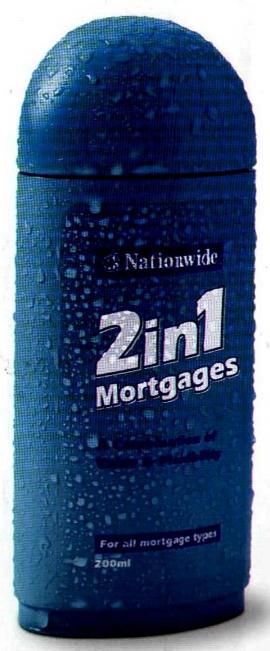


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#### Good evening to you all and welcome to tonight's match against Port Vale.

Our decent run of performances was so nearly rewarded with three valuable



points against Sheffield United on Saturday. Two goals for recalled Chris Hay put Town ahead but a second half fightback by the visitors meant that the Town would have to settle for the point.

Hay's double strike put us 2-0 in front in the 22nd minute and it could have been three but Mark Walters penalty was well saved by Sheffield United keeper Simon Tracey. The visitors set about the second half with renewed purpose and Blades' striker Martin Smith matched Chris Hay's first half brace with two of his own to level to score.

Today we welcome Brian Horton and his team to the County Ground. The Valiants



also drew 2-2 on Saturday and are only two points above Town in the First Division, so a win tonight will guarantee a move off the bottom of the table. Vale are yet to win away from home this season but one of their three home wins came against Town in late September. This is a fixture where anything less than a win will be disappointing, as we have to take win at home against teams who are down in the basement of the Division.

Brian Horton has been given the job of keeping Vale in the First Division after the departure of John Rudge following his 15-year reign. Horton began his league playing career at Vale Park, moving on to Brighton, Luton and Hull as a player and Hull, Oxford, Manchester City, Huddersfield and Brighton as manager.

Swindon Town would like to welcome Brian Horton, plus all the supporters directors and staff who have travelled down from Staffordshire.

#### welcome return

Swindon Town are re-naming their suites after well-known football celebrities associated with the club. Suite holders are given the opportunity to nominate a celebrity of their choice and are very excited that the person they have nominated will meet them and their guests during their visit to the club.

Nominated by suite holders Petrol Express, Harvey's and Lawson Demolition tonight's guest here at the County Ground is Mike Summerbee. He will officially open the 'Mike Summerbee Suite' prior to the match.



Pictured here is Lou Macari opening the 'Lou Macari Suite' when he visited the County Ground earlier this season.

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## jim quinn's Committee it

Welcome to tonight's game against Port Vale. We look forward to picking up some valuable points in our quest to climb the table.

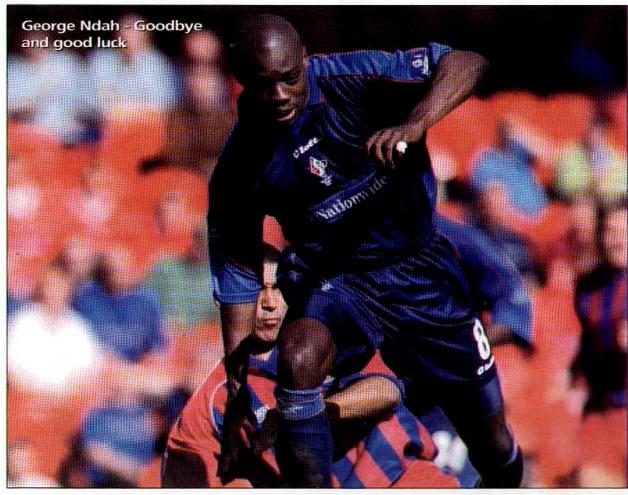
Some say it's tough at the top, let me tell you it's tougher at the bottom and noone's going to help you either. It's a case of 
rolling your sleeves up, sticking together 
and grinding out a few results. Brian, my 
counterpart tonight, is very experienced at 
getting out of trouble with teams and it's 
going to be a hard game for us. We have 
been so near in recent matches and should 
be sitting with more points in the bag, but 
nobody's going to give you anything. We 
really do need a good result tonight 
because we have two hard games away 
coming up.

Port Vale are very workmanlike and will compete for every ball, but I'm sure the lads will give everything, so please get behind them. As you know George Ndah has gone to Wolves. I would like to thank George, he was a great professional and a nice person to work with. I'm sure he would like to thank you for your support for him while he was here. He must have been under pressure with all the speculation about his future, but he's gone and I wish him all the best with his new club.

I would ask the players for 110% tonight. I'm sure they'll give it. I would also like to welcome Brian Horton, whom I have a lot of respect for, his players and staff to the County Ground tonight. Have a good one.







### today's Visitors

It's a new era at Vale Park — year one AR (After Rudge) and for new boss Brian Horton the task is to maintain the excellent work of his predecessor, the man who took the Valiants from the depths of the Fourth Division to eighth in Division One only three seasons ago

For the Burslem faithful nothing less will do following the rather unfortunate manner of his departure and his "so there" appointment by fierce local rivals Stoke City. He was a Potteries institution and any flirting with the drop during his first full season away will undoubtedly make the natives a little restless.

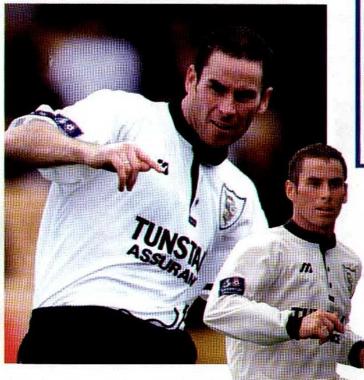
Nevertheless, there is no denying that Vale, with so little money at their disposal, have a difficult task staying up any season and for Horton to continue the impressive trend will be a tribute to his extensive managerial skills. In the last couple of seasons they've lost prize assets such as Steve Guppy and Lee Mills — now both resident in the Premiership — and have to rely, like so many others, on cheap buys and the exuberence of youth to keep their head above such choppy waters.

Last season, they struggled once more and only a 1-0 defeat of QPR on the penultimate Saturday secured their status for another season. This is their ninth Division One campaign in the last 11 seasons and though only a sugar daddy could possibly help them get any higher, the fact that the previous time they had been this high was before the war indicates just what an achievement this is.

The opening day of this season promised so much too with Horton's men securing a fine goalless draw at Blackburn — a result to give so much hope for the arduous campaign ahead. But since then defeats at home to West Brom and at Birmingham — albeit following the early dismissal of Matthew Carragher — have set the Valiants back on their heels and had them second bottom. But it's a tough league for everyone this season and with only a few months gone there's still time for Brian Horton to banish the ghosts of previous managers and make a hero's name for himself at Vale Park.



#### allen tankard



birthplace	Isling	ton	The state of the s
date of b	irth 21/	5/69	A Property
height	5ft 10		
weight	13st 4lb		
position	left full	back	
previous	club reco	rds	
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Southampton	7		
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#### Allen Tankard has become the bane of many a right winger in the First Division.

One of the most reliable left backs in the Nationwide League, this London-born defender began his career with Southampton, learning his trade alongside such luminaries as Matt LeTissier, Neil Ruddock, Andy Towsend and Alan Shearer.

It certainly held him in good stead. When a lack of first team opportunities sent him to Wigan he became a mainstay of their side before doing likewise at Port Vale. His positional sense is excellent and for a defender he possesses excellent pace.

An unsung hero of the First Division.

#### marcus bent

Now entering his first full season at Vale Park, Marcus Bent is a man with a mission.

goals

birthplace

height

weight position

club

Crystal P.

date of birth

club records

6ft 2

12st 4lbs

striker

games

76 (15) 13 (17)

his good progress this season.

London

19.5.78

"According to Assistant Manager Mark Grew, he's been "on fire" during pre-season and, having tasted relegation from the Premiership only two seasons ago with Crystal Palace, there is no way this young man will allow his new team to get dragged into the same predicament. He scored five times in 16 Premiership games at Palace and actually displaced Italian Michele Padovano in the process. In his time at Brentford, with whom he started his career, he was even likened to another former Bee, Marcus Gayle - fine words indeed - and will be looking to continue





Began his career with home-town club Portsmouth before moving to Scunthorpe in March 1988.

He was there five years before moving to Vale and has since made over 250 appearances for the Valiants.



Formerly Wigan's longest-serving player, he arrived at Vale Park in the summer of 1997 on a free transfer. Having impressed in his first season at the club he has since signed a fresh two year deal.

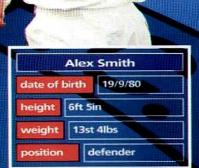


Confident right back renowned for his long throw (over 40 metres) who signed during the close season for £100,000.

Began his career with Scunthorpe where he became a first team regular from trainee.



Now in his third season at Vale Park having signed on a free from Dutch club AZ67 Alkmaar on September 8th 1997. He had impressed John Rudge in a couple of pre-season games and has become a regular member of Vale's first team squad.



vale's dave

brammer

First caught the eye at Vale courtesy of a great display against them for Chester in the Worthington Cup.

Before securing a £75,000 move he had played at Everton before moving on to Swindon and Huddersfield.

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Anthony Gardner
              19/9/80
date of birth
        6ft 5 ins
height
         13st 4 lbs
weight
            defender
position
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The youngest ever professional offered a contract at Vale and one of the tallest!

He signed pro terms after just one year with the youth team and made his debut for the first team at the beginning of the season.

D	ave E	Brammer
date of	birth	28.2.75
height	5ft 1	0in
weight	12st	: 4lb
position		nidfielder

Brian Horton clinched the signing of this promising central midfielder from Wrexham for £350,000, where he had begun his career.

Equally comfortable in a defensive or attacking role.

Je	ff Minton
date of birt	28.12.73
height 5	ft 10in
weight 1	2st 4lbs
position	midfielder

A tough-tackling midfielder who followed Brian Horton from Brighton to Vale Park having worked well for him on the south coast.

He began his career in London with Tottenham before leaving for first team opportunities.

OTHER SQUAD MEMBERS:
Jonathan Hunt, Lee Morris,
Nicky Marker, Jon O'Connor,
Dane Woodhouse, Ben Doane,
Paul Macari, Adam Burley, Paul Burke,
Mark Camm, Craig McAughtrie,
Matthew Mosley, Lee Walker,
David Capper, Aidan Davison,
Traianos Dellas, Davy Gijsbrechts, Ewan
Henderson, Jamie Patterson, Andy
Smith, Steven Parkinsoin, David White.



Having spent a couple of months on loan from Grimsby Town, he signed for Port Vale during the close season.

An ex-Southampton man who also spent some time at Wigan. Can also play in defence.



