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WELCOME TO

IT'S a pleasure to welcome Swindon to Ewood with the hope that we can put on as good a performance as we did in the first leg at the County Ground.

And, of course, we would settle for a similar result to put us into the draw for the next round of the Coca-Cola Cup. We are delighted to be able to go into tonight's second leg with the one-goal advantage we achieved a fortnight ago. But we are also aware that it is a slender margin and that we are facing a team at the top of their form so far this season.

It was at Swindon that we switched the formation around for the first time from the start of a match. I felt it was the ideal time to try something different to freshen things up and the performance certainly improved. It was particularly pleasing to see the players come back from being two goals behind.

When that sort of thing happens, everyone tends to look at everyone else and ask what's going on. But they showed their character, maintained the spirit that was obvious from the start and came through a situation which would have seen off many teams.

Then, of course, we had the bit of luck with Tim Flowers producing an outstanding penalty save near the end. But those are all the sort of ingredients you need to do well, along with ability of course.

It would be nice to think that we could play as well again tonight as we did at the County Ground, or indeed a few days later against Coventry.

The important thing, however, will be to win a place in the third round of the competition and I have no doubt Steve



RAY'S VIEW

McMahon will tell his own players exactly the same thing.

After the two victories over Swindon and Coventry, we were very disappointed by our Champions' League defeat in Norway. Primarily because we did not play to the high standards we set ourselves.

You have to hold up your hand and say that Rosenborg deserved to win on the night, even though I felt – and so did the players – that the game could easily have turned our way once we had equalised. With a little bit of luck, I believe we could have had two draws from our first two European games.

But we are not kidding ourselves. We didn't play well enough to get the right result in Norway.

I still think we have better players than Rosenborg and they have worked really hard. But we are playing two games a week at the moment and we don't have a squad big enough to allow us to give players a break.

That is something I have been working on very hard and was also the reason we changed the system, to try to give everyone a lift. But the Norway trip is history now and we have to get on with another very important cup tie, against Swindon tonight.

This will be a big occasion for our visitors. They will feel they are still in with a chance and rightly so. We will remember that they scored two goals in a minute in the first leg.

But we must forget the fact that we have a 3-2 lead and treat it as we would any other match. I am sure the players will be ready to do that and, hopefully, we can get the result right again to progress to the third round.

And if the game is half as entertaining as the first match I don't think any of the spectators will complain either.

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BACK to knockout football tonight at this congested stage of the season, with the return leg in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup against Swindon Town. And, after that dramatic first leg at the County Ground, no-one will be taking anything for granted.

Some of our players will have a break from playing after tonight but, for others, there is more travelling to be done and big international fixtures to fulfil. But, for the moment, everyone's attention is focussed on the Coca-Cola Cup in the hope that we can win through to the next round.

★ ★ ★

ONE familiar face in the Swindon party visiting Ewood tonight is that of Peter Thorne who left Rovers only last season and almost made it to Wembley with his new club in this very competition.

Peter was highly regarded by the coaching staff, having progressed through the junior ranks after joining us from school. But his chances were restricted by the wealth of striking talent we already had on the books, so it was in everyone's best interests for him to try to make the breakthrough elsewhere and that is exactly what has happened for him at Swindon.

When the draw paired us with Swindon, it was a dream tie for Peter. But an injury problem put a dampener on his start to the new season. He had recovered in time to join the squad for the first leg and will be keeping his fingers crossed he is part of Steve McMahon's plans for this evening's second leg.

We wish him all the best with the rest of his career and the same goes for Mark Atkins who left Ewood recently to join Wolves.

That too was a career move for Mark who has given Rovers tremendous service for a number of years. The difference between the fee we paid Scunthorpe and his transfer value to Wolves underlines not only the inflated state of the present market but also how he has increased in value.

Not bad going for a player who made his Scunthorpe debut in the lower regions while still a schoolboy and went all the way to a championship medal.

★ ★ ★

A SPECIAL word goes to those supporters who travelled with the club to Norway last week. The Norwegian police have contacted us to congratulate Rovers fans on their behaviour. Well done everyone and please continue to uphold the club's reputation on our next journey into Europe. The players also really appreciated your backing in our first Champions' League away fixture.

It was also good to see that historic occasion marked by a return to the first team stage for Paul Warhurst.

Out for six months with a second broken leg, Paul was on the substitutes' bench and, on a night when the result was a big disappointment, the fact that he was able to get back in senior action was a big lift for him.

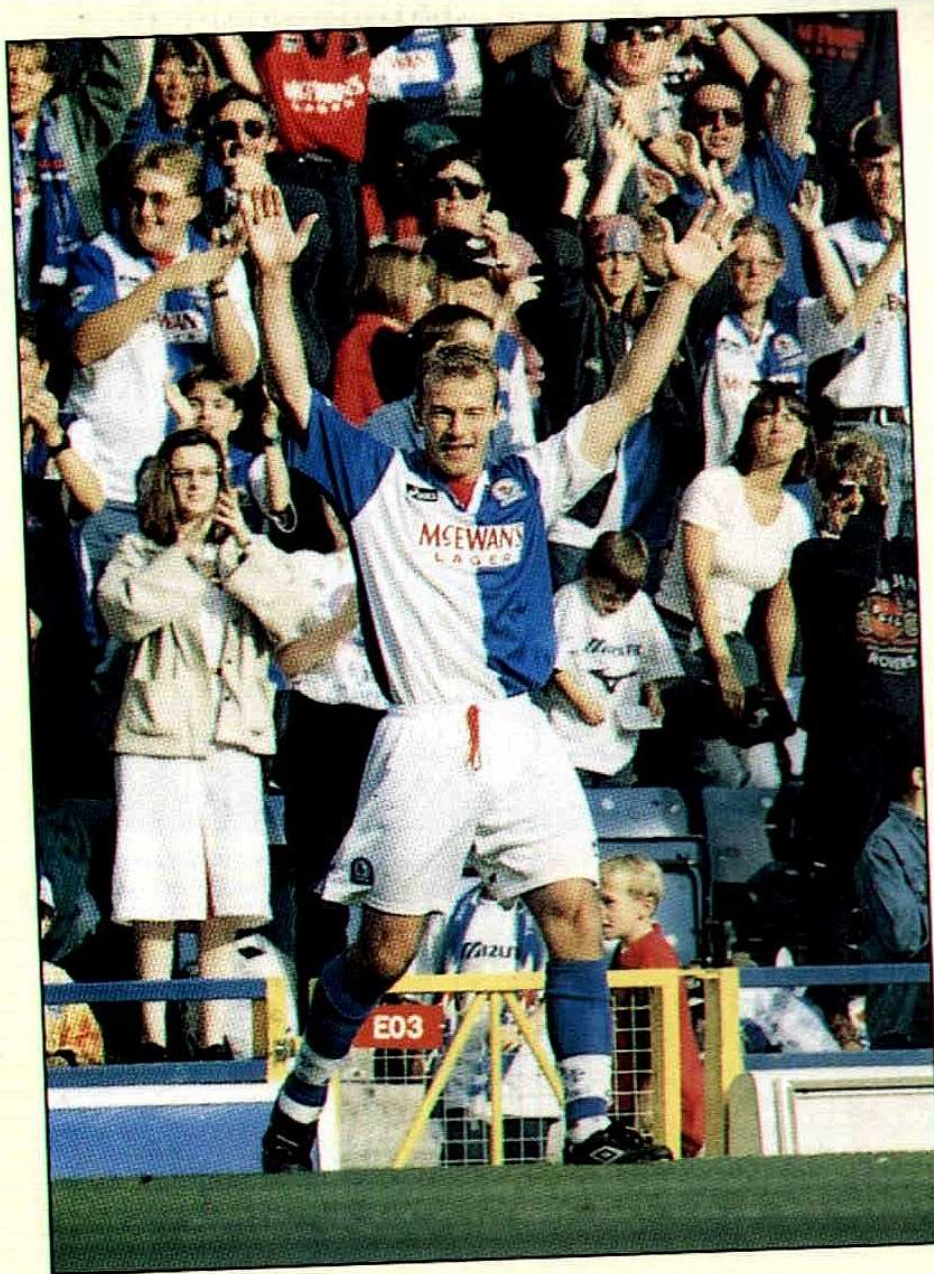
Everyone was delighted to see it.

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COVER PICTURE: Mike Newell who scored our first goal in the UEFA Champions' League last week.



SIMPLY

ALAN SHEARER'S two first leg goals against Swindon at the County Ground put him on the verge of yet another historic landmark and, in typical fashion, he didn't hang around to set another Rovers record.

Our England striker's double at Swindon took him to a total of 99 goals for the club and, inside just eight minutes of the next game – against Coventry City in the Premiership – he had reached the "ton".

Not only that, Alan did it in his own inimitable style by scoring a hat-trick as he became the fastest Rovers player this century to score 100 goals.

The only man who has bettered his achievement is Jack Southworth in the 1890s. He took just 97 games to reach the mark, though most would acknowledge that goalscoring is surely far more difficult these days, underlining just how well Alan has done.

It has taken him just 127 full games plus six more appearances as a substitute when he was on the way back from long-term injury.

Yet, unassuming as ever, he handed the credit for his goals to the rest of the team.

"It's a team game and I am nothing without the rest of the lads," he said. "I get too much credit to be honest. In any case, the only thing I count is points, not goals and that's another three against Coventry."

"The most important thing is to win the game. The goals are a big bonus but I have got both so I am happy."

Having been named man of the match against Coventry for his superb hat-trick, he added: "Personally I would have given the award to Mike Newell. I thought he was magnificent."

It wasn't until he came North to Ewood at the start of the Premier League that Alan really started to become a prolific goalscorer and, of course, last season he equalled the Premiership record of 34 goals.

"No disrespect to Southampton but I was very young when I was there and was asked to play a slightly different role."

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But from day one here, it has gone well for me," he said.

"But it's down to the rest of the lads who make all the chances for me. Sometimes they make my job very easy."

Coventry boss Ron Atkinson watched Shearer reach his century and confessed: "Blackburn have a lad who is the best in the business and he showed why. He proved once again that he is the best today. He just wears defenders down.

"I thought Paul Williams stuck to his

task but Shearer kept at him all through the match."

Ewood now boasts a top 10. For that is the number of players who have scored a century of goals in the blue and white halves. Some famous names are on the list, Bryan Douglas, Tommy Briggs, Simon Garner etc but none are more famous than Alan Shearer and, with the exception of Southworth, none have been more prolific.



After the game against Coventry City the ball was autographed by the team and presented to Alan by Rovers' chairman Robert Coar to mark his hat-trick and 100th goal.

