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# Dave's injury is a cruel blow

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground, where we today extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Millwall.

Since my last programme notes we have suffered very mixed fortunes. After wins over Wolves and Oxford, our defeat at Darlington on Tuesday is one match that we would all like to forget.

We lost our discipline in the second half and everything that could go wrong did. At least we have the chance of putting things right in the return game at the County Ground on Tuesday week, when I have the feeling that we will need all the support we can get!

One thing that cannot be put right so quickly is the injury to Dave Bennett, which is a cruel blow to both the club and Dave. He has not been fortunate with injuries in his career, so we wish him a speedy recovery from his broken leg.

The club's injury problem is now more worrying than ever, with the injury to Colin Calderwood also appearing to be more serious than we had first hoped. Though Kevin Morris will be continuing to put in a lot of extra hours to speed up their recoveries, we have to face the fact that they will both be out of the side for a while.

Thankfully, Steve White is well on the way back to full fitness and David Kerslake is fit again.

This season we have been extremely unlucky with injuries and this has served to emphasize the problem we have with the depth of the squad.

Not surprisingly, we are still looking at players with a view to strengthening the squad.

Last year we were very fortunate with injuries and I was able to field the same side for 21 consecutive matches. Having a settled side obviously is a big advantage, but at the moment we are having to field makeshift teams.

With this in mind, the victories over Wolves and Oxford were very pleasing. We battled well after Colin's injury in the match with Wolves and got the goal we deserved.

With the exception of the first four minutes at Oxford, that was also a pleasing performance, when the team stuck to its task well.

It is "backs to the wall" time, so I am making a special appeal for your support today. It's at times like these that the players need all the support they can get from the fans, so please do your best today and keep it up during the rest of the season.



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Front cover: **Dave Bennett**, our recent signing from Sheffield Wednesday, who suffered a broke leg in our midweek tie at Darlington.

*In Town Today*

Welcome to the players, officials  
and supporters of

# MILLWALL



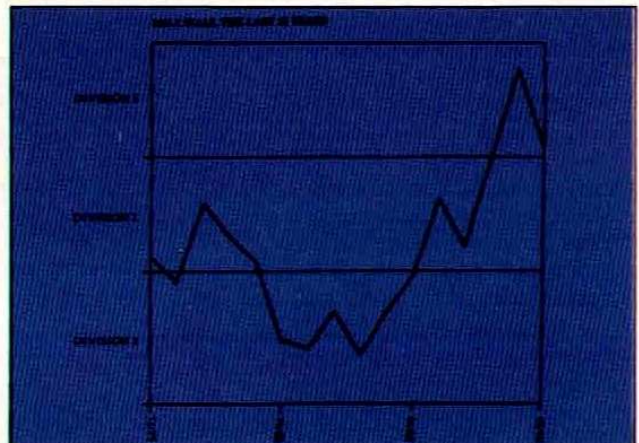
**MILLWALL - TEAM PHOTOGRAPH SEASON 1990/91**

**Back row left to right:** Malcolm Allen, Darren Treacy, Phil Dabb (now with Bradford), Teddy Sheringham, Stephen Torpey, David Thompson, Mick McCarthy, Keith Stevens, Steve Wood, Ken Cunningham.  
**Middle row left to right:** Steve Harrison (First Team Coach), Peter Melville (Physiotherapist), John McGlashan, Paul Stephenson, Alan McLeary, Brian Horne, Peter Hucker, Keith Branagan, Paul Goddard (now with Rangers), Wesley Reid, Tom Walley (Youth Team Coach), Ian Evans (Reserve Team Coach).  
**Bottom row left to right:** Darren Thompson, Gary Waddock, Jimmy Carter, Sean Sparham, Ian Dawes, Bruce Rioch (Manager), Ian McNeill (Assistant Manager), Les Briley, Darren Morgan, Kevin O'Callaghan, Alan Dowson, Nicky Coleman, Alex Rae, Ansell Henry.

**MILLWALL - Form Guide**  
 Matches to the 15th October...

Date	Opposition	Result	Goalscorers	Att.
Aug 25	Walsford	W2-1	Allen	11,541
Sep 1	Barnsley	W4-1	Allen, Rae, Carter, Sheringham	10,114
8	Newcastle United	W2-1	Allen, Sheringham	23,922
15	Ipswich Town	D1-1	Rae	12,600
19	Hull City	D3-3	Sheringham, Carter, Waddock	9,466
22	Charlton Athletic	D0-0		10,970
25	Bournemouth RLC	D0-0		5,000

Summary of goalscorers: Allen 4, Sheringham 3, Rae 2, Carter 2, Waddock 1.



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# The squad

**Malcolm Allen.** Welsh International striker who joined Millwall from Norwich City for £400,000 shortly before last season's transfer deadline. A "fast and fearless" player who started his career with Watford. Now very popular with Lions fans.

**Keith Branagan.** Highly-rated 'keeper who grabbed his first team chance when Brian Horne was injured last season, after a two year stint in the reserves. A £100,000 signing from Cambridge.

**Les Briley.** Veteran midfield "workaholic" who has played on nearly every League ground in his 15-year career with Chelsea, Hereford, Wimbledon and Aldershot.

**Jimmy Carter.** London-born winger whose ability to get past defenders has made him a firm favourite with Lions fans. A bargain buy from QPR, he was previously with Crystal Palace.

**Nicky Coleman.** Defender who made 17 appearances for Swindon in our 1985/86 4th Division Championship season while on loan. Missed the 1988/89 season through injury and made just 3 appearances last season.

**Kenny Cunningham.** Dublin-born full back who was thrown in at the deep end during Millwall's desperate battle against relegation last year. Signed from Irish League side Tolka Rovers.

**Ian Dawes.** Millwall's Player of the Year last season. A dependable left back who loves to get forward, he cost just £150,000 when Millwall signed him from QPR two years ago.

**Paul Goddard.** The former West Ham and Newcastle striker who became Millwall's record signing when John Docherty paid Derby £800,000 for him in December 1989. Made 13 appearances last season.