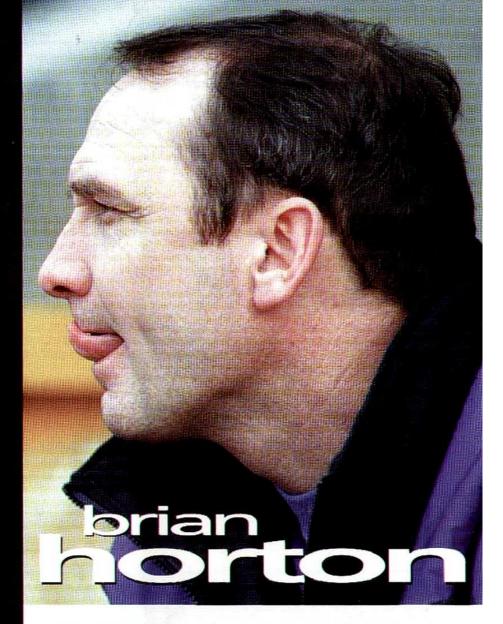
Highly experienced front man joined Vale from Oxford United in 1991 for a then club record fee of £375,000.

Has since scored over 100 goals and picked up the Supporters Player of the Season award twice.



A diminuitive figure who began his career with non-league Droylsden before moving to his first league club — Crewe — in March 1990 for £20,000.

He was bought from Crewe for £150,000 in July 1994



Brian Horton's football career has now come full circle. Having begun his league playing career at Vale Park where he made 236 league appearances, he has returned via Brighton, Luton and Hull as a player and Hull, Oxford, Manchester City, Huddersfield and Brighton as a manager, to become Burslem's first new boss in 15 years.

He's got pretty big boots to fill too. John Rudge was an institution at Vale and was almost singlehandedly responsible for their rise to the First Division from lower league obscurity. Horton though is very much his own man and certainly won't be adverse to the pressures this job may bring — he's had a bucketful of it in the past after all. He was boss at Oxford United under Robert Maxwell, before grasping the poisoned chalice at Manchester City in 1993. His relative failure at Maine Road was hardly a reflection of his capabilities considering the mess that followed.... Huddersfield also expected success when Horton arrived despite the fact they had only just been promoted to the division and his departure came two years later giving him the opportunity to return to one of his old stomping grounds at Brighton. His stay was short though. The lure of Division One in the shape of one of his other former clubs proved too much. Now the task for Horton is to ensure the preservation of his proud record — he's never been relegated as a player or manager and with his experience there's no reason why that should change this season.

## around the county



I would like to invite you to our hugely successful "general trivia" quiz night! This will be our third quiz night and will be held on Tuesday 9th November 1999, in the Winners' Lounge.

This quiz night will consist of ten rounds of varied questions and you may enter as many people as possible - with each team consisting of 6 people, the cost is £10 per team. You are encouraged to arrive at 7pm and the quiz will begin at 7.30pm and we will also run a raffle at the end of the evening.

In the first quiz night you might be amazed to hear that STFC staff team (captained by my good self!) finished last, but on our last outing we moved up the ranks to finish 5th from bottom and, who knows, we could yet go on and win it!

If you think you have the answers - come and join us in the Winners Lounge. Due to the success of the last quiz night it is advisable that you enter your team/s as soon as possible. To book up and register your team please contact me in the Sales Dept on 01793 333 718.

Thanks for your support

Samantha Clift

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the fun starts at 7.30pm and entrance is FREE!





#### A poem - which could be printed in Private Eye.

So. Farewell then George.
You were player of the season.
Four times over. We'll miss you.
But how do you pronounce
your surname?

It somehow makes the prospects for the rest of the season look all the more gloomy doesn't it.

Thursday's newsflash on BBC Wiltshire Sound confirmed many of our worst fears. Not only had George made a one million pound move, but he'd gone to another First Division team. He'd said previously that he wanted Premiership action, and my guess is that his close

## the gripton

103.6, 104.3 & 103.5 FM

By Jon Gripton, breakfast presenter, BBC Wiltshire Sound B B C WILTSHIRE SOUND

pal Ade Akinbiyi played a part in persuading him that Wolves really were going places this year. I suppose we could ask a final favour - that he sits out the game at Molineux in a month's time, or at least vows not to score! But does the move bring to a close the financial troubles at the Town?

I know many people are calling for the money to be spent on new players, but sadly it seems that ain't going to happen. Instead it will be put towards adjusting the clubs financial structure. That could give us a problem of course - we're already on the back foot and apart from the opportunity of bringing through another youthful hopeful, how are we going to turn things around?

Maybe the Mighty Q himself will make a return to first team action! It's

the club's hope that the fans stay faithful and continue to turn up throughout the winter to give vocal - and financial - support.

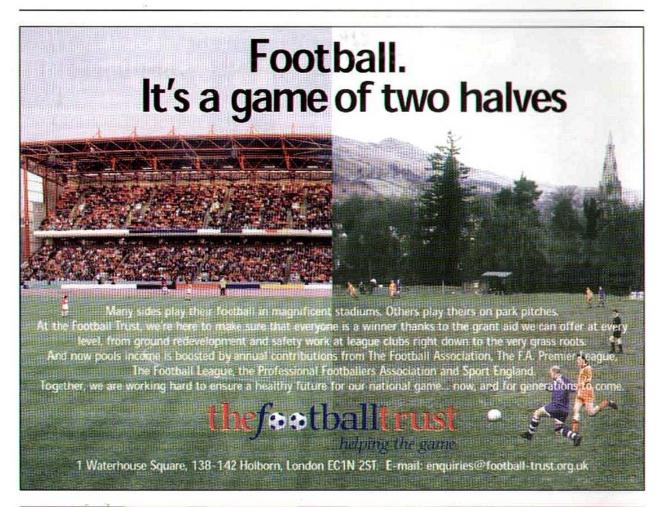
Keep listening to BBC Wiltshire Sound for the latest news from the County Ground, and the best coverage of home and away games. And remember we welcome your views.

You can write to me at BBC Wiltshire Sound, PO Box 1234, Swindon. Or you can e-mail me at: wiltshire.sound@bbc.co.uk

Enjoy the game.

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#### the editor talks with Andy Williams...

Now you have made your move to Swindon permanent, how do you think you have done?

It's been going well and I've started to settle down into the wing-back role whereas before I had played on the wing at Southampton. I've also settled down in the team and got to know all the lads a lot better and hopefully things will get better as far as results are concerned.

You made an immediate good impression with the fans, how has that helped your integration to the club?

I played well in the first few games of my loan period and I was delighted with that because, if I didn't perform immediately, people would have wondered why Jim Quinn had brought me into the side. The fans have been great and it has really helped me settle in and have confidence in my performances.

You are quite a versatile player and you have played on both flanks, how much difference does that make to your game?

I have always tended to play on the left-hand side of the pitch despite the fact that I'm rightfooted. But, I don't have any problems adapting to a right wingback position. I have confidence in both feet and will play wherever the Gaffer wants me to.

How much do you have to hold back from getting forward too often?

As I said, I used to play on the wing and was more used to attacking and believe that it is a good part of my game, although I had to do my fair share of defending also.

Although the results haven't been great, the defence has been playing well, would you agree?

In our last two games we've only conceded one goal in each but unfortunately we haven't managed to score any goals ourselves. We haven't been far off, especially against Fulham where we could have won the match easily. Against Barnsley, I must admit we didn't look like scoring but it looked as though we would hold on for a draw, but it wasn't to be. I don't think we're too far away, we need to score more goals and if we can take the lead we should do ok.

Will you be looking to get on the scoresheet yourself?

I haven't actually scored a senior goal in my career yet! I have in the reserves at Southampton but I'm still waiting for a first-team goal. Hopefully, I can do that as soon as possible for Swindon Town, especially at the moment when we're struggling to find the net. I won't get as many chances as a wing-back, but it would be nice to put one away. It's not just the forwards' job to score all the goals, everyone has to chip in and get goals from all over the park.

What, so far, has been the best match you have ever played in?

The best result-wise was when I played for Southampton and we went to Anfield and beat Liverpool 3-2 in the League. As for a match it would have to be my debut for Wales in Brazil. The Maracana is a fantastic stadium and, although I was only on for a little while, as an occasion it was fantastic.







#### williams

## player



birthplace

Bristol

date of birth

08.10.77

height

5ft 10ins

weight

10st 10lbs

position

defender

dub records

games	goals
8	0
4(20)	0
	8

## getting personal..

favourite film

**Dumb & Dumber** 

favourite tv show

Only Fools and Horses

favourite band/musician

Everything really

favourite sporting event

Rugby World Cup (Wales)

favourite footballer

Ryan Giggs

favourite food

Chips!

favourite drink

I Drink lots of tea

favourite hobbies

Golf

favourite colour

#### the editor talks with Paul Thirlwell...

You extended your loan period here so are you enjoying it?

I have enjoyed it a lot; it has been a great experience for me playing in the eight games I have so far. It's just a shame that we haven't got better results since I've been here but we'll have to start again and win the next two home games.

What do you see as the problem at the moment?

It's pretty much what we've been saying after games, we're experiencing the sort of luck that every team seems to experience when they find themselves at the bottom of the League.

What can you do to put it right on the field?

I think we need to get a good start in matches and score the first goal. We've only done it once since I've been here against Blackburn Rovers and we have gone on to win the game. We have, at times, conceded sloppy goals early on and then have had to chase the game. I don't think there has bee a lot wrong with the way we have been playing, we just need a break and to score a few goals.

How do you think you have played since you arrived here?

I'm happy with the way I have performed; it took me a few games to settle into the side getting used to a new formation and the lads around me. They're a good bunch of lads and have helped me settle in really well.

How do you see your future career working out?

think my loan is up in a couple of weeks and I'm not sure if my

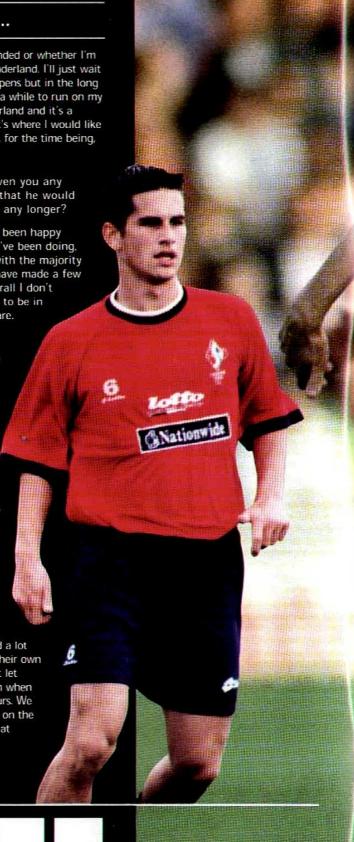
loan is to be extended or whether I'm going back to Sunderland. I'll just wait and see what happens but in the long term I have quite a while to run on my contract at Sunderland and it's a massive club. That's where I would like play regularly but, for the time being, I'm very happy.

