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Welcome to today's game League Division One fixture against Queens Park Rangers.

Another early print deadline means this programme was put together prior to Christmas so please forgive me if it's a little out of date. The holiday season is coming to a close but today should make for a very entertaining match.

Queens Park Rangers have emerged this season as a very exciting team to watch with some very stylish players. However, their away record suggests that they will be there for the taking and Swindon could record a third consecutive win over the men from Loftus Road. Rangers have a very different look this season after surviving relegation on the final game of last season. Manager Gerry Francis is combining a mixture of youth and experience to good effect as the R's search for a play-off place.

The Town now need to start winning home games and hopefully Boxing Day ended a nine game winless run which has landed Swindon at the foot of the table. A slight gap has started to appear in the relegation zone and we are

losing ground on our competitors, so a change of fortunes is desperately needed.

Manchester City proved too much to handle at Maine Road and Joe Royle's side came out convincing winners.



Iffy Onuora has left the club and has joined former Swindon defender Frank Burrows in charge at Cardiff City. I'm sure everybody

would like to wish Iffy the best of luck in the future.



Swindon Town would like to welcome Gerry Francis, his players and all the staff and fans of Queens Park Rangers. We hope you enjoy

today's match and have a safe journey home.

On behalf of all the players and staff at Swindon Town Football Club thank you for your loval support throughout 1999 - your support is vital to the club so keep it up - we look forward to seeing you here at the County Ground this year and for many years to come.



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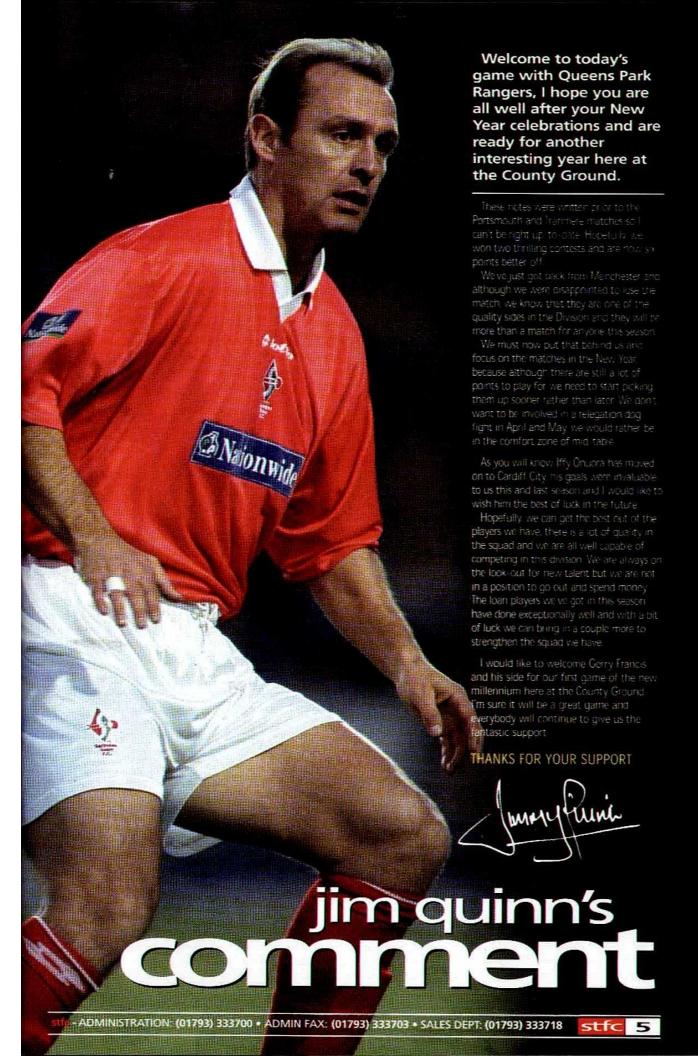
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Visitoday's

Queens Park Rangers' fans are hoping the new Millennium brings a change in fortunes for their club.

They came close to clinching a play-off spot two seasons ago but, they came closer still last term to claiming a place ... in the Second Division!

Gerry Francis' men finished fifth from bottom but level on 47 points with Bury who slipped through the relegation trapdoor.

It took a 6-0 final day win over Crystal Palace to secure First Division survival but now Loftus Road regulars are pinning their hopes on better days being just around the corner.

Boss Francis resisted the temptation to ring the changes during the summer, although he did pay £200,000-plus to secure the services of Bradford City striker Rob Steiner.

Stuart Wardley also checked in at Loftus Road, swopping non-league Saffron Walden for life in the full-time game as a £15,000 buy.

But Francis is largely looking to keep faith with established stars like Gavin Peacock, Welsh international Karl Ready and former West Ham trio Ludek Miklosko, Keith Rowland and Tim Breacker.

The season

certainly got

off to a bright start
for Francis and Co. with a 3-1
opening day home win over
Huddersfield.

And although they then slipped to a narrow defeat at the hands of Bolton, who are expected to be among the promotion front-runners, there's still an air of optimism in the Rangers camp as they head to the County Ground for this afternoon's encounter.







Back row - left to right: Steve Burtenshaw (Chief Scout), George Kulcsar, Ian Baraclough, Richard Langley, Ademole Bankole, Ludek Miklosko, Lee Harper, Rob Steiner, Stuart Wardley, Steve Slade, Brian Morris (Physiotherapist)

Centre row - left to right: JDes Bulpin (First Team Coach), Keith Rowland, Jermaine Darlington, Michael Mahoney-Johnson, Paul Bruce, Matthew Rose, Chris Plummer, Paul Murray, Leon Jeanne, Richard Graham, Tony Scully, Kevin Gallen, Steve Yates, Bob Oteng (Kit Manager)

Front row - left to right: Tim Breacker, Chris Kiwomya, Karl Ready, Danny Maddix, Gerry Francis (Director of Football), Iain Dowie (First Team Coach), Steve Morrow, Gavin Peacock, Antti Heinola, Mark Perry.

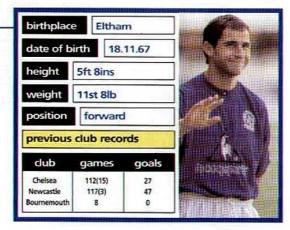
gavin peacock



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Danny made his League debut in November 1986 during a loan period at Southend United whilst still a Spurs player.

Rangers snapped him up on a free transfer in July 1987 and he made his debut for the club in November 1987 at Sheffield Wednesday. The turnover of central defenders at the club in recent years has meant that Danny's appearances have been limited. His career was almost finished by a foot injury a couple of seasons back but the player, who many regard as one of the best man markers in the League, seems to have made a complete recovery. The 1998/99 season saw Danny crowned the club's Player of the Year and he was a formidable figure in the Rangers rearguard. He also chipped in with some valuable goals as the club fought against relegation. Danny has recently signed a new two-year contract, and he is in his testimonial year at Loftus Road.



Began his career as a schoolboy and apprentice at Rangers before signing professional for the club in November 1984.

Two years to the month later he made his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday in a 2-2 draw at Loftus Road. Cavin then moved to Gillingham for £40,000 in October 1987 and then on to Bournemouth for £250,000 less than two years later. Newcastle snapped him up for £275,000 in November 1990 and he enjoyed great success as a striker at St James' Park, netting 47 times in 117 appearances for the Magpies. Gavin returned to London to sign for Chelsea in a deal worth £1.25M in August 1993. Despite being a regular member of the First Team squad at Stamford Bridge, the recent influx of foreign imports began to limit his appearances and he signed for Rangers in December 1996 in a deal which could reach up to £1M. For the last two seasons Gavin has been a model of consistency in the Rangers midfield. In the 1998/99 season, he scored some priceless goals as he helped keep Rangers in Division One.

danny **maddix**



players



The giant goalkeeper joined Rangers from West Ham on Christmas Day last year having completed a successful loan spell at Loftus Road. Cost £75,000 and has provided excellent value for money. Was capped more than 40 times by Czechoslovakia.



A product of Rangers' youth policy, he made his debut in 1991 and has since clocked-up more than 160 appearances. Born in Wales, the 26 year old central defender has represented his country at Under 21, B and full levels.



The Northern Ireland international joined Rangers as part of the deal that saw Trevor Sinclair move to West Ham. Found his route to The Hammers' left back spot more often than not blocked by Julian Dicks - although he also operated in midfield on occasions.



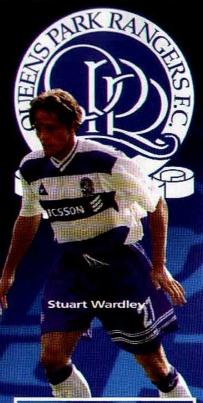
Another recent arrival, he joined Rangers from Saffron Walden during the summer for a bargain £15,000 after catching boss Gerry Francis's eye during the club's preseason tour of the West Country.



Tim ended an eight-year association with West ham when he made a free transfer switch across the capital. He had made 280 appearances for the East London club and at the age of 34 he remains an excellent defensive performer.



Captained Arsenal to F.A. Youth Cup glory in 1994 before going on to make his full debut for the North London club in March 1997. He also won two England Under 21 caps before joining Rangers two years ago in a £500,000 deal.





The versatile star is best remembered for scoring Arsenal's winning goal in the 1993 League Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday. Also collected a European Cup Winners' Cup medal before making a £500,000 move to Rangers in March 1997.