**Brian Horne.** A groin injury forced Brian out of the keeper's job last season, but the England Youth and Under-21 International made his comeback in the final game of the season.

**Mick McCarthy.** One of the heroes of the Republic of Ireland's World Cup success. The Barnsley-born defender signed from French club Lyon after a three month loan spell last season.

**John McGlashan.** Bruce Rioch's first signing for the Lions. A tough-tackling midfielder who attracted interest from top clubs while playing as a part-timer for Scottish Second Division club Montrose.

**Alan McLeary.** Homegrown central defender whose performances in Millwall's first season in Division 1 earned him an England B squad call-up. Missed a number of matches last season with niggling injuries.

**Alex Rae.** Highly-rated young midfielder who started his career with Glasgow Rangers and joined Millwall from Falkirk for £100,000.

**Wesley Reid.** Highly-promising local lad, now 22, who forced his way into the side last season and played "with a maturity way above his years."

**Teddy Sheringham.** Stylish striker who has been Millwall's top scorer for the past three seasons, but never found his best form last season. Big things are expected of his partnership with Malcolm Allen.

**Paul Stephenson.** Tricky former Newcastle winger who fought his way back into the side last season after a year in the reserves, making 19 appearances.

**Keith Stevens.** A tough-tackling full back who can also operate in midfield. Keith came up through the Lions youth ranks making his debut as a 16 year-old. Now the club's longest-serving player.

**David Thompson.** Giant central defender from Northumberland whose aerial prowess means he can also be a danger in the opposition's penalty box. 25 appearances last season.

**Gary Waddock.** Republic of Ireland midfielder who was written off by QPR because of a serious knee injury. But he battled back with Charleroi of Belgium and Millwall last year.

**Steve Wood.** Stylish central defender from Bracknell who played a key roll in Millwall's Second Division Championship side of three years ago. Formerly with Reading.

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**THE WINNING  
COMBINATION**

## PAUL PLOWMAN continues his season by season look back at Swindon Town through the years.

### 1962/63

After six games of 1962/63, there was little sign of things to come as Swindon, at that stage, had won only one game. But in the following month they recorded five wins out of eight, with a 4-3 defeat at Halifax being the only hiccup.

Swindon first moved into the two promotion slots following an emphatic win over Queens Park Rangers on January 12. On a snow covered pitch, the Town appeared wearing baseball boots and completely overwhelmed their opponents. Jack Smith hit a hat-trick in a 5-0 win.

Two more 'local' finds came into the senior side. John Stevens, from R.A.F. Yatesbury, hit an astonishing



Manager Bert Head

fifty goals in 45 games for the first, second and third elevens. In one 'A' team fixture, against Peasedown Miners Welfare, the Town won 20-1, with John scoring eight times! He hit seven goals in only 14 Third Division games. Donald Rogers, from Paulton, made his debut against Southend in November at just 17 years and 22 days, but appeared only seven times during the season.

The career of the bright young full back Terry Wollen was virtually ended on December 1, when a tackle from Notts County's John Sheridan in the 65th minute left him with a broken leg. He made two attempted come-backs, but they amounted to just seven Second Division games. Veteran Maurice Owen took over the number two shirt for the final eleven of his then record 555 League appearances.

In the Football League Cup, Swindon recorded a 4-0 win over Darlington (that would do nicely next week!) but crashed out of the competition with a 5-0 defeat at Notts County.

The F.A. Cup brought victories over Reading at the County Ground and both Yeovil and Luton away. Over 26,000 were present for the visit of Everton in the Fourth Round, but it was not to be Swindon's night. Two goals in two minutes early in the game and four down by half-time, the



contest was virtually over by that stage. The eventual scoreline of 5-1 signalled the Town's heaviest defeat in that competition for ten years.

But back in Division Three, they led the table at the end of February and suffered only one defeat in 11 games prior to Easter. Although Peterborough took all four points from their holiday meetings, promotion was finally assured against Shrewsbury Town at the County Ground on Tuesday May 14.

A crowd of 20,273 looked destined to have to wait until the final game of the season, when Roger Smart popped in the only goal just two minutes from the end. Thus, at the 36th time of asking, Swindon Town had at last made the step up to the Second Division.

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# Rothmans Yearbook 1990-91

The topic of many football fans' conversation is the make-up of a world beating eleven – who to include, who to leave out, whether the balance is right etc. The latest "best side" is considered in the recently published Rothmans Yearbook 1990-91. Edited by Jack Rollin, now in its 21st year, it is truly the reference book which people in all quarters of the game make use of with a well-thumbed copy on most managers' desks. Where do you think reporters find their background information on new signings? The latest issue includes an all-star squad from World Cup soccer stars of the last 20 years – tournaments 1970-74-78-82-86-90, so no George Best amongst others. It is said the prime consideration is to provide a team which reflected entertainment value as well as expertise and is a viable proposition with the accent on attacking skills. What of their line-up?

Gordon Banks in goal, well remembered for his mind-boggling save from Pele in the competition of 20 years ago – his absence against West Germany perhaps led to our early elimination from the latter stages of the Mexico extravaganza. Berti Vogts at right back, a diminutive defender who was one of his country's unsung heroes during their period of domination of football in the 70's, alongside

the man he succeeds as German National boss, Franz Beckenbauer. The Keiser had that "libero" role and always made moves appear so effortless as he turned defence into attack. Fellow centre back is Bobby Moore, the player who captained England in their finest hour in 1966, and was back at Wembley for Swindon v Sunderland in the summer to organise the pre-match entertainment for the promotion play-off final. Completing the back four is Giacinto Facchetti, the Italian "hard man" who dashed the hopes of many an onrushing right winger.

The midfield is made up of Ossie Ardiles, Pele and Michel Platini. The Swindon Town manager hit the headlines in Argentina in 1978 with his skilful hard-working approach – the ticker-tape welcome of the River Plate stadium has been well adapted to the County Ground. The Brazilian star is regarded by many as "the greatest", with his all-round ability on the ball, while the French genius has that craft and artistry often inspirational in dead-ball situations.