Has Jim given you any indication that he would like to keep you any longer?

I think he's been happy with what I've been doing, as he has been with the majority of the lads. We have made a few mistakes but overall I don't think we deserve to be in the position we are.

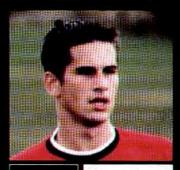
How has your job in the middle of the park changed while the formation has changed around you for the two away games?

It didn't change that much, obviously Fulham are a good side, so we needed to make it difficult for them in middle field and pressure the ball as quickly as possible. They had a lot of possession in their own half but we didn't let them create much when they came into ours. We were unfortunate on the day - as we were at Barnsley.





#### thirlwell



birthplace

Newcastle

date of birth

13.02.79

height

5ft 11ins 11st 4lbs

weight

midfielder

position

dub records

dub	games	goals	
swindon	8	0	
sunderland	1	0	

## getting personal..

favourite film

**Pulp Fiction** 

favourite tv show

Only Fools and Horses

favourite band/musician

I enjoy most music

favourite sporting event

Olympics

favourite footballer

**Emmanuel Petit** 

favourite food

Pie 'n' chips!

favourite drink

Milk

favourite hobbies

Golf

favourite colour

Red & White





thank-you today to Gareth Davies who has agreed to help with the Junior Robins activities.

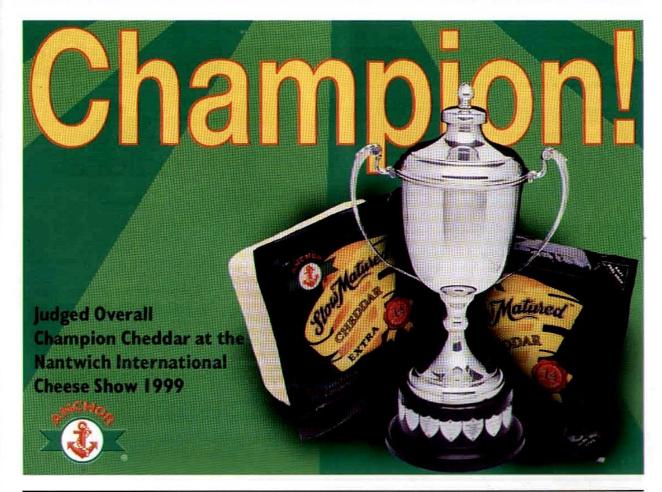
On a more concerning note, we have been approached by a small number of supporters who have been unhappy with the treatment they have received at the hands of stewards and Police at recent matches. Whilst we would not condone any anti-social behaviour the incidents, as relayed, would appear to have resulted in over-the-top reactions. Times are difficult in and around the Football Club at the moment and it cannot afford to have supporters alienated for whatever reason. We will always be happy to talk to the Football Club and authorities about issues such as these, but clearly it will help our discussions if we can be certain of positive identification e.g. the number of the steward etc. involved.

Just as important we are delighted to report on some really positive news on away travel. That is, the first official away trip for disabled supporters which is going to the West Brom match on 29th January. Initial interest makes it seem likely that

demand for places may outstrip available places and we can only encourage anyone wishing to be on this inaugural trip to contact the away travel information service on 01793 825935.

Another first for the travel service is the setting up of a centre aimed at supporters who may wish to car share to matches. This is not just for those who travel away but also importantly for those who attend home matches. This is a superb way to reduce the cost of getting to matches and no doubt will establish some friendships along the way. If you are at all interested it will only cost the price of a phone call. The telephone number to ring is the same as that for the away travel information service quoted above.







#### with clive maguire and jon holloway



Good afternoon everybody and welcome to tonight's important Division One fixture against Port Vale.

We have had a great start today for our final course of the year at the club with 100 plus young hopefuls enjoying a full day's coaching out on the field. Again, all our children have shown great enthusiasm and let's hope the final two days are as good as today.

Last Tuesday I was invited to a working party meeting at Birmingham City FC, where community officers from all over the regions sat down to discuss the workings of football in the community. Peter Rhodes-Brown and myself represented the South West Region and the day proved to be a great success. You are probably aware that Wagon Wheels have been our main sponsor for the last three years but the current deal expires in December. The P.F.A. have been hard at work trying to secure a future sponsorship deal with other companies and we should know who that will be in the not too distant future. I will keep you posted on any further developments.

You may remember our notes from a couple of months ago when we informed you of our involvement with Swindon College, with Jon and I helping out with the College third team. The final trials took place last week and we have managed to pick a squad of 15 lads to represent the club for our first away fixture of the season at Shrivenham Military College. We will keep you upto-date with our progress.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jon Holloway, and ex-Town favourite Paul Bodin, who helped Bath City to attain an exciting FA Cup 1st round tie at home to Hendon on 6th November. Who knows, if they win their next two games they're in the hat with the 'big guns' and a South West County derby could be on the cards.

All the best, Clive and Jon.









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I hope you are all getting ready for our Disco tomorrow night in the Winners' Lounge starting at 7.30pm. Remember, admission is just 50p and all proceeds go towards our Christmas Disco.

Now is the time for anyone who wants to take part in training sessions at the Oasis on Monday evenings to reserve their place. This can be done at the Oasis reception and it costs £14 for a seven week session.

If anyone hasn't received their membership cards yet, they can pick them up from the Information Centre on matchdays between 1.30pm and 2.45pm.

If anyone requires further information about the Junior Robins or has any ideas of things we could possibly organise then please contact Kevin on 01793 333757 or write to us C/O Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED

If any of you Junior Robins in the R's section are interested in being ballboys/girls for the first team matches could you please call Richard Dunstan on **0993 703 110** 

#### today's lucky mascots

#### ADAM CHATWORTHY

celebrates his 7th
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Cirencester Town
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loving football he
enjoys spending time
with his friends.
Adam's favourite
player is Manchester
United's David
Beckham.

#### LEE CHATWORTHY

joins his younger brother in the spotlight as tonight's other lucky Swindon Town mascot. Lee is 10 years old and plays in goal for Cirencester Town Under 11s. He also enjoys playing any sports and spending time with friends. Lee's favourite player is Manchester United's Dwight Yorke.

Have a great evening lads and keep up the good work for Cirencester Town - who knows maybe one day you'll both play in goal for Swindon.

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It has been a couple of games since we last played at home with two away games where we were really looking to keep things tight at the back, knowing that we would get chances to snatch a goal over the course of the game.

To a degree our game-plan worked because we didn't really give many clear-cut chances away but, unfortunately, we lost both games 1-0.

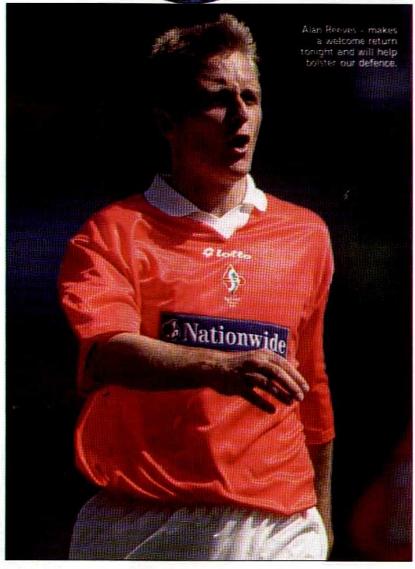
In the match against Fulham in particular, I thought we should have won that with the number of chances we created. One of the main reasons for this was the atmosphere in the ground. Our supporters were absolutely superb, I think there were around 1,200 and they really made themselves heard.

I'm certain that gave the players a real boost and even after the game in defeat it showed that if people see the effort and commitment of the players they'll get behind the team 100%.

We travelled to Barnsley and didn't create nearly as many chances as we did at Fulham but we defended quite well, although a little too deep at times. For their goal we didn't get enough pressure on the man and retreated too quickly into our own box and they latched onto a second ball and we were not quick enough to react.

It's just another case of one mistake in 90 minutes costs us the game when we have played well enough to get something out of it.



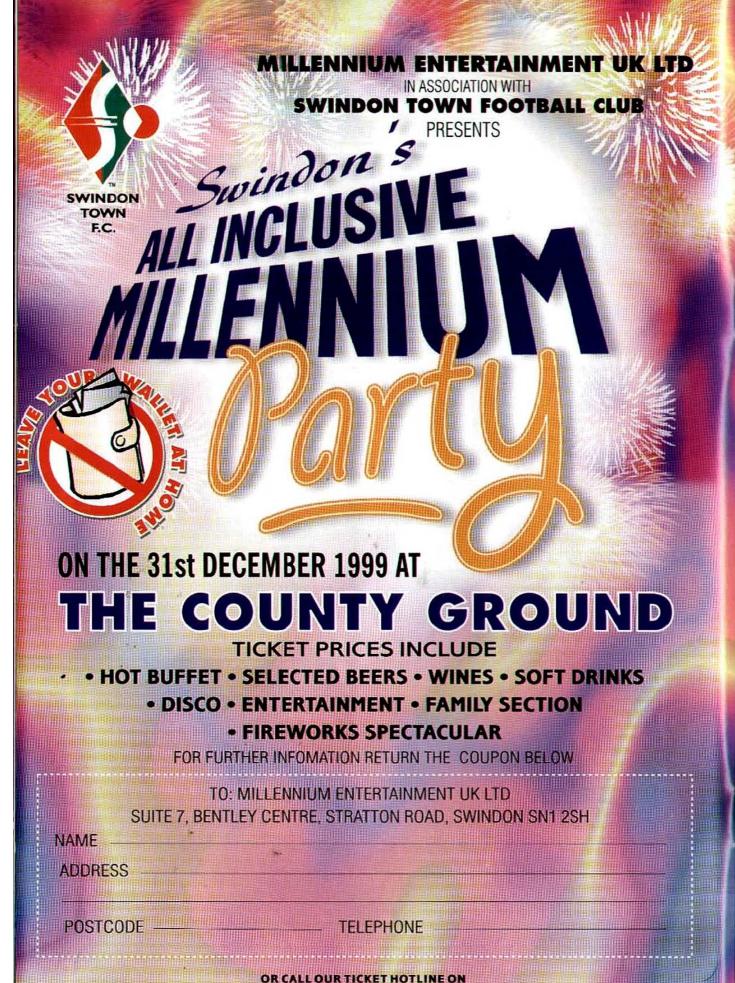


We have tried a new formation when we have played away from home. The effort and commitment from the players has been excellent and, as a team, we're not getting stretched between the defence and midfield and we're keeping it quite tight.

