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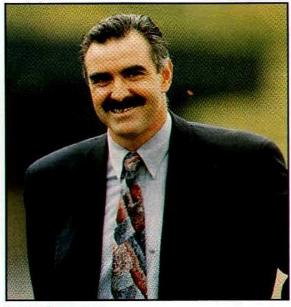
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John Gorman

It doesn't need me to say how disappointed we were last weekend after that crushing defeat at Newcastle and we are certainly not making excuses. But the team we were forced to field bore little resemblance to the one I had penned out on the Monday evening.

Our injury crisis reached horrific proportions to be fair. We had no less than 14 of our 28 man squad down with something or other. Then on the morning of the match Andy Mutch pulled out with a groin strain which he hoped was going to be okay.

Most of our problems involved defenders. Adrian Whitbread was suffering from swollen glands and Paul Bodin was very much under the weather with a stomach complaint but under the circumstances gave it a go.

Another casualty was Nicky Summerbee, who was told by the doctor to rest his knee for a couple of days. So all in all our eventual selection was not made on any tactical premise but literally on who was fit enough to pull on a

Even so we started the game confidently enough and carved out one or two good openings in a bright spell. Then we conceded a penalty from which Newcastle took full advantage and once they get their noses in front before their own fans they are difficult to contain.

Having given a second goal away we seemed to get our game together and at the interval we had positive ideas



Frank McAvennie

about getting back into the game and looked capable of doing so until Lee made it 3-0 with about 20 minutes to go.

An unfortunate back pass error led to the fourth goal and from then on they were hard to contain with their tails up.

The lads were very upset that they had let the fans down but we must also praise Newcastle, who on the day played some super football.

It is all right saying we played badly, for we did, but credit should also be directed at Newcastle who performed so well. It's not often a manager takes the time like Kevin Keegan did to phone on the Monday after the game telling me to continue the belief we have.

I felt for instance that we did not get the praise we deserved for our show against West Ham here a fortnight ago. The emphasis was on how badly West Ham played, not enough acknowledgement of how well we played.

There is no bigger incentive than playing the champions Manchester United. Our attitude will be a positive one and why shouldn't it be.

We aim to be positive and with your super support lets make it a day to remember.

Obviously when results are as bad as last week the finger is pointed in my direction but I wish to thank all the fans and indeed, the Board, for being so supportive. People don't realise that when we take on the likes of Newcastle United, Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers we are playing teams who have £-millions invested in their squad...This is the reality of the Premier League.

We will soldier on and hope for the break that will turn things in our favour.

Enjoy the game, it should be a classic. We have a great relationship with the United management and warmly extend our greetings to Alex Ferguson and Brian Kidd. The match has been a sell out for weeks and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

John Gorman Jordan OFFICIAL SPORT DRINK OF LUCOZADA

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Newcastle's Toon Army were honoured for their passionate support as the Magpies returned to the big time. CARLING NO1. AWARD

Everton's fans won it because of their magnificent behaviour at Old Trafford during the one minute silence for Sir Matt Busby.

Crowdpleasers Efan Ekoku and Matthew Le Tissier grabbed the glory for some spectacular scoring.

CARLING NO. 1 AWARD WINNERS

Month	Winner	What for?	
August	Ref David Elleray	Expert handling of the thrilling Villa and Man Utd game	
September	Efan Ekoku	Four goals at Everton	THE ST
October	Matthew Le Tissier	Brilliant double strike in his comeback game against Newcastle	· CARLING PREMIESSHIP
November	Newcastle supporters	Fantastic support home and away	CARLING
December	Gary Mabbutt	His dignified reaction to a serious injury	- CARLING PERMITSHIP
January	Everton Supporters (see picture right)	Superb sporting behaviour at Old Trafford	Pictured left to right: Dave Carruthers, Bass Directo of Brands, Frank Kelly, Chairman of Everton Suppor Club and Dr. David Marsh, Chairman of Everton Football Club.

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For the first time for a League fixture we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Manchester United Football Club to The County Ground for this afternoon's FA Carling Premiership clash.

Away Tickets

Next Saturday the first team travel to meet Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in the Premiership and the following Saturday play Arsenal at Highbury. Seat tickets for the Blackburn game are now available to holders of three to five collector card stamps while holders of one and two stamps can buy tickets next Monday and Tuesday. Any left will be on general sale next Wednesday. For the Arsenal game holders of ten or more stamps can now claim tickets. Holders of six to nine vouchers have from next Wednesday until Saturday 26 March. Three to five stamp holders can buy them next Monday and Tuesday with any remaining going on sale on Wednesday 30 March.

Owls On Sky

Our next home Premiership game is on Easter Monday with the visit of Sheffield Wednesday in a game which is being screened live on Sky Sports. The game is all ticket with seat tickets now on sale at the Advance Ticket Office and terrace tickets on sale at the turnstiles on entry to this afternoon's game. Ticket stubs from this game should be retained along with those from the West Ham United game for priority booking later in the season. Kick off for the Easter game is 8.00pm.

Reserves

The Reserves play Charlton Athletic next Monday evening at Welling United FC kicking off at 7.00pm in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination and two days later meet Southampton at The Dell where the kick off is at 7.30pm.

Youth Tournament

At Easter the Youth Team will be competing along with nineteen other European clubs in an International Tournament in Veenendaal in Holland.

F.A. Youth XI

This coming Tuesday evening we will be staging a friendly fixture between an F.A. Youth XI and South West Counties Youth XI. The F.A. team includes the next generation of England U18 players. Kick off is at 7.30pm.

Special Issue

Today's edition of the Matchday Magazine celebrates the 25th Anniversary of our League Cup Final victory over Arsenal in 1969 with the inclusion of an official reprint programme for the Wembley game.

Highbury Parking

Supporters travelling to Arsenal next Saturday by car are warned that the area around Highbury has a residents parking scheme in operation and any car parked illegally will be towed away.

Chelsea Redated

With Chelsea having reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, our Premiership game against The Blues at Stamford Bridge will now bw played on Wednesday 27 April 1994 kicking off at 7.45pm.

Youths New Date

The Youth Team's outstanding South East Counties League game at home to Crystal Palace will now be played at Wanborough on Thursday 31 March kicking off at 12 noon.

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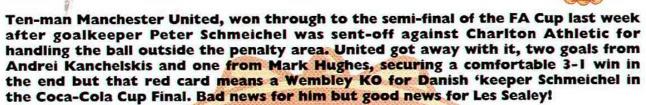
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Manchester United

United Looking Invincible - by John Nolan



Thus Manchester United are still firmly on course for the treble though a 1-0 home defeat by Chelsea and the consistency of Blackburn Rovers have nibbled away at their lead at the top which at one time seemed unassailable with a 13-point advantage.

All season Alex Ferguson's rich collection of talented stars have imposed their will on the Premiership title race, Chelsea - who have beaten them twice - providing the only real threat to their ambitions. The race isn't over yet it is true as Rovers make their challenge but it is going to need a sensational turnaround in fortune for United to lose their grip on the title they so passionately won last year.

There are no two ways about it. At the moment Manchester United are simply the best and the hype that surrounds Alex Ferguson's £30-million side highlights just how far behind the rest are.

Just a mention of the players not currently in the team emphasises the strength of what is undoubtedly the most gifted in the country. Players like Bryan Robson, Lee Sharpe, the former Torquay United fullback, who made his League debut for United against West Ham at Old Trafford in September 1988 and developed into an England winger along with Internationals Clayton Blackmore (Wales) and Mike Phelan (England) who has been limited to just two Premiership games this season, one as a substitute.

