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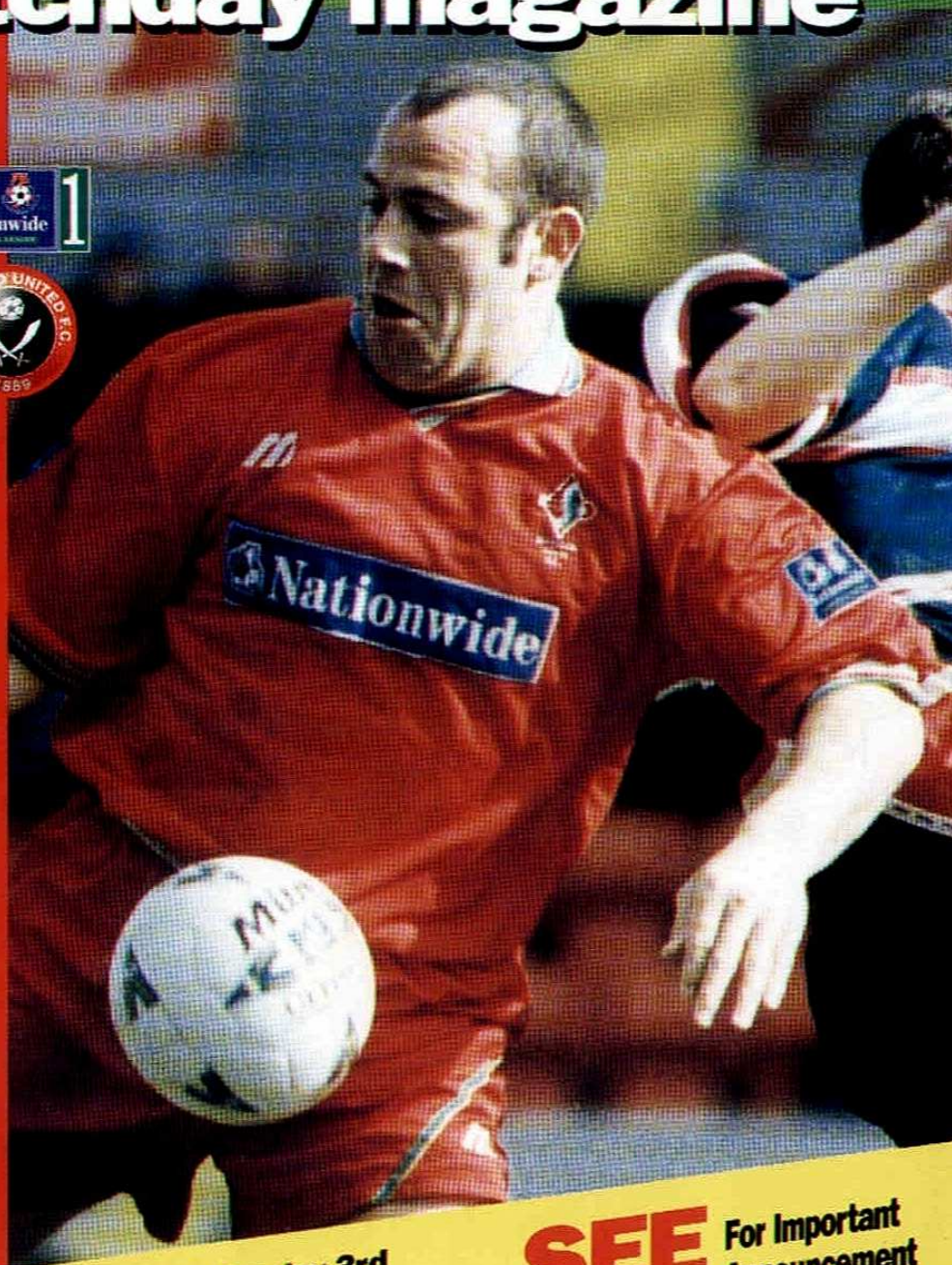
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welcome to today's game

Promotion-chasing Sheffield United are today's visitors and we extend a warm welcome to all the players, supporters and officials making the trip from Yorkshire.

Following their FA Cup semi-final exit at the hands of Newcastle United, the Blades will be doubly determined to achieve their main goal of winning promotion back into the top flight. This is especially the case after beating mighty Middlesbrough midweek.

We don't have that incentive ourselves, but we can still play a major part in the end-of-season shake-up which will determine who plays in the Premier League next season. With a trip to Birmingham City looming and Sunderland providing the opposition on the last day of the season, we could even have the final say. But all thoughts are on Sheffield United today as we try to finish the season the same way we started - with a flourish. No-one in the home camp needs reminding that we were on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline in the first meeting at Bramall Lane, shortly before Christmas. It was a game which could easily have gone our way and the players will be fired up to put the record straight this afternoon.

The Easter period is traditionally a busy one in football - but as far as Sheffield United are concerned, hectic would be a better word. Today's encounter is their fourth game in nine days - a schedule which started badly with that Old Trafford defeat by Newcastle United. The Blades finally cut down by England striker Alan Shearer.

We were optimistic that our number 9 - Ifem Onuora might be a matchwinner today, but those hopes have been dashed by the facial injury he suffered against Charlton just over a week ago. An instant hit with the rest of the players and the fans since arriving from Gillingham, his presence will be missed today. And everyone at the club wishes Ify a speedy recovery.

But there's plenty of firepower elsewhere - and on the subject of reserves, don't forget that the next Combination game is at home to Watford on Wednesday, April 22nd. Tickets can be obtained from the Advanced Day Ticket Office before going to the turnstiles.

A reminder that the last game of the season, at home to Sunderland is an all-ticket match. It's sure to be a grandstand finish to the 1997-98 campaign, so make sure you're here to enjoy a Swindon Town super Sunday!

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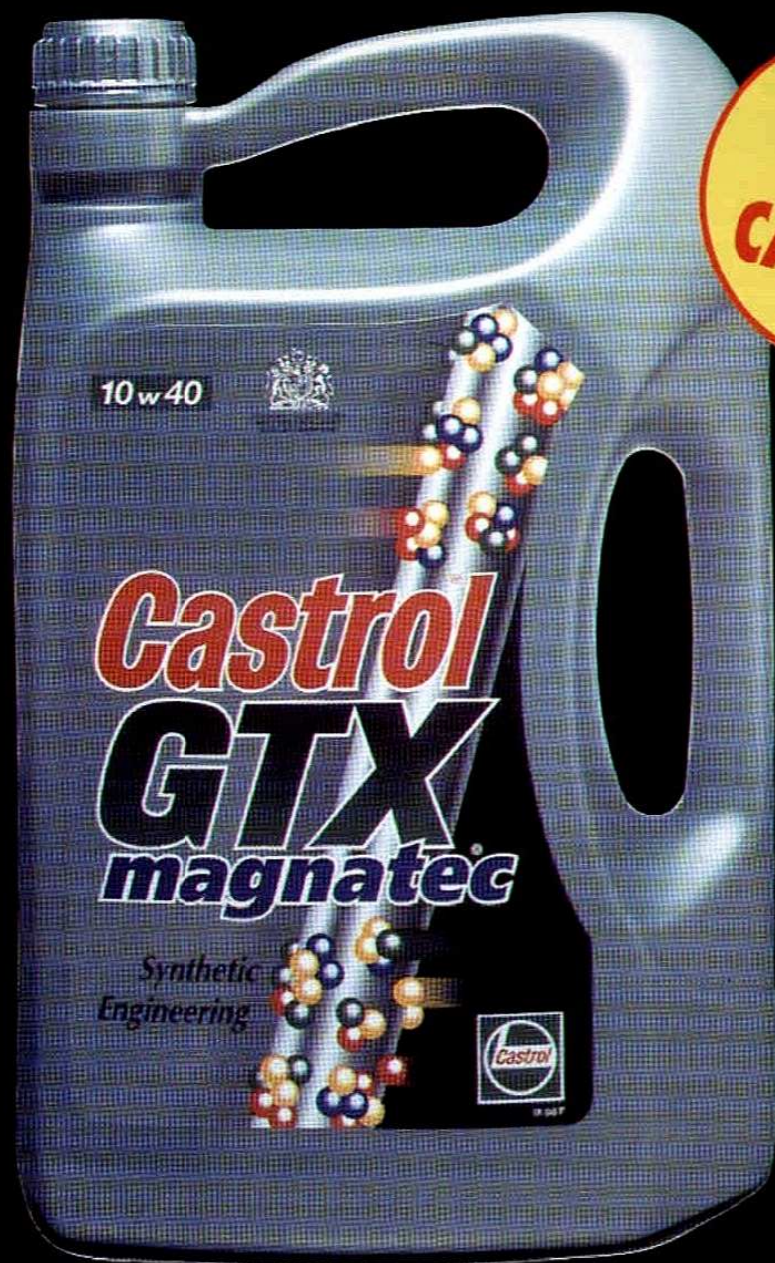
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After going head-to-head with Newcastle United in the FA Cup, Sheffield United must be thinking today's match is a soft option. But we're up for the game and, as we've proved against other sides, we're equal to the challenge of play-off teams. With only a few games left, we want to move up the table so we're going all out for victory. You supporters can play a big part too, so let's here plenty of noise.



Steve McMahon says

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Of course I'm disappointed with last Saturday's result.

At the time it always looked like it would be a mistake that would settle the game because both sides seemed to cancel each other out. Unfortunately, it was Ty Gooden who made the fatal error, but I don't want to dwell on that. I thought we did OK as an overall assessment.

I have a lot of time for the way Charlton have organised themselves. They are an extremely fit side who work well as a unit. Whenever you come up against sides like that it will always be difficult.

Composure

In addition, things weren't made any easier by the conditions, which were far from brilliant. When the wind is blowing around the ground it does make it difficult to judge the flight of the ball. There wasn't much to choose between the two teams and 0-0 would have been a fair result against a side who are on a roll and playing with plenty of confidence. But as I feared, one mistake settled it. What we have lacked recently is a bit of class when attacking teams. We manage to get players into good positions, but they then waste their opportunities. We need to see a bit more composure in front of goal. Mark Walters found himself in on goal and had the chance to cross on many occasions - yet we squandered all of our chances to take the lead.

True, we are not getting a lot of luck - especially in the box where we seemed to be robbed of another penalty. And our misfortune was emphasised when Iffy Onuora smashed into the back of the ref and fractured his cheekbone. Iffy bravely played on, but pretty soon afterwards it was clear that all was not well. Losing him for the rest of the season is a massive blow for us and for a lad like Iffy, who's been working so hard to make his mark at Swindon, it's bitterly disappointing.

Totally Focused

Sheffield United are today's opponents and we're looking to take all three points from them. Their run in the FA Cup has only proved what we already know - they're a tough side who can mix it with the very best. After a hard-fought game with Newcastle United, it took a touch of class from England's best player to deny them a day out at Wembley.

After a loss like that, I'm sure a lot of teams would take a dip in form, but Steve Thompson's side bounced back, beating Middlesbrough 1-0. They are looking good for the play-offs, but nothing is secured yet and they know they have to keep on winning.

We won't make it this season, but there is still plenty for Swindon to play for. Every player knows that he has to earn the right to be a part of my plans for next season and the one after that. We are nearing the end of another long campaign and nobody wants to go out with a whimper. We may have dropped away from the top of the league, but we have battled and worked for every point along the way. That's why, with only a few games remaining, we want to show what the team are capable of achieving and what the supporters can expect from the coming season.

today's visitors *The Blades*

Sheffield United

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Sheffield United Football Club to the County Ground for this Nationwide League Division One match.

Less than 12 months ago, the Blades were one match from the Premiership, after beating Ipswich Town in the Play-Off Semi-Final to set up a Final clash against Crystal Palace at Wembley.

A heart-breaking last second wonder-goal from Palace midfielder David Hopkin (now Leeds Utd) condemned United to at least one more season in the First Division...and how things have changed since then.

While the Blades are once again in the Play-Off places, and look a good bet to stay in the top six for the remainder of the campaign, the number of ins-and-out at Bramall Lane would have you believe that the

entrance to that famous old ground consisted of a set of revolving doors.

Out has gone manager Howard Kendall - and his successor Nigel Spackman - along with players such as Brian Deane, Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Don Hutchison, Carl Tiler, Mitch Ward and more, while newcomers have included Dean Saunders, Paul Devlin, Ian Hamilton, Shaun Derry, Bobby Ford, Graham Stuart...the list is almost endless. And just for good measure, Chairman Mike McDonald has also departed the Yorkshire club.

Spackman walked out after a disagreement with the board about United's selling strategy, and his temporary replacement - Steve Thompson - did so well that United decided to stick with him, despite Spackman quickly having a change of heart and trying to withdraw his resignation.