We wanted to get players behind the ball and let the opposition worry about George Ndah's pace up front on the counter attack. They were aware that if he gets a one-on-one he's always likely to run away from people. He managed it on a couple of occasions but couldn't finish them off. Even though we lost both games it is a

formation that we know we can go away with again if we need to because sometimes you do have to change your tactics slightly. When we do get the ball we ask the players to join in with play and get forward to support and get beyond the front men.

It's not to say that we're not going to use that tactic again but also we're not saying that we'll use it every time we go away. At home we have to look at things a little differently, away from home it can be frustrating for the away side but at home you do have a responsibility to take the game to the opposition.



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The club is once again pleased to welcome Haine & Smith, our official opticians to the County Ground.

Conducted over two seasons, Senior Partner, Sue Haine carried out the annual eye test for the players with the help of Megan Rees - Swindon Contact Lenses Assistant Manager.

Haine & Smith are keen to promote regular eye tests amongst players and staff and stress the importance of a regular health care programme. Club Physio Dick Mackey said, "It is important that players look after themselves and maintain good health in all areas. With regard to the Football Club it is great to have the support from local opticians, Haine & Smith."

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Giuliono Grazioli is currently trying contact lenses and said, "Eye care should



not be neglected or taken for granted. Nowadays, both spectacles and contact lenses are lighter, more flexible and you hardly know you're wearing them."

Swindon Town F.C. would like to thank Haine & Smith for supporting the club and organising the annual eye test.

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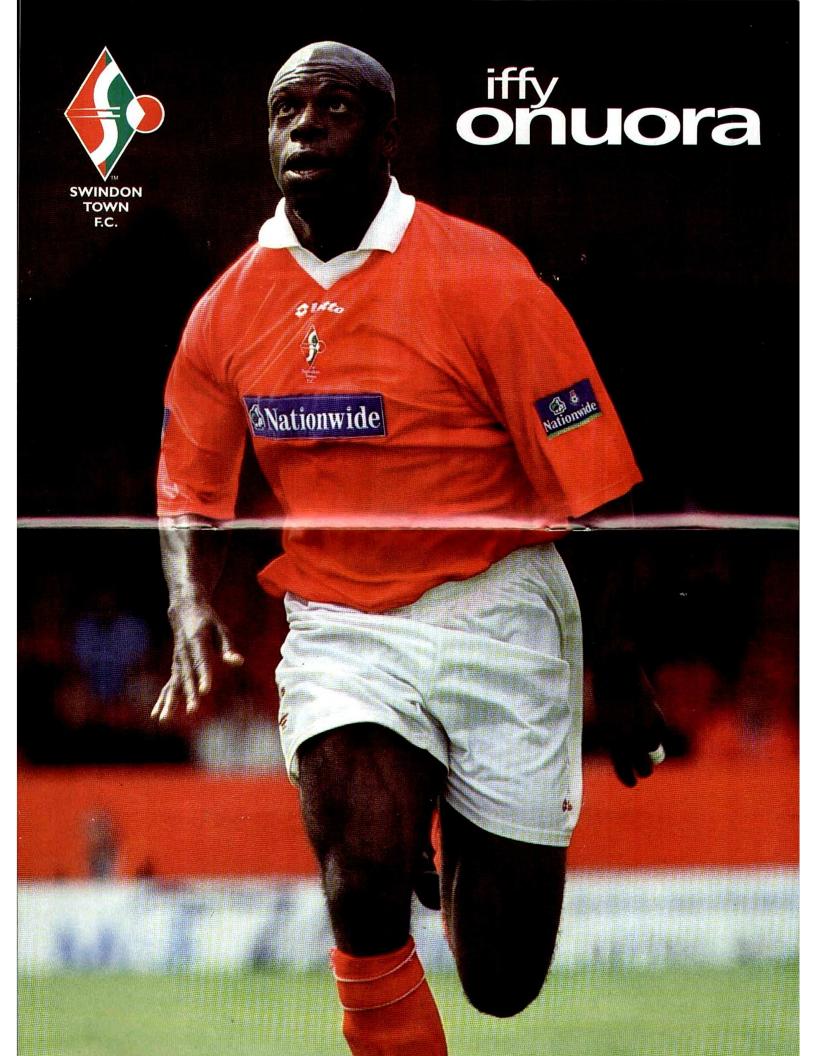
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## Mark Walters v **Tony Rougier**

#### minutes on pitch:

Walters: 783 Rougier: 846

#### goal attempts

	Walters	Rougier
goals	2	1
shots on target (inc goals)	17	5
shots off target	10	11
blocked shots	4	1

#### passing

	Walters	Rougier
goal assists	1	2
total passes	269	241
pass completion	77%	58%

#### crossing

	Walters	Rougier
total crosses	45	37
cross completion	29%	27%

#### dribbling

	Walters	Rougier
dribbles & runs	28	58
dribble completion	82%	74%

#### defending

	Walters	Rougier
tackles made	21	13
tackles won	43%	54%
blocks	1	3
clearances	12	11
interceptions	5	7

#### discipline

	Walters	Rougier
fouls	15	23
offside	3	8
yellow cards	1	0
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#### brothers down under

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#### The 92 club...the club for the fan that has done the lot.

The club was founded in June 1978 with just 39 members and is open to all those football supporters who have visited all the current 92 Premier and Football League grounds for a first team match. The number of qualifiers has steadily increased and now boasts over 1000 members. The aim of the club is to provide formal recognition of this special achievement. The club also hold informal meetings at selected games from time to time and this is a good opportunity to meet follow fars from other clubs with a similar interest.

At the present time 12 Swindon Town fans have reached this goal and joined this exclusive club, but if any other supporter has completed the current 92, or is going to mount a serious challenge in the coming months, then full details of the club can be obtained by sending an SAE to: The 92 Club, 104 Gilda Crescent, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 9LD

To assist keeping records of various matches attended the club also produces a very popular 'Complete Statistical Record Book' with space to record line-ups, substitutions, scorers, attendances and even weather conditions! The book can be obtained for only £2.00 inc. of p&p from the above address.

The way football is now structured it is ever more vital that you support Swindon Town through the turnstiles at home and by bringing a friend or family member to the County Ground. So make sure you're a regular attendee at the County Ground and don't forget that any new grounds you visit with Swindon Town will take you a step closer to that 92-club goal.

Good Luck and enjoy your football. Mark Sheldrake

Anyone landing on planet earth on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and switching on to OnDigital, ITV, ITV2, Sky Sports and Sky Sports Extra to watch the Champions' League and the UEFA Cup could easily be conned into thinking that they were witnessing the cream of European football.

Surely to qualify for such esteemed competitions, they think, these teams must beat a multitude of talented sides. Surely the Champions' League. features all those clubs sides in Europe who have won their national league titles in the past season. Well, actually, no.

The Champions' League is rapidly becoming one of sports greatest contradictions, indeed last year's final (and mention this quietly in the North West) was played out between two sides who had not even won their domestic league title. It was two years ago that UEFA allowed the runners-up in selected leagues to take part in the Champions' League and this season the net has been cast further to incorporate those deserving sides who set their leagues alight in finishing third. The expanded version of the Champions' League, it seems, knows no bounds. The qualifying rounds began in mid-July and some teams had to come through three, two-legged ties merely to reach the group stages.

The top two from each group progress to the next group stage whilst (most unfairly of all, but we wouldn't want anyone to miss out would we!) the third-place team in each group takes its deserved place in the UEFA Cup. So if at first you don't succeed don't worry you've already manoeuvered effortlessly (quite literally) into the third round of the season's other major European competition. No wonder that many managers of the teams competing in the UEFA Cup have voiced their extreme displeasure at the new arrangement.

In the past the European Cup has always featured the Creme De La Creme of European competition the Marilyn Monroe of Footballing Tournaments, the UEFA Cup has never quite been in the same league. Now due to the unhealthy influence of UEFA's moneymen both competitions have been devalued to an unhealthy extent.

Whilst one cannot help but marvel at some of the talent on show in some of Europe's grandest venues, it is hard not to feel cheated in some way. As well as taking something away from the greatest club competition in the world, it is also simultaneously lessening the importance of league titles. The new structure certainly quarantees an action packed programme, but it also places an unbearable strain on players, managers and supporters. Even the armchair viewers face a battle to keep up with the never-ending cycle of games and which stations each game is on. So as the tournament expands, and the number of teams increase still further, there is only one winner and it's not the players, it's not the supporters - it's the administrators.







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Tonight we take a look at Swindon Town's next two away fixtures. Next Saturday we travel to Bolton, followed by a trip to the McAlpine Stadium to face Huddersfield.

## Bolton S

#### the lowdown...

Last season was a year of frustration for Bolton, they made a slow start, drawing too many games and looking like they had lost their winning formula. A run of twelve unbeaten games followed and the bright lights of the Premiership were in sight, then for some reason they sold their best strikers, Nathan Blake to Blackburn and Arnar Gunnlaugsson to Leicester City. Unsuprisingly the goals dried up and Bolton, once again, found themselves drawing games they should have won and the Wanderers stuttered into the playoffs finishing in sixth place. A nervy first-leg with Ipswich led to a 3-4 away thriller, which turned out to be the highlight of their season. The Wembley defeat to Watford was a huge let-down and they are still in the First Division, breaking their yo-yo sequence with the Premiership. Sam Allardyce took over last week and Town will play them with another new manager they will be

#### the reason to watch...

This is the game Swindon will want to win more than ever after being beaten so convincingly at the County Ground earlier this month.

#### the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 0-4 Bolton 02.10.1999 Swindon Town 3-3 Bolton 06.03.1999 Bolton 2-1 Swindon Town 29.09.1998 Bolton 7-0 Swindon Town 08.03.1997 Swindon Town 2-2 Bolton 22.12.1996

#### the player to watch...

Ricardo is a regular in the Jamaican international side after starring in their 1998 World Cup campaign. His terrific curling shot that flew past Jimmy Glass in Bolton's recent 4-0 win showed what this pacey midfielder is capable of.

#### Huddersfield

#### the lowdown...

out to impress.

Having created one of the most aesthetically pleasing, futuristic stadia in Britain four years ago, Huddersfield's new owner Barry Rubery now demands a team to match the palatial surroundings and has enlisted former Manchester United captain Steve Bruce to round up a team capable of challenging for the top. He's certainly been busy during his first summer in charge and has wasted no time in spending Rubery's cash.

