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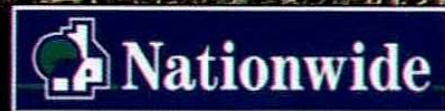
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welcome to today's game

The three points against QPR put a slightly different complexion on things after two poor results against Portsmouth and Middlesbrough.

Confidence has been restored by the trip to Loftus Road, with a good all round performance. The new signing of Ifem Onuora and the comeback of George Ndah gave us just what we needed, a bit of speed, muscle and clinical finishing in the final third.

Although it could have all gone wrong when Fraser Digby was sent off for hand ball. Luckily, Alan McDonald, on his return to old stomping ground decided to go in goal and managed to avert trouble by making some outstanding saves. The defence did well to protect McDonald, but when called upon to save the team he did us all proud.

Bullock was recognised as Man of the Match for his tireless work in defence to continue his good run of form. But it was Iffy Onuora, scoring in the last minute of the first half that will stick in the memory. Iffy forced his way through two players, dived to meet the ball with his head and

sent the ball home. A magic moment for the new signing.

The fans that made the trip to QPR were brilliant, the players said in the second half the fans were singing so loud it felt like a home game.

After the bitter disappointment of losing with the last kick of the ball against Pompey and being thrashed by Middlesbrough the relief is palpable.

Today we welcome the team and fans of Wolverhampton Wanderers. They are six points off the play-offs and looking to climb above Birmingham and Sheffield United (two play-off teams we still have to face!), but now we're back to winning ways we won't be ready to concede the points- so this evening's fixture is definitely a big one for both teams.

The Reserve's last home game saw Chelsea beat us 2-1, although Swindon did well, with so many youngsters in the team. The next home reserve game is against Crystal Palace on Wednesday 25th March, 7.15pm kick-off. Tickets can be purchased from the Advanced Day Ticket Office before going to the turnstiles.

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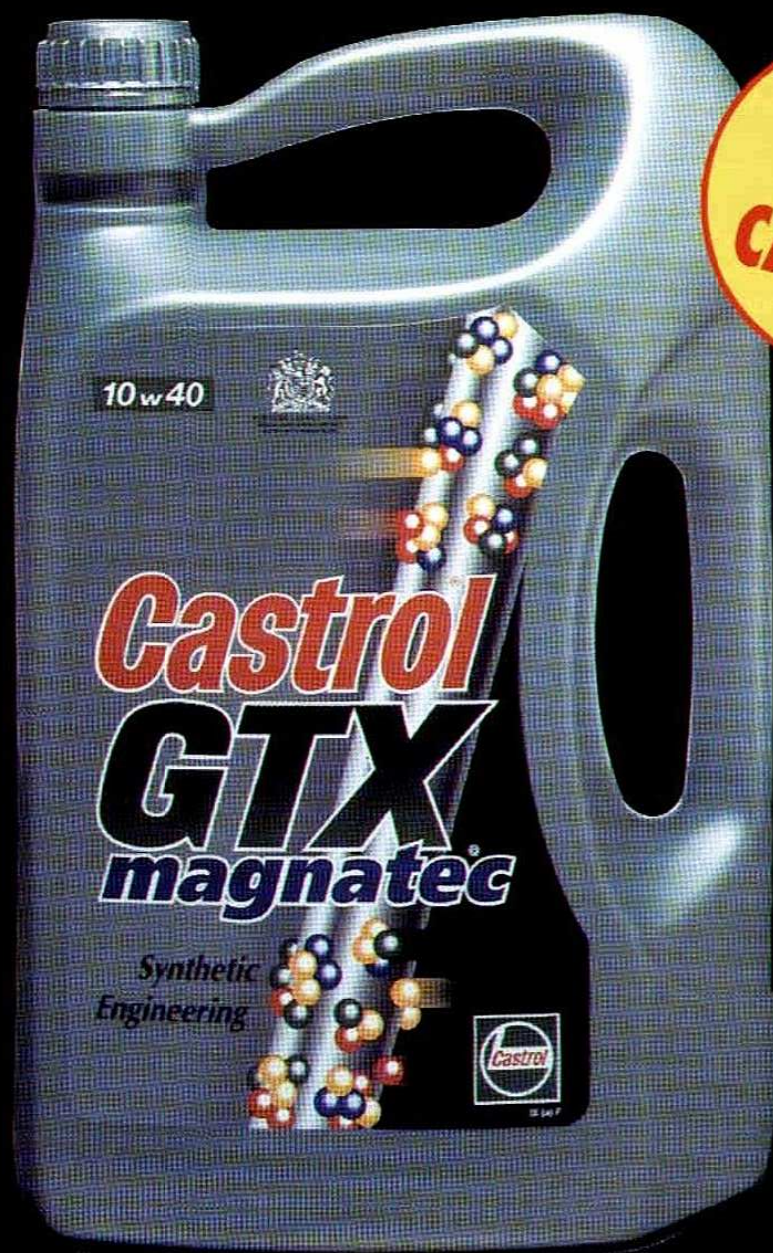
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This evening we face a Wolves side that are currently pushing for both a play-off position and a place in the FA Cup Finals so they won't surrender the points easily. We saw what they are capable of against a strong Leeds United side, so the players know it will be a tough game. After such great support at QPR the team could do with the same again, so lets get behind the Town and push for the home victory.



Steve McMahon says

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A good result against QPR was just what we needed to lift the players and the fans.

Looking back at the game it was typical of what we've had to deal with for last few months, when Digby was sent off and then having to put Alan Mac in goal. Yet even down to ten men we played well and deserved the three points.

Delighted

I was delighted with the way new signing Iffy Onuora and George Ndah connected on the pitch. Their partnership worked very well, with Iffy holding up the ball and George causing their defence all sorts of problems once he had the ball at his feet. For George to come straight back in to first team football after injury and produce a performance like that was

superb. However, we didn't get off to the best of starts going a goal down after eight minutes.

The lads' heads could have dropped then but they came back fighting and earned themselves a good equaliser. George Ndah got the ball out wide cut inside and was brought down in the box to give us a penalty which Walters duly converted. At one all we looked the better team and I felt we were on track to record a good victory, then Digby gets sent off for handling the ball outside the area. I just couldn't believe our luck. McDonald, back at his former club, stepped up to go in goal and did us proud with some fine saves.

Then in the dying seconds of the first half, the lads get what they deserved, the winning goal. An inch perfect cross from Walters and Iffy dived bravely between two QPR defenders to hit a bullet header home. That was a great moment for Iffy and the fans, what a way to open your account for Swindon!

What was also good to see was that we didn't sit too deep in the second half and just defend the lead. We knocked the ball about and continued to put them under pressure. Bullock and Collins did especially well at closing down the space and forcing QPR into making mistakes.

Congratulated

As soon as the ref blew the final whistle I congratulated every single Swindon player as they came off because, each and every one of them did their job, they played as a team. I have to also give a massive thank you to the travelling fans. Even though the last few results haven't gone our way you were just what we needed at QPR. Both myself and the players appreciated the vocal support you gave us - it does help!

Thinking back to the two previous games against Portsmouth and Middlesbrough isn't easy. They showed how wrong things could go for us.

I was completely gutted after the Pompey match. We played well, created chances and to lose in the ninetythird was just too much to take. On the back of this we travelled to Middlesbrough where we were turned over by one of the best sides in the Division One. The score line was a bit flattering to Boro because we did create some good chances but it was one defensive mistake after another that cost us so dearly.

But after Saturday's victory we're looking to get another three points and push up the league table.

today's visitors *The Wanderers*

Wolves

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club to the County Ground for today's Nationwide League Division One match.

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

Wanderers perennial flirtation with the upper reaches of the *First Division* table is once more underway, with the club lying in 8th spot at the time of writing and the *Molineux* faithful praying that it is not going to be yet another case of so near and yet so far.

A strong *FA Cup* run has been a pleasing distraction this season, but for everyone involved with *Wolves* it is promotion to the Premiership which remains far and away the top priority.

Last season saw the *Wolves* go

their closest yet to regaining the top flight position they last held in 1983/84. An awful lot of water has passed under the bridge since those days, with the *Molineux* club crashing down the tables to the old Fourth Division, before bouncing back up to the First on the back of a massive cash injection from lifelong fan *Sir Jack Hayward* who has rebuilt the club, stadium and self-belief of the famous Black Country outfit.

Last season they reached the *Play-Offs* and looked in a comfortable position at *Crystal Palace* in the first leg of the Semi-Final before Scottish U21 international *Dougie Freedman* - now, ironically, a *Wolves* player - scored twice in the final minute to give Palace a 3-1 cushion to take to Molineux.

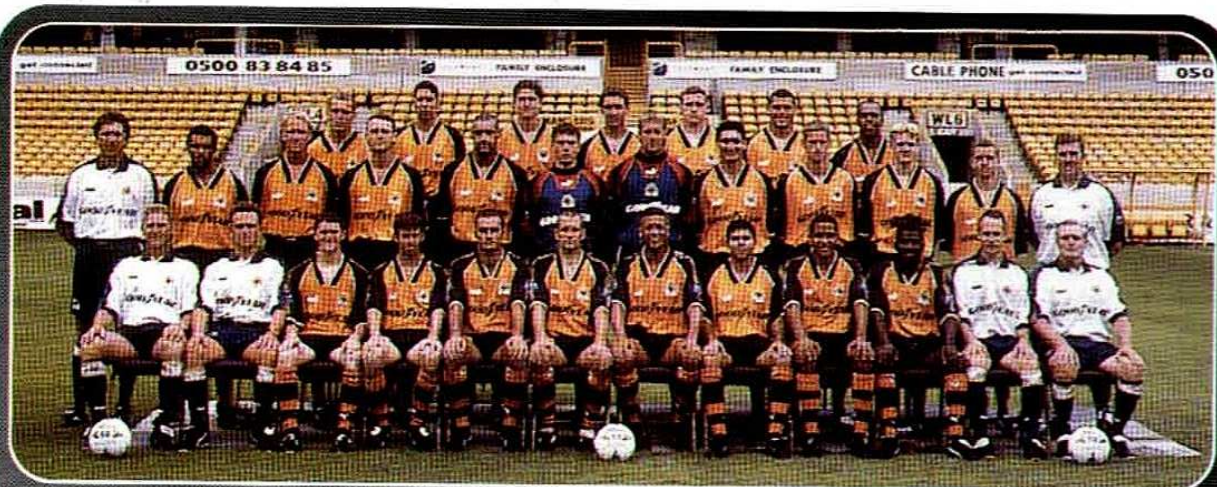
And how they needed it as *Mark McGhee's* side tore into the South Londoners in the return match. It finished 2-1 to *Wolves*, condemning the club to at least another year in Division One.

This season has seen a steady if unspectacular start, with new signings like *Freedman*, his ex-Palace colleague *Kevin Muscat*, former England U21 star *Steve Sedgley* and Finnish international *Mixu Paatelainen* blending well with the established players at Molineux.

A spate of injuries haven't helped *Mark McGhee's* cause, but the emergence of former YTS players such as *Carl Robinson* and the electric *Robbie Keane* has helped to balance that disappointment somewhat.

Among the division's leading scorers this term, *Wolves* have served notice of their power with some impressive wins this season, none more so than the 5-0 battering they handed to *Norwich City* in January.

They defeated *Swindon* 3-1 at *Molineux* back in October, courtesy of goals from *Freedman*, *Keith Curle* and *Paul Simpson*. *Steve McMahon's* men will be looking to avenge that result tonight.



Wolverhampton Wanderers





Wolves

Goalkeepers

Hans Segers

After a torrid couple of years at the hands of 'match fixing' investigators - by whom he was found totally innocent - Hans is hoping to resurrect his career at Molineux and has six months of his contract left to run. He had an outstanding game against Leeds United in the FA Cup Quarter-Final and made the vital penalty save from Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink which earned Wanderers a place in the Semi-Finals.

Born: Holland, 30.10.61

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 12st 7lb

League record this season: 2/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
84/85 - 86/87	Nott'm For	53
86/87 - 87/88	Stoke	5
87/88	Sheff Utd	10
87/88	Dunfermline	4
88/89 - 95/96	Wimbledon	267

Mike Stowell

Despite much speculation surrounding his future during the summer of 1996, Mike remains very much the first choice at Molineux and was the club's only ever-present keeper last season. He is widely regarded as one of the finest shot-stoppers outside the top flight.

Born: Portsmouth, 19.04.65

Height: 6ft 3in

Weight: 13st 10lb

League record this season: 33/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Chester	14
87/88	York	6
87/88	Man City	14

88/89	Port Vale	7
88/89	Wolves	7
89/90	Preston	2
90/91 - 96/97	Wolves	278

Defenders

Keith Curle

Appointed club captain during the summer of 1997, Keith has bounced back from a dreadful start to life at Molineux to become a highly-valued leader for Wolves. Originally signed to replace Adrian Williams - who was injured before making his full debut - Curle suffered a calf strain in his first match which later developed into Achilles tendonitis and eventually required surgery. He returned to the side in January last year and has shown his pace, commitment and skill to good effect ever since.

