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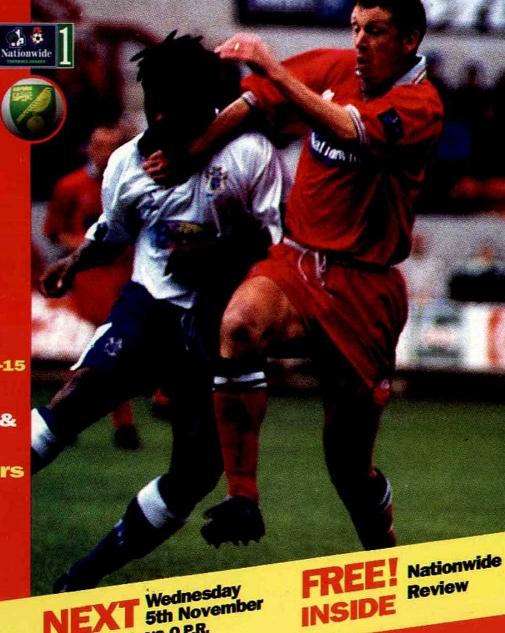


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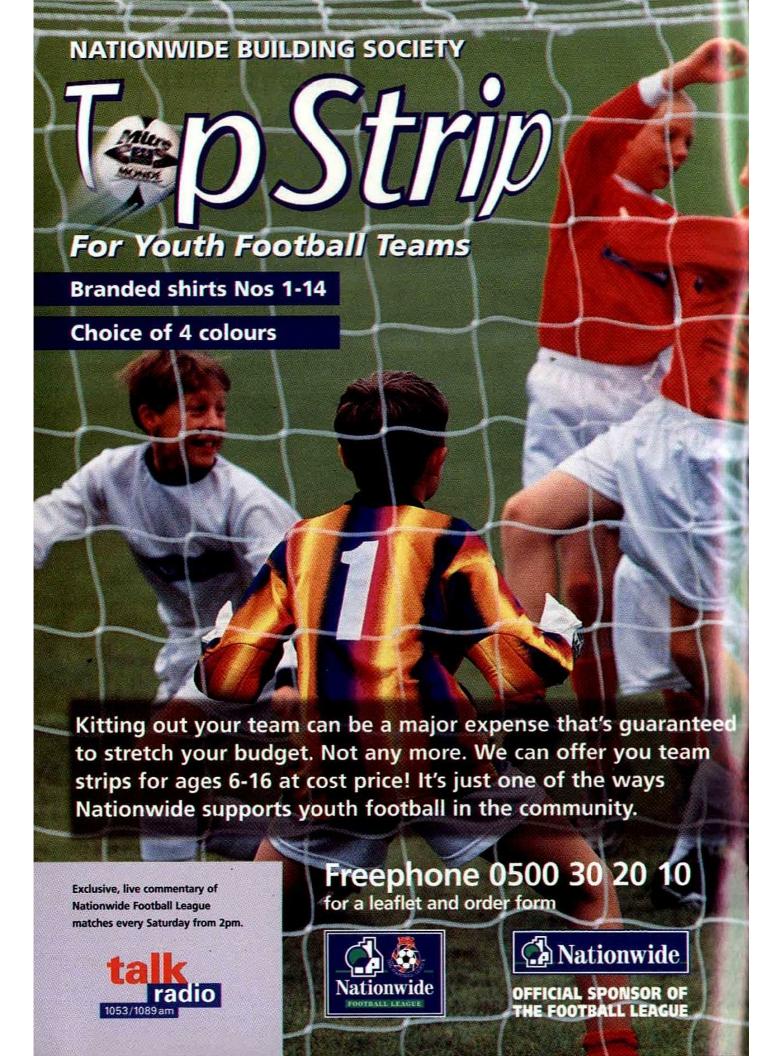




Wednesday 5th November

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welcome to today's game

After two tough away games we're back on home soil this afternoon for what should be an attractive game against Norwich City.

The Canaries took on our near neighbours Reading on Tuesday and drew 0-0 while we were gaining a creditable point at Sunderland, so both sides will be hoping for a three point haul this afternoon.

Next Friday we make our debut in front of the Sky Sports cameras this season when we travel to play Portsmouth.

It promises to be an explosive encounter against a Pompey side struggling to pull away from the wrong end of the table.

Talking of explosives, there is a treat in store for all you younger fans (and your parents) on Wednesday November 5th.

As you are no doubt aware we have got a home game here at the County Ground on Bonfire Night against Queens Park Rangers(7.45pm kick-off) and as part of the pre-match build up there will be a free firework display beginning at 7pm.

The display, organised in association with our main sponsors Nationwide Building Society, will be something that shouldn't be missed.

Fireworks will be set off from the centre circle so you'll all have a great view and after witnessing that you can settle down and watch the lads give Rangers a roasting!

By the way if you can't make it to Portsmouth, why not come and watch the game on a big screen here in the Supporters Club. Food and refreshments will be available.

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NEXT Friday 31st October vs MATCH Portsmouth

We make our first appearance of the season in a Live Sky game next Friday when we travel to Portsmouth.

I hope many of you will make the journey down to the south coast to give us your backing and with your help I'm sure we can return home with something to show for our efforts.

By then we should have a few more bodies to pick from and we'll be doing our best to turn on the style in front of the cameras.

See you

there.

Steve McMahon

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I was very pleased to come away from Sunderland with a point on Tuesday.

In the second half we looked very solid and although they had a lot of possession, they didn't really create very much as far as scoring chances were concerned. They couldn't break us down so defensively I was delighted. Of course the turning point was Fraser's penalty save because if they had scored at that stage of the game then I think Sunderland might have gone on to win.We would have been forced to change our tactics and push out a little bit more but as it was we were strong and tight and got the result we wanted.

Tactics spot on

They were at home so it was up to them to force the issue. We didn't need to win the game and we had our tactics just right. It was nice to come home with

something
particularly after
the defeat at
Wolves where
we were up
against it
after being
reduced to
nine men.
Having looked
at the video of

the game there is no doubt that the tackle Lee Collins got sent off for was horrendous. I'm not going to condone that and he will be dealt with. He's already going to be punished with a lengthy ban and we'll be dealing with him as well.

Injury crisis

As you know we've been having something of an injury crisis here of late and at last count we had 14 pro's available for this afternoon's

game against Norwich City. It's frightening to have so many players on the injured list and I've not known anything like it in my career. But we have to bear with it and keep going. It's no good crying about it and the 14 players who are in the squad will do their utmost to get a good result. Robin Hulbert is unavailable today as he is on duty for England Youth but hopefully Kevin Watson will have recovered from a slight calf strain. Norwich came here and won convincingly last season but we are a very different team this season, even with all our injury problems. I think we are a bit more confident now. Today's visitors have had a shaky start but they've picked up a few decent results in between and it's just typical of the league whereby everybody is beating everybody else and anything can happen.

Ty's new deal

Next Wednesday the Reserves take on Arsenal here at the County Ground and I'm sure a lot of you will be coming to watch that one. I will use that game to get a good look at trialist Stuart Quinn who has been released by Liverpool. I haven't seen him in full flight yet and we'll make a decision on him after that.

On the outgoing front Phil King has joined Blackpool on loan with a view to a permanent deal. Phil hasn't achieved what he would have liked too here at Swindon, so he now has the chance to show what he can do for Blackpool.

Finally a quick word about Ty Gooden who has just signed a new three and half year contract. He is one for the future and is currently doing very well for me. He's played in a number of different positions for us so he is a good asset to have.

Enjoy the game.

Natiowide
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This afternoon we extend a warm County Ground welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Norwich City Football Club for this Nationwide League Division One fixture.

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

At the time of writing Norwich are sitting in 17th spot in the First Division table, with goals seeming to be hard to come by for the Canaries.

However, although by the club's own high standards they are not in the best of positions, any gloom has been lifted by two major points. A recent 2-1 'derby' day victory over fierce rivals Ipswich Town - made all the sweeter by the Jason Cundy own goal which settled the

match in City's favour - and the fact that their East Anglian neighbours are struggling in the table's bottom three.

The return of Mike Walker as Norwich boss in the summer of 1996 pleased most supporters, and Walker briefly led the side to the top of the division in the first third of last term, before seeing chances of promotion all but scuppered by a small squad decimated by injury and suspensions.

An eventful summer for the Carrow Road club saw star man Darren Eadie called up to the Full England squad for Le Tournoi' - only to miss out with an ankle injury - as well as TV cook Delia Smith joining the board and legendary fashion designer Bruce Oldfield turning his hand to creating the new-look City strip.

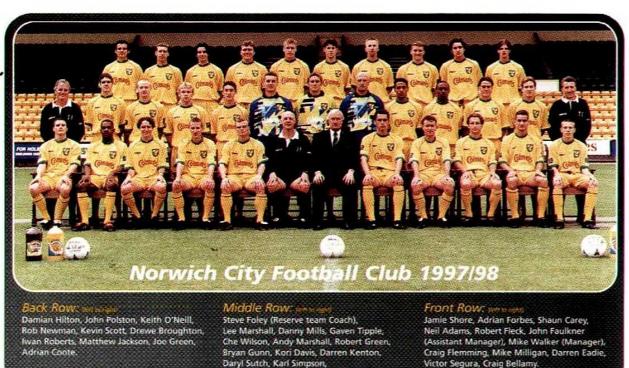
But perhaps the most important

fact for Norwich supporters was that, at last, the club weren't forced to sell their prime assets -Eadie and Keith O'Neill - just to balance the books.

Instead, there were two major new arrivals to bolster the squad at Carrow Road in the shape of Celtic midfielder Peter Grant and experienced front-man Iwan Roberts.

Troubled defender Carl
Bradshaw has left the club in
recent weeks, moving to Wigan
Athletic, but City seem to have
strength in depth in that
department anyway.

Eadie and O'Neill are the players who generally grab the headlines at Norwich, but midfield man Neil Adams is an unsung hero, whose deadly skills from the penalty spot and deadball situations made him the club's second top scorer last season.



Tim Sheppard (Physiotherapist).

player profile The Canaries City



Bryan Gunn

Having initially rejected the Canaries' offer of a new, oneyear contract last season, Bryan has now signed on the dotted line. He enjoyed a Testimonial season with the club in 1996/97 and remains a top class 'keeper thanks to his bravery and agility.

Born: Thurso, 22.12.63 Height: 6ft 2in Weight: 13st 8lb

League record this season:

0 games, 0 goals

Honours: Scotland Schools, Youth, U21, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Aberdeen	15
96/97	Norwich	386

Andy Marshall

Highly-rated youngster who suffered a pelvic injury in March, but recovered to establish himself as City's first choice 'keeper at the tail end of last season. After several years in the shadow of the experienced Gunn, Andy looks set to hang on to the number one shirt this season.