#### the reason to watch...

The summer arrival of Clyde Wijnhard for a bargain £750,000 from Leeds United, Kenny Irons from Tranmere, Georgi Donis from Sheffield United and Scott Sellars gives this new-look Terrier's side a Premiership feel about it. We will see if they can live up to such hype in this tantalising fixture at the McAlpine.

#### the last five meetings...

Huddersfield Town 1-2 Swindon Town 05.04.1999 Swindon Town 3-0 Huddersfield Town 09.10.1998 Huddersfield Town 0-0 Swindon Town 31.01.1998 Swindon Town 1-1 Huddersfield Town 23.08.1997 Huddersfield Town 0-0 Swindon Town 04.05.1997

#### the player to watch...

After scoring a hatful of goals in the llower Divisions, Stewart resisted the temptation of the Premiership and has been rewarded for his good sense by the arrival of Steve Bruce at the helm, a new club owner in Barry Rubery and a new strike partner in Clyde Wijnhard.

Now Stewart has the chance to get to the Premiership without making another move and will be one of the Terrier's most important players this season.



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Sun 12th Sept	Bristol City	4-2
Sun 10th Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	3-3
Sun 26th Sept	Southampton	2-0
Sun 3rd Oct	Portsmouth	3-2
Sun 10th Oct	Bristol Rovers FAC1st	2-5
Sun 17th Oct	Bath City	14-0
Sun 24th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	0
Sun 31st Oct	Bristol Rovers	
Sun 7th Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
Sun 14th Nov	Yeovil Town	A
Sun 21st Nov	Cheltenham Town	Н
Sun 28th Nov	Newport Strikers	A
Sun 5th Dec	Southampton	A
Sun 12th Dec	Denham United	Н
Sun 19th Dec	Oxford United	Н
Sun 9th Jan	Bristol City	A
Sun 16th Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	Н
Sun 23rd Jan	Southampton	A
Sun 30th Jan	Portsmouth	Н
Sun 6th Feb	Bath City	A
Sun 13th Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 20th Feb	Yeovil Town	Н
Sun 27th Feb	Cheltenham	A
Sun 5th Mar	League Cup Semi-final	
Sun 12th Mar	Newport Strikers	Н
Sun 19th Mar	Denham United	A
Sun 30th Apr	League Cup Final	

Swindon Town Ladies (Home) South West Combination matches are played at the County Ground Extension and Kick-Off at 2.00pm.

#### The South West Counties Youth League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	3-1
Sat 28th Aug	Swansea City	3-4
Sat 4th Sept	Plymouth Argyle	0-1
Sat 11th Sept	Newport County	
Sat 18th Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-7
Sat 25th Sept	Trowbridge Town	5-3
Sat 2nd Oct	Yeovil Town	2-2
Sat 9th Oct	Bashley FC	3-0
Sat 16th Oct	Bath City	0-3
Sat 23rd Oct	Bristol Rovers	Α
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City	Н
Sat 6th Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sat 13th Nov	Cirencester	Н
Sat 20th Nov	Swansea City	Α
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Н
Sat 4th Dec	Newport County	A
Sat 11th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Α
Sat 18th Dec	Trowbridge Town	Н
Sat 8th Jan	Yeavil Town	Α
Sat 15th Jan	Bashley FC	Н
Sat 22nd Jan	Bath City	Α
Sat 29th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Н

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#### The Football League Youth Alliance Season 1999/2000



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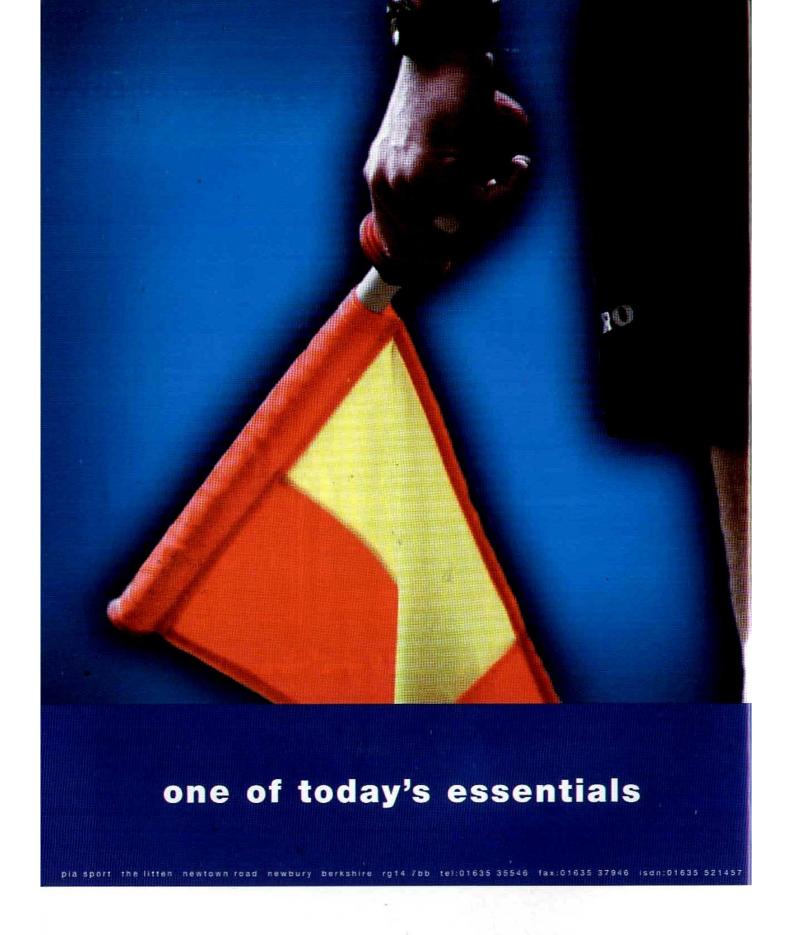
#### Swindon Town Centre of Excellence Fixtures Season 1999/2000

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Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	Α
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	Н
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	H
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	A
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Н
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	Н
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	A
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	Н
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	Н
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	Н
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	Н
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Н
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	Н
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	A
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	Н

Under 14s		
Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	Н
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	Н
Sun 26 Sept.	Exeter City	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	Н
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Н
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	Н
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	Н
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	A
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Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 23 Jan	Torquay Utd	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	Н
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
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another is



# away\_day Max Richardson travels with the Town and

this week he gives us his verdict on his trip to Oakwell.....

I'm lucky enough to work for myself, otherwise I would have really struggled to get to Barnsley and back and keep the boss happy. In hindsight though, I wouldn't have minded an excuse not to make the long journey as it turned into a very dull evening and a long trip home. I have to admit that I had my eyes on the game and one ear firmly attached to my portable radio so I didn't miss out on the mouth-watering clash between Arsenal and Barcelona. Alan Greene's coverage was shortly interrupted with a report from Oakwell and for a change I was quietly impressed with their accuracy of the nights events. He said, "If you were standing outside the ground, you wouldn't know there was a match going on if the lights weren't turned on".

"I was in total agreement and, despite the 12,000 attendance, it may have been 12!. Rarely did the home fans get behind their team and because of the journey and it being a Tuesday night, there were only a handful of fans brave enough to make the long journey

and, after 1,200 had just

been to Fulham, who could blame them. I hate to be down but it won't really stop me from going because the club is in my blood and, no doubt, we are not the only club at the moment, or ever for that matter, who has experienced a poor run.

I'm certain there are many more fans around the country who are far worse off than us. That's the beauty of football and supporting your team I suppose. At times, it gets you down but you wouldn't swap it for anything and the good times will always be back.

It just shows how a long lonely trip to Barnsley on a cold Tuesday evening gives you time to be philosophical about these things. As for the match, the Town worked hard enough to force a point but we always looked vulnerable and conceded a deciding score.

Come on you reds!

# out of 10

Journey:

**Prefer Saturdays** 

Ground:

7

Good

**Home Fans:** 

5

Very quiet

Away Fans:

5

Brave few

Food & Drink:

6

Oak Cake!

Man of the match:

6

Thirwell Team Performance:

6

Workmanlike

Moment of the Day:

6

Resolute defending

Overall Verdict:

5

A very difficult match on a very difficult night. Will be glad to see the back of evening fixtures like this.

by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies were without a game on Sunday as they received a bye in the 'Ambassador' **South West Combination** League Cup.

The Town, who are the current holders of the trophy, have been drawn at home to Southampton in the next round. The two sides met in September and the Town won by two goals to nil.

The Town Reserves have had mixed fortunes. Two away trips resulted in a win and a defeat in the Southern Region League. The Town beat Thame United by ten goals to nil with three goals from Laura Morgan, two each for Michelle Rich and Fay Hayward

and a goal apiece for Louise Corcoran, Nikki Relph and Fiona Baldwin.

The following week they were beaten by three goals to one by Wycombe Wanderers, Fiona Baldwin got the Town's goal.

On Sunday the Town face Bristol Rovers again. Three weeks ago the two sides were drawn together in the first round of the AXA Womens' FA Cup. On that occasion the Rovers won by five goals to two so the Town will be keen to turn the tables on their West County rivals. Last season Rovers also knocked the Town out of the FA Cup but the Town won both of the League encounters. Rovers finished runners-up in the league last year



whereas the Town were third. The Town and Rovers have met four times: each side has won twice and each scored eleven goals. This latest match will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick off at 2-00pm.

first goal in the 14-goal victory over Bath City.

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# transporting swindon town fans into the new millennium

## Good evening and welcome to tonight's fixture against Port Vale.

Thanks to all those fans that braved the trip and conditions travelling to Barnsley on Tuesday evening. After so many (1,200) had been so supportive only three days earlier down in Fulham, it was great to see a few fans there.

We have another two away games coming up against Bolton and Huddersfield. Both clubs have fantastic grounds and you won't find many better places to visit this season.

## SAT 30TH OCT 3.00PM Bolton

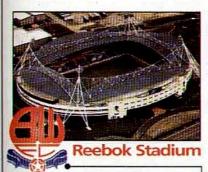
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Nationwide League Division One

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Depart COUNTY GROUND: 9.00AM
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Depart WEST SWINDON: 8.45AM

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(\*Supporters' Club Members receive a £1.00 discount)



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#### **How to Contact**

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# Nationwide division one

# francis options



Birmingham City manager Trevor Francis will add to his striking options with the signings of Marcelo from Sheffield United and Arsenal's out-of-favour forward Christopher Wreh.