Kanchelskis too was somewhat unhappy when he was not a regular first selection but such is the choice available to Mr Ferguson that he is able to leave such quality players out when he deems it tactically prudent to do so.

The team does have a regular look to it though with Peter Schmeichel in goal behind a defence that has Parker and Irwin either side of the formidable central partnership of skipper Steve Bruce and Gary Pallister.

The flair in midfield is breathtaking. Paul Ince the play-maker in the middle pulls the strings while Ryan Giggs can destroy the tightest defences with his jinking penetrating runs. Add to that the power and pace of Kanchelskis, or the more subtle art of Sharpe, alongside the driving force of Roy Keane who has been likened to Bryan Robson.

The comparison is not without foundation for like Robbo, Roy seems to have the lungs of a marathon runner, the guile of a midfield orchestrator, and that same attacking flair that conjures up priceless goals. Talking of priceless goals Eric Cantona is a gem of a striker while Mark Hughes provides the physical force...You could say this Manchester United is the perfect 'Fantasy Football' choice. No wonder they are being backed for the "treble".

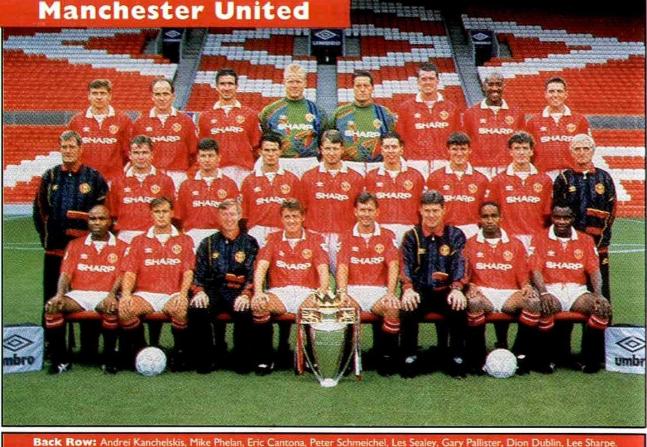
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steve bruce - Central Defender. Has played more than 500 League matches since making his debut for Gillingham, at Blackpool, in August 1979. Norwich City signed him for £135,000 in 1984 and he scored an own-goal in the opening minutes of his debut for them against Liverpool. His determined attitude and competitive spirit soon endeared him to the fans however who were sorry to see him move to Old Trafford in 1987 for £825,000. Has become the backbone of United's defence and many think he should have been given an England chance. Has won England Youth and "B" honours and represented the Football League. Born: Newcastle-upon-Tyne 31-12-60.

after suffering a broken leg in only his sixth game after a £1-million move from Cambridge United in August 1992. Dion had headed Cambridge's scoring chart in each of the previous three seasons with 23 goals in 1989-90; 23 again the following year and 19 in 1991-92. He started his career with Norwich but did not get a first team game and joined Leicester City. Has made three Cup appearances this season (2 as sub). Born: Leicester 22-4-69.

RYAN GIGGS - Forward. One of the most exciting players to emerge on the English scene for years. Ryan, a former England Schoolboy star who is now a full Welsh International, is a gifted entertainer. Joined United from school and signed pro in December 1990,





Middle Row: Norman Davies (Kit Manager), Brian McClair, Denis Irwin, Ryan Giggs, Lee Martin (now Celtic), Darren Ferguson (now Wolves), Roy Keane, Mark Hughes, Jim McGregor (Physiotherapist). Front Row: Danny Wallace (now Birmingham City), Clayton Blackmore, Alex Ferguson (Manager), Steve Bruce, Bryan Robson, Brian Kidd (Assistant Manager), Paul Ince, Paul Parker.

making his First Division debut, as a sub, against Everton in March 1991. Has now chalked up 107

MARK HUGHES - Striker, A consistent finisher who scored his 100th League goal for United in the 2-0 win at Crystal Palace in April 1993. Has added nine more goals this season plus three in Cup competitions. A strong sturdy leader he is extremely difficult to shake off the ball and has a thunderous shot. Joined United as an apprentice in 1980 and made his League debut in January 1984 at Southampton. After twice topping the United score-chart, Mark moved to Barcelona in 1986 but failed to make the hoped for impact. Joined Bayern Munich on loan before returning to Old Trafford in 1988. Made his debut for Wales in May 1984. Born: Wrexham 1-11-63.

PAUL INCE - Midfield. Has gone along way since learning his trade at Upton Park, Joined the Hammers in the YTS and was awarded a pro contract in 1985. Made his senior debut against Chelsea in the Full Members Cup (25-11-86) and his League baptism came five days later at Newcastle. Left West Ham for Old Trafford in September 1989 for £1.2-million and his form in the championship chasing side of 1991-92

earned him England "B" then full International honours to add to his Under 21 cap won with West Ham. Went on to captain the England side and now has 13 caps. A fine touch player with good vision and passing skills he has now made 160 League appearances for United. Born: Ilford 21-10-67.

DENIS IRWIN - Leftback. Now an established member of the Republic of Ireland side Denis is looking forward to the World Cup finals in the USA this summer. Has represented his country at all levels from schoolboy upwards and came into League football with Leeds United - making his debut v Fulham 21-1-84. In the summer of 1986 Denis joined Oldham Athletic and four years later United paid £700,000 for his transfer. A smooth striker of the ball he has a thunderous shot and is deadly from set-pieces. Born: Cork 31-10-65.

ANDREI KANCHELSKIS - Forward, Was member of the CIS team that participated in the 1992 European Championship Finals in Sweden. A player with close control and electrifying pace he is enjoying his best spell since arriving at Manchester from Shakhtor Donetsk for £650,000 in 1991. Andrei started his career with Metallist at 17, after attending a national school for gymnastics, then played

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for Dynamo Kiev where he was unable to gain a regular place. Capped by Russia at Under-21 level he won his first full cap as a sub against Poland in 1989. Born: Kirovograd, Ukraine 23-1-69.

ROY KEANE - Midfield. A new addition to the United midfield this season Roy came to prominence with Nottingham Forest when he helped them reach three Wembley finals in less than a year the third being the 1992 League Cup Final, which they lost to United 1-0. Brian Clough dubbed him his "lucky break" such was his impact on the game. Roy was brought up in his native Cork on Gaelic football but played centre-forward for Rockmount before joining Cobh Ramblers as a midfielder. Born: Cork 10-8-71.

BRIAN McCLAIR - Forward. Top scorer with 25 goals in 1991-92 he had been top, or joint-top, scorer in four of his first five seasons following his £850,000 arrival from Celtic. Last season he was given a more withdrawn brief and scored only 9 in 42 Premiership games. This season he has made just six starts in the Premiership, with 11 sub appearances. Once a junior with Motherwell before transferring to Celtic in 1983. Born: Airdrie 8-12-63.