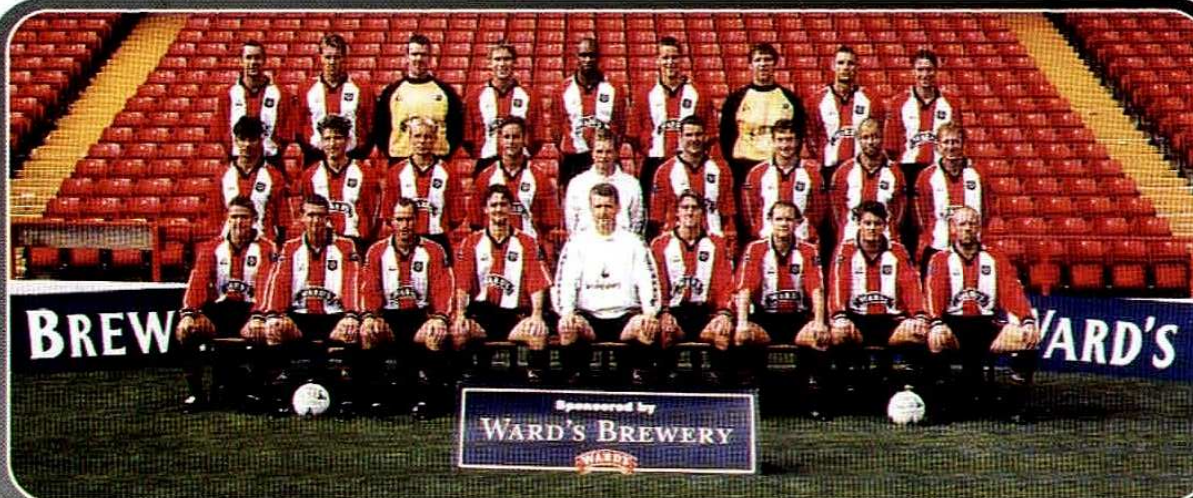
But despite all the upheaval and uncertainty, United have

kept quietly plugging away in the division's top six, desperate to regain the top flight status they last held in 1993/94.

Probably their most outstanding result of the campaign so far - in League terms - was the 4-1 thrashing of promotion rivals Charlton in late December, but a 5-1 triumph over Stockport and the more recent 4-0 hammering of Reading also stick out.

But it is in the FA Cup that United have really caught the imagination. A thrilling penalty shoot-out win against Premiership Coventry City in the Quarter-Final set up an intriguing Semi-Final against shaky Newcastle.

In the end, a scrambled effort from England skipper Alan Shearer denied the Blades their second Wembley appearance inside a year - but who would bet against them making that 'double' in the Play-Offs instead?



A group photograph of the Sheffield United Football Club team and staff. The players are arranged in four rows on a football pitch, wearing their red and white striped home kit. The background shows the red seats of the stadium. In the foreground, there is a black bench with a white sign that reads "Sponsored by WARD'S BREWERY". To the left of the bench, a sign reads "BREW" and to the right, "WARD'S". Below the photo, the club's name "Sheffield United Football Club" is written in a stylized font, flanked by two circular crests. The left crest features a scythe and the year "1898".

Sheffield United Football Club



Sheffield United

Goalkeepers

Alan Kelly

Gave an heroic display in 1996/97 Play-Off Semi-Final against Ipswich, playing much of the game with an injured leg and helping the Blades to their ultimate victory on away goals. His father, Alan snr, was a 'keeper as is brother Gary (at Oldham). In and out of the side all season, his three penalty saves in the FA Cup Quarter-Final shoot-out v Coventry earned United their recent Semi-Final clash with Newcastle.

Born: Preston, 11.08.68

Height: 6ft 3in

Weight: 14st 2lb

League Record this season: 14/0

Honours: Rep of Ireland Youth, U23, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
85/86 - 91/92	Preston	142
92/93 - 96/97	Sheff Utd	175

Simon Tracey

Loyal Blades' 'keeper who was ever-present for the early part of this season, forcing Alan Kelly on to the bench, but has since had to share the first-team limelight. Committed and hard-working number one.

Born: Woolwich, 09.12.67

Height: 6ft

Weight: 13st 12lb

League Record this season: 24/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
85/86 - 88/89	Wimbledon	1
88/89 - 94/95	Sheff Utd	143
94/95	Man City	3
94/95	Norwich	1
95/96	Sheff Utd	11
95/96	Wimbledon	1
96/97	Sheff Utd	7

Defenders

Vassilis Borbokis

Highly rated defender or midfielder who was spotted while the Blades were watching Temuri Ketsbaia (now Newcastle) last season, Vassilis has slotted well into the English game. Versatile, but happiest at wing-back his three-year contract has an option for him to leave the club at the end of this season should an acceptable offer be forthcoming.

Born: Serres, Greece, 10.02.69

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 12st

League Record this season: 31/2

Honours: Greece Full caps

Shaun Derry

A First Division player who will almost certainly pick up a Third Division Championship medal this season, as his former club, Notts County, are currently 18 points clear at the top of their table. A fine passer of the ball, Shaun broke into the County side at right-back but is happier operating in central midfield. He was watched by several Premiership clubs before United pounced for his signature in January.

Born: Nottingham, 06.12.77

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 10st 13lb

League Record this season: 39/2

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
95/96 - 97/98	Notts Co	79

David Holdsworth

Twin brother of Bolton striker Dean who was appointed Blades skipper last season and

has been a sound guiding force. Strong and reliable at the back he has missed just a handful of games this term and scored one of United's goals in their 2-1 victory over Swindon back in December.

Born: Walthamstow, 08.11.68

Height: 6ft

Weight: 12st 10lb

League Record this season: 34/2

Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 96/97	Watford	258
96/97	Sheff Utd	37

Paul McGrath

Hugely experienced stopper who is still proving the doubters wrong as his career continues at the highest level despite many and well-documented problems.

Born: Ealing, 04.12.59

Height: 6ft 2in

Weight: 14st 3lb

League Record this season: 12/0

Honours: FA Cup 1985; League Cup 1994, 1996; Rep of Ireland Full caps

Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 88/89	Man Utd	163
89/90 - 96/97	A.Villa	253
96/97	Derby	24

Roger Nilsen

Left-sided defender who poses a real threat with his long-throw ability. Stood in for injured goalkeeper Alan Kelly against Norwich last season and has been a loyal servant to the Blades.

Born: Tromsø, Norway, 08.08.69

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st 6lb

League Record this season: 17/0

Honours: Norway Full caps

Era	Club	Games
93/94 - 96/97	Sheff Utd	127



Dean
Saunders



Gareth
Taylor

Nicky Marker

Appropriately named defender whose strength and commitment make him a formidable foe. Can also operate in midfield. Played in the Champions League with Blackburn and has been ever-present so far in 1997/98.

Born: Exeter, 03.05.65

Height: 6ft

Weight: 13st

League Record this season: 38/2

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 87/88	Exeter	202
87/88 - 92/93	Plymouth	202
92/93 - 96/97	Blackburn	54

Other Defenders include:

Mark Beard, Traianos Dellas, Lee Sandford, Chris Short, Michel Vonk, Jon Cullen, Jon O'Connor, Chris Wilder.

Midfielders

Bobby Ford

Skilful and pacy midfielder who likes to push forward and run at opposing defenders. A series of knocks interrupted last season for him, including a back injury which kept him out of action for more than a month. Moved to Bramall Lane in November.

Born: Bristol, 22.09.74

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 11st

League Record this season: 36/3

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
92/93 - 97/98	Oxford	115

Nick Henry

Tigerish battler who was formerly club captain at Oldham. He was sent-off in the Play-Off Semi-Final v Ipswich last season and has figured just once this season.

Born: Liverpool, 21.02.69

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 10st 12lb

League Record this season: 1/0

Honours: Div Two title 1991

Era	Club	Games
87/88 - 96/97	Oldham	
96/97	Sheff Utd	9

Wayne Quinn

Highly-rated youngster who blossomed under former boss Nigel Spackman. Able to play in central midfield or wide on the left, he is especially dangerous from dead-ball situations.

Born: Truro, 19.11.76

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 11st 11lb

League Record this season: 20/1

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95 - 96/97	Sheff Utd	

Dane Whitehouse

A Blade through and through, Dane has turned down several lucrative moves to top flight clubs in order to stay with United. A powerful, left-sided midfielder.

Born: Sheffield, 14.10.70

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st 8lb

League Record this season: 17/3

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
88/89 - 96/97	Sheff Utd	214

Other Midfielders include:

John Ebbrell, Curtis Woodhouse.

Forwards

Paul Devlin

A former team-mate of Stan Collymore's at Stafford Rangers, tricky striker Paul moved to the Blades in mid-March, after a falling out with Birmingham boss Trevor Francis had restricted his chances at St. Andrews. Birmingham's leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' last term, he price fell from £2m when he first went on the transfer list to the bargain £200,000 for which he finally joined Sheff Utd.

Born: Birmingham, 14.04.72

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 5lb

League Record this season: 25/5

Honours: Anglo-Italian Cup 1995

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 95/96	Notts Co	141
95/96 - 97/98	Birmingham	76

Ian Hamilton

Experienced striker or attacking midfielder who was snapped up from First Division rivals West Brom on Transfer Deadline Day this year. Expert at arriving late in the box unnoticed, he was Albion's 'Player of the Year' last season.

Born: Stevenage, 14.12.67

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 3lb

League Record this season: 39/1

Honours: None



Dean Saunders

Era	Club	Games
85/86 - 87/88	Southampton	-
87/88 - 88/89	Cambridge	24
88/89 - 91/92	Scunthorpe	145
92/93 - 97/98	West Brom	240

Marcelo

Moved to England in September 1997 - and scored within five minutes of making his League debut, v QPR in October. A Portuguese national, he was formerly with Benfica.

Born: Brazil, 11.10.69

Height: 6ft

Weight: 13st 8lb

League Record this season: 15/3

Honours: None

Club	Games
Deportivo Alaves	-

Highly experienced front-man who has made an excellent goalscoring start to life at Bramall Lane since moving from Forest in December 1997. A very quick and skillful striker, he had struggled to make an impact at the City Ground this season and had become unsettled.

Born: Swansea, 21.06.64

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 10st 6lb

League Record this season: 24/8

Honours: FA Cup 1992: League Cup 1994: Wales Full caps

Era	Club	Games
82/83 - 84/85	Swansea	49
88/89 - 90/91	Derby	106
91/92 - 92/93	Liverpool	42
92/93 - 94/95	A.Villa	112
95/96	Galatasaray	27
96/97 - 97/98	Nottm For	42

Graham Stuart

Skillful and versatile front-man, universally known as 'Bobby'. Happiest playing off a big man up front, he can also operate in midfield and also had a spell at wing-back for Everton last season. Tireless worker who packs a powerful shot.

Born: Tooting, 24.10.70

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 11st 6lb

League Record this season: 35/4

Honours: FA Cup 1995: England Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 92/93	Chelsea	87
93/94 - 97/98	Everton	136

Other Forwards include:

Petr Katchouro, Chris Bettney, David White, Gareth Taylor, Andy Walker.

Steve Thompson the manager

Sheffield-born Thompson stepped into the Bramall Lane limelight on Tuesday 3rd March, when he was appointed caretaker-manager of the Blades in succession to Nigel Spackman, who left the club without prior warning that morning.

His first job as manager was to oversee a crucial game away at promotion rivals - and the division's form side - Ipswich Town. United lost 1-0, but Thompson's next match was the FA Cup Quarter-Final against Coventry and United's eventual penalty shoot-out win in that tie secured Thompson the Bramall Lane hot-seat for at least the remainder of the current campaign.

A tough-tackling player who could operate in central defence or midfield, Thompson was at United as a schoolboy but failed to make the grade at Bramall Lane and drifted into non-League soccer with Boston United.

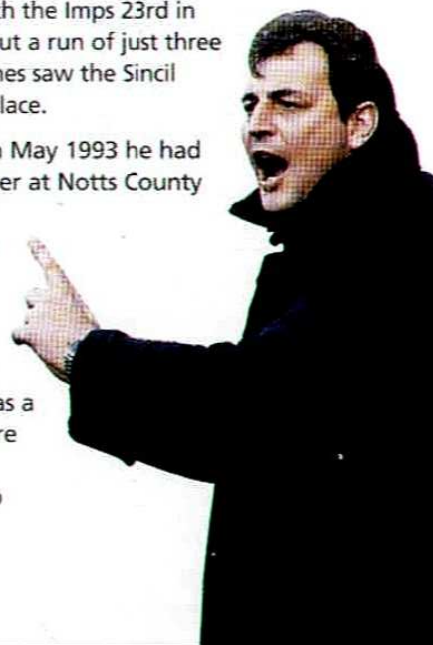
But after an impressive series of displays he was snapped up by Lincoln City for £15,000 in April 1980, for whom he went on to score eight goals in 154 League games before moving to Charlton in August 1985.

After helping the Addicks to promotion to the top flight he was transferred to Leicester for £40,000 in July 1988 but struggled to hold down a place at Filbert Street and four months later returned to Sheffield United in a £20,000 deal.