Francis has already tried to take the Brazilian Marcelo, 30, whose contract at Bramall Lane was due to expire in the summer, to St Andrews but is confident that his second attempt will be successful and £500,000 should do it. The Blues are also working to obtain the signature of Arsenal reserve Christopher Wreh on

a three-month loan basis. Liberian Wreh, 24, has struggled to make an impression on the first team at Highbury since joining from French side Guincamp in 1997. His only conspicuous success was his FA Cup semi-final winner against Wolves in 1998.

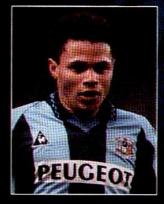
# taylor targeted

Manchester City boss Joe Royle is trying to sign Gillingham striker Robert Taylor in a one and a half million pound swap deal for Gareth Taylor.

The Maine Road side want to offer former Sheffield United striker Taylor - rated at £600,000 - in exchange for the prolific Gills marksman, who has made known his wishes to play at a higher level of football. Royle is reportedly hoping to have the deal tied up before the weekend after regular striker Shaun Goater struggles with a hamstring strain.



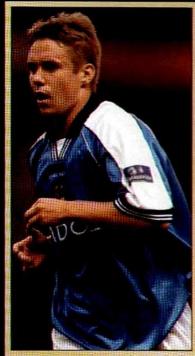
# salako addicted



Charlton have signed John Salako from Division One rivals Fulham in a deal worth £250,000.

The Addicks will pay an initial fee of £150,000 for the Nigerian-born 30-year-old, with two additional sums of £50,000 payable after 25 and 50 appearances.

Salako, who has been on loan at The Valley for the last two months, has so far made seven appearances for Charlton as substitute, scoring his first goal in last Saturday's win at Portsmouth



## city bound

Manchester City have agreed a £1million deal with Leeds for their full-back Danny Granville.

Granville, who joined City at the start of the season on a three month loan from Elland Road, made his debut in the opening game at home to Wolves but did not play again until September due to injury.

But in his two most recent games Granville has done enough to convince City boss Joe Royle that he is the man to help boost City's bid for promotion back to the Premiership.

## **Nationwide**

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BIRMINGHAM	8	6	3	4	21	14	5
STOCKPORT	5	6	3	3	15	15	21
IPSWICH	1	6	5	3	25	15	20
BARNSLEY	15	6	1	5	25	23	19
HUDDERSFIELD	5	5	3	4	22	16	18
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WOLVERHAMPTON	15	4	5	3		5	17
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TRANMERE	13	3	3	7	14	22	15
WALSALL	13	3	3	7		53	12
PORT VALE	8	3	2	8	14	20	
SWINDON	13	5	3	8	8	50	9

# footloal)

At the tender age of 23 Ronaldo Nazario da Lima is suffering from burn-out which may mean that we have already seen the best one of the world's greatest footballers has to offer.

He hasn't returned to the form that made him the most famous footballer in the world since suffering a well-publicised trauma prior to the 1998 World Cup Final in France. Furthermore, rumours suggest that the Brazilian superstar is heading for a repeat of his breakdown due to the increasing contractual demands he must adhere to.

He used to have one of the largest bucktoothed grins in football and you saw it all
too often as he pounced to score goal after
goal for Brazil, Ajax and Barcelona. Now
yirst remains is allook of doom and gloom
leading to fears that the Inter Milan striker
may have fallen out of love with the gameso early in his career.

However, like all world-class players, he is adamant he can return to his former glory. Referring to bour physical arid mental strength, he promises: I am not finished and I still want to do great triings for Inter and Brazil. It is true that each day is a challenge but I am ready to rise to meet it.

I'm getting stronger every day, I trink I'm at about 80 per cent of my potential and I think I'm starting to prove a few people wrong.

His position is not helped by the contractual demands which are placed on him by his backers Nike. Romaico picks up a cool £5m a year from the multi-million pound sports giant and the Brazilian national team nets film an extra £6m. Allegations abound that they (Like) had demanded the presence in the World Cup Final of their most valued asset. Ponaldo had suffered a fit just prior to the final and walked onto the pitch in La Stad de France instead of walking into a hospital emergency room. However, Like felt the need to deny triat it had any influence on the player's alleged decision to shun a hospital bed and complete his contraction duty to play

His life is a stream of engagements

and he is contractually bound to attend soonsors friendlies and sporting dinners around the world. He recently played in three friendlies in 96 hours because his presence is required whenever the green and gold of Brazil walk onto the pitch. 'Normal' players could opt out of meaningless friendlies out it seems Ronaldo has done a deal with the devil, which might end up demaging both parties.

While Roraldo continues to lurk in the stadows of world football, his sponsors are not getting value for money. He has seven years left on his contract at the San Siro and will be relishing the opportunity of linking up with the current world's most expansive player, Christian Vieri. Roraldo is optimistic about his future adding: I am not finished and I want to do great things for Inter and for Brazil!

fils radional manager Wanderley
Luxemburgo still has confidence in him.
Ronaldo's in good shape and he'll only get,
better, he said. But then he added
cryptically: "He can go back to being the
best in the World...provided it's what he
really wants!



## Tonight Phil Harris suggests a few changes to the structure of football in this country.

"There's simply no doubt in my mind or, let's face it, in the minds of any right thinking football fan in this country. There too many professional teams in this country, playing far too much football and it is about time something was done about it.

Any team that either wins the Premiership or simply reaches it this season will have done so despite the highest of obstacles placd in their path - the excessive amount of games that today's professionals are expected to play. On top of that we have the added burden of the Worthington Cup. A great trophy in its day but no longer given the respect it deserves from the bigger teams. Huddersfield knock out Chelsea - so what? We might delight in our rivals' misfortune but we all came back down to earth when their 5-0 thumping of Galatasaray highlighted just how much they cared about th previous week's defeat.

But the Worthington Cup isn't really the point. The Premiership and Nationwide League are just too flabby. 92 professional teams is far too many and the majority of them are slowly but surely running up insurmountable debts. We've lost Bradford Park Avenue, Accrington Stanley, Maidstone United, Aldershot and Newport County but if so many clubs keep trying to grab a slice of the cake for themselves, then the number of clubs who have gone out of business in the past 30 years will be trebled in double quick time. So you want to safeguard tradition? Equality for all? Face it: Tradition is old news and smaller clubs would be better off winding down their pro operations and going semi-pro. No country in Europe supports so many professional clubs but in the 'birthplace of football' sepia tinted memories overpower common sense.

Here is what I would do. Create two Premierships of 18 clubs, one 'National league' of 18 clubs, and then two regional leagues — North and South each containing 20 clubs, playing semiprofessionally and providing a feeder to the National league. If you finish top of either division, strict criteria based on annual accounts and facilities would operate before you are given a full pro license to take with you in to the National League. The cake is only so big! and it is about time it was divided a little more sensibly. From top to bottom there would be change for the good. The best 36 teams would only play 34 league games a season. Revenue could rise rather than drop though with increased gates enjoying a higher quality of competition. The smaller the divisions, the more competitive. Here for example is a possible 18 team Premiership 'Two' for next season:

Barnsley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bradford, Charlton, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Watford, West Brom, Wolves. A lot of big teams, a lot of big games. Properly marketed by Sky it would narrow the gap with Premiership 'One' and become a truly exciting alternative to the top flight.

Further down the chain, competitive semi-pro regional divisions still offer the



chance of success but within the strict guidelines of semi pro regulations. An amended Bosman rule woul also protect smaller club's ability to rear and sell their own players.

So could this happen? Well a Premiership Two has been mooted but at the top of the tree, the decision makers with regards to numbers are the clubs themselves. Will they vote away the revenue to two home games whilst also increasing their own chances of being relegated? Nope. At the last count only Arsenal and Manchester United of the 20 Premiership clubs voted for a reduction. Perhaps the only hope is the introduction of a strict UEFA law but hey, let's not hold our breath.

I reckon that my suggestions would go some way to protecting smaller clubs from financial ruin and players from burn out but hey who am I to say anything? The authorities know best of course..."





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# charity partnership

The Rotary Club of Thamesdown and The Five Star Health Charity are working together.

Rotary have been long-term supporters of a great many good causes in the area and we are pleased to form this partnership. In the past Rotary have assisted us in providing garden furniture for a day centre for elderly people with dementia, and decorating materials for the centre also. We are delighted to be working together again.

The Five Star Health Charity is the name by which East Wiltshire Health Care NHS Charitable fund is known. It provides support and equipment to benefit people needing clinical treatment in the community.

It supports particular projects and Chatsworth House is the latest! Our Community Child Health Team are moving to Chatsworth House later this year. It will house consulting rooms, offices and a resource centre for those working there.

The Five Star Health Charity is raising funds to provide toys and equipment to help the children using these services. The types of treatment will vary, but children who have been abused physically and emotionally, children with illnesses, children with learning disabilities and children being assessed for adoption will all come to Chatsworth House and see our specialist team of doctors and nurses.

The right environment is essential for children to undertake what to them, can be very strange and threatening times. If they have had unpleasant experiences, they need to be assured that this 'place' is friendly and welcoming. Impressions in infancy can be lasting.

We want to provide treatment rooms with murals, toys and children's furniture in the reception area. Brightly coloured posters and transfers for the walls and windows. Soft furnishings say 'WELCOME - THIS IS A HAPPY PLACE!' It will give the children confidence and help the dedicated team of professionals provide the best support for our very special children.

This is a project where a relatively small amount of money will make a big difference!







TOWN

# half-time teasers

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1 - Banik Ostrava

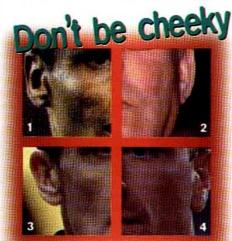
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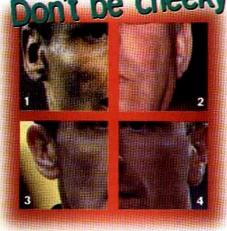
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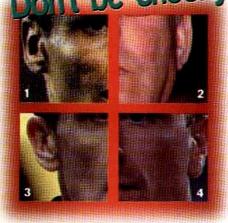
# quick quiz

- How many times has Johan Cruyff won the European Footballer of the Year title?
- Who became the first Bulgarian to be voted European Footballer of the Year?
- Who was the last Englishman to be voted European Footballer of the Year?
- 4 In which year did he win it?
- (5) Which Italian club did Zico play for?
- At which club was Kevin Keegan at when he won the European Footballer of the Year award?
- Which European Footballer of the Year missed a penalty in a World Cup Final shoot-out?
- Which is the only League club in the British Isles with the letter 'J'
- Who were the Blackburn Royers SAS strikeforce?
- Name the five English clubs with the letter X' in their name?



