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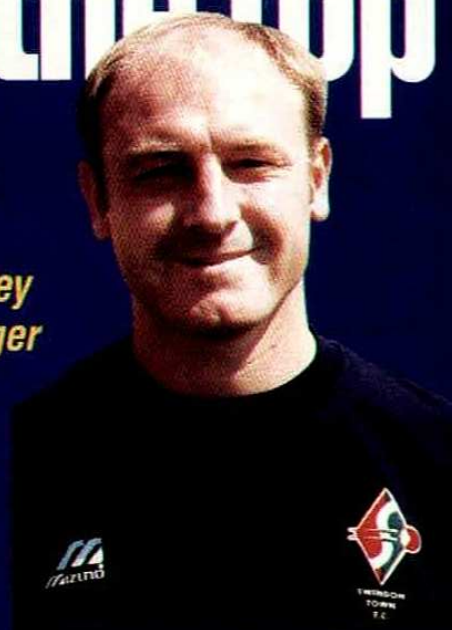
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# From the top

*With Manager  
Steve McMahon*

*Blackburn Rovers - they  
don't come much bigger  
do they and this is a  
very nice tie for  
us to have - a nice  
distraction from  
the League.*



It is not that League football is something you want to get away from but Cup football just gives you that little spark when you have the chance to prove yourself against the likes of the Premiership Champions. It is just different, the players can go out and enjoy the evening.

The win at Bristol Rovers was very good and of course I was delighted with the boys. But I have been pleased with their attitude all season. They have got us into a good position and we are now there to be shot down. But the players have responded magnificently, it was just the best thing about it.

I believe Bradford City are one of the better sides we have met in Division Two, and I think others will find Bristol Rovers will be tough to beat as well, so we have had two very important wins. You can argue that both performances had merit. It was a good win over Bradford because they were a strong side and some of our passing and movement that night was fantastic at times; and Bristol was an away game and a local derby which is always difficult.

Blackburn are possibly coming here on a bit of a low at the moment, by their standards, everyone has been making a big thing about it. But again, they were there to be shot down as

Champions and they have found it a little bit difficult.

We are not going to take any notice of their Premiership form. They are a frightening team really on paper but we might just be able to catch them on the hop who knows. But they are going to make it very very difficult for us - they have so many class players to call upon.

Over two legs it is difficult. The FA Cup springs more surprises because you have one chance but over two games usually it evens itself out in favour of the major teams. We are looking for a good performance to show people that we are not a bad team. The lads can express themselves and go out and enjoy it.

It is always special to play Blackburn. I am looking forward to a very good night. Hopefully Kenny will be here and Ray Harford has given me a lot of advice since I became a manager. He has been very helpful and given us a couple of players on loan too and we have got "Thorney" off them so really they have been a major help to me. I wish them well after tonight!

We have got to make sure we enjoy the night and have a bit of fun.

Enjoy the game.





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In 1989 it took just 38 seconds for Bryan Robson to score against Yugoslavia

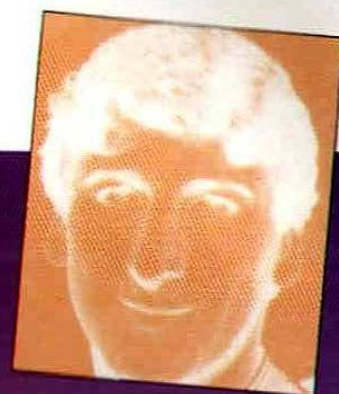
Geoff Hurst scored 37 hat-tricks during his league career

Barnet reached the third round of the FA Cup twice in three seasons as a non-league club in the 1970's

Joe Baker was the first player from a Scottish club to represent England

## Did you know ?!

Billy McNeill was appointed Celtic manager in both 1978 and 1987



## WHO AM I ?

1. Born Hackney, Oct 1960.
2. Played most of his career with Spurs before moving to Rangers in '87.
3. Scored 5 goals in just 14 appearances for the Light Blues before returning South to Q.P.R. in a £350,000 deal.
4. Also played for Chelsea and Watford.

## ?? QUIZ ??

1. At which club did Gary Pallister win his first England cap?
2. How many times have England reached the World Cup semi-finals?
3. Which club did pundit Jimmy Hill manage between 1961 and 1967?
4. From which club did Southampton sign defender Ken Monkou?
5. Which Arsenal player was forced to retire before the start of this season?
6. With which club did Blackburn's Tim Sherwood begin his league career?
7. Which team did Arsenal beat in last season's Cup Winners Cup semi final?
8. With which club did Stan Collymore begin his league career?
9. Which club's first Wembley appearance was in last season's Auto Windscreens Shield Final?
10. Which club does Graeme Souness now manage?

## Who's Crest ?



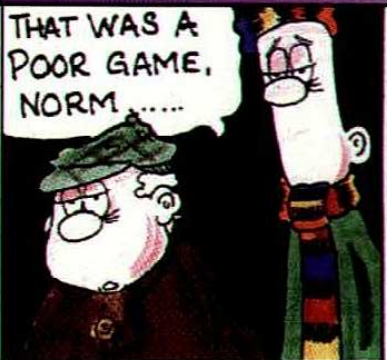
Answers

QUIZ 1. Middlesbrough; 2. Twice; 3. Coventry City; 4. Chelsea; 5. Alan Smith; 6. Watford; 7. Sampdoria; 8. Crystal Palace; 9. Carlisle United; 10. Galatasaray. WHO AM I? Mark Falco. WHO'S CREST? Hamilton Academical.

## 'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood

THAT WAS A POOR GAME, NORM.....



THE MAN OF THE MATCH WAS THE LADY IN THE PIE STALL!





# This is Swindon

With Club Secretary  
Jon Pollard

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*This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Blackburn Rovers Football Club to The County Ground for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup 2nd Round 1st leg tie. The second leg is in two weeks time at Ewood Park on Wednesday 4 October 1995 kicking off at 7.45pm. The game is not all ticket. Seats are available from the Advance Ticket Office price £14 adults and £7 concessions.*

## Bournemouth All Ticket

Our Endsleigh League Division 2 game with AFC Bournemouth at Dean Court on Tuesday 31 October has been designated all ticket. We will be receiving 2,600 terrace tickets price £7.50 adults and £4 concessions with just 100 seats at £8.50. Ticket sale arrangements will be announced early next month.

## Reserves

On Monday evening the Reserves are at home to Chelsea in the Avon Insurance Combination. The game, to be played at Witney Town Football Club kicks off at 7.00pm.

Season Ticket holders are reminded that they can gain free entry to all home Avon Insurance Combination games played either at Witney or here at The County Ground when we return hopefully in November by producing their book at the turnstiles.

## Youths at Cardiff

Next Tuesday evening the Youth Team travel to meet Cardiff City at Ninian Park in their Southern Junior Floodlit Cup 1st Round tie kicking off at 7.00pm.

The same evening Walsall and Leicester City play their Midland Youth Cup 2nd Round game at Bescot Stadium to decide who we meet here at The County Ground in the Third Round.

## C.L.I.C.

This evening there is a collection being held outside the Stadium with all proceeds going to C.L.I.C. - Campaign for Leukaemia in Children. Next month in conjunction with Fosters Menswear the players will be helping out at Cairos Night Club in West Swindon on Wednesday 11 October by modelling Foster's Autumn Collection. Again C.L.I.C. will be beneficiaries from the evening. Tickets for the event will

shortly be on sale from Fosters Menswear and Cairos. BBC Wiltshire Sound's Shaun Hodgetts is compere for the event.

## Ticket Office Hours

A reminder to supporters unable to get to The County Ground during the day, the Advance Ticket Office at the Club is open until 6.45pm every Friday evening. Normal hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am until 4.45pm and on Saturday's from 9.00am until 12 noon (kick-off on matchdays). Telephone bookings with payment by Credit Card can be made ten days prior to each game on Swindon (01793) 529000. Personal and postal applications are welcome two weeks prior to the game.

This applies to home games only. Ticket arrangements vary for all away game depending on the availability from the other club. Details are published here in the Matchday Magazine and in the local media.



## Endsleigh League

*This Saturday we return to Endsleigh League action with Rotherham United here at The County Ground kicking off at 3.00pm. Tickets are on sale now from the Advance Ticket Office.*

We travel to face Wrexham at The Racecourse Ground on Saturday week before the visit of Bristol City to The County Ground on Saturday 7 October. While this game is not all ticket, advance booking is essential with tickets going on sale from this Saturday.

## Matchday Ticket Prices

### Castrol Stand/Intel Stand

Adult: £12.50  
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Concession: £6.50

Adult: £10.00  
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(2 adults + 2 concession): £20.00  
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# Blackburn Rovers

## the visitors

By John Nolan

*It is just four months ago that Alan Shearer and his colleagues were celebrating Blackburn Rovers' greatest triumph, the winning of the Premiership title - their first major prize since winning the FA Cup 81 years earlier.*

It was perhaps fitting too that they should achieve the honour at Anfield, a stage that in the past 25 years has acclaimed more League Championship successes than any other in our domestic games.

"It is what we are in football for - to win things and that is exactly what we have done. Winning the Championship was evidence that we are a good team. We proved we were a match for anyone and managed to get our hands on the trophy which was what we had all been striving for," said Shearer.

"Without a doubt it was certainly the best moment in my life up to now."

The euphoria of that memorable achievement now seems light years away however, as Blackburn Rovers have struggled this season to produce the form expected of their status. There have been changes at Ewood Park with Kenny Dalglish's decision to quit as manager more than a bolt out of the blue for Rovers fans. The canny Scot is still involved behind the scenes as technical advisor with former assistant Ray Harford taking over the hot-seat. However last

week Harford himself decided to take a back-seat as far as coaching is concerned bringing in Derek Fazackerley from Newcastle United to run things.

The new boss was relatively idle with the cheque book during the summer, the £1.2 million signing of midfielder Matt Holmes from West Ham United his only great indulgence, alongside the recruitment of young Darlington defender Adam Reed.

Having lost the Charity Shield, 1-0 to Everton at Wembley, all seemed to be going as normal when Alan Shearer scored from the penalty spot on the opening day of the Premier League season to beat QPR 1-0. If Blackburn weren't brought down to earth by a 2-1 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday they certainly were by Bolton, who won by the same margin. Then it was a third successive 2-1 defeat for the Champions - this time inflicted by Manchester United.

Alan Shearer's predatory talents produced the equaliser against Aston Villa, in a 1-1 draw at Ewood Park. It must be a worrying statistic however, for Ray Harford, that in

their opening five games, apart from Matty Holmes' goal at Bolton, it has been left to Shearer to find the net.

The new Rovers boss has consequently tried to bolster his squad but having failed to acquire the double transfer of Bolton's Jason McAteer and Allan Stubbs attention has focused on Newcastle winger Ruel Fox who, if he moved, would renew his old Norwich City partnership with Chris Sutton.

There is no doubting the quality at Blackburn's disposal with Internationals such as Tim Flowers, Graeme Le Saux, David Batty, and Colin Hendry to rely upon although the England goalkeeper, sent-off against QPR, has had his problems this season while Sutton was dropped to the subs bench against Aston Villa.

Spartak Moscow upset them in the Champions Cup at Ewood Park last Wednesday, then it was Anfield on Saturday and the County Ground tonight. These are crucial tests that will tell if Blackburn can cope with their new-won status as Champions of England!

**Blackburn Rovers Football Club 1995/96 season**



### Back Row:

Graeme Le Saux, Nicky Marker, Stuart Ripley, Ian Pearce, Mike Newell, Robbie Slater (now at West Ham United).

### Middle Row:

Steve Foster (Club Physio), Henning Berg, Jason Wilcox, Paul Warhurst, Bobby Mimms, Colin Hendry, Tim Flowers, Jeff Kenna, Gary Tallion, Lee Makel, Tony Parkes (First Team Coach).

### Front Row:

Kevin Gallacher, Chris Sutton, Alan Shearer, Ray Harford (Manager), Kenny Dalglish (Director of Football), Tim Sherwood, David Batty, Mark Atkins.



# Blackburn Rovers



## Mark Atkins

- DEFENDER/MIDFIELD. Has appeared in 200 League games for Rovers since his £45,000 move from Scunthorpe United in June 1988. A versatile operator Mark has played mainly at right-back. Made his League debut 5-10-86 for Scunthorpe United against Wolves, when still only 16.  
Born: Doncaster 14-8-68.

## David Batty

- MIDFIELD. Tough tackling ball winner recruited from his native Leeds United for £2.75 million after over 200 appearances for the Yorkshire giants and winning a League Championship medal in 1992. Collected a second Championship crown with Rovers such has been David's enthusiasm and impact at Ewood Park that he was voted Player of the Year. Capped 17 times by England he is a current member of the national squad. Born: Leeds 2-12-68.

