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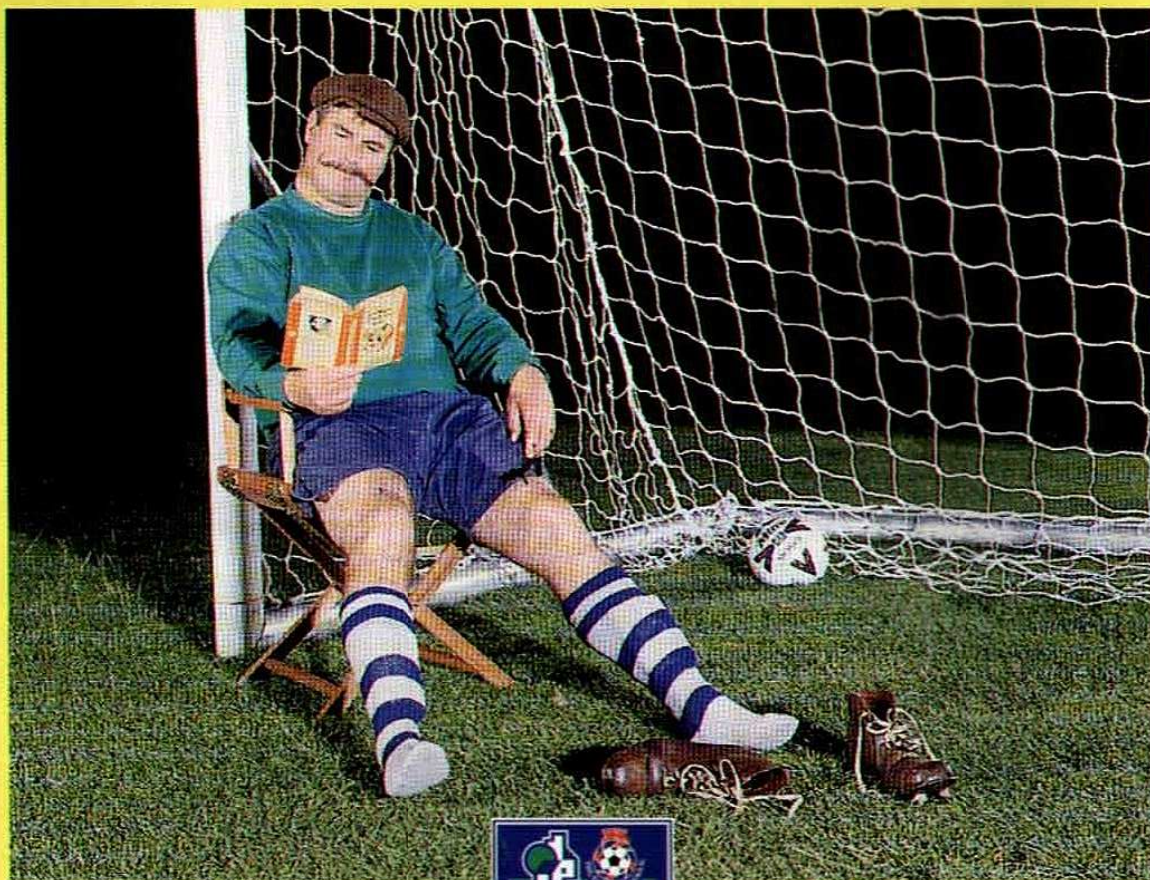


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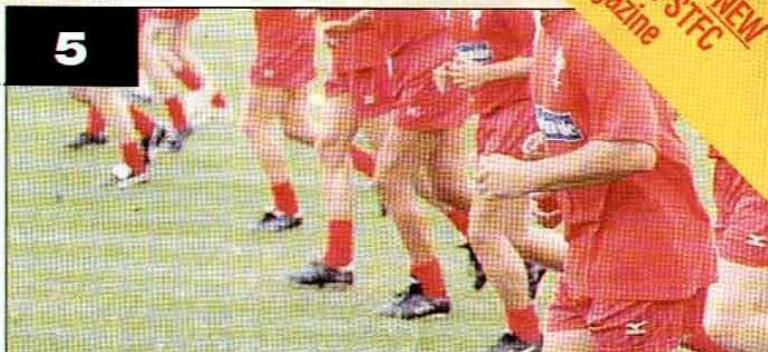
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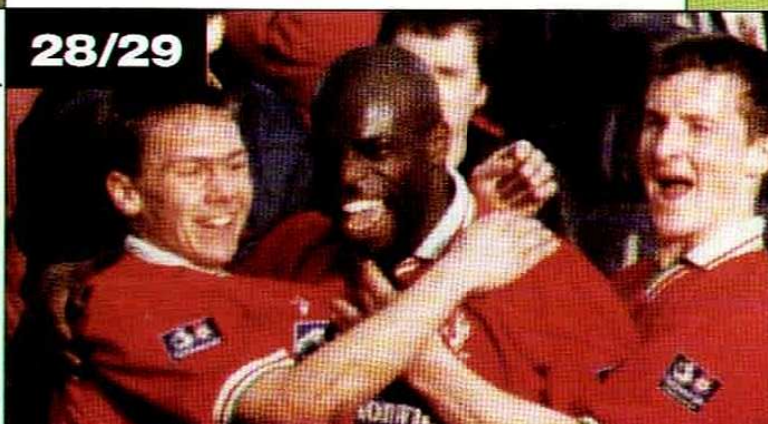
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# Welcome to the county ground...

## Good afternoon and welcome to tonight's match against Tranmere Rovers.

For those of you here to see the match against Portsmouth, I'm sure you will agree, it was an exciting afternoon with plenty of goals. Unfortunately we let Portsmouth back into the match and could only manage a point. Since then we got an impressive victory against Watford on the Friday night. It was a tremendous performance from the whole team and over the ninety minutes the win was well deserved.

In the match against Portsmouth it was great to see us back on the goal scoring trail and especially to see Chris Hay back

on form. There were some great performances but we didn't get the result we really wanted. Still we must give credit to Portsmouth for showing great character and grinding out a result when everything seemed to be working against them. This is the sort of character Swindon are going to need to pull away from the relegation places. As Pompey showed, every point is worth fighting for.

In the Watford game it was great to see us pick up maximum points away from home and tonight we will hope to do the same, and build on our improving performances. We now have two home games in quick succession and will round off three games in eight days. This is when points can slip by without having

time to reflect or dwell on the games themselves. Jim will, no doubt be looking for nine points out of nine which will be invaluable with five home games left. It might just see us climb away from that relegation zone permanently because Swindon are still in the middle of a run of fixtures against teams surrounding us in the table.

This evening we would like to welcome Richard Scudamord who is the Chief Executive of the Football League & Peter Middleton, Independent Chairman of the Football League.

We also welcome John Aldridge and his players plus all the supporters, directors and staff who have travelled down today from Tranmere.



Pictured here are the Mascots from the Portsmouth fixture.

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# Jim QUINN

## gives his view...

**Hello and welcome back to the County Ground for tonight's match against Tranmere.**

I hope those of you who came to watch the Portsmouth game didn't go home with too much of a bitter taste in your mouth. The result in the end, was not what we deserved. We were very naive in the second half and let them in. We defended too deeply and invited pressure. It was a much better performance from the players and was the response I needed. At this time we have to take all the positives out of the game and we were as good in the first half as we have been all season. The first half performance was tremendous and if we can produce that sort of form for 90 minutes I'd be really happy. We scored three good goals and played some nice stuff. There were some terrific

performances  
out there.

As well as Chris, I thought George Ndah was superb and adapted well. He worked tirelessly end to end and showed what a useful player he is to have in your squad. It was difficult because we were put under a lot of pressure second half but I thought the lads coped with it well and it was nice to see all the hard work we've done in training pay-off.

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On a separate note, I would like to wish Portsmouth keeper Aaron Flahavan a speedy and full recovery.

I was very pleased with the result on Friday night, I thought we played very well as a team and performed over the full ninety minutes. We looked dangerous going forward and reasonably comfortable at the back. The lads have been working really hard lately and it's great feeling to see them take it into the matches.

Tranmere have actually got one of the best away records in the division, so they've certainly set their stall out and know what they're doing away from home.

They were down in the dumps earlier this season but they scraped their way out of it so we know it will be a tough game. But we're at home and if we can show the flair we certainly showed in the first half against Portsmouth, then I think we'll do OK.

Since I've been here, we've not really done that badly at home. Our record has

been pretty good, so I'm definitely looking forward to tonight's game and it's going to be very important getting us away from that relegation zone.

We do need to win and that means not conceding goals. Really to concede three goals at home is three too many. We've had a look at a few things in training to try and relieve some of the pressure and not get overrun.

I know John very well and he's a great fella, player and goalscorer. He's certainly got his team firing on all cylinders at the moment and we're going to have to be on our metal to get a result against them.

I would like to thank the supporters for giving us a tremendous support on what was a difficult afternoon at the County Ground. Hopefully we can continue that sort of atmosphere tonight and get another vital win.

**Enjoy the game  
Jim.**

**NEXT  
MATCH**

**(HOME) BOLTON**

**Saturday 6th Mar 1999**



**Bolton Wander down to the County Ground and look to take charge of Second spot. Colin Todd's men expect a tough match.**





# Today's visitors **TRANMERE**



This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of **Tranmere Rovers Football Club** to the County Ground for this **Nationwide League** match.

We hope you all enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

After a poor start to the current campaign - they failed to win a single one of their first 10 matches - Rovers have steadied the ship and risen to a comfortable mid-table position in recent weeks. At the time of writing, prior to Saturday's home fixture with Bury, they are lying in 14th place in Division One.

Notable runs have included a seven-match unbeaten spell in October and early November and impressive recent victories over Champions-elect Sunderland, Crystal Palace and QPR.

Top scorer so far this term is the long-serving Kenny Irons - with ten goals to his credit - while Scott Taylor (6) and Gary Jones (5) have also been featuring regularly on the goal charts.

Not surprisingly for a side managed by the former Republic of Ireland goal machine John Aldridge, Tranmere like to push forward and attack at every opportunity and, before Saturday, they had not tasted defeat in five League matches.

A club who have suffered through the Play-Off system perhaps more than any other, Tranmere have gone desperately close to the dreamed of big time in recent years - but have never quite managed to march that vital last half-mile.

Rovers finished three successive campaigns in the Play-Off places - 4th (in 1992/93), 5th (1993/94) and 5th again (1994/95) - but fell at the Semi-Final stage on every occasion.

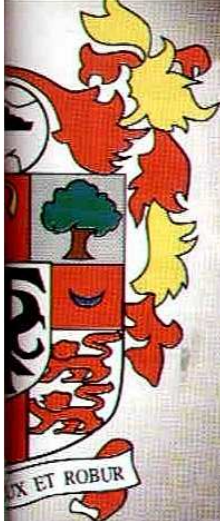
The summer of 1994 saw the start of a new era at Tranmere, with Frank Corfe replacing Everton-bound Peter Johnson as Chairman and overseeing the rebuilding of Prenton Park into a 17,000-capacity all-seater stadium. All that was missing was Premiership football - and that remained frustratingly out of reach.

By the time 1995/96 came around, the club could be forgiven for suffering a Play-Off hangover, and indeed they did. A poor season saw Rovers slip to a finish of 13th spot in the First Division table, with John Aldridge becoming player-manager in April 1996.

The following season followed a familiar pattern of a bright start - Rovers were as high as fourth at one stage - before a December slip resulted in a finish down in mid-table, and 1997/98 didn't even have the flattery of a promising beginning before Rovers recovered from a seemingly terminal spell in the bottom three to finish up in 14th spot.

Since then, the Prenton Park outfit have bid goodbye to several familiar faces, among them former England defender Gary Stevens, highly-rated goalkeeper Steve Simonsen, midfielder Micky Mellon, striker Graham Branch and central defender Shaun Teale. A gifted and successful player with a string of records under his belt and the happy knack of being in the right place at the right time, Rovers fans remain hopeful that Aldridge the playing star can transmit the secrets of his success to his players.





# the team TRANMERE

## JOHN ACHTERBERG

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **08.07.71**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Eindhoven**

Promising Dutch goalkeeper who was snapped up on a two-year contract in September 1998 after impressing Aldridge during a trial spell at Prenton Park. Began with FC Utrecht in his home town in Holland before moving in to the Second Division with Eindhoven.

## DANNY COYNE

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **27.08.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Regarded by many as Neville Southall's natural successor in the Welsh national side, Danny struggled with a string of frustrating injuries last season. A solid keeper who is brave and has excellent handling skills, he presents a formidable final line of defence.

## GRAHAM ALLEN

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **08.04.77**

AGE: **21**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Everton**

One of a handful of new arrivals at Prenton Park this season, this tall, composed defender was valued at £300,000 in the deal which took £3.3m goalkeeper Steve Simonsen to Everton in September 1998. Happy playing

anywhere across the back, he is also a threat going forward, as four League goals to date proves.

## DAVE CHALLINOR

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **02.10.75**

AGE: **23**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bromboro' Pool**

A former England Schools and Youth international, Dave turned down a university place to turn professional with Rovers in July 1994. Quick and skilful bringing the ball out from the back, Dave found fame in 1996/97 when his huge throw-ins earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

## CLINT HILL

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **19.10.78**

AGE: **20**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A tough-tackling but creative defender, Clint had a 'baptism of fire' in the Rovers first-team last season, when he was asked to mark Pierre van Hooijdonk, Niall Quinn and Alan Shearer in his first few games. He came through with flying colours and has fully established himself in Aldridge's first-team plans in 1998/99.

## JOHN MCGREAL

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **02.06.72**

AGE: **26**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A calm and composed central defender who reads the game expertly and rarely seems to be flustered in possession. Rumoured to be looking for a move abroad, and the target of several Premiership clubs, John signed a new contract with Rovers in the summer of 1997.

## ALAN MORGAN

POSITION: **Full-back/utility**

BORN: **02.11.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Endured the nightmare of spending four years as a professional at Prenton Park before he was finally handed a first-team debut by John Aldridge at home to Ipswich in 1996 - and he promptly scored in a 5-2 win. Able to play in a variety of positions he has been capped by Wales at Schools, Youth and U21 level.

## GEORGE SANTOS

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **15.08.70**

AGE: **28**

HEIGHT: **6ft 3in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Toulon, France**

Signed on a 'Bosman Free', this giant stopper was snapped up from French First Division side Toulon in the summer of 1998 and has featured regularly for Rovers all season. He has previous experience with Beauvais, Marseille and Valenciennes.

## ANDY THOMPSON

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **09.11.67**

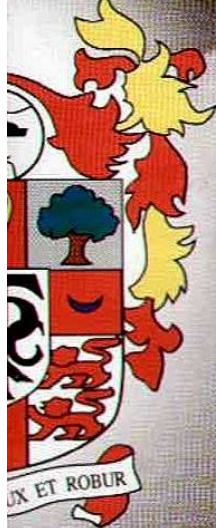
AGE: **31**

HEIGHT: **5ft 4in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Wolves**

Another free transfer signing, this left-sided defender is a penalty expert and one of the Tranmere's most experienced players. Began with West Brom before moving to Wolves in the same deal which took striker Steve Bull to Molineux in November 1996. A committed player, his never-say-die attitude is an inspiration to team-mates and supporters alike.





### KENNY IRONS

POSITION: **Midfield**  
 BORN: **04.11.70**  
 AGE: **28**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Rovers' player of the season thus far, without a doubt. An energetic and tough-tackling midfielder, Kenny has chipped in with 10 League goals in 1998/99, making him the club's leading scorer. He has also taken over the penalty-taking role from Andy Thompson. Likes to play just behind the front two.

### JASON KOUMAS

POSITION: **Midfield**  
 BORN: **25.09.79**  
 AGE: **19**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

One of a number of promising youngsters to have emerged from the junior ranks at Prenton Park in recent years, Jason is a hard-running, skilful player who is comfortable using both feet. Likes to get forward and have a go at goal.

### ALAN MAHON

POSITION: **Midfield**  
 BORN: **04.04.78**  
 AGE: **20**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A highly-rated Irish U21 international, Alan burst onto the first-team scene in 1996/97, but suffered something of an anti-climax last season thanks in part to a stomach injury. He has re-established

himself in Aldridge's plans this time around and has four goals to his credit at the time of writing. Known as 'Ronan' around Prenton Park, after the Boyzone singer Ronan Keating.

