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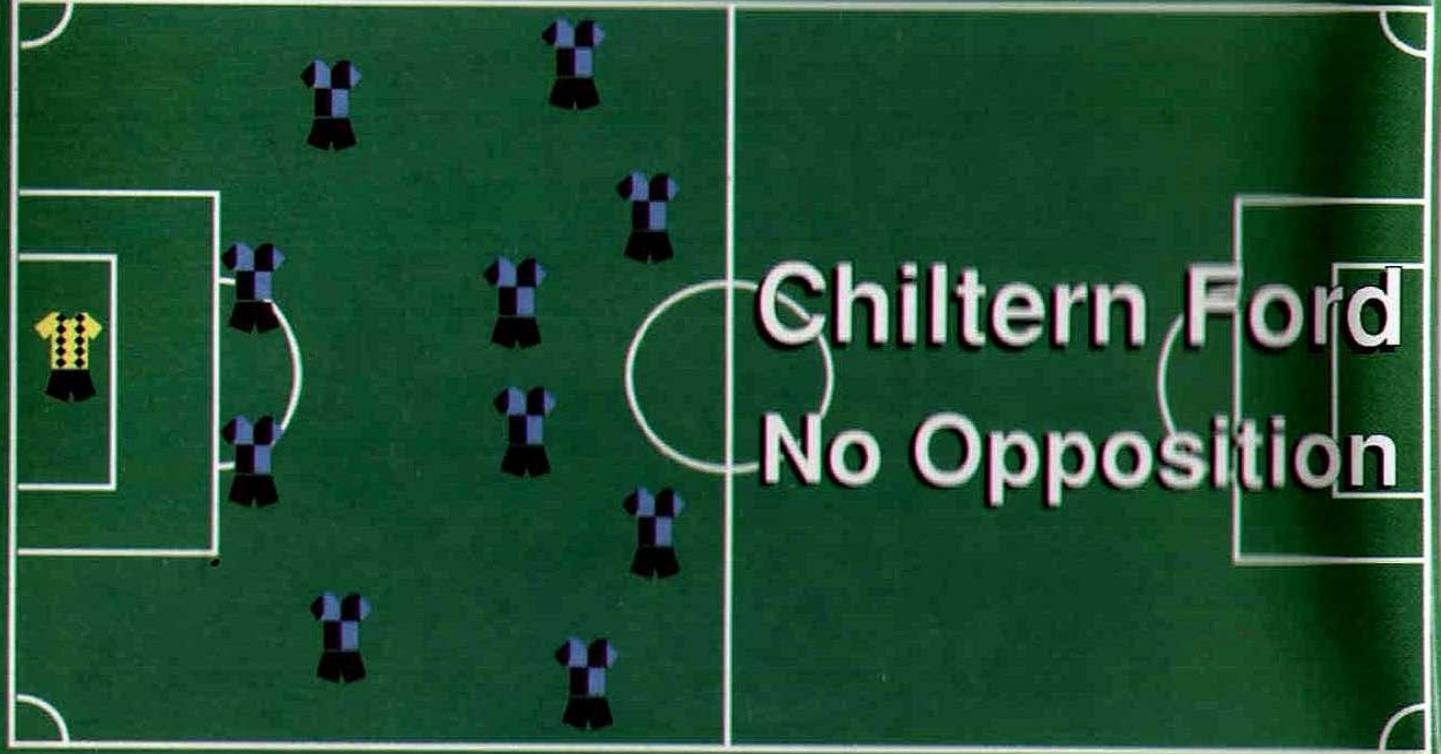
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Good evening everyone and welcome to this evening's second leg, fixture of the first round of the Worthington Cup. A warm welcome to Steve McMahon, the players, Directors and supporters of Swindon Town Football Club. The last leg proved to be a thrilling game and our battling performance has given us a chance in this evening's game. Last Wednesday's performance cheered both myself and the players up after a poor performance against Luton. Paul Read and John Cornforth came into the side and performed admirably. The whole team worked and grafted hard for each other and although we let the result slip after drawing level, there were many good things to take from the game. Similarly, on Saturday at Millwall we fought hard to get back into the game with Paul Read's excellent strike only to be dealt a double blow with Keith Scott's freak accident where he dislocated his elbow after only being on the field two minutes and then in extra time played they snatched the winner with 60 seconds to go. The timing of the goal, felt like a kick in the teeth and the players did not get what they deserved.

Our League programme so far and the two results have hinged around three moments of play almost. Scottie hitting the post, Steve Davis of Luton scoring with a free kick that Bobby Charlton would have been proud of, and Martin Taylor making an error of judgement with 60 seconds to go. The margin between winning and losing is fine and it must be added that Martin Taylor has been one of our most consistent performers and made a couple of saves in the game against Swindon that were awesome. It is the nature of his position that errors are highlighted.

The most important thing for me is that the Wycombe spirit showed through in our last two performances. This evening gives us a chance to forget Saturday and to give our all to progress to the next round. It should be an exciting evening. Please get behind the boys and enjoy the game.

Regards

Neil

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# MEDIA MINUTE

with Alan Hutchinson

Our opening game against Luton Town did not go the way we all hoped it would. With the temperature at a ferocious 90 degrees it was very hard for both sets of players. It became even worse for our team when Luton scored as it meant we had to chase the game and try to increase the work rate. The fact that the game started in a high tempo in such heat meant whoever scored first could afford to sit back and defend the lead. After studying all the opening days results six teams won away from home in our Division, maybe there is a clue there.

This evening we welcome Swindon Town to Adams Park for the second leg of the Worthington Cup. My first reaction on learning the name of the new sponsor was - Rugby. The title Worthington Cup suggests muddy pitches, up and unders and the early bath. All very Eddie Waring, for the younger element Eddie Waring was a well known Rugby commentator from the 50s and 60s during the early days on black & White TV. The first leg at the County Ground last Wednesday produced some exciting football with lots of chances created by both sides. Notable performances from Paul Read, John Cornforth and Martin Taylor added to a very encouraging all round team display. A draw would have been the right result on the balance of chances created. Had we taken two of the early second half chances we would have won. So, the game is nicely poised tonight, if both teams repeat the desire to get forward more entertainment lies in store. Another reminder that our new club magazine, The Quarterman, will be available at the match tonight and again tomorrow afternoon at our first ever Avon Insurance Combination game. It will also be available at the Walsall and Bristol Rovers matches. For all season ticket holders they need to surrender voucher Q1 from their season booklet to get their free copy. Leagueline members can collect copies on production of their membership number. For all remaining supporters the magazine costs £1.50. It has 24 pages in full colour containing interesting articles with photographs. There is also a chance to win the new Mizuno red away shirt by entering a simple competition. The winner will receive their prize signed by the manager and all the players before the match against Bristol Rovers. Please note the club will not be posting the magazine to season ticket holders they MUST collect it either from the Commercial Office at the club or from Wanderers In Town.

Our local radio station Eleven Seventy AM has launched a new programme on a Thursday evening going out between 6 and 6.30 p.m. throughout the season. You will be able to keep up with the latest information on BLUES NEWS, co hosted by Keith Scott and myself.

Apologise to those of you who had problems with our Faxback service recently. We ran into difficulties for about a week and could not update any information. This piece of highly technical equipment has now been put right, hopefully this will mean an end to the inefficiencies recently experienced.



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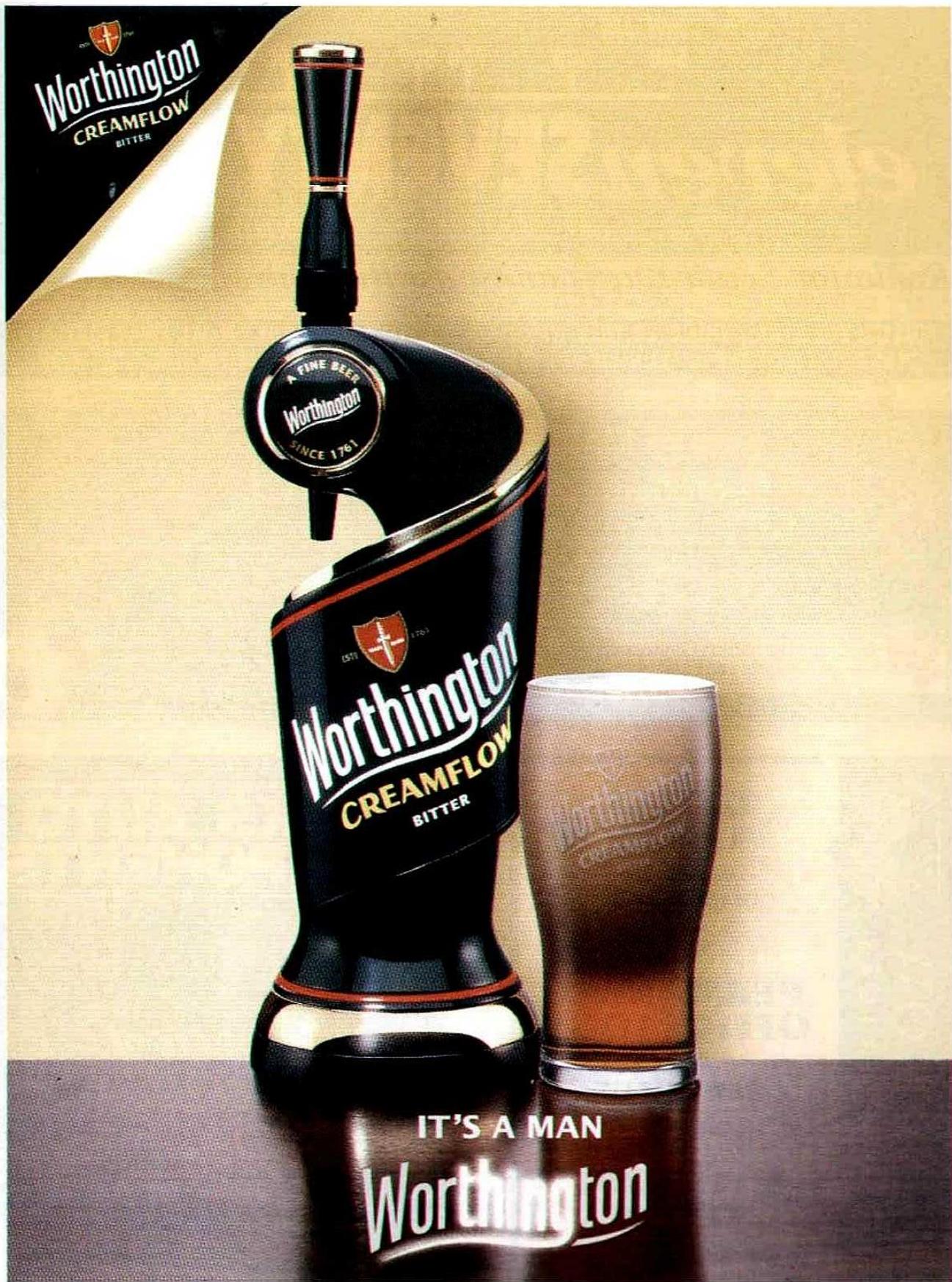
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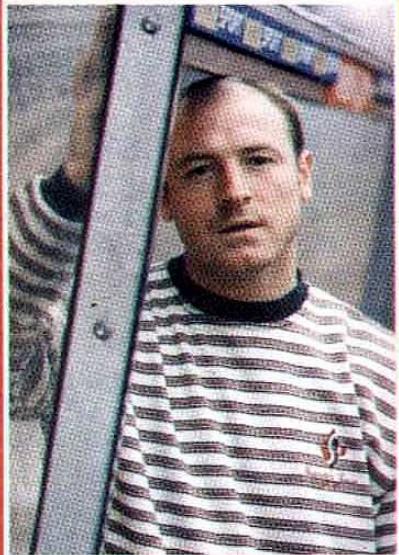
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Second Row: Ty Gooden, Bobby Howe, Darren Bullock, Steve Cowe, Lee Collins.