The Dublin-born midfielder has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at Schoolboy, Youth and Under 21 level. Started his career with Crystal Palace but Rangers paid Manchester City £150,000 last year to his secure his services.

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OTHER SOUAD MEMBERS:

lan Baraclough, Rob Steiner, Paul Murray, Antti Heinola, George Kulcsar, Chris Plummer, Steve Slade, Ademole Bankole, Richard Langley, Leon Jeanne, Mark Perry, Iain Dowie and Richard Graham.



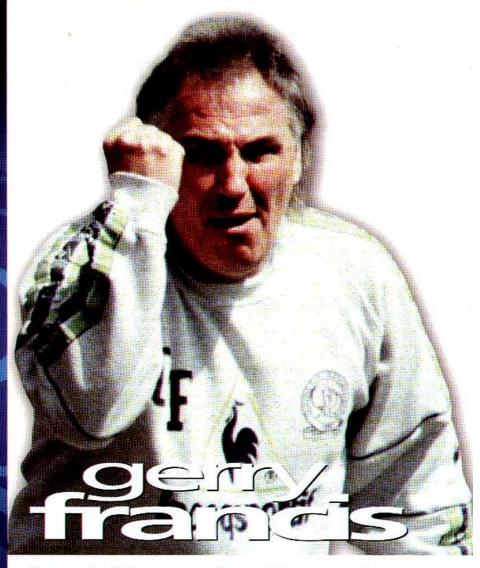
Rangers offered him the chance to make his mark in the world of League football in March when they signed him from Aylesbury United for an initial £25,000. Has wasted little time in making an impact at Loftus Road.



Joined Rangers on a free transfer last year after being released by Arsenal. Missed much of last season through injury but still contributed a hat-trick on the final day. Started his career with Ipswich and made such an impression at Portman Road that he earned a £1.5million switch to Arsenal.



Kevin Gallen had a massive reputation even before he burst onto the first team scene. He bagged no fewer than 153 goals in 110 appearances for Rangers' youth team. England Under21 caps followed but his career was put firmly on hold in 1996 with a knee injury.



Queens Park Rangers welcomed Gerry Francis back with open arms for his second spell in the managerial hot-seat at Loftus Road.

Francis checked-in for the second time as boss 10 months ago and soon found himself waging a First Division survival battle. But Rangers' fans remember him fondly for his achievements first time round when he master-minded the club's rise to a highly creditable fifth-placed finish in the Premier League's first season.

That was in 1993 and it saw them step out of the shadows cast by their more illustrious capital neighbours as they earned the 'Top Team in London' tag. As if to prove that this success was no fluke, Rangers clinched ninth spot 12 months later but within a few months, however, Francis was on his way through the Loftus Road exit door as Tottenham asked him to succeed Ossie Ardiles. He found success harder to come by at White Hart Lane though, and three years later made way himself for Christian Gross.

When Ray Harford parted company with Rangers, Francis found himself renewing links with a club he initially forged strong ties with as a richly talented midfielder in the 1970s. Francis shot to prominence with the West London club and also made his mark on the international scene, winning 12 England caps and securing the captaincy for a short time. He also served Crystal Palace as a player and found success in his first managerial role, leading Bristol Rovers to the old Third Division title in 1990.

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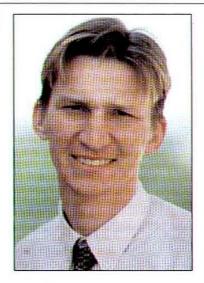
By Matt Reeder, Deputy Sports Editor.

Football is a game full of adages but one in particular seems to sum up the mood within the County Ground at the moment - if at first you don't succeed then try, try again.

And try Swindon must as they enter a new year with today's home match against QPR. The amount of effort in recent months has never been in doubt, however a lack of goals and a considerable lack of that ever-so important commodity - luck, has scuppered the climb away from the drop. Performances against Norwich, Wolves, Birmingham, Charlton and Walsall, could have seen them come away with five wins and 15 points. Instead they drew four, lost one and pick up just four points. The danger when this happens is for the players to lose heart and think the world is

against them. I certainly get a little angry when I hear people saying that Town are rubbish and heading for Division Two when they have not even bothered to go and watch the team perform. Everyone has their own thoughts on a football match and everyone sees things in a different way. But surely everyone has to agree that the majority of players who wear the red shirt of Swindon have worked their socks off in recent weeks.

There have been poor matches, Bolton, Huddersfield and the cup encounters, but on the whole, for effort you cannot fault them. Now all it needs is that little bit of quality to really make the difference and take on what is one of the toughest Division One's ever. Certainly when we speak to the players, there is never any talk of relegation, they still believe that it



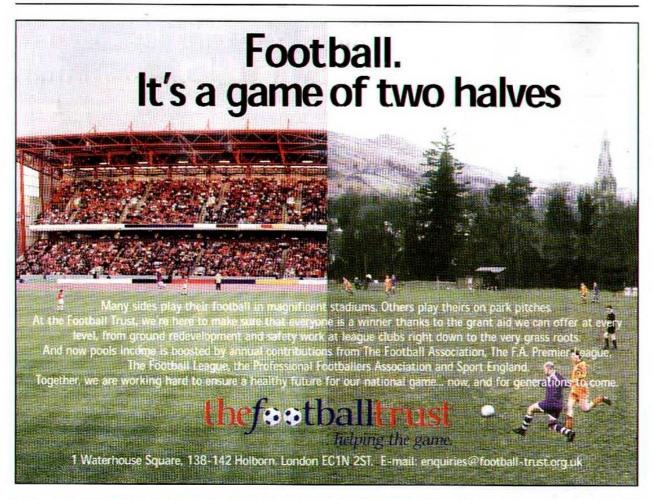
is possible to pull themselves clear of the drop. Quite right too. There is an almighty run-in for the rest of the season. Of the 20 teams left to play, Town have to meet every one of the top nine at the time of going to press and only three of the bottom six. But, in the words of another famous old saying 'It's Never Over 'til the Fat Lady Sings', and if we try, try again then maybe Town won't be Sick As a Parrot and end the season Over the Moon."



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On-loan midfielder Michael Carrick has been more than impressive in his short stay at Swindon so far, more than filling the boots of Paul Thirlwell who returned to Sunderland and into first team action.

He may meet his match today though, as QPR have one of the best midfields in the first division comprising the experience of Gavin Peacock and the enthusiasm of Stuart Wardley and Jermaine Darlington. Another key figure in that area is Paul Murray. A highly rated midfield player signed from Carlisle in May 1996 for an initial fee of £300,000. He scored his first goal for the club in September 1996 in a 1-1 draw with Swindon. An England U21 and England B international who has recently been linked with a move to Premiership Newcastle.

Despite ex-Carlisle man Murray having played more football than Carrick, the Swindon man has found the net twice and had another five shots saved.

Michael Carrick v Paul Murray

Murray has made one goal and has been involved in more passing moves than Carrick, although the West Ham youngster has a superior completion rate.

Identical dribbling records are in contrast to the players' defensive contributions, where Murray has made more tackles and completed more blocks, clearances and interceptions than Carrick.

Carrick has committed just one foul in his time at Swindon and is a fair competitor in what is a turning out to be a tough season at the County Ground. His attacking thrust was missed in the FA Cup game at Charlton but hopefully he can find his form again today when the Robins face another London outfit. Murray however, will be hoping he is top man going into this encounter.

minutes on pitch:

Carrick: 447 Murray: 594

goal attempts

	Carrick	Murray
goals	2	0
shots on target (inc goals)	5	1
shots off target	7	3
blocked shots	1	1

passing

	Carrick	Murray
goal assists	0	1
total passes	197	278
pass completion	68%	66%

crossina

	Carrick	Murray
total crosses	10	23
cross completion	40%	26%

dribbling

	Carrick	Murray
dribbles & runs	8	8
dribble completion	100%	100%

defending

	Carrick	Murray
tackles made	15	29
tackles won	53%	69%
błocks	4	6
clearances	5	12
interceptions	1	8

discipline

	Carrick	Murray
fouls	1	11
offside	0	1
yellow cards	0	0
red cards	0	0

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a look at eight of the best_

Name: Born:

Clubs:

Edson Arantes do Nascimento 21.10.1940, Tres oracoes

Santos (Bra) New York Cosmos (USA)



Pele remains one of those great examples and inspirations of world sport: a poor boy whose talent lifted him to the peaks of achievement, fame and fortune, yet who, amidst all that, retained his innate sense of sportsmanship. Pele's teenage exploits as a player with his local club, Bauru, earned him a transfer to Santos at the age of 15. Rapidly he earned national

then international recognition. At 16 he was playing for Brazil, at 17 he was winning the World Cup. Santos were not slow to recognise the potential offered their club by Pele. He gave them the financial leverage to buy a supporting cast which helped turn Santos into World Club Champions in 1962 and 1963.

In 1958 he scored a marvellous goal against Sweden in the World Cup finals before injury ended his tournament. Brazil, even without him, went on to retain the Jules Rimet Trophy. As long as the game is played, the 1970 World Cup finals will be revered as the apotheosis of a great player, not only at his very best, but achieving the rewards his talent deserved, beating Italy 4-1 in the final. Everything about Pele transcended genius and he was the man chosen to set light to soccer in the United States in the 1970s. Although the North American Soccer League collapsed, soccer was by that stage firmly established as a grass-root American sport.

