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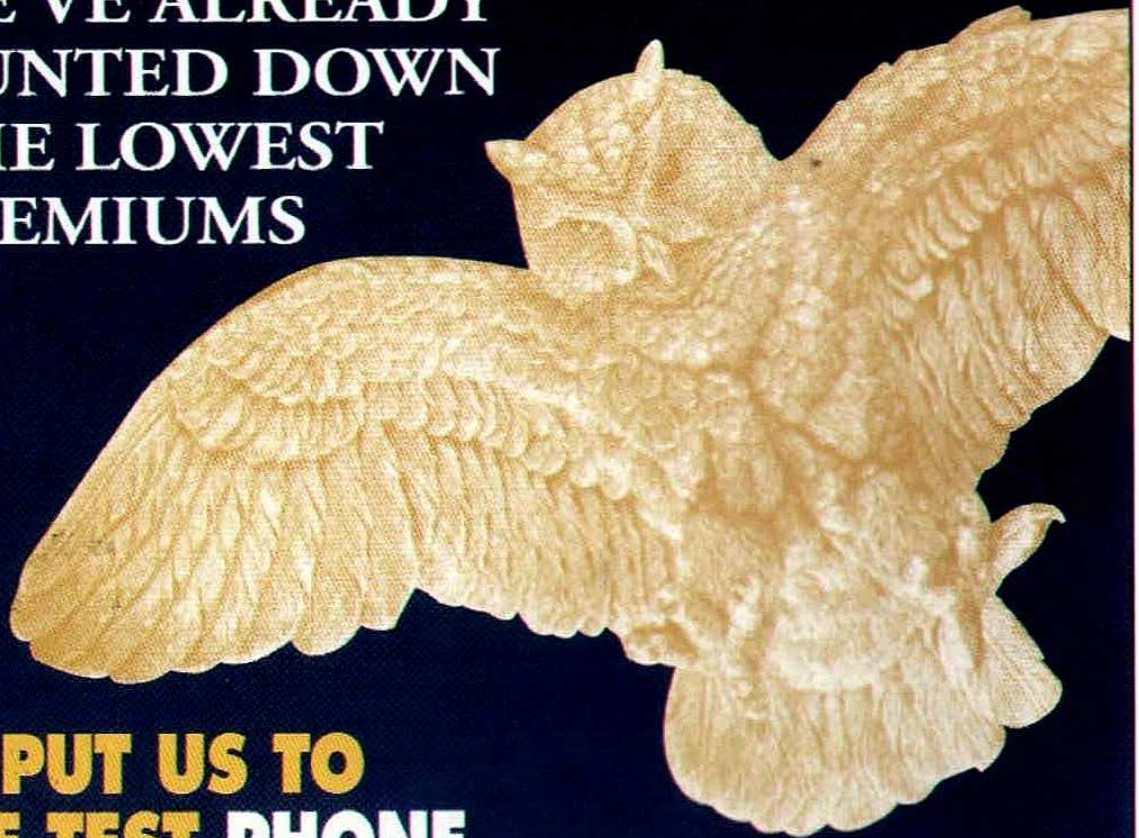
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Front cover photograph:
Mark Seagraves, in action against Walsall.

From the top

*With Manager
Steve McMahon*

Following our recent performances there is only one thing to be done this afternoon. The players have to roll their sleeves up, pull their socks up, dig deep and prove they want to play First Division football next season.



We put on a very professional show at Peterborough recently but without a shadow of a doubt it will be a different one this afternoon. At London Road the onus was on them to get at us a little bit. This afternoon they will try to stop us playing but again we have got to try and do the right things in response.

The lads have had four big disappointments of late. We were pegged back by Walsall, who we should have beaten here. Then we only drew at Burnley where Steve Finney broke a bone in his fibula and will be out for the remainder of the season; and last Tuesday we were beaten at Oxford. So it wasn't a nice week was it.

But this is not a time to start feeling sorry for ourselves. It is a time to dig deep and start earning the right to win games. I'm sick to death of people saying we are the best team when we don't do anything about it. If we are the best then we have got to go out on the pitch and prove it.

The players have got such a great opportunity to bounce straight back to Division One it would be a tragedy of they did not take it. But if they do not get to grips with the situation right away they are in danger of letting it blow up in their faces.

I was looking to strengthen the team before the transfer deadline anyway and the unfortunate injury to Steve Finney has made this a priority. At the moment I can't reveal who I am interested in but you can expect at least a couple of new faces to try and get things going again.

Enough has been said about the injury to Finney and the way it was handled. The referee must have been the only person inside Turf Moor who did not think it was a penalty. To say we were angry is putting it mildly.

We know we are the best team football wise but can we handle it? This is the crux of the situation. The players have got to want promotion so much they will die for it. They have got to passionately give their all to win the day. The Second Division Championship or promotion will not just happen. It will not drop into our laps we have got to make it happen. It has got to be Cup Final stuff every game from now on.

Steve McMahon

It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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On Boxing Day 1952, three Sheffield Wednesday players scored own goals!

Pat Jennings made 119 appearances for Northern Ireland

In 1964/65, Dave MacKay broke his leg in a Reserve match for Spurs. It was his first competitive match since recovering from another broken leg !!

In 1991 Torquay became the first club to win promotion on penalties

Did you know ?!

In 1980/81 Arbroath won fewer home matches (3) and won more away matches (10) than any other club in the division



WHO AM I ?

1. Born Chadderton, 10.6.66.
2. Began career at Old Trafford, moving to Crewe without making a first team appearance for United.
3. Joined Aston Villa before moving to Bari in a £5.5 million pound deal.
4. Enjoyed trophy success with Juventus and Sampdoria.
5. England regular, now back playing in the Premiership.

?? QUIZ ??

1. Who was the Everton manager who guided them to Cup and League success in the mid-eighties?
2. In which year did Andy Townsend begin his League career at Southampton?
3. Who were the last British side to lift the UEFA Cup?
4. Which player was fined for parading an allegedly offensive T-Shirt in a Wembley Final last season?
5. In which year did Kenny Dalglish resign as Liverpool's manager?
6. At which club was Graeme Souness' first managerial post?
7. In which year did John Barnes join Liverpool?
8. Who did Everton beat in the 1985 Cup Winners Cup Final?
9. Which former Portsmouth manager is affectionately known as 'Bald Eagle'?
10. When did Brazil first win the World Cup?

Whose Crest ?



Answers

QUIZ: 1. Howard Kendall, 2. 1955, 3. Tottenham Hotspur, 4. Paul Tait (Birmingham City), 5. 1991, 6. Glasgow Rangers, 7. June 1987, 8. Rapid Vienna, 9. Jim Smith, 10. 1958. WHO AM I? David Platt. WHOSE CREST? Sunderland.

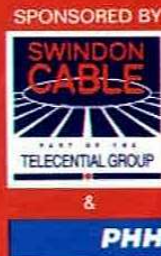
'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



This is Swindon

With Chief Executive
Steve Jones



This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Peterborough United Football Club to The County Ground, for today's Endsleigh League Division 2 fixture.

Ticket Availability



Our next Endsleigh League Division 2 fixture is away to **Bristol City** on Saturday 30th March, kick-off 3:00 p.m. This game is all ticket with 5000 seats allocated to Swindon fans, priced at £8.50 (£5 OAP's/£4 children). Tickets will be sold up until 4:45 pm on Friday 29th March, subject to availability. Supporters are reminded not to travel without a ticket as this game is all ticket.

The following week, we have two home games, **Brighton & Hove Albion** on Wednesday 3rd April, kick-off 7:45 pm and **Notts County** on Saturday 6th April, kick-off 3:00 pm. Tickets for both these games are on sale now from the Advance Ticket Office. Please book early to avoid queuing on matchdays.

On Easter Monday, 8th April, we travel to Gresty Road for our game against **Crewe Alexandra**, kick-off 3:00 pm. This game is again all ticket with only 900 tickets allocated to Swindon fans. Any tickets remaining after initially being made available to season ticket holders will go on general sale from 9:00 am Tuesday 26th March

The latest casualty of the weather, our away game to **Bradford City**, will now be played on Tuesday 30th April, kick-off 7:45 pm.

Tickets for all home and away games are available from the Advance Ticket Office which is situated next to Reception underneath the Castrol Stand. For further information please call (01793) 529000.

Reserves Fixture

Our away Reserve Team fixture against **Charlton Athletic** has been changed from Wednesday 17th April to Thursday 18th April. Kick off will be at 7.00pm and will be played at **Welling United**.

Reserves Kick-Off's

Following the experiment with evening kick-off's, Reserve games at The County Ground will now kick-off at 2.00pm. This will take effect from 25th March for the game against **West Ham United**.

Pastures New for Shane

Shane Cook, our Community Officer has moved onto pastures new. After a successful year here at Swindon Town, Shane has decided to further his career by moving into teacher training, sponsored by the P.F.A. Good luck **Shane** from all your friends here at the Club.

Share Issue

The details of the Share Issue have now been posted to all shareholders. If you are a shareholder and have not received your information please contact **Steve Jones** here at the Club.

Rikki is off on his travels again

In mid April this year, **Rikki Hunt**, formerly Managing Director of **Burmah Petroleum Fuels Ltd** and now Director of Football at **Swindon Town Football Club** will attempt the colossal task of walking to the magnetic North Pole.

Having got the taste for snow by conquering **Mont Blanc** on his first climb, **Rikki** will be one of a party led by **David Hempleman-Adams MBE**, who in January this year became the first British man to complete a solo walk to the **South Pole**. The party will consist of both experienced polar explorers and complete novices. As one of the novices, **Rikki** has had to undertake a rigorous training regime and mental preparation programme, in between arranging players contracts for **Swindon Town**. What's more - as his co-walkers are tucking into food like **steak** in preparation for the big event, the 42 yearold father of two has got to get the **lentils** out... he is vegetarian.

The party will start their expedition from **Resolute Bay** in **Canada's North West Territories** around April 12th and will reach their destination some 40 days later. As part of the team **Rikki** will have to endure temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees, while pulling a 100lb sled on the 350 mile trek.

"A lot of people think I'm mad and wonder why I am doing this. Maybe they think its my 'living on the edge' mentality or that at 42 I feel I have something to prove - actually the fact is that I just want to do it - to take the opportunity while it's there. Add to this that I will be raising money for a local children's charity - The Mitchemp Trust and I have all the motivation I need."

No polar expedition has ever been screened live before but this team will be part of a **BBC** first - showing regular, live bulletins from the expedition via the **Inmarsat Satellite System**.

If you are interested in helping sponsor **Rikki**, write to him here at the County Ground.





Peterborough United the visitors

By John Nolan

The Midlanders put on a "Posh" act against promotion chasing Crewe last Saturday with former Norwich City striker Lee Power providing the inspiration, and a goal, and Ken Charlery delivering two super strikes to take his personal tally this season to five goals in eight games, in a thoroughly convincing 3-1 victory.

Having knocked Crewe off the rails Peterborough hope to extract a similar result over Town but consistency has not been the name of their game this season as the results clearly show.

Back in October they thrashed York City 6-1 at London Road then lost the next game, also at home, 2-0 to Burnley. A 4-5 home defeat inflicted by AFC Bournemouth, in January, was followed by a 2-1 win at Brighton and in February a 1-0 home loss to Bristol Rovers (AWS) was followed by the 6-1 demolition of Carlisle United!

Then this March successive home defeats by Chesterfield (0-1) and us (0-2), left Posh fans in the doldrums but they have bounced back with successive wins at Stockport County (1-0) and of course home to Crewe (3-1). On Tuesday they visited Shrewsbury Town.

Only goalkeeper Jon Sheffield has been an ever-present this season and there was even a managerial change in October when John Still quit and the ever popular Mick Halsall was placed in control.

Players have come and gone and in fact of the eleven who took the field against Brighton on the opening day of the season only six were on view last Saturday against Crewe. Goalkeeper Sheffield; Williams, Ebdon, Carter, Power and Morrison.

Of the departures the transfer of top scorer Gary Martindale to Notts County has been most felt. The former Bolton player had netted 18 goals prior to his departure to Gay Meadow earlier this month.

Last October Paul Shaw was recruited on loan from Arsenal. In December Michael Basham was signed from Swansea City; our own Dean Hooper joined them on loan and made his League debut in the number 11 shirt on January 13, in the 4-5 defeat against Bournemouth.

January saw the arrival of Ben Sedgemore from Birmingham City and Tony Dobson on loan from Portsmouth while February's recruits were Ken Charlery from Birmingham City, Mark Foran from Sheffield United and Steve Williams from Lincoln City.