Thompson finished his playing career back at Lincoln City, becoming the club's manager in November 1990, and taking over with the Imps 23rd in the old Fourth Division. But a run of just three defeats in the last 18 games saw the Sincil Bank club finish in 14th place.

After leaving Lincoln in May 1993 he had spells as assistant manager at Notts County and manager at Southend before taking a scouting role at Newcastle United.

In the summer of 1997 he returned to his hometown of Sheffield as a coach with United, before being handed - albeit temporarily - the top job in March.



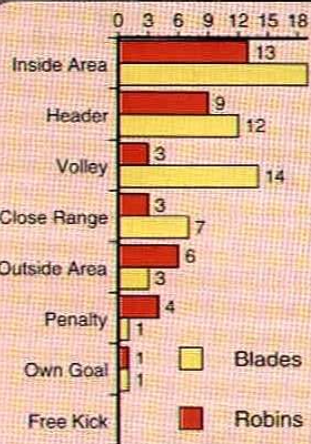
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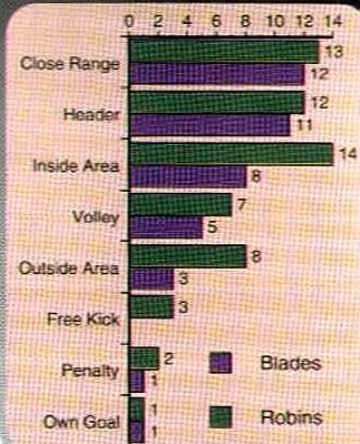
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David Holdsworth	35	2	4	Watford
8/1/68 Eng U21	12	1	2	
Vassilis Borkakis	32	2	4	AEK Athens Aris
10/2/69 Greece	10	2	3	Salonika
Simon Tracey	24	(1)	1	Norwich (L) Man City (L)
9/12/67	8			Wimbledon
Graham Stuart	21(1)	2	3	Everton Chelsea
24/10/70 Eng U21	5	1		
Wayne Quinn	21	1		
19/11/76	8(1)	1		
Bobby Ford	17(3)	1		Oxford
22/9/74	7			
Dane Whitehouse	17	3	1	
14/10/70	5	3	2	
Dean Saunders	16(1)	7	1	Galatasaray Villa Derby
21/6/64 Wales	5	2		Liverpool Oxford Brighton
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Roger Nilssen	14(4)	2		Viking Stevenger
8/8/69 Norway	5(1)	1		
Gareth Taylor	12(14)	10	3	Palace Bristol Rovers
25/2/73 Wales	6(3)	3		
Paul McGrath	12			Derby Villa Man Utd
4/12/59 Eire	2			
Lee Sandford	9	3		Stoke Portsmouth
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Shaun Derry	8(3)	1		Notts County
6/12/77				
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17/4/80	1			
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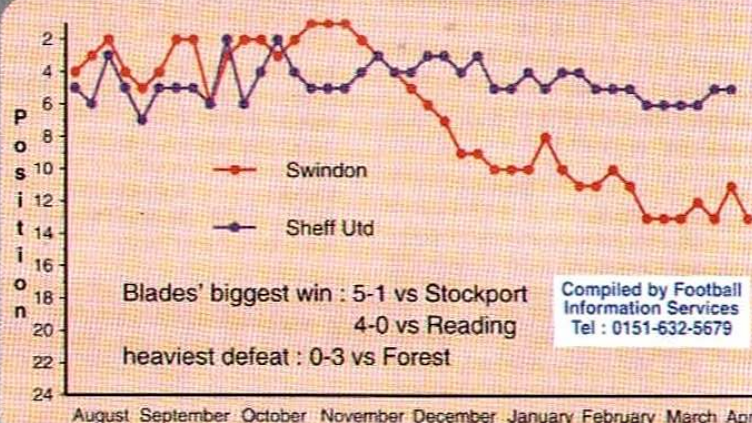
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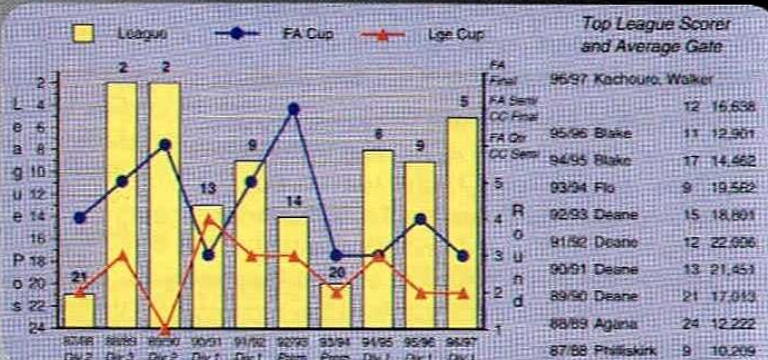
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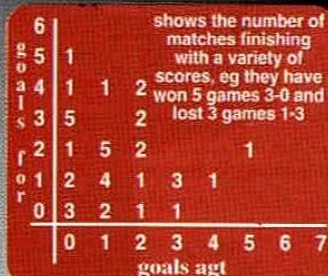
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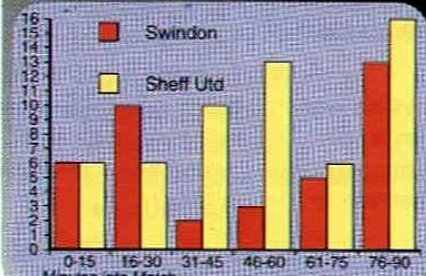
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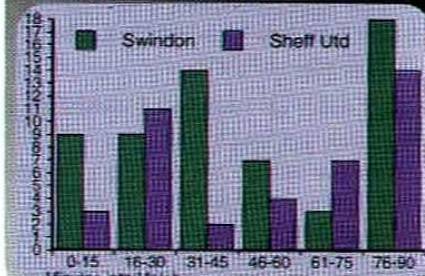
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when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

Swindon staged one of the greatest comebacks in their history at St Andrews. Birmingham took advantage of the absence of Shaun Taylor, who was having his eyebrow stitched, to gain a 2-0 lead after 29 minutes. Taylor returned to power home a header three

minutes after half time but seven minutes into the second half Moulden and Saville had put the Blues 4-1 up. Then four goals in 17 minutes swung the game back in Town's favour. Craig Maskell slipped a shot under the keeper, Dave Mitchell dived to head home Town's third and then shot home the equaliser. Swindon took the lead in the 78th minute

when Craig Maskell got on the end of Paul Bodin's cross and looped a header over Gosney who was rounded by Mitchell in the final minute as the Australian completed his hat trick and Town's amazing comeback. Jamie Hoyland's goal earns Sheffield United a 1-1 draw in their Premiership match at Boundary Park.

10 YEARS AGO

Bobby Barnes scored Town's 4,000th League goal when he volleyed in on the half hour against Blackburn Rovers at the County Ground. Despite a promising performance by on loan player

Roy Wegerle Town lost out to some class play and finishing in the second half. An Ossie Ardiles free kick led to Steve Archibald's headed goal in the 50th minute. It was Archibald who also scored Rovers winner breaking clear and waiting to the last minute to slide the ball past Fraser

Digby in the Robins goal. United's defeat at St Andrews by the only goal of the game sees them drop into the bottom four. At the end of the season they lose in the play off semi final to Bristol City and are relegated to Division Three.

15 YEARS AGO

Although Paul Rideout hit a thunderbolt shot in the 19th minute which gave Peterborough keeper, David Seaman, no chance to cancel out a 14th minute goal by the Posh, half time saw the Town trailing by 4-1. Given the fact that Rideout's first half goal was Town's first away from home in 13 hours of football things did not look bright but Town staged a revival. Leigh Barnard blasted home in the 53rd minute and Andy Rowland scored his 19th

goal of the season to make it 4-3. Sadly for the Robins, Seaman foiled both Russell Lewis and Andy Rowland in the closing minutes and prevented an equaliser. Sheffield United were lying 8th in Division Three but a 1-0 defeat at Preston dimmed hopes of being involved in the promotion battle and they went on to end the season in a disappointing 11th position. Colin Morris finished the season as top scorer with 14 goals, aided by 9 penalties, just in front of Keith Edwards with 13.



FLASH-BACK

It was a Cup tie in the 1907-08 season against Sheffield United that Harold Fleming identified as the match which marked the start of one of Swindon's most successful periods. After a goalless draw at the County Ground the Town faced a replay at Bra mall Lane. Despite the fact that heavy rain had turned the pitch into a quagmire over

400 Swindon fans risked a wasted journey and travelled to Yorkshire. Swindon trailed 2-1 and had been reduced to 10 men as a result of an injury to full back Jock Walker when Billy Tout struck a pile driver from outside the area to put Town back on level terms. Such was the cheer this raised from Swindon fans that Sam Allen who was checking the turnstiles

to see that Swindon got their due share from the gate of 19,566 was convinced United had scored again. Walker who by now had got the trainer to rub whisky into his injured thigh returned to the fray. This freed Warburton, who had scored Town's first goal to return to the forward line to set up a winning goal for Johnston.

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Saturday

4th April

Before the game against Charlton we told the team they must keep it tight at the back and not let them dominate the midfield area. For much of the game we did this. The lads battled well and both sides seemed hampered by the strong winds that meant neither side would be playing pretty football.

This was certainly the case throughout and with our current record it looked like the game was heading for a draw when Ty Gooden got the ball caught in his feet and Steve Jones ran through to score.

After this we created one or two chances but never really looked threatening enough.

In the dressing rooms after the game the mood was downbeat.

The biggest disappointment of the day was the injury to Iffy. He collided with the ref and took a nasty knock on the cheekbone. It looks like it could be a problem.

Monday

5th April

After a rest day, the squad were back in today for training. We gave the County Ground pitch a rest and went over to Supermarine. The lads spirits were good and they worked hard all morning. The days after a game players can get stiff so we did a good, long warm-up with plenty of stretches. Once the lads were loose we split into small teams and played games

of two touch in grids. The emphasis was on "passing and moving", as soon as you've released the ball make yourself available. After a slow start the lads were soon up to speed and got some real benefit out of it.

After training it was back down to earth with a bang as we found out that Ifem Onuora had fractured his cheekbone and would subsequently miss the rest of the season.



Tuesday

6th April

The lads were all disappointed for Iffy who has settled so well into the squad, but we have to look forward and adjust accordingly. We took the lads out for a tough session today. After yesterday's ball work we concentrated on running to keep fitness up and improve player's sharpness. The players responded well to this and got a lot out of the session.

Wednesday

7th April

Today we start the build-up to

a tough weekend of fixtures. We played a full size game and stopped every now and then to chop and change things. It is our feeling that the forwards have not been playing close enough to each other so that was one area we worked on, while also looking to keep the defence water tight and on their toes.

Thursday

8th April

With two games so close together we must be careful not to over-work the players so we worked on set pieces "for" and "against". Then we took the lads on a gentle warm down to help prevent any pulls or strains. The team have worked well all week which is pleasing because it always helps with the lead up to a big game like that against Oxford. After the work-out we took the lads back to the County Ground and watched a few videos of both Oxford and Sheffield United playing. As well as showing their strengths and weaknesses it also makes it easier to comment on the tactics we will be using for the two games.