Name:

Born:

Franz Beckenbauer

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11.09.45

Clubs: Bayern Munich, Cosmos (USA) Hamburg



Franz Beckenbauer has always been accompanied by the sort of luck which only a player of his genius deserves. He can boast that he has lifted the World Cup as both captain, in 1974 and manager, in 1990. No other footballer has ever had a career which reached such tangible heights. He was the first German to reach a century of international appearances before leaving

Bayern Munich for spells with New York Cosmos and then Hamburg where he wound down his playing career. During a career that he was voted German and European Footballer of the year. Name:

George Best

22.05.46

Born: Clubs:

Man Utd, Fulham, Hibernian, Tampa



British football had never seen many and may never again see a player quite like George Best. He was without doubt one of the finest British players of all time. Despite a career much shorter that it could and should have been, Best's refreshing attitude of always wanting to take players on and his undoubted skill to go with it, made him immensely popular with the public.

When he first joined Manchester United as a 15-year-old he lasted only five days and left feeling homesick. He returned to play a starring role in a team that manager Matt Busby was still reforming after the devastating Munich Air Disaster. Best helped Busby and United through to their finest triumph, winning the League title again in 1967 and then the European Champions Cup a year later.

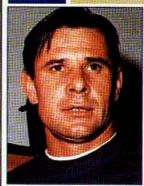
United were the first English club to achieve this feat and Best, still just 21, was a superstar, the likes of which had never been seen in British football. Best was named European Footballer of the Year in 1968.

Name:

Lev Yashin

Born: 22.10.29

Clubs: Dinamo Moskva



In South America they called Lev Yashin the 'Black Spider' in Europe the 'Black Panther'. Portugal's Eusebio described him as 'the peerless goalkeeper of the century'. It says everything about his ability and his personality that the likes of Pele, Eusebio and Franz Beckenbauer made the journey to Moscow for his farewell match.

were begging him to commit himself to their cause. Then the Dinamo Moskova regular keeper was injured and Yashin took over to such outstanding effect that, a year later, he was making his debut for the Soviet Union in a 3-2 win over Sweden. In 1956 Yashin kept goal for the Soviet Union that won the Olympic title in Melbourne, Australia. In the first seven years after his debut for the Soviet Union he missed only two internationals ending his career with a then Soviet record 78 caps to his name.

Name: 1 Born:

Clubs:

Ferenc Puskas

02.04.27, Budapest

Kispet (H), Honved (H), Real Madrid (Sp)



Ferenc Puskas remains one of the greatest players of all time - a symbol of the legendary 'Magic Magyar' who dominated European football in the early 1950s and stand as perhaps the greatest team never to have won the World Cup. At 16 Ferenc was a regular at inside left, terrorising opposing goalkeepers with the power of his shooting. He rarely used his right foot

but was so lethal he seldom needed it. At 18 he was in the national team too where he went on to score 83 goals in 84 appearances. Hungary won the 1952 Olympic title before ending England's record of invincibility against continental opposition with a stunning 6-3 triumph at Wembley. Early the following year, Hungary thrashed England, 7-1 in Budapest. In the 1954 Puskas sustained an injury in earlier rounds but decided to play in the World Cup Final anyway. The gamble appeared to be paying off when Hungary led 2-0 after 12minutes. However, they eventually lost 3-2 to West Germany. His next appearance in a World Cup finals came 8 years later, in Chile. His trusty left foot was doing duty for Spain because Puskas has, in the meantime defected to the West joining Real Madrid where he was the Spanish League's top scorer four times in partnership with Argentine Alfredo Di Stefano.

Name: Born:

Clubs:

Bobby Moore

17.04.41

West Ham, Fulham, San Antonio Thunder, Seattle Sounders



Bobby Moore was the inspirational, ice-cool captain of England's victorious 1966 World Cup side. It was he who was presented the Jules Rimet Trophy by the Queen in that memorable Wembley triumph. Yet an FA Cup, one European Cup Winners' Cup and the 1966 World Cup and 108 England caps represented only a part of his value to West Ham and England. Cruelly he

developed cancer, from which he died in 1993, but which he defied with utmost bravery to the end. Bobby Moore will be remembered as one of British football's greatest ambassadors and a true gentleman.

Name: Born:

Clubs:

Diego Maradonna

30.10.60, Buenos Aires

Argentinos Juniors (Arg.), Boca Juniors (Arg.), Barcelona (Spa), Seville (Spa), Newell's Old Boys (Arg)



Diego Maradonna was not only the World's greatest footballer throughout the 1980's and early 90s. He was also the most controversial and the most enigmatic. His admirers in Argentina, where he knew the early glory days with Argentinos Juniors and Boca Juniors, considered him little less than a god, and the Tifosi in Italy, where he triumphed with Napoli, worshiped his

bootlaces. So did all of Argentina after Maradonna reached the zenith of his career captaining his country to victory in the 1986 World Cup Final in Mexico. English supporters still rage over his 'Hand of God' goal in the quarter-final in Mexico City. But Argentine fans remember most clearly his other goal in that game when he collected the ball in his own half and outwitted five defenders and goalkeeper Peter Shilton before gliding home one of the greatest goals in the history of the World Cup.

The twilight of his career was blighted by controversy. Twice tested positive for illegal substances and was banned for a total of 30months. His managerial career also ended dismally.

Name: Born:

Stanley Matthews

01.02.15, Eng

Clubs: Stoke City, Blackpool



Matthews was nicknamed the 'Wizard of Dribble', His achievements, reputation and popularity were unsurpassed in English football. He became a professional footballer in 1932 at the age of 17 and continued [playing until a memorable testimonial match 33 years later in 1965 when, among others, Di Stefano, Puskas and Yashin made appearances on his behalf. In the 1930s and 40s he was regarded as the

greatest right-winger in the World. He played through a golden age of English football alongside famous international teammates like Tom Finney, Billy Wright, Jackie Milburn and Wilf Manmon, as well as his famous partner from Blackpool, Stan Mortensen. It was on the hallowed turf of Wembley that Matthews gave his most memorable performance in the 1953 Cup Final. Matthews took over the game and ripped the Bolton defence to shreds winning 4-3.

the editor talks with Ty Gooden...

Despite losing to Charlton, you must have been delighted to be back in the starting line-up and on the scoresheet as well.

Yes, I'd scored for the reserves the week before but obviously it was more important to get back on the scoresheet for the first team against Charlton. It got us back in the game and we looked as if we might go on and win the game, or at least get a replay back at the County Ground. Unfortunately, they scored against soon after which knocked the stuffing out of us.

How are you feeling after returning from injury?

It was a busy game and it was good to get that under my belt. The tempo is quite different from reserve team football and you do have to step it up to get through 90 minutes. But I came away unscathed and am looking forward to the next match.

e We had done well to not concede in the first half.

They did have quite a few chances in the first ten minutes. We knew they were going to come out of the blocks flying and we did very well to keep them at bay and because of that it was disappointing to loose the first goal so early after half time. I don't think we played too badly but they just edged it.

Another early cup exit, it must be frustrating?

We were disappointed to fall at the first hurdle again. Obviously we would have been delighted to win at their place and get it over and done with. Although it would have been nice to earn a replay and get a bit of extra cash for the directors, then you've got the bonus of being in the draw on the Saturday afternoon.

e It was enough to show that the team will be really up for the Christmas programme.

Yes definitely, the tackles were flying in everywhere and the lads showed fantastic commitment. We're chasing back and helping each other out and that's the kind of team spirit we have to produce if we are going to pick up points.

Everyone knows how tough the Christmas period is and you can't afford to relax too much because we have to keep training hard and there are a lot of games in a short space of time. If we can pick up a couple of wins in the three or four games we could find ourselves moving up the table quite quickly.

Now you are playing as a more traditional left winger, are you looking to score more goals?

Yes definitely, the Gaffer did say to me before the Charlton game that I should be looking to get on the score sheer more often. When I was playing left wing-back it was more difficult to get up forward because you have to defend against the opposition winger. Now I've got license to get forward, join in with the attacking play and get in the box where we can hurt teams.

I take it you prefer that?

Yes, with the 4-4-2 formation everybody knows their jobs, position and who you're marking. Now my job is to get onto through balls, beat players and deliver crosses as well as getting shots on goal.







gooden



birthplace

Canvey Island

date of birth 23.10.72

height

5ft 8ins

weight

12st 6lbs

position

midfielder

dub records

club	games	goals
Wycombe	-	-
-	1.0	
	4	

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favourite film

Sixth Sense

favourite tv show

Match of the Day

favourite band/musician

Puff Daddy

favourite sporting event

The Olympics

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With the end of the year break these notes are written well in advance of the dates of matches and will be repeated to gain maximum coverage. Events may also have moved forward and will be updated in our notes for Crystal Palace.

A MILLION FOR THE MILLENNIUM ---- The sound bite for our campaign to assist the Football Club through its present predicament. Achieving this goal will be testing but the sooner we deliver, the greater the impact and effect it will have.

How do we aim to meet our aims?. We can't do it on our own and need absolutely everyone who has even the slightest interest in the team to take part.

"Small change" ----- This is our short-term project to involve everyone with collections wherever and by whoever is available. No amount is too small to make a difference - What can you do amongst your friends? Run raffles, car boot sales, coffee mornings or just a collection and send the proceeds to the supporters club C/O County Ground or hand the proceeds in to our offices in the building occupied by the away travel group

on matchdays. A collection "bucket" is already available there for individual contributions on matchdays.