The forwards are led by Gerd Muller, "Der Bomber", with a rare instinct for goals. He would be well supported by Johan Cruyff. Who (from my era) can forget the "total football" played by his Dutch side of the seventies? Completing the choice is

**SHAUN HODGETTS OF GWR FM WITH HIS "IN-DEPTH" LOOK AT THE FOOTBALL SCENE**



modern-day hero Diego Maradona whose reputation was badly tarnished by the evidence of Italia '90.

The substitutes are another example of who's who in football – Dino Zoff, Rudi Krol, Daniel Passarella, Zico and Carl-Heinz Rummenigge, with manager Helmut Schoen. And no mention of Glen Hoddle – one of Ossie's own favourites!

The arguments rage on!!



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Any profit made from the shop goes towards the Supporters Club project of improving the condition of the Disabled facilities at the County Ground. As such, any donation of old programmes would be gratefully appreciated.

● Norwich fan N. Howlett needs last season's Swindon v Norwich Zenith Data System Cup programme to complete his collection. If you can help, please write to him at 30 Laxfield Way, Lowestoft, NR33 7HH.

## CUP COMEBACK

The original League Cup is making a comeback. The three-handled trophy, first awarded in 1961 and won by Swindon Town in 1969, will be presented to the winners of this year's Rumbelows League Cup at Wembley in April.

## WELL DONE BARRY

Congratulations to **Barry Hiller** (no relation – we're told!) who passed a notable milestone last Tuesday night at Darlington. For Barry, who is 24 and lives at Christian Malford, the tie at Darlington represented his 300th consecutive attendance at Swindon Town League and Cup matches.

Thanks for your support Barry – you must have a very understanding employer!

## TRANSPLANT AWARD



Prior to today's match Steve White (top) and Duncan Shearer (bottom) will receive the

## TRANSPLANT OF SWINDON GOALSCORING AWARD FOR 1989/90

The two strikers tied for the award, both scoring 27 goals last season. The awards will be presented by Andy Gorton and Fraser Morrison of Transplant.

Well done Steve and Duncan!



Walker Jackson have teamed up once again with the Swindon Town Youth Team. Town manager Ossie Ardiles (right) receives the keys of a sponsored mini bus from Peter Larsson, managing director of Walker Jackson, watched by youth team boss John Trollope (left), before Swindon's game against Wolves at the County Ground.

It is the third minibus that has been handed over to the club by the Swindon motor dealers.



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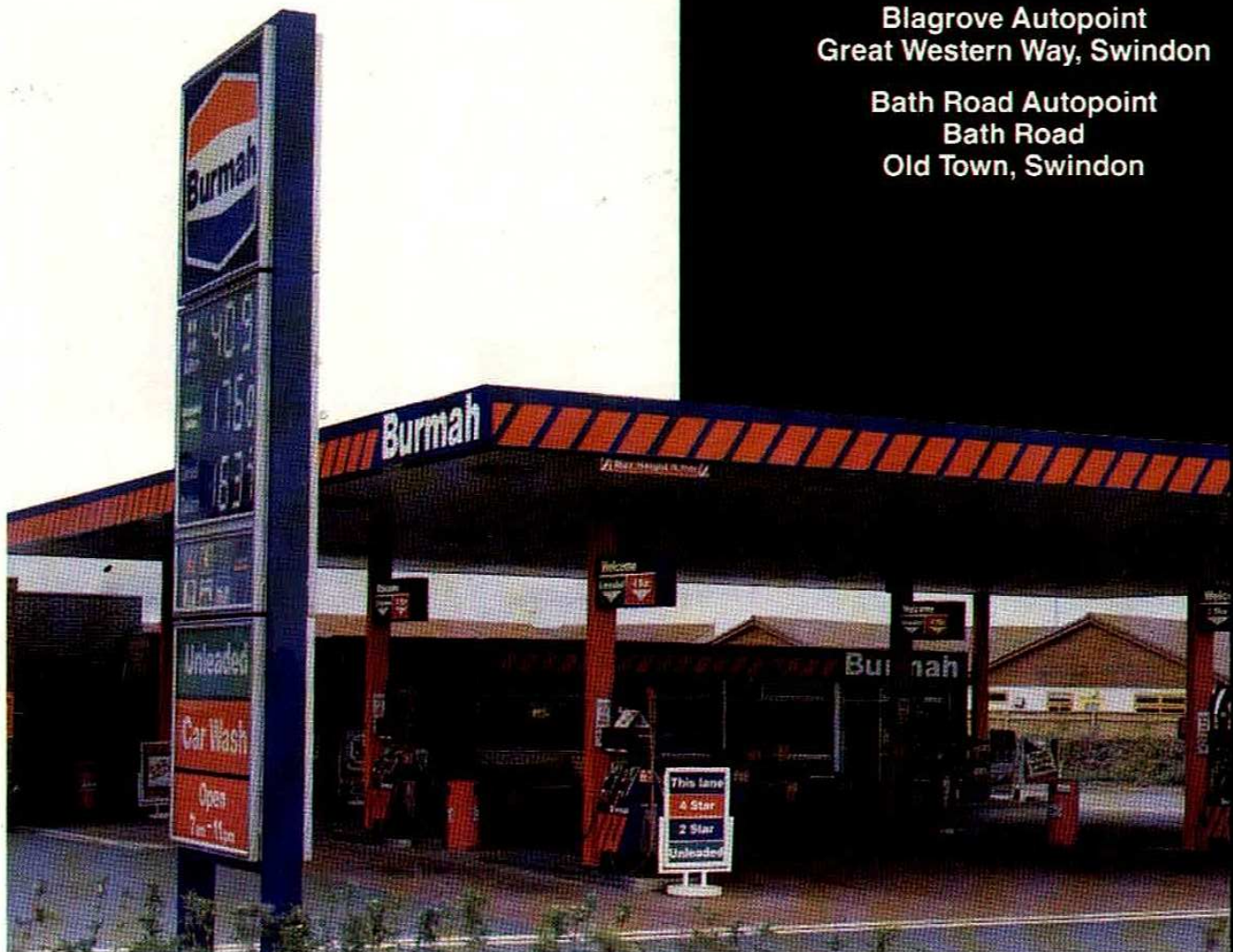
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# “They shoot horses . . .”