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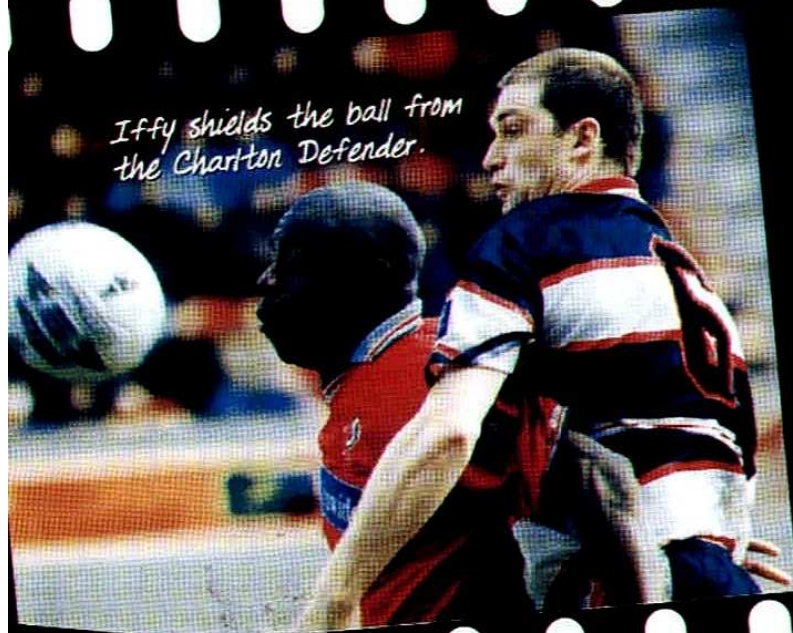
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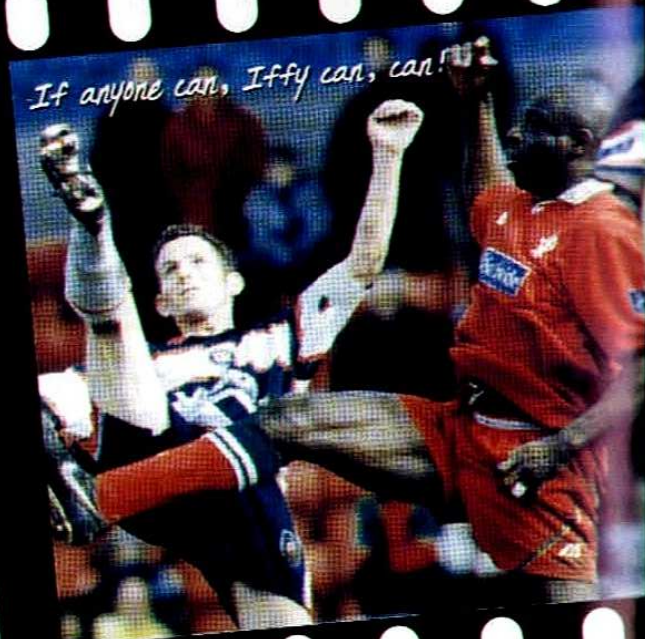
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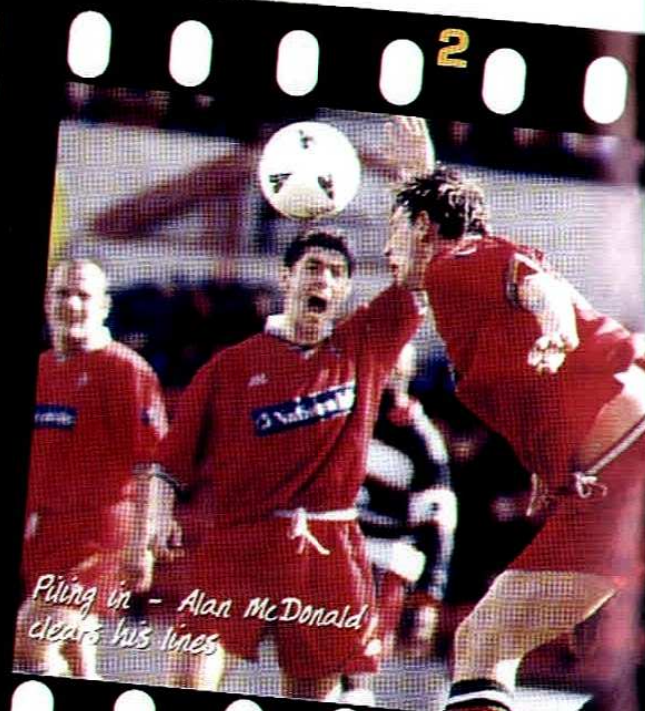
Iffy shields the ball from the Charlton Defender.



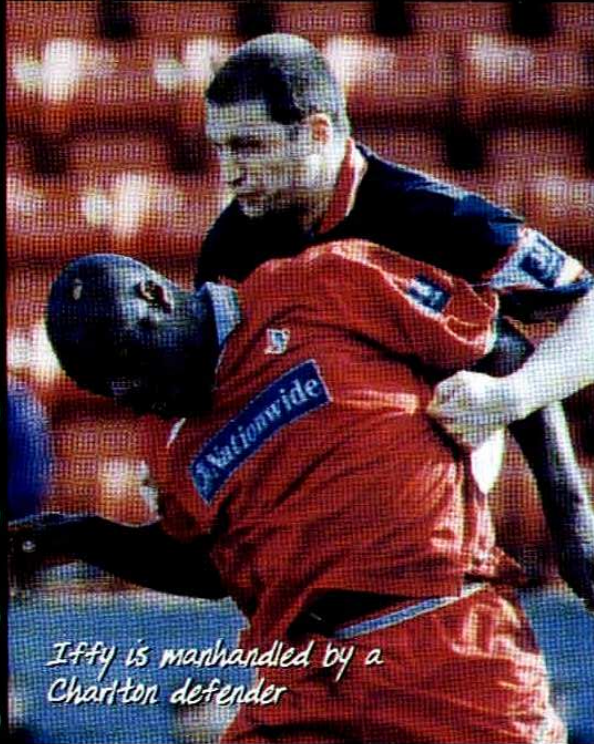
If anyone can, Iffy can, can!



Scott Lofsch tracks a Charlton player



Piling in - Alan McDonald clears his lines



Iffy is manhandled by a Charlton defender



High-flying Darren Bullock feels the full force of the challenge



RESULT...

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Swindon Town 0
Charlton Ath. 1

ATTENDANCE: 7,845

SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Brian Borrows
- 4 Alan McDonald
- 5 Mark Robinson
- 6 Scott Leitch
- 7 Mark Walters
- 8 Darren Bullock
- 9 Ifem Onuora (Phillipe Cuervo 85)
- 10 George Ndash
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used:
Chris Hay, Kevin Watson

MATCH REPORT

Any thoughts of Swindon continuing an unbeaten run were dashed by Premiership hopefuls Charlton Athletic as they the Town 1-0.

The game was not a pretty affair with both sides cancelling each other out and hampered by the strong winds. But it was Swindon who made the better start. A glorious cross-pitch pass from Leitch found Walters in acres of space but he misfired straight into the keepers arms.

Minutes later it was Mendonca at the other end who was through on goal, only denied by a great save by Digby, playing his 500th Swindon game.

Charlton continued to create chances but Digby was on form, reacting well to a deflected Mark Bowen shot.

Swindon's best chance to score came in the 38th minute when Walters tangled with a Charlton defender and appeared to be tripped but the ref thought otherwise.

Charlton's break came with twenty minutes left. Ty Gooden hesitated on the ball and Steve Jones punished the error, stealing the ball and sliding it past a helpless Digby.

The disappointed was compounded when Ifem Onuora collided with ref Roger Fernandez. Iffy went down holding his face and played out the rest of the game in some pain.

Closer examination afterwards revealed a cracked cheekbone that will keep him out for the rest of the season.

A day fans and players alike will wish to forget.

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Swindon Town Reserves 1 Queens Park Rangers 0

A mixture of youth and experience combined to give us another hard-fought home victory - following on from the triumph against Crystal Palace, that meant back-to-back league success for the first time this season.

With no first team fixture the previous weekend, the likes of Mark Robinson, Kevin Watson, Steve Finney and Steve Cowe knew this was their chance to press for a place in the 14 to

play in the First Division game against Charlton.

We also gave triallist Adam Willis his first outing in a Swindon shirt since coming to the County Ground from Coventry City on the recommendation of our own Brian Borrows.

It seemed a bit strange to be playing a home match on a Tuesday night, but the switch was necessary because QPR had a First Division fixture on Wednesday.

As a result, their side contained few players with first-team experience - even so, we knew it was not going to be easy.

In the end, it wasn't a classic game - but I felt we were always in control. In fact the only real alarm came when QPR had a goal disallowed following a close offside call.

Our winning goal arrived midway through the second half after a good move down the right.

Mark Robinson whipped in a low cross to the near post area. Steve Finney got there ahead of his marker and while his close range effort was blocked by the goalkeeper, Alex Meechan was following up and forced the ball home. The goal seemed to relax everyone and we played some of our best football of the game in the final quarter.

At the end of another sweeping move, Steve Cowe directed a shot just inches wide of the far post. And with almost the last attack of the match young Meechan was denied his second goal of the night by a great low save from Hurst in the Rangers goal.

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	13	0	0	0	13	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	18	4	0	0	18	4
LEE COLLINS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	5	1	0	0	5	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	14	0	0	0	14	0
FREDERIC DIARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOE DAVIS	9(3)	1	0	0	9(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	10	5	0	0	10	5
CHRIS HAY	3	1	0	0	3	1
STUART HODSON	8(4)	3	0	0	8(4)	3
PETER HOLCROFT	11	1	0	0	11	1
BOBBY HOWE	1	0	0	0	1	0
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 MACDIARMID	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
PAUL MCAREAVEY	3(10)	1	0	0	3(10)	1
ALAN McDONALD	5	0	0	0	5	0
MCNUGH	(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	12(9)	5	0	0	12(9)	5
STEVE MILDENHALL	15	0	0	0	15	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	5	0	0	0	5	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	4	1	0	0	4	1
FRANK TALLA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	4	0	0	0	4	0
WAYNE THORNE	7(8)	0	0	0	7(8)	0
MARK WALTERS	9	3	0	0	9	3
KEVIN WATSON	16	1	0	0	16	1
ADAM WILLIS (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	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 PP
Wed Mar 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2-1
Tue Mar 31	Q.P.R.	H 1-0
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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Apart from picking up three points for the win, one of the most pleasing aspects about the game was keeping a clean sheet.

We seemed to be well-disciplined at the back, which meant Steve Mildenhall had a largely trouble-free evening between the sticks. Certainly Adam Willis deserves some of the credit for that with a solid display at centreback which proved he's well worth another look.

He's only 21, so he still has a lot to learn. But he's strong, he's quick and he looked quite comfortable on the ball. We were more than happy with his first appearance - though we'll have to reserve our final judgement until we've seen a bit more of him.

The morning after the game brought some bad news for Sol Davis, when the FA confirmed

that he'd have to serve a suspension for an accumulation of bookings.

His consistent performances in the left wing back role meant he was on the verge of a call into the first team squad, so it couldn't have happened at a worse time.

At least he's got time on his side though. Aged just 18, Sol is definitely one to watch for the future and, once he's over this disappointment, he could still be pushing some of the established stars before the end of the season.

And while the win over QPR brought an immediate result in terms of the reserve side starting to climb up the league table, my long-term goal is to bring youngsters like Sol through the system and into the first team.

THE LEAGUE

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Charlton Athletic	25	19	04	02	62	13	61	+49
Arsenal	29	17	08	04	64	23	59	+41
Tottenham H.	25	16	06	03	51	21	54	+30
Norwich City	31	11	11	09	38	42	44	-04
Millwall	28	12	05	11	34	35	41	-01
Wimbledon	29	11	07	11	36	33	40	+03
Southampton	27	09	12	06	44	33	39	+11
Crystal Palace	28	12	02	14	39	38	38	+01
Oxford United	29	10	08	11	39	54	38	-15
Portsmouth	28	10	07	11	37	37	37	00
Ipswich Town	29	09	10	10	41	52	37	-11
Q.P.R.	28	09	09	10	41	36	36	+05
Chelsea	29	07	10	12	37	50	31	-13
SWINDON TOWN	28	09	03	16	41	52	30	-11
Luton Town	25	07	08	10	32	35	29	-03
Watford	27	06	10	11	27	45	28	-18
West Ham United	25	06	06	13	29	45	24	-16
Brighton & H.A.	26	01	08	17	21	69	11	-48



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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	PBORO 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 Dec 06	Bristol City	A 3-0
Sat Dec 20	Brentford	A 2-3
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 Wanderers	A 0-1
SAT FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H 1-0
Sat Mar 14	Oxford United	A p-p
SAT MAR 21	BARNET	H 5-3
Sat Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A 4-2
SAT APR 04	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
SAT APR 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H
SAT APR 25	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
SAT MAY 02	BRISTOL CITY	H

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

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 p-p
SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-3
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	Bashley	A p-p
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A 1-2
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H p-p
Dec 06	Bristol City	A 1-1
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 5-2
JAN 10	CHELtenham 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 p-p
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A p-p
MAR 14	BASHLEY	H 3-2
Mar 23	Cardiff City	A 0-1

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At Allied Dumber Centre or the BR Ground - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

youth team focus



with
Tommy Wheelodon

South East Counties League

Swindon Town Youth 0 Torquay United Youth 3

Our 'B' team entertained Torquay's 'A' side in what proved a very competitive game.

In the first half, we found ourselves penned back inside our own half as the opposition made a really strong start.

Despite that, we were looking extremely dangerous on the counter attack, with Alun Hughes showing his electric pace on more than one occasion.

In all we had three good scoring opportunities, but failed to make any of them count.

Torquay made sure we paid the penalty when another period of sustained pressure from the visitors brought the opening goal after 30 minutes.

The second half was a more even contest in terms of possession, but we still couldn't find a way through their defence.

"We knocked the ball about and looked the more creative side but we couldn't penetrate them enough.

To make matters worse, we conceded two more goals, leaving ourselves an impossible task. The fact that both goals came from set plays was especially

disappointing. Even when we go a goal down I expect a bit of discipline and concentration from Swindon sides. And in the end, Torquay ran out comfortable winners.

That said you couldn't question their commitment and work rate. All they need to do is sharpen up and play with a bit more awareness.

Team: Bitner, Shirley, Bennett, Smith, Sharps, Gower, Taylor, Mason, Hughes, Mackey, Clayton.