We will pledge to give a note of thanks to any business, club, pub, shop or garage etc in each of our programme notes between now and the end of the season to those of you who take part.

The key to this is to take immediate action. Good luck and thank you!

In the next few weeks we will be launching a major fund-raising lottery and early in April Chris Park, a disabled supporter, will undertake a charity ride in his wheelchair from the House of Commons back to the County Ground in time for the match against Man City. Help on the logistics of this would be welcome, please telephone Chris on 01793 531846. We already have sponsorship of £500 towards our target of £25,000 before we made this public.

An update on progress after the QPR notes but why not visit, or post, to our new website which can be visited on www.stfc.ndo.co.uk/suppclub/index, where we will report on progress

Contact telephone numbers 01793 825935 or 01747 840721

In person: Away Travel Office on matchdays.

Finally, the idea of a supporters' trust is an idea at present being recommended in certain circles and we would like to let everyone know that it is on our agenda, but at present the survival of the Football Club is our primary aim and it is this that must take all supporters energies.



community

with clive maguire and jon holloway



A very happy New Year to you all and welcome to today's game against QPR.

We hope you all had a great Christmas. We also hope that

this year brings us better luck and we start getting some points on the board.

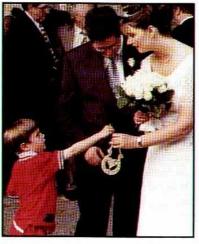
We have plenty to look forward to this year with the start of our prestigious 8 a-side tournament starting this month. We've had a brilliant 32 entries into our Primary Schools' competition with the heat matches taking place on Friday 14th and Friday 21st of January from 4 to 6pm at Greendown School. The winners from each of the evenings will contest the final on the County Ground pitch itself on a date to be arranged. The eventual overall winners then go on to represent Swindon Town FC in the area finals in the winners of which go on to Wembley so, as you can see, there's a lot to play for!

Our second competition is the 13 year-old girls 6 a-side tournament. We've had six

Comprehensive Schools enter and again the group matches will be played at Greendown School on Friday 28th January with the final at the County Ground. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the tournaments and good luck to all of



you who are taking part this year.
Last year saw us get involved in a number of activities in the community, but one of the most unusual requests to come our way was to supply a young lad to attend a wedding wearing the Town's strip. We gladly obliged with young Jamie Walls, aged six, who did a fantastic job at Mandy Nicholl's marriage to William Burton at Chisledon Church on June 19th. I'm sure you'll agree that this photo says it all!.



Many thanks to Jamie's parents Alan and Jane for allowing us to 'borrow' their handsome son for that happy occasion.

Another notable event took place last May when our very own Jon Holloway was married to the lovely Jayne. I was greatly honoured to be Jon's best man and here is a picture of us on his 'stag weekend' a week before the big day. You may recognise some of the lads who have coached for us on our 'fun-weeks'.

Finally, a quick reminder for everyone about our first 'fun-week' of the new millennium scheduled for February 22nd, 23rd and 24th here at the club. All the information can be found at Main Reception or at the Information Centre.

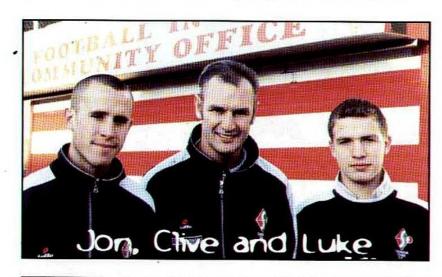
Signing off - Clive & Jon.





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Monday - April 24th 2000 - Stockport County



Donations

Once again we are appealing for any donations, however small, to contribute towards the costs to help keep our Robins functional. The Robins are 'self sufficient' and receive no help from the Club towards their activities. Please contact a committee member if you can help. This is YOUR PAGE so send us anything to do with S.T.F.C., pictures of your favourite player, poems, letters, jokes and if we like them, then we'll print them.



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today's lucky mascots

Sam Prior

Sam is 12-years-old and attends
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Aaron Bradley

Aaron who celebrated his 12th birthday in December attends Ridgeway School, Wroughton. He enjoys playing football for Wroughton Under 12's, cross country running and of course watching Swindon Town. His favourite player is Iffy Onuora.



R's & JR's contacts: Fran Brearley - 01993 213015. Richard Dunstan - 01993 703110. Julie Page - 01793 763349.

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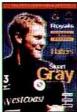












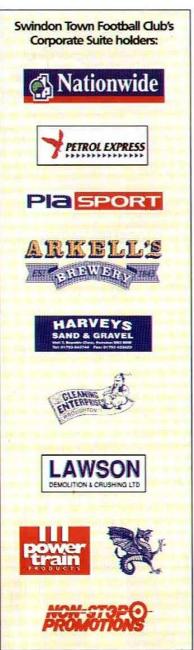








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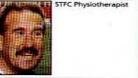
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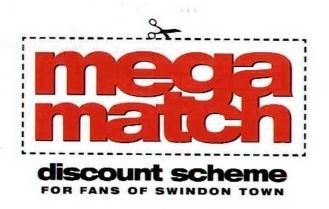






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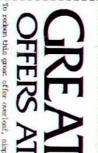
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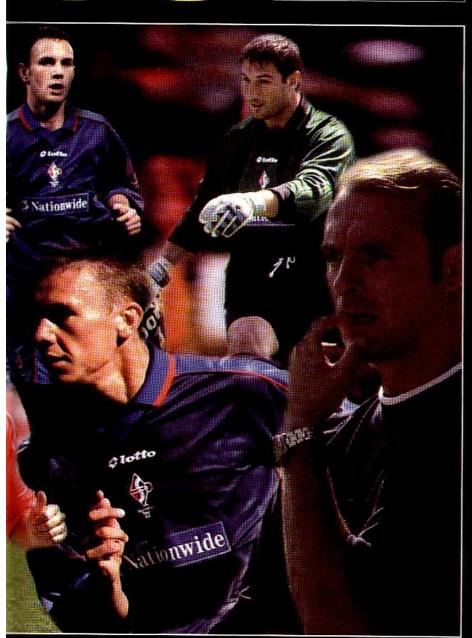
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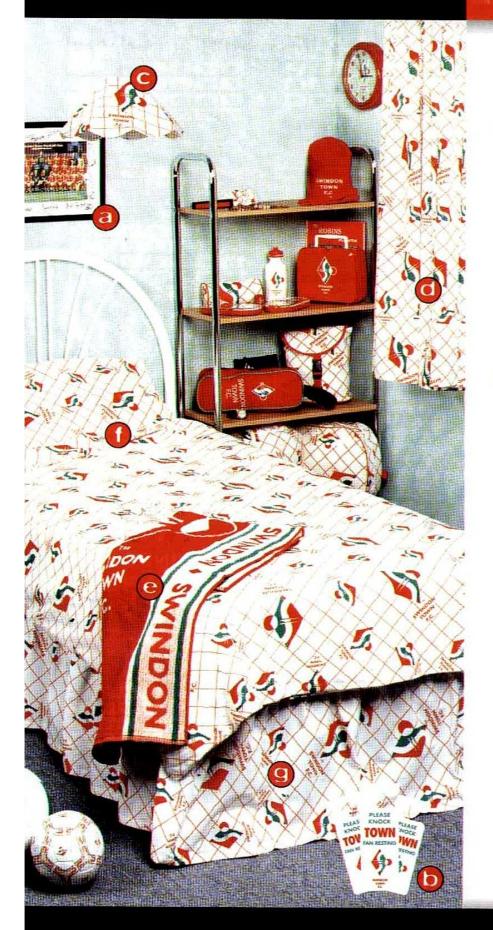
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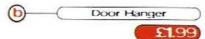
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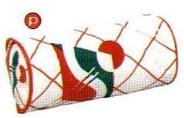
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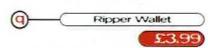












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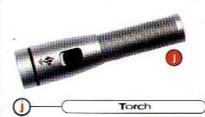
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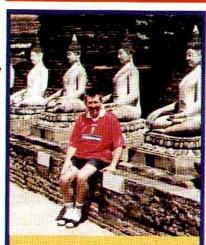
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Why Not Visit the Harold Fleming bar...

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This is the first bar within the concourse area, and we hope you enjoy the facility. We also hope that we are able to provide similar facilities in other concourse areas of the County Ground in the near future.



Here Ken McKenzie 'Shows his colours' and adds a bit of spice to a Buddhist Temple just North of Bangkok. Ken travels quite a bit so look out for more great shots of him in future issues.



this is your chance to get a mention in the proggy....

From match to match, on this page, we will be showing you all the best bits from our bulging mailbag. If you've got anything which you think we should publish then drop us a line (address below).

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she's still the one

Paul Rose is pictured here 'Showing his colours' with none other than Shania Twain! Taken at Miami Airport in early December. Paul asked her what she thought of Swindon Town's current form to which she replied, "That don't impress me much."

Paul, did she feel like a woman?



the long crusade

Pictured here are Swindon Town fans 'Showing their Colours' on tour with the team in Northern Ireland. This was taken just before the final match against Crusaders.



A balmy night in May and the chants of 'Glory Glory Man Utd' rang out across the Catalan sky. After a wait of 15 years an English team had at last claimed European club football's ultimate prize.