GARY PALLISTER - Central Defender. Developed his skills in the junior ranks at Middlesbrough and made his League debut for them at Wimbledon, in August 1985. Before he established himself at Ayresome Park he had a loan spell with Darlington but quickly made an impression, his coolness on the ball and solid defending earning him the first of his 13 England caps in 1988. It took a then British record transfer-fee of £2.3 million to take him to Old Trafford in August 1989; and he made his League debut for United against Norwich City (30-8-89). Made his 180th League appearance for them at QPR at the beginning of February. Has also represented the Football League and played for England at "B" level. Born: Ramsgate 30-6-65.

paul parker - Fullback. Great little defender and possibly one of the best man-to-man markers in the game. Paul served his apprenticeship with Fulham, making 153 league appearances, before moving to QPR in 1987. Played for England Under-21 and "B" levels and has collected 19 full caps - one of his best performances being against West Germany in Turin during the World Cup Finals of 1990. It cost United £2-million to secure his services in the summer of 1991 and he is set to make his 88th League appearance for the Reds today. Born: West Ham 4-4-64.

BRYAN ROBSON - Midfield. Former captain of England who announced his retirement from International football after winning his 90th cap against Turkey in October 1991, is now playing a supporting

role in United's attempt to retain the Premiership Championship. Bryan scored 26 goals from midfield for England and he is on 74 goals for United in 340 League appearances. An industrious midfielder whose appearances of late have been disrupted by injuries he arrived at Old Trafford from WBA in 1981 for a then British record fee of £1.75-million. Has played 10 League and 9 Cup games this season and has been chosen by England boss Terry Venables as one of his coaching staff for the rest of the season. Born: Chester-le-Street 11-1-57.

PETER SCHMEICHEL - Goalkeeper. Has been a great influence at Old Trafford, his massive frame intimidating many an opponent into error. United signed Peter from Brondby for £800,000 in August 1991, and he made his debut against Notts County at Old Trafford (17-8-91). Has missed only two League games since then and made his 100th League appearance in the 2-2 home draw with Norwich City (4-12-93). Stands 6' 4" and is Denmark's first choice (67 caps) - becoming a national hero in the summer of 1992 when he helped inspire Denmark to victory in the European Championship. Born: Gladsaxe, Denmark 18-11-63.

LES SEALEY - Goalkeeper. Now in his second spell at Old Trafford where he enjoyed his greatest season in 1990-91 with 31 First Division appearances. Was left out of the 1991 FA Cup side against Crystal Palace but dramatically recalled for the replay at Wembley he collected a winners' medal following a 1-0 victory. A Londoner, Les served his apprenticeship with Coventry City and has since played with Luton Town, Plymouth Argyle (loan), United and Aston Villa. Born: Bethnal Green 29-9-57.

Swindon Town v Manchester United

LEAGUE MEETINGS (I)

1993/94 Away 2-4 L F.A. Premier League

CUP GAMES (2)

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CUP MEETINGS (2)

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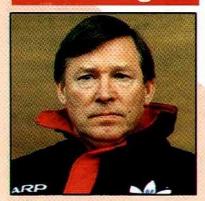
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The man in charge



Alex Ferguson Manager

Born in Govan, Glasgow, on New Year's Eve 1941, the son of a Clyde shipyard worker, he showed flair for football as a schoolboy and was taken on by Queen's Park in 1957.

Made his Scottish League debut at Stranraer in November 1957. His career continued with St Johnstone then Dunfermline before in 1967 he was signed by Rangers. Falkirk then Ayr United were his next stops...In 1967 he played for the Scottish League v The Football League at Hampden Park.

In July 1974 Alex became manager of East Stirling - three months later he took charge of St Mirren, leading them to the 2nd Division Championship in his first season.

In 1978 he was appointed manager of Aberdeen where success followed success. They won three Premier titles; the Scottish Cup four times; the League Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup.

Alex was honoured with the OBE for his services to the game and took charge of Scotland in the World Cup Finals of 1986 following the untimely death of Jock Stein. He turned down a permanent position with the SFA and in November 1986 accepted the position at Old Trafford.

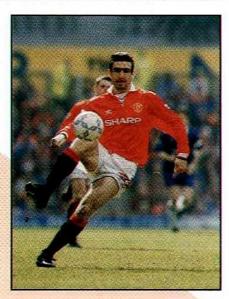
His roll of honour since then includes the Premiership title (1993); The FA Cup (1990); The European Cup Winners' Cup (1991); European Super Cup (1991) and the Football League Cup (1992).

SPOTLIGHT

Eric Cantona - by Colin Benson

Striker. Signed from Leeds in November 1992. Nine goals in 22 League appearances was Eric's return in United's Championship winning season; 13 goals in 24 Premiership outings are his figures for this season. The Gaelic striker has wowed fans everywhere with his instinctive brilliance - there's a

magic that is unique about his play but there is also a dark side which needs to be controlled. He was considered the bad boy of French football in a colourful career that has embraced two spells each with Auxerre and Marseille; Marigues, Olympique, Bordeux, Montpellier and Nimes. He was handed a long ban but since the move to England where he has played for Sheffield Wednesday (on loan) and Leeds United he has repaired his image in France and last month captained the national side, for the first time, to a 1-0 win over Italy in Naples. Born: Marseille 24-5-66.

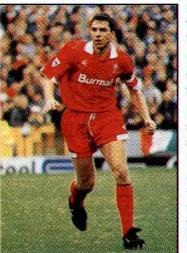


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Newcastle United	H	1-1	Giggs
Aston Villa	A	2-1	Sharpe 2
Southampton	A	3-1	Irwin, Sharpe, Cantona
West Ham United	Ħ	3-0	Cantona (p), Sharpe, Bruce
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Sheffield United+	A	1-0	Hughes
Portsmouth*	Ĥ	2-2	Cantona, Giggs
Tottenham Hotspur		1-0	Hughes
Everton	Ĥ	1-0	Giggs
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Sheffield Wednesday	# H	1-0	Giggs
Wimbledon+	A	3-0	Cantona, Ince, Irwin
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Sheffield Wednesday	A	4-1	McClair, Kanchelskis, Hughes 2
Chelsea	H	0-1	
Charlton Athletic+	H	3-1	Hughes, Kanchelskis 2
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Captain's COR

With Shaun Taylor





It hurts. It hurts your professional pride when you get thumped by seven goals. It was little wonder the coach was so quiet on the return trip from Newcastle.

Results like this reflect badly on the defence and the goalkeeper but this is a team game and we are all as responsible as each other for what happens on the field.

I hold my hand up and acknowledge I set Newcastle on their way by giving away a penalty. The lad came into me and I thought I could just nick the ball away from him. Instead I caught his leg and there are no complaints. The referee was right on the job.

Once they got up a head of steam there was no stopping them - it seemed like they had 15 players on the pitch at times. It reminded me of the time when we thumped Cambridge United here; when Glenn nutmegged people on the sixyard line and the adrenalin was pumping, confidence was sky high. There was nothing we felt we couldn't achieve that day.

There is no point crying about it. The game is over the points lost. But we have bounced back this season after a poor result and we shall just have to do it again this afternoon.

We have nothing to lose. It is all or bust as far as our relegation worries are concerned. United are the best team in the country but we will give them a game of that you can be assured.

Obviously we can't go out all guns blazing because that is just what United would want. They are the best team in the land on the counter-attack and we must guard against them capitalising on this strength.

Haytalking





What can you say after a result like that? There is no point in beating about the bush. Our 7-1 humiliation at Newcastle was down to rank bad defending.

You can't blame individuals it was a collective thing and has been the root of our problems all season.

The whole team is responsible for defending, it is not the priority of the men at the back. It is the responsibility of everyone. When we lose the ball we are all defenders. It is as simple as that.

To be frank I thought Beardsley played for the penalty as Shaun went into tackle and made the most of his dive. But he got the decision and we have to live with that. The other six goals we conceded were embarrassing. We simply collapsed.