Born: Bury St Edmunds, 14.04.75 Height: 6ft 2in Weight: 13 st

League record this season:

10 games, 0 goals

Honours: England U21 caps; Football League Rep XI

Club	Games
Norwich	31
Bournemouth	11
Gillingham	5
	Norwich Bournemouth

Other Goalkeepers include:

Robert Green (ex-YTS)

Defenders

Craig Fleming

Primarily a central defender, but happy playing at full-back or in a marking role, Craig is a toughtackler with good pace.

Comfortable on the ball, he was Oldham's skipper at the tail end of last season.

Born: Halifax, 06.10.71

Height: 6ft Weight: 11st 7lb

League record this season:

4 games, 0 goals Honours: None

Era	Club	Game
90/91	Halifax	57
96/97	Oldham	164

Victor Segura

Technically gifted left-sided defender who moved to Carrow Road in July 1997, following a short trial period with the club. A good passer of the ball he has also previously played with Real Zaragoza, Palamos and Logrones in his home country. From Lleida, Spain Free.

Born: Zaragoza, Spain, 30.03.73 League record this season:

5 games, 0 goals

Honours: Spain Schools, Youth,

U21 caps

John Polston

A no nonsense defender who missed a chunk of last season with a groin injury which kept him out of action for around four months. Strong in the air and effective on the ground he is happiest in central defence.

Born: Walthamstow, 10.06.68

Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 11st 12lb

League record this season:

8 games, 0 goals Honours: England Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Tottenham	24
96/97	Norwich	203

Matt Jackson

Unable to command a regular first-team place at Everton, Matt had loan spells at several clubs before becoming Mike Walker's first signing since he returned to Carrow Road, in December 1996. A calm and composed right-back or central defender.

Born: Leeds, 19.10.71

Height: 6ft Weight: 12st 2lb

League record this season:

7 games, 0 goals

Honours: FA Cup 1995; Charity Shield 1995; England Schools,

U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Luton	· 1
90/91	Preston	4
91/92	Luton	9
95/96	Everton	124
95/96	Charlton	8
96/97	Everton	-
96/97	QPR	7
96/97	Birmingham	10
96/97	Norwich	19

Rob Newman

Missed just two games last season, as he rediscovered the form which had deserted him for the previous couple of seasons. A strong and determined tackler who likes to push forward and start attacks from a central position.

Born: Bradford-on-Avon,

13.12.63 Height: 6ft 2in Weight: 13st

League record this season:

9 games, 0 goals Honours: Freight Rover

Trophy 1986



 Era
 Club
 Games

 90/91
 Bristol City
 394

 96/97
 Norwich
 190

Kevin Scott

Moved to Carrow Road as a replacement for the long-term injured John Polston last season and helped to shore up the left side of a leaky Canaries' defence. A back injury hampered him towards the end of the campaign.

Born: Easington, 17.12.66

Height: 6ft 3in Weight: 14st 5lb

League record this season:

3 games, 0 goals

Honours: FA Youth Cup 1985;

Div One title 1993

Era	Club	Game
93/94	Newcastle	227
94/95	Tottenham	16
94/95	Port Vale	17
96/97	Tottenham	2
96/97	Charlton	4
96/97	Norwich	9

Danny Mills

Promising young defender who can also operate in midfield if required. Happiest playing anywhere across the backline he is an aggressive player who has good skills of recovery.

Born: Norwich, 18.05.77

Height: 6ft Weight: 11st 11lb

League record this season:

6 games, 0 goals

Honours: England Youth caps; Football League Rep XI

Daryl Sutch

A right-sided midfield player who established himself in the left wing-back role for City last season to good effect. A tremendous athlete, he still likes to push forward when the opportunity presents itself.

Born: Lowestoft, 11.09.71

Height: 6ft Weight: 11st 13lb

League record this season:

10 games, 1 goal

Honours: England Youth,

U21 caps

Era Club Games 96/97 Norwich 125

Other Defenders include:

Lee Marshall (from Enfield, Mar 1997, £15,000); Kori Davis (ex-YTS); Joe Green (ex-YTS. Last season's Youth team captain); Darren Kenton (ex-YTS); Che Wilson (ex-YTS).

Midfielders

Peter Grant

Vastly experienced central midfielder who is a driving force behind the side. Peter almost signed for the Canaries back in 1992, but a sending-off for Celtic's reserves, and a subsequent five match ban, put the deal on ice.

Born: Bellshill, 30.08.65

Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 10st 3lb

League record this season:

8 games, 0 goals

Honours: Scottish League 1986, 1988; SFA Cup 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995; Scotland Schools, Youth,

U21, 'B', Full caps

Era Club Games 96/97 Celtic 363

Neil Adams

Skilful right-winger or midfield man who missed just one game last season. A talented crosser of the ball he netted a career best 16 goals in all competitions last season and proved himself deadly from the penalty spot, scoring nine times in nine attempts.

Born: Stoke, 23.11.65 Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 10st 12lb

League record this season:

10 games, 2 goals

Honours: Charity Shield 1986; League title 1987; Div Two title

1991; England U21 cap

Era	Club	Game
85/86	Stoke	32
88/89	Everton	20
88/89	Oldham	9
93/94	Oldham	129
96/97	Norwich	134

Mike Milligan

Having signed a new, three-year contract with the Canaries during the summer, the experienced Mike is looking forward to another solid season in front of the back four for Norwich. Runner-up in last season's 'Player of the Year' awards at Carrow Road.

Born: Manchester, 20.02.67

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 11st

League record this season:

6 games, 0 goals

Honours: Rep of Ireland U21,

U23, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Oldham	162
90/91	Everton	17
93/94	Oldham	117
96/97	Norwich	91

Craig Bellamy

Wales' youngest-ever U21 international - he made his debut against San Marino as a 16-year-old - Craig is an attacking midfielder who loves to run at defences. With a good touch, eye for goal and searing pace he is a real handful.



Neil Adams



League record this season:

6 games, 0 goals

Honours: Wales Schools,

Youth, U21 caps

Era 96/97 Club Norwich Games

Other midfielders include:

Shaun Carey (ex-YTS. Rep of Ireland U21 int'l); Karl Simpson (ex-YTS); Damian Hilton (ex-YTS); Chris Llewellyn (ex-YTS. Wales Youth int'l).



Adrian Coote

One of nine former YTS players to sign professional forms during the summer, Adrian is an awkward opponent who attacks the ball well in the air. He scored his first goal for the club in Norwich's 2-1 win over Man City in late September.

Born: Great Yarmouth, 03.09.78

Height: 6ft 2in

League record this season:

5 games, 1 goal

Honours: N.Ireland Youth caps

Signed professional July 1997.

Drewe Broughton

Lanky front-runner who burst onto the scene last season with a spectacular volleyed goal at Wolves and is expected to make big strides this season. He was loaned out to Wigan in August 1997 to give him some valuable first-team experience.

Born: Hitchin, 25.10.78

Height: 6ft 3in Weight: 12st

League record this season: 4 games, 0 goals (all for Wigan)

Honours: England Youth caps

Era Club Games 96/97 Norwich 8

Darren Eadie

Last season's top scorer, 'Player of the Year' and ace in the pack for Norwich. Fast, strong, skilful and direct, Eadie is one of the country's leading young strikers and was called into Glenn Hoddle's Full England squad for the summer fixtures in Le Tournoi, France. He scored his first goal of the season in City's 2-1 'derby' victory over Ipswich at the end of September.

Born: Chippenham, 10.06.75

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 11st

League record this season:

7 games, 1 goal

Honours: England Youth,

U21 caps

Era Club Games 96/97 Norwich 114

Other forwards include:

Robert Fleck, Adrian Forbes, Keith O'Neill, Iwan Roberts, Jamie Shore, Gaven Tipple.

Figures correct at 16th October 1997.

Mike Walker the manager

One of the most popular managers in Norwich's history, Mike Walker returned to the Club for a second spell in the hot-seat in June 1996, following the departure of previous boss Gary Megson.

As a player, Walker was a goalkeeper who made 655 League appearances for a total of five clubs -Shrewsbury, York, Charlton, Watford and Colchester - as well as winning international recognition with Wales at U23 level.

On retiring from playing he was appointed first coach and then manager at Colchester, from where he was sacked in October 1987 with his team near the top of the table and having just picked up a 'Manager of the Month' trophy.

He was immediately offered the position of Reserve team manager at Carrow Road, where he made a favourable impression.

City fans are hopeful that Walker can bring back some of the glory days they tasted in his first spell as manager, which began in April 1992 when he was promoted to succeed Dave Stringer.

The following campaign Walker led the Canaries

to their highest ever League finish - third - after a lengthy spell topping the table, and qualified for the UEFA Cup into the bargain.

And 1993/94 saw the Carrow Road Club continue to compete at the top end of the Premiership, as well as putting up a tremendous showing in Europe, where an historic victory away at Bayern Munich meant a night to remember for City fans everywhere. Indeed, only a narrow defeat at the hands of mighty Inter Milan prevented further progress for the Canaries.

A clash with then City Chairman Robert Chase over the Club's financial policy led to Walker's resignation in January 1994, and the highly-rated and likeable manager walked straight into a job with Everton.

Following a poor start at Goodison Park Walker was sacked - ironically after a 0-0 draw at Carrow Road - in November 1994 and he subsequently spent 18 months out of the game before making his triumphant return to Carrow Road last summer.

He is the father of Tottenham and England 'keeper Ian Walker.

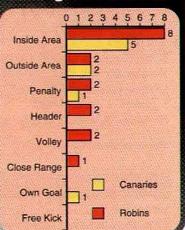
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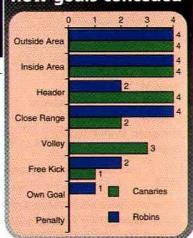
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11/8/65 Scotland	2			Bolton (L) Rangers Partick
Peter Grant	10		2	Celtic
30/8/65 Scotland	1			
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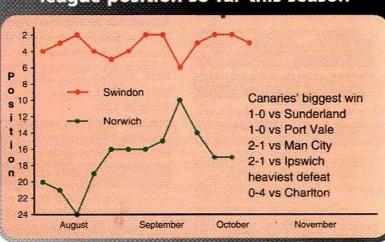
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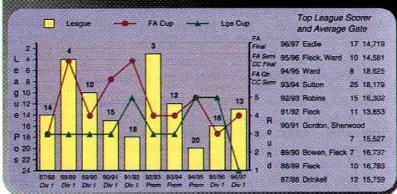
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norwich's 10 year league and cup record



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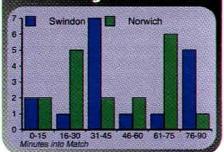
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Goalkeeper Nicky Hammond was Town's man of the match as they kept a clean sheet at Upton Park. Swindon's winner came six minutes from time when George Parris upended Martin Ling just outside the box. The foul led to Parris being sent off. A more

fitting punishment from Swindon's viewpoint was the resulting free kick which saw Maskell's shot deflected into the goal. Only a few days before, Maskell has scored twice at Ashton Gate to help Glenn Hoddle's Football League side to a 3-1 win over the Italian Serie B side. Norwich failed to regain the leadership of the Premiership which they lost the previous day to Blackburn when they crashed 4-1 at Anfield with defender lan Butterworth getting their goal. Mark Walters was among the Liverpool scorers.

