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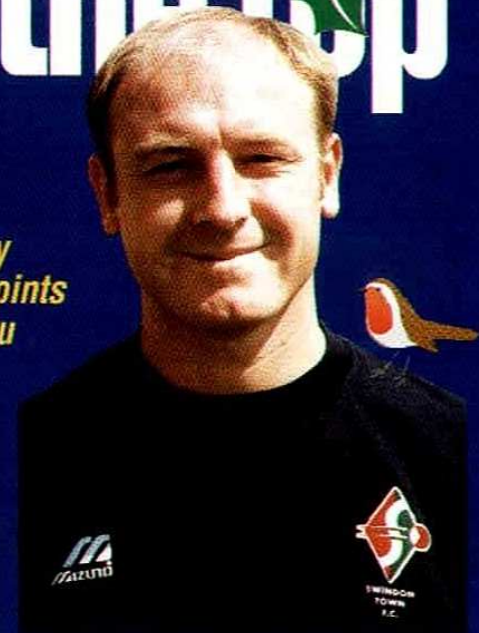
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From the top

With Manager Steve McMahon

I'm not even going to comment on the penalty that robbed us of two points against Wrexham. If you were here you saw it and can make your own minds up. If I say what I really felt about Mr Knight's decision I would only get myself into trouble.



It's water under the bridge of course and really on the day we should have beaten them by a substantial score. We were all over them for most of the game but again didn't get the breaks in front of goal.

We are now into a very important week, with three games in seven days a test of everyone's stamina and resolution. With nine points up for grabs it is important we do not ease off because fortunes can turn so easily in this game.

I had the lads in for training yesterday morning and we went through our usual routines. It is important to try and treat it as just another day as far as football is concerned.

Hopefully we picked up some points as Walsall on Saturday. I can't comment on that game of course, but our away record has been exceptionally rewarding this season. After the win at Rotherham we had seven wins, two draws, and just one defeat away from home, with 20 goals scored and only eight against.

It is a significant improvement on our record this time last year. For we had won only once, and drawn once in ten away games coming into Christmas, having scored 12 goals and conceded 23.

Even so it is not something to sit back on and think that we have cracked it. There is a long long way to go yet and we need to start getting more out of our home fixtures. The lads know the score. They realise they are letting themselves down by not capitalising on home advantage and hopefully this afternoon we can give all our fans a nice Christmas treat to enjoy.

We hope you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas and that we can make it a happier one for you this afternoon.

Enjoy the game and see you again on Saturday.

Steve McMahon



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George Best was only 26 when he first retired

The 1984/85 FA Cup saw Telford knock out four league clubs!

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Did you know ?!

Between January 1958 and November 1970, Notts County failed to beat a League club in the FA Cup!

WHO AM I ?

1. Born Woolwich, 3rd November 1963
2. Began league career with Crystal Palace.
3. Scored twice in the 1990 FA Cup Final.
4. Arsenal's leading scorer for past three seasons.
5. England International.

?? QUIZ ??

1. Who was leading scorer in the 1986 World Cup?
2. From which club did Wolverhampton Wanderers sign John De Wolf?
3. Which club has won the most Football League Championships?
4. Which player scored in both the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup Finals against Arsenal in 1993 but still ended up on the losing side?
5. What did Everton pay Aston Villa for Earl Barrett?
6. For which French club did Clive Allen play?
7. Who was the 1991 Player of the Year?
8. Kevin Keegan's first three England caps were won against the same country, who was it?
9. Which club has used Wembley as a home ground?
10. Who were the first team to beat Tottenham in an FA Cup Final?

Whose Crest ?



Answers

QUIZ: 1. Gary Lineker; 2. Feyenoord; 3. Liverpool; 4. Chris Waddle; 5. £17 million; 6. Borussia Dortmund; 7. Gordon Strachan; 8. Wales; 9. Clapton Orient; 10. Coventry City (in 1967). WHO AM I? Lin Wright. WHOSE CREST? Kilmarnock.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S GAME...

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This is Swindon

With Club Secretary
Jon Pollard

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For the first time ever we are this afternoon pleased to welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club to The County Ground for today's Endsleigh League fixture.

F.A. Cup

Tickets for our F.A. Cup 3rd round tie with Woking are now on sale. Season Ticket holders have until 3:00pm this Saturday to claim their seats for this game which is not all ticket. Cup Voucher 'G' should be included with the correct remittance and if applying by post please remember to include a stamped addressed envelope.

All patrons who purchase tickets for this game should retain the stubs should they be required at a later date for future games.

Reserves

The Reserves hopefully return to action at The County Ground tomorrow afternoon after their lay-off because of the bad weather when they entertain Norwich City in the Avon Insurance Combination kicking off at 2:00pm. Tomorrow week they travel to meet Oxford United at The Manor Ground (7:30pm) before their first home game of 1996 which is the re-dated fixture with Southampton and is now being played at The County Ground on Monday 15 January kicking off at 2:00pm.

Season Ticket Reductions

Season Ticket prices have been reduced to include our remaining home Endsleigh League games starting from the fixture with Swansea City on 10 January 1996. Full price details are on page 18 of this afternoon's programme and tickets are on sale from the Advance Ticket Office during normal office hours.

Friday Opening

Supporters are advised that the Advance Ticket Office will now only remain open until 6:45 on Friday evenings if there is a home game at The County Ground on the following day as opposed to every Friday at the moment.

Youths Crash

Unfortunately the Youth Team crashed out of the Midland Youth Cup just prior to Christmas when in their Quarter-Final Replay with Leicester City at Filbert Street they lost 4-2. This now puts the lads out of all Cup competitions.

However they return to action in the South East Counties League this Saturday when they entertain Barnet at Wanborough kicking off at 11:00am.

Ticketmaster

A reminder that you can purchase tickets for the Intel Stand for all games here at The County Ground by calling Ticketmaster on 0645101010. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Ticketmaster also offer the same service for London Theatre bookings on 0171 344 4444.



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Endsleigh League



We are back here at The County Ground again this Saturday when we entertain Burnley in our last Endsleigh League game of 1995 kicking off at 3:00pm. Tickets for the game are on sale from the Advance Ticket Office which for the remainder of this week opens at 10:00am closing on Wednesday and Thursday at 4:00pm and on Friday at 6:45pm.

On New Years Day we travel to meet Peterborough United at London Road. This game also has a 3:00pm kick off. We have seats available for this game which are on sale from the Advance Ticket Office price £9. Admission to the terraces is by payment on the day price £7. Unfortunately Peterborough United do not offer concession prices.



W. W. F. C.

Wycombe Wanderers the visitors

By John Nolan

It was a group of young furniture workers who formed Wycombe Wanderers Football Club in 1887 and was to become one of the leading amateur clubs in the county who gained national exposure in the early 1970's when it knocked Newport County (1973-74), then a League club, out of the FA Cup. Bournemouth were victims a year later which set up a home tie against Jack Charlton's Middlesbrough, then top of Division One.

It took the Boro' a replay and a last minute goal to knock the stubborn Wycombe resistance out of the competition but they had made their mark and went from strength to strength through the non-League ranks. The Isthmian and Gola Leagues were negotiated to reach the Conference and when Marion O'Neill was installed as manager, in February 1990, the club was on the brink of its most successful period ever.

They clinched the Conference Championship title in 1993, a record 15 points ahead of their nearest rivals - and so became the first club from Buckinghamshire ever to be elected to the Football League.

Brunton Park was the stage of their opening League encounter in August 1993, it ended in a 2-2 draw with Carlisle United. The Cumbrians were to feature prominently again in Wycombe's history at the end of that season for after finishing fourth the lads from Buckinghamshire had

to eliminate Carlisle in the semi-final of the Play-Offs. This they did to earn a tilt at Preston in the Final. They were 2-1 down at Wembley but stormed back to win 4-2 with Steve Thompson, Dave Carroll (2) and Simon Garner the goalscoring heroes.

Last season Wycombe continued to impress and were in a Play-Off position until the final few weeks of the campaign, when they fell away to finish in sixth position - just three points short of the Play-Offs. This disappointment was added to when Martin O'Neill quit to become manager of Norwich City.

The much respected Alan Smith and his assistant from Crystal Palace Dave Kemp, were given charge of the team which opened this season with a 1-1 draw at home to Crewe Alexandra. Leyton Orient were then soundly beaten in the Coca-Cola Cup but Wycombe fans had to wait until late August for their League success, a 2-1 win over Brighton.

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Wycombe Wanderers Football Club 1995/96 season

Back Row:

Jason Soloman, Sean Stevens, Terry Howard, Paul Hyde, Terry Evans, Chuck Moussadik, Matt Crossley, Simon Stapleton, Gary Patterson.

Middle Row:

Dave Jones (Physio), Jim Melvin (Youth Development Officer), Miquel Desouza, Tony Hemmings, Keith Ryan, Jason Cousins, Dave Carroll, Steve Thompson, David Kemp (Assistant Manager), Neil Smillie (Youth Team Manager).

Front Row:

Steve Brown, Mickey Bell, Paul Hardyman, Alan Smith (Manager), Anthony Clark, Simon Garner, Steve McGavin.

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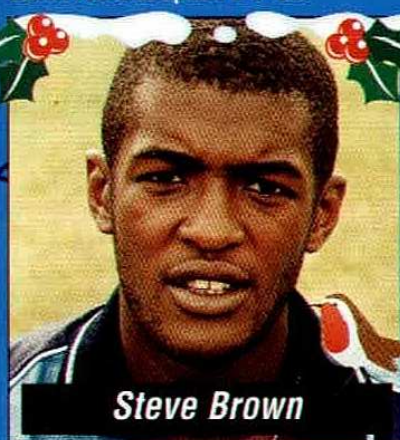
W.W.F.C.

Mickey Bell

- **MIDFIELD.** Signed in October 1994 from Northampton Town. Mickey netted three goals in 31 League appearances for Wycombe last season. Had joined the Cobblers from school as a trainee and went on to play 153 League games in their colours, contributing ten goals. Born: Newcastle 15-11-71.

Steve Brown

- **MIDFIELD.** Another recruit from Northampton Town. Steve was the Cobblers' skipper when Wycombe enticed him to Adams Park in February 1993. It cost the Buckinghamshire club £70,000 but it proved money well spent, Steve making 39 League appearances in 1994-95 and finishing as the supporters' Player of the Year. A vastly experienced pro, Steve made over 200 appearances for his home-town club which included a spell with non-League Irthlingborough Diamonds. Born: Northampton 6-7-66.



Steve Brown

Dave Carroll

- **MIDFIELD.** Was on the books of Fulham as a Youth player but they did not retain his services and he drifted into non-League circles with Wembley Football Club. In the summer of 1988 Wycombe paid a four figure fee for his transfer following a short loan spell in 1987-88 and Dave has since gone to make it into the Wycombe Wanderers top 20 with over 300 appearance for them and was in

Wycombe's FA Trophy winning teams of 1991 and 1993. Dave also scored two goals at Wembley in the 1994 Play-Off Final with Preston. Born: Paisley 20-9-66.

Jason Cousins

- **DEFENDER.** Was four years at Griffin Park but failed to establish himself making only 28 appearances in the Brentford first team. In the summer of 1991 he joined then non-League Wycombe and scored the first goal in the 4-1 Wembley win over Runcorn in the 1993 FA Trophy Final. A well respected player he was named in the 1992-93 Conference Team of the Year and the following season was acknowledged by his fellow pros as the best in his position in the FA Third Division Team of the Year. Born: Hayes 4-10-70.

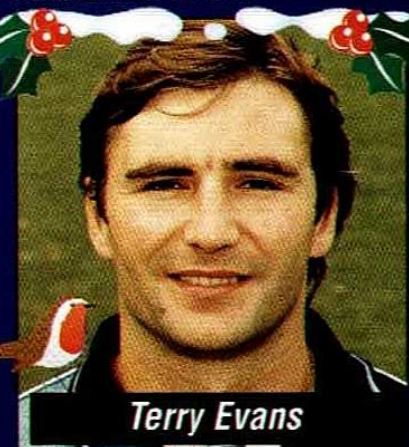
Miquel Desouza

- **STRIKER.** Arrived at Adams Park in January 1995 following a £50,000 deal with Birmingham City and scored six goals in seven League outings last season, scoring twice on his debut at Chester. A Londoner from Newham, Miquel had a tough time breaking into League football. He thought he had cracked it when Charlton took him from Clapton Orient but they let him go to Bristol City, where again he found the first-team dressing room firmly closed. He wandered between Yeovil Town, Dorchester Town, Bashley and Dagenham & Redbridge before Birmingham City thought him worth a chance in February 1994. Eventually made 18 appearances for the Blues. Born: Newham 11-2-70.

Terry Evans

- **DEFENDER.** You can't miss him at six foot five. Not surprisingly he is good in the air. Came into football with Hillingdon Borough and was signed by Brentford on 27th July 1985. Made 229 League appearances for the West London outfit but then lost his place and had six weeks on loan with Wycombe. Terry impressed and a £20,000 down payment in October

1993 secured his transfer. By the end of that season Terry had been honoured with selection in the PFA Third Division side alongside Jason Cousins and has gone on to become an influential team captain. Born: London 12-4-65



Terry Evans

David Farrell

- **FORWARD.** Signed from Aston Villa in September 1995 he made his Wycombe debut in the 1-0 home win over Chesterfield (12-9-95) and netted his first goal for them in a 4-1 win over Oxford United in October '95. Villa took David out of non-League football when they signed him from Redditch United for 45,000 in January 1992. Made his League bow, as a sub, at Oldham in 1992-93 but never really got a foothold in the side and went to Scunthorpe United on loan for experience. Scored in Gordon Cowans Testimonial against Stoke and against Everton in Mauritius. Born: Birmingham 11-11-71.

Paul Hardyman

- **LEFTBACK.** New on the payroll this season Paul is a class act with a proven record. Began his career with Fareham and was with Waterlooville while working as a carpenter when taken on by Portsmouth. In June 1989 Sunderland bought him for £130,000 and he was a regular choice making 106 appearances. Bristol Rovers paid £160,000 for his services in 1992 and in the summer of 1995 he joined Wycombe on a free. Born: Portsmouth 11-3-64.

abc Wycombe Wanderers



Terry Howard

- DEFENDER. Served his apprenticeship at Stamford Bridge making the first of six appearances for Chelsea in a 3-1 win over Villa in April 1985. Moved on to play for Leyton Orient in March 1987 following a £10,000 deal, after loan stints with Crystal Palace and Chester. Became an established figure in the Orient side making no less than 404 appearances (36 goals), before switching to Wycombe in February 1995. As a youth he played three times for the England Under-19 side. Born: Stepney 26-2-66.

Paul Hyde

- GOALKEEPER. Wycombe's regular guardian of the net he was picked up from Hayes in August 1991 for a mere £15,000. Paul had played over 450 times during eight years with Hayes and has now added another 200 plus appearances for Wycombe. Had begun his career with Hillingdon Borough and has won representative honours for the FA and Isthmian League. Included in the Conference Team of the Year in 1993 he holds a Vauxhall Conference championship medal and has been a Wembley winner in the FA Trophy and Third Division Play-Off Final (1994). Born: Hayes 7-4-63.

Steve McGavin

- FORWARD. Wanderers invested a club record £140,000 to secure him from Birmingham City in March 1995. He scored twice in 12 League games for them in 1994-95, was a trainee with Ipswich Town but they released him and he joined Sudbury Town. Spent 18 months with Colchester United winning Conference and FA Trophy honours in 1992. In January 1994 Birmingham City paid £150,000 for him but one goal in 15 League airings was all he had to show for his time with Barry Fry. Born: North Walsham 24-1-69.

Gary Patterson

- MIDFIELD. Completes a year in Wycombe's colours this month having arrived from Shrewsbury

Town in a deal that involved an initial £40,000 payment. His first club was Notts County where he was on the fringe of the Pontins League side and in 1993 he left for Shrewsbury Town to gain first team exposure. Gary played in 57 League games for the Shrews and by the end of the 1994-95 had 70 League games under his belt. Born: Newcastle 27-11-72.

Jason Rowbotham

- RIGHTBACK. Signed from Raith Rovers in October 1995, the fee was only decided by a tribunal a fortnight ago. Jason came into football as a trainee with Plymouth Argyle and moved north of the border in 1994. Made 70 appearances in the Scottish First Division in the season 1994-95. Age: 26.

Jason Soloman

- MIDFIELD. A graduate from the first intake of the FA School of Excellence at Lilleshall (alongside Jason Drysdale). Jason was an England Youth international centre half (6 caps). Learned his trade at Vicarage Road after joining Watford from Lilleshall and was a key figure in Watford's FA Youth Cup winning side in 1989. Made his League bow in the 1989-90 campaign and went on to play 100 League games for the Hornets. Went on loan to Peterborough United during the 1994-95 season and in March 1995 signed for Wycombe. Born: Welwyn Garden City 6-10-70.

John Williams

- STRIKER. Signed from Coventry City in September for £125,000. John had only been given one start and six substitute appearances in the Premiership in 1994-95. Made his Wycombe bow in a 1-1 draw at Stockport. A relatively late starter in League football he was 23 when Swansea City paid Cradley Town, of the Boddingtons West Midland League, £5,000 in August 1991, for the West Midlands postman. Made his League debut v Bolton (24-8-91) and scored his first hat-trick at Bradford City. He had scored 11 goals in 39 League outings for the Swans when Coventry paid £250,000 for him in July '92. Born: Birmingham 11-5-68.

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Season 1995/96 Results to date Endsleigh League Division 2

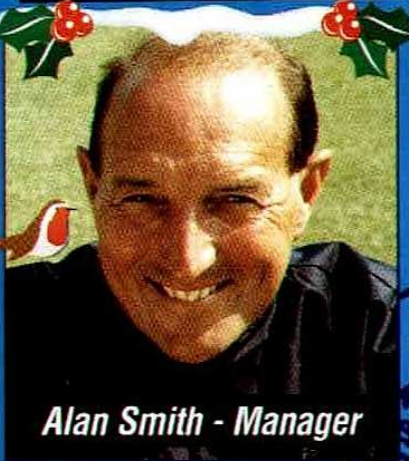
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PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	1-1
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WREXHAM	H	1-1
Bristol City	A	0-0
Manchester City*	A	0-4
Burnley	A	1-1
FULHAM#	H	1-1
WALSALL	H	1-0
Oxford United	A	4-1
HULL CITY	H	2-2
YORK CITY	H	2-1
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the man in charge



Alan Smith - Manager

Alan Smith won much sympathy and admiration during Crystal Palace's traumatic relegation campaign of 1994/95 which culminated in his inevitable sacking from Selhurst Park.

If he had never worked again it would not have been surprising for he is financially comfortable from a successful business career and no doubt could well have done without the public rift between himself and his Chairman.

But Alan has football in his blood and possibly an ambition to succeed where he didn't as a player. For his career with Brentford was cut short by injuries sustained in a road accident. He then had a spell as manager of Isthmian League Dulwich Hamlet before turning to coaching with Wimbledon.

Next move was to Crystal Palace and eleven years at Selhurst Park as coach, then assistant manager to Steve Coppell in 1990 and three years later manager, following Palace's relegation from the Premiership.

With little resources and some big-name departures from the playing staff Alan led Palace to the First Division Championship in 1994. His squad though was never going to be strong enough to compete at Premiership level and without funds to strengthen they were inevitably going to struggle. Even so the boss still led them to the semi-finals of both the FA and Coca-Cola Cups.

Alan comes over as a witty, down to earth, honest manager and it was no surprise when Wycombe appointed him in June 1995 following the departure of Martin O'Neill to Norwich City.

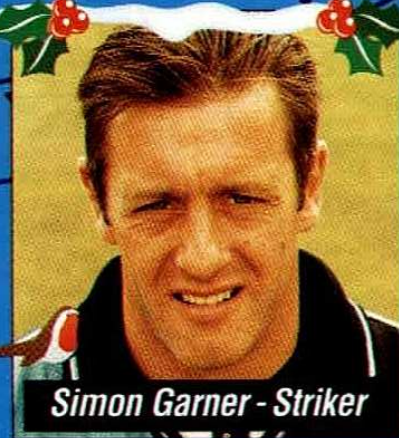
At Adams Park he has been given total control of a club that has enjoyed a magic carpet ride to success and has the potential to go much further. Even so Wycombe were lucky to get him for Blackburn Rovers wanted Alan Smith on their coaching staff.

Under the Spotlight

There are no more experienced performers in the Wycombe combination than Simon Garner, a striker who first trod the League stage in September 1978.

Born and bred in Boston, Lincs (Chris Woods the England and Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper was born there nine days earlier), Simon emerged as an outstanding schoolboy but first club to recognise his potential was Boston, then under the management of Jim Smith - now manager of Derby County. When Smith was installed as manager of Blackburn Rovers he signed young Garner as an apprentice, that was after he had waited for him to complete his days in the classroom.

Simon was nearly three months short of his 19th birthday when he



Simon Garner - Striker

made his League debut for Rovers in a Second Division fixture at St James' Park (9-9-78) in a 3-1 defeat by Newcastle United. But such was the impact he made that he went on to play another 24 League games in that 1978/79 season, ending the campaign with eight goals.

He netted six, seven, fourteen then 22 (1982-83) in subsequent seasons en route to inscribing his name indelibly into the Blackburn Rovers history books and is still their all-time record goal scorer with 192 goals in 565 matches.

In March 1987 Simon played at Wembley as Rovers took on Charlton Athletic in the Full Members Cup Final and beat them 1-0 (Colin Hendry, playing up front, the scorer). It was a historic occasion - Blackburn's first Wembley appearance for 27 years!

In August 1992 West Bromwich Albion paid £30,000 for his signature and Simon helped the Baggies win promotion to the old First Division that season. He was to score nine goals in 40 games before moving to Wycombe on a free transfer in February 1994.

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Preview

There's nothing like a brisk game of football to get that over-fed feeling out of your system and whether you are playing or just supporting you should feel better for the afternoon out.

Holiday time fixtures are just primed to create upsets thus for teams with promotion or relegation at stake this is a particularly vulnerable time. And of all the holidays there is no more dangerous a minefield than the Christmas schedule for not only have we a packed fixture card to negotiate but also the possibility of some very tricky playing surfaces, courtesy of the English climate, that can nullify a team's superior skills.

It all adds up to a Tuesday of nervous energy for those with the Second Division championship in their sights. Notts County will be banking on three points from their trip to struggling Hull City, but the Magpies will have to be on their guard. The claw of the tiger is always dangerous and this is such an away banker one feels it is almost fated to turn sour for the men from Meadow Lane. (Come on you Tigers!)

Mind you Notts did not play on Saturday (they were home to Blackpool on Friday), while Hull had a long trip to Bournemouth so County should be the fresher side.

Crewe on the other hand were at Bristol Rovers on Saturday and entertain Wrexham this afternoon. Crewe were the last side in this division to lose their unbeaten home record when they were beaten 2-1 by Blackpool on December 9th and one can't imagine them losing two consecutive home games. So put this down as a home win.

Blackpool are another side who rested on Saturday but they will be busy today with Burnley the visitors to Bloomfield Road. Still it should be a Happy Christmas for the Seaside.

Chesterfield have made Saltergate a real graveyard for visiting teams this year and there will be no concessions given to Peterborough United today. But don't write the Posh out of this one, they showed great character at Bradford City storming back after going two goals behind and were unlucky in the end to go down 2-1.

Goalkeeper Gavin Ward was City's hero and could be given the opportunity to shine again this afternoon in the Yorkshire derby with York City at Bootham Crescent. Derby matches as we know rarely run to form but here we have two teams who score freely and let them in regularly as well. Perhaps the ingredients for a goalless draw!

Shrewsbury Town are ending 1995 on the crest of a wave on form and we will now know the result of their home game with Bristol Rovers as it was a twelve noon start. Could it have been high-noon enough for Rovers. Maybe not as the Bristol outfit have a quite respectable away record.

Another 12 o'clock kick-off featured Brentford v Brighton & Hove Albion. Neither side was involved on Saturday but disappointing as Brentford have been this season their home record suggests that they should have been good enough to overcome the challenge from the south coast club. It would be nice to see a smile on the face of Dave Webb. Oxford United will definitely fancy their chances against Bournemouth who have not really fulfilled their promise this season. The Cherries 2-0 defeat at Brighton recently was their sixth away defeat of the season and with just seven goals scored in ten away trips they will

need to produce their best performance of the season to crack Oxford's resolute defence.

Bristol City, beaten at home 2-0 by Notts County last time out at Ashton Gate, will be anxious not to slip up again. They will have their moral severely dented if they can not account for Swansea City today; the Swans having conceded 22 goals in their opening ten away games.

Walsall could take a point at Rotherham United and expect Stockport County to get a result against Carlisle United after the shock of a 7-0 home defeat inflicted by Shrewsbury Town.

But whatever the results don't put them down to over-eating or drink for professional players are conditioned to abstaining at this time of the year.

Tuesday 26 December 1995 Endsleigh League Division 2

*Blackpool vs Burnley
Brentford vs Brighton & Hove Albion
(12.00noon)*

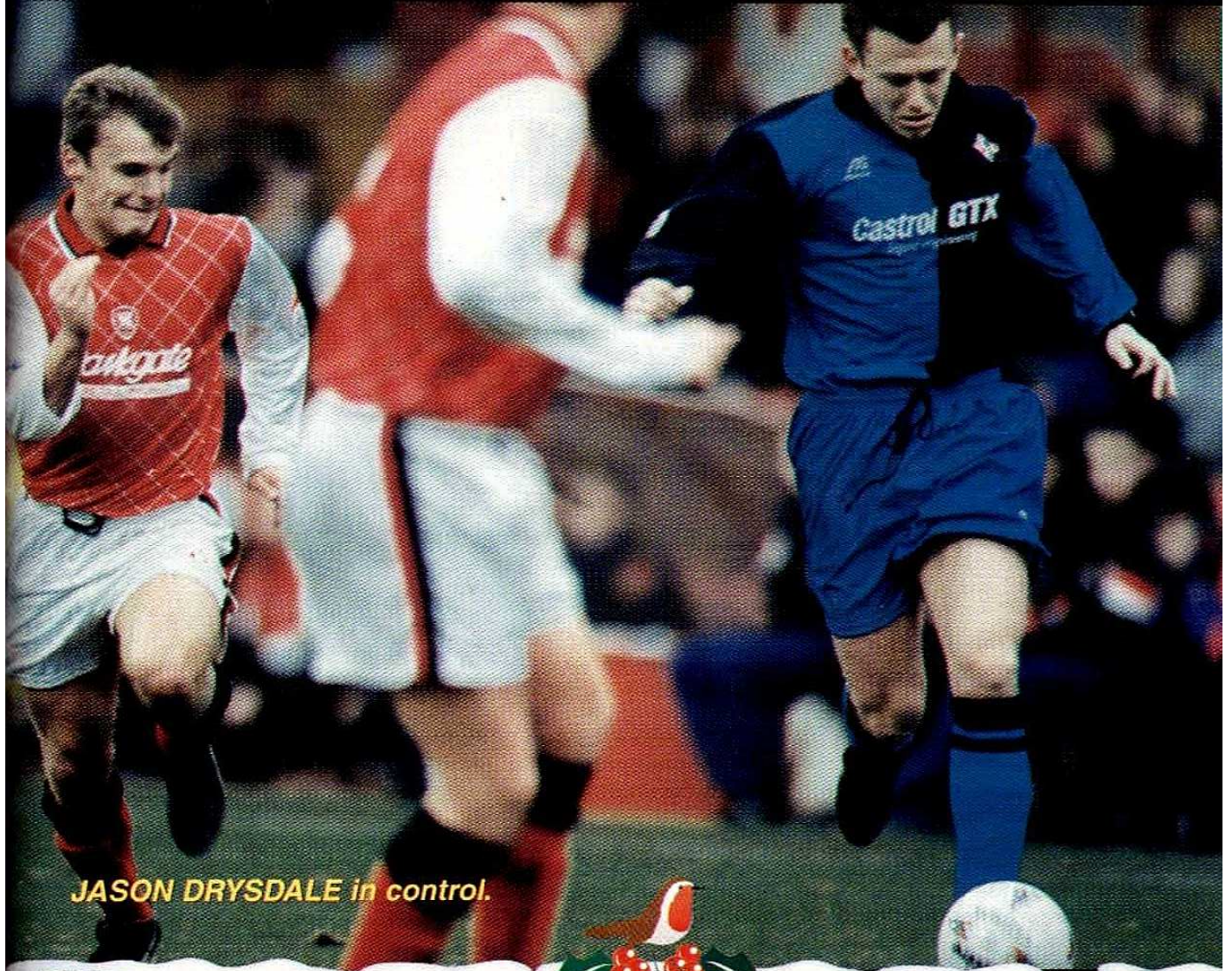
*Bristol City vs Swansea City
Chesterfield vs Peterborough United
Crewe Alexandra vs Wrexham
Hull City vs Notts County
Oxford United vs AFC Bournemouth
Rotherham United vs Walsall
Shrewsbury Town vs Bristol Rovers
(12.00noon)*

*Stockport County vs Carlisle United
Swindon Town vs Wycombe Wanderers
York City vs Bradford City*

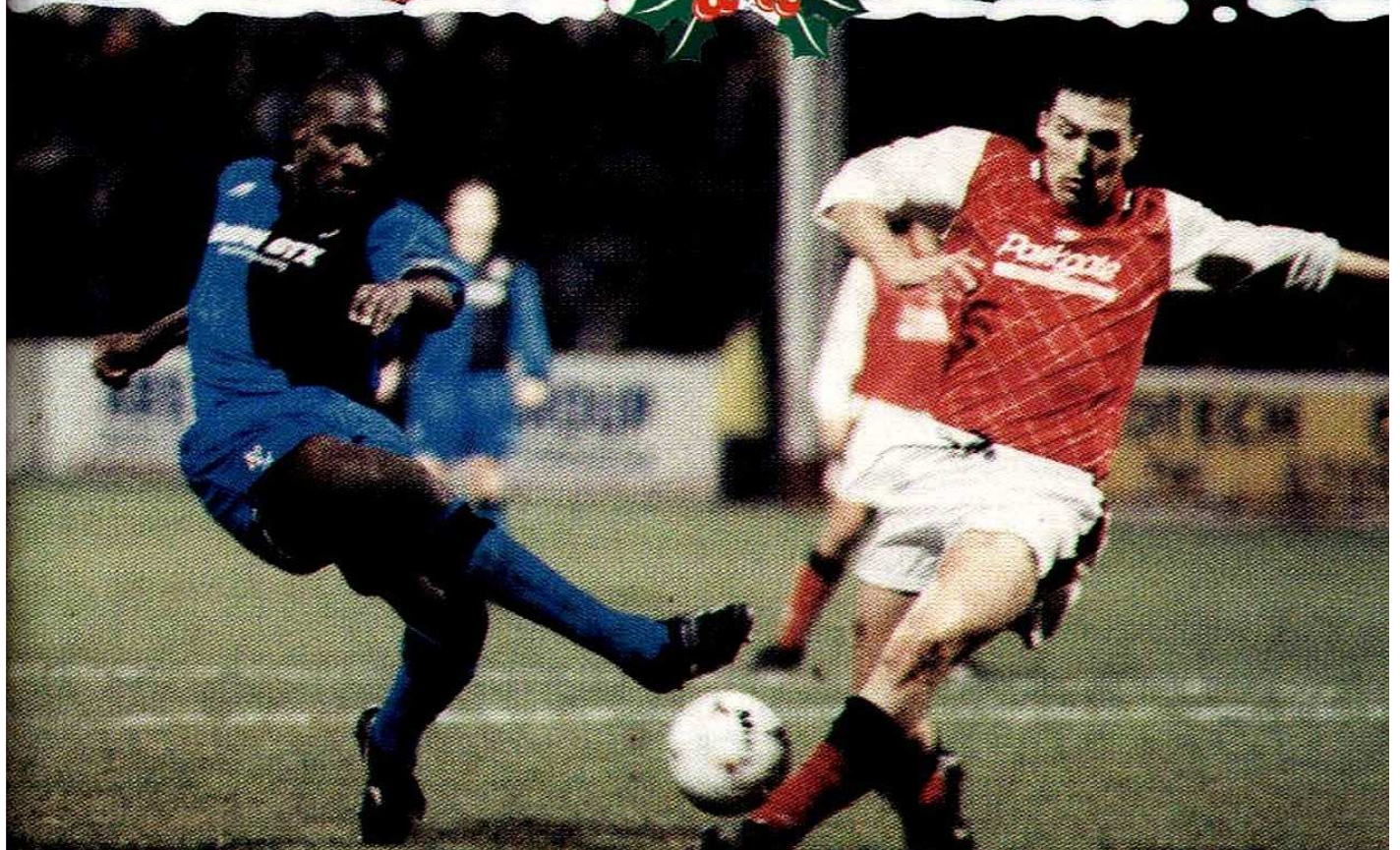
Robins in Action

Rotherham United vs Swindon Town

*KEVIN HORLOCK and WAYNE ALLISON
celebrate with STEVE FINNEY after he
scored at Millmoor.*



JASON DRYSDALE in control.



WAYNE ALLISON unleashes a shot.

Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

Robins vs Robins, the ideal opener for Christmas as we met Wrexham in our last home game prior to the festive season.

We were hoping for a visit from Santa to bring us three points but were not really expecting Scrooge to arrive instead.

Having already gone down to Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground earlier in the season, we knew that we were in for a tough nut to crack in the return game.

We were determined to play down the revenge motive but wanted to wipe out the memory of our first League defeat of the campaign.

For the first twenty minutes or so we played some excellent passing football but then fate stepped in when Wayne Allison went off with an ankle injury but not before he and Ty Gooden had tested the visiting keeper.

We knew that Wrexham were not going to surrender easily when Paul Allen had to clear off the line.

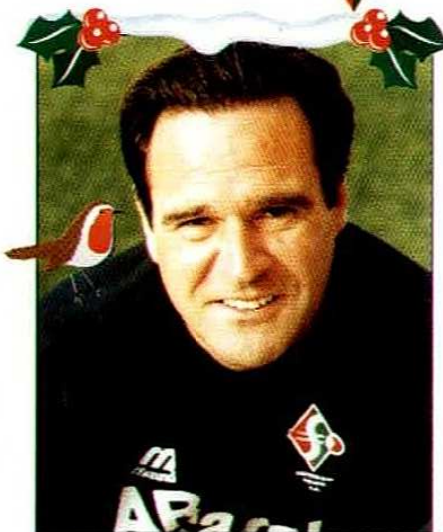


We of course then lost our other striker when Steve Finney was injured but supersub Wayne O'Sullivan, himself just back from

injury put us in front. But the lead was ruled out by another diabolical refereeing decision.

We have got to put that disappointment behind us now as we have the possibility of twelve points to gain over the Christmas and New Year period.

Finally what about the Euro '96 draw?



It was I'm sure inevitable that England would be drawn with Scotland, but to be in the same group as Holland as well. I think it is safe to say that there will be a few soccer widows about the country next summer!

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Treatment Rooms

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

Andy Mutch went under the surgeon's knife last Wednesday at the Ridgeway Hospital. Hopefully the repair to his hernia will relieve him of his troublesome symptoms of continual groin pain.

The operation is now very common in professional football and indeed Andy is the second player this season to have been diagnosed as having a hernia, the other being Martin Ling.

Andy has got to build up his work very slowly and he has only been allowed to walk and commence light stomach strengthening up to now but the next four weeks will see him increase his workload and return to playing by the fifth week if all goes to plan.

Mark Seagraves' ankle injury has

improved dramatically since he sustained the injury at Rotherham at the beginning of the month. Yet again he has astounded everybody at the club by his quick recovery and hopefully he will be available for selection for today's game.

On the week leading up to Christmas I was hoping for a quiet time, but the injuries to Steve Finney and Wayne Allison put paid to that!

I will certainly be able to treat injuries but players will have no sympathy from me if they come to



me complaining of other problems such as over-eating or dare I say over-drinking!

The Swindon Town Shadow Board

Approaching 100 fans packed into Cirencester Town Football Club for our first Open Forum on 12 December.

Steve McMahon, Steve Jones and Mike Spearman joined Shadow Board members John Lodge and Sheila Maslin on our panel taking questions from supporters. The Club used the occasion to make two announcements:

- 1) A Matchday creche, to be operated jointly with Thamesdown Borough Council will be launched early in the New Year.
- 2) Redevelopment of Stratton Bank (which could cost the Club £600,000) has been put 'on the back burner' with top priority being given to the team. Mike Spearman emphasised that there is no longer financial pressure to sell any players.

The Club is also looking at a way of introducing 'no smoking' sections into all stands. If you feel strongly about this issue please write into the Shadow Board at the address at the bottom of the page.

Steve McMahon said that his move into management came earlier in his career than he expected and that he did not hesitate to accept the offer to come to Swindon. He also said that he has never had any regrets and he promised never to do 'a Mark McGhee'.

Mike Spearman told the Forum that promotion to Division 1 would gain the Club £800,000 per annum from the new SKY Television contract - £500,000 more than we would receive as a 2nd Division Club.

Steve McMahon acknowledged the impact of our travelling fans - the level of away support is much appreciated by the players. Finally he responded to a question about referees by commenting that he now 'speaks to them' before kick off to make sure they have a good game!

Let's hope we have a good game today.

Seasons Greetings to all supporters from the Shadow Board.

Please write to us at: The Shadow Board, P.O.Box 663, Swindon, SN1 2NX.



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In the Community

With Shane Cook

I'm sure that yesterday most people had a great time enjoying the festivities. However we must not forget that not everybody was well enough to make the most of the occasion. No more so than the youngsters who have been in hospital. Just prior to Christmas the players joined me at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon as we delivered gifts to the children

The players as always were brilliant with the youngsters and I'm sure that some of the parents were as pleased to see the lads as were the patients.

It doesn't matter what problems you might have of your own, after a short while visiting the kids in hospital, you certainly get things in perspective.

Here on this page today we can see what a great job the playing staff did for their Christmas in the Community.

A reminder that we are now starting our Christmas Fundays. We are on the County Ground Extension on Thursday. Next Tuesday we are indoors at Greendown Community School in West Swindon and finally on Wednesday 3 January we are at Farmore School in Fairford.

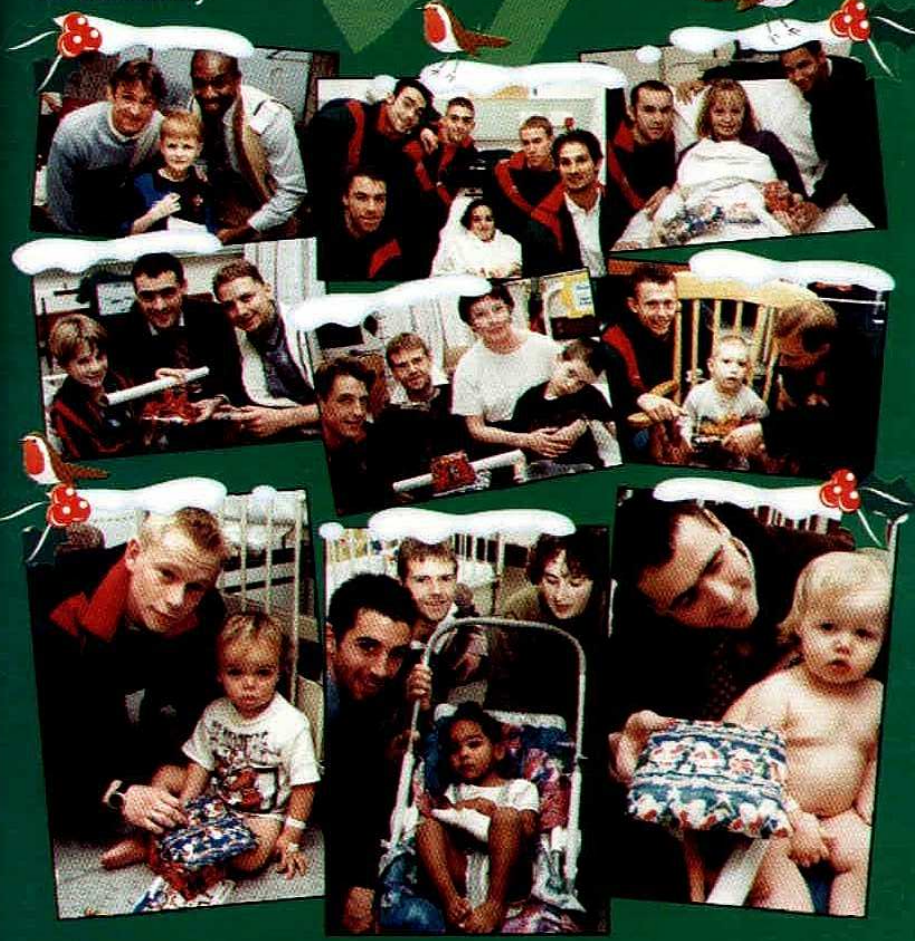
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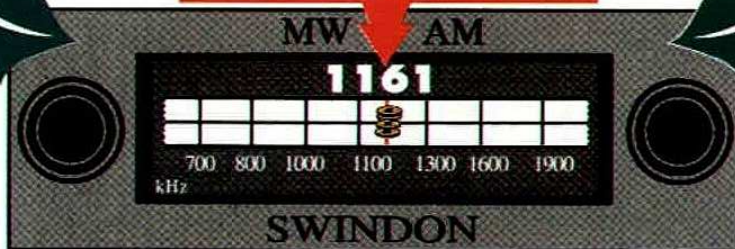
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Home & Away



Burnley - Peterborough United



Our next visitors to The County Ground, Burnley suffered the same fate as ourselves at the end of last season when they were relegated from Division 1 having spent only one season in the Football League's top flight.

We of course had come down from the Premiership the previous season while Burnley could only manage to stay up for one year after their promotion in 1993/94.

When we met last season a 17th minute goal from Keith Scott earned us a share of points here at The County Ground on 23 November while a brace from Peter Thorne saw us return from Lancashire in February with all three points after our 2-1 victory.

Prior to last season, Burnley were last here at The County Ground on 15 March 1986 and our 3-1 win over The Clarets gave us a new club record when we recorded our 14th consecutive home victory. 7212 fans saw Charlie Henry, Dave Bamber and Colin Gordon helped us rewrite the record books.

This win gave us a double over Burnley following their 2-0 defeat at Turf Moor earlier in the season, Colin Gordon and Peter Coyne scoring on this occasion.

Our last League meeting with Peterborough United was when we were en-route to the Premiership in season 1992/93.

At London Road we shared six goals in a thriller watched by 5976 spectators, our goals coming from Shaun Taylor (2) and Craig Maskell. Paul Bodin was to score the only goal of the game which secured us the points in our victory over Peterborough at The County Ground on 3 April 1993. This win kept us in fourth place and one of the vital Play-Off positions.

ROUTE TO PETERBOROUGH UNITED

From Swindon take A420 towards Oxford turning left on joining Oxford Ring Road onto A34. At M40 join at j9 leaving at j10 going on to the A34 towards Northampton via Towcester.

From Northampton follow A45 to join A605 to Peterborough via Oundle.

In Peterborough take A47 to City Centre following signs for Whittlesey. Cross river into London Road and ground is on left.

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Steve McManis

Steve McManis

Talks to Colin Benson

CB: You have a reputation as a hard man of the field Steve. Do you think in hindsight this has been a drawback?

SM: A drawback? No I have never classed myself as being a hard man ever. It is people like yourself and other press men who have done that. I just go out and play the game as I think it should be played. a hundred go out and play the game as I think it should be played. a hundred per cent and that is the way I have always played it.

CB: Everton was your first love but who were your idols as a kid?

SM: Alan Ball was my idol. he always was. It was funny really because I met Alan Ball at Wembley once - I had played against him when he was at Blackpool - with his son and I told him he had been my favourite player. Alan laughed and told me that I was his son's favourite player...a strange co-incidence really.

CB: In those days did you want to play his role?

SM: I did yes. I had his white boots and everything too as a kid. I'll get some stick over that no doubt.

CB: If you hadn't been a footballer what profession would you have chosen?

SM: I never ever thought about anything else. It never once entered my head because I was associated to Everton at 14 and at 16 you are straight into it as an apprentice so there was never time to think about it.

CB: Didn't Everton reject you as an apprentice initially?

SM: Yes. because they thought I was too small. But what happened was I still stayed on and went training every day until I built myself up. did plenty of weights

and so on and within a few months they signed me up.

I persevered, kept going and got there in the end. But I wasn't too shattered when they did not sign me at first because they didn't say I was not good enough, they said I wasn't big enough and that I could do something about it. You can't do anything about not being good enough of course.

I just had to build myself up because I was only good for seventy minutes. I know some people say I'm only lasting seventy minutes now but I'm sure I am good enough for 75 maybe!

CB: Born and bred on Merseyside of course what was behind your move to Aston Villa in 1983?

SM: Well my contract was up - freedom of contract - and Everton didn't offer me a decent deal to stay on.

CB: I suppose that hurt a bit did it?

SM: Well it did because I had given Everton a good three years in the First team and to decide to move for the first time in my career was a big decision. I was still a young lad. but I don't regret anything. At the time I did speak to Liverpool because my contract was up, spoke to Bob Paisley in fact and to Tony Barton of Aston Villa. But there was a bit of bad press about it and I decided the right thing for me would be to move away.

Going to Liverpool would have been a bit of a problem because of the hassle in the papers and the stick that was being banded about. I was about to sign for Liverpool in

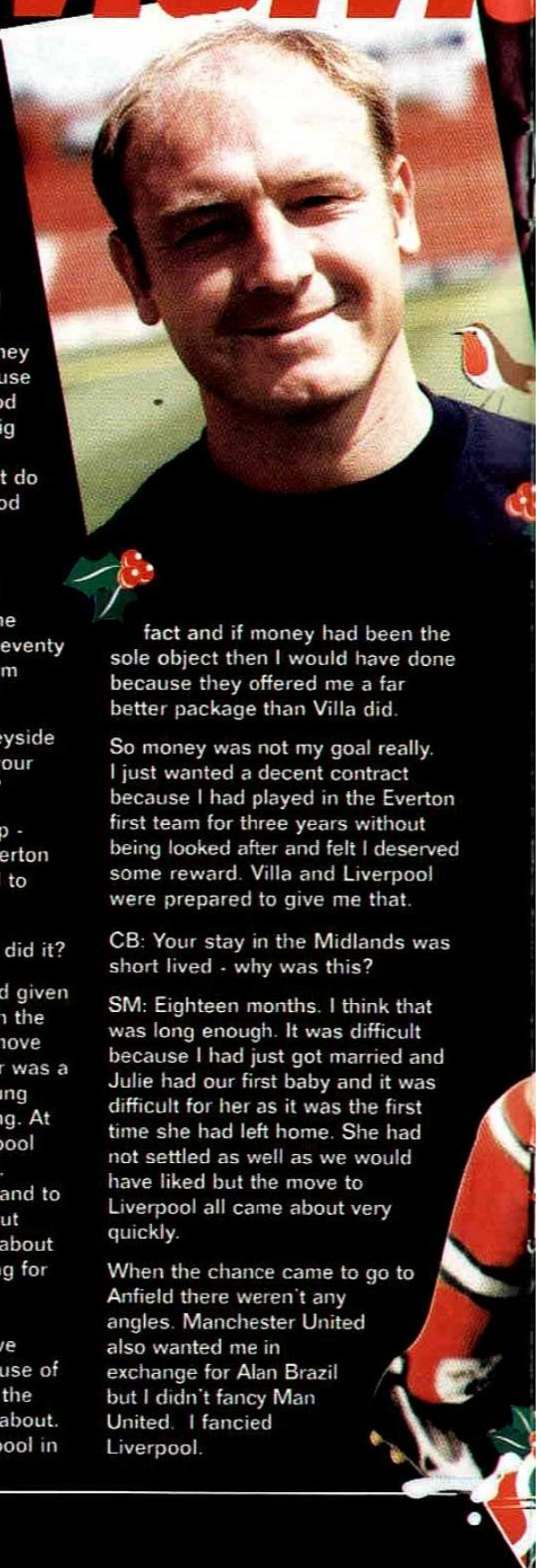
fact and if money had been the sole object then I would have done because they offered me a far better package than Villa did.

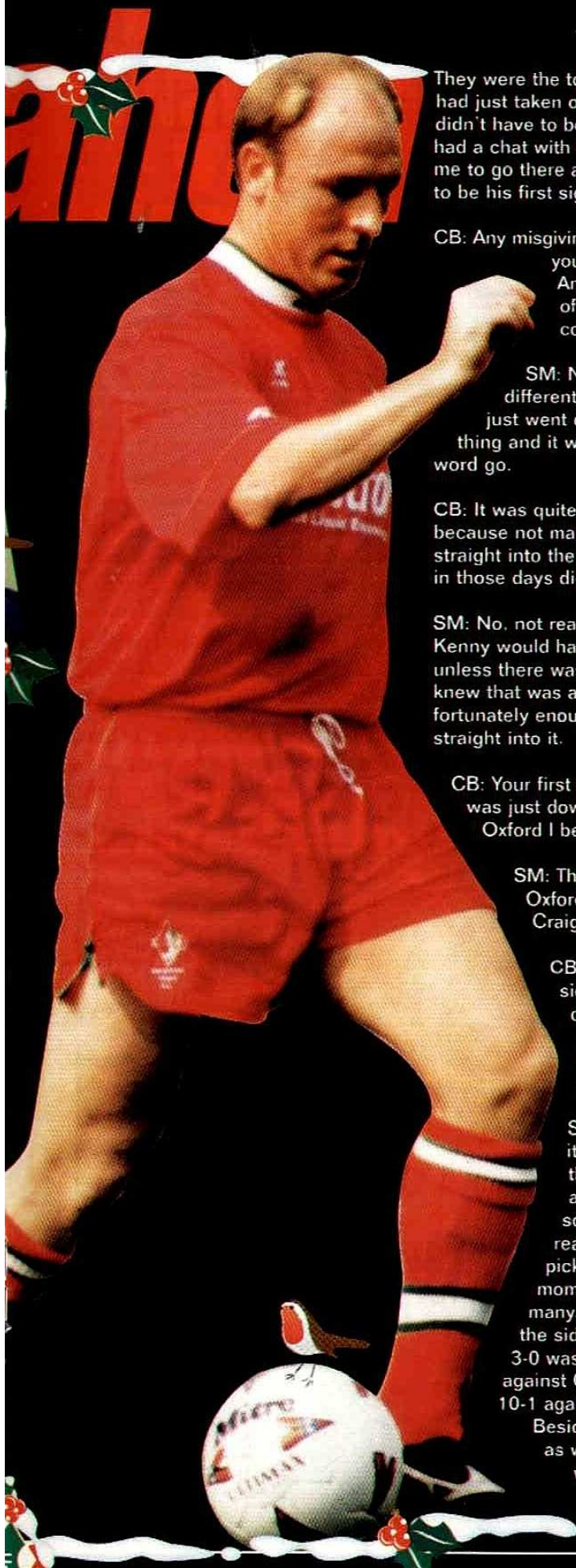
So money was not my goal really. I just wanted a decent contract because I had played in the Everton first team for three years without being looked after and felt I deserved some reward. Villa and Liverpool were prepared to give me that.

CB: Your stay in the Midlands was short lived - why was this?

SM: Eighteen months. I think that was long enough. It was difficult because I had just got married and Julie had our first baby and it was difficult for her as it was the first time she had left home. She had not settled as well as we would have liked but the move to Liverpool all came about very quickly.

When the chance came to go to Anfield there weren't any angles. Manchester United also wanted me in exchange for Alan Brazil but I didn't fancy Man United. I fancied Liverpool.





They were the tops and Dalglish had just taken over as well. He didn't have to be persuaded. I just had a chat with him and he asked me to go there and I was delighted to be his first signing.

CB: Any misgivings at all because you were taken to Anfield to fill the boots of Graeme Souness of course?

SM: No..... I was a different type of player and just went out and did my own thing and it worked from the word go.

CB: It was quite a tribute to you because not many players went straight into the Liverpool first team in those days did they?

SM: No, not really. I don't think Kenny would have brought me in unless there was a vacancy. So we knew that was a problem area and fortunately enough I slotted straight into it.

CB: Your first game for Liverpool was just down the road at Oxford I believe?

SM: That's right 2-2 at Oxford. Ian Rush and Craig Johnston scored.

CB: That Liverpool side of course clinched the double and must have been a joy to play in?

SM: It was fantastic, it really was. From then onwards for six and a half years or so it was all highs really. It is difficult to pick out great moments, there were so many. I think to play in the side that beat Forest 3-0 was fantastic. And 9-0 against Crystal Palace; then 10-1 against Fulham.

Besides the Cup Finals as well... don't know what were my highlights. I really don't know.

I think the FA Cup Final in 1989 was special. It was the Hillsborough Final and was against Everton as well which is special and meant so much to the fans. We actually won the Cup for them really. I think at that time it was important the Cup should finish on Merseyside.



CB: Let's turn to your International career and medals in the 1990 World Cup Finals and of course earlier in the European U-21 tournament. They must be special to you?


SM: Yes, I have been fortunate to play in the two major tournaments with the European Championship Finals in 1988 in Germany, then the World Cup, in Italy where I played in four of our seven games. And we got a medal for finishing fourth after losing to Italy in a Play-Off in Bari. It was a bit of an anti-climax because we were disappointed we had not won through to the Final. But it was entertaining.

CB: Which of your International performances gave you most pleasure?

SM: It is difficult to say. I don't really know. Sweden away was a difficult game for us in the European Championship qualifying rounds. We needed to get a result and did 0-0; and I got a lot of good press for that one. Italy at Wembley was a great game to play in as well. I have Vialli's shirt from that one.

CB: You have played under some legends in your time and have obviously taken on board some of their practices. So how would you describe your style of management?

SM: I wouldn't know to be honest with you...I wouldn't know how to describe me. I enjoy training, I enjoy playing, I enjoy all aspects of the job. I'm sure there are a few comments the lads would like to make but I don't think they will be printable.



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Somehow I get the feeling that this afternoon's Matchday Party may not be the first party you may have been to in the last week or so. I know it certainly isn't mine...and my head can prove it!

Hope you all had a great time yesterday but today we get back to the serious business of footy and hopefully another three points.

This is the first time that Wycombe Wanderers have been to the County Ground so we welcome them on this their debut and trust they have a safe, but pointless trip home at 4:45!

It will be interesting to see how many of you have responded to my challenge last week to turn up this afternoon in fancy dress. No I don't mean wearing the jumper your mother-in-law bought you for Christmas either.

Dave Evans from the Evening Advertiser is out there with his camera and will be looking to take shots of any of you who have dared to come in Fancy Dress.

Several of the Cambridge United supporters came here in the first round of the FA Cup dressed up in a variety of disguises so let's see what you have done today.

We've got another busy time coming up what with today's festive bash. Then there's Burnley here on Saturday, Woking in the F.A.Cup on Saturday week followed by Swansea on the following Wednesday. Get those requests coming in if you want me to read something out over the P.A. before the game or at half-time.

So to Horne's Howler and I now know why Mark Robinson was staring at the box of orange juice on his kitchen table last week... it said 'concentrate' on the side!!

The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

Merry Christmas to all Junior Robins. I hope you had a wonderful day yesterday and had as much fun as at the Junior Robins Christmas Party.



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'ALADDIN' THEATRE TRIP

All Junior Robins joining me on Friday 5th January for the pantomime should have now received their letters. As a reminder, we will be meeting in the Wyvern Theatre entrance at 1:30pm for the 2:00pm show and some money may be required for refreshments. Until then, enjoy the Christmas holidays!

MASCOT PACKAGES

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 1995 Christmas Party was a huge success. Over 150 Junior Robins, family and friends attended the event which included music with BBC Wiltshire Sound's Stuart Mac, competitions, presents and appearances from Rockin' Robin and Swindon Town players. Thanks to everyone who came along and I hope you all had a great time. Special congratulations go to 7 year old Kieran Wetherall who won the dancing competition and will be mascot when Swindon face Brentford on 21st February 1996.

Today's Lucky Mascots







Nick Prescott is 23 years old and lives in Shrivenham. Nick works for PIA Marketing Communications and is Swindon Town's programme designer. His hobbies include watching and playing football and socialising with friends. A mad-keen Swindon supporter. Nick is also a creep who says all the team are his favourite!

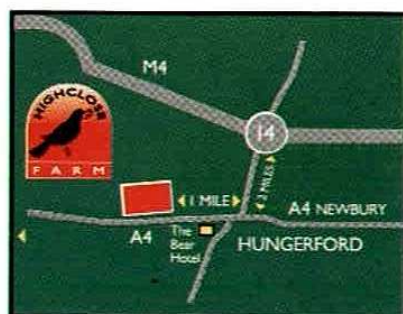
19 year old Danny Prescott is enjoying student life at Roehampton Institute in London where he is practicing 'social skills.' His many hobbies include food, drink and sport. Danny is a striker for Shrivenham AFC. His favourite Swindon Town player is Kevin Horlock.

Jeremy Stephens, 27, also lives in Shrivenham and works for Courtaulds Films in Cheney Manor as a Development Engineer. Jeremy is mad on football and as well as playing the game, supports Swindon Town both home and away. His favourite player is Mark Seagraves.



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Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

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have just produced Neill Morrissey's new video "Footballers Behaving Badly!" which includes "the great, the brilliant, the one and only... Steve McMahon!" A Happy New Year to all and success to the Town.

Thames Water are also Match Ball sponsors and it is always a pleasure to welcome Derek Stroud and his guests to The County Ground. Thames Water are one of Swindon's major employers with over 1000 staff based in Kembrey Park.

Auto Windscreens Competition Winners

Two competitions were held at both our Auto Windscreens Shield home games and the winners are as follows:

Colchester United Game

The winner of the sun-roof is Mr R. Bennett from Water Eaton. Consolation signed footballs go to Mrs A. Cobern from Upper Stratton and Mr J. Fry from Swindon. The prizes are in the post!

Hereford United Game

Congratulations to Craig Harris who wins a £50 voucher to spend in the Swindon Town Superstore. Consolation T-shirts are on their way to A. Beck, K. Vowles, G. Lane, A. Stevenson, M. Osman, M. Matthews, L. Davis, D. Castleman, T. Barron, T. Peers. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Presentation Time!



John Carey, Industrial Director from Castrol, presents Mark Robinson with the November Players' Player of the Month Award. Mark receives a meal for two at Fattios Italian Restaurant, Highworth.



Paul Allen presents an autographed ball to Bryan Matthieson from Non-Stop Promotions who were matchball sponsors against Wrexham.



Mike Johnson, Automotive Director from Castrol, presents Paul Allen with his Man of the Match champagne. Castrol were matchday sponsors against Wrexham.

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By Roger Reeves

Comments:

A satisfactory start but still some way to go. Two good wins home and away to Gosport Borough but tough home games to Reading Royals and Thame United to come. A disappointing exit from the FA Cup at Plymouth Pilgrims. Will have to continue to work hard to win the League and gain promotion.

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
	FA Cup 1st Round	H w/o
Sun 17 Sept	Eastleigh	H 4-0
Sun 1 Oct	Basingstoke Town	A 8-0
Sun 8 Oct	Gosport	H 4-2
Sun 15 Oct	Plymouth Pilgrims (FAC 2)	A 0-3
Sun 22 Oct	Oxford University	H 5-1
Sun 29 Oct	Thame	A 5-1
Sun 5 Nov	Milton Keynes United	H 13-0
Sun 19 Nov	Eastleigh	A 7-0
Sun 26 Nov	Leighton Linslade	A 7-0
Sun 3 Dec	Basingstoke Town	H 18-0
Sun 10 Dec	Gosport	A 5-3
Sun 17 Dec	Bracknell Town (LCPR)	A
Sun 7 Jan	League S-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	
TBA	Carterton	A
TBA	Leighton Linslade	H
TBA	Reading Royals	H

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



Back Row:

Nadine Lloyd, Clare Wheeler, Deb Martin.

Middle Row:

Nett Wyness, Clare Tyson, Jo Sharpe, Allison Richards, Vikki McCann, Zoe Stevens

Front Row:

Sarah Ramsey, Martin Wheeler (Chairman), Tracy Mackeddie, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood (Player/Manager), Roger Reeves (Assistant Manager), Mandie Lewis.

Insets:

Justin Hume, Sara Privett, Kim Reeves.

Southern Region League Division 2 as at 13 December 1995

	HOME			AWAY			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
SWINDON TOWN	12	12	0	0	84	8	36
Reading Royals	9	8	0	1	47	13	24
Thame	10	8	0	2	37	13	24
Gosport	12	8	0	4	45	27	24
Milton Keynes United	11	4	2	5	20	34	14
Oxford University	8	3	1	4	23	18	10
Basingstoke Town	11	3	0	8	16	57	9
Eastleigh	13	2	0	11	18	64	6
Carterton	11	1	1	9	8	31	4
Leighton Linslade	7	1	0	6	4	37	3

Swindon Town Goalscorers 1995/96 season

Nadine Lloyd	29
Kerie Garwood	26
Pam Laker	5
Clare Wheeler	5
Deb Martin	3
Kim Reeves	3
Justine Hume	1

POSITION	1st	RECORD	100%
GAMES PLAYED	12	GAMES WON	12
		GAMES DRAWN	0
		GAMES LOST	0
GOALS SCORED	84	GOALS CONCEDED	8
		POINTS GAINED	36

Goal Difference plus 76

Biggest win: 18-0 vs Basingstoke Town (home)

Closest win: 4-2 vs Gosport Borough (home)

5-3 vs Gosport Borough (away)

Reserves Review

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	1-2
Mon 25 Sept	CHELSEA	H**	1-2
Mon 02 Oct	Millwall	A	1-1
Mon 09 Oct	WIMBLEDON	H**	0-0
Mon 16 Oct	TOTTENHAM H.	H**	1-2
Tue 24 Oct	Portsmouth	A	1-1
Mon 30 Oct	Q.P.R.	H**	1-1
Tue 07 Nov	Watford	A	1-2
Mon 13 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-0
Mon 20 Nov	West Ham United	A	0-3
Thu 30 Nov	Bristol City	A	0-1
Wed 20 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	
Wed 27 Dec	NORWICH CITY	H	
Wed 03 Jan	Oxford United	A	
Sat 13 Jan	Arsenal	A	
Mon 15 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
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	H	
Wed 01 May	Luton Town	A	
TBA	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
TBA	CHARLTON ATH.	H	

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 18 December 1995

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	1	1	5	1	1	33	17	38	16
Arsenal	18	6	1	2	4	5	0	40	18	36	22
Chelsea	18	6	2	3	5	1	1	33	19	36	14
Crystal Palace	18	3	2	1	6	4	0	20	7	33	13
Wimbledon	20	6	2	3	4	1	4	38	31	33	7
Norwich City	18	5	2	1	4	3	3	37	24	32	13
Queens Park Rangers	17	7	0	2	3	1	4	33	25	31	8
Southampton	19	4	5	0	3	1	6	31	26	27	5
West Ham United	17	3	3	2	4	1	4	31	27	25	4
Luton Town	18	4	2	4	1	3	4	26	28	20	-2
Bristol City	18	2	1	6	4	1	4	14	23	20	-9
Ipswich Town	13	3	1	2	2	3	2	26	16	19	10
Charlton Athletic	15	2	1	3	3	3	3	23	26	19	-3
Oxford United	19	2	2	4	2	4	5	26	36	18	-8
Bristol Rovers	18	3	0	5	2	1	7	26	39	16	-11
Brighton & Hove Alb.	15	4	2	1	0	2	6	15	29	16	-14
Portsmouth	17	2	4	4	2	0	5	18	36	16	-18
Watford	18	4	0	6	0	3	5	18	36	16	-18
Millwall	18	2	4	3	1	1	5	23	38	14	-15
Swindon Town	16	0	6	2	0	2	6	10	27	8	-17



I am glad that we were able to rearrange our game with Bristol City which, despite resulting in another defeat ensured we did not have three consecutive games postponed either because of Cup-ties or the recent arctic weather.

In the games which fell foul we were hopeful of a few of the players who were returning from injury getting a run-out.

It is always frustrating when you have games called off, no more so than when it delays players making their come-back.

It is all well them being able to train but there is nothing better than match-play.

Weather permitting we were due at Ipswich Town last Wednesday in the Avon Insurance Combination but sadly Ipswich do not play their Reserve Team fixtures at Portman Road. They prefer to play at Bury St Edmunds Football Club who have a pitch renowned as resembling a quagmire.

Tomorrow afternoon here at The County Ground we have a small score to settle when we face Norwich City. Back in August we were on the wrong end of a six-nil score-line when we met The Canaries at Carrow Road. I do not expect, at least I hope we will not

suffer quite the same fate tomorrow. Norwich were able to field a very strong side in August while we had a first team game on the same day so my squad was somewhat depleted.

We are now halfway through the season and I am naturally very disappointed that we have reached Christmas without a win and being the only team in the Combination to have done so does not help.

In some of the games I think it is fair to say that the lads know that they did not play as well as would have been expected of them.

In others they played well but circumstances went against them. They have shown that on their day they can produce the goods and I just hope that it will not be too long now before we can start to pull away from the basement of the table.

One Reserve Team player who has gone out on loan to get regular first team football is Dean Hooper who joined Peterborough United just prior to Christmas for a month.

Reserve Team Appearances as at 06 December 1995

	Apps	Goals
P. ALLEN	1	0
J. BEAUCHAMP	5	0
P. BODIN	1	0
P. BRUNO	1	0
S. CAMPBELL	0(1)	0
L. COLLINS	3	0
M. COUPE	1(1)	0
F. DIGBY	3	0
J. DRYSDALE	5	0
A. FINLAYSON	4(3)	0
T. GOODEN	8	2
J. HAINES	2	0
I. HARVEY	1(0)	0
J. HOLLOWAY	13(2)	0
D. HOOPER	14	1
K. HORLOCK	1	0
A. HUGHES	4(2)	0
B. KILCLINE	4	0
J. LAIDLAW	11(3)	1
M. LING	6	0
L. MIDDLETON	2(3)	0
S. MILDENHALL	8(1)	0
E. MURRAY	9	0
A. MUTCH	10	3
G. PEARCE	1(0)	0
J. PITMAN	7	0
M. RAWLINGS	2	0
B. SMITH	2	0
R. SOUTER	4(2)	0
S. THOMAS	0(3)	0
A. THOMSON	8	0
G. THORNE	10	0
P. THORNE	4	2
J. TONER	1	0
A. VIVEASH	3	0
S. WIMBLE	4(4)	0
S. WOODMAN	0(0)	0
B. WORRALL	11(3)	1

Youth Team Focus

The defeat by Leicester City in our Midland Youth Cup Quarter-Final Replay at Filbert Street finished our interest in all Cup competitions as we went out losing 4-2.

As in the first game at The County Ground, Leicester took the game to us right from the start gaining a grip on the game that unfortunately we never looked like breaking. It was not until midway through the first half that Leicester took the lead but by then we had weathered some sustained attacking by the home side.

Out of the blue within minutes we equalised when a Steve Thomas cross was put in by Scott Woodman after the ball broke to him.

With a little luck we held on to go in level at half-time.

The team-talk during the break failed to make any difference. In fact you could say it had the reverse effect for we conceded a further two goals in the first four minutes after the restart. This finished any chance we might have had.

We only allowed Leicester to score once more and after having changed our formation managed to snatch a consolation goal when a Michael Pattimore free-kick was headed in by Ryan Souter. The most disappointing part was that we failed to learn from the first tie for we knew if we did not match them for effort or awareness we would be up against it.

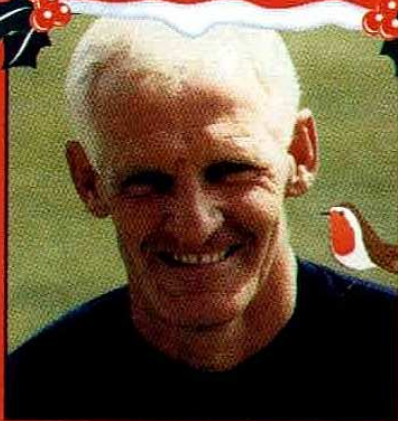
On this occasion far too many players had off days.

Result:

**Midland Youth Cup Quarter-Final Replay
Leicester City 4 Swindon Town 2**

Scorers: Woodman, Souter

Team: Mildenhall, Pearce, Soutex, Thomas, Campbell, Hunt, Coupe, Harvey, Finlayson, Woodman, Wimble. **Subs:** Wheeldon, Organ, Haines, Thorne W, Pattimore.



With only the South East Counties League fixtures left we must decide what the make-up of the side will be. Do we keep on as we are or do we bring in some of the younger players and plan for next season? As we are now half way through the season I must say that it has been disappointing as we have on occasions played to the standard expected but more importantly individual players have not improved and certainly for the second year trainees time is running out for their future in the game which has to soon be decided.



Michael Pattimore

By John Trollope

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 0-4
Tue 26 Sept	Cardiff City (SJFC 1)	A 1-0
Sat 30 Sept	READING	H 1-1
Sat 07 Oct	Colchester United	A 0-2
Sat 14 Oct	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 2-1
Sat 21 Oct	Oxford United (LC2)	A 1-1
Mon 23 Oct	LEICESTER CITY (MYC Q/F)	H 1-1
Sat 28 Oct	Oxford United (LC 2B)	A 1-3
Tue 31 Oct	Watford (SJFC 2)	A 2-3
Sat 04 Nov	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 1-1
Sat 11 Nov	Bristol City	A 0-0
Wed 15 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE (FAYC 2)	H 0-2
Sat 18 Nov	WIMBLEDON	H 4-1
Sat 25 Nov	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-1
Sat 02 Dec	Brentford	A 1-2
Wed 13 Dec	Leicester City (MYC Q/F R)	A 2-4
Sat 16 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-3
Sat 30 Dec	BARNET	H
Sat 06 Jan	Luton Town	A
Sat 13 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A
Sat 10 Feb	Reading	A
Sat 17 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 02 Mar	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 16 Mar	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A
Sat 30 Mar	BRENTFORD	H
TBA	Oxford United	A
TBA	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H

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

South East Counties League Division 2 as at 9 December 1995

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	13	7	0	0	4	1	1	44	11	23	33
Barnet	16	4	1	3	2	4	2	24	20	17	4
Wycombe Wanderers	16	4	1	2	3	2	4	24	28	17	-4
Wimbledon	13	4	0	2	4	0	3	30	19	16	11
Luton Town	14	3	2	2	4	0	3	29	20	16	9
Tottenham Hotspur	15	5	1	1	1	3	4	32	29	16	3
Brighton & Hove Alb.	14	5	0	4	2	2	1	19	17	16	2
Bristol City	16	1	5	2	4	1	3	24	25	16	-1
AFC Bournemouth	15	3	1	2	4	1	4	24	29	16	-5
Southampton	14	5	1	1	1	1	5	22	15	14	7
Bristol Rovers	15	3	1	4	2	2	3	20	20	13	0
Brentford	15	4	2	2	1	1	5	16	24	13	-8
Oxford United	13	3	1	2	2	1	4	18	19	12	-1
Swindon Town	14	3	3	2	1	1	4	15	21	12	-6
Reading	16	4	1	4	0	2	5	17	44	11	-27
Colchester United	15	1	2	3	1	0	8	15	32	16	-17

FROM The Boardroom

At this time of the year, I would like to convey the Board of Director's many thanks to all associated with our Family Club.

Our greatest thanks must be to you, the supporters who after having had to suffer relegation in successive seasons have continued to turn out in your thousands to support the players.

Because of your excellent behaviour we are seeing many family groups and it is good to see the children returning to watch the game.

What gives me the greatest of pleasure is to sit among the home Directors when we go away and to see the wonderful support of our fans.

You are a credit to our Club and to football.

S.A.S.Travel and the Travel Club must be congratulated for the way they organise and get the many hundreds of fans to our away fixtures.

I have myself travelled with them and know how much work, time and dedication is given by the devoted Travel Clubs.

We are at the moment at the top of the League but with still a long way to go to reach our goal of returning to Division 1. With the guidance of

Steve McMahon together with Andy Rowland, the Board are convinced that we have a team capable of achieving all our aims.

With the new television deal signed by the Football League it makes it even more important for our return as with the addition of the T.V. income we can now look to consolidation and financial strength.

On behalf of everybody we would say thank you to Steve and all the playing staff.

Not to be forgotten are the back-room staff of dedicated coaches and others from Jean in the laundry to our Chief Executive Steve Jones. There can be no words really to express our thanks.

Since becoming Chairman I have worked closely with all our staff and their dedication has to be seen to be believed.

It is always a treat to walk into any of our offices to find such a happy working atmosphere with always a friendly smile.

It all comes from a buzz given off from the whole running of the Club. From the Board we send you our very special thanks.



1996 is just around the corner and I know that we will all work together, remembering that there will be set-backs to make sure that some of our aspirations are achieved.

May I on behalf of the Board of Directors wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and once again a big thank you for all your support.

MIKE SPEARMAN

Face in the crowd....



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Did YOU know?

The fastest sending off of a player was after just 10 seconds when Guiseppe Lorenzo of Bologna was dismissed for striking an opponents in an Italian League match vs Parma on 09 December 1990!

On the domestic scene the quickest early bath goes to Mark Smith of Crewe Alexandra who went after 19 seconds at Darlington on 12 March 1994!

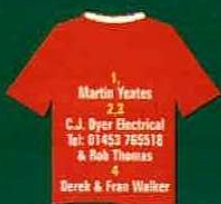


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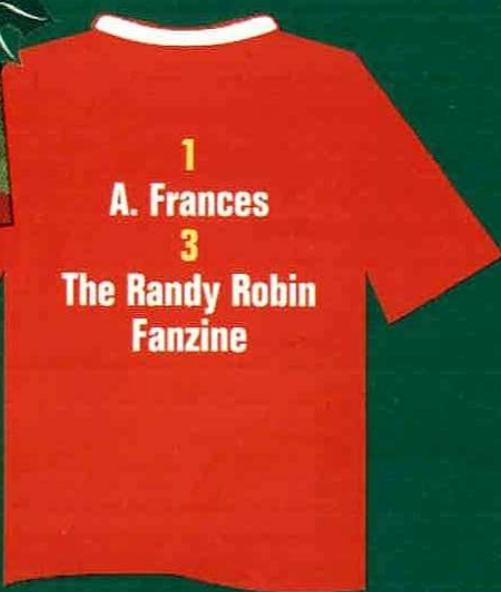


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ENGLAND
SWITZERLAND
HOLLAND
SCOTLAND

England v Switzerland
(Saturday, June 8 -
Wembley - 3.00pm)

Holland v Scotland
(Monday, June 10 -
Villa Park - 4.30pm)

Switzerland v Holland
(Thursday, June 13 -
Villa Park - 7.30pm)

England v Scotland
(Saturday, June 15 -
Wembley - 3.00pm)

Scotland v Switzerland
(Tuesday, June 18 -
Villa Park - 7.30pm)

England v Holland
(Tuesday, June 18 -
Wembley - 7.30pm)

GROUP B

SPAIN
BULGARIA
ROMANIA
FRANCE

Spain v Bulgaria
(Sunday June 9 -
Elland Road - 2.30pm)

Romania v France
(Monday, June 10 -
St James' Park - 7.30pm)

Bulgaria v Romania
(Thursday, June 13 -
St James' Park - 4.30pm)

France v Spain
(Saturday, June 15 -
Elland Road - 6.00pm)

France v Bulgaria
(Tuesday, June 18 -
St James' Park - 4.30pm)

Romania v Spain
(Tuesday, June 18 -
Elland Road - 4.30pm)

GROUP C

GERMANY
CZECH REP.
ITALY
RUSSIA

Germany v Czech Rep.
(Sunday, June 9 -
Old Trafford - 5.00pm)

Italy v Russia
(Tuesday, June 11 -
Anfield - 4.30pm)

Czech Rep. v Italy
(Thursday, June 14 -
Anfield - 7.30pm)

Russia v Germany
(Sunday, June 16 -
Old Trafford - 3.00pm)

Russia v Czech Rep.
(Wednesday, June 19 -
Anfield - 7.30pm)

Italy v Germany
(Wednesday, June 19 -
Old Trafford - 7.30pm)

GROUP D

DENMARK
PORTUGAL
TURKEY
CROAITA

Denmark v Portugal
(Sunday, June 9 -
Hillsborough - 7.30pm)

Turkey v Croatia
(Tuesday, June 11 -
City Ground - 7.30pm)

Portugal v Turkey
(Friday, June 14 -
City Ground - 4.30pm)

Croatia v Denmark
(Sunday, June 15 -
Hillsborough - 6.00pm)

Croatia v Portugal
(Wednesday, June 19 -
City Ground - 4.30pm)

Turkey v Denmark
(Wednesday, June 19 -
Hillsborough - 4.30pm)



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QUARTER FINALS

Runners-up Group B v
Winners Group A
(Saturday, June 22 - Wembley - 3.00pm)

Winners Group B v
Runners-up Group A
(Saturday, June 22 - Anfield - 6.30pm)

Winners Group C v
Runners-up Group D
(Sunday, June 23 - Old Trafford - 3.00pm)

Runners-up Group C v
Winners Group D
(Sunday, June 23 - Villa Park - 6.30pm)

SEMI FINALS

Winners Anfield v Winners Villa Park
(Wednesday, June 26 - Old Trafford - 5.00pm)

Winners Wembley v Winners Old Trafford
(Wednesday, June 26 - Wembley - 7.30pm)

FINAL

Sunday, June 30 -
Wembley - 7.00pm



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Benno!

By Colin Benson

Time was when Boxing Day football meant a ten-minute trip to the match - that is if your team were lucky enough not to be playing away. A meat pie, a cup of Bovril, a programme and a place on the terraces behind the goal and change out of ten bob!

Happy days! when the game was open and goals flooded in. When fans from both sides mingled with each other; when the banter between them was sharp and witty, the atmosphere festive and joyful, when the true Christmas spirit prevailed.

It's funny how time always colours the past, how nostalgia tends to bend reality and the mind conjures up pictures from a different age which often mirror more the idyllic setting than the virtual reality.

You see it never really was like that... Oh yes sometimes we would have fixtures home and away against one of the Bristol sides and fans would not need to spend a whole day travelling to and fro to support their favourite team but even before the days when computers set the fixture list there were some very awkward Christmas trips.

Take the season of 1946-47 for example. The Saturday before Christmas, the 21st December, we were away to Queens Park Rangers. The Paddington bound train on which the team were travelling became fog-bound and in the end the lads alighted at Southall and continued the journey by trolleybus.

Even so they got to the ground late and the kick off was delayed 25 minutes. The lads perhaps wish they had stayed on the train because the Rangers stuffed us out of sight 7-0!

Our Christmas Day, Boxing Day double that year was against Notts County, Tommy Lawton and all. But

what a Christmas that was for players and fans. They spent most of it on a train.

London, Newport, Cardiff and Brighton are just some of the exotic locations we have visited in the Yuletide festivities. Christmas 1957 saw us play back to back games with Brighton, the following year it was Brentford.

Veteran supporters will remember Christmas 1938 though. We were home to top of the table Newport County and thrashed them 8-0! A hat-trick from Ben Morton helped demolish the eventual Champions. And there were ten more goals in the reverse fixture 24-hours later. This time Newport took the points with a 6-4 victory.

Ah well, maybe things ain't what they used to be after all.

In recent years the Football authorities have come in for a lot of stick for not taking travelling into consideration. Plymouth Argyle as an obvious case in question with a 610 mile round trip to Cambridge on this festive day a typical example a couple of years back. It is not much better for them today either, they are away to Gillingham, having been at home to Cambridge last Saturday.

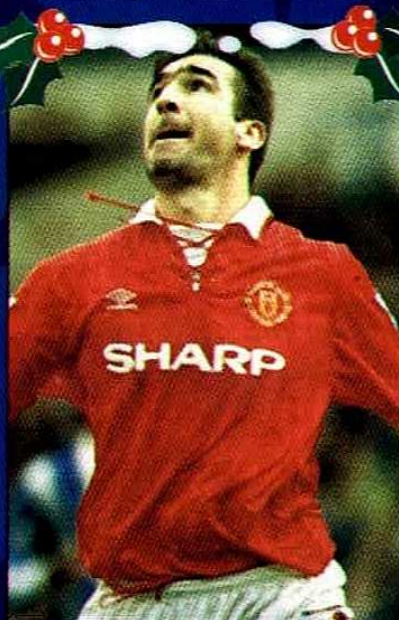
Plymouth's geographical situation makes them a difficult case of course, but Exeter, Torquay United and even Cardiff City would surely have been more convenient holiday opponents for the Home Park fans.

In general however The Football League and the Premiership seem to have got it right this year. This

Boxing Day the overall fixtures seem to be supporters friendly with the likes of Arsenal home to QPR and Manchester United v Newcastle United. But Ipswich Town fans have quite a trek across country to negotiate to Leicester; Fulham are at far away Lincoln City and Wigan at Cambridge.

Just as a matter of interest do you know where we were last Boxing Day? We were playing out a 0-0 draw at Stoke City. The following day we lost 1-3 at home to Sheffield United. And what of Boxing Day 1993? Give Up? We didn't play. We lost 2-4 at Leicester on December 20th and our next engagement was in January against QPR in the FA Cup.

Happy travelling all. See you at Peterborough on New Year's Day.



Eric Cantona
- at home today vs Newcastle.

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Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

The lads all hope you have a very Merry Christmas and that we can add to the cheer this afternoon by beating Wycombe Wanderers.

Obviously this is a popular day for football, I think many fans like it because it gets them out of the house for a breath of fresh air.

As professionals we have not been able to give everything to the festive spirit, our celebration time comes at the close of the season when hopefully we will be able to toast promotion to Division One. But there is a lot of work to get through before then and this is one of the crucial periods.

We know how important Christmas and New Year is to a promotion challenge with nine points up for grabs in a week. If we can produce a good little spell now we will be certainly well set for the League.

Christmas, New Year and Easter, are crucial campaigns, the latter of course being the most significant because you are entering the last few furlongs of the race then. But if you haven't done it over periods like this you will not be in the running come that final burst. You need a bit of luck too over these intense periods. In the way of injuries and things like that.

While you were opening your presents yesterday morning we were in training and I think the manager was right to get us in. We all obviously enjoy our turkey and things like that but it is important not to over indulge. I know many of the lads have young families but it is no problem. We are professional enough to accept that today is the big one for us and we take it very seriously and know that the greatest Christmas present we could have is three points.

We could have trained after the Christmas lunch of course, but we tried to make it just a normal day really. Players normally have a light lunch and an evening meal the day before a match anyway and I think all players at this level are very

professional and will not have eaten more than they should.

Personally, I don't mind seeing those around me stuffing themselves while I have to be restrained, I always look at it this way that after the game we can possibly have a few drinks and a meal but at the end of the day we are professional footballers who get paid to perform to our best for the public and we respect this.

Thankfully I don't think I have been injured or suspended over Christmas time so it has really been like this for me for the past eight or nine years and comes as part of the job. We don't miss out that much and have the bonus of knowing that if we have a successful season then we can have a real good time in the summer.

I recall the season Exeter City won promotion we won the games over Christmas and Easter and went on to win the league by ten points. We weren't the best of travellers yet managed to win two away games over the Christmas holiday and that set us up nicely. There is no doubt if you have a good Christmas like that you are flying.



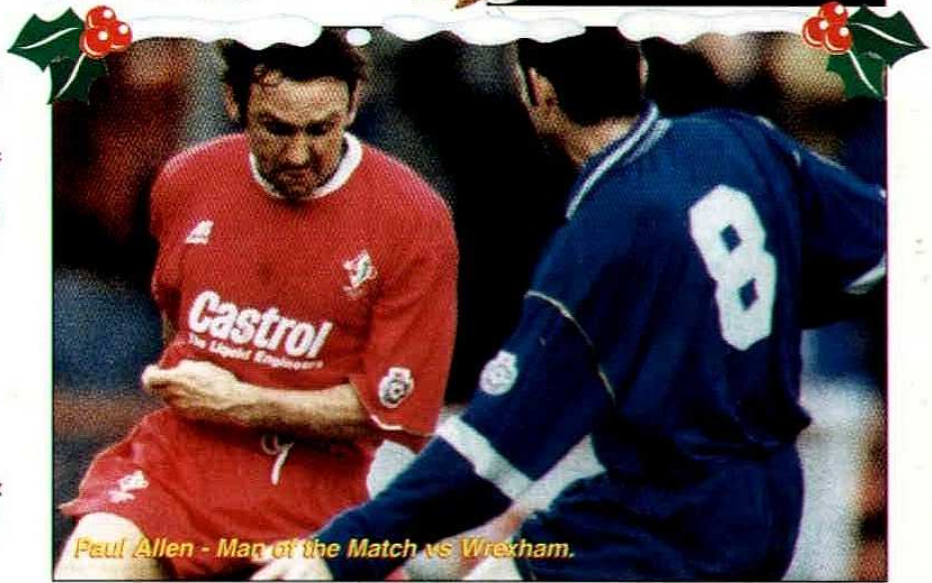
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In the Wrexham programme I conveyed the fortunes of our junior teams so far this season.

However the senior sides have been having different fortunes. The U15's under Mike Byrne and Don Rogers started off poorly but have shown some improvement in the last month which certainly pleases me as I felt this squad of players have to impress more than any other because they are the future YTS players within the next two seasons.

On an individual basis we have had International recognition for Frank Stephens who has gone through to the England Schoolboy U15's for trials and we are hopeful that he has made the last 32 for selection after Christmas.

We have introduced new faces into the squad from outside the area. Naturally it will take time for the



lads to settle onto our pattern but we have been pleased with the form of Ian McSherry from Cirencester and Lee Murphy from Plymouth.

In contrast the U16's have not lost all season under the guidance of John Trollope and Dick Mackey. But this age group is very much about

performance as we are looking at this group for next year's Trainees.

The decisions on the boys have to be made by March 1996 and week in, week out the boys have to perform to the highest level if they want to succeed.

Once again on the individual plaudits we have Anthony Betterton keeping goal for England U16 Schoolboys and Chris O'Connell has been invited to train with the Irish U16 Schoolboys in Dublin just after Christmas.

This is certainly a nice bit of recognition for both the lads and the Club and I am striving to make sure that the younger boys have the appetite to achieve at the highest level.

At this time of year I would also like to thank all the coaches along with the boys and parents for their efforts in 1995 and of course to National Power for their generous support to the Centre of Excellence.

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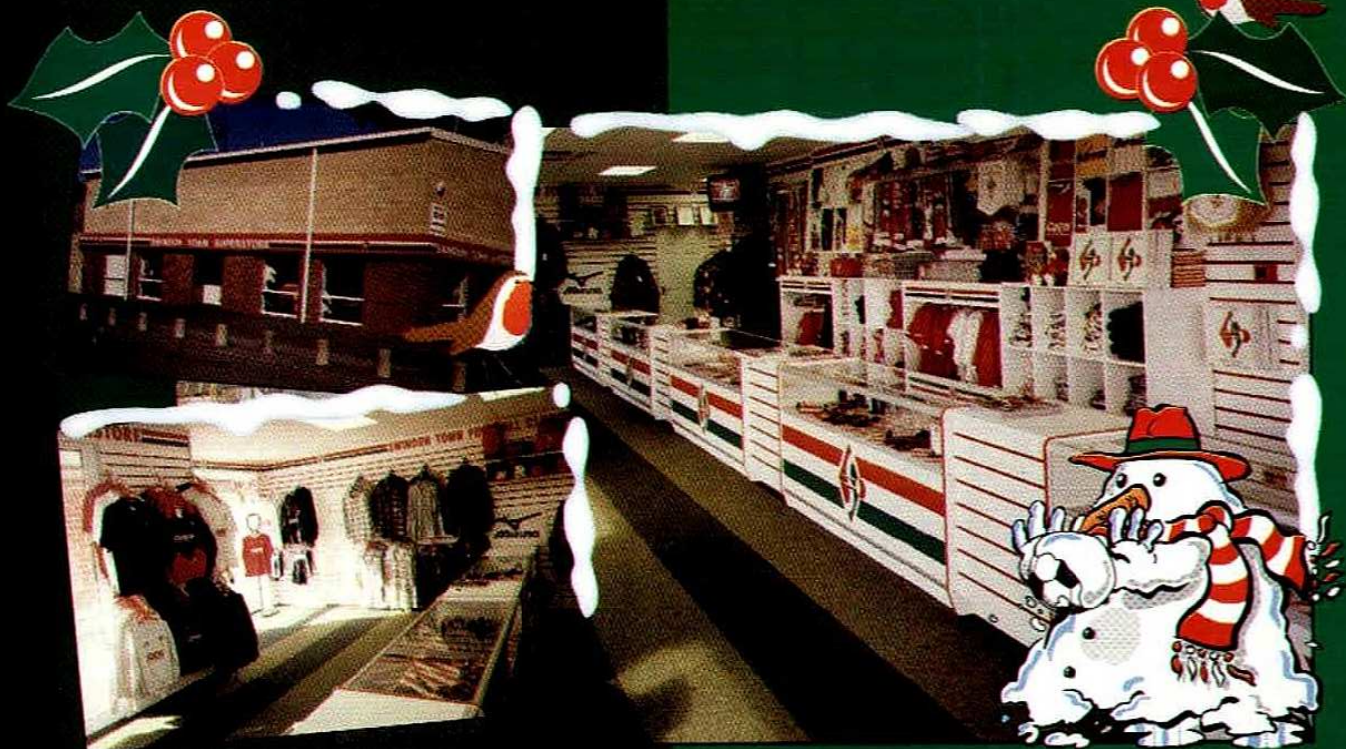
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Statistics - Season 1

Endsleigh League Division 2 as at 18 December 1995

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
SWINDON TOWN	20	5	4	1	7	2	1	36	15	42	21
CREWE ALEXANDRA	20	8	1	1	4	3	3	40	22	40	18
NOTTS COUNTY	20	6	1	3	5	4	1	32	17	38	15
BLACKPOOL	20	6	2	2	4	3	3	31	21	35	10
BURNLEY	21	6	4	1	3	3	4	35	27	34	8
WREXHAM	20	6	3	1	2	6	2	33	23	33	10
CHESTERFIELD	20	7	2	1	2	3	5	31	23	32	8
SHREWSBURY TOWN	20	6	0	4	4	2	4	30	26	32	4
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	20	3	6	1	4	3	3	28	22	30	6
BRADFORD CITY	20	6	2	2	2	2	6	28	33	28	-5
OXFORD UNITED	20	7	1	2	0	6	4	27	24	28	3
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	20	6	2	2	2	2	6	21	26	28	-5
STOCKPORT COUNTY	20	2	6	2	4	2	4	24	21	26	3
BRISTOL ROVERS	20	3	2	5	4	3	3	21	29	26	-8
WALSALL	20	3	5	2	3	2	5	23	18	25	5
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	20	4	4	2	1	4	5	27	30	23	-3
CARLISLE UNITED	21	4	4	2	1	3	7	27	33	22	-6
BRISTOL CITY	20	3	4	3	2	3	5	20	29	22	-9
YORK CITY	20	3	3	4	3	0	7	23	32	21	-9
ROTHERHAM UNITED	21	5	3	2	0	3	8	23	35	21	-12
SWANSEA CITY	21	3	5	3	1	3	6	22	35	20	-13
BRENTFORD	20	5	1	4	0	4	6	18	26	20	-8
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB.	20	3	2	5	1	1	8	17	34	15	-17
HULL CITY	20	1	4	5	1	4	5	16	32	14	-16

First Team Appearances as at 18 December 1995

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	6(1)	0	2	1	8(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	18	8	8	2	26	10
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	14(2)	2	6	0	20(2)	2
LEE COLLINS	0	0	1	0	1	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	20	0	7	0	27	0
FRASER DIGBY	10(8)	0	7	0	17(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4(1)	0	3(1)	0	7(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	19(1)	11	8(1)	4	27(2)	15
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	5(12)	1	4(4)	1	9(16)	2
DEAN HOOPER	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	17(1)	5	6(3)	3	23(4)	8
MARTIN LING	2(4)	0	3	1	5(4)	1
STEVE McMAHON	19	0	6(1)	0	25(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0
EDWIN MURRAY	2(10)	1	2(3)	0	4(13)	1
LUC NIJHOLT	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	18(1)	3	5(2)	0	23(5)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	20	1	7(1)	0	27(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	13	0	7	0	20	0
FRANK TALIA	5(4)	0	0(1)	0	5(5)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	20	3	9	0	29	3
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	1(5)	1	2(4)	1	3(9)	2

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

FAC = F.A.CUP CCC = COCA-COLA CUP
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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	NIJHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NIJHOLT 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 P	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 o	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
14,740	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	MURRAY	GOODEN o
8,473	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o 1	THORNE P o	DIGBY
4,296	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 2	GOODEN	FINNEY	BODIN	DIGBY
16,924	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
11,797	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
7,808	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	ALLEN o	MURRAY	GOODEN
1,135	DIGBY	MURRAY	BODIN	ALLEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING 1	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	THORNE G o	O'SULLIVAN o
12,633	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN
8,725	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR 2	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN
6,352	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN o
12,470	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING o	MURRAY	DRYSDALE o
6,222	DIGBY	HOOPER	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	THORNE G	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	McMAHON o	O'SULLIVAN o	THORNE P o 1
7,383	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN 1	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 2	DRYSDALE o	GOODEN o	THORNE P o
7,196	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN	TALIA
9,306	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN o	TALIA
6,650	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	HOOPER	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY o	HORLOCK o	ROBINSON o
8,274	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
3,042	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
8,418	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GOODEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	O'SULLIVAN 1 o	TALIA



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Swindon Town

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Ian Culverhouse
- 3 Jason Drysdale
- 4 Steve McMahon
- 5 Mark Seagraves
- 6 Shaun Taylor
- 7 Mark Robinson
- 8 Paul Allen
- 9 Steve Finney
- 10 Wayne Allison
- 11 Kevin Horlock
- 12
- 13
- 14

Wycombe Wanderers

- 1 Paul Hyde
- 2 Jason Rowbotham
- 3 Mickey Bell
- 4 Terry Howard
- 5 Jason Cousins
- 6 Steve Brown
- 7 Dave Carroll
- 8 Gary Patterson
- 9 Miquel Desouza
- 10 Simon Garner
- 11 David Farrell
- 12 John Williams
- 13 Steve McGavin
- 14 Jason Soloman

Team Changes

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Today's Officials:

- Referee:**
C.R. Wilkes (Corse, Gloucestershire)
- Linesman (red/yellow flag):**
D.R. Spicer (Totton, Hampshire)
- Linesman (yellow flag):**
M.J. Cairns (Burton-Upon-Trent, Staffs.)
- Reserve Official:**
A. Gourley (Bristol, Avon)

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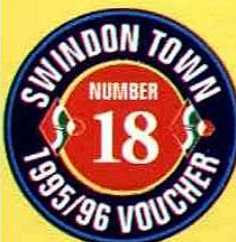
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