Greg Rioch, son of Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch, is also on loan and made a substitute appearance against us on March 5th when Peterborough lined up thus: Sheffield; Basham (Rioch 67), Clark, Sedgemore (Le Bihan 77), Dobson, Heald, Morrison (Williams 77), Ebdon, Power, Charlery, Carter.

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Peterborough United Football Club 1995/96 season



Back Row: Kevin Ashley, Simon Clark, Danny Carter, Greg Heald, Lee Power, David Morrison, Neil Le Bihan, Gary Breen (now at Birmingham City), Ryan Semple.

Middle Row: Keith Oakes (Physio), Sean Farrell, David Gregory (now at Colchester United), Marcus Ebdon, Billy Manuel (no longer with club), Andy Furnell, Mick Halsall (Manager).

Front Row: Lee Williams, Gary Martindale (now at Notts County), Mark Tyler, John Still (no longer with club), Jon Sheffield, Scott McGleish, Tony Spearing.

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Andy Ansah

- **WINGER.** Signed from Southend United on loan for the remainder of the season, he scored in his second sub appearance in Peterborough's 1-1 draw at Shrewsbury on Tuesday night. Noted for his scorching pace and deft control he signed for Crystal Palace from school but was released on a free transfer and made his League debut with Brentford as a substitute v Fulham (24-3-89). Moved to Southend United in 1990 and after scoring 18 goals in his first two seasons established himself as a regular. Born: Lewisham 19-3-69.

Michael Basham

- **RIGHTBACK.** Signed in December 1995 from Swansea City. Michael was a trainee at West Ham United, in the same squad as Danny Williamson who is doing so well for the Hammers first team right now, and just a year behind our own Kevin Horlock who was celebrating his first pro contract at Upton Park. Michael played midfield and actually scored 2 more goals than Williamson in the Youth team in 1991-92, when he also made 11 Reserve team appearances. Upgrade to professional status in the summer of 1992 but unable to break into the Hammers first eleven he joined Swansea City with whom he played 13 Second Division games last season. Born: Barking 27-9-73.

Danny Carter

- **MIDFIELD.** A newcomer to London Road last summer when he moved from Leyton Orient. The O's had spotted him playing for Billericay and gave him the opportunity of full-time football after 150 appearances for the Essex Non-League outfit. A fast tricky winger who loves to attack down the line he turned down a £150,000 move to a First Division club last year. Made his "Posh" debut in the 3-1 home win over Brighton August 12, 1995. Born: Hackney 29-6-69.

Ken Charlery

- **STRIKER.** Returned to London Road in February 1996 following a

deal with Birmingham City. Ken had first joined Peterborough United from Maidstone United on transfer deadline day 1992, along with Gary Cooper, and was valued at £35,000. It proved a shrewd piece of business for the former Fisher Athletic striker finished the 1991-92 season as the Club's top scorer with 16 goals, an achievement not lost on Watford who promptly splashed out to take him to Vicarage Road. Failed to establish himself at Watford and went back to Peterborough returning 16 goals in 44 League appearances in 1994-95 to earn himself another move, this time to Birmingham City. But has not really featured in Barry Fry's plans and had a loan spell with Southend United in January 1996 before completing his return to "Posh." Height: 6' 1" Born: Stepney 28-11-64.

Simon Clark

- **LEFTBACK.** Played local league football graduating to Stevenage Town where he was spotted by Peterborough. They gave him a trial in March 1994 and signed him on a free transfer the following July. Made his League debut in the final match of the 1994-95 season at the age of 27. Simon had gambled by leaving a very secure job to try his luck as a professional footballer and it seems to have paid off with 37 League appearances in his first season. Born: Stevenage 12-3-67.

Tony Dobson

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** Joined Peterborough on loan from Portsmouth in January 1996 and has made a good impression. Tony was with Coventry City as an apprentice in 1986 and was given his League chance at Aston Villa in March 1987. In January 1991 he was transferred to Blackburn Rovers for £300,000 and played a big part in Rovers' recovery towards the end of that season. But in the following campaign he played in only four games and in December 1993 he signed for Portsmouth for £150,000 after impressing while on loan at Fratton Park. Capped by England at Under-

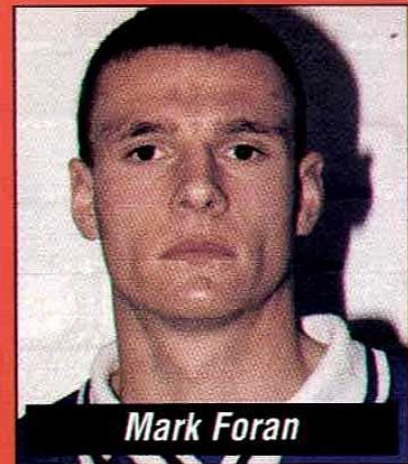
21 level he is equally at home as a leftback, centre-half or as an attacking midfielder. Born: Coventry 5-2-69.

Marcus Ebdon

- **MIDFIELD.** A free signing from Everton Marcus, now in his fifth season with Peterborough, is the best passer of the ball at the London Road club. A Welsh Under-21 International his top class career prospects at Goodison Park were limited. Was on the books of Newport County as a schoolboy but after his family moved to North Wales he joined Everton from school and progressed through YTS ranks to spend two years there as a professional. Made his League debut for Posh v Preston (17-8-91). Installed as the new captain this season his earlier days with "Posh" were plagued by a persistent ankle injury and he went on loan to Dagenham & Redbridge for a while. Born: Pontypool 17-10-70.

Mark Foran

- **CENTRAL DEFENDER.** A new recruit from Bramall Lane, Posh paid Sheffield United £35,000 for this strong defender in February 1996. Came in to replace Gary Breen sold to Birmingham City at around the same time, and is settling in well alongside Greg Heald. Is six-foot-four and dangerous at set-pieces. Mark started his career with Millwall and has spent loan spells with both Rotherham United and Wycombe Wanderers. Born: Aldershot 30-10-73.



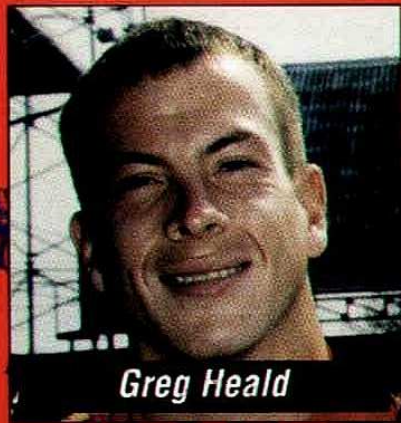
Mark Foran

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Greg Heald

- CENTRAL DEFENDER. Turned down the offer of a four-week trial with Newcastle United to sign for Peterborough, having completed his university studies before diving into pro football. Posh had to pay Enfield Town £35,000 for his transfer but the impact he made in the second half of last season, when he formed an impressive partnership with Gary Breen, proved it was money well spent. Born: 26-9-71.



Greg Heald

Neil Le Bihan

- MIDFIELD. Peterborough are expecting big things from young Neil who is just turned 21. The former Tottenham Hotspur junior has a sweet left-foot and was given a two-year contract in the summer of 1995 after impressive performances in the last three games of the 94-95 season. Signed Associated Schoolboy forms with Spurs in May 1990 and became a Trainee in '92. A pupil at the Sutton Manor High School in his home town of Sutton Neil represented his district and Surrey in school football. Was released by Spurs on a free in July 1994. Born: Sutton 14-3-76.

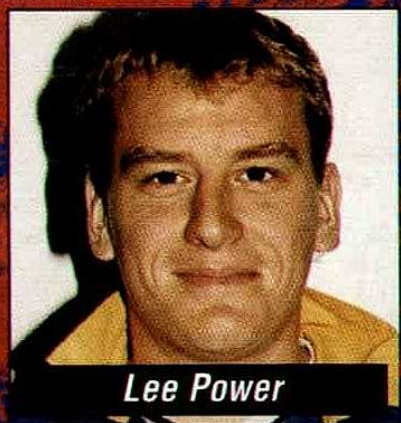
David Morrison

- WINGER. Former Posh manager David Still's first signing for the club, the £50,000 fee a record for selling club Chelmsford, in June 1994. A pacey winger with a box full of tricks he is a natural left-footer. Played just over 30 League games last season and with age on

his side is expected to develop into a highly entertaining and effective player. Born: 30-11-74.

Lee Power

- STRIKER. Hit the national headlines when he scored twice at Loftus Road on his football League debut for Norwich City against QPR. He was seen as a new "wonder boy" but never really developed as anticipated and failed to establish himself in the Canaries eleven making 44 first team appearances before a £200,000 move to Bradford City in March 1994. Scored three goals in 27 League games for Bradford last season and in July 1995 moved to London Road in a £100,000 deal. Born: Lewisham 30-6-72.



Lee Power

Ben Sedgemore

- MIDFIELD. Signed on a free transfer from Birmingham City in January 1996 Ben had joined the St Andrews staff as a trainee from school but found it difficult to make his mark in Barry Fry's huge squad. Jumped at the opportunity for first team football with Posh and made his League debut in the 2-1 win at Brighton on January 20, 1996. Born: Wolverhampton 5-8-75.

Steven Williams

- UTILITY PLAYER. Acquired on a free transfer from Lincoln City in February 1996 this young player is effective operating on the left side. He has been given a contract until the end of the season giving him the opportunity to secure a contract for 1996-97.

Peterborough United Football Club Season 1995/96 Endsleigh League Division 2

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB.	H	3-1
AFC Bournemouth	A	0-3
NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-1
Blackpool	A	1-2
BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1
Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1
Carlisle United	A	1-1
WREXHAM	H	1-0
BRADFORD CITY	H	3-1
Rotherham United	A	1-5
Walsall	A	1-1
SWANSEA CITY	H	1-1
Brentford	A	0-3
YORK CITY	H	6-1
BURNLEY	H	0-2
Bristol Rovers	A	1-1
OXFORD UNITED	H	1-1
Hull City	A	3-2
Bradford City	A	1-2
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1-0
STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	0-1
Chesterfield United	A	1-1
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	4-5
Brighton & Hove Alb.	A	2-1
Notts County	A	0-1
SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	2-2
CARLISLE UNITED	H	6-1
Bristol City	A	1-0
Wrexham	A	0-1
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3-0
CHESTERFIELD UNITED	H	0-1
SWINDON TOWN	H	0-2
Stockport County	A	1-0
CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	3-1
Shrewsbury Town	A	1-1

the man in charge



Mick Halsall - Manager

Michael Halsall skipped Peterborough United to successive promotions in 1991 and 1992, making over 250 appearances.

A former apprentice at Anfield he was unable to break into the Liverpool team and made his League debut for Birmingham City at West Brom in March 1983. Joined Carlisle United a year later and after three years with the Cumbrians moved on to Grimsby Town.

A tenacious midfielder his leadership qualities were always to the fore and used to good effect by the Posh following his £25,000 transfer to London Road in July 1987.

In that 1991-92 campaign Mick scored the vital goal against Huddersfield Town to secure a Play-Off Final trip to Wembley

where he helped defeat Stockport County to earn the right to participate in Division One.

His playing career was cut short by injury in February 1993 and after a successful coaching role he became assistant manager to the present Chief Executive Chris Turner in the summer of 1993.

Michael filled a similar position after John Still became manager, in the summer of 1994 and was put in temporary charge following Still's resignation in October 1995. He proved his ability to do the job with a major overhaul of the training and administration.

Born: Bootle 21-7-61.

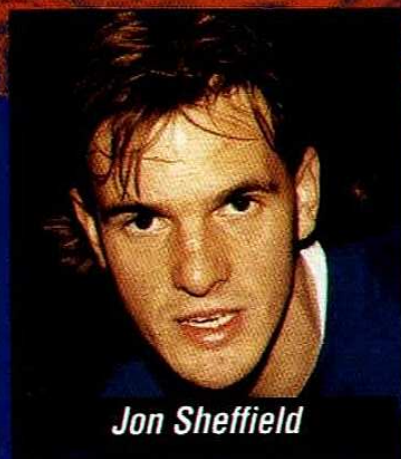
Under the Spotlight

Goalkeeper Jon Sheffield needs no introduction to the County Ground.

Jon arrived at London Road last summer following a transfer from Cambridge United and made his Posh debut on the opening day of the season, a 3-1 home win over Brighton. Since then he has been the only ever present in the Peterborough United line-up.

The popular goalkeeper had played at London Road in Swindon Town colours in a friendly match a couple of seasons ago after joining us from Cambridge United on loan.