20 YEARS AGO

lan Bright gave Palace an early lead at Selhurst Park but Town fought back and a great cross by Phil King was headed home by Steve White after 35 minutes. The deciding goal came after 82 minutes with a penalty for handball described by Lou Macari as a scandalous decision. Colin Calderwod rushed to the

referee to point out the muddy mark where the ball had hit his shirt. Unfortunately for Colin his shirt had been covered with muddy marks since the kick off when Swindon had been forced to use the unwashed kit of a Palace junior side as Town's own kit had been left in Swindon. Andy Gray converted the penalty and with Fraser Digby

sustaining a fractured thumb it was a sad day all round for Town. City lost away to Sheffield Wednesday 1-0. It was one of 21 League matches in which they failed to score in a disappointing season which saw them finish 14th in the top Division. David Pleat resigned as manager of Tottenham.

15 YEARS AGO

Swindon extended their unbeaten run to eight matches with a convincing 4-0 win over Mansfield Town which lifted them to sixth place in Division Four. Paul Rideout scored Swindon's first with a far post header from Howard Pritchard's cross in the 25th Minute. Rideout, who had been the subject of some rugged tackling,

had to leave the field injured in the 39th minute but a minute later, another header this time by Leigh Barnard put Swindon two up. Second half goals by Andy Rowland and Howard Pritchard sealed Swindon's victory on a superb County Ground playing surface which was described as a credit to groundsman, Maurice Owen. Owen nearly became a Norwich player in the 1950's when he

elected to stay at Swindon after the Town Board had accepted an offer of £14,000 for his services. John Deehan's spot kick was enough to give the Canaries a home win over Villa. It was one of his 20 goals in a season when he was the only Canary to reach double figures. City fans at least enjoyed a Cup run which saw them reach the Sixth Round before losing 1-0 to Brighton.

FLASH-BACK

We'll finish the job on
Wednesday" said City's Jeremy
Goss after Norwich played out a
goalless draw at the County
Ground in the F.A. Cup Third
Round in January 1987. Jimmy
Quinn felt he had been robbed
when his 43rd minute effort was
ruled out for a handling offence
by Colin Calderwood. Having
lost on their previous six visits to
Carrow Road, the Town could
not have made the journey to
East Anglia with much

confidence but David Bamber with two second half headers from a David Hockaday corner and a Jimmy Quinn free kick gave them a shock victory. Even the introduction by Norwich of their £500,00 signing Robert Fleck could not stop Swindon. It was to be a hollow victory for it led to a 5-0 thrashing in the next round by a Gascoigne inspired Newcastle in a match which was to trigger the investigation that led to the downfall of Brian Hillier.



diary of the week

Wednesday

October 15th

All eyes were on the Reserves who were looking to bounce back from the previous week's poor display at Wimbledon with an improvement against lpswich Town.

And the team certainly played a lot better as they fought out a 1-1 draw which could easily have turned into a win if some more chances had been taken.

In the end it was a stunning individual goal by Alex Smith which made sure of a point while trialist Stuart Quinn, recently released by Liverpool, gave a good account of himself.



October 16th

The day began with myself and Craig Taylor paying a visit to the Ridgeway School in Wroughton to officially launch a new partnership.

As a Club we are providing incentives for pupils at the school to work hard and achieve results. First team players will be making regular visits to the school to hand over certificates and prizes to pupils who have made substantial progress.

The pupils will be nominated by each head of department based on sustained hard work, improvement and constant achievement.

I think it is a great scheme and it is important to have close links with school children in the area. Hopefully we can help them improve themselves in their academic and sporting achievements and with a bit of luck they'll help us by coming to

support the team on a Saturday. We helped kick things off by giving the kids 1500 tickets for next week's Reserve team game here at the County Ground against Arsenal - so let's hope they turn up in force and make lots of noise!

Friday

October 17th

It was now time to focus our energy on the game away at Wolves but first of all we had to have a head count with no fewer than nine players on the injured list.

I've never known anything like it with so many players undergoing treatment and there was no doubt who was the busiest person at the ground with Jonathan Trigg working overtime in an attempt to see all of our walking wounded.

Saturday

October 18th.

Our depleted squad made the journey up to Molineux in the morning with youngsters Robin Hulbert and Alex Meechan both being drafted in to boost the squad.

The game turned out to be a tense battle and it was spoilt as a contest as early as the 16th minute when Lee Collins was sent off along with Steve Bull of Wolves.

Despite being 10 a side the game was still entertaining with Wolves taking the lead before Chris Hay continued his superb strike rate by equalising from the penalty spot after the Chief had been bundled over.

The lads battled on bravely but when Chris Casper was sent off for his second bookable offense we struggled to cope with only nine players and unfortunately we went down to two late goals.

October 19th

Despite losing at Wolves we had managed to hold onto second place.

But our injury nightmare was getting worse with Scott Leitch the latest casualty.

He pulled a hamstring at Molineux so as they say in the trade - we were down to the bare bones as we prepared for another tough trip- this time to Sunderland.



October 20th

The big news was that midfielder Ty Gooden had signed a new three and half year contract at the Club.On the outgoing front Phil King was on his way to Second Division Blackpool on a month's loan with a view to a more permanent move.



October 21st

We emerged with a useful point after a battling display at Sunderland where Fraser Digby was the hero with a penalty save.

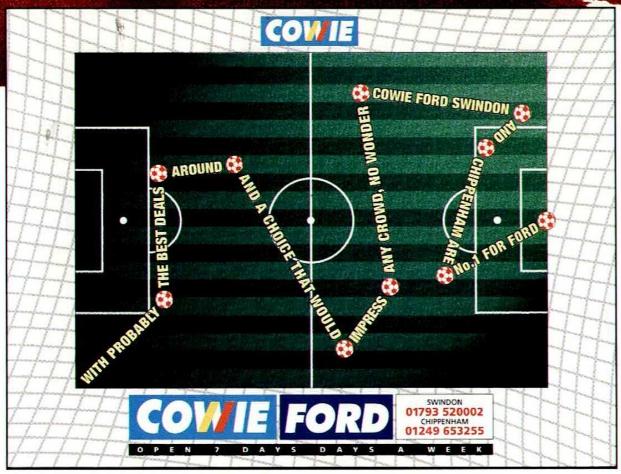


October 22nd

It was a big day for Tommy Wheeldon's youth team as they were making a guest appearance in Sky's new series Dream Team.

The youngsters had been invited along to take on Harchester Utd in a fictitious FA Youth Cup tie.

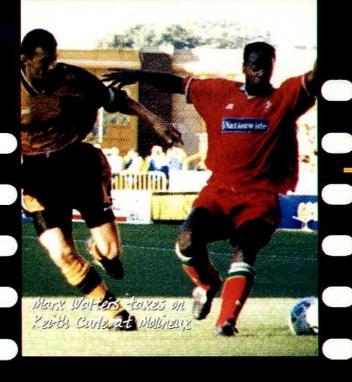
Look out for the lads on the series very soon - I've no doubt they performed well for the cameras!

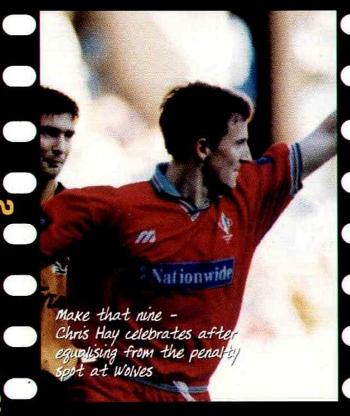
















SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Wolves 3 Swindon Town 1

Attendance 21,794

- Fraser Digby
- **Brian Borrows**
- Ian Culverhouse
- Scott Leitch (Hulbert 38 mins)
- Craig Taylor
- Chris Casper
- Mark Walters (Meechan 89 mins)
- Lee Colins
- Chris Hay
- Wayne Allison
- Ty Gooden

Sub not used: Steve Cowe



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Sunderland 0 **Swindon Town 0**

Attendance 27,553

- Fraser Digby
- **Brian Borrows**
- Ian Culverhouse
- Darren Bullock
- **Craig Taylor**
- Chris Casper
- Kevin Watson (Walters 78 mins)
- Lee Colins
- Chris Hay
- Wayne Allison
- Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Steve Cowe, Robin Hulbert

Swindon were sunk at Molineux where ney were reduced to nine men after the smissals of Lee Collins and Chris Casper. Jolves had Steve Bull sent off but they de the extra man count in the final stages.

Citty rearguard action resulted in a cious point at Sunderland's new Stadium light on Tuesday where Fraser Digby was hero with a first half penalty save.

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Match report.

Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

Swindon Town Reserves 1 Ipswich Reserves 1

A stunning strike by Alex Smith made sure of a point against lpswich but we should have emerged with all three after creating a hatful of chances.

The first half was evenly fought with goalscoring opportunities few and far between but there was little we could do to stop Ipswich taking the lead as their full back Wayne Brown let fly with a long range effort after 25 minutes.

We upped the tempo after the half time break and began to take control with Steve Cowe forcing a good save out of Lee Bracey in the 47th minute.

A shot cum cross by Gary Elkins skimmed the top of the Ipswich cross bar, Peter Holcroft fired over after a positive run but it was Steve Mildenhall who kept us in touch when he tipped a vicious volley onto the bar and over in the 55th minute.

Alex Meechan had a great chance to put us on level terms two minutes later but he hooked his shot over after good work by Elkins and Cowe.

We continued to press hard and Darren Bullock saw a header well saved before Alex Smith's attempted lob sailed just over the cross bar. In the 69th minute lpswich were reduced to 10 men when defender Adam Tanner was deservedly sent off after hacking down Meechan who had broken clear and looked set to score. It was now one way traffic but lpswich somehow managed to hold on until six minutes from time when Alex Smith scored a real gem.

Picking the ball up on the half way line, Smith made good ground before curling a superb left foot shot in off the far post to give us something to show for all our hard work.

Team: Mildenhall, Quinn, Elkins (Bennett), Bullock, Darras, Pattimore (McSherry), Culverhouse, Holcroft, Meechan, Cowe, Smith. Sub not used: Hodson.



