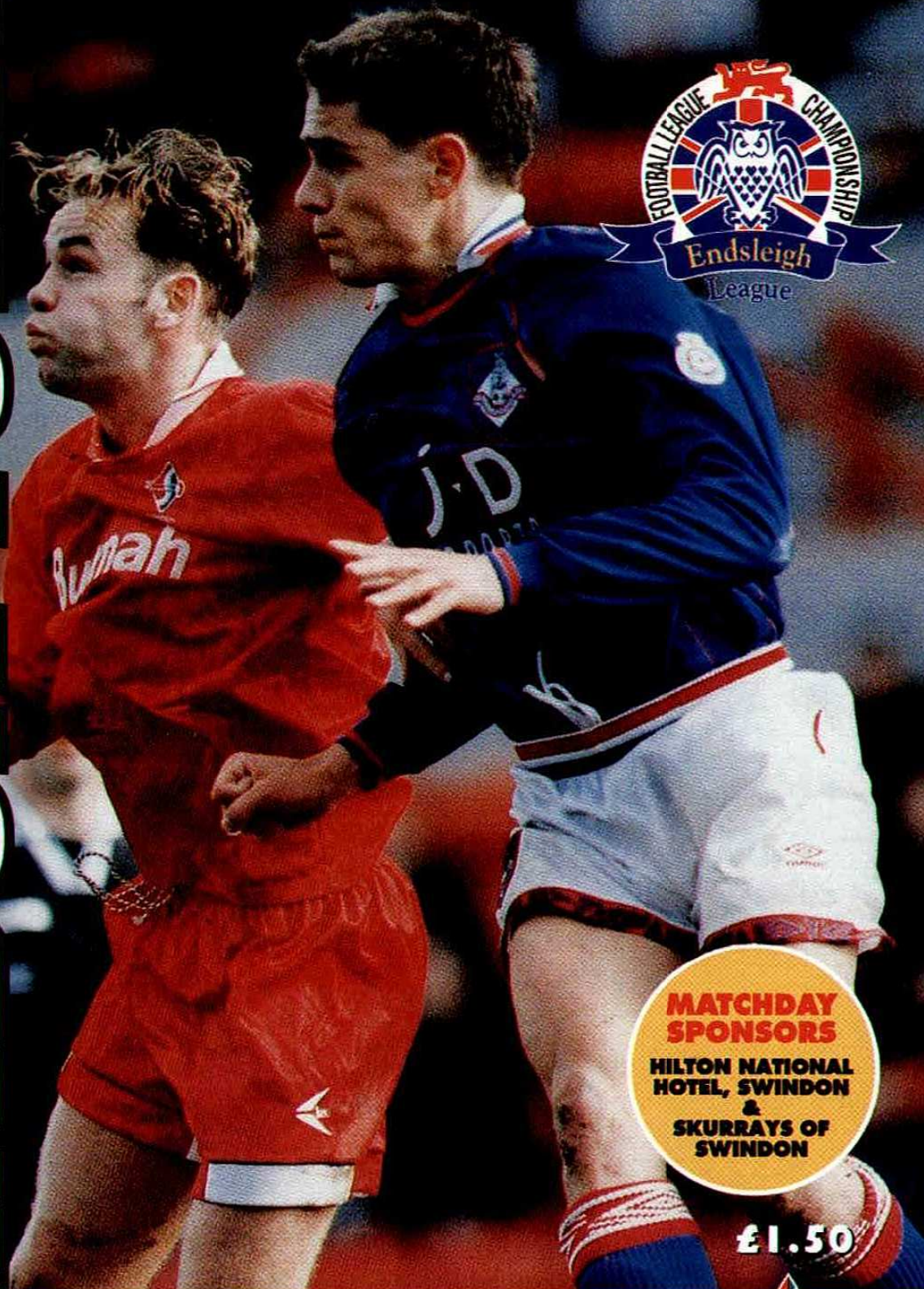


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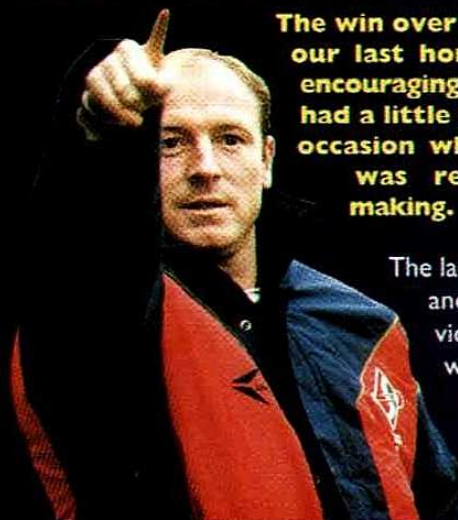


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With **FROM THE TOP** **STEVE McMAHON**



The win over Oldham Athletic in our last home game was very encouraging. It is about time we had a little luck though on this occasion what luck was going was really of our own making.

The lads did themselves proud and fully justified their 3-1 victory. In fact on the day we could have had a few more goals.

What pleased me was the attitude. The players did not go

out there feeling sorry for themselves after the heartbreak of losing to Bolton Wanderers in the last minute. They went out, rolled up their sleeves and got down to business in a professional way. It came right for us on the day and this was very satisfying.

We are into one of the busiest times of the season and hopefully come into this game after getting a result at Bramall Lane on Saturday. Sheffield United was where Swindon made their Premiership debut last season of course and hopefully the result this time was more encouraging.

Today we take on a Stoke City side who eased their relegation worries just before the holiday week but will still be looking for points to make their safety certain.

They have a good, strong squad and it will be nice to see Scotty back at the County Ground. Lou Macari, another Swindon old-boy, is of course no stranger to me. We have clashed in midfield on many occasions. He is quite a character.

We are still in the bottom four but our salvation is still very much in our own hands. Stoke are one of three clubs immediately above us who we need to beat to maintain our First Division status. Sunderland, who we play on Saturday, and Portsmouth are the others, then of course we have Notts County to play here as well, so at least our immediate future is still in our hands. We are not dependant on others doing us favours.

We have a lot of young players in the side and they with the more senior professionals can be proud of themselves, and should be proud of themselves. If they continue to perform as they have been doing over the past few weeks they will do me...and if you continue to support us as you have then I am sure together we can see Swindon Town safe.

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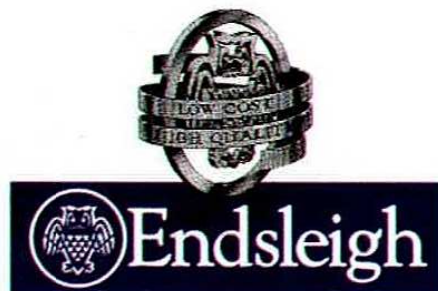
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On this Easter Monday we are pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Stoke City Football Club to The County Ground for this afternoon's Endsleigh League Division I fixture.

Endsleigh League

Next Saturday we face our longest haul of the season when we travel to play Sunderland at Roker Park in the Endsleigh League where the kick off is at 3.00pm. We are then faced with our final two home fixtures of the present campaign with Portsmouth here at The County Ground on Saturday 29 April kicking off at 3.00pm followed by the visit of fellow strugglers Notts County on Wednesday 3 May kicking off at 7.45pm. Tickets for the Portsmouth game are now on sale while the Notts County tickets will be available from this Wednesday. The curtain comes down on the 1994/95 season on Sunday 7 May at Molineux where we play Wolverhampton Wanderers kicking off at 3.00pm.

Youths on Tour

After their South East Counties League game at Tottenham Hotspur last Thursday afternoon, the Youth Team flew out to Holland to participate in the International Youth Tournament in Veenendaal. We were the first non-Dutch winners of the competition last year and will be defending the trophy throughout the day today, the Final of which is at 3.45pm C.E.T. The lads complete their South East Counties League season with home games at Wanborough this Saturday against Bristol City and on Saturday 29 April against Oxford United. Both games kick off at 11.00am. In between these two games they play Wimbledon at Plough Lane on Monday 24 April kicking off at 2.00pm.



Football Combination

The battle to avoid having to seek re-election to the Football Combination continues tomorrow when the Reserve Team travels to play West Ham United at Upton Park in the Avon Insurance Combination kicking off at 7.00pm and on Thursday evening they face Bristol Rovers here at The County Ground with a 7.30pm kick off. Arsenal Reserves are here on Wednesday 26 April in the Avon Insurance Combination kicking off at 7.30pm.

E.S.F.A. Cup

Swindon College are through to the semi-finals of the English Schools' F.A. Under 19 "Snickers" Cup - a national Cup competition involving over 1000 schools throughout England when they face Northgate High School from Ipswich at the Allied Dunbar Training Centre at Wanborough on Wednesday 26 April kicking off at 3.00pm. Swindon College are Champions of Wiltshire, the West, South West and Midlands while their opponents from Ipswich are Champions of Suffolk, East Anglia, Greater London and the South East.

