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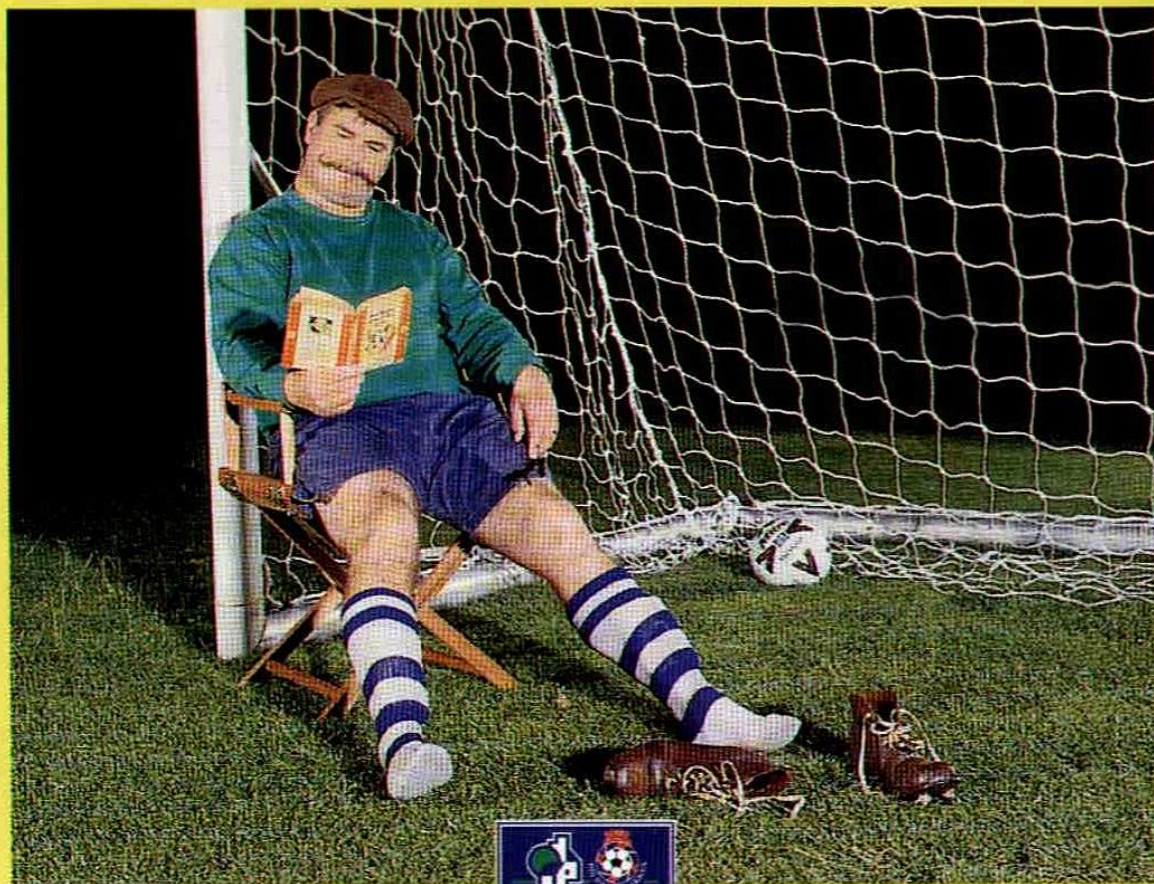
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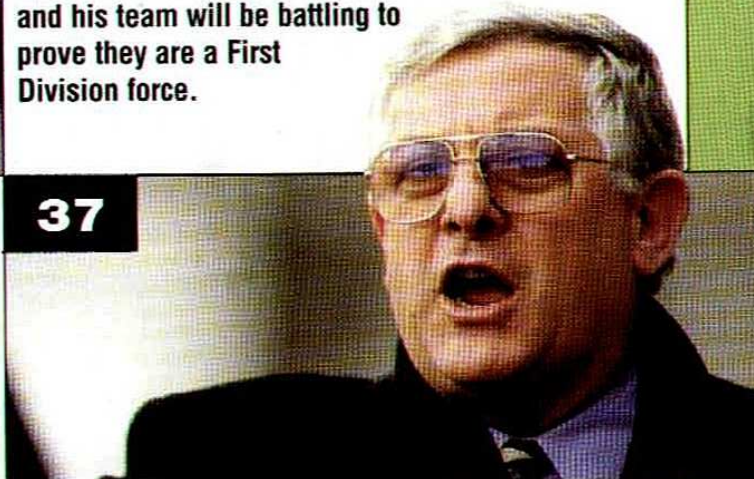
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# Welcome to the county ground



## Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for today's match against Grimsby Town.

Things are looking up at the moment as this season draws to a close and Jim Quinn's men are looking as if they may avoid relegation. A run of good performances and a valuable seven points gained in our last four games might be enough to guarantee First Division status next season. The teams around us in the relegation zone have not managed to drag themselves away and a win today will surely be enough.

It has been the away form that had made this difference this season. A draw at Huddersfield was quickly followed by a

fantastic win at Crystal Palace. The win at Selhurst Park completed the double over Palace this season and ended their ten game unbeaten run. The defence has improved and we have been looking lively in attack, especially George Ndah. It was great to see him 'bite the hand that used to feed him' last Saturday. He was keen to show his old club what they are missing. The team is really pulling together and it will be great to finish up with a few more wins, especially here at the County Ground so we can all finish on a high.

Grimsby have had an extremely successful season considering this was their first campaign in the First Division since returning from the Second Division. They still have an outside chance of the last play-off position and, if they can put

a run of victories together, they might be looking at another return to Wembley. Last season they won at Wembley twice in the club's first two visits in the Auto Windscreens Shield and the Second Division Play-Off Final. They coped well with the loss of their prolific goalscorer, Clive Mendonca, who moved to Charlton last year.

We would like to welcome Alan Buckley and his players, plus all the supporters, directors and staff who have travelled down from Grimsby.

Pictured below are the Captains, Officials, Mascots, Cheerleaders and Sponsors from the away fixture at Crystal Palace last week. We are unsure of the identity of the man in the funny suit next to Brian Borrows?!



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# Jim QUINN

## gives his view...

### Hello and welcome to the County Ground for today's match against Grimsby Town

Things have been looking up lately and we've put a string of four decent performances together and today are aiming to secure our place in the First Division.

It was terrific to get our first win in seven matches at Huddersfield. We took the game to them and things worked out very well. We had to turn things around because we had found ourselves in a bit of a rut. I joined the team before the game and took the warm-up out on the pitch. It was a case of doing something different to try and get a response. Sometimes, as a manager you've got to try things when you're on a bad run. I put the lads through their paces; there are a lot of things that can be gained from pre-match warm-ups and I think it helped the players get motivated.

We were very unlucky to lose to Birmingham. I thought we deserved at least a point and even had enough chances to win it, especially in the first half. Unfortunately we didn't take our chances and were undone by a set piece towards the end. It was a shame because they didn't deserve to win it and we didn't deserve to lose but when you dominate a first half and have a series of chances you should kill the game off there and then. I was especially pleased with our defence; they were terrific and should have had a lead to defend. We can still hold our heads up because it was still a good battling performance and the lads showed the sort of character they are going to need approaching the last few games of the season.

We then travelled to West Brom on the Tuesday night and got another good result but again we should have won the game. I can't be too dissatisfied because we got another valuable point away from home but it was frustrating to see so many opportunities missed. The lads were terrific, but we just missed that killer instinct in front of goal. It's especially frustrating, being a striker myself, to see us not forcing the ball into the net. Sometimes you've got to put your foot through the ball and make sure you hit the target and be confident that it will hit the back of the net.

I was very pleased with another sound away performance - we looked good and the lads put a lot of effort in and got what they deserved. I was pleased with the way George took his goal. It was the kind of strike I'm looking for, he hit it with purpose and belief, and got what he deserved. Our reply came just after their goal, which we made quite easy for them. It was a simple one-two and we didn't pick up the run. I can't be too disappointed because we are getting better results and other results went for us, so things are looking up.

It was another great result against Crystal Palace last Saturday. It's terrific when we go away and beat teams that have good home records. Palace had not

been beaten at home in 19 matches. It shows that we're competing well and producing the goods. It wasn't the prettiest game in the world but at this stage of the season, I'll take the points first. I think George was really up for it and he gave the kind of display we all know he is capable of. His pace and skill caused them all sorts of problems and that's what got us the goal. At the end of the day I can motivate them, encourage them and organise them but they have to go out on the pitch and get the result. All credit to them for that. That result should virtually guarantee our place in the First Division but I would like to finish off with a few more wins.

It's a shame that we're not getting these vital results at home but I can't complain too much. At the moment we're not producing the goods at home and that's really surprising because Swindon's home record in recent years has been superb. I think the players are getting a bit tense at home, they do feel for the fans and it's getting to them a bit. We haven't won at home this year and it's a bit of a concern but we've got to try and concentrate on the football and hopefully we'll put that right today.

Grimsby are a well-organised team and it will be very difficult to break them down. They're sitting in mid-table but that won't stop them putting in a good performance because they will all be playing for their places and, like every team, want to win every game they play.

**Enjoy the match, Jim.**

**NEXT MATCH**

**(AWAY) NORWICH CITY**

**Saturday 1st May**



Our recent away form should make this a spectacular finale to our travels!



# Today's visitors **GRIMSBY TOWN**



**This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Grimsby Town 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.

One of the surprise packages of the early part of the season, Grimsby have certainly left the critics with egg on their faces after a storming campaign which saw them celebrate the turn of the year in eighth place in the table and within striking distance of the Play-Off places.

Although they have slipped slightly from that lofty perch, the Mariners are still in a comfortable mid-table position and enjoying the opportunity to blood a few youngsters.

Any thought of relegation is a distant memory, which is lucky as Grimsby have slumped of late and have endured a 13-game run with just one win since mid-January.

High points of the season have included victories over promotion hopefuls such as Birmingham, Bradford and Watford, although perhaps the most satisfying result so far was the 5-1 mauling of manager Alan Buckley's former club, West Bromwich Albion, back in August. Revenge is sweet.

Skipper Paul Groves has stepped into the goalscoring breach, notching 14 times in the League so far, but it is the Mariners' impressive defence that has really grabbed the attention. At home their record of just 18 conceded stands comparison with any of the so-called 'big' clubs of the division.

Last season the side kept 35 clean sheets in all competitions as they raced to a double Wembley success - winning the Auto Windscreens Shield with a dramatic triumph over Bournemouth and then trouncing Northampton in the Second Division Play-Off Final. It is that defensive consistency for which the Mariners have angled once again.

Buckley has managed to keep the spine of his promotion side together as the Mariners have consolidated their place at the higher level. When we met earlier in the campaign, it was in-form Grimsby who nicked the points courtesy of an early strike by tricky front-runner Jack Lester.





# the team GRIMSBY

## AIDAN DAVISON

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **11.05.68**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bradford**

A Northern Ireland international who became a vital part of Grimsby's tight defence last season, when he helped the club to a double dose of Wembley glory. He signed on a free transfer in July 1997, having been released by Bradford, and has also previously played with Notts Co, Bury, Millwall, Bolton and Hull.

## ANDY LOVE

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **28.03.79**

AGE: **20**

HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Home-grown youngster who made three appearances at the tail end of the 1996/97 campaign, but failed to figure last season. He has played a handful of games in 1998/99.

## TONY GALLIMORE

POSITION: **Left-back**

BORN: **21.02.72**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Carlisle**

An experienced left-sided defender who initially struggled to make an impact under Alan Buckley last term, but rallied to become a vital member of the team towards the end of the

promotion campaign. Likes to try his luck from dead-ball situations around the penalty area, although with no joy so far this season.

## PETER HANDYSIDE

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **31.07.74**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Rock solid central defender who returned to the side last season after nearly nine months out of action, and helped lead the Mariners to promotion. Good pushing forward with the ball at his feet, he is a former Scottish Under-21 international.

## MARK LEVER

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **29.03.70**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **6ft 3in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Having progressed through the ranks at Grimsby, where he has spent his entire career, Mark was voted 'Man of the Match' in last season's Play-Off Final at Wembley. Strong in the air and a solid tackler, he is known as 'Plug' around Blundell Park and is now in his Testimonial year with the club.

## JOHN McDERMOTT

POSITION: **Right-back**

BORN: **03.01.69**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **5ft 7in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Another home-grown success story for Grimsby, John is an accomplished full-back who loves to push forward and link up with his midfield. Now in his 12th season at the club, he is a big favourite amongst the Blundell Park faithful.

## RICHARD SMITH

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **03.10.70**

AGE: **28**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Leicester**

Snapped up by Grimsby for £100,000 following an impressive spell on loan from Leicester City during 1995/96. Last season was a washout for him as an Achilles problem ruled him out for the entire campaign. Happily, he has been back in action this term.

## KINGSLEY BLACK

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **22.06.68**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Nott'm Forest**

An experienced Northern Ireland international who is a quality passer and crosser of the ball. Played in two consecutive League Cup Finals with Luton in the late 1980s and is the club's dead-ball specialist. Scored in the Mariners' Auto Windscreen Shield win over Bournemouth at Wembley last season. Scored in Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat by Sheff Utd.

## WAYNE BURNETT

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **04.09.71**

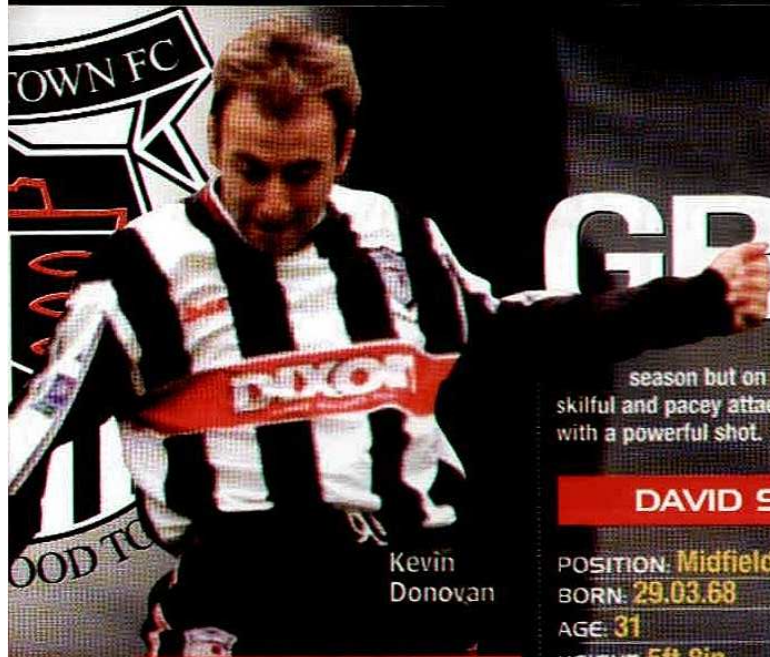
AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Huddersfield**

Transferred from Huddersfield for £100,000 in January 1998 and immediately set about creating chances from midfield for Grimsby. A skilful playmaker, he also possesses a strong tackle and has won caps for England at Youth level in a career which has also taken in L.Orient, Blackburn, Plymouth and Bolton. Hip and groin injuries have restricted his appearances this term.





