9. Spread around in dressing room? (3)
10. Cape moves around to produce this (4)
12. Vialli's first half showing (8)
14. Wanderers (6)
15. Mickey created many of these for defences, we hear (6)
17. You'll find future stars playing at this (3-5)
18. Six-a-side games are played here in the Summer (4)
21. Strikers have one frequently (1-2)
22. Footballer's name suitable for Popeye (9)
24. Schoolboys play whilst in these (5)
25. The place where negative play leads to (7)

## clues down...

1. Players Gear (5)
2. Often staged by injured Continentals? (3)
3. Kids expect them at half-time? (4)
4. Cheers are this in Wembley Stadium (6)
5. Petrescu is one (8)
6. Club Doctors do this to teams touring abroad maybe (9)
7. Dennis Bergkamp is at home here (7)
11. Stan! (9)
13. Liverpool Boss (3-5)
14. Keeper on loan (7)
16. Sailor protects net at Highbury? (6)
19. They fly around at Selhurst Park (5)
20. Cotswold non-league side can be found in this town (5)
23. Valid point if game is drawn (3)

**Answers across...**  
 1 SEASIDE, 5 RAITH, 8 ROTHERHAM, 9 OIL, 10 PACE, 12 GIANLUCA, 14 BOLTON, 15 HAZARD, 17 ANY LEVEL, 18 FETE, 21 AGO, 22 ARMSTRONG, 24 TEENS, 25 NO WHERE.

**Answers down...**  
 1 STRIP, 2 ACT, 3 ICES, 4 ECHOIC, 5 ROMANIA, 6 INOCULATE, 7 HOLLAND, 11 COLLYMORE, 13 ROY EVANS, 14 BEASANT, 16 SEAMMAN, 19 EAGLE, 20 STOW, 23 ONE.

# MYSTIC nut-meg PREDICT THE SCORE

See if you can predict today's results...

Birmingham City		Crewe Alexandra
Bradford City		Wolves
Ipswich Town		Manchester City
Q.P.R.		Charlton Athletic
Reading		Sunderland
Stockport County		Portsmouth
Stoke City		Bury
Swindon Town		Port Vale
Tranmere Rovers		Norwich City
West Brom		Oxford United

## wordsearch



## 8 Scottish League Teams

ANSWERS  
 HAMILTON, STIRLING, CLYDE, FORFAR, Ayr,  
 Falkirk, Alloa, Montrose



# SPORT-IN YEAR 1956

1. This German Keeper broke his neck in the City triumph at Wembley. Who was he?
2. February 22nd was a bright night in English football. Why and where was this so?
3. Manchester United won the league from these now lowly seashores by 11 points. Who are they?
4. This Briton broke the World 5000m record. Can you name him?
5. Which horse let the National slip away?
6. This Aussie beat Ken Rosewall to win at Wimbledon. Can you name him?
7. Name the Heavyweight boxer who retired after 49 fights in which he was undefeated.
8. Jim Laker took 19 wickets in a test against Australia on which ground?
9. Shokichi Natsui won the first World Championship in which sport?
10. Who became the F1 Champion for the fourth time?

**ANSWERS.....**  
1 BERT TRAUTMANN, 2 FLOODLIGHTS WERE FIRST USED IN A LEAGUE GAME AT PORTSMOUTH, 3 BLACKPOOL, 4 DEVON LOCH, 5 GORDON PIRIE, 6 LEW HOWE, 7 ROCKY MARCIANO, 8 OLD TRAFFORD, 9 JUDO, 10 JUAN FRANGIO



Last game: Mike Walsh

## WHO'S KIT?



Last game: France

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# swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves



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**Swindon Town Ladies kept up their winning ways with a win in the league and a win in the FA Cup.**

A five goals to nil victory on a visit to Launton ensured that the Town maintained their 100 per cent league record.

The home side defended well in the first half but were unable to prevent Nadine Lloyd putting Town ahead.

After the break Town were much the stronger and two goals from Kim Reeves, a goal from Kerie Garwood and a second from Nadine Lloyd took Swindon's tally to five.