### LIAM O'BRIEN

POSITION: **Midfield**  
 BORN: **05.09.64**  
 AGE: **34**  
 HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **Newcastle**

An experienced Republic of Ireland international who has also played for Shamrock Rovers and Manchester United, Liam likes to dictate the flow and pace of a game from his favoured position just in front of the back four. A good passer of the ball, he also possesses a powerful shot.

### GARY JONES

POSITION: **Forward**  
 BORN: **10.05.75**  
 AGE: **23**  
 HEIGHT: **6ft 3in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A versatile player who began life as a central defender, enjoyed a spell in midfield and now plies his trade as a striker. He has a good touch and holds the ball up effectively, as well as chipping in with his share of the goal-five in the League already this season.

### LEE JONES

POSITION: **Forward**  
 BORN: **29.05.73**  
 AGE: **25**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **Liverpool**

A Welsh international who was snapped up from neighbours Liverpool for £100,000 in June 1997, having made a big impression while on loan at Prenton Park during the previous campaign. Quick and with the ability to read a pass well, he was previously with Wrexham and has also had a spell

# the team TRANMERE

on loan at Crewe. Portsmouth, despite reports linking him with moves to clubs overseas.

### JOHN MORRISSEY

POSITION: **Forward/winger**  
 BORN: **08.03.65**  
 AGE: **33**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **Wolves**

Now into his 14th year as a professional on Merseyside, John was originally signed for the club by Frank Worthington in October 1985 for a bargain £8,000. An England Youth cap, he began with Everton and is an excellent supplier of crosses for the front men.

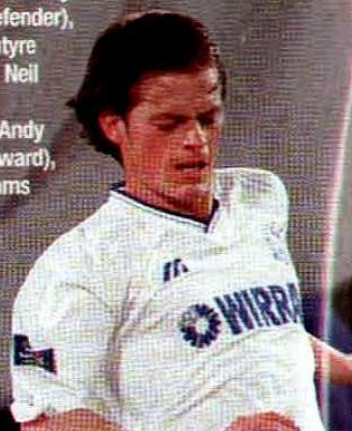
### ANDY PARKINSON

POSITION: **Forward**  
 BORN: **27.05.79**  
 AGE: **19**  
 HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: **Liverpool**

A former team-mate of Michael Owen's at Liverpool, Andy has been a big hit since arriving at Tranmere in April 1997. Quick and skilful, he is happy to play on either flank where his penchant for running at defenders causes all sorts of problems.

#### *Other squad members include:*

Gareth Powell (goalkeeper), Barry Crowe (defender), David Fairclough (defender), Stephen Frail (defender), Richard Hinds (defender), Tommy Holmes (defender), Kevin McIntyre (defender), Neil Gibson (midfield), Andy Moran (forward), Ryan Williams (forward)





# the ones to WATCH

## SCOTT TAYLOR

**POSITION:** Forward

**BORN:** 05.05.76

**AGE:** 22

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 10in

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Bolton

With six League goals to his credit so far in 1998/99, Scott is already repaying his £150,000 transfer fee, paid out in October 1998. A clever striker with good ball skills he had two loan spells - at Blackpool and Rotherham - last term after struggling to break into Bolton's Premiership side.

## DAVID KELLY

**POSITION:** Forward

**BORN:** 25.11.65

**AGE:** 33

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 11in

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Sunderland

Hugely experienced Republic of Ireland striker who joined Rovers for £350,000 in August 1997, and was seen as Aldridge's replacement in the front-line. 'Ned' finished last season as Rovers' top scorer and was also appointed club captain.



# the manager JOHN ALDRIDGE

One of the finest marksmen of all time, Tranmere's player-boss John Aldridge finished 1996/97 with 18 League goals to his credit - making him Rovers' leading scorer for the sixth successive campaign, although he dipped under the 20-mark for the first time since arriving at Prenton Park in July 1991.

Last season he decided to bring the curtain down on his magnificent playing career and, with five League goals in 14 games (including seven as substitute), took his grand total to 174 with Rovers and 474 in total. That return confirmed Aldridge's place as the highest post-war goalscorer, eclipsing such legends as Jimmy Greaves, Ian Rush and Gary Lineker.

This inspirational captain, goalscorer and now manager was appointed to the Prenton Park hot-seat following the elevation to Director of Football of the long-serving John King in mid-April 1996. Rovers had just suffered a shattering 6-2 defeat away at Derby that had left the club in a perilously low position in the First Division table.

But Aldridge's famous talismanic properties soon shone through, and the former Newport County, Oxford, Liverpool, Real Sociedad (Spain) and Republic of Ireland striker carefully guided his troops to safety as they saw out the season without losing another game, and also thrashed high-flying Ipswich 5-2 at Prenton Park for good measure.

The following two seasons have been ones of consolidation, with a mid-table finish of 11th spot in 1996/97 followed by 14th place last time out, achieved after a mid-season blip saw the side anchored amongst the bottom three for three months.



But Aldridge is nothing if not a success, and he quietly engineered his side's return to form and steady pull away from the relegation trapdoor in the second-half of the campaign.





# LEITCH VS IRONS

H E A D 2 H E A D

<b>Scott</b>	<b>Leitch</b>
<b>Position</b>	Midfield
<b>98/99 Appearances</b>	20
<b>Birthplace</b>	Motherwell
<b>Date of Birth</b>	06/10/69
<b>98/99 Goals</b>	0

**Signed by Steve McMahon for a bargain £15,000 in 1996 after a successful loan period.**

The former Heart's midfielder quickly proved he was a worthwhile investment and has featured heavily in the first team since his move. In the current campaign Scott is yet to register a goal but I'm sure most would agree that his main responsibility is to hold the middle of the park, win the ball and develop play. Scott is not one to bottle a tackle. You may well find some are breath taking and others stomach churning. The later producing 5 yellow and 1 red cards this season. His workman like style means that the opposition get little time on the ball and are usually forced to play inaccurate passes which often lose possession. He has been missing from the first team this season due to a shin problem.

**Kenny has served Tranmere well since graduating from their Youth Training Scheme.**

He made his debut against Bury in 1989. He acts as the engine room in the Tranmere side and has been ever present this season. Perhaps his most significant statistic is the amount of goals he scores. This season he has found the net 13 times and is currently Tranmere's leading scorer. Obviously these goals from midfield have proved invaluable for Rovers this season. His experience enables him to time his penetrating runs into the box and get on the end of any loose balls.




<b>Kenny</b>	<b>Irons</b>
<b>Position</b>	Midfield
<b>98/99 Appearances</b>	38
<b>Birthplace</b>	Liverpool
<b>Date of Birth</b>	04/11/70
<b>98/99 Goals</b>	13

## Close UP

These two players are very similar in style. Both are strong tackling midfielders at the heart of the teams' engine room.

It will be **Leitch's** responsibility to protect the defenders and also drive the play going the other way. It is extremely important that Leitch gets forward as much as possible to ensure that Irons has some defending of his own to do. Irons is too dangerous around the box, so Leitch will

want to keep him in his own half. Tranmere's main attacking threats perhaps come from their midfield. This season Tranmere's midfield has accounted for an impressive number of their total goals. Therefore it is vital that Leitch and those around him are aware of late runs into the box, behind the main forwards.

Tranmere will expect **Irons** to get forward and make sure he wins the ball as high up the pitch as he can and keep Leitch pinned

back. Irons will work extremely hard to support the front men and feed off any balls that drop. His great asset is picking up the second ball from clearances and using it effectively.

Neither player is dominant in the air, so every high ball into the middle will be up for grabs. Expect the main battle between these two, to be waged on the deck.

*This afternoon, expect a great confrontation.*



# PAGES from the past...

## LOU MACARI WRITES MARCH 1986...

Last Saturday saw us able to set a club record for 14 consecutive home victories after a nine-week wait due to the big freeze up.

To dangle a record in front of players is usually a recipe for disaster and you could see the tension in the players during the first half-hour of the match with Burnley. When Colin Gordon headed the ball for Charlie Henry to volley home I thought we would settle down but the indecision which had characterised some of our early forward play was shown by Dave Cole who attempted to head a ball back, he only managed to give it to Les Lawrence, who had an easy job to lob over the stranded Kenny Allen. Fortunately, the thought of a run to the top of Liddington Hill and back on Monday seemed to get through to the players. In the second half big Bamber climbed up to head home Leigh Barnard's corner and Dave Hockaday put over a cross to Gordon who dived to head home. One player seemed to stand out all through the game and that was Colin Calderwood. When I signed him I said it was unusual for a defender to excite me but that he did and his ability to ignore the pressure situation marks him out as someone who I fancy will go on to international honours.

Records are all very well but what matters at the end of the season is that we gain promotion. The win over Burnley gave us a seven-point lead over Chester but we must not become complacent. Having managed to make Dave Bamber a permanent signing it will, I am sure, benefit both Dave and the club. Can you believe that having recalled Dave from his loan with us, Portsmouth put him in a reserve game at centre half? Fortunately Alan Ball was able to persuade the directors at Portsmouth to lower their £25,000 valuation which meant we could afford to buy him. I would still like to purchase a goalkeeper as cover for Kenny Allen but it depends on a player of the right quality being available at the right price.

Talking of goalkeepers, John Hollins has agreed to bring his Chelsea side to the County Ground at the

end of the season to play in a testimonial for Jimmy Allen whose career was ended by an unfortunate arm injury. I hope everyone will turn up to support Jimmy who was a likeable lad and an extremely brave keeper.

Finance is vitally important in football and every one of you coming through the turnstiles helps improve our situation, as does the deal with the Corporation that has been negotiated by Brian Hillier and his board. The repayments on the stand will be cut from £50,000 a year to £25,000 with increases if our gates rise above 5,000 or we increase ticket prices.

Regarding my own position, I have often said that there are only two jobs I would want to leave Swindon for. Contrary to rumours in the press I have not been approached regarding either and I very much hope to be in charge of a Swindon Town team in Division Three next season.



### Quiz question:

During the 1986/6 season, Swindon also set a record for 6 consecutive away wins. Who did they beat in the sixth game that set the record?

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Which Swindon player signed from Portsmouth once knocked out a referee?

### Answers...

George 'Garth' Hudson (thankfully it was due to being struck by a clearance kick and not a punch)

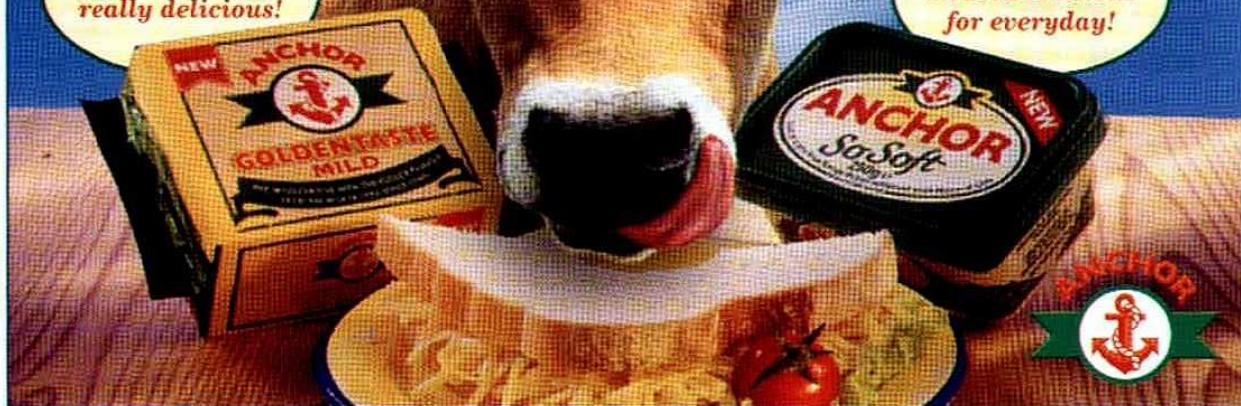
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# Mike Walsh's weekly diary...February

## Monday 22nd:

We came in and were still very disappointed with our second half performance against Portsmouth on the Saturday.

We thought, in particular, that we were poor in one on one situations and defending as a unit. With the game against Watford on the Friday in mind, we know we're going to be under a lot of pressure because of their physical presence, so the theme for the week was going to be geared towards that and how well we can defend against them.

In the session we worked on keeping the ball, closing down the ball and more importantly not selling ourselves when we get there. That means standing up and trying to win the ball back, as opposed to letting the opposition drop their shoulder and go past.

Allied to that, we kept breaking a few times for some running sessions and overall it was a hard session for the players but one we hope to get benefits from later on in the season.

## Tuesday 23rd:

We spent a lot more time on one on one's.



We split the group into two groups; Alan took one and I took the other, with Jim of course, overseeing everything. We got the forwards involved because we always like to work the strikers and

have them as the first point of our defensive formation. Sometimes though, when strikers are bypassed, then it is up to the eight behind them to not get stretched.

I think the players quite enjoyed it, though it can be demanding at the same time because you're on for long periods of time. We did a little bit more running as well to finish things off.

## Wednesday 24th:

Because of the Friday game we decided to break things up slightly and the lads that were going to be involved on Friday had the day off.

The reserves came in and played very well, some excellent performances and it was as well as the reserves had performed for quite a while.

## Thursday 25th:

We were over at Supermarine and again we worked on keeping possession and pressing in numbers.

A major component of these sessions is keeping the focus on communication and concentration. When we're in these sessions we like to have eight men behind the ball leaving the strikers up, making communication vital. These are the sort of things we're talking to the players about. If someone loses concentration or they're not speaking to the people in front of them, then we stop the session and show them what they're not doing and hopefully the next time it comes up we learn from it.



Then we're all geared up for the game on Friday and hopefully we get the reaction we're looking for and get a good performance.





# Football ROUND-UP

**Dave Norris brings you all the latest football news...**

## First Team

**Entering transfer deadline month is always a tense time at a professional football club, as the prospect of new signings pushes current players further down the pecking order and leaves others slim hope of contract renewals.**

The one established pro to enter the fray is 25 year old Welsh international Gareth Davies. Discreet negotiations had been taking place between manager Jim Quinn and both Gareth and his last club, Reading. Jim had taken in Gareth's talents at recent Royals' reserve games and was impressed enough to make soundings to his opposite number, Tommy Burns. By mid-week Jim got together with Mike Walsh to discuss a possible financial deal to attract Davies down the M4, and initially it looked like agreement was going to be reached in time for the away trip to Watford. A few last-ditch attempts

to hit the Thursday 12:00 transfer deadline met failure, however, as a snag appeared on a minor personal point at Reading's end.

