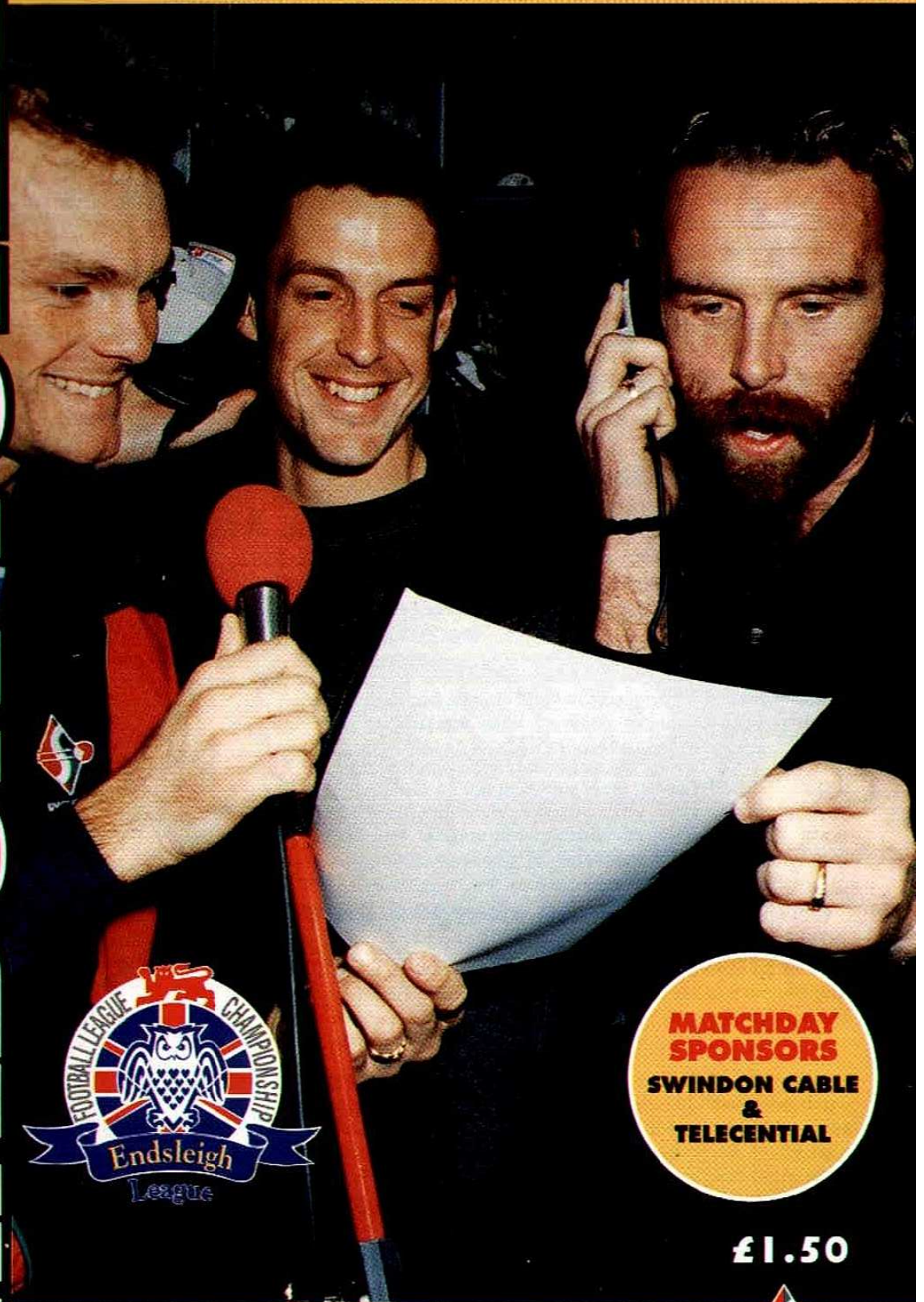


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FROM THE TOP *With* STEVE McMAHON



Well what a baptism in my first week of management! My feet certainly haven't had time to touch the ground since arriving in Swindon on Monday-what with the actual announcement of my appointment and meeting the media, getting to know the players and staff at

the Club, the Coca-Cola Cup win over Derby County where I think I kicked virtually every ball from the dug-out and of course my own debut against Southend United last Saturday which did not go as planned!

Everybody at the Club has made me feel more than welcome since I arrived and already I feel like part of the family for which I am very grateful and when I am able to move my family down from Southport I will be even more settled.

After the events of the previous week I was pleased with the response from the players in the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Derby County. Despite allowing them to get back into the game with six minutes remaining Jan was there to get his second goal of the game to give us a welcome home tie against Millwall in the quarter - finals.

The draw for the third round of the F.A.Cup has given us what looks to be a good tie on paper but you can never be to sure what to expect. This will be Marlow's Cup Final and we will give them every respect when they come to The County Ground next month.

The week finished at Southend United and yes I was of course disappointed with the result. I feel we should have gone there and at least come back with a share of the points. What was more disappointing naturally was my sending off. I may be a physical player but in no way am I a dirty player and there is no way that the incident was intentional. We have written to the F.A. on the matter as one of the linesmen has confirmed it was more of a case of the player hitting my elbow rather than the other way round.

So to today's game and we welcome John King and everybody from Tranmere Rovers to Swindon. Rovers are again riding high in the table and we can expect another tough time against the boys from Birkenhead.

Finally as you can see from the cover of today's programme, the lads are getting ready for the Commitments concert tomorrow night at The Link Centre. It promises to be a good evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the game.

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With **Jon Pollard - Club Secretary**

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For this our last home Endsleigh League fixture prior to Christmas we welcome players, officials and supporters of Tranmere Rovers Football Club to The County Ground for this afternoon's game.

Endsleigh League

Next Saturday we make the first two consecutive trips to The Potteries when we meet Port Vale at Vale Park, Burslem before the Boxing Day game with Stoke City at The Victoria Ground. Both games kick off at 3.00pm.

Our next home League game is on Tuesday 27 December when we entertain Sheffield United at The County Ground kicking off at 7.45pm. Tickets for this game will be on sale from the Advance Ticket Office from next Tuesday morning. The home game with Sunderland on Monday 2 January 1995 has a 3.00pm start and is not all ticket. Kid-a-Quid in the Town End Stand is operational for both of these games. An adult can purchase up to two juvenile tickets for £1 each.

FA Cup Draw

Non-League Marlow from the Diadora League are our opponents at The County Ground in our F.A.Cup sponsored by Littlewoods Pools 3rd round tie on Saturday 7 January 1995. The tie is not all ticket and kicks off at 3.00pm. Season Ticket holders have until 12 noon on Friday 30 December to claim their seats for the game. Cup Voucher F should be produced with the remittance and if booking by post please include a stamped addressed envelope. The last time we played Marlow was 100 years ago in the F.A.Cup in 1894 and Marlow ran out 4-2 victors in a 2nd qualifying round tie!

Coca-Cola Cup

12 noon on Friday 30 December is also the deadline for Season Ticket holders to claim their seats for the Coca-Cola Cup quarter final against Millwall which is to be played at The County Ground on Wednesday 11 January 1995 kicking off at 7.45pm. This tie is all ticket. Season Ticket holders have to produce Cup Voucher G for this game. Non Season Ticket holders can purchase their tickets now from the Ticket Office at The County Ground and advance booking is essential. There will be no ticket sales on the day of the game.

Avon Insurance Combination

Next Wednesday the Reserves travel to play Ipswich Town in the Avon Insurance Combination at Bury St.Edmunds F.C kicking off at 7.30pm. Their last home game before the Christmas break is at The County Ground on Tuesday 20 December with Millwall the visitors kicking off at 7.30pm.

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TRANMERE ROVERS

By **JOHN NOLAN**



A last minute goal from midfielder Kenny Irons last Saturday, clinched a 2-1 home win over Watford, and the three points that slipped the Birkenhead hopefuls smoothly into the second place behind Middlesbrough, in the First Division Championship.

With Wolves slipping up at Millwall, the very next day, it was a significant reminder that Tranmere Rovers are back in business after a sluggish spell and any side that possesses the tantalising talents of an artist, such as Pat Nevin, and the finishing power and consistency of a John Aldridge, must be respected.

Prior to Tuesday night's trip to Notts County, Tranmere had won two, and drawn three, of their nine away fixtures in the Endsleigh League. Yet there is not only one side in the division, Stoke City that has scored less goals away from home than the seven registered by the men from Prenton Park.

Nonetheless Rovers have strung together an unbeaten sequence of five games in the League to forge their way into the vanguard of the Championship challenge and one of the key factors to their success has been a settled side.

The team that defeated Watford last Saturday showed four changes to the side that beat us 3-2 at Prenton Park last August. Nixon was back in goal, after injury, in place of Coyne; while the three outfield alterations were Stevens, Mungall (who came on as sub against us), and McGreal in place of Higgins, Thomas and O'Brien.

John Aldridge scored twice, and Pat Nevin made sure of victory after Jan Aage Fjortoft had scored two for Town in a match in which Joey Beauchamp made his Swindon debut as a substitute.