In the First Round of the Women's FA Cup, Town visited Bristol to play Freeway from the South Western League. Leanne Taylor put Swindon ahead in the 11th minute and goals from Ashley Wiseman and Kerie Garwood gave us a three goal lead at the break. Leanne Taylor and Kerie Garwood each scored a second and Nadine Lloyd got on the score sheet with almost the last kick of the game.

Tomorrow Swindon entertain Binfield in the Southern Region League Premier Division. Town completed the double over the Berkshire side last season who finished one place above the relegation spots.

This season Binfield have won one and lost two of their opening fixtures. The match will be played on the County Ground Extension and kick-offs at 2.00pm.

## Southern Region League - Premier Division

### Launton 0 Swindon Town 5

**Team:** Jo Sharpe: Adelle Taylor, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson: Ashley Wiseman, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Tracy Mackeddie; Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

**Subs Used -** Kerie Garwood & Sarah Richardson

**Not Used -** Claire White.

**Scorers:** Nadine Lloyd (2) Kim Reeves (2) & Keire Garwood

## FA Cup - 1st Round

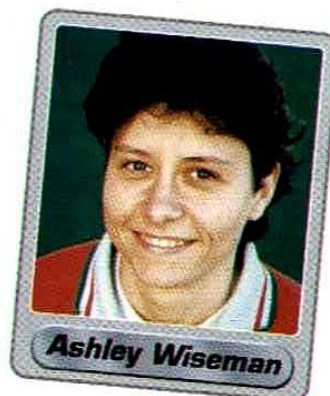
### Freeway (Bristol) 0 Swindon Town 6

**Team:** Jo Sharpe: Adelle Taylor, Kim Reeves, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson: Tracy Mackeddie, Ashley Wiseman, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood: Leanne Taylor & Nadine Lloyd.

**Subs Used -** Sarah Richardson & Claire White

**Not Used -** Sara Privett

**Scorers:** Leanne Taylor (2), Kerie Garwood (2), Ashley Wiseman and Nadine Lloyd.



Ashley Wiseman

## FIXTURES 97/98

### Southern Region League Premier Division

SUN 31ST AUG	HAVANT TOWN	5-1
Sun 7th Sept	Southampton Saints	6-4
Sun 14th Sept	Launton	5-0
Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6-0
SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	H
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	A
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	H
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTENHAM	H
Sun 2nd Nov	Oxford United	A
SUN 9TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	A
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	H
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	H
Sun 7th Dec	League Cup (1st Rnd)	
Sun 14th Dec	TBA	
SUN 11TH JAN	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 18th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 25th Jan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
1ST FEB	READING ROYALS	H
8th Feb	Portsmouth	A
15th Feb	Cheltenham	A
22ND FEB	OXFORD UNITED	H
1st Mar	Southampton	A
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A

## THE LEAGUE

### Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheltenham	4	4	0	0	12	5	12
Reading Royals	3	3	0	0	19	1	9
Swindon Town	3	3	0	0	16	5	9
Oxford United	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
Southampton	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
Portsmouth	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Swindon Spitfires	3	1	1	1	6	11	4
Binfield	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Havant Town	4	0	0	4	5	16	0
Southampton Saints	4	0	0	4	4	13	0
Launton	4	0	0	4	6	20	0

## APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	3(1)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	2(2)	5
PAM LAKER	4	1
NADINE LLOYD	3	5
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	4	-
KIM REEVES	4	3
SARAH RICHARDSON	(3)	-
JO SHARPE	4	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	4	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	4	6
CLARE TYSON	4	-
CLARE WHEELER	1	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	4	-
NETTI WYNESS	3	-



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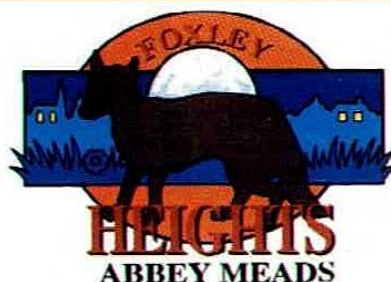


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# Swindon Town FC

Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.