Subs: Kimber, Sperti, Pottinger.

NEXT HOME GAME

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 4th
April 1998

Brighton & HA
Kick-Off 11am

NEXT GAME

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
Three postponed
games
T.B.A.

International Honours

We are all delighted by the selection of Kevin Campello and Neil Dix for the under 18 England School Boys. The squad played against Austria and Ireland with both lads getting the chance to play.

If you combine this with Alun Hughes, who has been selected for the under 18's Welsh squad, and Simon Futchter



(now at Chelsea), that makes four of Swindon's Academy squad who have played at international level.

This proves the importance and success of the Swindon Academy. It acts like a youth B team where we can continue to watch and nurture the talents of young lads who didn't quite make the trainee level.

The fact that young Welshman Alun Hughes is currently in Italy with the Welsh squad, and breaking into reserve team football with the full-time pro's shows what can be achieved by this set up.

south east counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.	GD
LUTON TOWN	25	17	6	3	68	24	57	+44
BRISTOL CITY	25	15	6	4	51	32	51	+19
BRENTFORD	26	13	9	4	46	31	48	+15
WYCOMBE W.	25	10	9	6	37	26	39	+11
COLCHESTER UTD	26	10	8	8	42	37	38	+05
SWINDON TOWN	24	12	2	10	44	40	38	+04
SOUTHAMPTON	26	10	5	11	52	52	35	00
WIMBLEDON	25	10	4	11	41	45	34	-04
OXFORD UNITED	25	10	4	11	45	55	34	-10
BRISTOL ROVERS	27	8	7	12	48	49	31	-01
BOURNMOUTH	27	7	8	12	38	54	29	-16
BARNET	28	7	7	14	47	61	28	-14
READING	23	7	5	11	31	38	26	-07
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TORQUAY UNITED	18	11	2	5	58	37	35
CHELtenham	20	8	3	9	33	45	27
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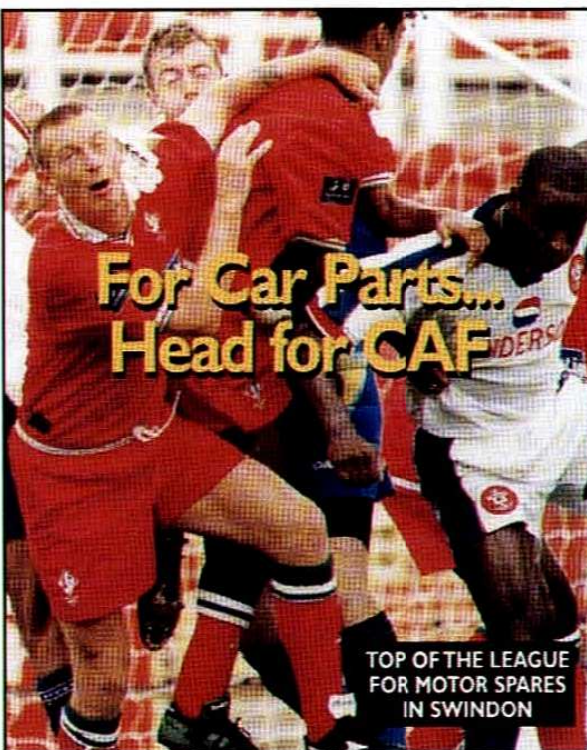
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

We would like to wish everybody a very happy Easter, especially those of you who participated in the football courses at the County Ground last week.

140 of you kids braved the elements and enjoyed some top notch coaching, and I think it would be fair to say that all who attended had a great time. A special thanks has to go to all the coaches and assistants who did another excellent job in putting everybody through their paces, teaching all the skills and basic techniques required for match situation. Without their hard work and commitment these courses would not be possible.

Tomorrow sees us on our travels to Marlborough where we'll be running our comprehensive three day coaching course for young, aspiring footballers. The course will be coaching 60 kids who want to improve their ability.

Angela Field who co-ordinates the courses in the Marlborough area, said that everybody is really looking forward to the week ahead. Once again, our thanks must go out to Angela who helped us so much in organising this event.

Our next course here at the County Ground is in Witsen week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Watch this space for further details of these events. And lets also hope the weather improves by then!

As we mentioned in the last programme, Wanborough were the eventual winners of our eight-a-side tournament. Their teacher Ian Guffrey did a terrific job in putting together such a fine team of lads. They showed some great skills while in the tournament. keep it up!

Next year we'll be running the tournament again, but we want to make it even bigger, with more teams joining the ranks.



Wanborough celebrate winning our 8-a-side tournament with their teacher Ian Guffrey.



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Clive Maguire

Jon Holloway

Our summer courses are all in place for this year. They will be starting in the end of July here at the County Ground and finishing at the end of August. We'll also be taking the courses to Chippenham, Marlborough and Berkshire. For further information please call us on 01793 421303.

A Reminder to all you team managers out there who would like to be our Saturday Team Club for the last game of the season against Sunderland. If you're interested in bringing your group of youngsters to this game, with a coaching session and lunch, please contact us on the above number.



The new courses start on April 20th. Contact Tom Jones. 01793 644777.

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	5.30-6.30pm	7 - 8 years
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Saturday	9.00-10.00am	5 - 8 years
	10.00-11.00am	5 - 8 years
STRATTON		
Monday	3.30-4.30pm	5 - 6 years
	4.30-5.30pm	9 - 11 years
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	7 - 8 years
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MARLBOROUGH		
Wednesday	3.30-4.00pm	5 years & over
	4.00-5.00pm	5 - 11 years
	5.00-6.00pm	11 - 16 years
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Don't get the Blues

Less than a week to go to Birmingham, if you are on the JR's coach get those vocal chords in good working order, I will be listening out for you at the ground!

Junior what's

The end of the season heralds the last chance to change the Junior Robins name. Come on and get those thinking caps on, the Gaffer is coming up with more ideas than you are! I want the mailbag bulging so get those brains into gear!



Matchday Mascots vs Charlton

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots

First up today we have the Evening Advertiser winner. The competition was to guess the 3 faces of Swindon Town, and the winner was:

Steven Jones



Steven is 7 years old and attends the Mountford Manor Infants school. His hobbies are football and "most other sports" and as you will see when Steven brings the team on the pitch, his favourite player is Fraser!

Elliott Stump



Elliott attends the Saltway School in Middleleaze and is 9 years old. His hobbies are football and computer games and he plays for Shaw FC under 9's. Elliott is a regular at the Football in the Community Courses here at the County Ground with Clive and Jon. His favourite players are Chris Hay and yet again - Fraser Digby.

Robbie Ruddock



We have some tough mascots and Robbie is not one to be messed with, he is a Blue Belt at Tai Kwon Do. He attends Dorcan Secondary School and is 13 years old. Robbie's favourite player is our very own Iffy.



Sam Berwick

Sam is 7 years old and attends Salt Way Infants School with Elliott. His hobbies are football and Formula 1 and is yet another fan of Fraser!

This is a very special occasion for the Berwick family. As an avid fan Robin Dunn rarely missed a Swindon Town game either home or away. Unfortunately, he became ill with a brain tumour and died at the age of 23 in 1993. Sam loved Robin unconditionally and Robin left Sam this very special present to remember him by. So when Sam leads out the team, our thoughts will be with him and his family and what a wonderful way to keep Robins memory alive.



Joshua Hillier

Josh is the son of our Corporate Sales Manager, Mark and attends Greenmeadow Junior School. He is 9 years old and his hobbies are football and his playstation. Josh plays for Croft FC under 10's and his favourite player is Chris Hay.



Fred Palmer

Fred is 8 years old and attends the Roundstone School in Trowbridge. His hobbies are football and helping out on the farm. Fred's favourite player is Chris Hay.

Arthur's Travels

BBC Wiltshire Sound's Arthur Hunt recounts some of the many stories about his trips to report on Swindon's away games.



WHERE ALL THE
SWINDON
TOWN
ACTION IS

103 - 105FM

It's nearly Christmas as we travel to Bramall Lane and Swindon face a tough battle against Sheffield United. But there is no good will here, as Shaun says you cannot take a china cup into the Press Box. If they have plastic cups there now, then it is down to Wiltshire Sound.

No drinking on Christmas Day as Shaun and I are off to Nottingham Forest on Boxing Day. Twenty minutes gone and Swindon are 3-0 down, it is all over bar the fat lady singing. We are given a festive treat by the Matchday Sponsors, a generous helping of Hot Toddy. After this it wasn't the fat lady that sang but our very own Shaun Hodgetts.

An unwanted early start on a Sunday, for another televised game. Perhaps we were too keen as we arrive two hours before kick-off at Crewe's Gresty Road. We can all feel

it as Swindon hit a bad run, the Gaffa wears an overcoat for a change of luck but it didn't help.

Chris Hay earns us a well earned point at Bradford with a well taken goal deep into injury time.

Then it was off to the impressive McAlpine Stadium. Another fair performance that got Swindon a point. Thankfully the Chief misses a couple of great chances to punish his old club and honours are even.

Two midweek games next as we travel Tranmere and Port Vale. It was a disappointing return to Merseyside for Steve McMahon, but a week later it was all smiles at the Potteries with a maximum three points. Fraser goes off concussed, Finney is the hero in the dying seconds. He puts on the keepers jersey then makes a great save at point blank range.

After the match yours truly runs

the gauntlet on the team coach. This usually means I get cans, socks, anything but the kitchen sink thrown at me as I try to conduct exclusive interviews. All I a days work at Wiltshire Sound!

There was a first at Bury: the press had to buy their own programmes and no press room! I had great difficulty in convincing a steward that I needed to do an interview with Steve McMahon after the game.

I leave Swindon at 12.30 for the Riverside Stadium. After a one hour hold up on the A1 due to an overturned lorry, myself and Shaun reach Middlesbrough at 6pm. I park the car in a building site and walk through what seemed like two miles of thick yellow mud before reaching the Ground. As for the game, I won't say too much, we get stuffed and that is all there is to it.



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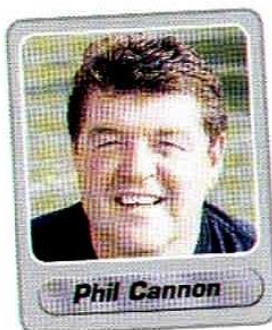
Last weekend brought an international flavour to our games at the Centre of Excellence.

We invited the Football Association of Wales (FAW) across the Severn Bridge to Swindon for a quartet of games at under 12, under 13, under 14 and under 15 level.

They made the most of the trip, arriving on Saturday to watch the first team in action against Charlton in Division One.

To enable us to keep an eye on what was happening in all four matches, they were all played at the Ballard's Ash sports ground in Wootton Bassett with a 2pm kick-off.

The under 12s scored our biggest win of the day - their 3-0 victory was due reward for a fine all-round performance. Luke Turvey, Anthony Frend and Matthew Collins got the goals. Well done to them and the rest of the team on such a good result.



Phil Cannon

A closely-contested game at under 13 level finally ended goalless with both teams finding it difficult to master the wet and windy conditions. The team battled well throughout and the defenders and goalkeeper deserve an extra pat on the back for keeping a clean sheet.

The under 14 lads chalked up a 2-0 success with Adam Collier the goalscoring hero with both goals, so well done to him. One of the things which impressed me most about the match was the spirit shown by both teams.

It was a similar story for the under 15s. Again the testing conditions created problems for players on both teams. But there was no shortage of effort and our youngsters just did enough to claim a 1-0 win thanks to a goal from Alan Young.

So three wins out of four for our lads and not a goal conceded in any of the matches - all in all, a pretty good weekend's work.

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on the road... travel...



Going to Birmingham...

Saturday April 18th

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This will be an exciting away fixture, so don't miss your next matchday magazine for all your travel details.



Going to Norwich...

Saturday April 25th

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Our last away game of the season takes us to Carrow road....

Can the Robins rattle the Canaries cage and bring three points back to the County Ground?

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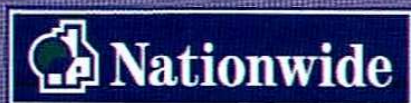


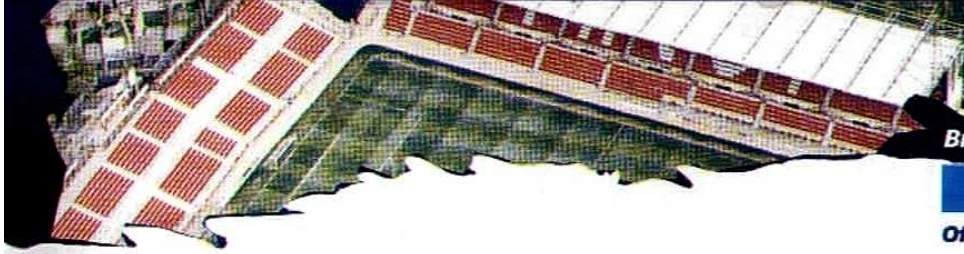
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Happy Birthday Stuart

Stuart Cavill, of Oxford, is a die-hard Swindon fan (despite where he lives!) who is celebrating his 18th birthday.