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IAN CULVERHOUSE	4	0	0	0	4	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	2	0	0	0	2	0
SOL DAVIS	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
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GARY ELKINS	9	0	0	9	9	0
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Our next game in the Avon Insurance Combination is on Wednesday when we entertain Premiership side Arsenal here at the County Ground.

It promises to be a tremendous game and with Arsenal likely to send a team made up of several big names, I'm sure you won't want to miss that one.

Don't forget to buy your tickets in advance priced £4 for adults and £1 for concessions and I suggest you get here early because we're expecting a big crowd. The game kicks-off at 7.15pm - see you there.



Wednesday 29th October 1997

Arsenal

Kick-Off 7.15pm

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Monday 3rd November 1997

Chelsea

Kick-Off 7.00pm

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ı	WED	AUG	27	CARDIFF CITY (JFC1)	H 3-3
	Sat	Aug	30	Reading	A 3-1
	Tue	Sep	9	Cardiff City (JFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
	SAT	SEP	13	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
	WED	SEP	17	P'BORO UTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
	Sat	Sep	20	Colchester United	A 2-1
	SAT	SEP	27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
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	Sat	Oct	04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
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West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

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Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-2
OCT 09	SWANSEA CITY(LC R1)	H 2-1
Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A 1-5
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H 0-3
OCT 25	YEOVIL TOWN	H
Nov 91	Torquay United	A
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H
Nov 15	Bashley	A
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NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H
Dec Ub	Bristol City	A
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South West Counties League Cup First Round

Swindon Town Youth 2 Swansea City Youth 1

Goals by Neil Dix and Phil MacDiarmid saw the Academy team into the second round of the League Cup - a competition the Club won last season.

Dix gave Swindon the lead in the 20th minute and although Swansea levelled when a cross was carried into the net by a gust of wind, MacDiarmid scored a superb winner with a delightful 25 yard lob.

Team: Davies, Pottinger (Jordan), Bennett, Cope, Sharps, Kimber (Brogden), Simpkins, Mills, Sperti, MacDiarmid, Dix.

South East Counties League Division Two

Swindon Town Youth 1 Wycombe Wands Youth 0

Academy youngster
Steve Bennett celebrated
his call up into Swindon's
South East Counties team
with the winning goal on
his full debut.

Wing-back Bennett's 78th minute strike was enough to win a closely fought battle and maintain our unbeaten run.

It was a particuarly pleasing result when considering the fact that no fewer than five players were missing through illness.

Team: Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson, Bennett, Mills, Thorne, MacDiarmid, McSherry, Meechan. Midland Youth Cup Second Round

Nottingham Forest Youth 2 Swindon Town Youth 1

Our Cup hopes were dashed at the City Ground where we seemed to freeze in the impressive surroundings and were lucky to only concede one goal in a one-sided first 20 minutes.

A terrific goal by England Youth International Robin Hulbert got us back on level terms and we enjoyed our best spell either side of half time.

But as the game wore on it was Forest who looked the most likely to score and they did just that in the closing stages.

Team: Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson, Bennett, Mills (MacDiarmid), Thorne, Hulbert (Cope), Meechan (Hughes), McSherry.

South East Counties League Cup Second Round

Swindon Town Youth 2 Bristol Rovers Youth 0

Considering the amount of players missing through injuries, suspension and first team call-ups, this was a great result in the League Cup.

We took the lead after 23 minutes when Stuart Hodson's through ball found Ian McSherry who lobbed the keeper in fine style.

McSherry continued to cause Rovers problems and was



unlucky not to add to his total as he hit the post and had a header brilliantly saved.

The lads continued to dominate with some quality moves but it wasn't until late on that substitute Ricky Culbertson sealed victory with a header from Steve Bennett's inswinging corner.

Team: Davies, Peters, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson, Bennett, Mills, Thorne, MacDiarmid, McSherry, Hughes (Culbertson).

South West Counties League

Swindon Town Youth 0 Swansea City Youth 3

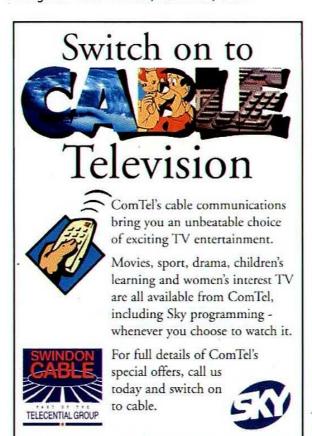
A severely depleted Academy team were no match for Swansea as they fell 3-0 down after only 30 minutes.

There was a marked improverment in the second half but we finished well beaten.

Team: Tarran, Taylor, Mackie, Radbone, Cope, Farley, Simpkins, Pottinger, Sperti, Brogden, Norgrove. Subs: Kimber, McConell, Cook.

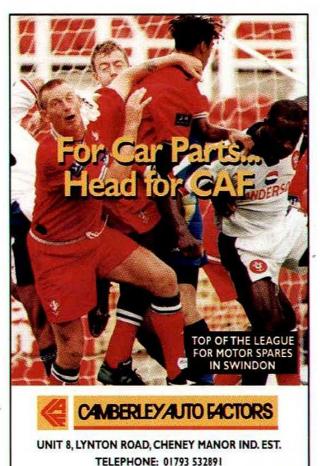
Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98

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Player Name:	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls	
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ANTHONY BETTERTON	6	0	4	0	10	0	
PETER CAIRNS	3(2)	0	3(1)	0	6(3)	0	
SAM CAMPAGNA	8	0	7	0	15	0	
GARETH COPE	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	
RICKY CULBERTSON	4(2)	0	5(1)	0	9(3)	1	
SOL DAVIS	3	1	(1)	0	3(1)	1	
KEVIN DAVIES	0	0	i i	0	1	0	
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	Ó	. 1	0	3	0	
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0	
STUART HODSON	8	0	7	1	15	1	
ALAN HUGHES	2	0	1(3)	0	3(3)	0	
ROBIN HULBERT	_4	2	5	1	9	3	
PHIL MACDIARMID	3(1)	0	2(2)	0	5(3)	0	
PAUL MCAREAVEY	5	2	3	2	8	4	
IAN McSHERRY	4(3)	0	5(1)	-2	9(4)	2	
ALEX MEECHAN	8	6	6	3	14	9	
JAMIE MILLS	3(1)	1	4	0	7(1)	- 1	
CHRIS ORGAN		0	0	0	1	0	
CHRIS O'CONNELL	6(1)	1	2(1)	0	8(2)	1	
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with Clive & Jon

Today we are welcoming back some very special guests from Stratton Youth FC Cirencester who are making yet another visit to our highly successful Saturday Team Club.

And in return, on Friday October 31st, Jon and I will be taking out a team of qualified coaches to Cirencester for a days training at this well run and thoroughly professional youth set up.

Stratton's success is down to a number of people but the person who deserves the most credit for his hard work and dedication is Brian Hudson who has done a marvellous job.

As you are all well aware, Half Term is now upon us and our courses take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. One will be here at the County Ground run by me, with Jon co-ordinating the other at Marlborough. We are both hoping for another successful three days as was the case during the summer.

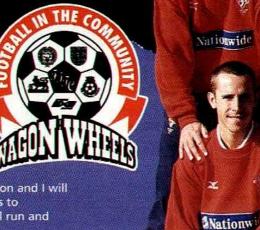
As we've mentioned before in these notes, we get various requests coming in from a number of organisations asking us for help.

Today we are pleased to be assisting the Swindon Schools FA and in particular Malcolm Coombs, the manager of the Under 15's who has been a supporter of the Club for some 34 years and is a current season ticket holder. The Community Office in association with Swindon Town FC is pleased to be donating the highly popular old Yellow away kit, worn several years ago by the first team, to the Schools Association as their second kit.

Another presentation taking place today is to the teams that took part in our Auto Windscreens Under 13's 6-a-side tournament which culminated in Bradon Forest reaching Wembley and playing on the hallowed turf before the Division One Play-Off Final.

Every team that entered the tournament will today receive match footballs for their school from the competition sponsors Auto Windscreens and we would like to welcome them to the County Ground today.

Finally we would like to welcome Chris Weston who is attending this afternoon's match having travelled from Kent. Chris is here with his father David who lives in Stratton. Chris is an avid fan of the Club and tries to get to as many games as he can. We hope you have an enjoyable day.



Jon Holloway

Clive Maguire





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JUNIOR ROBINS



A big hello to all you Junior Robins who are here today to cheer the lads to victory against Norwich City.

Wolves Visit

I hope you all had a good day out at Molineux last Saturday. Obviously the result wasn't what we would have wanted but it was always going to be tough when we were reduced to nine players.

But wasn't it a wonderful experience going to one of the best stadiums outside the Premiership!

The next trip to look forward to is on Friday October 31st when we make the journey down to the South Coast to take on Portsmouth in front of the Sky Sports Cameras.

As you will all know it's Halloween that night so why not go in fancy dress, I'm sure if you do, you could become a television star because those Sky cameras like to home in on visiting fans - particularly if they are wearing something a little bit different!

Pompey Trip

Don't forget to get your name down for the trip to Portsmouth. The coach will depart from the County Ground car park at 4pm. The cost for what should be a thoroughly entertaining evening out is £12 for adults and £7 for Junior Robins.
Ring the Marketing Department on 01793
532121 for further details.

Newsletter

Keep your eyes out for the postman during the first week in November because that is when the next edition of the Junior Robins Newsletter will be sliding through your letter boxes.

Inside will be all the up to date information on the latest Junior Robins news, there will be an easy to enter competition and of course all of you who celebrate your birthdays in November will be able to see your names in print.

Firework Party

As you may have read on our welcome page, we've got a free firework display here at the County Ground before the home game against Queens Park Rangers on Wednesday November 5th.

If you want to witness a spectacular display, the only place to be is at Swindon Town with the action firing off at 7pm sharp.

The fireworks will be set off from the centre circle so all you youngsters will have a great view. Get your parents to book tickets for the game now and make sure you get here early!

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots

Abbey Hayes is 8 years old, lives in Norwich but is an ardent Swindon Town fan with her hobbies including swimming, The Spice Girls and of course football. She loves the entire Town team and one days wants to become a cheerleader at the County Ground.

Joining Abbey as a mascot this afternoon is her brother *Lewis Hayes* who is 6 years of age. He enjoys playing football and basketball and like many of the Town players, he is a keen fisherman. Lewis' favourite player is Steve Finney.



William Raikes-May who lives in Melksham and



goes to the George Ward School is another of our mascot's today. His favourite player is Mark Walters and William's hobbies include playing football and cricket. William is 13 years of age.