In a night filled with drama and unbearable tension Manchester United, shorn of their inspirational captain Roy Keane, overcame the formidable challenge of Bayern Munich and with two goals in the final minutes the cream of Manchester were crowned European champions for the first time since 1968.

Of course this was not the Red Devils' only success in a season more full of silver than HS Samuel. The European triumph was proceeded by the League championship and the FA Cup as United, much to the chagrin of many across the nation, completed an unprecedented freble. In the nationwide league Sunderland stormed to promotion in the Nationwide league with Bradford and Watford unexpectedly accompaning them into the promised land of the Premiership.

One of the main features of the 1999 domestic season was the fact that a vast number of players seemed as interested in pounds and pence as they were in passes and goals. Nicholas Anelka left Highbury and Steve McManaman left Liverpool, both were bound for the land of milk, honey and no little money as they packed their bags and set sail (or at least took a private jet) for Madrid. A move that has left Anelka even more miserable than he was at Arsenal, sadly he appears to be a player whose undoubted talents may fall by the wayside.

The new season has seen Leeds, led inspirationally by manager David O'Leary, make a storming start to the premiership. His young side have surprised many but whether they have the maturity and staying power to mount a continued challenge for the Premiership only time will tell. They have certainly sent out a powerful message to the likes of Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal that their little band of three is not an exclusive club.

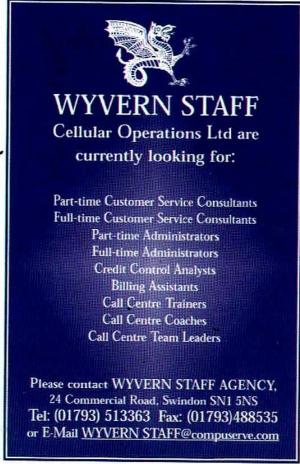
Sunderland have also put a smile back on the face of the North East. Those who questioned their ability to mix it in the Premiership have had their words well and truly ramined down their throat as the Wearsiders have surprised even their most fervent of supporters with their consistency and potency in front of goal. Kevin Phillips and Niall Quinn are at present perhaps the most lethal strike force in the country. So who has won their spurs in the final year of the Millennium and who has had the biggest fall from grace. The annual Norman Lightside awards are as follows:-

Team of the Year: Manchester United Manager of the Year: David O'Leary Player of the Year. Kevin Phillips Fall from Grace Award: Alan Shearer

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Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures. On Saturday we travel to Ipswich then, on the following Friday, we entertain Crystal Palace here at the County Ground.

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the lowdown...

Ipswich Town started the season very brightly including a 4-1 win at the County Ground on the opening day. Their terrific run was aided by a flood of goals by David Johnson of Wales, Scotland, Ireland or England fame and they toped the table in mid September. However, George Burley's side could not maintain that form and although Ipswich are play-off certainties they have been overtaken in the championship race by Manchester City, Fulham and Charlton.

the reason to watch...

To be honest, Swindon rarely come away from Portman Road with so much as a point. Hopefully this fixture will see a change in our fortunes as we search for a lifeline out of the relegation heap.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-4 Ipswich Town 15.08.99 Swindon Town 0-6 Ipswich Town 03.04.1999 Ipswich Town 1-0 Swindon Town 17.10.1998 Swindon Town 0-2 Ipswich Town 28.12.97 Ipswich Town 2-1 Swindon Town 02.09.97

the player to watch...

Richard Wright is arguably the best goalkeeper outside of

the Premiership. A good all-round very highly rated youngster who progressed through the ranks at Portman Road. He has been linked with moves to most of the clubs in the Premiership but Wright still believes he can fulfil his ambitions with Ipswich. After coming so close last season this may be his last chance otherwise he will have to part company with the Town if he is to enhance his international credentials. He will have followed the fortunes of former teammate Keiron Dyer this season could even mean it might be sooner rather than later.

Crystal Palace

the lowdown...

Troubled times at Selhurst Park and it's hard not think that we may find ourselves in a similar situation in the future. Palace are still knocking around the First Division and despite a slow start, have picked up the pace and are currently lying above the relegation zone. Swindon travelled to Selhurst Park on matchday two to record our first victory of the season. Onuora and Grazioli cancelled out Palace's early opener and sealed the win.

the reason to watch...

This is a Friday night game which is being screened live on Sky Sports which is good news for the Club. However, nothing will compare with the County Ground atmosphere so don't sit in and watch it on the box! With a bit of luck we can continue our winning streak against Palace which currently stands at three. Last season Walters and Ndah got the goals that sealed a 2-0 win here at the County Ground.

the last five meetings...

Crystal Palace 1-2 Swindon Town 21.08.99 Crystal Palace 0-1 Swindon Town 17.04.99 Swindon Town 2-0 Crystal Palace 21.11.98 Swindon Town 0-2 Crystal Palace 26.04.97 Crystal Palace 1-2 Swindon Town 19.10.96

the player to watch...

Mattias Svensson is a crowd favourite at Selhurst and is a very hard-working Swedish forward with wonderful subtlety and enthusiasm. Back from injury and likely to attract attention from richer clubs as he aims for his national team squad. His late goals against Port Vale and Norwich this season rewarded Crystal Palace with points that could have so nearly slipped away. Since, he has been the subject of transfer rumours linking the Swede with both Charlton and Middlesbrough.

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stic's complete guide to fixtures results stats

STFC Ladies South West Combination Season 1999/2000

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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 FAC1	2-5
Sun 17th Oct	Bath City	140
Sun 24th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	
Sun 31st Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-4
Sun 7th Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
Sun 14th Nov	Yeovil Town	1-2
Sun 21st Nov	Cheltenham Town	3-2
Sun 28th Nov	Newport Strikers	1-3
Sun 5th Dec	Southampton	4-1
Sun 12th Dec	Denham United	P
Sun 19th Dec	Oxford United	P
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Sun 30th Jan	Portsmouth	Н
Sun 6th Feb	Bath City	Α
Sun 13th Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 20th Feb	Yeovil Town	Н
Sun 27th Feb	Cheltenham	Α
Sun 5th Mar	League Cup Semi-final	
Sun 12th Mar	Newport Strikers	Н
Sun 19th Mar	Denham United	Α
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	19			
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	4-0			
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City	2-0			
Sat 6th Oct	Cardiff City	1-0			
Sat 13th Nov	Cirencester	0-1			
Sat 20th Nov	Swansea City	0-1			
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	4-2			
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Sat 22nd Jan	Bath City	Α			
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Swindon Town's (Home) South West Counties Youth League matches are played at Supermarine and Kick Off at 11.00am (subject to change					

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	Sun 16th Apr	Cup Final	
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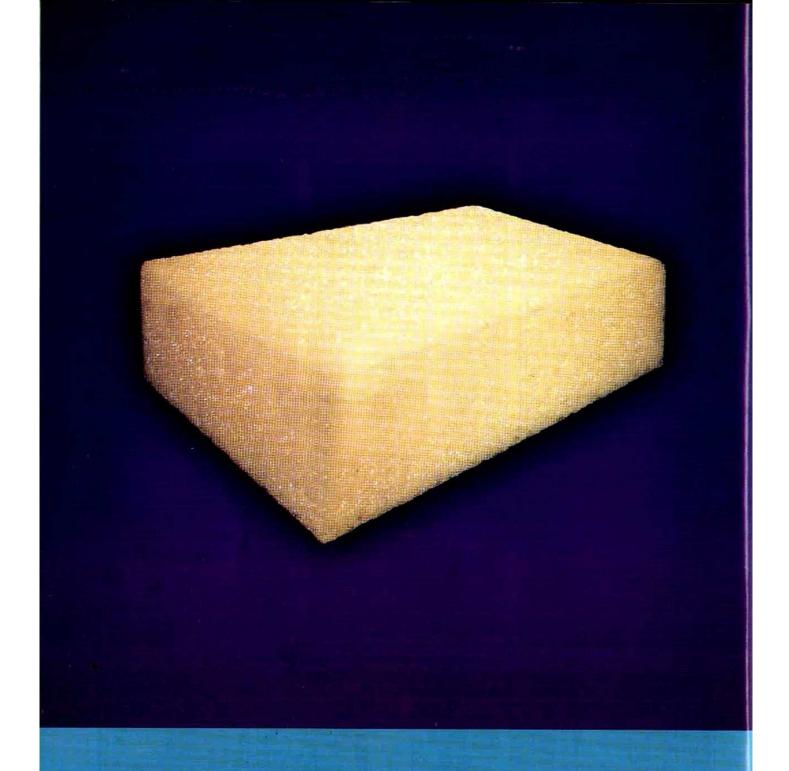
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Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	A
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Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
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Neil Mumlin regularly travels to watch Swindon and this week gives his verdict on Town's trip to Man City.

I do like travelling to Maine Road because it always makes for a fantastic atmosphere, although it can also be a bit daunting walking through Moss Side, it does look a bit like a war zone! Maybe that's why my mum always told me to stay away from the main road?!

On this occasion I should have listened to her advice as it was, for Town fans, a very uneventful day out. I was not alone in the disappointment of the state of the stand in which the away fans were situated, it was in bad state of disrepair.

On the football side of things the Town came up against a good City side and even though they had lost their previous three matches, did not look like they intended to make it four. Just like Charlton they came flying at us in the first



ten minutes and again, we did well to hold them off.