## Henning Berg

- DEFENDER. Enjoyed an outstanding season to help clinch the title making 38 starts. Kenny Dalglish signed him in 1993 from Norwegian Club SK Lillestrom, soon after making his International debut for Norway. Was an outstanding success for his Country in the World Cup Finals of 1994 and has now come to terms with English football after making his Premiership debut vs Crystal Palace in February 1993.  
Born: Eidsvoll, Norway 1-9-69.

## Kevin Gallacher

- STRIKER, signed from Coventry City on transfer deadline day in March 1993 in a £1.5-million plus deal that took Roy Wegerlee to Highfield Road. Scored five goals in nine games in his first season for Rovers and extended that to 7 goals in 27 Premiership games until a broken leg ended his contribution in 1993-94. A Scottish

international he started his playing days with Duntocher Boys Club.  
Born: Clydebank 23-11-66.

## Colin Hendry

- CENTRAL-DEFENDER. Spectacular defender who makes his presence felt in both penalty boxes. This is his second spell at Ewood Park having returned for £750,000 in November 1991 after 63 League games with Manchester City. Islavale was his first club. Dundee introducing him to top class football (41 Scottish League app.). Arrived at Blackburn in March 1987 clocking up 102 League games in his first spell with Rovers. Was impressive last season and won his first Scottish cap in May 1993, and has captained the Scotland "B" side.  
Born: Keith 7-12-65.

## Matty Holmes

- MIDFIELD. Small in stature but big in heart Matt was signed from West Ham United in August 1995 in a £1.3 million deal that involved Robbie Slater moving to Upton Park. Was a trainee under Harry Redknapp at Bournemouth but made his League debut while on loan to Cardiff City (vs Aldershot) in March 1989. In August 1992 Redknapp paid just £40,000 to take him to West Ham where he became a firm favourite with the fans. Born: Luton 1-8-69.

## Jeff Kenna

- FULL-BACK. Can operate either side though he does favour his right foot. A Dubliner, Jeff joined the trainee ranks at Southampton in 1987 and after making his League bow against Derby in May 1991 and quickly established himself. Had already been capped three times at Under-21 level by Eire and has subsequently achieved full International status under Jack Charlton. Arrived at Ewood Park in March 1995. injuries limited him to 9 Premiership appearances last season. Born: Dublin 27-8-70.

## Graeme Le Saux

- LEFT-BACK. Looked an outstanding prospect when he broke into the Chelsea side as a left-fullback. Can virtually play anywhere on the left and has represented England at Full - he made his last appearance against Columbia a fortnight ago - "B" and Under-21 levels. Signed for Rovers in March 1993 for £400,000 plus Steve Livingstone after making 90 League appearances for the Blues.  
Born: Jersey 17-10-68.



## Bobby Mimms

- GOALKEEPER. Arrived at Ewood Park in January 1991 from Tottenham Hotspur - for £250,000 - after a rather unhappy stay at White Hart Lane. Bobby served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town but made his League debut after joining Rotherham United, in a 4-1 win over Blackburn (8-5-82). While with the Yorkshire club he was called into the England under-21 squad (3 caps) alongside David Seaman. Was snapped up by Everton and though performing brilliantly in 29 games - he covered for the injured Southall - he was dropped on the Welshman's return to fitness. Had loan spells with Notts County, Sunderland, Blackburn and Manchester City before transferring to Spurs in February 1988 - for £375,000. Played against Villa this season.  
Born: York 12-10-63.



# Blackburn Rovers



## Mike Newell

- **STRIKER.** Was on Liverpool's books as a junior but it was Crewe Alexandra who introduced him to League football giving him his debut in a 2-1 home win over Swindon Town (8-10-83), in the Fourth Division. Made only two more appearances before joining Wigan in 1983. His 16 goals in 24 League games in 1985-86 tempted Luton to sign him, then in 1987-88 he joined Leicester City. Later signed by Everton and in November 1991 he became Blackburn's first million pound signing in a £1.1m move. Has scored 32 goals in 75 League and Cup appearances by the start of the 1993-94 campaign, including the penalty winner at Wembley that saw Rovers promoted in the Play-Off Final of 1992. Strong in the air he netted 6 goals in 27 games last season. Born: Liverpool 27-1-65.

## Stuart Ripley

- **FORWARD.** Strong running athlete who thrives on space on either of the flanks. Played over 300 games for his native Middlesbrough before joining Rovers for £1.3m in July 1992. Capped by England at Full (1) and Under-21 levels. Stuart failed to score in 40 appearances last season which was disappointing for him. Born: Middlesbrough 20-11-67.

## Alan Shearer

- **STRIKER.** A strong powerful leader of the line he has a delicate touch and superb balance. No less a judge than Kevin Keegan branded him "world class". Alan was struck down with cruciate knee ligament trouble in his first season with Blackburn after scoring 22 goals in 26 appearances! It ruled him out until 29th August 1993. Was the League top scorer last season with 37 goals - 34 in the Premiership. Goals have been Alan's trademark since he scored a hat-trick on his league debut for Southampton. That was against Arsenal, at the

Dell, in April 1988 and he went on to register 43 goals in 150 games for the Saints, who received £3.6m for him in the summer of 1992. He also scored on his England debut and collected his 18th full cap against Columbia this month. Born: Newcastle 13-8-70.



**Alan Shearer**

## Tim Sherwood

- **MIDFIELD.** Started his career with Watford, making the first of his 32 League appearances for them in September 1987. Joined Norwich City in 1989 scoring 10 goals in 71 League games for the Canaries before his £500,000 transfer to Blackburn in February 1992. An inch over six-feet tall he has been a consistent performer and last season was in the standby squad for England. Born: St.Albans 6-2-69.

## Chris Sutton

- **STRIKER.** The football world was staggered when Rovers shelled out £5 million for Chris, in July 1994, after virtually just one season in League football with Norwich City. Originally a centre-half, it was manager Mike Walker who transformed him from a promising defender to a goal scoring striker. Made his League debut against QPR in May 1991. Hails from a footballing family - father Mike having played for the Canaries, Chester and Carlisle. Chris netted 21 goals last season. Born: Nottingham 10-3-73.



**Chris Sutton**

## Paul Warhurst

- **UTILITY.** Came into football as a central defender but is also a superb midfielder. Made his name as a striker with Sheffield Wednesday, netting 18 goals after switching from defence. Such was his form that he was called into the England squad and denied his international debut only through injury. Previously with Manchester City and Oldham (who paid City £10,000), he cost Wednesday £750,000 in 1991. Had just signed a new four-year contract when Blackburn negotiated his transfer to Ewood Park for £2.7 - million, on September 3rd 1993. A former England Under-21 defender he no longer sees himself in that position. Made only 4 appearances last season due to a broken leg in October. Born: Stockport 26-9-69.

## Jason Wilcox

- **FORWARD.** A former trainee he has been a professional since June 1989. Didn't really come into his own until the season of 1991-92 when development was dramatic. Playing a wide role on the left he has created many goals for Shearer and Newell and has scored 6 himself during his 36 games. Born: Bolton 15-7-71.



# the man in charge



**Manager - Ray Harford**

*Ray Harford is one of the most respected coaches in the English game and Blackburn's title winning season in no small measure owes a lot to him.*

Born in Halifax he started his playing career in London with Charlton Athletic but in two years there, as a half-back he made only three League appearances and moved to Exeter City. This was the start of a career which embraces 354 League appearances with Lincoln City (161 games), Mansfield Town, Port Vale and Colchester United his other ports of call.

At Layer Road, Ray came under the influence of Jim Smith (now Derby County's boss), who groomed him for management during his seven year association with Colchester.

It was former Luton player Malcolm MacDonald, then manager of Fulham, who offered him the coach's job at Craven Cottage and when the former Arsenal, Newcastle and England striker left

Ray was appointed manager. He relinquished this post two years later and was snapped up by Luton Town and after a year as coach succeeded John Moore as manager. In February 1989 Spanish giants Real Madrid sought his services after Hartford had steered them to a second successive League Cup Final.

His success on limited budgets was outstanding but Ray pursued his career with Wimbledon and also coached at International level before arriving at Ewood Park along with Kenny Dalglish in October 1991.

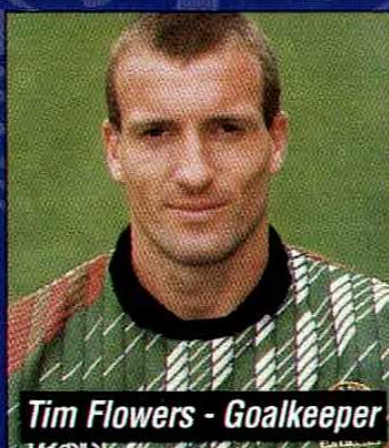
When Dalglish abdicated his position in May to become a Director of Coaching, Ray, who was on the verge of quitting to take on a managerial challenge, was quickly installed.

## Under the Spotlight

*England's goalkeeper has had a somewhat traumatic start to the new season after a few howlers for England last summer in the Umbro International tournament.*

The champagne finish to last season quickly lost its fizz when Tim was sent-off for a professional foul in the opening Premiership game of this campaign against Queens Park Rangers and there was no end to the gloom when he lost his International jersey to David Seaman for the opening International against Columbia.

But there is no harder worker than Tim who has earned his reputation through consistence. Came into football as an apprentice with Wolves, making his League debut for them in 2-2 draw with Sheffield United in August 1984.



**Tim Flowers - Goalkeeper**

During his time at Molineux, Wolves slipped down to Division Four but Southampton stepped in to sign him as Peter Shilton's understudy in 1986 at a cost of £70,000. Suffered a broken cheekbone in only his second

game - against Arsenal - then played seven League games for Swindon on loan in 1987 before returning to the Dell where he eventually took over from John Burridge in 1989.

Quickly became one of the best custodians in the business and in June 1993 made a spectacular debut for England in a 1-1 draw with Brazil in Washington. Has now been capped 7 times and is the most serious challenger to Seaman for that number one shirt.

In November 1993 Blackburn paid a record price for a goalkeeper to take him away from the Dell and he subsequently became a key figure in their Championship run last season. Born: Kenilworth 3-2-67.





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# Coca-Cola Cup Preview

*The second round of the Coca-Cola Cup is the equivalent to the third round of the FA Cup... It is the stage when the big boys enter the arena and stake their reputations against the glory hunters from the lower echelons.*

And there are some great ties on offer tonight. Blackburn Rovers here is possibly the pick of the round but Peterborough United fans are quite excited at their prospects as they travel to Villa Park to take on Brian Little's men.

For Villa, the nightmare of last season's constant battle against relegation seems to have disappeared as they now contest the honours at the other end of the Premiership table. But what will they make of battling Peterborough?

The "Posh" earned their League status on the back of their Cup giant-killing acts and tradition dies hard. Peterborough might not have won away from home in the Second Division this season but when it comes to Cup-tie football they have remarkable fighting qualities as Swansea City found in the previous round. The Welsh side were 4-1 up from the first-leg yet it is the London Road outfit who contest the glamour tie with Villa.

Of course nobody will give York City a prayer against Manchester United at Old Trafford. The Minstermen are trailing woefully at the foot of the Second Division table with one win, just seven goals scored and 14 conceded in their League games.

Complacency on the part of the Red Devils is surely their only hope. Yet City netted six times in the previous round to beat Rochdale 6-3 on aggregate. Still nothing short of divine intervention will see them through this one surely.

The Millwall vs Everton tie suggests the possibility of some red faces for Merseyside. The Lions are roaring away at the top of the First

Division and the New Den is not the most hospitable venue for visiting teams. Prior to Sunday's trip to Nottingham Forest the Toffeemen, though unbeaten away, had won only two of their five games and if Millwall can edge a first-leg lead they could be in business.

Chester City too will be dreaming of prized scalps at White Hart Lane. The great Spurs machine has not been running smoothly this term with just two wins in the opening six Premiership fixtures. It has been games since the season started in a desperate effort to spend £7.5 million. And the Spurs boss moans:

"The problem is who can one get for this kind of money when one player today goes for £8 million?"

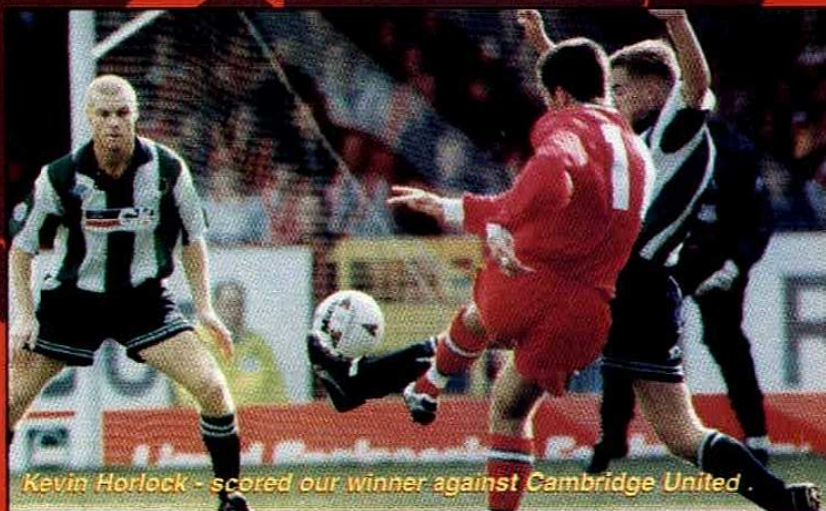
Aah... He will be shown no sympathy from the Chester Board that is for sure as the Third Division promotion hopefuls look to succeed where Leeds United failed.