If you need any confirmation of the quality of the Birkenhead side just ask Norwich City. After gaining a 1-1 draw at Prenton Park in the last round of the Coca-Cola Cup the Canaries feathers turned white when Tranmere stormed into a two goal lead in the replay at Carrow Road. The Premiership side looked on their way out when fortune smiled kindly on them and they got the breaks to score three times.



Back row: Kenny Jones (Trainer), Warwick Rimmer (Youth Development Officer), Alan Morgan, Dave Higgins, Dave Rogers, Dave Challinor, Gary Jones, Graham Branch, John McGreal, Ged Brannan, Shaun Garnett, Kenny Irons, John Morrissey, Les Parry (Physiotherapist), Ray Mathias (Reserve Team Coach).

Middle row: Harry McNally (Chief Scout), Norman Wilson (Secretary), Ian Moore, Gavin Allen, Chris Malkin, Martin Jones, Eric Nixon, Danny Coyne, Mick Edwards, Jonathan Kenworthy, Ian Nolan, Ronnie Moore (Coach), F.D. Corfe (Chairman).

Front row: Mark Proctor, Tony Thomas, Ian Muir, Steve Mungall, John King (Manager), John Aldridge, Phil Johnson, Liam O'Brien, Pat Nevin.

TRANMERE ROVERS ABC



JOHN ALDRIDGE

JOHN ALDRIDGE - Striker. Was Rovers' record signing when bought from Real Sociedad for £250,000 in 1991. Started his distinguished career with South Liverpool getting his first taste of League action with Newport County v Lincoln, in September 1979. John's 83 League goals enticed Oxford United boss Jim Smith to pay £78,000 for his services in 1984 and he netted another 90 goals for the U's in three years. Liverpool's £750,000 took him to Anfield as Ian Rush's replacement and John proved a top class performer with 60 goals in less than 100 outings with the Reds -winning Championship and FA Cup winners' medals. The return to Anfield of Rush made John surplus to requirements - Liverpool pocketing £1.1-million from Real Sociedad as he moved on to become top scorer for the Spanish club in both seasons with them. Capped 33 times by the Republic of Ireland for whom he has played in two World Cups and the European Championship. Scored his 400th senior goal this season and was voted "Player of the Year" and "Footballer of the Year" in 1988. Born: 18-9-58 Liverpool.

GRAHAM BRANCH - Forward. Left sided player who was picked up from Heswall in May 1991 after impressing in trial matches. Stands six-foot-two and is a powerful runner but although he has played in the first team since season 1991-92 he has not yet established himself as a regular selection. Born: 12-2-72 Liverpool.

GED BRANNAN - Defender. Versatile performer equally at home in either fullback position or midfield. A power-house player of six feet, he has graduated through the YTS ranks. Loves to support the attack and scored 11 goals from midfield last season. Born: 15-1-72 Liverpool

DANNY COYNE - Goalkeeper. Has played for Wales at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels. Now in his third year as a professional at Prenton Park he is a product of the YTS. Born: Prestatyn 27-8-73

MICHAEL EDWARDS - Midfield. Promising player now in his third year as a professional. Another six-footer, made his League debut this season after progressing from the YTS ranks. Born: Bebington 10-9-74



SHAUN GARNETT

SHAUN GARNETT - Central Defender. Local lad he has been with the club since his schoolboy days. Was loaned out to Chester City, Preston North End and Wigan Athletic - incidentally all of who were subsequently relegated - during the 1992-93 season to gain experience. Established himself in the Rovers side in 1993-94. Born: Wallasey 22-11-69

KENNY IRONS - Midfield. Strong-tackling ball-winner with boundless energy he is another Rovers graduate from the YTS. Strong running and two-footed, he knows where the net is, and is now a strong key figure in Tranmere's engine room. Born: Liverpool 4-11-70

GARY JONES - Forward. Another home-grown star, Gary has been with the club since he was 14. Was playing centre-half until last season when he was switched, with great success, to a forward role. Scored 20 goals for the Reserves and made a senior scoring debut at Millwall - one of two goals he registered for the first team. Born: Chester 10-5-75

JOHN MCGREAL - Central Defender. Really established himself in Rovers' back line in the 1993-94 campaign. A stylish operator who always seems to have time, and look comfortable on the ball, he has been compared to Alan Hansen. This is his fifth season in the professional ranks and like the majority of players at Prenton Park is a one club man. Born: Liverpool 2-6-72

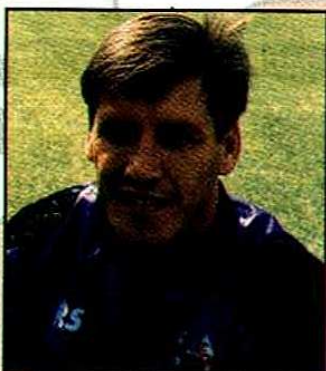
CHRIS MALKIN - Forward. A former banker who assured his pace in the history books when he scored the winning goal in the 1991 Play-Off Final to book Rovers a Second Division place at the expense of Bolton. Joined Rovers from local side called Stork, in 1988, and a year later gave up the day job in the International Division of Barclays Bank to concentrate on a career in football. Is 6'3" and made his League debut in a 2-1 win over Exeter in August 1987. Born: Bebington 4-6-67.



JOHN MORRISSEY - Forward. Followed his father, John senior, to Everton and gained England Youth honours but in three years at Goodison he made just one League appearance, at Luton in May 1985. Was allowed to sign for Wolves a month later but his Molineux experience was short lived, making just ten appearances in the Third Division before Frank Worthington took him back to Merseyside in October 1985. The fee £8,000! Born: Liverpool 8-3-65.

IAN MUIR - Striker. Tranmere's greatest scorer of all the time, having netted 170 goals by the start of the 1994-95 season. Not bad for a player who arrived on a free transfer from Brighton, in July 1985. Another of Frank Worthington's worthy captures. Ian of course will be remembered by some Swindon fans for he made two Forth Division appearances for Town while on loan from Brighton in 1984-85. Served his apprenticeship with QPR but played only two League games for them in three years - the first v Cambridge United in April 1981. Went on loan to Burnley then had a brief spell with Birmingham City before transferring to Brighton in 1983-84. Had only scored 3 League goals in five years before joining Rovers. Born: Coventry 5-5-63.

STEVE MUNGALL - Left-Back. Longest serving player on the books having been recruited from Motherwell in 1979 by John King. Steve was introduced to the Scottish Premier League in April 1977 against Aberdeen and made 20 appearances in three years. The six-footer is now close on 200 appearances for Rovers. Born: Bellshill 22-5-58.



ERIC NIXON

ERIC NIXON - Goalkeeper. Sound performer who started his career at Maine Road, making his league debut for Manchester City in a 2-2 draw with West Ham United, in September 1985. After playing in 28 Division games that season Eric gained further experience on loan with Wolves, Bradford City, Southampton and Carlisle United, before making another 25 League appearances for City in 1987-88. In July 1988 he became Tranmere's most expensive player at £60,000 and has been inspirational in the rise from Division Four. Captained the side at Wembley in the Play-Off Final in 1991. Born: Manchester 4-10-62.

LIAM O'BRIEN - Midfield. Classic play-maker who was in marvellous form last season. A Dubliner, he started out with Shamrock Rovers before being spotted and signed by Manchester United. Made his League bow for them against Leicester on December 20, 1986. A Republic of Ireland International he moved on to star for Newcastle United before becoming a bargain buy for Rovers in December 1993. Born: Dublin 5-9-64

GARY STEVENS - Right-Back. Played 46 times for England, including World Cup and European Championship Finals, and is one of the most experienced players on the squad having won League Championship and cup honours in England and Scotland with Everton and Rangers. Cost the Prenton Park club £350,000 in October 1994. Born: Barrow 27-3-63.

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THE MAN IN CHARGE



Manager **John King**

John King is the most successful manager the Club has ever had. Born in London, King was educated in Liverpool and joined Everton from school as a wing-half.

He spent six-years at Goodison, making 48 League appearances, before transferring to Bournemouth in 1960. But a year later he was back in the north-west, playing for Tranmere Rovers.

King helped Rovers win promotion to the Third Division in 1967 before leaving to help Port Vale's promotion push. After ending his playing days with Wigan, John was taken back to Prenton Park by Ron Yeats as coach in 1973. When Yeats was sacked two years later King assumed the role of manager.

Rovers dropped back into Division Four but he fashioned a side to climb back up but in 1980 was sacked himself.

A spell as coach at Rochdale was followed by success a manager of Northwich Victoria - he led them to two FA Trophy Finals at Wembley - and a stint with Caermerfon.

Then in 1987 Tranmere recruited John for a third time and this time he engineered some of their most rewarding years, not only guiding the club into the First Division but also taking them to Wembley five times in three years, with success in the Leyland DAF Cup Final and of course the 1991 Play-Off Final the icing on the cake.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Winger **Pat Nevin**

The line-hugging skills of Scotsman Pat Nevin are a throwback to the days when wingers were an all important feature of our national game. When dribblers reigned supreme, when trickery and delicacy were interwoven and skill was the all important ingredient.