Front Row: Phil Skeates (Kit Manager), Dick Mackey (Physio), Ross McLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Mike Walsh (Assistant Manager), Steve McMahon (Manager), Les O'Neill (Chief Scout), Dave Moore (Physio), Eddie Buckley (Assistant Kit Manager)

## Season 1998/99

August 8th	Nationwide League Division One	Sheffield United	Away	Lost	1-2	(Holdsworth o.g.)	Att 15,977
August 12th	Worthington Cup Round 1 Leg 1	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	Won	2-1	(Reeves, Hidah)	Att 4,626



## The Man In Charge

### Steve McMahon

Led Swindon to the Second Division Championship during his first full season as player/manager, making 21 appearance along the way. Rates this as the highlight of his career so far, despite having collected almost all the honours available for both Club and country as a player. Playing appearances limited to just one as a substitute last season and it looks increasingly likely that a persistent back injury will soon force him to concentrate purely on management. Began his career at Everton, making 100 League appearances before a £175,000 move to Aston Villa. Kenny Dalglish then took him to Liverpool for £375,000 where he emerged as a midfield general of the highest quality, bagging League and FA Cup winners medals during the glory years at Anfield. Also gained international recognition with 17 full England Caps and was a member of the 1990 World Cup squad in Italy. Later moved to Manchester City before taking charge at Swindon in November 1994. Born: Liverpool 20.8.61

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## Goalkeepers

**Jimmy Glass** - Former Bournemouth number one snapped up on a free transfer in the Summer. Started his career as a trainee with Crystal Palace before seizing the chance of first team football at Dean Court. His goalkeeping heroics helped Bournemouth reach last season's Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley where he was unlucky to finish on the losing side. Born Epsom 1.8.73.

## Frank Talia

Spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. Failed to make a first team appearance and was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995. Hoping to be back to his best after surgery on the knee injury which sidelined him for most of last season. Born Melbourne, Australia 20.7.72.



## Defenders

**Mark Robinson** - Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994 and he has been a regular and consistent performer since then. Can play at full-back, central defence and was also a success as a sweeper last season before injury ruled him out for three months. Born Rochdale 21.11.68.

**Brian Borrows** - This former Everton, Bolton and Coventry defender signed an 18 month contract in November 1997 following a highly successful two month loan spell from Highfield Road where he made well over

400 appearances. Comfortable anywhere along the back line as a marker or a sweeper, Brian won manager Steve McMahon's vote as player of the year last season. Born Liverpool 20.12.60.

**David Kerslake** - Now enjoying his third stint at the County Ground having joined on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in March 98. Made 165 appearances for Swindon in his first spell before leaving to join Leeds United in a £500,000 deal. Later also played in the Premier League for Tottenham. Most effective in right wing back role though he was also deployed as a sweeper towards the end of last season. Had a loan spell at Wycombe last season making a total of 11 first team appearances. Born Stepney 19.6.66.

**Sol Davis** - Left-sided fullback/wing back who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his League debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Born Cheltenham 4.9.79.

**Gareth Hall** - Joined from Sunderland in May 1998 under the Bosman ruling. Versatile player, who can operate at fullback, centreback or in midfield. Made over 100 League appearances for his first club Chelsea, where he played under former Swindon boss Glenn Hoddle, before moving to Wearside in a £250,000 deal in December 1995. Capped nine times for Wales. Born Croydon 12.3.69.

**Alan Reeves** - Left Wimbledon's Crazy Gang in search of first team football with Swindon. Cost the Dons £300,000 when signed from Rochdale as a replacement for John Scales four years ago, but arrived at their County Ground on a free under the Bosman ruling. Tall centreback, he can be a danger in attack on set pieces as well as adding experience at the back. Born Birkenhead 19.11.67.

## Midfielders

**Darren Bullock** - A tough tackling midfielder, Darren signed a three and half year deal in February 1997 after a £400,000 move from Huddersfield Town. Scored 20 goals in 156 appearances for the Terriers and netted on his debut for Swindon Town against Birmingham City. But the goals have since dried up and a loss of confidence and form cost him his place in the side for a short period last season. Can always be relied upon for 100 per cent, bulldog spirit. Born Worcester, 12.2.69.

**Ty Gooden** - Signed by John Gorman in 1993 having been released by Wycombe Wanderers. Established himself for the first time in Swindon's Second Division Championship season and was ever-present last term until troubled by injury towards the end of the campaign. A good crosser of the ball, who packs a fierce shot in his

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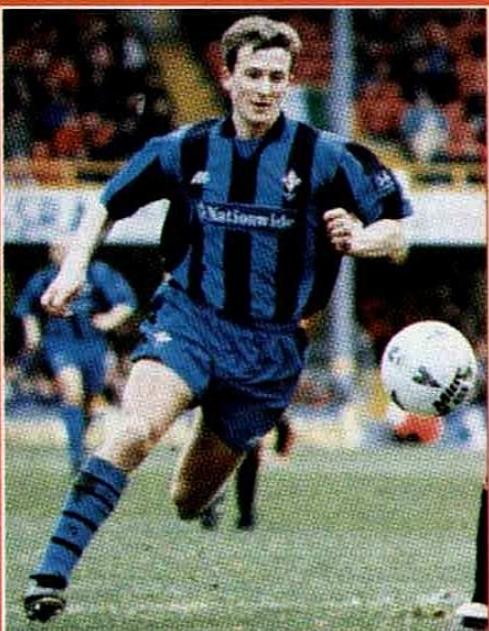
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left boot, he can play in midfield or as an attacking left wing back. Born Canvey Island 23.10.72.

### FORWARDS



**Chris Hay** - This pacey young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000 a week before the 1997/98 campaign started and looked a real bargain when scoring 13 goals in 20 appearances before Christmas. A sudden loss of form, coinciding with sale of fellow frontman Wayne Allison, meant he added just one more to that tally. Confessed to being homesick for Scotland, but has vowed to get back to his goalscoring best this term. Born Glasgow, 28.8.74.

**Mark Walters** - A former England international, Mark signed for Town in July 1996 after being released by Southampton and immediately showed the silky skills which had made him such a hit at Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool. Scorer of some sensational goals for the club, he signed off for the summer with a solo spectacular in the final game of last season against Sunderland. Born Birmingham 2.6.64.

**Kevin Watson** - Came through Tottenham's junior ranks and made 12 first team appearances for Spurs under Terry Venables before being loaned out to Bristol City and Barnet. Joined Swindon on a free in July 1996, and has made his mark with some superb displays in the midfield. Packs a powerful shot from long range. Born Hackney 3.1.74.

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**George Ndaah** - After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield, Steve McMahon moved quickly to find a replacement and was delighted to pick up the lightning quick Ndaah from Crystal Palace in a £500,000 deal in November 1997. Scored a stunner on his debut against Middlesbrough, but missed the last few games of the season with a knee injury. A former England Youth international. Born Dulwich 23.12.74.

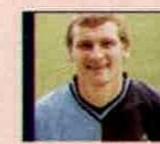
**Philippe Cuervo** - This gifted Frenchman impressed during a trial period and was quickly signed on a three year contract from Sochaux (free transfer) just before the start of last season. Was a revelation during the first few games but then spent several months out with a hip problem. Rangy running styles makes him look awkward at times, but belies his undoubted skill on the ball. Born Ris-Orangis, France 13.8.69.

### Forwards

**Ifeim (Iffy) Onuora** - Ex-Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker, who was signed in a £100,000 deal in March 1998. Made the perfect start for his new club, heading the winning goal on his debut v QPR. But his luck changed for the worse four games later against Charlton when an accidental clash with the referee left him with a fractured cheekbone and he finished the season playing in a special, protective mask. Born Glasgow 28.7.67.



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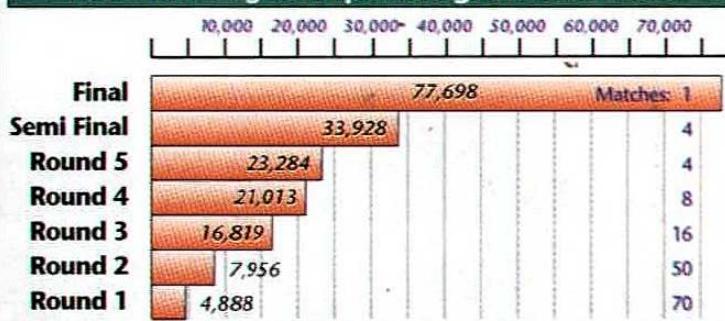
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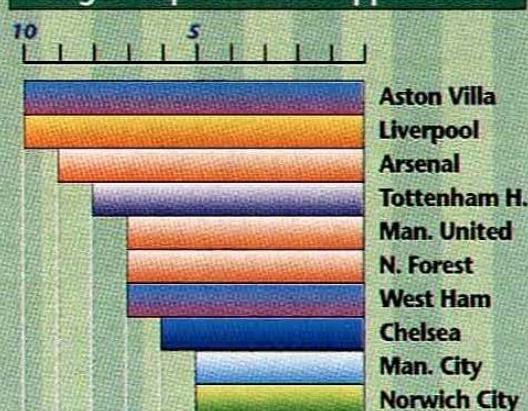
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Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score	The Football League Cup
1961	Aston Villa	Rotherham Utd	0-2, 3-0 (aet)	
1962	Norwich City	Rochdale	3-0, 1-0	
1963	Birmingham City	Aston Villa	3-1, 0-0	
1964	Leicester City	Stoke City	1-1, 3-2	
1965	Chelsea	Leicester City	3-2, 0-0	
1966	West Bromwich A.	West Ham United	1-2, 4-1	
1967	Q.P.R.	West Bromwich A.	3-2	
1968	Leeds United	Arsenal	1-0	
1969	Swindon Town	Arsenal	3-1 (aet)	
1970	Manchester City	West Bromwich A.	2-1 (aet)	
1971	Tottenham H.	Aston Villa	2-0	
1972	Stoke City	Chelsea	2-1	
1973	Tottenham H.	Norwich City	1-0	
1974	Wolverhampton W.	Manchester C.	2-1	
1975	Aston Villa	Norwich City	1-0	
1976	Manchester C.	Newcastle United	2-1	
1977	Aston Villa	Everton	0-0, 1-1 (aet), 3-2 (aet)	<i>The Milk Cup</i>
1978	Nottingham Forest	Liverpool	0-0 (aet), 1-0	
1979	Nottingham Forest	Southampton	3-2	
1980	Wolverhampton W.	Nottingham Forest	1-0	
1981	Liverpool	West Ham United	1-1 (aet), 2-1	
1982	Liverpool	Tottenham H.	3-1 (aet)	<i>The Milk Cup</i>
1983	Liverpool	Manchester United	2-1 (aet)	
1984	Liverpool	Everton	0-0 (aet), 1-0	
1985	Norwich City	Sunderland	1-0	
1986	Oxford United	Q.P.R.	3-0	
1987	Arsenal	Liverpool	2-1	<i>The Littlewoods Cup</i>
1988	Luton Town	Arsenal	3-2	
1989	Nottingham Forest	Luton Town	3-1	
1990	Nottingham Forest	Oldham Athletic	1-0	
1991	Sheffield Weds.	Manchester United	1-0	<i>The Rumbelows League Cup</i>
1992	Manchester United	Nottingham Forest	1-0	
1993	Arsenal	Sheffield Weds.	2-1	<i>The Coca-Cola Cup</i>
1994	Aston Villa	Manchester United	3-1	
1995	Liverpool	Bolton Wanderers	2-1	
1996	Aston Villa	Leeds United	3-0	
1997	Leicester City	Middlesbrough	1-1 (aet), 1-0 (aet)	
1998	Chelsea	Middlesbrough	2-0	