If you are looking for upsets then keep an eye on the scoreline at

Molineux. There is a lot expected of Graham Taylor's Wolves this season who were clear favourites to take the First Division title. Yet they have not delivered and are certainly not playing with any conviction. Fulham on the other hand, under Ian Branfoot, are serious challengers for a Third Division promotion spot and are brimming with confidence.

Another side out of sorts is West Ham United a club that historically has struggled against prospective giant killers. The Hammers will be under pressure at Bristol Rovers for sure and will probably be thankful there is a second-leg to come at Upton Park.

Chelsea, Liverpool and Norwich City should all be good enough to see off their opponents Stoke City, Sunderland and Torquay United respectively but Coventry City, home to Hull, Leicester City who play hosts to Burnley and Sheffield United, who have just found their cutting edge but take on Bury, are all possible victims.



Kevin Horlock - scored our winner against Cambridge United.







SHAUN TAYLOR heads home for our  
second at Twerton.

# Robin's in Action

*Bristol Rovers vs Swindon Town*



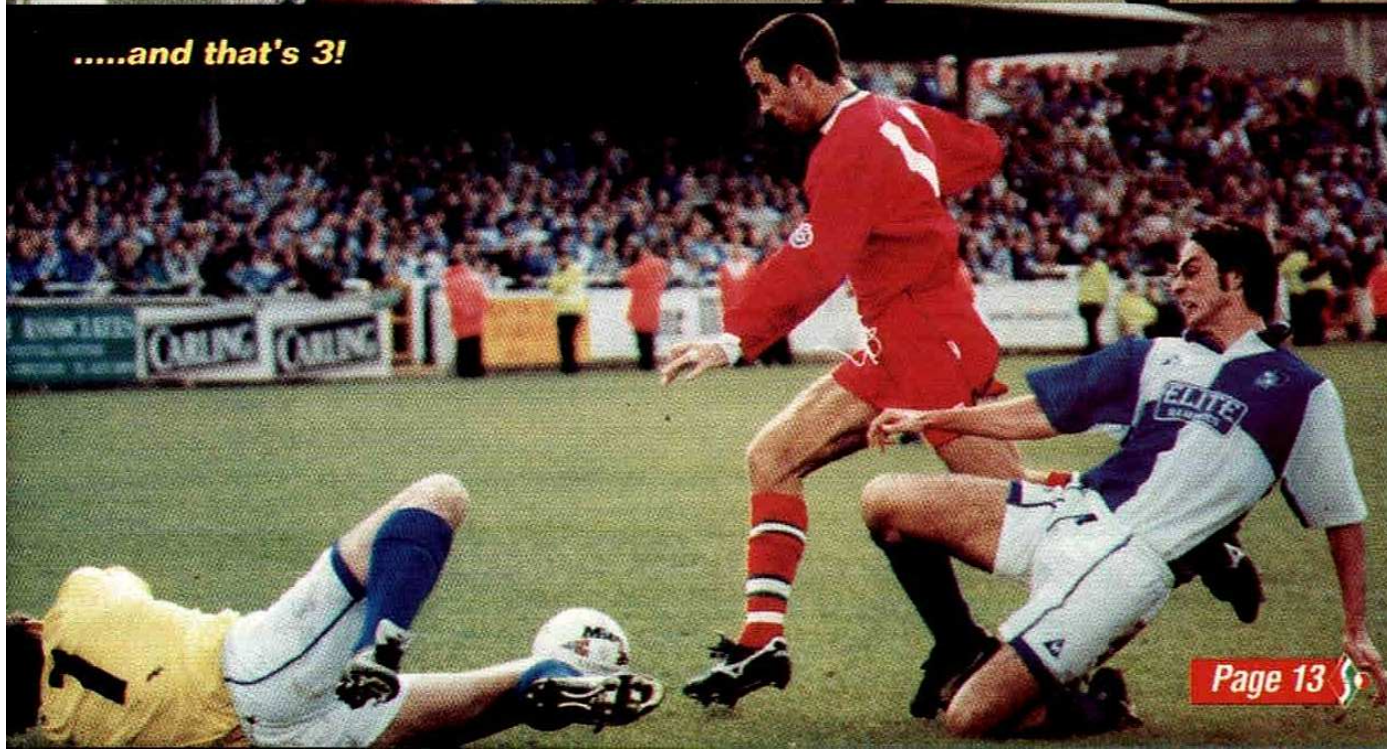
**HORLOCK'S hat-trick - 1.....**



**.....2.....**



**.....and that's 3!**





# Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

**Recent results in the Endsleigh League have given us an excellent start to the season. None better than last Wednesday's 4-1 victory over Bradford City who themselves came to The County Ground beaten in only one of their opening eight games.**

The first half an hour or so saw us play some of the best football I have seen for a very long time.

The players ran themselves into the ground and we played some absolutely outstanding football - the passing was brilliant.

To be fair the performance the lads put in was out of place in Division

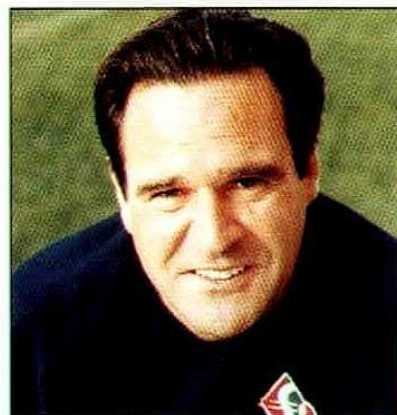


2. It would have graced any Premiership fixture.

Robbo and Wayne put us in control in the first half and despite Bradford pulling a goal back we just moved into top gear after the break and Steve Finney scored his best goal of the season yet. There must have been almost two dozen passes put together before Ilan Culverhouse delivered the ball for Steve to blast home.

Kevin Horlock put the icing on the cake with five minutes to go and even then Ty could have added a couple when he came on.

Tonight sees Blackburn Rovers at The County Ground. They haven't had the best of starts in the



Premiership and last week went down by the only goal of the game when they met Spartak Moscow at Ewood Park. But we certainly will not be under any illusions about what to expect tonight. Rovers have got a very talented side and it will not be an easy game.

However, provided we play as we know we can there is no reason why we cannot go to the second leg in two weeks in with a shout.

## SWINDON'S LATEST SIGNING LOOKS GOOD IN ANY POSITION.

Swindon Town will start the new season looking better than ever. Thanks to their exclusive new Mizuno strip.





# TreatmentRoom

*With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg*

*There has been good news his week with regards to our long term injuries. Martin Ling has now returned to full time training following his hernia repair back in August. He is on schedule to play in next Monday's Reserve Team game against Chelsea at Witney.*

Jason Drysdale has now discarded his crutches and has been given the go-ahead to commence very light training now that the stress fracture of his heel has fully calcified.

Jason will begin his rehabilitation with swimming and bike work gradually increasing the pressure on the heel by jogging and sprinting.

As yet we have not decided on a date for his first match but it looks as though he will not be able to play for another four weeks or so.

Chris Organ, one of our first year Trainees has also just undergone a menisectomy (cartilage operation) on his right knee.

The operation went well with Chris only being in hospital for six hours, showing the advancement in knee surgery over the last five years.

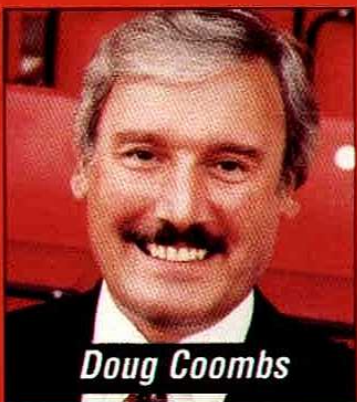
Chris will work alongside Jason in his bid to return to the Youth Team in October.

After Saturday's game at Bristol Rovers, Shaun Taylor, Paul Bodin and Wayne O'Sullivan all received knocks but should all be available for selection this evening.

Peter Thorne has returned to training and although he will not be able to play tonight there is every chance he could be O.K. for the second leg at Ewood Park in two weeks.



## The Swindon Town Shadow Board



**Doug Coombs**

*This evening we introduce Doug Coombs of the new Shadow Board.*

Doug may not be a familiar face to you but be aware of the fact that you could be a very familiar face to him. Doug works here at The County Ground on matchdays operating the Close Circuit Television system monitoring everybody who comes into the stadium and keeps a watchful eye on things during the game.

Doug is 49, married with two grown up children and lives in Swindon. He works as a Marketing Manager for Polti (UK) Ltd., an Italian company with its UK operation in Calne.

Doug has worked for the Club now for 24 years of which the last ten have been spent in the Control Room.

Apart from football his other interests are rugby and motor racing.

*Don't forget that if you ever want to write to the Shadow Board at the Club, please do so in confidence to: The Shadow Board, PO Box 663, Swindon, SN1 2NX.*



### The Shadow Board

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# In the Community

With Shane Cook

*Even though it is five weeks away, bookings are coming in for our next Half-Term Funweek in the week commencing 23 October. Obviously the option of the visit to Old Trafford and the Granada Studio Tour is proving to be an attraction.*

Please note however that in order to accommodate more youngsters on the Funweek we will be holding them in two different venues. The first is at Greendown Community School in West Swindon from 9.00am until 12.00 noon and the other is to be held at Fairford Sports Centre from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Both last from Monday to Wednesday.

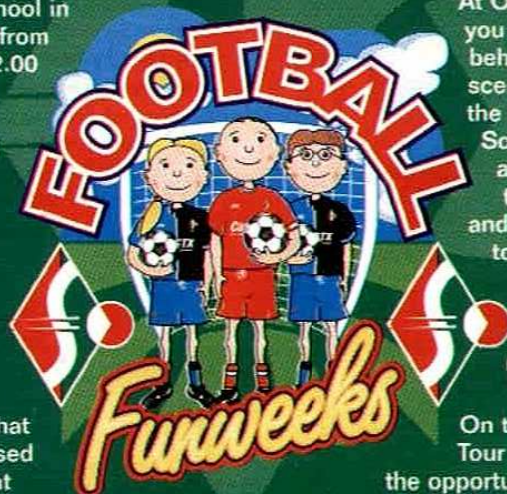
Naturally the cost has been reduced from that initially advertised as we are not at each venue for as long as originally planned.

As well as the Funweeks there is the option to book on our trip to Manchester on Thursday 26 October where we will be visiting

Old Trafford, the home of the mighty Manchester United in the morning followed by the Granada Studios Tour in the afternoon.

At Old Trafford you can see behind the scenes and visit the Museum, Souvenir Shop and go inside the Stadium and subject to fixture commitments go into the dressing room areas.

On the Studio Tour you will have the opportunity of walking down one of the most famous streets in the Country - Coronation Street where there will be a star from the show to greet you. In addition there are numerous other attractions to keep you occupied.



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#### Category 1:

Adults £35.00 inclusive of admission to Old Trafford, Granada and return coach journey.

#### Category 2:

Children aged 16 and under to include admission and travel £25.00

#### Category 3:

Children aged 16 and under for Funweek Coaching £12.50

#### Category 4:

Children aged 16 and under to include trip and Funweek £32.50

If booking the Funweek please make sure you also state what venue you wish to attend either Greendown or Fairford.



# From a small **Acorn** a **mighty coke** has grown.

*The Football League Cup was launched in 1960 and was dismissed as another unwanted encumbrance on a fixture list which was already becoming overcrowded.*

*By Jon Pollard*

It was an understandable reaction from the elite clubs who were more interested in the lucrative lure of European competition. The Football League Cup competition was the baby of the then League Secretary, the late Alan Hardacre and was intended as a means to bring in more income through the rapidly dwindling numbers coming in via the turnstiles.

The idea was right, the thought of Swindon entertaining Manchester United or Arsenal travelling to play at Torquay United could swell the smaller club's coffers.

However for the project to succeed it needed the backing of all the major powers. Sadly they had more profitable forms of income and were not too concerned about this new competition.

There was vocal opposition to the inauguration of the competition but it eventually went ahead after clubs voted and agreed by 31 votes to 15 to go ahead but advisably entry was initially made optional.

The format was quite simple in so much as the first five rounds were played on a knockout basis and the Semi-Final and Final would be played over two legs at home and away. In the first year five clubs - Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Sheffield Wednesday, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers all saw fit not to enter.