Born in Glasgow on September 6, 1963, he learned to master the ball in street games before being offered a bigger stage with Clyde. Seventeen goals in 73 league appearances attracted the attention of Chelsea and he moved south to join the Blues - then in the Second Division - in May 1983 for £95,000.

Pat was a sensation in his first season, mesmerising defenders with theatrical panache, as he helped steer Chelsea to promotion. He never quite recaptured the magic of 1983-84, when he scored 14 goals, but then the tactical maze that smothered the game at the highest level made it very difficult for orthodox wingers to succeed.

Nevin had to adapt to a more conventional midfield role but his quality still shone through in 193 League games for Chelsea (36 goals) and his skills were also recognised by Scotland. It was then, somewhat of a surprise when he left The Bridge for Goodison Park in 1988.

Everton paid £925,000 for his services and he made over another 100 League appearances in their colours yet he never truly established himself. In August 1992 he became Tranmere Rovers' costliest signing at £300,000. At Prenton Park this sensitive man, with extreme tastes in music and art, has once more painted his magic on the canvas of the field, to such an extent that he is now back in the Scotland national team.

Currently the Chairman of the Professional Footballers Association Pat Nevin has a lot to offer at 31.





ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

PREVIEW

Middlesbrough were back on top of the First Division last weekend following a comprehensive 4-0 demolition of struggling Portsmouth. It was a distressing return to Ayersome Park for Jim Smith, who was coach there three years ago, extending Portsmouth's dismal run to one win in 11 games, and a fifth successive defeat.

To add to his troubles Gerry Creaney was sent-off for two bookable offences and the pressure is now on the southerners as they play hosts to Reading this afternoon. The Portsmouth manager admitted; "It is very grim for me personally. It's the worst sequence I've ever had...I've got to try and change a few faces."

You could say Mark McGhee's side really took the biscuit by winning 1-0 at Roker Park - substitute Scott Taylor had been on the field only sixty-six seconds when he scored the only goal. It ended Reading's run of two successive defeats and added to Sunderland's woeful home record which now shows just one win, six draws and three defeats.

As for 'Boro, they should maintain poll position by beating Southend United at home today. Paul Wilkinson and Craig Hignett shared the goals against that hapless Pompey and should be too strong for a Southend side that has conceded 24 goals away from home - more than any other team in the division.

Wolverhampton Wanderers are still on course for the Championship they crave, despite looking very ordinary in defeat at Millwall where former Town striker, Dave Mitchell scored the only goal. Graham Taylor, who decided against splashing out £1-million on Liverpool's Paul Stewart after a trial period, will definitely invest the money on strengthening his side - Sunderland striker Don Goodman a likely target. Today though they should cash-in with three points at Molineux from bottom of the table Notts County.

County gained a valuable point in a goalless draw at Derby County last week, a result that put Rams boss Roy McFarland under-further pressure following our Coca-Cola Cup win over them the week before. Derby are 12 points behind the pace at present and travel to Luton Town tomorrow.

No doubt Mr McFarland will be praying his side are not caught by a backlash following Luton's amazing 6-3 home defeat by Sheffield United. Remember the Hatters have outplayed Middlesbrough at Kenilworth Road and no doubt manager David Pleat will be thinking his side can not again suffer a similar scenario of mishaps as they encountered last week.

This win pushed the Blades up to sixth place in the table and "Harry" Bassett's men, who are notoriously slow starters, could prove to be the dark horses of the promotion race. Today they are home to West Bromwich Albion who are slowly easing themselves away from the trouble zone. The "Baggies" haven't won away in 11 League starts though and it will be a real surprise should they do so this afternoon.

Millwall, whose Coca-Cola Cup victory at Nottingham Forest was the giant-killing act of the season, will be looking forward to their clash with Sunderland at the New Den. The Lions, who visit us in the quarter-final, devoured the Rokerites in an earlier round of the competition but are wary that they squandered a two-goal advantage in the first-leg at home.

Oldham Athletic seem to have responded positively to the appointment of Scottish striker Graeme Sharp as manager. The Latics won at Stoke last week with a last-minute goal and today enjoy home advantage over Port Vale. Vale are still smarting from their 1-0 exit from the FA Cup at Scarborough which was followed by a midweek visit to Bolton. They find goals hard to come by away from home and Oldham should be just too strong.

Stoke on the other hand will be aware that Burnley have collected more points on their travels than at home, having won three and drawn four of their opening ten away trips in the First Division. Form that has seen them climb out of the relegation zone. There is no lack of experience in the Turf Moor line-up with stalwarts such as "Inchy" Heath and Alan Harper still going strong and they could add at least a point to their haul at the Victoria Ground.

Barnsley, beaten only once at home, are fancied to take all three points from Charlton Athletic but Bristol City, beaten at home by Grimsby Town last Saturday, could find the going even tougher against Bolton Wanderers. Finish striker Mixu Paatelainen and Scottish International John McGinlay are a hard act to tame.

Meanwhile the "Mariners," who have crept almost unnoticed into the top four, should enhance their position by seeing off the threat of Watford whose lack of consistency is so often their undoing.