In all competitive sport where physical contact is involved, the one element that defies and undermines the most efficient management is the injury factor.

A large racing stable can survive an avalanche of injuries through its strength in depth. A small stable that loses its two or three best horses with leg problems is flattened for the season.

Likewise a football club like Liverpool F.C. can cope with half a dozen physical mishaps, and field a team of reserves that would be the envy of most Second Division sides.

The fate of Swindon Town F.C. in the present climate of injuries is alarming in the extreme.

Last season we were incredibly fortunate with injuries. Only the mishap to Dave Hockaday created a temporary imbalance in the team.

It was too good to last. Those sympathisers who consoled: “Never mind, you’ll go straight back up to Division One next season” were guilty of overlooking the fact that we used up a lot of luck last season.

Now our worst fears have come home to roost. The sickening injury to Dave Bennett, following on the varying degrees of damage to Colin Calderwood, Steve White, David Kerlake and Alan McLoughlin, threatens to stretch the club’s playing resources to the limit.

A timely reminder that nothing should be taken for granted in the game of football.

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Millwall is not a football club with whom I look forward to our clashes with eager enthusiasm.

My first visit to Cold Blow Lane was to see David Peach’s debut for Swindon in 1980.

We were beaten 6-2, and “Peachie” was skinned alive. It was not an enjoyable evening.

My next visit was to watch Kenny Stroud playing for Newport County against Millwall on a Bank Holiday Monday in May, when there was no televised horse racing.

My car was broken into, the side window smashed, and my briefcase stolen, in which, amongst other valuables, was a script which I had to dub to Television Centre at 5.30 that day. I had to “ad lib” the entire script, not very successfully.

Worse still was the loss of my treasured form book.

The only occasion I remember seeing Millwall play at the County Ground was during their promotion season during the early ‘80’s. We lost, I recall, by 2-0.

Leaving the ground in deep depression, I happened upon a smiling Richard Pitman, who had come to the game with his father-in-law, the long-suffering and long-standing “Judge” Jeffries.

“Why so glum, Julian – it’s only a game”, beamed the vacuous Pitman.

It is remarks like that which explain why Richard came back smiling after losing the Grand National in the last few strides on the great Crisp.

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I am afraid I shall miss today’s game, for the simple reason that I am totally opposed to football and horse racing taking place on Sunday in the United Kingdom.

Saturday is our day for sport. Sunday is for Catholic countries and Continentals.

I am a strong believer in Lord’s Day Observance. Sunday is a day to be spent with the family, as a day of rest, free from competitive, malicious and antagonistic

**JOURNALIST, RACING COMMENTATOR AND SWINDON TOWN FAN JULIAN WILSON GIVES HIS PERSONAL VIEW**



*Julian Wilson*

thoughts.

From a personal point of view, living 150 miles from the County Ground, it means spending the entire weekend away from my wife and dogs.

Players do not enjoy Sunday football which disrupts the pattern of their week, and the pleasure of their weekend.

Apart from any other factor, we invariably seem to lose at the County Ground on Sunday’s.

It is certainly the only day of the week that Bristol City could possibly beat us.

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# “Can you hear r

## GRAHAM CARTER meets Stuart Mac – the

Life is hectic for Stuart Mac. He runs a pub and a nightclub, is a husband and a father and a part-time radio broadcaster with GWR FM. And if that wasn't enough, he is now Swindon Town's matchday compère/DJ.

Dressed in the red tracksuit which has become something of a trademark, Stuart can be seen on any matchday with microphone in hand, helping to entertain the crowd before the Town's matches.

His full name is Stuart McGunigall and, as you might guess, he has some Scottish blood in him (he's not sure how much) but he was born in Liverpool. Although he confesses to being a former Evertonian, he says he wasn't particularly interested in football when he lived in

Liverpool, but it all changed when Stuart, now 35, moved to Swindon.

He had seen his first Town match at Goodison Park two years earlier, and when he moved here in 1977 he joined the ranks of the Shrivensham Road fans, losing his allegiance to Everton. He's been watching the Town ever since – all through the 4th Division days. He recalls with great affection our win over Chester – the night we clinched promotion on the way to the 4th Division championship. In stark contrast is our temporary demotion to the Third Division. He was actually at Villa Park when the Football League announced its decision.

“I had an open phone line with GWR FM, ready to relay them the news,” he says.

“When it came I was so stunned that I couldn't pass it on. Eventually, the people on the other end of the line managed to get through to me by shouting and screaming. I couldn't believe it.”

Stuart came up with a plan to focus national attention on the fans' campaign to get the club reinstated to the First Division. With a car suitably decked out in Town colours (“I must thank Bob Harvey for supplying the car and Emily for dressing it up”) he set off with a couple of mates on a remarkable journey that was to take him to 69 Football League clubs.

Virtually all of them gave him a favourable reception. “The further north we went, the better and better it got,” he remembers and he was amazed at the reaction he got in Newcastle. “They were clapping and cheering in the streets.”

On his journey he met some of the biggest names in the game, who all gave him and Swindon Town their support – people like Bill Nicholson, Sir Matt Busby, Jimmy Greaves and Alan Ball, plus Peter Reid and Des Lynam.

Stuart smiles as he recalls his visit to the Den – the home of today's visitors, Millwall. “They gave us every hospitality,” he says. “They were great – even the juniors and the groundsman, who showed us around.” He sends his thanks to Millwall and all the other people who supported him on the trip.

“I'd do it again, if necessary”, he says. Though it was a mammoth journey, he clearly enjoyed it. Not that it was a joyride. The petition and the photographs that he brought back were “used in evidence” when the Town appealed against the demotion. It



Stuart Mac (left) and Glyn Prince (right) with Swindon Town fan Steve Thomas, set off in their drive to every League club in the country.