The first ever League Cup games were held on the evening of 26

September 1960 when Fulham played Bristol Rovers at Eastville where over 20,000 saw the first ever League Cup goal scored by Maurice Cook of the visiting team. In the other game that night West Ham United beat Charlton Athletic.

Aston Villa and Rotherham United made it through to the first Final, which was held over to the start of the following season, with 12,226 spectators seeing Rotherham taking a 2-0 first leg lead to Villa Park, which they were unable to maintain going down 3-2 on aggregate. 31,202 fans witnessed Aston Villa take the trophy. The following season saw the number of non-participants double and a Second Division side win the Cup when Norwich City beat Rochdale 4-0 on aggregate.

In 1966 the competition progressed further when it was decided to have the final played at Wembley Stadium. This sparked a show of enthusiasm and all but two Football League clubs entered. A further carrot was the prospect of automatic entry into the U.E.F.A. Cup competition.

At last the Football League Cup competition was being taken seriously. It has created its own tradition with Rotherham United, Rochdale, Norwich City, Stoke City, Queens Park Rangers, Southampton and not forgetting Swindon Town all to savour the magic of playing in a major Cup Final. Over the years the competition has attracted sponsorship from the Dairy Council who named it the Milk

Cup from 1981/82 season to 1985/86. Littlewoods took over from 1986/87 - 1989/90 and then the trophy became the Rumbelows League Cup for what should have been four years but this was terminated two years early and as a result of amicable three way negotiations between the Football League, Rumbelows and Coca-Cola, the Coca-Cola Cup was born and the fizz was put back into Hardacre's Baby with a two year £2.25m agreement and a three year option period.



*The Coca-Cola Cup*



# Home & Away



*After Saturday's home game with Rotherham here at The County Ground we then have two consecutive away fixtures.*

We travel to play Wrexham at The Racecourse Ground on Saturday 30 September in the Endsleigh League and then it's off to Ewood Park on Wednesday 4 October for the second leg of tonight's Coca-Cola Cup 2nd round tie with Blackburn Rovers.

**Last time we met :**  
**Saturday 18 January 1986**  
**Canon League Division 3**  
**Wrexham 0 Swindon Town 1**

**Scorer:** Gordon

**Team:** Allen, Ramsay, Roberts, Barnard, Cole, Calderwood, Bamber, Henry, Gordon, Wade, Hockaday.

A Colin Gordon penalty gave us a 1-0 victory over Wrexham at The Racecourse back in our promotion season of 1985/86. Unfortunately the game was seen by only 1710 fans. It was just reward for the Swindon Robins as the Wrexham ones had won by the same scoreline in the first game of the season at The County Ground on 17 August.

## **Route to Wrexham:**

*From Swindon take A419/417 via Cirencester and Cheltenham to join M5 Northbound at J11. Stay on M5 to join M6 turning off at J10a onto M54. AT J3 turn onto A41 to Whitchurch - approximately 31 miles. Onto A495 towards Ellesmere then onto A525 for 13 miles via Bangor Is Y Coed following signs for Wrexham. Transfer onto A541 once in Wrexham to Mold Road for stadium. Total journey approximately 153 miles.*

## **TRAVEL CLUB**

**Depart County Ground, Swindon 09.15**

**FARE  
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Bookings taken at the Travel Club Office in the Castrol Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 19.00 - 21.00. Telephone Swindon (01793) 611499 - 24 hour service.

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**County Ground 09.30**  
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Reductions available for Junior Robins.



# Peter Thorn

*Talks to Colin Benson*

**CB: Peter this is obviously a very exciting night for Swindon, taking on the Premiership Champions, but no doubt you are disappointed you are not fit enough to play against your former club?**

PT: It is certainly very exciting for me, it will be great to see the lads again. I just hope that I am fit enough to be involved.

CB: Yes, it has been a very traumatic time for you hasn't it?

PT: Yes, after getting in pre-season it was particularly annoying to pull my hamstring just two days before the opening game at Hull, it happened so innocently really.

We were having a bit of a training match and as I moved out to the right wing I just felt it go and had to pull up. It was just a bit of sprinting that is all, I wasn't stretching for a ball or anything like that. At first I didn't really think much of it, I thought it would go away in a minute, but when I tried to sprint again I knew that was it.

CB: Hard luck indeed, but you made your comeback in fact in the previous round of the Coca-Cola Cup against Cambridge.

PT: For forty-five minutes then I broke down again didn't I...I tried to rush it too quickly, I had pushed it before in a training session and it wasn't right. But I was so keen to get back I thought it would be okay but it wasn't really right and I shouldn't have played against Cambridge I don't think. I should have given it a couple of more days.

But that's the way it goes. You want to get back, you want to play, and in the end all it has done is keep me out longer. It really is annoying being injured.

CB: Obviously in the half you did play in the previous round you were alongside a new partner in Steve Finney. How well did you feel it was going for you before the muscle twanged again?

PT: Steve has done very well, scored a few goals. He got his chance because of my incapacity and that's the way things go. As long as the team is doing well that is the main thing. I had only ever played with Wayne Allison in the friendlies and obviously about ten or fifteen minutes with Steve. But I know he is all about and linking up with him is no problem. I know what they do and I am sure they know what I do. But I know with these two around I am going to have to get my head down to try and get back in the team.

CB: So what is the physical situation now. Is there a possibility that you could be fit to face Blackburn?

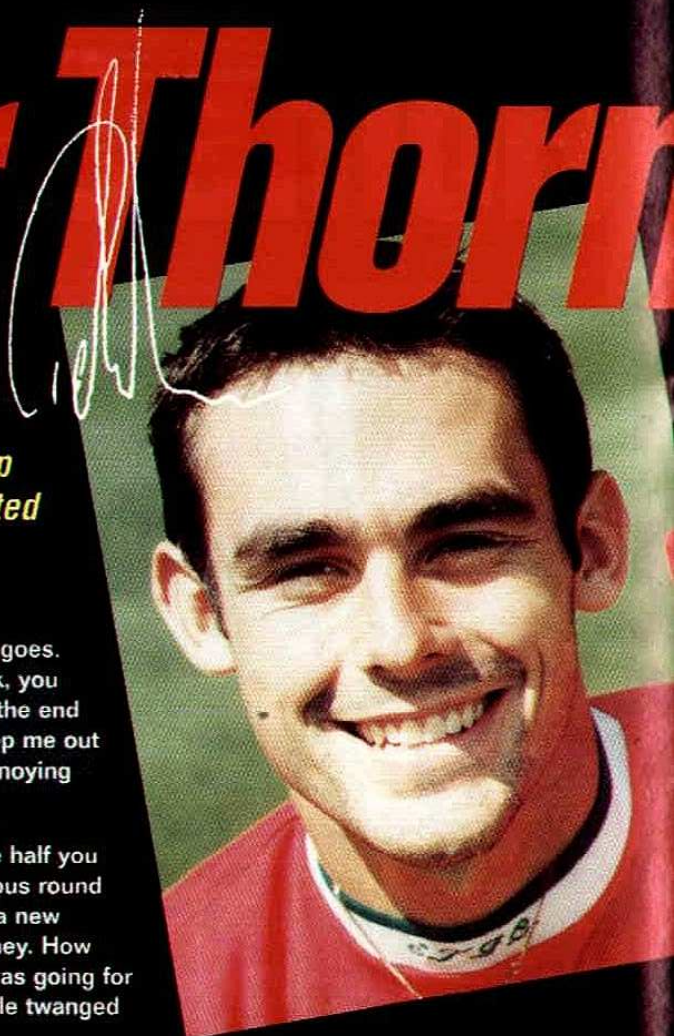
PT: No. I'm hoping to get maybe a half hour in the Reserves game on Monday and with a bit of luck that will go well but I am not fit anyway running wise, because I have been

out so long now, so I have a lot of work to do. There is just a slight chance I might be involved but that is up to the gaffer.

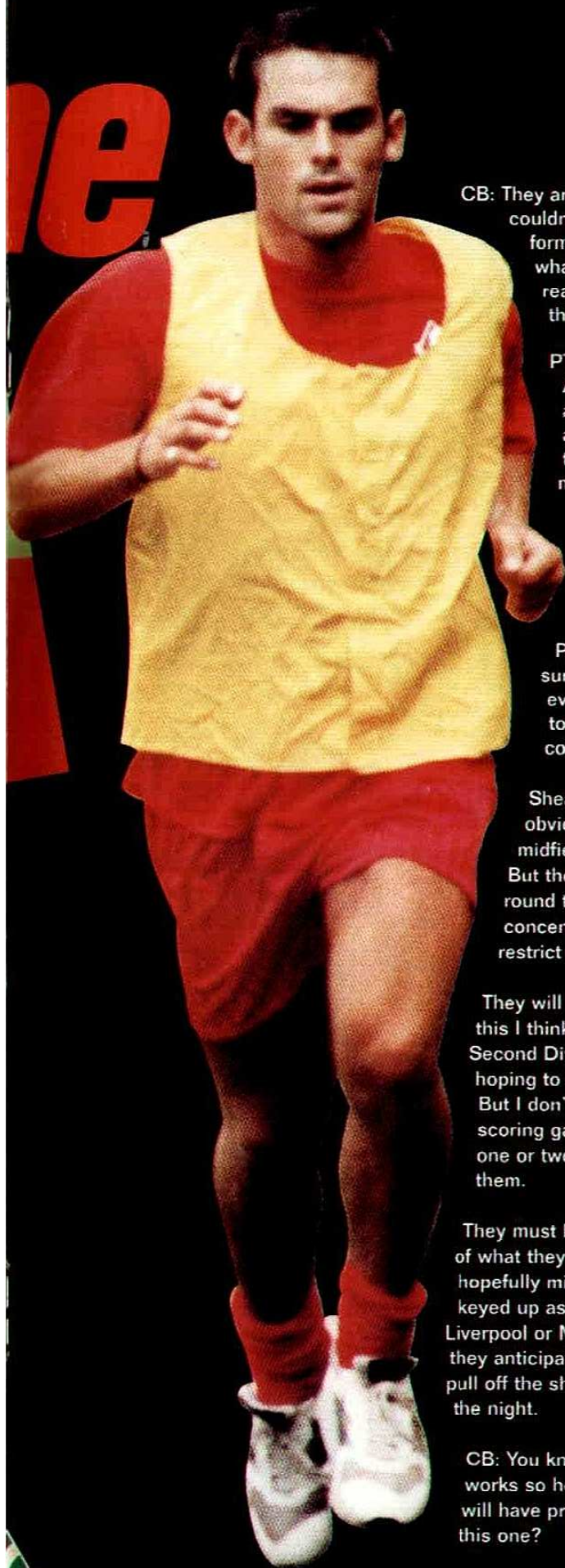
CB: So realistically Peter the most you can hope for is a place on the bench?

PT: Oh yeah. The lads are doing well anyway so they don't really need me at the moment. And there is no point me rushing it as I will only end up pulling it again, and that will set me back another four weeks.

I have rushed it twice now I just don't want to do that again. I think really I am looking more towards the second game at Ewood Park. Blackburn is a big game for us all but the League programme is the most important thing on our agenda of course though obviously with Blackburn being my old club it would be nice to play against them.







CB: They are the Champions - we couldn't be up against more formidable opponents but what is going to be the real danger for us do you think?

PT: Have you heard of Alan Shearer? They are all good players aren't they but he is the one who inflicts most damage.

They have started off badly this season and things have not gone too well for them in the

Premiership but I am sure this will make them even more determined to do well in this competition.

Shearer is world class and obviously 'Batty' in midfield is very influential. But they have strength all round the team so you can't concentrate on trying to restrict one or two players.

They will be looking forward to this I think. With us in the Second Division they will be hoping to bang a few goals in. But I don't think it will be a high scoring game - we might have one or two surprises in store for them.

They must be confident because of what they have achieved and hopefully might just not be as keyed up as they would be against Liverpool or Manchester United. If they anticipate a stroll we could pull off the shock result of the night.

CB: You know how Ray Harford works so how do you think he will have prepared them for this one?

PT: He will have followed the same format as they used the whole of last season and this one. They will not have done anything special, a lot of five-a-side and so on. The players they have got there have so much quality and experience they don't need any special motivation. It will have just been normal training sessions this week. Ray will be clued up about us. He is a great strategist and a terrific manager and he will make sure Blackburn give it their best shot whatever the game.