Born: Bristol, 14.11.63

Height: 6ft 1in

Weight: 12st 12lb

League record this season: 30/1

Honours: Freight Rover Trophy 1986; Simod Cup 1988; England 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 83/84	Bristol R	32
83/84	Torquay	16
83/84 - 87/88	Bristol C	121
87/88 - 88/89	Reading	40
88/89 - 90/91	Wimbledon	93
91/92 - 95/96	Man City	171
96/97	Wolves	21

Dariusz Kubicki

A versatile full-back who can operate on either flank, Dariusz moved to Wolves in August 1997, having become disillusioned with life at Sunderland. A tough-tackling and hard-working payer he loves to push forward.

Born: Poland, 06.06.63

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 11st 11lb

League record this season: 12/0

Honours: Div One title 1996; Poland Full caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 93/94	A.Villa	25
93/94	Sunderland	15
94/95 - 96/97	Sunderland	121

Kevin Muscat

Highly competitive full-back or midfielder who was captain of Australia's 1996 Olympic team and was brought to England - the land of his birth - by former Palace boss Dave Bassett in August 1996. Together with fellow Eagle Dougie Freedman, he moved to Molineux as part of the swap deal which took defender Jamie Smith to Selhurst Park early in the current campaign.

Born: Crawley, 07.08.73

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 11st 7lb

League record this season: 25/2

(including 9/0 for C.Palace)

Honours: Australia Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97 - 97/98	C.Palace	53

Dean Richards

A car crash in January 1996 kept Dean sidelined for some time with knee problems and then shortly after his comeback last season it was discovered that he needed cruciate ligament surgery - keeping him out of action for the best part of a year. Having returned to the firing line at Wolves, though, his pace and elegant ball play mark him out as one of the division's outstanding defenders.



Steve Sedgley



Keith Curle

Born: Bradford, 09.06.74
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 13st 8lb
League record this season: 11/0
Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 94/95	Bradford	86
94/95 - 96/97	Wolves	68

Adrian Williams

A powerful and commanding central defender who rejoined his former Reading boss Mark McGhee at Molineux in July 1996. Injured before even making an appearance for Wolves, he eventually made the side on six occasions before a combination of knee and hamstring problems again put him out of action.

Born: Reading, 16.08.71
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 13st 3lb
League record this season: 14/0
Honours: Div Two title 1994; Wales Full caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89 - 95/96	Reading	196
96/97	Wolves	6

Midfielders

Mark Atkins

Vastly experienced player who often fills the sweeper role for Wolves, where he enjoys stepping out from the back to launch attacks. Strong and highly competitive, he is equally happy in central midfield.

Born: Doncaster, 14.08.68
Height: 6ft
Weight: 13st 11lb
League record this season: 29/0
Honours: FA Premiership 1995; England Schools caps

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 87/88	Scunthorpe	48
88/89 - 95/96	Blackburn	257
95/96 - 96/97	Wolves	77

Darren Ferguson

A neat and tidy central midfielder who discovered an eye for goal last season, despite flitting in and out of the side. A good passer of the ball, he is also dangerous from free-kick situations around the box. He is the son of Man Utd manager Alex Ferguson.

Born: Glasgow, 09.02.72
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st 10lb
League record this season: 25/0
Honours: FA Premiership 1993; Scotland Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
90/91 - 93/94	Man Utd	27
93/94 - 96/97	Wolves	87

Steve Froggatt

A highly-rated attacking midfielder or wing-back who has seen much of his career blighted by injury problems. An excellent turn of pace and good close control saw him voted on to the PFA Division One award-winning team by his fellow professionals last season - but an inflamed knee, followed by an ankle injury took their toll and caused him to miss chunks of the season.

Born: Lincoln, 09.03.73
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st
League record this season: 24/2
Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
90/91 - 93/94	A.Villa	35
94/95 - 96/97	Wolves	65

Michael Gilkes

A lightning quick wide-man who can operate anywhere down the wing, Michael moved to Wolves from Mark McGhee's former club, Reading, midway through last season. Impressive during his first few games, he was another to fall to Wolves' knee injury jinx, and he spent much of the close season on the treatment table and has yet to establish himself at Molineux.

Born: Hackney, 20.07.65
Height: 5ft 8in
Weight: 11st 2lb
League record this season: 3/0
Honours: Simod Cup 1988; Div Three title 1986; Div Two title 1994

Era	Club	Games
84/85 - 91/92	Reading	200
91/92	Chelsea	1
91/92	Southampton	6
92/93 - 96/97	Reading	193
96/97	Wolves	5

Steve Sedgley

Former Tottenham and Ipswich star whose versatility is a major asset, as he can happily play anywhere in defence, midfield or at sweeper. A fine passer of the ball he is also dangerous from dead-ball situations and likes to lead by example.

Born: Enfield, 26.05.68
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 13st 13lb
League record this season: 12/0
Honours: FA Cup 1991; Charity Shield 1991; England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 88/89	Coventry	84
89/90 - 93/94	Tottenham	164
94/95 - 96/97	Ipswich	105



Other Midfielders include:

Steve Corica, Jermaine Wright, Simon Osborn, Carl Robinson, Paul Simpson.

Forwards

Steve Bull

His goalscoring tally was well into double figures for the 11th successive season and 'Bully' is now comfortably the club's leading hitman of all time - with new records seeming to be broken almost every week. Strong, aggressive and committed front-runner he was 'Player of the Year' at Molineux for the second year running in 1996/97 and was also appointed club captain for a time.

Born: Tipton, 28.03.65

Height: 6ft

Weight: 12st 10lb

League record this season: 22/7

Honours: Div Four title 1988; Div Three title 1989; Sherpa Van Trophy 1988; England U21, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
85/86 - 86/87	West Brom	4
86/87 - 96/97	Wolves	428

Don Goodman

Experienced target man who suffered a fractured skull in 1995/96, but battled hard to bounce back into action inside six months, seemingly none the worse for wear. Strong and brave, he is a real handful for defenders.

Born: Leeds, 09.05.66

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 13st 3lb

League record this season: 21/4

Honours: Div Three title 1985

Dougie Freedman

Having broken Wolves' hearts by scoring two late goals for Palace in last season's Play-Off Semi-Final, Dougie found himself surplus to requirements at Selhurst Park early in the current campaign and was allowed to move to Molineux as part of the deal which took defender Jamie Smith to south London. Ironically, while his former club have struggled for goals all season, Dougie is Wolves' joint leading scorer. Skilful and speedy striker.

Born: Glasgow, 21.01.74

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 32/10 (including 8/0 for C. Palace)

Honours: Scotland Schools, U21 caps

Other Forwards include:

Robbie Keane, Mixu Paatelainen, Glen Crowe, Dominic Foley, Richard Leadbeater.

Mark McGhee the manager

He may not have won many friends in the environs of Reading and Leicester, but Mark McGhee can lay claim to being one of the brightest young managers in the British game.

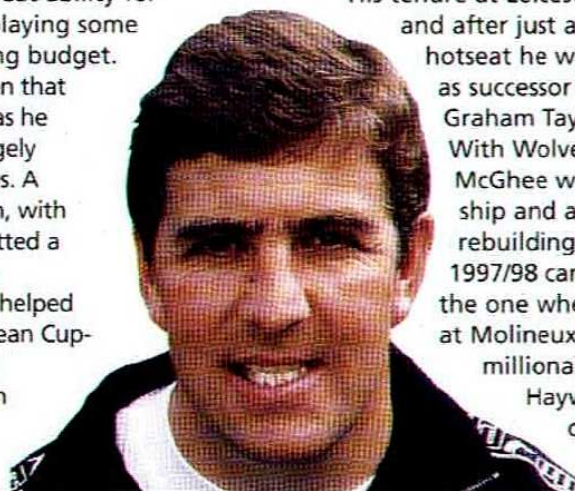
A quality player in his days with Newcastle, Aberdeen, Hamburg, Celtic and Scotland, McGhee has obviously learned well from the leading coaches he played under and - at Reading in particular - he has shown a great ability for producing results whilst still playing some quality football on a shoestring budget. It was as a striker with Aberdeen that McGhee first hit the headlines as he played his part in the Dons' hugely successful sides of the mid-1980s. A clever and thoughtful frontman, with plenty of ball skills, McGhee netted a total of 63 goals in 164 League appearances for the Dons and helped them to an historic 1983 European Cup-Winners' Cup victory over Real Madrid, as well as three Scottish Cup triumphs. He took over as player-

manager at Reading in the summer of 1991, and the Royals only narrowly avoided relegation in his first season in charge. The 1992/93 term saw an improvement, and in 1993/94 his bright young side took the Second Division by storm to lift the title. With the following campaign beginning in much the same style, Reading were riding high in Division One when McGhee suddenly packed his bags and moved on to Filbert Street, taking his assistant Colin Lee with him to the Midlands.

His tenure at Leicester was brief, however, and after just a few months in the hotseat he was tempted to Molineux as successor to ex-England boss Graham Taylor.

With Wolves struggling for form, McGhee was quick to steady the ship and after a substantial rebuilding period he feels that the 1997/98 campaign could finally be the one where the massive potential at Molineux is finally realised - and millionaire President Sir Jack

Hayward can reap the rewards of his massive investment in all areas of the Club.



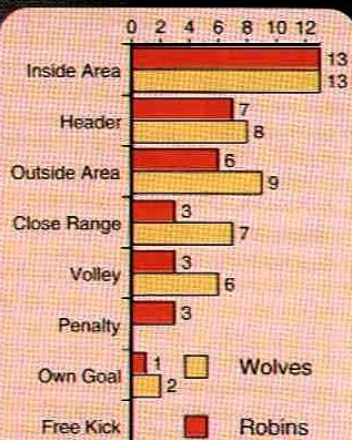
who's played for Wolves

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Mike Stowell	33			Everton Preston (L)
19/4/65 Eng B	10			Wolves (L) Port Vale (L)
				Man City (L) Chester (L)
				Preston
Robbie Keane	31	9	1	Talla
8/7/80 Ire Yth	4(2)			
Keith Curle	30	1	4	Man City Wimbledon
14/11/63 England	8	1	4	Reading Bristol City
				Torquay Bristol Rovers
Mark Atkins	27(2)		2	Blackburn Scunthorpe
14/8/68 Eng Sch	9(1)			
Carl Robinson	24(4)	3	5	Shrewsbury (L)
13/10/76 Wal U21	10	1	1	
Dougie Freedman	24	10	2	Palace Barnet QPR
21/1/74 Scot U21	5(1)			
Steve Froggatt	24	2	2	Villa
9/3/73 Eng U21	5	1		
Darren Ferguson	21(4)		6	Man Utd
9/2/72 Scot U21	7	2	2	
Don Goodman	20(1)	4	3	Sunderland West Brom
9/5/66	7(1)	2	1	Bradford
Steve Bull	18(4)	7	3	West Brom Tipton
28/3/65 England	6(1)	2		
Paul Simpson	16(3)	3	(1)	Derby Sheff Utd (L)
26/7/66 Eng U21	1(2)			Oxford Man City
Kevin Muscat	14(2)	2	6	Palace South Melbourne
7/8/73 Australia	4	2		
Adrian Williams	14			Reading
16/8/71 Wales	3(2)		1	
Simon Osborn	13(1)	1	2	QPR Reading Palace
19/1/72	3			
Steve Sedgley	12	1(1)		Ipswich Tottenham
26/5/68 Eng U21	7	1		Coventry
Dean Richards	11	1		Bradford
9/6/74 Eng U21	6	1		
Lee Naylor	7(2)		1	
19/3/60	5	1		
Mixu Paatelainen	6(13)	3		Bolton Aberdeen
3/2/67 Finland	8(2)	5	2	Dundee Utd
				Valkeakosken Haka
Chris Westwood	3(1)	1	1	
13/2/77	1(1)			
Michael Gilkes	3		1	Reading Southampton
20/7/65				(L) Chelsea (L)
				Leicester
Hans Segers	2			Wimbledon Forest
30/10/61	1			Dunfermline (L) Sheff
				Utd (L) Stoke (L) PSV
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Dominic Foley	1(4)			
7/7/76	(2)			
Glen Crowe	(2)			Cardiff (L) Exeter (L)
25/12/77				
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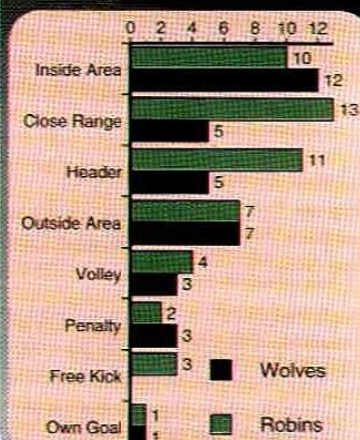
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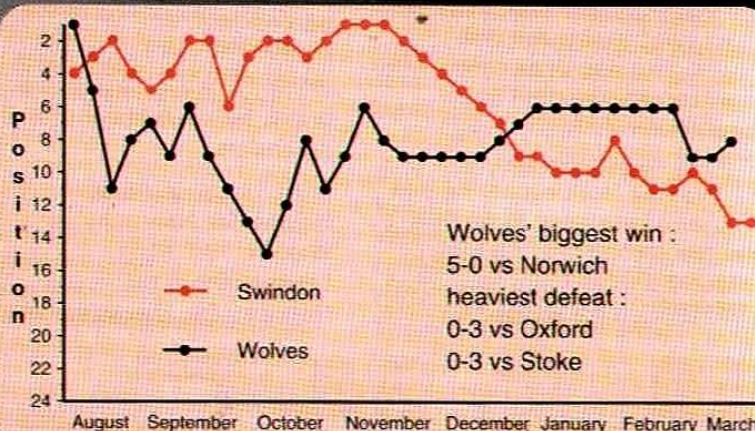
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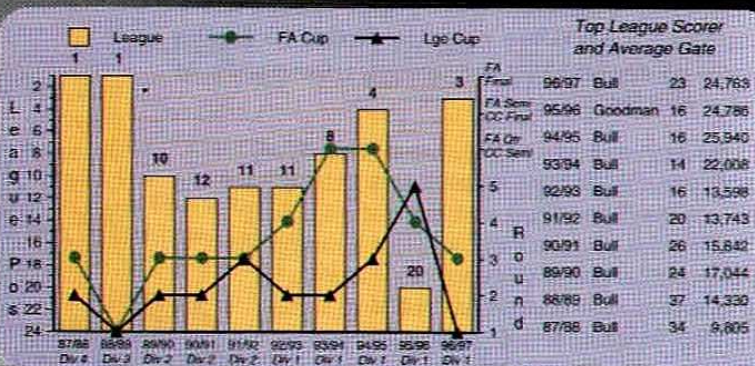
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league position so far this season