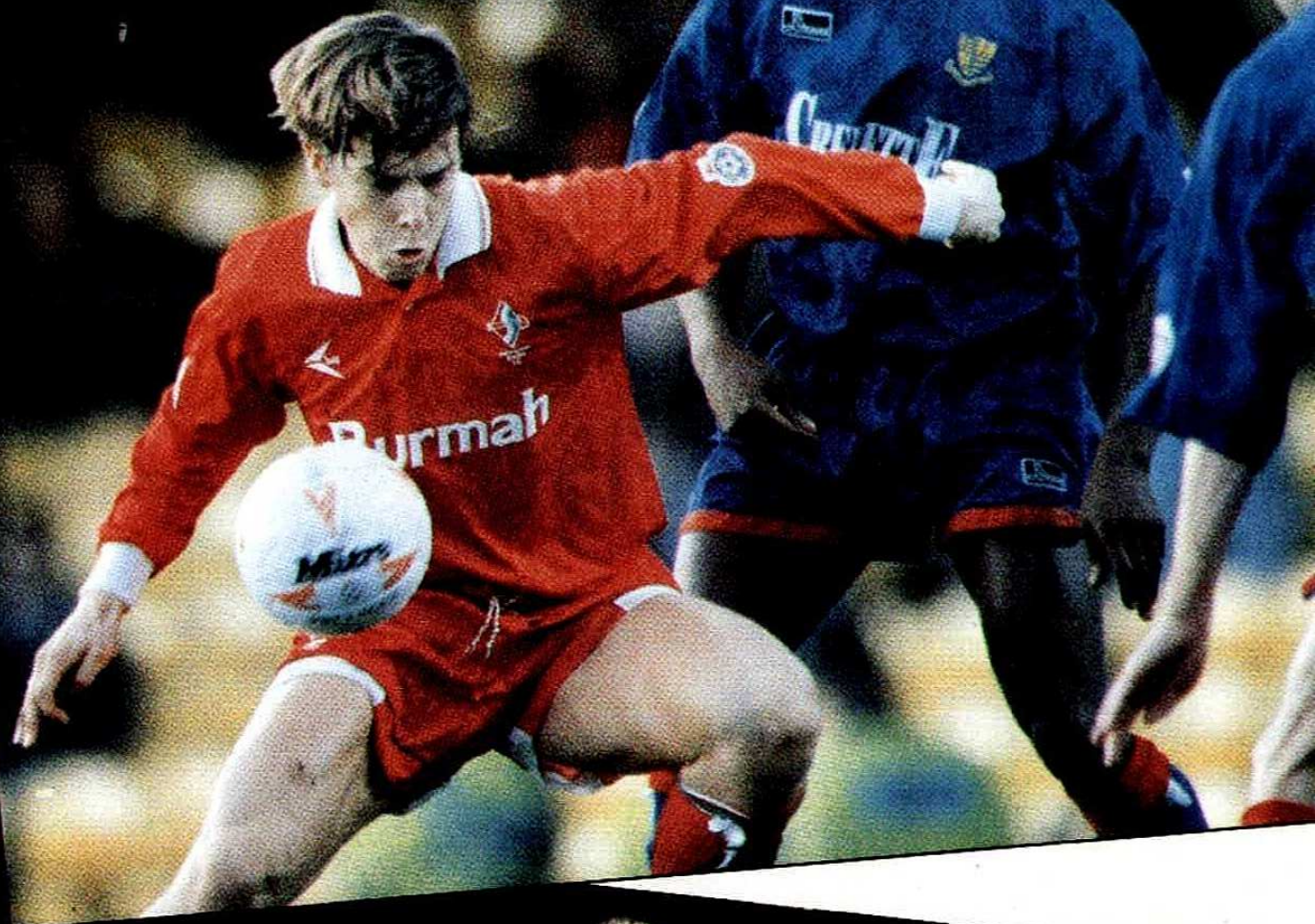
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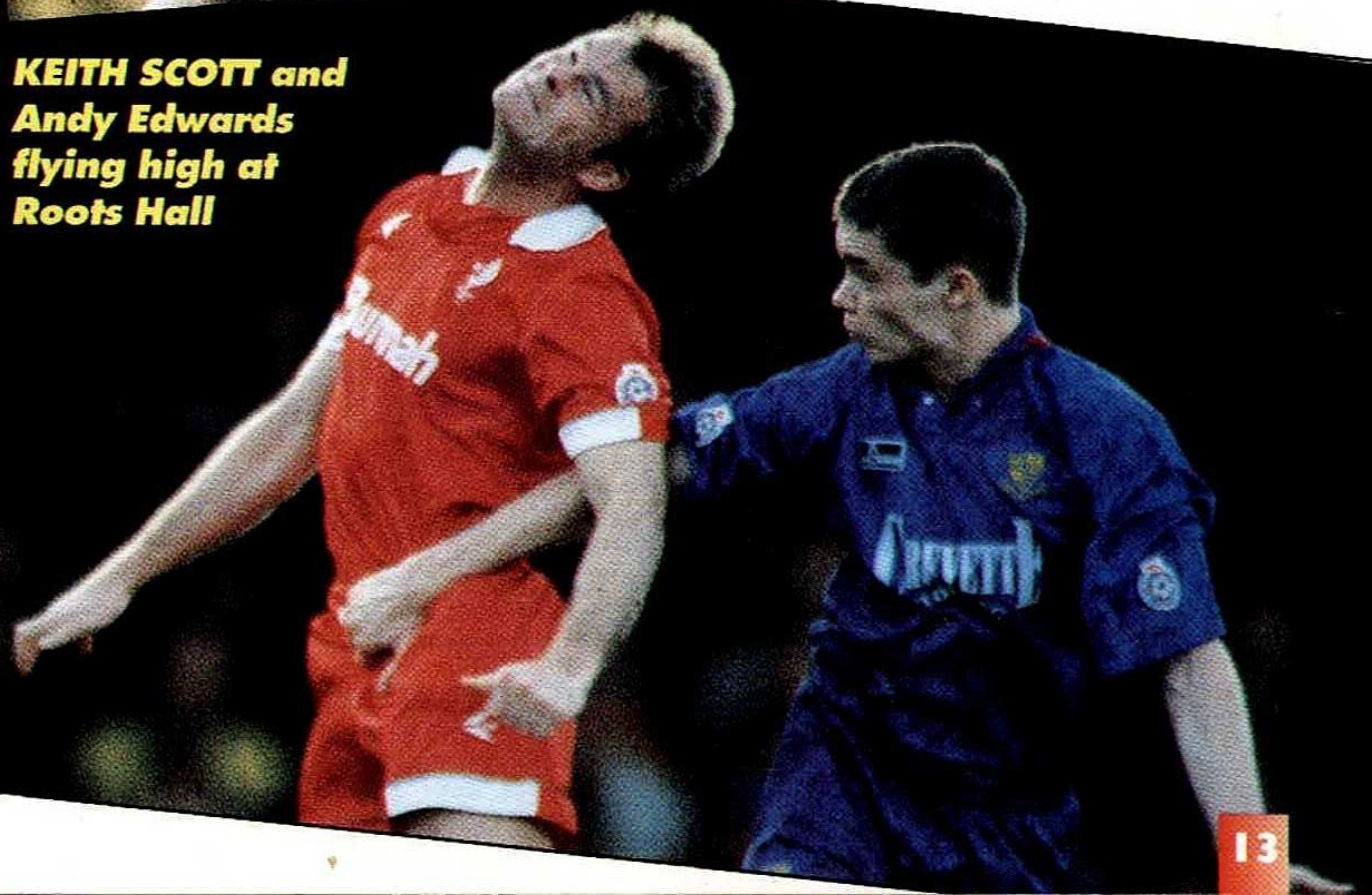
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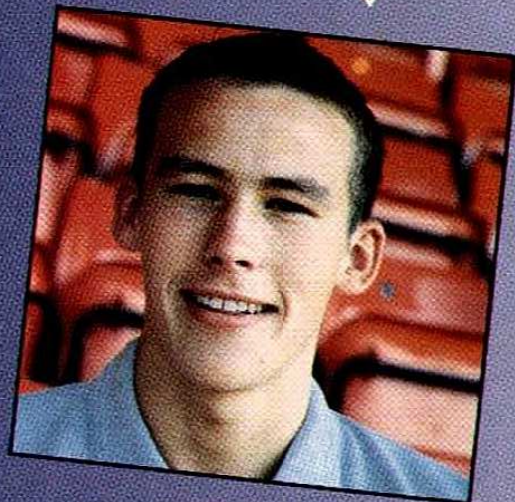
IN THE *With* Shane Cook COMMUNITY



Our Christmas Fundays have again proved to be an overwhelming success with the sessions at Greendown School on December 22 and at Dorcan School on January 3 both sold out. We have increased the number of spaces available at the Funday at The County Ground Complex on Thursday 29 December. This is an open air session and is of course subject to weather conditions on the day. The cost of a days coaching is just £7. Interested parties can get an application forms from the Club Reception and The Community Office.

The first team are still 'On The Road' to Wembley with F.A.Cup tie against Marlow and Coca-Cola Cup tie with Millwall next month but The Community Office is already there when in February during the half-term week we will be running a trip to Twin Towers to enjoy one of the famous guided tours. Included is a visit to the dressing room area, ride on the new Wembley Land Train, walk up the 39 steps to the Royal Box and view the areas not seen on Cup Final Day on TV. We are unable to confirm the exact date until after Christmas but it will be during the schools half term. The cost is £12 to include travel to and from Wembley and admission to the Stadium. Places are limited and we're now taking bookings on a first come first served basis.

Amesbury Youth are our visitors to The County Ground today in the Saturday Team Club and we trust they have enjoyed their day with us. Let's hear everybody from Amesbury cheer us on in the Town End Stand!



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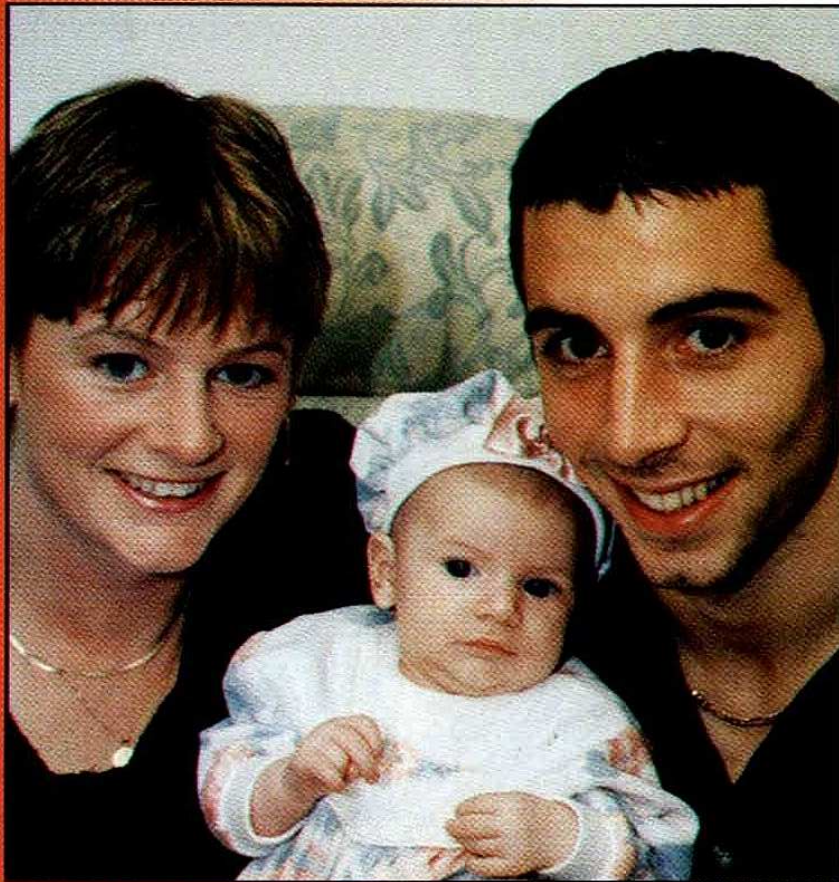


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AT HOME *With* **KEVIN**



**Kevin
with fiancée
Karen and
2 month old
daughter
Shannon
Leigh.**

Kevin Horlock is a long way from his Kentish roots and his native Plumstead and though admitting to feeling a little lost in the early stages following his move to Swindon, from West Ham United, he is now firmly in love with life in Wiltshire.

"It was a bit of a culture shock at first," claims Kevin. "I had always lived with my parents in London before and I felt a bit lost when I arrived here. It doesn't help living in digs I suppose and during my first season here it seemed home was the other end of the world.

"It is funny how it goes but every year that journey to London seems easier and closer. It is just familiarity with it I suppose."

The former Hammers' fullback, who turned professional in 1991, is now determined to plant his own roots firmly in Wiltshire soil however, confirmation of his intentions provided by the bricks and mortar of his newly bought home in the rural setting of Cricklade.