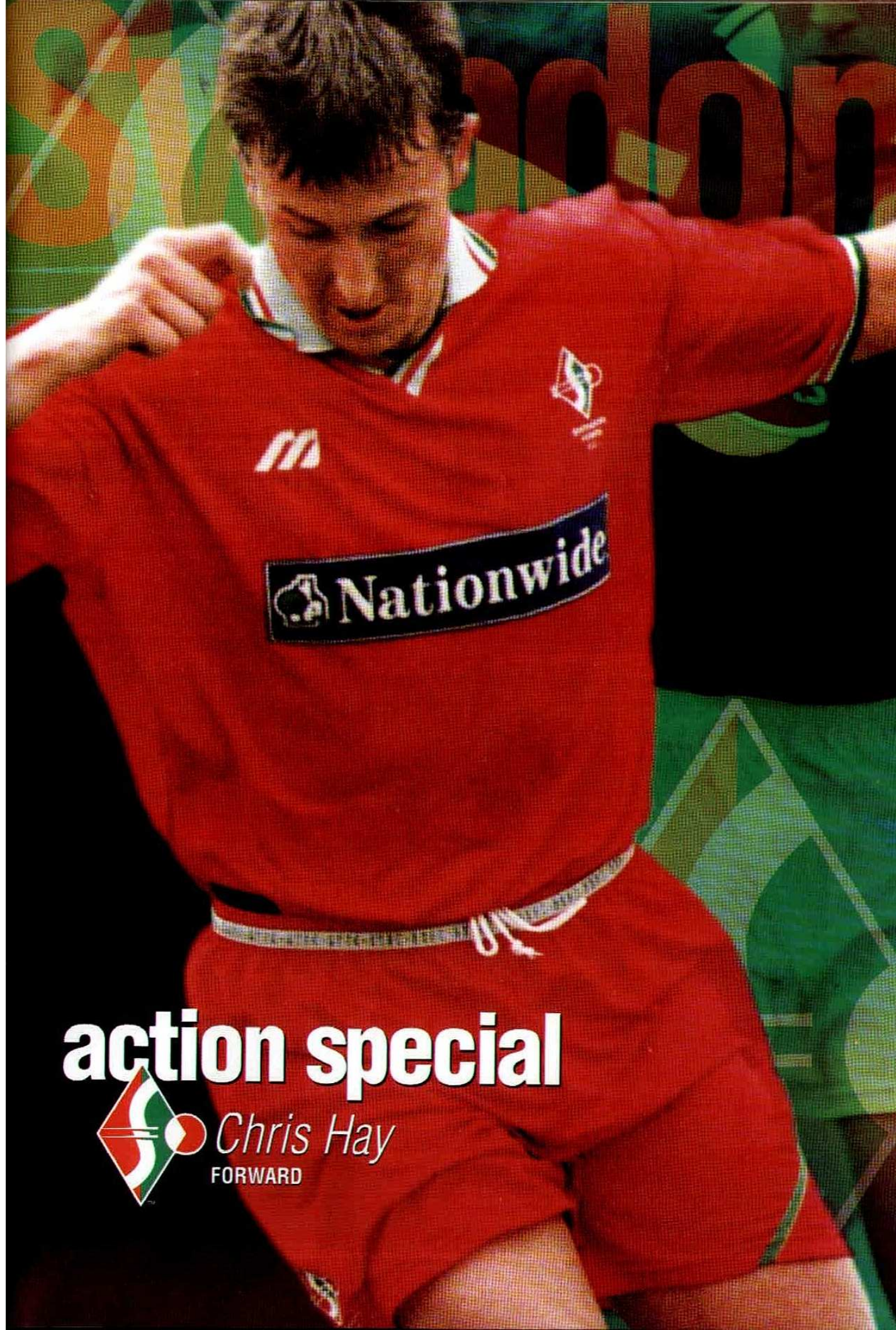
Whilst we waited for that stumbling block to be removed the new contract and registration forms were quietly prepared at the County Ground, and Quinn took his new acquisition through his paces for his medical at the Club on Sunday (28th Feb). Fortunately, Gareth and Reading were able to clear up their remaining issues by Monday afternoon, allowing him to sign first thing yesterday (Tues 2nd March) in time for tonight's match. Gareth was widely

acknowledged to be Terry Bullivant's most impressive signing during his time in charge at Elm Park, and is recognised as being a consistent and strong central defender who likes to turn defence into attack. He is likely to go straight into the squad for the game tonight.

*Gareth Davies - in action for Reading last season.*







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# the official S.T.F.C. SUPPORTERS' CLUB



**With news of the launch of the Official Travel service now behind us, we start today with a look back at the competition set in our notes in January.**

We posed the question of the link with our logo to that of another organisation, which worked on behalf of supporters. The answer was of course, "The Shadow Board." The first correct answer drawn came from Helen and Patrick Parkin of Farnborough. Their prize, as well as being enrolled for free as supporters club members, on launch, will also enjoy VIP status at the match against Grimsby.

Patrick has supported Town since 1991. He is 15 and being a goalkeeper, says his favourite player is Frank Talia. His sister Helen is 14, in her first year as

a supporter, and amongst many others states, her favourite player as Ify Onuora.

The Vale and West Oxon supporters satellite group continue to go from strength to strength and a large attendance enjoyed a Race Night on 19th Feb at Hanney R.B.I. A definite date for supporters in that area is on the 12th March, at the same venue, with an evening to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our League Cup Final against Arsenal. The evening will include footage of the match highlights and a theme 60's disco. Entry is just £2 and all are welcome.

The group has already made plans, with the Official Travel group of course, to take a coach to Huddersfield on 5th April. This trip coincides nicely with the launch of the Official Travel service, as this will be the first match under the banner.

The Vale and West Oxon group have come a long way in the space of several months and we would like to report on similar success elsewhere. If you are interested in setting up a satellite group in your area or if you would like further information on the Vale and West Oxon group on their activities then please contact one of the organisers, Roger Bunce, on **01865 820499**

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The launch of the Official Supporters Club is now gathering pace with further announcements shortly, including the launch date. For information or offers of help at present please write to **David Taylor C/O S.T.F.C. County Ground.**

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## the **GRIPTON** factor

By our matchday announcer **JON GRIPTON** of BBC Wiltshire Sound

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**Please can we have our ball back?**

It seems to be a regular occurrence here at the County Ground of late.

Ever since the FA made the decision to switch to the new day-glow-yellow footballs we often see them launch

skywards up-and-over the Town End stand never to be seen again. Indeed in two recent home ties we've seen balls make it over the Intel stand roof - and that's no mean feat!

Are the balls lighter than the old ones? Is someone within the County Ground barking orders that we should be launching a rival to Richard Branson's round the world balloon mission? Maybe there's a bizarre windflow out on the pitch that none of us are aware of! Whatever, it raised an interesting question and stirred some ancient memories this last week. Just what does happen to those escapee balls that make it to freedom - a life on the open road blowing free from angry referees and frustrated strikers for evermore? More likely half-inched by car park hangers on looking for a matchday souvenir! But is it costing the club much needed cash we asked?

Well, no, apparently. The balls are all provided to the Town and to other clubs for exclusive use - but in these days of energy efficiency, resource management and recycling, surely it would be worthwhile putting one of our dedicated ball boys and girls outside the ground just in case. And maybe one of the reserve goalkeepers could be put to good use up on the roof! I was reminded of a chap who used to be employed at Shrewsbury Town. The ground overhangs the River Severn and any ball booted out of the ground makes a splash landing. So the club paid someone to sit on the riverbank with a coracle and a paddle. Old Eustace was his name - and he was despatched to do the honours and retrieve the ball whenever needed - it took him about half an hour and sometimes the game would wait for his safe return from the icy waters, a real character!

### **Heads it's a winner**

And while we're talking about wayward footballs, a new trend emerged here at last week's reserve fixture. Whenever the ball is booted into the stand, the challenge from now on is for you to **HEAD** it back onto the pitch. Let's see how many of you manage it this evening.

### **Enjoy the match!**





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# the TREATMENT room

with Physios' Dave Moore & Dick Mackey

**Picking up on some more good news after last time; Philippe Cuervo has come in for a full week and has made some really good progress.**

It's great because we can start assessing how much the injury and lay-off has affected him.



He's got some calf muscle wastage, which we'll start to put right and build it back up to its normal strength. Thankfully his gate is much better which is very important; he's not really limping anymore.

We've got him mobilising his ankle, normally in warm water and he's also been doing a lot of swimming and treading water. We've also tried to incorporate some other training, allied to his leg weights; we've made sure that he does some upper bodywork as well.

He has been working very hard this week and we've managed to tire him out and he said that he would be sleeping very well if his baby wasn't keeping him up all night!



We've had somewhat of a spate of ankle injuries lately; these things do seem to come in phases. Some of the lads that were not involved in Saturday's game, came in on Sunday for some extra training. They were doing a bit of running and **Steve Mildenhall** twisted his ankle.

Then **Sol Davis** came in with a sprained ankle that he sustained on Saturday, then to top it off Robin Hulbert limped in on Thursday with a cut shin and another sprained ankle.

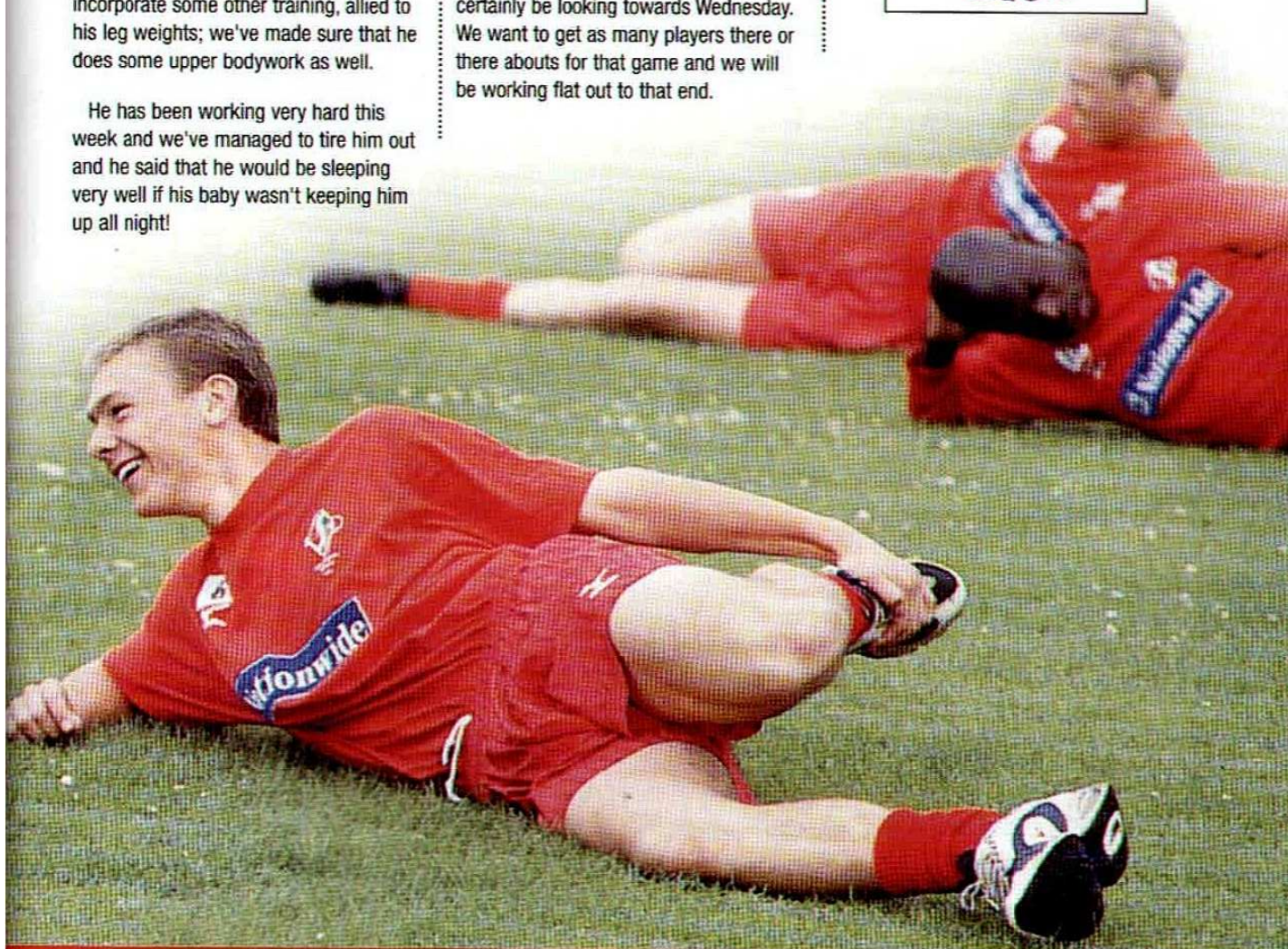


Unfortunately all three of these injuries will keep the players out of the reckoning for the trip to Watford but we will certainly be looking towards Wednesday. We want to get as many players there or thereabouts for that game and we will be working flat out to that end.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank The Link Centre for the use of their swimming facilities.

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# Community NEWS

with Clive Maguire & Jon Holloway



**Good evening everybody and welcome to tonight's important fixture against Tranmere Rovers.**

Let's hope we can follow on from Friday night when we managed to gain the 3 points at Watford.

The Watford game was a very special one for us when we took a fantastic 100 children with special needs from the Swindon area up to Watford to watch the game. Everybody had a fantastic evening and were privileged to watch a fine display from our lads. Jon and I would like to say a special thank you to Fran Pound and her team at Lifestyles who did a brilliant job in organising a night to remember for all the youngsters. Kirk Wheeler the Community Officer at Watford Football Club also deserves a mention for setting up this special event. We'd also like to pay tribute to Dave Turner for driving the minibus up, kindly donated to us by the Wyvern Staff Agency for the evening. A big thank you to Dave Turner for giving up

his evening and Jenny Jefferies from the Wyvern Staff Agency for the kind donation of the minibus.

Everything is now returning to normal in the Community Office with us now able to restart our 'after school' coaching clubs. With us running two sessions every evening Monday to Friday. With the evenings drawing out the children are able to get their boots back on and recap on what they learnt before Christmas and with them all striving to learn new skills from now through to the summer holidays.

This evening Jon and I extend a very warm Community Office welcome to Colin Jones who has brought his group along from Haydonleigh Primary School. We really enjoyed coaching in the school before Christmas and it was lovely to see Colin again who has recently arrived at Haydonleigh school after doing a sterling job for many years at Pinchurst Primary School.

We'd like to wish Colin all the best in his new teaching post and the children at the school are really lucky to have such a committed teacher.

Finally, Jon and I again would like to thank all of you who braved the elements during half term in February to make history here at the Club with us getting a staggering 160+ attend our coaching course. A date for your diaries is our next course scheduled for Easter here at the Club on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March with the final day being on Thursday 1st April. Please could you get your application forms in as soon as possible, these can be found on main reception in the Arkells stand or simply give us a ring on 421303 and we will get your application in the post to your straight away.

Until next time, keep cheering and see you soon.

*Clive and Jon*



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Welcome one and all to this evenings game, I do love the atmosphere of an evening game.

This game brings the 6th card in our "Collectables" range, with "Big Iffy" being the one to look out for tonight. You should now have in your collection, Alan Reeves, Alan McDonald, Darren Bullock, Frank Talia, Gareth Hall and now Iffy Onuora. That's quite a collection and we are only half way there!

By the time you read this we will have played Watford, that match was on Sky last Friday. I travelled to Watford to have a nosy round behind the scenes, so thanks to all for looking after me. Around 30 of the Jr's & R's with parents, made it too so thanks for all your support, I know the lads appreciate it.

A lot of you have been asking about the NEC Match of the Day Live on 11th April 1999. I have now handed this over to Kevin Hall of the Supporters Club. You can contact him on 01793 539457 for details of this trip.

Alan Layzell will be taking over all the away trips from now, I have given him all the details and he will be holding the tickets. You can contact him on 01793 537226.

The remaining trips are:

Saturday 20th March to QPR, Saturday 17th April to Crystal Palace and the big one, Saturday 1st May to Norwich. If you wish to be a Ball Boy or Girl you can still contact Alan on the above number.

As you probably realise by now (and you've probably read it on the Supporters Club page) I will be handing over all the Jr's and R's membership to the Supporters Club at the end of the season. I will still be in touch with you all, as the Supporters Club will liaise with me on Jr's and R's issues. So don't panic you're in safe hands as the team are as follows: Kevin Hall, George & Brenda Chadwick, Alan Layzell and Richard Dunstan. If you have any questions, queries or worries, you can still contact me and I will pass on your letters. (You will have to put up with me a little while longer though!)



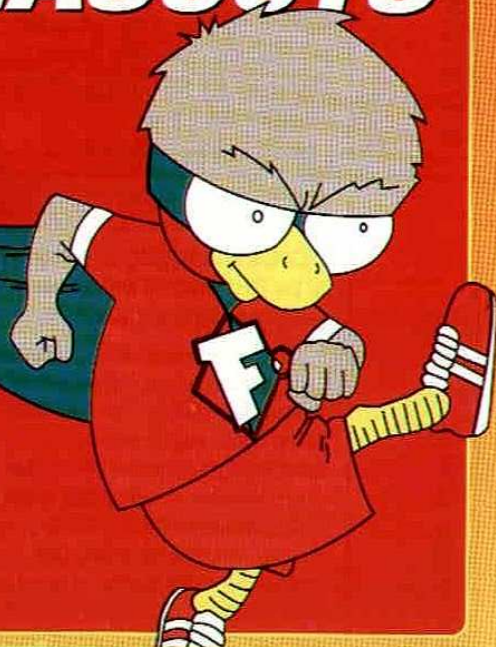
## MATCHDAY MASCOTS

AMY KENICH



Amy is 10 on Friday, so Happy Birthday to you Amy from all of us at Swindon Town FC. She attends Paxcroft Primary in Trowbridge and her hobbies are Gymnastics, Diving and playing the Flute (not at the same time I hope!)

Amy has two brothers, Aaron and Adam and a Sister Alex who all follow STFC. Amy's favourite player is Iffy Onuora (Amy I hope you have your collectable for this evening). And she has asked me to pass on a special message to Gary Cook her dad's friend who brings her to matches when her dad is working, so that's a big thank you Gary from Amy, what a star you are!