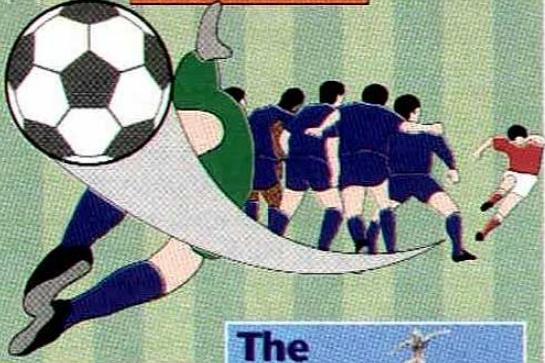
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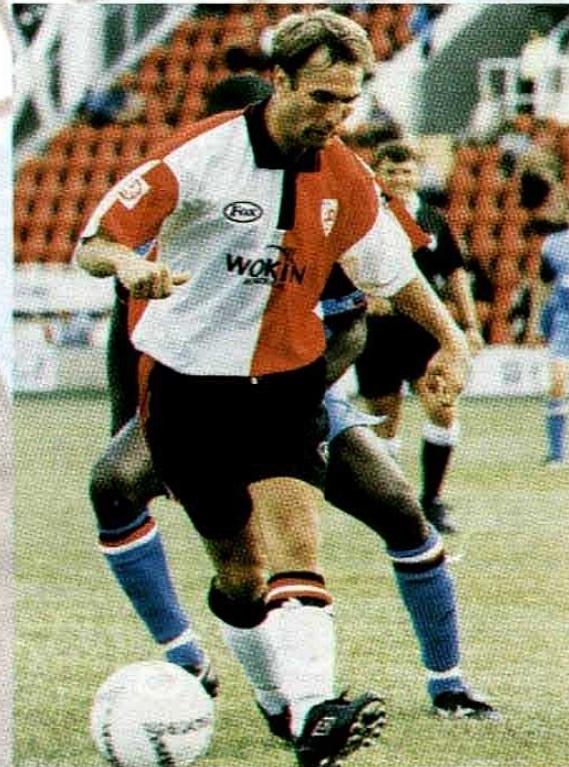
# WYCOMBE WANDERERS AND THE LEAGUE CUP



(Programme Editor Adrian Wood with some "anorak" facts and figures)

1. This is our sixth season in the League Cup Competition. We have yet to reach the third round - we've reached the second round on three occasions, and fallen twice at the first hurdle. All our matches to date have thus been played over 2 "legs".
2. Swindon Town will be only the eighth different opponents we have faced - we have however drawn Leyton Orient twice.
3. At home we've played 8 "legs", winning 4, drawing 2, and losing 2. The largest attendance at Adams Park was 7,443 for the second round visit of Manchester City in 1995/96. In the same season only 3,310 saw the visit of Leyton Orient - our lowest for a home League Cup fixture.
4. On our travels, the largest attendance was 11,474 for our visit to Manchester City in 1995/96. This is the only time we have played a League Cup tie in front of a five figure crowd. Our lowest away attendance was 2,478 - at Leyton Orient in 1995/96.
5. We have won just one away League Cup fixture - 2-0 at Leyton Orient in 1993/94, our first ever game in the Competition. Of the remaining seven away legs, we've drawn two, and lost five.
6. We have netted a total of 21 goals in the 16 individual matches - we have conceded 25. We scored four against Coventry City at home in 1993/94, but have conceded four twice - away to Manchester City in 1995/96 and at Fulham last season.
7. Keith Scott is our leading goalscorer in the competition with 3. There are four players each with 2 - Keith Ryan, Terry Evans, Miquel Desouza and John Williams.
8. Two of our second round matches went to extra time. Both second legs were at Adams
9. Park and each time we were eventually defeated - by Coventry City (1993/94) and Nottingham Forest (1996/97).
10. During 1995/96 we went four and a half hours without scoring - the first round (2nd leg) against Leyton Orient, and the two second round legs against Manchester City.

*N.B. This "article" was penned before the first leg at Swindon last Wednesday.*



Steve Thompson, now seen in Woking colours, but scorer of our first ever goal in the League Cup Competition (Paul Dennis)

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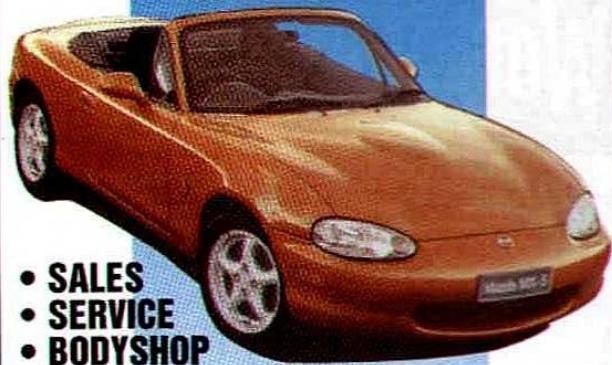
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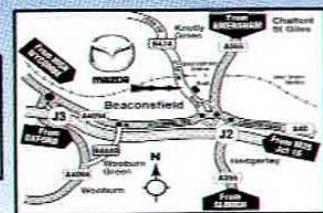


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## Worthington CUP

County Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire  
Wednesday, August 12th  
(kick-off 7.45 p.m.)

Worthington Cup (1st Round, 1st Leg)

**Swindon Town (1) 2**

**Wycombe Wanderers (0) 1**

Attendance:- 4,626

Referee:- Mr Andrew Hall (Birmingham)

Weather Conditions:- Dry, warm

Matchday Programme:- 24 pages for £1.50. Swindon are another club who don't consider the first round of the League Cup important enough to warrant a full programme. Anyway there was still a fair bit of reading material and it was just about value for money. Interesting cover photo of a Town player seemingly studying the turf!

Accommodation for visitors:- Unreserved seats at the Stratton Bank End - view OK but it's a good thing it wasn't raining as there was no cover. Ticket prices were £14 with concessions at £8. Full marks to Swindon for allowing free admission to under 15s if an accompanying adult purchased a ticket in advance.

### Team line-ups:-

**Swindon**:- J.Glass, M.Robinson, G.Hall (F.McHugh H/T), T.Gooden, A.Reeves, B.Borrows (Capt), M.Walters, C.Hay (K.Watson 66 mins), I.Onuora, D.Bullock and G.Ndah. Subs (not used):- F.Talia (GK), D.Kerslake and C.Taylor.

**Wycombe**:- M.Taylor, J.Kavanagh, C.Vinnicombe, K.Ryan (Capt), J.Cousins, P.McCarthy, D.Carroll, S.Brown, M.Stallard (A.Baird 75 mins), P.Read (K.Scott 75 mins) and J.Cornforth (M.Harkin 83 mins). Subs (not used):- M.Westhead (OK) and A.Beeton.

**Editor's Wycombe player of the day**:- John Cornforth - an intelligent performance in midfield and the creator of our best chances.

Wycombe wore the normal Blue Strip and attacked the Stratton Bank End (Away End) 1st half.

### Bookings:-

Swindon - Onuora (29 mins), McHugh (77 mins) - both for fouls.

Wycombe - Vinnicombe (5 mins) - dissent, Kavanagh (14 mins), McCarthy (22 mins) - both for fouls, Carroll (88 mins) - dissent.

### Goals:-

1-0 (45 mins). A Walters corner from the right was headed firmly home by REEVES, despite Taylor getting a hand to the ball.

1-1 (60 mins). Brown and Stallard combined to find READ in space inside the area. The striker took the chance well firing home into the top of the net.

2-1 (69 mins). A long through ball from Reeves split the Wycombe defence and found NDAH in space on the right side of the area. He calmly slid the ball home past Taylor.

### Match Summary

Overall a marked improvement on our performance against Luton and we probably deserved to be starting tonight's second leg on level terms. It was an entertaining encounter with considerable excitement at both ends. At the end of the day it was superior finishing by the First Division outfit which earned them their slight advantage. The excitement started early on - in the eighth minute Ndah seized on a Cousins' error but shot wide of the far post, then a minute later Read went agonisingly close with a lob from a tight angle. Swindon enjoyed most of the possession but Wycombe countered with some good passing movements. McCarthy however was somewhat fortunate to escape a second booking for a foul on the dangerous Hay. With the half time interval beckoning, Stallard ran onto a long Taylor clearance but shot just wide of the far post. Taylor then saved superbly from Hay but from the resulting corner The Robins took the lead - psychologically a desperate time to concede a goal. The end to end action continued after the break. Cornforth created excellent chances for first Stallard, then for Read, which both went begging. It took however a superb reflex save by Taylor to deny Swindon a third goal when a Walters cross took a wicked deflection. That kept the tie very much alive with everything to play for this evening.