It is perhaps unfortunate that when we have made errors at the back we have been punished severely for them where as when things are going your way you

tend to ride your luck in similar situations. But there are no excuses. To some extent you make your own luck by the way you play.

We couldn't have a more difficult fixture to bounce back with either; the whole division separates United from us. But we have got to forget what happened last Saturday, ignore what might happen in the future, and concentrate on restoring some pride into the Club this week.

There's a lot at stake for us this afternoon.

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Benno

The rapturous reception Terry Venables received from the crowd at Wembley might well have been OTT. In fact let's be truthful it was. But it was a genuine cry from a success starved public to the new Messiah.

Terry's squad for his first England game as manager had been interesting. It was a mixture of the tried and the trialist's and was exciting enough to fill nearly every seat. The question was would his selection tickle the fancy and get them off their seats!

With Darren Anderton and Graeme Le Saux the pick of the debutantes and Peter Beardsley and David Platt flying the flag for the establishment the fans saw enough to give them hope and enthusiasm for England's future. It was a victory when all said and done and against the current European Champions though one has to add that the Danes looked well past their sell-by date.

"We played miserably," was the frank confession afterwards of Denmark's coach Richard Moller Nielsen who pointed out that this was a little early in the season for them following the winter break.

In the wake of so much disappointment it was to be expected that the media would make the most of any English success; and indeed they did.

The scoreline could have been much more convincing had not Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel - winning his 67th cap - not been so effective and had Gascoigne and Anderton put away their golden chances. But it was the style with which England played that gave us heart for the future.

After the game I bumped into Town's Youth Development Officer Adrian Riddiford with England Youth team coach David Burnside, whose FA Youth XI incidentally will be taking on the South West Counties side here at the County Ground next Tuesday - KO 7.30pm. Now David, who was with West Brom, was a player and a half when it came to skill. His ball-juggling act could have earned him £100 a week on the stage. He turned it down to continue as a £20 a week footballer.

"Don't tell me English players lack technique after seeing that," he insisted. "It was marvellous. Our movement and passing was as good as any European team."

Now David had a point, though whether it was truly valid after just one game we will have to wait and see. Darren Anderton definitely looked the part with his

confident runs, imaginative flicks and positive and accurate passing, and in the early stages of the first half our midfield tore Denmark apart. But did we really hurt them?

There were just two real scoring chances fashioned by England in that second half, both coming within a period of a minute. By far the best was the first, when Beardsley cleverly controlled an awkward bounce on the left, fed Le Saux who found Platt with a crisp low ball. The England captain stunned it beautifully into the path of Anderton who flicked it cleverly over the onrushing Schmeichel for what seemed an empty net. Alas, the magic of the movement was destroyed by Rieper who intercepted to kick clear.

Nonetheless in that one move we had seen an exquisite demonstration of all major elements of classical skilful football. So yes. On that count we could be proud of our technique.

What has worried me over the years, though, is that this is not the norm in English soccer. Cambridge United, Watford and to some extent Arsenal have demonstrated only too well that there is a strong physical and negative approach.



Darren Anderton

Paul Plowman

25 Years Ago

Saturday March 15 1969: Arsenal I Swindon Town 3

"Swindon Smashers.....It's Rogers and Out for Arsenal....New Wembley Wizards....100,000 Hail Hero Rogers..." The national headlines captured it all. Third Division Town had turned the form book upside down to lift the trophy, destroying the Londoners in extra-time. "....Not only were Arsenal outplayed in the end, they hadn't the physical strength to last the killing two hours - and the wind went out of them like a puncture in a blue and gold tyre...." was how the Daily Sketch reporter summed it up.

A horrendous defensive mix-up had seen Swindon take the lead in the 34th minute. "...Although Noble looked to have no chance of gaining possession of a long through ball from Harland, he stuck to his task and made a strong challenge. His persistence forced Ure and goalkeeper Wilson into a bad misunderstanding and he was able to turn the ball back towards the penalty spot, where Smart blocked a poor clearance attempt by Simpson and ran the ball on into the net..." (Evening Advertiser)

Town battled to hold on to that one goal advantage, but the Gunners snatched an 86th minute equaliser when Downsborough raced out to clear but was beaten by a Gould header. Extra-time saw Swindon turn on the pressure to score twice. "....Heath, whose dribbling on the right-wing was a thing of splendid old-fashioned fascination, mesmerised McNab before beating him on the outside and centreing to the far post, where Smart, alone, headed hard and down. Wilson dived and deflected it via a post for a corner. Then another corner. Penman, who had come on as substitute for Smith, hooked at the ball with his back to goal and it fell at the feet of Noble. He was blocked but the ball screwed to Rogers. With the coolness of a Puskas or Di Stefano, Rogers took the ball with his right foot, beat one man on a sixpence and smashed it with his left into the net. That was the end of Arsenal...." (Sunday Express)

Town - and the Evening Advertiser had the final say. "....Nothing could stop Swindon now, and they clinched the match with a further goal in the second extra-time period. Butler checked a left-wing run by Ure, and slid a quick pass to Smart. The inside-right waited for a moment, steadied himself, and then pushed the ball into the path of Rogers, who was just inside the Swindon half. With the Arsenal defenders never looking like catching him, the outside-left raced completely clear and took the ball right up to the advancing Wilson. As the goalkeeper dived, Rogers whipped it past him on the outside and placed his shot accurately into the net...."

Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith (Penman 78), Noble, Rogers.

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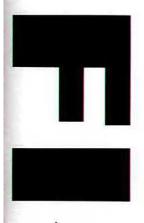
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Is it really 25-years ago Swindon's muddy marvels took Arsenal apart at Wembley to win the Football League Cup? How time flies.

That was the game that really put Swindon on the footballing map and as one of our stars that glorious afternoon, Don Rogers, points out, "people still talk about it today."

Don was not only a two-goal hero but one of the most entertaining and enterprising wingers in the game at the time. He had poise, an explosive burst, balance and great control, and what was most exhilarating for the fans, was always willing to take opponents on.

More often than not he left them for dead; Peter Storey, the hard man of the Gunners defence, tried to kill off Don's enthusiasm that dull wintery day, but failed to even contain the Swindon flyer.

"Peter wasn't the gentlest of defenders," laughs Don, "but he was no trouble that day. I think why we received so much support from football fans everywhere was because people love to hate Arsenal. It is still like this today.

"The pitch was very very heavy and difficult to play on. People say this helped us but that is ridiculous. We were a footballing side and would have really preferred a normal Wembley surface. I think it restricted us more than it did Arsenal to tell the truth.

"Whatever the conditions we would have won. Our name was on the Cup I'm sure of it. We did it the hard way too having to overcome some to the best teams in England at the time like Derby County and Burnley.

"At Derby for instance we were completely outplayed and if it had been a boxing match the referee would have stopped it. But we scrambled a 0-0 draw then in the replay won with a fluke goal. I smacked a shot which hit Dave Mackay in the back and deflected past the wrong-footed goalkeeper. We won I-0!

"We were 2-0 down to Bradford City and scrambled back. We were meant to win it.

"It was a great team and the spirit amongst the lads was infectious. We had good individual players of course but it was that team spirit that pulled us through most of the time. It gave us confidence not only in each other but in ourselves.

"When we went out, and we got many many invitations to attend various functions, you could guarantee everyone would be there. We were 13 together both on and off the pitch.