**Nottingham Forest head the contenders for the league title but watch out for Sheffield United and Middlesbrough, who are tucked in ready to pounce with games in hand.**

The two meet at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium tomorrow afternoon and it should be a thriller. There is more pressure on Boro of course because they are the home side and thus will want to maximise the advantage. Nothing short of victory will satisfy Bryan Robson.

To achieve this they will have to puncture **Sheffield United's** unbeaten record. The Blades have proved to be the most difficult side to topple in this Division, unbeatable in seven games, three of which have been drawn.

Perhaps that is the best they can expect on Sunday for with nine goals scored the Yorkshire club are the shyest shots - along with us - in the top dozen. But they should have Jan Aage Fjortoft back to bolster the attack. The Norwegian striker brought to England by the then Town manager John Gorman missed last week's goalless draw with **Birmingham City** because of illness. He won't want to miss this one against his former club.

Last week **Boro** proved they have the makings of champions. Played off the park for long spells by **Sunderland** they won the big north-east derby at Sunderland. It was Brazilian Emerson who lit up the stadium of light with a stunning shot from outside the box. No goalkeeper in the world could have saved it.....I'll go for

a home win.

Meanwhile **Forest** will have expected to have increased their lead following a trip to bottom of the table **Huddersfield Town** last night. It is an open secret that Pierre Van Hooijdonk has had bitter clashes with manager Dave Bassett over tactics and was very unhappy at being left out of the starting line against Stoke last week however when former Gunner Kevin Campbell scored the only goal.

Talking of goalscorers there are only two teams who have more than one striker listed in the top 13 shots in Division One at the moment. And they don't play



for **Forest**, **West Brom**, **QPR**, **Boro** or **Blades**, or any of the top legion. Do you know who they are with? **Stockport County** and **Oxford United**.

Yes the teams on the 17th and 21st rungs of the First Division ladder. **Stockport's** Brett Angell (7 goals) and Alun Armstrong (6 goals) both netted in a surprise 3-1 win at **Charlton** last week. It was their first away points of the season and ended a slump of six successive away defeats. Today they should take home points from hapless **Portsmouth**.

**Pompey** were booed off after their fourth defeat in a row and **Reading's** first win at Fratton Park in 21 years. It was only

**Reading's** second victory of the season too and followed a 6-0 defeat handed out by **Tranmere Rovers**.....It really is a funny old game.

**Oxford United's** top shots are Nigel Jemson (6) and Joey Beauchamp (6) but neither could find a finish in the 0-0 draw with **Bradford City**. **Oxford's** debutant Dutch goalkeeper Van Heusden was the hero. He saved a penalty from Brazilian Edinho.

Today **Oxford** are at **West Brom** who have Canadian international Paul Peshisolido firing on all cylinders. His hat-trick shattered Bury's 29-match unbeaten home league run but still does not guarantee his place. He was substituted in the 65th minute and boss Ray Harford explained: "That was the example set by Joe Kinnear at Wimbledon last year. He would start with two up front, then change them during the game to get the tempo higher. It can scare defenders if someone new comes on. We have five good strikers and I will use them all." Sounds convincing enough for a home win.

The **Ipswich v Manchester City** clash is a good one. Both teams have been inconsistent. Town lost at **Norwich**, City had a fortunate win over us (I was hoping not to mention that one). Looks set for some Suffolk punch today.

I also take **Birmingham City** to beat **Crewe**, **Wolves** to win at **Bradford City** and **QPR** to draw with **Charlton**. The **Tranmere Norwich** fixture could produce the first draw of the season at Prenton Park. **Bury** too could get a point at **Stoke**.





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*with Mark Seagraves*

***I didn't go to last Saturday's game at Manchester City but from what I've heard they dominated from the word go and to concede six goals was bitterly disappointing.***

It was a bitter pill to swallow, particularly after defending so well the previous week at West Bromwich Albion. On that occasion we did well as a team but it was a completely different story at Maine Road.

From reading the reports in the papers and from what the management have said we totally collapsed and we simply can't afford to do that.

The Gaffer obviously wants us to win and play well at the same time but if you do lose, he

wants players to go down with a fight. But that didn't happen last Saturday.