Last but by no means least, our fourth mascot is 53 year old *Gerry Woodvine* who is a season ticket holder and has followed Swindon Town since 1959. Gerry works for Anchor Foods Limited and lives in Calne. We hope Gerry and our other mascot's enjoy their day out at the County Ground.

The mascot for Norwich is Peter Reeve who is 10 years old and lives in Cheddar, Somerset. His favourite player is Darren Eadie.





tony horne's view from a far

I am sure it will not have escaped your attention that Lee Collins has unexpectedly been the centre of mass media attention this week.

Poor old Lee can now lie low for seven games and I know he does not need reminding of this. I like to look at this positively and suggest that it is indicative of the new tougher Swindon Town than it is misplaced aggression. Having said that, this must be some sort of record. How agonising must that be - having to watch the next month of football, kicking every ball in your mind, but none of them on the pitch? I write this, minutes after the final whistle at the Stadium of Light

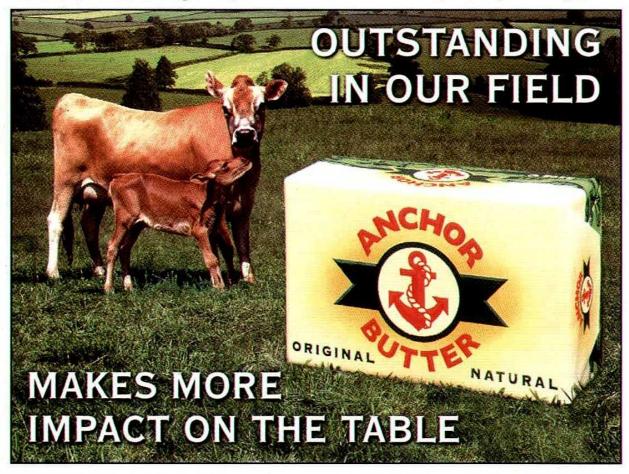
where Lee Collins has just contributed to a solid, if unspectacular rear-guard action against Sunderland on a cold northeastern night.

In fairness the game was poor but it was Sunderland's job to get the points and not Swindon's to chase the game. That is what happened and the Gaffer will settle for a point against his old adversary Peter Reid. In Sunderland they are calling for his head and the final whistle here was greeted with boos. All of this is grossly unfair for Sunderland have turned in some good performances without getting a run together. Their main bone of contention seems to be his inability to sign a striker, something he was lacking against us.

Though not entertained by the performance against Sunderland, I was impressed that we did not collapse like a pack of cards - Fraser was excellent and the whole team resolute in defence and as Macca pointed out at the post-match press conference: "With 15 men on the treatment table, I am very happy with the point."

Asked whether the Gaffer was close to picking himself with so many out he replied: "I was on the list but I scrubbed myself out after the barbie on Sunday! Last time I tried to play my back was like a broken biscuit."

He was on good form though and should be - Swindon Town are grinding out results where they failed before and despite the injuries, things are looking up.



centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

Last weekend our Under 13's and Under 14's travelled to Oxford for local Centre of Excellence fixtures while the Under 15's and 16's played host to Oxford at the B.R. Ground.

The Under 13's went down 6-0 with the Oxford boys bigger and stronger in all departments.

The Under 14's also lost, by a 2-0 margin this time although the game was a lot closer than the score suggests.

Our Under 15's produced an excellent performance as they came back from 2-0 down to win 4-2.

Passing is the key to playing well we tell the boys and the Under 15's did that superbly well.

I myself watched the Under 16's play Oxford and to say I was disappointed would be an under statement.

Results at this age group are more important than any other group because potentially these boys could be next year's intake of YTS players.

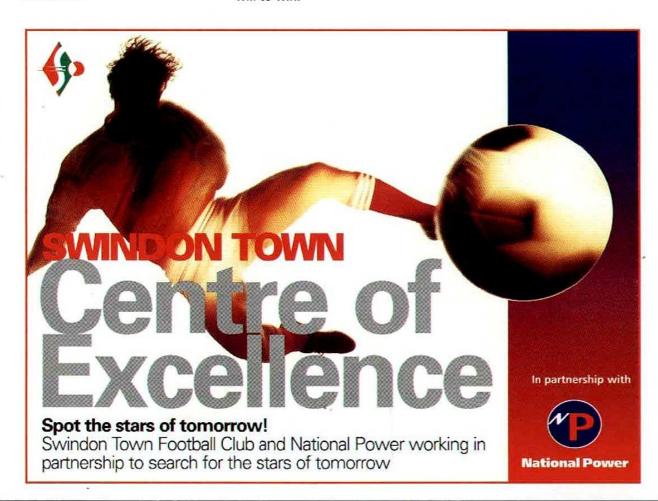
There was a lack of passion, commitment and will to win from our lads which will have to be rectified immediately.

No-one has ever made the grade who is not totally committed in their attitude and will to win.

Half term is upon us now and we will take the opportunity to have a look at our babies. i.e. the 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds.

We entertain Plymouth Argyle on Tuesday in small -sided games and no doubt the boys can't wait for that.







ticket office @swindon town tickets







Tickets are now on sale for our next away match which is on Friday October

31st at Portsmouth (7.45pm kick-off).

Some 600 tickets are available in advance priced £11 for adults and £5 for Juniors but you can also pay on the night for the same price.

£12 for adults and £6 for concessions if purchased in advance although there are no concessions on the day of the game.

Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:



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



Bradford City, Saturday November 8th. 3pm.



Middlesbrough, Saturday November 22nd, 3pm.



Oxford United, Saturday December 6th, 3pm.

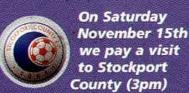
Don't forget

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 29th (7.15pm kick-off) when we face the mighty Arsenal. Tickets cost £4 for adults and £1 concessions with free admission for season ticket holders and Junior Robins. On Wednesday November 12th the Reserves take on local rivals Oxford United here at the County Ground (7.15pm).

Did You Know?

As from today, youngsters under the age of 16 who want to come along on their own to matches can purchase a ticket for only £2.50 in the Rover Stand on the day of the game. This offer had only been available in advance in the past. Supporters are also reminded that any adult who purchases a ticket in the Rover Stand in advance can bring a child in with them for absolutely nothing. A full paying adult in the Rover Stand costs £11 and if you bring along a kid it still costs £11. For each additional child we only charge £1. Season ticket holders who have their seats in the Rover Stand can also bring along extra kids for a quid if buying in advance.

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where only 300 seats are available.

Ticket prices to sit or stand on the terraces are

Matchday Ticket Office: For Saturday matches throughout 1997, tickets will go on sale at 11am.

For further details on ticket availability contact the Ticket Office on:

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Portsmouth Friday Oct 31st Kick-Off 7.45pm

Two of the Town's next three away fixtures will be in front of the Sky cameras - the first when they take on Terry Fenwick's south-coast strugglers at Fratton Park next weekend.

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Take the M4 east, leaving at Junction 13 to join the A34 southbound, via Newbury. Join the M3 at Junction 9 (Winchester), following signs for Southampton and then the M27 to Portsmouth.

After passing the IBM building on the right, turn left at the roundabout into Milton Road, right into Priory Crescent and right again into Carisbrooke Road.



Going to Stockport... Saturday November 15th

See our next matchday magazine for all your travel details to Edgeley Park.

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Did You Know?

Town lost eleven of their first twelve League encounters at Fratton Park - and failed to score in eight of them!



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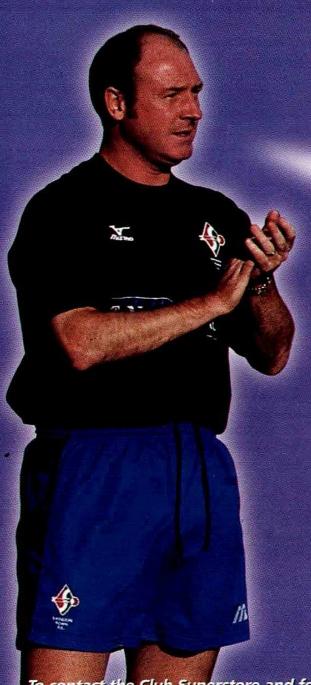




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Deepest Sympathy

Everyone at the Club wishes to express their deepest sympathy at the passing of Mrs Olive Holden.

Olive and husband Jim were staunch home and away supporters of Swindon Town over a very long period. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr Holden at this very sad time.

Eagles have landed

There was a surprise in store for the newly formed Swindon Eagles Under 9's team recently when they were presented with their new kit by Town boss Steve McMahon.

Club sponsors Nationwide Building Society agreed to sponsor the kit and the Gaffer was only too pleased to make the official presentation before the home game against Bury.

It was quite a shock for the young lads who knew nothing about it before they arrived at the County Ground.



Plague presentation

Swindon Town Chairman Rikki Hunt was delighted to receive a special plaque on behalf of the Club as a thank you for their generosity in donating a kit to take to Bosnia.

The Club donated the strip to the Evening Advertiser who took it over to Sipova in Bosnia to present to their local league team.

The idea came about from Corporal Nick Cooper, who is based in Sipova but originates from Swindon. He and other army colleagues have rebuilt the pitch and facilities for the locals.

The league team play regularly against the King's Royal Hussars, a few of which come from Stratton and are avid Town fans.

They sent the plague as a thank you for Swindon Town's support and James Trudgian from the Evening Adertiser is pictured presenting it to Town Chairman Rikki Hunt.



Town team up with school

Swindon Town Football Club are delighted to announce a unique partnership with Ridgeway School in Wroughton.

The Club have joined forces with the school to promote the importance of education by introducing an incentive scheme to reward pupils for their

First Team Coach Mike Walsh, with the help of Town defender Craig

academic efforts.

Taylor, officially launched the scheme at the school last week. Mike spoke to pupils about the importance of studying hard, achieving their goals and working together to produce a winning team.

The Club's link with the 1500 pupil school will see first team players and coaching staff making regular visits to hand over certificates and prizes to pupils who have made substantial progress.

These pupils will be nominated by each head of department based on sustained hard work, improvement and consistent achievement.

Swindon Town will offer free



tickets and signed merchandise as rewards and to help kick the scheme off they handed over 1500 tickets for Swindon Town's forthcoming Reserve team fixture at home to Arsenal Reserves on Wednesday October 29th (7.15pm).



Award for McDonald

Defender Alan McDonald is the latest winner of the Whichford Hyundai Player of the Month Award.

He is pictured being presented with the award for September by John Keevil, Sales Executive with Whichford Hyundai.



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WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

The Winning Nest-Egg number at the Bury game two weeks ago was 3363. Colin Harling of Beech Avenue, Pinehurst, collected £553 for purchasing it.

This takes the average pay-out for the season to the following dimensions. All games including pre-season friendlies: £509. League fixtures only: £586.