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STOKE CITY *By* JOHN NOLAN



The famous Potteries club would seem to have earned themselves a place in the First Division for next season after picking up four points from a 0-0 draw at home to Charlton Athletic and a 1-0 home win over Watford.

There's no Stanley Matthews, Neil Franklin or Alan Hudson in the red and white stripes these days yet on paper Lou Macari has some very good players to call upon.

In midfield they have the experience and enthusiasm, not to mention total commitment, of Paul Allen, a ball-winner who has been the dynamo for such teams as West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and most recently Southampton. His non-stop running is complemented by the guile and vision of another former Hammer Kevin Keen - signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers this season.

There's Nigel Gleghorn, the only ever-present this season, who wears the captain's armband and dictates the play with his passing and general support.

At the back the rugged Ian Cranson was seen as a future England centre-half when he performed with distinction in the Under-21 side during his Ipswich Town days. A move to Sheffield Wednesday seemed the ideal step forward but then serious injuries intervened and Cranson's development took a backward step.

Cranson is still a true competitor and alongside Vince Overson has formed a solid barrier in the centre of a defence which has Larus Sigurdsson (a cousin of Toddy Orlygsson), at fullback. He scored his first ever goal in English football recently to beat Watford 1-0.

Up front of course former Town striker Keith Scott is the target man. Keith has formed a good understanding with Canadian International Paul Peschisolido who, though short of inches, is very fast, well talented and loves to run at defenders with the ball.

The former Birmingham City striker scored his 14th goal of the season at Ayresome Park last Saturday week when Stoke showed their strength in depth by running the First Division leaders close in a 2-1 defeat despite having seven first choice players unavailable.

Biggins, Scott and Overson were all suspended; Cranson was nursing a swollen knee to join former Leicester goalkeeper Carl Muggleton and midfielder Toddy Orlygsson - the Icelandic International signed from Nottingham Forest - on the sick list while Kevin Keen had to dash back to the Midlands from the team hotel because his wife was giving birth.

John Dreyer is currently on loan to Bolton Wanderers.

Away from home this season Stoke have won four and drawn eight with nine losses and 15 goals scored against 30.

STOKE CITY ABC



PAUL ALLEN - Midfield. Was in Southampton's squad last season but lost his place after injury and in January 1995 joined Stoke on loan. A former West Ham United graduate, Paul became the youngest player ever to play in a Wembley FA Cup Final when he picked up a winners medal against Arsenal in 1980. Joined Spurs in 1985 and collected more FA Cup Silverware before a £550,000 move to the Dell. Capped by England at "B" and Under-21 levels. Born: Aveley 28.8.62.

CARL BEESTON - Defender. Local lad who joined the club's apprentice ranks from school and made his League debut in a 0-1 defeat by Coventry City, in May 1985. Did not really establish himself until the season of 1988-89 and is now back in the side after a troublesome eighteen months of injuries. Born: Stoke 30.6.67.



PAUL PESCHISOLIDO

STOKE CITY ABC



JOHN BUTLER - Defender. Experienced fullback brought to the club by Mick Mills for a bargain £75,000. John had played in more than 250 senior games for his previous club Wigan Athletic who had spotted him playing for Prescott Cables. Made his League bow with the Latics in a 1 - 1 draw with Rochdale on 24 April 1982. Born: Liverpool 7.2.62.

MARTIN CARRUTHERS - Striker. Bounced back from breaking a leg in his training days - Martin proved to be a prolific scorer in Youth and Reserve team football with Aston Villa. Made his League debut in a 0-2 defeat at Wimbledon (8.2.92), and played against Oldham and Manchester City. However first team opportunities were limited and in the summer of 1993 he took the opportunity to transfer to Stoke City where he was an immediate success. Born: Nottingham 7.8.72.

IAN CLARKSON - Midfield. Signed last season from Birmingham City for £40,000 to replace the injured John Butler at right back. A versatile performer he played most of his games for the Blues in midfield and was a member of their Leyland DAF Cup winning squad. Made well over a hundred appearances for Birmingham City after joining them as a trainee. Born: Birmingham 4.12.79.

NIGEL GLEGHORN - Midfield. Was playing for Seaham Red Star when Ron Gray spotted him and took him to Ipswich Town. Made his League entrance at Arsenal in October 1985 and played 66 games before moving on to Manchester City in 1988. Celebrated his 100th League appearance in a City shirt but was then sold to Birmingham City with whom he played at Wembley in the Leyland DAF Cup Final. Stoke signed him for £100,000. Born: Seaham 12.8.62.

IAN CRANSON - Central Defender. Rugged no-nonsense defender who attacks the ball well. Developed through the Youth ranks at Ipswich Town where he formed an impressive partnership with Terry Butcher after his introduction to League football at Villa Park in December 1981. Became a regular in the England Under-21 side and Sheffield Wednesday paid a club record £475,000 for him in March 1988 but his time at Hillsborough was dogged by serious injuries. In 1989 Stoke paid them a club record £450,000 for his registration. Born: Easington 2.7.64.

KEITH DOWNING - Midfield. Made the breakthrough into League football with Notts County against Leeds United, in August 1984 but had played only 23 League games when Wolves snapped him up in 1987. Played more than 200 times for the Molineux club then had one season with Birmingham City before joining Stoke on a free in the summer of 1994. Born: Oldbury 23.7.65.

JOHN GAYLE - Striker. Signed from Burnley for £70,000 towards the end of January 1995, the 6'4" striker was with Lou Macari at Birmingham City three seasons ago. Formerly with Burton Albion he was given his League chance by Wimbledon. Coventry City took him from St Andrews for £100,000 in 1993 and he moved to Turf Moor not long after the start of the 1994-95 season for £70,000. Born: Birmingham 30.7.64.



MARTIN CARRUTHERS



NIGEL GLEGHORN



IAN CRANSON



VINCE OVERSON - Defender. Experienced former Burnley pro who became a popular figure in the Midlands after a free transfer move to Birmingham City in 1986. Achieved a Wembley double by helping the Blues win the Leyland DAF Cup, a triumph he repeated with Stoke City in the Autoglass Trophy following a £55,000 transfer. Born: Kettering 15.5.62.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO - Striker. Diminutive Canadian International whose strong running and tight control has upset many a defence. Came to prominence with Birmingham City but then did not fit into Barry Fry's plans. Had the chance to sign for Notts County last summer but chose Stoke City instead and cost £450,000.

MARK PRUDHOE - Goalkeeper. A North-easterner who started his career with Sunderland then moved on to play with Birmingham City and Walsall. Has spent the last four years with Darlington and was voted the best goalkeeper in Division Three in the 1994 PFA Awards. Cost Stoke £120,000. Born: 8.11.63.

KEITH SCOTT - Striker. Needs no introduction having been introduced to top class football by Swindon Town in November 1993 when he made a scoring debut against Ipswich Town. The former Lincoln City striker had been signed from Wycombe Wanderers. Scored in his first three games for us but finished with 4 Premiership goals. Added another dozen this season before joining Stoke for £300,000 in December 1994. Age: 27.

LARUS SIGURDSSON - Defender. Iceland Under-21 International was voted Stoke City's best player for the Month of March and celebrated with his first goal in English football in a 1-0 win over Watford (4-4-95). A solid defender.

RONNIE SINCLAIR - Goalkeeper. A former Nottingham Forest apprentice he made his League debut for Wrexham (vs Stockport County 30-3-84) while on loan. Had further loan spells with Derby, Sheffield United and Leeds without getting a game and in 1986 signed for Leeds. Made 8 League appearances for United in 1986-87 and four with Halifax on loan before moving to Bristol City where he played 44 League games. 11 more were made on on loan for Walsall before he transferred to Stoke City in November 1991. Born: Stirling 19.11.64.

RAY WALLACE - Fullback. One of the famous Wallace brothers, Stoke took Ray from Leeds United in the summer of 1994 on a free transfer. Started his career with Southampton in 1988, making his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday in October that year. In the summer of 1991 he moved to Elland Road in a £100,000 deal. Has also played with Swansea on loan. Born: Greenwich 2.10.69.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SWINDON TOWN vs STOKE CITY - HEAD TO HEAD

LEAGUE GAMES

1994/95	Away	0-0	D	Division 1
1989/90	Home	6-0	W	Division 2
1989/90	Away	1-1	D	Division 2
1988/89	Home	3-0	W	Division 2
1988/89	Away	1-2	L	Division 2
1987/88	Home	3-0	W	Division 2
1978/88	Away	0-1	L	Division 2

LEAGUE MEETINGS (7)

Swindon Town 3 Wins Stoke City 2 Wins 2 Draws
Swindon Town 14 Goals Stoke City 4 Goals
Swindon Town at Home - Wins 3 Losses 0 Draws 0
Swindon Town at Home - Goals for 12 Goals Against 0

CUP GAMES

1979/80	Home	2-1	W	League Cup 3
1979/80	Away	2-2	D	League Cup 3
1951/52	Home	1-1	D	FA Cup 4
1951/52	Away	1-0	W	FA Cup 4
1948/49	Home	1-3	L	FA Cup 3

CUP MEETINGS (5)

Swindon Town 2 Wins Stoke City 1 Win 2 Draws
Swindon Town 7 Goals Stoke City 7 Goals

OVERALL MEETINGS (12)

Swindon Town 5 Wins Stoke City 3 Wins 4 Draws
Swindon Town 21 Goals Stoke City 11 Goals

THE MAN IN CHARGE



Manager **Lou Macari**

A former manager of Swindon Town and is known to most Town fans as a bubbling enthusiastic football manager.

