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# welcome to swindon town

**Tonight we take on the Baggies as West Brom come to town in the Nationwide First Division.**

The Midlanders may not be setting the division alight at present but they are unbeaten away - a record which we will be determined to end tonight.

## Royals prove too strong

**A hectic week finally caught up with Swindon on Saturday as they went down 2-0 at Elm Park in the local derby with Reading.**

Former West Ham marksman Trevor Morley was chief tormentor with both of the goals during the second half, his first from the penalty spot.

## Gutsy display at Old Trafford

**An army of 8000 Town fans made the trip to Old Trafford a week ago to roar their team on in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup.**

Despite the marvellous backing, the lads couldn't quite pull off a giant killing act as they were edged out by the odd goal in three.

Karel Poborsky gave United the lead, hot shot Peter Thorne levelled with his fifth goal in three matches but United had the final say when Paul Scholes scored what proved to be the winner.

## Away win at Palace

**Swindon came out on top in a bruising battle at Selhurst Park as they won by the odd goal**

**in three.**

Despite falling behind to a Bruce Dyer penalty, the Chief nodded in the equaliser before Peter Thorne popped up with what proved to be the winner, early in the second half.

The only blemish on the display was the sending off of Mark Walters near the end for his second bookable offence.

He will now miss Saturday's game here against Manchester City through suspension.

## Huddersfield hammered

**There was a goal feast at the County Ground in our last home match when Huddersfield were sent packing on the end of a 6-0 reverse.**

Peter Thorne led the way with a superb hat trick while further efforts from Wayne Allison, Kevin Horlock and Mark Walters rounded off a power-packed performance.

It was the biggest win under Steve McMahon who was understandably delighted: "

Something like this has just been waiting to happen over the past few months.

"Everything we hit seemed to go in. It was just one of those nights," he said.

## New date for Bolton clash

**Swindon Town's Nationwide First Division match at home to Bolton Wanderers, originally scheduled for Saturday December 21st will now take place on Sunday December 22nd, kick-off 2.10pm.**

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# ***the manager***

## Steve McMahon

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***It has been a tough couple of weeks and to be honest I think the trip to Manchester United last week took its toll on the players both mentally and physically.***

You could all see that by the result at Reading on Saturday when in the second half we looked very jaded.

The defeat was not due to a lack of quality in our line-up, it was simply because we had been through a tough mid-week battle, unlike Reading who had been without a fixture.

Everyone here from the players, coaching staff and even the supporters were shattered after the trip to Old Trafford and it was difficult to find the extra gear needed at Elm Park.

Hopefully that result was just a hiccup and after a few days rest we will all be hungry for a return to winning ways.

It is important that we bounce straight back because prior to Saturday's game we had strung together three league wins on the trot which had pushed us right up into the top half of the table.

We were definitely looking to extend that run at Reading but you could see that we failed due to mitigating circumstances.

Anyway, enough of that. We must put that defeat out of our minds and concentrate on the task ahead of us tonight against West Bromwich Albion.

They have got a strong team who seem to be getting better results away from home at the moment.

Alan Buckley is doing a good job at the Hawthorns and we will have to give his team the respect they deserve - as we do all the other teams in this division.

We have got a couple of niggling injuries which have come about because of a series of hard games but that's football and we have the strength in depth to cope with that.