Poor old Frank misjudged a couple of shots and we found ourselves two down before Shaun Goater finished things off. It highlighted the problems we have experienced this season with inconsistent goalkeeping - they have been exceptional one week and can cost us points another. I suppose it's down to confidence and a bit of luck at the end of the day.

One to forget really, but it won't deter me from travelling to Suffolk and another tough away fixture against high-flying Ipswich Town.

out of 10

Journey:

Ground:

not bad really

6

good in places!

9

Home fans: another top gate

Away fans:

6

optimistic

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Food & Drink: Maine course soup!

Team performance: out played

6

Man of the Match:

6

Scott Leitch

Moment of the Day:

6

Griffin hitting post **Overall Verdict:**

6

We won't have many tougher away fixtures than this one.

by Roger Reeves

The Town ladies beat Southampton in the 'Ambassador' League Cup to earn a semi-final tie against Saltash Pilgrims.

Two goals from Kim Reeves and a goal apiece from Adelle Taylor and Leanne Taylor got the Town's four goals and a good display by keeper Jo Sharpe restricted the Hampshire side to just one goal. The weather has spoilt the Townis league programme and both the home games against Denham United and local rivals Oxford United were postponed.

The Town recently created a piece of history when they became the first club to provide all eleven for a County match. The team against Sussex was Diane George, Adelle Taylor, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Natalia Zarczynski, Holly Ashman, Kim Reeves. Pam Laker, Katy Lemon, Leanne Taylor



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and Nadine Lloyd. Georgia Alcock and Nikki Relph were on the bench. A further piece of history was also created that as Wiltshire were beaten 7-0, their heaviest defeat ever.

On Sunday the Town travel to face West Country rivals Bristol City in the South West Combination League.

When the two sides met in Swindon earlier in the season the Town won 4-2. The Town reserves are at home and play Newport Pagnell United in the Southern Region League. This match will be played at Ridgeway School, Wroughton and will Kick Off at 2.00pm.

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Welcome to today's Division One fixture against Queens Park Rangers.

Our first away match of the New Year sees us travel to Ipswich Town's Portman Road. The Robins went down 4-1 at the County Ground and the Town can't afford to let that happen again. Then in late January 2000 it's another trip to the midlands to face an improving West Bromwich Albion. Our last visit to the midlands saw a last-gasp equaliser by Iffy Onuora to claim a very valuable point against Birmingham City.

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pit stop

Welcome to our very own A-Z (well, B-W anyway) review of the season so far in the Nationwide League First Division for 1999/2000.

It gives us a chance to re-visit our predictions that we made in August.

Bamsley



Another good team that are struggling to put a consistent run together.

With so much tough opposition this year the Tyke's are finding it hard to show why they should be in the Premiership. Another mid-tble candidate.

Birmingham



It looks like it may be yet another nearly year for the Blues.

The board are getting extremely impatient and Irevor Francis' only hope of promotion is via the play-offs. Currently eigth, and it may not change come May.

Blackbum



This biggest surprise of the season so far has to be the form, or lack of it, of Blackburn Rovers.

Title contenders now contemplate another year in the First Division.

Will probably sneak into the play-offs.

Bolton



Wanderers have had their fair share of problems already this season. Colin Todd walked out and several big-name players have

been sold off to ease financial worries.

Sam Allardyce has inherited a good squad of players which is well capable of a play-off berth and after going so close last season, promotion is a must.

Charlton



One of the clubs vying for topspot and certain to be in the thick of things in May.

Alan Curbishley wants to return to the Premiership with Charlton and with the squad of players at his disposal, The Valley could well be enjoying topflight football in August 2000.

Crewe

Early season jitters after last terms great escape have been put to bed and Dario

Gradi's miracle-working continues.

Crewe were once again written off as relegation material but have made a strong start to this season and The Railwaymen will be more than happy with mid. table core eliteration.

Crystal Palace



Still in business and looking stronger every week, both on and off the pitch.

Our predicted mid-table finish looks like a safe bet.

Fullham

The early season pace-setters have fallen back to sixth place. However,

things are tight at the top, so this could well be a second consecutive promotion year for the Cottagers.

Paul Barcewell has predictably added experience and quality to his squad and the cheque book could give them they push they need to take the title.

Grimsby

Tipped for the drop but are showing the battling qualities that will keep First Division football at Blundell Park.

Alan Buckley is doing a fantastic job of bringing the best out of his lightweight squad and could make a late-season challenge for another top half finish.

Huddersfield

The surprise package so far. Steve Bruce now has the financial backing he craved before leaving Sheffield Utd.

He is now showing that he is a top-class manager and if Marcus Stewart and Clyde Wijnhard keep, banging the goals in the title could be theirs.

lpswich

If past seasons are anything to go by,
Ipswich will be there at the end but
then lack the extra quality to make
the final leap.

This could be George Burley's last chance to make it into the big time with his current crop of players.

Others may follow in the footsteps of Keiron Dyer who made a quick impact at Newcastle and broke into the England team.

Will make play-off but that's about it

99/2000 the season so far



Manchester City

Joe Royle's side is joining Fulham and making a bee-line for the Premiership.



This time last season City were hoping for a playoff place in the Second Division. Now things are very different at Maine Road as they challenge for the First Division title. Bob Taylor has joined the squad from Gillingham and he could provide the

extra goals that will give City the title. Champions.

Norwich City

The Canaries usually give a good account of themselves but not this season. Struggling performances and the sale of Darren Eadie has not helped.

Bruce Rioch's side are having trouble finding the back of the net and if things continue they might get dragged into a relegation battle. Will finish above the relegation zone but no more.

Nottingham Forest

David Platt's managerial career is still having trouble getting off the ground. Poor league form and two early cup exits was not what the Forest board expected.

> If Platt is given the time he needs he may yet prove that his managerial career can emulate his playing days.

Portsmouth

Alan Ball may have saved the club from relegation last season but that's not enough for new owner Milan Mandaric.

Ball's big-money buys didn't lift Pompey away from the relegation zone and he was quickly shown the door. Gary Megson has taken over and been charged with the responsibility of taking Portsmouth into the top half.

Port Vale

The vale board may have made the worst decision of the season.

Long-serving manager John Rudge made way for Brian Horton and at present he is doing no better and Vale's long fight to stay in the First Division may be over. Bye-bye Vale.



Fantastic home form has not been reproduced on their travels and despite an unbeaten 14 match run at

Loftus Road the hoops are still only 9th.

If Gerry Francis' side can be consistent both home and away them might be a surprise entry to the play-offs. Mid-table looks more likely.

Sheffield United

It's been a nightmare season so far at Bramell Lane. The Blades have spent most of it in the bottom three and Adrian Heath was shown the door.

They are showing signs of recovery, a 2-1 win over Blackburn will give them hope. Should survive

but that's about it.

Stockport County

The Hatters will be very pleased with the first half of the season.



Written off as possible strugglers in August, the Hatters have got the best out of a small squad and are currently 7th. If they can survive the pace when injuries mount up is debatable. Mid-table finish.

Tranmere Rovers

John Aldridge will already be well pleased with this season but improvement is still required.

Three Premiership sides have made cup exits at Prenton Park and if they can re-produce these performance in the league then bigger clubs beware. A

Walsall

much improved top-half finish.



Ray Graydon's miracle-working has come up short in this higher league.

A fantastic job of getting the Saddlers into the First Division may all be in vain. Relegation looms.

West Brom

Brian Little may have expected a little more this season.



Lee Hughes services were retained but his goals are not proving enough for a play-off run 15th place isn't an improvement on last year but will be enough for mid-table

Wolves

The sale of Robbie Keane freed up the cash to build an improved squad.



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Here is the complete fixture list of the opening group stage of the Euro 2000 Championships.

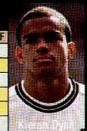
The tournament will be held this summer in Holland and Belgium. The top two teams in each group will qualify for the quarter final stage and play for the right to contest the semi final with the final to be played in Rotterdam on July 2nd 2000.