Wolves 10 year League and Cup record

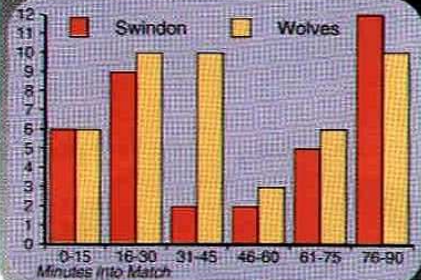


Season	Top League Scorer	Average Gate
96/97	Bull	23 24,763
95/96	Goodman	16 24,786
94/95	Bull	16 25,940
93/94	Bull	14 22,008
92/93	Bull	16 13,598
91/92	Bull	20 13,743
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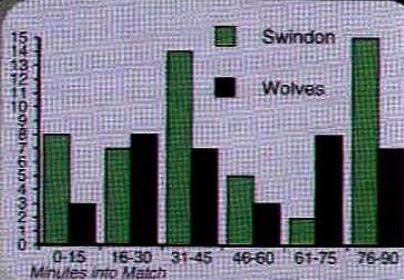
Wolves results analysis



when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

A near capacity crowd of 17,575 turned up at the County Ground to see Swindon defeat Kevin Keegan's table topping Newcastle United. Just before half time Dave Kelly chested down a Scott Sellars centre to give the Geordies the lead but six minutes into the second half Paul Bodin slotted home a

penalty to bring the sides level. Three minutes later came a goal which was the centre of controversy. Steve White clearly appeared to handle the ball but referee Graham Poll saw nothing wrong and from Nick Summerbee's corner Colin Calderwood headed Town in front. Even Newcastle's sub, Andy Cole, could not bring an equaliser. The result was a

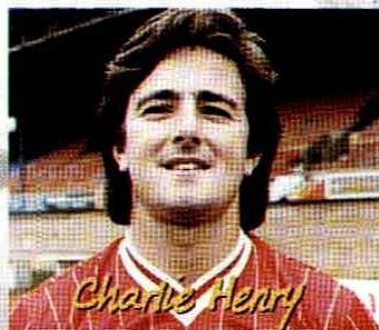
great boost for Town coming in the week following the sale of Dave Kerslake which had enraged the fans and prompted an angry letter from former manager Lou Macari about the reasons for the Town's financial plight. Steve Bull scores the goal that earns Wolves a point in their away fixture with Bristol Rovers in Division One.

10 YEARS AGO

There were goals galore in a snowstorm at Oldham. Unfortunately for Swindon despite twice being in front Town eventually go down 4-3 to Joe Royle's team. Former Town player John Kelly, the Oldham skipper, missed the match but Alan McLoughlin managed to get a place in the Town line up after a courageous fight back to overcome a leg broken in action

against Bristol Rovers reserves. Jimmy Quinn, Paul Bodin and substitute Charlie Henry were the scorers for the Robins. Gary Bellamy and substitute Charlie Henry were the scorers for the Robins. Gary Bellamy and Andy Mutch are the Wolves scorers in a 3-1 win at Molineux (the third goal is an c.o.g. by Clark). It is one of twenty seven League wins in a season which sees them finish as Fourth Division Champions, five points in front

of Cardiff. Ever present in the Wolves team of that season is Andy Mutch.



15 YEARS AGO

Despite twice drawing level with goals from Andy Rowland and Paul Rideout a last minute header by Thomas gave Chester a 3-2 win in the Fourth Division match at the County Ground. Although Phil Harrington in the Romans goal made some

excellent saves, Town had themselves to blame for a result which had manager John Trollope summoning his team back for Sunday training. Jimmy Allan made one mistake which led to Chester's first goal but received little cover from a defence described by Adver

reporter, Clive King, as having all the strength of tissue paper. Former Scottish Schoolboy international Billy Kellock gets the Wolves goal in their 1-1 draw with Derby at the Baseball Ground. The end of the season sees them win promotion to the old first Division.

FLASH-BACK

Former England international Neil Webb made his Swindon debut on Saturday October 8th 1994 when a near capacity crowd of 15,036 flocked to the County Ground to see Swindon take on First Division leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers. The 13th minute proved unlucky for Town when Dave Kelly fired Wolves in front. The luck turned two minutes later when a lob by

Paul Bodin beat Mike Stowell in the Wolves goal. It was sufficiently over the line to be judged a goal by the linesman in a Wembley 1966 type controversy. In the 28th minute, Fjortoft set up Keith Scott who fired in from 10 yards. Mark Walters, on loan from Liverpool, tested Digby in the Town goal but it was Kelly who equalised for Wolves in the 41st minute. The decider came when Joey

Beauchamp scored his first goal for Town with a shot from 30 yards in the 60th minute. It was perhaps the high point of John Gorman's managership at Swindon with Town in 5th place just 3 points behind leaders Wolves. Before the year was out, a run of four defeats saw Swindon slip to 16th place and Gorman sacked.

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Saturday

7th March

We felt we gave a good account of ourselves against Portsmouth, despite the result. After working so hard all week it was a real kick in the teeth to lose 1-0 with the last kick of the game. That's football.

We defended well, keeping quality strikers like Steve Claridge at bay. We controlled the game for large periods but, again, we lacked some quality in the final third of the pitch.

Obviously, the dressing room after the game wasn't a nice place to be. The mood was stunned disappointment after playing so well



Sunday

8th March

All injured players in for treatment.

Monday

9th March

After a tough game on Saturday the warm up at the start of training is the most important of the week. We got the lads into three teams of six with big goals to put emphasis

on shooting and keeping the goalkeepers busy. Unfortunately during this session Frank Talia's old knee problem starts playing up so he has to go and see the physio. It turns out to be a backward step for Frank who looked very glum at the prospect of spending even more time in the treatment room.

Tuesday

10th March

The morning was taken up by a light work out that included some running round the pitch. We left at 12noon to give us plenty of time for the six hour coach journey to "Boro". We also announced the signing of David Kerslake who rejoins Swindon from Ipswich. As Swindon fans will know, he's a quality player who can give the squad a much needed boost. His ability and skill could prove invaluable.

Wednesday

11th March

As usual we keep to the routine for away games: walk in the morning, "feet-up" in the afternoon, tea and toast at dinnertime then its on to the stadium. We were all impressed with Boro's set up, especially the Cellnet Riverside stadium.

The game itself was a painful affair. Boro played really well, players like Merson and Branco are world class and it showed. If you combine this with some schoolboy errors in defence then you end up with what it was - a rout. It is always difficult to see a positive in a game like this but we created five or six clear chances, but we were unable to take them on the night.

Thursday

12th March

Arrived back in Swindon at around 4am this morning. It's a long journey home when you lose, everyone is tired and weary, only the injured players were in for some treatment.

Friday

13th March

Light session including running and some team games then it was back to the County Ground for the chicken and pasta. Despite the loss midweek, spirits are high. We were delighted to sign Ifem Onuora. He could be just what we need up front. We've lost height and strength since the chief went. Iffy brings this to the squad, as well as an ability to score goals. He'll go straight into the squad to face QPR tomorrow.

Saturday

14th March

The mood in the camp is good today, the players are focused but relaxed. Before the game the Gaffa told the lads to give it 110 per cent for the ninety minutes. All credit to the players, this is exactly what they did. It was great to get back to winning ways. George Ndah was back from injury to partner new signing Iffy up front. The whole team played well and thoroughly deserved a 2-1 victory. Ndah's pace caused QPR's defence all sorts of problems and it we were delighted to see Iffy open his account for the Town with the winning goal. The mood in the Dressing Room after the game was one of elation and growing confidence.