### Match Facts:-

	Swindon	Wycombe
Corners	8	3
Goal efforts on target	4	4
Fouls conceded	15	19
Times Offside	4	8

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Sorry, I forgot your Birthday Mel!  
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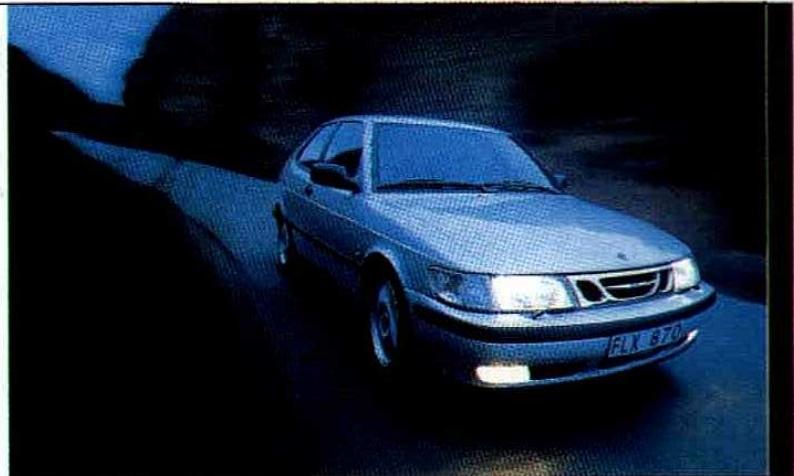
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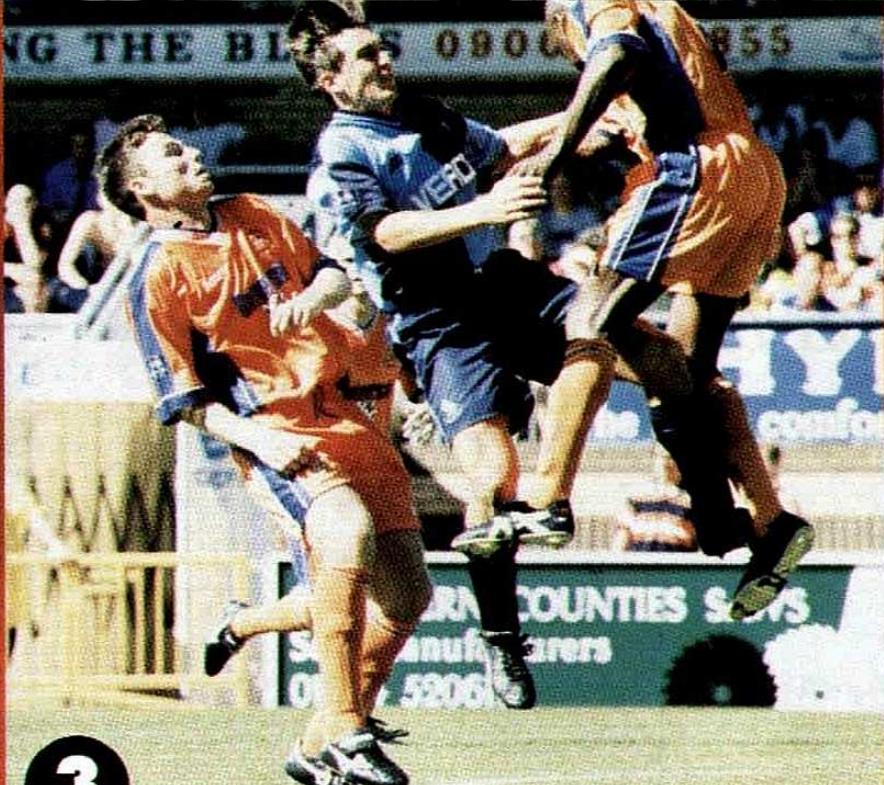
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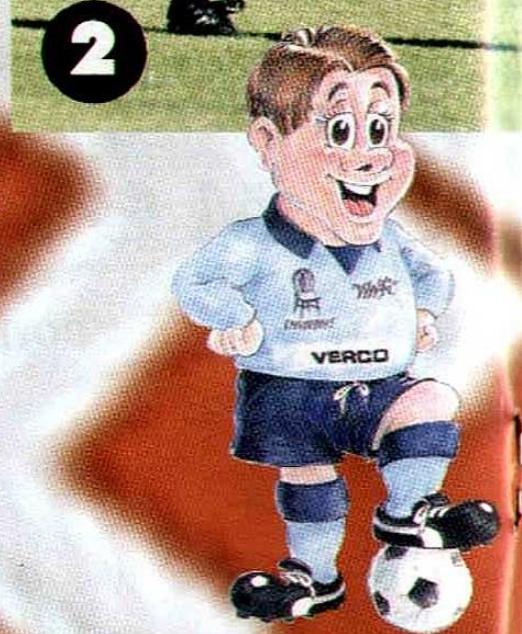
1. Dave Carroll baulked by two Luton players

4. Keith Scott in sprinting mode

2. Debutant Chris Vinn

5. Andrew Bal

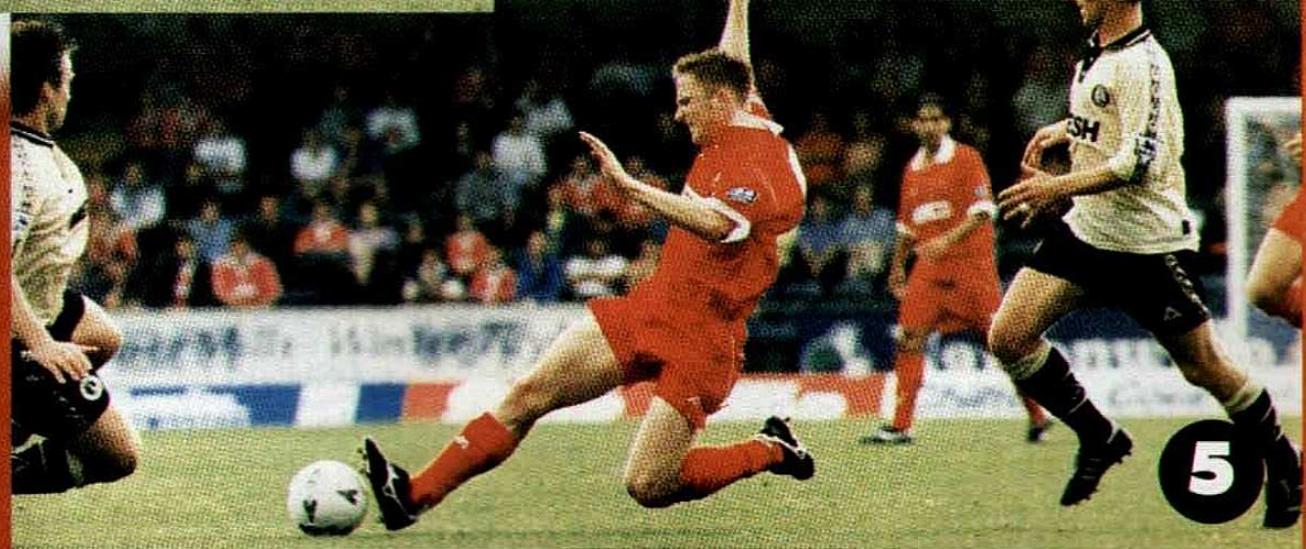
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1. Dennis in possession 2. Mark Stalford winning the aerial challenge  
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(1) Brentford	v West Bromwich Albion	(2)
(1) Bristol Rovers	v Leyton Orient	(1)
(1) Burnley	v Bury	(1)
(1) Cardiff City	v Fulham	(2)
(0) Carlisle United	v Tranmere Rovers	(3)
(2) Chester City	v Port Vale	(1)
(1) Chesterfield	v Rotherham United	(0)
(0) Colchester United	v AFC Bournemouth	(2)
(2) Crewe Alexandra	v Oldham Athletic	(3)
(1) Darlington	v Sheffield United	(3)
(0) Gillingham	v Southend United	(1)
(2) Halifax Town	v Wrexham	(0)
(0) Hartlepool United	v Bolton Wanderers	(1)
(2) Hull City	v Stockport County	(2)
(1) Ipswich Town	v Exeter City	(1)
(1) Lincoln City	v Bradford City	(1)
(2) Mansfield Town	v Huddersfield Town	(3)
(1) Norwich City	v Swansea City	(1)
(3) Oxford United	v Luton Town	(2)
(3) Portsmouth	v Plymouth Argyle	(1)
(0) Preston North End	v Grimsby Town	(0)
(0) Rochdale	v Wigan Athletic	(1)
(0) Scunthorpe United	v Blackpool	(1)
(0) Shrewsbury Town	v Bristol City	(4)
(2) Sunderland	v York City	(0)
(0) Watford	v Cambridge United	(1)
(1) Wolves	v Barnet	(2)
(1) Wycombe Wanderers	v Swindon Town	(2)

## Tomorrow

(1) Brighton & H.A.	v Northampton Town	(2)
(1) Crystal Palace	v Torquay United	(1)
(2) Manchester City	v Notts County	(0)
(0) Millwall	v Birmingham City	(2)
(0) Queens Park Rangers	v Walsall	(0)
(1) Stoke City	v Macclesfield Town	(3)

## Ten To Test

by Neil Smith

1. In November 1993 Wycombe received their record fee for an outgoing transfer with Keith Scott joined Swindon. Against which club did Scotty make a goalscoring League debut for his new club?
2. On Swindon's first League visit to Adams Park in March 1996 they were to secure a 2-1 victory. Former Wycombe player Ty Gooden and which other player scored Swindon's goals?
3. Whilst the Football League is currently sponsored by Nationwide, Swindon have the added bonus of being individually sponsored by the same company. Name either of the two other Football League clubs that are sponsored by Nationwide?
4. When Swindon won the Division Four championship in 1986 with a record total of 102 points, which other club's record did they overtake by a single point?
5. Which member of England's 1998 World Cup squad in France made seven League appearances for the club?
6. When John Trollope returned to Swindon's first team during the 1980-81 season after retiring following 756 League appearances to his credit, he was to return as an emergency, following injury to which F.A. Cup winning full back?
7. Which F.A. Cup winning captain was signed by Swindon in January 1994 as the club strove to avoid relegation during their only season in the Premiership?
8. From which club did Jan Arge Fjortoft join Swindon?
9. Who was the former Wycombe player that scored against Swindon in Town's last F.A. Cup tie?
10. Current Swindon manager Steve McMahon began his League career with which club?

Answers can be found on page 40



# BLUES

## Supporters Club

It's difficult not to keep referring to the trophy for tonight's match as the Coca-Cola Cup but I suppose we shall soon get used to talking about the Worthington Cup. I know which I prefer a pint of anyhow. Whatever the title we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Swindon Town supporters today. We hope you enjoy yourselves here, and especially as you are not in our division, apart from tonight we hope that your team has a great season.

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### Just For The Record

(Some facts about today's visitors unearthed by Neil Smith)

Remarkably, Swindon's record League victory - a 9-1 success over Luton Town - came in their first ever Football League match in 1920. They were soon brought down to earth with a bump however - losing 4-0 to Southampton in their next fixture.

During the 1965/66 season Swindon appeared to have unearthed a genuine goalscoring centre forward when Keith East struck rich scoring form. Signed from Portsmouth (where he had failed to break through) he scored four goals against Merthyr in the F.A. Cup, and then went one better with five against Mansfield Town the following week. Goals then followed in the next two fixtures. It was not however to last - within 12 months he had departed for Stockport County, not quite the player they had hoped. Swindon have the distinction of being the last non-League club to reach the last four of the F.A. Cup. Then members of the Southern League, they did so in 1912 when beaten by Barnsley after a replay. Two years earlier they had also been beaten at the penultimate hurdle when losing to Newcastle United 0-2. There is little chance that this record will ever be eclipsed.