THE TOP TEN

Number of games played to reach 100 goals.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Jack Southworth (1887-92) | 97 |
| Alan Shearer (1992-) | 127 (6) |
| Ted Harper (1923-27, 1933-35) | 137 |
| Tommy Briggs (1952-58) | 140 |
| Peter Dobing (1955-61) | 189 |
| Andy McEvoy (1956-67) | 202 |
| Simon Garner (1976-92) | 253 (17) |
| Eddie Latheron (1906-17) | 269 |
| Jack Bruton (1929-39) | 287 |
| Bryan Douglas (1952-69) | 426 |

● Statistics compiled by Derek Jones.

COCA-COLA CUP FIRST-LEG RESULTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aston Villa | 6 | Peterboro | 0 |
| Draper 12, Yorke 15, 42 (pens), Johnson 68, Heald 81 (og), Southgate 90 | | | |
| Birmingham | 3 | Grimsby Town | 1 |
| Clardge 23, Hunt 43, Dash 75 | | Woods 34 | |
| Bolton | 1 | Brentford | 0 |
| Sneekes 79 | | | |
| Bradford City | 3 | Nottm Forest | 2 |
| Showler 27, Youds 56, Ormondroyd 69 | | Bohinen 19, 90 | |
| Bristol City | 0 | Newcastle United | 5 |
| Peacock 8, Sellars 29, Ferdinand 30, Gillespie 46, Lee 85 | | | |
| Bristol Rovers | 0 | West Ham United | 1 |
| | | Moncur 34 | |
| Cardiff City | 0 | Southampton | 3 |
| | | Le Tissier 27, 47, Shipperley 51 | |
| Coventry City | 2 | Hull City | 0 |
| Richardson 25, Lamptey 36 | | | |
| Crewe | 2 | Sheffield Wed | 2 |
| Edwards 23, 77 | | Dejnise 2, 33 | |
| Hartlepool | 0 | Arsenal | 3 |
| Adams 10, 85, Wright 40 | | | |
| Huddersfield | 2 | Barnsley | 0 |
| Collins 29, Booth 53 | | | |
| Leeds United | 0 | Notts County | 0 |
| Leicester City | 2 | Burnley | 0 |
| Robins 27, Joachim 56 | | | |
| Liverpool | 2 | Sunderland | 0 |
| McManaman 8, Thomas 72 | | | |
| Manchester Utd | 0 | York City | 3 |
| | | Barnes 24, 51 (pen), Barras 53 | |
| Middlesboro | 2 | Rotherham United | 1 |
| Mustoe 20, Fjortoft 43 | | Goater 45 | |
| Millwall | 0 | Everton | 0 |
| Norwich City | 6 | Torquay United | 1 |
| Akinbiyi 15, 46, Crook 19, Sharon 44, 58, Gore 81 (og) | | Hathaway 56 | |
| Oxford United | 1 | QPR | 1 |
| Allen 69 | | Dichio 15 | |
| Reading | 1 | West Brom | 1 |
| Lovell 81 | | Burgess 70 | |
| Sheffield United | 2 | Bury | 1 |
| Whitehouse 6 (pen), Veart 78 | | Stant 72 | |
| Shrewsbury Town | 1 | Derby County | 3 |
| Lynch 50 (pen) | | Simpson 29, Stallard 33, Gabbadini 68 | |
| Southend United | 2 | Crystal Palace | 2 |
| Byrne 35, Jones 81 | | Hopkin 68, 90 | |
| Stockport County | 1 | Ipswich Town | 1 |
| Chalk 5 | | Seagley 7 | |
| Stoke City | 0 | Chelsea | 0 |
| Swindon Town | 2 | Blackburn Rovers | 3 |
| Allison 25, Finney 26 | | Sutton 28, Shearer 42, 83 | |
| Tottenham | 4 | Chester City | 0 |
| Armstrong 20, 30, Sherringham 43, Rosenthal 90 | | | |
| Tranmere Rovers | 1 | Oldham Athletic | 0 |
| Aldridge 50 | | | |
| Watford | 1 | Bournemouth | 1 |
| Johnson 62 | | Jones 10 | |
| Wimbledon | 4 | Charlton | 5 |
| Holdsworth 10, 69, Earle 71, Clarke 87 | | Garland 24, Bowyer 41, 76, 78, Grant 84 | |
| Wolves | 2 | Fulham | 0 |
| Goodman 4, Wright 50 | | | |
| Wycombe | 0 | Manchester City | 0 |



LAGER TOPS

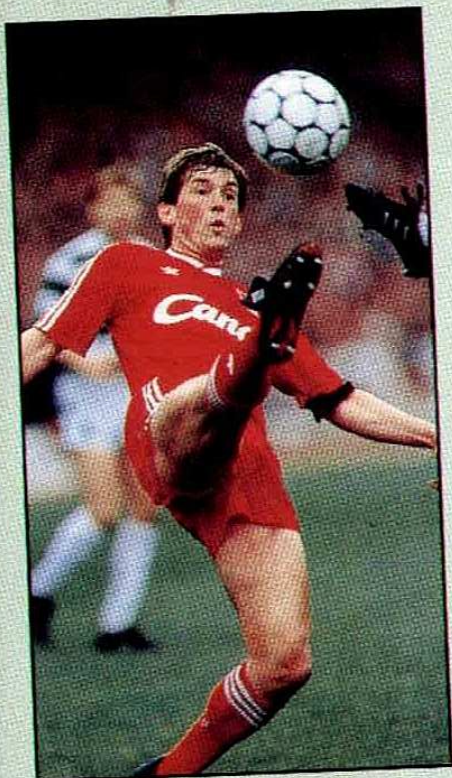
The Scottish and English Premier Championships have witnessed a unique double. Rangers – Champions in Scotland. Blackburn Rovers – Champions in England. And for the first time in history, the winners of both titles carry the same name on their shirts – McEwan's Lager.

**THE SCOTTISH AND ENGLISH CHAMPIONS
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ALIVE AND KICKING

Reunion night for two ex-Reds

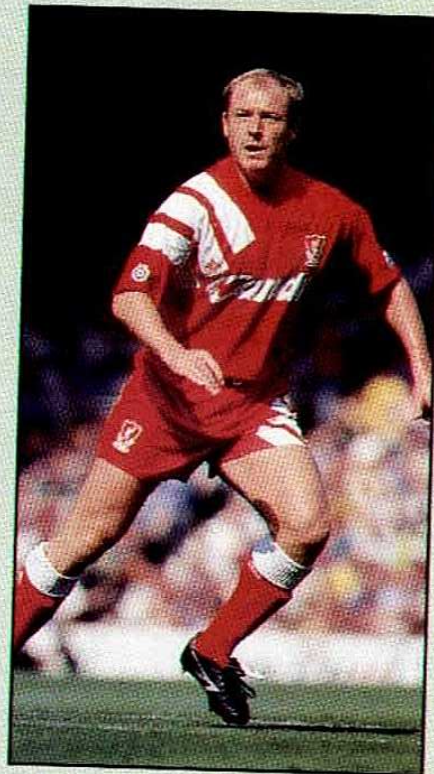


THE Coca-Cola Cup second round draw produced an intriguing off-the-field confrontation when we were paired with Swindon-Town. For when Ewood's director of football Kenny Dalglish took over the manager's job at Anfield back in 1985, who was the first player he signed? The answer – current Swindon player-manager Steve McMahon!

It was September 1985 when Kenny decided to move into the transfer market and paid Aston Villa £350,000 for midfield strongman McMahon and, as he has said since: "It didn't work out too badly, did it."

Ever the master of the understatement, Kenny (left), then Anfield player-manager, and Steve (right) played together in the red shirt of Liverpool as the League and F.A. Cup double was clinched for the first time by the Merseysiders.

No doubt they will be talking over old times after tonight's game.



IAN GAVE GREAT SERVICE TO BOTH CLUBS

IAN MILLER still visits Ewood as often as he can, he has no choice.

For the former Rovers and Swindon winger's children are all Rovers fanatics!

Not that Ian minds, for he retains fond memories of his own time in a blue and white shirt and, indeed, he gave both tonight's opposing clubs great service.

After learning his trade with Bury, Nottingham Forest and Doncaster, Ian arrived at the County Ground in the summer of 1978 and went on to play well over 100 League games for Swindon.

When Bob Saxton took over as Ewood manager some three years later, he knew all about the pace, crossing ability and willingness to work hard up and down the right wing of Ian Miller and moved in to sign him for what was a substantial fee at the time of more than £60,000.

For Rovers he topped 250 full League games and, counting all competitions and substitute appearances, featured in more than 300 matches. A real value for money man!

Probably the highlight of his Ewood career was the Full Members Cup final at Wembley in 1987.

For it was from a typical run and cross by him that we scored the only goal of the game through Colin Hendry to beat First Division Charlton.

Ian, who left Ewood after eight years stalwart service in the summer of 1989, is still in the game, running the Wolves reserve team. As well, of course, as ensuring the family get their fair share of Ewood trips.



Ian Miller in action for Rovers against Swindon in September 1988.

12 things you may not know about STUART RIPLEY

Scored Rovers' first goal back in the top flight when he made his debut at Crystal Palace on the opening day of the new F.A. Premier League in August 1992.

Tried everything last season but, for the first time in his career, failed to score a single goal. But still enjoyed plenty of "assists".

Until Alan Shearer arrived Stuart had the distinction, for a few weeks at least, of being Ewood's record signing at a cost of £1.2 million from Middlesbrough.

Appeared for the first time in Boro colours as a substitute against Oldham at Ayresome in February 1985 at the age of 17.

Registered his first League goal in his first full season for Middlesbrough, 1986-87, when he scored four in total.

Taylor – Graham that is – crowned Stuart's rise to the top by giving him a full England cap in what turned out to be the manager's last match, against San Marino in November 1993.

Rovers made only two major excursions into the transfer market in the summer following promotion and Stuart was the first to arrive as the building of a Premier League squad began.

In times of need, he has been ready to forsake his usual right flank spot to switch wings or play as an out-and-out striker, such as in the 1994 Charity Shield when injuries and illness had left the club without all four recognised contenders for frontline places.

Passed French at A-Level during his time at Ewood which could be useful when we are in Europe!

Loaned once, during his Ayresome days, to Bolton Wanderers. It was back in February 1986 and he played five League games for our Lancashire neighbours.

Ewood fans enjoy Stuart's consistency. In his first three seasons with Rovers he failed to start just 12 League games and, in three of those, he was used as a substitute.

Youth international honours were achieved during his years with hometown club Middlesbrough and he also earned eight England under-21 caps.