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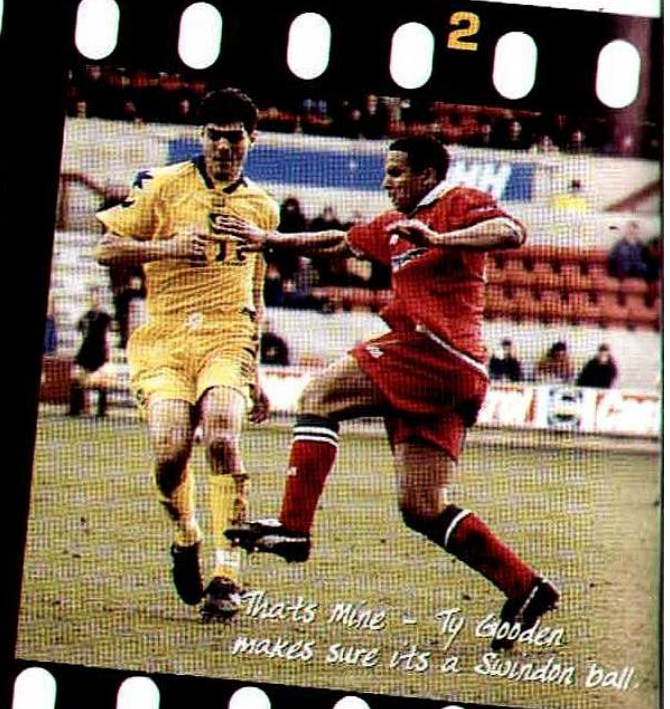
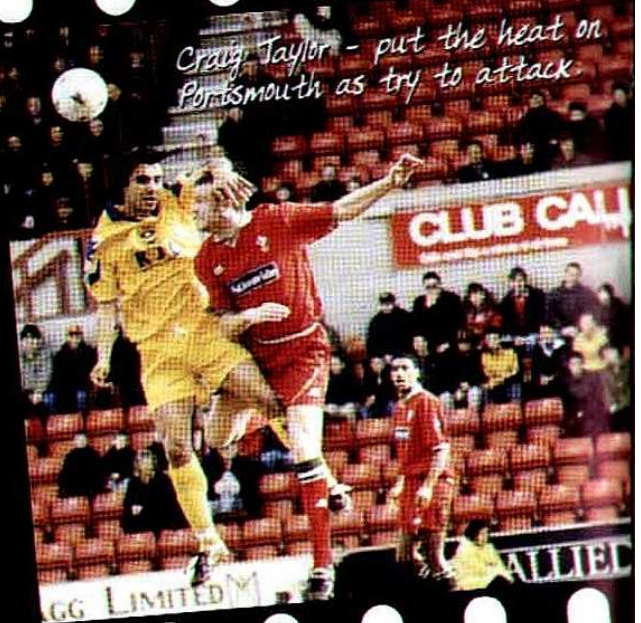
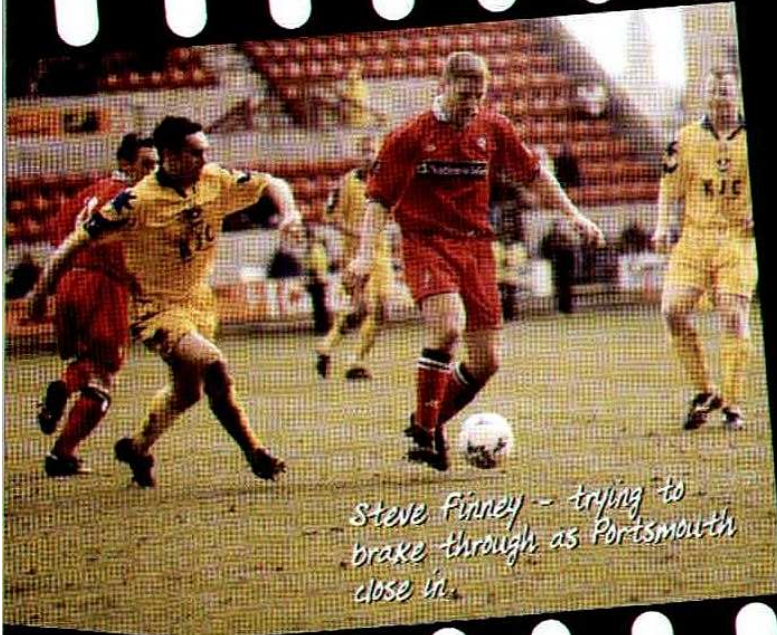
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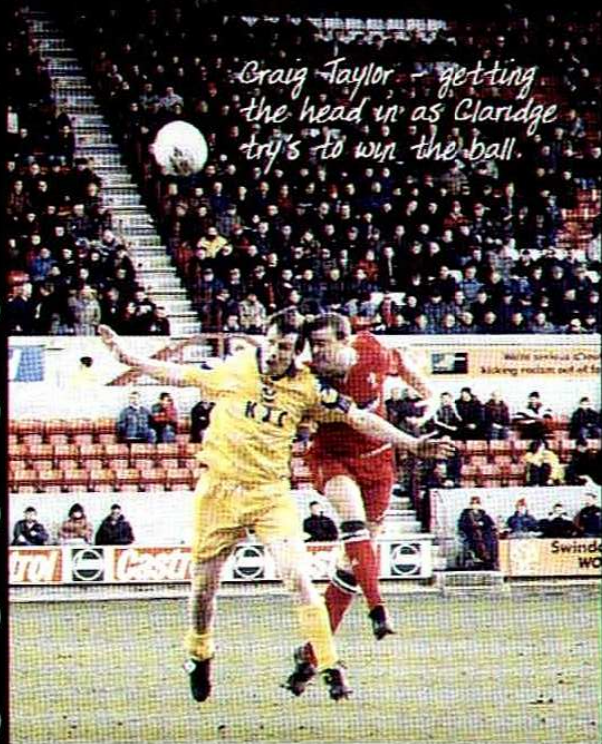
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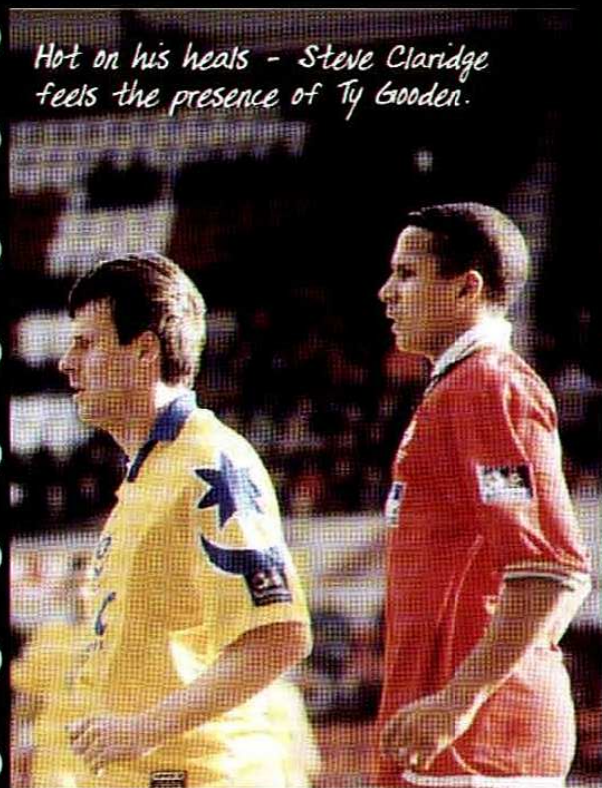
replay

Portsmouth





Craig Taylor - getting the head in as Claridge try's to win the ball.



Hot on his heels - Steve Claridge feels the presence of Ty Gooden.



RESULT...

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Swindon Town 0
Portsmouth 1**

ATTENDANCE: 9,100

SWINDON...

- 1 Frank Talia
- 2 Mark Robinson
- 3 Brian Borrows
- 4 Scott Leitch
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Lee Collins
- 7 Mark Walters
- 8 Philippe Cuervo
- 9 Steve Finney
- 10 Steve Cowe
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Chris Hay, Alan McDonald, Bobby Howe

MATCH REPORT

Swindon looked a lot more on form as they battled to keep Portsmouth out. It was a tough afternoon for Macca's squad, the pressure was on for the result or at least a point! Alan Ball's Pompey were on a roll after a couple of wins in their last few matches, so the luck was with them going into the game. Swindon's man-of-the-match Mark Robinson was denied a blatant penalty in the second half which would have given them the lead. Swindon went on looking for the win, giving their best performance in weeks and when the game looked as if it would end in stalemate, Portsmouth scored a winner in what must have been the last kick of the match. This was a bitter pill to swallow after the Town had dominated most of the game. Steve McMahon will have been pleased with the attitude and commitment that the players showed along with strong signs of team work with the whole squad giving 100%. Swindon fans must keep their heads up because if this game was anything to go by, it won't be long before we get back into winning ways. So keep up the support and get behind the lads for the remainder of the season.

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

Swindon Town Reserves 1 Chelsea Reserves 2

The result may not have gone our way but I was pleased with the team's performance.

We created enough chances to have won the game but we just didn't look sharp enough in the final third. Getting an early goal was a great start for lads. A good passing move finished off by Kevin Watson to put us 1-0 up.

From here Chelsea began to put us under pressure, with one of their lads moving down the right. Bullock and Elkins should have stayed

on their feet, but instead dived in one after another, letting the Chelsea player cut inside and roll it past Digby. In the second half weather conditions worsened with a barrage of wind and rain. This made play difficult. With the wind against us it felt like Stevenage all over again, but the lads did well to pick up short balls from Fraser and play it from the back.

But there was little we could do about Chelsea's winner. The young lad David Lee has hit a thirty five yard, wind assisted shot that has dipped into the goal. Digby was unsighted by players in front of him so stood little chance. The last fifteen minutes was all Swindon. We started knocking some good balls into the box, but we

couldn't find the net. The lads worked hard without getting the result and showed a good attitude. The overall team performance was fine, with excellent games for Watson and Hulbert.

Team: Digby, Mourine, King (Hodson, 45), Watson, Bullock, Elkins, Cuervo (Thorne, 45), Hulbert, Hay, Meechan, Walters (McAreevey, 45)

NEXT HOME GAME

**Wednesday 25th
March 1998**

**Crystal
Palace**

Kick-Off 7.15pm

Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	12	0	0	0	12	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
NICKY BURKE	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(5)	1	0	0	1(5)	1
STEVE COWE	16	3	0	0	16	3
LEE COLLINS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	5	1	0	0	5	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	12	0	0	0	12	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOL DAVIS	8(3)	1	0	0	8(3)	1
FRASER DIGBY	2	0	0	0	2	0
JASON DRYSDALE	3	0	0	0	3	0
STUART ELLIOTT (TRIALIST)	1	1	0	0	1	1
GARY ELKINS	20(1)	3	0	0	20(1)	3
ALEX FINLAYSON	3(3)	0	0	0	3(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	8	5	0	0	8	5
CHRIS HAY	3	1	0	0	3	1
STUART HODSON	7(4)	3	0	0	7(4)	3
PETER HOLCROFT	11	1	0	0	11	1
ALUN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	11(5)	0	0	0	11(5)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL KING	6	0	0	0	6	0
PHIL MACDARMID	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
PAUL MCAREEVEY	2(9)	1	0	0	2(9)	1
ALAN McDONALD	5	0	0	0	5	0
MCHUGH	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
STEVE MCMAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
IAN MCSHERRY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	11(9)	4	0	0	11(9)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	13	0	0	0	13	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	10(2)	0	0	0	10(2)	0
BRADLEY PETERS	3	1	0	0	3	1
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	6	3	0	0	6	3
MARK ROBINSON	3	0	0	0	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	3	1	0	0	3	1
ALEX SMITH	15	2	0	0	15	2
FRANK TALIA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	3	0	0	0	3	0
WAYNE THORNE	7(8)	0	0	0	7(8)	0
MARK WALTERS	9	3	0	0	9	3
KEVIN WATSON	14	0	0	0	14	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 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 2-0
Wed Oct 08	Wimbledon	A 0-3
WED OCT 15	IPSWICH TOWN	H 1-1
WED OCT 29	ARSENAL	H 0-3
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 2-5
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 5-1
Thur Nov 20	QPR	A 2-3
MON NOV 24	MILLWALL	H 1-1
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 3-1
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 0-6
Wed Dec 10	Watford	A PP
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A PP
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 4-1
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 1-2
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 3-1
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 1-3
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-1
Wed Feb 14	Oxford United	A 1-1
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 1-4
WED FEB 25	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 6-1
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 1-2
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 0-3
MON MAR 16	LUTON TOWN	H 7-15
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

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Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

**Arsenal Reserves 3
Swindon Town Reserves 0**

Due to the midweek game against Middlesbrough for the first team I a fielded a young team of mostly Youth Team players.

As usual they showed a lot of committment and effort. Some of the boys were coming into the side for the first time and showed they are more than capable of handling the step up against a team of full pro's.

Nevertheless, as the score line suggests, we were beaten by a better team that we couldn't contain. All three goals were due to defensive mistakes. Players need to defend much better.

On a more positive note, Carl Robinson and Paul McAreavey,

both only 16, played well. Robinson is a striker and worked hard against the Arsenal back four while McAreavey did especially well in midfield. The result was wasn't favourable, but this is what reserve football is about: giving the youngsters a chance to show what they can do.

Team: Mildenhall, Mourine, Davis, Thorne, Pattimore (Campagna, 78), Hodson, Elkins, Holcroft, Meechan, Robinson (Burke, 45), McAreavey. Subs not used: McHugh.

NEXT AWAY GAME

**Wednesday 8th
April 1998**

Southampton

Kick-Off 7.30pm

THE LEAGUE

**Avon Insurance
Combination Div 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Arsenal	25	16	7	2	59	19	55	+40
Charlton Athletic	21	15	4	2	52	11	49	+41
Tottenham H.	22	14	5	3	45	20	47	+25
Norwich City	28	11	9	8	35	37	42	-02
Oxford United	26	10	8	8	38	48	38	-10
Wimbledon	25	10	5	10	32	29	35	+03
Crystal Palace	24	11	1	12	34	33	34	+01
Southampton	23	8	9	6	39	30	33	+09
Q.P.R.	26	8	9	9	39	34	33	+05
Millwall	25	9	5	11	25	35	32	-10
Ipswich Town	23	8	7	8	36	43	31	-07
Portsmouth	24	8	6	10	30	34	30	-04
Chelsea	26	7	9	10	36	41	30	-05
Luton Town	23	7	6	10	30	33	27	-03
SWINDON TOWN	25	7	3	15	38	48	24	-10
Watford	22	5	8	9	24	38	23	-14
West Ham United	23	5	5	13	26	45	20	-19
Brighton & H.A.	21	1	6	14	18	58	9	-40



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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 (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
Tue	Sep 30	P'boro Utd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
SAT	OCT 11	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-0
Tue	Oct 14	Notts Forest (MYC2)	A 1-2
SAT	OCT 18	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC2)	H 2-0
Sat	Oct 25	Wimbledon	A 2-4
Sat	Nov 01	Tottenham Hotspur	A 3-0
SAT	NOV 08	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-3
Sat	Nov 15	Barnet	A 0-1
MON	NOV 17	BRISTOL ROVERS (FAYC)	H 1-1
Sat	Nov 22	Luton Town (LC3)	A 2-4
Thur	Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAYC) Rep	A 0-0
Swindon lost 10-9 on penalties			
SAT	NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H PP
Sat	Dec 06	Bristol City	A 3-0
SAT	DEC 13	BRISTOL CITY	H PP
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A 2-3
SAT	JAN 03	SOUTHAMPTON	H PP
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A 1-0
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H 2-0
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 0-2
Sat	Feb 07	AFC Bournemouth	A 1-3
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 0-4
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A 0-1
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H 1-1
SAT	MAR 07	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H P-P
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A p-p
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am at the Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south east

FIXTURES 97/98

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 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 0-1
Nov 01	Torquay United	A 1-2
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H 1-1
Nov 15	Bathley	A PP
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A 1-2
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H PP
Dec 06	Bristol City	A 1-1
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 5-2
Jan 03	Cardiff City	A PP
JAN 10	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H 3-3
Jan 17	Cirencester Town	A 0-5
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H 1-3
FEB 07	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H 0-2
Feb 14	Swansea City	A 0-2
Feb 21	Yeovil Town	A 0-1
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H PP
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A
MAR 14	BATHLEY	H 3-2

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At the Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south west

youth team focus



with
Tommy Wheelodon

With all our games being postponed, due to pitch conditions, we have started making arrangements for a tournament in Belgium we will be taking the lads to. It takes place on the 11th, 12th and 13th April.