I truly believe that on our day we are a good enough side to be able to go to places like Maine Road and get a result, so

## the captain's comment

to go down 6-0 was simply not acceptable.

Today we have the opportunity to put things right against Port Vale. We have to go out and prove to ourselves and everybody else that we are capable of getting good results and I'm sure we can do just that



this afternoon.

The Gaffer wasn't happy last week and I've no doubt that he'll be looking for a reaction from the 11 players who start today's game.

You always want to be particularly strong at home so with the next two matches both at the County Ground we have the chance to get four or even six points which will keep us in contention at the top.

We need to get back on track straight away and with your support the lads will be doing all they can to put last week's result firmly out of everyone's minds.

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## FACT FILE...

Date of Birth: 28.04.75

Place of Birth: Burnley

### School years

Secondary School attended:

St Theodores, Burnley

Best Subject at School: Maths.

Worst Subject at School: Art.

Football Team supported at

School: Burnley

Football hero as a

schoolboy: Bryan Robson

Favourite football position at

School: Midfield.

Career taken up if not

football: Something to do with working with figures.

First match ever seen:

Burnley v Barnsley 1981.

At what age did you first

attend matches: 6 years.

### Now

Favourite other sport: Golf.

Biggest influence on career:

Family and Eric Harrison,

United's Youth Team Coach.

Best match ever seen

(Live or TV):

Sheffield Wednesday v Man

United, 1992/93.

Favourite Football expert:

Andy Gray.

Favourite country to watch:

Holland.

Highlight of career:

Winning Under 18 Euro

Champs' with England.

Biggest disappointment:

When injured for a month last season.

Choice Opponents in a

Cup Tie: Liverpool.

# close-up profi Chris Casper

**Last season Marlon Broomes stole the limelight when he came to the County Ground on loan and Steve McMahon pulled off another master stroke when he recently managed to bring in Chris Casper on a temporary basis.**

The 22 year old was delighted to accept the offer of a loan spell at the County Ground with his chances of getting into Manchester United's team looking limited and the Burnley born central defender has enjoyed playing regular first team football.

*"I feel I can play a lot better than I have done so far but it takes a while to get to know the other players."*

*"It's a critical position playing at the back and getting the right understanding takes time,"* he said.

Last Saturday apart, Casper had been pleased with the way the team had been playing and had settled in nicely, thanks largely to the help given by some experienced pro's.

*"When you've got the likes of Alan McDonald, Brian Borrows and Fraser Digby alongside you, you can't help but pick up some useful tips. They've got hundreds of appearances between them and they've helped keep me on my toes."*

Casper is one of the new breed of highly talented young defenders imposing themselves on the game but as yet he has been unable to hold down a

regular place at Old Trafford.

The five foreigners ruling meant Casper became heavily involved in United's Champions League matches four years ago and he made an appearance against Rapid Vienna but the highlight for him was being in the starting line-up for the FA Cup fourth round tie at home to Wimbledon last year.

*"It was a great feeling to play in front of 55,000 fans and we should have won. The final score ended 1-1 and unfortunately I didn't get picked for the replay which we lost."*

Since then Casper has hardly figured in Alex Ferguson's plans and he went out on loan to Bournemouth for three months last season.

He's now just pleased to be playing regularly: *"I just love playing football and there is no better feeling than lining up in the team ready for kick-off at 3pm."*