Kevin  
Donovan

## STACY COLDICOTT

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **29.04.74**  
AGE: **24**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **West Brom**

One of several players to have followed manager Alan Buckley from West Brom to Grimsby, he signed for the Mariners three days before the start of the current campaign. Versatile enough to play at full-back or on the right side of midfield.

## JIM DOBBIN

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **17.09.63**  
AGE: **35**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Scarborough**

Well-travelled central midfielder who returned to Grimsby for a second spell on transfer deadline day 1998, having previously been at the club between 1991 and 1996. A former Scottish Youth cap.

## KEVIN DONOVAN

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **17.12.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **West Brom**

Top scorer with 21 goals last season, Kevin notched the winning goal in the Wembley Play-Off Final and was, not surprisingly, voted the Mariners' 'Player of the Year' for 1997/98. A back injury has plagued him so far this

season but on his day he is a skilful and pacey attacking midfielder with a powerful shot.

## DAVID SMITH

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **29.03.68**  
AGE: **31**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **West Brom**

This former England U21 star made a sizzling start to his Grimsby career, crashing in a 25-yard goal just 18 minutes into his club debut in January 1998. Previously with Coventry and Birmingham, he likes to operate on the left flank and he forms an impressive partnership with Tony Gallimore.

## TOMMY WIDDRINGTON

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **01.10.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Southampton**

Able to play in midfield, at sweeper or as a full-back. A former joint record signing at £300,000, Tommy struggled with a back injury during the glorious 1997/98 season, but has returned to action this term.

## LEE ASHCROFT

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **07.09.72**  
AGE: **26**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Preston**

One of several former West Brom players now at Blundell Park, Lee broke Grimsby's club transfer record when he moved from Preston for £500,000 in August 1998. A former England U21 international he can play through the middle or out wide and loves to run at defences.

# the team GRIMSBY

## DARYL CLARE

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **01.08.78**  
AGE: **20**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

The Mariners' current 'Young Player of the Year', Daryl enjoyed a hugely successful 1997/98 campaign: breaking into the first-team and training with the England U21 squad before eventually winning caps with the Republic of Ireland. Quick and skilful he likes to attack from deep positions and has two goals to his credit this time around.

## JACK LESTER

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **08.10.75**  
AGE: **23**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

At his best running at defenders and twisting and turning around the penalty box, Jack is one of a number of promising players to have emerged from Grimsby's youth ranks over recent years. A former England Schools cap, injury restricted his appearances last season, but he has become a regular at the higher level in 1998/99.

## STEVE LIVINGSTONE

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **08.09.69**  
AGE: **29**  
HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Chelsea**

An 'old fashioned' centre forward, Steve is a hard-working and powerful front-runner who can also slot in to a central defensive role if required. He began with Coventry City and has also had spells with Blackburn and Port Vale (loan).



# the ones to WATCH

## PAUL GROVES

**POSITION:** Midfield

**BORN:** 28.02.66

**AGE:** 33

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 11in

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** West Brom

Another former West Brom star, Groves moved to Blundell Park for £250,000 in July 1997 and has already twice climbed the Wembley steps to pick up trophies as Grimsby's captain. An inspiration in central midfield for the Mariners, he has found the net 14 times in the League this season and is thoroughly enjoying what is his second spell at the club.

## LEE NOGAN

**POSITION:** Forward

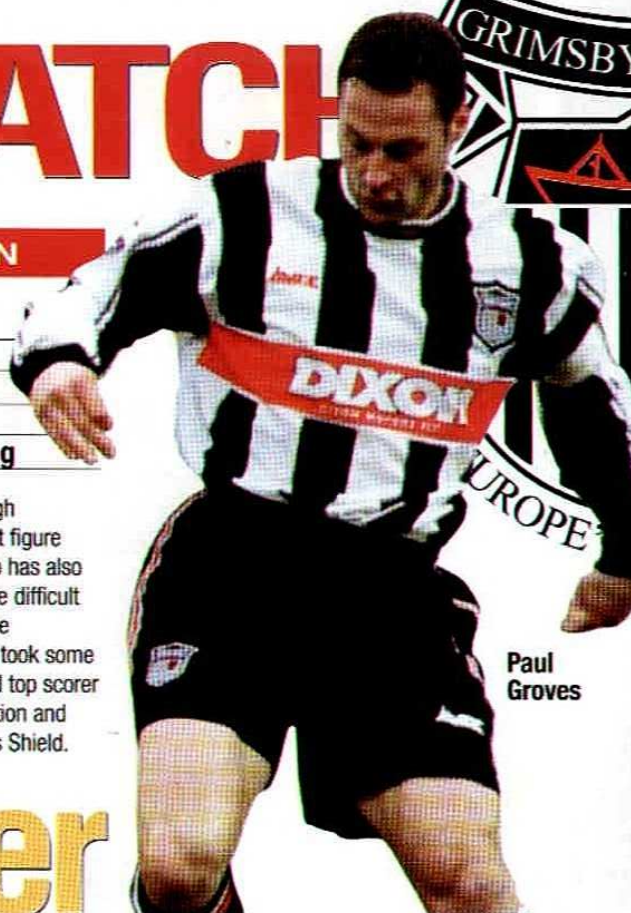
**BORN:** 21.05.69

**AGE:** 29

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 9in

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Reading

Well-travelled striker - although surprisingly West Brom does not figure amongst his former clubs - who has also won Full caps for Wales. Had the difficult job of replacing the popular Clive Mendonca at Blundell Park and took some time to settle. The club's second top scorer last season as they won promotion and picked up the Auto Windscreens Shield.



Paul Groves

# the manager ALAN BUCKLEY

Not many managers can boast two Wembley successes in the same season - even Glenn Hoddle had trouble with that achievement towards the end of his England reign - but Alan Buckley steered his unfashionable Grimsby side to victory in both the Play-Off Final and the Auto Windscreens Shield at the soon to be rebuilt 'venue of legends' last term.



Following on from the Mariners' relegation of the previous campaign that double dose of glory was especially notable.

Buckley could hardly have asked for anything more from his first season back in charge at Blundell Park, having previously managed the club between 1988 and 1994.

A moderately successful forward with Nottingham Forest, Walsall (twice) and Birmingham City as a player, it is as a manager that Buckley has really found fame.

In his first season in charge as player-manager at Walsall he led the Saddlers to promotion from Division Four and he went on to taste further success with non-League Kettering Town before being first appointed at Grimsby in June 1988.



His policy of playing open, attacking football quickly paid dividends and he led the Mariners to two successive promotions and stabilised them in Division One before joining West Brom in 1994.

His reign at the Hawthorns ended in February 1997 and, after a short break, he returned to his spiritual home at Blundell Park as a replacement for Kenny Swain in May 1997 - and then the fairytale began again.



# GOODEN VS DONOVAN

## HEAD 2 HEAD

**Ty Gooden**

Position	Defender
98/99 Appearances	41
Birthplace	Canvey Island
Date of Birth	23/10/72
Goals	1

**Signed by John Gorman in 1993 after being released by Wycombe Wanderers.**

He made over 30 appearances in Swindon's Second Division Championship season but suffered from injuries in the 1996/97 season. Ty is now Swindon's longest serving player. And he has been practically ever present this season and is filling the left wing-back position which has caused Swindon problems since the departure of Paul Bodin. He has a tremendous engine, which enables him to get up and down the field, both solid in defence and causing problems at the other end. He can hit dangerous free-kicks and possesses a stinging shot. Ty can operate in midfield and also be pushed up further on the wing.

**An unbelievable first season with the Mariners.**

Top scorer with 21 goals (16 in League), the winning goal in a Wembley Play-Off Final and voted Supporters' Player of the Year coupled with Goal of the Season Award. Kevin equalled the club record when he joined from West Brom for £300,000, rejoining his former boss now at Blundell Park. His dribbling skills at pace and shooting power made him an instant hit with the fans and as well as scoring, he also topped the charts for 'assists' with his pinpoint crossing and defence splitting passes. He had previously made over 150 appearances for West Brom and was ever present last season for Town in the League. International honours are a distinct possibility with the Republic of Ireland keeping a close eye on him.




**Kevin Donovan**

Position	Midfielder
98/99 Appearances	26
Birthplace	Halifax
Date of Birth	17/12/71
Goals	0

### Close UP

Ty has been in a run of particularly good form lately and will have to be at his best today because he is up against one of the best attacking midfielders in the First Division.

He has used his wing-back position as a springboard to attack, get in behind the opposition defences and supply the forwards with the ammo they need.

Ty is producing the sort of quality balls into the box that Onwora and Co can take advantage of.

However this season he has not grabbed many goals of his own, mainly because his responsibilities lie elsewhere. Donovan will want to get at Gooden as quickly as he can.

If he can dominate the play and keep Ty pinned back, he will not only be setting up his own forwards but eliminating the vital supply into Town's forwards.

Ty will have to be aware when Donovan cuts inside and goes for goal himself. He has proven in the past that he can score goals despite his apparent lack of them this term.

Although Donovan's own defensive qualities will be tested as Gooden's pace and close control will enable him to go at players in one-on-one situations. It will be a highly charged encounter with vital points on the line.

Expect a great confrontation.



# PAGES from the past...

## BERT HEAD WRITES APRIL 1965...

This has been a most frustrating season. Given the brilliant start we had to the last season and the growing experience of our young players we really expected to do better.

We have lacked consistency. Sometimes we really hit the high spots, the games against Coventry and Northampton spring to mind but at others we have seemed right down. The ball has not run kindly for us as often happens when a team is at the bottom of the table but an unfortunate run of injuries, beginning with the loss of our goalkeeper in the opening game of the season, have not helped either. Last Saturday we travelled to Newcastle who virtually guaranteed their promotion with their 1-0 victory but our lads really made them battle and with a little luck might have pinched the goal that would have meant so much to us. Maybe we lacked a bit of imagination up front but viewed in the light of our home game, which Newcastle won 6-1, I thought the lads did well to keep the margin so fine.

Our last home game saw us grab two vital points. Ernie Hunt must be the gamest player in the game. Only Ernie's keenness to play made me put him against Rotherham. If it had been at any other stage of the season I doubt that I would have put him in but the whole future of the club was at stake. He has missed 11 games this season with appendicitis and a broken toe and from those 11 games we have gained just four points. As it was the jarring his foot incurred from blasting in his 25-yard shot left him limping for the rest of the match. Undoubtedly though his presence inspired the lads. Although Rotherham equalised Roger Smart headed us in front just before the half-hour. The second half saw Mike Summerbee turn in Don Rogers' cross to increase our lead and give us enough of a cushion to cling on to our win despite a late goal by Bennett. Ernie's injury surely

gives a good case for substitutes to be allowed in the case of injury. This was also true of the recent international at Wembley. It surely cannot be right for people to have to pay 55 shillings to watch a team with nine men struggling to hold on for a draw.

This afternoon sees us entertain Preston North End, a club with a proud record right from the days in 1888-9, when they won the League Championship without losing a game and the Cup without conceding a goal, down to last season when they were FA Cup finalists. They will be tough opponents but having taken fifty years to fight our way out of Division Three we do not wish to return to it. We shall need all the help we can get from our fans and well wishers, for your support can encourage us no end.



### Quiz question:

In the match with Newcastle mentioned above which Swindon player made his 200th consecutive appearance?

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### Last question

Swindon did reach the play offs in 1993. Who did they defeat in the final and what was the score?

**Answer...** Leicester City 4-3

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# Mike Walsh's

## weekly diary...April

### Monday 12th

We weren't disappointed with the way we played against Birmingham but we had to look at the movement of our forwards because we were not getting the sort of penetration we needed and some of the movement was poor.

So we went out onto the pitch to work with the forwards in some small-sided games all over the pitch, obviously with the West Brom game in mind. For this reason we didn't want to do too much because the players have worked really hard on their fitness over the last few weeks.

### Tuesday 13th

We travelled up to West Brom and got a deserved point.

Again, we weren't disappointed with our general play but thought we could have won the game. We did get the movement we were looking for up front, and did get a few chances, but unfortunately we didn't take advantage of them. We were disappointed with that because it's not something we've been that guilty of this season. It was a great strike from George and that is the sort of thing we were looking for.

### Wednesday 14th

The players that were involved on Tuesday night did not come in but were under instructions to do their own warm down in the morning and make sure everything was ok.

The Reserves had a game against Southampton. We gave players that had been out for quite a while the chance to get a competitive game in again, especially Alan Reeves who has been out for a while so he got an hour. The game finished 0-0 but the talking point was Stuart Ripley's sending off.

It was disappointing to see a seasoned professional react the way he did. I know Southampton view his assault on Sol Davis very seriously and he will be severely dealt with internally. It's not the sort of thing you like to see on a football field but the only good thing to come out of it was the way our players reacted. We commended all the players, especially Sol, not only for the way they got in there as quickly as they could and got him away, but also for the way they played the remainder of the match. I thought that the rest of the Southampton players and staff conducted themselves very well and there wasn't any vendettas or lingering reaction to a moment of

madness. I think the Southampton players were just as shocked as ours.

### Thursday 15th

The players came in but were still a bit tired from the matches on Saturday and Tuesday.

We tried to relax it a little bit and had a game of head tennis. We had a lot of fun and I refereed it so only I can say who was good and who was bad, but let's just say that Jimmy Glass will not be encouraged to head the ball clear!

### Friday 16th

We got together and had a little talk about the game away against Crystal Palace.

Then we went and had a bit of a work out just to get everybody ticking over and make sure they were up for it. We got all the players to have a few shots at goal but, as everyone knows, when you cross that white line and are in a match situation, it's completely different from the training pitch, but we hoped something might click on Saturday.







# Football ROUND-UP

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

## First Team

**It's been a week of better results at the County Ground.**

The three points at Crystal Palace really showed what good football we can play. To take the lead early in the second half and defend it so well was a great achievement. But on Monday it was back to the training ground to start the important preparation for today's tough encounter.

Palace have been on a good run of late and a point would have seemed a good result before the game, so to come away with three has surely brought us closer to First Division football next season. We have had some results away from home with West Brom, Huddersfield and now Palace Town. But we must start performing equally well at home where we have had some mixed displays.