If you fancy being a Swindon Town Mascot, give me a call on 01793 532121 and I will send you all the details. You can get 10% off if you are a member.



# Looking AHEAD...

Your essential guide to the next three Swindon games



**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 6th MAR**  
**KICK-OFF 3.00pm**

## The Lowdown

**Bolton is another team chasing automatic promotion. Manager Colin Todd has built a side that is playing attractive passing football.**

They are pursuing Bradford, Ipswich and Sunderland for the automatic places in the Premier League. Despite losing two talented players in Nathan Blake and Gunnlaugsson to Premiership clubs, the club is able to compensate and have still maintained an impressive run of results. Colin Todd has a lot of talent at his disposal and has been very shrewd in the transfer market. If he is able to reinvest in players and strengthen his

squad before deadline day, Bolton will certainly be looking to bounce right back into the Premiership.

## Reason to watch

**Bolton will want to keep up their promotion push but a narrow 2-1 victory at the Reebok Stadium suggests that they can be turned over.**

## The Connection

**Bolton edged Swindon in the closing minutes of the League Cup semi-final in 1992.**

It was a magnificent clash and we

can only hope that today's is as exciting as that.

## Player to watch

**Per Frandsen: He was ever present in Bolton's Premier League campaign last season.**

He forced his way into the Danish World Cup squad with some impressive midfield displays and appeared twice as substitute in the Finals themselves. At 6ft1 he can win balls in the air but can also act as a playmaker, he will look for the runs of Dean Holdsworth and Bob Taylor.



**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**TUESDAY 9th MAR**  
**KICK-OFF 7.45pm**

## The Lowdown

**Manager Gary Megson is now coming to terms with the difficult nature of the First Division.**

Last year Megson steered them to eighth place in his first full season in charge of the Hatters. After last year's relative success, this term Stockport County have found it difficult to match their last effort and are in a similar position to Swindon. Megson himself points out "The reason we finished so high was because of the enthusiasm and freshness of the First Division to the players. It's always more difficult in your second season."

## Reason to watch

**Swindon went down 2-3 in the home fixture.**

Swindon will want to exact revenge at Edgeley Park. It will be difficult because the County fans always make it tough for the away side. At this time of the season and for these two clubs, the points will again be vital. For the teams struggling around the relegation zone every match is a six pointer.

## The Connection

**The corresponding fixture earlier this season witnessed the introduction of new Manager Jimmy Quinn.**

Onuora got Quinn off to a perfect start by scoring early on but the second half saw County grab the winner.

## Player to watch

**Brett Angell: made his name at Southend Utd, which earned him moves to Everton and Sunderland.**

He has been an integral part of Stockport's success since his £120,000 move in 1996. Angell is a typical target-man, his size and strength in the air allows him to work the line and create space going forward. He is prolific from close range and especially from set pieces.



**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 13th MAR**  
**KICK-OFF 3.00pm**

## The Lowdown

**Crewe at struggling at the bottom of the First Division and it looks pretty grim for Dario Gradi's side.**

Gradi is the longest serving manager in the football league. He has earned a tremendous reputation for developing young talent, playing passing and an attractive style of football. A club like Crewe is reliant on selling their bright young stars to enable the club to survive. Last year, top striker, Dele Adebloa joined the long list of talent to leave Gresty Road. Swindon pulled off a rare away win earlier this season and nothing more than three points today will please Jim Quinn.

## Reason to watch

**Crewe will be fighting for their First Division lives and as the season grows shorter, the greater the desire for away points.**

Expect Crewe to abandon their neat and attractive style for a more battling performance as they attempt to grind out a result away from home.

## The Connection

**Last season you may remember the opening day win over Crewe.**

In the televised fixture from Gresty Road Swindon were unlucky

and lost the game 2-0.

## Player to watch

**Seth Johnson: is the latest product of Dario Gradi's impressive youth system.**

The hugely talented midfielder has been compared with former Crewe favourite Neil Lennon (now with Leicester). The combative midfielder can either play his natural central midfield role or switch to a full back position. He has represented his country at both under-18 and 21 level and is now valued in the region of £3 million.



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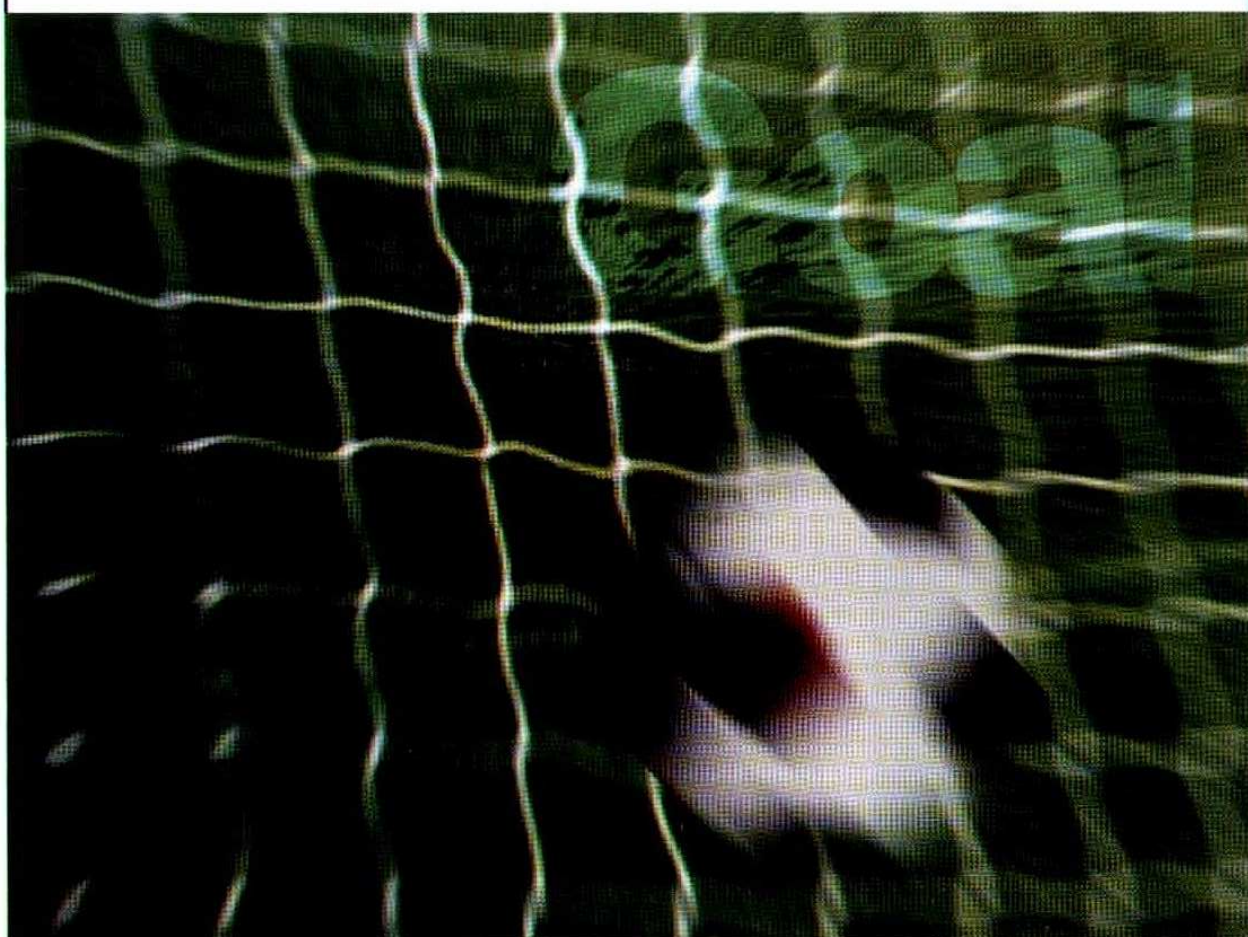




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# Marketing NEWS

with Richard Mackey



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**TWENTY FIVE**



**SPAIN**



**“European Cup holders’ Real Madrid, who have been in Barcelona’s formidable shadow this season, have turned to former coach John Toshak to revive their fortunes.”**

**T**HE FORMER LIVERPOOL and Wales striker steered Real to the Spanish Championship a decade ago before being fired. The Spanish giants are to pay Turkish club Besiktas £372,671 as compensation for the loss of their coach.

By Colin Benson

# World Football

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## JAMAICA



THE WORLD CUP FINALISTS, without their English based contingent, crashed to a 9-0 defeat in a friendly international with Costa Rica.

## ARGENTINA



THE DOMESTIC GAME was thrown into turmoil when its First Division players went on strike. They have been protesting at a court room ban on games in the lower divisions which were halted by the judiciary because of persistent crowd trouble.

River Plate vice president Alfredo Davicce has intimated in the press that Argentinean international midfielder Ariel Ortega may return to the Buenos Aires club as he is unhappy in Italy where he plays with struggling Sampdoria.

## BRAZIL



BOCA JUNIORS' Argentine striker Martin Palermo, known as "El Loco" which means "madman" has been crowned "King of American Football."

## EGYPT



THE NATIONAL SIDE took another stride forward in Hong Kong when they beat Bulgaria 3-1 to reach the final of the Carlsberg Cup. They faced Mexico who beat a Hong Kong League XI 4-3 on penalties after a goalless draw.

## ENGLAND



MANCHESTER UNITED are to have the pleasure of Bertie Vogts input. The recently sacked German national team manager is spending a week at Old Trafford and will no doubt introduce some refreshing new ideas to the training schedule. His stay will no doubt fuel speculation that he is interested in managing in England. Are the FA aware of his availability?

## FRANCE



INTERNATIONAL MIDFIELDER Reynald Pedros has just completed a one-week trial with Sheffield Wednesday. Pedros is currently contracted to Italian side Parma.

French football authorities are sharing concern about the number of foreign imports saturating the Premiership right now. Many English observers, and I'm one, feel that the seemingly endless signings from abroad are denying our young players opportunity to develop. A point highlighted by the recent Under-21 fixture between our two nations. Almost all of the French side were playing first team football with top clubs whereas only a couple of the English team were in a similar position and one of

them, Frank Lampard (West Ham), was pulled off at half time.

The French Football Federation is annoyed at Arsene Wenger for signing 15 year old Jeremie Alladiere, as they see it as a drain on their youth resources and so it is. But it is also another closed door for a promising young English player for Arsenal are guaranteeing Alladiere £1,25 million over seven years.

French Champions Lens have revealed that defender Frederic Dehu, 26, is likely to join Spanish giants Barcelona at the end of the season.

## MEXICO



BILL SHANKLY'S famous saying that football is more important than life and death has not rung true for Mexico's national team goalkeeper Jorge Campos. The colourful custodian's father was kidnapped and he and his family suffered an agonising six days before his abductors returned Campos senior home.

## POLAND



WITH THE European Championship qualifying clash with England coming up and Polish football currently in its winter shut-down, several Polish international stars have made an appearance on English soil recently when they played for Widzew Lodz in a friendly against Kingstonian.

## SCOTLAND



THE TRANSFER SAGA surrounding Mark Viduka's move to Celtic continues to rumble on. It is expected to be protracted for at least another couple of weeks as FIFA have asked for details of the transfer from Celtic, Croatia Zagreb and the Australian FA. Meanwhile he continues to score in the reserves.

## SWEDEN



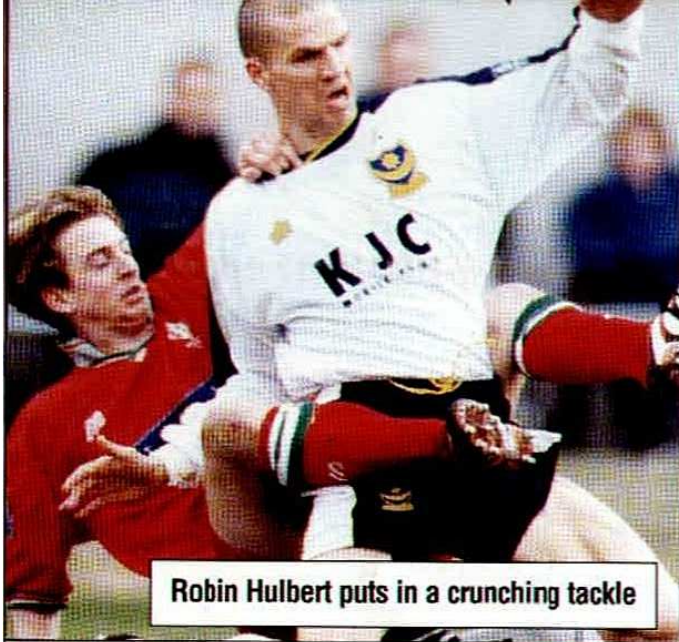
THERE IS CONCERN too at Swedish headquarters about the poaching of their best young players. The latest loss is 17 year old Bojand Jordie who was spotted performing for Bromma-Pojakarn and snapped up on a four year contract by Manchester United.

## WALES

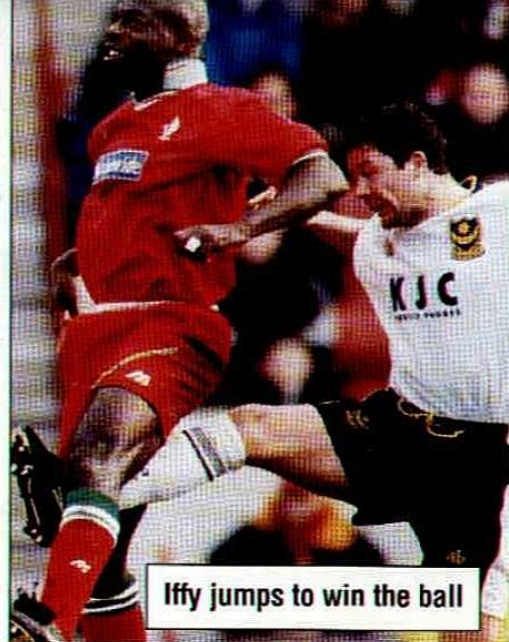


THE WELSH FA aren't happy. They are considering an appeal against UEFA's decision to stop them playing the European Championship qualifier with Denmark in Cardiff.... I suppose they could do as the Welsh Rugby team has done and play the game at Wembley!