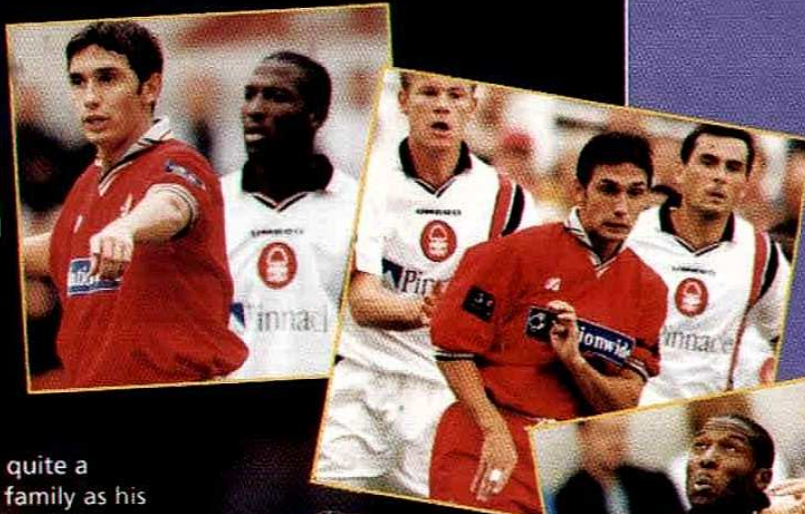
However it must be frustrating seeing the likes of Ryan Giggs, David Beckham, Gary and Phil Neville, Nicky Butt and Paul Scholes all hitting the headlines, particularly as they were all team-mates of Casper in the star-studded United Youth team of the early 1990's.

Yet Casper isn't too concerned: *"We've all played at the same level and I was alongside Gary Neville in the United Youth team which won the FA Youth Cup and Lancashire League."*

*"We're all good mates and even though they've all broken through into the first team, there's no jealousy on my part,"* he commented.



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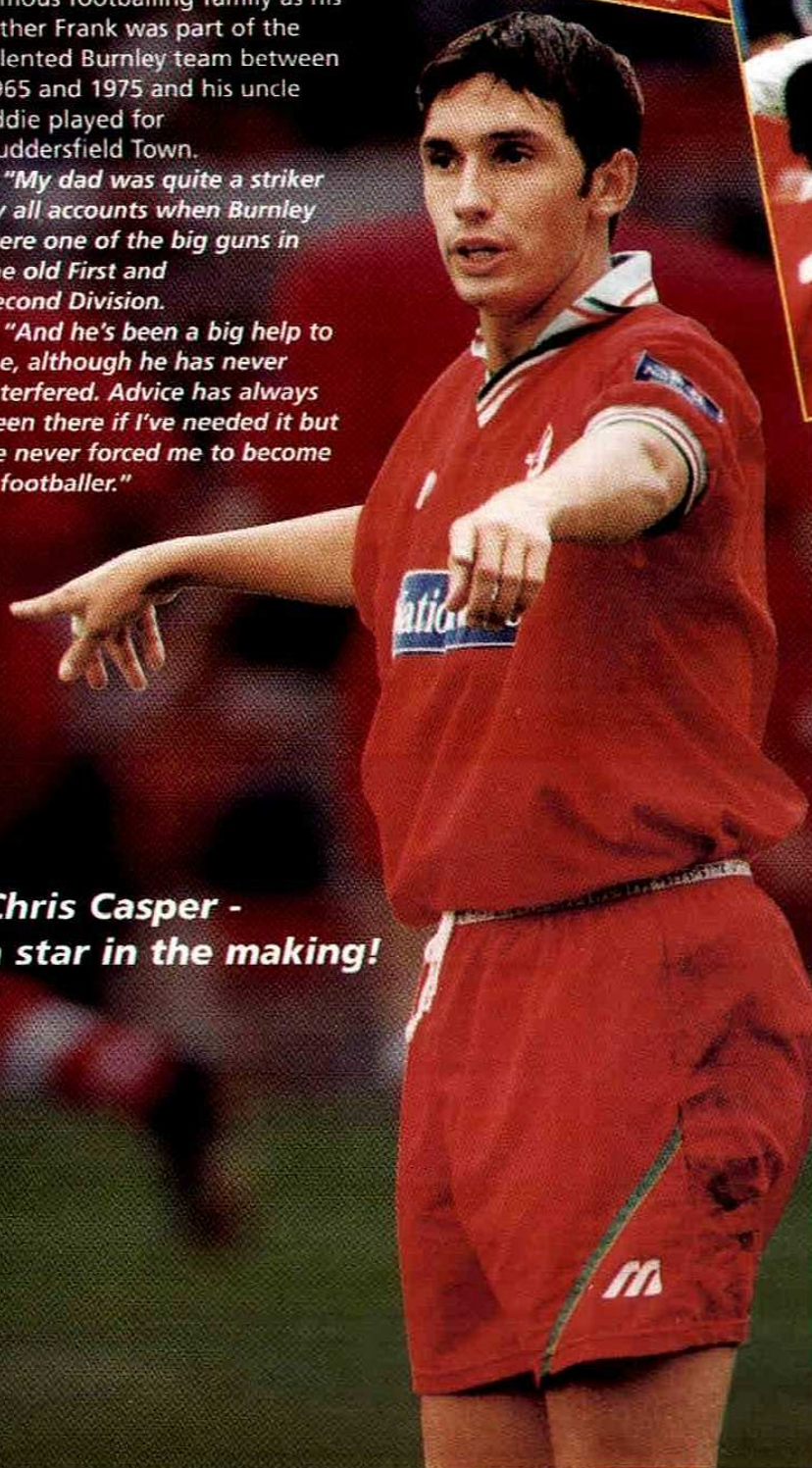