Born and bred in Nuneaton Jon was an avid Coventry City fan as a kid and used to marvel at the goalkeeping skills of Jim Blyth. He played in goal for his school and the county and was sought



Jon Sheffield

after by Coventry, Ipswich Town and Norwich City. He chose to sign apprentice forms with Norwich because they had the best goalkeeper - Chris Woods. Woods was a great influence on the young hopeful but when he left Jon was still too young to pull on

the Jersey and Bryan Gunn was signed. Jon did get one outing in the old First Division however, when Gunn was suspended. Jon was 19 and played well in a 2-2 draw against Aston Villa.

To gain experience he was loaned to Aldershot and was very successful in two three month spells in Hampshire, clocking up 28 Fourth Division appearances, before eventually transferring to Cambridge United on a free transfer in the summer of 1991.

Went on loan to Colchester United before John Gorman brought him to Swindon on loan in 1994. Jon played in two Premiership games for us: a 5-0 defeat at Aston Villa (12-2-94) and the 3-3 home draw with Norwich City. Incidentally Jon's big hobby is diving - rather appropriate for a goalkeeper!

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Preview

Our goalless draw at Turf Moor last Saturday opened the door for Blackpool and the seashiders made most of their opportunity by moving two points clear of us at the top of the table with a 2-0 win at Swansea City. But left it late to build their sand castle, Ellis and Watson striking in the last two minutes of the game. It was the home side's first defeat under Jan Molby.

Today the Tangerines will be expected to peel off three points against a Carlisle United side that has won only once away from home all season and lost on ten occasions.

All season we have seen Crewe Alexandra as our keenest rivals but the sale of two of their best players has left them reeling. The Alex followed up a midweek defeat at Walsall by crashing 3-1 at PETERBOROUGH UNITED, the Posh evidently giving the promotion hopefuls a football lesson.

Lee Power was the home team's inspiration, scoring one and setting up the first of two for Ken Charley. Today Crewe play hosts to Bradford City - 2-0 victors over Rotherham United - who are not out of the Play-Off race yet themselves.

Notts County, held 1-1 at home by Oxford United, are at York City today. The Yorkshire side are enjoying a new lease of life as we move into the latter stages of the League marathon and led at AFC Bournemouth, through Barras and Nigel Pepper, before former Tottenham Hotspur striker Steve Robinson rescued a point for the Cherries with his second goal of the game. But don't be surprised if York upset the men from Sherwood Forest.

As for Bournemouth they will not be expecting much from a trip to Shrewsbury, though the Shrews were run ragged at struggling Carlisle and have really dipped in form over the past month. Dean

Spink was sent off in the 1-1 draw. Steve Anthrobus netting a spectacular overhead shot from inside the six yard box. W6 D4 L6 was the Shrews home record before Tuesday's home fixture with Peterborough.

Back to the race for the Play-Off positions and Oxford United are emerging as strong contenders. We were in action at the Manor on Tuesday night of course, today the U's entertain Burnley and will be expecting to win.

Chesterfield, beaten 3-0 at Walsall (that fellow Lightbourne was on target again): were home to Wrexham in midweek and home to Bristol rovers today. A real cliff-hanger for both teams after Rovers lost ground in the Bristol derby.

Despite Bristol City's impressive 4-2 win at Twerton Park they still trailed Rovers by six points. This might well have changed following City's trip to Stockport this week but whatever the outcome John Gorman's boys need to take maximum points from Wrexham today to keep their Play-Off hopes alive.

Wrexham themselves are still in the picture as are Stockport Country who will surely be too good for Brighton. The Seagulls soared to a 4-0 victory - their best of the season - but it was against bottom club Hull City and did not improve their League standing.

There seems no hope for Hull, 11 points adrift at the bottom, and

unlikely to improve their status today against Walsall who have hit a rich vein of form of late. Rotherham United can ease their worries by beating Wycombe Wanderers while Brentford will for likewise reasons be anxious to sting visiting Swansea City.

2nd Division leading Goalscorers

(League & Cup as at 18 March 1996)

- 26 - Stewart (Bristol Rovers)
- 24 - Nogan (Burnley)
- 19 - Martindale (Notts County)
- 18 for Peterborough United
- 19 - Goater (Rotherham United)
- 19 - Lightbourne (Walsall)
- 17 - Armstrong (Stockport County)
- 17 - Reeves (Carlisle United)

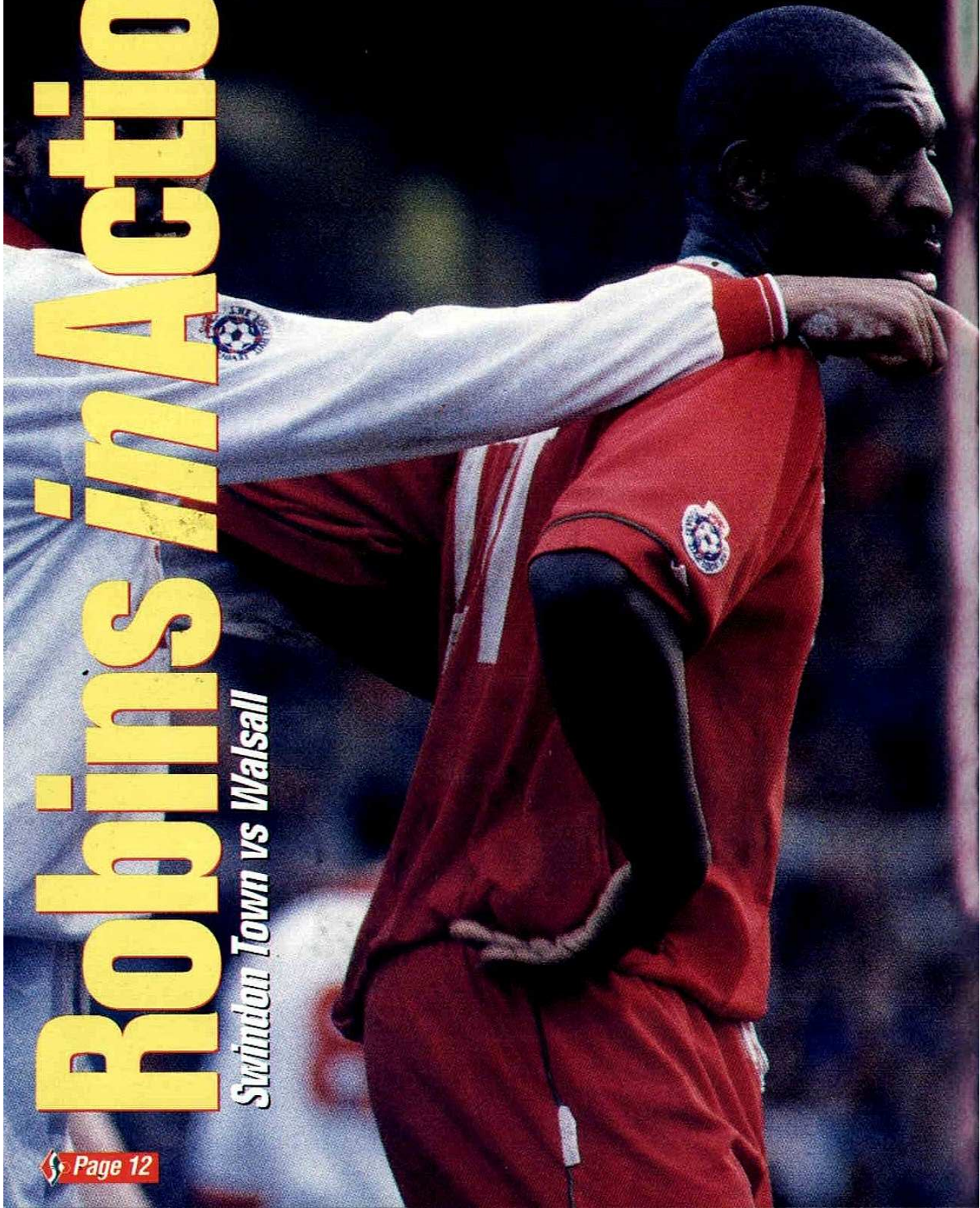


Kurt Nogan (Burnley) - top scorer in Division Two with 18 goals

Robbins in Action

Swindon Town vs Walsall

WAYNE ALLISON is closely marked by the Walsall defence.



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KEVIN HORLOCK lets fly.



Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

Today I want to talk about the disappointment of losing Steve Finney for the remainder of the season and the circumstances in which it happened.

Obviously we can not be too critical of referees but the incident at Burnley last Saturday certainly left a nasty taste in the mouth.

Steve Finney had gone into the box, beaten a couple of players, was about to shoot and was fouled. The referee ran over to him and said, "get up, he didn't touch you."

Obviously it was more serious than that. Steve was in difficulty and declining the assistance of a stretcher - I think Steve felt the embarrassment of having to go ten or twelve yards on a stretcher was too much for him - he went off with the aid of Jonathon Trigg and a stretcher bearer.

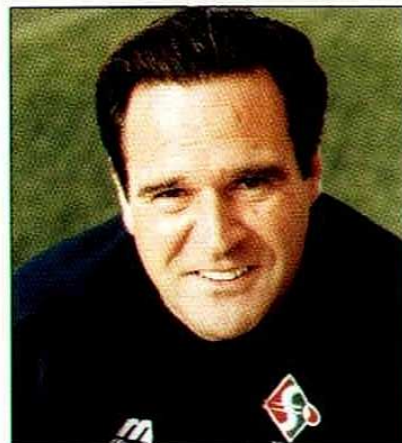
Steve knew he had been fouled and if you saw his ankle afterwards it was obvious he did not do it by

tripping over the ball. It is part and parcel of the game I suppose but it just makes you wonder what some referees see.

Steve came in Monday morning and was still in pain so had to go for an X-Ray and though the Burnley player "didn't touch him" he managed to break a bone in his fibula! Now that for me is quite amazing.

The referee had been very close to the incident as well. So it was a big disappointment that we not only did not get a penalty but that we will lose Steve for possibly the remainder of the season.

It is a pity because Steve was just getting his sharpness back and starting to look like he did before he had his other injury, when Peter Thorne got his chance to play, and it



is a big blow for him. This is virtually his season over when he promised so much. It is a real shame for him.

While reflecting on the Burnley game I want to thank all those supporters who went all that way on such a cold, wet, dismal day. You were superb, out chanting the home fans again. Well done your efforts are very much appreciated both home and away

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Treatment Room

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

Injured ankles have been high on our treatment list in the past couple of weeks, the culmination I think of the wetter grounds. The Will Carling incident highlighted the problems, the England rugby captain going over on a divot during the win over Ireland.

I have looked at my records and last year was very similar when the grounds got heavy. The early part of the season when the ground was very hard we had loads and loads of ankle injuries for obvious reasons. And again once the ground goes from not just soft but getting heavy we tend to pick up a few more.

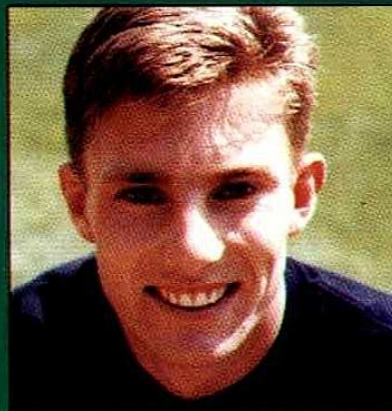
Steve Finney, by far the most serious of our injured players, twisted his ankle in the match at Burnley. He was "tackled" from behind. There was no contact according to the referee and subsequently we didn't get a penalty but Steve had to leave the field with a twisted ankle and damaged ligaments on the inside; and was also suffering pain on the fibula bone. We sent him for a precautionary X-Ray on Monday and despite the referee insisting there was no contact Steve has

suffered a hairline fracture of the fibula, just above the ankle. He will certainly miss the next five weeks and must be doubtful for the remainder of the season.

Jason Drysdale suffered an injury to his right leg in a training incident last week and subsequently missed the games at Burnley and Oxford United. Jason received a direct blow to the thigh which at first was very swollen. But we anticipate his return to training before the end of the week and all being well he should be available for selection today.

Peter Thorne was available for the game at Oxford after returning to training on the Monday. His problem had been a hamstring strain.

Steve McMahon's hamstring is getting better. He has been training this week and seems to be pain free.



Dean Hooper received a direct blow on his left ankle in the Reserve's 1-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur and had to come off. Dean had taken a kick right on the bone earlier in the week and played after treatment but couldn't quite get through after taking another blow on the injury during the course of the game. It was too sore to continue.