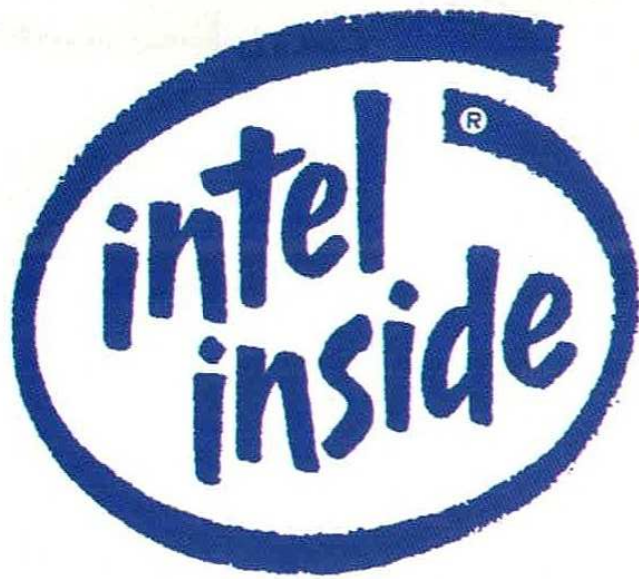
CB: We have been going well but the few blotches on our record so far have been suffered at home. Any thoughts on this Peter?

PT: I just can't understand it to be honest. I think we have been a bit unlucky. Steve Finney's header against Chesterfield for instance was over the line but the goal was not given. Had it been we would have won and drawn away at the top of the table.

But I think we have a great chance to win the title. Looking around I can't see any other side in this division with the quality players we have here and having come down from the First Division a lot of teams are showing their respect for us by playing defensively against us.

A home win over Blackburn would certainly boost everyone's confidence and set us up nicely for Saturday's important League game here with Rotherham. Whatever happens tonight there is another leg to play at Ewood Park so it is not over yet.





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# Matchday Party

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*Well after last week's electric party when we demolished Bradford City I must confess I was on a high for days afterwards.*

What a feeling. Not just getting back on top of the League but what a way in doing so!

When Steve Finney's twenty yarder went in I knew there would be no stopping us.

So tonight we welcome Blackburn Rovers here for this Coca-Cola Cup tie which will hopefully see our largest gate of the season.

I'll be on air from 6.30pm with all your dedications and requests. Don't forget if you want me to read out your messages on a matchday send it in to me here at Swindon Town at least four days before the game and I'll do my best to include it.

Paul Bodin kept his birthday quiet last Wednesday. No doubt he celebrated it with that win over Bradford but where were the cream cakes Paul?

Many happy returns of the day as well for yesterday to Ian Culverhouse who clocked up his 31st birthday. Let's make tonight another cause for celebration Cully!

Finally to Hornes Howler - another sent in by Mr.D.Lane of Highworth.

What's the difference between P.G.Tips and Oxford United?  
*P.G. stays in the Cup longer!!*

## The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

*Welcome to all Junior Robins attending tonight's exciting game against Blackburn Rovers. Be sure to give the lads lots of support tonight - you're obviously being heard as they are doing really well so far this season.*

A quick reminder that your membership card entitles you to discounts in the Club Shop and on the Mascot Package and free admission to all Reserve games.



### BRISTOL ROVERS

For all those of you lucky enough to have gone to Twerton Park - I hope you all enjoyed your day. Sorry there was no game beforehand for you but I'm sure you enjoyed the penalty shoot-out at half-time.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Still no news on these, I'm afraid. I know it's been raining but apparently it hasn't been enough to restore the pitches to a good enough condition to play on. I promise to let you know as soon as there's any news.

## Tonight's Lucky Mascots



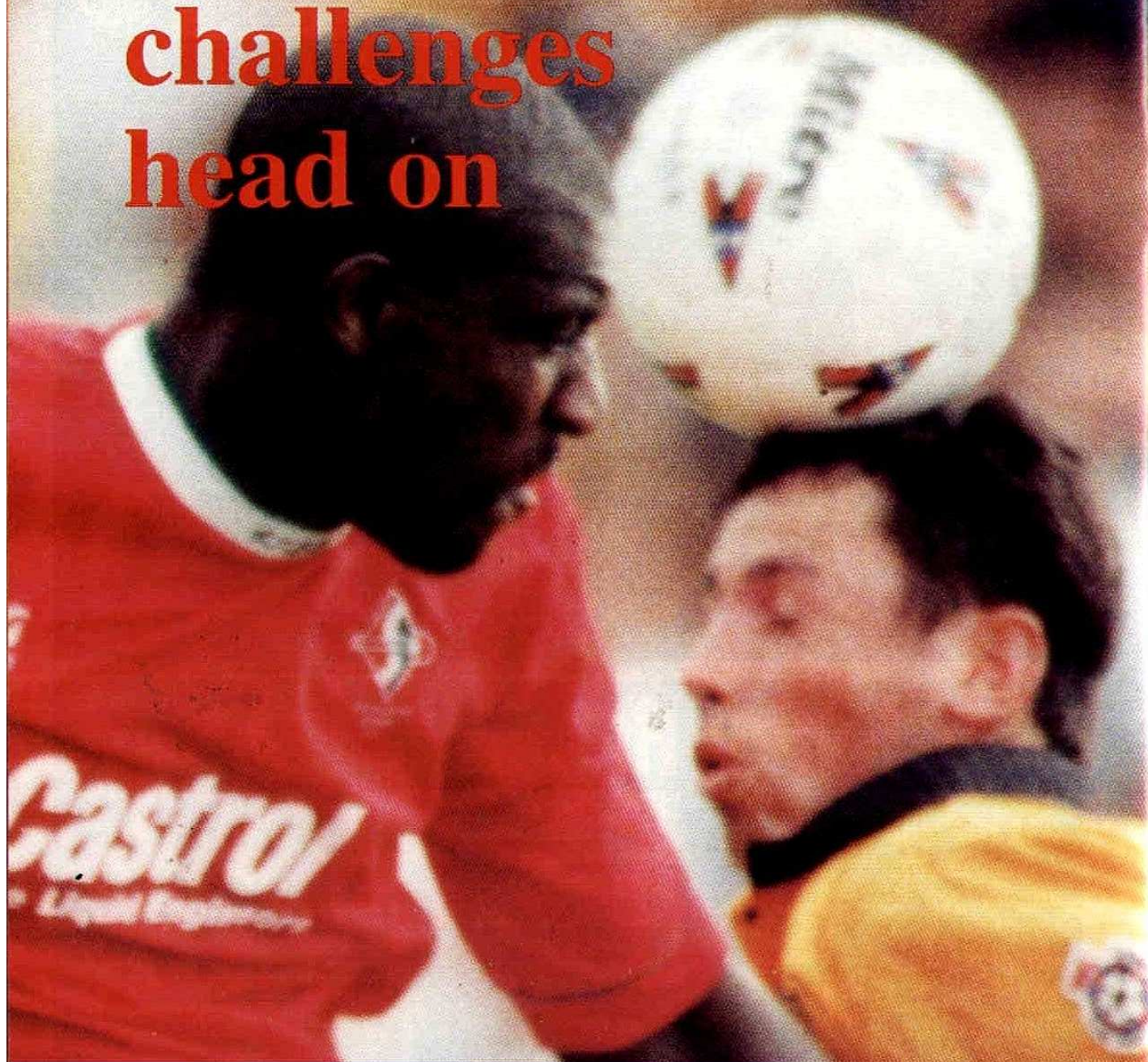
Ian Rumbold is 9 years old and attends St Peters School, Marlborough. Ian's hobbies include computers and of course football and he plays in goal for Marlborough Youths. He is an ardent Swindon Town supporter and his favourite player is Steve Finney.



Our other lucky mascot tonight is Micky Newman who is 5 years old and attends Windmill Hill Primary School. Micky was a mascot for the first game of last season when we won 2-0 - hopefully he will bring us luck tonight too!!



# Meeting challenges head on



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# Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

*A big warm welcome to tonight's fixture from everybody in the Marketing Team.*

## Tonight's Matchday Sponsors

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## Programme Sellers

If you would like to join the Marketing Team by selling programmes on matchdays please contact Dave Hollister on Swindon (01793) 430430.

## Matchball Sponsors



We have two Matchball Sponsors for tonight's fixture. Firstly, we would like to welcome our good friends from Mizuno. This is the first year with Mizuno as kit sponsors and we hope it is the first of many. Welcome to Peter Barber and his guests and we hope you have a great time this evening.

Our other Matchball Sponsors for tonight's game is Swift, a division Transport Development Group. Based in Old Town, Swindon. Swift specialise in contract hire and daily rental.

## 1995/96 Corporate Brochure

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*Steve Finney presents an autographed football to Derek Stroud from Thames Water - Matchball Sponsors against Chesterfield.*



*Martin Harvey from Telecential receives his signed framed shirt from Mike Spearman after sponsoring the Chesterfield game.*

*Can you think of a more appropriate caption? Send your ideas to me, Phil Alexander, here at The County Ground.*

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# Swindon Town Ladies



**Swindon Town Ladies made the short trip up the M4 to face old rivals Reading Royals and turned in a first class performance.**

In the past two seasons the Town have restricted the Royals to second place in the League whilst taking the titles. Both clubs have been promoted in successive years. Games between the teams have always been good advertisements for womens football and this one was no exception. Both sides had chances and Alison Richards, in the Town goal, made some good saves to keep the Town in the game. The Town however deservedly went two up before the break through Nadine Lloyd and Kerie Garwood.

After the interval the Royals pulled one back but Nadine Lloyd and Kerie Garwood were on target again to give the Town a 4-1 victory. This was good all round team victory with the Town playing some neat football. The defence held tight and the midfield ably lead by Pam Laker combined well to create openings for the front runners. If the Town can repeat this type of display then they will quickly make their trade mark in the higher division.

The two new signings Debbie Martin and Nadine Lloyd have both fitted into the side quickly and their experience is giving the team more flexibility. Vikki McCann has come into the senior side from the youngsters and is improving with every match. Tracy Mackeddie damaged the ligaments in her knee



**By Roger Reeves**

at Milton Keynes and will be out for two months. Justine Hume and Kim Reeves have now both returned from abroad to strengthen the squad.

The Town have made it through to Round Two of the FA Cup without kicking a ball. Cardiff Institute have withdrawn from the competition; so the Town go through.



**NADINE LLOYD, who scored twice, is closely monitored by Reading Royals defender Sarah Mills. (Photo by Luisa Di Lella)**

## Southern Region League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS	
Sun 3 Sept	Milton Keynes United	A 4-0
Sun 10 Sept	Reading Royals	A 4-1
Sun 17 Sept	Cardiff Institute (FA Cup)	H w/o
Sun 24 Sept	Leighton Linsdale	H
Sun 1 Oct	Basingstoke Town	A
Sun 8 Oct	Gosport	H
Sun 15 Oct	Carterton	A
Sun 22 Oct	Oxford University	H
Sun 29 Oct	Thame	A
Sun 5 Nov	Milton Keynes United	H
Sun 12 Nov	Reading Royals	H
Sun 19 Nov	Eastleigh	A
Sun 26 Nov	Leighton Linsdale	A
Sun 3 Dec	Basingstoke Town	H
Sun 10 Dec	Gosport	A
Sun 17 Dec	League Cup Prelim Round	
Sun 7 Jan	League 5-a-side	
Sun 14 Jan	Carterton	H
Sun 21 Jan	Oxford University	A
Sun 28 Jan	League Cup 1	
Sun 4 Feb	Thame	H
Sun 11 Feb	League Cup 2	
Sun 18 Feb	Eastleigh	H

All home games are played on the County Ground Extension and kick-off at 2.00pm.

## Southern Region League Division 3 Season 1994/95 Final Table

	HOME					AWAY						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	16	8	0	0	59	6	7	1	0	49	7	46
Reading Royals	16	7	0	1	40	7	7	0	1	48	11	42
Basingstoke Town	16	4	1	3	23	25	5	0	3	31	26	28
Reading Ladies	16	2	3	3	16	18	4	2	2	21	22	23
Aylesbury United	16	4	1	3	17	27	2	2	4	15	21	21
Wycombe Wanderers	16	3	1	4	28	23	1	2	5	19	24	15
Portsmouth Reserves	16	2	3	3	16	22	1	2	5	14	39	14
Aldershot Post Office	16	3	1	4	25	39	1	0	7	14	44	13
Slough Town	16	1	0	7	9	48	0	1	7	4	39	4

### Result:

**Southern Region League Division 2  
Reading Royals 1 Swindon Town 4**

**Scorers:** Lloyd (2), Garwood (2).

**Team:** Richards, Privett, Wyness, Wheeler, Tyson, McCann, Laker, Hume, Martin, Lloyd, Garwood. **Subs:** Sharpe, Ramsey, Reeves.