It has also been a feature of the last few games that youth players have been picked for the first team squad. First James Williams and now Paul McAreavey have both been given the chance to travel with the big boys and although they may not always have been selected for the final team this is an important stage for them. First team football is a big occasion and it has given them the chance to experience the atmosphere and routine of the day, so

when their big call-up does arrive the experience is familiar to them.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the future of Swindon Town will rest on younger shoulders. Our ever-expanding Centre of Excellence is supplying the club with 12 or more trainees (or Scholars, to give them their new title). As they move into the full-time bracket of footballers, so our current YTs are moving up to the professional ranks. Six of this year's YTs will be pro next season, more than any before. With the addition of Charlie Griffin, therefore, the average age comes down from this season's 26.3 years old to just under 20 in 1999-2000.





## Reserves

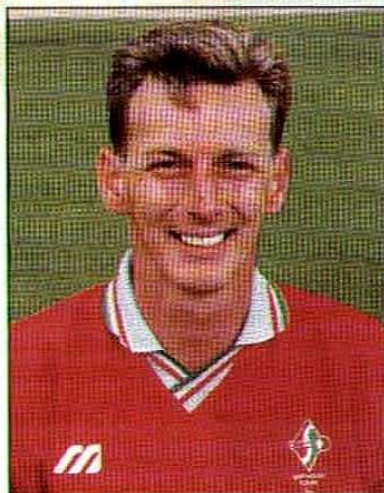


**This week's reserve match against Wycombe Wanderers on Monday is worthy of a special mention.**

Playing alongside the returning pros and the YTs were Messrs Quinn, McDonald and Jones. You could say that the manager, reserve team coach and youth team manager were playing in the name of experience: between them they have 108 years and over 50 seasons in football. There were a few sore bones in evidence come Tuesday morning. Tom Jones, who played his first competitive game all season, laughed off his aches and pains as he took his YTs out for training. Alan McDonald, though, complained that "someone must have crept into my room during the night and beat me up with a baseball bat." Hmmm...

That match, which ended 0-0, saw Tom Jones play alongside protege James Williams. James, a first year YT, came on as a substitute for Gareth Davies in the first team game against West Brom, to become the second youngest player ever to appear with the seniors. With Frazer McHugh, who has twice appeared in the squad, it is clear that Jim Quinn is looking towards youth in shaping his own team. Tom Jones thinks that can only be a positive thing: "It's marvellous really, it's good for the young lads and the club. The gaffer has told them that if they're good enough they'll play in the first team. They've still got a lot to learn, but there is plenty of potential there. They've got to show their worth in the youth set up and put in some strong performances in the reserves. If they can do that, like young Paul McAreavey, they'll get their reward."

The youths' A team managed a creditable draw against Oxford last week and today face their final match of the season, at home to Colchester.

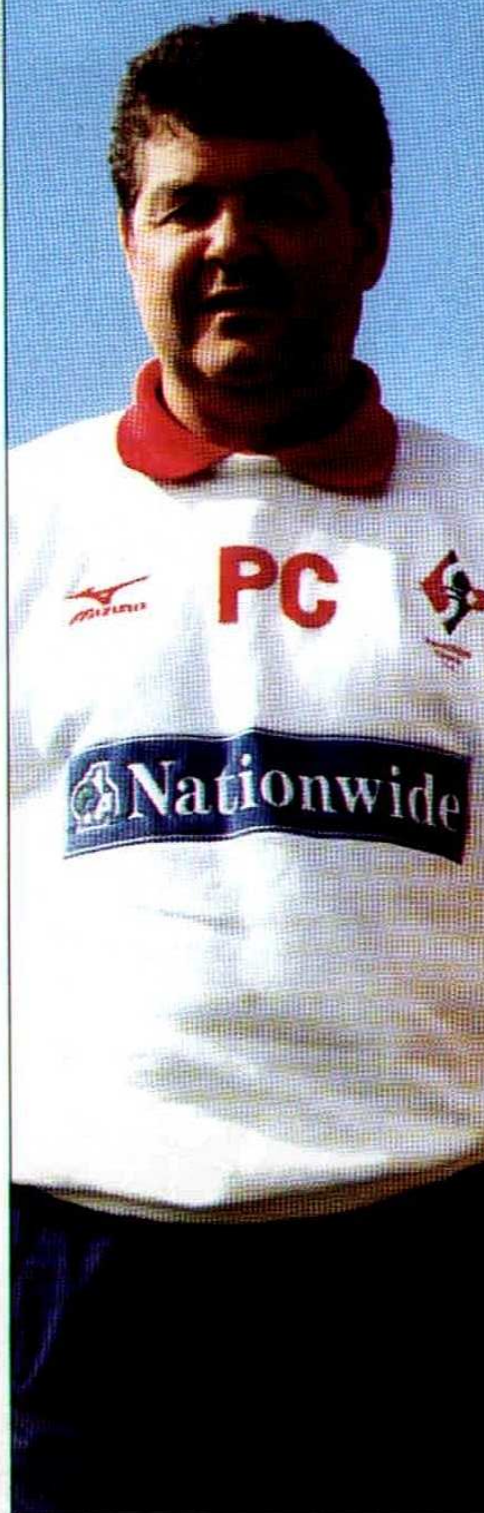


## Centre of Excellence

**Last weekend all the coaches from our Centre of Excellence were invited to Keele University for an in-service day in the company of Howard Wilkinson, the FA's Technical Director.**

All our coaches have to take 32 hours a year on a coach development program. Years ago, once you passed your coaching badges you were accredited for life, but now the FA are very keen on the personal development of coaches on a permanent basis.

Centre Director Phil Cannon thought the course was valuable. "Some of the sessions were better than others, but you can pick out things that interest you and dismiss some others. I think Howard Wilkinson has picked up some very interesting methods which he is passing on to everyone. He's passionate about improving our game in line with the top nations, and that's got to be good."



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# SIXTEEN

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A big thank you to everyone who already registered as supporters' club members, we are delighted to have you with us and you will soon begin to benefit from the incentives which membership brings. We know there are many more supporters out there that we would like to see join, so please drop in at the Ticket Office, Information Point, Away Travel Office or the Winners Lounge to pick up your application form.

Please may we apologise if we have misled season ticket holders with our communication. Don't panic, all season ticket holders do get free membership, but we do need a completed membership application if you are to be enrolled as a member of the supporters' club. Sorry for the confusion but please pick your form up as indicated above.

I think everyone will agree that, as it turned out, we could not have picked a

## The S.T.F.C SUPPORTERS CLUB

worse day to launch the club from a P.R. point of view, as we suffered historically our heaviest defeat. However, sometimes if you are building from scratch you need to look at the worst situation, start from the bottom and work up, even in the face of adversity.

So, despite the heavy defeat we are still being positive and building a supporters' club for the future and one which can bring a brighter future in and around the football club. If anything, that defeat showed that the idea of pulling people together within a common cause will do more to turn matters around than critical comment and will ultimately bring its rewards. The embers of hope and enthusiasm amongst those who

travelled to Huddersfield and W.B.A., showed that commitment and support brought on the field, a reward of a priceless four points out of six - let's hope that some of that passion is seen today within our ground.

Finally, today saw a success story facilitated within the supporters' group. Initially it appeared that it would be necessary to cancel the Junior Robins' visit to Crystal Palace, as the original cost of the trip appeared to be a barrier. We asked our travel partner to seek further quotations which resulted in immediate cost reductions. In a short space of time, and from the trip being not viable, the 52-seater coach was filled to capacity. This is what we are about, giving supporters value for money and at the same time supporting the football club in all areas. How long will it be before you benefit? Come and join us now!

### PS

May we advise members that membership cards may be collected from the Information Point on matchday.

## the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



So now, the end is near and the season faces its final curtain!

But as we move towards the end of another campaign all thoughts turn to the Millennium Kit for next season.

When will it be unveiled? What will it look like? And when can we buy it? The Club has kept things very close to its chest and have released very few details about the kit. By shrouding it in mystery it has generated a lot of interest and I for one will be looking forward to the launch.

Apparently it is supposed to reflect the best of the old kits and some of the modern traits. I for one would love to see us move back to the classic kits of the past with baggy old shorts and round neck shirts.

Has anyone stopped to think that this season could be the last that we play as Swindon Town?

The bid is already in from the Bishop and his team, to take Swindon into the next millennium as a city. By August our fate could be sealed - whether or not there is a cathedral here, or even a focus for the town centre of any description, the experts seem to think the case is a strong one. And so stand by for Swindon City playing here next campaign.

Finally, next week we should be in a position to name the BBC Wiltshire Sound 'Player of the Season'. The plan is to tally up the awards from Shaun Hodgetts and Arthur Hunt over the last eight months - with you getting your chance to influence the decision.

Drop me a line at BBC Wiltshire Sound, PO Box 1234, Swindon, if you want to give us your views.

Enjoy the match.

**John Gripton**

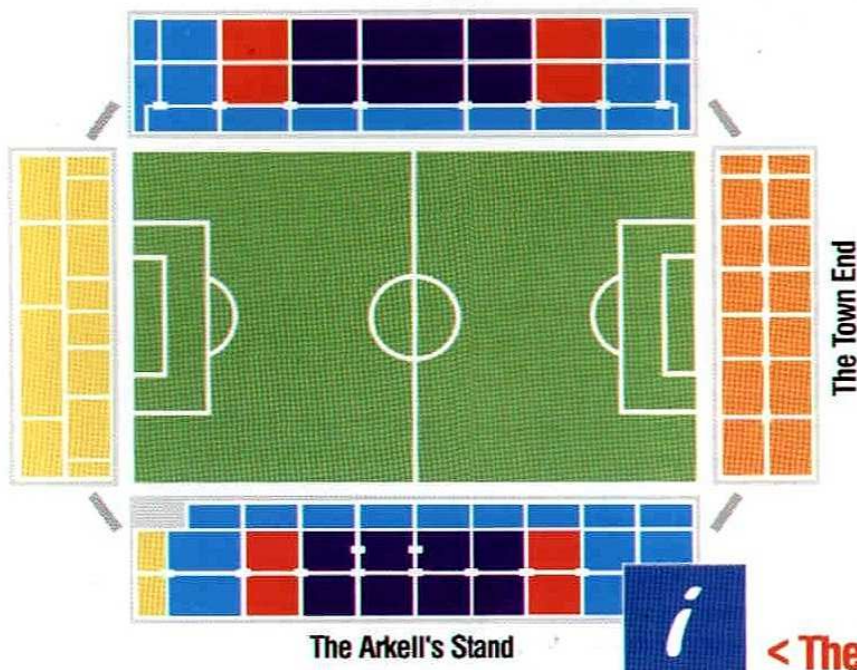
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# Swindon Town INFORMATION CENTRE

The South Stand



The Information Centre is based on the end of the Arkell's Stand (see graphic) and is now the official site where people can leave or pick up messages from fellow fans, family and friends.

There will be no unnecessary PA announcements and, therefore, if you are expecting any messages, you can visit the Information Centre during the match day. It can also be used as a meeting place, as well as being the place to check for any lost property, or if you are unsure about something please do not hesitate to ask one of our friendly staff.

< The Information Centre

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# the TREATMENT room

with Physio's Dave Moore & Dick Mackey

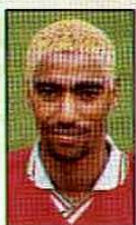


**Scott Leitch** continues to have problems with his knee.

He is currently walking around with a splint on his leg to support it and keep the knee in extension. He is resting it a lot but effectively he is out for the rest of the season, which is unfortunate.



**David Kerslake** had a groin problem, which is still giving him problems. It has been compounded by a calf strain, which is very frustrating. He's been swimming and working with the weights but running is difficult, even jogging is a problem, so I'm not too optimistic about this one.



**Philippe** is still on the long, long road to recovery. He had a bit of a walk and a stretch with the lads to try and change things a bit for him. He's eagerly awaiting to see the specialist in about a weeks time and hopefully he will get the go-ahead to step up the process and get him doing some more jogging. At the moment we've just got to keep him ticking over and keep him interested.

He has been out on a limb for a while and it's good to get him working with the lads or just see what they're doing. Motivation is difficult when you're out for such a long period but he's hoping he will, at least, get a date from the specialist and confirm that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

**Brian Borrows** has been working hard. He suffered a groin strain but because he is such a good athlete and has a strong attitude he should be available for selection.



**Robin Hulbert's** sprained ankle is clearing up. He had 20 minutes in a friendly against Gloucester City. He felt a bit of discomfort and came off but he's been in training since and shouldn't be too far away from full fitness. I would expect him to be playing in some Reserve games soon.

**Mark Robinson** has recovered from his sprained ankle and he had a very good game against Gloucester and he's full of beans and looking forward to getting back in the first team.

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# Community NEWS

with Clive Maguire & Jon Holloway



**Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's important fixture against Grimsby Town.**

Today we extend a warm Community Office welcome to Rob Dawe and his team from Hardwick Rangers, and also Oaksey FC who have been brought here today by Julie Pritchard. We hope you have a great time with us and come again next season.

You may have read in the Matchday Magazine a few weeks ago about our charity support for the NSPCC. Ian Norris gallantly completed the London Marathon and raised a brilliant £1,500 towards the charity. Jon and I were delighted to hand over our contribution of £50 towards his total. WELL DONE Ian from everyone here at Swindon Town Football Club.

All our courses are now in place for our summer weeks. The first course at Whitsun is on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June, here at the club.

If Easter was anything to go by, you may need to get your applications in asap, as we had a fantastic 206 young up-and-coming stars attending. Jon and I have now decided this will be the maximum number of places available for the summer courses. So to avoid disappointments please enrol

quickly. Our summer courses are as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd June  
27th, 28th and 29th July  
10th, 11th and 12th August  
24th, 25th and 26th August

All these courses are to be held here at the club, and the details can be found at main reception or the Information Centre. Alternatively, give us a call on (01793) 421 303.

As well as the County Ground courses, we will be on our travels to places like Marlborough, Corsham and Chippenham. For further details on these, again please call us.

Our summer schools coaching programme is also in place to start on Monday 7th June. This is where we

invite Primary Schools to come to the club for an action-packed morning including coaching and a tour of the County Ground. If you think your school would be interested, please talk to your teachers and get them to call us!

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Anthony Reeves, whom today is our guest of honour. Anthony lives in Thame and is joined here today by his parents. Anthony is in remission from leukaemia and is back playing football and is here to watch the Town despite his allegiance to Oxford Utd.

Until next time Best Wishes

**Clive and Jon**

*Pictured below is the Mayor of Chippenham presenting medals at last summer's Football Fun Week at John Coles Park, Chippenham.*



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Hi Kids and here we are again for another exciting football match at the County Ground. I'm sure you've all been worried about relegation, but after a great victory over Crystal Palace it looks like we're safe.

Another win today would be just what the doctor ordered, and I'm sure Jim Quinn and the lads on the pitch will be trying their hardest to achieve just that!



#### Next Junior Robins Away Trip

I'm sure all you Junior Robins enjoy our away days and our next trip is to Carrow Road to watch us take on Norwich - it will be a real bird of a game - the Canary versus the Robin! I'm sure we'll come out on top.