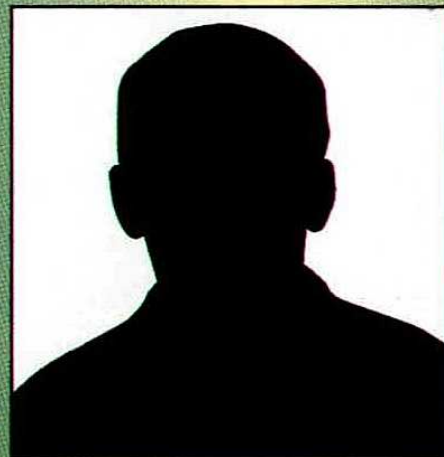


QUICK QUIZ

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
OF ROVERS AND
TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS
SWINDON TOWN

- When Swindon last visited Ewood in March, 1994, for a Premiership game, top marksmen Alan Shearer (2) and Jan Fjortoft were both on the scoresheet in a 3-1 Rovers win. Who got the other goal?
- What was significant about our game at Swindon on October 19, 1991?
- We lost that game at the County Ground 2-1. Who scored our consolation goal?
- When Swindon beat Arsenal to lift the Football League Cup at Wembley in 1969, what division were they in at the time?
- Which man still working at Ewood was manager of Swindon for a spell in the mid-1980s?
- I am a former Scottish international with 27 full caps. My time at Ewood was confined to an extended loan spell. During that period, I scored both goals in a 2-1 Second Division win over Swindon at the County Ground.

Who am I?



● Answers on Page 30.



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Strikers impressed QPR

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR ROVERS with Barbara Magee

AMONG the recent Junior Rovers mail is a nice letter from our friends at Queens Park Rangers, who were here on the opening day of the season, and we also have an appeal on behalf of a young supporter who lives in the Blackpool area.

Brian Harris at QPR took the trouble to write and thank us for the way in which their junior members were made so welcome by everyone at Ewood Park.

"We all had a great day, apart from

the result," says Brian.

"What a great facility you have at your disposal. I only wish we had the room for a STRIKERS bar. I am very jealous."

Good to see our facilities are very much appreciated not only by our own members but by visitors.

Now then, can anyone help 13-year-old Ben Wiseman who lives at 175 St Annes Road East, St Annes, Lancashire. F48 3HP. Ben is a season ticket holder and can travel to matches by train.

But, obviously, it would be better for him to travel with other

supporters, preferably a family group. If anyone can help, don't come to Ewood with an empty seat in your car, please contact the Wiseman family.

Training times

DON'T forget the new times for football training on Monday nights. Age groups seven years and under train from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and eight years and over from 8.00pm to 9.00pm.

By the way, we have arranged a stadium tour for members who attend the 8.00pm-9.00pm football training. It is scheduled for Monday, October 23. More details against Southampton.

THE MASCOTS

TONIGHT'S Blackburn Rovers mascot is Christopher Almond, of Stanhill, Oswaldtwistle, who is eight years old and attends Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn. Christopher's hobbies are football and swimming and he plays for Knuzden Juniors F.C. His favourite



Christopher



Carl

Rovers players are Tim Flowers, Alan Shearer, Chris Sutton, Colin Hendry and Graeme Le Saux.

Swindon Town's mascot is Carl Flanagan, of Liden, Swindon, who is 11 years old and attends Eldene Junior School. He plays as a striker for Brunel Boys and says his hobbies are football, football and football! And he could be suffering from a case of divided loyalties tonight because he supports Swindon and Rovers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!

The following members of the Junior Rovers are celebrating their birthdays this month and everyone at Ewood sends their best wishes.

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Kieran Doyle | Gina Masterson | Anthony Bagot |
| David Howe | Michael Astin | Emma Louise Hartley |
| Matthew Upton | Nathan Harris | David Baker |
| Tracy Coughlan | Chris Chambers | Casper Jacobson |
| George Gibbons | Michael Thomson | Joanne Ormerod |
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| Gregory Woodburn | Christian Preston | Todd Penfold |
| Clare Phillipson | | |



The deadliest sharp-shooter this century!

Alan Shearer is Blackburn Rovers' deadliest goalscorer of the 20th century!

The first goal of his hat-trick in the 5-1 demolition of Coventry City brought him his 100th goal in only 127 full games, plus another six appearances as substitute. Only one player has beaten that – Jack Southworth over 100 years ago!

Mike Newell (left), enjoying his best game of the season, laid on two of Alan's three goals – that's the last one above – and the others were scored by Colin Hendry and his fellow centre-back Ian Pearce (right), who is absolutely ecstatic at getting on the scoresheet.



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MILLS



FOOTBALL *in the* COMMUNITY



OUR work with the Blackburn Rovers Football in the Community project is aimed at all sections of the people in the area, young and old, advantaged or disadvantaged. A perfect example is the soccer school we ran once a week for four weeks during the holidays when a number of both able-bodied and disabled children enjoyed a course together. Pictured with some of the children are Community Coaches Richard Wakefield, Lee Lawrenson and Lisa Welsh.

THE CLUB THAT PUTS SOMETHING BACK

Terry Pagett is now long-established on our Learning Through Football programme and well known to many of those who have already enjoyed participating. So I felt it appropriate to ask him to contribute to the column and here is the first of a two-part report on how our school visits have changed and the effect on everyone writes Terry Gennoe.

THE new academic year is now well under way and we are looking forward to welcoming many new schools over the coming months, now that we are able to offer an extra day a week here at Ewood.

We are happy to be in a position to increase the number of schools attending by around 25 per cent as, previously, we were heavily over-subscribed.

With an ever-growing waiting list it is pleasing that substantially more children will now be able to spend a day with us and I might add that we are anticipating another waiting list. For we are already fully booked to June 1996!

Our new session using the media theatre, mentioned in an earlier column, has already proved a popular addition. The use of the match video, VCR and television is a good starting point for discussing information technology.

Everyone is fascinated when we enter the media theatre

We're booked up till next June!

with its own unique atmosphere and we soon have a room full of "reporters", "commentators" and other media personnel. One of the highlights is when adults and children take on role play from the video they have watched and they become the stars for a while.

Depending on which clip we watch, we soon have plenty of volunteers to be Alan Shearer and Andy Cole around!

We have already had some probing questions too, after the Newcastle match was shown.

The children want Tim Flowers' opinion on the Andy Cole goal. They want to know how Jason Wilcox felt when he was brought down for the penalty. How does Alan Shearer decide where to place the ball and does Pavel Srnicek think it WAS a penalty? All that as well as asking general questions from everyone involved.

In the next programme, I'll let you know some of the beneficial effects all this is having on the children.

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FOLLOWING *The* CHAMPIONS

WE have been inundated with letters requesting pen pals, particularly from abroad, and also help in tracking down fans and match programmes. Here's a selection.

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DEAR SIR

I am 23 years old and an ardent follower of English football. My favourite team in the Premier League is Blackburn Rovers. The team does play some good quality football.

I hardly miss watching English football on television every Sunday and I always celebrate by chugging a glass of booze (!!) when the guys win. I wish to have pen pals from the pool of Blackburn fans who will tell me old and latest news about my favourite club ... BLACKBURN ROVERS.

**Rukuni Tinashe, Africa University,
C1.F10, First Floor, PO Box 1320,
Mutare, Zimbabwe, Africa.**

☆ ☆ ☆

DEAR SIR

I have lost contact with a guy I met on a flight from the Canary Islands to Manchester this summer. I know he is a supporter of Blackburn and attends every home game.

He is called Phillip, aged 29, is half German and lives near Colne on the border with Yorkshire.

The flight was from Tenerife to Manchester by Britannia on July 11.

I would like him to get in touch through the Supporters Club, by contacting Barbara Magee.

Lucy Coll, Knutsford.

☆ ☆ ☆

DEAR SIR

I am a boy aged 15 and doing form two at the present moment. I would love to

Pen pals wanted

have posters and everything about your team and wish you a good season. I would like any of the children of the players to be my pen pal if he or she wishes.

**Raymond Dart, 4913 Gwabalanda, PO
Luveve, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.**

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DEAR SIR

Firstly let me congratulate you on your championship win and wish you every success this season. I am trying to complete my programme collection from when Ipswich were Division One champions in 1962.

Can anyone help me with a missing programme? It is for Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich Town, Monday, September 18, 1961. If anyone is able to sell me a copy in good condition, I would like to hear from them.

**Terry Ransome, 104 Cemetery Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2HZ. Tel: 01473-
286616.**

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DEAR SIR

A very keen supporter of Blackburn is writing from Zimbabwe. I am looking for supporters who will keep me in touch with news as my eyes are always directed to Blackburn. I look forward to hearing from Rovers fans.

**Nayim Chimumba, Sipambaniso Flats,
42058-10, PO Mzilikazi, Bulawayo,
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ROVERS ROLL CALL



| Player | Birthdate Birthplace | Signed From | Previous Clubs | Ewood career (all games) to End of 94/95 | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------|
| | | | | Apps | Goals |
| *David Batty | 2-12-68 Leeds | Leeds United | None. | 36 (1) | - |
| James Beattie | 27-2-78 Blackburn | Trainee | None. | - | - |
| *Henning Berg | 1-9-69 Norway | Lillestrom | None. | 98 (5) | 2 |
| Marlon Broomes | 28-11-77 Birmingham | Trainee | None. | - | - |
| *Tim Flowers | 3-2-67 Kenilworth | Southampton | Wolverhampton | 81 | - |
| *Kevin Gallacher | 23-11-66 Clydebank | Coventry City | Dundee United. | 45 (3) | 14 |
| Seamus Given | 20-4-76 Lifford, Co. Donegal | Celtic | None. | - | - |
| Paul Harford | 21-10-74 Kent | Arsenal | None. | - | - |
| *Colin Hendry | 7-12-65 Keith | Manchester City | Dundee, Blackburn. | 277 (9) | 32 |
| Matty Holmes | 1-8-69 Luton | West Ham Utd | Bournemouth. | - | - |
| *Jeff Kenna | 27-8-70 Dublin | Southampton | None. | 9 | 1 |
| *Graeme Le Saux | 17-10-68 Jersey | Chelsea | None. | 105 (1) | 5 |
| Lee Makel | 11-1-73 Sunderland | Newcastle | None. | 1 (6) | - |
| Nicky Marker | 3-5-65 Exeter | Plymouth | Exeter City. | 35 (10) | - |
| Chris McCrone | 5-8-77 Preston | Trainee | None. | - | - |
| Bobby Mimms | 12-10-63 York | Tottenham | Halifax Town, Rotherham, Everton. | 158 (1) | - |
| Thomas Morgan | 30-3-77 Dublin | Trainee | Belvedere. | - | - |
| Mike Newell | 21-1-65 Liverpool | Everton | Crewe, Wigan, Luton, Leicester. | 107 (17) | 40 |
| Ian Pearce | 7-5-74 Bury St. Edmunds | Chelsea | None. | 25 (16) | 2 |
| Adam Reed | 18-2-75 Bishop Auckland | Darlington | None. | - | - |
| *Stuart Ripley | 20-11-67 Middlesbrough | Middlesbrough | None. | 141 (3) | 13 |
| *Alan Shearer | 13-8-70 Newcastle | Southampton | None. | 117 (6) | 93 |
| Tim Sherwood | 6-2-69 St. Albans | Norwich City | Wattford. | 146 (6) | 12 |
| Chris Sutton | 10-3-73 Nottingham | Norwich City | None. | 48 | 21 |
| Frank Tala | 20-7-72 Australia | Sunshine Cross | None. | - | - |
| Gary Tallon | 5-9-73 Drogheda | Drogheda | None. | - | - |
| Paul Warhurst | 26-9-69 Stockport | Sheffield Wed. | Manchester City, Oldham Athletic. | 31 (13) | 2 |
| Jason Wilcox | 15-7-71 Bolton | Trainee | None. | 167 (13) | 21 |

Also under contract are: Graham Cassin, b Dublin 24-3-78; Craig Chisholm, b Glasgow 3-2-67; Wayne Gill, b Chorley 28-11-75; Danny Goodall, b Bury 3-9-75; Steve Hitchen, b Manchester 28-11-76; Michael Holt, b Barnoldswick 28-7-77; Richard Hope, b Stockton-on-Tees 28-6-78; Chris Malone, b Drogheda 29-12-75, signed from Dundalk; Anthony Whealing, b Worsley 3-9-76; David Worrell, b Rush, Co. Dublin 12-1-78.