The tournament is called the Kastel Cup and is a great chance for the Youth Team to go abroad and pit their skills against teams from the rest of Europe. At the same time it is a good opportunity for me to judge the standards of football in other countries and see how we rate against them.

It is called the Kastel Cup and takes place each year, it is a well organised event but it is far from a holiday! We will leave very early Friday morning, tournament games will commence Saturday, the finals are on Monday and we'll leave that same day to be back in Swindon on Tuesday, 4am. With not even enough time for a bit of sightseeing, the lads will have to work hard as they squeeze so many games in the three day period.

I'll keep you updated on developments and how we get on in April.

Congratulations go to Alun Hughes, one of our academy players. He has been put on standby for the Welsh under 18 squad. This is for the International Tournament that takes place in Italy on the 4th-13th April. Alun was delighted with the chance and we're all pleased for the lad, he thoroughly deserves it.

Another player making the news is Robin Hulbert. He is going on trial to Newcastle for a two week period. Robin is a very talented prospect and this fortnight in Newcastle can only improve him as a player. To be able to see the Premiership set up and play with such quality players will be a valuable experience.



Robin Hulbert

NEXT HOME GAME

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 21st
March 1998**

£ Barnet

Kick-Off 11am

NEXT GAME

**SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
Monday 23rd
March 1998**

£ Cardiff

Kick-Off 11.00am



With so much talk about continental styles of play I thought we, at Swindon could benefit by learning a bit more about different training techniques to improve our youngsters.

I attended a Youth Coaches Seminar put on by the FA where we were shown SAQ speed training. SAQ (Speed, Agility, Quickness) emphasises the importance of rapid acceleration and how to increase a players ability to move away quickly.

Any top athlete will tell you that the first five yards when sprinting, is the most important. Football is no exception to this. In addition, increased agility can reduce the chance of suffering a nasty injury when playing.

In addition to this we've also

been looking at ways of utilising the afternoons so they are not just taken up with trainee duties. One idea we have tried is aerobics at the Railway Fitness Centre. Here our instructor Laura, takes the lads through a hard work out. In addition to increasing fitness this type of work is good for keeping your feet quick and aiding awareness and co-ordination.

south west counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
PLYMOUTH	19	13	6	0	46	13	45
EXETER CITY	17	14	0	3	60	21	42
CARDIFF CITY	20	14	0	6	57	21	42
SWANSEA CITY	19	13	1	5	55	28	40
CIRENCESTER	17	11	2	4	38	23	35
TORQUAY UNITED	15	8	2	5	45	31	26
CHELLENHAM	18	7	3	8	29	40	24
BRISTOL CITY	18	5	3	10	23	47	18
NEWPORT A.F.C.	19	4	5	10	22	43	17
BASHLEY	19	4	3	12	27	50	15
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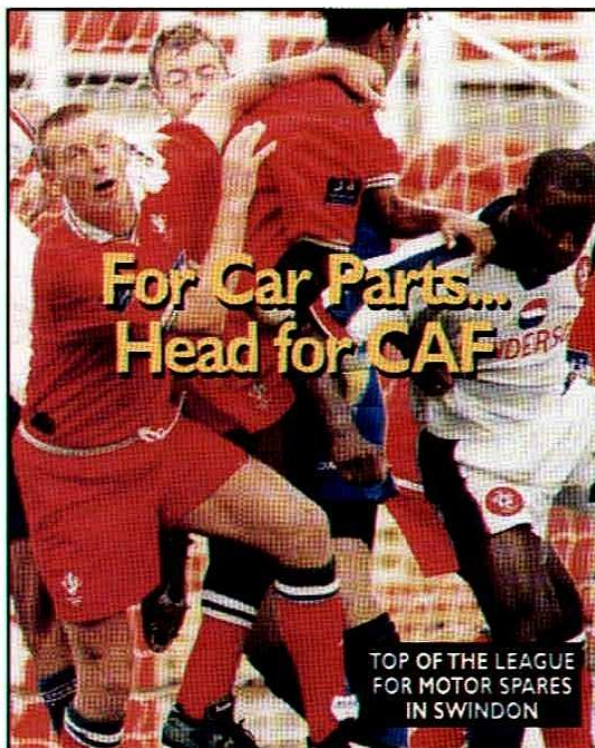
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

Good evening everybody. We have been extremely busy over the past few weeks within the Community Office.

The Race Night held here at the club, in memory of Simone Kaye who tragically died in January, was a huge success. We raised £1,100 on the night and we would sincerely like to thank Dave Hollister for all the hard work and commitment which contributed to the evening's success.

Unfortunately, the scheduled 8-a-side final had to be cancelled on the 4th March due to heavy rain. This has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 25th March 1998, before the reserve fixture against Crystal Palace. Again, Jon and I would like to wish Wroughton and Wanborough every success in the final. Both teams have done well to come through the early stages of the tournament and battle through to the all important final. What was also impressive with all the teams that took part was the standard of play. It was a real pleasure to watch you kids pass the ball about, and play such attacking football. Well done, and keep it up!

Tomorrow sees us on our travels to Bristol for the Pannini Area 6-a-side tournament. Our representatives this year are Grange Junior School, so good luck to them and their leader Mike Barret. Anthony Rabley will be travelling with us to take part in the final of the Smoby Table Top Football Final. Anthony won through the area heats beating off 150 hopefuls. I don't know about Pinball Wizard, but this lad is certainly a Wizard of Table Top Football. He is from Wroughton School and I'm sure he'll fly the flag with honour when he faces other young players from all over the country.

Finally, apologies to Steve Arman from Whites Hill County Primary School whose name we spelt wrong in our last programme notes.

Until next time,
keep cheering and good luck.



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Birmingham vs Swindon away Saturday 18th April 1998

I still have places available on the coach but if it's anything like the QPR trip it will fill very quickly. Contact me on 01793 532121 to reserve your place.



mascots...mascots...

Today's mascot



Sarah Howes

The first mascot of tonight is 12 year old Sarah Howes. Sarah attends The Bradon Forest School in Purton and enjoys Music, Football and Swimming. Her favourite Town player is Fraser Digby.

Adam Bates

At 13, Adam plays for the Stratton Youth Under 13's, but also enjoys Ice Skating and watching Swindon Town play. Adam attends the Kingshill School in Cirencester and his favourite players are Philippe, Ty and Mark Walters, but he has a dog called 'Finney' after Steve! (wonder if 'Finney' the dog plays as well?)



Jonathon Bates



Jonathon is the younger brother of Adam and he attends Powell's School in Cirencester. He is 10 years old and loves Football, Rollerblading and watching Swindon. That's when he's not playing for the Stratton Youth Under 11's. Jonathon's favourite players are Fraser, Ty and Philippe.

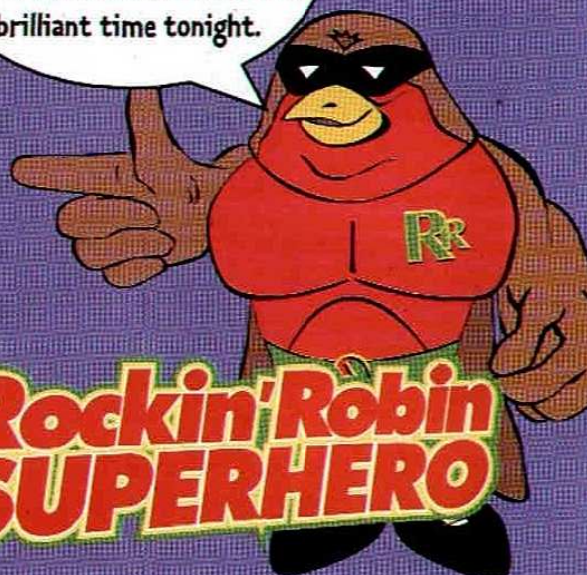
Away mascot



Glen Collins

Glen is the Wolves mascot for tonight, he is 9 and attends Highfields Primary School in Burntwood. Glen plays football for Hammerwich Under 10's and also enjoys playing chess. His favourite players are Steve Bull and Keith Curle.

Welcome to the County Ground Glen. All the Team and Staff wish all the mascots a brilliant time tonight.



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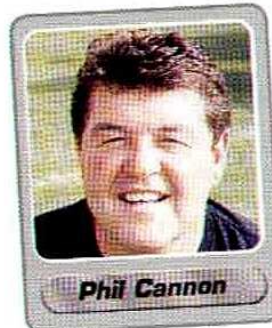
This was shown in the way they played the match. The boys were committed, worked hard and showed some good skills.

It was an excellent game with both teams creating some good chances but Swindon shaded it. Goals came from Chris Taylor who got a brace, with Luke Turvey and Carl Palmer getting one each. It was particularly pleasing to see a fine performance from Matthew Collins. Well done lads, keep it up.

We also held a development day at our training ground on Sunday, which included a game between our under 15's and under 16's. This also gave us an opportunity to include six trialists who were trying to get places on Swindon Town's YT scheme for next year.

Those of you who came to the Man City game may remember the exhibition game played by kids from the School of Excellence and the Soccer

Centres. Seven year old Lee Smith who played in the game was so desperate to play at the County Ground he didn't tell his parents that he fell and hurt his arm the day before. He played the whole game without complaint, then told his mum about the pain in his arm. The lad was taken to hospital where it was discovered that Lee had broken his arm. It just goes to show, boys will do anything to put on the shirt and play at the County Ground. Well done Lee.

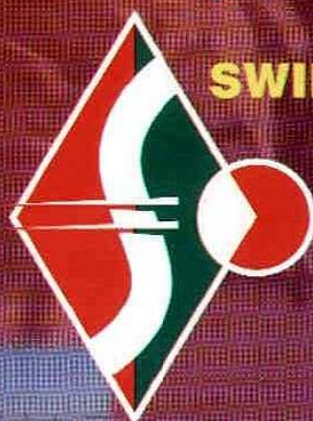


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Home to Sunderland

The last game of the season against Sunderland on Sunday May 3rd 1.30pm Kick-Off is an all ticket match. So all supporters wishing to attend this game will need to get their tickets in advance from the Advanced Ticket Office.

Don't forget

Tickets for Reserve team games are on sale at the advance box office up until 7.30pm on matchdays.

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £1 concessions with free admission for season ticket holders and Junior Robins.

On Wednesday 25th March the Reserves take on Crystal Palace here at the County Ground Kick-Off (7.15pm).

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Due to games being televised all games on the last day of the season in Division One will kick-off at 1.30pm. Please also remember, this is an all ticket game so buy your ticket early- they're on sale now!

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Saturday April 11th
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Going to Birmingham...
Saturday April 18th
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New groundsman

Jem Fox, 32, of South Cerney is our new Groundsman here at the County Ground.

Before joining Swindon Jem worked at University School, in Hampstead maintaining football, rugby and cricket pitches covering around 20 acres. Jem also spent three years at college studying for his BTEC National Diploma in Sports Turf Management. Over the next few seasons Jem hopes to improve the pitches. He said: "I want it to be a lot better than what we've got, this isn't a bad pitch but I think I can make the surface and drainage better."

"It's not an overnight job though, it takes time to get it right. Once the season is over with I can really start to make his some changes."

Player of the month

Pictured here is Steve Finney being presented the Whichford Hyundai Player of the Month from our very own, gorgeous marketing co-ordinator Helen Mercer.



The Short & Curly's

Pictured here is club Director Willie Carson and

Kevin Kennedy AKA Curly Watts larking around after the recent fixture between Swindon and Man City.

Kevin is a life long City fan and goes to as many games as he can. Here you can see Willie taking out post-match frustration after Man City beat us.



In & around the county ground

Vintage Programme wanted

Peter Bush, a West Ham fan, is searching for an old programme from the 5th round FA Cup tie Swindon Vs West Ham on 15th February 1964.

If anyone can oblige he is prepared to pay a reasonable price or offer an exchange from a wide selection of England internationals and FA Cup Finals or a mint condition copy West Ham Vs Swindon, League Cup 4th Round from the 63-64 season. If you can help Peter out please contact the Programme Editor on 01793 532121 for further details.

Alan & Stuart meet again

Stuart Underwood, aged 10, was recently a mascot

for the game against Portsmouth. Yet he has been a Swindon mascot before, when he was 2 and a half.

Here we can see him being carried out to the pitch by Town veteran Alan McLoughlin. As Alan was back at the County Ground with Portsmouth we thought it would be nice for Alan and Stuart to meet once again, although things have changed a bit since then!