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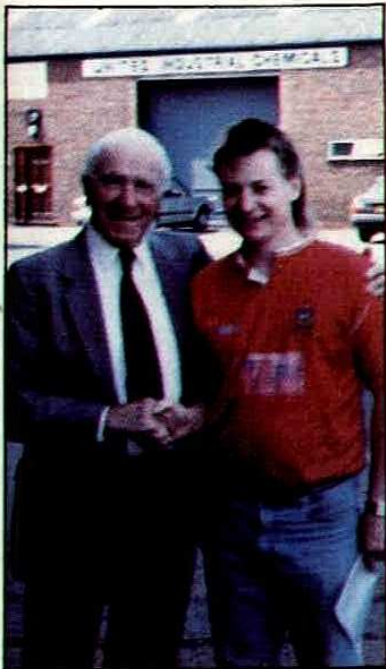
## man with the microphone and the red tracksuit

was an indication of football's reaction and certainly one of the major elements which led to the club's punishment being halved.

Though still bitter about the final outcome – he talks of what it would have meant to fans to see the Town at Anfield and Old Trafford – Stuart is keen to look to the future.

"With Ossie's style of play," Stuart believes, "it won't be long before we're back in the First Division. And with the improvements to the ground which are being planned, we can be a really big football club."

His matchday involvement is one attempt to brighten up the Town's – and football's – image. The club asked him to get involved to continue the link established by



*Stuart Mac meets Sir Matt Busby outside Old Trafford during his marathon trek round the Football League clubs.*

his marathon trek around the country.

It's a role that Stuart, who is keen to emphasise the good things in football, is relishing. He is very keen to establish goodwill between opposing fans. Hence his idea of an exchange of pennants before each home game, involving 8–12 year old supporters from the two clubs. It's an idea which seems to have gone down well with both the clubs and the crowd.

Stuart passionately believes that football is given a false image by the media. "The very low number of arrests of Swindon fans, for instance, is something which we can be very proud of," he says. And he's also someone who can see the funny side of football.

Red-faced, he tells the story of his debut as a compère before the opening game of the season against Ipswich. "There I was, in front of 10,000 people with a microphone that wouldn't work. Nobody could hear a word I was saying. To make matters worse, I had my shorts on back to front," he laughs. "I've taken a lot of stick over that."

One idea that Stuart is keen to put into action is a Mexican wave, but the police, at the moment, have reservations about it because of safety. But he's working on it . . .

Another idea is for a "Penalty Prize" competition, probably involving local schools – "If you want to enter," he urges, "write to me at the County Ground – or if you've got any other ideas or comments."

When his duties on the pitch are over, Stuart rushes up to the stand to take up his broadcasting responsibilities. He is a commentator with GWR FM and you are likely to hear him interviewing players when the match is over. After that his full-



*Stuart meets ex-Spurs manager Bill Nicholson at White Hart Lane.*

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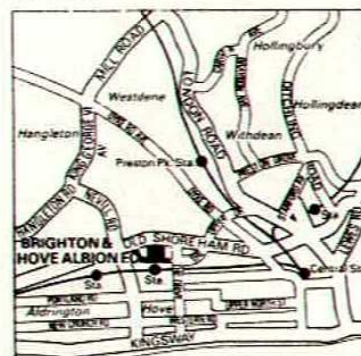
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### Today's referee

The man in the middle today is John Martin, from Alton, Hants. He is now in his fourteenth season as a League referee and has taken charge of many European and international matches, plus last season's Littlewoods Cup Final.

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## Match Action



**Duncan Shearer** on target against Middlesbrough at home and scoring his second against Oxford at The Manor Ground last Saturday. Duncan has scored 5 goals so far this season.

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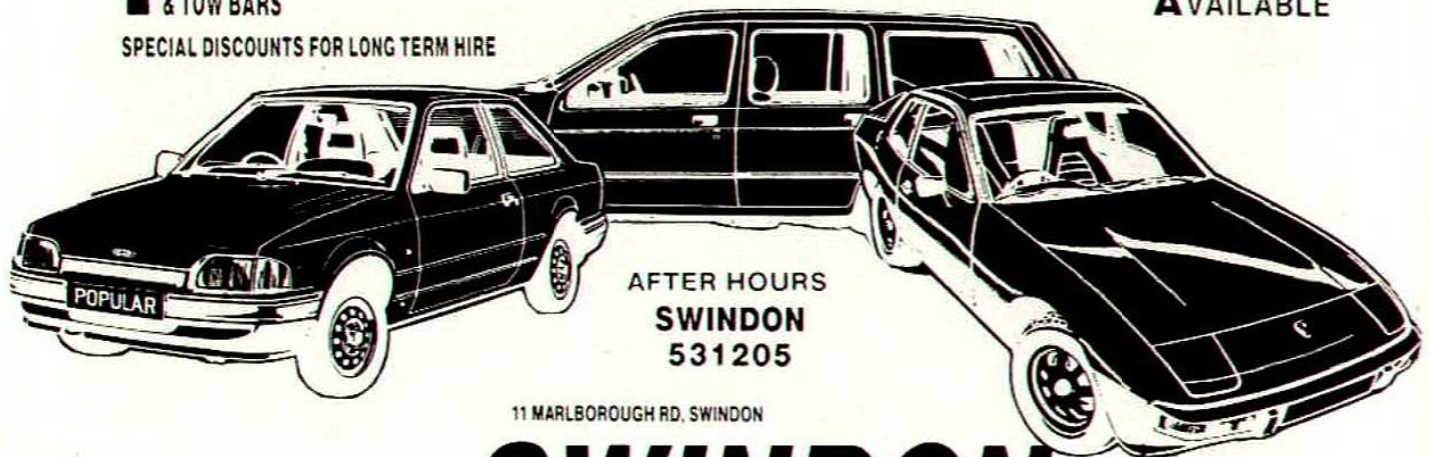
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# Sure-fire Shearer

Oxford 2, Swindon 4

By JOHN GUBBA

**D**UNCAN SHEARER'S glorious second-half double wrapped up a powerful Swindon fight-back - but old rivals Oxford were left nursing more than their pride.

Ruthless Swindon found their killer instinct when Oxford keeper Paul Kee was injured after his side had stormed into a 2-0 lead inside just four minutes.