Appearances in brackets are actual substitute appearances

* - Full internationals

THE FUTURE IS HERE

INTRODUCING Lee Fitzpatrick



AT one stage an associate schoolboy with Manchester United, he was released and snatched the chance of an outing with the "A" team towards the end of last season to enable us to have a look at him.

Lee, a winger, comes from Whitefield, Manchester, and started at Ewood as a first year YTS player in July.

Born on October 31, 1978, he will be keen to make a good impression and, like everyone else, will be given all the help he needs in his efforts to establish himself at the club.

MAN OF THE MATCH

ALAN SHEARER'S is the latest name to be added to this season's list of McEwan's Lager Man of the Match awards. He got the vote after his hat-trick scoring performance in the last home game against Coventry City.

The other players who have got the award so far are David Batty (v Aston Villa), Colin Hendry (v QPR) and Ian Pearce (v Manchester United).

PREMIER COLLECTION



COLIN HENDRY
BLACKBURN ROVERS AND SCOTLAND



The fightback begins ... Chris Sutton heads home a Graeme Le Saux cross a couple of minutes after Swindon had taken a 2-0 lead.



Mike Newell was a constant threat playing just behind Shearer and Sutton and was unlucky not to score when he rattled the crossbar just before Rovers equalised.

WHAT

THERE were contrasting feelings in the two camps after a dramatic, action-packed first-leg tie at the County Ground, watched by a near-capacity crowd.

Swindon, two goals ahead with barely a quarter of the game gone, found themselves trailing 3-2 with just minutes left. Then it was the turn of our England goalkeeper Tim Flowers to have the final say with a superb penalty save from Paul Bodin.

It was a game which had everything except a single yellow card! Both sets of players and referee Gurnam Singh deserve great credit for ensuring the match was competitively fought out in a great spirit.

There was no lack of effort from either side and some splendid football, crowned by great goals. If tonight's second leg is anything like as entertaining then everyone should be in for a treat.

Spirit

Swindon's two early goals, superbly taken by Wayne Allison and Steve Finney, set up a great night of Coca-Cola Cup action with home fans scenting a famous giant-killing act.

But they reckoned without Rovers' famous fighting spirit and an immediate reply through Chris Sutton's excellent header for his first goal of the season. Shortly before half-time, Alan Shearer struck a fierce shot that took a deflection and flew past Fraser Digby for the equaliser.

We dominated for long periods of the second half and a stunning third goal by Alan Shearer, set up by Graeme Le Saux, seemed to have settled matters. But then a penalty was awarded against Colin Hendry but our lead remained intact, thanks to Tim.

Immediately after the game, feelings were mixed, especially for the managers.

Ray Harford said: "I didn't think we deserved to go two goals down but the lads showed their character by coming back. It would have deflated most teams but, to be honest, I thought the spirit in the team was good all the way through.

"I was pleased by the result but just as pleased by the performance and I suppose you could say the SAS are

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back in business."

Swindon boss **Steve McMahon** was not as happy, though he praised his team for their efforts and refused to blame Paul Bodin for the penalty miss.

"He usually puts them down the keeper's throat. I don't know why he changed his mind," said the Robins player-manager. "But you are in a no-win situation when you take a penalty, because you are expected to score."

"We are more than disappointed to lose because I couldn't see a gulf between the teams and the two goals we scored were fantastic, quality goals."

As for the players involved, **Alan Shearer** deflected praise for his goals – the second was his 99th in a Rovers shirt – onto his team-mates. And he also picked out Tim Flowers for special mention.

"To be honest, I think I get too much praise. Without the rest of the lads I am nothing. They have been setting them up for me for the last three and a half years and I hope they continue doing it for the next three and a half," he said.

"It was a tremendous save by Tim for the penalty. He has come in for some criticism but we all know he is a quality keeper and we are delighted for him."

In the Swindon camp, **Paul Bodin**

was already volunteering to take another penalty, despite his failure. He said: "I kept it low and into the corner so I was disappointed, especially as I thought we deserved something from the game. Nobody likes missing penalties and if I can make amends in the next game, then I'll do so."

Top-quality

He was also pleased by Swindon's display, saying: "In the first 20 or 30 minutes I thought that was probably the best we've played this season. But then they showed their class with some top-quality finishing. There's no point knocking anyone. We have to look at the positive things because they are still the champions. It was a great performance and you have to give us credit for that."

Swindon defender **Mark Robinson** was also encouraged by his team's efforts. He said: "The way we have been defending this year we really expected to win that game from being two goals up. But I think we can take a lot more from the performance than we can from the result."

"I still think we stand a chance in the second leg because we'll go up there with no real pressure on us and if we give a good performance and if we get an early goal, then who knows."

● **More match action – Pages 34, 35.**

HOW THE PAPERS SAW IT ...

"BLACKBURN, who had looked poor in defence during the first 45 minutes, generally controlled the second half, although Shearer's winner in the 83rd minute was a little harsh on Swindon. However there was no luck about Shearer's superb, low, right-foot shot as he collected Le Saux's pass and shot home from 15 yards."

Christopher Davies, Daily Telegraph.

"Alan Shearer settled matters with a great strike seven minutes from time. But Town would be in a much stronger position if Bodin had not seen his 85th minute spot kick saved."

John Cross, Swindon Evening Advertiser.

"When Swindon rose to the occasion, with a couple of goals that in their book would count as quality but in Rovers' minds would be down to mistakes, it didn't so much look tricky as traumatic. To their great credit the players stuck at it and reaped their reward."

Peter White, Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

"At 2-0 down after 26 minutes to Second Division Swindon, Blackburn were facing humiliation. At least their attitude and commitment is intact and they produced the goods when it mattered most. Had Swindon been able to hold on until half time it would have been so different."

Brian Woolnough, Sun.

"Blackburn's SAS – Shearer and Sutton – finally returned to duty last night to gun down brave Swindon after Rovers had threatened to shoot themselves in the foot. Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton sparked a famous fightback for the ailing champions. But they still needed an 86th minute penalty save by Tim Flowers to protect the slender lead which they will take back to Ewood Park."

Mark Irwin, Daily Mirror.

FIRST LEG DETAILS

County Ground, Wednesday, September 20, 1995.

SWINDON TOWN 2

ROVERS 3

Allison 25, Finney 26.

Sutton 28, Shearer 42, 83.

SWINDON TOWN: Digby, Robinson, Seagraves, Culverhouse, Taylor, Bodin, McMahon, O'Sullivan, Horlock, Finney, Allison. Subs: Thorne, Murray, Gooden (for McMahon 79 mins).

ROVERS: Flowers, Kenna, Berg, Pearce, Hendry, Le Saux, Sherwood, Batty, Newell, Shearer, Sutton. Subs: Marker, Makel, Mimms.

Referee: G. Singh (Wolverhampton). Attendance: 14,740.

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Robins relish the giant-killing role

SWINDON TOWN certainly wouldn't turn up their noses at the chance of a spot of giant-killing and got a taste for Coca-Cola Cup glory with last season's run to the semi-finals.

But manager Steve McMahon's priority this winter will undoubtedly be to claim promotion from Division Two, after the Robins have suffered two successive relegations.

It's difficult to imagine if you look at the league tables now that, only last year, Swindon were visiting Ewood in the Premiership.

Their slip back into the Football League turned into a slide of near-disastrous proportions as they went straight through the First Division and down into the Second.

They have made a flying start to their promotion campaign, however, and will be mindful of the need to bounce straight back and restore some credibility after the problems of the last couple of years.

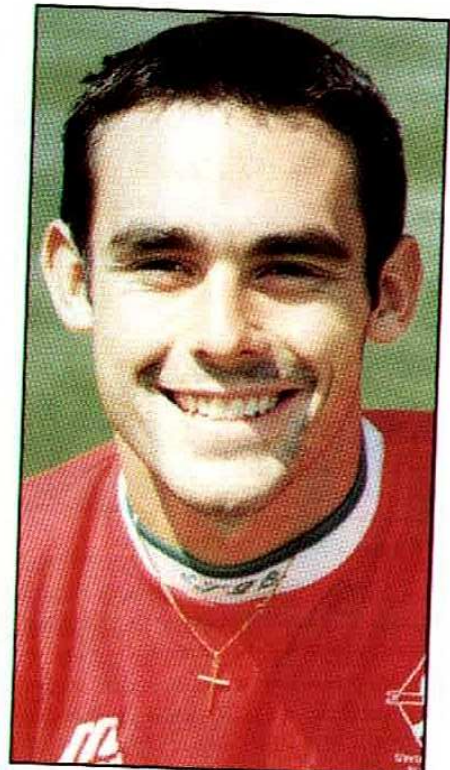
It all seems worlds away from the

heady days of the summer of 1993 when they claimed promotion at Wembley under Glenn Hoddle and celebrated a place in the top flight of English football for the first time in the club's history. But harsh reality soon set in, Hoddle departed for Chelsea and Swindon's struggles began.

Under another battle-hardened midfield man in McMahon, they are determined to turn their fortunes around and start to climb again.

The club's recent experiences in the League underline that you never know what is round the corner in this game, and that applies even more so in the cup competitions.

Swindon have shown themselves to be formidable cup fighters on many occasions, not least last season when they battled their way through to the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup, despite struggling near the foot of the First Division table. In the end, they lost both contests, missing out on



Peter Thorne quickly hit the goalscoring trail after leaving Ewood for Swindon last season.

Wembley and being relegated. But their reputation in knockout football continued and it's a fact that we have only beaten them once in the knockout competitions over the years.

That is something of a bogey which we will be hoping to lay this evening. But, equally, Swindon will be eager to maintain a remarkable record.