The prices for this trip are £12 Junior Robin members and £13.50 for adults, which includes the price of travel and entrance to the ground. I know that the players always appreciate the away support so why not come along and sing your heart out for Swindon Town.

To book your place please call Richard Dunstan on 01993 703110.

## MATCHDAY MASCOTS

### WILLIAM RITMAN

William is 11 years old and has always been a massive Swindon fan.

As he lives in Chippenham it makes perfect sense that his favourite player's Charlie Griffin. Let's hope Charlie can grab his first goal today William!



### JOSH MEREDITH

Josh is 11 years and attends Collingbourne Primary.

His hobbies include football, swimming and judo. His favourite player is the one and only George Ndah.

It is also Josh's birthday today so on behalf of everyone at Swindon Town I would like to wish Josh many happy returns!!

### HELEN & PATRICK PARKIN

Helen and Patrick are brother and sister who live in Farnborough. Helen is 14 and attends Farnborough Hill School.

Her hobbies include playing the clarinet and watching the Town play - of course! Her favourite players is goal ace Chris Hay.



Patrick is 15 and goes to Salesian College in Farnborough. He enjoys playing football and cricket for local teams.

As Patrick is a goalkeeper it is no surprise that his favourite player is Frank Talia.

Everyone at Swindon Town wishes all our mascots an unforgettable day at the County Ground.



# Looking AHEAD...

Your essential guide to the next three Swindon games



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 1ST MAY**  
**KICK-OFF 3.00PM**

## The Lowdown

It looks as if Norwich have secured a place in the First Division next season, a play-off place is unlikely so Bruce Rioch can afford to try new things, players and formations with a view to next season.

Rioch has done well in the transfer market and has managed to acquire loan signing of Paul Dalglish from Newcastle and the £500,000 purchase of Alex Mulryne from Manchester Utd. If Norwich can afford Dalglish's price tag of around £1million, then the future looks bright, because they have a young talented squad and next season we will certainly see a vastly improved performance from Norwich.

## Reason to watch

This is Town's last away match of the season, so if you enjoy travelling the country and watching Swindon take on teams in their own back yard, this is the last opportunity you will have for a while, so make the most of it.

## The Connection

Swindon came from a goal behind to snatch a point in a 1-1 draw against in early December.

Iwan Roberts gave the Canaries the lead with a header from six yards. Swindon came back and when the Norwich defence failed to clear Mark Walters was on hand to fire home from 12 yards past the stranded keeper.

## Player to watch

**Craig Bellamy is the current Golden Boy at Carrow Road.**

He broke into the side on a regular basis last season - and ended up top scorer with 13 goals. Craig is also a valuable member of Bobby Gould's Welsh squad. He can play as an attacking midfielder or a striker and is very quick, with excellent close control. This season he has been part of an impressive partnership with Iwan Roberts, until the arrival of Paul Dalglish, son of Kenny. Dalglish has claimed a regular place alongside Bellamy and Roberts will have to wait for his opportunities. Bellamy uses his pace to great effect and has hit the net 17 times this season, which has attracted alot of interest from the Premiership clubs.



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SUNDAY 9TH MAY**  
**KICK-OFF 1.30PM**

## The Lowdown

After a disastrous start to their Premiership campaign last season, Barnsley won the admiration of football neutrals everywhere as they regrouped and made a bold bid to stay in the top flight.

In the end it was too little, too late, but the attacking and stylish brand of football they produced towards the end of last season marked them out as one of the favourites for an immediate return to the Premiership. However, this season the Tykes have not reproduced the form that earned them so many admirers and they are currently coming to terms with the relative disappointment of mid-table security. An impressive FA Cup run saw

them go out to a spectacular goal from David Ginola in the quarter-finals.

## Reason to watch

This match will be the last game of the season and at the moment Swindon's place in the First Division is not guaranteed, so it might come down to the wire and it could well be an extremely tense day at the County Ground where anything and everything can happen.

## The Connection

This will be Swindon's fourth meeting with Barnsley this season.

An impressive away win in the League was closely followed by a draw at home in the FA Cup Third Round. In the replay

at Oakwell Swindon went down 3-1 and Barnsley went onto the quarter-final.

## Player to watch

**Former England Under 21 Bruce Dyer is a fast and aggressive front man, and cost the Tykes £800,000 from Crystal Palace in November.**

Since his arrival he has provided manager John Hendrie, the much-needed options in attack. Dyer has been superb for the Tykes, the power, pace and natural ability have come flooding back and three goals in his first two games for Barnsley was enough to endear him to the Oakwell faithful. His ability to hold up the ball is a key element in Barnsley's attack and if he can distribute the ball to fellow striker Craig Hignett, it could well be a long afternoon for Swindon's defence.

**HOME**

**CHARITY MATCH**  
**SATURDAY 16TH MAY**  
**KICK-OFF T.B.A**



**SWINDON TOWN**  
**VERSUS**  
**PENETRATORS F.C.**

This is a Charity match between a select Swindon Town FC XI v Penetrators FC.

It is your chance to see this 'David v Goliath' contest and raise money for a worthy cause. Penetrators FC are a Swindon and District Sunday League side, which is the biggest league in the area. So it will be a great opportunity to see how your local sides fare against a professional outfit. Come along and join in the fun, it should be a terrific day here at the County Ground.

## Wiltshire County Football Association Cup Finals

**Tues 11th May: Senior Cup Pewsey Vale v Wotton Bassett Town k.o. 7.30pm**

**Weds 12th May: Minors Under-13 Highworth Junior v Croft Juniors k.o. 6.15pm**

**Weds 12th May: Youth Cup Swindon Town v Chippenham Town k.o. 8.00pm**

**Thurs 13th May: Premier Shield Salisbury v Swindon Supermarine k.o.7.30pm**



# HANDY HINTS

## The Rough Guide To Away Travel



**Club:** Norwich City

**Nickname:** 'The Canaries'

**Ground:**  
Carrow Road, Norwich,  
NR1 1JE

**Phone:** 01603 760760  
**Fax:** 01633 613886

**Capacity:** 21,994 (all seated)  
**Away allocation:** 1,741

**Car parking:**  
City Centre Car Parks.

**Coach parking:**  
Lower Clarence Road.

**Disabled Facilities:**  
**Wheelchairs:** South Stand  
**Blind:** Commentary available

**If you get there early:**  
There are various historic buildings dotted around the City. Norwich Cathedral and the Castle are worth a visit.

# AWAY TRAVEL

TRAVEL



## TRANSPORTING SWINDON TOWN FANS INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Welcome to this afternoon's fixture with Grimsby Town.

Next weekend sees our final away trip of the season. Having been unbeaten in our last three away games, why not join the party and cheer the lads on at Norwich? Don't forget that you can get £1 off the fares shown below if you join the Supporters' Club. Application forms are available from our office before today's game.

Last week we were accompanied by many of our junior supporters on the trip to Crystal Palace. We trust they all enjoyed their day out - and the superb result.

In two weeks time, SAS Travel will be holding an end of season Programme Sale at our 'shop' off County Road. There will be hundreds of programmes, old and new, so come along on Sunday May 9. The sale starts at 10am and goes on until 20 minutes before kick-off.



## NORWICH CITY

**KICK OFF - 3.00PM**

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Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 8.30AM

Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 8.00AM

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Thursday evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday Matchdays 1.30pm - 2.45pm

Wednesday Matchdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm

## TICKET OFFICE OPENING TIMES

**Monday - Friday**

9.00am - 5.00pm

**Saturday** (non-match days)

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Saturday** (match days)

9.00am - Kick-Off

**Midweek** (match days)

5.30pm - half time

**Tickets for home matches go on general sale 4 weeks before the match.**



# SWINDON TOWN GOLF DAY

Swindon Town F.C will be holding a Golf Day on Tuesday 20th July 1999 at Wrag Barn Golf & Country Club, Highworth.

The competition will have a 30 team limit comprising of teams of 3/4. This special event means that your team can, if desired, also include one of the Swindon Town players or Coaches.

## *Itinerary for the Day*

### MORNING

- Welcome greeting on arrival
- Coffee and Biscuits in the Banbury Suite (served from 8.15am)
- Putting Competition
- Texas Scramble competition over 9 holes (Tee times from 9.30am to 10.30am)

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### LUNCHEON

- (served from 12midday)

### AFTERNOON

- 18 hole Stableford competition (Tee times from 9.30am to 10.30am)
- with 'Halfway House' refreshments

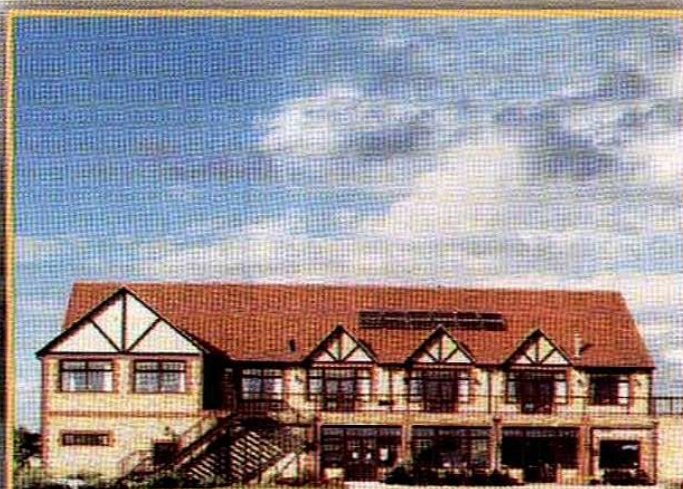
### EVENING

- 3 Course Dinner at 7.30pm
- Prize presentation.

There will be plenty of top class prizes for this top class event.

**Price per team £360+VAT**

To join in on this unique event, please call Mike Spearman or Samantha Clift on 01793 532 121.



**WRAG BARN**  
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



# Marketing NEWS

with Richard Mackey



I would like to give a warm welcome to all our sponsors for today's game with Grimsby Town. We had a fantastic away win at Crystal Palace last week that almost secures First Division football next season. Hopefully, this will boost the lads to a good home win this afternoon.

## Matchball SPONSORS

Today we have three Matchball Sponsors: Impact Exhibition Design, Glazpart, and Brimonn UK.

### BRIMONN UK

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### IMPACT EXHIBITIONS

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They undertake the whole project from initial brief to completion, all over mainland Europe, the Far East and USA. Impact have well-equipped

workshops, full computer-based graphic production, extensive storage options and a comprehensive fitting and transport division giving total solutions for corporate purchasing of exhibition and display products.

Recent expansion has included a specialist sign division incorporating sports' ground signage, corporate livery, retail and point of sale. They are also the official signwriters of Swindon Town Football Club.

## Sporting Dinner A Great Success!

Our Sporting Club Dinner on Thursday 15th April went down very well with all our guests. It was the first big event we've held in the Winners Lounge and all our sponsors had an excellent evening.

We had some highly valuable auction items with a signed Alan Shearer Shirt, a World Cup print signed by Bobby Moore and Sir Alf Ramsey and a signed George Best Print, to name but a few. Food was supplied by our in-house caterers, Hallidays and people were delighted with the top quality food

as well as the hilarious comedian Mal Rich. We would like to thank all those who supported the night by buying raffle tickets and auction prizes. We will be holding our next Dinner in early September.

## Swindon Town Golf Day

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# Milan thrash Udinese to leave title race wide open

**M**ILAN edge closer to Lazio with a 5-1 win at Udinese.

AC Milan are now the favourites to take the title after a run of good results. Against Udinese Zvonimir Boban and German Oliver Bierhoff both scored twice as AC Milan won 5-1 on Sunday to close to within a point of Italian League leaders Lazio.

With only five matches remaining, the Serie A race is up for grabs with Lazio, beaten 3-1 at home to Juventus on Saturday, Lazio have been in top spot in recent months and were looking comfortable. However they have given up a seven-point advantage over Milan in eight days.

Milan's margin of victory over Udinese, a side which had not lost at home since December suggests the momentum in the championship run-in is shifting north - away from Lazio, who have taken just one point out of three successive home matches. "I knew that we would have to suffer until May 23 and now everyone knows it. But it's not over yet," said Lazio coach Sven-Goran Eriksson after his side's second successive defeat.

# World Football



## GERMANY



Matthias Sammer resumes training after 18 months out. He has been sidelined by a knee injury, but has now resumed training and hopes to play again.

"It's only a beginning," said the Borussia Dortmund player. "To start training again is a very important step forward for Matthias," said Dortmund coach Michael Skibbe. "Now we must wait and see if his knee's strong enough."

Sammer, 31, has not played since undergoing the latest of a series of operations on his left knee in October 1997. A prominent member of Germany's Euro 96-winning team and of the Dortmund side who lifted the European Cup in 1997, Sammer has won 23 caps for East Germany and 51 for Germany.

## HOLLAND



Coach Frank Rijkaard has left Barcelona's Dutchmen out of his squad for the friendly international against Morocco in Arnhem on Wednesday. Rijkaard has agreed the Barcelona contingent can play in a match against Brazil on the same day as the club celebrates its centenary.

Barcelona's Frank and Ronald de Boer, Phillip Cocu, Michael Reiziger, Patrick Kluivert and Boudewijn Zenden, all picked for the game against Argentina last month, are ruled out, as is Juventus' Edgar Davids, who is suspended after receiving a red card in the Argentine game.

However, the return of Jaap Stam after injury looks likely to shore up the defence. The match against Morocco will give many of the Netherlands' home-based players, notably from Feyenoord and Vitesse Arnhem, the chance to impress the coach as he prepares for Euro 2000. As co-hosts with Belgium, the Netherlands have automatically qualified for the next year's European soccer championships.

## AUSTRALIA



Sydney United have had to put their minor premiership celebrations on hold following a 0-0 draw with lowly Gippsland Falcons in the Australian League last Sunday. United were favourites to beat Gippsland and overtake South Melbourne for top spot in the standings.

But South's defeated Canberra 1-0 so United, two points behind, must overcome Adelaide Sharks next week to lead the teams into the six-team championship playoffs.

The composition of the playoffs will not be settled until the final round. Marconi Fairfield, Sydney Olympic and Adelaide City are all in contention for the final two spots.

Northern Spirit clinched a finals berth in their debut season with a 1-1 draw at Newcastle on Friday.

## NIGERIA



The army band which has been playing the national anthems at the World Youth Cup has been sacked following out-of-tune performances.

Pre-recorded national anthems replaced live versions for the second round ties played on Wednesday and Thursday with local media reporting it was because the band was hitting too many wrong notes.

"They play well alright but they lack precision", the ceremonial committee was quoted as saying.

Brazilian players grimaced and were clearly embarrassed at the way their anthem was played before a game with Zambia. The off-key anthem was played at about half its normal speed and was barely recognisable.

## EUROPE



Proposed changes to transfer regulations will not include allowing players or clubs to terminate contracts whenever they choose, FIFA said last week.