Little should be read into a club's start to a new season. Look at Swindon during their record breaking season 1985/86. They were eventually promoted by the first week in April and totalled a record 102 points. However, they were beaten in their opening home game by Wrexham, were beaten five times in their first eight games, and failed to score in five of those games. They were 21st in the table at the end of September. Exactly three months later they stood proudly at the top of the Division where they remained. The team were defeated just three times in the next 38 games. Some turn around in fortunes!!

Capped eight times by England and the winner of League, League Cup, F.A. Cup and Cup Winners Cup medals, Mike Summerbee remains one of Swindon's finest ever players. Yet remarkably as a boy he suffered from Polio and for a time wore leg braces.

During the 1925/26 season, Swindon found themselves trailing 0-2 to Bournemouth after just 10 minutes. By the end of the game The Robins were chirping in no uncertain fashion as they ran out 8-2 winners!

# Combination Countdown

compiled by Gary Trimby

## update on our reserve side

The reserves completed their pre-season preparations with a visit to The Warren, home of Ryman League side Yeading.

### Pre-Season Friendly

Monday, 3rd August

vs. Yeading (Away) Drew 0-0

Gary Goodchild and Terry Evans took charge of the team, a mixture of experienced and young professionals, plus youth teamer Eddie Gray and trialist Mark Rogers. Yeading, now managed by former Wycombe coach Jim Melvin, had several of our former youth team players in their line-up and were well fired up for the game. After five minutes Damien Markman was allowed room to get in a header which was close to putting the home side a goal up. With Dannie Bulman and Andy Baird impressive up front we looked to cause Yeading's defence a number of problems but were frustrated as we failed to find the finish to our efforts. Paul McCarthy, playing his first full 90 minutes since February, nearly gifted Markman a golden chance in the 34th minute. Miscontrolling the ball he allowed the striker a run at goal, but Mark Westhead blocked his effort well. Our best chances in the first half came from corners, with Baird, Bulman and Nicky Mohan all going close with headers. Moments before the break, Westhead again impressed, diving full length to turn away a fierce shot on the turn by another of our former players Anthony Clark. The second half was much of a non event as both sides had to contend with the wind and driving rain. Of the few chances made our best when a chipped free kick by John Cornforth nearly opened the way for Michael Simpson, but he was denied by a well timed tackle from Yeading's number 2 Grant Eaton. While Yeading's Jerome Bioudo was uncomfortably close with a shot in the final five minutes. "All round it was a good work out for the players and it was pleasing that Macca came through after his long lay off" was Gary Goodchild's verdict.

**Line-Up:-** M. Westhead, A. Baird, N. Mohan, P. McCarthy, L. Holsgrove, M. Rogers, E. Gray (M. Lee 57 mins), J. Cornforth, M. Simpson, A. Beeton, D. Bulman. **Subs not used:-** M. James, L. Johnson, N. Leach.

**TOMORROW** afternoon the reserves play their inaugural fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination here at Adams Park (details below).

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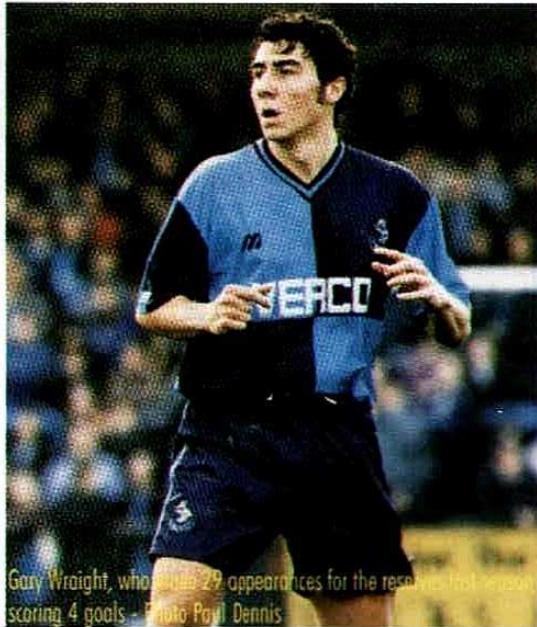
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Sept	7	Reading	A	7.30 p.m.
	16	SWINDON TOWN	H	2 p.m.
	22	Millwall	A	2 p.m.
	29	CHELSEA	H	7.45 p.m.
Oct	7	GILLINGHAM	H	2 p.m.
	15	Crystal Palace	A	7.30 p.m.
	28	Ipswich Town	A	7 p.m.
Nov	4	BRENTFORD	H	2 p.m.
	18	Colchester United	A	2 p.m.
	25	NORWICH CITY	H	2 p.m.
Dec	1	Tottenham Hotspur	A	7.30 p.m.
	9	Charlton Athletic	A	7 p.m.
	16	WEST HAM UNITED	H	7.45 p.m.
	22	ARSENAL	H	7.45 p.m.
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	13	SOUTHAMPTON	H	7.45 p.m.
	20	AFC Bournemouth	A	2 p.m.
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	10	Barnet	A	7.30 p.m.
	24	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	2 p.m.
Mar	17	Luton Town	A	2 p.m.
	24	WATFORD	H	2 p.m.
	30	Oxford United	A	7.30 p.m.
Apr	7	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	2 p.m.
	12	Peterborough United	A	7 p.m.
	21	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	2 p.m.

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Gary Wright, who has 29 appearances for the reserves this season, scoring 4 goals - Photo Paul Dennis

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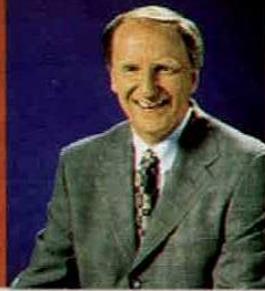
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# 'AP REPORTING'

by Alan Parry

Sky Sports Commentator and Director of Wycombe Wanderers F.C.



With better finishing in the first leg at the county Ground we could have been going into tonight's tie with a comfortable lead instead of a one goal deficit. I know that Swindon also missed some scoring chances - and in fairness they had more possession than Wycombe over the 90 minutes - but I have rarely seen Wanderers create so many clear cut openings only to finish with a single goal.

I thought our performance at Swindon was very encouraging. Remember, they are a First Division club who were playing in the Premier League only three years ago. Half their team have played at the highest level and their combined transfer fees and weekly wage bill leave our players looking like poor relations.

Remember, too that because of the away goals rule a 1-0 victory for Wycombe tonight would be sufficient to send us into the second round with the possibility of meeting a major Premiership club. The revenue generated by a couple of ties against top flight opposition could be enough to buy a new player - that's why it's so important that we do well tonight.

I know that I keep returning to the theme of finance, but in modern day football it really does rule everything that you do. We would have been delighted to give Neil Smillie a treasure chest to spend on strengthening his squad, but the money is simply not there.

I heard one or two rumbles from spectators at our opening game against Luton. They were clearly upset that the club hadn't brought in many new players during the summer break. But the cash required to fund transfer fees and players salaries has to be earned somehow and with our attendance figures it just isn't possible.

I was particularly concerned that some supporters vented their frustration against our Chairman. It is not just being loyal to a fellow director when I say that no one is more dedicated to the Wycombe cause than Ivor Beeks. I speak from the heart when I tell you that without Ivor we would probably still be playing in the Vauxhall Conference.

The Chairman devotes more time to the Wanderers than anyone at the club. He is not employed by Wycombe Wanderers - he does it because he loves the club so much. He dedicates his time at the expense of his own company and his family life and he doesn't take a penny out of the club.

We are very fortunate to have a chairman with so much drive and enthusiasm. He is very highly thought of at Football League headquarters and from personal knowledge I can say that he's a cut above many of his contemporaries. Believe me, when you're having a go at Ivor Beeks, you're having a go at the wrong man.

It's going to be a long, hard season and it's vital that we all stick together and get behind the players in every game. By all means have a moan in the bar afterwards or on your way home, but let's present a united front when we're trying to win a game.

Finally, I hope that you are impressed with the new look programme. Editor Adrian Wood does a fantastic job compiling so much material - and chasing correspondents like your columnist! He's always keen to hear ideas from fans on what you'd like to see in the programme - so feel free to drop him a line.

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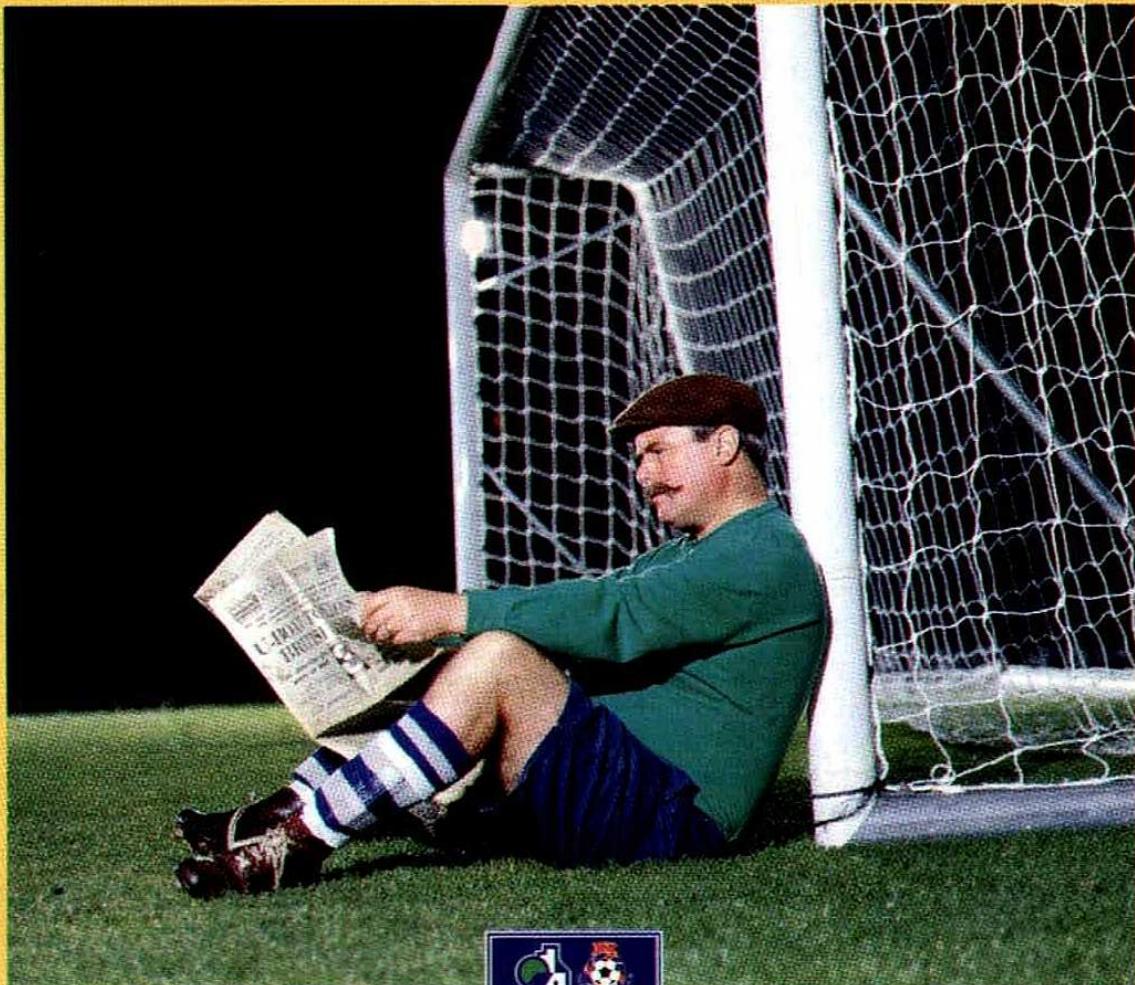
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compiled by Gary Trimby