"There are three things you need to be successful. First you need to have good players, not necessarily brilliant players, then you need to have great team spirit that has you working hard for each other, then you need a dash of luck.

"There is nothing like success for breeding success. I can't understand it today when I hear people on the TV and radio suggesting that teams are playing too much football, that a Cup run could spoil their chances in the League. It is rubbish.

"The two run parallel with each other. The more you win the more you want to win, the greater the hunger for success. So a good Cup run is more likely to stimulate your League form than damage it.

"I'm sure most professionals would prefer to play two games a week than train all the time. It is perfect. A little warm-up Monday and Tuesday, play on Wednesday, rest on Thursday, warm-up Friday and a game on Saturday. What more could you ask for?"

The money in Don's day wasn't so good as it is now but he is not envious of the rich pickings tempting todays stars. He says: "I never ever thought about money. All I wanted to do was play football, anywhere anytime. I reckon I had the best years. We always used to play and get paid. Now they get paid and then they play.

"The modern game is much faster than when we played - too fast at times. Passing suffers for it and passing accurately is what the game is all about.

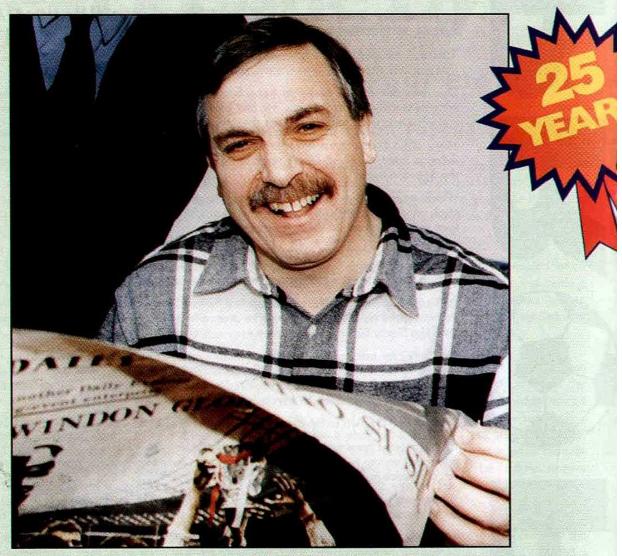
"Swindon have always been known as a footballing side, apart from the time Lou was here of course. I'm not criticising his sort of football which could be exciting at times for the fans. But if you were a football watcher it bored the pants off you.

"The present side has the right values but they have a hell of job on to stay in the Premier League. If they do it, it will be an exceptional achievement. But they are due some luck.

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A look back with the stars of Swi



Don Rogers

..Continued from p15 "I said we would beat Manchester United but now Chelsea have done it I'm not so sure. It was on the cards they would trip-up against some unlikely opponent. I was hoping it would be us."

Don, one of the great wingers of his time, happy to see the return of the flank man in top-class football. He will not be here this afternoon to see two of the best, Giggs and Kanchelskis, as he is manager of Lambourn who will be in action themselves.

Says Don: "George Best was undoubtedly the greatest player I ever saw. He had ball control, pace, could head a ball, tackle back. He had everything."

Leaning on his crutches - Don has just had a second hip replacement operation, a legacy of his playing days - Don looked forward eagerly to the 25th Anniversary Dinner at the Club. "It will be a good night," he enthused.

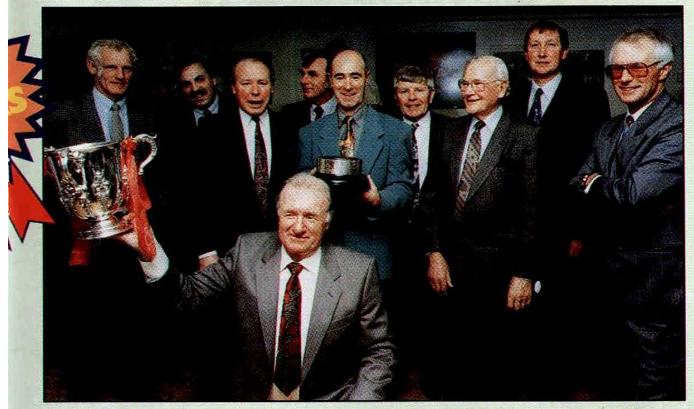
Referring to his condition, the sports shop owner joked: "I played for 12 years on my old hip but I won't be playing on this one I can assure you."

This week all Town fans have been celebrating the Club's greatest ever triumph. It was an occasion we will never forget. But the visit of Manchester United this afternoon prompts another treasured memory for Don. It was when he starred for Crystal Palace in a 5-0 defeat of Manchester United at Selhurst Park.

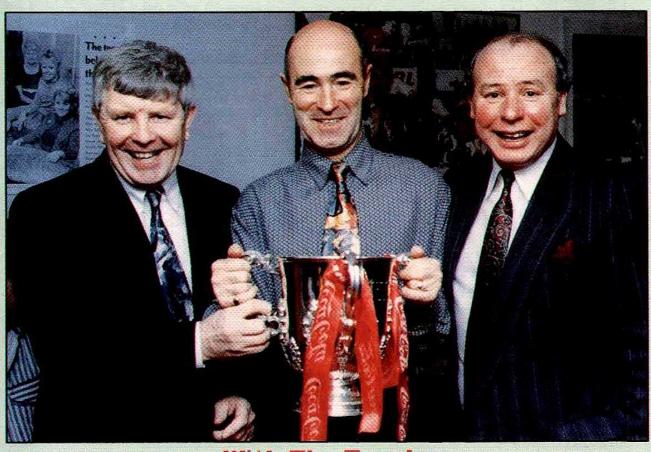
He recalls: "It was in 1972 and Palace had never beaten any side of note until then. I went round Alex Stepney twice to score a couple of goals, it was a really great game. A classic that could quite easily have finished 9-5! That was the greatest game I ever played in."

Today we would settle for 1-0 or 2-1 in our favour. But who knows? Football, as they say, has a habit of delivering the impossible.

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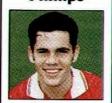
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The first meeting of our Over 50's club will be on Tuesday 19th April at 2pm in the Executive Suite here at The County Ground. A bingo session has been organised and tea and coffee will be served between the games. Please note there will be no charge. If you would like to attend or need further information please contact Terry or myself on 421303.

Wroughton Junior School were the recent winners of an Under 11's Schools 5-a-Side Tournament held at Wroughton Sports Centre. 4 Tournaments have now been held for the schools who have participated in our schools programme. In April the finalists from each tournament will be playing off against each other to decide who will represent Swindon in a National Schools Under II's Tournament sponsored by Refuge Assurance.

A limited number of places remain on our Easter Soccer Fun Weeks for all boys and girls aged 6-16 years. The courses will be held at Greendown School, Eldene Junior School, Highworth Recreation Centre and The George Ward School. If you would like to attend please contact the Community Office as soon as possible (again no places are available on the day).

This afternoon we welcome to The County Ground as guests of the Swindon Community Scheme members of Brinkworth FC and Thatcham Tornadoes FC who this morning participated in our Saturday Team Club. We hope you enjoy the match.