And they will be lifted by re-appearing on the Premier League stage which they departed only recently.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

KEVIN HORLOCK scored only one senior goal for Swindon Town throughout last season and, in fact, he had only netted twice in his County Ground career prior to the start of the 1994-95 campaign.

But it was a dramatic Horlock goal which saw Swindon through a tight Coca-Cola Cup first round clash with Cambridge United and earned this evening's Ewood date.

Ty Gooden put Swindon into an early lead when the two sides met in the first leg at the Abbey Stadium but Canadian Carlo Corazzin struck back to equalise after only 10 minutes. Then the same player gave Cambridge a first leg lead with a second half penalty.

With only 12 minutes of the County Ground return remaining, Swindon faced an early exit. But Joey Beauchamp levelled the aggregate scores to put Swindon in the driving seat on the away goals ruling.

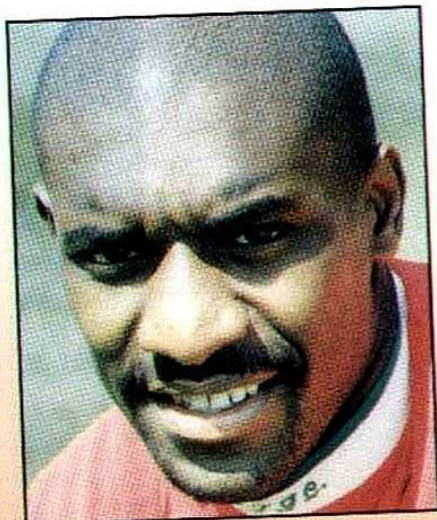
It didn't have to come down to that, however, as Horlock popped up with their second goal on 90 minutes to make it 2-0 on the night and 3-2 on aggregate for Swindon. A close call.

HISTORY

- **FOUNDED:** 1881
- **ELECTED TO FOOTBALL LEAGUE:** Original members of Division Three 1920
- **FIRST LEAGUE GAME:** August 1920, v Luton Town (home) won 9-1
- **F.A. PREMIER LEAGUE:** Promoted via play-offs 1993, relegated 1994
- **POSITION LAST SEASON:** 21st (relegated) in Division One

HONOURS

- F.A. Premier League best position 22nd, 1993-94
- Football League Division One play-off winners 1993
- Division Three runners-up 1962-63, 1968-69
- Division Four champions 1985-86
- F.A. Cup semi-finalists 1909 10, 1911-12
- Football League Cup winners 1968-69
- Anglo-Italian Cup winners 1970



Wayne Allison ... striker

SWINDON TOWN were one of last season's Coca-Cola Cup heroes, despite their problems in the League.

They reached the semi-finals of the competition, being pipped for a place at Wembley by Bolton Wanderers in a dramatic two-legged tie.

Yet, the run which took Swindon to the last four began in remarkable circumstances. Even their most faithful fans must have felt they were on their way out of the tournament at the very first hurdle.

For, Swindon's second round, first leg tie at home to Charlton ended in a 3-1 defeat! Goalless at half time, home

A Wembley dream collapses at the last hurdle

fans in a crowd of just under 5,000 were stunned by three second half goals from the Londoners, with Keith Scott netting a lone reply.

A week later at the Valley, however, the tables were turned when Swindon forced the tie into extra time and triumphed 4-1, Jan Fjortoft claiming a hat-trick to go with an own goal by Charlton keeper Andy Petterson.

The Robins were on their way.

The draw for the third round gave Swindon a trip to Brighton and a goal from Andy Thomson was enough for a County Ground replay and an easy



Shaun Taylor ... skipper

passage to the next stage. Fjortoft and Scott got two goals apiece in a 4-1 cruise.

Home advantage proved important in round four, as two more Fjortoft goals set up a 2-1 win over Derby County, watched by a crowd of almost 10,000.

The draw was kind again in the quarter-finals, still no Premier League opposition and out of the hat first again. Millwall were sent packing 3-1, thanks to Andy Mutch (2) and that man Fjortoft, in front of an 11,000-plus crowd.

There were no complaints when the Premiership boys were avoided in the semi-finals, though two hard-fought ties were anticipated with promotion-chasing Bolton and so it proved.

With Peter Thorne having been signed from Rovers, Swindon squeezed a narrow 2-1 lead from the first leg, watched by just over 15,000 at the County Ground. The ex-Ewood striker hit both goals.

The return at Burnden more than three weeks later, however, saw the Wembley dream ended with a 3-1 defeat. Goalless at half time, Swindon scored through Fjortoft in front of a near-20,000 crowd but Bolton's big guns hammered three second half goals to claim the coveted final spot.

Swindon's depression was even more acute a few weeks later when relegation to Division Two followed the Coca-Cola Cup near-miss.

FLYING START IN LEAGUE

WHAT a cracking start to the season Swindon Town enjoyed. At the time of the first leg at the County Ground, in fact, it was the best by any team in the country.

It underlined that, following two successive relegations for the Wiltshire club, Steve McMahon is fast getting them back on track for a return to higher status.

Strangely enough, Swindon's only slips in their first eight Second Division matches came in front of their own supporters at the County Ground where two of their opening four matches produced victories and the others finished as draws.

Away from home, they had a terrific time, winning four away games on the bounce. The only blemish came in their first round, first leg Coca-Cola Cup tie at Cambridge but the Robins soon overcame that.

One of Town's most outstanding performances came at Bath, where they defeated Bristol Rovers. Fancied by many as strong promotion contenders, Bristol were beaten 4-1 with a Kevin Horlock hat-trick keeping the Robins bubbling along.

And they have had little trouble scoring goals this season, at home or away, and even with ex-Ewood striker Peter Thorne on the injured list for several weeks at the start of the campaign.

McMahon seems to have assembled a good blend of youth and experience who have rewarded his faith by making as good a start to their promotion bid as anyone at the County Ground could have asked.

SWINDON TOWN

MEET THE MEN FROM THE COUNTY GROUND

FRASER DIGBY, Sheffield-born goalkeeper, Digby has bags of experience but was replaced by Ewood loan men Shay Given and Frank Talia after going on the transfer list. Played in the first leg to avoid Talia being cup tied.

PAUL BODIN, now 31, the Welsh international defender has recovered from a back injury which sidelined him at the end of last season. Currently in his second spell at the County Ground.

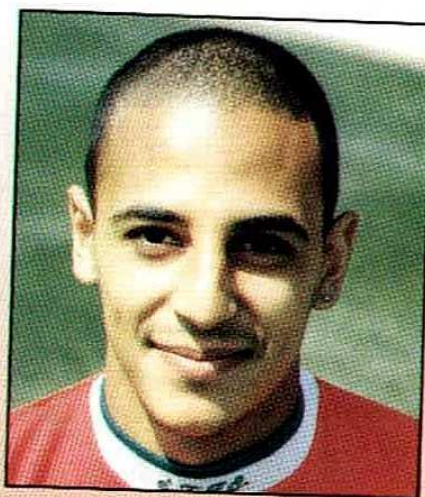
SHAUN TAYLOR, 32-year-old skipper and central defender, he has just signed a new contract with Swindon, keeping him at the County Ground

until 1997.

MARK SEAGRAVES, another very experienced defender signed from Bolton for £100,000 in June. Before that he had four years with Manchester City.

ADRIAN VIVEASH, former County Ground apprentice who has fought his way back from two broken legs.

KEVIN HORLOCK, a Northern Ireland international who was picked up on a



Edwin Murray

free from West Ham in 1992 and has contributed some important goals.

ANDREW THOMSON, a 21-year-old defender who came up through the ranks.

WAYNE O'SULLIVAN, Cyprus born, the hard-working midfielder is also a former trainee. He made his Swindon debut in September, 1992 at the age of 18.

MARK ROBINSON, signed from Newcastle in July 1994 for what was a then record fee of £600,000. Made his League debut for West Brom in 1986 and is still only 26.

EDWIN MURRAY, another defender who graduated through the junior ranks, the 22-year-old first got his chance when Paul Bodin was injured.

JOEY BEAUCHAMP, joined Swindon from West Ham in July 1994 after being at Upton Park less than a month following his transfer from Oxford.

TY GOODEN, signed on a free from Wycombe in the summer of 1993 and went on as sub in the first leg for Steve McMahon.

JASON DRYSDALE, former England youth international defender who cost £340,000 from Newcastle last March.

IAN CULVERHOUSE, ex-Norwich and Spurs player converted into a sweeper at the County Ground.

WAYNE ALLISON, 26-year-old striker signed from Bristol City last summer for £475,000.

STEVE FINNEY, only 21 but making a good impression after being picked up on a free from Manchester City.

PETER THORNE, ex-Rover who scored four goals in his first two games for Swindon last season.

MANAGER: Steve McMahon



STEVE McMahon is in his first managerial job, having been appointed in November 1994, as successor to John Gorman.

Player-manager at the County Ground, Steve made his name as a top-class player with some of the biggest clubs in the country.

He began as an apprentice at Goodison Park and played in 100 League games for Everton, scoring 11 goals. A strong, no-nonsense attacking midfielder player he moved on to Aston Villa (75 League games, seven goals) before joining Kenny Dalglish at Anfield.

There his contribution topped 200 games and 29 goals with the successful Liverpool sides. Then it was on to Manchester City (87 games, one goal), where he gave more valuable service, before taking a new challenge with Swindon.

Now 34, McMahon is still enjoying the playing side of the game while he plots Swindon's return to the top.

SWINDON TOWN



BACK: Wayne Allison, Paul Bodin, Shaun Taylor, Fraser Digby, Mark Seagraves, Andy Thomson, Peter Thorne.
MIDDLE: Ian Cuiverhouse, Kevin McKenna, Jason Drysdale, Stephen Finney, Dean Hopper, Mark Robinson, Luc Nijholt (no longer with the club), Paul Gooden, Edwin Murray.
FRONT: Martin Ling, Wayne O'Driscoll, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Player/Manager), Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Jonathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Jamie Phelan, Ben Worrell.



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QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Tim Sherwood
- 2 First actual game in charge for Kenny Dalglish and Ray Harford
- 3 David Speedie
- 4 Division Three
- 5 Ken Beamish
- 6 Steve Archibald



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IT HAS been a tough start to the new season for the Reserve side and, after four matches, we were still looking for our first victory in the Pontin's League First Division.

Injuries and senior calls have forced us to field a very inexperienced side and in the game against Bolton at Burnden Park, we had only one player with first team experience at Ewood in the side.

That was Paul Warhurst, who is on his way back from injury, though Shay Given and Adam Reed have played League football elsewhere.

We had chances in the first half but Bolton were older, stronger and more experienced and they dominated the second period, winning the game 1-0.

Scoring goals continues to be a problem, as it was last season when we had to battle – successfully in the end – against relegation.

We lined up: Given, Hitchen, Broomes, Reed, Whealing, Malone, Morgan, Gill, Tallon, Warhurst, Holt. Sub used: Beattie (for Holt).