Kee, deputising for Oxford's other injured keeper, Alan Judge, was left struggling with a sore hip when he took a knock as Paul Bodin's 11th-minute shot was deflected over the bar.

But Swindon, beaten just once in 19 previous meetings against the old en-

emy, showed no mercy with a gutsy fightback.

Not that Kee could really be blamed for Oxford's capitulation.

It was more a case of Swindon, sensing their rivals' weakness, completing a demolition that emphasised their promotion credentials.

**OXFORD United capitulated in dramatic yet depressing fashion against their long-standing adversaries Swindon Town at the Manor on Saturday.**

It was enough to make their fans weep.

The eagerly-awaited derby sensationally exploded with Oxford scoring two goals in the first five minutes.

But it simply fizzled out into a no-contest in the second half as Swindon completed a remarkable four goal fightback, with the home side effectively throwing in the towel.

## Initiative

The United players allowed Ossie Ardiles's men to seize the initiative totally after an injury to goalkeeper Paul Kee.

The Belfast-born keeper damaged his hip when challenged by Duncan Shearer seconds before tipping over a Paul Bodin drive in the 11th minute.

That incident proved the turning point in the match as Swindon realised United's last line of defence was severely handicapped.

But it need not have been if the United players had rallied round to protect their unfortunate keeper.

Instead, it seemed as though they were almost inviting Town to take pot-shots at him.

Once Town had hauled themselves back to level terms by the interval, it was only a matter of time before their greater physical strength told.

Fed-up United fans were streaming away from the ground long before the final whistle.

But what a contrast it had been an hour and a half earlier when David Penney and Martin Foyle fired Oxford into a

start that exceeded their wildest dreams.

Just like in their home game against Leeds earlier this year, United had snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

struggle against...

"I cannot recall winning at Swindon in my five years at Middlesbrough. But the result was not down to individual players, it was the manager's half-time tactical changes.

"I was pleased for the travelling fans. It was like the Holgate End where we scored our goals."

Slaven was unhappy at his second booking of the season, for kicking the ball away. Even Swindon defender Colin Calderwood appealed to the referee not to give a caution.

There is a long way to go but Middlesbrough should be in the promotion frame if they can beat a side of Swindon's quality.

The Northern Echo,  
17.9.90

The Oxford Mail  
24.9.90

## TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Two full coaches will have made the long journey to Darlington for the midweek match in the League Cup. It is so encouraging to all of us at the Travel Club to see so many old and new faces travelling to support the team. We are now booking for **Oldham, Brighton & Leicester**. Due to alterations in the ground the Travel Club may temporarily be moving its booking office. Watch this space for details. It is still not too late to have a **Travel Club Season Ticket**, a saving of 25% over the whole season and 25% off any travel to Cup or special matches. Your seat is automatically reserved on Coach 1, no more waiting in queues to book up. A large number of you have already taken advantage of this scheme. Ask at the Travel Club for more details. So keep travelling with the official Swindon Town F.C. Travel Club. Hot and cold refreshments served on all long journeys. **DON'T DELAY, JOIN & BOOK TODAY.**

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The Junior Robins will be meeting in the Alamo Club at 5.45 p.m. on Monday 1st October. This will be a practical session, so bring your kit and football boots.

The Junior Lions are guests of the Junior Robins today and have been playing at Under-10 and Under-13 levels. Results over the tannoy.

The Junior Robins are always looking for new members. Membership is £5.00 and application forms can be obtained from the Club office.

**Junior Robins next away to Junior Seagulls at Brighton on Saturday October 6th. Please book early through the Travel Club.**

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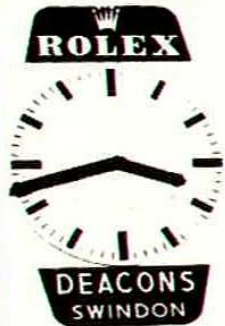
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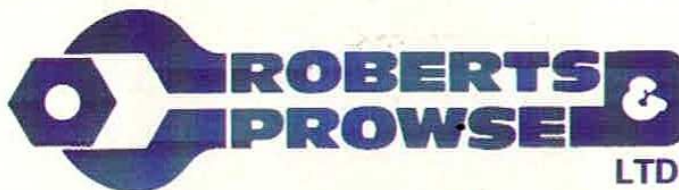