In light of the 1995 landmark Bosman ruling, the game's world governing body admitted that it is looking into overhauling its transfer regulations in order to make them "EU compatible."

But any changes to the transfer system will not challenge the sanctity of contracts, said FIFA, contradicting reports that the new regulations would allow players and clubs to terminate agreements whenever they wanted.

"We are looking at the transfer regulations as a whole," said FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren. "One thing that is being closely looked at is what happens to a player at the end of his contract, which is the essence of the Bosman ruling."





George and Iffy combine again



Frank Talia stretches to the limit



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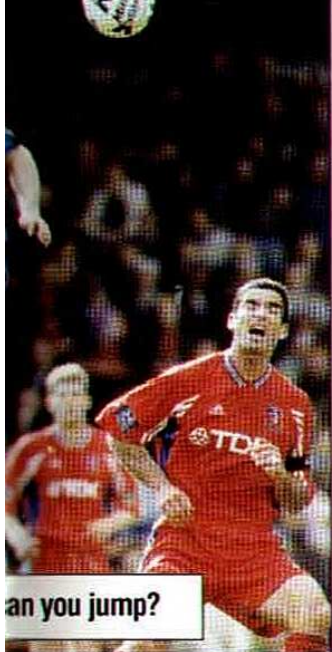


George leaves the defender sprawling

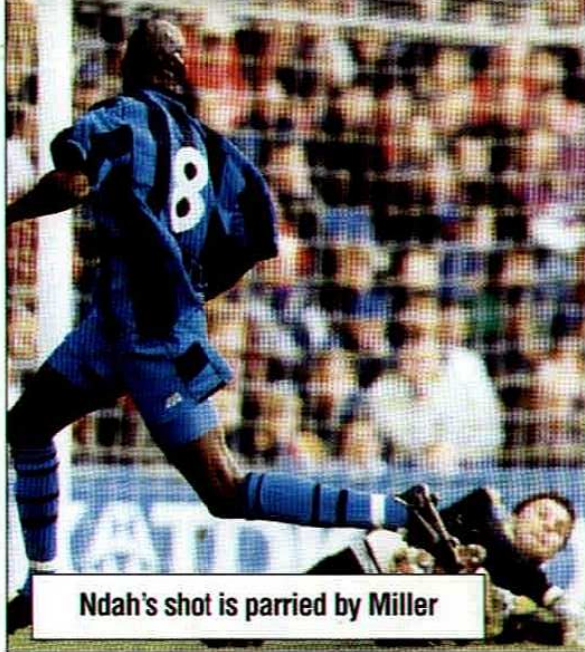


Iffy Onuora hits the net and celebrates his winner

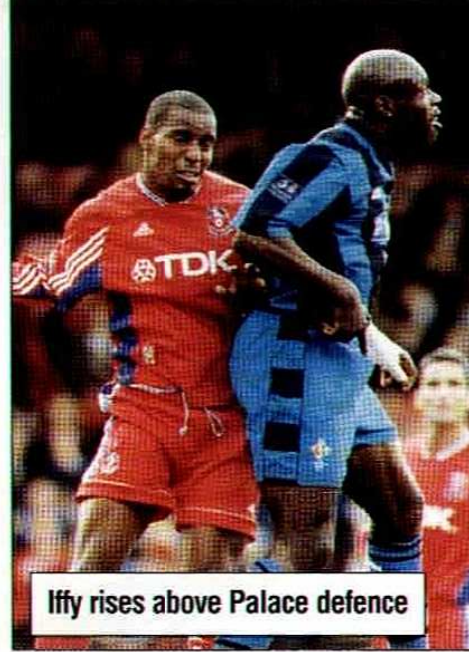




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Ndah's shot is parried by Miller



Iffy rises above Palace defence



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9. IFEM ONUORA
10. SHAYNE BRADLEY
11. TY GOODEN



### ON THE BENCH

MARK WALTERS  
(HAY 76)

MARK ROBINSON  
(DAVIES 29)

KEVIN WATSON  
(BRADLEY 26)

## MAN OF THE MATCH

★ GEORGE NDAH ★



George returned to Selhurst Park where he began his career. It was obvious from the pre-match hype and his attitude that he was going to be well up for it. He worked hard when not everything came off for him but a dazzling run early in the second half proved to be decisive as his pace and skill took him past two Palace defenders before his low cross was met by Onuora to give Town that all important win.

## MATCH REPORT



Town got the three points that might have secured their place in the First Division. In an untidy game where both sides had limited clear-cut chances, Iffy Onuora was able to stab home from close range to hit the winner. Town had to hold out but were rarely threatened when more was expected from the home side who had gone ten games unbeaten.



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# EXPRESS YOURSELF

## Three Town Stars assess their recent good form



### Gareth Davies

**I'm really enjoying it, they're a fantastic bunch of lads and it's a good team to play in.**

Especially in the last four games we've started playing well and I am beginning to feel more comfortable every time I play. I think it is a great club and I'm really enjoying my football at the moment.

The defence has been performing better, I wouldn't say it is anything in particular and we haven't worked on one particular thing. I think we have been defending well as a team and everyone has contributed. That sort of discipline in the side has been magnificent and everyone has pulled together. When I arrived I knew what the team was capable of and we've proved that we're a good side in the last four games; we should have had four wins out of four. Although we didn't pick up as many points as we thought we should have done, everyone is pleased that we have taken a few steps forward.

I can't see us having too many problems in the last few games. I think we are capable of winning all three. We're creating a lot of chances and, if we can take advantage of them, I think we will pick up the points we need. Everyone is on the up at the moment and it is nice to see a lot of smiling faces around for a change, so there's no reason why we can't finish off on a high.

**I'm enjoying the wing-back role but I would like to get forward a bit more in midfield but George is in there and playing well.**

I don't mind playing alongside him. He is pretty good defensively and works hard, I think we're striking up a decent partnership.

As far as our performances go, I think the 6-0 defeat gave us the kick up the backside we needed and we have improved, which is a good response because we were on a downward slope that would have seen us relegated.



### Ty Gooden

We have turned the corner and we were unlucky against Birmingham not to get anything out of the game. Plus we should have beaten West Brom, we certainly had enough chances to win the game but as long as we are playing better it is a bonus.

Now we need to look at the next few games and believe that we can win them all. We're playing against teams that are more or less safe, not scrapping for promotion or fighting relegation, so hopefully we can finish off with a few wins.

**I've had a decent run of games in the first team and I'm really enjoying it.**

I've been a little bit disappointed with my last few games. Before that I thought I was doing quite well but I do think I've got a lot more to offer. At the moment I'm very happy to be in the side.

I have had better seasons but this has been my best run of games. I was in and out of the side at Forest and I wasn't in the plans six months ago at Swindon. I've worked hard on my fitness because I've got to help out in defence and also, I have a responsibility to help the forwards and I've got to be right up there with them.

It is the forwards' job to get most of the goals but the players in midfield have got to chip in as well. We've got Wally who has scored 11 goals from midfield, it's a big part of his game and I've got to try and emulate that.



### Bobby Howe

It will be nice to finish the season on a high and maybe get another goal or two but more importantly we need more points because it is a tight finish, I don't think we can relax yet and we have to battle for every point. Another win and we should be OK but you have to play right through until the end of the season because nothing is guaranteed.



# REID THE RIGHT SCRIPT

## 'The Managerial Merry-Go-Round'

**As another season draws to a close and scarves and gloves are unpacked in readiness for a tortuously cold cricket season, it is time to reflect and wonder.**

If that header hadn't hit the post, if the referee had seen that handball, if the manager had spent money then, if only the manager hadn't shelled out cash on this player or that player. The questions remain the same year after year. We all think we know better, all believe ourselves to be tactically astute, good man managers, capable of raising players to higher levels.

The fact remains that when things go well the manager takes the plaudits, when things go badly it is the manager or the 'notorious board' which take the flak. The players throughout remain mysteriously anonymous although they, more than the manager and certainly more than the board, should certainly take a share of responsibility for what happens in the most important area of any football club - the pitch.

This season just like any other has seen its fair share of managerial casualties, and some very high-profile names have either resigned or been sacked by the board,

Terry Venables, Roy Hodgson and Glenn Hoddle amongst them. Is any manager safe?

A perfect example of the perilous existence of a football manager has been perfectly illustrated by John Gregory of Aston Villa. From August to December he and Villa were a complete success, victory followed victory and the former Wycombe boss was tipped for the England job. The New Year for Villa has brought nothing but misery, defeat after defeat, the side leaking goals quicker than San Marino and finding goalscoring as difficult an art as Belly Dancing.

Two managers who can justifiably claim to have had unrivalled success this season are Peter Reid and Kevin Keegan. Both have already seen their respective sides walk away with the First and Second division titles and both deserve particular praise, for very different reasons. After Sunderland's epic play-off final defeat, at the hands of Charlton, Reid had a monumental task to lift his side and give the Wearsiders and their fanatical following the success they craved and unarguably deserved.

In front of crowds in excess of 40,000 at the Stadium of Light (rather colder than the Portuguese version) and with a fantastic away support they have swept all before them and now take their place at the head table of English Football, no more Gigg Lane or Vale Park for them, local derbies with Middlesbrough and Newcastle await.

Whether Sunderland can thrive in the Premier League remains to be seen, so many clubs have trodden their path, too good for the first not good enough for the Premier, just look at Nottingham Forest and Bolton. Reid will need to flash his cash but the core of the team will not be out of place, whether they can last the pace is a matter of conjecture. Keegan too deserves great praise as

Fulham continue to repay Mohammed Al Fayed's lavish investment.

Detractors will claim that having spent somewhere in the region of £12million anything less than promotion would have been nothing short of disastrous but such heavy investment has not always guaranteed success in the past; look at the recent examples of Wolves and Crystal Palace. However, with the extensive backing of the Al Fayed millions it would be a surprise if Fulham failed to adapt to life in the upper echelons of English Football.

One thing is for sure, West London and the North East have never had it so good and both Keegan and Reid deserve their fair share of the praise.

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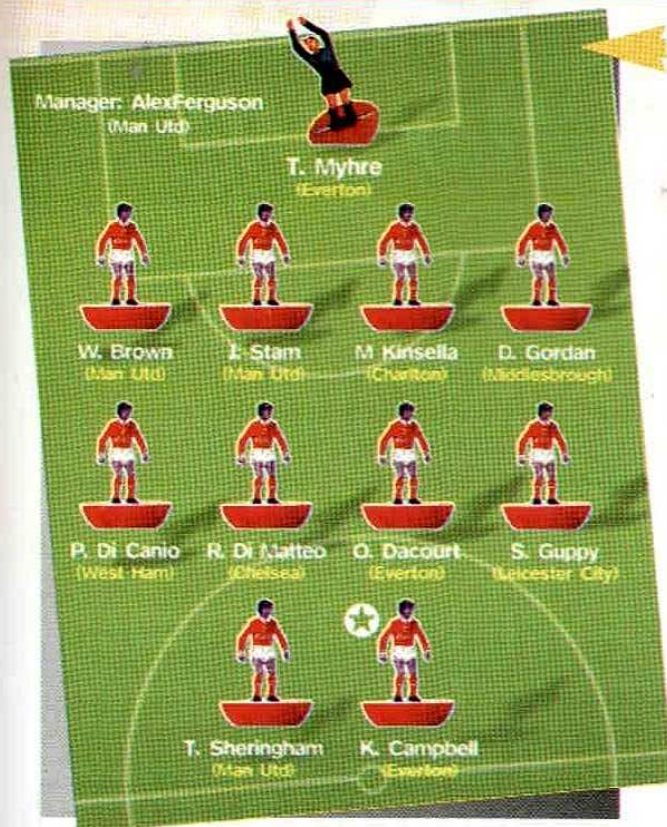
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**PREMIERSHIP:** as at 17.4.99



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- Thomas Myhre** - Was excellent to deny Newcastle.
- Jaap Stam** - In tremendous form recently and not tiring.
- Mark Kinsella** - Another very important point for Charlton.
- Wes Brown** - Much-needed strength in depth for Utd.
- Dean Gordon** - A ferocious shot gave Boro' the win.
- Roberto Di Matteo** - Opened up Leicester's defence.
- Paulo Di Canio** - Started the rout against Derby.
- Olivier Dacourt** - Strengthened Everton's position.
- Steve Guppy** - A late equaliser to give Leicester a point.
- Teddy Sheringham** - Outstanding performances.
- ★ **Kevin Campbell** - A Hero since his return to England.

**Manager: Alex Ferguson**

Has developed a squad that is capable of competing for every cup or championship. He could win all three or, like last year, end up with nothing.

**DIVISION ONE:** as at 17.4.99



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- Mike Stowell** - Clean sheet on his record 421st appearance.
- Dean Richards** - Kept promotion hopes alive with win.
- Brian Borrows** - Coped well with Palace's lively front men.
- Allen Tankard** - A winning goal against fellow strugglers.
- Gudni Bergsson** - Denied fellow hopefuls to set up win.
- ★ **Nicky Summerbee** - Celebrated promotion with a goal.
- Kevin Watson** - Was lively after early entrance as sub.
- Ricardo Gardner** - Influential in Bolton's impressive win.
- George Ndah** - Returned to Selhurst Park in style.
- John Dumin** - Two goals and an away point for Pompey.
- Marcelo** - Two goals but Utd may fall short of play-offs.

**Manager: Peter Reid (Sunderland)**

First side this season to win a Championship and has been a class above the rest all season. Though he will have to improve his squad for next year.



**THE HOT SHOTS** as at 21.4.99



FA PREMIERSHIP	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Yorke (Man Utd)	16	10	26
Owen (Liverpool)	18	5	23
Cole (Man Utd)	15	6	21

**THE HOT SHOTS** as at 21.4.99



DIVISION ONE	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Hughes (West Brom)	31	1	32
Stewart (Hudd'field)	21	4	25
Mills (Bradford)	23	1	24



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# IT'S YOUR call

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ALAN MULLERY

answers the questions...

## Have you ever played against Swindon or had any ties with the club?

I haven't ever played here but I did manage Brighton when they were in the Second or Third Division. I remember it was a very muddy day and we were going for promotion and I think we were about 4-1 down and the referee eventually abandoned the game with 20 minutes to go and we got away with murder. In the end justice was done and we lost 3-1 in the re-arranged fixture. I've been here more as a reporter.

## In your fantastic career, what would you say was your proudest moment?

Well, how long have you got? I wouldn't say there was one particular moment. Like most people, as a lad, I dreamed about playing in a Cup Final and everybody wants to score the winning goal in a Cup Final in the dying minutes, and fortunately I've done that. Then I wanted to play in a European Cup Final and I did that; then I wanted to represent my country and I did that; then I wanted to captain my country and I did that; then I wanted to be 'Footballer of the Year' and I did that, and then I wanted to play in a World Cup and I did that. So there aren't too many things that I wanted to do that haven't come true.