John Holloway was in with a sprained ankle but should be fine by now.

The Swindon Town Shadow Board

Firstly this week an update on the next open Forum.

Because of other Club commitments we have had to move the date from 26 March.

The new date is:- 18 April 1996 at The County Ground

Tickets will be available from next Monday at the Club Ticket Office. Please let us have a note of your questions and comments which will be raised with our panel on the night.

John Lodge, our Chairman, recently attended a meeting organised by the Club with representatives of a number of Ethnic Minority groups from the Swindon area. There is no room in sport for discrimination of any kind and the Shadow Board is pleased to support Mike Spearman and the Club Board in their efforts to widen the appeal of the Club to all minority groups. There is a place at The County Ground for fans from every background to come together in harmony, supporting our team.

Finally, a reminder that today is your last chance to enter the "Great Ideas" Competition - submit your entry on a suggestion card as you leave today's match.

*A reminder that you can write to us at the Shadow Board at:
P.O. Box 663, Swindon, SN1 2NX.*



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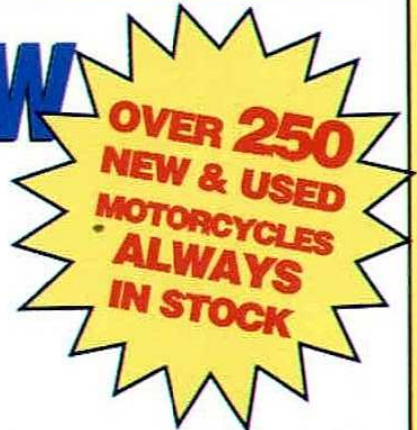
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In the Community

Following the success of the recent Fundays we are pleased to bring you the information on our Easter Football courses. As you can see we are running three courses starting at Marlborough then on to Greendown and finally at St. Joseph's.

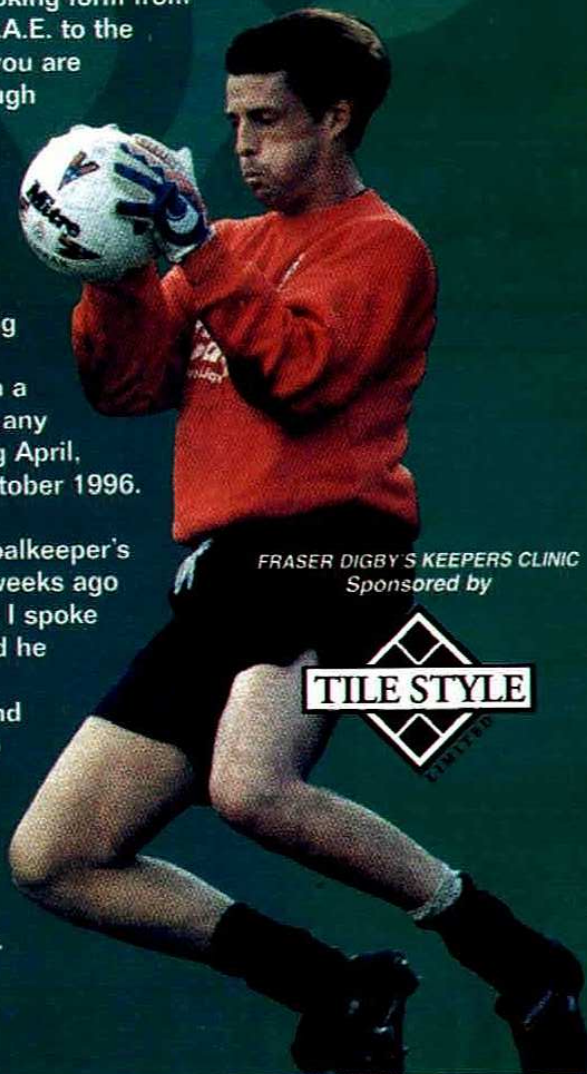
- * Marlborough (St. John's School) 2nd, 3rd, 4th April
- * Greendown Community School 8th, 9th April
- * St. Joseph's School 10th, 11th April

All courses will start at 10am and end at 3pm.

Greendown and St. Joseph's cost £16 for the two days, so please pick up a booking form from reception or send an S.A.E. to the Community Office. If you are interested in Marlborough please contact Marlborough Leisure Centre on 01672 513161.

By the way, Haven Holidays are sponsoring our Easter Courses so there's a chance to win a holiday for 7 people at any Haven UK Parks during April, May, September or October 1996.

Also Fraser Digby's Goalkeeper's Course started a few weeks ago and ran very smoothly. I spoke to Fraser last week and he said he enjoyed the coaching very much and was looking forward to the next course. By the sounds of it we have a few budding goalkeepers for the future so keep up the good work lads.



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Home & Away



Next Saturday is, of course, our second consecutive local derby game this time against Bristol City having played Oxford United last Tuesday. This is followed on Easter Monday by our away game against Crewe Alexandra up at Gresty Road. For full ticket details please see page 5.

Bristol City

ROUTE TO BRISTOL CITY

From Swindon take the A345 this in turn will take you on to the A4259 for 2 miles. Turn right onto A419 for 1 mile. Join Jct 19 turn off onto the M32. At Jct 3 on M32 turn onto A4032 and follow for 1 mile. From here take the A420 (Kingswood) and then turn off onto A4044 (Bristol) and then the A38 (Burnham). Take the A370 for 1 mile and then turn off for Ashton Gate.

Crewe Alexandra

Route To Crewe Alexandra

From Swindon take A345 for half a mile and then bear right onto A4311 for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto A419 (Cricklade) for 11 miles and then turn onto A429 (Stow). From here turn onto A417 (Winstone) and follow this road for approximately 18 miles. Take A40 (Cheltenham) and join the M5 turning onto M6 (Stafford). Leave M6 at Jct 16 and join A500 and then right onto A5020 (Crewe). Take the B5071 for a quarter of a mile and then into Gresty Road for Crewe Alexandra F.C.

Ticket Office Opening Times

Mon - Thurs	9 a.m. - 4.45 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 6.45 p.m. (Pre-home game)
	9 a.m. - 4.45 p.m. (Pre-away game)
Saturday	9 a.m. - 12 noon
Phone bookings	(01793) 529000

TRAVEL CLUB

Bristol City - Fare £5.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 12.30pm

Crewe Alexandra - Fare £9.00

Depart County Ground, Swindon 10.00am

Bookings taken at the Travel club Office in the Control Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Telephone Marlborough (01672) 540300 or at the Information Centre in Regent Street. Pick-up points are available, please enquire when booking. A £2 reduction available for all children accompanied by an adult.

S.A.S. TRAVEL

Bristol City - Fare £4.50

Depart	West Swindon	12.45pm
	County Ground	12.30pm
	Ermin Street	12.45pm

Burnley - Fare £9.00

Depart	West Swindon	9.15am
	County Ground	9.30am
	Ermin Street	9.45am



Coaches also pick up at Malmesbury, Lyneham, Wootton Bassett and Lower Stratton.

Bookings taken on Swindon (01793) 825935 - 24 hour service. County Ground Office open Tuesday - Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., Thursday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. and before every home game. All coaches are non-smoking and fitted throughout with seat belts and have a hostess service. Bookings also taken in association with SILVER KNIGHT Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. on Chippenham (01249) 720360. Reductions available for Junior Robins.

Steve Finne

Talks to Colin Benson

CB: Steve I have got to mention that goal you scored at Peterborough. It was something special wasn't it?

SF: Well I enjoyed it I must say. I saw the goalkeeper had come off his line and knew exactly what I wanted to do with the ball, it was just a matter of getting it on target.

CB: You certainly did that, it was a lob shot good enough to grace any game and your 16th goal of the season which kept you joint top scorer.

SF: That's right. It has gone well for me but of course you can never score enough goals and you are always disappointed when you finish a game without hitting the net if the team has not won.

Wayne got another goal so I was desperate to get one at Peterborough. I know it sounds corny but as long as we win and keep winning I am not too bothered about scoring goals but I would like to be top goal scorer at the end of the season.

CB: The worry for strikers of course is hitting too many of those blank Saturday's but you can't afford to let it worry you can you?

SF: Strikers do go through barren spells, but if managers stick with you it tends to work out for everyone in the end.

CB: How difficult is it Steve to be sharp and hit top form when you are not in the starting line every week?

SF: It is difficult. If you are not playing you really have to train hard. Andy takes us for extra running and things and it

keeps me sharp. Then when I do get the chance, as I did at Peterborough, I am ready to take it.

CB: Our away record is very impressive.

SF: It is fantastic and we finish the season with three of the last four games away which of course does not frighten us at all. We said that if we won four of the five away games that we should have played before today, that we would be very confident of going up.

We won at Wycombe and Peterborough and then of course the game at Bradford was snowed off and we had to settle for a point at Burnley but we were confident we could add to that in this week's fixtures.

Our away form has been superb this season, better than our home form obviously, we don't really give that much away on our travels.

CB: Why do you think we are finding it harder to win at home than away?

SF: When we play away the onus is on the opposition to attack that's what their supporters want to see. It makes it easier for us because when they come at us we can hit them on the break and make use of the space in behind the defence. At the County Ground I think sides are very happy to take any sort of points away from us and they are quite content to come here and defend for ninety minutes and make it very difficult for us.

CB: Obviously there was great disappointment about the postponement at Bradford. When you built yourself up for a game and it is snowed off it must be a big let-down?

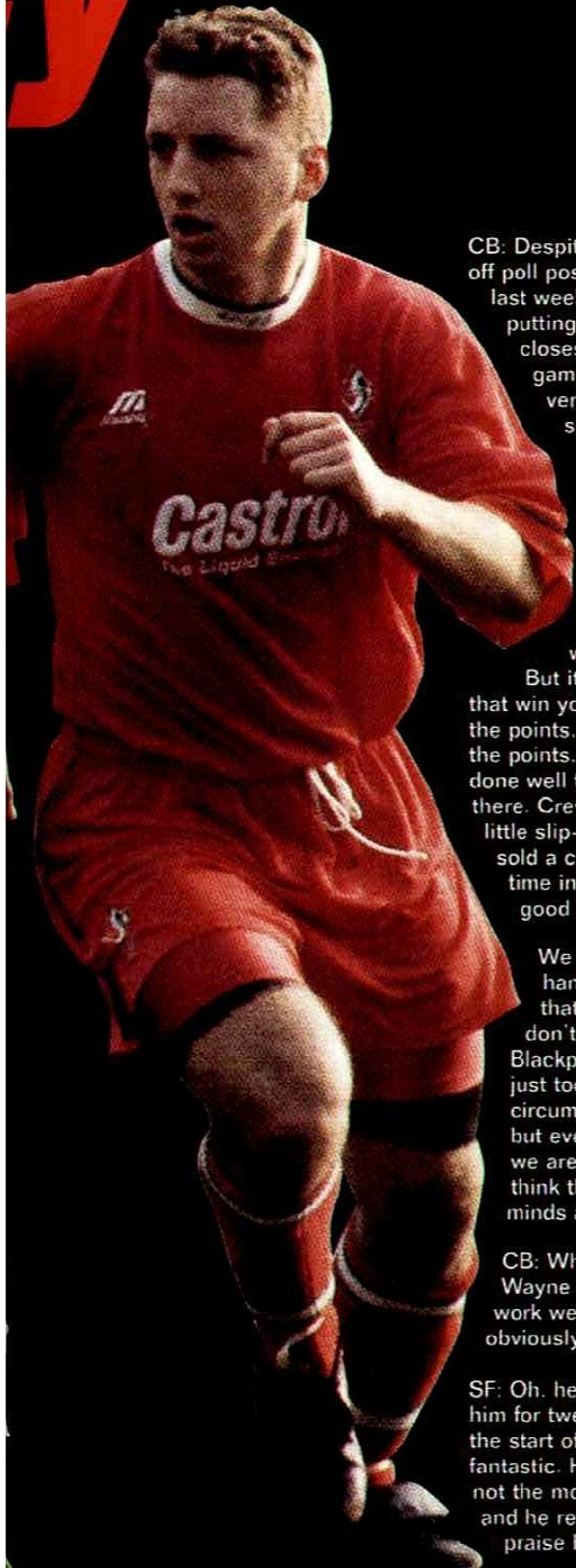
SF: Yes definitely. We came home that day and I was sat at home thinking something was missing. You do build yourself up and feel all the hype about the build-up to the game, get focused, and when it doesn't happen it is as if somebody has taken something away from you.