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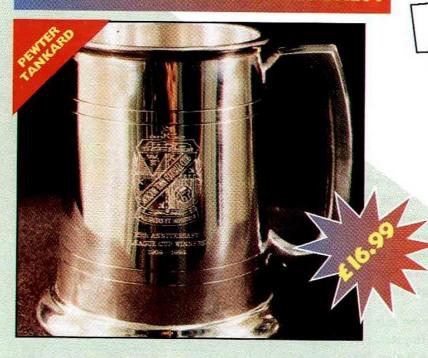
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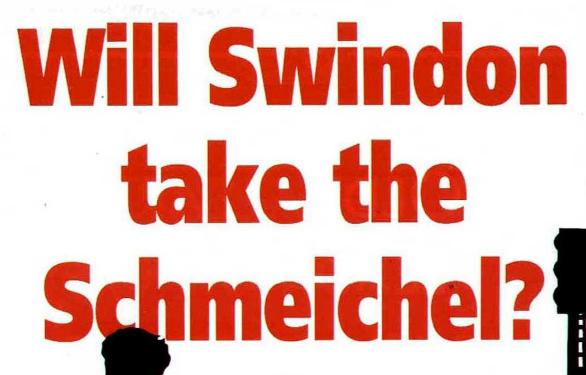


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Swindon Town Golf Day

On page 20 of this programme you will see full details of the next Swindon Town Golf Day for which bookings are now being taken. These days are always great occasions with the opportunity for playing some good golf, having a relaxation day and entertaining clients friends or family. You will see that the day starts at about 9.30 and continues through to an evening cabaret finishing at approximately 11pm. Individuals or teams are welcome as of course are ladies as well as gentlemen. If you enter a team of three we will provide one of the golf playing Swindon Town squad to make up your fourth member. Please give me a call for any more information or a booking form on 0793 430430.

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Todays Lucky Mascots

We are fortunate to have three mascots for todays fixture. It is a real family event as the mascots are all cousins. I would like to welcome back eight year old twins Gemma and Kate Watts from Liden and two year old Charlie Watts from Highworth. Gemma and Kate you may remember were mascots for our home fixture against Brentford last season.

Gemma and Kate both attend Liden lunior School and their hobbies are swimming, dancing and riding their bikes. Gemma to all accounts is a "bit of a madam" while Kate tends to be the quieter of the twins, and their parents says that's about the only thing that tells them apart, other than the fact that Gemma's a Shaun Taylor fan while Kate likes John Moncur.

Charlie, well, what can I say? Charlie celebrated his 2nd birthday last month so hasn't seen much life yet. Members of his family are travelling



Gemma Watts



Kate Watts



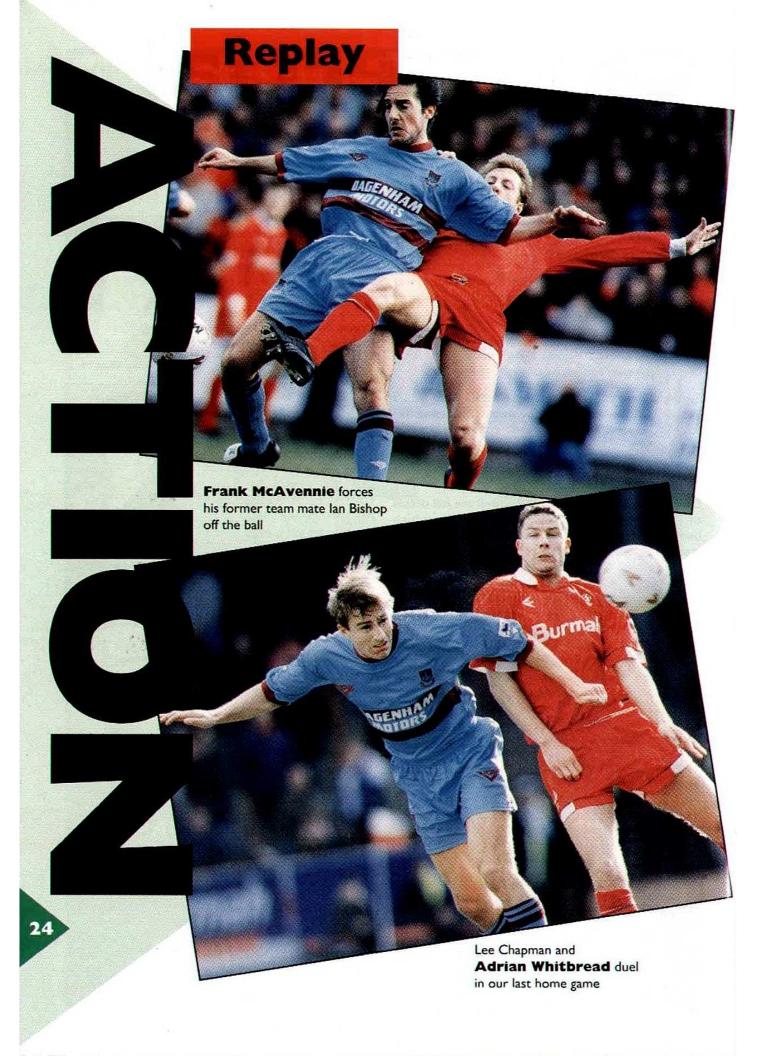
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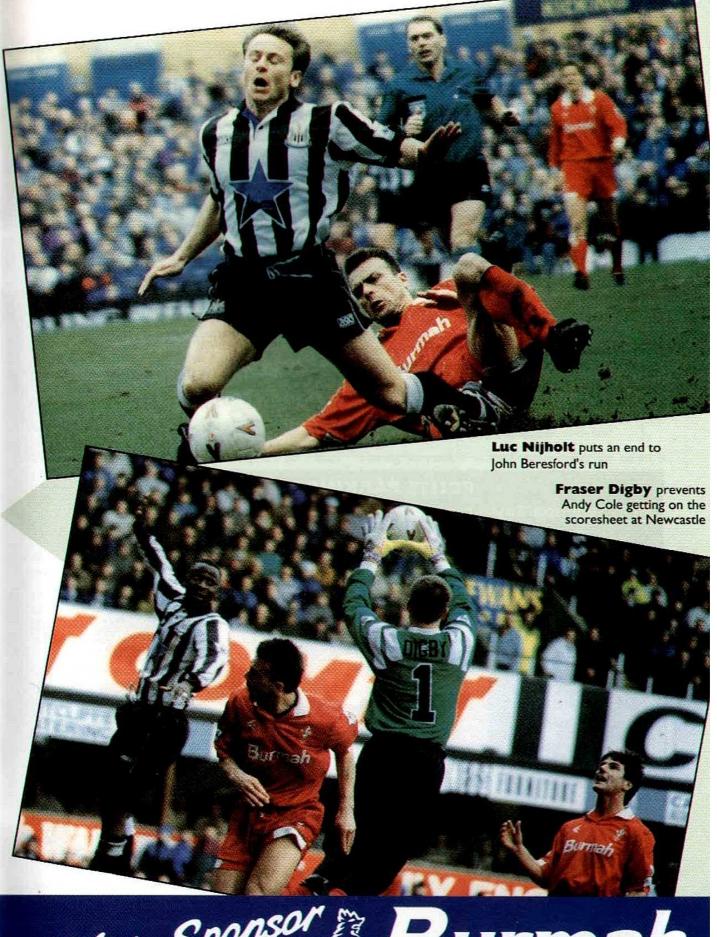
down from Manchester to see Charlie today so welcome to you all. Charlie (or his dads') favourite player is Manchester United striker Ryan Giggs.

JUNIOR ROBINS

Hello to you all. Just a little note about the Blackburn Rovers trip, tickets are going fast so it you haven't signed up yet please contact me as soon as possible.