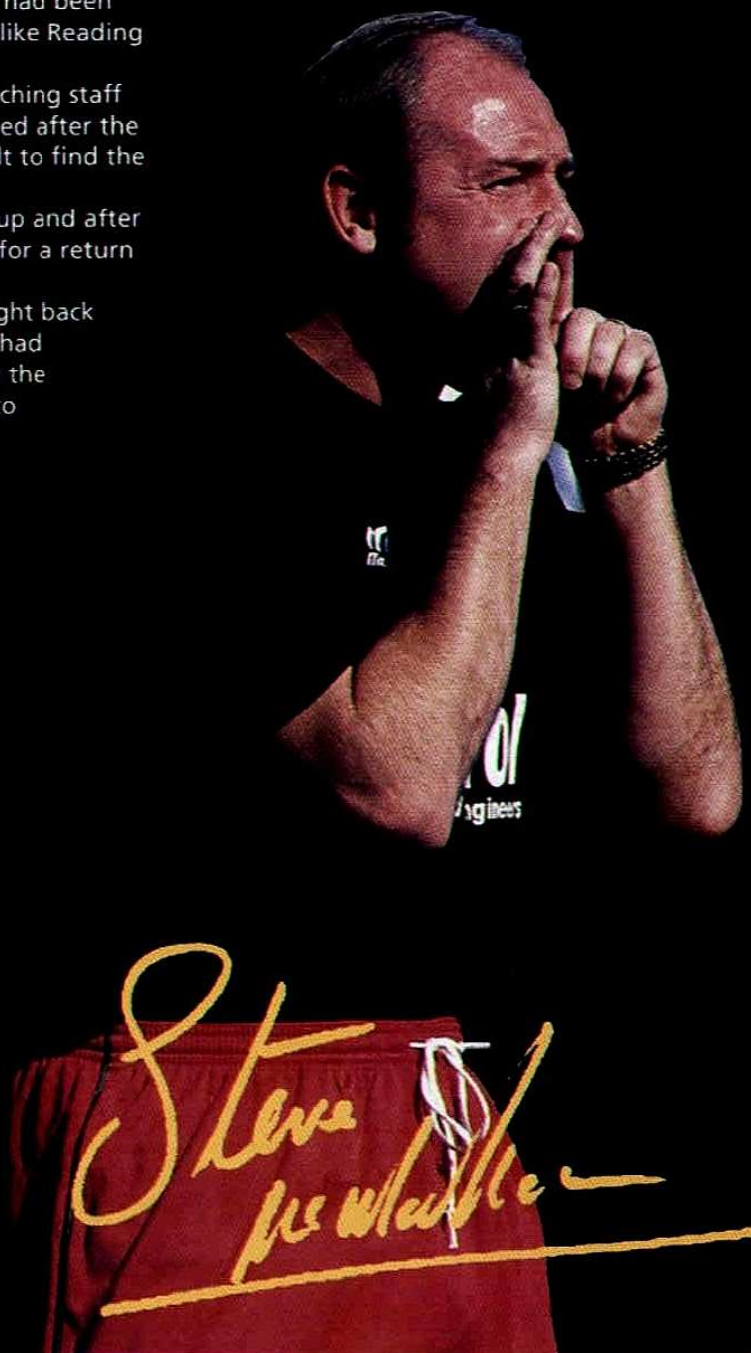
Whatever team I send out will need your full backing to help them collect the three points we are looking for.

The support at Manchester United was fantastic but we need that kind of backing week in and week out - it can make such a difference.

I've been very disappointed with the attendances here at the County Ground so far this season and we need a lot more coming through the turnstiles.

If we can take over 8,000 fans to Old Trafford then surely we must be able to get 10,000 here for home games.

It's down to you!





# today's visitors

*This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of West Bromwich Albion Football Club to the County Ground. We hope that everybody enjoys the match and has a safe journey home after the game.*

With Albion swiftly becoming the First Division's answer to the National Lottery, with a draw taking place every week, Alan Buckley's side are sitting in the bottom-half of the table - despite having lost only three times in the League all season at the time of writing.

Unfortunately for Baggies' fans they have also won only three in that time, although two of those victories have come against high-flyers QPR and Tranmere.

Buckley, the former Grimsby boss, has got his team playing the neat and tidy football which has become his trademark in recent years and he has recently extended the already large Mariners connection at The Hawthorns to eight by signing the highly-rated goalkeeper Paul Crichton from his old club.

Crichton's capture has been a bonus for Buckley, as he has seen the

experienced Nigel Spink - picked up on a free from neighbours Aston Villa - suffer a knee injury that required surgery and has resulted in the former England man missing six weeks of first-team action.

Last season's 'Player of the Year' was striker Andy Hunt, and he has started the current campaign in the same way he began 1995/96 - in blistering form.

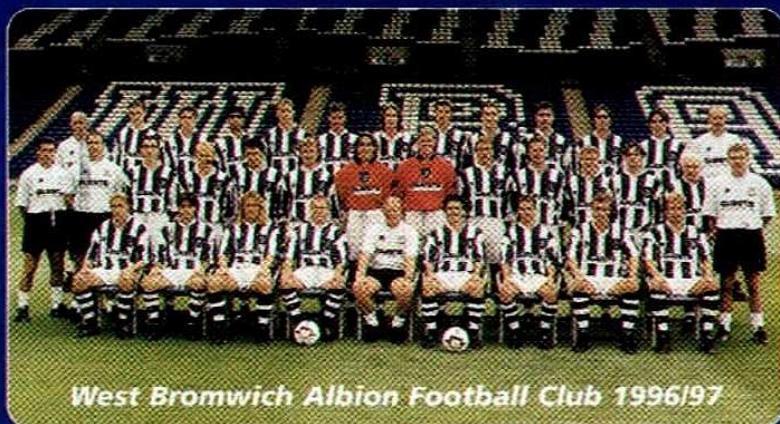
After a disappointing 1994/95 season, when Albion finished perilously close to the relegation places in 19th spot in the First Division table, they have recovered well under the stewardship of Alan Buckley and last year finished a creditable 11th, despite a disastrous League run that saw them win just once in 14 games between November and January.