We could do with playing every game we can really. You don't expect such severe snow at this time of the year and it was a big disappointment. We had made the journey, were ready for the game and the lads were in good spirits and then all of a sudden it is off and we have got to prepare again at the end of the season.

We had not played well against Walsall, and were perhaps a little bit fortunate in that game, but good sides will pick up points when they are playing badly, and we would have liked to have got that one out of our system at Bradford.



BY



CB: Despite Blackpool easing us off poll position by a single goal last week our consistency is putting a lot of pressure on our closest rivals and with the games in hand we are still very much in the driving seat don't you agree?

SF: That's right. I suppose we are pretty much in a similar position to Newcastle in as much as if we keep winning no one can touch us because we have games in hand.

But it's not games in hand that win you the Championship it is the points, you actually have to get the points. But Blackpool have done well to be honest to get up there. Crewe have had one or two little slip-ups of late. They have sold a couple players at a crucial time in the season and that is good for us.

We have those games in hand and if we keep winning that's all we can do. We don't feel any threat from Blackpool or Crewe. Blackpool just took advantage of the circumstances to catch us up but everybody here is confident we are going to go up. I don't think there is any doubt in our minds at all.

CB: What about this fellow Wayne Allison. You seem to work well together you are obviously happy alongside him?

SF: Oh, he's superb. I played with him for twenty odd games at the start of the season and he is fantastic. He helps me. I am not the most experienced player and he really helps me. I can't praise him enough because he

is a smashing lad and a very good player.

CB: Does he talk to you much out there?

SF: Yeah... (Steve laughs).

CB: What does he say Steve?

SF: I can't repeat it... No he is always nattering on telling me where to go and this that and the other. It makes my job so much easier. To have a lad like that helping you it is really half of your game made up for you really.

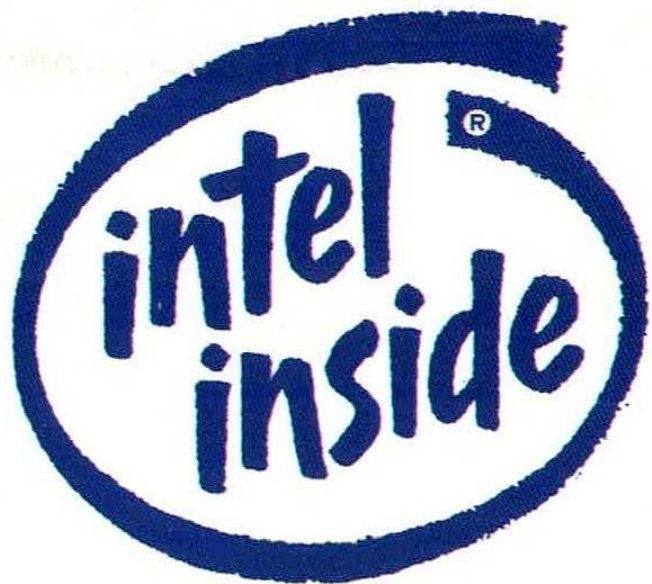
CB: Now then Steve 16 goals so far are you going to set yourself a target?

SF: No (he chuckles). All I am doing now is looking to get over 20 goals. I think that is good for a striker and obviously any more than that would just be a bonus for myself and the lads.

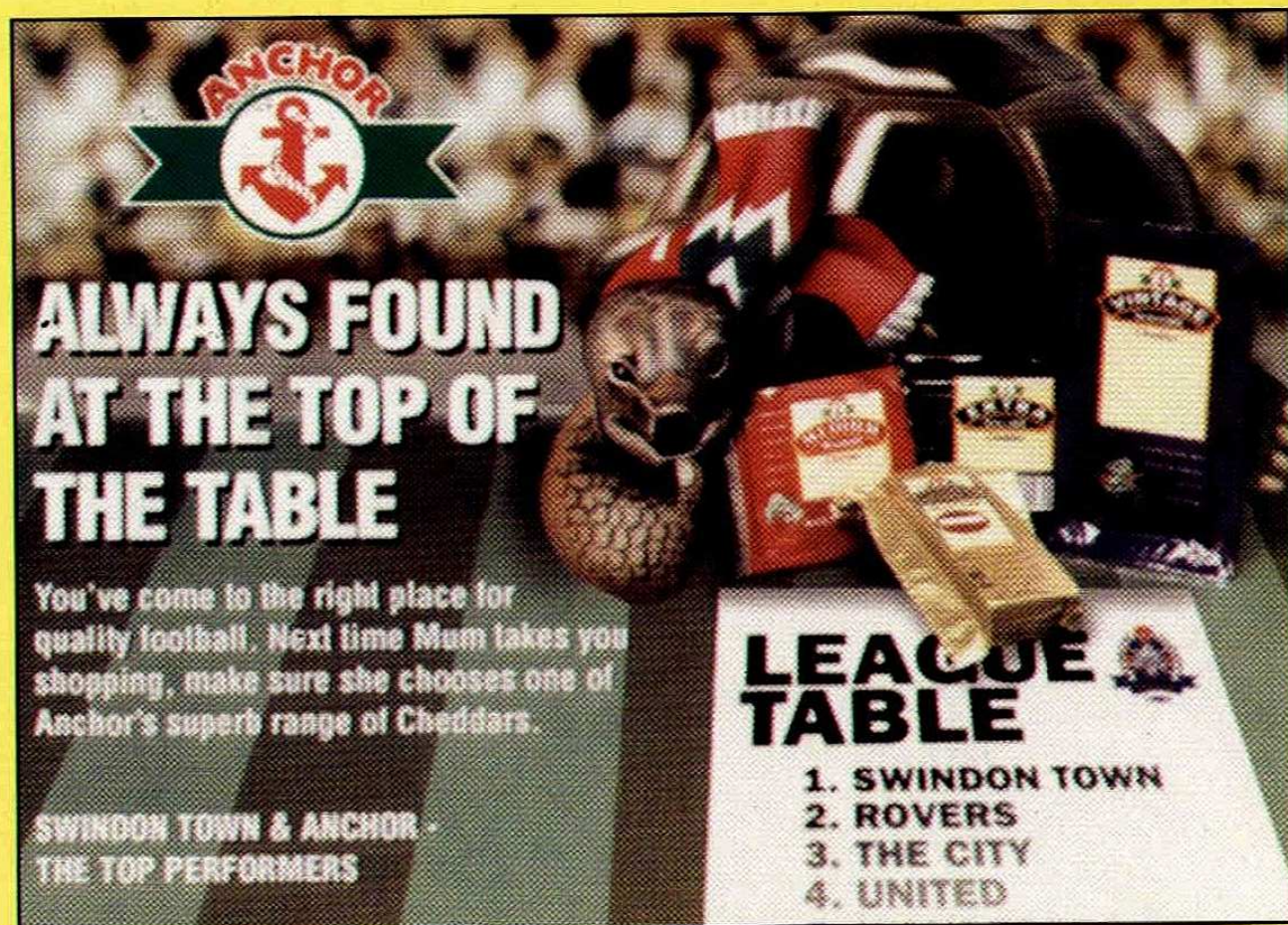
CB: How do you see the game going this afternoon?

SF: I was a bit surprised at London Road because I did not think Peterborough played as well as they could have. Overall it was just a very good professional performance from us but I think they have got a lot more to offer than they showed that night and we know that it will not be easy. Hopefully though we will get the same result.

Subsequent to this interview it has been revealed that Steve has suffered a hairline fracture just above the ankle. We wish him a speedy and comfortable recovery.



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Well, here we are again - the games are coming thick and fast for the lads at the moment, especially as the Bradford game was called off. You just can't trust the weather up north can you.

Thanks very much to everyone who made the long trip to Oxford the

other night! The Oxford - Swindon games over the years have always been quiet, haven't they? Let's face it, you'll never hear much singing and shouting at The Manor Ground. I hear on the grapevine that Sir Timmy Mallett of Wyvern panto fame couldn't make the game the other night, and he is after all, Oxford's biggest fan. Timmy is on the piste at the moment - just another Friday night for me and you! Maybe I'll play Itsy Bitsy on the PA today. Now, where did I put my copy..... Oh that's right I gave it to John Cross at the Adver when he needed cheering up last week.

I've got a couple of apologies to make and a couple of things for you to watch out for today. At the last two home games for some reason or other, I have announced the opposition as Crewe! Why have I

got Crewe on my mind.... I am not a trainspotter. The real reason I keep saying we are playing Crewe is because people keep asking me to look at the teletext to see how they are doing! So if I say Crewe instead of Peterborough today, you know why!

The second thing is that I've got a nasty feeling that my copy of the Swindon Town anthem 'Simply The Best' has got a scratch in it. I played it the other day and it jammed on me with 40 seconds to go! I know this song gets Macca and the lads going, so please spare me my blushes, Tina.

Finally, Horne's Howler..... a Swindon fan has just sent me news of the new Bristol City bra. Apparently it has got no cups and no support!

The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

I hope the many of you who travelled to Burnley last week had a good day, despite not getting those extra couple of points. However, there are more opportunities to travel to forthcoming away games, as you will see in your March Newsletter.



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Shaun Taylor pictured with Stephen and Robert Kehoe after the Walsall game.



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MASCOT DOUBLE

Swindon Town supporters and brothers, Stephen and Robert Kehoe are in their third season as Junior Robins. In October last year, 13 year old Stephen was diagnosed with an illness and we invited both boys to be Swindon's lucky mascots at the Walsall game. Along with their family, the boys received VIP treatment and met their favourite players and the Chairman, Mike Spearman.

Today's Lucky Mascots



Carly Smith of Haydonleigh, Swindon celebrated her 7th birthday this week. She attends Haydon Wick Primary and hobbies include art and most sports, especially football. Her

favourite Swindon Town player is Shaun Taylor.



Thomas Green, who will be 10 on Friday 29th March, lives in Freshbrook, where he attends Windmill Hill School. He is a football fanatic and plays for Shaw F.C. as a right-back. Thomas'

other team is Newcastle United although he is a Swindon fan. Ty Gooden being his favourite player.



12 year old James Church lives in Newbury and attends Brockhurst School. Besides listening to music, James' main hobby is football - he is a Season Ticket holder and he plays

for his school team. I am sure he will enjoy meeting his favourite player, Steve Finney, today.



A big welcome also to Ivor Pearce who is another lucky mascot. Ivor is celebrating his 82nd birthday today and this afternoon's event is a present from his family. Ivor has supported the Town for

many years and his favourite player is Shaun Taylor.

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With Phil Alexander

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Swindon Town Crèche

This is a new and exciting service brought to you by Swindon Town Football Club and Thamesdown Borough Council. From now until the end of the season supporters will be able to leave their child at The Lifestyle Centre at the rear of the Castrol Stand for the duration of the game. It is only available for Saturday matches and there will be a £2 charge. Spaces are very limited. Children must be 2-8 years old. Bookings must be made in advance through Swindon Childcarers. To book please contact Anne Reed on Swindon (01793) 514055.



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Presentation Time



Bowerhill Machine Tools, Devizes Windows and Sutech were all Matchday Sponsors against Walsall. Each received a signed, framed picture as a memento of their day from the Chairman. Pictured left to right. **Dave Wiltshire, Mike Spearman, Shaun Taylor, Nick Fruen and David Taylor.**



Shaun Taylor presents a signed football to **David Hosford** and his guests from **FormPrint**. **FormPrint** were Matchball Sponsors against Walsall.



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Swindon Town Ladies



Swindon Town Ladies earned a place in the Quarter-Final of the League Cup with a ten goals to one victory over Aldershot Ladies.

In a fairly even first half the Town made better use of their chances and at the break were two goals ahead through Kerie Garwood and Nadine Lloyd. After the interval the Swindon Ladies over-ran the home side and four more goals from Kerie Garwood and two more from Nadine Lloyd plus a goal each for Clare Tyson and Kim Reeves took the total to ten. Aldershot did score a late consolation goal.

Tomorrow the Town Ladies entertain Reading Royals in the Quarter-Final of the League Cup in the first of two consecutive clashes with our old rivals from just up the M4. The Royals have already beaten two first Division sides, Havant Town and Cheltenham in this competition, so it should lead to an interesting encounter.

The following Sunday (31st March) we entertain them again this time in the League. Reading are now the only side that can prevent the Town from getting promoted as Champions. Both sides entered the League at the same time in Division Four and have been promoted together to Division Two via Division Three.

On each of the previous occasions the Town were promoted as Champions and the Royals as runners up. When the two sides met in September at Reading,



By Roger Reeves

Swindon came away with a four goals to one victory.