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Portugal

Rotterdam



DATE	MATCH			VENUE	KICK-OFF
June 10	Belgium	V	Sweden	Brussels	1845
June 11	Turkey	v	Italy	Arnhem	1230
June 14	Belgium	V	Italy	Brussels	1845
June 15	Sweden	v	Turkey	Eindhoven	1845
June 19	Belgium	v	Turkey	Brussels	1845
June 19	Italy	v	Sweden	Eindhoven	1845



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DATE	MATCH	21		VENUE	KICK-OFF	
June 13	Spain	v	Norway	Rotterdam	1600	
June 13	Yugoslavia	v	Slovenia '	Charleroi	1845	
June 18	Spain	v	Slovenia	Amsterdam	1600	
June 18	Norway	٧	Yugoslavia	Liege	1845	
June 21	Yugoslavia	V	Spain	Bruges	1600	
June 21	Slovenia	v	Norway	Arnhem	1600	



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DATE	MATCH			VENUE	KICK-OFF
June 11	France	v	Denmark	Bruges	1600
June 11	Holland	v	Czech Rep.	Amsterdam	1845
June 16	Czech Rep.	v	France	Bruges	1600
June 16	Holland	v	Denmark	Rotterdam	1845
June 21	Denmark	v	Czech Rep.	Liege	1845
June 21	France	v	Holland	Amsterdam	1845



Quarter Finals

DATE	MATCH	VENUE	KICK-OFF
June 24	1st Group A v 2nd Group B (E)	Amsterdam	1600
June 24	1st Group B v 2nd Group A (F)	Brussels	1845
June 25	1st Group D v 2nd Group C (G)	Rotterdam	1600
June 25	1st Group C v 2nd Group D (H)	Bruges	1045



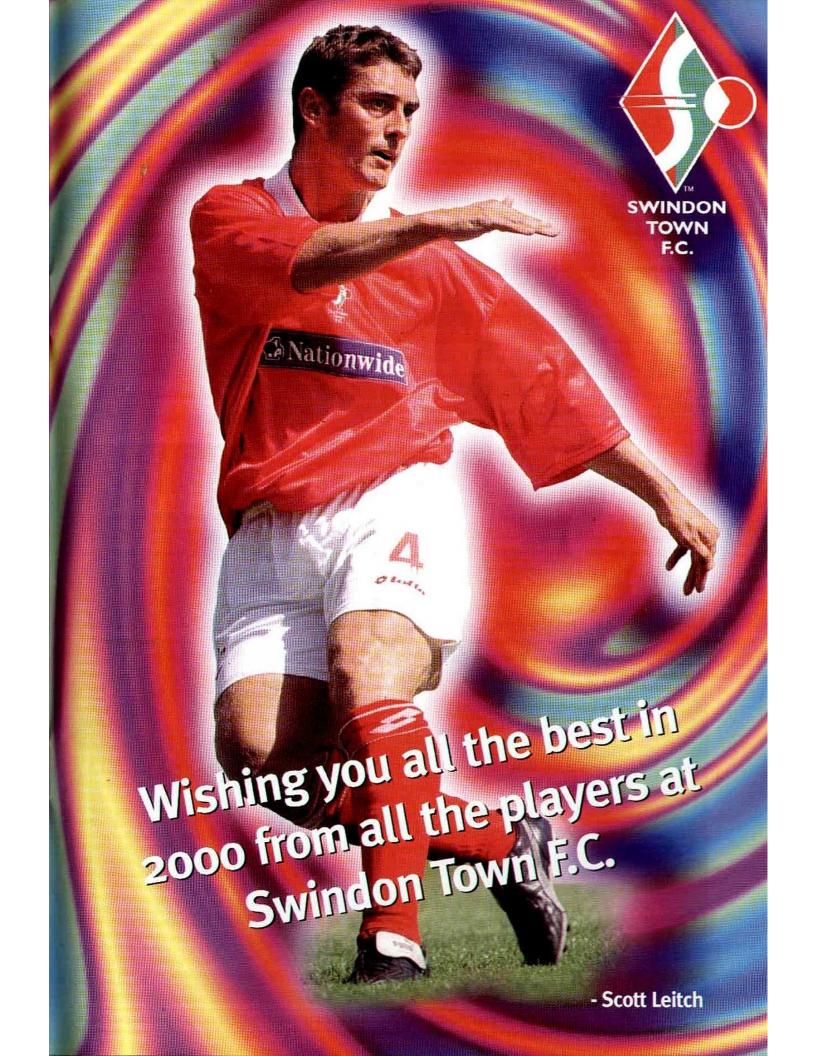
DATE	MATCH	VENUE	KICK-OFF
June 28	EvH	Brussels	1845
June 29	FvG	Amsterdam	1845



DATE	MATCH	VENUE	KICK-OFF
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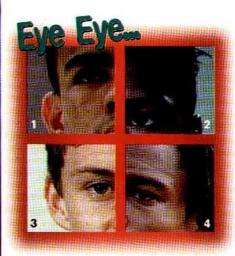


quick quiz

- 1 In which year was Britain's first £1 million transfer?
- Who was he player involved?
- Name the clubs involved
- What was the transfer fee paid for him?
- (5) From which club did Manchester United buy Peter Schmeichel?
- 6 Who was the first British £1 million goalkeeper?
- How much did Kevin Keegan spend on transfer fees in his first four years at Newcastle?
- In which month is the annual transfer deadline?
- Who moved from
 Newcastle to Liverpool for
 £1.9 million in July 1987?
- How much did Chelsea pay for Ruud Gullit, as a player, in August 1995?

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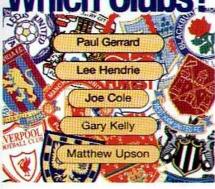




Where in the World? do they come from

- 1 Pele
- 2 Alfredo Di Stefano
- 3 Johan Cruyff
- 4 Lev Yashin
- 5 Diego Maradonna
- 6 Eusebio
- 7 Ferenc Puskas
- 7 60
- 9 Paulo Rossi
- 10 Michel Platini





charity partnership

Swindon Town & Rotary Charity Collections

Following the partnership between Swindon Town Football Club and Local Rotary Clubs reported in the Evening Advertiser on the 8th September; over £1600 has been raised to help local charities.

There have been four collections so far before matches at the County Ground and charities benefiting have been:-

- Breakthrough Breast Cancer in Wiltshire, raising funds for local support as well as national research.
- Mammatone Vacuum Biopsy System for PMH. This has now been ordered and will be the first of its kind in the UK.
- · Five Star, a charity for local underprivileged children.
- · British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Five more collections will take place in the New Year.

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Harry **M**orris

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

Most goals for Swindon in a league match, most goals in a season and most goals in a career. All these records belong to one man - David Hyman 'Harry' Morris.

Born in London he was involved in the fighting in France during the closing years of WW1. A trial run-out with Fulham reserves saw Harry score four goals and earn himself a professional contract. In London he had a fairly undistinguished time playing for Fulham, Brentford and Millwall before moving to Swansea, who signed him for £400. Although he averaged a goal a game during his 12 appearances for the Swans, the presence of Welsh international centre forward Jack Fowler limited Harry's first team opportunities and he had to be content with helping the reserve team win their league.

When Sam Allan signed Harry for £110 it must surely have been the most economical deal Swindon Town ever made for, when he finally left the club the cost of his goals worked out at 50p each. His most prolific season was 1926-7 when the change to the offside rule (reducing to two the number of players needed to be between an attacker and the goal) helped Harry to score a total of 48 goals. Between

October 30th 1926 and January 1st 1927 he scored in all the eleven games played. This spell included five in one game - at home to QPR - a record in a league match for Swindon. Remarkably Harry repeated that feat in an away game at Norwich in 1930.

The 1928-29 season saw one of the most memorable matches of Harry's career at Swindon. The Town defeated Newcastle United 2-1 in the third round of the FA cup with Harry scoring both goals and outshining the great Hughie Gallacher who was in the Magpies' side. In the fourth round Swindon beat Burnley 3-2 in a replay at Turf Moor when Harry headed the winner late in the game. Harry's feats in front of goal could be said to have re-shaped football because in, the next round, Town were drawn against Arsenal and, in order to check Harry, the great



Herbert Chapman instructed his centre- half to lie deep. This tactic worked so well, both in the goalless draw at the County Ground and the replay which Arsenal won 1-0, that the Gunners continued with the tactic and thus was born the 'third back' system.

When he was eventually given a free transfer to Clapton Orient in 1933 he had scored 227 goals in 279 games for the Town and had been their leading scorer in all of the seven seasons he played for them. During WW2 he worked in the British Consulate in Norway, helping escaped prisoners of war to return to the UK. He emigrated to the USA during the 1960's and died in California in 1985.

By Dick Mattick

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Q. How many London Clubs did Harry play for?

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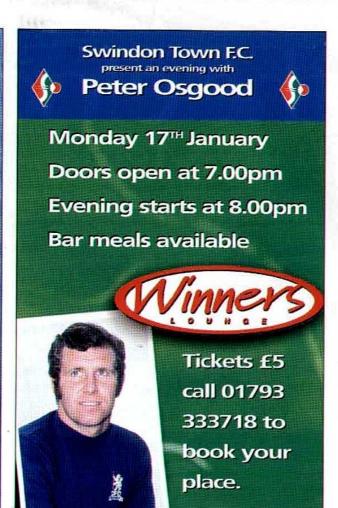
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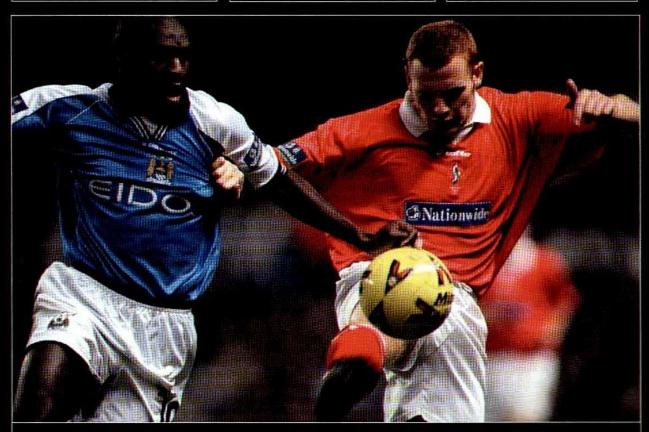
Davies holds off a City challenge



Shaun Goater hits City's third



Williams shields the ball



Shaun Goater puts pressure on Gareth Davies but the Welshman clears the danger





GOES MYSTIC FOR 2000...