## How did it feel to captain your country?

Well it was a lovely thing because at the time Bobby Moore was captain and we were playing in Malta. Bobby was taken ill and couldn't play so Alf Ramsey handed me the captaincy, which was wonderful. So Bobby, bless him, got over a hundred caps and was captain most of the time but when he couldn't I took over.

## How have you found the progression from player to manager to media?

Basically, I think that when you are a player, you are performing for yourself. But the nice thing now is that I don't have the same worries now as I had as a manager, literally having to win every game, which is not possible. Plus it's even harder today, if you don't win for three games then people are screaming for your head.

## Would you say, looking back, over a successful career, that was the most negative thing?

Well I'm not sure and it has certainly changed now. I came out of management some 13 years ago but when I look at it before then I don't think it had the same intensity to what there is now. The pressure is immense and over the last five or six years I have seen some very strong and powerful people in football become nervous wrecks doing that sort of thing.

## How do you think the game has come on in recent years?

The game is much much quicker since I played. I wouldn't say the players were fitter because the players of yester-year would've been as fit if they had had the training facilities and technical support they have now. For example, for players with injuries they can get you back in no time. Cartilage operations don't take place like they used to, they cut two or three inches of your leg open and cut the cartilage out and said, "come back in eight weeks." Now you can have keyhole surgery and you can be back playing in a week. I think the players now are physically much bigger.

## The players are physically bigger but do you think the game is less physical?

Yes definitely, mainly because of changes in refereeing. There isn't much physical contact anymore. If there is then players get penalised, booked or even sent-off.

## Is it a good thing or a bad thing?

I think it is a bad thing to be honest. Football is a physical sport and I don't mean kicking lumps out of people but body contact hardly happens anymore.

## Is that why there isn't many characters in the game anymore?

Yes, people like Norman 'bites ya legs' Hunter and Ron 'Chopper' Harris would never be able to play the game or if they did they would be off the pitch after five minutes. It is a completely different game when those characters played the game. The physical side was part-and-parcel of the game.

## How do you see that trade-off between less contact and better quality of play?

Well it does give us more skilful players in this country. I see Zola play quite often and he is wonderful to watch, Dennis Bergkamp is fantastic and we also have got some talented players of our own. But contact hardly happens anymore.

## As you work for Sky Sports, what did you think of their attempted bid to buy Manchester United?

To be honest, I couldn't see anything wrong with it. All it would have done is make Manchester Utd bigger than what they already are. They're already the biggest football club in the world and it would have given them more ante to go out and buy the best players. Instead of spending £10 or £12million they could afford £25million. When you look at it and when a big

conglomerate can buy a club, it is the norm elsewhere. For example, Ajax are owned by Phillips, Juventus are owned by Fiat and have been for 40 years. So on that side of things, there was nothing unusual, I just think the Monopolies commission were worried that it wouldn't be fair to other broadcasters but at the end of the day Manchester United would only have one vote.

## So because of this decision do you think that British clubs will be left behind in Europe?

No I don't think so. They are still competing financially. Manchester Utd have already spent about £23million on Yorke and Stam this season.

## Is that just because they're Man Utd? What about teams that are on the fringes of success?

Well yes it is, but the other clubs are big football clubs as well. Chelsea have spent, over about four or five years, something in the region of 40 to 50 million pounds. The same at Newcastle with Keegan, Dalglish and Guillit. So really the top clubs have that money and the rest will inevitably struggle.

## Can you see this trend continuing?

Well yes, the big clubs will get bigger and the small clubs will get smaller.

## How do you see it panning out in the long run?

It is very hard now, for example, Arsenal they're getting 35,000 fans and 30,000 are season ticket holder, the same sort of percentage at Manchester Utd, so for the smaller clubs it is going to be difficult. At the moment, Third Division clubs are struggling like mad to survive.

## In the end do you think the sacrifice will be worth it?

I don't think it will be a sacrifice, I think it is just life. I would hate to see the smaller clubs going out of business but I'm afraid it is part of what we call progress, which can sometimes go too fast but in between five to ten years I think we will see a Premier League 1 and a Premier League 2.

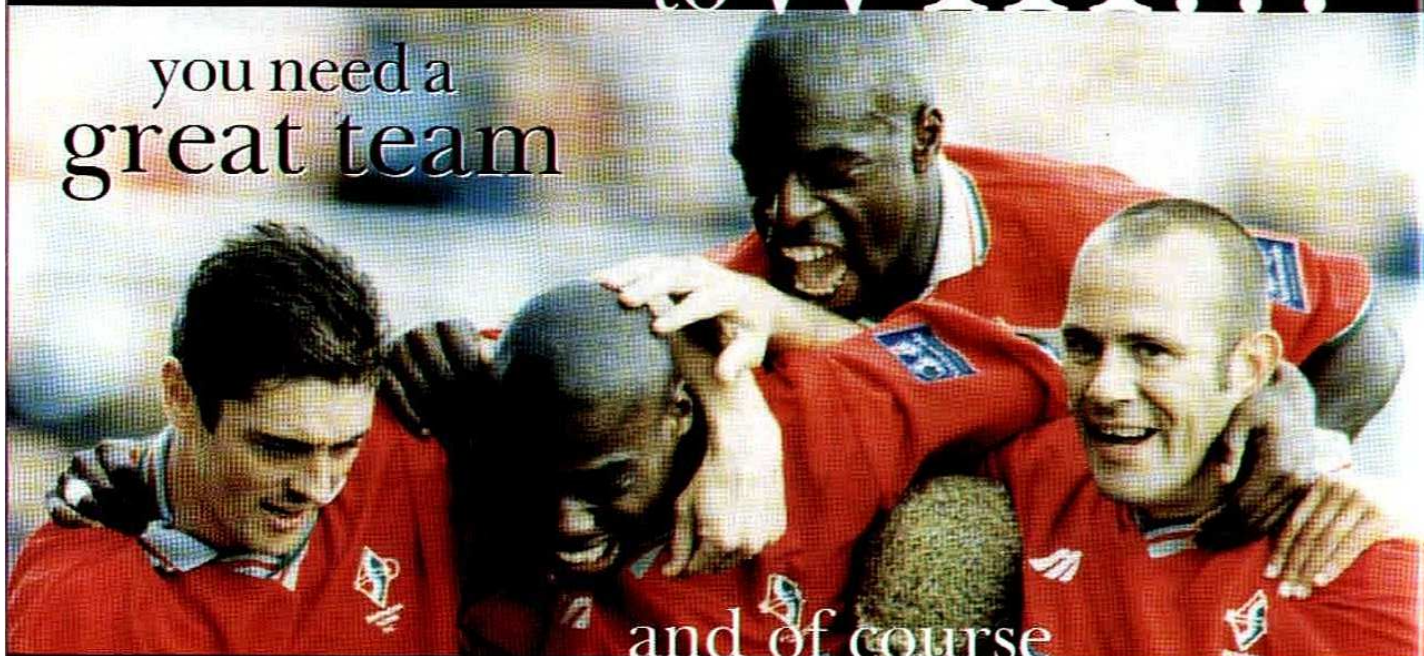
## What about the European Super League?

Well I think that's already in place. You've got about five teams from each of the main countries competing in various competitions and the Champion's League is not what it is. How can you have a Champion's League when you have two sides representing you? It is supposed to be the Champion's but it is all about the money.



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# Swindon Town LADIES



by Manager  
**Roger  
Reeves**

**The Town Ladies completed their South West Combination League programme with a three goals to two home win over Saltash Pilgrims.**

The Town took the lead in the 11th minute when Diane George headed on Pam Laker's corner to the Town's leading scorer Nadine Lloyd who smacked it into the roof of the net. The Cornish side had a good spell midway through the first half and went ahead scoring twice in a three minute spell. The Town however drew level before the break when Leanne Taylor was brought down in the box and Pam Laker converted the resulting spot kick. The Town had the better of the play in the second half but had to wait until the last minute before Kim Reeves played the ball onto Leanne Taylor, who coolly lobbed the advancing keeper. The Town must now wait for their final League placing, as although they are second, other clubs still have games to play.

The Town Reserves also completed their League programme but were beaten by three goals to one away at second-placed Chesham United. Fay Hayward was on target for the Town. The Reserves

have finished in fourth place in the Southern Region League and have done extremely well as the average age of the side is sixteen and many of the girls have not played eleven-a-side football before this season. Full credit must go not only to the players, but the management team of John White, Neil Ashman and Jake Henley.

Now that the League fixtures are completed the Town will play in the League Cup Competition and the reserves have arranged several friendly games.

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Photo: Katie Lemon, who is fifteen and has made appearance in the first team and the Wiltshire County side.

## SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE (TOP 5)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CARDIFF COUNTY	19	16	1	2	54	16	49
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>
BRISTOL ROVERS	19	12	4	3	61	28	40
DENHAM UNITED	21	11	1	9	53	33	34
CHELTHENHAM	16	9	2	5	37	31	29

## SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SUN 6TH SEPT	OXFORD UNITED	2-3
Sun 13th Sept	Bristol Rovers	3-1
SUN 20TH SEPT	SHERBOURNE	7-1
Sun 27th Sept (FAC 1)	Newport	2-1
Sun 4th Oct	Portsmouth	2-2
Sun 18th Oct	Swindon Spitfires	6-0
SUN 25TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	6-0
Sun 1st Nov (FAC 2)	5 Coast Rangers	4-1
Sun 8th Nov	Bath City	6-1
SUN 15TH NOV	BRISTOL CITY	4-1
Sun 22nd Nov	Saltash Pilgrims	3-4
Sun 29th Nov	Cardiff County	0-1
Sun 13th Dec (FAC 3)	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Sun 24th Jan	Sherbourne	1-2
SUN 31ST JAN	PORTMOUTH	5-1
Sun 7th Feb	Denham United	3-2
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPITFIRES	7-1
SUN 21ST FEB	DENHAM UNITED	5-2
Sun 28th Feb	Cheltenham	1-4
SUN 7TH MAR	BATH CITY	6-0
Sun 14th Mar	Bristol City	5-1
SUN 28TH MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	3-1
SUN 4TH APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	4-1
SUN 11TH APR	SALTASH PILGRIMS	3-2
Sun 18th APR (League Cup)	BATH CITY	H

## swindonSTATattack..fixtures&results..

this week we take a brief look at the Ladies results future fixtures

### Cup Final Fixtures

**UP AND COMING FOUR FIXTURES HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND:**

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**Tues 11th May:** Senior Cup Pewsey Vale v Wotton Bassett  
Town k.o. 7.30pm

**Weds 12th May:** Minors Under13 Highworth Junior v Croft  
Juniors k.o. 6.15p

**Weds 12th May:** Youth Cup Swindon Town v Chippenham  
Town k.o. 8.00pm

**Thurs 13th May:** Premier Shield Salisbury v Swindon  
Supermarine k.o. 7.30pm

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

Sun 15th Nov	Newport Pagnell Utd	2-1
Sun 22nd Nov	Oxford Utd (Res) LC1	4-1
Sun 13th Dec	Risborough Rangers	0-7
Sun 7th Feb	Newport Pagnell Utd	3-0
Sun 21st Feb	Oxford Utd (Res)	3-4
Sun 28th Feb	Oxford Utd (Res)	0-3
Sun 7th Mar	Witney Town	2-2
Sun 21st Mar	Tring Town	2-0
Sun 28th Mar	Chesham United	2-3



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## SUNDERLAND CROWNED CHAMPIONS

Sunderland were crowned Nationwide League champions after a stoppage time goal by leading scorer Kevin Phillips had given them a title-clinching 3-1 win against Barnsley.

Phillips brilliantly struck his 23rd goal of the season to secure victory at Oakwell, where home striker Mike Sheron had put the result in doubt when he reduced the arrears following earlier strikes by Nicky Summerbee and Lee Clark. Barnsley pressed for an equaliser after Sheron's goal, but Phillips fittingly popped up with the crucial strike which lifted Peter Reid's team back into the Premiership.

Manager Peter Reid has been complimentary about his team throughout the season. Whereas last season's team always had a question mark over their ability to perform on the big occasion, Reid has seen his team build character this season and dig in.

"Earlier on the season when we were two down at West Brom it was a fantastic test of character, and we got back to win it 3-2," said Reid.

## JEWELL AGONY

Bradford's promotion challenge received a major blow following their 3-2 defeat by Yorkshire rivals Huddersfield.

The loss at Valley Parade cost City valuable points in their quest for the second automatic promotion place.

Robbie Blake fired Bradford into an early lead but Huddersfield struck back with goals by Marcus Stewart, Wayne Allison and Ben Thornley to lead 3-1 at half-time.

Huddersfield found themselves down to 10 men in the second half after the sending-off of Steve Jenkins and Dean Windass pulled one goal back.

But Windass, who joined Bradford in mid-season from Oxford, failed to convert a spot-kick.



## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

### BLADES CHIEF TO SUE DIRECTORS

Sheffield United chairman Carlo Colombotti claims he is to sue some of his fellow directors.

Acting in his personal capacity and as a director and shareholder of Blades Italia Limited, he alleges board members went behind his back to try to pass certain decisions involving the club.

In a statement released shortly before last week's home clash with Queens Park Rangers, Colombotti said three board members "have sadly acted in a manner which I believe to be detrimental to Sheffield United."

He said: "A meeting of the directors of Sheffield United was called for 4pm on Wednesday, April 14 at Bramall Lane. At 3.30pm I met with directors Mr McCabe and Mr McDonald in Doncaster on our way to Sheffield. After some discussion the three of us agreed that the board meeting should be postponed to next Monday. This was communicated to the other two directors at Bramall Lane who agreed.

"Despite this agreement I understand that Mr Proctor, Mr Laver and Mr McDonald purported to hold a board meeting that afternoon behind my back at which they attempted to pass certain decisions. One of these, relating to the commitment of Blades Italia on the fundraising, has no legal basis and is incapable of enforcement."

### FANS PAY TO SPEAK TO GOLDBERG

Crystal Palace are charging fans a £5 fee to attend an emergency meeting on the future of the financially stricken club.

Instead of using the club's facilities at their Selhurst Park ground, chairman Mark Goldberg has hired out a room at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, for a meeting with supporters.

Goldberg will take questions and listen to the concerns of Palace fans who have watched in bewilderment as the club has been forced into administration with debts of around £23million.