Stuart has been watching the Town for years and sits in the Arkell's Stand with his Dad. He is currently doing his A Levels and hopes to be a Sports Physio one day. Good Luck!

Swindon Boy in Football Film

12-year-old Swindon Town ball boy James Giddings has landed a starring role on French TV.

As a pupil at Pat Regis School, near Shaftesbury, Dorset, he is one of only two boys in England chosen to feature in a series called "Football From Dream To Reality".

French TV station Canel + have already filmed the young striker in action for his school team and today they will follow him in action as a ball boy at the County Ground.

The programme will be shown in France as part of the build-up to this summer's World Cup. The film also features young football fanatics from Camaroon, Italy, Brazil, France and Norway.

Charity match at the County Ground

A select squad from the Gloucester Sunday League will be playing against a Steve McMahon Staff Eleven on Sunday 10th May, Kick-off 11am.

The game has been organised by Swindon Town's Catering Manager Brian Wood to raise money for much needed local charities. These are MacMillan Nurses in Swindon and the Pied Piper Appeal, a children's Charity in Gloucester.

Admission will be by programme at a cost of £2.

In & around the county ground

Football Task Force is coming to Our Region

The Football Task Force is coming to Bristol on Thursday 16th April at the Conference Hall at Bristol Council House (on College Green).

Doors open at 7:00pm. The meeting starts at 7.30pm sharp, allowing two hours to put the footballing world to rights.

The Task Force want to hear what Swindon fans have to say about some of the burning issues in football today.

Do fans deserve a bigger say in the running of clubs? What about the price of tickets and replica shirts?

Do disabled supporters get a fair deal at Clubs? And what can be done to kick racism out of football for good?

These are the challenging questions facing English football as it enters the new millennium. Sports Minister Tony Banks has asked the Task Force to find practical answers that strike a fair balance between the needs of the fans and clubs.

Over the next few weeks they will be travelling around the country to seek advice from supporters of all ages, from clubs big and small. The meeting is open to all on a first come, first serve basis. Arrive early as demand will be high and the number of places limited.

With football changing so fast, don't miss this chance to tell the Task Force what you think it should do.



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Mark Rawlings of Swindon found a much cheaper way of winning the same amount. He simply purchased half-time draw ticket No. 2342 for just £1 on the same day and then made his way to the winners' enclosure (otherwise known as the promotions office). On his arrival, he was no less delighted than **Carl Llewellyn** was at Aintree!

Now, how about this for a summary on the state of the game?

"Sweeping changes are needed - and quickly - otherwise many clubs will face bankruptcy. The ever-spiralling wage and transfer fee structure is rapidly strangling the life out of all but a few of the 92 League clubs. In falling over backwards to be FAIR to the players we are

ruining ourselves. Rocketing wage bills and the rise in prices for good players is out of all proportion to incomes and the longer we delay, the more precarious our position becomes!"

You would be forgiven for thinking that I read this in yesterday's sports pages... but I did not. I came across it in the Swindon Town versus Oldham Athletic programme dated April 27th, 1968. This statement of some thirty years ago was credited to **Mr J. Battersby**, the then chairman of Bolton Wanderers. The programme was for our last home game of the season prior to which 362,675 had watched the previous 26 matches at an average of 13,949. Despite such a good following, the programme notes went on to say that: *"We are bound to agree with Mr Battersby - urgent action is necessary. Certainly the smaller clubs cannot possibly survive much longer*

under the present terms and conditions."

One year later, of course, the Football League Cup was in Swindon's trophy cabinet and the club were about to gain promotion. I mention this because if the first fact is as true today as it was in 1968, then why not this second one also!

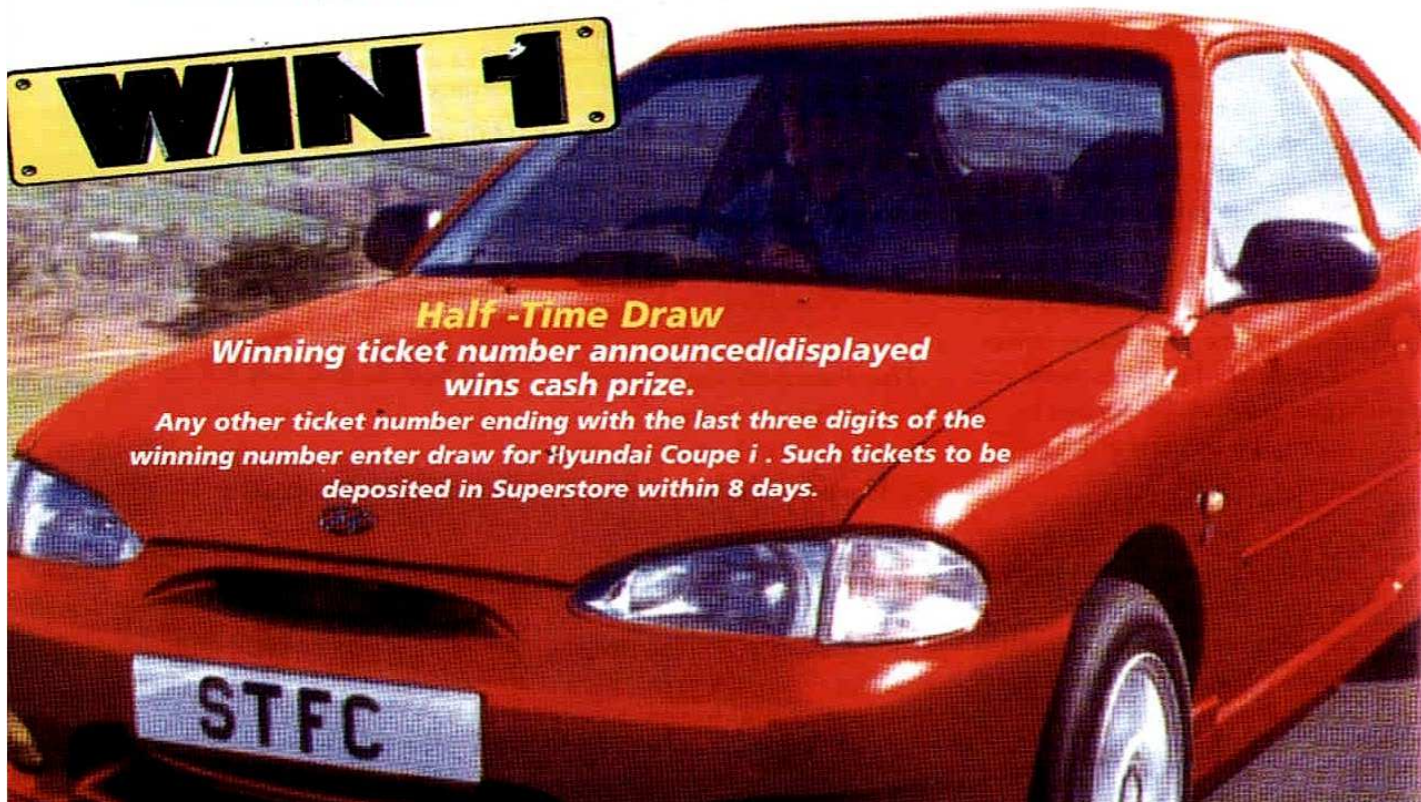
Another thing which is far from new is players wearing coloured football boots. The younger generation might have assumed this is a recent development, but **Alan Ball** wore white boots when playing for Everton...also thirty years ago in 1968. In fact, the first record of a player stepping out in coloured footwear dates back to before the First World War. The man in question wore bright yellow boots for reasons best known to him. But who was he? There's an autographed football for the sender of the first correct entry opened on Wednesday, April 22nd.

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from the press box



On behalf of Swindon's Local Channel, can I welcome the supporters, management and players of Sheffield United to the County Ground for today's Easter fixture.

It's hard to believe Easter has arrived already - I'm still getting over the Christmas period! That said, how times have changed for both sides today. For Swindon, it's been a real struggle. After topping the table back in November, we find ourselves halfway down and it's now mathematically impossible for us to reach the play offs.

But that doesn't mean we won't play a big part in who will be going up from Division 1. Before the season ends we have our away visit to Birmingham and a home fixture against Sunderland - both teams actively involved in the promotion push.

Today we entertain Sheffield United who are striving to reach the Premiership. Last weekend's FA Cup semi final defeat against Newcastle must have been a blow but the Blades certainly bounced back well to overcome Middlesbrough (Paul Merson's penalty miss and all!) by one goal to nil, thereby putting a fair old dent in Boro's automatic promotion hopes.

When you look at Sheffield United they really have been a side in the news: ex manager, Nigel Spackman resigning; top strikers Dean and ex Town man Fjortoft sold - yet they've still managed to

maintain a top six place.

I personally hope they get rich rewards after a traumatic season but I suspect Ipswich will be the side to reach the play offs.

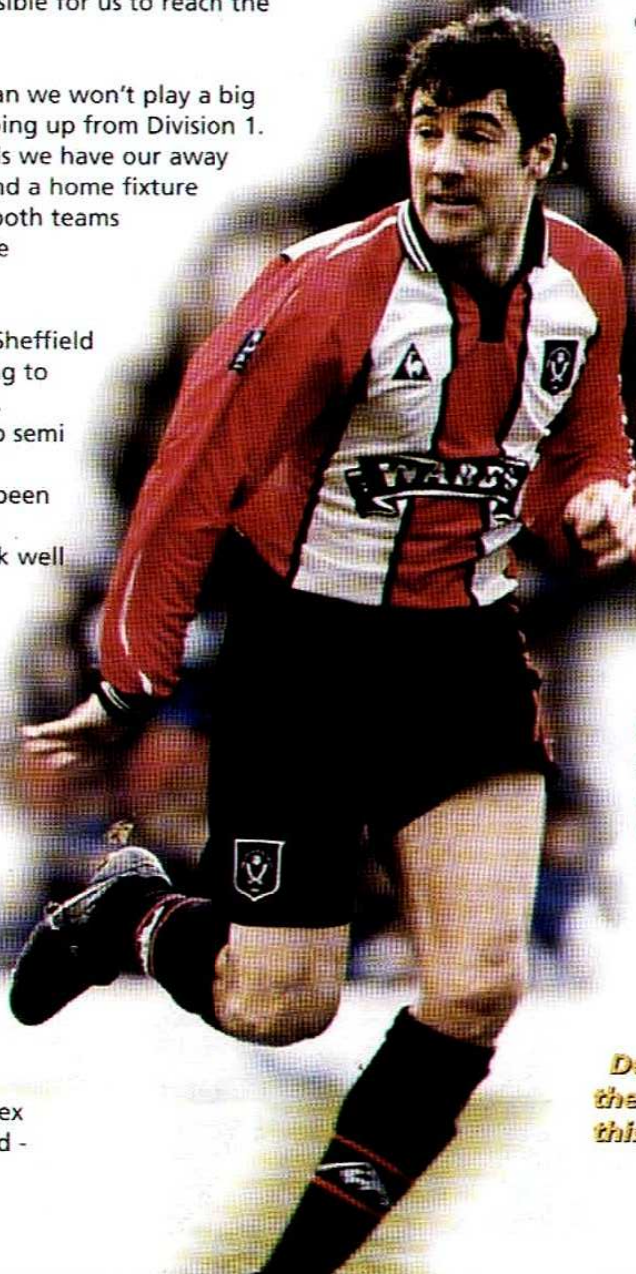
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If Sheffield United are to be successful, let's hope they don't start here at the County Ground today! Instead, let's cheer on the Town for the home win we've been starved of lately.

Whatever the result, enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Gary Tate reports on Swindon Town for Swindon's Local Channel. You can hear his views in Monday night's Results Roundup and Friday's Weekend Preview every week. Programme times are 5pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm and 11.45pm on ComTel, Channel 01.



Dean Saunders - one of the Blades star signings this season.



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Jan and Adie Cheeseman are using this Matchball Sponsorship as a private day out. They have been supporting Swindon Town for five years and we are delighted to have them with us today. They are also joint Kit Sponsors of Bobby Howe.

Presentation Time

Football Results Ltd were Matchday Sponsors for our last game against Charlton. Pictured here is

Man of the Match Alan

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Club Director Cliff

Puffett presenting

Dave Spilling, of

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Homes, Thomson Local, Column Design & Build and **Camberely Auto Factors** were all Matchball Sponsors for the Charlton game. Pictured here are the representatives and guests of all four

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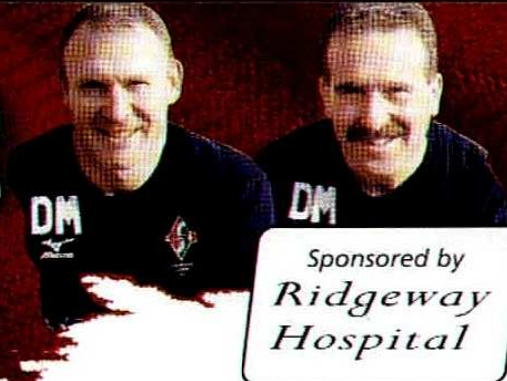


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The bad news in the Treatment Room this week is the injury to Iffy Onuora.