# ReservesReview



By Ross MacLaren

## Avon Insurance Combination Division 1 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS		
Mon 14 Aug	LUTON TOWN	H**	1-1
Wed 23 Aug	Norwich City	A	0-6
Mon 28 Aug	OXFORD UNITED	H**	0-0
Wed 06 Sept	Southampton	A	1-4
Mon 11 Sept	ARSENAL	H**	1-1
Mon 18 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mon 25 Sept	CHELSEA	H**	
Mon 02 Oct	Millwall	A	
Mon 09 Oct	WIMBLEDON	H**	
Mon 16 Oct	TOTTENHAM H.	H**	
Tue 24 Oct	Portsmouth	A	
Mon 30 Oct	Q.P.R.	H**	
Tue 07 Nov	Watford	A	
Mon 13 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Mon 20 Nov	West Ham United	A	
Mon 27 Nov	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Wed 06 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Mon 11 Dec	CHARLTON ATH.	H	
Wed 20 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	
Wed 27 Dec	NORWICH CITY	H	
Wed 03 Jan	Oxford United	A	
Mon 08 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sat 13 Jan	Arsenal	A	
Mon 22 Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
Mon 29 Jan	Chelsea	A	
Mon 05 Feb	MILLWALL	H	
Wed 14 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 19 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Mon 26 Feb	PORTSMOUTH	H	
Tue 05 Mar	Q.P.R.	A	
Mon 11 Mar	WATFORD	H	
Wed 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	A	
Mon 25 Mar	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
Wed 10 Apr	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
Wed 17 Apr	Charlton Athletic	A	
Mon 22 Apr	IPSWICH TOWN	H	
Mon 29 Apr	Bristol City	A	
Wed 01 May	Luton Town	A	

Home games are played at either the County Ground, Swindon or Witney Town F.C. (games marked\*\*) with both venue and time of kick off subject to change.



## Avon Insurance Combination as at 13 September 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
Queens Park Rangers	5	5	0	0	12	4	15	8
Wimbledon	5	4	0	1	13	6	12	7
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	12	2	10	10
Norwich City	5	3	0	2	14	6	9	8
Southampton	5	2	2	1	7	5	8	2
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	2	1	7	5	8	2
Ipswich Town	4	2	1	1	6	2	7	4
Chelsea	4	2	1	1	8	5	7	3
Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	2	1	7	1
Watford	5	1	2	2	5	6	5	-1
Bristol City	5	1	2	2	2	3	5	-1
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	1	2	2	3	5	5	-2
West Ham United	6	1	2	3	8	9	5	-3
Millwall	5	1	2	2	7	13	5	-6
Luton Town	5	0	4	1	6	8	4	-2
Oxford United	4	0	3	1	3	4	3	-1
Charlton Athletic	5	0	3	2	4	8	3	-4
Portsmouth	5	0	3	2	4	11	3	-7
Bristol Rovers	5	1	0	4	6	15	3	-9
Swindon Town	5	0	3	2	3	12	3	-9



*With all the rain in the few days prior to our Avon Insurance Combination game at home to Arsenal the Witney Town pitch was looking nice and green.*

Following on from a 4-1 defeat at Southampton the previous week it was important for us to put on a good show and not to get another reverse.

We had Matt Rawlings playing for us on trial, himself a former player with Arsenal having been released at the end of last season.

The first half was played at a fast and furious pace and with the descending sun over the stand at Witney making it hard for the players.

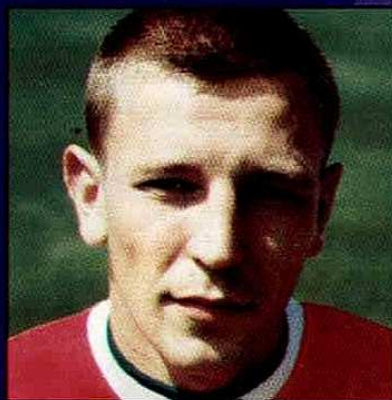
We took the lead from the penalty spot following a good run from Dean Hooper who played a one-two with Jamie Laidlaw getting into the box where Matt Rawlings was pulled down.

Ty Gooden scored from the resulting penalty - his second in two weeks.

Our lead however was very short lived with Arsenal equalising within a minute after we twice failed to get the ball out of defence.

The second half was most

disappointing for although we had a lot of possession of the ball, our passing was not simple or early enough. Bad defending is costing us points and we have got to improve on this otherwise we could well find ourselves again in the position we were in last year - struggling for points and facing an uphill battle throughout the year.



Dean Hooper

## Reserve Team Appearances as at 13 September 1995

	Apps	Goals
J. BEAUCHAMP	3	0
P. BRUNO	1	0
S. CAMPBELL	0(1)	0
L. COLLINS	1	0
M. COUPE	1	0
F. DIGBY	3	0
A. FINLAYSON	2(2)	0
T. GOODEN	2	2
J. HAINES	2	0
I. HARVEY	1(2)	0
J. HOLLOWAY	4(1)	0
D. HOOPER	3	0
K. HORLOCK	1	0
A. HUGHES	4(1)	0
B. KILCLINE	2	0
J. LAIDLAW	4	0
S. MILDENHALL	0(1)	0
E. MURRAY	2	0
A. MUTCH	1	1
G. PEARCE	0(1)	0
J. PITMAN	3	0
M. RAWLINGS	1	0
R. SOUTER	3	0
S. THOMAS	1(1)	0
A. THOMSON	4	0
J. TONER	1	0
A. VIVEASH	1	0
S. WIMBLE	2(1)	0
S. WOODMAN	0(3)	0
B. WORRALL	2(1)	0

**Result:**  
**Avon Insurance Combination**  
**Swindon Town 1 Arsenal 1**  
**Scorer: Gooden**

**Team:** Digby, Hooper, Beauchamp, Hughes, Thomson, Viveash, Murray, Pitman, Rawlings, Laidlaw, Gooden. **Subs:** Holloway, Worrall, Woodman.





# Youth Team Focus



By John Trollope

*After gaining first point of season against Tottenham Hotspur in the League, we had a change of competition when we entertained Shrewsbury Town at The County Ground in the Midland Youth Cup.*

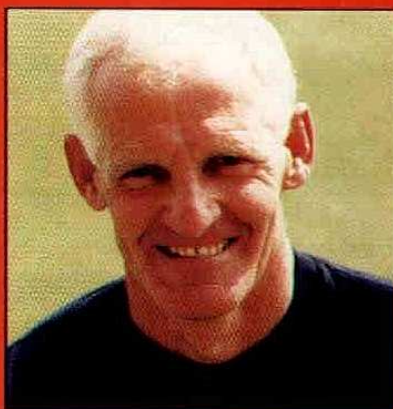
Whether it was the occasion or the fact that we had an excellent playing surface to play on, the performance was by far the best of the season.

The players certainly responded by showing the right approach and enthusiasm, working hard when not in possession but more pleasingly we passed the ball well putting some good moves together.

We dominated the first half but could not turn this advantage into goals with the score being goalless at half-time.

We continued to dominate after the break and finally scored early on when a right wing cross was played back across goal by Ryan Souter for Alex Finlayson to give us the lead.

Scott Woodman scored our second goal of the night at the third attempt after a Finlayson shot was blocked. This was no more than we deserved having hit the woodwork on five or six occasions. With this



performance we set a standard more to what is expected and we must look to take the form into our League games.

Unfortunately as usually happens the game at Bristol Rovers, although we won 1-0, was disappointing and we never got anywhere near the form of the Shrewsbury game.

In a drab game both sides competed quite well but the quality of play was poor for this level of football.

On the balance of play we just about deserved our win. The goal was out of character with the rest of the game. Wayne Thorne's through ball was taken on by Alex Finlayson who hit a hard shot from the edge of the area for the only goal of the game.

## South East Counties League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS	
Sat 12 Aug	Barnet	A 1-2
Sat 19 Aug	LUTON TOWN	H 1-3
Sat 26 Aug	Southampton	A 0-2
Sat 02 Sept	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 1-1
Tue 05 Sept	SHREWSBURY TOWN (MYC 2)	H 2-0
Sat 09 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A 1-0
Sat 16 Sept	BARNET (LC1)	H 4-1
Sat 23 Sept	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
Tue 26 Sept	Cardiff City (SJFC 1)	A
Sat 30 Sept	READING	H
Sat 07 Oct	Colchester United	A
Sat 14 Oct	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H
Sat 21 Oct	Oxford United (LC2)	A
Sat 28 Oct	Oxford United	A
Sat 04 Nov	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 11 Nov	Bristol City	A
Sat 18 Nov	WIMBLEDON	H
Sat 25 Nov	LC3	
Sat 02 Dec	Brentford	A
Sat 09 Dec	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H
Sat 16 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Sat 30 Dec	BARNET	H
Sat 06 Jan	Luton Town	A
Sat 13 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat 27 Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A
Sat 10 Feb	Reading	A
Sat 17 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 09 Feb	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 16 Mar	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A
Sat 30 Mar	BRENTFORD	H

All home League games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough kicking off at 11.00am.

## Results:

**Midland Youth Cup 2nd Round**  
**Swindon Town 2 Shrewsbury Town 0**

**Scorers:** Finlayson, Souter.

**Team:** Mildenhall, Pearce, Souter, Thomas, Harvey, Coupe, Pattimore, Thorne W, Finlayson, Woodman, Wimble.

**Subs:** Campbell, Hunt, Haines, Wheeldon.

**South East Counties League**  
**Bristol Rovers 0 Swindon Town 1**

**Scorer:** Finlayson.

**Team:** Mildenhall, Pearce, Souter, Thomas, Harvey, Coupe, Pattimore, Thorne W, Finlayson, Woodman, Wimble.

**Subs:** Wheeldon, Hunt, Haines.

## South East Counties League Division 2 as at 14 September 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crystal Palace	5	5	0	0	19	6	10
Southampton	5	4	0	1	13	2	8
Bristol City	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Wimbledon	5	3	0	2	16	7	6
AFC Bournemouth	4	3	0	1	8	6	6
Barnet	5	2	2	1	6	6	6
Oxford United	5	2	2	1	6	6	6
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	1	2	12	12	5
Luton Town	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
Wycombe Wanderers	5	2	1	2	5	8	5
Bristol Rovers	5	2	0	3	9	7	4
Brentford	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Swindon Town	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Colchester United	5	1	0	4	5	11	2
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	1	0	4	3	9	2
Reading	5	0	0	5	4	23	0



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Swindon Town have only ever played Blackburn Rovers once in the League Cup competition. This was in 1969 when a Don Rogers goal gave us a 1-0 Third Round victory in 1969 - the year in which Swindon Town won the Cup.

Blackburn Rovers' best away win in the League Cup was back in 1965 when they beat Bolton Wanderers 5-1 at Burnden Park in a Second Round tie.

Their worst away defeat was in a Second Round game with Nottingham Forest at The City Ground in 1980 when they lost 6-1.

The highest aggregate scoreline for a Second Round game is 11-5 when Luton Town beat Mansfield Town in 1990.

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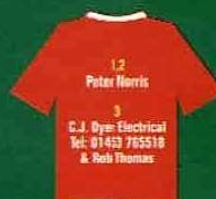
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By Dave Hollister



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The winning number is now displayed on the Score-Board at half-time as well as being announced over the Public Address System and carried on the board around the perimeter track. If the winner comes to the

Player's Tunnel at Half-Time I can present the cheque there and then.

*The Half-Time Nest-Egg vs Bradford City was won on No.24559. The prize of £651 went to Mr.D.G.Wooton who lives in Devizes.*

## Race Night

*Our next exciting Race Night is on Friday 2nd November 1995 in the Executive Suite. Full details will appear in the Bristol City programme on Saturday 7th October. Particulars of our "Football Brain of 1995" Quiz Night will also be released in that publication.*

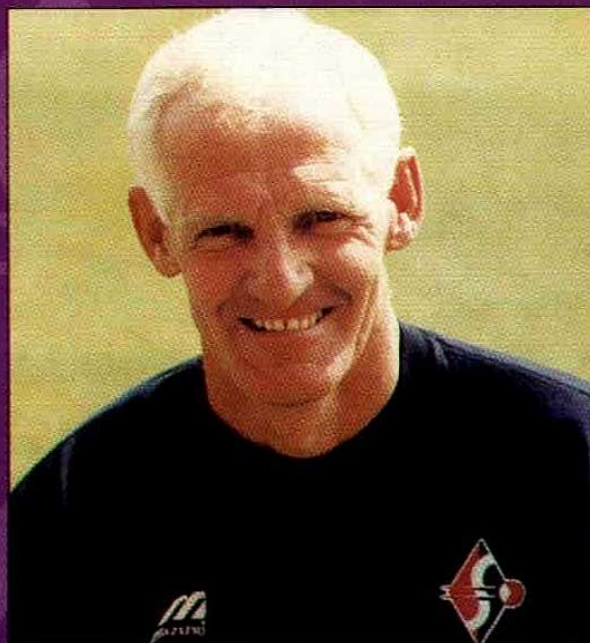
# Award for John



*Youth Team Manager John Trollope has been awarded the Hawes Trophy for 1995 in recognition of his outstanding services to Youth Football and the South East Counties League.*

The annual award will be presented to John at the South East Counties League Dinner at Millwall F.C. on Monday 6 November and is awarded by the committee of the South East Counties League to a player, official or club whom in their opinion have put in the best performance of the year.