Matches against the Royals have always been keenly contested and these two encounters should prove to be the same. Both games will be played on the County Ground Extension kicking off at two o'clock.



Kerie Garwood scores the Town's hundredth League goal of the season in the match against Leighton Linsdale.

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 4-0
Sun 14 Jan	Carterton	H 1-1
Sun 21 Jan	Oxford University	A 5-3
Sun 4 Feb	Thame	H 2-0
Sun 18 Feb	Oxford United (LC1)	H w/c
Sun 3 Mar	Leighton Linslade	H 12-0
Sun 10 Mar	Aldershot (LC2)	A 10-1
Sun 17 Mar	Carterton	A
Sun 24 Mar	Reading Royals (LC3)	H
Sun 31 Mar	Reading Royals	H

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

Southern Region League Division 2 as at 18 March 1996

	HOME			AWAY			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
SWINDON TOWN	16	15	1	0	104	12	46
Reading Royals	12	11	0	1	63	13	33
Thame United	14	10	1	3	47	18	31
Gosport	14	9	0	5	49	34	27
Oxford University	13	6	1	6	37	27	19
Milton Keynes United	13	4	4	5	26	40	16
Basingstoke Town	14	4	0	10	20	84	12
Eastleigh	16	2	1	13	21	73	7
Leighton Linslade	11	2	0	9	7	59	6
Carterton	15	1	2	12	9	43	5

Player Appearances as at 18 March 1996

	Apps	Goals
Kerie Garwood	19	41
Jane Hawkins	1	0
Justine Hume	12	4
Pam Laker	15	8
Nadine Lloyd	19	43
Tracy Mackeddie	4	1
Deb Martin	18	7
Vikki McCann	18	1
Sarah Privett	15	0
Kim Reeves	15	4
Alison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	18	0
Clare Tyson	17	1
Clare Wheeler	15	7
Netti Wyness	15	1

Result:

**Southern Region League - League Cup - Round 2
Aldershot 1 Swindon Town 10**

Scorers: Garwood (5), Lloyd (3), Tyson, Reeves.

Team: Sharpe, McCann, Privett, Wyness, Tyson, Reeves, Laker, Hume, Martin, Lloyd, Garwood.

Subs: Mackeddie, Wheeler.

ReservesReview



By Ross MacLaren

Avon Insurance Combination Division 1 Fixtures & Results

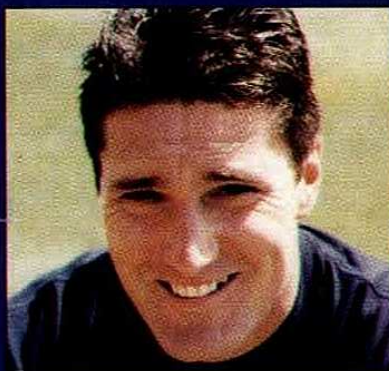
DATE	OPPONENTS	H**	1-1
Mon 14 Aug	LUTON TOWN	H**	1-1
Wed 23 Aug	Norwich City	A	0-6
Mon 28 Aug	OXFORD UNITED	H**	0-0
Wed 06 Sept	Southampton	A	1-4
Mon 11 Sept	ARSENAL	H**	1-1
Mon 18 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2
Mon 25 Sept	CHELSEA	H**	1-2
Mon 02 Oct	Millwall	A	1-1
Mon 09 Oct	WIMBLEDON	H**	0-0
Mon 16 Oct	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	0-1
Wed 03 Jan	Oxford United	A	2-3
Sat 13 Jan	Arsenal	A	0-1
Mon 15 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H	0-0
Mon 22 Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3-1
Tues 30 Jan	Chelsea	A	0-3
Wed 14 Feb	Wimbledon	A	3-0
Mon 26 Feb	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-0
Tue 05 Mar	Q.P.R.	A	2-0
Mon 11 Mar	WATFORD	H	1-1
Wed 13 Mar	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-0
Mon 18 Mar	CHARLTON ATH.	H	
Wed 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	A	
Mon 25 Mar	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
Wed 27 Mar	MILLWALL	H	
Wed 10 Apr	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
Thurs 18 Apr	Charlton Athletic	A	
Mon 22 Apr	IPSWICH TOWN	H	
Wed 24 Apr	NORWICH CITY	H	
Mon 29 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Wed 01 May	Luton Town	A	
TBA	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	

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



Avon Insurance Combination as at 19 March 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	27	19	3	5	52	23	31	59
Q.P.R.	25	17	1	7	49	32	17	52
Norwich	26	15	6	5	51	29	22	51
Arsenal	25	14	8	3	50	26	24	50
Wimbledon	27	14	4	9	48	39	9	46
Crystal Palace	25	11	9	5	32	21	11	42
Chelsea	26	12	5	9	38	31	7	41
Southampton	25	9	8	8	34	30	4	35
West Ham United	23	9	6	8	39	35	4	33
Oxford United	27	8	8	11	40	45	-5	32
Luton Town	24	8	5	11	32	34	-2	29
Bristol City	24	8	4	12	24	31	-7	28
Ipswich Town	21	7	6	8	34	30	4	27
Portsmouth	26	6	9	11	32	45	-13	27
Charlton Athletic	19	7	5	7	30	34	-4	26
Brighton & Hove Alb.	23	6	5	12	23	43	-20	23
Bristol Rovers	25	7	1	17	35	59	-24	22
Swindon Town	27	3	11	13	21	40	-19	20
Millwall	25	4	7	14	32	54	-22	19
Watford	23	5	3	15	23	40	-17	18



Our 1-0 away win against Tottenham Hotspur last week was the highlight of the season so far. It was a great credit to our lads whose attitude was perfect against a side that was seven points clear at the top.

We had Fraser Digby in goal but he didn't have one save to make all night. The defence kept them at bay, we broke very quickly and dominated from start to finish. The goal came midway through the second-half. Young Alex Smith received the ball on the left. He back-heeled it to Ben who drove in a hard low shot with the second touch.

Hopefully we will carry on from this. We had lost 2-0 at QPR but I was very pleased with the players attitude. We passed the ball very well and considering we had a young team out it was a very satisfying exercise against Rangers.

It was 0-0 at half time then we gave them a sloppy goal when Alex Smith was caught in possession; and young Finlayson was caught ball watching from a corner and allowed their centre-half to get across him to head the second. They will learn from these mistakes.

Steve Mildenhall played his first game for a long time and could be happy with his performance but the biggest plus was Michael Pattimore, just 16 and a first year YTS, who got injured but looked very comfortable at rightback. Harvey, who has been released as a second year YTS, showed he's got something about him. He played central midfield alongside Martin Ling. And, Alex Finlayson worked very hard up front.

Praise too for Paul Bodin and Martin Ling who have shown a tremendous attitude towards helping the kids. Paul scored our opening goal in the 2-2 draw with Watford, a well directed header from a corner. It was another satisfying display and nice to see Scott Woodman score his first goal for the Reserves. It finished off a good move down the left. The ball was played to the back post where the youngster controlled it and rifled it in the corner.

We were a goal down and led 2-1 with five minutes to go. We dominated the play, hit the bar twice, but could not get the goal's we deserved. Once again the kids were superb, so it is all very encouraging.

Match Facts: Avon Insurance Combination

QPR (0) 2 Swindon Town (0) 0

Team: Mildenhall, Pattimore (Thomas 45), Bodin, Harvey, Holloway, Murray, Hooper, Finlayson (Woodman 75), Laidlaw, Ling (Souter 80), Smith.

Swindon Town (1) 2 Watford (1) 2

Team: Mildenhall, Pattimore, Bodin, Worrall, G. Thorne, Murray, Hooper (Finlayson), Woodman, Laidlaw, Ling, Harvey. **Subs:** Thomas, Wheeldon. **Scorers:** Bodin, Woodman

Tottenham Hotspur (0) 0 Swindon Town (0) 1

Team: Digby, O'Sullivan, Smith, G. Thorne, Bodin, Murray, Collins, Ling, Worrall, Hooper (Woodman 55), Laidlaw. **Subs:** Pattimore, Finlayson. **Scorer:** Worrall

Youth Team Focus



By Tommy Wheeldon

After a superb battling performance at AFC Bournemouth the Youth Team stepped up a further gear to register a pleasing 2-0 victory over our local rivals Bristol City up at Wanborough.

The lads were asked to up their work rate and apply their ability in a game that both teams wanted to win to enable them to climb away from the lower regions of the South East Counties League.

The game opened frantically with an early attack from Bristol City which resulted in a goal kick. They continued to look the most likely team to score in the early stages until we gradually got control in midfield through Iain Harvey, Danny Hurt and Mathew Coupe. The three lads completed well and then began to knock the ball around to create openings for Alex Finlayson and Scott Woodman up front.

We finished the half strongly and it was no more than we deserved when we took the lead after 43 minutes. Alex Finlayson broke from the right hand side and attacked the Bristol defence on a diagonal run towards the left. Iain Harvey went on a great decoy run as Alex fed Chris Organ wide on the left touchline. Chris had a touch and then whipped in the perfect ball for Scott Woodman to slide in at the back post for a well taken goal.

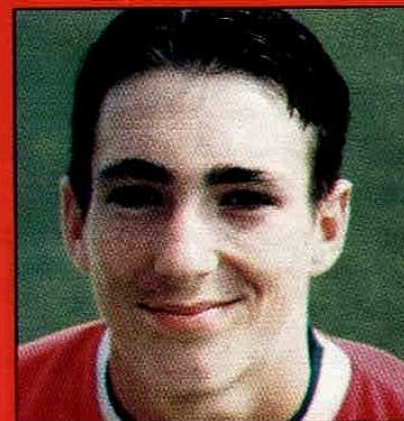
In the second half Bristol changed their tactics to accommodate our midfield, and to be fair enjoyed the Lions Share of the play. Our back three of Pattimore, Wheeldon and



Thomas withstood the pressure and were well supported by good goalkeeping from Steve Mildenhall.

We then made a substitution of the leftback and brought on Ryan Souter for Chris Organ, who had performed well but I was looking for more pace on the left to get us going again as an attacking force. This seemed to work with a further goal coming from Alex Finlayson in the 84th minute after a lovely through ball from Iain Harvey, who was my Man of the Match.

The side we put out was a young side and banes well for next year.



Scott Woodman

Result:
South East Counties League
Swindon Town 2 Bristol City 0

Scorers: Woodman, Finlayson

Team: Mildenhall, Organ, Thomas, Pattimore, Hunt, Coupe, Harvey, Finlayson, Wheeldon, Woodman S, Pearce. **Subs:** Souter, Campbell.

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 2R)	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 06 Jan	Luton Town	A 1-3
Sat 13 Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-6
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-0
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A 2-3
Sat 17 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 5-0
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-1
Sat 02 Mar	OXFORD UNITED	H 0-1
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A 0-0
Sat 16 Mar	BRISTOL CITY	H 2-0
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A
Sat 30 Mar	BRENTFORD	H
TBA	Oxford United	A
TBA	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H
TBA	BARNET	H
TBA	Reading	A

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 19 March 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	23	18	3	2	68	25	39	43
Oxford United	23	14	2	7	54	30	30	24
Luton Town	24	13	3	8	46	35	29	11
Wycombe Wndrs	25	12	4	9	41	38	28	3
AFC Bournemouth	23	11	5	7	39	36	27	3
Southampton	24	11	3	10	40	22	25	18
Brighton & Hove A.	22	11	3	8	32	30	25	2
Wimbledon	21	11	2	8	42	27	24	15
Tottenham Hotspur	23	8	8	7	38	40	24	-2
Brentford	25	9	5	11	29	39	23	-10
Barnet	24	7	8	9	32	33	22	-1
Bristol City	24	7	6	11	36	42	20	-8
SWINDON TOWN	23	5	7	11	25	38	17	-13
Reading	24	6	5	13	25	59	17	-34
Bristol Rovers	24	5	5	14	31	47	15	-16
Colchester United	24	3	6	16	23	60	11	-37

The Postbag



Write your letters to 'Have Your Say' and we will be featuring them in future Matchday Magazines

Dear Sirs

I would be very grateful if you could give a mention in the matchday programme to Ian Ratcliffe, a loyal Town supporter in the Intel Stand disabled enclosure.

Ian's first Swindon match was against Everton in the F.A. Cup (76-7 season) and he has watched them whenever possible since then despite previously working in Brighton at one stage. He now lives and works in Leicester but travels back to his home at Bourton-on-the-Water and then on to Swindon for all home matches.