It's that time of the year again and, as usual, I'm about to embark on my annual frenzy of beauty treatments and shoe shopping. This, coupled with the printer's deadline for this issue being extremely early, means that all I've had time to do is to gaze into my crystal ball for a few minutes...

...I have become Mystic Maz for one week and these are the forthcoming headlines I have seen that will explode onto the front pages in the early part of the third millennium:

Swindon named as the Millennium City, new football stadium granted by Lottery Fund.

R will D warf the Millennium Done promise planners.

Cliff Puffett named as secret Onassis love-child and declared heir to family fortune.

"It all goes to my beloved club" he vows.

It was like 'Field of Dreams' says
Lord Willy Carson as fans flock back.

Another capacity crowd watched as The Robins
notch up yet another victory on their way to
the Championship.

SKY SPORTS IN SWINDON TOWN FC SHARES SWOOP

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Surprise Division I Champs do the double and win the FA Cup.

FA Cup paraded in Swindon as the new Red Army scupper United for a place in Europe.

Jimmy Quinn in Birthday Honours List after scoring a hat-trick in Cup final. In sh comeback with zard be arts of award on same day as international

Ronaldo shock statement

"I will finally realise my boyhood ambition and bring Samba-style football to Swindon" Brazilian signator Jim and more hig names will follow.

Kevin Keegan salutes his Swindon back four as Germans crumble.

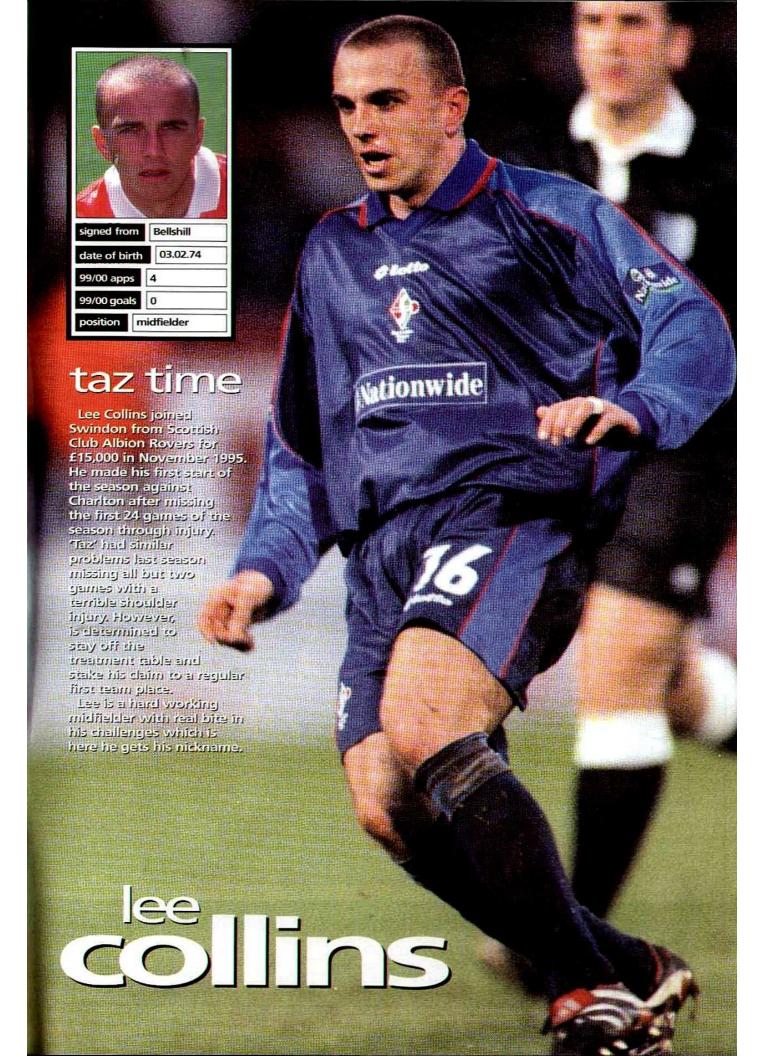
England owe West Country heroes a huge vote of thanks.

ENGLAND LAND 2006 WORLD CUP - SWINDON TOWN TO HOST THE OPENING GAME.

"It's asmall rewart for all they do for the English game" - FA spokesman.

Oxford relegated in unprecedented run of crushing defeats

We can't compete being so near to stunning Swindon' say remaining few U's fars.



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Sat Aug 7	Walsall	(A)	0-0
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1)	1 (H)	0-1
Sun Aug 15	lpswich	(H)	1-4
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace	(A)	2-1
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)	2 (A)	1-1 (1-2ag
Sat Aug 28	West Brom	(H)	1-2
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby	(A)	0-1
Sat Sept 11	Nott'm Forest	(H)	0-0
Sat Sept 18	Crewe	(A)	1-2
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale	(A)	0-2
Yues Sept 28	Blackburn	(H)	2-1
Sat Oct 2	Bolton	(H)	0-4
Sat Oct 9	Stockport	(H)	1-1
Sat Oct 16	Fulham	(A)	0-1
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley	(A)	0-1
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd	(H)	2-2
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale	(H)	2-1
Sat Oct 30	Bolton	(A)	0-2
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield	(A)	0-4
Fri Nov 12	Norwich	(H)	0-0
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton	(A)	1-1
Tues Nov 23	Charlton	(H)	1-2
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham	(A)	1-1
Sat Dec 4	Walsall	(H)	1-1
Sat Dec 11	Charlton (FAC 3)	(A)	1-2
Sat Dec 18	Man City	(A)	0-3
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth	(H)	
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere	(A)	
Mon Jan 3	QPR	(H)	
Sat Jan 8	FAC 4		
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich	(A)	
Fri Jan 21	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)	
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Sat Mar 11	Charlton	(A)	
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton	(H)	
Tues Mar 21	Norwich	(A)	
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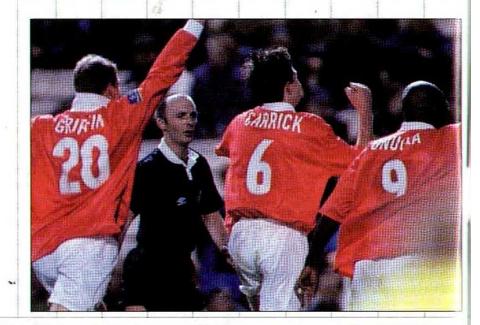
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this season's top	scorers
Iffy Onuora	4
Chris Hay	3
Giuliano Grazioli	3
Michael Carrick	2

Sat Sept 11th vs Nott'm Forest	8,203
Fri Nov 12th vs Norwich City	7,405
Tue Sept 28th vs Blackburn	7,354
Sat Dec 4th vs Walsall	7,186

this season's top gates

ROBINSON

31,751

Manchester City	LOST	3-0
Charlton Athletic (A)	LOST	2-1
Walsall (H)	DREW	1-1
Birmingham City (A)	DREW	1-1

last four games



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monday jan 3rd 2000





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Charlton	22	12	5	5	38	24	41
Barnsley	22	12	3	7	42	35	39
Stockport	23	10	7	6	28	30	37
Fulham	23	8	11	4	24	18	35
QPR	23	8	9	6	32	28	33
Birmingham	22	8	8	6	33	25	32
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Bolton	23	8	7	8	32	27	31
Norwich	22	8	7	7	21	20	31
Blackburn	22	7	9	6	27	22	30
Tranmere	23	8	5	10	32	34	29
West Brom	23	5	11	7	23	27	26
Crystal Palace	23	6	8	9	30	36	26
Crewe	23	7	5	11	23	30	26
Grimsby	23	7	5	11	24	38	26
Forest	23	6	7	10	24	27	25
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Port Vale	23	5	8	10	26	31	23
Portsmouth	23	5	7	11	25	36	22
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stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	number	league apps	apps.	goals all comps	apps
Frank Talia	1	14	2		16
Mark Robinson	2	21(2)	3	-	24(2)
Gareth Hall	3	21	3	10-	24
Scott Leitch	4	8(1)	2	-	10(1)
Gareth Davies	5	8(1)	2	-	10(1)
Michael Carrick	6	7	Tra-	2	7
Bobby Howe	7	20(3)	1(1)	1	21(4)
Iffy Onuora	9	14(5)	3	4	17(5)
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(4)	2	3	6(4)
Ty Gooden	11	7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	21	2	-	23
Jimmy Glass	13	8			8
Mark Walters	14	11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	12(5)	(2)	3	12(7)
Lee Collins	16	3(1)	1	-	4(1)
Steve Cowe	17	0(1)	1)*		0(1)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1	1		2
Adam Willis	19	4(5)	1(1)	-	5(6)
Charlie Griffin	20	1(7)	(2)	-	1(9)
Sol Davis	21	13(1)	2(1)		15(2)
Robin Hulbert	22	1(4)	2	-	3(4)
Philippe Cuervo	23	21		-	-
Sam Campagna	24	-	-		
Frazer McHugh	25	6(2)	(1)	-	6(3)
Nicky Burke	26	*	-		-
Jamie Mills	27	1 81	- 3	-	-
Ricky Culbertson	28		-		(2)
Alan Flanagan	29	-	-	-	
Paul McAreavey	30	-		-	-
Alun Hughes	31	-		-	-
James Williams	32	5(6)	1	-	6(6)
Andy Williams	33	17	1		18
Jim Quinn	40	1(4)	1	-	2(4)

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