After colliding with the referee against Sheffield United, Iffy has broken his cheekbone. This is terrible for all concerned and will mean the striker will miss the rest of the season.

With an injury like this you cannot afford to take risks. He'll need to undergo surgery in the near future.

Frank Talia has been working hard to overcome his knee injury. He has been training with the squad, but continues to be plagued by one or two niggles.

More pleasing news is the recovery of Phil King. He will be resuming training shortly after a long lay-off. His fitness has improved week by week and he has now started kicking a football again. There has been no adverse reaction to training so things look quite good for Phil.

Club Captain Mark Seagraves is still suffering from his knee problem and has to see a specialist.

New Approaches:

Moving away from our activities with the first team, having two physio's means we can extend the service we provide to the Club and the teams affiliated to it.

This means we can start treating, not only the first team, youth and academy sides, but also the Centre of Excellence. The Centre looks after kids from the ages of 11 up to 15. At this age the boys are often asked to play a lot of games, and are under pressure to perform. By visiting their training once a week we can keep tabs on any injuries, and also give advice to parents about the dangers of over-use of joints etc. This helps combat problems that arise from playing so many matches. These youngsters are the stars of the future and as such they should be well looked after on and off the pitch.

the shadowboard



Another season draws towards its close. It seems only yesterday that we kicked-off the season with three points against Crewe. And even more recently that we were sitting proudly on the top of the table. What a great feeling that was for a week or two back before Christmas.

This is your last reminder to come to the last Open Forum of this season of highs and lows at

Calne on Wednesday evening. Tickets are available at the Club Superstore, but be quick, they are going faster than hot-cross buns in Tesco!! Steve McMahon and Rikki Hunt will be on our panel to answer all of your questions. And the following day the Shadow Board will present your views to the David Mellor Football Taskforce - should be a great night not to be missed.

My question is simple - in each of the last two seasons we have had a good early season and then fallen away badly. How can we maintain form next season? Answers on a postcard please!!

Now we have a really tough run-in to the end of the season. Three points today will be a great finish to Easter and a great build-up to our last home game against Sunderland.

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It's a pity that the Nationwide League did not get at least one representative into the FA Cup Final. The trouble is that though Sheffield United and Wolves did us proud the Cup, like most things in football these days, floweth over with unequal equals.

This is the 117th tournament and both the Blades and Wolves are past winners of course, but their successes at that level are somewhat shrouded by the glaze of history for though still proud and well respected institutions they dropped out of the big league, and have been all the way to Division Four and back since those halcyon days.

You know I can recall back in the 1970s Harry Haslam, who was then Sheffield United's lovable manager, telling me that a super League would come and that it would be in the very near future. He said that it would have nothing to do with football, that the criteria for entry would be purely on financial grounds.

He was desperate that Bramall Lane should be part of the new wave and reasoned that they had the capacity and the catchment area to generate enough revenue to compete with the top clubs once they got there. But as perceptive and shrewd as old Harry was he was not able to keep the Blades in step with the best and now like the great majority of clubs, including most in the

Premiership, we have to play second fiddles to the elite.

It is surely not a healthy situation for English football when the bulk of the income is shared between a handful of clubs. For despite their wealth

and all the trimmings are Arsenal, Newcastle United and Manchester United for that matter, good value?

Our representatives have not done too well in Europe in the last few years have they, an indication that in the wider world our top teams are below par. And look how close Sheffield United ran Newcastle in that semi-final. Some might argue that Alan Shearer was the difference between the two sides. And was it not "lucky Arsenal" at Villa Park as they rocked and rolled under the second-half bombardment Wolves subjected them to.

The margin between winning and losing was one goal but it's Newcastle and Arsenal who will streak away in the financial stakes as they cash in on their Wembley appearance.

Robo's going back to PSV...Yes the Dutch have beaten England again PSV Eindhoven piping our top clubs to land former England manager Bobby Robson.

I heard a radio interview in which the Dutch club's president was asked if he did not think it was a

backward step bringing back Robson. Now if they had felt that would they have chased him?

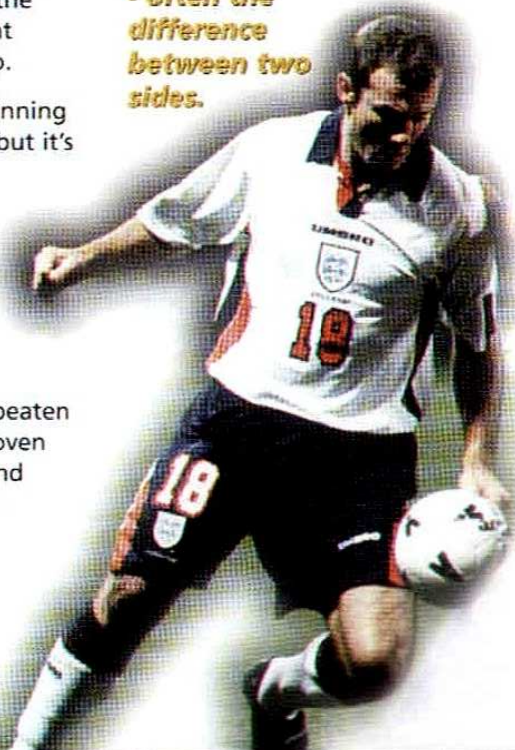
Bobby guided PVS to two Dutch championships before winning the Portuguese title and taking over one of the toughest assignments in Europe as Barcelona's coach.

Although taking on a more administrative role at the Nou Camp this season Barcelona's

President Senior Nunez has tried to persuade Robson to stay offering him a job for life in Spain.

But Bobby is always happiest when wearing a track-suit and working with players and it is the opportunity for a hands-on job with PSV that has coaxed him back to Holland. He has been offered a reported £1million pound for a year. If you think that's a lot I bet that PSV will get much more value for their million than Middlesbrough will from the £3million they splashed out on Gazza.

Alan Shearer - often the difference between two sides.



from the *Colin Benson* sidelines



clues across...

1. They play at Glebe Park (7)
5. Shilton or Schmeichel (5)
8. Sunderland's "Clown Prince" (3-10)
9. Physio produces these (5)
10. Lewis - ex Swindon Welsh Defender (7)
11. Often used to get ball under control (1-5)
12. He may support Camborne (6)
15. When we all may win the Pools? (4-3)
17. Groundsman may have to when he completes 3 down (5)
19. They'll be having a flutter during the World Cup this summer? (8-5)
20. Somebody runs them for 90 minutes (5)
21. What referees assessor does? (7).

clues down...

1. Croatian international ex West Ham (5)
2. Player once associated with Cobblers? (2-11)
3. What groundman does in dry spell (2-5)
4. Player is only spoken to by the ref (2-4)
5. They decide who is Footballer of the Year (5)
6. They are at home in White Hart Lane (9-4)
7. He cost Inter Milan £18 million (7)
11. They have the smallest League pitch in London (7)
13. Fans may question if referee does this (4-3)
14. They provide Moscow with power (6)
16. Manager rests a player or does this to him instead (5)
18. Some players may do this with time or a chance to score (5)

answers across...
 1. BRECHIN, 5. PETER, 8. LEN SHACKLETON, 9. CURES, 10. RUSSELL, 11. A CHEST, 12. JETTHRO, 15. SOME DAY, 17. RE-MOW, 19. NATIONAL FLAOS, 20. LINES, 21. OVERSEE

answers down...
 1. BILIC, 2. EX-NORTHAMPTON, 3. HE HOSSES, 4. NO CARD, 5. POLES, 6. TOTENHAM FANS, 7. KOLANDO, 11. ARESNAL, 13. EARN FEE, 14. DYNAMO, 16. DROPS, 18. WASTE

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Nottingham Forest			Wolves
Port Vale			Charlton Athletic
Portsmouth			Ipswich Town
Reading			Middlesbrough
Swindon Town			Sheffield United
Tranmere Rovers			Stockport County
West Bromwich Albion			Sunderland

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11 International sides

ANSWERS
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"THE GUNNERS"

1. What were the Arsenal first known as in 1886?
2. When did they turn professional?
3. What was their first ground?
4. When did they move to Highbury?
5. What is the club's record victory?
6. What is Arsenal's record defeat?

"THE MAGPIES"

7. Newcastle had two previous names - What were they?
8. Which French star moved from the Magpies to London this season?
9. Which Premiership striker was signed for a record fee in 1996?
10. Who scored Liverpool's 90th minute winner when they beat Newcastle 4-3 last season?

ANSWERS
1. Dial Square, 2. 1881, 3. Blunston Common, 4. 1913, 5. 12-0 over Luton, 6. 5-0 to Tottenham, 7. Stanley & Newcastles East End, 8. David Ginola, 9. Alan Shearer, 10. Robbie Fowler.



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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies reached the Final of the Southern Region League Cup when they beat Southampton Saints by four goals to two on the County Ground Extension.

Pam Laker gave the Town a half time lead which the Saints cancelled out in the 65th minute. Pam Laker again put the Town ahead but this lead lasted for less than a minute when the Saints drew level. This semi final tie appeared to be heading for extra time when with five minutes remaining Pam Laker set up Nadine Lloyd to restore the Town's lead and two minutes later Kerie Garwood scored to secure a final place. This was a fine performance by both sides in very wet and windy conditions. The Town will now face Cheltenham, who beat Reading Royals by two goals to one in the other semi final.

Next Sunday the Town have nine players in the Wiltshire County Squad to face Sussex in the final of the South West Counties Championship. Wiltshire finished top of their group when they beat Somerset by two goals to one on Calne Town's ground. Wiltshire are the current holders of the trophy which they won beating Sussex in last year's final. Kerie Garwood, Adelle Taylor, Ashley Wiseman, Kim Reeves, Nadine Lloyd, Clare Wheeler, Pam Laker, Netti Wyness and Leanne Taylor will all travel to Lancing in Sussex with the Wiltshire party.

Southern Region League Cup - Semi Final

Swindon Town 4 Southampton Saints 2

Team : Sharon Black: Vikki McCann, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Adelle Taylor, Ashley Wiseman, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs Used - None

Subs Not Used - Clare Tyson, Sara Privett & Tracy Mackeddie

Scorers - Pam Laker (2), Nadine Lloyd & Kerie Garwood



Kerie Garwood, whose goal secured the Town a place in the League Cup Final.

APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	17(3)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	10(8)	7
PAM LAKER	21	10
NADINE LLOYD	21	24
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	17(2)	5
VIKKI McCANN	5(3)	-
KIM REEVES	21	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	21	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	12(5)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	22	21
CLARE TYSON	18(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	16(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	21	6
NETTI WYNESS	20	2

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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 (Caled. Cup)	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
Sun 15th Mar	Southampton	5-2
SUN 22ND MAR	OXFORD UNITED (LC 3rd) 2-2 aet	
	Swindon won 4-2 on pens	
SUN 5TH APR	SOTON SAINTS (LC SF)	4-2
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
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THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	17	13	0	4	70	30	39
Cheltenham	19	12	3	4	54	23	39
Reading Royals	13	12	1	0	59	9	37
Southampton	15	8	1	6	41	35	25
Oxford United	19	7	3	9	31	36	24
Swindon Spitfires	15	6	4	5	28	35	22
Portsmouth	14	6	2	6	24	22	20
Southampton Saints	19	6	2	11	32	46	20
Launton	18	5	3	10	32	46	18
Binfeld	15	4	2	9	16	33	14
Havant Town	16	1	1	14	12	61	4

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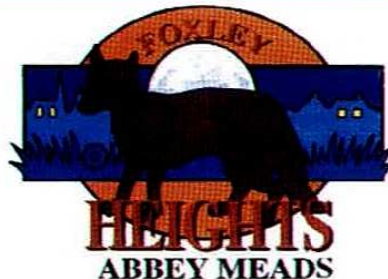
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Has the bubble burst for Middlesbrough, the once clear First Division championship favourites? Recent form suggests they have a goalscoring problem that could see them missing out on an automatic promotion spot.

The 1-0 defeat at Bramall Lane, where their *England* forward Paul Merson missed widely from the penalty spot, suggested that there was more than uncertainty in Boro's play. They are not the confident side that strode to the top.

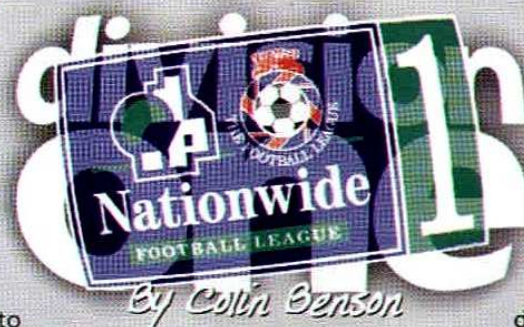
Bryan Robson must be puzzled for he was entitled to think that the arrival of £3 million Paul Gascoigne would stimulate and lift all around him but there is no visible evidence to support this at all. Perhaps if Gazza put as much effort into playing as he does into berating Referees he might just find the spark to ignite a grand stand finish.