Danny's Dreams come true

Ardent Swindon fan Danny Such had his dream come true when he met Steve McMahon before the game against Portsmouth and was presented with a signed ball.

Brave Danny, who used to play local football, was in a car crash and is well on the road to recovery after being in a wheelchair since the accident.



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At the time of compiling this brief chronicle I find myself in a labyrinth of perplexity. Why?

No-one has claimed the £514 half-time draw prize from the Portsmouth game! The winning ticket number was 21245 and it was sold either in the supporters club or in close proximity to it. I sincerely trust that whoever purchased it did not tear it into shreds when, as Alan Ball stated, Pompey were lucky to win five seconds from the end. Perhaps it's still in your pocket unchecked. Please have a look ***just in case!***

Some of the present winners in our Moonraker Chase Tricast Lottery are listed below:

J.Walkroft - Wroughton £300, C.Wallace - Wroughton £300, A.Gale - Swindon £275, F.Clements - Swindon. £138 £150 winners include the following: D.Leaver -

Swindon, G.Robinson - Swindon, D.Bush - Ramsbury, F.McLaughlin - Swindon, F.Savory - Moredon, D.Radway - Wootton Bassett, J.Holloway - Wroughton, D.Fagg - Highworth, L.Titcombe - Swindon, G.Busson - Highworth, G.Darby - Swindon, S.Privett - Swindon.

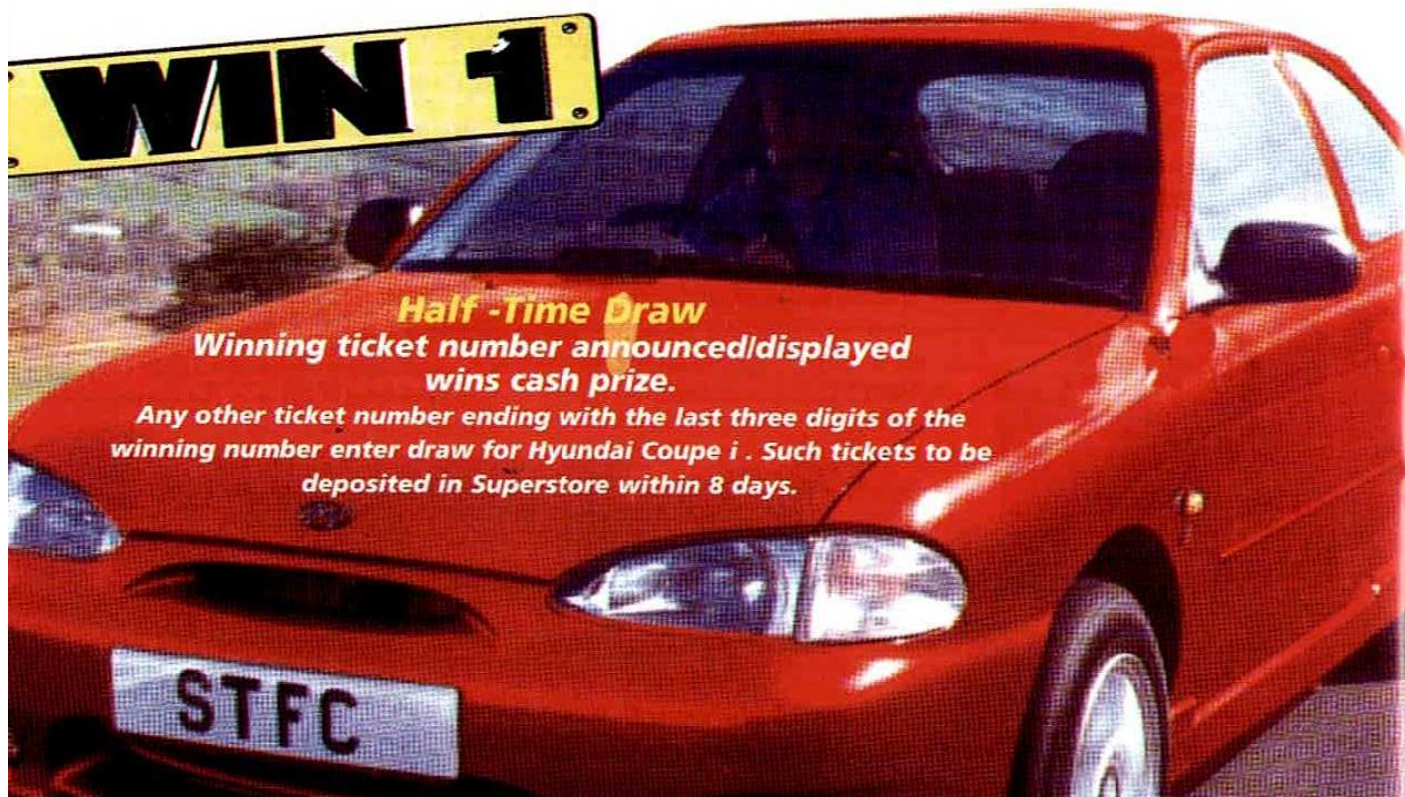
Among the many £75 winners are ***M.Brake - Ramsbury, A.Woolford - Swindon, J.Goodright - Moredon.***

The total prize money paid to date amounts to ***£66,811!***

The "Moonraker Chase" is about to give way to a brand new lottery starting in April. Although the replacement is a variation on a theme it is, in fact, self-checking. It includes 13 winning chances in the national and local lotteries every week - spread over both Wednesday and Saturday - for just £1! All you need to do is pick up a leaflet, complete the bankers order and wait for a cheque to be sent to you. All proceeds from this

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There is Still Time to enter our football general knowledge Quiz tomorrow night. It takes place in the Executive Suite and has been sponsored by David Radway of Wootton Bassett. Forms are available from the promotions office and superstore. Forms must be returned by Midday tomorrow for administrative purposes.



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from the press box

By Gary Tate
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Who was it who penned that famous saying, "Football is a funny old game?"

They must have been thinking about this season and in particular the topsy turvey set of results that have occurred over the last month.

As most of the people I talk to in the ground will admit, I have a knack for predicting results of games, although not that good or I would be writing this from a sun drenched beach somewhere off the Caribbean! Even so, I don't believe for one minute anybody could have forecast the following results that have happened during March.

Swindon 0 Portsmouth 1 - Bally's side under the cosh for 89 minutes then snatching victory at the death.

QPR 5 Middlesbrough 0 - Middlesbrough Millionaires humbled by Harfords hero's.

Middlesbrough 6 Swindon 0 - Robbo's boys run riot against luck lustre Town.

Portsmouth 0 Middlesbrough 0 - Poor draw but Ball's team keep battling.

So what price would you get for a Swindon victory at Loftus Road, down to 10 men and the goal keeper sent off. Probably the same odds as winning the lottery!!!

Yet win it they did. Amidst a week of turmoil when there was so much happening off the field, Swindon beat the odds. A Victorious 2-1 completing the double over their London rivals.

And it doesn't stop there! Tonight we welcome the players, supporters and representatives of **Wolverhampton Wanderers**. Beaten at home by arch rivals **Birmingham City 3-1**, the boys from the black country then visited Leeds United in the Quarter Finals of the FA Cup in front of 40,000 people. A friend of mine, who is a season ticket holder at Molineux, reckoned

this was the Wolves final. Yet on 82 minutes a peach of a pass sent Goodman racing away to earn his side victory and a place in the Semi-final against either **Arsenal or West Ham United** - The result was impossible to predict.

And so to tonight's game Wolves riding high in Division One following Saturday's 1-0 victory over Crewe Alexandra and the Town with a moral boosting win in London. All the ingredients for a classic match but too close call. I know which way I want to see the result go. Regardless of what happens I just hope the game lives up to everybody's expectations and somebody goes home happy. Enjoy tonight's game.

Gary Tate reports on Swindon Town for Swindon's local channel.

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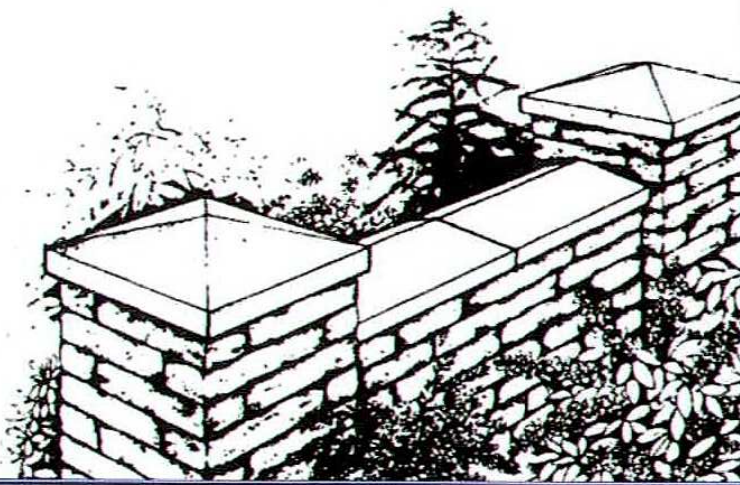
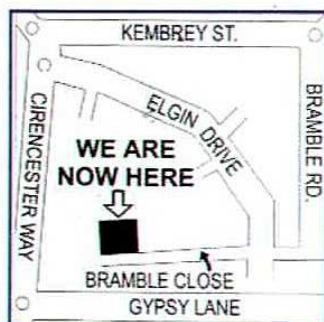
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with Julian Wetherall

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Presentation Time

Hoechst Tresaphan

were Matchday Sponsors for our fixture against Portsmouth. Pictured here is **Hoechst's**, Dave Espley, being presented with a signed, framed shirt by club Chairman Rikki Hunt. A Hoechst representative is also pictured presenting a bottle of Bubbly to Man of the Match, Mark Robinson.

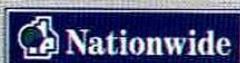


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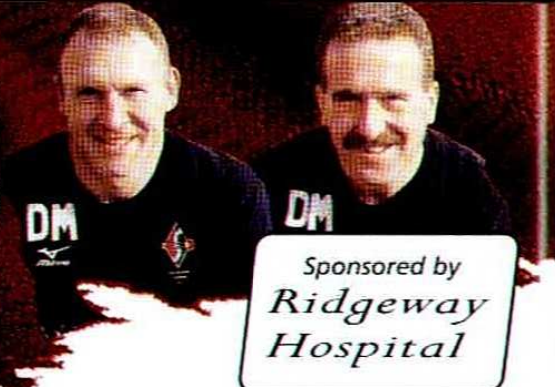


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It was great to see George Ndah back in action after a two month lay-off.

Considering his training has been limited to pool work and upper body conditioning he did exceptionally well against QPR. His progress will be carefully monitored over the next few weeks.

As for other players, Mark Seagraves is now running again following a calf strain. Ian Culverhouse continues to make good progress following an ankle injury. He has been working hard with circuit training, static biking and swimming.

After making surprise come back, Frank Talia is back in the Treatment Room. He has aggravated his knee injury. After being back in the first team Frank is very disappointed.



New Approaches: As there are now two physio's in the Treatment Room it gives us the opportunity to carry out specialised one-to-one routines with injured players. We can adapt exercises and types of training according to the specifics of the individual injury. And, as

it is one-to-one, if the player has any problem the physio can change the session. By maximising the rehab period in this way we will decrease the all important recovery times, so that a player can get back to his football ASAP. An example of this is George Ndah. We had to be careful with George's injury because he had to rest his knee, which means no running. As a result we devised a specific session of swimming and upper body work to keep his fitness ticking over.

the shadowboard

Calling all dedicated Swindon fans.

Tonight is your last chance to join the Shadow Board for next season. The Shadow Board meets tomorrow evening and the application list for new members will close after the meeting.

So now is the time to take action!! Fill out of the Shadow Board comment cards - which are available around the ground - and let it know that you want to apply. We will do the rest. The Shadow Board meets monthly throughout the year. In addition there are Open Forum's to help organise as well as the annual Open Day. Plus there is the opportunity to contribute to the future of the Club and to represent the views of all Swindon fans. What are you

waiting for - fill out that card before you head off home tonight.

The next Open Forum was announced in the Portsmouth program. And with the current situation on and off the pitch there is sure to be a very high demand for tickets. The meeting will take place at Calne Football Club on Wednesday 15 April. The bar will be open from 7.00 p.m. and the meeting will kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

Watch out for our next program notes for full ticket allocation details.

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



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**"England
Win The World
Cup - FIFA chief backs us
for 2006" That was the
front-page headline and
lead story in one national
newspaper last Thursday.**

It claimed: *"England looks set to stage the 2006 World Cup after football's most powerful boss dramatically backed our bid last night."*

It really is amazing how a meaningless comment, and one certainly that truly has little substance with regards to the coming event, can be blown up into a major issue like this. To say that the way it was presented is somewhat misleading is an understatement.

The crux of the tale was FIFA president Joao Havelange's meeting with Premier Tony Blair at number 10 Downing Street and his subsequent statement to the world at the press conference afterwards.