The average League game attendance to date is 8659.

At Molineux last Saturday the attendance was 21,749 and their half-time draw was worth £500 to winner. So although the attendance

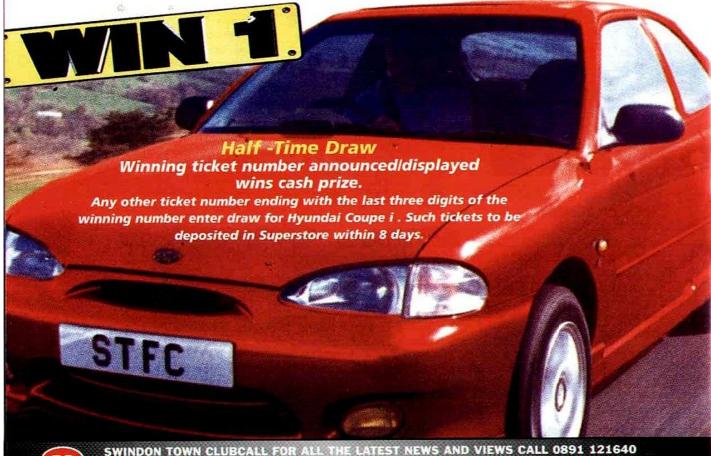
here against Bury was only 36.77% of that at Wolves, Colin Harling collected 10.6% more than the winner did at Molineux. In addition, sixteen purchasers of tickets ending 363 qualified for the car draw at the County Ground (see foot of page). I would therefore respectively suggest that those of you not yet supporting our half time draw can now do so with doubtless enthusiasm!

D.Bedford of Eldene, Swindon, submitted the first correct entry opened with regard to the last Brainteaser. It was Tim Parkin who made his Swindon debut on the same day as Fraser Digby made his! This week's tantalising

test investigates a game with todays visitors on 1st November 1969. "Who was Swindon's top scorer for the season prior to kick-off?" Answers by Halloween please, the day we go to Portsmouth. An autographed football awaits the winner!

Is there anyone out there who has a few hours to spare each week and would like to devote them to their beloved Swindon Town? I will shortly be looking for a part-time assistant in the Lottery Office. The only qualifications, other than the utmost integrity, are self esteem and self motivation.

If you fit the bill, give me a ring to arrange an informal chat.



town chairman conquers kilimanjaro

Rikki Hunt has been flying the Swindon Town flag again - this time at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

While the team were reaching the dizzy heights of second place in the Nationwide First Division, our very own Chairman and Director of Football was climbing 19,300 feet to reach the top of the highest mountain in Africa.

Having already scaled Mont Blanc, skied to the Magnetic North Pole and cruised around the Canary Islands with a group of disabled sailors, Rikki had no hesitation in agreeing to take part in his latest expedition.

"I was asked to accompany Neill Williams, a colleague on my Magnetic North Pole Trip and Lloyd Scott, a former professional footballer who were doing the climb to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust, which donates bone marrow to Leukemia victims.

" Lloyd, who was a goalkeeper for Blackpool, Watford and Leyton Orient, had his career cut short

by leukemia before undergoing a successful bone marrow transplant. "We raised £5000 for the Bristol Scanner Appeal so in every respect the trip was a tremendous success." said Rikki.

The team of three flew out on September 16th and proceeded to talk about football for the next week.

But in between their chats there was a lot of hard work involved as Mount Kilimanjaro is some 3000 feet higher than Mont Blanc.

"I suffered from altitude sickness while climbing Mont Blanc but thanks to the professional guidance of my good friend David Hempleman - Adams I was well prepared for this trip and suffered no ill effects at all.

"We walked in four hour stints, stopping to get used to the altitude and it took us four days to reach Kibo - the start of the final ascent.

"It was hard going as Kilimanjaro is a redundant volcano made up of volcanic ash, so it was like walking through deep sand.

"Overall the trip was a fantastic experience and I was lucky to be part of a brilliant team."

So what is Rikki's next challenge you may be asking? Well, plans are already afoot to climb Acconcagua in Argentina.
At 23,000 feet it is the highest peak in South America.

Town Chairman Rikki Funt flies the Swindon Town flag with the help of Bristol businessman Neill Williams.

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SUTECH, based in Lavington near Devizes, design and manufacture electronic instrumentation and PLC based process control systems. Sutech specialise in automotive diagnostic test equipment for independent service organisations.

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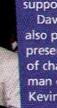
COMMERZBANK AG is one of the 'big three' German commercial banks whose London Branch will celebrate 25 years in the City next year. The bank provides a range of services - including Corporate Banking, Trade and Project Finance and Treasury products - to many valued clients in the Swindon area, Swindon Town Director Peter Godwin was 'signed' by Commerzbank earlier this year as Head of Export Finance in London.

PresentationTime

CBM VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED were Matchday Sponsors for our recent



game against Bury and Swindon Town Chairman Rikki Hunt is pictured handing over a signed, framed shirt to CBM's **Managing Director** David Collett as a thank you for their support.



David Collett is also pictured presenting a bottle of champagne to man of the match Kevin Watson.



SWINDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and STANLEY RACING were Matchball sponsors at the Bury game and man of the match

Kevin Watson is shown handing over a signed football to officials and quests of each organisation as a memento of their day.



S Screen

Those fans unable to get down to Fratton Park to watch Swindon take on Portsmouth on Friday October 31st (7.45pm) can see the game Live on a big screen in the Supporters Club here at the County Ground. Food and refreshments will be available.

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eatment room

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As you are probably well aware, life in the treatment room has been hectic to say the least with no fewer than 10 players queuing up outside my door.

Let's start on a positive note and Kevin Watson returned at Sunderland on Tuesday and although suffering a slight calf strain, he should be available for selection again today after missing the game at Wolves.

Alan McDonald, who has missed the last two games with a calf problem could be available today after undergoing a late fitness test.

Mark Robinson spent last week at Lilleshall to help speed up his recovery from a knee injury and he could be back in contention within the next 10 days, meanwhile Frank Talia is recovering well from his knee injury and will return to training

next week

Unfortunately skipper Mark Seagraves will be out for the next few months due to a pelvic problem and Philippe Cuervo has been told to rest for a month after a reoccurance of his hip injury.

Jason Drysdale has a problem with his left calf muscle and won't be included in the squad today and Frederic Darras picked up a knock on his ankle in a recent Reserve fixture and he too won't figure in this afternoon's match. Another player to take a knock in the Reserves was Gary Elkins

> who is sidelined with a knee complaint and I'm afraid midfielder Scott Leitch pulled his hamstring during the game at Wolves and he will be out of action for the next couple of weeks.



Don't miss out!

This season all of Swindon **Town's Reserve Team's** home matches will be played here at the County **Ground during weekday** evenings - kick-off 7.15pm.

Prices: Adults £4.00 Concession £1.00 Free admission to Season Ticket Holders!



Sheila Maslin

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 653, Swindon SN1 2NDC

Never was the saying, "When in Rome do as the Romans do," taken more literally than on that Saturday evening, a fortnight ago, when England fought out a magnificent 0-0 draw with Italy to clinch a ticket to next summer's World Cup Finals in France.

Glenn Hoddle's team played them at their own game. It was England who demonstrated the art of possession patient football; of solid uncompromising defending to leave the Romans gasping, chasing shadows.

There were just a couple of scares, when Tony Adams made a rash tackle in the box. which I thought was a penalty, and in the dying embers of the night when after Wright had first hit the post, Italy won their first header in the box and Vieri's effort wizzed wide with Seaman flatfooted. The Arsenal goalkeeper insists, it was always going wide. Hoddle, who thought it was in, joked: "I wish he had bloody well told me."

Such is the passion, the emotion of the game. It was one of those great moments in English football history, a game which will be remembered for countless years; a scoreline that will be indelibly inscribed in the annals of the history of the game for eternity.

The whole of English football is grateful for there is nothing like international success to wet the appetite of the nation and increase interest at local level in our domestic game. And down here in Swindon we can be justly proud, for was it not the

partnership of our former managers Glenn Hoddle and John Gorman who planned the strategy and selected the troops.

You have seen the game on television and read the countless column inches that surround it of course but I thought you might be interested in some of the comments made in the Italian press.

For example the two leading Italian daily newspapers, "La Gazzetta Dello Sport" and "Corriere Dello Sport", completely rubbished their own team while also praising Glenn Hoddle and his players.

build up to the game their press had confidently predicted an Italian win. Had they not won every World Cup qualifying game played in Rome? Was not their technique far superior to that of the predictable stereotyped Anglo Saxons?

While gloating on our long awaited success it would be dangerous to forget the thin line that separates winners from Losers. Four years ago Graham Taylor's England career was shattered by an incompetent referee in the crucial game against Holland. This time Glenn's triumph rested on a potential penalty incident that was given in our favour.

> Well done anyway, and congratulations too to Craig Brown, that canny Scot who has steered Scotland to France. Hopefully the Republic of Ireland will overcome

as well. We wish them good luck.

It was a good day for us wasn't it? For just before England's Rome triumph we thumped Bury 3-1. And talking of the First Division it is interesting to note the bookmakers William Hill don't have so much faith in us as our position in the table would seem to warrant.

The latest odds for the First Division Championship have us 14th best at 40/1. Nottingham Forest are the favourites at 2/1; Middlesbrough are 11/4, Sheffield United 7/2; QPR and Sunderland 16/1.... Even Norwich City and Ipswich Town are fancied more than us, at 33/1 along with Wolves... And what of bottom club Huddersfield Town? They are quoted at 1000/1.

At least they have got that one right.

Belgium in their play-off

The Gazzetta claimed: "The truth is, for the first time in years, Italy are inferior to England. The Corriere reflected:"We fielded a team broken in pieces against a real football team."

The Italian coach Cesare Maldini was highly criticised as you would expect but not in the same crude hurtful way that the British tabloids would have reacted had the boot been on the other foot. Maldini himself was full of admiration for the England performance. He said: "England have become a great side. They have great physical presence in the midfield, technically accomplished players like David Beckham and Teddy Sheringham, and a defence made up of towers. It is a great combination."

It was all a tremendous shock to the Italian public. For in the

cluesacross...

- 1. Italian Club (8)
- 7. Away fans consider referee is this (5)
- 8. Outrage found in Rangers (5)
- 9. Football is this for majority of fans (6)
- 10. A kick that costs nothing! (4)
- 12. Hot shot at Walsall (4)
- 14. Ploy used by coaches (6)
- Bad luck has this for team on a downer (2-3)
- 18. Action Replay (5)
- 19. Transfer deadline time? (5-3)

cluesdown...