"I've gone big for my first house," says Kevin. "We have gone for a four bedroomed detached on a new estate and we really love it here. A footballer's career is never

secure so you never know when you might be moving on. But whatever happens this will always be my base, we will always keep this place to come back to eventually."

Fiancée, Karen, is a Swindon lass but it was the birth of their daughter Shannon Leigh, two months ago, that really had a big impact on Kevin's life. He simply adores the new addition and spends all his non-working time with the two ladies in his life, whom he claims have "helped him grow up."

"When we were looking for a house Karen told me to choose one with a south facing garden. There were two houses left on this estate, which was not then built, when we discovered it and one had a south facing garden. So here we are.

"We were the first occupants in and at first there were not even any street lights connected. It has all mod cons of course and with four bedrooms it is very handy for putting my family up when they come down to matches. "A new house is simply that I think. It takes time before it becomes intimately your place. The only alterations I had done to the original plans were the installation of fitted wardrobes. I am not a handy man, I always prefer to pay somebody to do a job properly rather than fiddle around myself.

N HORLOCK

By COLIN BENSON

"Everything is still very new looking of course but no doubt it won't take too long before there are a few lasting marks about. There is nothing in the house to suggest I am a professional footballer. All the trophies and things I won as a kid are in a box at my Mum's place. I do have my Irish shirt, and the Swindon one I wore in the Premiership, so maybe I will get them framed and put on the wall.

"Besides Shannon (it is an Irish name - Kevin of course played for Ireland "B" side against England who brought on Nicky Summerbee as a substitute) we have a young Boxer puppy called Cassey. She is like my Mum's dog and is very destructive at times. She is at the chewy stage and can be a real nightmare.

"When we first moved in Cassey seemed to get great pleasure in rolling about in the mud in the back garden then traipsing it into the house. I thought I had solved this by laying down a new lawn but now she goes out there and rips up the turfs.

"The neighbours all seem very pleasant. As I said we were the first in but one day I noticed a new occupant who seemed very familiar, yet I couldn't quite place him. My mum spoke to him one day and found out that he was a referee. Yes, that's where I must have seen him, officiating at some of the Reserve games."

"Karen is a keen swimmer and when Shannon is old enough I want to get her used to the water as soon as possible. It is good fun. Karen also has an ambition to beat me at tennis but she has no chance. The last time we had a knockabout she was pregnant and reckons that was what gave me the edge.

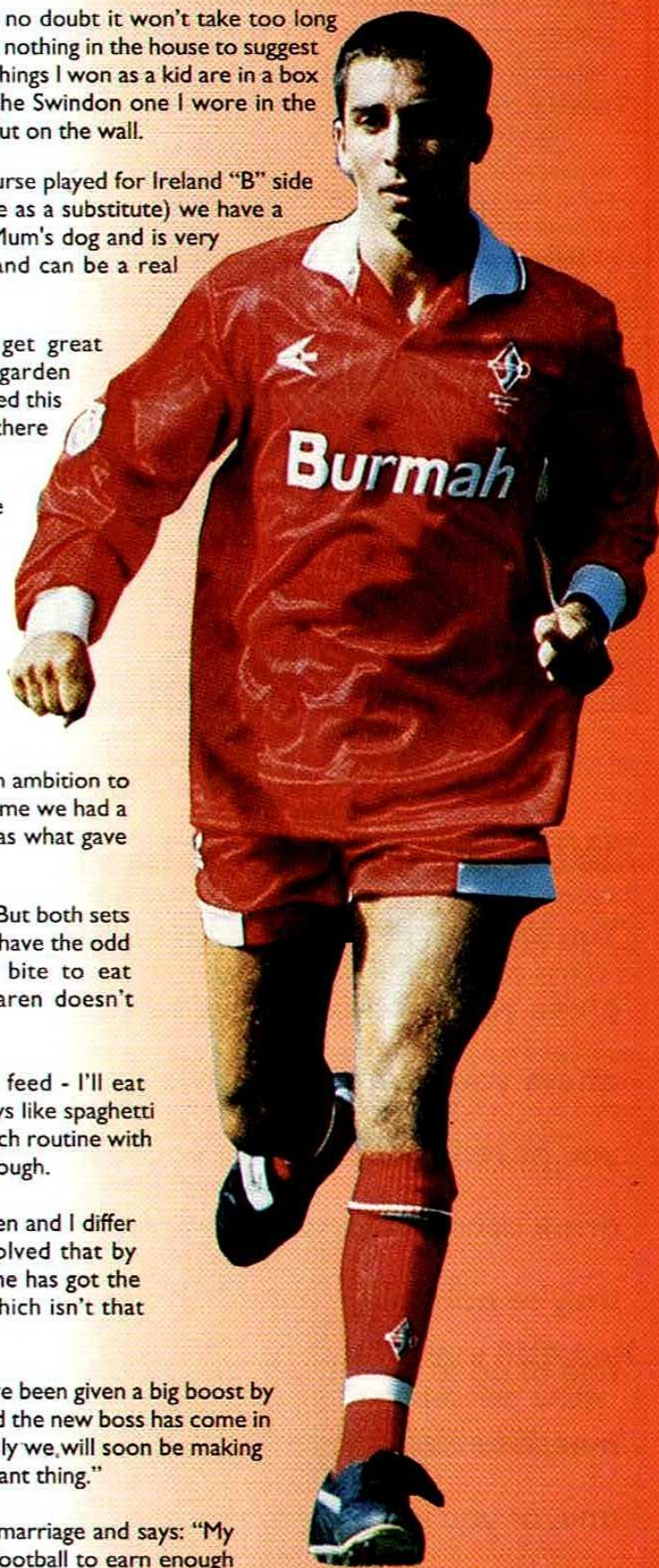
"We don't go out much, though I have in my time. But both sets of parents are great and they will baby-sit to let us have the odd night out together. Nothing special, usually a bite to eat somewhere and maybe a nightclub although Karen doesn't drink much.

"Karen's not a bad cook and I'm not difficult to feed - I'll eat anything. But on the night before the match I always like spaghetti bolognese. It has become a bit of a habit, a pre-match routine with me. Karen does a good steak and a terrific roast though.

"My musical tastes are various. The only thing Karen and I differ on is what music to play in the car. We have solved that by allowing whoever is driving to make the choice. She has got the new Madonna tape which I always slag off but which isn't that bad really.

"But things are going nicely at the moment. We have been given a big boost by reaching the quarter-final of the Coca-Cola Cup and the new boss has come in and made a great impression on the lads so hopefully we will soon be making strides back up the League. This is the most important thing."

Kevin of course is looking forward to his pending marriage and says: "My ambition is to be happy and to do well enough in football to earn enough money to bring my parents closer to their grand-children."



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BENNO

How lucky can you get? I don't think anyone will disagree at long last our fortunes in Cup draws seem to be turning for the better.

After the completion of the Coca-Cola Cup fourth round, Millwall at home was the draw I desperately fancied. And in the Thursday morning draw on GMTV that's just what we got.

Certainly new boss Steve McMahon wouldn't quibble with that. His only regret is that he won't be able to pull on a red shirt and play an active part in the tie. He is simply Cup-tied.

This is one to make the mouth water however, for the winners will be into the last four with a two-leg semi-final to play to decide who competes at Wembley.

It would of course be utterly foolish to presume we are there for nobody, not even the most avid Millwall fan, thought they had a prayer at Nottingham Forest. The Lions haven't exactly been turning it on in the League either but they did outplay Wolves last Sunday and of course beat us here at the County Ground on Guy Fawkes Day. There is no doubting the quality of their performance at Nottingham Forest.

Still, you would have to be a real pessimist to believe that the Lions can roar here again and repeat that 2-1 victory. Surely even the law of averages will be on our side this night.

Whatever happens it promises to be a night of real drama and excitement, one certainly no Swindon fan will want to miss.

Town fans didn't have to wait long to learn our fate in the FA Cup either but are you superstitious? Swindon Town's number 37 ball was the 13th drawn out of the velvet bag!

Is this an unlucky omen or not? On face value it seems to be a positive one for it meant a home tie at least and that is as much as you can hope for. Once you have heard Graham Kelly announce "Swindon Town" it seems an age, doesn't it, before the opposition is confirmed. Would it be Newcastle, Blackburn or Arsenal? Oh please don't let it be Cambridge or Northwich Victoria.

"Number 59." The heart skips a beat. Oh no not jammy Manchester City who plundered the points from us here last year and really set the skids under our Premiership season. "Marlow or Woking." Phew! That's a relief, well somewhat anyway.

These sort of ties are never easy against opponents who have nothing to lose and everything to achieve. But then again a First Division team should be able to overcome part-time enthusiasm. So we have as good a chance as any of winning through into the fourth round and that's good.

What about "Tottenham Hotspur or a bye vs Altrincham." It is an affront to Swindon Town and its fans, as well as those of other clubs who have been hauled over the coals by the Football League or the Football Association.

First of all they they reduced the number of points to be deducted from Spurs total this season, in itself scandalous, and now it seems they are considering letting them off the hook with regard to their ban on participating in the FA Cup this season.

Just to be thinking about such a move is outrageous. If they actually activate a reprieve it will tantamount to a gross injustice being done and confirm yet again that our game is ruled by the rich and powerful clubs for the rich and powerful.