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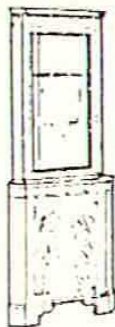
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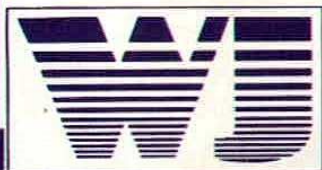
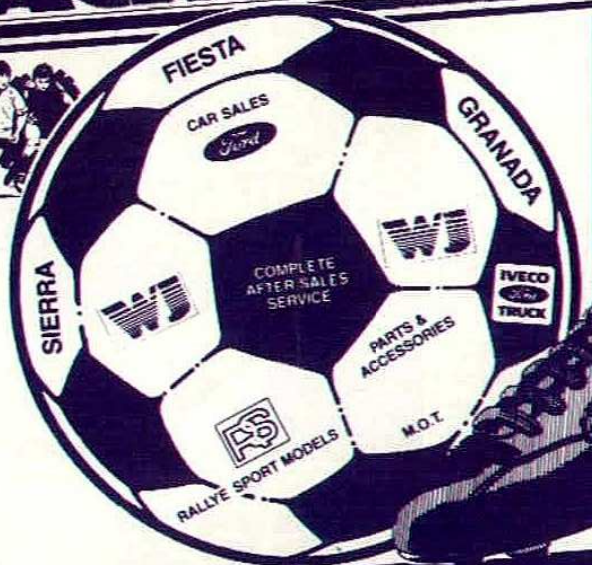
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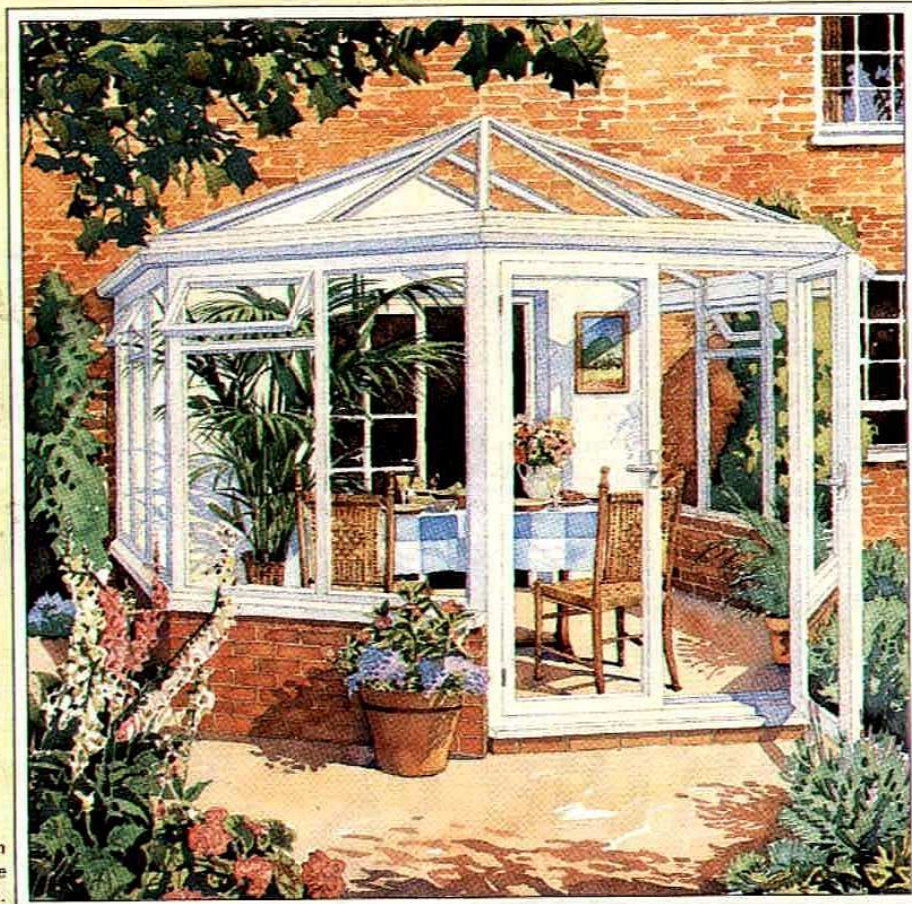
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# Tom Jones

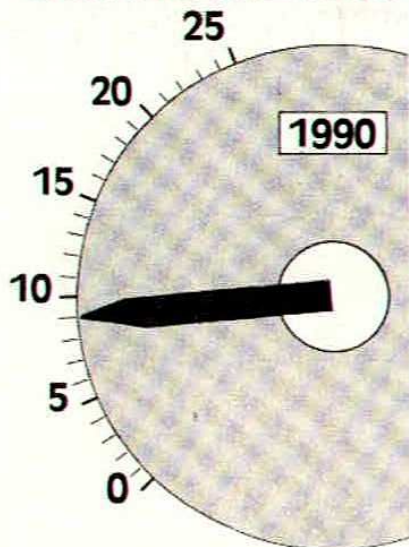


- Tom lives at Sparcells, West Swindon, with his wife, Nicola, and their 2-year-old daughter, Chelsea.
- Not surprisingly, Chelsea are his favourite other team.
- On 7th October he will be 26 years old.
- He has a rabbit called Jet.
- The first match he saw live was his hometown club, Aldershot, against Manchester United in a friendly in 1969-70.
- Brian Clough would be his choice for England manager.
- His favourite players from the past are Pele, George Best and Kevin Keegan.
- Glenn Hoddle, Alan Hansen and Ian Rush are his favourite current players.
- He once worked as an engineer repairing vending machines.
- The person he would most like to meet is "The Littlewoods Pools man - with a cheque".
- He prefers to kick towards the Town End goal, but would watch matches from Stratton Bank if he was a supporter.
- Stoke City's Victoria Ground is his favourite away ground.
- Selhurst Park is his least favourite ground.
- He is afraid of heights.
- The biggest influences on his career have been Ossie Ardiles and Brian Godfrey, who was manager when he was playing for Weymouth.
- He keeps programmes and newspaper cuttings from all the games he plays in.
- "Roger Rabbit" is his nickname amongst the other players.
- He has taken several penalties, but has missed only one - against Leicester City last season. He describes it as his most embarrassing moment in football.
- His closest friend in the team and room-mate on away trips is Duncan Shearer.
- John Motson is his favourite football commentator. Jimmy Greaves is his favourite TV "expert".
- He drives a red Vauxhall Astra.
- "True" by Spandau Ballet is his favourite song. He also likes listening to John Denver.
- He is a fan of Coronation Street, and also like to watch any sport or wildlife programmes.
- Monty Python's "Life of Brian" is his favourite film.
- Tea and Lager are his favourite drinks.
- He likes to eat Chinese and Indian food, but before a match he has poached eggs on toast.
- The thing he likes best about the town of Swindon is that it has good facilities for families.
- He likes to play golf (handicap 18) and tennis.
- His debut goal for Swindon at Watford in October 1988 is the one he considers to be his best ever.
- Ladybird book "Chicken Licken" is his favourite book.

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Sheffield Wed.	6	5	1	0	16	5	16
West Ham United	7	3	4	0	9	5	13
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>
Notts County	6	4	0	2	12	8	12
Newcastle United	6	3	2	1	8	5	11
Bristol City	5	3	1	1	10	6	10
Port Vale	7	3	1	3	13	12	10
Brighton & H.A.	6	3	1	2	10	10	10
Barnsley	6	3	1	2	9	10	10
Ipswich Town	7	3	1	3	8	10	10
Wolves	7	2	3	2	10	9	9
West BromwichA.	2	2	1	8	6	8	8
Middlesbrough	6	2	2	2	6	6	8
Plymouth	7	1	4	2	8	10	7
Blackburn Rovers	7	2	0	5	12	14	6
Bristol Rovers	5	1	2	2	7	8	5
Portsmouth	7	1	2	4	11	16	5
Oxford United	6	1	1	4	11	17	4
Hull City	7	0	4	3	9	15	4
Leicester City	7	1	0	6	7	18	3
Charlton Athletic	6	0	2	4	5	9	2
Watford	6	0	1	5	3	10	1



## HELPING THE GAME



The Football Trust 1990 has been created to help the game at all levels and to assist clubs meet the requirements of Lord Justice Taylor's Final Report.