Born in Edinburgh on June 4, 1949 – his family hails from the Roman suburb of Actina, where many of his relatives still live – he emerged as a wee player of infinite energy and skill.

Lou played three full seasons for Celtic, after joining them from Kilmarnock Amateurs, winning three Scottish League medals, two Scottish Cup medals and six full and one Under-23 Scotland caps.

Liverpool were in the hunt for his services but it was Tommy Docherty who persuaded him his future was with Manchester United and in January 1973 a £200,000 transfer was completed.

Macari went straight into the United side and immediately won the hearts of the 'Stretford-Enders' with his hustle and bustle and total commitment. He clocked up 392 senior appearances for the Reds in 11 years, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1977 and runners-up prizes in 1976 and 1979; was a runner-up in the Milk Cup in 1983 as well and won a Second Division Championship medal in 1975; and added another 18 caps to his International collection.

In July 1984 Lou left Old Trafford to take over as manager of Swindon Town with Harry Gregg but in April 1985 they were both sacked. Macari was reinstated after a public outcry and led Swindon from Division Four to Division Two. But in the summer of 1989 he quit to take charge of West Ham United.

It didn't work out for him at Upton Park where he lasted less than a year. A short spell with Birmingham City was followed by his appointment at Stoke City in 1991. He took them to the Second Division title, however the lure of taking charge of Celtic drew him back to Scotland.

Eleven months later he was back with Stoke, taking over from Joe Jordan in October 1994.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Midfielder **Kevin Keen**

Many were surprised when former England manager Graham Taylor did not include Kevin in his plans for Wolves this season and Lou Macari was quick to respond with a record £300,000 deal in October 1994.

Keen had spent just one full season in the old-gold shirts after a lifetime of football with West Ham United. The son of Mike Keen, the famous QPR star, Kevin joined the apprentice ranks at Upton Park after starring for the High Wycombe Boys side that won the ESFA Gillette Cup in 1983.

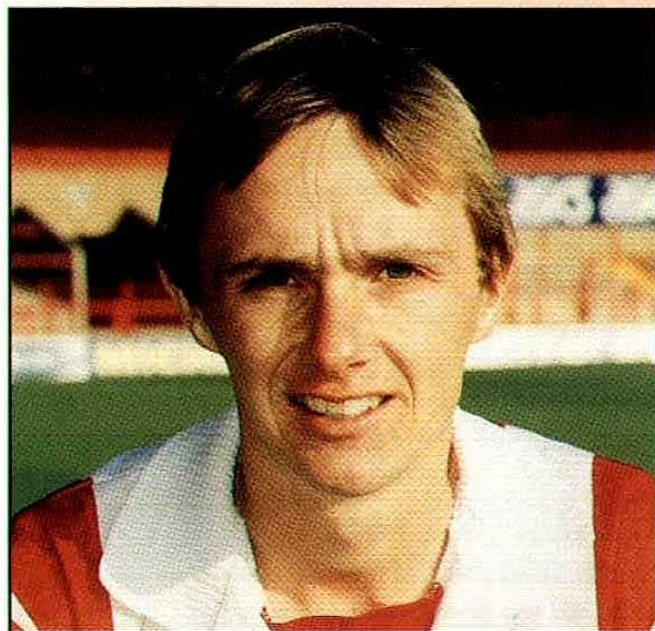
Capped eight times by the England Schools at Under-15 and twice at Under-18 level he made three appearances for Wycombe Wanderers in the season of 1982-83 before signing for the Hammers that Summer.

Went on to claim 15 England Youth caps and made his League debut in the 25th minute against Liverpool in September 1986. Scored his first senior goal in a FA Cup Third Round tie against Orient.

A player of great vision, balance and touch, he is an accurate passer and technically sound. His pacy surges on diagonal runs across opposing defenders has thrilled countless fans and in December 1987 he was named as the Barclays Young Eagle Award winner.

Kevin's future seemed settled at Upton Park but he surprised everyone when in July 1993, at the end of his contract, he opted to make a break and sign for Wolverhampton Wanderers in a £600,000 deal.

Was a regular in the Wolves line-up until Mr Taylor's arrival at Molineux. Born: Amersham 25.2.67.





ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE PREVIEW

Easter Monday is one of the most crucial dates on the League calendar as the season's programme draws towards its dramatic climax.

When we kicked off this season at Port Vale last August with a 2-0 victory our thoughts were focused on a serious challenge for the First Division title. Alas, it wasn't to be and while Middlesbrough, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Tranmere Rovers battle for the honours we find ourselves enmeshed in a dog-fight for survival at the bottom end of the League table.

Ironically, on this most crucial Monday, the fixture computer has thrown together clubs who are challenging for the Play-Offs or scrapping to avoid relegation to Division Two, thus placing more importance on the relevant outcomes which could, in some cases, determine a club's immediate future.

It is unfortunate that our concern is the battle to avoid the drop but of course THREE points from Stoke City is an absolute must for us this afternoon.

Down at Ashton Gate there is another game taking place as Bristol City entertain West Bromwich Albion. Again a fixture City can't afford not to win though a West Brom victory would do our own cause a power of good.

Port Vale, at home to Burnley, is another game which is relevant to our situation, with the club from the Potteries one we need to claw down below us alongside Burnley who have scored the fewest goals away from home this season. As before, a draw here would benefit neither side.

Portsmouth, who provide our home opposition on Saturday 29th April, must also beat Watford at Fratton Park today. A Watford win would be more to our liking of course but the Hertfordshire club, who at one time boasted the best defensive record in the entire Division, have not performed with the same authority since losing to Crystal Palace in the FA Cup Quarter-Final replay and after losing at Stoke (1-0) are looking more vulnerable away from home.

Sunderland could be in trouble. They face Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park where Peter Reid of course first came to prominence as a player in 1974. The 38 year-old former Everton and Manchester City midfielder will certainly not enjoy the support of the home fans this time around.

Oldham Athletic too have a difficult away trip which on paper looks like a no pointer. They are at Molineux, where Wolves despite their many injury problems are still a major force.

Meanwhile up at Ayresome Park Middlesbrough continue their charge with a toughie against Sheffield United who, incidentally, are one of the top scoring teams away from home and after a disastrous first half to the season are now serious contenders for the Play-Offs.

Derby County are also in this bracket and they could be just too strong today for Tranmere Rovers at the Baseball Ground. The Rams boss, Roy McFarland, picked up the Endsleigh League First Division Manager of the Month award for March, after guiding Derby to 16 points from a possible 21.

Finally today Luton Town take on Reading in another issue affecting Play-Off positions.

As the season boils up here is a rundown on the remaining fixtures for the clubs immediately involved in the relegation battle:

BURNLEY:

Portsmouth (h), Sunderland (h), Bolton Wanderers (a)

BRISTOL CITY:

Watford (a), Reading (h), Millwall (a)

OLDHAM ATHLETIC:

Millwall (h), Grimsby Town (h),
Watford (h), Port Vale (a)

PORTSMOUTH:

Burnley (a), Swindon Town (a), Oldham Athletic (h)

PORT VALE:

Stoke City (a), Charlton Athletic (a),
Notts County (h)

SOUTHEND UNITED:

Charlton Athletic (h), Tranmere Rovers (a),
Derby County (a), Barnsley (h)

STOKE CITY:

Port Vale (h), Millwall (h),
Bolton Wanderers (h), Luton Town (a)

SUNDERLAND:

Swindon Town (h), Burnley (a),
West Bromwich Albion (h)


SWINDON TOWN:

Sunderland (a), Portsmouth (h), Notts County (h)
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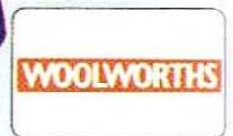
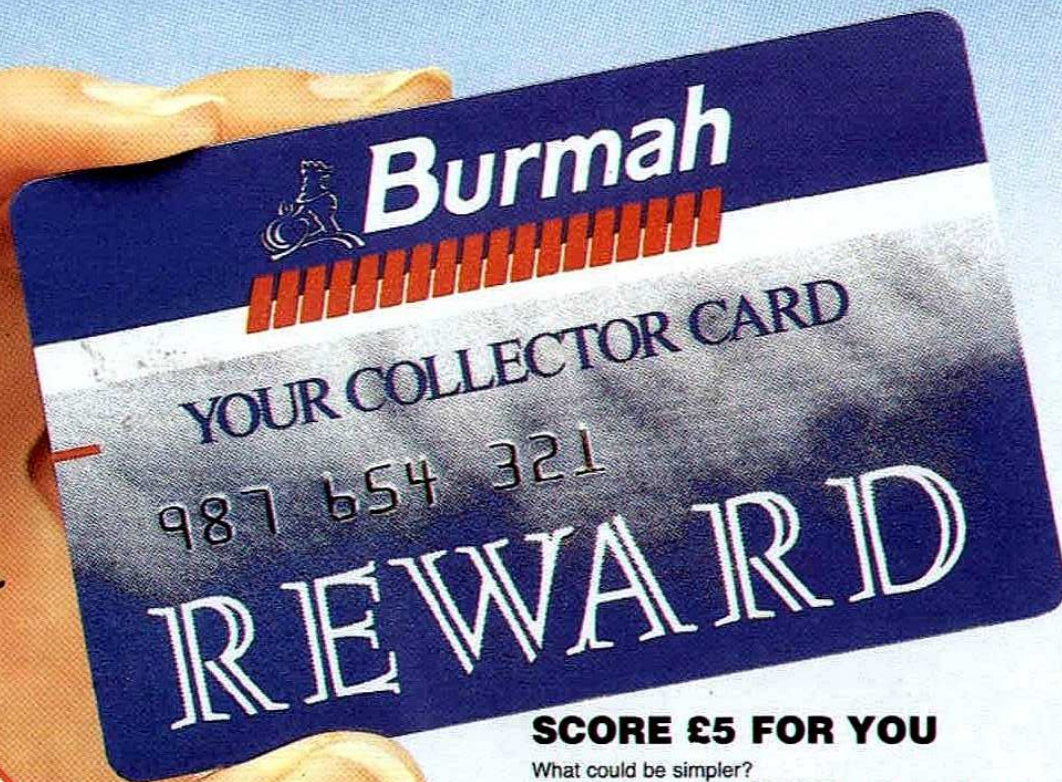
A photograph of a soccer player in a green jersey and white shorts jumping high to head a white ball. He is in front of a goal net. Other players in blue and red jerseys are visible in the background.

SHAUN TAYLOR
just fails to
connect a header
in the Oldham
game.

A photograph of a soccer player in a red jersey diving into a goal. The ball is in the net. A goalkeeper in a blue jersey is also diving. A crowd of spectators is visible behind the goal.

ADRIAN VIVEASH nods home his second
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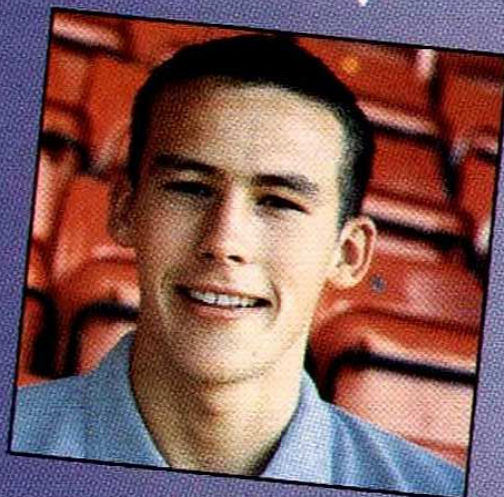
Football in the Community is part of the Professional Footballers Association and along with other Community Officers, Jon Pollard and myself attended the annual P.F.A. Awards Dinner in London last weekend.

It is at the Dinner that the results of the voting is announced whereby the professional players themselves vote for their Player of the Year.

In the Divisional Awards our former player Jan Aage Fjortoft was in the Division 1 team. The full line-up was as follows:

- Shaka Hislop (Reading),
- Alan Stubbs (Bolton Wanderers),
- Craig Short (Derby County),
- Ben Thatcher (Millwall),
- Jason McAteer (Bolton Wanderers),
- Alex Rae (Millwall),
- Jamie Pollock (Middlesbrough),
- Jan Aage Fjortoft (Middlesbrough),
- John Hendrie (Middlesbrough),
- John Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers).

The Players' Player of the Year Award went to Alan Shearer of Blackburn Rovers with Liverpool's Robbie Fowler picking up the Young Player of the Year Award. Gordon Strachan of Coventry City collected the Merit Award.

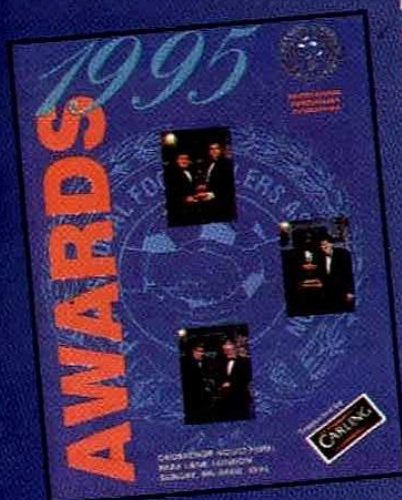
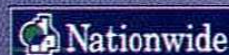


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TOWN TALK

This afternoon Colin Benson talks to Ty Gooden.

Q. What does Easter mean to you Ty?

A. A busy time. Footballers don't get any time off and with three games in eight days it is a really hectic period. I don't see this as a problem providing the lads can keep clear of injuries.

We played on Saturday and had yesterday to rest, so we will be alright. It is the same for Stoke City as well.

Q. Is it a question more of mental rather than physical fatigue?

A. It all depends really. After some games you feel really exhausted. The Bolton game here the other night for example. After the match I felt extremely drained and thought that I would still be terribly tired a couple of days later, but the next day I was just a little stiff and the day after that I was fine. So if there had been a game two days after that I would have been all right. Whereas sometimes you come off after a game which you think has not been too punishing to your body and you feel worse a couple of days later.

Q. It is still very important we have a good Easter in terms of results. What will you be looking to achieve?

A. Basically we need to pick up seven points out of the three games against Sheffield United, Stoke and Sunderland which is not that easy with two of the fixtures away from home. The game next Saturday is crucial as Sunderland are the club above us. We definitely have to beat them.

I think before this week we would have settled for a point at Sheffield United though we definitely went for all three and the way we are playing we know we are capable of beating any side in this Division.

Q. It was an encouraging performance against Oldham wasn't it?

A. Yes. I think that sort of scoreline has been coming for quite a while. Obviously at West Brom we scored five goals and since then there have been quite a few matches in which we have threatened to repeat that performance and score a few goals but it just hasn't happened.

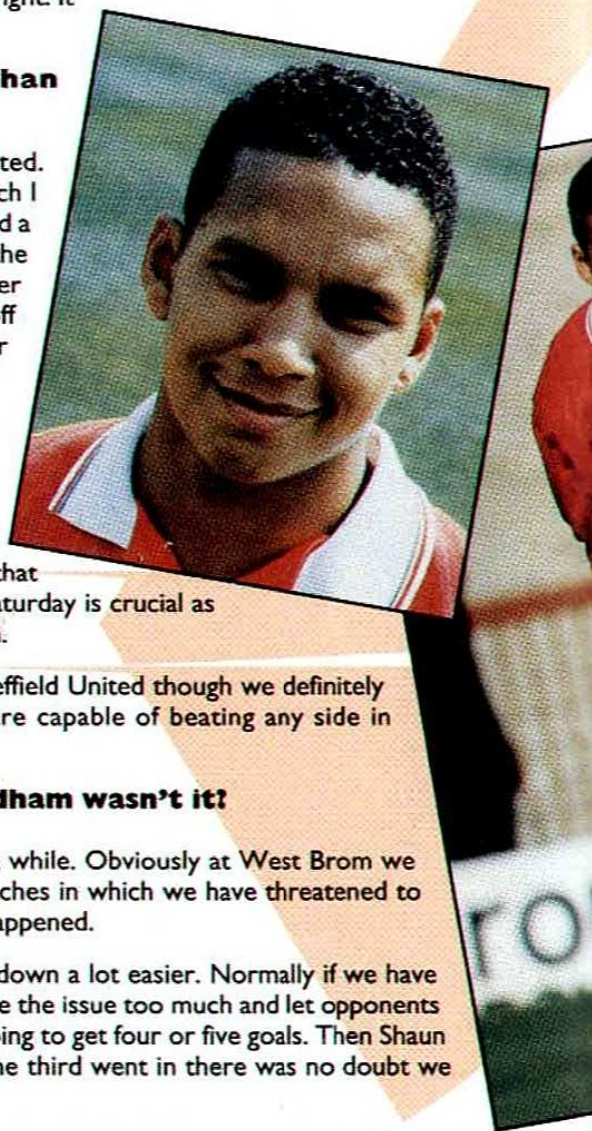
Against Oldham we got the early goal which helped. We settled down a lot easier. Normally if we have not scored in the first half-hour we start panicking. We try to force the issue too much and let opponents get into the game. But when we went 2-0 up I thought we were going to get four or five goals. Then Shaun made a little bit of a mistake and that was a set-back, but once the third went in there was no doubt we would win it.