I would also like to say a quick hello to Stephen Dixon who broke his leg playing a pre-match friendly against the Junior Canaries last month, I hope that you will soon be out of plaster and be back at training.





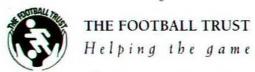
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Premier PREVIEW



After last week-ends FA Cup quarterfinals Manchester United get down to
the business of retaining the Premier
League title at Swindon, a game which,
on paper, should present no real
difficulties at all. But football has a
funny habit of springing the most
unlikely results and both teams will have
this in mind as they take the field.

The big question is how much that 7-1 mauling at Newcastle last week has damaged Town's already fragile confidence. A side that has now conceded 80 goals in 33 Premier League fixtures obviously can't relish facing an attack spearheaded by the likes of Eric Cantona, Mark Hughes and Ryan Giggs.

United will be looking for their 60th league goal of the season this afternoon and the ominous warning is that they have scored more away from home - 33 - than they have at Old Trafford.

The fact that United's I-0 home defeat by Chelsea and the current form of Blackburn Rovers has for the first time this season put a little pressure on the Champions is possible to Swindon's disadvantage. United's lead over Rovers last Sunday was down to a mere four points.

While United had the chance to increase their advantage last Wednesday with a home game against Sheffield Wednesday, Rovers have had to wait. Without a game last Saturday, because the Hammers were otherwise engaged in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, they travel to Hillsborough tomorrow afternoon. A win over Wednesday, who have been without the services of Waddle and now look likely to be without David Hirst for a few weeks as well, is surely essential if they are to keep the Championship challenge alive.

In the chase for a UEFA Cup place Newcastle United leapt over Arsenal last week on goal-difference thanks to that seven goal salvo against Town. Kevin Keegan consequently will be anxious to gain at least a point from their visit to Upton Park.

Arsenal meanwhile travel to Southampton where former Gunner Alan Ball hopes to spring a surprise or two. Matthew Le Tissier, fresh from gaining his first England cap against Denmark, was unable to make an impression on Sheffield Wednesday last week, Dutch defender Kenneth Monkou being the Saints saviour with a late equaliser at the Dell.

Still it was another point as Southampton continue their climb towards Premiership safety.

FA Cup semi-finalists Oldham Athletic will be hoping

some of their Cup luck rubs off on their survival efforts. They are at Villa Park this afternoon where Ron Atkinson's side surely won't repeat the nightmare they experienced last Saturday against Ipswich Town.

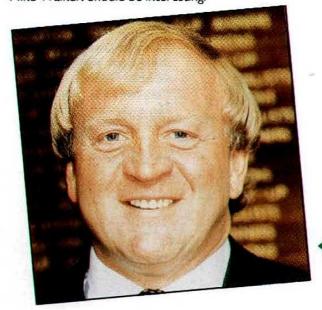
Villa's hopes of a UEFA Cup slot next season seem to be receding, Ipswich Town's 1-0 success inflicting their sixth home defeat of the season. It was a welcome boost to John Lyall's team, who the week before had suffered the humiliation of a 5-1 home defeat by Arsenal.

A story here that could boost the morale in the Swindon dressing room this afternoon!

Ipswich travel to White Hart Lane today where Ossie's men are under pressure. Spurs have taken just 16 points from 17 home fixtures this season - the worst home record in the entire division.

The big 'six pointer' at the bottom end of the ladder is Manchester City's home game with Sheffield United. Robbie Earle's goal here last week gave Wimbledon their first ever win at Maine Road; Brian Horton's new £750,000 striker Paul Walsh unable to crown his debut with a goal.

Leeds United v Coventry City, Liverpool v Chelsea and QPR v Wimbledon complete the Premier League programme this afternoon, while Norwich City, beaten at home 4-3 by QPR last week, try to improve their dismal home record against Everton on Monday night in the Sky Sports televised fixture. It is of course the first return to Carrow Road for their former manager Mike Walker. Should be interesting.



Manchester City Chairman Francis Lee

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KOW BIBLION

With Andy Rowland

Although our last two Football Combination games ended in narrow defeats, I can have no complaints about the performances.

At Fratton Park we were a little on the young side as we took on Portsmouth, yet put on the kind of show to encourage both players and staff.

After losing Edwin Murray with a hamstring injury early on we were forced to reshuffle a bit yet were still the better side for long periods of the game. The only goal came two minutes from time when Pompey winger Paul Woods suddenly came to life with a terrific run down the left leaving Darryl Powell to blast home to give them a victory they scarcely deserved.

Our next game was here at The County Ground against leaders Chelsea and a very entertaining game ended with The Blues just shading it 2-1.

We took the lead on the stroke of half time after some good build up play and a great run by Frank McAvennie let in Chris Hamon to slide the ball home.

The second half was fairly even and the two goals we conceded were disappointing. Chelsea got their first from a scrambled effort after a good save from Nicky Hammond and an own goal from Keith Scott saw our visitors go back to Stamford Bridge will all three points.

Results:

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Portsmouth I Swindon Town 0

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Neville Ovenden Football Combination Swindon Town | Chelsea 2

Scorer: Hamon

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Andy Rowland

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Tue 28 Sep	Bristol City	A 3-0
Thu 7 Oct	Wimbledon	H 1-1
Tue 12 Oct	Luton Town	H 1-2
Tue 19 Oct	Crystal Palace	A 1-3
Wed 27 Oct	Millwall	H 2-1
Wed 3 Nov	Arsenal	H 2-1
Mon 8 Nov	Millwall	A 1-0
Tue 16 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	A 0-1
Wed 24 Nov.	Brighton	A 1-0
Wed I Dec	Bristol City	H 2-1
Mon 17 Jan	Watford	H 1-2
Thu 20 Jan	Norwich City	A 1-2
Sun 23 Jan	Warminster Town (WPS)	A 30
Wed 26 Jan	West Ham United	H 3-1
Wed 2 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A 2-1
Mon 7 Feb	Brighton	H 1-0
Wed 9 Feb	Portsmouth	H 1-0
Wed 16 Feb	West Ham United	A 1-2
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Bristol Rovers	27	11	10	6	39	33	43
Swindon Town	24	13		10	34	28	40
Norwich City	28	11	7	10	48	45	40
Millwall	26	10	8	8	45	42	38
Arsenal	29	11	5	13	52	54	38
West Ham United	22	10	7	5	31	23	37
Q.P.R.	25	10	4	11	38	38	34
Crystal palace	26	8	9	9	32	33	33
Wimbledon	25	7	11	7	26	32	32
Portsmouth	27	8	8	11	35	43	32
Tottenham Hotspur	23	8	6	9	39	29	30
Oxford United	27	7	9	11	42	46	30
Brighton & H.A.	22	7	8	7	27	22	29
Luton Town	25	6	6	13	45	54	29
Bristol City	24	5	6	13	27	56	21
Watford	23	5	5	13	33	49	20
Charlton Athletic	22	5	2	15	22	41	17



South East Counties League

Sat 14 Aug	Luton Town	н	1-1
Sat 21 Aug	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-3
Sat 28 Aug	Oxford United	н	1-1
Sat 4 Sep	Bristol City	A	2-1
Mon 6 Sep	W.B.A (SJFC I)	Н	1-2
Sat 11 Sep	Brentford	H	1-0
Sat 18 Sep	Southend United (LC I)	H	2-1
Sat 25 Sep	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-4
Mon27 Sep	Nottm. Forest (MYCI)	Н	0-4
Sat 9 Oct	Colchester United	H	1-2
Sat 16 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Н	3-0
Sat 23 Oct	Watford (LC2)	H	1-0
Sat 30 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	A	2-3
Sat 6 Nov	Crystal Palace	A	2-2
Sat 27 Nov	QPR (LC3)	A	0-2
Sat 4 Dec	Wimbledon	H	5-0
Mon 6 Dec	Gillingham (FAYC 2)	A	2-1
Sat 11 Dec	Luton Town	A	0-2
Sat 18 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	4-0
Sat 8 Jan	Bristol City	н	3-1
Mon 10 Jan	Brighton (FAYC 3)	Н	0-1
Sat 22 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	н	3-0
Sat 29 Jan	Southampton	H	1-0
Sat 5 Feb	Colchester United	A	3-0
Sat 12 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A	0-0
Sat 19 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1-0
Sat § Mar	Reading	A	0-0
Sat 12 Mar	Brentford	A	2-2
Sat 19 Mar	Southampton	A	
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All Home Games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre , Wanborough Kick-off 11.00am.