Safety and comfort for all spectators is the primary objective and substantial funds have been made available for the provision of seating at Football League grounds. At the same time the Trust's commitment to family and community initiatives will continue with the provision of more family enclosures, better toilet facilities, covered accommodation, artificial pitches for local use and the development of women's and junior football particularly through community programmes, plus a wide range of policing and crowd control measures.

Each year The Trust expects to receive £20 million from the reduction in Pool Betting Duty plus the £10 million continuing contribution from the Spotting-the-Ball competition organised by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers. This money will be invested in projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

**BARCLAYS LEAGUE FIXTURES  
DIVISION TWO 1990/91**

	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	Simpson	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	Close	MacLaren	Foley	Hockaday	McLoughlin	Summerbee	Buttigieg	Vivcash	Hunt	White	Bennett	
Sat Aug. 25	Charlton Athletic	2-1	7,542	1	2	3●	4	5	6	7	8●	9†	10	11	12†	14	-	-	-	-
Tues. Aug. 28	Ipswich	1-0	10,817	1	2	3	4	5	6	7†	8●	9	10	11	12	14†	-	-	-	-
Sun. Sept. 2	Bristol City	0-1	12,254	1	2	3	4	5	6	7†	8	9*	10	11	12†	14*	-	-	-	-
Sat. Sept. 8	Hull City	1-1	5,240	1	-	3	14†	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11†	2	4●	12*	-	-	-
Sat. Sept. 15	Middlesbrough	1-3	9,127	1	-	3	9	5	6	7	8●	-	10	11	-	4	12*	2	14*†	-
Tues. Sept. 18	Wolverhampton W.	1-0	12,288	1	-	3	9●	5†	6	7	8●	-	10	11	-	4	14	2	-	12†
Sat. Sept. 22	Oxford United	4-2	7,961	1	2	3	9●	-	6	7	8●●	-	10	11	-	4*	-	14*	-	12†
Tues. Sept. 25	Darlington (LC R2)	0-3	4,037	1	2	3	9	-	6	7	8	-	10	11*	-	4	-	14*	-	12†
Sun. Sept. 30	Millwall																			
Tues. Oct. 2	Oldham Athletic																			
Sat. Oct. 6	Brighton & H.A.																			
Tues. Oct. 9	Darlington (LC R2)																			
Sat. Oct. 13	Bristol Rovers																			
Sat. Oct. 20	West Ham United																			
Wed. Oct. 24	Leicester City																			
Sat. Oct. 27	Barnsley																			
Wed. Oct. 31	League Cup R3																			
Sat. Nov. 3	Port Vale																			
Sat. Nov. 10	Portsmouth																			
Sat. Nov. 17	Sheffield W. (FAC1)																			
Sat. Nov. 24	Notts County																			
Wed. Nov. 28	League Cup R4																			
Sat. Dec. 1	Blackburn Rovers																			
Sat. Dec. 8	Ipswich T. (FAC2)																			
Sat. Dec. 15	Charlton Athletic																			
Sat. Dec. 22	West Bromwich A.																			
Wed. Dec. 26	Newcastle United																			
Sat. Dec. 29	Watford																			
Tues. Jan. 1	Plymouth Argyle																			
Sat. Jan. 5	F.A. Cup R3																			
Sat. Jan. 12	Bristol City																			
Wed. Jan. 16	League Cup R5																			
Sat. Jan. 19	Hull City																			
Sat. Jan. 26	F.A. Cup R4																			
Sat. Feb. 2	Middlesbrough																			
Sat. Feb. 9	Oxford United																			
Tues. Feb. 12	Wolverhampton W.																			
Wed. Feb. 13	League Cup S.F. L1																			
Sat. Feb. 16	Sheffield W. (FAC5)																			
Sat. Feb. 23	Portsmouth																			
Wed. Feb. 27	League Cup S.F. L2																			
Sat. Mar. 2	Blackburn Rovers																			
Sat. Mar. 9	Notts. County																			
Tues. Mar. 12	Oldham Athletic																			
Sat. Mar. 16	Millwall																			
Wed. Mar. 20	Bristol Rovers																			
Sat. Mar. 23	Brighton & H.A.																			
Sat. Mar. 30	Newcastle United																			
Mon. Apr. 1	West Bromwich A.																			
Sat. Apr. 6	Watford																			
Sat. Apr. 13	Plym'th A (FACSF)																			
Sat. Apr. 20	West Ham United																			
Sun. Apr. 21	League Cup Final																			
Sat. Apr. 27	Leicester City																			
Sat. May 4	Barnsley																			
Sat. May 11	Port Vale																			
Sat. May 18	F.A. Cup Final																			

## TICKET INFORMATION

Will supporters please note that, in future, tickets for all matches will, until further notice, be on sale from the ticket office adjacent to the Robins Corner souvenir shop at the entrance to the ground.

Key: Home matches in bold ● Goalscorer † and \* Substitutions



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Installed with the help of a grant from the Football Trust. It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

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**11 PAUL STEPHENSON**



**12. PAUL HUNT  
14. NICKY SUMMERBEE**



**12. JOHN McGLASHAN  
14. ALEX RAE**



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Linesman Yellow Trim: B. P. Bishop

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## TODAY'S MASCOT

**CRAIG TOWNSEND** lives at Sarum Drive, Devizes. He is 9 years old and goes to Southbrook Junior School, Devizes. Fraser Digby is his favourite Swindon Town player. Spurs are his favourite other team.



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