Their biggest strength would seem to lie in attack, where they can boast some quality performers in the likes of Hunt, the experienced Bob Taylor and ex-Birmingham and Stoke player Paul Peschisolido.

But curiously they have struggled a little for goals this term - a record that Steve McMahon and Co will be keen to keep going this evening.



# West Brom



West Bromwich Albion Football Club 1996/97

**BACK ROW:** Arthur Mann (Assistant Manager), Lee Knight, Simon Buckley, Michael Rodosthenous, Paul Raven, Shane Nicholson, Chris Hargreaves (no longer with Club), Andy Hunt, Daryl Burgess, Paul Mardon, Ian Hamilton, Dean Bennett, Richard O'Kelly (Youth Team Coach).

**MIDDLE ROW:** John Trewick (Coach), Paul Mitchell (Physio), Bob Taylor, Stacey Coldicott, Lee Ashcroft, Paul Agnew, Gary Germaine, Nigel Spink, Shaun Cunningham, Paul Groves, Peter Butler, James Wills, Ronnie Allen, Mark Ashton (Community Officer).

**FRONT ROW:** Kevin Donovan, Paul Peschisolido, Richard Sneekes, Dave Gilbert, Alan Buckley (Manager), David Smith, Gareth Hamner, Paul Holmes, Julian Darby.





# one to watch Richard Sneekes

**Former Ajax and Holland Under-21 star Richard Sneekes was an inspired signing by manager Alan Buckley at a time when nothing was going right for Albion last season.**

Picked up from Premiership Bolton Wanderers for a cut-price £400,000 after a bust-up with manager Colin Todd, the introduction of the long-haired Dutchman in the Baggies' midfield in March 1996 had a dramatic effect.

Right from his debut in the Albion stripes, against Watford, Sneekes hit it off with both new team-mates and supporters, and his final tally of 10 goals in just 13 games went a long way towards boosting morale and ensuring the Club's First Division status after their mid-season wobbles.

A real cult-hero at the Hawthorns, Richard became - at 16 - the youngest player ever to appear in a League match for Dutch masters Ajax - a record he has since relinquished to Clarence Seedorf.

## FACT FILE..

**Name:** Richard Sneekes  
**Position:** Midfield  
**Born:** Bristol, 30.10.68  
**Height:** 5ft 11in  
**Weight:** 12st 3lb  
**Trophies won:** None  
**International Honours:** Holland 22 Youth, 2 Under-21  
**League record last season:** 30 games, 11 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
85/86 - 87/88	Ajax	3	-	From Apprentice
88/89	Volendam	31	7	Unknown
89/90 - 92/93	Holland Fortuna Sittard	126	20	Unknown
94/95 - 95/96	Bolton	55	7	£200,000
95/96	WBA	13	10	£400,000

# Alan Buckley

**Attractive and entertaining football has always been the aim for Albion manager Alan Buckley - and even though his nerves must have been stretched to the limit on occasions last season, he managed to keep the Baggies playing in the manner his principles demand.**

Buckley has experienced the highs and lows of management during his years in the game: winning successive promotions with Grimsby and taking Walsall to the verge of a Wembley appearance, but also dropping out of the League to take charge of GMVC club Kettering.

He began life as a striker with Nottingham Forest, but managed only 16 matches for the City Ground club before moving to Walsall, where he notched up an impressive tally of 125 strikes in 241 League games over the next five seasons.