Youth on TV

THE youth team had a welcome mid-week break when we took up an invitation to visit Dublin and play a game at Under-18 level, writes Jim Furnell.

The hospitality and friendship shown to us was first class from start to finish.

The lads had an added "bonus" when they were filmed by a TV crew on arrival and throughout the stay. The programme is to be shown at a later date on their TV channel. It was excellent publicity for the club, especially with all the Irish contingent being present and the way we performed in the match itself. We won the game 3-1 in fine style, but the Irish team playing flat out and defending in numbers made it very hard for us to score.

It took some special goals to beat them. Our first from Graham Cassin was an exquisite chip from the edge of the penalty area into the top corner of the net. This was followed up by a James Beattie blaster from close range after their keeper failed to hold a rasping shot from Graham.

In the second half James Thomas scored with a superb drive high into the net from just inside the penalty area.

The Irish lads were rewarded for all their hard work with a consolation goal late in the game. It was an excellent work-out and wonderful PR for the club.

Squad: McCrone, Benson, McCallion, Worrell, Brewer, Ryan, Johnson, Staton, Brown, Chisholm, Duff, Beattie, Thomas, Cassin, Hope, Taylor.

The 'B' team then got back to the bread and butter of the Lancashire

Reserves are still suffering a goal drought

League with a mid-week fixture against Oldham Athletic. It turned out to be a cracking game with our youngsters pitting their skills against the older Oldham outfit. Chances were kept to a premium in the first period, neither keeper being extended. But we survived a strong penalty appeal for hand ball which somehow eluded the referee much to the obvious annoyance of the Oldham coach.

The deadlock was finally broken by James Thomas who hit home a fine shot from just inside the area. Damien Duff, who was constantly tormenting the full back, crowned a good display with a great shot high into the net from 20 yards (30 if you ask Damien). That secured the three points for us in a very promising and hard-fought match.

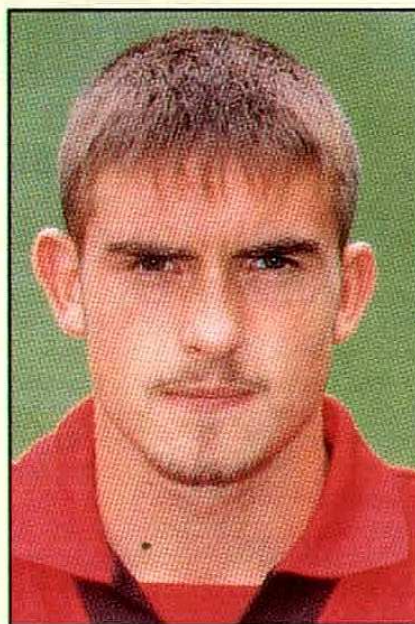
TEAM: McCrone, Trudgill, Brewer, Brown, Hope, McCallion, Fitzpatrick, Chisholm, Thomas, Staton, Duff. Subs: Taylor, Ryan, Benson (for Trudgill), McAvoy, Obeng.

Things came to a sudden halt when we played Crewe Reserves ('A' team) and Bolton ('B' team).

The sides were somewhat inexperienced due to the fact that we had a Reserve match on the Monday and the first team squad were travelling to Norway early on Tuesday.

The 'A' team match was always going to be a battle against the Crewe Reserve team containing three players with first team experience.

But we actually managed to take the lead when Graham Cassin dispossessed their keeper and calmly chipped the ball over him into the empty net. But some less than experienced defending allowed the Crewe outfit to get on top and take the lead. Paul Taylor drove home a great half volley to cut the deficit but we conceded again just before half-time to give ourselves a mountain to climb.



James Thomas scored in games against an Irish Under-18 team, Oldham 'B' and Bolton 'A'.

Our cause was not helped by another goal against soon after the restart but the lads refused to lie down and played some entertaining football.

Chris McCrone pulled off two or three excellent saves and we were rewarded with a penalty, converted by James Beattie. In the last few minutes of the match we could actually have pinched a point if one of a couple of chances we created had been on target. A defeat, but there were plenty of pluses in the overall performance.

TEAM: McCrone, Benson, Brewer, Taylor, Worrell, Hope, Johnson, Chisholm, Beattie, Cassin, Goodall. Subs: Oowler, McAvoy (for Brewer), Connolly.

The 'B' team travelled to play Bolton with a very young side and two schoolboys as subs.

They had as much of the play as the home side but found themselves two down after half an hour. Then James Thomas crashed home one of his usual goals to give us a glimmer of hope at the half-time break. Unfortunately the home team scored their third early in the second period and although another Damien Duff special reduced the arrears we just couldn't manage the equaliser. Our cause was not helped by the fact that Keith Brown was dismissed for an over-exuberant tackle on a Bolton player. However, it was a very steady and encouraging performance from a very young side.

TEAM: Williams, Trudgill, Ryan, Watkins, McCallion, Brown, Fitzpatrick, Staton, Rimmer, Thomas, Duff. Subs: Obeng (for Rimmer), Whittle, Dunn.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE

(All home games will be played at Deepdale, Preston, with a 7pm kick-off)

| | | H | A | F | A |
|--------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Aug 22 | Nottingham Forest | H | 1 | 2 | |
| 31 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | 0 | 1 | |
| Sep 6 | Manchester United | H | 1 | 1 | |
| 20 | Bolton Wanderers | A | 0 | 1 | |
| 25 | Sheffield United | H | 1 | 1 | |
| Oct 5 | Oldham Athletic | H | | | |
| 7 | Liverpool | A | | | |
| 10 | Everton | A | | | |
| 18 | Wolverhampton | H | | | |
| 23 | Newcastle United | A | | | |
| Nov 7 | Derby County | A | | | |
| 15 | Leeds United | H | | | |
| 22 | West Bromwich Albion | H | | | |
| 30 | Stoke City | A | | | |
| Dec 6 | Bolton Wanderers | H | | | |
| 12 | Sheffield United | A | | | |
| 20 | Notts County | H | | | |
| Jan 3 | Tranmere Rovers | A | | | |
| 10 | Birmingham City | H | | | |
| 17 | Nottingham Forest | A | | | |
| 24 | Sheffield Wednesday | H | | | |
| 31 | Manchester United | A | | | |
| Feb 7 | Derby County | H | | | |
| 12 | Birmingham City | A | | | |
| 21 | Leeds United | A | | | |
| Mar 6 | Liverpool | H | | | |
| 13 | Tranmere Rovers | H | | | |
| 19 | Notts County | A | | | |
| 27 | Oldham Athletic | A | | | |
| Apr 10 | Everton | H | | | |
| 17 | Newcastle United | H | | | |
| 29 | Wolverhampton | A | | | |
| May 1 | Stoke City | H | | | |
| 8 | West Bromwich Albion | A | | | |

1995-96 RESERVE TEAM

| | Apps | Gls |
|----------|-------|-----|
| Atkins | 1 | |
| Beattie | 1 (1) | 1 |
| Broomes | 3 | |
| Chisholm | 0 (1) | |
| Gill | 4 | |
| Given | 1 | |
| Goodall | 1 | |
| Hitchen | 4 | |
| Holt | 4 | 1 |
| Makel | 2 | |
| Malone | 3 | |
| Marker | 2 | |
| Mimms | 1 | |
| Morgan | 2 (1) | |
| Newell | 1 | |
| Reed | 4 | |
| Talia | 2 | |
| Tallon | 2 | |
| Warhurst | 2 | |
| Whealing | 4 | |

(Sub appearances in brackets)
Up to and including September 20

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| | | F | A |
|--------|---------------------|---|---|
| Aug 19 | Wrexham 'A' | 1 | 1 |
| 26 | BLACKPOOL 'A' | 1 | 2 |
| Sep 2 | Manchester Utd 'A' | 1 | 1 |
| 9 | MARINE RESERVES | 7 | 0 |
| 16 | Manchester City 'A' | 4 | 2 |
| 23 | CREWE ALEX RES | 3 | 4 |
| 30 | MORECAMBE RES | | |
| Oct 7 | Preston N.E. 'A' | | |
| 14 | Everton 'A' | | |
| 21 | Marine Reserves | | |
| 28 | PRESTON N.E. 'A' | | |
| Nov 4 | STOKE CITY 'A' | | |
| 11 | Blackpool 'A' | | |
| 18 | EVERTON 'A' | | |
| 25 | Oldham Athletic 'A' | | |
| Dec 2 | BURNLEY 'A' | | |
| 9 | Bury 'A' | | |
| 16 | WREXHAM 'A' | | |
| Jan 6 | Tranmere Rovers 'A' | | |
| 13 | Liverpool 'A' | | |
| 20 | MAN UTD 'A' | | |
| 27 | Stoke City 'A' | | |
| Feb 3 | LIVERPOOL 'A' | | |
| 10 | TRANMERE R. 'A' | | |
| 17 | MAN CITY 'A' | | |
| 24 | OLDHAM ATH 'A' | | |
| Mar 2 | Crewe Alex Res. | | |
| 8 | Morecambe Res. | | |
| 16 | BURY 'A' | | |
| 23 | Burnley 'A' | | |

Rovers 'B'

| | | F | A |
|--------|---------------------|---|---|
| Aug 19 | BLACKPOOL 'B' | 6 | 1 |
| 22 | BURNLEY 'B' | 2 | 3 |
| 26 | Wigan Athletic 'A' | 2 | 0 |
| 30 | Manchester Utd. 'B' | 1 | 1 |
| Sept 1 | LIVERPOOL 'B' | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | Manchester City 'A' | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | CREWE ALEX. 'A' | 3 | 1 |
| 20 | OLDHAM ATH. 'B' | 2 | 0 |
| 23 | Bolton Wand. 'A' | 2 | 3 |
| w/c 25 | WIGAN ATH. 'A' | | |
| 30 | Preston N.E. 'B' | | |
| Oct 7 | CHESTER CITY 'A' | | |
| 14 | MAN UTD. 'B' | | |
| 21 | Marine Youth' | | |
| 28 | PRESTON N.E. 'B' | | |
| Nov 4 | Rochdale 'A' | | |
| 11 | STOCKPORT CITY 'A' | | |
| 18 | Everton 'B' | | |
| Dec 2 | Oldham Ath. 'B' | | |
| 9 | BURY 'B' | | |
| 16 | Liverpool 'B' | | |
| Jan 6 | TRANMERE ROV. 'B' | | |
| 20 | Blackpool 'B' | | |
| Feb 3 | Chester City 'A' | | |
| 10 | Carlisle Utd. 'A' | | |
| 17 | Crewe Alex. 'A' | | |
| 24 | Tranmere Rov. 'B' | | |
| Mar 2 | EVERTON 'B' | | |
| 16 | Stockport City 'A' | | |
| 23 | MAN. CITY 'B' | | |
| 30 | ROCHDALE 'A' | | |
| Apr 6 | MARINE YOUTH | | |
| 13 | Bury 'B' | | |
| 20 | CARLISLE 'A' | | |
| 27 | BOLTON WAND. 'A' | | |
| Mar 4 | Burnley 'B' | | |