We need to find some more goals from midfield. If you look at our record this season other than Jan and Peter not many people have scored goals. So Joey and Adrian getting on the scoresheet with Shaun has taken a bit of pressure off the strikers.

When Jan went we played five in midfield with Joey and me trying to get forward as much as we could but after losing to Charlton the gaffer changed it to play two up front and though I have not scored I think Thorny and I have done quite well up there together.

Q. Your career seems to be progressing quite well now. Are you happy with the way things are developing?

A. Yes. I made my debut against West Ham last season and to be honest I thought I would be playing more regularly at the start of this season. I had an ankle injury at the start, which set me back about three months, and did not get

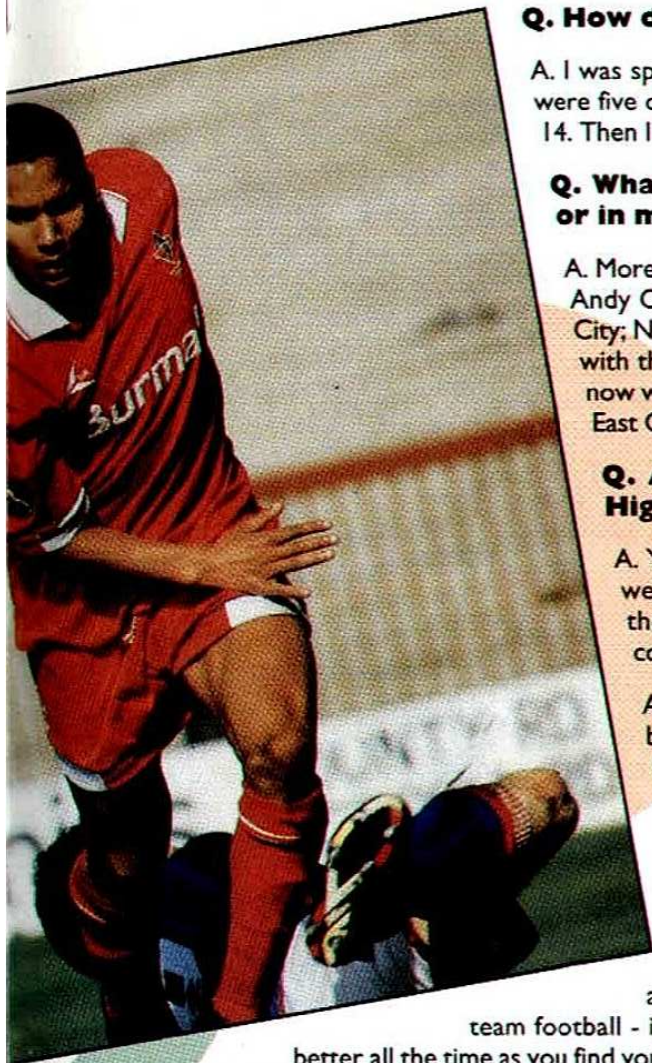


back into the swing of things until Steve came and gave me a chance, and it is now going quite well for me.

Q. You must be delighted because your career seemed to have come to a standstill at Wycombe Wanderers hadn't it?

A. Yes. I think the reason behind that was that I went there from Arsenal where I had been a Youth player training really hard. I was extremely fit. Then I had the summer off after Arsenal released me and went to Wycombe where we trained two nights a week with a game on the Saturday. I didn't realise at the time but I lost my peak of fitness and my edge, which is very important for a player, and after a couple of months I just wasn't fit.

I tried to do some training on my own at home but it just wasn't the same. After two years of that I really went down hill and I thought if I don't get back into full-time training I am never going to get back into football. So when John Gorman gave me the chance to come to Swindon on trial I jumped at it.



Q. How did you get to Arsenal?

A. I was spotted when I was about ten playing for a Sunday side. There were five of us who went to train with them once a week until we were 14. Then I signed Schoolboy forms and eventually as an apprentice.

Q. What position were you playing then. As a winger or in midfield?

A. More as a winger really. I played left-wing in the same Youth team as Andy Cole, Ray Parlour, Mark Flatts who is now playing for Bristol City; Neil Heaney who is at Southampton, and Charlie Hartfield who is with the team we played on Saturday - Sheffield United, and Joseph now with Cambridge United. It was a fair old side. We won the South East Counties Division One and the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Q. Are you sorry it didn't work out for you at Highbury?

A. Yes. I was devastated at the time when they released me. They were probably the best two years of my life up until then, but there were so many good players there at the time they just couldn't take any more on.

A few people said they were surprised I didn't get another year but it wasn't to be. I thought joining Wycombe would be a step back to go forward but it didn't work out. I had a few other offers at the time but Wycombe's seemed more concrete.

Q. Do you see things developing in a positive way. Do you feel you are making progress now?

A. Yes. In the last couple of months things have got better and better. It was hard at first to adjust to the pace of first-team football - it is so much faster than in the Reserves. But I think you get better all the time as you find your feet and gradually settle in. I find with each game that it is not easier but that I am feeling more confident.

I am just doing the same things as I did in the Reserves. Once you are out there it is not much different apart from the pace. Obviously playing with Steve is a great bonus. He has played at the very highest level and he gives us a lot of encouragement. He is not afraid to give you the ball either. A lot of senior players will not give it to you in certain areas of the field but Steve will use you all the time. He tells us to go out and play as we want to and enjoy it and just give it a hundred per cent.

Q. What has been the highlight of your career so far?

A. Probably the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final second leg at Bolton. Obviously disappointed to lose but it was a great game to play in. Now I hope to help keep Swindon Town in the First Division. For us to go down would be a travesty.

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Easter is possibly the most important phase of the League season for with three games in seven days it is now that the Championships can be won and relegation issues lost.

For Swindon fans it is the story of the three S's. Sheffield United away last Saturday, Stoke City today and Sunderland this coming Saturday. The big question is will we sink or will we swim?

If effort was the criteria then our First Division future would be assured but right now the only thing that can save us from a second successive demotion is a few more three pointers.

Every year teams who are "too good to go down" slip through the trap door. The bottom line, of course, in such a competitive arena is not how stylish you are but how many points you have in the bag.

As manager Steve McMahon says. He would rather see us over-run for 85-minutes and snatch a 1-0 win on the break, than dominate a game and come out losing 3-0; as has been the case so often this season.

The boss realises he has a major rebuilding job on his plate yet he agrees there is plenty of quality in the team. The trick is to balance style with effective football. So far we have been unable to make the most of our possession in terms of goals. The ingredients for success are certainly there it is just a matter of getting the balance tuned.

On the face of it that seems simple enough. Alas, in reality it is one of those infinite intangible conundrums that needs much more than professional experience and judgement to solve.

It is almost impossible to know how one individual will react with another. A player of proven ability

with another club might, from his style of play, look the perfect match for the position in your team. Yet when he is brought in the gel is not the same.

It happens time and time again. Tony Agana and Brian Deane looked two of the country's most dangerous strikers when they linked up together as the spearhead of the Sheffield United attack. Deane was whisked off to Leeds United for big money and has flopped sadly despite being surrounded by some of the best players in the Premiership. While Agana has drifted into almost obscurity with Notts County where he has scored but a handful of goals in a year.

There have been many such instances. Scottish International Frank McAvennie, who was with us for a while last season, enjoyed a similar understanding with Tony Cottee at West Ham United but was never able to recapture the same form after leaving Upton Park.

The point is that the partnership was broken and no matter how good the individual, the team, or the coaches and management around them, it is impossible to recapture the telepathic instincts that sometimes develop between individual players.

Then it is down to luck. Who knows? Now that Jan Aage Fjortoft has fled to pastures greener maybe Peter Thorne will strike up a fruitful understanding with his replacement.

Whatever, the immediate priority is to beat Lou Macari's team this

afternoon. They too of course are just as desperate for the points. They were home to Bristol City on Saturday and play host to Port Vale next weekend.