### Nationwide Division One Fixtures 24/4/99

BRISTOL CITY	vs	BIRMINGHAM
HUDDERSFIELD	vs	BARNLEY
IPSWICH	vs	CREWE
OXFORD UTD	vs	NORWICH
PORTSMOUTH	vs	STOCKPORT
Q.P.R.	vs	BRADFORD
SUNDERLAND	vs	SHEFF UTD
SWINDON	vs	GRIMSBY TOWN
TRANMERE	vs	PORT VALE
WATFORD	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE

### Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	43	29	11	3	88	27	98
IPSWICH	43	25	8	10	64	28	83
BRADFORD	43	24	8	11	76	44	80
BIRMINGHAM	43	21	12	10	62	34	75
BOLTON	43	19	15	9	74	56	72
WOLVES	42	19	13	10	60	38	70
WATFORD	42	18	13	11	58	52	67
SHEFFIELD UNITED	43	17	12	14	67	61	63
HUDDERSFIELD	43	15	14	14	60	68	59
CRYSTAL PALACE	43	14	15	14	55	61	57
GRIMSBY	42	16	9	17	39	49	57
NORWICH	43	13	17	13	56	57	56
WEST BROM	43	15	10	18	66	72	55
STOCKPORT	43	12	17	14	48	51	53
TRANMERE	43	11	19	13	59	58	52
BARNLEY	43	12	16	15	53	53	52
SWINDON	43	12	11	20	55	76	47
PORTSMOUTH	43	10	14	19	53	67	44
QPR	43	11	11	21	45	56	44
PORT VALE	43	12	8	23	41	71	44
BURY	43	8	17	18	32	58	41
OXFORD	43	9	13	21	41	67	40
BRISTOL CITY	42	8	15	19	54	74	39
CREWE	42	9	11	22	48	76	38



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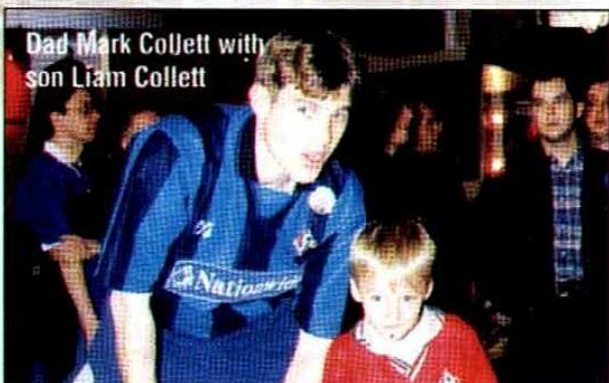
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# Editor's NOTES...

## 'The Football Business' By Daniel Prescott

**Much like the big fight between Lennox and Holyfield, it was a decision nobody expected.**

After a drawn-out and cagey seven months the Government blocked BskyB's £623million pound bid to buy Manchester United Football Club. Following an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, they concluded that the deal would be anti-competitive and would damage the quality of British football. Furthermore it would adversely affect the other broadcasters' ability to negotiate with the Premier League and therefore the coming together of the two heavyweights in their respective fields was deemed against the public interest.

Stephen Byers, Trade and Industry Secretary, said that "I accept the conclusions that the merger would damage the quality of British football by reinforcing the trend towards growing inequalities between the larger richer clubs and the smaller, poorer ones."

Currently BskyB owns the exclusive rights to Premier League games until 2001 and it is likely that this partnership will continue long after that. To be fair BskyB's involvement with broadcasting the Premier League matches has brought definite benefits to British football. There is vastly more money in the game, although it is largely confined to the big clubs, they are now able to afford the best players in the world and the overall quality of football has improved.

Effectively the purchase of the world's most profitable football club by the provider of subscription and pay TV would constitute a monumental step for the direction of football and its role in the future. Much like Microsoft has a major monopoly in the States.

The Manchester United Independent Supporters Association (Muisa) campaigned against the takeover and fought to maintain the club's independence. They rallied 2000 activists, not all from United, to work against the bid. Muisa chairman Andy Walsh who co-ordinated the campaign welcomed the news and said, "It's a tremendous victory, not just for supporters of Manchester United but for all football fans. It is a great

end to seven months of hard work, and a great day for anyone anywhere fighting for the independence of their club."

Despite the victory, it does not mean that football has seen the last of satellite television. Already this season we have witnessed the first pay-per-view match between Oxford and Sunderland. This was used to test the market because the Premier League clubs are still unsure. The top clubs may choose to opt out of Sky coverage and develop their own TV channels, like MUTV, and generate income solely for them. It will benefit the clubs but the profits will not be shared around the smaller clubs. The money going back into the general game seems to be decreasing all the time and this will continue the trend, so some clubs may be worse off in the long run.

In the wake of this decision, some supporters are calling for the head of United Chairman, Martin Edwards. It is now the second time he has tried, and failed, to sell the club. If the deal had gone through Mr Edwards would have pocketed £88million for his 14% shareholding. At the moment he is taking the blame for the attempted sell-out. However the club is adamant that Mr Edwards will continue Manchester United's success both on and off the pitch.

This decision will influence the other clubs as they seek to build stronger ties between themselves and large media corporations. However on the Continent this sort of relationship is common. United's opponents in the European semi-final, Juventus, are owned by Fiat. Paris St. Germain have similar ties with a media company. This is the point Mark Booth, chief executive of BskyB argued, he said "This is bad news for clubs who will have to compete in Europe against clubs who are backed by successful media companies."

The future for football clubs and broadcasting companies is uncertain. The predicted pay-per-view system that everyone feared may not happen as we predicted and nor may the rematch between BskyB and Manchester United. A division of rights between club and broadcasters will hopefully mean that fans will be able to follow their favourite club at a cheaper cost and see some money go directly to their own club.

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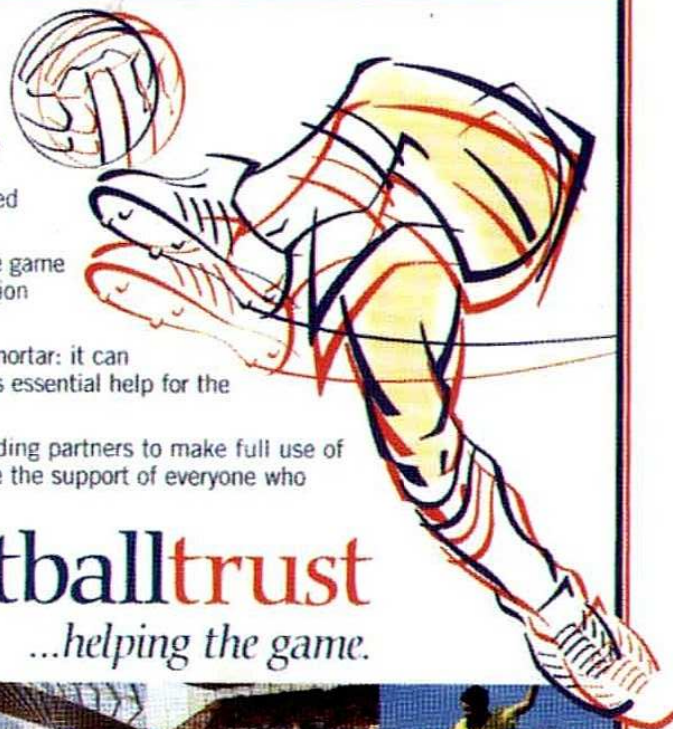
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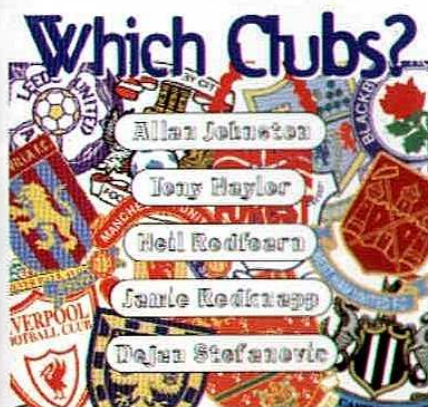


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- 2 Which player in a first class match scored the fastest goal at Wembley?
- 3 Which player scored the second fastest goal at Wembley in a first-class match?
- 4 Who is the youngest player to score a hat trick on his debut?
- 5 Who was the last player to score five goals in a top-flight match?
- 6 Who became Grimsby's player-manager in between Alan Buckley's two spells in charge of Grimsby?
- 7 With which Italian star did this player-manager have a dressing room bust-up?
- 8 Who did Grimsby beat in last season's Auto Windscreens Shield Final?
- 9 Who scored the 'Golden Goal' to clinch victory in the club's first visit to Wembley in its 120 year history?
- 10 Who did Grimsby beat to gain promotion in last season's Play-Off Final at Wembley?

Answers: Quick Quiz 1. Ally McCoist, 2. Bryan Robson  
38 secs VS Yugoslavia, 3. Bryan Robson 44 secs  
VS N. Ireland, 4. Alan Shearer VS Arsenal 1988, 5. Andy  
Cole for Man Utd VS Ipswich, 6. Brian Laws, 7. Nando  
Northampton Town, Which Year? 1997, Which Club?  
Aston Villa, Sunderland, Tony Naylor, Port Vale,  
Neil Redfearn - Charlton Ath, Jamie Redknapp -  
Liverpool, Dejan Stefanovic - Sheffield Wed, Who's  
Missing? Fraser Digby & Brian Kiddie, Guess Who?  
Who's This? George Nield, Who Sponsors Who?  
Aston Villa - LDV Vans, Coventry - Subaru, Leicester  
City - Walkers Crisps, Wolves - Goodyear



## Who Sponsors Who?



## which year?

- Alan Shearer scored the first goal of the New Year after 4 minutes
- Ian Wright had scored 23 goals by January 1st
- Robbie Fowler scored a 90th minute winner to beat Newcastle 4-3
- Darren Peacock opened the scoring when Newcastle beat Man Utd 5-0



# SeeingRED...

## 'Is football fast becoming a non-contact sport?'

The rash of red and yellow cards that we have seen this season and, as a consequence, the increase in suspensions, has provoked intense criticism of referees and officials from managers, players and supporters alike.

These frustrations are born out of inconsistencies in decision making and the perceived as over-officious and often petty punishments which are dished out, interrupting or ruining the flow of the game. However, the officials cannot be solely blamed for the confusion on the pitch. Football's governing bodies have made several alterations to the rules over the past five years. Some of these changes, notably the back pass rule, have improved the games appeal. Other changes have resulted in a decrease in the amount of physical contact allowed. Is the move toward a minimal contact sport a good thing?

Most football fans would agree that the physical side of the game is one of the major factors in what makes the game enjoyable - supporters like to see their players giving their all and that often means getting "stuck in". You hear ex-players talking about and laughing about, how notorious hardmen would threaten to break other player's bones and kick people two feet in the air. The full back's early tackle of yesteryear, designed to let the winger know they were there by planting them in the first row of the stand, used to be met with a brief word of caution from the referee, nowadays it

would be met with a red card and a three game ban. Names like "Chopper" and "Bites yer Legs" are a thing of the past and many people would say that this is indicative of the lack of characters in the modern game. This school of thought would also argue that the clamp down on tackles from behind, aerial challenges, indeed any kind of strong challenge, has been exploited by certain players. The spread of persistent shirt pulling, play acting and, in particular, diving, aiming to con referees who are looking for any contact, give particular cause for concern. Professional players attempting to gain an advantage for themselves by using gamesmanship is not a new phenomenon, indeed it has long been a part of the game, albeit not to the same degree as it currently stands. Diving and play acting when a player is barely touched is a trend the game doesn't need, likewise the physical and combative aspects of football is something the British game wouldn't be the same without.

Saturation media coverage of football in the last few years now highlight every contentious incident and mistake made by both players and officials. Referees sometimes appear to want to live up to this hype, making the headlines and a name for themselves. Some players are the same, if you remember the outrage Vinnie Jones caused with his video, 'Soccer's Hard Men'. With referees on the verge of becoming full time it is important that the grey areas are ironed out and a happy medium can be found in which the skilful players can excel, but at the same time can be tackled.....hard but fair!

### League Dismissals by Season:

1979/80	103
1980/81	108
1981/82	133
1982/83	212
1983/84	149
1984/85	164
1985/86	185
1986/87	181
1987/88	194
1988/89	179
1989/90	172
1990/91	199
1991/92	233
1992/93	218
1993/94	231
1994/95	312
1995/96	283
1996/97	305
1997/98	292

### Clubs with Most League Dismissals 1979/80 to 1997/98

- 66 Portsmouth, Doncaster R.
- 63 Hartlepool United
- 62 Wimbledon

### Clubs with Least League Dismissals 1979/80 to 1997/98

- 15 Liverpool
- 17 Nottingham Forest
- 19 Manchester United

By Richard Pitts





# ON THE SPOT

## GEORGE NDAH



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

*"It was a great feeling to be paid for something you love doing."*



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

I'd have something to do with the fashion industry probably.



**What was the first match you went to watch? What do you remember about it?**

It was Crystal Palace v Southampton and all I can remember is that Wrighty was a different class! I just watched him all game really.



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

To be fair I was like any kid, I always supported the top teams but I think I just supported good football really. My heroes were Pele and Maradona. My Dad told me all about Pele so I always look out for him and Maradona was more my era when I was growing up.



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

It was seven years ago when I was about 17. It was a great feeling to be paid for something you love doing.



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

I always eat Chicken Pasta and beans.



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

Not really.



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

It's got to be Swindon against QPR when Alan MacDonald had to go in goal, in the first half. We really needed to win. It was the way all the lads pulled together and won the game.



**What's the best stadium you've ever played in? What's so good about it?**

Old Trafford and Wembley, they're both full of history.



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

I scored a really good goal against Peterborough when I was on-loan at Bournemouth. The ball was in the air on the half-way line. I brought it down and ran at their defenders. I went round a couple and hit a shot from outside the area, with my RIGHT foot! It flew in and I couldn't believe it. I think, because it was my right foot, which made it special.



**If you won £10m on the Lottery, what/who would you spend it on and why?**

I'd make sure all my friends and family were sorted out then I'd go out and buy more cars, clothes, CD's, get a bigger house and go on holidays. Live it up!



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

I enjoyed it immensely, but it just went to quickly. It was a great feeling because everyone wanted me to do well.



**What is your favourite ground?**

It is probably either Old Trafford or Highbury.



**17. Who has been the biggest influence on your career and why?**

Definitely me family, they've always been there for me. Also a guy when I was younger, Barry Morris. I played in one of his teams and he was a big influence on me. He taught me to express myself when I played and I've tried to continue that philosophy throughout my professional career.



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

When I was a first year apprentice at Palace. They started to play me in the Reserves, plus I was on the brink of the first team and that was while I was an apprentice, so that was when I realised I had what it takes.



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

I don't think I've really had one yet. Not that I can remember anyway. I'm sure I'll have one sooner or later, there's still a lot of time!



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

Iffy, and to be fair Iffy is a great room partner, he's got no bad habits.



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

Alan MacDonald, he doesn't stop talking!



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

Gorgio Armani, who I have had the pleasure of meeting, he's a top man. Pele, Mr Mandella and all my family on the other seat!

**Who will be in the hot-seat next week?...**

**See the Matchday Magazine vs Barnsley and find out!**



# Matthew Spencer's SWINDON TOWN

I've been a Swindon supporter for about eight years now, and being only 16, my earliest Swindon memory was at Wembley when I saw Swindon win the Play-off final against Sunderland.