There was no let-off for Peterborough United when they paid their players a bonus that was not in their contracts for winning a Cup tie. They were virtually demoted a division... A couple of years later Manchester United, found guilty on a similar offence, were fined £10,000. They took more than that on Matchday Programme sales!

Then of course there was our saga. If we had been Spurs or Manchester United would they have prevented us taking our rightful place in a higher division after earning it so gallantly at Wembley?

Joke! If only it were.



Dave Mitchell returns with Millwall.

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With

Phil Alexander

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SPECIAL OFFER FOR TOMORROW NIGHT'S COMMITMENTS CONCERT

As you are well aware the excellent band 'The Commitments' are putting on a concert at the Link Centre in Swindon tomorrow night at 7.30pm with funds coming to Swindon Town Football Club. Town stars Brian Kilcline, Keith Scott and Fraser Digby will be appearing on stage with the band during the evening which will add even more fun to a superb night. As a special offer to Swindon Town supporters today the remaining tickets are now available for £5.50 or £6.50 on the door which is (an unbelievable) half price. To take advantage of this offer simply show today's Matchday Programme when you buy your tickets. They are available from the Club Superstore until 6pm today or from the Link Centre tomorrow before midday or on the door. Don't miss out, it's sure to be a great night, buy your tickets today and support your Club.

SUPERSTORE CHRISTMAS PROMOTION

To make shopping more convenient the Superstore will open from 9am until 9pm every weekday night from the 5th December until Christmas. As an added attraction two Swindon Town players will be in the store from 6.30pm to 8pm for photos and autographs, and if that is not enough the kid's will get a chance to meet Swindon Town's famous mascot 'Rockin Robin' who will be in the Superstore all day on Wednesday 21st December.

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Don't forget if you can't get into the store you can order your favourite Swindon Town merchandise by mail or by phone (01793 423030). Send a SAE to Swindon Town Superstore for our latest colour brochure.

TODAY'S LUCKY MASCOT



Ross Clifford is from Rodbourne Cheney in Swindon and is celebrating his 2nd birthday today, so Happy Birthday from all at Swindon Town. Ross is named after Swindon's

own Ross MacLaren. Ross has already been introduced to his name sake when he was just a few months old and enjoys all kind of sport but especially football.

I would like to welcome Hannah Povey from Grange Park as Tranmere Rovers away mascot. Hannah is 12 years old and attends Greendown School. She has been a Tranmere Rovers fan since the 1993 Play-Offs at Tranmere when Swindon won and went to Wembley. She was quite taken with their fans who were extremely sporting and wished Swindon Town the best of luck and swapped scarves etc. She puts up with a lot of stick from her local soccer school friends and family, so her parents thought she deserved an early Christmas present to see her idols.

Enjoy the day!

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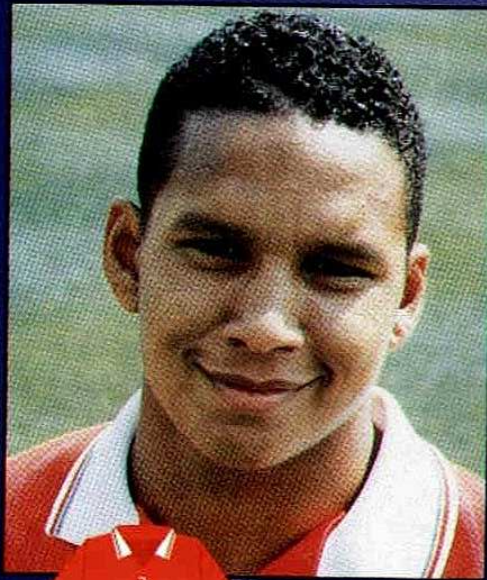


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ABANDONED HOPE! *By* PAUL PLOWMAN

We are now coming to the silly season. No, not Christmas, when we all rush around like lunatics, spending money as if it is going out of fashion, but the time when the weather becomes unpredictable. The onset of winter, the dark nights and short days, waterlogged pitches, freezing fog, snow and ice. We've already had one casualty this week, when Monday's Avon Insurance Combination fixture was a wash-out.

And, on this corresponding Saturday two seasons ago, we saw another cause of divine intervention - the floodlight failure!

Of course, the number of fixtures postponed without actually getting under way is countless. The experts often tell us they are 'cancelled', displaying their ignorance for not knowing the difference.

The abandoned game seems to be something of a modern phenomenon. Perhaps, in days of old, men were men, and the players could cope with anything the elements could throw at them. Perhaps referees were more adept at calculating whether, having chosen to start proceedings, the prevailing conditions would permit ninety minutes' play. We can excuse them for power failures.

As far as Swindon are concerned, the outcome of matches that were originally abandoned are rarely less favourable to them.

Of the truncated games played by the Town since the last War, the shortest was in January 1959, on a visit to Accrington Stanley. Accrington Stanley? Yes, Swindon played at Peel Park on three occasions - the first of which was called off after 36 minutes, when the pitch became frozen. The conditions saved Town from a 1-0 defeat, as they forced a goalless draw when the game was restaged a month later.

The game nearest to completion before being brought to a premature end, occurred at Walsall in January 1961. Swindon were trailing 3-0 with just eight minutes left when fog ruined the Saddlers afternoon. But they still won 2-1 when the Town went back to Fellows Park in March.

Swindon were also 3-0 down when a waterlogged pitch halted the game after 56 minutes at Colchester in January 1975. But again the visitors lost the rearranged fixture.

Roles were reversed on New Years Day 1977, when top of the table Brighton came to the County Ground and were reeling from a 4-0 deficit when the referee saved them from further punishment by deeming the pitch to be unplayable, calling the game off midway through the second half. Town had to wait four months for the rematch, but still triumphed 2-1.

A 3-0 scoreline against Bradford in January 1988, interrupted by fog after 72 minutes, had a less fortunate conclusion for Swindon. When the sides met again, the Town saw rather more clearly a last minute City equaliser which wiped out what had been a two goal lead.

The F.A. Cup 3rd round tie against Leyton Orient back in January 1991 had five attempts at finding a winner!

The first game at Brisbane Road on 5 January ended in a 1-1 draw after Geoff Pike cancelled out Duncan Shearer's early strike. Gale force winds took care of the initial replay set for Tuesday 8 January. On Monday 14 January the County Ground pitch was passed playable by referee Mike Bailey however by half-time the temperature had plummeted to minus four degrees and the game came to a halt to save injury to the players on the frozen surface. Conditions on the night would have made Torvill and Dean feel at home and with the score at 1-1 the tie was abandoned after 54 minutes. The following week conditions hadn't improved enough and the Shrivenham Road side of the pitch was still frozen. The tie was eventually played on Monday 21 January with Steve White scoring the only goal to give us an away tie at Norwich City.

The natural break, at half-time, has seen the abandonment of two fixtures. Snow was the cause at Hull in January 1963 - surprisingly the club's only casualty in a long hard winter. The game was not replayed until mid-way, by which time they had already been promoted. The other was at Grimsby in November 1960 when the stoppage was due to (sorry, Tranmere) a floodlight failure!

So, if the Town should suffer the inconvenience of an abandoned game, there is always hope that they will not be any worse off in the end.

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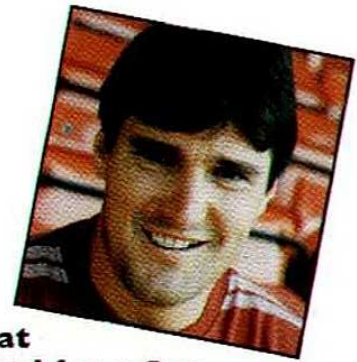
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RESERVES

REVIEW

With

Ross MacLaren



AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION I

Tue 16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A	2-1
Wed 31 Aug	Watford	A	0-1
Sat 03 Sep	Arsenal	A	0-0
Wed 14 Sep	Norwich City	A	0-7
Wed 28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	7-3
Mon 03 Oct	Bristol City	A	1-8
Mon 10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H	1-1
Mon 17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Mon 24 Oct	NORWICH CITY	H	2-2
Mon 31 Oct	LUTON TOWN	H	1-2
Wed 02 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1
Fri 11 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-1
Wed 23 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-2
Wed 30 Nov	Luton Town	A	2-2
Wed 14 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	
Tue 20 Dec	MILLWALL	H	
Wed 04 Jan	PORTSMOUTH	H	
Wed 18 Jan	Q.P.R.	H	
Wed 25 Jan	WATFORD	H	
Wed 01 Feb	CHELSEA	H	
Tue 07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A	
Wed 15 Feb	Oxford United	A	
Wed 22 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 27 Feb	Chelsea	A	
Mon 06 Mar	Millwall	A	
Mon 13 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed 15 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue 21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Mon 03 Apr	Portsmouth	A	
Wed 12 Apr	Southampton	A	
Tue 18 Apr	West Ham United	A	
Wed 26 Apr	ARSENAL	H	
Tue 02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Tue 09 May	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
TBA	WIMBLEDON	H	

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION I AS AT 16 NOVEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton Athletic	17	10	2	5	28	19	32
Crystal Palace	16	9	4	3	26	11	31
Southampton	16	9	2	5	37	27	29
Queens Park Rangers	16	8	4	4	38	16	28
Norwich City	16	8	4	4	39	23	28
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	4	5	30	18	25
Luton Town	16	7	3	6	26	27	24
Chelsea	14	6	5	3	30	19	23
West Ham United	16	7	2	7	23	21	23
Watford	15	7	1	7	24	17	22
Wimbledon	15	5	5	5	21	24	20
Ipswich Town	15	4	7	4	23	29	19
Arsenal	16	4	7	5	22	27	19
Millwall	15	5	3	7	19	26	18
Bristol City	15	4	5	6	28	28	17
Portsmouth	18	4	4	10	18	37	16
Oxford United	16	4	3	9	17	48	15
Bristol Rovers	16	4	3	9	17	43	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	14	4	2	8	25	40	14
Swindon Town	14	3	4	7	18	31	13

With their usual venue at Hitchin Town FC being used for a Cup tie, our Avon Insurance Combination game against Luton Town was played on the main Kenilworth Road pitch where there is at the present time a great playing surface.