Robin Hulbert puts in a crunching tackle



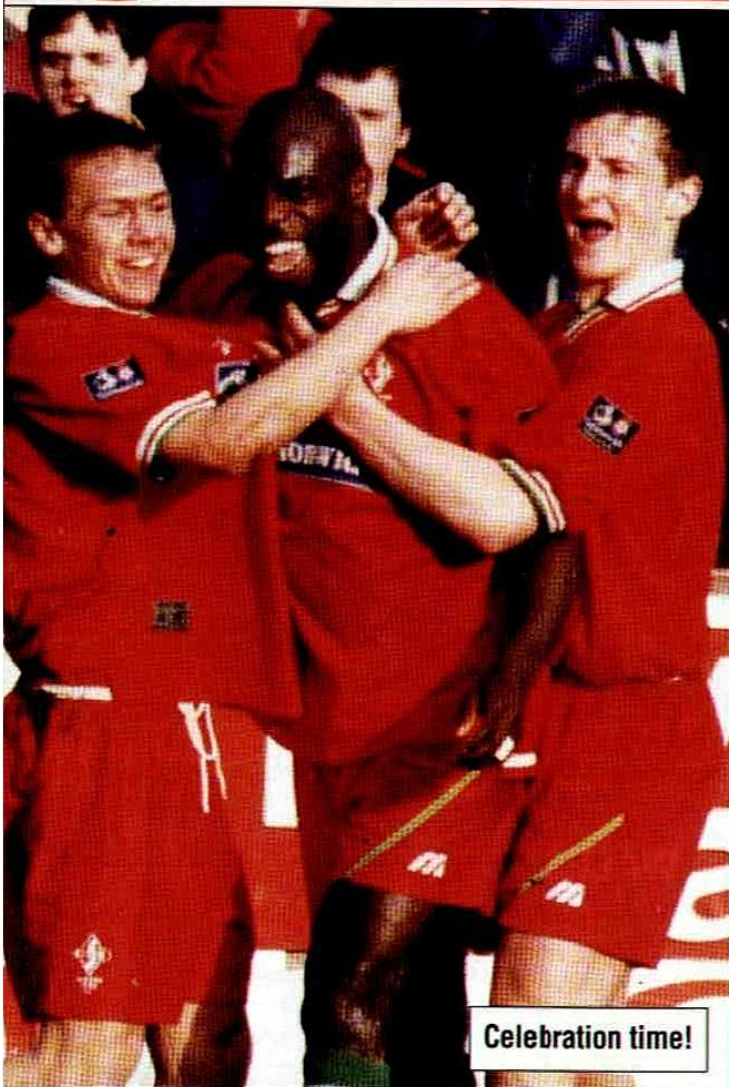
Iffy jumps to win the ball



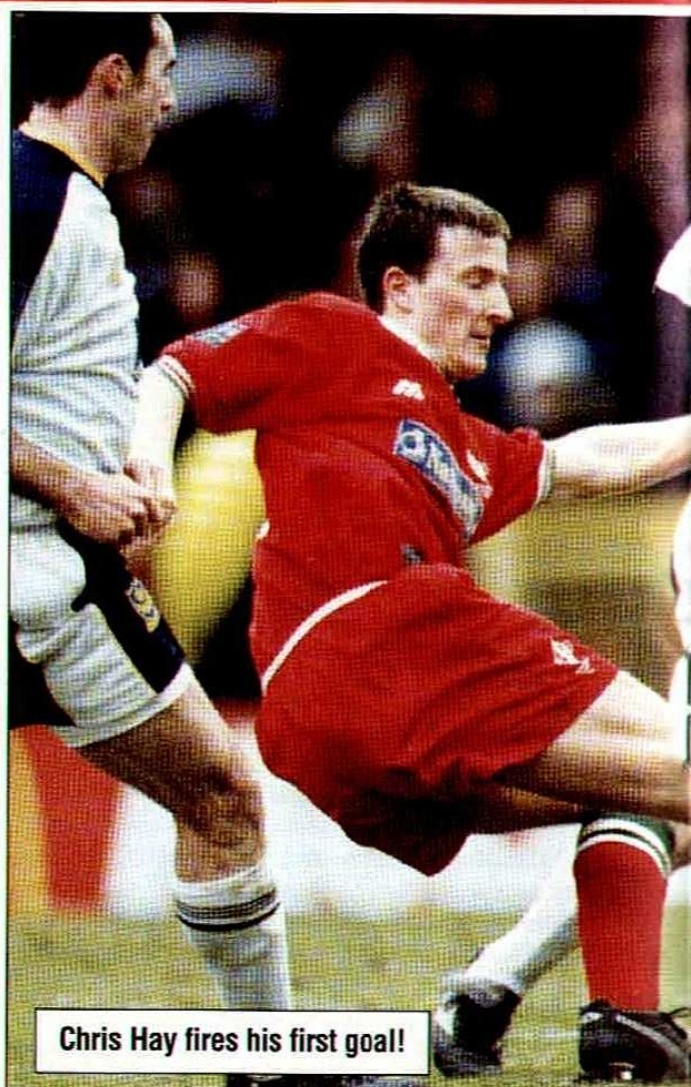
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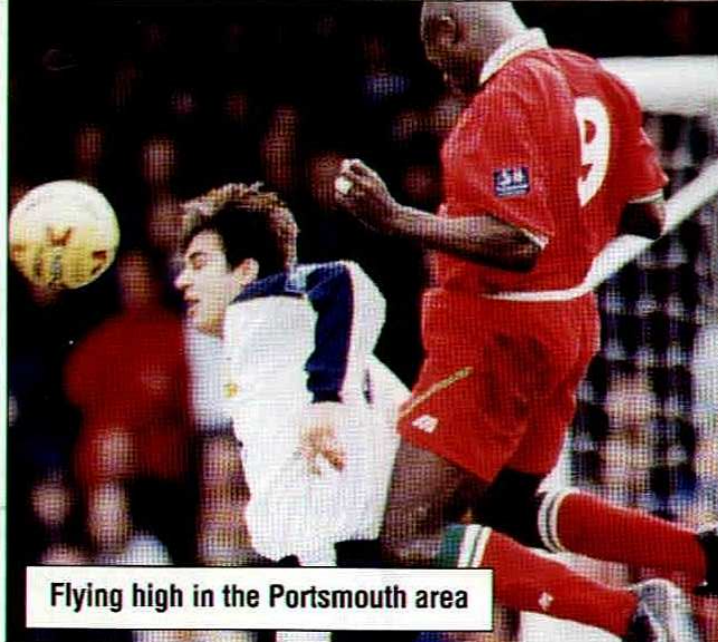


Chris Hay fires his first goal!

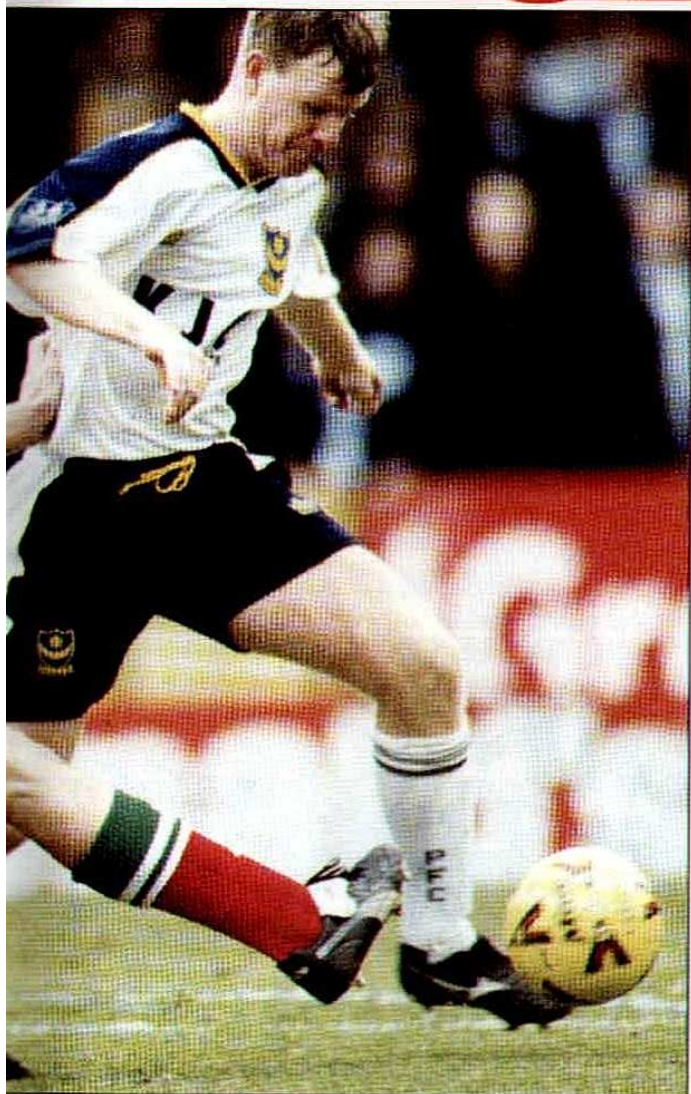




challenges!



Flying high in the Portsmouth area



## THE TEAM LINE UP 20.02.99

1. FRANK TALIA
2. MARK ROBINSON
3. GARETH HALL
4. SCOTT LEITCH
5. CRAIG TAYLOR
6. BRIAN BORROWS
7. BOBBY HOWE
8. GEORGE NDAH ★
9. IFFY ONUORA
10. CHRIS HAY
11. SOL DAVIS



### ON THE BENCH

ROBIN HULBERT  
(HOWE 57)

CHARLIE GRIFFIN  
(NOT USED)

TY GOODEN  
(DAVIS 67)

## MAN OF THE MATCH

★ GEORGE NDAH ★



Adapted extremely well to his midfield role and did not shirk any defensive responsibilities. Worked tirelessly up and down with some very nice touches. As always, his pace looked threatening and was unfortunate not to mark a great performance with a goal. "I tried to get the ball as much as possible but my opportunities were restricted second half and to be honest it feels like we've been beaten."

## MATCH REPORT



Definitely 'a game of two halves'. Three goals in the first half must have seemed enough considering Town's recent form but Portsmouth, with a stand in keeper, battled back to earn a draw. Two goals from Chris Hay and a header from Onuora gave Swindon a 3-1 lead by half time. In the second half Town folded under the pressure and gave away two goals, with 15 minutes remaining to earn Pompey a point. Towards the end Town had two game winning shots cleared off the line.



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# WHAT'S on at swindon

a look at what's on at the County Ground



## STFC INVITE LOCAL KIDS...



Swindon Town has given tickets to a group of children from the Swindon Borough Council Plus One Youth Project.

The kids from the scheme will have the chance to use the Study Support Centre in the South Stand and improve their computer skills my using the PC's and surfing the Internet.

The Plus One Youth Project has been set up to provide youngsters in the Town Centre with somewhere to go of an evening. We all hope they have a great evening and start attending more Swindon games.

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## IT COULD BE YOU!...

Swindon Town's away trip to

QPR on the 20th March coincides with the broadcasting of the National Lottery's new show "We've Got Your Numbers".

As the programme is filmed near Loftus Road BBC TV have asked if we would like to invite any of our fans to the show on Saturday evening.

It is hosted by Brian Conley and group bookings are available. If you would like to go to the new show please telephone the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.

## LIVE MUSIC IN THE Winners LOUNGE...

The opening night of the "Winners Blues Club" was a storming success with the "Bob Bowles Blues Express" rocking the house with a mixture of classic rhythm and blues.

The next Winners Lounge live music event will be the Jazz Club with "The Beachcombers".

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## HALF TIME DRAW...

The tickets for the Hyundai half time draw can now be obtained from the Programme Sellers Situated around the County Ground.



## Why Not Visit the...



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# fansletters



This week we introduce a new feature in the Matchday Magazine 'FANS LETTERS'...

**Dave Hebden, Swindon, writes...**

## Dear 'Robins'

Congratulations to Jim Quinn on his impressive start as Swindon Manager, but surely its about time we started to spend money. New blood is needed to give everyone a boost and we will struggle next year if we are relying on free transfers and loan players.

If not perhaps we should bring in some more youth players, the only way they will learn is by playing games.

Letter  
of the  
week

**Mr Mark Leaky, Swindon, writes**

## Dear 'Robins'

Congratulations to Swindon on their great win on Friday at Watford. It was good to see the team pulling together and giving 100%, after the last few results it looked like the team spirit might disappear. Jimmy Quinn has been doing a fine job, but really, for Swindon to become a better team and climb the table, they need to get some new signings in. Even Oxford have signed players and they have huge debts. Swindon need a couple of new players to boost the morale of the fans and to create more competition for places.

I would like to wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season and I'm sure we'll climb up the table.

**Ed..** Well Mark and David, your letters could not have been timed any better. As you now know we may sign Gareth Davies from Reading to strengthen the defence. We also signed young Griffin last month, so new young talent is being recruited and with the transfer deadline coming up on the 18th March, we may see one or two new faces come in. Jim is looking to finish this season on a high and then look to next season to improve the Town's position.

**John Lambert, Wotton Bassett, writes**

## Dear Football FANS

I've watched Swindon Town for years, I must admit say that when they were in the lower divisions they played good football but now they struggle to reproduce that style.

The team consists of old players with re-occurring injuries. Why not give the young players a chance?

**Ed..** The 'more experienced' players like Borrows, Walters and Onuora have produced some of the best football, scored goals and not to mention have played in nearly all of the games this season. Also younger players like Robin Hulbert, Sol Davis and Charlie Griffin have all been brought into the side lately and will no doubt have many opportunities in the near future.

Well folks - now you have the chance to let me know what you want to see in 'your' Matchday Magazine....

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## Winners JAZZ CLUB

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Sun 11th Apr - Winners JAZZ CLUB welcomes back the fabulous 'PETE ALLEN JAZZ BAND'.

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# 'ROBINS on crusoe'

Every week we ask a Swindon Player to imagine they are stranded on a remote desert island, with access to only a small selection of life's luxuries. *Today's castaway is Alan McDonald*



## 1. A DESERT ISLAND DRINK:

Pina Colada, Bacardi and Diet Coke

## 2. ONE HEALTHY MEAL:

Pasta Carbonara

## 3. ONE PACKET OF CRISPS:

Salt and Vinegar

## 4. ONE CHOCOLATE BAR:

A Galaxy

## 5. ONE UNHEALTHY MEAL:

Doner Kebabs

## 6. ONE CD:

U2 Greatest Hits

## 7. ONE TV SHOW:

Fawlty Towers

## 8. ONE MOVIE:

Casablanca

## 9. ONE NEWSPAPER OR

MAGAZINE:

Sport First

## 10. ONE CLASSIC MATCH TO

WATCH ON TV:

Brazil V Italy in the 1970 World Cup Final

## 11.

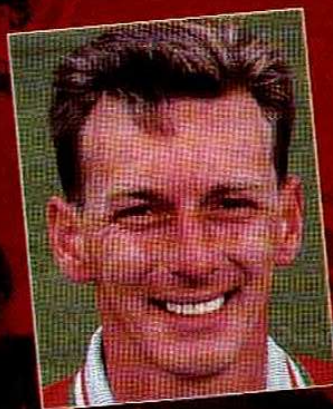
ONE OTHER SPORTSMAN/WOMEN TO WATCH:

The Golfer John Daley

## 12. ONE SPECIAL PERSON:

Pamela Anderson

WHO WILL BE STRANDED NEXT?... LOOK OUT FOR MORE SWINDON CASTAWAYS IN THE NEXT MATCHDAY MAGAZINE VS TRANMERE ROVERS.



Alan McDonald remembers..

# the LAST TIME he...

4. Bought some designer gear:

A shirt in January

5. Went to see a film:

Judge Dredd

6. Bought a car:

Last Year

7. Went to see a concert:

U2 at Wembley

8. Bought a present for somebody:

A box of chocolates

9. Went on holiday:

I went to back Ireland

10. Scored a blinding goal:

Earlier this year against Northampton Reserves

## 1. Bought a CD:

U2's Greatest Hits

2. Paid to watch a football match:

Hayes Vs Dover in the Vauxhall Conference

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# Teams OF THE WEEK...

THE EDITOR'S TOP 22: A look at the high flyers in the Premiership and Division One



PREMIERSHIP: as at 1.3.99



CARLING  
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**Mark Crossley** - Returned to action in spectacular form...  
**Tony Adams** - Another solid performance against Newcastle...  
**Marcel Desailly** - Impressive, despite slipping to let in Owen...  
**H Carbonari** - Did well to suppress Tottenham's attacking flair...  
**Andy Hinchcliffe** - Limited Boro and dangerous going forward...  
**Dieter Hamann** - A great goal to earn Newcastle a draw...  
**George Boateng** - A double strike in Coventry's win at Villa...  
**Paulo Di Canio** - Opened up his box of tricks against Blackburn...  
**Benitto Carbone** - Wonderfully inventive and outshone Gazza...  
**John Aloisi** - Back in the side and staked a claim for a regular start  
**Nicolas Anelka** - A constant threat and a well taken goal...

Manager: Gordon Strachan (Coventry)

- Inflicted more misery on John Gregory's men and delivered Coventry's first ever win at Villa Park.

DIVISION ONE: as at 1.3.99



**Richard Wright** - Proved unbeatable...  
**Graham Allen** - Got Tranmere off the mark in 4-0 win over Bury...  
**Martin Gray** - Denied Sunderland in 0-0 draw on 'pay per view'...  
**Gary Rowett** - Laid the foundation for a good victory...  
**Brian Borrows** - Limited Watford's chances...  
**Peter Ndlovu** - Scored a fantastic individual goal...  
**Stuart McCall** - Worked tirelessly and was excellent in midfield...  
**Bobby Howe** - A great strike to earn Swindon three points...  
**Scott Leitch** - Commanded the midfield against Watford...  
**Guy Whittingham** - Predatory display and grabbed a hat trick...  
**Rodney Jack** - Double strike and a vital three away points...

Manager: Dario Gradi (Crewe)

- Gradi's team showed what it takes to avoid relegation. A real surprise and an equally impressive away win at Bolton Wanderers.



THE HOT SHOTS as at 1.3.99



FA PREMIERSHIP	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Yorke (Man Utd)	16	6	22
Owen (Liverpool)	16	5	21
Cole (Man Utd)	12	6	18

THE HOT SHOTS as at 1.3.99



DIVISION ONE	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Hughes (West Brom)	29	1	30
Mills (Bradford)	19	1	20
Stewart (Huddfield)	16	4	20

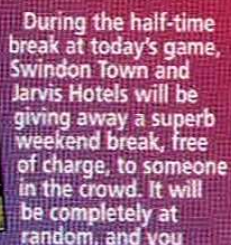


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# IT'S YOUR call

This week's 'It's your call' has been set aside to introduce our new signing Gareth Davies

GARETH DAVIES

answers the questions...