## update on our youth side

### Pre-Season Friendly

Tuesday, 4th August

vs. Tottenham Hotspur (Away) Lost 2-1

The youth team's final pre-season fixture saw them narrowly beaten at Spurs Lodge. Once again the game was played over 3 x 30 minute periods and a squad of 16 took part including Schoolboy Leon Phelan. With just two minutes gone, Ryan Gostick cut out a pass, raced to the bye line only to see his cross eluded by Paul Johnson. Spurs then got on top and Mark Osborn had to be at his best to twice deny Jackson. Jackson also hit the bar with a long range effort. In the 37th minute Spurs took the lead, when a corner was headed down by Jackson for YATES to score. The start of the third period saw Barry McCoy and Phelan come on upfront and within a minute they combined for the equaliser; Phelan flicking on and McCoy driving the ball into the bottom corner of the net. Unfortunately, Spurs scored again 10 minutes from the end. Stone hit the bar and although Osborn saved the follow-up, the ball ran free to JACKSON to score from close in.

**Line-Up:** M. Osborn, S. Reeks, N. Copeman (K. Powell 31 mins), I. Hendry (C. Gledhill 31 mins), N. Leach, M. Lee, B. Townsend, M. James (E. Gray 61 mins), R. Gostick (B. McCoy 61 mins), L. Johnson, P. J. Johnson (L. Phelan 61 mins).

### South-East Counties League

Saturday, 8th August

vs. Southend United (Home) Won 3-1

On a swelteringly hot day at RAF Halton our youngsters made an excellent start to the season. Dominating much of the first half they created a number of chances but alas squandered them. However, they gained the lead in the 31st minute. Paul Johnson made a superb tackle in our half before passing to Gray who raced forward laying off to McCoy. He swept the ball to the far post where LEE JOHNSON fired into the roof of the net. Although Southend made changes at the start of the second half and came back strongly, we went further ahead on 57 minutes with a volley from the edge of the box by Martyn LEE. In the latter stages we tired somewhat and United's PITTS pulled a goal back on 77 minutes. With them pressing for an equaliser we had to be strong and deep into injury time the never-say-die GOSTICK crowned our performance. Chasing a long ball to toe-poke a third. Manager Gary Goodchild said afterwards that it was an excellent first half and a good performance overall. It was pleasing that we created so many chances which made the hard work the boys had done pre-season worthwhile.

**Line-Up:** M. Osborn, B. Townsend, N. Copeman, N. Leach, I. Hendry, M. Lee, L. Johnson (S. Reeks 69 mins), M. James, B. McCoy (L. Phelan 82 mins), E. Gray, P. Johnson (R. Gostick 66 mins).

Last Saturday the youth team were away to Gillingham.

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### south-east counties league

#### 98/99 fixtures

Aug	8	SOUTHEND UNITED	H*
	15	Gillingham	A
	22	LEYTON ORIENT	H**
	29	Portsmouth	A
Sept	5	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
	12	Colchester United	A
	19	LUTON TOWN	H
	26	Swindon Town	A
Oct	3	BARNET	H
	10	Brentford	A
	17	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
	24	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
	31	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Nov	7	Oxford United	A
	14	READING	H
	21	GILLINGHAM	H
	28	Leyton Orient	A
Dec	5	Reading	A
	12	Southend United	A
Jan	2	PORTRUSH	H
	9	Cambridge United	A
	16	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
	23	Luton Town	A
	30	SWINDON TOWN	H
Feb	6	Barnet	A
	13	BRENTFORD	H
	20	AFC Bournemouth	A
	27	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H
Mar	6	Bristol Rovers	A
	13	OXFORD UNITED	H

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### south east counties league division two

Up to end including Saturday 8th August

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/Dif	Ps
Brighton & Hove Albion	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Wycombe Wanderers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Plymouth	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
Oxford United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Reading	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Barnet	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
AFC Bournemouth	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colchester United	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bristol Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Gillingham	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Leyton Orient	1	0	0	1	1	2	-3	0
Swindon Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Luton Town	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Southend United	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
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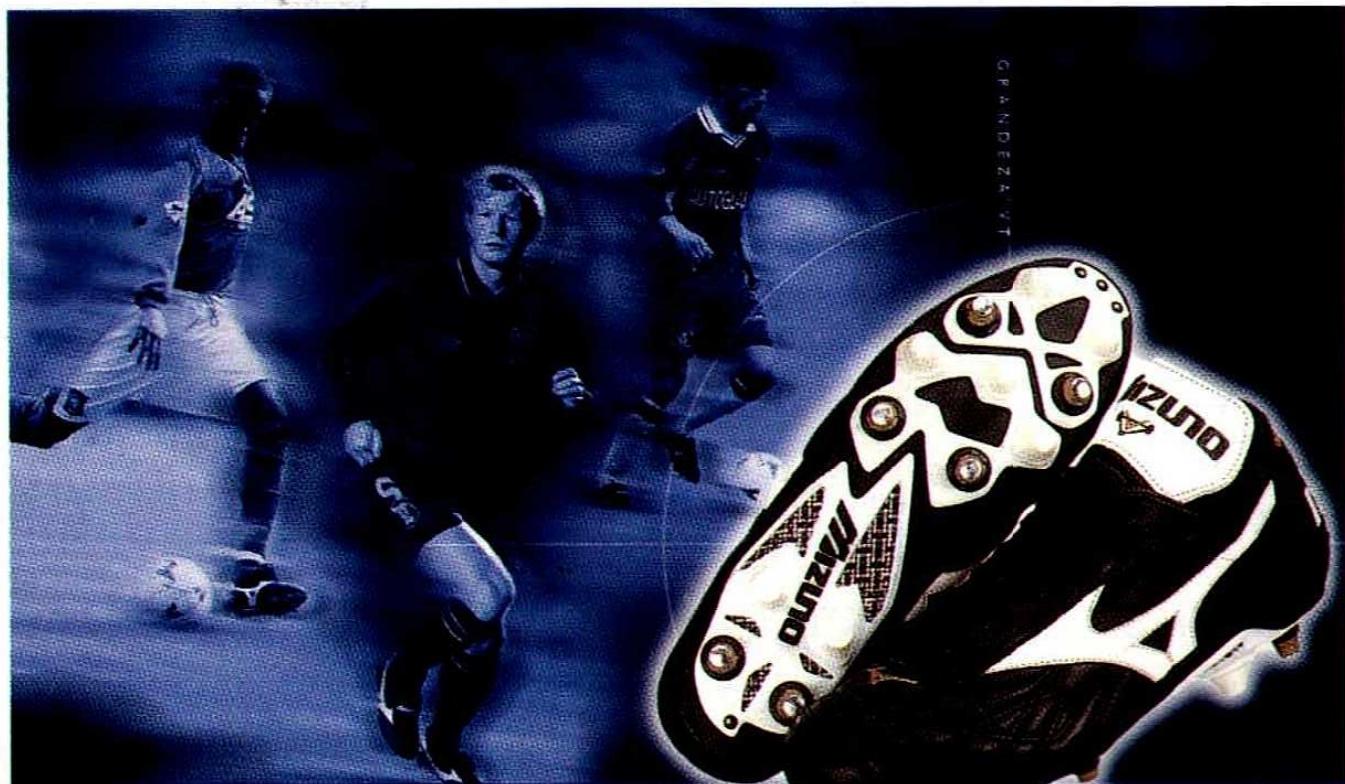
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# NEWS

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Welcome to this evening's Worthington League Cup tie with first division Swindon Town. After the first leg the game's well set up for an exciting second game and Paul Read's goal could prove to be very important. In the first legs honours were even for Division One clubs with nine winners and nine losers with the other six games ending all square. Best placed for a place in Round Two would appear to be Manchester City who defeated fellow Division One Notts County 2-0 at Meadow Lane with goals from Georgian Kakhaber Tskhadadze (how I love typing that name!) and a second in injury time from Daniel Alsop. Bournemouth also won 2-0 but have to travel to Colchester tonight for the second game. Other winners were Blackpool 1-0 (Scunthorpe), Fulham 2-1 (Cardiff), Macclesfield 3-1 (Stoke - an excellent result), Northampton 2-1 (Brighton), Oldham 3-2 (Crewe), Wigan 1-0 (Rochdale) with the only other away win being Chesterfield succeeding 1-0 at Rotherham. Millwall and York are up against it after losing 0-2 at home to Division One clubs whilst Wrexham after an excellent opening day League result crashed 0-2 at home to League newcomers Halifax.

A briefer than usual summary tonight so that I can take a look at the summer transfers. Most clubs saw a lot of activity even if most of them saw more players leaving than joining, a trend backed up in a new report which saw that there is a lot less money in the Nationwide League clubs - understatement or what!! Only three clubs, Wycombe being one of them, actually increased the number of players on their books with some clubs making vast reductions to their wage bills by releasing or transferring large numbers of players. As could be expected the relegated clubs saw major outgoings with Manchester City seeing 17 players leaving with only one coming in (but then City manager Joe Royle had 54 players when he arrived and bought in five to try and keep them up). Stoke had nine go and four come in but not a penny either way in transfer monies. The third relegated side, Reading had only a small difference with five in and seven out but were the divisions major spenders (more of that in a minute). Other clubs to lose large numbers were Millwall (14), Blackpool and Burnley (11) and Oldham with ten departures. The three to increase the staff were promoted pair Notts County and Macclesfield as well as ourselves. In all 89 new players came in with 181 departing. It does prove that holding out for transfer fees cannot always be looked at as a way of making a club money, instead a saving is made by reducing the wage bills!!