We started well passing the ball and created several chances but as the game went on Luton began to play well and during that period they took the lead when beating three of our players they were able to slip the ball under Chris Hamblin in goal.

After the break we began in great style and were able to get forward to again create some brilliant chances and it was from one of these that Ty Gooden crossed a low hard shot to Chris Hamon who was there to tap the ball in for an equaliser.

Just as we began to get into our stride we lost Terry Fenwick who got himself sent off for dissent which meant we had to re-organise ourselves at the back.

However we were not put off our stride and took the lead when Stuart James went down the right wing and crossed from Chris Hamon to volley home for his second goal of the game.

The boys were working hard all over the pitch with ten men but just as we looked to have things sown up Luton took a share of the points four minutes from time which although it took the gloss off the scoreline, I cannot complain with the performance of those remaining on the pitch.

Result:

**Avon Insurance Combination
Luton Town 2 Swindon Town 2**

Scorer: Hamon (2)

Team: Hamblin, Jordan, Eley, Holloway, Fenwick, James, Worrall, Berkley, Hamon, Fraser, Gooden. **Subs:** Medcroft, Thorne.



**AUSTIN
BERKLEY**





YOUTH TEAM IN FOCUS

With **John Trollope**

Our South East Counties League game at home to Brighton & Hove Albion was brought forward due to both sides having been eliminated from the League Cup recently.

Meeting Brighton for the second time in as many weeks gave both sides an insight into the other sides's strengths and weaknesses.

We opened brightly and it was from a set play that we took the lead from a Ryan Souter corner when Jonathan Holloway came in to head home.

Brighton were always dangerous when going forward and caused us many problems as any team so far this season.

However some good defending and a little luck kept us ahead by that single goal at the interval.

The second half was more even and we created some good openings as did Brighton but we managed to hold on for the single goal victory.

This win put us in the right frame for the trip to play Derby County at The Baseball Ground in the Midland Youth Cup. Unfortunately all good things have to come to an end and although we played quite well we went out of the competition losing by two goals to nil.

In the first half we had more of the play but our final ball did not match the approach play.

Against the run of play Derby went ahead when we failed to defend at a free kick. We continued to work hard and had a very good spell early in the second half but could not get an equaliser.

As time went on we got more desperate losing our discipline and our shape allowing Derby more and more openings and from one of these they added a second goal from a deflection.

Results:

**South East Counties League
Swindon Town 1 Brighton & Hove Albion 0**

Scorer: Holloway

Team: Mildenhall, Jordan, Souter, Holloway, Thorne, McCluskey, Harvey, Fraser, Laidlaw, Medcroft, Pearce. **Subs:** Wimble, Thomas.

**Midland Youth Cup 2nd Round
Derby County 2 Swindon Town 0**

Team: Hamblin, Jordan, Souter, Holloway, Thorne, McCluskey, Harvey, Medcroft, Fraser, Laidlaw, Pearce. **Subs:** Wimble, Thomas.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Sat 13 Aug	Oxford United	A	2-3
Sat 20 Aug	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	5-2
Sat 27 Aug	Colchester United	A	2-3
Sat 03 Sep	WIMBLEDON	H	1-5
Sat 10 Sep	Brentford	A	3-1
Mon 12 Sep	Ipswich Town (S.J.F.C. 1)	A	1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Wimbledon (LC 1)	A	1-1
Sat 24 Sep	WIMBLEDON (LC 1R)	H	0-2
Sat 08 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-2
Sat 15 Oct	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	3-0
Tue 18 Oct	NOTTM. FOREST (MYC 1)	H	1-0
Sat 22 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 29 Oct	BRENTFORD	H	3-0
Sat 05 Nov	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	9-0
Sat 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-2
Wed 16 Nov	BRISTOL CITY (S.J.F.C. 2)	H	3-1
Sat 19 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H	1-0
Sat 26 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	1-0
Mon 28 Nov	Derby County (MYC 2)	A	0-2
Sat 03 Dec	Reading	A	1-0
Wed 13 Dec	Portsmouth (FAYC2)	A	
Sat 10 Dec	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Tue 13 Dec	PORTSMOUTH (S.J.F.C. Q/F)	A	
Sat 17 Dec	Southampton	A	
Sat 31 Dec	OXFORD UNITED	H	
Sat 07 Jan	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 14 Jan	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Sat 21 Jan	Wimbledon	A	
Sat 04 Feb	Bristol City	A	
Sat 18 Feb	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Sat 25 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat 04 Mar	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat 25 Mar	Luton Town	A	
Sat 01 Apr	READING	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	Crystal Palace	A	
TBA	PORTSMOUTH (S.J.F.C. Q/F)	H	

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AS AT 03 DECEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxford United	15	8	5	2	33	17	21
Crystal Palace	12	9	2	1	32	12	20
Swindon Town	14	9	1	4	35	18	19
Wimbledon	11	8	1	2	49	18	17
Bristol City	11	7	2	2	26	9	16
AFC Bournemouth	14	5	4	5	25	36	14
Tottenham Hotspur	14	6	1	7	27	28	13
Southampton	14	4	5	5	19	20	13
Brentford	14	5	3	6	19	21	13
Colchester United	12	4	3	5	16	27	11
Brighton & H.A.	13	4	3	6	25	37	11
Luton Town	13	5	0	8	28	22	10
Reading	14	4	2	8	16	34	10
Bristol Rovers	12	1	5	6	17	29	7
Wycombe Wanderers	15	0	3	12	15	54	3

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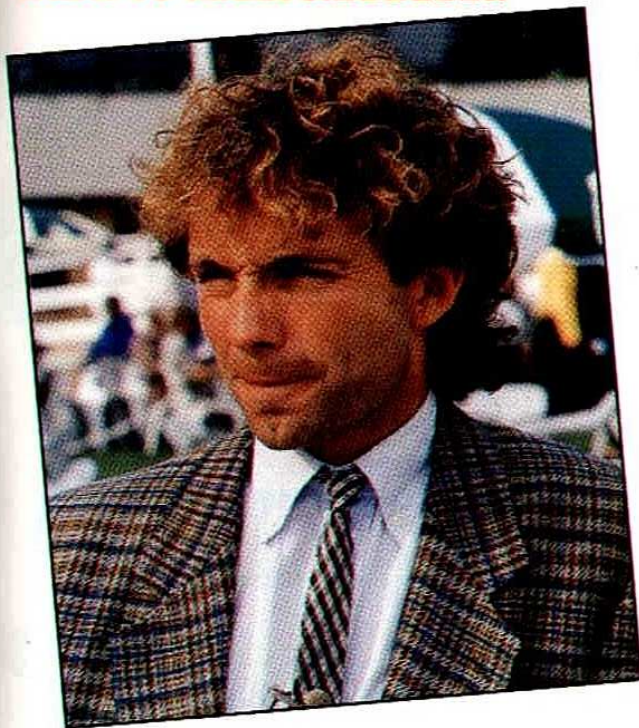


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MY *With* VIEW

CHANNEL 4 RACING'S SEVEN-TIME CHAMPION JOCKEY JOHN FRANCOME TALKS TO MARK SHANAHAN.



I've always been a football fan and a Swindon Town supporter in particular. My dad was a decent player and he got me interested in the game. I grew up in the days of Don Rogers, so there was a fair amount of success around here. I still see Don as he runs the side in Lambourn where I live. Every now and then I pop down for a bit of training with the lads, but these days life is very busy so I don't get the chance to kick-about or even see a game as often as I should.

Most of my Saturdays are spent as part of Channel 4's racing team and we've got a busy spell coming up. We've got Cheltenham in January, and some other pretty big National Hunt meetings around the country, so no doubt my football watching will be limited again this season. However, if I'm free, and I know there's a game at The County Ground. I'll try to get along. The other week I was driving along and I noticed the lights shining out, so I popped in to see the Midland Youth Cup game with Forest which I enjoyed - particularly as we won.