Steve McMahon says "It is testament in itself to John that we currently have eight professional players at the club who have come through the youth ranks and in the past others have been sold on for big fees. This obviously proves the value of a good youth set-up.





# Benno!



By Colin Benson

***FIFA have really been proved to be stretching a point with their ridiculous new edict on dealing with injuries on the field of play. You know what I'm talking about, the ludicrous sight of stretcher bearers rushing to remove the corpse every time a player trips over his boot laces!***

I mean it became a riot of ridicule when the game's governing body introduced this concept in the USA World Cup Finals. Of course the Americans had to go over the top with motorised stretcher units bombing on and off the field to take any grounded player to the sidelines whether he needed to go off or not. It reminded me of the old TV series "The Prisoner" in which people were carted around in little electric buggies against their will.

To be honest I never quite understood that series, I certainly don't understand the logic of this FIFA inspired legislation. If it is meant to speed up the game and keep the action flowing then it has failed, and failed miserably, for the opposite has been the outcome as little matters of impact are turned into major incidents.

The instructions from UEFA, who are acting under orders from FIFA, are that no players are to receive treatment on the pitch though the temporary incapacity of a goalkeeper through injury is, however, one situation "where a Referee may see benefit in exercising some discretion." Thus, for any ordinary knock the referee must order on a stretcher to remove the injured party to the sidelines if he requires treatment.

Now stretcher bearers, God bless them, are not exactly the fastest trained athletes in the world and usually by the time they get to the stricken player Jonathan Trigg, or his counterpart, has been on the scene and delivered the magic potion. Under normal circumstances the player could get

up and the game continue. But oh no, not now. If the stretcher has been called on, the player must leave the field, not necessarily on the stretcher - he can walk if he wishes - but he has to leave. In doing this of course we are wasting more time as he traipses off reluctantly, which is extended by the player then having to request permission to re-enter the game once he has reached the side-line.

The FA notified all clubs and referees to explain the "FIFA mandatory instruction," as they appreciated the value of "a standard procedure." Alas, it seems their words of wisdom have fallen on fallow ground.

Town physio Jonathan Trigg says: "Don't talk to me about stretchers. It changes on a weekly basis. Every referee who has come here this season has had his own interpretation of the instruction and none of them are the same. Some tell me I am allowed on the pitch to assess an injury, others have not allowed me on at all."

"The referee last week told me we should have four stretchers available in case there was a multiple collision of players."

Perhaps that official would be better employed working for the emergency services on the M5? "A multiple collision of players." I ask you. What's his intention. To get them all carried off and play nine-a side? Now is this not all a nonsense? Of course it is and the Football Association should notify FIFA accordingly and tell them where to stick their stretchers.



**Jonathan Trigg**  
**- confused by legislation.**



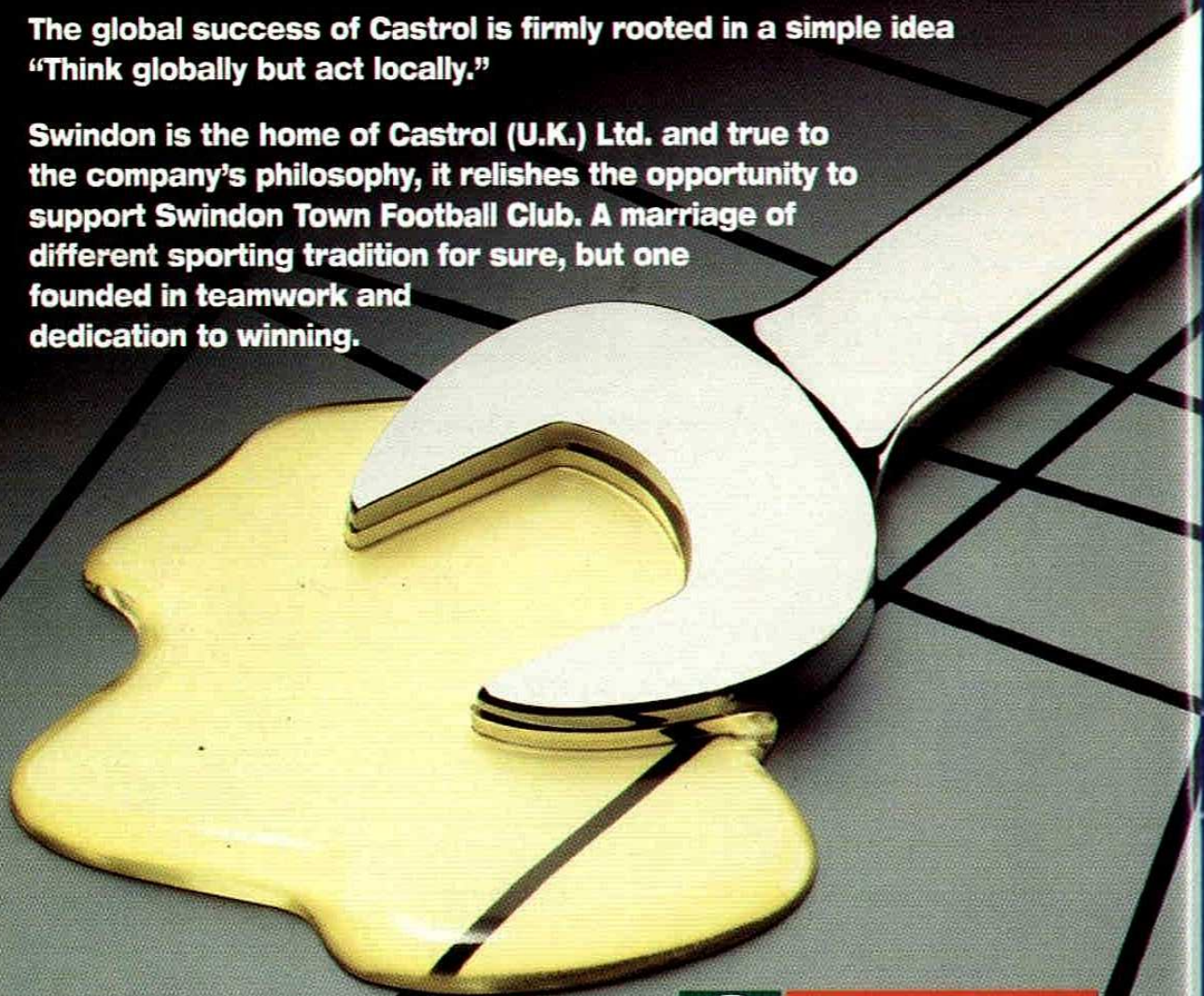
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# Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

*To win 4-1 away is a good result at any level. Our opening strike at Bristol Rovers was a really good goal, well worked by the manager and Kevin Horlock struck it very well. Then we gave a bit of a sloppy goal away just before half-time when we seemed to have slumped into a bit of a stroll.*

At the interval we agreed we could raise our game a lot more and in the second half we went up a gear, got the goal to make it 2-1 and after that we played some good football and the goals just flowed from there. We could have had a few more after that as well, so it was an impressive team performance.

Four goals and not one from a striker but they all played their part. With Wayne Allison injured the gaffer brought in Eddie Murray to partner Steve Finney and they both did very well up front.

But it is important that our midfielders and defenders contribute to the scoring side of the game. Forwards help defensively and in most successful teams you will find the goals are distributed around the side. If you are going to stand a chance of winning anything you have to be capable of spreading your goals around. You need somebody who is going to bag you 20-25 goals of

course but you also need a few others to nip in with five or six.

On this occasion Kevin got a hat-trick - which was good for him I am very pleased - it is probably as many goals as he usually scores in a whole season, but it was good for him to score. Actually he had a good chance just before half-time and was unlucky when their goalkeeper made a great save so he might well have had four goals on the day.

But as I say I am pleased for him. For a midfielder to score a hat-trick is quite unusual. It is a real boost for the team. We had not changed anything either, Kevin was operating his normal position alongside Wayne, with the manager a bit deeper. Wayne was putting them in before, now it is Kevin. They just seem to be taking it in turns.

We wouldn't mind a couple from him tonight. It is going to be a great game I am sure with the



pressure more on Blackburn than us. We have tried to keep ourselves focused on our main objective, which is winning promotion, but now I won't say we can relax, because we want to do well, but we can let ourselves go a bit perhaps.

Alan Shearer is obviously going to give us defenders a tough night, but Blackburn is not all about the England centre-forward as I am sure you all know. They have Internationals in practically every position from goal to outside-left and it will be a good examination for us.

The Champions have not had a good start to the season but you feel they have to start clicking eventually. A good team does not become a bad one overnight and the quality of their players cannot be denied. The three goals Liverpool scored against them on Saturday were good goals, there is no doubt about that, and we know this is far from an easy task for us. But with the fans behind us it will help everyone to raise their game and we are going to give it a damned good shot.

We know that if we get a good result in this home leg then anything can happen. All the lads are in a confident mood because we are winning games but we know they are a top side and that one day they will click. We just hope it is not against us.

IAN CULVERHOUSE - Coca-Cola 'Man of the Match' against Cambridge United receives his prize from GWR FM's Tony Horne.





# Centre of Excellence

With Youth Development Officer Tommy Wheeldon

***The under 13 squad under the guidance of Paul Weller and Nic Vitale made a disappointing start to the new season with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Oxford United.***

Obviously being our local rivals we would have liked to get a better result but from the report given to me by the coaches the boys themselves simply have not performed.

With me the performance is the be all and end all and after the plaudits these boys received from their performances in Devon in July I would like to see a marked improvement very soon.

Devon was actually a good base to work from but it was certainly not the pinnacle as some of the boys might have thought.



The game against Oxford United was the first for the boys at this level and hopefully they can learn from it.


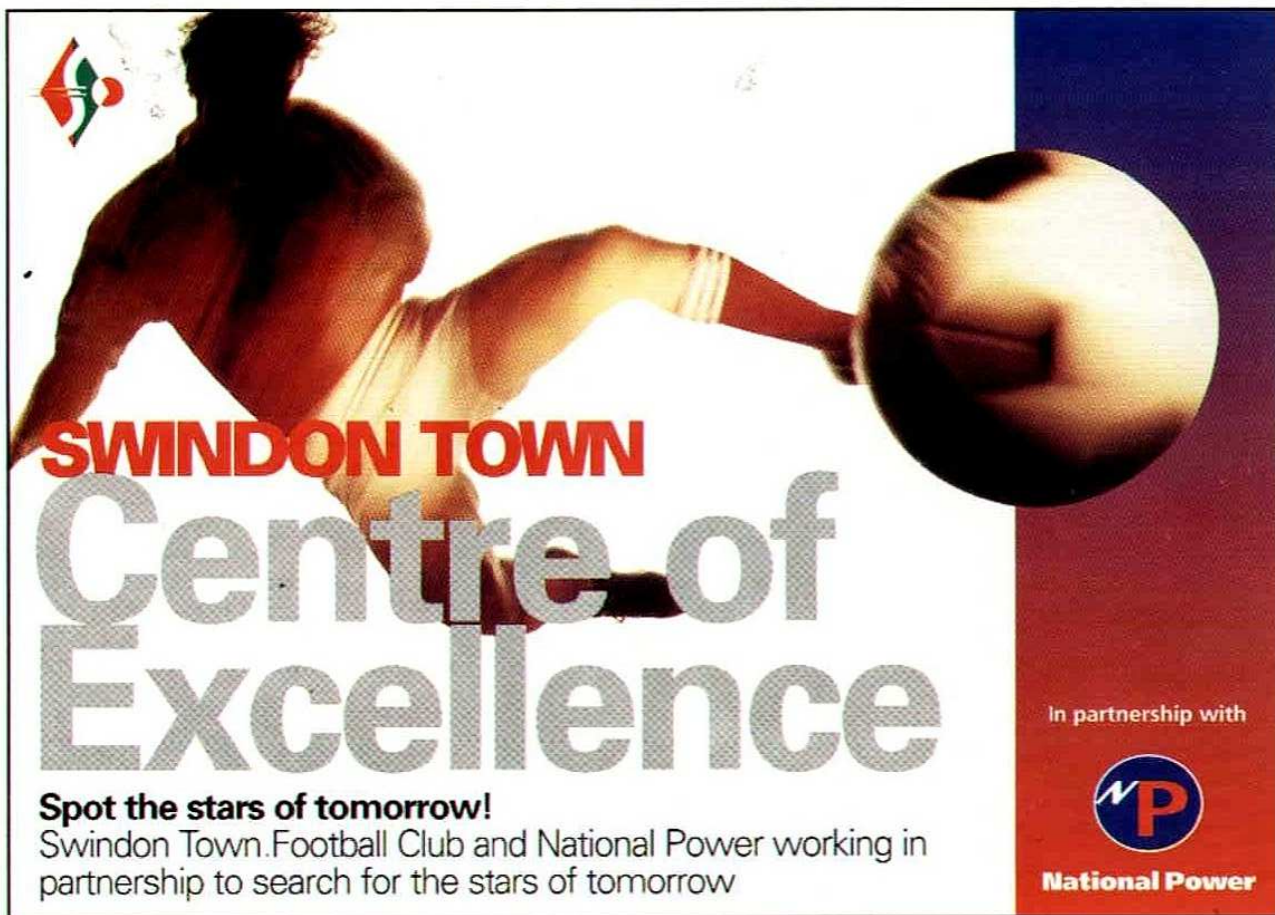
On the plus side two of the goals came in the first ten minutes and the team then managed to come back into the game and managed to create a few chances themselves.