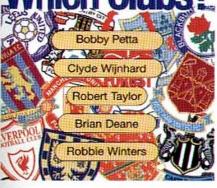
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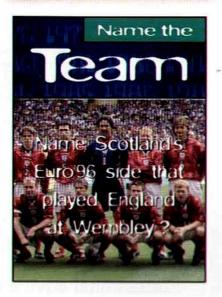




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There was no reserve team fixture this week so it gives us a good opportunity to show you the current standings in the Avon Insurance Combination and another look at our up-and-coming fixtures.

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Fulham	6	4	1	1	10	5	13
Portsmouth	5	4	0	1	8	6	12
Peterborough	6	3	1	2	11	7	10
Bournemouth	5	3	1	2	7	11	10
Norwich	6	2	3	1	9	5	9
Oxford	6	2	2	2	10	11	8
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	6	2	1	3	13	10	7
Brighton	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Millwall	5	1	3	1	3	3	6
Luton	6	2	0	4	10	12	6
Cambridge	6	2	0	4	8	14	6
Northampton	4	1	2	1	7	4	5
Bristol City	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Colchester	6	1	2	3	7	12	5
Barnet	6	1	1	4	9	11	4
GILLINGHAM	5	1	1	3	3	5	4
Wycombe	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Southend	6	0	1	5	7	22	1
Leyton Orient	5	0	0	5	2	16	0

# Reserve League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Wed Aug 18	Cambridge Utd	4-0
WED SEPT 1	NORTHAMPTON T.	2-1
Wed Sept 8	Luton Town	1-0
wed sept 22	BARNET	4-3
Tue Oct 05	Millwall	2-0
WED OCT 13	LEYTON ORIENT	1-0
WED OCT 27	FULHAM	2.00PM
Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	2.00pm
WED NOV 17	PORTSMOUTH	2.00PM
Tue Nov 30	Q.P.R.	2.00pm
Wed Dec 08	Oxford United	7.30pm
WED DEC 22	WYCOMBE W.	2.00PM
Wed Jan 12	Brighton & H.A.	7.30pm
WED Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH	2.00pm
Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	7.30pm
WED FEB 09	NORWICH CITY	2,00PM
Wed Feb 23	Ipswich Town	7.00pm
WED MAR 01	COLCHESTER UTD	2.00PM
WED MAR 15	PETERB'RO UTD	2.00PM
Wed Mar 29	Southend United	7.45pm
Wed Apr 05	Gillingham	7.30pm



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# Ernie

Welcome to our A to Z of former Swindon Town players. This week we take a look back at Ernie Hunt.

Born with the name Roger Patrick Hunt but known as 'Little Ernie' after his father, whose christian name was Ernest, his talent was obvious at an early stage. He played for the Swindon Schoolboy team and their manager, the late Fred Coleman, said of him, "if ever a boy deserved a schoolboy cap it was Ernie". The vagaries of the English weather and the trial system meant that honour eluded him but Swindon's manager recognised a precocious talent and gave him rapid advancement at the County Ground.

When he made his debut for Swindon against Grimsby Town in September 1959, Ernie became the youngest player ever to play for Swindon in a League match. It was not until 1960 that he became a regular in the 1st team but in the four seasons 1960-1 to 1963-4 he scored 27 goals, including seven from the penalty spot. Besides being a scorer of goals he was also a maker of them. During the season which saw Swindon promoted to Division Two for the first time, 12 goals resulted from long throws by Bobby Woodruff. Often they resulted from a flick on header by Ernie at the near post. Another of his great abilities was to be able to hold the ball up without moving giving other players the time to break from defence to attack.

The 1963-4 season saw Ernie score twice in a 3-0 victory over Stockport County on the opening day. Good performances against higher-class opposition helped Ernie get the international recognition that had eluded him at schoolboy level when he was selected for the England Under 23 team. The 1964-5 season was to see Swindon relegated and major factors were a series of misfortunes which befell Ernie.

After a 3-3 home draw with Cardiff he was rushed to hospital for an appendicitis operation. This kept him out of the team for a number of games and, later in the season, a chipped bone in his foot also sidelined him. He returned to help Town record a 2-1 win but in cracking in Swindon's first goal he aggravated his injury and missed the rest of the season.

Relegation saw the break-up of the exciting young team that Bert Head had constructed. By the time he signed for Wolves for a £40,000 fee in September 1965, Ernie had scored 88 goals in 237 appearances, making him the



Town's 10th highest scorer of all time. Two years later he moved on from Wolves to Everton but he was never able to establish himself at Goodison and, in March 1968, he moved to Coventry City where he is remembered for the double footed free-kick with Willie Carr which has now been ruled illegal.

By this time Ernie was fighting a battle against increasing weight which probably stopped him fulfilling his early promise. His playing career ended with Bristol City in 1973. Ernie was to return to the County Ground and worked in the Commercial Department but, sadly, a drink driving conviction eventually led to his departure for a similar job with Gloucester City.

By Dick Mattick

Who were Swindon's opponents in their first ever Division Two match?

If you think you know - send your answers on a postcard to: History Competition, Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2ED.

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In the last programme we asked "How many football clubs did jimmy Gauld play for"

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## red devils denied



Manchester United Chairman Martin Edwards has admitted that the Red Devils were chasing Brazilian superstar Rivaldo last summer. The highly talent Brazilian, currently with Catalan giants Barcelona, was linked with Old Trafford after United had just lifted their European title. However, even the richest club in the world could not afford to buy him and Edwards confessed. There is no doubt at all, that we would have loved to have had the Brazilian here, but the

problem was that Barcelona don't want to sell him. If they did, what would the transfer fee be? They paid £18million for him so they are going to want £20million plus and, on top of that, his personal terms are at least three times above what we pay our top player at the moment.

## italian villain

Aston Villa have completed the signing of Benito Carbone until the end of the season for a nominal fee, with a view to a possible long-term deal. The Italian ace has been in dispute with his former club, Sheffield Wednesday, and was linked with moves to Derby and even back to clubs in Italy. However, Villa manager John Gregory is facing mounting problems with his attacking players and is hopeful that the Italian will impress everyone enough to sign him on a long-term deal. Gregory commented: "Taking him on a permanent basis is still very much an option."

# bergy up & away?

Dennis Bergkamp has dropped his biggest hint yet that he will quit Arsenal in 2001 after deciding to delay any decision upon his Highbury future. Bergkamp has 18 months to run on his present Highbury deal but has refused to sign a new contract, admitting that he will leave any decision until the last possible minute. The £7.5m signing from Inter Milan four years ago said: "I don't know what I will do after next season. I have to be honest, I'm not a player who thinks about the future, I'm 30 now and I've still got some good years left in me so it's not a problem. I feel Euro 2000 will be my last international tournament, but I'll keep an open mind."

# sparky's hot water

Southampton striker Mark Hughes has been given permission by the board at the Dell that he can continue in the post as Wales' caretaker manager until the end of the season. He will then take the job on a more permanent basis. However, the former Manchester United and Barcelona hitman has landed himself in hot water with the FA. He appeared in Sir Alex Ferguson's testimonial match at Old Trafford while he was still serving a suspension for the Saints. Southampton bosses are hoping for leniency from

> the Football Association after they and striker Mark Hughes were charged following the Welsh star's appearance. Hughes, 35, played the final 20 minutes of the match at Old Trafford for a Manchester United XI and scored two goals - including a spectacular 25-yard left-foot shot.

He then missed Southampton's Worthington Cup victory against Liverpool two days later through suspension after being sent off against Manchester City in the previous round. Southampton secretary Brian Truscott admitted the error but is hoping that the club and Hughes will be let off with a warning. He said: "It's an incident that shouldn't have happened but we have notified the FA and are hoping for sympathetic treatment." FA spokesman Adrian Bevington said "It's a similar incident to the one a couple of years ago when Eric Cantona played for Manchester United in a behind-closed-doors game while he was still banned."



# all at sea

The increasing speculation amongst Arsenal fans that David Seaman could be past his best bubbled to the surface once again after his anonymous display against Barcelona in the Champions' League.

For a while there has been a growing number of commentators at Highbury who believe that back-up keeper Alex Manninger should now be the Gunners' No.1.

Seaman has struggled with both form and injury for the last year or so and his Austrian replacement has shown that he is ready and capable of filling the Yorkshireman's boots between the sticks. No doubt Kevin Keegan will be closely monitoring the England No.1's performances between now and, what he hopes, the European Championships, especially with the impressive Premiership form of Tim Flowers and Nigel Martyn.

## CARLING Premier League Table 20.10.99 LEEDS SUNDERLAND ARSENAL FEFESTER CHELSEA TOTTENHAM ASTON VILLA MIDDLESSROUGH COVENTRY WATEORO NEWCASTLE

# Lesson 2 - Communication

I recently heard someone say that David Beckham expressed himself more freely with one single spit than in a series of interviews, having heard the interviews and witnessed the disgusted spit after a ruthless tackle, I am inclined to agree.

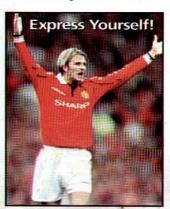
It is really only in the last 20 years or so that footballers have communicated directly with their fans on everything from their love lives to their recovery programmes - and sometimes even the game of football! During the 70's footballers were only ever 'over the moon' or 'sick as a parrot', they weren't really encouraged to believe their feelings and opinions were either interesting or valid. Today the opposite is true - we hang on to every word, not only must they talk us through their games but through their lives.

The most direct channel open between the fan and his club is that intellectual wasteland - the radio 'phone in. How the managers, chairmen and players must dread them, forced by media pressure and fan power to answer questions

about as well thought out as the French World Cup ticket allocations. They must never belittle the questioner, appear anything other than 'one of the lads' or give any insight or information which could be written down and used against

them at the next shareholders' emergency meeting.

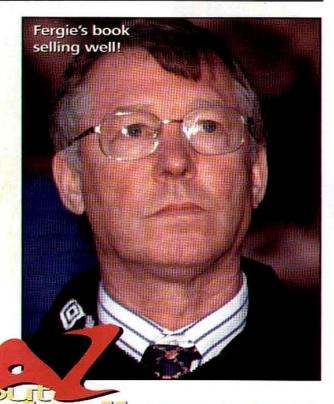
Questioners fall roughly into 2 categories. The 'I haven't been since Don Rogers was in the Youth Team because you haven't



done anything right since you paid footballers a living wage and paid a win bonus in money instead of a 4lb chicken and a dozen faggots, what you gonner do about it' or 'Mr Chairman I have taken the liberty of listing all the players you have bought and sold and would like to discuss the mistakes you have made, ie. the ones I didn't like or the ones who

got injured, mostly the one who got more yellow cards than a Hare Krishna pamphlet dropper and, having added up the sales and subtracted the purchases. I would like to know what happened to all that money and, last but not least, I do have a good and well-informed point to make, but this is my first time on radio and I'm going to spin and pad it out to such a degree that you either run out of time and patience - or both - and the only sensible and realistic viewpoint is not responded to.