South East Counties League Division Two

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Only one South East Counties League game has been played since the last issue as our home game against Crystal Palace fell foul to the weather. The game has now been re-scheduled for Thursday 31 March kicking off at 12 noon at Wanborough.

This month we are away every Saturday and our first trip was to Reading two weeks ago and with similar records we expected a close encounter.

This certainly proved to be the case with the game ending goalless however the scoreline did not reflect the balance of play as we limited Reading to just two clear cut chances, one of these from a back pass.

Having encouraged the players to show more ideas in the opponents half, hopefully ending with more crosses and shots, it was disappointing not to score once in the last three games.

On the positive side the defensive part of our game has been excellent in not conceding a goal in the last six outings giving us an undefeated run of eight League games.

At Easter we are competing in an International Youth Tournament in Veenendaal in Holland giving us a welcome break from the usual routine allowing the squad to get together for the last time as the second year trainees finish with Youth football at the end of the season.

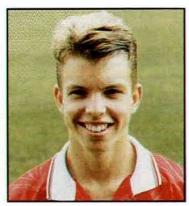
Result:

South East Counties League Reading 0 Swindon Town 0

Team: Cook, James, Thorne, Pitman, Holloway, Elsey, Worrall, Phillips J, Walter, Laidlaw, Kearns. **Subs:** Jordan, Fraser.

John Trollope





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F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP as 13 March 1994

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Manchester United	30	9	5	1	26	11	11	3	I	33	17	68
Blackburn Rovers	31	11	3	2	24	9	8	4	3	22	14	61
Newcastle United	31	9	3	3	36	11	7	3	6	23	20	54
Arsenal	31	8	5	2	19	9	6	7	3	20	8	54
Liverpool	32	10	4	2	29	17	4	4	8	22	26	50
Leeds United	31	9	4	1	26	13	3	9	5	16	17	49
Aston Villa	31	7	3	6	19	13	6	7	2	19	16	49
Sheffield Wednesday	31	6	6	3	30	18	5	6	5	24	22	45
Norwich City	32	3	8	5	17	20	7	6	3	36	26	44
Queens Park Rangers	29	6	4	4	26	19	6	3	6	21	21	43
Wimbledon	30	7	4	4	23	18	4	5	6	12	22	42
Ipswich Town	31	5	6	5	16	22	4	6	5	12	15	39
Coventry City	32	6	6	4	16	12	3	5	8	16	26	38
West Ham United	30	5	6	4	17	18	4	5	6	11	20	38
Everton	32	7	3	7	23	24	3	3	9	13	20	36
Tottenham Hotspur	32	3	7	7	23	26	4	4	7	19	20	32
Chelsea	29	6	4	4	18	15	2	4	9	13	24	32
Southampton	31	7	2	7	22	21	2	3	10	11	21	32
Manchester City	32	4	7	5	16	18	2	5	9	10	22	30
Oldham Athletic	30	4	5	6	18	27	2	4	9	8	23	27
Sheffield United	31	4	7	4	16	17	0	6	10	12	32	25
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important safety announcements by the Club Management over the public address system will be preceded by a loud signal to catch the attention of spectators.

Forthcoming Games at the County Ground:

Tuesday 22 March 1994 Friendly Fixture F.A. Youth XI vs South West Counties Youth XI Kick Off 7.30pm

Easter Monday 4 April 1994 F.A. Carling Premiership vs SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY Kick Off 8.00pm

SWINDON TOWN FC FIXTURES 1993/94							
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Wed 18 Aug	Oldham Athletic	Н	0-1	11,94			
Sun 22 Aug	Liverpool	H	0-5	17,017			
Wed 25 Aug	Southampton	Α	1-5	12,58			
Sat 28 Aug	Norwich City	Α	0-0	17,614			
Wed Sep	Manchester City	H	1-3	16,067			
Sat 11 Sep	West Ham United	A	0-0	15,77			
Sat 18 Sep	Newcastle United	H	2-2	15,015			
Wed 22 Sep	Wolverhampton W.C.C.C. 2 (I)	Н	2-0	8,64			
Sat 25 Sep	Manchester United	A	2-4	44,58			
Sat 2 Oct	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-3	15,22			
Tue 5 Oct	Wolverhampton W.C.C.C 2 (2)	A	1-2	15,75			
Sat 16 Oct	Everton	Н	1-1	14,43			
Sat 23 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	Α	1-1	31,39			
Tue 26 Oct	Portsmouth (C.C.C 3)	A	0-2	12, 55			
Sat 30 Oct	Aston Villa	Н	1-2	16,32			
Sat 6 Nov	Wimbledon	A	0-3	7,758			
Sat 20 Nov	Ipswich Town	Н	2-2	13,86			
Wed 24 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	Н	1-0	14,14			
Sat 27 Nov	Leeds United	A	0-3	32,63			
Sat 4 Dec	Sheffield United	н	0-0	12,88			
Tue 7 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2	9,771			
Sat 11 Dec	Liverpool	A	2-2	32,73			
Sat 18 Dec	Southampton	Н	2-1	13,28			
Mon 27 Dec	Arsenal	Н	0-4	17,65			
Wed 29 Dec	Sheffield Wednesday	A	3-3	30,57			
Sat I Jan	Chelsea	Н	1-3	16,45			
Mon 3 Jan	Coventry City	A	1-1	15,82			
Sat 8 Jan	Ipswich Town (FAC 3)	Н	1-1	12,10			
Sat 15 Jan	Everton	A	2-6	20,54			
Tue 18 Jan	Ipswich Town (FAC 3R)	A	1-2*	12,79			
Sat 22 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	Н	2-1	16,56			
Sat 5 Feb	Coventry City	Н	3-1	14,63			
Sat 3 Feb	Aston Villa	A	0-5	26,63			
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The Officials:

32. FRANK McAVENNIE

Referee: B. HILL (Market Harborough, Leicestershire) Linesman (red/yellow flag): A.P. MONKS (Stapleton, Avon) Linesman (yellow flag): G.M. LEE (Corby, Northamptonshire) Reserve Official: C. CHEASLEY (Midsomer Norton, Avon)

Manchester United

I. PETER SCHMEICHEL
2. PAUL PARKER
3. DENIS IRWIN
4. STEVE BRUCE
5. LEE SHARPE
6. GARY PALLISTER
7. ERIC CANTONA
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