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1995-96 ROVERS 'A'

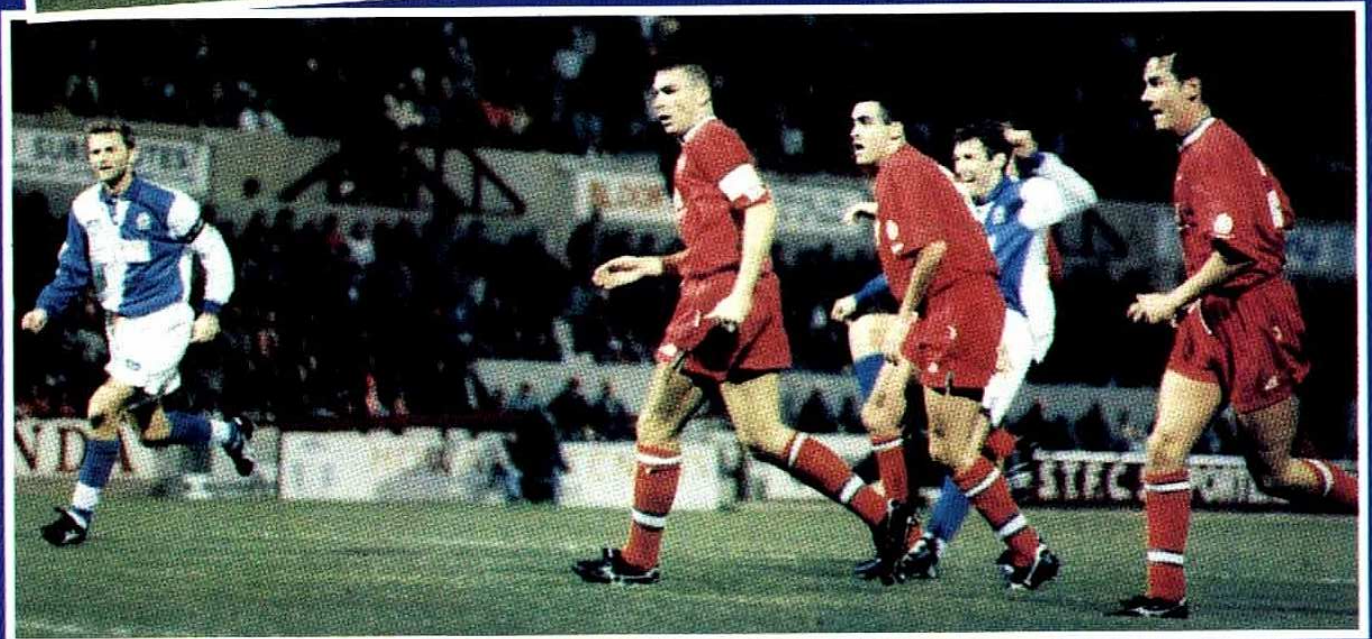
| | Apps | Gls |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| J. Beattie | 5 | 6 |
| M. Benson | 4 | |
| B. Brewer | 1 | |
| M. Broomes | 3 | 1 |
| G. Cassin | 3 | 1 |
| C. Chisholm | 5 | 1 |
| L. Fitzpatrick | 0 (1) | |
| W. Gill | 1 | 1 |
| D. Goodall | 3 | |
| D. Gordon | 2 | |
| S. Hewitt | 2 | |
| S. Hitchen | 1 | |
| M. Holt | 3 | 3 |
| R. Hope | 4 | |
| D. Johnson | 1 (1) | |
| A. McAvoy | 0 (2) | |
| E. McCallion | 0 (3) | |
| C. McCrone | 5 | |
| C. Malone | 3 | 1 |
| N. Marker | 2 | |
| T. Morgan | 3 | |
| A. Reed | 2 | |
| M. Rimmer | 0 (1) | |
| C. Ryan | 0 (1) | |
| F. Talia | 1 | |
| G. Tallon | 4 | |
| P. Taylor | 2 | 1 |
| P. Warhurst | 1 | 1 |
| A. Whealing | 2 | |
| D. Worrell | 2 | |

(Sub appearances in brackets)
Up to and including September 23

1995-96 ROVERS 'B'

| | Apps | Gls |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| M. Benson | 3 (1) | |
| B. Brewer | 8 | |
| K. Brown | 7 | 3 |
| G. Cassin | 4 | 1 |
| C. Chisholm | 3 | 1 |
| D. Duff | 5 | 3 |
| L. Fitzpatrick | 4 (1) | |
| R. Hope | 5 | 1 |
| D. Johnson | 4 | 1 |
| A. McAvoy | 0 (4) | |
| E. McCallion | 6 (1) | 1 |
| C. McCrone | 2 | |
| R. Mitchell | 0 (1) | |
| J. Obeng | 1 (1) | |
| M. Rimmer | 3 | 3 |
| C. Ryan | 1 (1) | |
| L. Staton | 9 | |
| P. Taylor | 4 | |
| J. Thomas | 9 | 5 |
| P. Trudgill | 6 (2) | |
| S. Watkins | 1 (2) | |
| J. Wilcox | 1 | |
| A. Williams | 7 | |
| D. Worrell | 4 | |

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Up to and including September 23





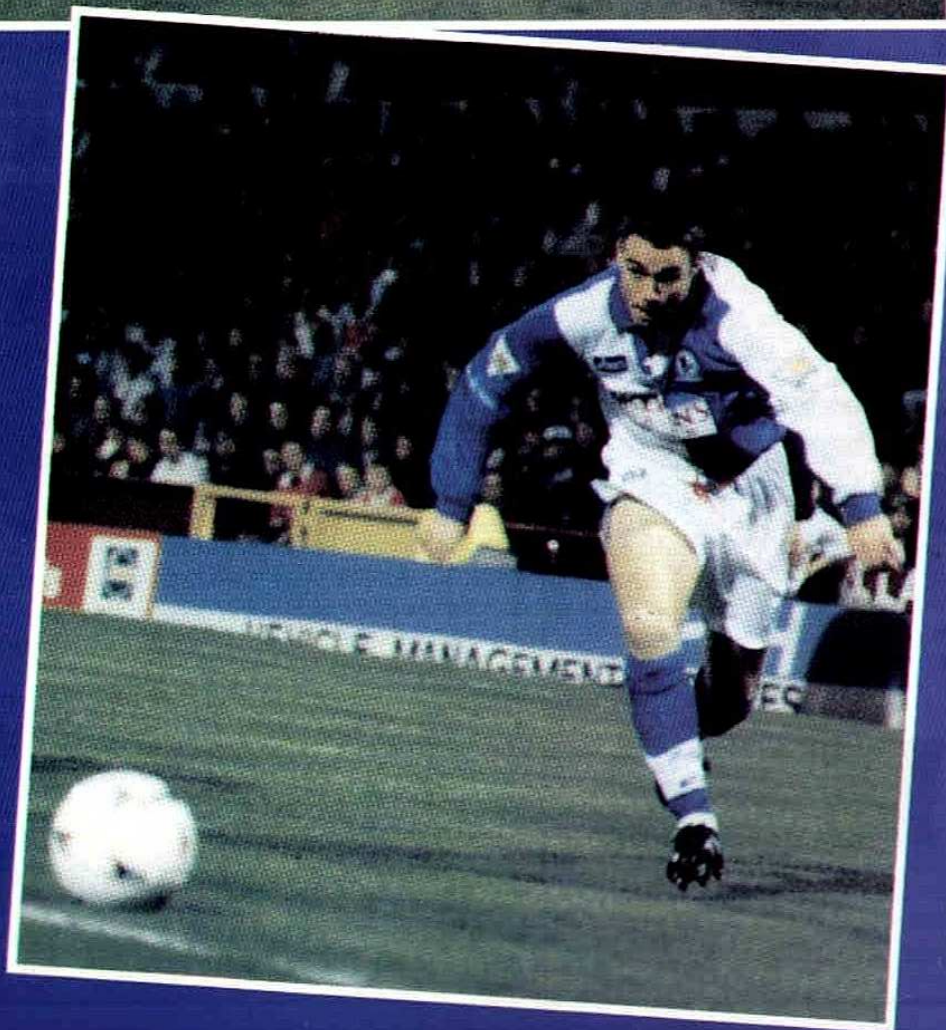
We came back from a shattering two-goal deficit to pull off a remarkable 3-2 victory at Swindon in our first-leg game.



The SAS were back in business providing the rapier thrusts that brought victory, while Graeme Le Saux, revelling in a forward role on the left, played provider with two valuable 'assists'.

After Swindon had stunned everyone with two goals in a minute, Chris Sutton ended his scoring drought with a powerful header ... and then Alan Shearer grabbed victory from the jaws of defeat with two typical goals on a night of breathtaking action and outstanding entertainment.

But in the end it was Tim Flowers who kept us ahead with a superb one-handed save from Paul Bodin's spot kick after Colin Hendry had brought down Shaun Taylor in the midst of some goalmouth confusion.



Match of the Day stars 'SAS'

WHEN Maxine Fairley and Billy Braysford were married in Barbados, it was a wedding with a difference. For the groom and page boy wore Rovers shirts and Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton were there in spirit at least!

Groom Billy, from Blackpool, insisted on wearing his number nine Shearer top for the big day and bride Maxine – they are both lifelong Rovers supporters – made sure she wasn't left behind, with a headdress trimmed with Rovers blue ribbons and carried a posy of blue and white flowers.

The couple met a youngster, Terence Hughes, from Chorley, at their hotel and, after seeing him in his number 16 Sutton top, asked him to act as page boy.

Just to round off the occasion, the wedding arch was trimmed with blue and white flowers and even the cake was in the appropriate colours.

Both sets of parents attended the ceremony at the Golden Palm Hotel, St James, Barbados, and, given the Ewood atmosphere of the occasion, it must have been the wedding of the year!

Congratulations to Billy and Maxine.



CELEBRATING HOME AND AWAY

A CORNER of the sunshine state of Florida will be forever England – and Blackburn – for Peter Clutton and his son Derrick (below).

Peter emigrated to America 18 years ago and he has always kept in touch with Rovers' progress.

Peter, whose mother and twin brother Gerald still live in Blackburn, now enjoys life in Lakeland, Florida, and watches the Rovers games at the Fox and Hounds pub in Kissimmee whenever they are on satellite TV or when their game is televised especially for American TV on Saturday afternoons – suitable dressed for the occasion, of course.

"We've had to put up with some stick from the Manchester United fans over the years – but we got our own back last season. It was great!" said Peter.