Chris comes from quite a famous footballing family as his father Frank was part of the talented Burnley team between 1965 and 1975 and his uncle Eddie played for Huddersfield Town.

*"My dad was quite a striker by all accounts when Burnley were one of the big guns in the old First and Second Division.*

*"And he's been a big help to me, although he has never interfered. Advice has always been there if I've needed it but he never forced me to become a footballer."*

**Chris Casper -  
a star in the making!**



## GENERAL...

Favourite Food:  
Mexican steak.  
Favourite Drink:  
Fresh orange juice.  
Favourite Comedy: Blackadder.  
Favourite TV Programme:  
Only Fools and Horses.  
Favourite Film: The Sting.  
Favourite Film Star:  
Will Smith.  
Favourite holiday location:  
Antigua.  
Favourite items of clothing:  
Tracksuit bottoms.



# statistics 1997/98 season



**Port Vale**



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.



## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 1.10.97

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	9	4	0	1	2	1	1	13	5	19
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	9	3	1	0	2	2	1	11	7	18
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	9	3	1	0	2	0	3	11	12	16
BRADFORD CITY	9	2	2	1	2	1	1	12	13	15
SHEFFIELD UNITED	7	3	1	0	1	2	0	9	3	15
SWINDON TOWN	9	2	2	0	2	1	2	9	11	15
BIRMINGHAM CITY	8	2	0	1	2	2	1	12	6	14
MIDDLESBROUGH	7	2	0	1	2	2	0	12	7	14
PORT VALE	9	3	1	1	1	1	2	11	9	14
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	8	3	0	1	1	1	2	16	12	13
SUNDERLAND	9	2	1	2	2	0	2	14	11	13
WOLVES	9	2	3	0	1	1	2	12	10	13
NORWICH CITY	9	2	0	3	2	1	1	8	15	13
BURY	9	1	3	1	1	2	1	9	11	11
STOKE CITY	8	1	1	1	2	1	2	7	8	11
MANCHESTER CITY	8	1	2	1	1	1	2	16	12	9
STOCKPORT COUNTY	9	1	3	0	1	0	4	13	12	9
CREWE ALEXANDRA	8	1	0	4	2	0	1	12	14	9
PORTSMOUTH	9	2	1	2	0	1	3	11	14	8
TRANMERE ROVERS	9	2	0	2	0	1	4	12	14	7
OXFORD UNITED	9	2	1	2	0	0	4	12	15	7
READING	9	1	0	3	1	1	3	6	14	7
IPSWICH TOWN	7	1	1	1	0	2	2	9	11	6
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	8	0	2	2	0	2	2	5	12	4



## First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
WAYNE ALLISON	9	3	2	0	11	3
BRIAN BORROWS	4	0	0	0	4	0
DARREN BULLOCK	5(4)	0	0	0	5(4)	0
CHRIS CASPER	4	1	0	0	4	1
STEVE COWE	2(1)	0	(1)	0	2(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREDERIC DARRAS	9	0	2	0	11	0
FRASER DIGBY	9	0	1	0	10	0
JASON DRYSDALE	6(1)	0	2	0	8(1)	0
GARY ELKINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE FINNEY	(3)	1	1	0	1(3)	1
TY GOODEN	9	0	2	0	11	0
CHRIS HAY	7(1)	3	1	0	8(1)	3
SCOTT LEITCH	6	0	2	1	8	1
ALAN McDONALD	9	0	2	0	11	0
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	1	0	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	0
FRANK TALIA	0	0	1	0	1	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARK WALTERS	5(3)	1	1(1)	0	6(4)	1
KEVIN WATSON	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0