What I like most about the game is the banter. I was at Arsenal's game with Newcastle back in September, and some of the comments from the 30-odd thousand 'managers' in the stands were hysterical. Fantasy Football has been a tremendous innovation as it gives all these guys the chance to 'manage' their dream team - without any of the risk.

There are similar games in racing, but I'm not a devotee - I find it tough enough trying to pick a few winners having visited the courses and studied the form!

I like the camaraderie of football, and find that many people who enjoy the game also enjoy a flutter on the horses. So I'm quite happy to have a chat with people if they see me at a game - as long as they don't make a nuisance of themselves. I used to enjoy standing at Stratton Bank, and knew that I'd have at least two things in common with a lot of people around me - a love of football and racing.

This season I'd pay to watch almost any of the top sides. Players with skill excite me - I love the likes of Giggs and Beagrie at their best - and what I hate is the 'hoof-it-into-the-stand' brigade, particularly full backs. Over the years Swindon have had backs who can play football, the likes of Kerslake and Summerbee for instance, and these players are good to watch. I like football played on the ground, and flair should be encouraged, not stamped out.

Actually, the criticism of 'flair' players, particularly on TV, really gets up my back. I've got SKY, and my favourite commentator in Andy Gray because he's enthusiastic - obviously enjoys what he's doing - and doesn't try to be clever-knocking players on the pitch.

Over the years I've watched football across the world - when I used to ride to Milan for instance, the track was across the road from San Siro and the matches were beamed live into the weighing-in room - but still I come back to Swindon. I'd like to see the club able to spend a few quid on players and get back up among the elite - and recapture some of those glory days again.

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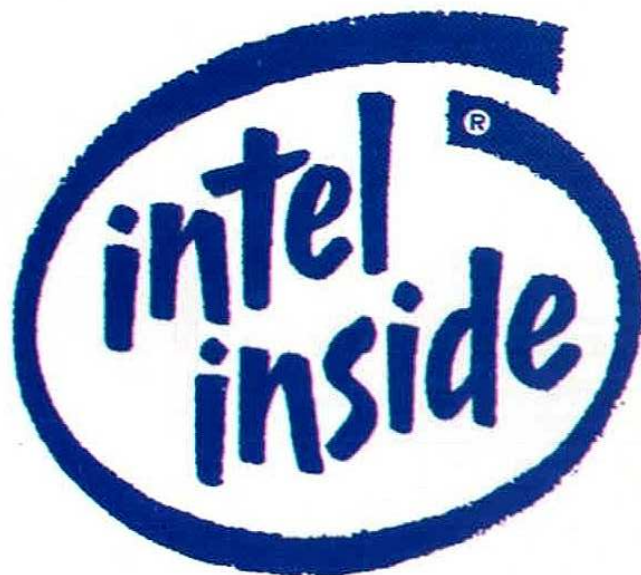
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	19	8	1	1	20	6	4	2	3	10	10	39
Tranmere Rovers	19	8	2	0	26	11	2	3	4	7	11	35
Wolverhampton W.	20	7	1	2	22	11	3	3	4	14	12	34
Grimsby Town	20	6	3	1	18	9	2	4	4	11	15	31
Reading	19	4	3	2	9	5	5	1	4	13	13	31
Sheffield United	20	6	2	2	17	8	2	3	5	14	15	29
Bolton Wanderers	19	6	2	1	17	5	2	3	5	14	18	29
Luton Town	20	2	2	5	14	13	6	3	1	17	11	29
Barnsley	19	5	3	1	12	5	3	2	5	8	15	28
Watford	20	5	4	1	14	8	2	3	5	8	15	28
Southend United	20	7	1	2	14	7	1	3	6	7	24	28
Stoke City	20	5	2	3	18	10	2	4	4	5	15	27
Derby County	20	4	4	2	13	8	3	2	5	9	11	27
Oldham Athletic	20	5	3	2	15	9	2	2	8	10	18	26
Sunderland	20	1	6	3	8	10	4	4	2	14	8	25
Port Vale	19	5	2	3	15	10	1	4	4	7	13	24
Burnley	19	2	5	2	12	11	3	4	3	9	12	24
Charlton Athletic	19	3	3	4	14	14	2	5	2	15	16	23
Swindon Town	20	5	4	2	16	12	1	0	8	10	21	22
Millwall	20	4	4	2	17	12	1	3	6	8	16	22
West Bromwich Albion	20	5	2	2	11	8	0	4	7	7	20	21
Portsmouth	20	2	3	5	10	16	2	4	4	10	16	19
Bristol City	19	3	3	4	9	14	2	1	6	7	13	19
Notts County	19	2	4	3	12	14	1	2	7	8	16	15

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 05 DECEMBER 1994

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Joey Beauchamp	16(2)	1	8(1)	1	24(3)	2
Austin Berkley	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
Paul Bodin	19	5	7	0	26	5
Fraser Digby	20	0	7(2)	0	27(2)	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	20	10	6(1)	7	26(1)	17
Ty Gooden	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
Nicky Hammond	0(20)	0	2(7)	0	2(27)	0
Chris Hamon	0(2)	0	0(3)	1	0(5)	1
Kevin Horlock	14(6)	0	6(2)	0	20(8)	0
Stuart James	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Brian Kilcline	6(3)	0	7(1)	0	13(4)	0
Martin Ling	15(2)	1	7(2)	0	22(4)	1
Ross MacLaren	3	0	1	0	4	0
Steve McMahon	1	0	0	0	1	0
Edwin Murray	0(1)	0	0(4)	0	0(5)	0
Andy Mutch	7(11)	0	5(3)	2	12(14)	2
Luc Nijholt	17	0	8	0	25	0
Wayne O'Sullivan	7(5)	0	5(1)	0	12(6)	0
Marcus Phillips	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Mark Robinson	20	0	9	0	29	0
Keith Scott	17(3)	8	9	4	26(3)	12
Shaun Taylor	14	1	4	0	18	1
Carl Tiler	2	0	0	0	2	0
Andrew Thomson	16	0	8(1)	1	24(1)	1
Neil Webb	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0
Adrian Whitbread	1	0	0	0	1	0
Steve White	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA
Sun 14 Aug	PORT VALE	H 2-0
Sat 20 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	A 2-3
Wed 24 Aug	ATALANTA A.I.C.(1)	H 0-2
Sat 27 Aug	WATFORD	H 1-0
Wed 31 Aug	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 0-0
Sat 03 Sep	Notts County	A 1-0
Tue 06 Sep	Venezia A.I.C. (2)	A 0-1
Sun 11 Sep	DERBY COUNTY	H 1-1
Wed 14 Sep	READING	H 1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Charlton Athletic	A 0-1
Wed 21 Sep	CHARLTON ATH. (C.C.C. 2-1)	H 1-3
Sat 24 Sep	GRIMSBY TOWN	H 3-2
Tue 27 Sep	Charlton Athletic (C.C.C. 2-2)	A 4-1
Sat 01 Oct	Barnsley	A 1-2
Wed 05 Oct	LECCE A.I.C. (3)	H 3-1
Sat 08 Oct	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 3-2
Sat 15 Oct	Portsmouth	A 3-4
Sat 22 Oct	SOUTHEND UNITED	H 2-2
Wed 26 Oct	Brighton & H.A. (C.C.C. 3)	A 1-1
Sat 29 Oct	Middlesbrough	A 1-3
Tue 01 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	A 0-3
Sat 05 Nov	MILLWALL	H 1-2
Wed 09 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.(C.C.C. 3R)	H 4-1
Tue 15 Nov	Ascoli A.I.C. (4)	A 1-3
Sun 20 Nov	Bristol City	A 2-3
Wed 23 Nov	BURNLEY	H 1-1
Sat 26 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H 1-2
Wed 30 Nov	DERBY COUNTY (C.C.C. 4)	H 2-1
Sat 03 Dec	Southend United	A 0-2
Sat 10 Dec	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
Sat 17 Dec	Port Vale	A
Mon 26 Dec	Stoke City	A
Tue 27 Dec	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H
Sat 31 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A
Mon 02 Jan	SUNDERLAND	H
Sat 07 Jan	MARLOW (FAC 3)	H
Wed 11 Jan	MILLWALL (C.C.C. Q/F)	H
Sat 14 Jan	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
Sat 21 Jan	Millwall	A
Sat 28 Jan	F.A.C. 4	A
Sat 04 Feb	Burnley	A
Sat 11 Feb	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
Sat 18 Feb	Luton Town	A
Wed 22 Feb	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 25 Feb	BARNSELY	H
Sat 04 Mar	Grimsby Town	A
Wed 08 Mar	NOTTS COUNTY	H
Sat 11 Mar	Watford	A
Sat 18 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	A
Wed 22 Mar	Derby County	A
Sat 25 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
Sat 01 Apr	Reading	A
Sat 08 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United	A
Mon 17 Apr	STOKE CITY	H
Sat 22 Apr	Sunderland	A
Sat 29 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat 06 May	Wolverhampton W.	A

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11,482	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	HORLOCK	SCOTT	BEAUCHAMP	HAMMOND
11,167	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	HORLOCK	WHITE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
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11,903	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
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11,446	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
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