## Tell me a little bit about yourself?

"I was born in Hereford but I've lived all my life in a small town in Wales. As a youngster I played for Swansea City but I left there after school to do my apprenticeship at Hereford Utd. I spent five good years there and when I was about 20 -21 I moved to Crystal Palace. I had a twelve-month spell there before Terry Bullivant came in for me and signed me for Reading."

## Why did you decide to play for Swindon?

"As I understand Jim Quinn came to watch me play on Monday night because I've not been back playing for very long. I've played about 5 or 6 games since returning from a back injury but that's cleared up now and I've regained full fitness. Hopefully I impressed Jim or he would not have of signed me."

## What do you know about Jim Quinn?

"A lot of players are still there from when he was in charge at Reading and they've told me that he's a very good manager and a very determined man and he knows what he wants."

"I've played against him a few times so I know more about him as a player than I do as manager. He gave me a real battle and I think we kicked lumps out of each other!"

"It's good because he knows me first hand as a player and what I'm like to play

against and I think he's asked around about me as a person as well."

## Has he spoken to you about what he wants from you?

"We haven't really had time to sit down and talk in detail; hopefully we'll get a chance to do that later this week. It's up to him now really, whether I play or not in the next two games, that's his decision but I am fit enough if selected."

"I'm just really looking forward to playing for Swindon, there has been interest from other clubs and I wouldn't have signed if I wasn't positive about the move."

## With only thirteen games remaining this season, what are you hoping to achieve?

"Basically, I'd like to play in all thirteen games, finish off the season brightly and make sure that Swindon are in a good position in the First Division."

## And next season?

"The next thirteen games are very important but you must look ahead to the next twelve months and just be very positive about what you can achieve."

## Are you looking forward to pre season, will it help you adjust?

"No player looks forward to pre-season! No really, it will be difficult settling in so close to the end of a season. I don't know really what to expect in pre-season, given the new situation I'm in. You don't really know what training's going to be like or what the lads are going to be like. I expect George Ndah has already told them in the dressing room what I'm like. I'm not going to say what but I hope George has explained what I'm all about."

## What do you know about the Club this season?

"I was with George at Palace and I've always kept in touch with him and always keep an eye out for how he's getting on. I've spoken to him and he tells me that they're a great bunch of lads down there and hopefully I'll get to know them and settle in quickly as possible and get on with playing football."

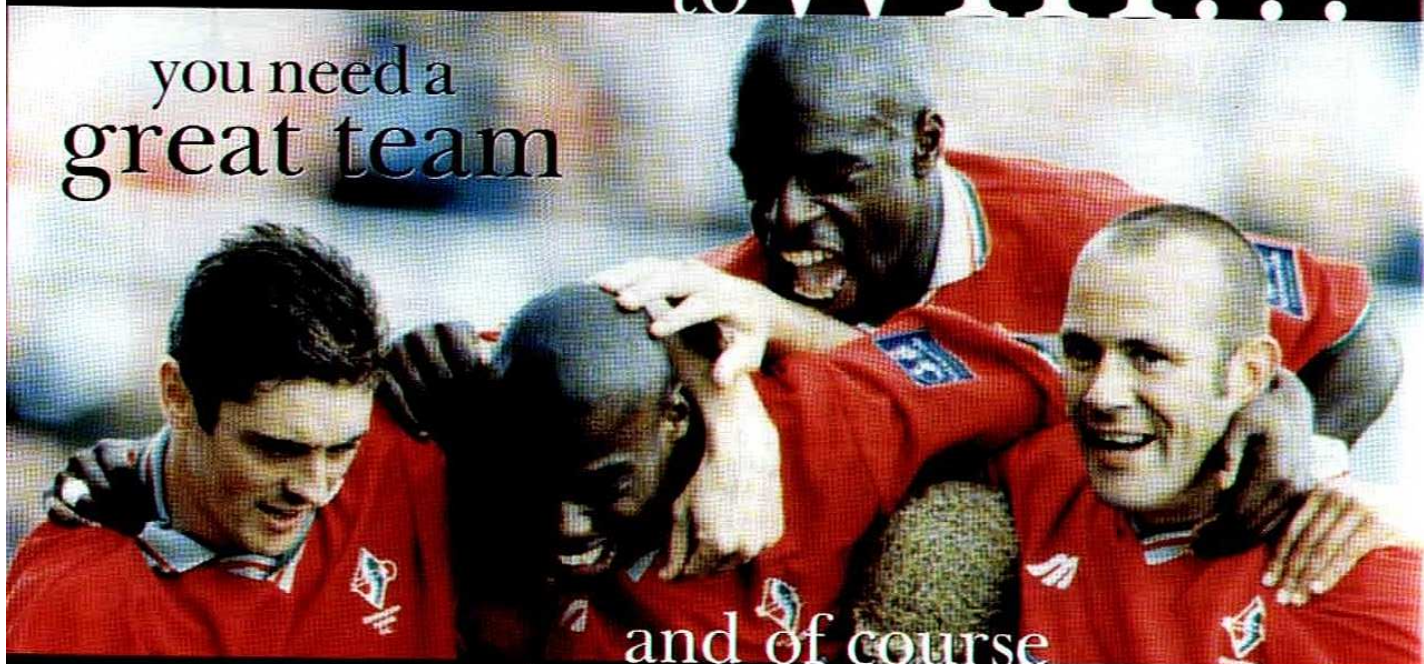
## I hope you get off to a good start on Wednesday.

"If I do get a chance to play on Wednesday night against Tranmere, the added incentive for me is that the assistant manager up there, Kevin Sheedy, is my cousin. We keep in contact so it'll be nice to get one over on him!"



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# Swindon Town LADIES



by Manager  
**Roger  
Reeves**

## The Town Ladies have moved into second place in the South West Combination League with two recent wins.

The first of these came against near neighbours Swindon Spitfires. Having won the away game by six goals to nil, the Town were hoping for a repeat performance. The Town took control from the start and after five minutes Nadine Lloyd squeezed in Max McQue's cross to put us ahead. Leanne Taylor raced clear to increase the Town's lead and Kim Reeves added a third before the Spitfires pulled one back. After the half time break, the Town continued to dominate and Adelle Taylor soon got her name on the score sheet. Nadine Lloyd broke free to score her second and Kim Reeves repeated the feat and netted her brace with a header from Pam Laker's cross. Nadine Lloyd completed the rout and in doing so completed her hat-trick with three minutes remaining.

The Town then entertained fourth placed Denham Utd, who they had defeated 3-2 two weeks previous. The Town took full advantage of the strong

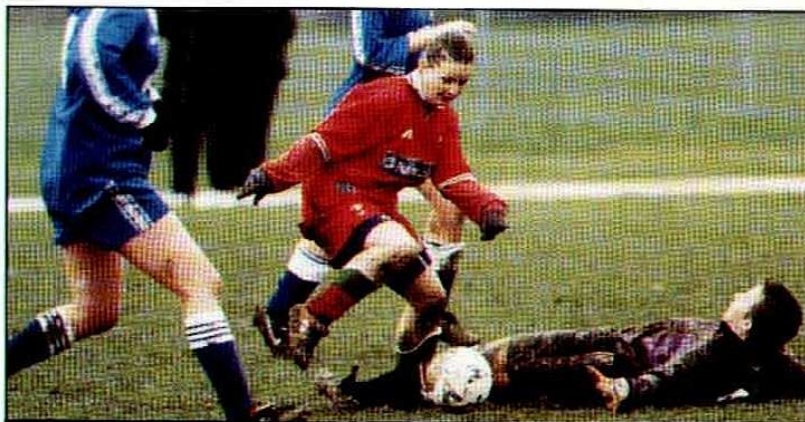
wind and went ahead after just two minutes when Kim Reeves characteristically headed in Pam Laker's corner. Nadine Lloyd, Netti Wyness and Pam Laker all added goals before the break. In the second half, it was the Town's defence that was put under pressure but good defending by Clare Wheeler and Netti Wyness restricted the visitors to just two goals. Nadine Lloyd secured the win with a fine volley from Pam Laker's throw in.

On Sunday, both of the Town's teams are at home. At 12 noon the Reserves

will play Witney Town in the Southern Regional League and at 3pm the senior side will play Bath City in the South West Combination League. Both games will be played at the County Ground Extension.

### SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE (TOP 5)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CARDIFF COUNTY	14	12	1	1	36	11	37
SWINDON TOWN	15	9	1	5	56	25	28
BRISTOL ROVERS	12	7	4	1	41	17	25
DENHAM UNITED	15	8	0	7	41	27	24
CHELtenham	12	7	2	3	28	22	23



Action Photo: Nadine Lloyd beats Spitfires keeper, Wendy Davies, to complete her hat-trick and score goal number seven for the Town.

## swindonSTAT attack..fixtures&results..

this week we take a brief look at the Reserve & Ladies fixtures

### Reserve Fixtures



#### Next four matches:

Tottenham Hotspur (away) Wednesday 10th March  
Arsenal (home) Tuesday 16th March  
Charlton (away) Wednesday 24th March  
Chelsea (home) Wednesday 31st March

### SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (LADIES DIVISION)

Sun 7th Mar	Bath City	H
Sun 14th Mar	Bristol City	A
Sun 28th mar	Cardiff County	H
Sun 4th apr	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 18th APR	(League Cup) BATH CITY	H

### SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION (LADIES DIVISION)

Sun 7th Mar	Witney Town	H
Sun 28th mar	Chesham United	A



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## IGOE DEAL DEAD

Paul Jewell is expected to make a couple of signings before the transfer deadline, but he will not be following up his interest in the Portsmouth midfielder Sammy Igoe.

Paul Jewell revealed: "I was interested in Sammy Igoe, but I think that deal is now dead."

Jewell says he will definitely be bringing in new faces before the transfer deadline, and he feels that now is the ideal time to strengthen.

## CRYSTAL PALACE CHAIRMAN PAYS UP

Crystal Palace chairman Mark Goldberg has pledged to bail his club out of trouble by paying February's wages out of his own pocket.

No employees of the troubled First Division club have received their salaries for this month.

But Goldberg has stepped in and a statement issued by sports marketing firm Michael Humphreys and Partners read: "Mark Goldberg has today confirmed that, subject to the approval of his fellow board members, he will personally pay the wages of both the players and staff of the club in full by March 3."

## OLDHAM FAIL TO LAND BRIDGES

Oldham have failed in an audacious bid to take Sunderland hot-shot Michael Bridges on loan.

Latics boss Andy Ritchie wanted to take the 20-year-old striker to Boundary Park after losing star striker John McGinley through injury.

Reid has constantly made it clear his exciting England under-21 international is an important part of his plans and has turned down previous offers from clubs to either take him on loan or in a permanent deal.

# NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

## HOUSTON TO RENEW GRAHAM DOUBLE ACT

Stewart Houston was due to end his involvement with Ipswich today to link up again with former Arsenal mentor George Graham at Tottenham - with talks over a compensation fee still ongoing.

Ipswich have confirmed that Houston, their first-team coach, will be leaving the First Division club to become Graham's number two after today's game at Bristol City.

But Ipswich chairman David Sheepshanks has revealed his concern at the way in which Tottenham only made an official approach for Houston on January 24, several weeks after they allegedly contacted the coach directly.

That would in effect have constituted an illegal approach and Sheepshanks made an official complaint about Spurs' conduct to the Football League and Premier League a few weeks ago.

But the Ipswich chairman was forced to concede defeat in his attempts to hold Houston to his contract given the unsettling nature of the interest from Tottenham. And he is now prepared not only to reluctantly release the coach but also to drop the formal complaints as long as a sizeable compensation fee is forthcoming from White Hart Lane.

Given that Spurs chairman Alan Sugar now appears willing to offer compensation, even though a definite fee - which would not be made public - has not yet been agreed, a truce seems to have been drawn between the two clubs.

## ABLETT THREATENS BLUES OVER 'VERBAL AGREEMENT'

Birmingham City defender Gary Ablett has warned he may turn to the PFA for help if the club fail to honour a verbal agreement and award him a new one year contract.

Club captain Ablett is now sidelined until January after suffering cruciate ligament damage in the 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on February 6.

But he had agreed a 12 month extension to his contract the day before the game and claims there has been an "ominous silence" from the board of directors since the injury.

## Nationwide Division One Fixtures 6/3/99

BIRMINGHAM	vs	PORTSMOUTH
BURY	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
CREWE	vs	GRIMSBY
HUDDERSFIELD	vs	STOCKPORT
IPSWICH	vs	TRANMERE
PORT VALE	vs	BRADFORD
Q.P.R.	vs	WOLVES
SHEFF UTD	vs	WATFORD
SUNDERLAND	vs	NORWICH
SWINDON	vs	BOLTON
WEST BROM	vs	OXFORD UTD

## Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	33	20	10	3	65	22	70
BRADFORD	33	18	7	8	58	34	61
IPSWICH	33	18	7	8	44	20	61
BOLTON	32	16	11	5	57	37	59
BIRMINGHAM	33	16	9	8	49	29	57
WATFORD	34	14	11	9	49	44	53
WOLVES	33	13	10	10	46	35	49
GRIMSBY	32	14	7	11	34	34	49
WEST BROM	34	13	8	13	56	53	47
NORWICH	32	12	11	9	46	42	47
SHEFF UTD	32	12	10	10	50	50	46
HUDDERSFIELD	32	12	10	11	45	52	46
TRANMERE	33	9	15	9	45	44	42
CRYSTAL PALACE	33	10	10	13	44	54	40
BARNLEY	33	9	13	11	39	39	40
STOCKPORT	33	9	13	11	39	39	40
SWINDON	33	10	9	14	44	53	39
PORTSMOUTH	33	9	11	13	46	50	38
QPR	33	8	10	15	35	44	34
OXFORD	33	8	9	16	34	54	33
PORT VALE	33	9	4	20	33	60	31
BURY	33	7	10	16	28	50	31
BRISTOL CITY	33	5	13	15	42	61	28
CREWE	33	6	8	19	38	66	26



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Tranmere Rovers (Division One)



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# ON THE SPOT

## JIM QUINN



**In the hot-seat this week Jim Quinn looks back at some of the highlights of his career...**

*"I took the ball on my chest on the half way line, swivelled and hit a 40 yrd screamer..."*



**What would you be doing if you weren't a footballer?**

I sing like a bird so I'd have to be a Karaoke singer.



**Do you have any pre-match rituals?**

No!



**When did you first realise you had what it takes to be a professional footballer?**

When I was about 12 years old.



**What was the first match you went to watch?**

The first match I went to see was in Northern Ireland, it was Crusaders but I don't really remember anything about the game. What I do remember is that me and my mates climbed over the gates to get in!



**What's the best match you've ever played in?**

England Vs N. Ireland at Wembley in 1986. We got a 0-0 draw at Wembley in front of 88,000 and qualified for the World Cup Finals in Mexico. The feeling was unreal



**What is your most embarrassing moment in football?**

Running off the pitch during a game because I had an upset stomach, everyone wondered where I'd gone. It wasn't pleasant!



**Who did you support as a boy, and who was your hero?**

The first team I supported was Chelsea and I really liked Charlie Cooke, he was a brilliant player.



**What's the best stadium you've ever played in?**

I've played in quite a few abroad but I still believe that Wembley takes some beating and as you have read I've got some really good memories from playing there.



**Who do you room with on away trips and what bad habits does he have?**

I don't, I keep my head down and gather my thoughts.



**When was the first time you got paid for playing football?**

I played for Whitchurch Alport and I remember getting paid about £4 per match. It was in the Mid Cheshire leagues so they couldn't afford me for very long!



**What's the best goal you've ever scored?**

Swindon Vs York City (AWAY), I took the ball on my chest on the half way line, swivelled and hit a 40 yrd screamer and it flew into the top corner! Swindon 4 York 0!



**Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?**

Well I've got to get Alan back for what he said last week, so it has to be him; his breath- "woof woof"



**Who is the best player you have played with and against?**

It might surprise some people to hear that the best player I've played with is Julian Dicks, he's got everything; good in the air, aggression, passion, a strong tackle and a very powerful and accurate shot. The best I've played against is Michel Platini, truly a World class player which these days is a term that is used far too often



**What do you remember about your debut?**

It was against Walsall? That's it I'm afraid.



**Which four people would you most like to have lunch with?**

Lee Travino, Charlie Cook and Robert De Niro are my all time absolute heroes, the other would have to be Rikki Hunt (if he ever buys lunch).