The truth is *Middlesbrough* are even behind *Manchester City* on the current form ratings with just two wins and one draw from their last seven outings going into the Easter programme which saw them home to *Bury* on Saturday and away at *Reading* this afternoon ... Nothing short of six points will do.

Sunderland and our visitors this afternoon, *Sheffield United*, have the fewest defeats on their records - seven each going into the weekend. *Sunderland* were also the top scoring team with

74 goals a total they surely added to on Good Friday when they were home to *QPR*. Unbeaten in their previous six and at *West Brom* today it should be a good Easter for Peter Reid.

Nottingham Forest are still at the top with Pierre Van Hooijdonk leading *Sunderland's* Kevin Phillips by two goals in the top-shots chart with 26.



But *Forest* have a very tough holiday schedule and goals might be in short supply for following a tricky trip to *Bradford City*. They play hosts to *Wolves* in a high - noon shot out today. You will know the result of this one by now. I take *Forest* to exact revenge on the FA Cup semi-finalists who beat them 2 - 1 at Molineux in December.

Charlton Athletic leapt over *Boro* into third place last week - with their first win over *Wolves* in ten attempts. It was a forth straight win for the Londoners' who should have stretched it to five at home to *Reading* on Friday. Today they are at *Port Vale* who are experiencing mixed fortunes with three wins in the last six. Could be a draw.

The form team in this division remains *Ipswich Town* who came into Easter on the back of five successive wins. They too

should have won on Saturday, home to *Tranmere*, but might have to settle for a point at Fratton Park today.

Alan Ball's fighters came from behind twice to force a 2-2 draw at *Tranmere* - their forth win in seven games, only one of which they won. They were at *Stoke* on Saturday in a real six-pointer and must have got a result there if they are to survive.

The same applied to Chris Kamara's team of course, rock bottom and two points short of *Reading*. On paper *Stoke* possibly have the easier holiday schedule if you judge the opposition on position but of course there are none more dangerous than those fighting for their lives or those who are your close rivals and *Stoke* have a derby date at *Crewe* this afternoon ... With just one win in the last six it's not looking good for the Potters.

This is probably the most important Easter in *Manchester City's* long and colourful history. I fancied *Wolves* to lick their wounds by beating *City* at Molineux on Saturday and if that was so the Mancunians are in big big trouble. They put four goals past neighbours *Stockport* for their first win in five games and must now repeat that form, if not the scoreline, at home to *Birmingham City*.

Norwich City are far from safe and could be the surprise team to drop down. They faced Easter with the worst form in Division One, just two draws to six, and following today's tilt with *Huddersfield* at Carrow Road could be in the bottom three.



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with Mark Seagraves

Charlton proved why they are pushing for promotion last week. A good, well organised side that defended well and looked dangerous on the break.

But I felt we coped well with Mendonca and Co. for the most part. We worked hard the entire game, in often bad conditions, but it was one mistake that cost us. Ty Gooden failed to clear his lines and Steve Jones capitalised on the error and slid it past Digby. After the game Ty held his hand up to the mistake and was clearly gutted. Football can be a cruel sport.

While we have stopped the rot that seemed determined to haunt us the rest of this season, our main problem is scoring goals. That is not to say we haven't been creating chances. Even on a windy day like Saturday we looked quite lively going forward. Walters was finding himself in good positions but,

uncharacteristically, couldn't find the net. In the dying minutes we could've snatched a draw when George Ndah, at full stretch, just couldn't reach Gooden's low cross. So close to a deserved point, but it wasn't to be.

the captain's comment

So near, yet so far, that seems to be the story of our season. To taste success at the top and then fall away so quickly. In so many games we've come close to taking at least a point and then come away with nothing. The mood of the squad is still superb though. They're still determined to keep battling away and get a good win.

To put recent games into perspective you could say we've competed well with some of the




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best in the league. But when all is said and done, you want to win and anything else is second best.

Our run of playing top teams continues today as we face Sheffield United. Last weekend we all saw the calibre of their team in the FA Cup Semi-Finals. Against Premiership giants Newcastle United, Sheffield played some exciting football and gave the Toon Army more than a scare or two before losing to an Alan Shearer goal.

Today they are back to the less exciting task of maintaining a play-off position. In sixth place, with Birmingham and Wolves breathing down their neck they'll be fighting for every point.

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FACT FILE...

Name: Steve James Mildenhall
Date of birth: 13.5.78
Place of birth: Swindon
School years
Secondary school attended: St Josephs
Best subject at school: None
Worst subject at school: All of them
Football team supported at school: Liverpool
Football hero as a schoolboy: Bruce Grobbelar
Favourite football position at school: Centre Forward
Career taken up if not football: No idea
First match ever seen: Swindon Vs Port Vale
At what age did you first attend matches: 13 years of age
Age:
Favourite other sport: Basketball
Biggest influence on career: Father
Best match ever seen: Liverpool Vs Man Utd (3-3)
Favourite football expert: Andy Gray
Favourite country to watch: Brazil
Highlight of career so far: League debut against Portsmouth
Biggest disappointment: My performance against Manchester City
Choice Opponents in a cup tie: Barcelona

close-up profi Steve Mildenhall

He has recently signed a new three year contract, he is a product of our youth development scheme and his favourite position is striker!?

Steve Mildenhall is the homegrown hero who has made his first goalkeeping appearance this season and hopes to build on what he has achieved at Swindon.

Yet Steve actually made his league debut as an outfield player against Tranmere Rovers the season before. With no subs left and Watson down injured Steve McMahon's hands were tied.

"The gaffer told me to put a shirt on and I couldn't work out what he meant" said Steve.

"The next thing I know I'm playing up front for the first team with ten minutes of the game to play. They told me to go up front and do some damage but I didn't make much of an impact, we lost 2-1."

"It's every keepers dream to play out on pitch and steal the glory of other players but that taster quickly taught me I'd be better in goal."

Steve's debut in his true position as keeper came in a memorable game against Portsmouth.

"I was nervous, the old butterflies were going, but I was pleased with my performance overall."

"It was certainly a different to what I was used to. The pressure was immense, its even worse when you're in goal because a mistake could cost us the points. As well as this, it was a lot quicker and more aggressive."

Of course we all remember the brave save **"Mildy"** made that resulted in a nasty gash between his legs. Mildenhall rightly won the Man of the Match for that eye watering performance.

The game was quite a start for a lad who has spent his whole career at STFC.

"When I started at Swindon I was coached by John Trollope who taught me a lot about the professional game" said Steve. *"Then Tommy Wheeldon took over and around this time I got my one year contract with the Club".*

Although it took a season before his first appearance for Swindon, Mildy has been building up his experience with outings in the reserve side. And with a long-term injury to Frank Talia, Steve has often been the second choice keeper grabbing his chances here and there when Fraser is injured or suspended.

It must be hard when appearances are so irregular, but Steve seems accustomed to this. He said: *"Because you can often have three keepers at a club, first team appearances are always more valuable, that's why I've got to take my chance when they come and show people what I can do".*

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For Steve, this whole season is about taking the chance when it comes. After two good games against Stoke and Huddersfield, where he kept clean sheets, Mildy did have a off game against Man City when the Town were beat 3-1.

"As a goalkeeper you're always under pressure because you're the last line of defence. I hold my hand up and say that some of those goals were my fault, but I think I have learnt from experiences like that."

"It is also good to work along side a great keeper like Fraser. He is always giving me advice and helping me with my technique which is a big help to a young keeper like myself."

Looking to the future, Steve is confident he can build on what he has done at the Club.

"It is every lad's dream to play for their home town, I've done it and I still can't believe it sometimes. But now I'm ready to improve myself. If I'm playing in the reserves I've got to play consistently well and when the chance of a first team place comes along I've got to grab it with both hands."

Steve Mildenhall - From Youth team to the first XI, a Swindon star in the making.



GENERAL...

Favourite food: Pasta
Favourite drink: Orange Juice
Favourite comedy: Only Fools and Horses
Favourite comedian: Lee Evans
Favourite film: Forrest Gump
Favourite film star: Jack Nicholson
Favourite item of clothing: Tracksuit
Smartest dresser at STFC: George Ndah
Worst Dresser at STFC: Alan McDonald

statistics 1997/98 season



Sheffield United



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 8.04.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	41	16	2	3	9	6	5	72	39	83
SUNDERLAND	40	12	6	2	11	4	5	74	41	79
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	41	14	5	1	8	4	9	73	49	75
MIDDLESBROUGH	40	14	3	2	8	6	7	65	39	75
SHEFFIELD UNITED	39	15	4	1	3	10	6	57	41	68
IPSWICH TOWN	40	11	4	4	7	9	5	65	40	67
BIRMINGHAM CITY	41	9	6	5	7	9	5	53	34	63
WOLVES	40	12	5	3	5	4	11	47	40	60
BRADFORD CITY	41	10	8	2	4	6	11	44	45	56
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	41	9	6	6	6	5	9	41	47	56
STOCKPORT COUNTY	41	12	5	3	4	2	15	62	60	55
OXFORD UNITED	41	11	5	4	4	3	14	55	55	53
SWINDON TOWN	41	9	5	7	5	4	11	39	60	51
CREWE ALEXANDRA	40	7	2	11	8	3	9	46	57	50
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	41	7	5	8	5	6	10	47	60	47
TRANMERE ROVERS	40	7	7	6	5	4	11	45	50	47
BURY	41	6	10	5	3	9	8	39	50	46
PORT VALE	41	7	6	8	5	3	12	50	58	45
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	41	8	8	5	2	7	11	45	56	45
NORWICH CITY	41	7	8	6	4	4	12	39	65	45
MANCHESTER CITY	41	6	5	10	5	5	10	47	49	43
PORTSMOUTH	41	7	6	8	4	4	12	44	58	43
READING	41	8	4	9	3	5	12	38	69	42
STOKE CITY	41	6	5	9	3	8	10	38	63	40



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First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	Gs.	Apps	Gs.	Apps	Gs.
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BP'AN BORROWS	35	0	0	0	35	0
DARREN BULLOCK	21(5)	0	0	0	21(5)	0
LEE COLLINS	19(4)	1	1	0	20(4)	1
STEVE COWE	7(7)	2	(1)	0	8(8)	2
PHILIPPE CUERVO	13(7)	0	2	0	15(7)	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	33	0	2	0	35	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	36	2	3	0	39	2
CHRIS HAY	28(5)	14	2	0	30(5)	14
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0	0	0	9(3)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	5	0	0	0	5	0
SCOTT LEITCH	25(1)	1	2	1	27(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0	0	0	4	0
ALAN McDONALD	28(5)	2	3	0	31(5)	2
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	11	1	1	0	12	1
IFERM ONJORA	4	1	0	0	4	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	22(1)	1	2	0	24(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	21(9)	4	2(1)	1	23(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	0-0	7,771
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-1	6,684
SAT APR 4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)	H	0-1	7,845
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 - Arsenal vs Newcastle United.			

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	McAREAVEY
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	DRYSDALE	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	WATSON(7)	SMITH
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	DRYSDALE	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	LEITCH	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	HAY(9)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	DRYSDALE	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 3	ALLISON	GOODEN	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(8)	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)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON(7)	CULVERHOUSE(11)
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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)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	WALTERS	LEITCH	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(10)	ROBINSON	CUERVO(8)
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team check

Swindon Town

FRASER DIGBY	1
DAVID KERSLAKE	2
BRIAN BORROWS	3
ALAN McDONALD	4
DARREN BULLOCK	5
LEE COLLINS	6
MARK WALTERS	7
SCOTT LEITCH	8
IFEM ONUORA	9
GEORGE NDAH	10
TY GOODEN	11
	12
	13
	14
TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON	

Sheffield United

ALAN KELLY
VASSILIS BORBOKIS
DAVID HOLDSWORTH
ROGER NILSEN
LEE SANDFORD
WAYNE QUINN
GRAHAM STUART
GARETH TAYLOR
IAN HAMILTON
DEAN SAUNDERS
MARCELO
TEAM MANAGER STEVE THOMPSON

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Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon v Sheffield Utd
Attendance



Referee:

D. Pugh

Assisted by:



J. H. Griffiths



K. R. Torrance

Reserve Official:

R. Palmer

David Pugh

David is a 42 year old Technical Project Manager who is married with two children aged 15 & 13. He began Refereeing in 1986 in the West Cheshire League and progressed to become a Unibond League Referee in 1992. David then went on to become a Football League Referee in 1994. His hobbies include Keeping Fit, Cycling and Reading. David also enjoys listening to all types of music and watching football at various levels.

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