As any well-meaning English teacher, or parent with a child.



approaching puberty will tell you, if you want to know anything about anything you must first buy the book or, better still, buy a newspaper

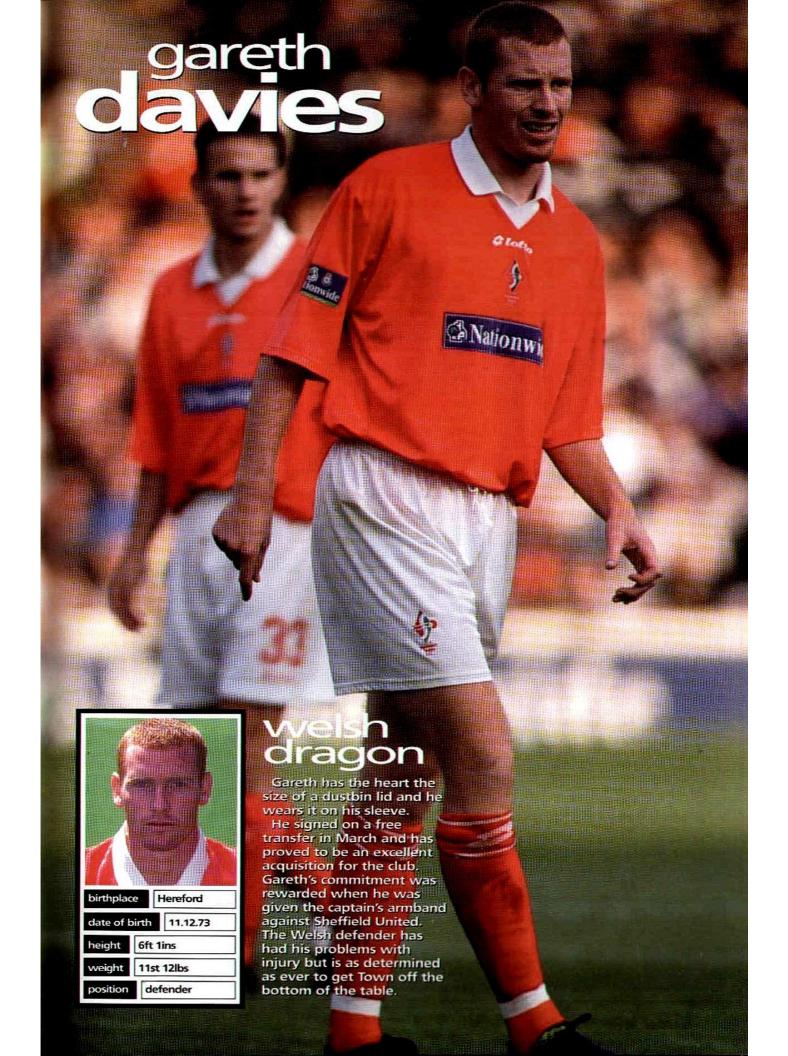
picking out the interesting and possibly titillating bits from another newspaper serialising the abridged version from selected chapters of a book ghost-written for a famous sporting personality by one of the journalists who will be producing their much edited highlights, they are not called 'hacks' for nothing. I have read Glenn Hoddle's book about the World Cup, how could such a great professional player know so little about the psyche of his fellow professionals.

As for Tony Adams' life story, how could a man who drank so much remember in such detail his past life in soccer but nothing about his marriage?

And, most recently, Alex Ferguson's new book - how will he ever spend all his money? So now that I've discounted or discredited all of the above, we are left with the only real language of love - the football chant, the kop choirs and the wonderful release of clapping, yelling, booing, cheering and generally shouting yourself hoarse, with several thousand others doing it at the same time.

I have in the space of one afternoon laughed myself sick at a cruel but appropriate joke made by a loud voice from the back of the stand, and been moved to tears by the compassion and oneness of thousands. If you have bothered to read this far we have communicated, Here endeth the second lesson.

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# 1999/2000 season

## stfc fact-files...

# the key...

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date	opponent	5	result	att.
Sat Aug 7	Walsall	(A)	0-0	6,437
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1)1		0-1	3,587
Sun Aug 15	Ipswich	(H)	1-4	6,195
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace	(A)	2-1	12,726
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)2	1	1-1 (1-2agg)	4,000
Sat Aug 28	West Brom	(H)	1-2	6,565
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby	(A)	0-1	5,705
Sat Sept 11	Nott'm Forest	(H)	0-0	8,203
Sat Sept 18	Crewe	(A)	1-2	5,280
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale	(A)	0-2	4,629
Tues Sept 28	Blackburn	(H)	2-1	7,354
Sat Oct 2	Bolton	(H)	0-4	6,711
Sat Oct 9	Stockport	(H)	1-1	5,318
Sat Oct 16	Fulham	(A)	0-1	13,715
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley	(A)	0-1	12,026
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd	(H)	2-2	5,504
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale	(H)		- 3e-xx
Sat Oct 30	Bolton	(A)		
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield	(A)		
Sat Nov 13	Norwich	(H)		
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton	(A)		
Tues Nov 23	Charlton	(H)	-	
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham	(A)		
Sat Dec 4	Walsall	(H)	-	
Sat Dec 18	Man City	(A)		
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth	(H)		
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere	(A)		
Mon Jan 3	QPR	(H)		
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich	(A)		
Sat Jan 22	Crystal Palace	(H)		
Sat Jan 29	West Brom	(A)		
Sat Feb 5	Grimsby	(H)		
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn	(A)		
Sat Feb 19	Birmingham	(H)		
Sat Feb 26	Crewe	(H)		
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest	(A)		
Tues Mar 7	Huddersfield	(H)		
Sat Mar 11	Chariton	(A)		
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton	(H)		
Tues Mar 21	Norwich	(A)		
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth	(A)		
Sat Apr 1	Man City	(H)		
Sat Apr 8	QPR	(A)		
Sat Apr 15	Tranmere	(H)		
Sat Apr 22	Fulham	(H)		
Mon Apr 24	Stockport	(A)		
Sat Apr 29	Barnsley	(H)		
Sun May 7	Sheff Utd -	(A)		





this season's top scorers		this season's top ga	last four games			
Chris Hay	3	Sat Sept 11th vs Nott'm Forest	8,203	Sheffield United (H)	DREW	2-2
Giuliano Grazioli	2	Tue Sept 28th vs Blackburn	7,354	Barnsley (A)	LOST	1-0
Mark Walters	2	Sat Oct 2nd vs Bolton	6,711	Fulham (A)	LOST	1-0
Iffy Onuora		Sat Aug 28th vs West Brom	6,565	Stockport (H)	DREW	1-1



## front cover photograph... Giuliano Grazioli

## tuesday Oct 26th 1999



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GRAZIOLI	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS			
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HAY(Z)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRIFFIN	McHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS			
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN	McHUGH	WILLIS	GLASS			
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NDAH	ONUORA (Z)	WALTERS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS			
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Charlton	11	7	2	2	20	11	23
Fulham	12	6	5	1	15	7	23
Birmingham	14	6	4	4	22	15	22
Barnsley	13	7	1	5	26	23	22
Stockport	13	6	4	3	16	16	22
Huddersfield	13	5	4	4	23	17	19
QPR	12	5	4	3	16	12	19
Wolverhampton	13	4	6	3	13	14	18
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Portsmouth	12	4	4	4	16	19	16
Grimsby	13	4	4	5	14	18	16
Sheff Utd	13	4	4	5	18	23	16
Blackburn	12	3	5	4	14	13	14
West Brom	12	2	8	2	10	10	14
Crystal Palace	13	3	5	5	19	23	14
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Port Vale	14	3	3	8	16	22	12
Crewe	12	3	3	6	14	21	12
Walsall	14	3	3	8	11	24	12
Swindon	14	2	4	8	10	22	10

## stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

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Frank Talia	1	8	2		10
Mark Robinson	2	12(1)	2		14(1)
Gareth Hall	3	12	2		14
Scott Leitch	4	1	1		2
<b>Gareth Davies</b>	5	8	1	-	9
Bobby Howe	7	12(1)	1(1)	1	13(2)
George Ndah	8	12	2	1	14
Iffy Onuora	9	9(4)	2	1	11(4)
Giuliano Grazioli	10	3(3)	2	2	5(3)
Ty Gooden	11	5(1)			5(1)
Alan Reeves	12	11	1		12
Jimmy Glass	13	6			6
Mark Walters	14	11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	4(4)	(1)	3	4(5)
Lee Collins	16				-
Steve Cowe	17			(E) -	16-
Steve Mildenhall	18		-	-	-
Adam Willis	19	2(3)	(1)		2(4)
Charlie Griffin	20	(5)	(1)	-	(6)
Sol Davis	21	4	2		6
Robin Hulbert	22	1(2)	2	-	3(2)
Philippe Cuervo	23	-	-		
Sam Campagna	24	-	-		
Frazer McHugh	25	6(2)	(1)		6(3)
Nicky Burke	26	-	-		
Jamie Mills	27		-		-
Ricky Culbertson	28	-	*		
Alan Flanagan	29				
Paul McAreavey	30	+			
Alun Hughes	31		-	-	
James Williams	32	4(2)	1		6(2)
Andy Williams	33	9			9
Paul Thirlwell	6	9			9







0-(	Frank Talia	0	Paul Musselwhite	-
2-	Mark Robinson	0	Michael Walsh	2
3-(	Gareth Hall	0	Allen Tankard	3
4-(	Scott Leitch		Dave Brammer	-4
5-(	Gareth Davies	0	Tony Butler	-6
<b>(</b> )	Paul Thirlwell		Anthony Gardner	<b>(B)</b>
0	Bobby Howe	0	Alex Smith	0
9	Iffy Onuora	0	Marcus Bent	8
10-(	Giuliano Grazioli	0	Carl Griffiths	1
0	Ty Gooden	0	Jeff Minton	1
12-(	Alan Reeves	0	Tommy Widdrington	1
(B)	Jimmy Glass	0	Tony Naylor	B
10-(	Mark Walters	0	Kevin Pilkington	B
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10-(	Lee Collins	0	Martin Foyle	1
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	Steve Mildenhall		Tony Rougier	1
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<b>3</b>	Philippe Cuervo	0	Simon Barker	2
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Friday 12th Nov 1999, our next home league game vs NORWICH 7.45pm Kick-Off





# match... **Stats**

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