The excitement hinged on these words from Dr Havelange: *"It's my personal wish that it will be decided that the World Cup 2006 will indeed take place here in England."*

Sounds fine if you can believe him, Joao Havelange, a crusty Brazilian media tycoon, has never shown any love for the British in the past and most of his words are politically motivated rather than sincere.

He actually expressed the same *"sincere"* backing for the South African cause when he visited them and has also given support to Germany. Let's hope he doesn't land up in Liechtenstein and give them the

same message.

This rather austere man, who is in his eighties and should have relinquished his high office donkeys years ago, was reelected on the vote of soccer's third world countries. He promised the Africans, Arabs and other minor footballing nations he would win them greater representation in the World Cup if they gave him their vote. They did do and to be fair he has delivered as the World Cup Finals this year amplify.

from the *Colin Benson* sidelines

France hosts the biggest Final tournament ever with no less than 32 nations competing - 11 of them from what can only be described as the second division of international football. The tournament is bigger but whether it is better is a matter of opinion.

The thing is, because of regional grouping the major nations of Europe find themselves knocking each other out of the qualifying rounds while entrants from Africa and Asia make it through. I mean no way can you honestly propose that the likes of Tunisia, Morocco, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jamaica and the Korea Republic are better than Portugal, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Peru or Uruguay. Yet the first six named will be in France and the rest will not.

But getting back to the World Cup in 2006 the facts are that FIFA's Executive Committee will not be making a decision on the venue until June of the year

2000, by which time Dr Havelange will have long retired and be about as influential as Tony Banks is on the millennium committee.

It always happens doesn't it...Give a bloke a manager of the month award and what happens? His team go and blow it after the presentation.

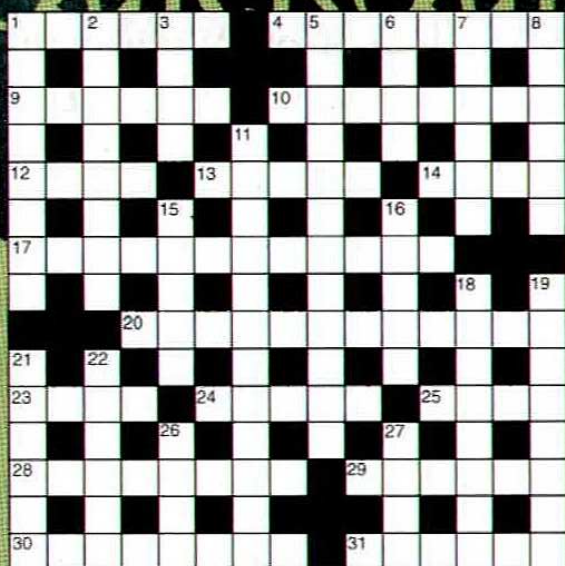
That's what happened at Plainmoor where Kevin Hodges brought unfashionable Torquay United some welcome respect and publicity after a splendid sequence of results to be named the Third Division's Manager of the Month.

Torquay United won all five Nationwide Football League games during February going on to set a new record for the club - seven successive victories in the League. Then came the presentation before the home game with struggling Cambridge United and what happened? Torquay were stuffed 3-0!



quickquiz quickquiz

compiled by Dave Hollister



clues across...

1. Playmaker in legendary 1970 Brazil side (6)
4. Football league debuts? (8)
9. Townsend (6)
10. Liverpools' Jason is one (1-7)
12. Supporter of Wales may wear one (4)
13. Ref often accused of being one? (5)
14. Matthews and Mortenson (4)
17. Carlos Caszely scored 29 of these (7-5)
20. England winger under Sir Alf Ramsey (3-9)
23. A Millwall animal for sure (4)
- 24, 28. First man to score 100 goals in both Scottish and English leagues (5-8)
25. Each Wembley tower is one (4)
29. They play in Polish League (6)
30. Worn by Luton Supporter in summer? (5-3)
31. Where queues form at half time (6)

clues down...

1. Vialli's forename
2. Manchester Utd fan?
3. Goal is sometimes this (4)
5. Where Notts County play (2-6-4)
6. Set to catch someone offside (4)
7. Goalkeepers prefer clean ones (6)
8. 6 Down may sometimes be this (6)
11. Fans do this at Stamford Bridge (5-7)
15. Cup final losers get one as well (5)
16. Tactician David (5)
18. Nickname of Alloa (3-5)
19. Even best players were once these (8)
21. Sheffield United (6)
22. Robbie sounds like a rough payer (6)
26. Game should at the Riverside (4)
27. Italian side Paul Rideout played for (4)

answers across...
 1. GERRARD, 2. RED DEVIL, 3. OPEN, 5. AT MEADOW LANE, 6. TRAP, 7. SHEETS, 8. SPRUNG, 11. CHANT, CHELSEA, 15. MEDAL, 16. PLEAT, 18. THE WASPS, 19. UNKNOWN, 21. BLADES, 22. FOWLER, 26. FLOW, 27. BAR.

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- The Villans
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- Sky Blues
- The Rams
- The Toffees
- The Red Devils
- The Owls
- The Saints
- Spurs
- The Dons
- The Hammers
- The Blues
- The Eagles
- The Gunners
- Rovers



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5 Teams plus their nicknames...

ANSWERS
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WHO AM I?

1. I was born in St Asaph in Wales on the 20.10.61, I am a striker and made my name at Liverpool and I am currently playing at Sheffield Utd?
2. I was born in Jersey on the 17.10.68, I have had International Honours with England and I was part of a premiership winning side in 1995?
3. I was born in Hammersmith on the 24.4.62, I am probably most famous for missing a penalty in the 1990 World Cup Semi Final?
4. I was born in Newcastle on the 13.8.70, I have missed most of this season through injury but hope to be on form in France 98?
5. I was born in Birmingham on the 22.1.64, since playing for Swindon between 87-91 I have played for Southampton, Middlesbrough, and Portsmouth, I am now enjoying the easy life at Torquay?
6. I was born in Hyde, on the 5.2.68, I have scored in an F.A Cup Final Replay for Manchester Utd vs Crystal Palace and have enjoyed a spell with Celtic. I have recently quit the game through injury?

ANSWERS.....
 1. IAN RUSH, 2. GRAEME LE SAUX, 3. STUART PEARCE, 4. ALAN SHEARER, 5. JON GIFFENS, 6. LEE MARTIN



WHO'S THIS?

Last game: Lee Collins

WHO'S KIT?



Last game: Portsmouth

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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves



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The Town kept second spot in the Southern Region Premier Division with a four goals to three victory over Oxford United.

The visitors took the lead on the half hour but just after the break Pam Laker's corner curled just inside the far post. Oxford took the lead again but Nadine Lloyd scored after Ashley Wiseman's shot had rebounded from the cross bar. Yet again they went ahead but Ashley Wiseman put the two sides level. With ten minutes remaining Leanne Taylor headed in Nadine Lloyd's cross to give the Town the points and complete the double over Oxford. The two sides meet again on the 22nd March in the Quarter Final of the League Cup.

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Southern Region League Premier Division.

**Swindon Town 4
Oxford United 3**

Team: Jo Sharpe : Vikki McCann, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Ashley Wiseman,

Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Clare Tyson, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs Used - Tracy Mackeddie & Adelle Taylor

Not Used - Sara Privett

Scorers - Pam Laker, Nadine Lloyd, Ashley Wiseman & Leanne Taylor

Photo - Leanne Taylor, who scored the winning goal in the 4-3 win over Oxford United



APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	16(2)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	9(6)	6
PAM LAKER	18	8
NADINE LLOYD	18	19
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	15(2)	5
VIKKI McCANN	4(2)	-
KIM REEVES	18	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	19	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	9(5)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	19	19
CLARE TYSON	16(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	13(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	18	5
NETTI WYNESS	17	2

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	BINFELD	4-1
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	5-2
SUN 2ND NOV	CARDIFF C. (FA CUP R2)	0-2 aet
SUN 9TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	3-1
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	10-1
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	5-2
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	9-0
SUN 7TH DEC	SALISBURY CITY (FA CUP R3)	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
Sun 25th Jan	BRACKNELL TOWN (LC 2nd)	walk over
SUN 1ST FEB	READING ROYALS	1-2
Sun 8th Feb	Portsmouth	2-1
Sun 22nd Feb	Cheltenham	1-2
SUN 8TH MAR	OXFORD UNITED	4-3
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
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	Binfield	A
	Southampton	A

THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading Royals	13	12	1	0	59	9	37
Swindon Town	16	12	0	4	65	28	36
Cheltenham	18	11	3	4	47	23	36
Southampton	14	8	1	5	39	30	25
Oxford United	17	6	3	8	29	32	21
Portsmouth	14	6	2	6	24	22	20
Swindon Spitfires	12	5	4	3	24	27	19
Southampton Saints	18	5	2	11	28	46	17
Binfield	14	4	2	8	15	31	14
Launton	16	3	3	10	23	56	12
Havant Town	16	1	1	14	12	61	4

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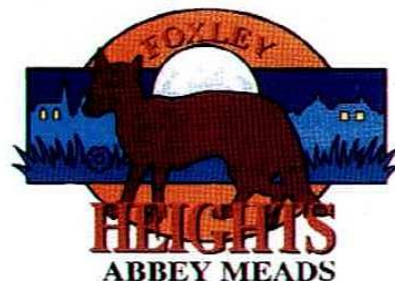
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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.

Congratulations to Wolverhampton Wanderers who assured a Nationwide presence in the FA Cup by winning at Leeds United to earn a place in the semi-final.

The Wolves have played in eight Cup Finals, winning four, but their last success was 38 years ago when they beat **Blackburn Rovers** 3-0 in a disappointing game.

The **Rovers** had been favourites with their famous 3-D forward line of Doherty, Dougan and Douglas. But there was unrest in the camp with Derek Dougan handing in a written transfer request on the morning of the Final and **Wolves** took full advantage of the disharmony after Mick McGrath gave them the lead with an own-goal in the 41st minute.

Two minutes later the unfortunate left-back broke his leg and **Blackburn** were down to ten men for the remainder of the game and Norman Deeley helped himself to two goals to take the Cup back to the Black Country.

It was all a long time ago but the names of Malcolm Finlayson, Ron Flowers, Hardman Eddie Clamp and the gifted Peter Broadbent, still live vividly in the memories of older **Wolves** fans.

No doubt present boss, Mark McGhee, will be striving to deflect any reference to the FA Cup away from his players this evening as he tries to focus their minds on the job in hand, trying to secure a place in the end of season playoffs.

This being the only

Nationwide Football League Division One game this week it gives the men from Molineux an opportunity to keep in touch. They are currently six points short of sixth placed **Sheffield United**, who handed **Reading** a sound 4-0 beating last Saturday, and of fifth placed **Ipswich Town**.

The Suffolk club are the in-form team but they have played two more games so **Wolves** can catch them but they will need to find a little more fluency as **Town** have scored 15 more goals.



It was goalkeeper Hans Segers who was the hero of **Wolves'** 1-0 home win over **Crewe** on Saturday. The former **Wimbledon** 'Keeper saved a second - half penalty just a week after killing off **Leeds United's** cup ambitions with a late-spot kick save against Jimmy Hasselbaink.

Segers, who was introduced to English football by **Nottingham Forest**, is a most unlikely hero. He has to wait 20 months for his first team debut with **Wolves**, what with all his off field problems, and comes here tonight an unbeaten man having kept two successive clean sheets. Let's hope the boys in red can tarnish his clean slate.

The top two promotion spots are not as clear cut as it has seemed for most of the season. **Nottingham Forest**, who returned to the top rung of the

First Division ladder with a spectacular three goal flurry in the last 30 minutes against **Bury**, have been somewhat inconsistent while **Middlesbrough**, who for so long seemed invincible at this level, are stuttering surprisingly.

Okay, they caught us on an off day, but they had 9 goals put past them in defeats at **Nottingham Forest** and **QPR** and had to settle for a point in a 0-0 game at lowly **Portsmouth** on Saturday. And it could have been worse for **Pompey** missed a penalty!

Sunderland are the biggest threats. They move onto 70 points following Sunday's 1-1 draw at **Charlton**, and are now only four points short of **Forest** and two behind local rivals **Boro**. It is going to be interesting. **Forest** are at **Birmingham** on Saturday; **Boro** are home to

Norwich on Sunday and **Sunderland** play hosts to **Portsmouth**.

At the other end former **Swindon** star Chris Kamara is having a nightmare at **Stoke**. Crushed 5-1 at **Oxford** they are at rock bottom two points behind **Reading** and **Manchester City**. . . Yes the Maine Road outfit are still struggling and badly.

A 2-1 defeat at **Port Vale** left the Mancunians reeling, the arrival of new manager Joe Royle seemingly not stimulating the usual improvement that comes with a new boss. This is no reflection on Joe, or indeed his predecessors in the Maine Road hot-seat, for it seems **Man City's** problems are deeper rooted than at managerial level. They have a tough one on Saturday too, at home to **Sheffield United**.