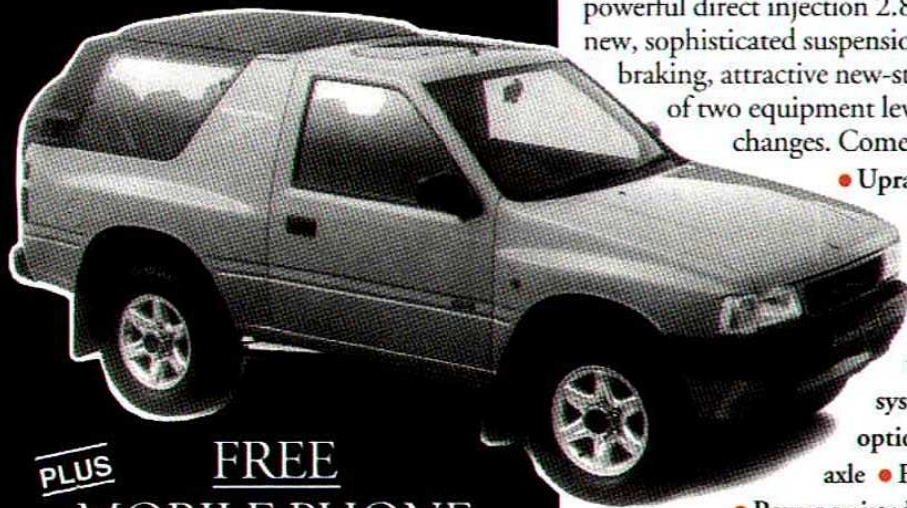
Our youngsters Easter tour to Holland calls to mind an incident that happened there when the Middlesex Wanderers were playing at the turn of the century.

George Page, who had been a brilliant centre-forward with Spurs, became the locals hero when a thunderous shot blasted off his boot and smashed the crossbar, leaving it resembling the letter "V". It seemed to matter very little to the excited Dutchmen that their goalkeeper had missed being brained by the shattered crossbar. The crowd surged onto the field to congratulate the marksman, after which they dragged the broken timber to one side and taking out their pen-knives proceeded to strip chunks off the bar as souvenirs!



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TODAY'S LUCKY MASCOTS



Shannon Groom from Witney was 4 on Thursday and currently attends Westfield House Nursery School. Her hobbies include watching her favourite team - Swindon Town with Dad where she supports her favourite player, Fraser Digby.



Kelly Howard from Fairford will be celebrating her 9th birthday on Monday, so Happy Birthday from all at Swindon Town. Kelly attends Fairford Primary School. Her hobbies include horse riding, swimming and supporting Swindon Town and her favourite player is Kevin Horlock.



Michael Lane, aged 10 lives in Swindon and attends Colebrook Junior School. Michael is a big football fan and plays as a forward for Stratton Boys. His hobbies are of course playing the game and watching Swindon Town.

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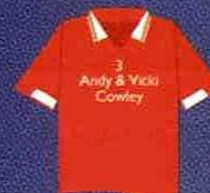
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BOBBY BARNES

By PAUL PLOWMAN

Stoke first came to Swindon in search of points on Christmas Day 1911. That was in the Southern League days, but another 76 years passed before they returned on Football League duty. Both ended in a 3-0 win for the Town. The second occasion was winger Bobby Barnes' debut for the club.

Lou Macari signed him from Aldershot on October 14th 1987, for £50,000 plus midfielder man Steve Berry - who had had an uneventful seven months at the County Ground. They actually both played for the 'Shots' in a Sherpa Van Trophy the night before.

Operating wide on the left, he hit a purple patch almost immediately, scoring in six successive League games up to the beginning of December. Unfortunately 15 were conceded in that time, and so - unlike Bobby's popularity Swindon's fortunes were not on the up.

But 1988 did not start well for him. He was sent off against West Bromwich Albion on New Year's Day and was in and out of the side for the remainder of the season, adding only three more goals to his tally.

Bobby held his place for the first 19 games of 1988/89 (coincidentally, the 19th was against Stoke at the Victoria Ground), but with the arrival of Tom Jones from Aberdeen and the emerging talents of Alan McLoughlin, Mr Barnes' days at Swindon were numbered. On March 23, he joined AFC Bournemouth, where ex-Hammer

Harry Redknapp paid £110,000 for his services.

West Ham had given Bobby - who was actually born David Oswald Barnes - his League debut as an apprentice back in September 1980. He scored in a 3-2 win against Watford and three days later signed professional forms. But it was 1984 before he managed to retain his place in the League side. His first goal that season was against Stoke!

After failing to impress on a loan spell at Scunthorpe, Bobby was given a 'free', joining Aldersot in March 1986. And after taking just one point from seven games, six goals from the winger brought Shots four successive wins and enabled them to climb out of re-election trouble. He hit 26 goals in only 49 League games for the Hampshire club which alerted Mr Macari.

His stay at Dean Court was less fruitful. He started just 12 games and failed to get on the scoresheet, before quickly moving on to Northampton Town, where he again met up with Steve Berry.

Bobby was top goalscorer at the other County Ground with 19

goals in 1989/90, and again with 16 in 1990/91, when the Cobblers topped the Fourth Division mid-season.

He made his final move within the Football League when he made the short trip to Peterborough in February 1992. They immediately won seven successive games and forced their way into the Play-Offs - and duly grabbed a place in the new First Division.

In January 1994, Bobby went north of the border to assist Partick Thistle, making his debut at Ibrox, but after just three full appearances and four months at Firhill, he flew out to the Far East to join the Hong Kong Rangers.

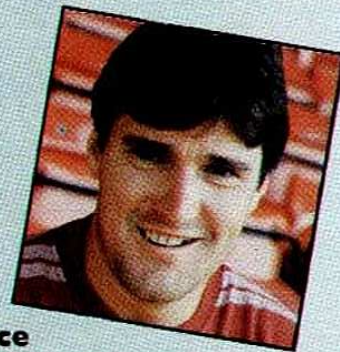


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Tue 16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A	2-1
Wed 31 Aug	Watford	A	0-1
Sat 03 Sep	Arsenal	A	0-0
Wed 14 Sep	Norwich City	A	0-7
Wed 28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	7-3
Mon 03 Oct	Bristol City	A	1-8
Mon 10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H	1-1
Mon 17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Mon 24 Oct	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	2-2
Tue 20 Dec	MILLWALL	H	2-1
Mon 30 Jan	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2
Tue 07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A	0-3
Wed 15 Feb	Oxford United	A	1-5
Wed 22 Feb	Wimbledon	A	0-3
Mon 27 Feb	WATFORD	H	0-0
Wed 01 Mar	Portsmouth	A	0-1
Mon 06 Mar	Millwall	A	1-4
Thur 09 Mar	Q.P.R.	H	0-1
Tue 21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H	2-1
Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	0-0
Mon 03 Apr	PORTSMOUTH*	H	2-0
Fri 07 Apr	Chelsea	A	0-1
Mon 10 Apr	WIMBLEDON	H	2-1
Wed 12 Apr	Southampton	A	
Tue 18 Apr	West Ham United	A	
Thur 20 Apr	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
Wed 26 Apr	ARSENAL	H	
Tue 02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Fri 05 May	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue 09 May	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
Thu 11 May	CHELSEA*	H	
Sat 13 May	BRISTOL CITY*	H	

All home games are played at The County Ground, Swindon (or at Witney Town F.C. if marked *) and kick-off at 7.30pm.

Our home Avon Insurance Combination fixture against Portsmouth at our alternative venue - Witney Town Football Club saw us start the game not too well.

However after ten minutes or so we began to get our game together getting the ball down and passing through the midfield.

We scored our first goal of the game on the half hour when a run down the left was played back to Ben Worrall who knocked a great ball into the path of Chris Hamon to finish with his left foot, putting the ball into the corner of the net.

In the second half we came out and were looking well for each other.

Goal number two came after Dean Hooper ran with the ball and with just the keeper to beat hit the post. However the ball came back to him and he turned it into the path of the oncoming Jamie Pitman who fired home a great strike past the Pompey keeper. Drama was to follow when after a collision with Dean Hooper, Portsmouth midfielder Mark Thomson was floored and was unconscious for some time before being revived by the Doctor. After also receiving treatment for a bad cut to his mouth he went to hospital for treatment for concussion.

Overall throughout the game we kept possession well and all the hard work in training and matchplay is starting to get us some good results and hopefully away from the bottom of the league table.

Result:

Avon Insurance Combination Swindon Town 2 Portsmouth 0

Scorers: Hamon, Pitman.

Team: Hamblin, James, Elsey, Worrall, Thomson, Kilcline, Hooper, Nijholt, Murray, Hamon, Pitman. **Subs:** Berkley, Laidlaw.