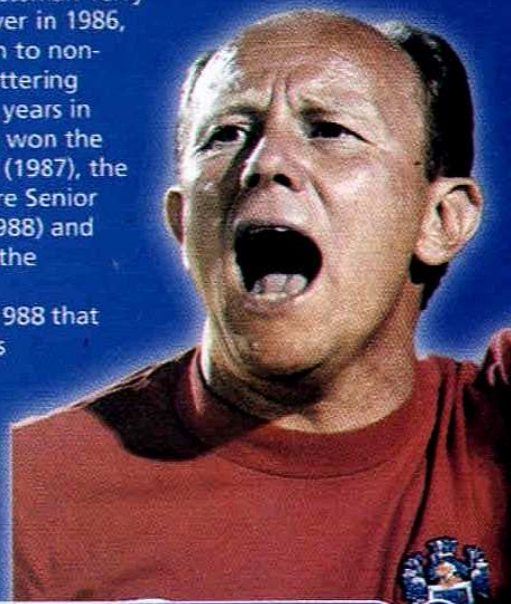
He was appointed caretaker manager at Fellows Park - where Walsall then played - but was later sold to Birmingham City when new boss Alan Ashman took over the helm.

However, when City were relegated to the old

Second Division, Buckley returned to Fellows Park as player-manager - for a club record £175,000 - and led the club to runners-up spot in Division Four at his first attempt.

Despite much success at Walsall - including a Milk Cup Semi-Final appearance in 1984 - Buckley lost his job when millionaire businessman Terry Ramsden took over in 1986, and he moved on to non-League outfit Kettering Town. In his two years in charge the Town won the Bob Lord Trophy (1987), the Northamptonshire Senior Cup (1987 and 1988) and finished third in the Conference.

It was in June 1988 that Alan Buckley was tempted back into League football, when he was appointed manager at Grimsby Town,







# player profile

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

The highly-rated former Grimsby Town goalkeeper **PAUL CRICHTON** has been drafted in to help shore up the last line of the Baggies' defence this season. Having begun with Nottingham Forest, Crichton never got a first-team chance at the City Ground and had spells on loan at Notts Co, Darlington, Peterborough, Rotherham, Torquay and here at Swindon before finally moving to Peterborough in November 1988. He became the eighth ex-Grimsby player to follow manager Alan Buckley to The Hawthorns when he transferred recently.

Other keepers at the Club include the experienced ex-England number one **NIGEL SPINK**, who had spent his entire 20-year professional career at Aston Villa before moving to Albion on a free in the summer, and youngster **GARY GERMAINE**, a Scotland Youth International who has come up through the ranks at the Hawthorns.

With **PAUL AGNEW** out injured for much of last season, the left-back position caused some problems for Albion, but it is hoped that the 31-year-old former Northern Ireland U23 cap will be back in regular contention before too long.

One of the outstanding performers in the West Brom defence last term was former Hawthorns apprentice **DARYL BURGESS**, who can operate anywhere across the back four and is also comfortable at sweeper possessing as he does pace, heading ability, strong tackling and the ability to read the game well.

Bob Taylor

**STACEY COLDICOTT** is another ex-YTS to have come up through the ranks at West Brom. A determined and aggressive player who can perform equally well at right-back or in the midfield he struggled for a regular first-team spot last season and again seems to be on the periphery this time around.

Having failed to make the grade at Shrewsbury Town as a teenager, **GARETH HAMNER** is a strong-tackling left-back who drifted into non-League football before being spotted by Albion

while playing for League of Wales Club Newtown. Alan Buckley duly paid £20,000 for his signature in May 1996, and Gareth is tipped to make a big impression over the next couple of seasons.

Former Everton man **PAUL HOLMES** added a new dimension to West Brom's play when he arrived on loan from Goodison Park last season, indeed he made such an impression that Alan Buckley quickly parted with the £80,000 needed to take him to the Hawthorns on a permanent basis. Eager to push forward from full-back, Holmes suffered a knee injury towards the end of the last campaign but is now back in action.

**PAUL MARDON** is an Ex-Bristol City and Birmingham man who enjoyed an excellent last season, broken only by a short-term knee injury.