I have to accept that this was their first game and two early goals away from home didn't help them settle down.

Coach Paul Weller did actually say that Oxford were physically stronger but as long as we have the ball these physically stronger boys cannot do anything with it.

The result and fact that it was against Oxford was as I said most disappointing but hopefully our lads will have learnt a swift lesson.






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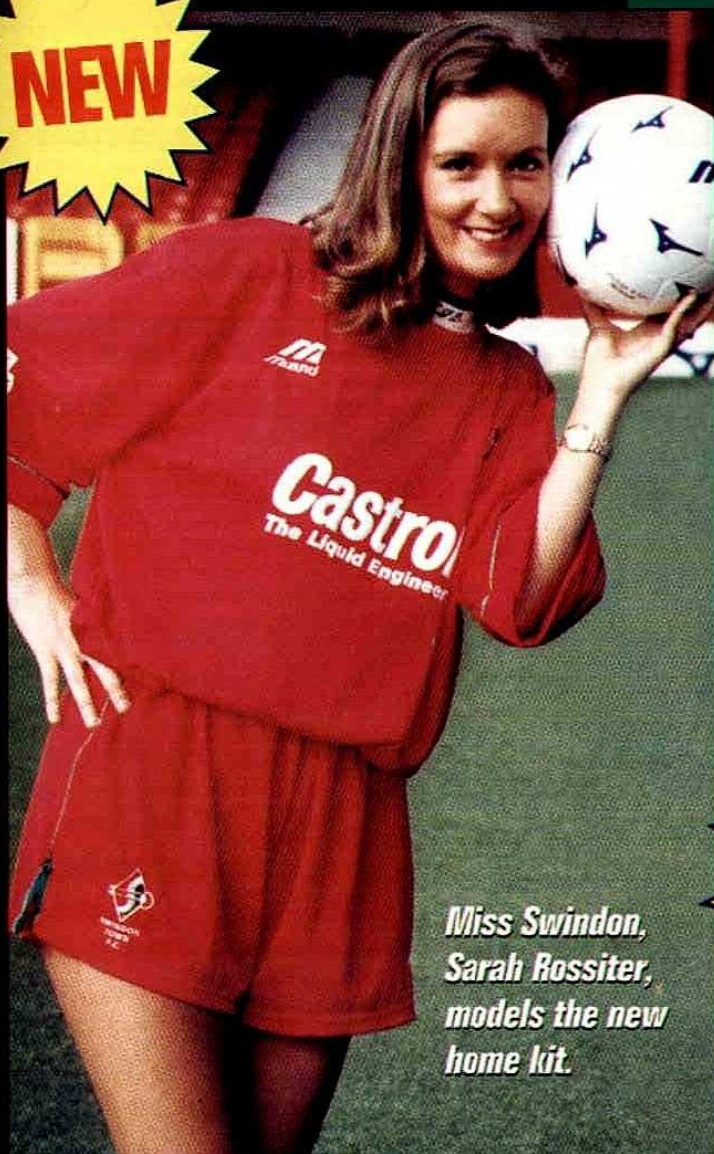
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	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	8	2	2	0	4	0	0	17	4	20	13
CREWE ALEXANDRA	7	3	0	0	2	2	0	16	5	17	11
BLACKPOOL	8	3	0	1	2	1	1	12	7	16	5
BRADFORD CITY	8	3	0	1	2	1	1	12	10	16	2
NOTTS COUNTY	8	2	1	1	2	1	1	8	5	14	3
OXFORD UNITED	8	3	1	0	0	3	1	11	7	13	4
STOCKPORT COUNTY	8	1	3	0	2	1	1	8	4	13	4
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	8	1	2	1	2	1	1	11	8	12	3
BURNLEY	8	3	1	0	0	2	2	7	7	12	0
CHESTERFIELD	8	3	1	0	0	1	3	11	7	11	4
BRISTOL ROVERS	8	1	1	2	2	1	1	9	11	11	-2
BRENTFORD	8	3	0	1	0	2	2	7	6	11	1
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	8	2	1	1	1	0	3	8	12	10	-4
WALSALL	8	1	2	1	1	1	2	10	9	9	1
SWANSEA CITY	8	2	1	1	0	2	2	10	13	9	-3
ROTHERHAM UNITED	8	2	2	0	0	1	3	8	11	9	-3
WREXHAM	8	0	3	1	1	2	1	8	10	8	-2
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB.	8	1	1	2	1	1	2	7	11	8	-4
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	8	1	2	1	0	2	2	8	10	7	-2
HULL CITY	8	1	2	1	0	2	2	4	6	7	-2
CARLISLE UNITED	8	1	1	2	0	1	1	7	14	6	-7
BRISTOL CITY	7	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	10	6	-6
YORK CITY	8	0	2	2	1	0	3	7	14	5	-7
SHREWSBURY TOWN	8	1	0	3	0	1	3	7	16	4	-9

## First Team Appearances as at 16 September 1995

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
WAYNE ALLISON	6	3	1	0	7	3
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	6(1)	1	2	0	7(1)	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	8	0	2	0	10	0
FRASER DIGBY	0(5)	0	0	0	0(5)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	1	0	0	0	1	0
STEVE FINNEY	8	5	2	0	10	5
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	2(2)	0	1	1	3(2)	1
DEAN HOOPER	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	6(2)	4	1(1)	1	7(3)	5
STEVE McMAHON	8	0	2	0	10	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0
EDWIN MURRAY	2(4)	1	1(1)	0	3(5)	1
LUC NIJHOLT	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	8	1	2	0	10	1
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	8	1	1	0	9	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	8	0	2	0	10	0
FRANK TALIA	3	0	0	0	3	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	8	1	2	0	10	1
PETER THORNE	0	0	1	0	0	0

## Season 1995/96 Fixtures

Opponents	Res
Sat 12 Aug Hull City	A 1-0
Tue 15 Aug Cambridge United (CCC 1-1)	A 1-2
Sat 19 Aug <b>YORK CITY</b>	H 3-0
Wed 23 Aug <b>CAMBRIDGE UTD (CCC 1-2)</b>	H 2-0
Sat 26 Aug Carlisle United	A 1-0
Wed 30 Aug <b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	H 1-1
Sat 02 Sept Brentford	A 2-0
Sat 09 Sept <b>CHESTERFIELD</b>	H 1-1
Wed 13 Sept <b>BRADFORD CITY</b>	H 4-1
Sat 16 Sept Bristol Rovers	A 4-1
Wed 20 Sept <b>BLACKBURN ROVERS (CCC 2-1)</b>	H
Sat 23 Sept <b>ROTHERHAM UNITED</b>	H
Sat 30 Sept Wrexham	A
Wed 04 Oct Blackburn Rovers (CCC 2-2)	A
Sat 07 Oct <b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	H
Sat 14 Oct Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Tue 17 Oct Torquay United (AWS 1-1)	A
Sat 21 Oct <b>CREWE ALEXANDRA</b>	H
Sat 28 Oct Notts County	A
Tue 31 Oct AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 04 Nov <b>BLACKPOOL</b>	H
Wed 08 Nov <b>COLCHESTER UNITED (AWS 1-2)</b>	H
Sat 11 Nov (FAC 1)	
Sat 18 Nov Stockport County	A
Sat 25 Nov <b>SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>	H
Wed 29 Nov (AWS 2)	
Sat 02 Dec (FAC 2)	
Sat 09 Dec Rotherham United	A
Sat 16 Dec <b>WREXHAM</b>	H
Sat 23 Dec Walsall	A
Tue 26 Dec <b>WYCOMBE WANDERERS</b>	H
Sat 30 Dec <b>BURNLEY</b>	H
Mon 01 Jan Peterborough United	A
Sat 06 Jan <b>SWANSEA CITY</b>	H
Sat 13 Jan York City	A
Sat 20 Jan <b>HULL CITY</b>	H
Sat 27 Jan Oxford United	A
Sat 03 Feb <b>CARLISLE UNITED</b>	H
Sat 10 Feb Swansea City	A
Sat 17 Feb Bradford City	A
Wed 21 Feb <b>BRENTFORD</b>	H
Sat 24 Feb <b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	H
Tue 27 Feb Chesterfield	A
Sat 02 Mar Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 09 Mar <b>WALSALL</b>	H
Sat 16 Mar Burnley	A
Sat 23 Mar <b>PETERBOROUGH UNITED</b>	H
Sat 30 Mar Bristol City	A
Wed 03 Apr <b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE ALBION</b>	H
Sat 06 Apr <b>NOTTS COUNTY</b>	H
Mon 08 Apr Crewe Alexandra	A
Sat 13 Apr <b>AFC BOURNEMOUTH</b>	H
Sat 20 Apr Blackpool	A
Sat 27 Apr Shrewsbury Town	A
Sat 04 May <b>STOCKPORT COUNTY</b>	H

FAC = FA CUP CCC = COCA-COLA CUP  
AWS = AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD

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# 995/96 Fixtures



Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6,525	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	GOODEN	BODIN o	NUHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NUHOLT o	MURRAY
7,746	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	MURRAY	MILDENHALL
6,724	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE	FINNEY	HORLOCK 1	HOOPER o	PITMAN	BEAUCHAMP o 1
6,325	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY 1	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	PITMAN	DIGBY
13,041	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,878	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	MURRAY	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
8,687	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY	GOODEN o	DIGBY
8,203	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON 1	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK 1	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,205	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY	HORLOCK 3	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY

## Coca-Cola Cup 2nd Round 1st Leg

### Last night's fixtures:

Bolton Wanderers vs Brentford  
 Bradford City vs Nottingham Forest  
 Bristol City vs Newcastle United  
 Cardiff City vs Southampton  
 Crewe Alexandra vs Sheffield Wednesday  
 Hartlepool United vs Arsenal  
 Huddersfield Town vs Barnsley  
 Leeds United vs Notts County  
 Oxford United vs Queens Park Rangers  
 Shrewsbury Town vs Derby County  
 Southend United vs Crystal Palace  
 Stockport County vs Ipswich Town  
 Tranmere Rovers vs Oldham Athletic  
 Watford vs AFC Bournemouth  
 Wimbledon vs Charlton Athletic  
 Wycombe Wanderers vs Manchester City

## Coca-Cola Cup 2nd Round 1st Leg

### Tonight's fixtures:

Aston Villa vs Peterborough United  
 Birmingham City vs Grimsby Town  
 Bristol Rovers vs West Ham United  
 Coventry City vs Hull City  
 Leicester City vs Burnley  
 Liverpool vs Sunderland  
 Manchester United vs York City  
 Middlesbrough vs Rotherham United  
 Millwall vs Everton  
 Norwich City vs Torquay United  
 Reading vs West Bromwich Albion  
 Sheffield United vs Bury  
 Stoke City vs Chelsea  
 Swindon Town vs Blackburn Rovers  
 Tottenham Hotspur vs Chester City  
 Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Fulham

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# Team Sheet



## Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	Ian Culverhouse
3	Paul Bodin
4	Steve McMahon
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Shaun Taylor
7	Mark Robinson
8	Wayne O'Sullivan
9	Steve Finney
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Ty Gooden
13	Joey Beauchamp
14	Edwin Murray

### Team Changes


## Blackburn Rovers

1	Tim Flowers
3	Jeff Kenna
4	Tim Sherwood
5	Colin Hendry
6	Graeme Le Saux
7	Stuart Ripley
9	Alan Shearer
10	Mike Newell
20	Henning Berg
23	David Batty
25	Ian Pearce
13	Bobby Mimms
14	Lee Makel
16	Chris Sutton

### Team Changes


### Today's Officials:

- Referee:**  
G. Singh (Wolverhampton, West Midlands)
- Linesman (red/yellow flag):**  
M. Joy (Wormley, Avon)
- Linesman (yellow flag):**  
K. Torrance (Frimley, Surrey)
- Reserve Official:**



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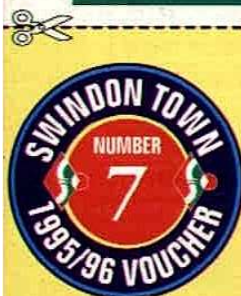


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