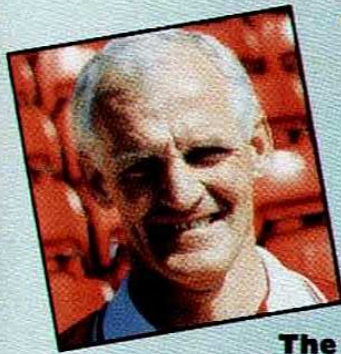
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Southampton	29	17	03	09	59	43	54
Queens Park Rangers	29	15	06	08	54	28	51
Tottenham Hotspur	27	13	08	06	50	27	47
Chelsea	27	14	-05	08	50	42	47
Crystal Palace	31	13	07	11	44	31	46
West Ham United	28	14	04	10	39	27	46
Ipswich Town	27	12	09	06	54	36	45
Norwich City	30	12	08	10	51	41	44
Watford	28	12	04	12	38	35	40
Wimbledon	29	10	10	09	44	43	40
Arsenal	31	09	11	11	51	50	38
Luton Town	30	11	04	15	43	52	37
Portsmouth	31	10	05	16	30	58	35
Oxford United	30	09	07	14	45	54	34
Millwall	30	10	04	16	39	52	34
Bristol Rovers	30	09	05	16	41	71	32
Bristol City	26	07	07	12	42	49	28
Swindon Town	27	06	07	14	28	54	25
Brighton & Hove Albion	27	07	04	16	38	66	25



**JAMIE
PITMAN**





YOUTH TEAM IN FOCUS

With
John Trollope

The Youth Team are currently in Holland competing in the International Youth Tournament in Veenendaal.

We competed in the Tournament for the first time last season, the first in which non-Dutch sides were allowed entry and were delighted when we came away with the winners trophy. We were just as pleased when we were invited back to defend the trophy this Easter.

This year there are again some top European Teams in attendance including Trelleborgs FF from Sweden who defeated Blackburn Rovers in the UEFA Cup this season, KFC Turnhout from Belgium, FC Tatan Presov of Slovakia, Vitesse Arnhem and FC Den Bosch from Holland.

The weather during the competition last year was absolutely horrendous. It rained heavily throughout the games and during one evening we were caught up in a blizzard -at Easter! Hopefully conditions will be better this time around.

The time of year is fast approaching when we have to let the second year trainees know who will be offered professional contracts for next season. Sadly we also have to inform the players who will be released. This has to be one of the worst jobs in football. But while they will be devastated at first, the lads will have to show what they are made of and look to the future and hopefully will be able to pursue a career elsewhere.



HOLLAND PROGRAMME

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
Sat 10 Dec	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3-1
Tue 13 Dec	Portsmouth (FAYC2)	A	0-0
Sat 17 Dec	Southampton	A	0-1
Sat 14 Jan	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3-1
Mon 16 Jan	PORTSMOUTH (FAYC 2R)	H	1-1*
Sat 04 Feb	Bristol City	A	3-0
Sat 11 Feb	READING	H	1-1
Sat 18 Feb	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	0-2
Sat 04 Mar	Crystal Palace	A	2-4
Tue 07 Mar	PORTSMOUTH (S.J.F.C. Q/F)	H	1-2
Sat 18 Mar	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Sat 25 Mar	Luton Town	A	3-0
Sat 01 Apr	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1-0
Thu 13 Apr	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat 22 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Mon 24 Apr	Wimbledon	A	
Sat 29 Apr	OXFORD UNITED	H	

All home games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough, and kick-off at 11.00am.

* lost on penalties after extra time

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AS AT 08 APRIL 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crystal Palace	22	15	4	3	55	25	34
Wimbledon	21	15	3	3	77	31	33
Swindon Town	24	15	2	7	52	28	32
Oxford United	24	12	8	4	47	29	32
AFC Bournemouth	26	13	6	7	54	53	32
Bristol City	22	13	4	5	50	22	30
Brentford	26	11	7	8	36	35	29
Southampton	25	9	7	9	37	34	25
Tottenham Hotspur	24	10	3	11	47	50	23
Brighton & Hove Alb.	23	10	3	10	46	54	23
Luton Town	27	9	4	14	49	45	22
Colchester United	26	7	6	13	36	52	20
Reading	27	5	6	16	30	67	16
Bristol Rovers	25	1	10	14	25	48	12
Wycombe Wndrs.	28	2	3	24	92	7	

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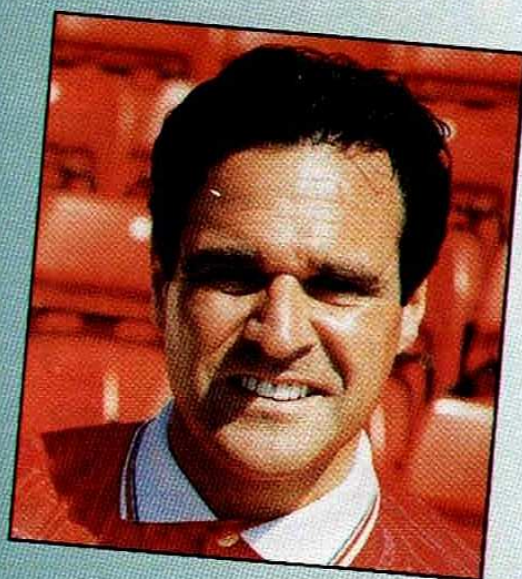


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MYVIEW

With **ANDY ROWLAND**



First Team Coach Andy Rowland gives us his view on our current situation in the League.

For the second season running we find ourselves in a backs to the wall situation yet I can't see any parallels between our current situation and that of last year.

When Swindon went up into the Premiership I don't think anybody ever expected us to stay in the division whereas this season our hopes were set a lot higher. So I don't really see any connection or any guidelines from our experience in the Premiership. We were always slightly out of our depth last year.

This season, after the good start we had, we all expected to go on to better things rather than suffer the way we have. Really it is of our own doing. I think last year the strength and the power of the teams in the top division was just too much and I don't think we, as a club, were prepared for it.

So there are not too many similarities apart from the fact that we are again at the wrong end of the table and really having the squad that we had last year we should have been good enough to hold our own at this level.

Maybe we tried a little bit too hard. Maybe players got a little too complacent thinking that this division would be a cake walk. Obviously it has proved totally different to that which shows whatever division you are in you have to battle for everything.

Perhaps we got too used to losing. I have seen it happen before when whatever you do you still end up with the same result, and there is no doubt losing can become a habit just like winning. It is hard to shake off. You just have to keep believing in the things you are

doing, keep plugging away, and then if you are doing the right things eventually circumstances will run for you.

We are in a position where we can still affect our own destiny this season and the belief the lads are showing in themselves is encouraging. Nobody is kidding themselves but from the spirit in the squad you would not believe the position we are in. This is not false bravado, it is real belief we can do it and the lads are all very single minded about this and in a positive frame of mind. The last two or three performances have been very encouraging and we have drawn strength from this.

If we had the run of the ball and possibly one or two decisions from officials it would be a totally different story. The referee was the single factor in the Derby game - the difference between the two sides. The so called penalty against us being the crucial moment.

These are the sort of decisions that can affect your position. They say these things even themselves out over a season so maybe we are due one or two decisions we are not entitled to.

Really what we want is consistency from officials. They are amateurs running a professional game and I think this needs looking at. They can walk away from a game on a Saturday knowing the consequences of their decisions does not affect their livelihood. Whereas players, managers and coaches alike, live and die by their deliberations and this is a real bone of contention with a lot of people. Either the standard of refereeing has to improve drastically or they have to become full-time officials.

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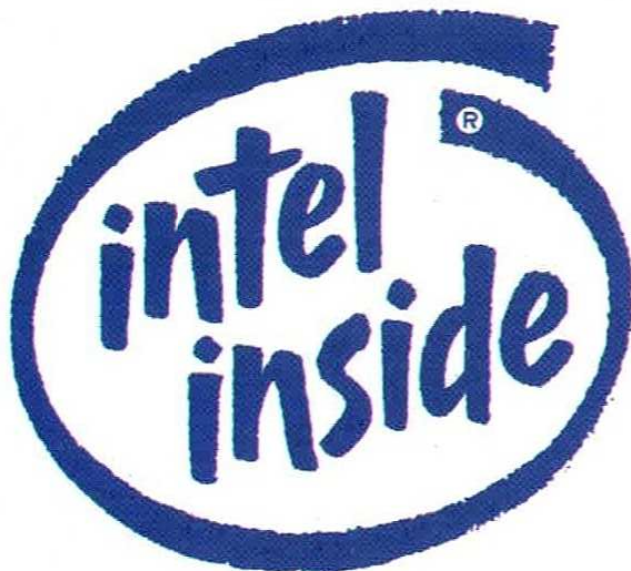
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SWINDON TOWN