**What do you eat before a match?**

I keep it nice and simple; Pasta and Water. It gives me energy and keeps up my fluid levels.



**Who has been the biggest influence on your career?**

ME! I've always had a belief in myself and my ability to perform well. It is something that I will always need.



**Who will be in the hot-seat next week?... See the Matchday Magazine vs Bolton and find out!**



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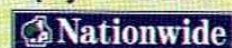
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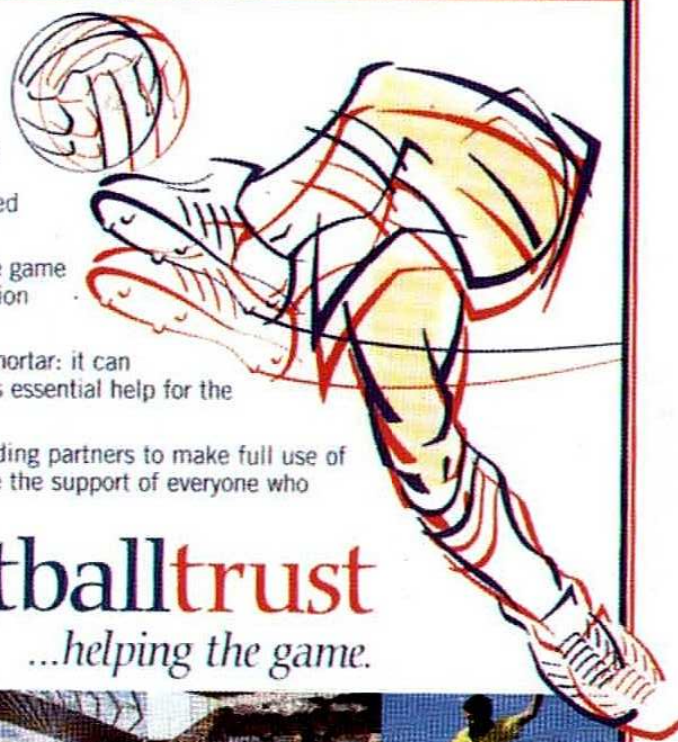
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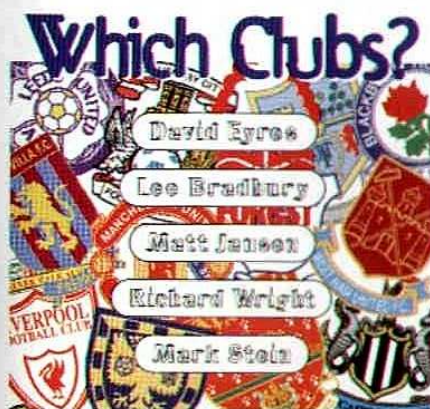


# Half-time TEASERS

You've got 15 minutes starting from.....NOW!



## Who's missing?



## home

- 1 Which Island is Ty Gooden from?
- 2 Who scored the Swindon goal away at Tranmere that sealed Swindon's trip to Wembley?
- 3 Who scored Town's first goal in that Wembley win?
- 4 Who scored two goals for Leicester in the same game?
- 5 Which former Sunderland defender deflected in Alan McLoughlin's shot, to give Swindon victory in their first play-off final?

## away

- 1 Which year did Tranmere win the Leyland DAF Cup Final and lose the Third Division play-off final?
- 2 Which year did John Aldridge score 40 League and Cup goals?
- 3 How much did he cost Tranmere?
- 4 Who scored an own goal to give Swindon the lead in the play-off semi-final in 1993?
- 5 Tranmere lost in the semi-final again two years later, but which side knocked them out?

Answers: Home 1. Canvey (Southend), 2. John Moncur, 3. Glenn Hodder, 4. Julian Joachim, 5. Dave Bennett. Away 1. 1990, 2. 1992, 3. £250,000, 4. Steve Vickers, 5. Reading. Which Clubs? David Eyles - Preston North End, Lee Bradbury - Crystal Palace, Matt Jansen - Blackburn Rovers, Richard Wright - Ipswich, Mark Stein - Bournemouth, Old One Out Steve Mendenhall - Born in England, Which Year? 1992. Who's This? Zola, Guess Who? a) Philippe Cuervo, b) Iffy Onuora, c) Mark Walters. Who's Missing? Kerlake, Gooden.



## Odd one out!



## which year?

- 1 Forest's opening four defeats completed the worst start to the season in the manager's seventeen year reign.
- 2 Norwich were eight points clear by December.
- 3 Nottingham Forest Vs Liverpool was the first game to be broadcast live by satellite television.
- 4 Dion Dublin broke his leg playing for Manchester United vs Crystal Palace.



# SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE

## Study Centre opens its doors to Adults for computer training

Swindon Town Football Club have entered in to a partnership with Swindon College and Swindon Borough Council to train adults in the use of computers.

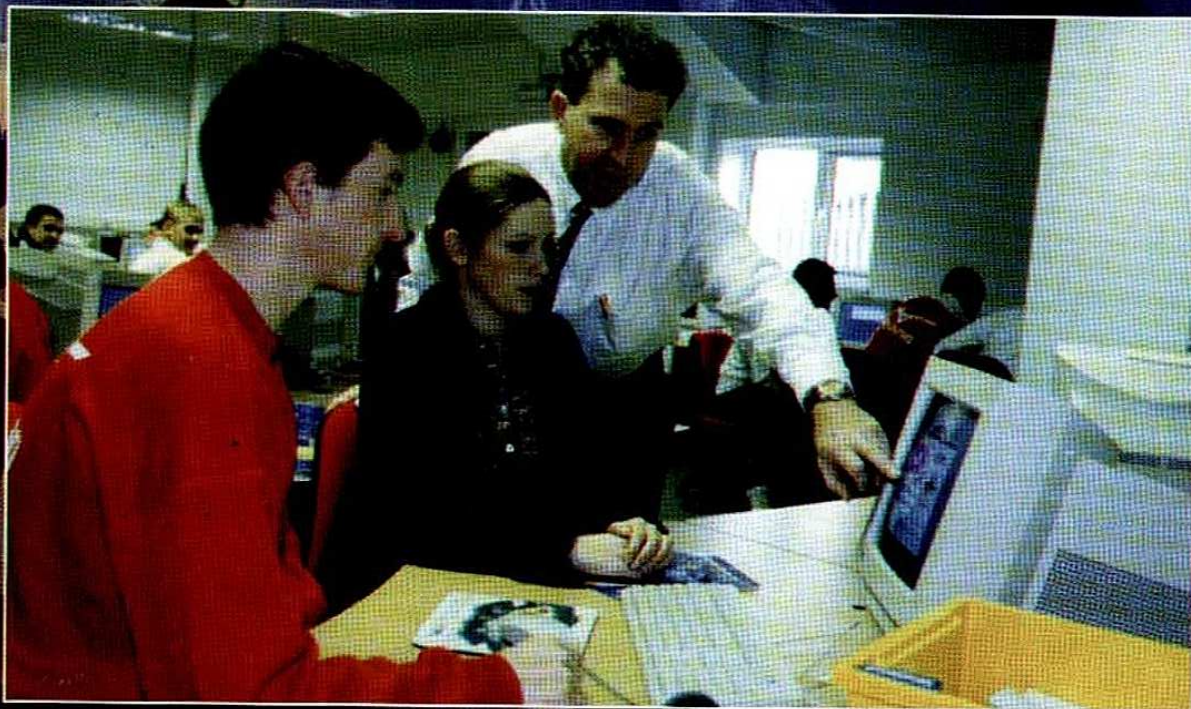
The centre will use a City and Guild's course, which has 3 modules in word processing, spreadsheets and using a database. The courses are designed for people who have little or no knowledge of computers to people who wish to upgrade their skills using Windows 98.

The Swindon Town F.C. Study Centre is located in the South Stand. What was once the Centre Spot Bar has been completely transformed in to a high-tech learning facility which has 26 computers of the latest specification, air conditioning, and height adjustable chairs and tables for maximum comfort while studying.

Each student is allocated 120 hours to complete the course 4 hours a week. Students can use the centre at any time between 9.00a.m and 3.00pm on Mondays to Wednesdays and 9.00 to 5.00 on Thursdays, Fridays and non-match Saturdays. Students would normally book time on a computer for 2 hours at any one time and they must use the centre at least twice a week. Most people complete the course in 30 to 35 weeks but students work at their own pace and can complete the course in a shorter or a longer time period.

In line with Swindon College's commitment to lifelong learning and widening participation the normal course fee of £120 will be waived. There is only a registration fee of £5.35 with the City and Guilds and they charge £14 for the certificates for each module. This makes a total charge of £47.35 for the whole qualification.

Parents of children attending after school study support at the centre and staff at the Football Club have already put their names forward for enrolment. If you would like to join the course which starts in September or would like information about the course please contact the Study Centre on Tel 01793 495354.





# Editor's NOTES...

this week we take a look at 'The 'REAL' Deal'

**Steve McManaman recently signed for European Champions Real Madrid to play next season.**

He is one of the first young British players to take advantage of the Bosman ruling and is the latest star moving abroad. He follows, in recent years, the likes of Lineker, Hoddle, Platt, Ince and Gascoigne. He was approached during the last six months of his contract with Liverpool and he can move to Madrid for nothing because his existing contract expires in the summer. However, in recent years few moves abroad have been hugely successful. Lineker experienced limited success with Barcelona but was often played out of position. Platt earned a great reputation at Bari but failed to regain that form with Juventus or Sampdoria. Gascoigne was inevitably a favourite with the fans at Lazio but a long list of injuries kept him out of the side for lengthy periods. Ince was perhaps the most successful player of late. He was held in high regard by both Inter Milan and the fans but unfortunately his family could not settle and they moved back to Liverpool. It seems that the British players have trouble reproducing their form on the Continent, so why are so many British stars reluctant to move abroad and why has there been limited success with those that have?

It is quite apparent that the relative number of British players moving abroad is significantly less than imported foreign stars. The bright lights of the Premiership and the wages on offer do have a large bearing on this, although similar rewards can be found in Italy or Spain. Currently there are only a few Britains playing for top clubs abroad; Graham Souness has signed Mark Pembridge, Dean Saunders, Michael Thomas and Gary Charles for Benfica and Lee Sharpe has moved to Sampdoria in Italy.

I personally feel that Steve McManaman has made a brave and refreshing decision. I enjoy watching our homegrown talent 'produce the goods'

abroad and I believe that it is important that British players show that they are capable, and good enough, to compete with and against foreign players. It is sometimes worth their absence from the Premiership week to week, in a hope of catching highlights of Steve McManaman bringing 120,000 fans to their feet in the Bernabeu.

British players have found it difficult to settle abroad, Gascoigne was usually very lonely, Ince's family was unsettled and no players really stay abroad for lengthy spells. Is it harder for British players, what effect does British culture have, why are so many reluctant to explore other options?

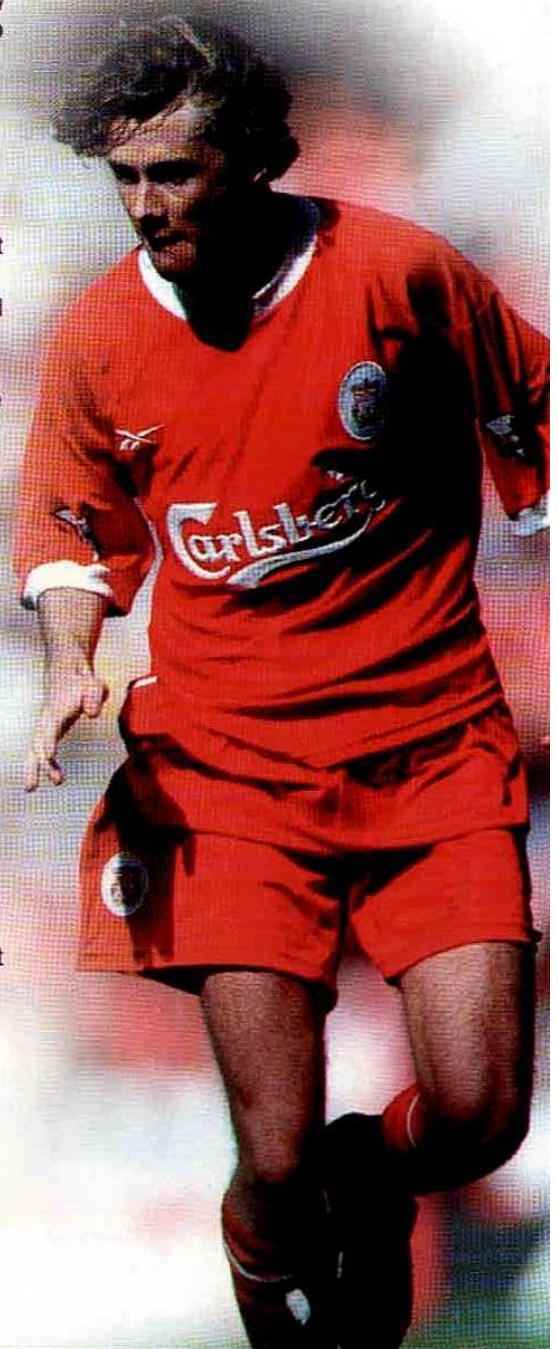
As we know, the British transfer market is over inflated and it is cheaper to look abroad. The British game is being flooded with foreign players and, at the same time, the quality and standard of football in the Premiership is on the up. If you are asked "who are the best players in the Premiership?" How many of your choice would be British? The public concern is, of course, that the vast influx of players from abroad will effect the development of our homegrown talent. What people often fail to recognise is the relationship between the standard of football and the influx of foreign players. Perhaps it is more important to assess whether the benefits outweigh the costs?

One argument being used is that foreign players are taking advantage of the increasing wages and use the Premiership to boost their bank balances in the twilight of their careers. However, we have seen the likes of Vialli and Guillit stay on in the English game as managers. Maybe this opportunity would not exist elsewhere but they do seem extremely committed.

So what is the future of English football? Well, only time will tell. In the event that the over-inflated transfer fees and wages do fall, we may see a mass exodus of foreign players. Only then will we see the extent to which this modern

phenomena has affected the British game. In the future we will see the extent to which clubs have been exploited but at the moment it is certainly difficult to say and there is no real sign that the majority of players are not devoted to their clubs.

**By Daniel Prescott**





# Wesley Frith's SWINDON TOWN

Wesley James Frith is 14 years old and comes from Melksham. Wesley attends The George Ward School and has supported Swindon Town since 1991.

His dream would be to see Swindon in the Premiership again and go to every game to support his favourite team through thick and thin. That's the spirit Wesley.

Wesley would employ a 4-4-2 formation.

This line up possesses many skilful players. Summerbee and Horlock would look to get up and down the flanks providing width and dangerous balls into the box. Simpson would be asked to win the ball in the middle and let Hoddle and Moncur make the telling passes. In Shearer and Fjortoft we have two dangerous predators that will pounce on good delivery, especially from Rogers. Calderwood and Taylor would provide experienced and committed defending.

## DREAM TEAM

### ON THE BENCH:

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Nicky  
Summerbee

Colin  
Calderwood

Shaun  
Taylor

Kevin  
Horlock

Fitzroy  
Simpson

John  
Moncur

Glenn  
Hoddle

Don  
Rogers

Duncan  
Shearer

Jan Age  
Fjortoft

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Send your 'Dream Teams' to: Daniel Prescott, co. Swindon Town F.C. PIA, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB.



Manager:  
Mike Walsh



## Mike Walsh's FIRST DIVISION DREAM TEAM

In each programme we will ask one of the Swindon Town experts to give us their dream 11... This week Assistant Team Coach, Mike Walsh, gives us his **First Division Dream Team**.

**Wright** - Surely a future England No. 1...

**Cox** - Bolton's attacking Wing-back...

**McCall** - Former Everton and Glasgow Rangers Midfielder...

**Gardner** - Starred in Jamaica's World Cup side of 98...

**Gray** - Unlucky to miss penalty in Sunderland's play-off final...

**Luccetti** - Bury's sort after Midfielder...

**Clarke** - Former Newcastle favourite, highly regarded...

**Keane** - Wolves' very talented Rep Ireland International...

**McCarthy** - Skilful and inventive Blue's winger...

**Phillips** - Sunderland's prolific goal getter...

**Quinn** - Experienced target man, good in the air...

Manager: Mike Walsh (Swindon)

- This is definately an attacking line-up, lets hope the opposition don't get a goal on the break!