Only eleven clubs in our section actually paid any money for a player during the summer with our signing from Ashford Town - Dannie Bulman, putting us in 11th spot with £10,000. Notts County were just above the signing of Gary Owers for £15,000 from Bristol City. Bournemouth's Mark Ovendale cost £30,000 from another non-League side - Barry Town whilst both Oldham (Steve Whitehall) and Lincoln (John Finnegan) splashed out



Ade Akinbiyi - a big money move from Gillingham to Bristol City

£50,000. Oldham could well afford that having sold highly rated full back Carl Sarrant to Newcastle for a fee that should total £600,000. Interesting to see that he had been talked of as a £2 million player during last season - a sign that a clubs hopes of a fee and the reality prove to be poles apart. Whitehall was a regular goalscorer for Mansfield whilst Finnegan was a Forest youngster. Northampton invested some of their play off money when paying £60,000 to Southampton for Duncan Spedding. Fulham came next

with a fee of around £80,000 for German striker Dirk Lehmann. Bristol Rovers acted quickly following the sale of Peter Beadle by signing former Chairboys youth player Jason Roberts from Wolves for £250,000 whilst Manchester City's only signing was unknown (to me anyway) Danny Tiatto from F.C. Baden for £300,000, funded easily with the £5.5 million received for their "star" player Georgi Kinkladze from Ajax. Interesting that the other 16 departures from Maine Road never brought in any transfer fees but saw the likes of Ian Brightwell, Kit Symons, Uwe Rosler, Gerry Creaney and Eddie McGoldrick released. Second place in the top transfer money paid out was Gillingham whose one investment was for Bob Taylor from Brentford for £500,000. They too had received major money in when they sold top scorer Ade Akinbiyi (Bristol City) for £1.2 million and promising youngster Jamie Corbett whose fee could reach £1 million when Blackburn stepped in for him. This just leaves top spenders Reading who

paid out £1.158 million on three players, they paid York £700,000 for Graeme Murty, Manchester United £300,000 for Grant Brebner and invested £158,000 to Split for Croatian winger Mass Sarr. It gave a clear indication that Reading Chairman John Madejski is looking to fill their new 25,000 stadium and gain promotion at the first time.

Other notable moves include Wrexham gaining Ian Rush on a free and selling Wayne Phillips for £400,000 and Neil Cartwright for a fee that could bring in £350,000. Walsall lost their top scorer Roger Boli to Dundee for just £150,000. Fulham sold three players with the highest fee being paid for Tony Thorpe (£1 million) after only buying him a few months before. Nine clubs paid or received no money with only Preston not adding to their squad.

So although there as little transfer movement for money there will still be some former Premiership players moving into Division One, Ian Rush I have already mentioned. Joining him are Mark Stein at Bournemouth, David Bardsley at Blackpool, John Salako and Kit Symons at Fulham, Jimmy Carter at Millwall and ex Everton defender Neil Pointon at Walsall. Manchester City are, as expected, the bookies favourites at 7-4 (put your money on now), Fulham second favourites at 5-1 then Reading at 8-1 and Stoke 9-1. Wycombe and York are 40-1 with outsiders (making them favourites for relegation) being Macclesfield, Lincoln, Colchester and Walsall all at 50-1. But then what do the bookies know!!

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# NAMES

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## League Visit

This is the first season that Wycombe Wanderers have faced Swindon Town in the League Cup. Swindon last visited Adams Park on 2nd March 1996 when goals by Ty Gooden and Peter Thorne gave the following team a 2-1 Second Division win over Wycombe in front of 6,457: Frank Talia, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Ty Gooden, Mark Seagraves, Shaun Taylor, Mark Robinson, Lee Collins, Peter Thorne (Steve Finney), Wayne Allison, Kevin Horlock. The two sides had previously drawn a Boxing Day blank at the County Ground.



## Record Transfer

Tall striker Keith Scott moved from Wycombe Wanderers to Swindon Town for a record £375,000 in November 1993. Moving to Adams Park from Lincoln City for £30,000 in March 1991, he starred in Wycombe's 1992/93 Conference title & F.A. Trophy 'double' triumph and was three times leading marksman with 54 goals in 96 League outings prior to joining Swindon. He scored 12 times in 51 League games for this evening's visitor before sold to Stoke City for £300,000 in December 1994 and rejoined Wycombe from Norwich City for £55,000 last summer after a loan spell.

## Promotion Winners



Wycombe Wanderers' former loanee pair Paul Bodin and David Kerslake featured prominently in Swindon Town's 1992/93 promotion campaign as they secured top flight status for the first time. Welsh international defender Bodin also starred in Swindon's 1995/96 Second Division title campaign.

## Cup Hero.

One-time Wycombe Wanderers striker Alan Mayes starred as Swindon Town reached the league Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Moving to the County Ground from Watford for £72,500 in February 1979, he was sold to Chelsea for £175,000 in December 1980 and rejoined Swindon on a free transfer in July 1983. He was top scorer in 1983/84 and netted 65 goals in 151 League games overall prior to joining Carlisle United in July 1985. Moving to Wycombe from Blackpool in August 1987, he made ten Conference League appearances before joining Chalfont St. Peter in March 1988.



## Title Triumph

Swindon Town's midfielder Ty Gooden was a member of Wycombe Wanderers' 1992/93 Conference title & F.A. Trophy 'double' squad. A former Arsenal trainee, he made 11 Conference League appearances while at Adams Park prior to joining Swindon on a free transfer in September 1993. He made a significant contribution to their 1995/96 Second Division title triumph and remains a popular member of Steve McMahon's First Division squad with eight goals in 98 League outings for the Robins to date.

## Ever-Present

former Swindon Town right-back Steve Abbley was ever-present for Wycombe Wanderers in 1988/89. Moving to the County Ground from Parks in October 1979, he made 23 Third Division appearances for Swindon prior to joining Witney Town in July 1982. He joined Wycombe from Cheltenham Town for £500 in July 1988 and his sole goal in 63 Conference League games came in Wanderers' 3-2 defeat of Chorley a month later, moving to Tonbridge Town in July 1990.

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## Posh Strike

Ex-Swindon Town midfielder Martin Blackler scored Wycombe Wanderers' goal that took Peterborough United to an F.A. Cup second round replay in 1990/91. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1981, he made nine Fourth Division appearances for Swindon prior to joining Witney Town in July 1983. He was reunited with Steve Abbley at Wycombe after moving from Trowbridge Town in August 1988 and netted three times in 48 Conference League games before joining Wealdstone in July 1991.

## Franklin's Loan

Former Wycombe Wanderers defender Paul Franklin had a loan spell at Swindon Town during their 1986/87 promotion campaign. He joined the Robins on loan from Watford in November 1986 and his sole goal in five League outings came in that month's 2-0 victory at Carlisle United. Moving to Wycombe on a free transfer from Reading in July 1989, he netted once in 20 Conference League games prior to joining the coaching staff. Fellow defender Nigel Gray also played for both clubs.

# 'YESTERDAYS HEROES

STEVE GUPPY



Steve Guppy in action in Wycombe's first ever Football League fixture  
Carlisle, away - August 1993.

England Semi-Pro winger Steve Guppy was a key figure in Wycombe's successes under Martin O'Neill and the first Wanderers player to score a Football League goal at Carlisle in August 1993. A former Southampton trainee, he joined Wycombe in August 1989 and was an F.A. Trophy winner in 1990/91, then starred in the 1992/93 Conference League title & F.A. Trophy 'double' triumph. He also featured prominently as Wycombe clinched promotion via the Wembley play-offs in 1993/94 and scored 25

League/Third Division games before sold to star-studded Newcastle United for £150,000 in August 1994. He failed to make an impact on Tyneside and joined Port Vale for £225,000 three months later, playing at Wembley in the 1995/96 Anglo-Italian Cup final. Reunited with Martin O'Neill at Leicester City for £850,000 in February 1997, he missed only one Premiership game at left wing-back last season and played against Athletico Madrid in the UEFA Cup.

	L	FAC	FAT/LC	TOTAL
1989/90	22+8 (3)	1+2 (1)	0+1	23+11 (4)
1990/91	26+4 (1)	1+1	7 (1)	34+5 (2)
1991/92	38+1 (7)	2	5	45+1 (7)
1992/93	38 (6)	3	8 (2)	49 (8)
1993/94	41 (8)	3	4	48 (8)
Total	165+13(25)	10+3 (1)	24+1 (3)	199+17 (29)

This profile of Steve Guppy was chosen by Ian Gutteridge of Gypsy Lane, High Wycombe. Ian states that Steve was the first ex-Wanderer to be chosen for the England 'B' squad. Steve showed his potential and was given the opportunity to show his class whilst at Wycombe. Ian thinks he will go on to even greater heights.

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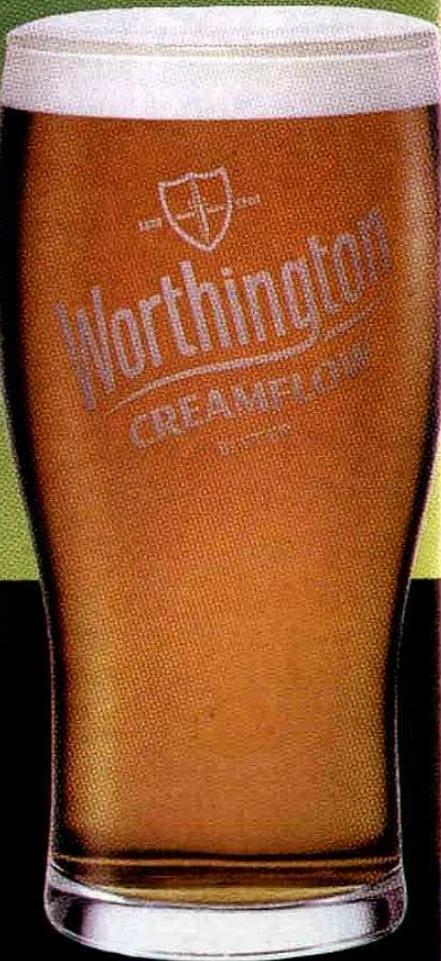
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# Milestones

by Dave Finch

From time to time on this page I will delve into the past and as our new mascot has been named after him, I thought I would clear up a little matter regarding our all-time maker and goalscorer, Tony "Bodger" Horseman. I know one or two of you wonder why the figures in the official history book differ to the 525 goals in 900 appearances which is always put forward. These figures are approximate and include every game he has played. When I collated the statistics for the book, I decided to only count what I considered to be competitive first team games. So, for a start, friendlies and one-off games like the Wycombe Hospital Cup (which was sometimes played against invitation XI's) were out. I also didn't include the Premier Midweek Floodlight League or the Shaw & Kilburn Floodlight League.

When we entered these competitions, there was no reserve team. The object was to give the squad players a game, along with various trialists. In fact, we often borrowed players for games preceding important Isthmian League games. For one game, at home to Hillingdon in 1970, we used seven Reading Youth Team players, while, a year later, Flackwell Heath, then in the Wycombe & District League, supplied all 12 players for a game at Chesham. They performed exceptionally well and only lost by the odd goal incidentally.

I included the East Anglian Cup, Smith Memorial Cup, A.F.A. Invitation Cup, Wycombe Floodlight Cup and Mithras Cup, all of which were played when we had a reserve side and for which we always used our full first team. In fact, in its first season (1965-66), the Wycombe Floodlight Cup had a separate reserve competition and players couldn't appear in both. The Smith Memorial Cup was a knockout competition organised by the Oxfordshire F.A. in honour of one of their long-serving officials.