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 12 APRIL 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	41	14	3	4	38	17	8	6	6	23	18	75
Bolton Wanderers	40	15	5	1	41	12	5	7	7	21	25	72
Tranmere Rovers	40	16	2	1	48	19	5	6	10	15	25	71
Wolverhampton W.	39	14	4	3	38	16	6	4	8	29	33	68
Reading	41	10	6	4	27	16	9	3	9	21	22	66
Barnsley	39	13	4	2	37	16	5	5	10	20	29	63
Sheffield United	41	11	7	2	33	15	5	7	9	31	31	62
Derby County	40	11	5	4	35	18	6	5	9	20	23	61
Grimsby Town	41	11	6	4	35	19	4	7	9	23	33	58
Watford	40	10	6	3	27	16	5	7	9	18	26	58
Luton Town	41	8	6	7	33	26	7	6	7	24	30	57
Millwall	41	11	6	4	35	21	4	6	10	20	33	57
Oldham Athletic	40	10	7	3	30	19	4	4	12	23	35	53
Charlton Athletic	40	9	5	6	28	22	5	5	10	23	35	52
Southend United	41	11	2	8	26	23	3	6	11	17	45	50
West Bromwich Alb.	41	11	2	7	26	23	3	6	12	10	30	50
Port Vale	41	10	4	7	28	23	3	6	11	23	36	49
Stoke City	39	8	5	5	24	15	4	8	9	15	30	49
Portsmouth	41	8	7	6	28	20	4	5	11	18	33	48
Sunderland	41	4	10	6	18	19	7	5	9	18	21	48
Swindon Town	40	8	6	6	25	24	3	4	13	23	42	43
Burnley	41	7	6	7	31	29	3	5	13	12	39	41
Bristol City	41	7	8	6	24	26	3	3	14	14	31	41
Notts County	40	6	7	7	24	25	2	3	15	15	34	34

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 12 APRIL 1995

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Joey Beauchamp	33(4)	3	13(1)	1	46(5)	4
Austin Berkley	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
Paul Bodin	25	6	9	0	34	6
Ian Culverhouse	9	0	3	0	12	0
Fraser Digby	33(7)	0	8(5)	0	41(12)	0
Jason Drysdale	1	0	0	0	1	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	36	15	11(1)	10	47(1)	25
Shay Given	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Ty Gooden	9(3)	1	1(2)	0	10(5)	1
Chris Hamblin	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0
Nicky Hammond	7(31)	0	6(8)	0	13(39)	0
Chris Hamon	0(4)	0	0(5)	1	0(9)	1
Dean Hooper	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)	0
Kevin Horlock	31(6)	1	11(2)	0	42(8)	1
Stuart James	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Brian Kilcline	6(3)	0	7(1)	0	13(4)	0
Martin Ling	26(8)	2	11(3)	0	37(11)	2
Ross MacLaren	3	0	1	0	4	0
Steve McMahon	14(1)	0	0	0	14(1)	0
Edwin Murray	4(4)	0	3(4)	0	7(8)	0
Andy Mutch	9(18)	0	8(4)	4	17(22)	4
Luc Nijholt	29(5)	0	13	1	42(5)	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	19(9)	0	7(4)	0	26(13)	0
Marcus Phillips	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Mark Robinson	35	0	13	0	48	0
Keith Scott	21(3)	8	9	4	30(3)	12
Shaun Taylor	31	4	9	0	40	4
Peter Thorne	14	6	2(1)	2	16(1)	8
Carl Tiler	2	0	0	0	2	0
Andrew Thomson	19(3)	0	8(2)	1	27(5)	1
Andrew Todd	9	0	0	0	9	0
Adrian Viveash	9	2	1	0	10	2
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 2-2
Sat 17 Dec	Port Vale	A 2-2
Mon 26 Dec	Stoke City	A 0-0
Tue 27 Dec	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 1-3
Sat 31 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A 1-1
Sat 07 Jan	MARLOW (FAC 3)	H 2-0
Wed 11 Jan	MILLWALL (C.C.C. Q/F)	H 3-1
Sun 15 Jan	MIDDLESBROUGH	H 2-1
Sat 28 Jan	Watford (FAC 4)	A 0-1
Sat 04 Feb	Burnley	A 2-1
Sun 12 Feb	BOLTON W. (C.C.C.SF1)	H 2-1
Wed 15 Feb	BRISTOL CITY	H 0-3
Sat 18 Feb	Luton Town	A 0-3
Sat 25 Feb	BARNSELY	H 0-0
Wed 01 Mar	Millwall	A 1-3
Sat 04 Mar	Grimsby Town	A 1-1
Wed 08 Mar	Bolton Wanderers (C.C.C. SF2)	A 1-3
Sat 11 Mar	Watford	A 0-2
Wed 15 Mar	SUNDERLAND	H 1-0
Sun 19 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	A 5-2
Wed 22 Mar	Derby County	A 1-3
Sat 25 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H 0-1
Sat 01 Apr	Reading	A 0-3
Wed 05 Apr	BOLTON WANDERERS	H 0-1
Sat 08 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 3-1
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United	A
Mon 17 Apr	STOKE CITY	H
Sat 22 Apr	Sunderland	A
Sat 29 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H
Wed 03 May	NOTTS COUNTY	H
Sun 07 May	Wolverhampton W.	A

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8,482	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	HORLOCK	SCOTT	BEAUCHAMP	HAMMOND
5,167	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	HORLOCK	WHITE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,781	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING 1	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
11,555	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
6,537	DIGBY	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	MUTCH	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
1,250	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH	BERKLEY	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	MURRAY	DIGBY
9,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
11,551	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	SCOTT 1	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
9,794	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	SCOTT	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	BERKLEY	HAMMOND
4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	BERKLEY	MURRAY	HAMMOND
8,758	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 2	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	O'SULLIVAN	MUTCH	HAMMOND
4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT 3	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND	
3,911	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	BERKLEY	MUTCH	HAMMOND
2,375	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH 2	BERKLEY	SCOTT 1	FJORTOFT	THOMSON	HAMMOND
14,446	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
10,610	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,909	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
11,382	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON 1	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	KILCLINE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
17,328	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	WEBB	MUTCH	HAMMOND
10,046	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	WEBB	SCOTT	LING	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,311	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	WEBB	SCOTT	LING	MUTCH	HAMMOND
6,584	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	SCOTT 2	HORLOCK	MURRAY	HAMMOND
750	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	McLAREN	THOMSON	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH	LING	SCOTT	HAMON 1	MURRAY	DIGBY
9,086	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	KILCLINE	TILER	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 2	O'SULLIVAN	MURRAY	HAMMOND
7,654	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	THOMSON	TILER	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	HAMON	HAMMOND
9,455	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	THOMSON	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 1	BEAUCHAMP	HAMON	HAMMOND
10,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	SCOTT	BEAUCHAMP	LING	HAMMOND
5,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	McMAHON	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	McMAHON	SCOTT	MUTCH	LING	HAMMOND
7,747	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
17,662	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	THOMSON	HAMMOND
11,007	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,917	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	MUTCH	FJORTOFT	McMAHON	LING 1	BEAUCHAMP	MURRAY	DIGBY
7,007	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT 1	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH	LING	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	DIGBY
11,772	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH 2	LING	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	DIGBY
9,540	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK 1	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH	LING	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
11,202	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	MURRAY	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	LING	P.THORNE	O'SULLIVAN	GIVEN
10,960	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	MURRAY	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE 2	LING	MUTCH	GOODEN	DIGBY
15,341	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE 2	LING	MUTCH	THOMSON	DIGBY
9,881	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	LING	MUTCH	McMAHON	DIGBY
6,595	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	McMAHON	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	LING	MUTCH	THOMSON	DIGBY
8,636	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	McMAHON	LING	MURRAY	DIGBY
5,950	HAMMOND	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	TODD	MURRAY	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	McMAHON	LING	GOODEN	DIGBY
4,934	DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	TODD	VIVEASH	TAYLOR 1	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	McMAHON	MURRAY	HOOPER	HAMMOND
19,851	DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	MURRAY	VIVEASH	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	P.THORNE	GOODEN	LING	HOOPER	HAMMOND
7,123	DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	TODD	VIVEASH	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	GOODEN	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	McMAHON	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	HAMMOND
8,353	DIGBY	TODD	O'SULLIVAN	VIVEASH	HORLOCK	TAYLOR	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE 1	McMAHON	NIJHOLT	LING	HAMMOND
12,960	DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	TODD	VIVEASH	ROBINSON	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	P.THORNE 3	McMAHON	GOODEN 1	NIJHOLT	HAMMOND
16,839	DIGBY	TODD	O'SULLIVAN	VIVEASH 1	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	P.THORNE	ROBINSON	LING	THOMSON	HAMMOND
9,905	DIGBY	TODD	DRYSDALE	VIVEASH	ROBINSON	TAYLOR	GOODEN	BEAUCHAMP	LING	P.THORNE	McMAHON	O'SULLIVAN	NIJHOLT	HAMMOND
12,565	DIGBY	TODD	HORLOCK	VIVEASH	ROBINSON	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	GOODEN	P.THORNE	McMAHON	HAMON	NIJHOLT	HAMBLIN
8,100	DIGBY	TODD	HORLOCK	VIVEASH	ROBINSON	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	GOODEN	P.THORNE	McMAHON	LING	NIJHOLT	HAMBLIN
8,291	DIGBY	ROBINSON	LING	VIVEASH 1	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP 1	GOODEN	P.THORNE	McMAHON	HOOPER	HAMON	HAMMOND

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