"Good luck Rovers – hope there are many more championships and cups to come. We'll be rooting for you over here in sunny Florida."

THE championship success was celebrated at home and abroad and nowhere more than at the home of the Eccles family in York, from where 16-year-old Elizabeth, her mum and brother



Jason travel to see as many games as they can at Ewood.

Elizabeth (pictured above) also has a permanent souvenir, as Jason made up this special collage of the club as a present.

BOX OFFICE

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

1. **By personal application** at the Main Ticket Office (normal opening hours Mon-Fri 9.00am-4.30pm, Sat 9.00am-3.00pm).
2. **By postal application.** Send a covering letter stating which match, number of tickets required and correct remittance (not cash) together with a stamped addressed envelope.
3. **By credit card** on 01254 696767 (times as above).

These arrangements are subject to change, depending on availability and all spectators are strongly advised to buy tickets in advance. Please retain your stubs (home and away) for possible future applications.

HOME MATCH PRICES

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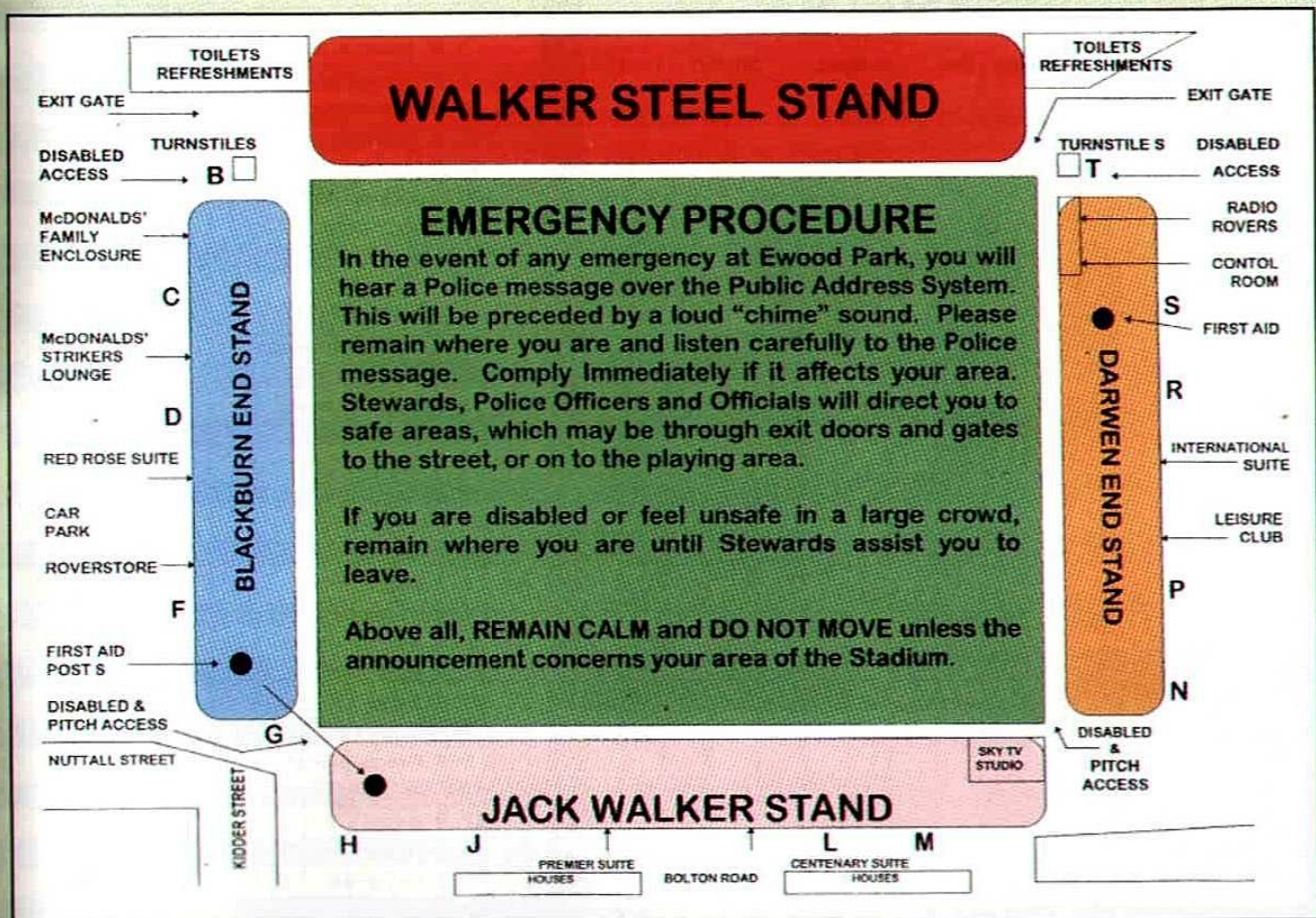
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| Darwen End Stand | Lower and Upper | - | Adult £14.00 | (juniors and senior citizens £7.00) |
| Blackburn End Stand | Lower | - | Adult £14.00 | (juniors and senior citizens £7.00) |
| Upper Family Stand | | - | Adult £14.00 | (juniors £7.00) |

No concessions for students. No concessions for senior citizens in the Family Stand. No concessions for juniors or senior citizens in the Jack Walker Stand upper central area.

The Jack Walker and Family Stands are no-smoking areas.

NOW SELLING

TICKETS are now on sale for our next Premiership home game against Southampton on Saturday, October 14.



FOR THE RECORD

F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP

| | Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | | Pts |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | | |
| Newcastle Utd | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 21 | |
| Aston Villa | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 17 | |
| Manchester Utd | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 17 | |
| Liverpool | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 16 | |
| Leeds United | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 16 | |
| Arsenal | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 15 | |
| Middlesbrough | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 15 | |
| Nottm Forest | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 14 | |
| Tottenham | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 14 | |
| Chelsea | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 | |
| Wimbledon | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 10 | |
| QPR | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | |
| Sheffield Wed | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | |
| Blackburn | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 7 | |
| Everton | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | |
| Coventry City | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 6 | |
| West Ham Utd | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | |
| Southampton | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | |
| Bolton Wanderers | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 4 | |
| Manchester City | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | |

(Up to and including October 1)

APPEARANCES

1995-96 SEASON

| Player | PL | Champions | | | Charity Shield | Total |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|--------|----------------|-------|
| | | CC Cup | FAC | League | | |
| Batty | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Pearce | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Shearer | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Sherwood | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Berg | 8 | 1 | | 2 | | 11 |
| Flowers | 7 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| Hendry | 8 | 1 | | 2 | | 11 |
| Le Saux | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Sutton | 6 (1) | 1 | | 1 (1) | 1 | 9 (2) |
| Ripley | 6 | | | 1 (1) | 1 | 8 (1) |
| Newell | 4 (3) | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 8 (3) |
| Kenna | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Holmes | 5 | | | | | 5 |
| Gallacher | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Atkins | 0 (4) | | | 1 | 0 (1) | 1 (5) |
| Makel | 0 (3) | | | 1 (1) | 0 (1) | 1 (5) |
| Mimms | 1 (1) | | | | | 1 (1) |
| Marker | | | | | 0 (1) | 0 (1) |
| Warhurst | 0 (1) | | | 0 (1) | | 0 (2) |

Actual sub appearances in brackets

GOALS

| | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Shearer | 7 | 2 | | | | 9 |
| Holmes | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Sutton | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Hendry | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Pearce | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Newell | | | | 1 | | 1 |



| Date | Opponents | F | A | Att | Pts | Pos |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|-----|-----|
| Aug 19 | H Queens Park Rangers | 1 | 0 | 25,932 | 3 | - |
| 23 | A Sheffield Wednesday | 1 | 2 | 25,544 | 3 | 7 |
| 26 | A Bolton Wanderers | 1 | 2 | 20,253 | 3 | 12 |
| 28 | H Manchester United | 1 | 2 | 29,843 | 3 | 13 |
| Sept 9 | H Aston Villa | 1 | 1 | 27,084 | 4 | 15 |
| 13 | H Spartak Moscow (CL) | 0 | 1 | 20,940 | - | - |
| 16 | A Liverpool | 0 | 3 | 39,502 | 4 | 17 |
| 20 | A Swindon Town (C.C. Cup 2-1) | 3 | 2 | 14,740 | - | - |
| 23 | H Coventry City | 5 | 1 | 24,382 | 7 | 13 |
| 27 | A Rosenborg (CL) | 1 | 2 | 12,210 | - | - |
| 30 | A Middlesbrough | 0 | 2 | 29,462 | 7 | 14 |
| Oct 4 | H Swindon Town (C.C. Cup 2-2) | | | | | |
| 14 | H Southampton | | | | | |
| 18 | A Legia Warsaw (CL) | | | | | |
| 21 | A West Ham United | | | | | |
| 25 | Coca-Cola Cup 3 | | | | | |
| 28 | H Chelsea | | | | | |
| Nov 1 | H Legia Warsaw (CL) | | | | | |
| 5 | A Everton | | | | | |
| 8 | A Newcastle United | | | | | |
| 18 | H Nottingham Forest | | | | | |
| 22 | A Spartak Moscow (CL) | | | | | |
| 26 | A Arsenal | | | | | |
| 29 | Coca-Cola Cup 4 | | | | | |
| Dec 2 | H West Ham United | | | | | |
| 6 | H Rosenborg (CL) | | | | | |
| 9 | A Coventry City | | | | | |
| 16 | H Middlesbrough | | | | | |
| 23 | A Wimbledon | | | | | |
| 26 | H Manchester City | | | | | |
| 30 | H Tottenham Hotspur | | | | | |
| Jan 1 | A Leeds United | | | | | |
| 6 | F.A. Cup 3 | | | | | |
| 10 | Coca-Cola Cup 5 | | | | | |
| 13 | A Queens Park Rangers | | | | | |
| 20 | H Sheffield Wednesday | | | | | |
| 27 | F.A. Cup 4 | | | | | |
| Feb 3 | H Bolton Wanderers | | | | | |
| 10 | A Manchester United | | | | | |
| 14 | Coca-Cola Cup SF-1 | | | | | |
| 17 | A Aston Villa (F.A. Cup 5) | | | | | |
| 21 | Coca-Cola Cup SF-2 | | | | | |
| 24 | H Liverpool | | | | | |
| Mar 2 | A Manchester City | | | | | |
| 9 | H Wimbledon (F.A. Cup 6) | | | | | |
| 16 | A Tottenham Hotspur | | | | | |
| 23 | H Leeds United | | | | | |
| 30 | H Everton (F.A. Cup SF) | | | | | |
| Apr 6 | A Southampton | | | | | |
| 8 | H Newcastle United | | | | | |
| 13 | A Nottingham Forest | | | | | |
| 27 | H Arsenal | | | | | |
| May 4 | A Chelsea | | | | | |
| 11 | F.A. Cup Final | | | | | |

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