## Date Opponents Res Att.

SAT AUG 9	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	8,334
WED AUG 13	WATFORD CCC 1 (1)	H	0-2	6,271
Sat Aug 16	Reading	A	1-0	9,338
SAT AUG 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7,683
Tues Aug 26	Watford CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	7,712
Sat Aug 30	Stoke City	A	2-1	23,000
Tues Sep 2	Ipswich Town	A	1-2	11,246
SUN SEP 7	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	0-0	13,051
SAT SEP 13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	6,811
Sat Sep 20	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-0	16,237
Sat Sep 27	Manchester City	A	0-6	26,646
SAT OCT 4	PORT VALE	H		
SAT OCT 11	BURY	H		
Sat Oct 18	Wolverhampton W.	A		
Tue Oct 21	Sunderland	A		
SAT OCT 25	NORWICH CITY	H		
Fri Oct 31	Portsmouth	A		
WED NOV 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H		
SAT NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H		
Sat Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A		
SAT NOV 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H		
Fri Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A		
SAT DEC 6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H		
Sat Dec 13	Sheffield United	A		
SAT DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H		
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A		
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H		
Sat Jan 3	(F.A. CUP 3)			
Sat Jan 10	Crewe Alexandra	A		
SAT JAN 17	READING	H		
Sat Jan 24	(F.A. CUP 4)			
WED JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H		
Sat Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A		
SAT FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
Sat Feb 14	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
Tue Feb 17	Port Vale	A		
SAT FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H		
WED FEB 25	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
Sat Feb 28	Bury	A		
Tue Mar 3	Bradford City	A		
SAT MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H		
Sat Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A		
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
Wed Mar 25	Middlesbrough	A		
SAT APR 4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)	H		
Sat Apr 11	Oxford United	A		
MON APR 13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
Sat Apr 18	Birmingham City	A		
Sat Apr 25	Norwich City	A		
SUN MAY 3	SUNDERLAND	H		
Sat May 16	F.A. Cup Final			

### Stats table key

FAC = F.A. Cup  
C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup  
\* After Extra Time  
^ Indicates own goal

### Substitutes Used

number in brackets  
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replaced ( )

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS
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DIGBY	DARRAS	BULLOCK	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	McMAHON(3)
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	ELKINS	BULLOCK
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(4)	BULLOCK(3)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(3)	BULLOCK(4)
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	DRYSDALE	WATSON	McAREAVEY
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	DRYSDALE	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	WATSON(7)	SMITH
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	DRYSDALE	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	LEITCH	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	HAY(9)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS(7)

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## Swindon Town

FRASER DIGBY
FREDERIC DARRAS
BRIAN BORROWS
DARREN BULLOCK
CHRIS CASPER
ALAN McDONALD
ALEX SMITH
SCOTT LEITCH
STEVE COWE
WAYNE ALLISON
TY GOODEN
TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON



## Port Vale

PAUL MUSSELWHITE
ANDY HILL
ALLEN TANKARD
STEWART TALBOT
NEIL ASPIN
MARK SNIJDERS
GARETH AINSWORTH
IAN BOGIE
LEE MILLS
MARTIN FOYLE
WAYNE CORDEN
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## Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon v Port Vale  
Attendance



### Referee:

Steve Bennett (Orpington, Kent)

### Assisted by:

K.R. Buller (Bridgwater, Somerset)

J.H. Griffiths (Chippenham, Wilts)

### Reserve Official:

J. Humphries (Bristol)

### Steve Bennett

Steve is a 36 year old teacher who is married with one daughter who is one.

He became a Football League linesman in 1992, moved up into the Premier League the following year and was promoted to the National Referees list in 1995.

His interests include golf and cricket.

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