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with Mark Seagraves

After a bad run of results, winning is so much sweeter and we certainly enjoyed the win against QPR on Saturday.

While the mood of the lads has always been good, there is nothing like a win to get a buzz back in training for the next week.

A fit George Ndah and a new signing in Ifem Onuora was just what we needed. The lads played well, creating some good chances. And what could you say about Alan McDonald's performance between the sticks that must rate alongside Steve Finney's goalkeeping heroics a few weeks earlier.

We started brightly but after the dismissal of Digby and QPR going 1-0 up we all feared the worst. It is a testament to the ten players left on the pitch that

they were able to come back from this and get a win.

The two games before this were a real blow for us. Not to get anything from the Portsmouth game after they score at the death and a 5-0 defeat at Middlesbrough were two sickeners we knew we had to bounce back from.

the captain's comment

Despite these results, we were still playing reasonably well and creating chances. If there is such a thing as luck then we didn't have it.

The above makes grim reading, but it only highlights why it was so vital that we got a result against QPR.



Looking at tonight's fixture with Wolves, the lads know it will be a hard game. With Wolves just outside the play-off zone they will be desperate to jot up as many points as possible as we get ever closer to the end of the season.

They are a team with some quality players with the likes of Bull and Curle. You only have to watch how they fared against Leeds in the FA Cup to see that can mix it with the best.

Nevertheless, on the back of the win against QPR the lads are keen to make it two wins in a row. We really need your support today, so let's hear it for Swindon and get behind the team.

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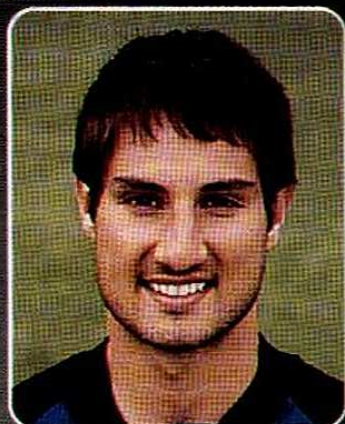
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FACT FILE...

Name: Frank Talia
Date of birth: 20/7/72.
Place of birth: Melbourne.

School years

Secondary school attended:
Dunn Vale High School.
Best subject at school: PE.
Worst subject at school:
All of the rest!
Football team supported at
school: Everton
Football hero as a schoolboy:
Neville Southall.
Favourite football position at
school: Goalkeeper.
First match ever seen:
Derby Vs Ipswich.
At what age did you first
attend matches:
8 years of age.

Now

Favourite other sports:
Athletics, Snooker, Golf.
Biggest influence on career:
All the coaches I've
worked with.
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV): Italy Vs Brazil
(1982 World Cup)
Favourite football expert:
Andy Grey.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil or Italy.
Highlight of career so far:
Winning Division 2
Championship.
Biggest disappointment:
Being injured for so long
Choice Opponents in a
cup tie: Liverpool/ Man United

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Frank Talia

After being injured for much of this season, Frank Talia surprised everybody by returning to the first team against Bury.

If this wasn't enough, despite being beat 1-0 the "Aussie" was voted Man of the Match, pulling off a string of great saves.

"It was a surprise when the Gaffa told me to put the shirt on" said Frank. "But I was just glad to be back, and after 90 minutes I was encouraged by what I did."

Division One is a far cry from Talia's schoolboy years. Being brought up in Australia, children are more likely to take up "Aussie Rules" football or rugby. But he always wanted to be a goalkeeper.

"I started playing for my local team, then I went to a city side while also being picked for state teams."

"After this I was lucky enough to get a scholarship for the Institute of Sport, which is the Australian equivalent of Lillieshall."

Frank got his first break when he was selected for the under 21 national team. It was here that he was spotted by an agent who suggested a move to Britain.

Once in England Talia had a quick succession of trials with Chelsea, QPR and finally Blackburn Rovers, where he eventually signed in 1992.

Within the space of a month

Talia had moved from Australian football to training with the likes of Alan Shearer.

"There was a real difference in the standard of football" he said. "The players were slightly sharper and more aggressive. But I managed to settle down quite fast."

"Playing with Shearer and Sutton while learning from Tim Flowers, the first choice keeper, was a great grounding for me."

Although he was on the bench a few times, Frank Talia never really challenged Mimms or Flowers.

"I wanted first team football, and the time was right for a move to another club. Luckily at this time, Swindon took me on loan."

Talia was taken on loan as a second goalkeeper in November 1995 and was eventually part of the squad that won the Division Two Championship.

Talia has proven himself a worthy challenger to Swindon stalwart Fraser Digby, but injury after injury has halted his progress.

It was the recurrence of a knee injury that has sidelined Talia.

"It is very frustrating, I'm a pro and I want to do what I get paid for."

"But if I keep working hard with my rehab I'm sure I can

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end the season on a better note."

Talia has had to be a spectator for much of the season, watching Swindon's rise to the top of the league and our subsequent drop.

"Like most fans I find it hard to explain why we've slipped away from the top. That is the million dollar question" he said.

"We were flying at the start of the season and now we're finding it hard to win. Yet we have the same players and have played the same type of football throughout. And it certainly isn't for lack of effort, but we're still looking to turn things around."

With new squad members and and the possibility of a fit Frank Talia Swindon's future must be looking brighter.

"I think whether it is this season or the next doesn't matter, we're a good team and are capable of making an impact at the top."

Frank Talia - recovering from injury

GENERAL...

Favourite food: Pasta.
Favourite drink: Water or Murphy's.
Favourite comedy: Only Fools and Horses.
Favourite TV programme: Caribbean Uncovered.
Favourite film: Jerry Maguire.
Favourite film star: Kevin Costner.
Favourite holiday location: Caribbean.
Favourite item of clothing: Tracksuit.
Smartest dresser at STFC: Ian Culverhouse.
Worst Dresser at STFC: Mike Walsh/ Mark Robinson.

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Wolves



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.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 17.03.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	37	14	2	3	8	6	4	63	33	74
MIDDLESBROUGH	37	13	3	2	8	6	5	61	36	72
SUNDERLAND	37	10	6	2	10	4	5	68	39	70
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	37	12	5	1	6	4	9	69	47	63
IPSWICH TOWN	37	9	4	4	7	9	4	60	38	61
SHEFFIELD UNITED	35	13	4	1	3	9	5	54	37	61
BIRMINGHAM CITY	38	8	6	4	7	8	5	50	31	59
WOLVES	35	11	5	3	5	2	9	45	36	55
STOCKPORT COUNTY	38	12	5	2	4	1	14	60	54	54
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	38	8	5	6	5	8	37	43	52	52
BRADFORD CITY	38	9	8	2	3	6	10	38	39	50
SWINDON TOWN	38	9	3	6	5	4	11	38	58	49
OXFORD UNITED	37	9	5	4	4	3	12	50	51	47
CREWE ALEXANDRA	38	7	2	10	7	3	9	45	54	47
NORWICH CITY	38	7	8	5	4	4	10	37	57	45
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	38	8	7	5	2	6	10	43	53	43
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	38	7	4	8	4	5	10	42	57	42
BURY	38	5	9	5	3	9	7	35	46	42
PORT VALE	38	6	6	8	5	2	11	44	54	41
PORTSMOUTH	37	7	5	8	4	3	10	30	51	41
TRANMERE ROVERS	36	6	6	5	4	4	11	37	45	40
MANCHESTER CITY	38	5	4	10	5	5	9	42	46	39
READING	37	7	4	8	3	5	10	36	63	39
STOKE CITY	38	5	5	8	3	8	9	36	57	37



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First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRIAN BORROWS	32	0	0	0	32	0
GARREN BULLOCK	18(5)	0	0	0	18(5)	0
LEE COLLINS	17(4)	1	1	0	18(4)	1
STEVE COWE	7(7)	2	(1)	0	8(8)	2
PHILIPPE CUERVO	12(5)	0	2	0	14(5)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	9(2)	0	1	0	10(2)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	2	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	30	0	2	0	32	0
JASON DRYSDALE	11(3)	0	2(1)	0	13(4)	0
STUART ELLIOTT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	16(7)	4	1(1)	0	17(8)	4
TY GOODEN	33	2	3	0	36	2
CHRIS HAY	27(4)	14	2	0	27(4)	14
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0	0	0	9(3)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	2	0	0	0	2	0
SCOTT LEITCH	23(1)	1	2	1	25(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0	0	0	4	0
ALAN McDONALD	25(5)	1	3	0	28(5)	1
STEVE MCMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	9	1	1	0	10	1
IFERM ONUORA	1	1	0	0	1	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	21(1)	1	2	0	23(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	2	0	1	0	3	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	25(3)	2	1	0	26(3)	2
MARK WALTERS	18(9)	4	2(1)	1	20(10)	5
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	11(4)	0	1	0	12(4)	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	4-2	8,076
SAT	OCT 11	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 25	NORWICH CITY	H	1-0	9,842
Fri	Oct 31	Portsmouth	A	1-0	8,707
WED	NOV 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	10,132
SAT	NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H	1-0	10,030
Sat	Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A	2-4	7,694
SAT	NOV 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	1-2	15,228
Fri	Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A	0-3	15,481
SAT	DEC 6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H	4-1	10,902
Sat	Dec 13	Sheffield United	A	1-2	18,115
SAT	DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1	10,334
Fri	Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A	0-3	26,500
SUN	DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-2	10,609
SAT	JAN 3	STEVENAGE BOROUGH (F.A. Cup 3)	H	1-2	9,422
Sun	Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A	0-2	4,176
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H	0-2	9,500
Sat	Jan 24	Bradford City (F.A. CUP 4)	A	1-1	15,130
WED	JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H	1-0	6,683
Sat	Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0	10,028
SAT	FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	0-2	9,861
Tue	Feb 10	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-3	5,288
Sat	Feb 14	(F.A. Cup 5)			
Tue	Feb 17	Port Vale	A	1-0	5,925
SAT	FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H	1-3	12,280
Sat	Feb 28	Bury	A	0-1	5,002
SAT	MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H	0-1	9,100
Wed	Mar 11	Middlesbrough	A	0-6	29,581
Sat	Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A	2-1	13,486
WED	MAR 18	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
SAT	MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
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
indicates player
replaced ()

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DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	WALTERS(5)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS(12)
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(5)	BULLOCK(4)
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	DRYSDALE	WATSON	MCMAREAVEY
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	DRYSDALE	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(8)	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(8)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	DRYSDALE	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 3	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	COLLINS(8)	DARRAS(2)
DIGBY	BORROWS	COLLINS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	DRYSDALE(7)	CASPER(6)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	CASPER	WALTERS	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT(4)	MEECHAN(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(8)	ELKINS
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKINS
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS(3)	PATTIMORE(8)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTIMORE(4)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	DRYSDALE	ROBINSON(3)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	CULVERHOUSE	WARNER	WALTERS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE(9)	BULLOCK(7)	CULVERHOUSE(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	DARRAS	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	TAYLOR(8)	CUERVO(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	DARRAS	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	COLLINS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	TAYLOR(5)	WALTERS
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(9)	COLLINS(8)	DARRAS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	COLLINS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(9)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS
DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	LEITCH	DARRAS	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(8)	COLLINS(4)	TAYLOR(5)
DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	COLLINS	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(7)	MILDENHALL	DRYSDALE(8)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	WATSON	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(6)	CULVERHOUSE	CUERVO(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COLLINS(6)	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	THOMPSON	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COWE(7)	MCDONALD(6)	LEITCH
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	ROBINSON	THOMPSON	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE	MCDONALD	LEITCH(11)
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	THOMPSON	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE	MCDONALD(11)	CUERVO(10)
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DIGBY	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE(9)	CUERVO(11)	WALTERS(1)
MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	ELLIOTT	COWE(10)	MCDONALD(9)	WALTERS(11)
TALIA	ROBINSON	BORROWS	MCDONALD	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	COWE	FINNEY	GOODEN	WALTERS(10)	KING	CUERVO(8)
TALIA	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	WALTERS	CUERVO	FINNEY	COWE	GOODEN	HAY	MCDONALD	HOWE
DIGBY	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	KERSLAKE	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY	MCDONALD	HOWE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	WALTERS	LEITCH	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	ELLIOTT(10)	HOWE(7)

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Swindon v Wolves

Attendance



Referee:

A. R. Leake

Assisted by:



S. C. Head



M. J. North

Reserve Official:

B. Malone

Anthony Leake

Anthony is a 39 year old Raw Material Controller / Buyer who is single with a boy aged 12 and a girl aged 16. He began Refereeing in 1983 and progressed to become a Contributory League Linesman in 1987. Tony then went on to become a FIFA Assistant Referee and a National List Referee respectively in 1995. During Tony's refereeing career he has been assistant referee for the 95 Cup Winners Cup Quarter Final between Sampdoria v Porto & he also has many more honours to his name.

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