He had actually watched every League match this season home and away up to the Bristol Rovers game on Feb 24th Unfortunately he had to go into Stoke Mandeville Hospital for an operation and was forced to miss the Wycombe and Peterborough away games. However upon being released from Hospital on the morning of the Walsall match and being told to "go home and rest" he was actually back watching the 'Reds' in the afternoon!!

Can you also, please give a mention to all the other loyal disabled Town supporters and last but, definitely, not least a big thank you to all at the Swindon Town Travel Club (and the coach drivers) who are very kind, friendly and helpful on our away trips - Much appreciated "Good Luck & best Wishes" to the 'Reds' for the rest of the season.

Yours sincerely

Dave Eeles

Well done for writing Dave, this really is a thoughtful gesture. It sounds as if nothing is going to keep Ian away from The County Ground.

Ed.

Dear Swindon Town F.C.

I thought I would write a special thank you letter to your Stewards who treated me so kindly when I came to the County Ground with Walsall F.C.

I was very grateful for what they did for me because I had damaged my ligaments in my knee and I was on crutches when I arrived at the ground.

I went for my ticket and went round to the gates but when I got to the gates one of the stewards took me through a different gate so I didn't have to go up the stairs! When I got inside the ground they let me sit at the front, then I asked a steward to get me a programme and he did.

Then half way through the game I needed the toilet so another steward took me down to the toilets past your fans and finally just before the game finished another steward let me out early so I could get back on the coach before the game finished.

Unfortunately I missed Walsall's goal but I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to all your stewards who helped me.

I was very grateful and I will never forget what you did for me and good luck to Swindon for the rest of the season.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Cooke

We are very proud of the quality of our stewards. Congratulations to those who were involved with Vicky, keep up the good work.

Ed.

Face in the crowd....



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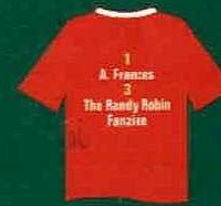
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Winning WAYS

By Dave Hollister

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The winning Half-Time Nest-Egg number at the Walsall game on Saturday 9th March was 3373. Holder of the winning ticket was Adrian Carey of Corsham. Adrian picked up £804 in return for his £1 outlay.

Recent winners on our 10p weekly Moonraker Chase Tricast are as follows:



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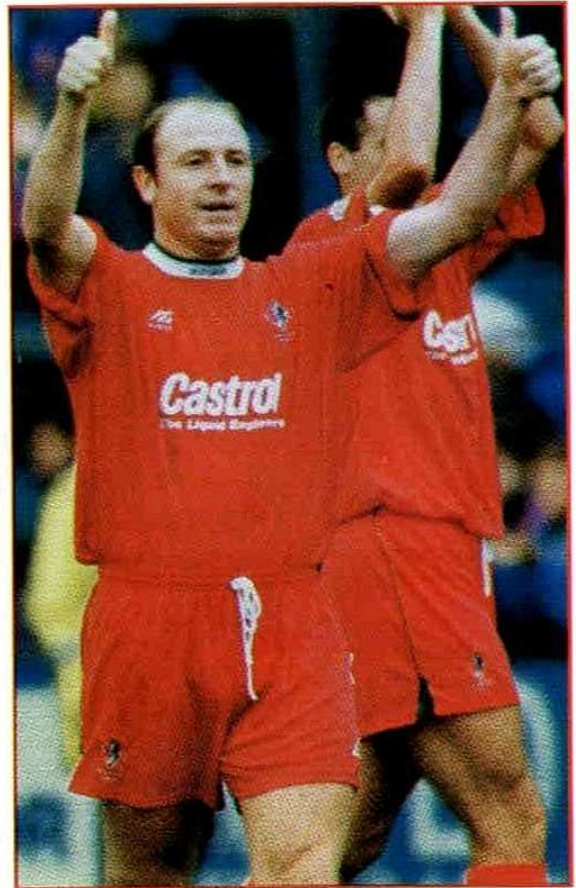
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By Colin Benson

Tomorrow afternoon Wembley stages the first of this season's show piece finals when Aston Villa take on Leeds United in the Coca-Cola Cup Final. It is nice to see two such famous clubs back in the limelight after so long away from the twin towers, and I'm sure it will be a cracking game.

The League Cup has never quite fired public imagination in the same way as the F.A. Cup, no doubt because it is not steeped in history as is the F.A. Cup, which really was the catalyst on which the Football Association grew. But for those taking part on Sunday, and those supporters from Villa Park and Elland Road, the occasion will be one to treasure.

There is no finer stage than the Wembley green which should encourage the likes of Dwight Yorke - the Carling player for February - and Tony Yeboah to conjure up something special, and if they are at their explosive best we will all have something to thrill over. There will be a host of top quality artists on view and hopefully the attacking forces will get the better of two defences which at times have proved to be less than watertight.

Villa have produced some wonderful football this season and will be favourites against a Leeds United side that has blown hot and cold. In goalkeepers Mark Bosnich and John Lukic there is nothing to choose, though the Leeds custodian has been there before with Arsenal and just edges on experience of the big day atmosphere.

Perhaps the real key to this game hinges on midfield where Gary McAllister and Mark Draper will be battling for supremacy. Again here the Leeds United and Scotland captain is the more experienced playmaker, but it will all be about who feels the best on the day. Villa's Brian Little though is way ahead of Howard Wilkinson when it comes to playing at Wembley. Little

has been there both as a player and a manager and knows all too well the pit-falls that can beset a team.

I recall seeing him as a gifted ball player weaving his magic in a 1-0 Final victory over Norwich in 1975 and again in a 0-0 draw with Everton at Wembley in 1977. Villa eventually won the League Cup that season too but it took two replays to sort it out before they won 3-2 after extra time at Old Trafford - Brian scoring two goals, and Chris Nicholl, now the Walsall manager, netting the other.

Happy memories, but the one I shall always remember of Brian was in his capability as manager of Leicester City in 1993. Yes it was at Wembley and we had just beaten Leicester 4-3 in possibly the most thrilling Play-Off Final of all time. The men from Filbert Street were shattered, for only twelve months earlier they had succumbed to Blackburn Rovers - a debatable penalty, courtesy of David Speedie, producing the Blackburn blow.

On this occasion I was with a TV cameraman doing post game interviews - "Get on and interview Brian Little." - came the director's instruction at the final whistle. My heart dropped for surely the last thing Brian wanted at that moment was a microphone thrust in his face and a camera scrutinising his private agony. But Brian, as always, was the perfect gentleman, responsive and passionately brilliant in defeat.

Perhaps he will be brilliant in glory tomorrow, who knows? One who doesn't is Howard Wilkinson, who though he has been to Wembley

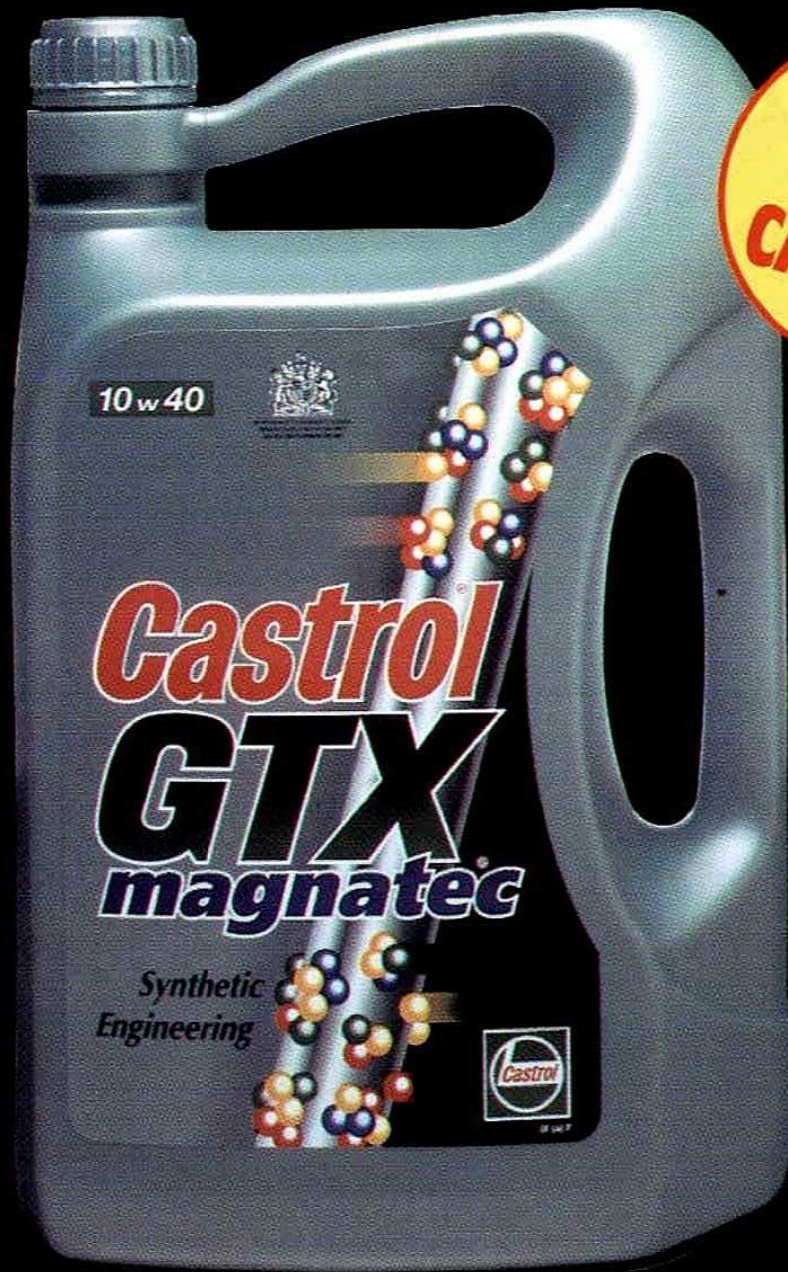
twice as an England coach and once with Leeds for the Charity Shield, is really treading virgin territory. Howard is another perfect gentleman, grossly misunderstood by those who do not know him.

Like players who play there for the first time Howard is anxious not to let the afternoon pass him by. He says he is mentally trying to make sure that he gets the most out of leading his team out onto the famous pitch, whether he can remain to be seen.

Whoever wins, let us hope it is a great game of football to fly the flag for our English game.



Howard Wilkinson - Looking forward to leading his team out onto the famous Wembley stage.



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Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

It was disappointing to see Blackpool ease us off the top rung of the Second Division ladder, first by the slender margin of a single goal, then last weekend by the difference of two points.

We have still got two games in hand of course following last Tuesday's derby at Oxford United but to be fair to Blackpool they have done exceptionally well to breach the gap and though we remain totally convinced we will be above them at the end of the season it is obviously going to be a highly competitive run in.

Obviously having been top for most of the season we don't like being pushed off our perch but as long as we are heading the Division in the final League table we won't be worried.

Crewe can not be ruled out either. They have slipped of late but are the type of club that seems to produce an endless line of good young players and there are still plenty of games to go yet and time for them to find their feet again after selling two of their best players.

We were not too happy last Saturday. By our standards we were quite poor in the first half at Burnley, though we did play a lot better after the break and felt we deserved a penalty when Steve Finney was brought down. Things did not go our way however, one flashed just past the post, two were cleared off the line.

A 0-0 draw away from home is not bad really it is just that our away record is so good this season we have come to expect a win every time we take the field. As players we are quite confident we can play a lot more away from home, opponents come at us and we find a bit more space, whereas here people tend to sit back against us which doesn't help. Anyway, at Burnley we felt we had dropped two points.

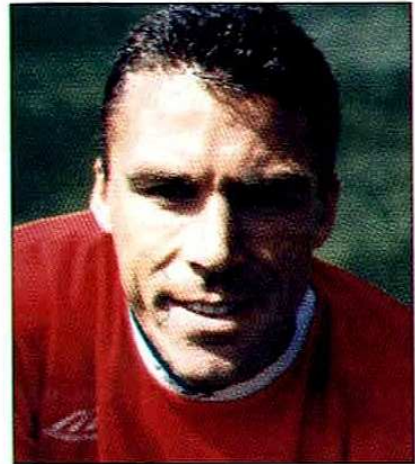
There was a big game at Oxford on Tuesday so no time to relax because we need to get some points on the board and pull away from third spot and open up a gap.