- 1. Turnstile operators do this? (5)
- 2. Foreign players come from here (6)
- 3. League leaders in Holland (4)
- 4. Hull City Supporter? (5)
- Bristol City, Charlton and Swindon share this nickname (3-6)
- 6. Swansea Goalkeeper (9)
- 11. They are real in Spanish Football (6)
- 13. They are standard Belgian side (5)
- 15. Top of the League of Wales (5)
- Soccer fans love to have one in their team (4)

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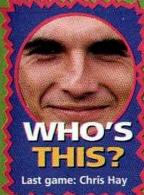
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- Who won his 100th Scottish Cap in March 1986?
- 2. Which team from the seat of learning, won the League Cup Final?
- 3. Who became manager of Spurs in May?
- 4. The teams in the F.A.Cup Final finished first and second in Division One. Who were they?
- 5. Victory in which race changed hands for the first time in ten years?
- 6. William Perry starred for the first Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl. How was he better Known?
- 7. This 150-1 outsider beat Steve Davis to win the World Snooker Title. Who was he?
- 8. Who beat Don Curry to win the World Welterweight Title?
- 9. Who was sacked as manager of Manchester United late in 1986?

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So listen out at the half-time break and you could be going on a superb weekend break with JARVIS HOTELS.



swindon town ladies

🚹 Nationwide

by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town ladies lost their 100 per cent league record when they were beaten by five goals to two in a visit to Reading Royals.

The Town fell behind in the second minute when Reading were awarded a penalty. Nadine Lloyd fired in an equaliser and then put the Town ahead when she volleyed in Kerie Garwood's free kick. The Royals scored four more however, two either side of the break, to inflict the Town's first defeat of the season.

Tomorrow Town entertain Cheltenham in the Premier Division of the Southern Region League. Cheltenham have made a good start this season and look certain to be challenging for honours next April.

Last season the two sides drew two each in Swindon and the Gloucestershire side won the away match by the odd goal in seven scoring the winner late into injury time.

On the 2nd November the Town entertain Cardiff County in the second round of the Women's FA Cup.

Cardiff play in the Premier
Division of the South Western
League and currently hold
top spot. In the First Round the
Town accounted for Freeway,
winning 6-0 to Bristol.

Both Cheltenham and Cardiff games will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Photo: Adelle Taylor, who has represented the County Ground at Senior and Under Sixteen Level.

Southern Region League Premier Division

Reading Royals 5 Swindon Town 2

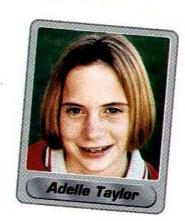
Team: Jo Sharpe, Adelle Taylor, Kim Reeves, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Ashley Wiseman, Pam Laker, Tracy Mackeddie, Kerie Garwood, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs used: Clare Wheeler & Sarah Richardson.

Not Used: Sara Privett.

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd.

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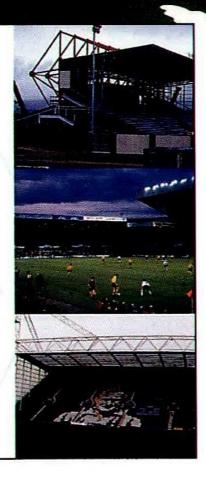
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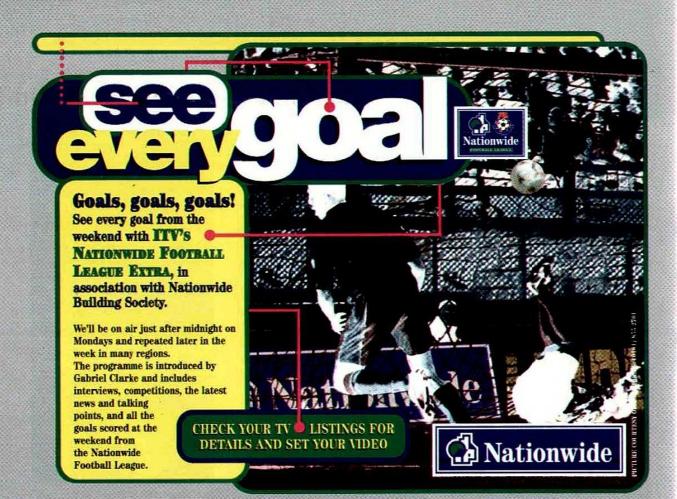


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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.















Injuries and red and yellow cards are not helping Town's cause yet after last Saturday's defeat at Molineux we were still second to Nottingham Forest in the First Division table.

When Town figured in the leading pack in the opening weeks of the season the knockers insinuated that it was only a temporary challenge, that once the season got into swing we would fall away to the middle order. Consequently it is nice to be able to prove them wrong. We are still there after a quarter of the season's league programme has been completed. There in third place on Wednesday morning, just four points behind the leaders

Nottingham Forest. And What is more, just one behind them on goals scored - 17. True the goals against figure is not so impressive but then neither are our resources. The pasting at Maine Road dented this particular statistic but never the less, prior to this week's midweek results only Forest had won more games than us in the First Division. That is something to crow about particularly when you compare our record with that of most of the teams who were dubbed the favourites for promotion. Sunderland, Wolves, Middlesbrough, Manchester City and Portsmouth, are all trailing in our wake. Norwich City too have not realised the expectations that were forecast for them last August.

Sheffield United, who could go top if they win their games in hand, are at West Brom today in the First Division's match of the day. The Albion, like us, have confounded the critics with their solid start, while the Blades have proved to be the most difficult

side to beat. In fact the only side in the entire Nationwide Football League not to have lost a single League game.

The Albion, by the way, had a very difficult fixture at Nottingham Forest this week too where they went down 1-0; in fact there was a full programme of mid-week games.

Norwich also played last night at home to Reading who are not the easy touch they were in the opening weeks of the campaign as the 0-0 draw suggests. The experienced Ray Houghton is marshalling Reading's midfield



superbly and they went into this week's games unbeaten in six matches. Crystal Palace striker Dougie Freedman, on loan to Wolves, scored a debut goal against us last Saturday but will he be so lucky at Stockport this afternoon?

Wolves boss Mark McGhee was hoping to finalise an £800,000 transfer of the former Barnet man this week to boost his flagging forces.

It could be the end of of Don Goodman's Molineux career for the former *Sunderland* striker is not happy at having his nose put out.

In my opinion our own Chris Hay is better than any of them and will top them all in the final hot-shots chart. But that is something else.

Another striker finding the net is Republic of Ireland international David Kelly.

You know the fellow with the Brummie accent who once turned down *Bayern Munich* and now shoots for Tranmere. The Rovers boss is hoping David is fit to shoot down Charlton after being carried off at Forest last week. Middlesbrough boss Bryan Robson has made no secret of the fact that he is still prepared to sign cheques to strengthen his under-achievers though he has backed out of the chase for Romanian international striker Viorel Moldovan. Grasshoppers £3million asking price being a jump just too far. Robbo warns that clubs aiming for promotion can not afford to lose any more than six games. He will certainly expect a victory today over Port Vale.

The bottom two clubs Huddersfield Town and Portsmouth lock horns this afternoon.

The Terries, still looking for their first win, have already axed manager Brian Horton; signed midfielder Barry Horne from Birmingham City, on a free, and taken Vince Bartram from Arsenal on loan, in one week. While Pompey are doing their best to field the entire Australian national team. Midfielder Robbie Enes. 22. signed from Sydney United for £175,000 last week, being the fifth player from Down Under which is exactly where Terry Fenwick's team are heading right now.

Chris Kamara's Bradford City are still looking good however and are expected to beat Crewe but they will have to keep a watch on striker Dele Adebole who has frightened defenders everywhere.

Crewe have already rejected a £1m bid from West Ham for him.

On paper free spending Birmingham should take the points from Oxford but Ipswich, home to Bury, and Stoke, home to Sunderland, might settle for draws.

































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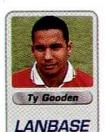
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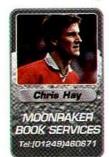


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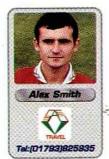


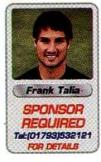


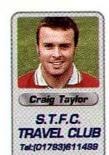
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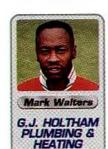
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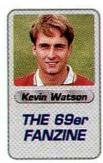
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with Mark Seagraves

The lads chalked up a great result at Sunderland on Tuesday night.

It was no mean feat picking up a point away from home, particularly in view of our current injury crisis so the team deserve a lot of credit. We competed very well and although it took a fine penalty save from Fraser to keep us in it, that apart Sunderland didn't really trouble us too much.

If we are to have a successful season it is important that we become hard to beat away from home and I think we showed some real battling qualities at the Stadium of Light. I thought we were a bit unfortunate to lose 3-1 at Wolves. Of course we had Lee Collins sent off and they lost Steve Bull but we were doing well at 1-1 and looked fairly comfortable. However when Chris Casper was sent off we succumbed and conceded two late goals to leave us with nothing to show for a

reasonable performance.

Looking a little further back, didn't we do well to win both of our home games against Port Vale and Bury? After the humiliation at Manchester City we needed to bounce back with a couple of solid home displays and we couldn't have asked for any more than six points from those two games. This afternoon another



three points will keep us right up in contention at the top but it promises to be very difficult against a Norwich City side who trounced us here at the tail end of last season. I hope it will be a very different story today but we will have to be at our best because Norwich have some quality internationals in their side. Saying that there is lots of quality in our

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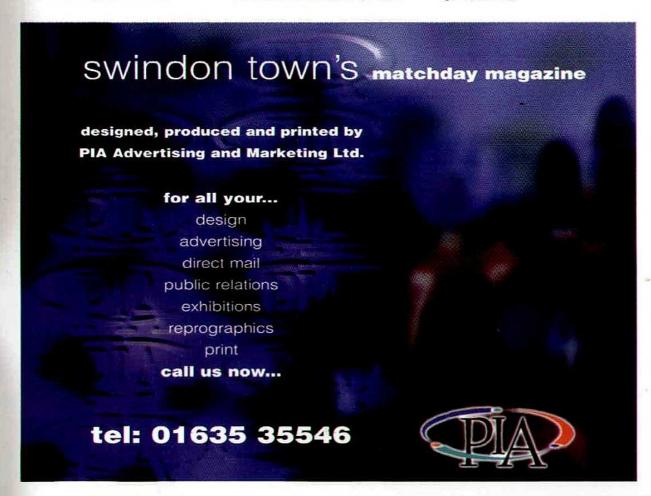


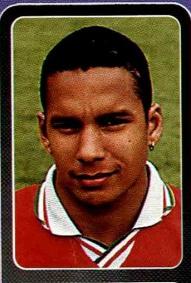
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team too, so everything is geared towards a great game. With a bit of luck we might have a few more players to chose from this afternoon because our injury problems of late have been horrendous. Every Club goes through a spell when players are out through injury and it is up to us to weather the storm and come through it. As most of you will know, I'm one of those players stuck on the sidelines at the moment and to be honest I was devastated when I found out that I would not be able to play for several months. Basically I've got an inflammation of the pelvic area and the specialists have said that the only cure is complete rest.