Naturally, I have included five players from that winning side as well as the manager. A disadvantage of being so young is to only have seen the most recent players in the squad, so I thought I should include a few older Town legends. I haven't actually seen them play (except Rogers on video), so I've trusted the older members of the Town faithful and gone by reputation.

There is so much quality in this squad; the pace and skill of Rogers and Walters, the reliability of the back four plus Digby and the flashiness of Fjortoft - this team would take the Premiership by storm.

## DREAM TEAM



**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.



## George Ndah's WORLD CLASS DREAM TEAM

In each programme we will ask one of the Swindon Town experts to give us their dream 11... This week Forward George Ndah gives us his **World Class Dream Team**.

**Seaman** - Is still England's No.1 by a distance

**Maldini** - Adaptable to most defensive positions

**Costacurta** - Has a tremendous presence on the pitch

**Desailly** - Is a rock in Chelsea's defence

**Ferrer** - The Spaniard is a consistent performer

**Beckham** - So dangerous from anywhere on the park

**Zidane** - Easily the best player in the world

**Rivaldo** - A fantastic World Cup performance

**Giggs** - Superb goal to knock out the holders

**Del Piero** - Injury problems but is very talented

**Ronaldo** - When fit, he is the best striker anywhere

**Manager: George Ndah**

This would be my World's best. Most of them are European with the exception of Rivaldo and Ronaldo.



# '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 George Ndah*



## 1. A DESERT ISLAND DRINK:

Tango, Orange Juice & water

## 2. ONE HEALTHY MEAL:

Chicken Oasta and Beans

## 3. ONE PACKET OF CRISPS:

Walkers Barbeque flavour

## 4. ONE CHOCOLATE BAR:

Snickers

## 5. ONE UNHEALTHY MEAL:

A MacDonalds

## 6. ONE CD:

I'll go 'old school' and have Loose Ends & an old Blackstreet album

## 7. ONE TV SHOW:

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

## 8. ONE MOVIE:

Scar Face

## 9. ONE NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE:

The Mirror and GQ magazine

## 10. ONE CLASSIC MATCH TO WATCH ON TV:

## Arsenal

v Man Utd

FA Cup semi-final replay

## 11. ONE OTHER

SPORTSMAN/WOMEN TO WATCH:

Prince Nazeem

## 12. ONE SPECIAL PERSON:

My Mum

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



George Ndah remembers..

# the LAST TIME he...

## 1. Bought a CD:

A Rap CD by a guy called Fat Joe

## 2. Paid to watch a football match:

Can't remember, my friends have always been players so they always get me tickets.

## 3. Had a practical joke played on him:

Probably a few months ago when Frank Talia thought it would be funny to throw me in a puddle, but I didn't think it was that funny!

## 4. Bought some designer gear:

Yesterday I bought an Armani top

## 5. Went to see a film:

I went three weeks ago with my girlfriend to see 'Shakespeare in Love' but it wasn't for me! But I did enjoy 'Saving Private Ryan'.

## 6. Bought a car:

My Saab had a few too many miles on it so I bought a new Range Rover a few weeks ago, plus I've got a doggy as well, so he needs the room.

## 7. Went to see a concert:

That was a long time ago, it was about three years ago, I went to see R Kelly. I never get the time but I'd

like to go more often.

## 8. Bought a present for somebody:

I bought my girlfriend a car a few weeks ago.

## 9. Went on holiday:

I went to the Dominican Republic last summer and it was terrific.

## 10. Scored a blinding goal:

Well, I'm lucky enough to say it was a couple of weeks ago against West Brom, plus it was an important goal, which makes a big difference.





## VIALI WILL WELCOME RIX BACK

Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli has spoken for the first time about the loss of coach Graham Rix.



Vialli has come out in support for Rix, who was imprisoned for 12 months for indecent assault and having under-age sex with a 15-year-old girl. He will get his job back at Stamford Bridge when he is released from prison.

Vialli said: "I love Graham Rix. He has been punished for something which he has done and when that finishes, there is no reason why he should be punished again. When he comes back, he will be made welcome, especially by me."

The controversial decision has already been publicly supported by Chelsea chairman Ken Bates, but Vialli has refused to comment on the subject until now.

Bates also revealed that he had received numerous letters of support from fans who had apparently backed his decision to stand by Rix by a ratio of six-to-one.

Vialli was less forthcoming after his title-chasing team squandered a two-goal lead against Leicester at Stamford Bridge.

## PREMIERSHIP



CARLING  
F.A. PREMIERSHIP

## ROUND-UP

### LEEDS DENY DELAY

Peter Ridsdale will meet David O'Leary's advisers as soon as possible to remove any questions about the Leeds manager's future.



Chairman Ridsdale has denied O'Leary was stalling over signing a new five-year contract in protest at Leeds' failure to complete the £1.5million transfer of Willem Korsten from Vitesse Arnhem.

"It is nonsense to suggest that David is having second thoughts," said Ridsdale.

"I made it clear that the board was going to back him all the way in the transfer market and over contracts for himself and players whose terms are due to be renegotiated. We have already budgeted for it. We will meet David's accountant in the next day or two.

"As for Willem Korsten, we actually agreed personal terms. His agent eventually explained that Willem had decided against joining us because we had chosen to reflect on his demands overnight."

## EDWARDS' CASH WARNING

Martin Edwards has warned that the collapse of BSkyB's bid to take control of Man Utd could severely hit Alex Ferguson's transfer budget this summer, and this has uncovered a potential split in the Manchester United board.



Edwards has admitted Peter Schmeichel's replacement as goalkeeper may be the only new face signed during the closed season.

Edwards said: "We're spending £44million over the next two seasons developing the ground to expand the capacity to 67,000 and also on the new training complex at Carrington.

"There will be no more spending like the £28m on Dwight Yorke, Jaap Stam and Jesper Blomqvist last year.

"We have to make sure we don't go heavily into the red. It isn't a bottomless pit. We will have to replace Peter Schmeichel, but that might be the end of our spending this summer."

His comments appeared to contradict finance director David Gill, who maintained there would be 'no adverse implications' for Ferguson.



### FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	S
MAN UNITED	32	19	10	3	72	32	67		
ARSENAL	33	18	12	3	48	14	66		
CHELSEA	33	17	13	3	49	26	64		
LEEDS	33	16	11	6	53	29	59		
ASTON VILLA	34	14	10	10	45	39	52		
WEST HAM	34	14	9	11	39	41	51		
MIDDLESBORO	34	12	14	8	46	42	50		
DERBY CO.	33	12	11	10	37	41	47		
TOTTENHAM	33	11	13	9	40	38	46		
LIVERPOOL	32	12	8	12	57	42	44		
NEWCASTLE	33	11	9	13	44	48	42		
WIMBLEDON	34	10	11	13	38	55	41		
LEICESTER	32	9	13	10	34	41	40		
SHEFF WED	33	11	5	17	38	39	38		
EVERTON	34	9	10	15	31	41	37		
COVENTRY	34	10	7	17	35	47	37		
BLACKBURN	33	7	11	15	35	46	32		
CHARLTON ATH	34	7	11	16	36	48	32		
SOUTHAMPTON	34	8	7	19	31	63	31		
FOREST	34	4	9	21	30	66	21		



### SATURDAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

ASTON VILLA	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	FOREST
BLACKBURN	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	LIVERPOOL
DERBY CO.	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHAMPTON
EVERTON	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	CHARLTON ATH.
LEICESTER	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	COVENTRY
MIDDLESBORO	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	ARSENAL
TOTTENHAM	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	WEST HAM
WIMBLEDON	<input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/>	NEWCASTLE

## MERSON'S BINGE WAS A ONE-OFF

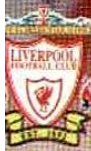
Paul Merson has vowed to recover from his latest alcoholic relapse and regain his England place for the Euro 2000 qualifying campaign.



The 31-year-old Aston Villa forward admitted at the weekend that he drank a bottle and a half of vodka during an eight-hour bender in London three weeks ago.

He said: "After four and a half years without a drink I decided I needed one."

But he insisted it was an isolated setback prompted by domestic problems.





A full-page action photograph of George Ndah, a Black male soccer player, in a blue and black striped jersey with 'Nationwide' on the front. He is running with the ball, being challenged by a player in a red jersey. The background is a blurred crowd.

# action special



*George Ndah*  
MIDFIELDER/FORWARD



## the swindon fact files

## the key:

FAC = F.A. CUP  
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	HOWE
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	2-3	5,726	TALIA	COLLINS	REEVES	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT MAR 06	BOLTON W. (FA.C6) H	3-3	8,392	TALIA	COLLINS	REEVES	LEITCH	DAVIES	BORROWS	HOWE
Tue Mar 09	Stockport County A	1-2	6,098	TALIA	KERSLAKE	REEVES	LEITCH	DAVIES	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT MAR 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA H	1-2	7,434	TALIA	KERSLAKE	REEVES	WALTERS	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
Sat Mar 20	Queens Park Rangers A	0-4	11,184	GLASS	WALTERS	REEVES	LEITCH	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT APR 03	IPSWICH TOWN H	0-6	10,337	GLASS	LINTON	REEVES	TAYLOR	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
Mon Apr 05	Huddersfield Town A	2-1	11,719	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	HULBERT	HOWE
SAT APR 10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF) H	0-1	8,896	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	WATSON	HOWE
Tue apr 13	W.B.A. A	1-1	9,601	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	WATSON	HOWE
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A	1-0	18,660	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	HAY	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H									
Sat May 01	Norwich City - A									
SUN MAY 09	BARNSELY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final	Newcastle United vs Manchester United								

### THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	18
GEORGE NDAH	12
MARK WALTERS	11
CHRIS HAY	6
BOBBY HOWE	3

### 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 3 <sup>RD</sup> APR VS IPSWICH	10,337
SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup> AUG VS SUNDERLAND	10,207

### LAST FOUR GAMES

CRYSTAL PALACE	A	WON 1-0
WEST BORM	A	DREW 1-1
BIRMINGHAM	H	LOST 1-0
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	WON 2-1



# FRONT COVER PHOTO... GEORGE NDAH



Nationwide



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(6)
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)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE(4)	WALTERS	DAVIS
NDAH	WALTERS	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE	HALL(6)	GRIFFIN(8)
NDAH	WALTERS	HAY	GOODEN	HALL(2)	COLLINS(4)	ONUORA(5)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	GRIFFIN(6)	TAYLOR	McHUGH
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	GRIFFIN(10)	LINTON(11)	TAYLOR
DAVIS	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HULBERT(6)	HAY(8)	WALTERS(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(10)	WALTERS(6)	BORROWS
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WALTERS(7)	WILLIAMS
ONUORA	NDAH	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(8)	WALTERS(3)	WILLIAMS(6)
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	ROBINSON(3)	WALTERS(4)	WATSON(10)

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	43	29	11	3	88	27	98
IPSWICH	43	25	8	10	64	28	83
BRADFORD	43	24	8	11	76	44	80
BIRMINGHAM	43	21	12	10	62	34	75
BOLTON	43	19	15	9	74	56	72
WOLVES	42	19	13	10	60	38	70
WATFORD	42	18	13	11	58	52	67
SHEFFIELD UNITED	43	17	12	14	67	61	63
HUDDERSFIELD	43	15	14	14	60	68	59
CRYSTAL PALACE	43	14	15	14	55	61	57
GRIMSBY	42	16	9	17	39	49	57
NORWICH	43	13	17	13	56	57	56
WEST BROM	43	15	10	18	66	72	55
STOCKPORT	43	12	17	14	48	51	53
TRANMERE	43	11	19	13	59	58	52
BARNLEY	43	12	16	15	53	53	52
SWINDON	43	12	11	20	55	76	47
PORTSMOUTH	43	10	14	19	53	67	44
QPR	43	11	11	21	45	56	44
PORT VALE	43	12	8	23	41	71	44
BURY	43	8	17	18	32	58	41
OXFORD	43	9	13	21	41	67	40
BRISTOL CITY	42	8	15	19	54	74	39
CREWE	42	9	11	22	48	76	38

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 98/99

Player Name:	LEAGUE	W.C	FAC	Gls.
	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	
BRIAN BORROWS	37	1	1	0
DARREN BULLOCK	18(5)	1	1	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	0	(1)	0	0
LEE COLLINS	2(2)	0	0	0
STEVE COWE	2(2)	0	(2)	0
PHILLIPPE CUERVO	2(4)	0	0	0
SOL DAVIS	21(1)	0	1	0
GARETH DAVIES	6	0	0	0
JIMMY GLASS	3	1	0	0
TY GOODEN	35(2)	1	2	1
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	(4)	0	0	0
GARETH HALL	37(2)	1	2	2
CHRIS HAY	15(11)	1	1	6
BOBBY HOWE	17(2)	0	2	3
ROBIN HULBERT	6(9)	0	2	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	12(2)	0	0	0
SCOTT LEITCH	23(1)	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	0	0	0	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0	0	0	0
GEORGE NDAH	36(1)	0	2	12
IFEM ONUORA	38(3)	1	1(1)	18
ALAN REEVES	24	(1)	0	2
MARK ROBINSON	23(4)	1	1	0
FRANK TALIA	38	1	2	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	16(2)	0	2	0
MARK WALTERS	31(7)	1	1(1)	11
KEVIN WATSON	9(7)	(1)	(1)	0
ADAM WILLIS	9	0	0	0

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# MATCH..... STATS



## the officials

Referee:

**Mr M. Jones**

Michael is 30 years old and works as a Local Government Accountant, and is married to Sue. 1997/98 was Michael's first full season as a Football League Referee.

Assistant Referees:

**Mr J. Kasey**

**Mr K. Townsend**

4th Official:

**Mr. B Malone**

## match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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# TODAY'S TEAMS.....



FRANK TALIA	1	ANDY LOVE
DES LINTON	2	DANNY BUTTERFIELD
GARETH HALL	3	TONY GALLIMORE
MARK ROBINSON	4	STEVE LIVINGSTONE
BRIAN BORROWS	5	RICHARD SMITH
CHRIS HAY	6	WAYNE BURNETT
BOBBY HOWE	7	KEVIN DONAVON
GEORGE NDAH	8	KINGSLEY BLACK
IFEM ONUORA	9	LEE ASHCROFT
SHAYNE BRADLEY	10	JACK LESTER
TY GOODEN	11	PAUL GROVES
KEVIN WATSON	12	LEE NOGAN
MARK WALTERS	13	MARK LEVER
CRAIG TAYLOR	14	DARYL CLARE
TEAM MANAGER JIM QUINN		TEAM MANAGER ALAN BUCKLEY



**TY GOODEN**

Ty has been in a run of particularly good form lately and will have to be at his best today because he is up against one of the best attacking midfielders in the 1st Division.



**KEVIN DONOVAN**

## NEXT HOME MATCH...

Sunday 9th May 1999

Nationwide League Division One

**VS BRANSLEY** kick-off 1.30pm