It was only a couple of weeks ago that we earned a pretty comfortable win at Peterborough but we will certainly not be taking anything for granted this afternoon. They have had some good results since then, winning at Stockport County 1-0 then beating Crewe last week by 3-1. In Charlery and Power they have players who have operated at a higher level and we feel if we can keep them quiet we will score goals at the other end and achieve the right result.

I don't think you will find any game is easy and as we know we have not played so well at home as we have away, so we need to get ourselves sorted out in this respect. We are looking for three points this afternoon and naturally desperately want to reward our loyal fans by producing the goods in front of them at the County Ground.

The confidence is there, the manager keeps telling us we are the best team in the Division, but we have got to prove that every week by getting the results.

The postponed game at Bradford means that we play four away at the end of the season before we meet Stockport at home on the last day of the season. So the final run-in is not going to be easy. We will not get complacent and if you get behind us as you have all season so far I am sure we will get the result we want at the end of the day.



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So, it is with great pride that I can tell you about my U13 squad who played an evening match against a local side for the benefit fund of Stephen Kehoe. Stephen is a local lad who played football for his club team Liden, but fell victim to an illness this season. His manager, Mr Reade contacted the club via Nic Vitale, our coach, and asked if



we would play his team under floodlights at Lambourn to help raise money to send Stephen on a trip to Euro Disney.

All the lads were asked to play but due to travelling and over play (ie too many games played) we would excuse the lads if they did not want

to participate. Every boy, including Grant Pinkney and Nathan Edwards who live in Evesham, were keen to play in Stephen's Benefit and even the injured lads in our squad turned up to support the evening.

Many thanks lads and parents for supporting Stephen Kehoe's benefit Match and we hope Stephen enjoyed his trip to Euro Disney. We wish him well from all of our staff and boys at Swindon Town Centre of Excellence.



Tommy Wheeldon presents an autographed ball to Stephen Kehoe before his benefit match.

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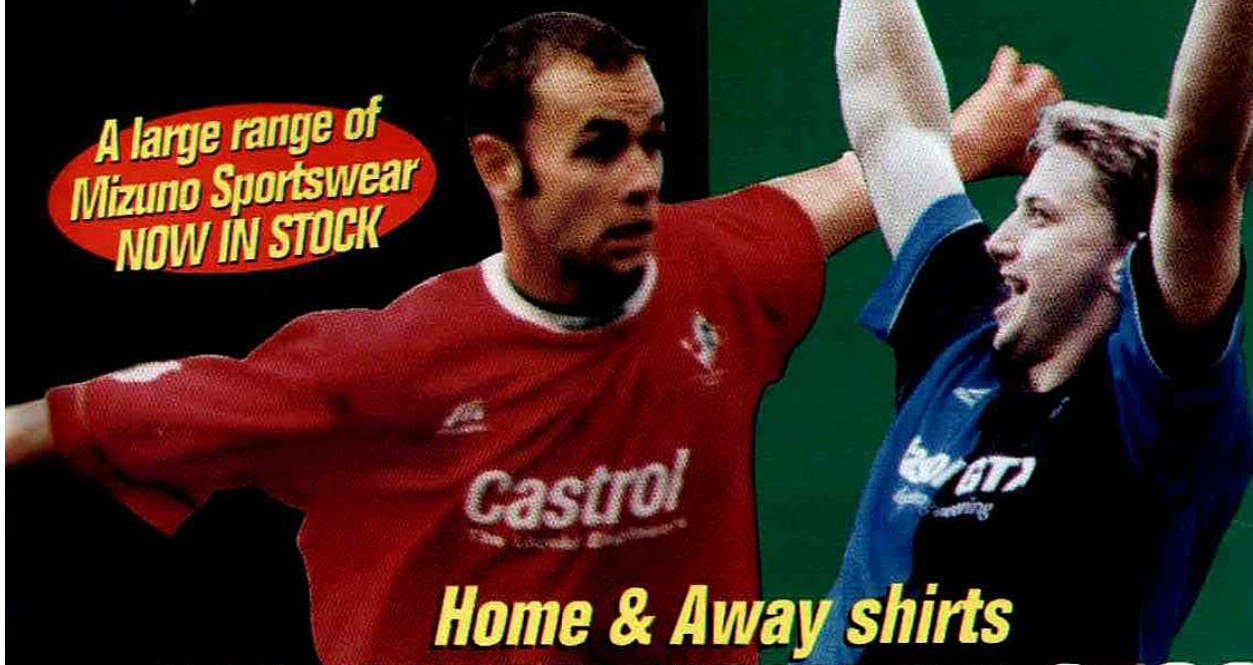
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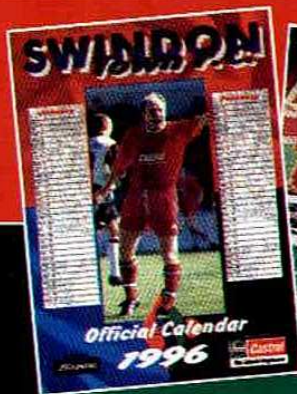
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Statistics - Season 1

Endsleigh League Division 2 as at 19 March 1996

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD
BLACKPOOL	36	12	4	2	8	6	4	57	31	70	26
SWINDON TOWN	34	9	7	1	10	4	3	54	26	68	28
CREWE ALEXANDRA	36	11	3	3	8	4	7	66	45	64	21
OXFORD UNITED	36	13	2	2	4	7	8	50	33	60	17
NOTTS COUNTY	34	10	5	3	6	6	4	45	28	59	17
CHESTERFIELD	33	1	4	1	5	5	7	46	35	57	11
WREXHAM	36	10	6	3	3	8	6	57	43	53	14
STOCKPORT COUNTY	37	4	8	6	10	3	6	47	38	53	9
BRISTOL ROVERS	35	8	3	7	7	5	5	46	48	53	-2
BRADFORD CITY	35	11	3	4	4	3	10	47	51	51	-4
BRISTOL CITY	37	8	4	6	4	8	7	41	46	48	-5
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	35	8	4	6	4	6	7	51	48	46	3
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	35	6	7	4	5	6	7	44	43	46	1
WALSALL	34	7	7	3	5	3	9	42	32	46	10
BRENTFORD	37	9	4	5	2	7	10	35	43	44	-8
SHREWSBURY TOWN	36	6	5	6	5	5	9	46	51	43	-5
BURNLEY	34	7	7	4	4	3	9	45	48	43	-3
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	36	9	4	6	3	3	11	39	56	43	-17
ROTHERHAM UNITED	35	9	5	4	1	5	11	39	50	40	-11
YORK CITY	34	5	6	5	3	6	9	41	53	36	-12
SWANSEA CITY	37	6	7	6	2	5	11	35	62	36	-27
CARLISLE UNITED	35	6	6	5	1	7	10	42	55	34	-13
BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	36	4	6	9	4	3	10	36	52	33	-16
HULL CITY	35	2	7	8	1	6	11	24	56	22	-32

First Team Appearances as at 19 March 1996

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	17(1)	0	5	1	22(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	32	13	12	3	44	16
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	23(2)	2	9	0	34(2)	2
LEE COLLINS	2(4)	0	2	0	4(4)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	34	0	11	0	45	0
FRASER DIGBY	19(8)	0	11	0	30(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	9(1)	0	4(2)	0	13(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	22(9)	12	8(5)	4	30(14)	16
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	13(18)	3	7(4)	1	20(22)	4
TONY GRANT	3	1	0	0	3	1
DEAN HOOPER	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	31(1)	6	10(3)	4	41(4)	10
MARTIN LING	9(6)	0	5	1	14(7)	1
STEVE McMAHON	20	0	7(2)	0	27(2)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0
EDWIN MURRAY	3(10)	1	2(3)	0	5(13)	1
LUC NIJHOLT	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	21(5)	3	5(3)	0	26(10)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	34	1	11(1)	0	45(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	21(2)	0	9(1)	0	30(3)	0
ALEX SMITH	0(5)	0	0(1)	0	0(6)	0
FRANK TALIA	10(7)	0	0(1)	0	11(8)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	31	4	13	0	44	4
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	12(5)	6	6(4)	1	18(9)	7

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 0-0
Tue 26 Dec WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 0-0
Sat 06 Jan WOKING (FAC 3)	H 2-0
Wed 10 Jan SWANSEA CITY	H 3-0
Sat 13 Jan York City	A 0-2
Sat 20 Jan HULL CITY	H 3-0
Sat 03 Feb CARLISLE UNITED	H 2-1
Sat 10 Feb Swansea City	A 1-0
Mon 12 Feb OLDHAM ATHLETIC (FAC 4)	H 1-0
Sat 17 Feb SOUTHAMPTON (FAC 5)	H 1-1
Wed 21 Feb BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat 24 Feb BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-1
Wed 28 Feb Southampton (FAC 5 Replay)	A 0-2
Sat 02 Mar Wycombe Wanderers	A 2-1
Tue 05 Mar Peterborough United	A 2-0
Sat 09 Mar WALSALL	H 1-1
Sat 16 Mar Burnley	A 0-0
Tue 19 Mar Oxford United	A 0-3
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
Wed 17 Apr BURNLEY	H
Sat 20 Apr Blackpool	A
Tue 23 Apr Chesterfield	A
Sat 27 Apr Shrewsbury Town	A
Tues 30 Apr Bradford City	A
Sat 04 May STOCKPORT COUNTY	H

FAC = FA CUP CCC = COCA-COLA CUP
AWS = AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD
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995/96 Fixtures



Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6,525	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	GOODEN	BODIN o	NLHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NLHOLT 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	PTMAN	BEAUCHAMP o 1
6,325	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY 1	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	PTMAN	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	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 o
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
5,624	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	O'SULLIVAN o	TALIA
12,976	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	O'SULLIVAN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	LING o	TALIA
10,322	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	McMAHON o	FINNEY o	O'SULLIVAN
6,555	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	SEAGRAVES	ALLEN	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 2	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	FINNEY o	TALIA
3,613	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	LING	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	FINNEY o	SMITH A o
8,118	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	LING	ROBINSON	GRANT 1	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	SMITH A o	O'SULLIVAN o	FINNEY o
8,242	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GRANT	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	DRYSDALE	O'SULLIVAN
4,452	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	LING	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	GRANT	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	SMITH A	COLLINS
9,508	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	McMAHON	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	SMITH A	LING o 1
15,035	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	FINNEY o	DRYSDALE o	SEAGRAVES o
8,814	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
11,724	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	ALLEN	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	SEAGRAVES o	TALIA
13,962	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	O'SULLIVAN	LING
8,457	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN 1	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	COLLINS	THORNE P 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY o	SMITH A	O'SULLIVAN
4,196	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	COLLINS	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
9,564	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	COLLINS o	O'SULLIVAN	DIGBY
9,360	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	GOODEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	LING o	SMITH	COLLINS
8,585	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	SMITH o	O'SULLIVAN o

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Swindon Town Football Club is proud to welcome both professional footballers and supporters from all nationalities to the County Ground. It is our aim that people from all races enjoy football at the County Ground without fear of harassment or intimidation and while recent research shows that we do not seem to have a problem with racism here at the Club, we mustn't become complacent. Therefore, any supporter found distributing literature of a racially intolerant nature, or hurling racial abuse at players or fellow supporters, will be ejected from the ground immediately and will attract a lengthy ban from the Club.

Mike Spearman Chairman

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Team Sheet

Swindon Town

- 1  Frank Talia
- 2  Ian Culverhouse
- 3  Paul Bodin
- 4  Martin Ling
- 5  Mark Seagraves
- 6  Shaun Taylor
- 7  Mark Robinson
- 8  Paul Allen
- 9  Peter Thorne
- 10  Wayne Allison
- 11  Kevin Horlock
- 12  Ty Gooden
- 13  Wayne O'Sullivan
- 14  Alex Smith

Team Changes

-  _____
-  _____
-  _____

Peterborough United

- 1  Jon Sheffield
- 2  Lee Williams
- 3  Simon Clark
- 4  Steve Robinson
- 5  Mark Foran
- 6  Greg Heald
- 7  David Morrison
- 8  Marcus Ebdon
- 9  Lee Power
- 10  Ken Charlery
- 11  Danny Carter
- 12  Andy Ansah
- 13  Greg Rioch
- 14  Guiliano Grazioli

Team Changes

-  _____
-  _____
-  _____

Today's Officials:

-  **Referee:**
M.E. Pierce (Portsmouth, Hants.)
-  **Linesman (red/yellow flag):**
E.W. Green (Henley-on-Thames)
-  **Linesman (yellow flag):**
P.J. Griggs (Dursley, Gloucestershire)
- Reserve Official:**
R. Mitchell (Portland, Dorset)



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