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# Mark WALTERS

**I was really disappointed not to play against Portsmouth last week, I picked up a few little injuries which kept me out but I've got over them now and I'm feeling pretty sharp.**

I played for Graham at Aston Villa and he also gave me my England cap, he's an amazing manager.

I can quite happily say that he's been the biggest influence on my career and the four months I played for him at Villa were the most educationally productive I've ever had. I learnt more in that time than I have with any other manager I've been with.

**"he's been the biggest influence on my career and the four months I played for him at Villa were the most educationally productive I've ever had."**

I'd been at Villa for four to five years and basically my career had been stagnating. He came in and explained the basics; that if I wanted to play at a high level for a long time, basically what I had

to do. So I heeded his warnings if you like because at the time my career was going nowhere. He explained that to play at that level I have to be as fit as anybody, because obviously, the other side are not the problem when it comes to that. So wherever I've been since, I've made sure I am as fit as all the other players and it really got my career off the ground.

Very few players that have ever played for him will say that he's a bad manager. You can go from one of his best known like John Barnes to his least known and they will all tell you what a great club manager he is. He is an extremely organised manager and he always plans his teams and tactics very well. Admittedly he did not have the success at International level, I certainly thought he should have done, but you can say that about a lot of managers. At club level you won't get many that have done as well as he has.

I've always had the uppermost respect for him as a manager and I've based my philosophy on the game on what he taught me at Villa. After I left Liverpool my first thought was to go and play for him again, I knew wherever he was that he'd get a good team going. The way it turned out is that they didn't have room for me but fortunately things have worked out very well here.



**Mark Walters**



*Walters looking for a sharp comeback.*





## CHELSEA MOVE FOR SUTTON

Blackburn Rovers striker Chris Sutton is £10million transfer target for Chelsea.



According to reports in The News of the World, the Stamford Bridge club are preparing a massive bid for the former Norwich hitman, who they see as the ideal man to help them bring the Premiership title to London.

Sutton last night confirmed Gianluca Vialli's interest. He said: "This has come out of the blue and it's flattering when a club like Chelsea say they want you."

"Ken Bates' girlfriend approached me after Blackburn's recent match at Chelsea and asked me if I wanted to join them. At first I thought she was joking but she insisted she was serious and that Chelsea really wanted me."

"I'm happy at Blackburn and the new boss Brian Kidd has just made me captain. But Chelsea are a quality side who look like they'll be in the Champions' League next season."

Sutton hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons last season when he angered Glenn Hoddle by refusing to appear for the England 'B' side. Nevertheless, he remains one of the leading strikers in the Premiership.

Chelsea's need for a new striker has been increased with the news that injured Italian Pierluigi Casiraghi may not be ready to resume the new season in August following his horror injury.



SATURDAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

COVENTRY ☐ VS ☐ CHARLTON  
SOUTHAMPTON ☐ VS ☐ WEST HAM  
WIMBLEDON ☐ VS ☐ LEICESTER



SATURDAY'S FA CUP 6th ROUND

ARSENAL ☐ VS ☐ DERBY CO.  
BARNLEY ☐ VS ☐ TOTTENHAM

## PREMIERSHIP



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## ROUND-UP

### BARNES SURPRISED BY CURBISHLEY SNUB

John Barnes, the 35-year-old former England and Liverpool forward, was left on the bench as a frustrated figure throughout Charlton's 0-0 draw with Nottingham Forest at the Valley yesterday.



Both he and the majority of the 20,000 crowd were mystified at Alan Curbishley's decision to leave arguably his most creative player on the sidelines for a game largely devoid of guile and craft.

"I thought the team was playing OK," said Curbishley, whose side lack invention but certainly possess the heart to survive.

"Barnes is disappointed he didn't start but he's seen the attitude and the spirit here and he'll get his chance."

"He was great at Derby but I looked at things out there and I didn't see a need to change," he added.



FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
MAN UNITED	28	16	9	3	63	29	57
CHELSEA	27	14	11	2	41	22	53
ARSENAL	27	13	11	3	35	13	50
ASTON VILLA	27	12	8	7	38	31	44
LEEDS	26	11	9	6	39	25	42
WEST HAM	27	11	7	9	31	38	40
LIVERPOOL	27	11	6	10	50	34	39
DERBY CO.	27	9	11	7	26	25	38
WIMBLEDON	26	9	10	7	30	36	37
SHEFF WED	26	10	5	11	34	25	35
NEWCASTLE	27	9	8	10	35	36	35
TOTTENHAM	26	7	12	7	30	32	33
MIDDLESBORO	27	7	12	8	34	39	33
LEICESTER	25	7	9	9	25	34	30
EVERTON	27	6	10	11	20	29	28
CHARLTON	27	6	9	12	31	37	27
COVENTRY	27	7	6	14	28	38	27
BLACKBURN	27	6	8	13	27	38	26
SOUTHAMPTON	26	6	5	15	26	50	23
FOREST	27	3	8	16	22	54	17

## GRAHAM TO KEEP LOYAL HUGHTON

Tottenham manager George Graham has claimed that Chris Hughton will have a significant coaching role at White Hart Lane despite the imminent arrival of Stewart Houston.



Graham's ex-Arsenal no.2 is expected to come in after Spurs' home game with Southampton on Tuesday. It means former Tottenham and Republic of Ireland defender Hughton must move aside and he is believed to be disappointed by the decision.

But Graham said: "Chris is staying and he will still be at the club next season as well. He is Tottenham through and through and he has been a great help to me here."

## BIG-HEARTED BEASANT BACKS RIVAL

Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley made a heroic return to the first team - and then revealed how he was boosted by the man he replaced.



Forest boss Ron Atkinson pulled a masterstroke by dropping veteran stopper Dave Beasant and bringing Crossley back into the side after a lengthy absence.

The decision paid off in style as Crossley saved a penalty from Neil Redfearn and pulled off a string of excellent saves to earn the City Ground side a point and keep alive their hopes of a 'Great Escape' from relegation.

After the match, Crossley revealed how Beasant, the man he replaced between the sticks, had been the first to wish him well. "He wished me all the best," said 29-year-old Crossley, who admitted to being very nervous.

"We're really good friends and he just said 'Let's not let this cause anything between us'. I always guess with penalties," said Crossley. "I study lots of videos and I thought it's always easier for the striker to kick across his body rather than to curl it the other way."

"I decided to go that way, got a good, strong hand on it and managed to turn it away."







*Iffy Onuora*  
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## the key:

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WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat Aug 08	Sheffield United A	1-2	15,937	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED AUG 12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1) H	2-1	4,682	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 15	SUNDERLAND H	1-1	10,207	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Aug 18	Wycombe W. WC1 (2) A	0-2	2,478	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton W. A	0-1	21,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 29	PORT VALE H	1-1	7,800	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Mon Aug 31	Bury A	0-3	4,513	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 05	BRISTOL CITY* H	3-2	8,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED SEPT 09	OXFORD UNITED* H	4-1	8,305	GLASS	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Sept 12	Portsmouth A	2-5	10,105	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 19	WATFORD H	1-4	8,781	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Fri Sept 25	Tranmere Rovers A	0-0	5,501	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Sept 29	Bolton Wanderers A	1-2	16,497	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 03	STOCKPORT COUNTY H	2-3	7,961	TALIA	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
FRI OCT 09	HUDDERSFIELD T. H	3-0	8,316	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Oct 17	Ipswich Town A	0-1	13,212	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Oct 20	Birmingham City A	1-1	19,485	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 24	W.B.A. H	2-2	8,967	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS H	3-1	8,500	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 07	Crewe Alexandra A	2-0	4,469	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	HULBERT
Sat Nov 14	Bradford City A	0-3	14,897	TALIA	TAYLOR	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT NOV 21	CRYSTAL PALACE H	2-0	11,718	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 28	Grimsby Town A	0-1	8,657	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2) H	1-1	9,262	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 12	BRADFORD CITY H	1-4	7,447	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Dec 19	Barnsley A	3-1	15,342	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	HULBERT	HOWE
SAT DEC 26	WOLVERHAMPTON W. H	1-0	11,627	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	BORROWS	NDAH
Mon Dec 28	Bristol City A	1-3	16,257	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	NDAH	WALTERS
Sat Jan 02	Barnsley (FA C3) H	0-0	8,016	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	HOWE	WALTERS
SAT JAN 09	SHEFFIELD UNITED H	2-2	7,583	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Sat Jan 16	Port Vale A	1-0	5,405	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Tue Jan 19	Barnsley (FA C3) Replay A	1-3	10,510	TALIA	HULBERT	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT JAN 30	BURY H	1-1 (OG)	7,797	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	REEVES	WALTERS
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland A	0-2	41,304	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HOWE	TAYLOR	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Feb 13	Oxford Utd (FA.C5) A	0-2	8,179	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH H	3-3	10,110	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Fri Feb 26	Watford A	1-0	8,692	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
WED MAR 03	TRANMERE ROVERS H									
SAT MAR 06	BOLTON W. (FA.C6) H									
Tue Mar 09	Stockport County A									
SAT MAR 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA H									
Sat Mar 20	Queens Park Rangers A									
Sat Mar 27	W.B.A. A									
SAT APR 03	IPSWICH TOWN H									
Mon Apr 05	Huddersfield Town A									
SAT APR 10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF) H									
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A									
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H									
Sat May 01	Norwich City A									
SUN MAY 09	BARNSELEY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

### THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	17
GEORGE NDAH	10
MARK WALTERS	9
CHRIS HAY	3
GARETH HALL	2

### THIS SEASON'S TOP GATES

SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOV VS CRYSTAL PALACE	11,718
SAT 26 <sup>TH</sup> DEC VS WOLVES	11,627
SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup> AUG VS SUNDERLAND	10,207
SAT 20 <sup>TH</sup> FEB VS PORTSMOUTH	10,110

### LAST FOUR GAMES

WATFORD	A	WON 1-0
PORTSMOUTH	H	DREW 3-3
OXFORD	A	LOST 2-0
SUNDERLAND	A	LOST 2-0



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PLAYER IN RED  
DENOTES SCORER

NUMBER IN BRACKETS  
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED ( )

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	NDAH	DAVIS (8)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	NDAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NDAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ONUORA(8)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HULBERT(4)	COWE	DAVIS(6)
NDAH (2)	ONUORA (2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON	WILLIS	WATSON
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON(10)	COWE	WILLIS
NDAH	COWE	BULLOCK	GOODEN	TAYLOR	HOWE	WATSON
NDAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(9)
COWE	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HOWE(8)	ONUORA(9)	WATSON
WILLIS	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	BULLOCK	HALL	CUERVO(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	CUERVO	WATSON	WILLIS
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(10)	DAVIS(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(5)	CUERVO
NDAH	ONUORA	LEITCH	GOODEN	HAY(8)	DAVIS	CUERVO
NDAH	ONUORA	LEITCH	GOODEN	WATSON(8)	HULBERT(5)	BULLOCK(10)
HAY	ONUORA(2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON(7)	CAMPAGNA	COWE(8)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	GOODEN	HULBERT(7)	CAMPAGNA	COWE
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	GOODEN	TAYLOR(10)	BULLOCK(8)	NDAH(11)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	NDAH	HOWE(8)	HULBERT(6)	LEITCH(10)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	DAVIS	HAY(10)	TAYLOR(3)	BULLOCK(7)
WATSON	ONUORA	NDAH	DAVIS	HAY	HULBERT(6)	BULLOCK(2)
HAY	ONUORA(2)	NDAH	DAVIS	WALTERS(8)	WATSON	BULLOCK(6)
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(7)	REEVES	WALTERS(4)
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(9)	REEVES	COWE(8)
HAY	NDAH	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE(8)	ONUORA(7)	NOT USED
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WALTERS	WATSON	HULBERT
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	COWE	HULBERT(2)	REEVES
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WALTERS(11)	WATSON(7)	COWE(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WATSON	WILLIS	HAY(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	DAVIS	ROBINSON(11)	GOODEN(3)	GRIFFIN(9)
NDAH	ONUORA	HOWE	GOODEN	ROBINSON(5)	HULBERT(2)	HAY(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY(2)	DAVIS	HULBERT(7)	GRIFFIN	GOODEN(11)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE(2)	WALTERS	COLLINS(7)

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	33	20	10	3	65	22	70
BRADFORD	33	18	7	8	58	34	61
IPSWICH	33	18	7	8	44	20	61
BOLTON	32	16	11	5	57	37	59
BIRMINGHAM	33	16	9	8	49	29	57
WATFORD	34	14	11	9	49	44	53
WOLVES	33	13	10	10	46	35	49
GRIMSBY	32	14	7	11	34	34	49
WEST BROM	34	13	8	13	56	53	47
NORWICH	32	12	11	9	46	42	47
SHEFF UTD	32	12	10	10	50	50	46
HUDDERSFIELD	32	12	10	11	45	52	46
TRANMERE	33	9	15	9	45	44	42
CRYSTAL PALACE	33	10	10	13	44	54	40
BARNLEY	33	9	13	11	39	39	40
STOCKPORT	33	9	13	11	39	39	40
SWINDON	33	10	9	14	44	53	39
PORTSMOUTH	33	9	11	13	46	50	38
QPR	33	8	10	15	35	44	34
OXFORD	33	8	9	16	34	54	33
PORT VALE	33	9	4	20	33	60	31
BURY	33	7	10	16	28	50	31
BRISTOL CITY	33	5	13	15	42	61	28
CREWE	33	6	8	19	38	66	26

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 98/99

Player Name:	LEAGUE Apps.	W C Apps.	FAC Apps.	Gls.
BRIAN BORROWS	30	1	1	0
DARREN BULLOCK	18(5)	1	1	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	0	(1)	0	0
LEE COLLINS	0(1)	0	0	0
STEVE COWE	2(2)	0	(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	2(4)	0	0	0
SOL DAVIS	20(1)	0	1	0
NEALE FENN	3	1	0	0
JIMMY GLASS	1	1	0	0
TY GOODEN	26(2)	1	2	1
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	(1)	0	0	0
GARETH HALL	30	1	2	2
CHRIS HAY	9(7)	1	1	3
BOBBY HOWE	7(2)	0	2	1
ROBIN HULBERT	5(8)	0	2	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	10(1)	0	0	0
SCOTT LEITCH	19(1)	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	0	0	0	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0	0	0	0
GEORGE NDAH	27(1)	0	2	10
IFEM ONUORA	30(2)	1	1(1)	17
ALAN REEVES	18	(1)	0	1
MARK ROBINSON	23(3)	1	1	0
FRANK TALIA	32	1	2	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	11(2)	0	2	0
MARK WALTERS	27(2)	1	1(1)	9
KEVIN WATSON	7(6)	(1)	(1)	0
ADAM WILLIS	9	0	0	0

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# MATCH..... STATS



## the officials

**Referee: L.E. Cable**

Lee Cable is 31 years old and is married with one daughter called Lauren aged 2. Lee is a Bricklayer by trade and was promoted to the National List of Referees earlier this season. In his spare time Lee enjoys relaxing with his family.

**Assistant Referees:**

**G.A. Beale** (red trim)

**S.L. Gagen** (yellow/red)

**A. Sainsbury** (4th Official)

## match facts

**Half-Time Score**

**Full-Time Score**

**Today's Attendance**



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# TODAY'S TEAMS.....



FRANK TALIA	1	DANNY COYNE
MARK ROBINSON	2	GRAHAM ALAN
ALAN REEVES	3	ANDY THOMPSON
SCOTT LEITCH	4	JOHN MCGREAL
CRAIG TAYLOR	5	CLINT HILL
BRIAN BORROWS	6	KENNY IRONS
BOBBY HOWE	7	ALAN MAHON
GEORGE NDAH	8	ANDY PARKINSON
IFEM ONUORA	9	LIAM O'BRIEN
CHRIS HAY	10	SCOTT TAYLOR
TY GOODEN	11	LEE JONES
MARK WALTERS	12	GARY JONES
LEE COLLINS	13	JASON KOUMAS
DAVID KERSLAKE	14	DAVID KELLY
TEAM MANAGER JIM QUINN		TEAM MANAGER JOHN ALDRIDGE



This evening the two will meet in a highly competitive midfield dual, neither one will want to shy away from their responsibility to the cause.



## NEXT HOME MATCH...

Sat 6th March 1999

Nationwide League Division One

**VS BOLTON** kick-off 3.00pm



Swindon Town Football Club, County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED.