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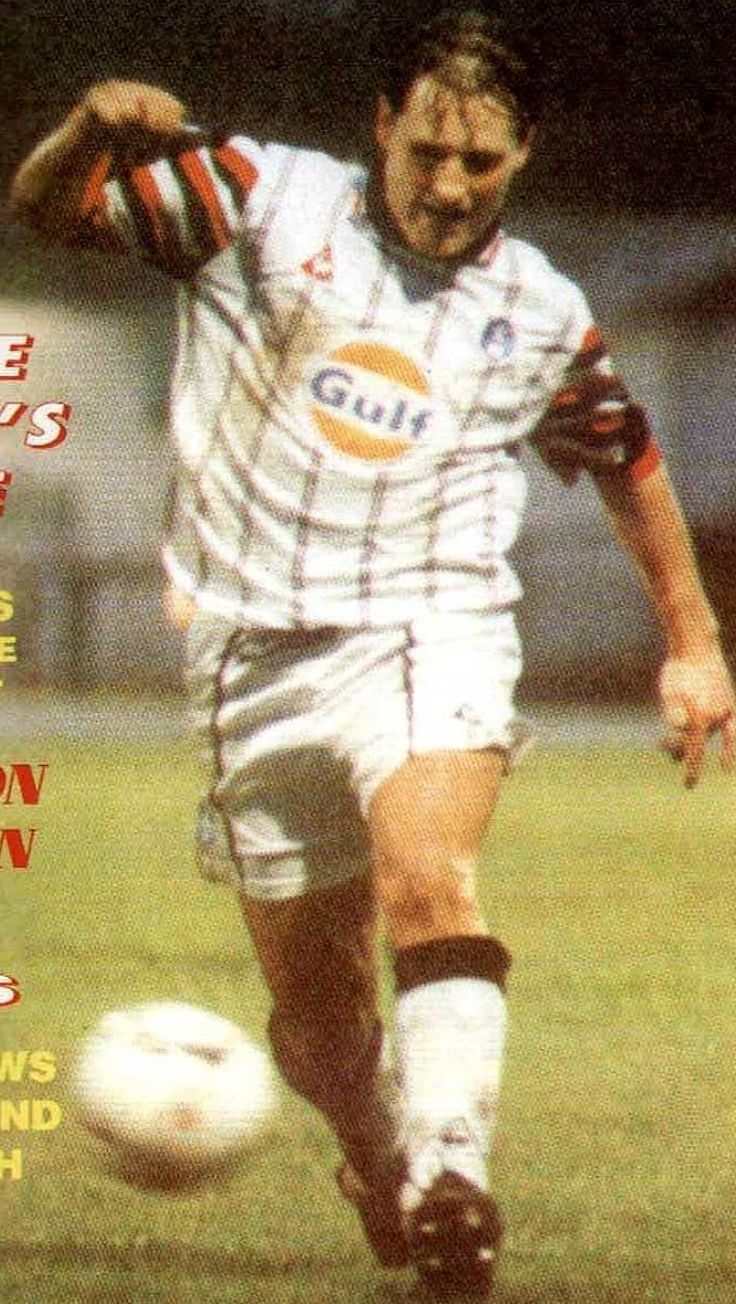
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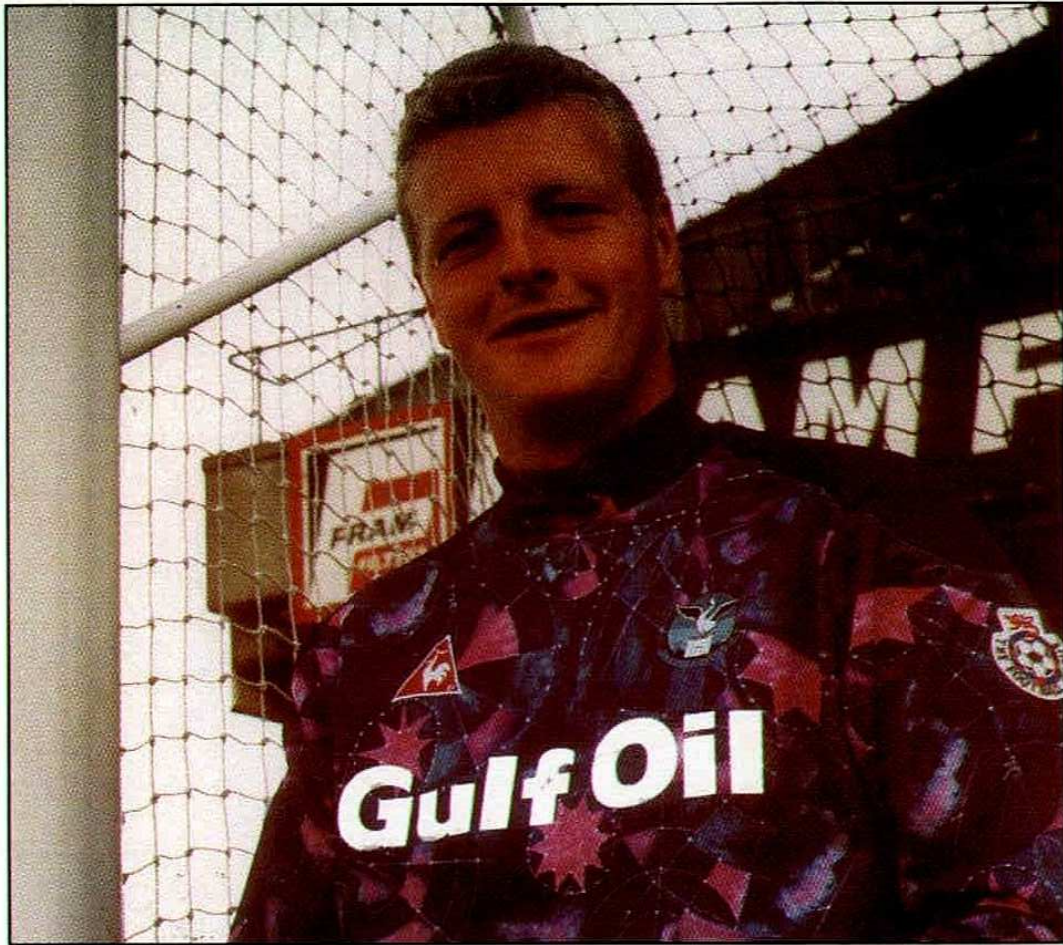
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# Team Talk

**I am obviously delighted to have been appointed manager of the club and to have this early opportunity of speaking to you, the supporters, through this column.**

Let me say straightaway that my assistant Paul Molesworth and I are not frightened by the task facing us. We know that there is a big job to do here, but we are looking forward to the challenge.

To achieve what we want to achieve, however, there must be a response from everyone at the club - from the management right down to you supporters. It is important that we all pull together in the same direction.

The Chairman has made a bold move in bringing Paul and myself to the club, and we feel that we have a duty to ensure that his ambitions are addressed. We sincerely hope that we can deliver.

There's nothing like being thrown in at the deep end - it couldn't really be a lot harder than playing the top of the League could it? But then, whoever the opposition had been today, the priority would have been the same - to steady the ship and steer the side through choppy waters.

Unfortunately, the full allocation of five loan signings for the season allowed by the Football League have been utilised, and I feel there is a need to bring new faces into the Football Club. I am currently speaking to the Chairman to determine what money might be made available to achieve this.

Our cause today is not helped by the loss of skipper John Cornforth with a hamstring injury picked up in Tuesday's defeat here against Stockport. He will be badly missed. It's a problem we could have done without, but we must get on with the job and pull together.

May I please ask our supporters to really get behind the team this afternoon and for the rest of the season. I am a believer in involving the fans, and in my time at the Vetch, I wish to encourage an open relationship between you and myself.

There will be opportunities along the way for an exchange of views, thereby giving everyone the chance of some involvement in the Club. That is what this game of ours is about.

**Keith Cullis**

**On behalf of everyone at Swansea City Football Club we extend a warm welcome to new manager Keith Cullis and his assistant Paul Molesworth, and wish them every success for the future.**

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# SWINDON

**A**lthough generally accepted that the club was founded in 1881, it has to be said that there is no evidence that the name "Swindon Town" was used by founder the Rev. William Pitt, until two years later on the amalgamation with another local side.

**O**riginal members of the southern League in 1894, the Robins made a calamitous start, finishing bottom after taking only nine points from their eighteen games

From those humble beginnings, there have been notable successes along the way. Three seasons ago, under the managership of Glenn Hoddle, the Wiltshire club

finally made it to the top flight for the first time in their history. Promotion to the F.A. Premiership was achieved after a thrilling 4-3 victory over Leicester City at Wembley in the Play-off Final.

That achievement made up for the profound disappointment experienced two years previously when the club thought they had secured a First Division place following a 1-0 win over Sunderland at Wembley. On that occasion,

Swindon did not get the chance of kicking a ball in anger amongst the country's best - they were demoted by the Football Association following financial irregularities.

Previously their most memorable moment also came at Wembley, way back in the 1968-69 season. Then, as a Third Division club, they lifted the League Cup with a 3-1 extra-time victory over mighty Arsenal. Even then there was disappointment.

The club were not able to take their place in Europe in the Fairs Cup because they were a Division Three club. They did, however, get a chance to play in Europe in the following season. They were entered in the newly organised Anglo-Italian Cup, and won the tournament, defeating Napoli 3-0 in the Final in Italy.

Original members of the Third Division South, along with the majority of their Southern League



Middle Row: (from left to right) Steve Hogg (Goalkeeper), Ty Gooden, Edwin Murray (with club), Ty Gooden, Edwin Murray.  
Front Row: Martin Ling, Wayne O'Sullivan, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Player Manager), Ross MacLellan (Reserve Team Coach), Johnathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Jamie Pitman, Ben Worrell.



**NICKNAME:** The Robins

**GROUND:** County Ground



# N TOWN



rivals, in 1920, the Wiltshire club stayed in the section throughout, winning a place in the newly-formed Third Division in 1958.

Five years later, Swindon experienced Second Division football for the first time, and from then on, they yo-yoed between the two divisions for the next twenty years.

In 1986, there was a brief dalliance with the Fourth Division, but at this juncture, the fortunes of the club took a turn for the better.

The revival was started by Lou Macari, taken on by Ossie Ardiles and then Glen Hoddle. Hoddle's untimely departure to Chelsea left John Gorman cutting his managerial teeth in the F.A. Premiership. He and his players found it a frustrating experience, but Swindon won many friends for the football they produced.

Following a further struggle last season in the First Division, Gorman was replaced by STEVE MCMAHON. Although he was unable to stave off relegation, he immediately started the rebuilding of the side, and will be hopeful that his team can maintain the form it has shown so far this season and carry off the Second Division title, and thus make an immediate return to the higher section.

In recent weeks, his squad has been hit by injuries, but the manager has

brought in several players to augment his squad, and these are likely to be available today.

## Goalkeepers

Former Manchester United apprentice FRASER DIGBY is the first choice 'keeper, and has made over 350 first team appearances since joining the club in September 1986.

He has warded off a challenge from FRANK TALIA, who after a loan spell with the club has now joined the club on a permanent basis. The Australian-born custodian was signed from Blackburn Rovers.

## Defenders

In recent weeks, the Swindon defence has been weakened by the loss of skipper SHAUN TAYLOR and his central defensive partner, MARK SEAGRAVES.

Taylor returned to action last Saturday in the 2-1 home win over Carlisle United, the former Exeter City player, signed in July 1991, was an ever-present in the previous two seasons. Shaun came into League football late, having been signed by Exeter City from Western League Bideford at the age of twenty three, but has more than made up for lost time. He is one to be watched at set pieces.

Seagraves, out with a back injury is nearing fitness, and could be in contention today. The big,

## One To Watch

### WAYNE ALLISON



A Football League Tribunal decided that Swindon should pay Bristol City a £475,000 fee when the Huddersfield-born striker moved to the County Ground just before the start of this season.

He started his career at Halifax Town, before moving to Watford for a £250,000 fee in July 1989. The following year, a £300,000 deal took him to Ashton Gate, where twice he was leading goalscorer. He has already justified the fee placed on his head, by not only scoring his fair share of goals, but laying on goals for his colleagues.

strong central defender came to the club from Bolton Wanderers in the close season for a £100,000 fee. A former Liverpool apprentice, he has also had a spell at Manchester City.

Thirty-one-year-old IAN CULVERHOUSE has been a regular since his arrival from Norwich in December 1994. He began his career as an apprentice at Tottenham before moving to Norwich City in October 1985. He cost the Robins a tribunal-decided fee of £250,000 after the Canaries had asked for £900,000, whilst at Carrow Road, Ian made more than 300 appearances.

Injury has also restricted the appearances of Bristol-born JASON DRYSDALE. He was signed from Newcastle United for a fee of £340,000 in March 1995. a

former trainee with Watford, Jason won England Youth caps and made 160 appearances and scored thirteen goals for the Hornets before a £425,000 move to the North-East. After seven months at St James' Park, Jason returned South after failing to break into the first team at Newcastle.

Welsh international full-back PAUL BODIN is now in his second spell at the County Ground. He was originally signed in 1988 from Newport County for a £25,000 fee, and moved to Crystal Palace three years later for a fee of £350,000. Within ten months, he was back at Swindon after failing to command a regular first team berth at Selhurst Park. He, too, hasn't had the best of luck with injuries.

Another of Swindon's defenders, MARK

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ROBINSON, also joined the club from Newcastle United. That was back in March 1993, and he has been a regular since. An adaptable player, who can play in midfield, Mark was an apprentice at West Bromwich, but after surprisingly being released from the Hawthorns, made his name in League football at Barnsley.

Injuries have given EDWIN MURRAY opportunities this season. He has been on the club's books since signing as an Associate Schoolboy in 1988.

### Midfield

The manager himself, STEVE McMAHON has been influential in this area, but a knee operation last month has sidelined him for the time being.

He acted quickly to bring in Everton midfielder TONY GRANT on loan, and he is likely to be in Town's engine room today. Grant signed professional forms at Goodison Park in 1993, and is a promising youngster who is looking to break into the first team there. A combative player, he has already figured prominently in his games for the Robins.

Alongside, the experienced MARTIN LING has re-established himself after injury problems. Like PAUL BODIN, he is in his second spell with the club. He originally joined the club from Exeter City for £25,000 in July 1986. His stay was a short one - just

over three months later, he was on his way to Southend. It was in July 1991 that he returned to the County Ground when Glenn Hoddle paid £15,000 to secure his services.

Northern Ireland international KEVIN HORLOCK has revelled in a more forward role this season, and has been amongst the goals. Signed on a free transfer from West Ham United in the summer of 1992, he began his career as a full-back, and has deputised there this term when Bodin has been missing.

Cyprus-born WAYNE O'SULLIVAN also started his career as a full-back, and until recently has been a regular in the Swindon midfield. In the last few games, however, he has had to be content with a place on the bench.

That's because former Wycombe player TY GOODEN has forced himself into the first team reckoning. Released by the League's new boys in 1993, he was signed after a successful trial at the County Ground.

Youngsters LEE MIDDLETON, JAMIE PITMAN and BEN WORRALL are all pushing for inclusion, and all three have had substitute opportunities this term.

### Forwards

Up front, manager McMahon has paired WAYNE ALLISON (see One to Watch) and PETER THORNE in recent games.

Thorne has had a spell out of the side through injury, but on his recent return to the team, he has regularly appeared on the goalchart, and indeed, scored twice against the Swans a month ago in his side's 3-0 victory at the County Ground.

His signing from Blackburn Rovers at the start of the 1995 season was inspirational, and he has regularly found the net. His return to the side means that

another of McMahon's bargain acquisitions, STEVE FINNEY has had to make do with a place on the substitute's bench.

Finney was a team mate of McMahon's at Manchester City, and was signed on a free transfer from the Maine Road club. Despite his recent absence from the side, he has already notched double figures so far this season.

### PAST ENCOUNTERS

Swansea  
v  
Swindon Town

Season	Home	Away
1920/21	1-1	0-0
1921/22	1-3	0-1
1922/23	5-0	1-2
1923/24	1-1	0-1
1924/25	2-0	2-0
1947/48	1-0	0-1
1948/49	4-0	0-1
1963/64	3-0	1-2
1964/65	4-0	0-3
1965/66	1-1	2-2
1966/67	2-2	0-4
1978/79	1-2	1-0
1995/96		0-3

## MEET THE MANAGER

### STEVE McMAHON



Appointed Player/Manager at the end of November 1994, Steve is tasting the management side of the game for the first time.

An illustrious career has taken in spells at Everton, Aston Villa, as well as Liverpool and Manchester City. It was at Liverpool that he enjoyed most success with League and F.A. Cup wins in his first season there, while adding to those in the following six seasons.

A knee injury has prevented him playing in the last month, but his team are on course to bring him more success as a manager.



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Jones*

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## PERSONAL FACT FILE

### NAME

Lee Jones

### DATE OF BIRTH

9th Aug. 1970

### BIRTHPLACE

Pontygiath

### FAMILY

Wife, Claire & children

Christopher and Rebecca

### Favourite Food

Pasta

### Favourite Drink

Milk

### Favourite T.V.Show

Super Market Sweep

### Favourite Film

Mask

### Favourite Actor/Actress

Demi Moore

### Player You Most Admire

David Seaman

### Team Most Admired

Newcastle

### Favourite Ground

St. James Park, home of Newcastle

### Least Favourite Ground

Home Park, Plymouth

### Pet Hates

Smoking

### Biggest Thrill

Walking out at Wembley

### Biggest Disappointment

Losing to Cardiff in the Welsh Cup

### Most Difficult Opponent

All of them

### Ambitions

To play in the Premiership

### What Would You Have Been If You Weren't A Professional Footballer?

Would liked to have been a Rally Driver.

## CAREER UPDATE

The consistency of Roger Freestone has made it difficult for Lee to break into the first team, and with Ben Miles also on the books, there is strong competition at the Vetch.

Lee was originally signed by the Swans as a Youth player, but was released, rejoining in June 1994 from Welsh League club Porth.

Earlier this season, he went on loan to Crewe Alexandra in the hope of first team football, but did not make a senior appearance at Gresty Road.

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# Past Times

## BACK IN THE SECOND DIVISION 1949 - 1965 (Part Four)

### SEASON 1956/57

The club was heavily criticised in the local press during the close season for continually adopting the policy of replacing quality players with cut priced replacements. Derek King, a former Spurs junior had been purchased for a £3,000 fee, but after only five League games, announced his retirement through bad knee injury.

Tom Kiley had still not recovered fully from his injury, and the Swans despite providing tremendous goal scoring entertainment, leaked goals consistently, which ultimately prevented them from establishing themselves as genuine promotion candidates.

During the season the Swans scored ninety League goals, but also conceded ninety goals. It came as no surprise towards the end of the season that players started to ask for transfers, stating that the club had no ambition for top flight football, and were content to stay as a Second Division outfit. 'Speculate to accumulate' was a phrase continually being mentioned even in those days.

By the end of the season, the Swans found themselves in tenth place, with four players scoring goals in double figures. Yet again, unfortunately, the Swans lost in the Final of the Welsh Cup, losing to Wrexham 2-1 at Ninian Park. Ivor Allchurch enjoyed a purple patch of goal scoring midway through the season, with seven goals from eight League games.

### SEASON 1957/58

During the close season, two promising Schoolboys were signed by the club on amateur forms, Barrie Jones and Mike Johnson.

New talent continued to roll off the Vetch Field production

line, and Burgess proclaimed at one time that he felt there was no need to buy players when their was such an exciting young breed being continually

discovered at the Vetch Field.



T. KILEY, Swansea

Yet again through the season, the Swans problem lay with the defence, with ninety-nine League goals being conceded through the season, with the club eventually finishing their Second Division campaign in nineteenth place, one point ahead of relegated Notts. County. With Dudley Peake and Derek Blackburn being tried as deputies for Tom Kiley, players like Cliff Jones were starting to ask for transfers.

By February the Swans after much speculation announced the transfer of Cliff Jones to Spurs for a fee in the region of £35,000, a British transfer record at the time for a winger. Two players were brought in for £8,000 to replace Jones, Pat Terry and Billy Reed from Newport County.

During the season, thirty-one players were used by the Swans in League matches, the largest total for eight seasons.

### SEASON 1958/59

Despite receiving a large fee from the sale of Cliff Jones to Spurs, the Club's Directors decided on reducing the number of professionals on the club's books to twenty three, placing eleven

players on the transfer list. Bryn Jones and Dudley Peake were transferred to Newport County, while Norman

arrived at the Vetch Field as replacements.

Davies arrived from Newcastle as part of the Allchurch deal, with Webster being bought from Manchester United for a £6,000 fee. Overall the Swans still had a surplus of nearly £19,000 on the Allchurch deal.

The Club's Directors at this moment felt more optimistic about it's future, with the Club's overdraft being substantially reduced.

Despite the disappointment from the supporters over the likes of Allchurch and Jones leaving the Vetch, plans were drawn up to cover the North Bank, at a cost met by the the Swans' Supporters' Club.

**Tom Kiley**  
Struggled with a knee injury, and Swansea's hopes of success were dented

Lawson and Wendell Morgan arrived from Bury and Gillingham respectively.

Another significant move by the Directors in the close season saw the appointment of Trevor Morris to the General Manager's post, a move which ultimately saw Ron Burgess resign from the Team Manager's role in August, claiming his position had been reduced to that of Assistant Manager.

With financial affairs at the Club continuing to crop up, it came as no surprise when the talk of Ivor Allchurch and Mel Charles leaving the Vetch Field resurfaced. Despite being emphatically denied by Trevor Morris, Swans supporters feared the worst.

Herbie Williams made his debut for the Swans at the start of the season in a 5-0 win over Sunderland - four of the goals scored by Ivor Allchurch. Allchurch by now was approaching 28 years of age, and fearing that success would pass him by, felt that now was the right time to make a move and asked for a transfer. Within a few days, not only had Allchurch been sold to Newcastle United, but Colin Webster and Reg Davies had

At the turn of 1959, an interesting statistic emerge out of the team fielded by the Swans at Fulham - all eleven were internationals - eight full and three youth caps. That side was: King, Thomas (Dai), Griffiths, Hughes, Nurse, Kennedy, Allchurch (L), Davies, Charles, Palmer, Webster.

Graham 'Flicka' Williams arrived from Everton in February, and he quickly became a firm favourite with the supporters with his electric wing play. Roy Saunders was signed from Liverpool a month later, in an exchange deal with Des Palmer, and he was to start a long career on and off the field with the Swans - eventually seeing his son Dean Saunders make his League debut for the club as well.

March also saw the eventual move of Mel Charles to Arsenal from the Vetch, when he was sold to the Gunners for a fee in the region of £43,000, plus the arrival of Peter Davies in part exchange. It was no coincidence that, by the end of the season, attendances had fallen away alarmingly, with only 8,000 watching the last home game of the season against Liverpool.

Colin Jones

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# DIVISION TWO

## Crewe lose ground

### On Ice

After a midweek setback at Bradford when they lost 2-1, Crewe's hopes of maintaining the pressure on today's visitors to the Vetch, Swindon were literally put on ice. Crewe were due to play strugglers York City at Gresty Road, but a heavy overnight frost caused a postponement.

It gave **Steve McMahon's** side the chance to increase their lead at the top to six points as goals from strike duo Peter Thorne and **Wayne Allison** gave the Wiltshiremen a 2-1 home victory over Carlisle United at the Count Ground.

**Rory Delap** did pull a goal back near the end for the visitors, but the honours were taken by United's talented young keeper **Tony Caig**. He pulled off vital saves to keep his side in touch.

### County Close Gap

A **Tony Battersby** goal, his first since his £100,000 move from Sheffield United at the turn of the year, brought Notts County a 1-0 win at home to Peterborough United and closed the gap on second placed Crewe to just one point.

*"I'm relieved to have got off the mark. People have told me that the first goal for a new club is always the hardest to find. Now that I've got it, hopefully it will be the first of many."* said the young striker.

Peterborough manager

**Mick Halsall** felt his side deserved a point. *"A draw would have been a fair reflection. Having said that, there are a fair few teams who say they should have got something from their games with County but not many of them have. You don't get results week in and week out by being lucky."*

### In - And Out!

The subject of a million pound approach from Barry Fry's Birmingham City, Bristol Rovers' forward **Marcus Stewart** slotted home his nineteenth goal of the season from the penalty spot to clinch a 2-0 home victory over Walsall.

The Saddlers, who had conceded only two League goals in the last three months, had earlier seen **Peter Beadle** grab his fifth goal in nine League starts and defender Charlie Ntamark sent off.

Rovers manager **John Ward** commenting on Stewart's possible departure said *"I'm hoping Marcus will still be with us at the end of the season, but it's not my money running this club."*

### Denis Unhappy

Oxford United fresh from clinching a first away win in the League a few days earlier had manager **Dennis Smith** fuming after going down 1-0 to Rotherham.

*"We should have wrapped the game up in the first half,"* he said, *"Then we were well on*

*top and I'm annoyed with my players."*

The win was the Millers fifth successive victory, a run that earned joint managers **Archie Gemmill** and **John McGovern** the January Divisional Manager of the Month Award.

### Cherries Go Wandering

Bournemouth's play-off hopes were dented by a 3-2 home defeat by Wycombe Wanderers, who did their own aspirations no harm at all.

Cherries manager **Mel Machin** is determined to keep the momentum going, despite this setback and is hoping that he can extend the loan period of young Manchester United player **Chris Casper**.

### Jeff's Worth A Mint

Brighton have now gone seven games at the Goldstone without a victory and the Seagulls are in trouble at the wrong end of the Second Division.

However, two **Jeff Minton** goals salvaged them a point against Wrexham in a 2-2 draw.

Manager **Jimmy Case** was obviously relieved that his side had rescued a point, but refuses to panic.

*"There's nothing like a few victories to lift the spirits, and we've a bit jittery because we badly need to win before our own fans."*

### Tigers Bank On Steve

Hull City picked up a valuable, if surprising, point at promotion chasing Blackpool - thanks to an uncharacteristic mistake by the home side's keeper **Steve Banks**.

**Banks** let **Neil Allison's** shot - the Tigers only on-target effort throughout the ninety minutes - through his legs to cancel out **Rick Holden's** goal.

### Get Behind Us

Burnley slipped to another defeat, this time at Brentford, and lost more ground in their battle for at least a play-off place. **Nicky Forster's** goal gave the Bees a welcome three points and prompted disgruntled Burnley fans to call for the head of manager **Jimmy Mullen**. The Clarets have now won only once this year.

Midfielder **Paul Weller** sprung to the defence of his manager. *"It was frustrating because we felt we had done enough to get at least a point. It was good to hear the fans back the team, but we must hope they continue to back us all."*

## ROUND-UP

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## SOCCER COACHING SCHOOL

A reminder that I will be holding another Coaching School between Wednesday, 21st February and Friday, 23rd February inclusive at the Morfa Stadium.

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The response so far has been encouraging, but there is plenty of scope for a lot more!

## THANK YOU



*May I finish by thanking both Mizuno and IRCS for their continued support of the Community Project.*

# JUNIOR SWANS

**O**ur new manager **Keith Cullis** and his assistant **Paul Molesworth** could hardly have a more difficult start than today's game with **Second Division leaders Swindon Town**.

We welcome them to the Vetch and wish them the very best of luck in their time with the Swans. We all hope that they can change the fortunes of the side, so that we can move up

the table and away from the relegation zone.

As usual, please make yourselves heard today by cheering on the Swans to what we all hope will be a winning start for the new management team.

## NEW MEMBER

**A special welcome to our newest member Daniel Lloyd.**

Danny celebrated his birthday on the 8th February, and we would

like to wish him a belated Happy Birthday.

formation being supplied to the printers, the Birthday List which appeared in the Stockport programme detailed the wrong Birthday dates amongst our members for this month. Many apologies for this error, and we have amended the list for today.

To those of you who have Birthdays a little later in the month, don't worry, your names will appear in the Hull City programme.

**Don't forget get behind the team today and give them a big cheer!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Today we wish Happy Birthday to the following Junior Swans**

## FEBRUARY

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16th Geraint Nicholas

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## OUR NEW CHAIRMAN



# OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

## Michael D Thompson



**T**he Swans' have a new Chairman, Michael Thompson (41), who took over on January 26th.

"I first visited Swansea when I was a student" said Mr Thompson, who was born in Birmingham, and lives at present in Shropshire, "and as members of my family live here, I have strong links with the city. when I heard the club might be available, I leapt at the opportunity. I suppose I can never resist a challenge!"

Mr Thompson then went on to outline his plans for the club. "Firstly, we need to bring in a new manager. I have been talking to several people, so will be able to take a decision in the near future, and will let the fans know as soon as I have decided on the right choice of person. I want to see Swansea City back in the First Division by 1997, and there is no reason why, once we have achieved that, we should not continue onwards and upwards, to a place in the Premier League in time for the new Millennium."

## OBITUARY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the former Swans player **STEVE LEAVY**, who passed away on the 24th January, 1996 at the age of 70.

Steve joined the club in 1950 from Irish League Sligo Rovers, playing thirty-six times for the first team and scoring one goal, before injury forced him to give up the game in 1959. He maintained his links with the club as trainer to our Welsh League side, and also worked with other local sides. A lifelong supporter, he was a Season Ticket holder on the North Bank.

## BUSINESS AS USUAL

An unsuccessful ram raid on the Club Shop recently was quickly followed by a break-in in the early hours of the morning!

A large quantity of shirts, scarves and pennants were stolen, but was later recovered by Police in the Mayhill area of the city. So it's business as usual for Myra!

## OUR GUESTS

A warm welcome to the Officers and crew members of HMS Boxer, who are the guests of Swansea City this afternoon.

We sincerely hope that they have a memorable day with us, and trust that they will enjoy the game with League leaders Swindon Town.

## VETCH VISIT FOR EDWARD

**W**e also welcome **EDWARD CHAPMAN** to the Vetch Field this afternoon. He is the Swindon Town Mascot today.

Edward is 7-years-old and lives in Bryncoch, Neath where he attends Blaenhonddan School. His hobbies are Cricket, Swimming and Football - he plays as a striker for Bryncoch. Edward's favourite Swindon Town player is **Fraser Digby**.

We hope you enjoy your day!



# AROUND THE





## REARRANGED GAMES



## FLORA LONDON MARATHON

### GAMES REARRANGED

Both of the Christmas Holiday fixtures which were postponed have now been rearranged.

Our game at **Blackpool** will be played this **Tuesday, 13th February**, with a **7.30p.m** kick-off.

The home game with **Brentford** will take place here at the Vetch on **Tuesday, 12th March**. Again the kick-off will be **7.30p.m**.

### REFUGE ASSURANCE SIX-A-SIDE

After falling victim to the weather on the **27th January**, the **Final** of the this competition was played at the Vetch on **Tuesday evening**.

Congratulations go to **Townhill** who beat **St Joseph's** 1-0 in a thoroughly entertaining game.

They now go on to the **Regional Finals** later this month.

### SOLD OUT

The **Gentlemen's Banquet** which takes place at the **Brangwyn Hall** on **Wednesday, 6th March** is completely sold out.

The function, organised by the **Executive Fund Raising Committee** in aid of the club, has **Tommy Docherty** as the **Guest Speaker**.

### FLORA LONDON MARATHON

Following our appeal for someone to represent the club in this event, we are pleased to announce that supporter **STEVE McLELLAND** has come forward, and will run in the **London Marathon** on **Sunday 21st April**. We wish him the best of luck.

Incidentally, today **Steve's son JAMES McLELLAND** is thirteen. A very Happy Birthday to **Steve** from **Mum, Dad** and **sister Rebecca**, and, of course, from everyone here at the Club.

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# FOSCFA DAYS

**T**his is the first opportunity we have had to welcome Mr Thompson and we hope that a good relationship will be forged between the supporters and himself. The views already mooted by him are very positive, but we all need patience and time to let him see these through.

Last Saturday's trip to Chesterfield (my first to Saltergate) was enjoyed by most, except for our defence perhaps. Our refreshment

stop was welcomed by all, and no doubt, by the Landlords of the hostelry and the chippie!

Man of the Match by a mile for his two-goal contribution was **Steve Torpey**.

## AWAY TRAVEL

Our next away games take in Blackpool next Tuesday, Carlisle seven days later and York on the following Saturday. (We could need our passports for the distances involved!).

As money is short and the journeys are long, we need to know very early if there is any interest for the above games. Coaches could be

run to Carlisle and York, but please let us know your intentions early.

## CLOSE VOTE

Strange how the Council have now resurrected a new stadium idea, although only recently it was buried through lack of interest - or was it finance? A snap poll taken on the coach last Saturday about ground sharing with Swansea R.F.C. was very close - 28 for and 25 against; the driver abstained!

## BEST WISHES

Congratulations firstly to **PAUL and KAREN DRAPER** on the birth of a son recently. We hope that you are all well.

Belated birthday greetings to **GWYN ROSSER** from us all.

## THANK YOU (I THINK!)

On behalf of those who travelled last Saturday, I have been asked to thank Jeff for his new type of on-board entertainment - half a film!

Perhaps, he will bring the second half next week?!

## AND FINALLY....

Will the Phoenix rise from the ashes? we must all hope that it does.

In the meantime please get behind the Swans today.

Ugo Vallario

## MIDLANDS AVON GLOUCESTER SWANS

**I**t has certainly been a case of 'all change' in recent weeks with the arrival of Mr Thompson and the appointment of Keith Cullis as Manager on Wednesday, and to both parties, a warm welcome.

They are assured of our support, and we look forward to having a good relationship both with Mr Thompson, as we did with **Doug Sharpe**, and the new management team.

Let us hope that the Club will see a change of fortune both on and off the field.

We would like to offer

our hearty thanks to **Jimmy Rimmer** for his willingness to put effort in to the caretaker's role and take on the challenge at a difficult time. Jimmy is a real clubman, and that has been re-enforced over the last six weeks or so.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

Our Man of the Match awards in the last two matches have gone to **Pat Ampadu** at Chesterfield and **Steve Torpey** in the home game with Stockport County.

And on a light-hearted note: yes we did see the gesture at Chesterfield **John Cornforth**, so we

award you 'Gesture of the Month'!

## FIVE-A-SIDE SUCCESS

Our five-a-side team are now fifth in the Gloucestershire League after another victory, although yours truly was very much there in a supporting role for our victory over Worcester United. The side steam-rolled its way to a 16-4 success - but we are not getting carried away yet by our success: as they say, there's still a long way to go.

## MEMBERSHIP

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# Talking Point

**T**hey say that football never really throws up any unique news; that it is often a used formula or a variation on a theme.

But over the last few weeks, those doubters must surely concede that Newcastle's possible signing of Faustino Asprilla from Parma suggests that we are in for a new dimension and era in our game.

One minute, Parma's talented, but apparently temperamental, forward is on his way to join Kevin Keegan's 'Toon Army', the next the deal is off, the player is suffering from a chronic knee injury; he is unlikely to obtain a work permit because of a previous misdemeanour; there are threats to his safety, etc, etc...

We await with baited breath to see whether the wranglings can be sorted out satisfactorily as Keegan desperately looks to net his man.

It does seem a little immoral for Newcastle to be paying a fee of nearly seven million

## THE FOOTBALL SPIRAL

pounds, not forgetting a million pound signing-on fee. On top of that Mr Asprilla will also be earning a reputed £30,000 per week. There are a lot of clubs in the lower divisions, who would love to clear that out of today's attendance!

Where will it all end? How does it effect the poorer clubs?

Let's face it, in the past it has been the lower divisions who have provided the talent to these 'giants'. Very often, the smaller clubs have to plough their resources into producing their own players in the hope of finding 'the jewel in the crown' to sell on.

All the way down the scale, costs have escalated. In the quest for success, the poorer managements will take a chance and meet players' demands for higher wages and take a chance that riches will follow.

It has to be said that not many clubs can be that successful every season, and quite often, the financial burden can cripple those clubs.

It is at such clubs that drastic reductions have to be made. Only a few weeks ago, for instance, Birmingham City dispensed with their Centre of Excellence - preferring to buy their future players.

Elsewhere, playing staffs have to be reduced and even coaching staffs are pruned - all to the detriment of those clubs, and indeed, the game in general.

The future of our game must surely be invested in the Youth levels and an organised system for the production of players. To do so, good quality coaching has to be provided to speed the process, or at the very least, assure its success.

Currently, the step up from the Youth set-up to full professional requires the bridging of a fairly wide gulf. Perhaps there needs to be another rung on the ladder of progress. Maybe, there needs to be more attention focussed on the Under 21 or 22 age group.

These are the formative years in their professional lives.

Having learned and developed the basics, it is at this stage that they need encouragement, and continuing guidance. They must also have the reliability of the respective Club Coach to be there as a confidant, as a shoulder to cry on when things are not going well.

Over the years, the Swans have a fine record of producing their own and have gleaned the rewards from those going on to greater things. We have all read of the concerns of clubs like this one regarding poaching.

It is well known that it goes on; Manchester United were found guilty only a week or two ago. There must be scope for the smaller clubs to go on producing their own players. It is their lifeline.

They'll never be able to afford the likes of Asprilla, Juninho and the rest. They can only hope to reap the rewards of their own endeavours.





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# PLAYING CONNECTIONS

**D**H (Harry) Morris can lay claim to the first transfer deal between the Swans and Swindon, when he was sold by the Swans to Swindon in June 1926 for a £300 fee. He made only eight League appearances for the Swans after signing from Millwall for a £400 fee in May 1925.

Local product **Brinley Humphries** joined the Swans in June 1923, but after only eleven League appearances in four seasons joined the Wiltshires in June 1927 for a £250 fee.

**Sid Lawrence** was capped in his first full season with the Swans - in 1932 against Northern Ireland, and during his career at the Vetch Field, made a total of eight appearances for Wales. Signed from Welsh non-league side Penrhiwceiber, Sid was a skilful, reliable defender for the Swans, making 312 League appearances and scoring 11 goals. In 1939, along with **Bill Imrie**, he was persuaded by former Swans manager **Neil Harris** to join Swindon Town.

Imrie was a record signing at £1,500 for the Swans, following his transfer from Newcastle United in July 1938. He made 27 League appearances during his only season at the Vetch, and was sold to Swindon twelve months later for an £800 fee.

Full-back **Terry Elwell** arrived at the Vetch from Barry Town in August 1948, and until his transfer to the County Ground

in July 1952, made 48 League appearances for the Swans. In two seasons for the Robins, he made a further 61 League appearances.

Two Vetch Field heroes **Mel Nurse** and **Billy Lucas** both have dual links.

Lucas was bought by **Bill McCandless** for a record £11,000 transfer fee in March 1948 from Swindon Town to provide the missing link in the side that would claim the Third Division Championship in the following season. Billy led by example; the general linking up with his defence and attack. During a career at the Vetch that spanned 203 League games, with 35 goals, the value of his leadership qualities were only truly noticed when he left the Vetch to join Newport County as Player/Manager. Welsh international Billy returned to the Vetch as Manager in 1967 when the club was struggling to avoid relegation from the Third Division. He was unable to save them, but he was instrumental in bleeding and bringing on a whole clutch of youngsters at the Vetch. He resigned in March 1969 to devote more time to his business in Newport.

**Mel Nurse** is surely one of the Swans' great central defenders, making 256 League appearances for the club between 1955 and 1971. He made his debut for the Swans in the 1955-56 season, and three seasons later was a regular at the heart of the defence. In October 1959, he was awarded his first Welsh cap, winning a further eleven in his career.

Mel was sold to Middlesbrough for £25,000 in September 1962, and three years later, moved to Swindon. After 122 League appearances there, he returned to the Swans for a small fee, helping them to promotion from Division Four in 1970. He retired twelve months later, and is now a

successful businessman in the City.

**Pat Terry** scored 23 League goals from 60 appearances for Swindon between February 1967 and June 1968. A consistent goalscorer with every club he played for, Pat stayed just eight months at Swansea in 1958, scoring nine goals from 17 League appearances.

Former Nottingham Forest, Stoke City and Sheffield United midfielder **Paul Richardson** joined Swindon as Player/Coach in July 1983, making seven League appearances for them during the 1983-84 season. An experienced player with over 400 League appearances to his name, Paul was released by the Robins in September 1984, and joined Swansea on a non-contract basis. After only twelve League games, he was released by the Swans.

**Ray McHale's** longest spell in football with one club came at Swindon between the period September 1976 and May 1980. Whilst at the County Ground, he made 173 League appearances and scored 33 goals. By the time he was appointed manager with Scarborough in 1988, the energetic, hard-working midfielder had made almost 600 League appearances. Ray joined the Swans from Sheffield United in January 1985 on a free transfer, and, until his release in May 1986, after making 47 League appearances, always gave a committed, one-hundred per cent performance for the club. Not noted for his goalscoring achievements during his time at the Vetch, Ray did score a hat-trick for the Swans during a Welsh Cup tie at Haverfordwest.

Central defender **David Cole** arrived at the Vetch Field shortly after the start of the 1984-85 season following his release from Sunderland. A tall, slight defender, David made just eight League appearances for the Swans before he was released on a free transfer to Swindon. There, in the following season, he made 44 League appearances for the Robins as they walked away with the Fourth Division Championship

with an eighteen-point margin from runners-up Chester. In February 1986, David was transferred to Torquay United after a total of 69 appearances for Swindon.

Former Trowbridge Town striker, **Bryan Wade** joined the Swans from Swindon during the 1988-89 close season for a small fee. He scored ten goals, six in Cup matches, in his first season at the Vetch, but after a disappointing second season, was given a free transfer. Bryan's first season in League football with Swindon had seen him score ten goals from 34 League appearances as the club swept all before them during that title campaign in 1985-86.

**Jimmy Gilligan** was only 22 when he joined Swindon from Grimsby Town. During a short nine-month stay at the County Ground, Jimmy scored five goals from seventeen League appearances. By the time he joined the Swans from Portsmouth in August 1990 for a fee of £175,000, he was a proven goalscorer, and it was a huge blow to them when he was forced to retire from football because of a serious back injury midway through the 1992-93 season. In 62 League games for the Swans, Jimmy scored 23 goals.

Swansea-born midfielder **Gary Emmanuel** joined Swindon from Bristol Rovers in a player-exchange deal in July 1981, and during his stay at the County Ground made 111 League appearances for the Robins. Following a later spell with Bristol City, Gary joined the Swans in September 1985, and prior to retiring from football following a back injury, made 109 League appearances for the Swans.

**Joey Beauchamp** was a hit with the Swans during his loan spell at the Vetch from Oxford United midway through the 1991-92 season, scoring twice in five League games. He joined Swindon from West Ham in August 1994 after only two months at Upton Park, but after making 42 League appearances for the Robins, returned to Oxford.



# Week in - Week Out

## Welcome

**I**t's welcome to the Vetch Field to the new Chairman of Swansea City Football Club, Michael D Thompson.

Weeks of speculation ended on Saturday, 27th January when it was announced publicly that he had purchased Doug Sharpe's controlling interest in the Club.

Whilst the Stockport County game had been called off due to a rock hard pitch and freezing cold, there was feverish excitement in the Hospitality Suite as Birmingham businessman Michael responded to the fusillade of questions from the media and supporters representatives.

Summing up, he told the Press Conference, surely memorable for its polish and delivery: **"I am looking forward to guiding the club to a solid and exciting future. My initial target is to encourage the team to play their way back into the First Division by 1997. I can see no reason why Swansea City should not carry on**

**to a place in the Premier Division by the end of the Millennium."**

## Today Could Be The Day

This afternoon's game with Swindon may well be the time when the Chairman ends more speculation with the name of the new Manager.

Whoever it may be, here's wishing Swansea City all the best in the hectic days ahead.

In the meantime, there has been little respite for caretaker-boss **Jimmy Rimmer**. Chesterfield last Saturday - what a rousing contest! Alas, promotion-seeking Chesterfield just got the better of us despite two goals from **Steve Torpey**.

Nevertheless, I am sure that the new Chairman would have taken some heart from our performance and would have been suitably impressed.

Despite the inclement weather around the country, Swansea seemed to miss the avalanche of snow, and the game with Stockport survived when all about didn't.

Today, it is League leaders Swindon who

cross the Severn Bridge. They have had a tremendous season, and points are just as vital to them as they are to us. Let's hope that we can put their charge on hold just for today!

## Shirt Design Competition

We have had a good response to the 'Design a Shirt for Swansea City' competition, and one School has taken it on board as a project.

Remember, there's a Haven Holiday to be won for the winner of this competition - thanks to the generosity of Haven.

## Under Treatment

After Saturday's game at Chesterfield, both **John Hodge** and **Carl Higgs** were under treatment for leg injuries, but both were able to play against Stockport County. Unfortunately, **John Cornforth** with a hamstring injury will be missing today. he

could be missing for a couple of weeks.

Otherwise, Physio **Mike Davenport**, therefore is now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. Hopefully, we can now steer clear of the catalogue of injuries which plagued us at the start of the season, and move ourselves up the table.

## Lads On Top

Let me just say 'Well Done' to our lads who top the MacWhirter National Youth Football League.

Their 1-0 win over Ton and Gelli B.C. put them there and it's now eight wins out of eight.

## And Finally.....

Thank you all for your support this afternoon. Welcome to everybody here at the Vetch today. Get behind your team, enjoy the game, and, of course, have a safe journey home.

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### CARL HEGGS

- ▼ : PARRY & DAWKIN - QUANTITY SURVEYORS

- ◆ : CLARE LEWIS & MIKE WADE

### COLIN PASCOE - Robert Evans - Agricultural Engineer

### DAVID BARNHOUSE

- : THE SWANSEA GROUP OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

### JON COATES

- : THE SWANSEA GROUP OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

### DARREN PERRETT - R.L. Jones - Chemist, Barry

### JOHN CORNFORTH

- ◆ : MR WAYNE & KIDWELLY TOWN F.C.



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# In Reserve



**T**here have been two games in the Avon Insurance League since the last programme notes, at Bournemouth and at home to Bath City, with only one point to show from our efforts.

## BOURNEMOUTH 4 SWANSEA CITY 2

This defeat cost the Swans the leadership of the Division, but they will look back at the game as one they threw away.

Certainly they had enough chances to have won the game, but a mixture of bad

finishing and bad luck condemned the Swans to defeat.

After the home side had taken the lead, Shaun Chapple equalised from the penalty spot before the interval. From then on, the Swans dominated the game, but chances to Dai Thomas, Jason Price and Lee Jones weren't taken and Shaun Chapple (pictured right) saw a dipping shot come back off the bar. Added to that, appeals for a penalty were waved aside after Thomas was upended.

It was the home side, however, who nosed in front, and although Denis Spiteri equalised almost immediately, Bournemouth scored a further two goals to leave the Swans in reflective mood.

## SWANSEA CITY 1 BATH CITY 1

The game, played on a rock-hard surface at the Vetch on a freezing evening, saw the Swans denied victory by a last minute goal from the visitors.

With the agreement of both sides, the kick-off was brought forward thirty minutes in the expectation that weather conditions would deteriorate, and in the early exchanges it was Swans' keeper Ben Miles who was called into action.

The Swans settled, and midway through the first half Jon Coates and Dai Thomas went close, but at the break, there was no score.



After half-time, the Swans stepped up the tempo, and in the 55th minute, they were rewarded by a Jon Coates goal after he had linked with Shaun Chapple.

Bath, playing some good approach football, went close on several occasions, but just when it seemed that the points had been one, the visitors snatched an equaliser with an excellent headed goal right at the death.

Avon Insurance  
Combination  
League Div. 2  
SWANSEA CITY  
v  
CARDIFF CITY  
at the Morfa Stadium  
Wed. 14th Feb. K.O. 2.00p.m.

## THE AVON INSURANCE FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION 2 1995 - 96

### LEAGUE CUP

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RESULT
Wed Aug. 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	2-4
Wed Sept. 6	Cardiff City	A	1-0
Wed Sept. 13	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	2-3
Wed Sept. 20	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	2-0
Mon Sept. 25	Cheltenham Town	A	2-3
Wed Oct. 18	Newport County	A	0-4
Wed Oct. 25	CARDIFF CITY	H	1-1
Wed Feb. 7	Birmingham City	A	

### LEAGUE

Tues Nov. 7	Torquay United	A	1-0
Wed Nov. 15	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	0-2
Wed Nov. 22	Bath City	A	6-1
Wed Nov 29	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	2-2
Wed Dec. 6	Cardiff City	A	0-2
Wed Dec. 13	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	3-0
Thur Jan 11	Newport County	A	2-1
Wed Jan 17	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	1-1
Wed Jan 24	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-4
Wed Jan 31	BATH CITY	H	1-1
Wed Feb. 14	CARDIFF CITY	H	
Mon Mar. 4	Cheltenham Town	A	
Wed Mar. 13	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	
Tues Mar. 26	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Wed Apr. 17	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
TBA	Birmingham City	A	



## Avon Combination Division Two LEAGUE 1995-96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
Bournemouth	7	5	0	2	14	8	+ 6	15
SWANSEA CITY	10	4	3	3	18	14	+ 4	15
Newport	7	3	2	2	9	7	+ 2	11
Birmingham	6	3	1	2	13	10	+ 3	10
Cardiff	7	2	4	1	9	6	+ 3	10
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	2	1	8	5	+ 3	7
Bath City	6	1	4	1	7	11	- 4	7
Torquay United	7	1	3	3	8	12	- 4	6
Cheltenham Town	7	0	1	6	4	17	- 13	1



Ladies & Gentlemen please support the Reserve and Youth Teams



In the Welsh Gas Youth Cup, we travelled to Aberystwyth, and on a bone hard pitch put in a very committed performance.

We took the lead with a header from **Damien Lacey**, but then conceded one late in the game, as the home side forced a replay.

Full credit to the lads, however, and we hope that we can now progress to the next round by completing the job in the replay. That will be played at the Vetch on Monday evening, 12th

**THE SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 1995-94**

DATE	VERSUS	H/A	RES
26 Aug	Hereford Utd	A	0-3
6 Sep	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	2-3
16 Sep	Torquay Utd	A	2-0
30 Sep	Weston-S-Mare	A	5-1
7 Oct	BASHLEY	H	10-0
21 Oct	CARDIFF CITY	H	1-2
28 Oct	Exeter City	A	2-2
4 Nov	CHELtenham TOWN	H	1-1
11 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A	Post
18 Nov	HEREFORD UNITED	H	Post
25 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A	1-1
9 Dec	TORQUAY UNITED	H	0-4
6 Jan	WESTON-S-MARE	H	5-1
13 Jan	Bashley	A	Post
20 Jan	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-3
27 Jan	Cardiff City	A	P-P
3 Feb	EXETER CITY	H	0-3

**CUP DATES**

10 Feb  
19 Feb  
24 Feb  
2 Mar  
9 Mar  
16 Mar



Focus on **Youth**  
with  
**Jimmy Rimmer**

**February**, kick-off 7.30p.m.

In the **South West Counties League**, we entertained Exeter City at the Morfa Stadium, and again the conditions were difficult.

On a dicey pitch, we had numerous chances to score, but failed miserably to convert them, and before half-time, gave away a penalty from which they scored.

In the second half we were reduced to ten men when **John Grey** was sent off, and it became an uphill fight.

We conceded two late goals, finally going down by three goals to nil.

In the **MacWhirter National Youth League**, we still have a one hundred per cent record after our recent 1-0 win over Ton and Gelli B.C. Well done to the lads, and keep it up as we look to retain our title here.

**YOUTH CAP FOR DANIEL**

Well done to **Daniel Barwood** on winning a Welsh cap and scoring against England after coming on as a second half substitute at Fratton Park in the Under 15 international which was televised live on Sky T.V.

**UNDER 14's GO DOWN**

Last Sunday, our Under 14 team travelled to Oxford to play Oxford United.

On this occasion, the home side were too strong for us, and we

were beaten 6-2, with **Jonathan Thomas** and **Jamie Kern** scoring our goals.

**HANDS OFF**

Supporters may have seen the article in the Evening Post with regards to our Under 14 Welsh boys going to Premiership or Endsleigh League clubs before their fourteenth birthday, especially those on Centre of Excellence forms with us.

All scouts know the rules - or should do so by now - in and around South Wales, but I am just reminding them again!

Ron Walton  
Youth Development Officer

**West Country Television South West Counties League**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
Cardiff City	16	12	2	2	57	16	+41	38
Plymouth Argyle	14	10	1	3	50	10	+40	31
Exeter City	14	7	4	3	38	18	+17	25
Hereford United	14	7	3	4	27	12	+15	24
Torquay United	11	7	1	3	17	12	+ 5	22
Cheltenham Town	13	6	3	4	18	19	- 1	21
SWANSEA CITY	13	4	3	6	32	25	+ 7	15
Bashley	15	4	3	8	26	50	- 24	15
Weston-super-Mare	16	2	1	13	15	77	- 62	7
Bristol City	15	1	1	13	10	49	- 39	4

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# SWANSEA CITY 2

# BRISTOL ROVERS 2

**RIGHT:** Goalscorer Christian Edwards in defensive mood, keeping Rovers' forward Peter Beadle in check.



**LEFT:** Colin Pascoe prepares to ward off a challenge from Bristol Rovers' full back Craig Armstrong in the recent game at the Vetch.





**ABOVE:**  
The highly-rated Marcus Stewart gets away from the Swans' defense and beats down on goal.

**RIGHT:** The Swans initiate another attack during a first half that saw them forge 2-0 ahead. John Hodge has Rovers' Marcus Browning shadowing him.





# SWANSEA

## ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE

### DIVISION TWO 1995/96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town.	26	8	5	1	24	8	7	3	2	20	10	53
Crewe Alex.	25	9	2	1	26	10	5	3	5	21	18	47
Notts County	24	8	2	3	21	11	5	5	1	15	8	46
Blackpool	26	7	4	2	22	11	5	5	3	18	15	45
Chesterfield	25	9	3	1	26	11	3	4	5	13	16	43
Bradford City	28	8	2	3	21	17	4	3	8	18	27	41
Wycombe W	27	4	7	1	15	11	5	5	5	20	18	39
Burnley	26	7	5	2	26	17	3	3	6	13	17	38
Shrewsbury T.	27	6	3	5	21	16	5	2	6	15	20	38
Bournemouth	27	8	3	4	23	15	3	2	7	12	21	38
Bristol Rovers	27	5	3	6	17	20	5	5	3	15	15	38
Wrexham	26	6	6	1	25	14	2	7	4	12	15	37
Oxford United	26	9	1	2	24	10	1	6	7	9	16	37
Walsall	25	4	6	2	17	11	5	2	6	11	9	35
Rotherham Utd.	27	8	4	3	23	15	1	3	8	10	24	34
Stockport Co	26	3	6	4	13	12	5	3	5	19	17	33
Bristol City	27	5	4	4	13	12	2	6	6	12	25	31
Brentford	26	8	1	5	14	10	0	5	7	9	21	30
Peterborough U.	25	5	3	4	21	15	2	5	6	13	24	29
Carlisle United	27	4	5	3	16	12	1	5	9	17	31	25
York City	24	4	3	5	14	15	3	1	8	13	24	25
<b>SWANSEA CITY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>
Brighton & H.A.	27	3	4	7	14	21	3	2	8	11	21	24
Hull City	26	1	5	6	11	22	1	5	8	8	22	16

Up to and including games played 3rd February 1996

Date	Opponents	V	F-A	Att	Pos.	G		3
<b>AUGUST</b>								
12th	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	3-1	3,498	-	Freestone	1	Barnhouse
19th	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2	6,689	2	Freestone		Barnhouse
26th	CHESTERFIELD	H	3-2	3,492	2	Freestone	1	Cook
29th	Stockport County	A	0-2	4,433	5	Freestone		Cook
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
1st	CARLISLE UNITED	H	1-1	3,345	5	Freestone		Cook
9th	Walsall	A	1-4	3,788	10	Freestone		Cook
12th	Hull City	A	0-0	3,519	13	Freestone		Cook
16th	YORK CITY	H	0-1	2,422	15	Freestone		Cook*
23rd	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-1	2,505	15	Freestone		Clode
30th	Burnley	A	0-3	8,068	19	Freestone		Clode
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
7th	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-0	2,207	16	Freestone		Cook
14th	Peterborough United	A	1-1	3,834	16	Freestone		Cook
21st	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-1	1,988	15	Freestone		Cook*
28th	Wrexham	A	0-1	4,002	17	Freestone		Cook
31st	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-0	4,230	15	Freestone		Edwards
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
4th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-2	2,809	17	Freestone		Coates*
18th	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-4	3,608	19	Freestone		Cook*
25th	NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-0	2,327	20	Freestone		Cook*
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
2nd	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	0-0	1,788	20	Freestone		Cook
9th	Oxford United	A	1-5	4,674	21	Freestone		Cook
16th	BURNLEY	H	2-4	2,078	21	Freestone		Cook
26th	Bristol City	A	0-1	6,845	21	Freestone		Clode
<b>JANUARY</b>								
10th	Swindon Town	A	0-3	6,555	21	Freestone		Clode*
13th	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-2	2,956	21	Freestone		Clode*
20th	Shrewsbury Town	A	1-2	6,532	20	Freestone		Clode*
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
3rd	Chesterfield	A	2-3	4,050	21	Freestone		Clode
6th	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H						
10th	SWINDON TOWN	H						
13th	Blackpool	A						
17th	HULL CITY (K.O 12.00)	H						
20th	Carlisle United	A						
24th	York City	A						
27th	WALSALL	H						
<b>MARCH</b>								
2nd	BRISTOL CITY	H						
9th	Rotherham United	A						
12th	BRENTFORD	H						
16th	BLACKPOOL (K.O 12.00)	H						
23rd	Brentford	A						
30th	BRADFORD CITY	H						
<b>APRIL</b>								
2nd	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H						
6th	WREXHAM	H						
9th	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A						
13th	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H						
20th	Wycombe Wanderers	A						
27th	Notts County	A						
<b>MAY</b>								
4th	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H						
<b>CUP MATCHES</b>								
Aug 15th	PETERBOROUGH (C.C.C.1(1))	H	4-1	1,862		Freestone	Jenks	Barnhouse
Aug 22nd	Peterborough (C.C.C.1(2))	A	0-3	1,861		Freestone	Jenks	Barnhouse
Sep 26th	Shrewsbury Town AWS	A	1-1	943		Freestone	Barnhouse	Clode*
Oct 17th	LEYTON ORIENT AWS	H	0-0	796		Freestone	Barnhouse	Cook
Nov 11th	Fulham (FAC 1)	A	0-7	4,798		Freestone	Barnhouse	Cook
Nov 28th	Peterborough AWS (2)	A	0-1	3,770		Freestone	Jones	Cook

## APPEARANCE RECORD 1995/96

	Lge Apps	Goals	Cup Apps	Goals	Total Apps	Goals
Ampadu	23	1	5	1	28	2
Barnhouse	10+3	0	5	0	15+3	0
Barnwell-Edinboro+	2+2	0	-	0	2+2	0
Basham	9+2	1	1+2	0	10+4	1
Beresford*	4+1	0	-	0	4+1	0
Chapple	0+5	0	2	0	2+5	0
Clode	9+2	0	1+2	0	10+4	0
Coates	7+8	0	4+1	0	11+9	0
Cornforth	10	2	2	0	12	2
Cook	17+1	0	3	0	20+1	0
Dennison**	9	0	2	0	11	0
Edwards	22+1	2	6	0	28+1	2
Freestone	26	2	6	0	32	2
Heggs	22	5	5	1	27	6
Hodge	17+6	0	5+1	2	22+7	2
Hurst+++	2	0	-	0	2	0
Jenkins++	15	0	3	0	18	0
Jones L	-	0	-	0	-	0
Jones S	9+1	0	1	0	10+1	0
Lampard***	8+1	1	1+1	0	9+2	1
Mardenborough	1	0	-	0	1	0
Pascoe	9+4	1	2+1	0	11+5	1
Penney	9	0	1	0	10	0
Perrett	2+2	0	0+3	0	2+5	0
Thomas	2+8	0	-	0	2+8	0
Torpey	23	12	6	2	29	14
Walker	19	0	5	0	24	0
Own Goals	-	1	-	0	-	1

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## ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1995/96

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
J	Barnhouse	Walker	Edwards	Pascoe**	Coates*	Heggs 1	Torpey	Cornforth 1	Hodge	Beresford*	Ampadu**	Miles
J	Barnhouse	Walker	Edwards	Ampadu	Beresford*	Heggs	Torpey 1	Cornforth	Hodge**	Basham* 1	Coates**	Miles
J	Cook	Walker	Edwards 1	Ampadu	Beresford*	Heggs	Torpey 1	Barnhouse	Hodge	Barnhouse	Coates	Perrett
J	Cook	Basham**	Edwards	Ampadu	Clode*	Heggs	Torpey	Cornforth	Hodge	Barnhouse	Beresford**	Miles
J	Cook	Basham	Edwards	Ampadu	Beresford*	Heggs 1	Torpey	Cornforth**	Hodge	Barnhouse	Coates*	Thomas**
J	Cook	Basham	Edwards	Walker**	Beresford	Ampadu	Heggs	Jenkins	Hodge*	Clode	Coates*	Thomas**
J	Cook	Basham	Edwards	Walker	Perrett	Heggs	Ampadu*	Jenkins	Hodge	Thomas*	Coates	Miles
J	Cook*	Walker	Basham	Pascoe**	Perrett	Heggs	Thomas	Ampadu	Hodge	Clode*	Coates**	Miles
J	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jenkins	Coates*	Heggs 1	Torpey	Ampadu	Hodge	Basham	Thomas*	Miles
J	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jenkins	Coates*	Heggs	Torpey	Ampadu	Hodge	Basham	Thomas*	Miles
J	Cook	Walker	Edwards+	Lampard*	Dennison**	Heggs	Torpey 2	Ampadu	Hodge	Basham*	Perrett**	Thomas+
J	Cook	Walker	Edwards	Lampard*	Dennison**	Heggs	Torpey+	Ampadu 1	Hodge	Pascoe**	Barnhouse*	Thomas+
J	Cook*	Basham	Edwards+	Lampard	Dennison	Heggs 1**	Torpey	Ampadu	Hodge	Pascoe**	Coates*	Barnhouse+
J	Cook	Basham	Jenkins	Lampard*	Dennison	Heggs	Torpey	Ampadu	Hodge	Chapple*	Coates**	Edwards
J	Edwards	Jenkins	Basham	Lampard 1*	Dennison	Heggs	Torpey 1	Ampadu	Coates**	Chapple*	Perrett**	Thomas
J	Coates*	Basham	Edwards	Lampard	Pascoe**	Heggs+	Torpey 1	Ampadu	Dennison	Cook*	Hodge**	Thomas+
J	Cook*	Jones	Edwards	Lampard	Penney	Heggs	Torpey	Pascoe 1	Dennison	Chapple	Hodge*	Coates
J	Cook*	Walker	Edwards	Lampard	Penney	Heggs**	Torpey	Pascoe	Dennison	Chapple	Hodge*	Coates**
J	Cook	Walker	Edwards	Pascoe	Penney	Thomas*	Torpey	Ampadu	Dennison	Chapple	Lampard*	Coates
J	Cook	Walker*	Edwards	Pascoe	Penney	Mardenborough	Torpey 1	Ampadu	Coates**	Chapple*	Hodge**	Thomas
J	Cook	Walker	Edwards	Pascoe	Hurst 1	Barnwell-Edinboro	Torpey 2	Ampadu	Coates*	Penney	Hodge*	Chapple
J	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Penney**	Hurst*	Ampadu	Torpey	Cornforth	Barnwell	Pascoe*	Barnhouse	Chapple**
J	Clode*	Walker	Edwards	Jones	Ampadu	Penney**	Torpey	Cornforth	Heggs+	Hodge**	Barnwell+	Pascoe*
J	Clode*	Walker	Edwards 1	Ampadu	Hodge	Pascoe	Torpey 1	Cornforth	Heggs	Barnwell	Jones S*	Chapple
J	Clode*	Walker	Jones**	Ampadu	Hodge	Heggs 1	Torpey	Cornforth 1+	Cook	Barnwell*	Edwards**	Chapple+
J	Clode	Walker	Jones	Ampadu	Hodge*	Heggs	Torpey 2	Cornforth	Cook	Coates*	Edwards	Chapple

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Barnhouse	Walker*	Edwards	Ampadu 1	Coates**	Heggs	Torpey 1	Cornforth	Hodge 2	Clode*	Perrett**	Miles
Barnhouse*	Walker	Edwards	Ampadu	Chapple	Heggs	Torpey	Cornforth	Hodge**	Clode*	Coates**	Thomas
Clode*	Walker	Edwards	Jenkins	Coates	Heggs	Torpey 1	Ampadu	Hodge	Basham*	Thomas	Miles
Cook	Walker*	Edwards	Lampard	Dennison	Heggs**	Torpey	Ampadu	Hodge+	Pascoe**	Perrett+	Basham*
Cook	Basham*	Edwards	Pascoe	Hodge	Heggs	Torpey	Chapple	Coates	Perrett*	Thomas	Price
Cook	Walker	Edwards	Pascoe	Penney	Coates*	Torpey	Ampadu	Dennison**	Chapple	Hodge*	Lampard**



# TODAY'S LINE-UP

## TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

referee

**P. Rejer**

(Tipton, W. Midlands)

Married with two children, Paul is a Sales Executive. He commenced refereeing in the local leagues in 1978, and has progressed to the League List via the West Midland Regional League, a F.I.F.A. Linesman, his interests are music, T.V. and running.

linesman

**B. Ingram**

(Bath)

(Red & Yellow Flag)

**P.V. Norman**

(Bath)

(Yellow Flag)

4th Official

**C. Cheasley**

(Bath)

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- 7 John HODGE
- 8 Carl HEGGS
- 9 Steve TORPEY
- 10 John CORNFORTH
- 11 Andy COOK
- 12 Jon COATES
- 13 Chris EDWARDS
- 14 Shaun CHAPPLE

## SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Fraser DIGBY
- 2 Ian CULVERHOUSE
- 3 Paul BODIN
- 4 Ty GOODEN
- 5 Martin LING
- 6 Shaun TAYLOR
- 7 Mark ROBINSON
- 8 Tony GRANT
- 9 Peter THORNE
- 10 Wayne ALLISON
- 11 Kevin HORLOCK
- 12 Jason DRYSDALE
- 13 Wayne O'SULLIVAN
- 14 Steve FINNEY

## TODAY'S MASCOT



We welcome RHYS FARMER to the Vetch this afternoon. He lives in Weston-super-Mare and attends Hillside School there. He likes playing soldiers and eating, and also plays football. Rhys has a sister Leanne, and his favourite Swans player is John Hodge.

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