I hope to start training again on January 1st and we'll see how things go from there.







Date of birth: 23.10.72. Place of birth: Canvey Island, Essex.

School years

Secondary school attended:
Castle View School.
Best subject at school:
Geography.
Worst subject at school:
History.
Football team supported at school: Liverpool.
Football hero as a schoolboy: John Barnes.
Favourite football position at school: Forward.
At what age did you first attend matches: 10 years.

Now

Favourite other sport:
Fishing:
Biggest influence on career:
Dad.
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV):
Brazil v Italy 1982 World Cup.
Favourite football expert:
Alan Hansen.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil:
Highlight of career: Winning
Division Two Championship.
Biggest disappointment:
Relegation and Coca Cola
Cup semi final defeat.
Choice Opponents in a

close-up Gooden

Midfielder Ty Gooden celebrated his 25th birthday in style last week - by signing a new three and a half year contract at the County Ground.

An ever present in the Town team this season, Gooden has weighed in with a string of consistent displays and it is no surprise that the Club moved quickly to keep hold of one of their prize possessions.

Now that his injury problems are behind him, the Essex born player has started to show just what an asset he is.

His strength, pace and commitment has made him one of the first names on Steve McMahon's team sheet and the former Wycombe Wanderers star is giving an indication as to why former Town boss John Gorman brought him in from the cold after being released by Wycombe in 1993. "Ty is one for the future and that's why we have negotiated a new deal to keep him here, " said Town boss Steve McMahon. And Ty was understandably pleased to get his immediate future signed and sealed. "My contract was coming to an end this year so I'm just delighted to have sorted out a new deal nice and early and I had no hesitation in pledging my future to the Club. "I've always been happy here and I'm nice and settled now having bought a house. It was just injuries which seemed to hold me back before but now I'm fit and getting a run in the team and really enjoying my football," he said.

But to get to this stage, Ty has

had to endure a couple of years of injury torment. Three operations were needed, two for hernia problems and another on his ankle, before he finally won his place back in the side at the tail end of last season.

"Every time I started to get a few games under my belt, something would crop up to knock me back again.

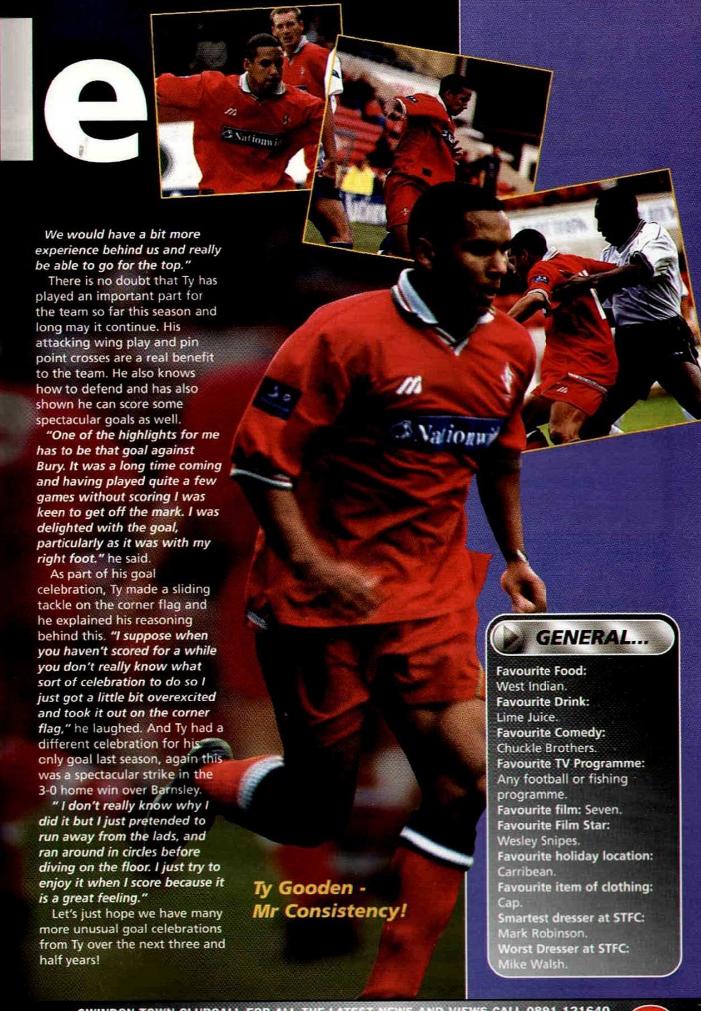
"I think the first time I started a season was when we were in the Second Division. I played about three games, then got injured and had to wait a long time to win my place back. So while I'm in there now I'm just going to try and work hard and stay in there as long as I can.

"I've been quite pleased with the way I've been playing, I've been in three of four different positions and on Tuesday at Sunderland I was in a more defensive role. " I think the Gaffer has got a bit of faith in me now and feels that I can do a job in a number of different positions which is nice to know."

Ty is obviously happy with his own displays and bar a couple of poor performances he feels the team has also been doing well.

"It's nice to be in the top six and if we can continue to go to places like Sunderland and West Brom and pick up points and then win our home games, I think we are going to be there or thereabouts. "I would love to help Swindon reach the playoffs this season. If we could do that it would be a great achievement for us. It would be nice to maybe get to Wembley.

"But if we don't do it this year then perhaps next year could be the one for us.



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All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm. Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised. Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm. All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



NATIONANDE LEAGUE DIVISION I TABLE 1997/93 AS AT 23,10,97

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST	12	5	1	1	3	1	1	18	7	26
SHEFFIELD UNITED	10	4	2	0	2	2	0	18	7	22
SWINDON TOWN	13	4	2	0	2	2	3	17	17	22
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	12	3	2	1	3	1	2	25	16	21
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	12	3	1	1	3	2	2	15	12	21
STOKE CITY	12	3	1	1	3	5	2	14	12	21
BRADFORD CITY	12	3	2	1	2	3	1	15	14	20
WOLVES	13	4	3	0	1	1	4	17	15	19
MIDDLESBROUGH	10	2	0	2	3	3	Ó	18	11	18
PORT VALE	13	4	2	1	1	1	4	18	16	18
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	12	3	1	1	2	2	3	16	19	18
BIRMINGHAM CITY	12	3	0	2	2	3	2	15	10	18
SUNDERLAND	12	3	2	2	2	0	3	17	16	17
STOCKPORT COUNTY	13	3	3	0	1	1	5	21	21	16
CREWE ALEXANDRA	12	1	2	4	3	1	1	17	18	15
BURY	13	2	4	1	1	2	3	15	19	15
NORWICH CITY	12	2	2	3	2	1	2	9	18	15
OXFORD UNITED	13	3	1	3	1	0	5	18	23	13
READING	13	2	1	3	1	3	3	13	21	13
TRANMERE ROVERS	12	3	0	2	0	2	5	17	18	11
MANCHESTER CITY	11	1	3	2	1	1	3	16	14	10
IPSWICH TOWN	10	2	1	1	0	3	3	10	12	10
PORTSMOUTH	12	2	2	3	0	1	4	15	21	9
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	12	0	2	4	0	2	4	7	24	4







Appearances 97/98

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Player Name:	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	G/s.	Apps.	Gls.
WAYNE ALLISON	13	3	2	0	15	3
BRIAN BORROWS	8	0	0	0	8	0
DARREN BULLOCK	5(4)	0	0	0	6(4)	0
CHRIS CASPER	6(1)	1	0	a	6(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
STEVE COWE	2(1)	0	(1)	0	2(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	2	0	0	0	2	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	9(1)	0	2	0	11(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	13	0	. 1	0	14	0
JASON DRYSDALE	7(2)	0	2	0	9(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	(3)	1	1	0	1(3)	1
TY GOODEN	13	1	2	0	15	1
CHRIS HAY	11(1)	9	1	0	12(1)	9
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	9	0	2	1	11	_1
ALAN McDONALD	11	0	2	0	13	0
STEVE MCMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0_	(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	10.1	9	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(2)	O	8	0	2(2)	0
FRANK TALIA	0	0	1	0	1	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	4	1	0	0	4	1
MARK WALTERS	8(4)	12	1(1)	0	9(5)	1
KEVIN WATSON	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0

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SAT	AUG	9	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	8,334
WED	AUG	13	WATFORD CCC 1 (1)	H	0-2	6,271
Sat	Aug	15	Reading	Α	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	А	0-6	26,646
SAT	OCT		PORT VALE	Н	4-2	8,076
SAT	OCT		BURY	H	3-1	7,998
Sat	Oct	18	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-3	21,794
Tue	Oct	21	Sunderland	A	0-0	27,553
SAT	OCT	-	NORWICH CITY	H		
Fri	Oct	31	Portsmouth	Α		
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	NOV	-	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H		
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Sat	Nov	1	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A		
SAT	NOV	1 - 1 - 1	MIDDLESBROUGH	H		
Fri	Nov	28	Charlton Athletic	A		
SAT	DEC		OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2) Sheffield United	H		
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	DEC	-	Nottinghan Forest IPSWICH TOWN	H		
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SAT	JAN	17	READING	H		
Sat	Jan	24	(F.A. CUP 4)			
WED		28	STOKE CITY	H		
Sat	Jan	31	Huddersfield Town	A		
SAT	FEB	7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
	Feb	14	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
	Feb	17	Port Vale	A		
SAT		21	MANCHESTER CITY	H		
WED		25	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	н		
Sat		28	Bury	A		
Tue	Mar	-	Bradford City	Α		
SAT	MAR		PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H		
Sat	- Darle West	14	Queens Park Rangers	A		
SAT	A AND THE		STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
Wed	Mar		Middlesbrough	A		
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Sat	Apr		Oxford United	А		
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			

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ADRIAN FORBES

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TEAM MANAGER MIKE WALKER

Referee:

- Mark Halsey (Welwyn Garden City, Herts)
- Assisted by:
 A.J. Perlejewski (Yeovii)
- Mrs W Toms (Poole)

 Reserve Official:
 - J. Raymond (Hampshire)

Mark Halsey

Mark, who used to be a semi professional goalkeeper, is now a 36 year old driver who is married with two sons aged 13 and 11. He started refereeing in the Herts County League in 1989 and progressed to the Football League Line via the Isthmian and Panel Leagues. Was a Premier League linesman in 1995/96 and joined the national referees list last season.

Mark's hobbies include cricket and squash.



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