## Tony's full record is as follows:-

	Apps	Goals
Isthmian League	530+29	305
F.A. Cup	47+5	26
F.A. Trophy	3	-
F.A. Amateur Cup	40	14
Berks & Bucks Senior Cup	38+4	28
Isthmian League Cup	6+1	2
Anglo-Italian Trophy	2	-
Anglo-Italian Semi Professional Tournament	2	-
Wycombe Floodlight Cup	18	17
East Anglian Cup	4	1
Smith Memorial Cup	2	1
A.F.A. Invitation Cup	13	13
Mithras Cup	5	9
Total	710+39	416



Tony fires home the equaliser against Slough (FA Cup 1970)

## TEN TO TEST

### Answers

- 1 Ipswich Town
- 2 Peter Thorne
- 3 Northampton Town or Halifax Town
- 4 York City
- 5 Tim Flowers
- 6 David Peach (Southampton 1976)
- 7 Brian Kilcline (Coventry City 1986)
- 8 Rapid Vienna
- 9 Jason Solomon for Stevenage Borough
- 10 Everton

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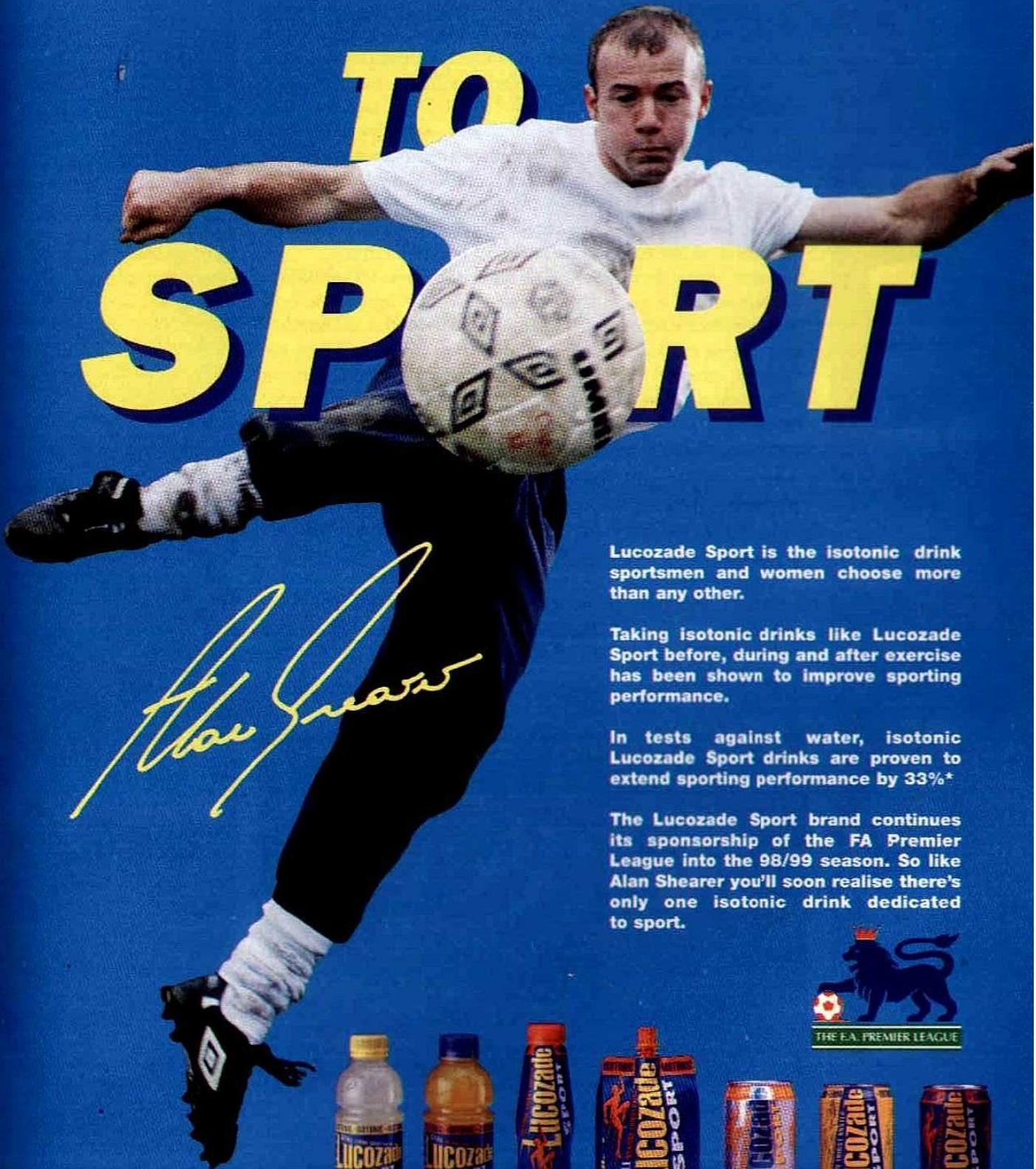
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Swindon's last visit to Adams Park was two years ago, on Friday 9th August, 1996 when they came for a pre-season friendly. A poor crowd of 1200 witnessed a superb display by the Blues who hammered the previous season's Division Two champions 5-1.

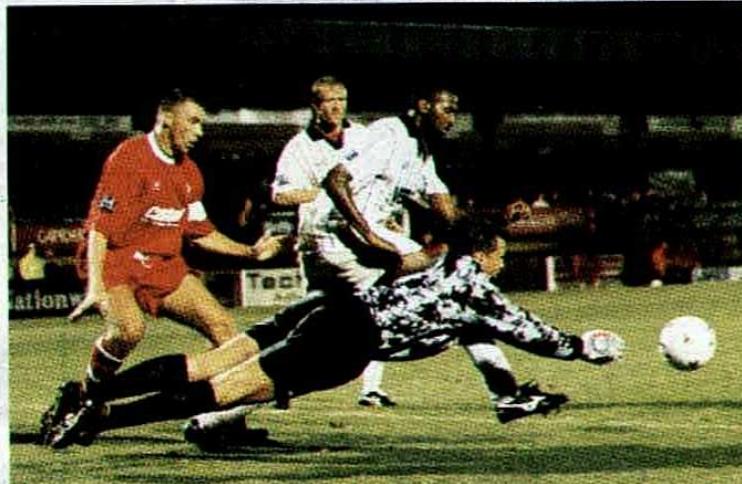
The visitors took the lead, though, with an early goal from Wayne ALLISON, only for John WILLIAMS to equalise a minute later when he guided Matthew Lawrence's cross past the outstretched Fraser Digby. Swindon then put the Blues under pressure but, with new £100,000 signing Paul McCarthy in good form, they held out well. Lawrence then shaved a post with a shot at the other end, before Wycombe took the lead on the half-hour when Miquel DESOUZA headed home a corner from Dave Carroll. The same player grabbed the third and his second three minutes later when he headed in at the far post from David Farrell's cross.

Swindon had a few near misses before the interval and Mark Walters wasted a good chance after it. Then Digby could only punch Farrell's cross out and Steve BROWN was on hand to blast home the fourth. Damien Markman, on for the last ten minutes, created the opening for the final goal when he threaded a pass through to Gary Patterson. His shot rebounded off the unfortunate Digby for FARRELL to fire home.

#### Line-Ups:-

**Wycombe:** B.Parkin, M.Lawrence, M.Bell, T.Evans (J.Rodwell), P.McCarthy, G.Patterson, D.Carroll (T.Skiverton), S.Brown (J.Cousins), M.Desouza, J.Williams (D.Markman), D.Farrell.

**Swindon:** F.Digby, F.Darras, J.Drysdale, K.Watson, M.Seagraves (W.O'Sullivan), S.Taylor, M.Robinson (S.McMahon), S.Leitch, S.Finney (S.Cowe), W.Allison, M.Walters.



Fraser Digby at full stretch to thwart John Williams  
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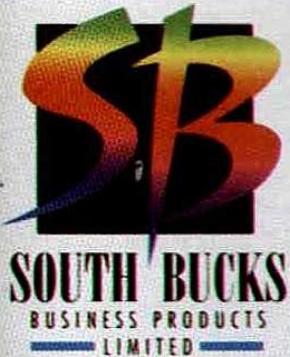


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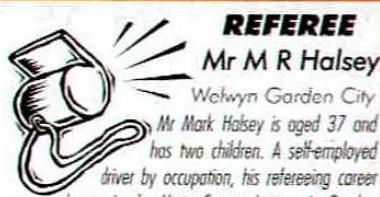
## WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Manager: Neil Smillie

1. Martin TAYLOR
2. Jason KAVANAGH
3. Chris VINNICOMBE
4. Keith RYAN (capt)
5. Jason COUSINS
6. Paul McCARTHY
7. Dave CARROLL
8. Steve BROWN
9. Mark STALLARD
10. Paul READ
11. John CORNFORTH
12. Keith SCOTT
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## MATCH OFFICIALS



### REFEREE

Mr M R Halsey

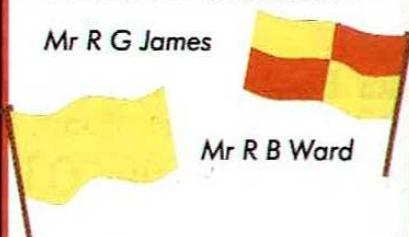
Welwyn Garden City  
Mr Mark Halsey is aged 37 and has two children. A self-employed driver by occupation, his refereeing career began in the Herts County League in October 1988. He moved onto the Isthmian and Panel Leagues, being appointed to The Football League Referees' List in 1994.

His interests include playing squash and Hertfordshire League cricket. Mr Halsey was a semi-pro goalkeeper for Hertford Town, Cambridge and St Albans before injury cut short his playing career in 1988.

We trust Mr Halsey and his assistants enjoy our hospitality during their short stay with us at Adams Park this evening.

### ASSISTANT REFEREES

Mr R G James



Mr R B Ward

### RESERVE OFFICIAL

Mr J Patterson

## SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Steve McMahon

1. Jimmy GLASS
2. Mark ROBINSON
3. Gareth HALL
4. Ty GOODEN
5. Alan REEVES
6. Brian BORROWS (capt)
7. Mark WALTERS
8. Chris HAY
9. Iffy ONUORA
10. Darren BULLOCK
11. George NDAH
12. Fraser McHUGH
13. Frank TALIA
14. Kevin WATSON
15. David KERSLAKE
16. Craig TAYLOR

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Tonight is Marcus Alger from High Wycombe. Marcus is 11 years old and he plays football for Wycombe Lions. His other hobby is playing the playstation. His favourite food is Roast Chicken & Vegetables, and he enjoys 'Kenan & Kel' and Nationwide Football Review. Marcus's favourite Wycombe players are Jason Cousins and Martin Taylor.

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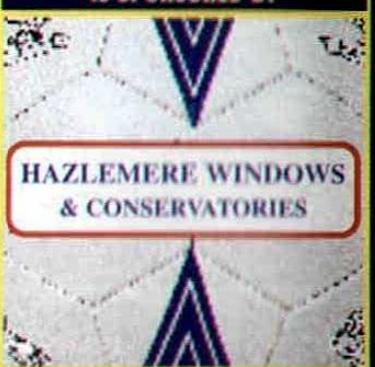
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