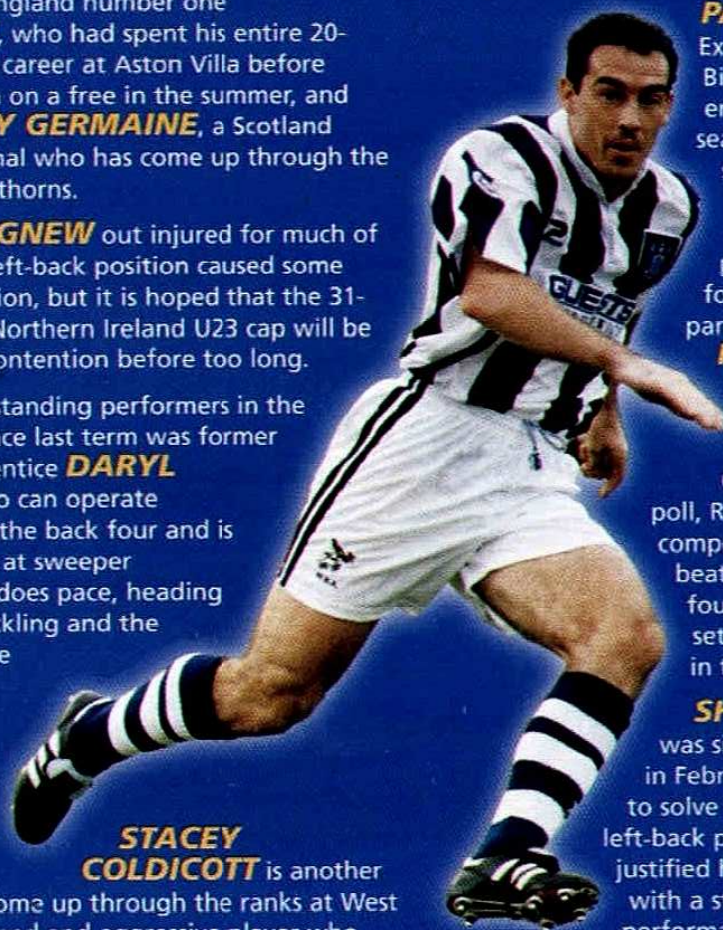
Strong in the air but calm and composed in possession, Mardon formed a sound partnership with **PAUL RAVEN**, who was one of the king-pins of Albion's defence in 1996/97.

Runner-up in the Club's 'Player of the Year' poll, Raven is a tough competitor who hates to be beaten and can often be found pushing forward at set-pieces, where his power in the air is always a threat.

**SHANE NICHOLSON**

was signed from Derby County in February of this year in a bid to solve the Club's problematic left-back position, and he quickly justified his £150,000 transfer fee with a string of good performances coupling sterling defensive work with the ability to get forward and hit accurate crosses into the opposing box.

**CRAIG HERBERT** is a 20-year-old who was signed from Torquay for £10,000 in March 1994 but missed practically the whole of last season after breaking a leg playing for Albion's Reserve side.





# West Brom

## PLAYER PROFILE



In the midfield, Alan Buckley can call on the services of ex-Southend and West Ham United player **PETER BUTLER**, who combines terrier-like tenacity with good passing ability.

Butler joined the Baggies on loan last term and his presence played a big part in the Club's flight away from the relegation places. He was rewarded for his efforts with a permanent contract on 1st August 1996.

A member of the 'Grimsby Connection' is **SHAUN CUNNINGTON**, who will be hoping that the 1996/97 campaign brings him more joy than last season, when three separate comeback attempts were thwarted by injury. Having formerly played under Alan Buckley at Blundell Park, his aggression and leadership qualities in midfield were sorely missed during the Baggies' disastrous run between November and January, and this £220,000 signing from Sunderland in August 1995 will be keen to get back on track this term.

**JULIAN DARBY** joined Albion from Coventry City in November 1995 for a fee of £250,000 but after a bright start he faded into the background slightly at the Hawthorns, particularly after the arrival of Richard Sneekes from Bolton.

Right midfielder **KEVIN DONOVAN** is another Baggies star to have been forced onto the sidelines last term, with an ankle injury prematurely ending his season in March. A determined competitor, Donovan moved to the Midlands from Huddersfield for £70,000 in October 1992 and has also had a spell on loan at Halifax Town.

Another of the eight players to have followed manager Alan Buckley from Grimsby is winger **DAVE GILBERT**. Despite lacking a bit of pace, Gilbert's close control and clever wing play make him a handful for any defence.

It cost WBA £600,000 to tempt **PAUL GROVES** from, yes you've guessed it, Grimsby Town in May of this year. Groves was the Mariners' record signing, Club captain and top scorer last term and he didn't miss a single game for the Blundell Park Club between August 1992 and May

1996 - a remarkable level of consistency. Mainly operates as a ball-winner in the Albion midfield, but also packs a fearsome shot.

**IAN HAMILTON** enjoyed his best season to date last term, when his prompting and probing from midfield helped unlock some of the division's tightest defences. Signed for £160,000 from Scunthorpe in June 1992 he has proved a bargain for the Hawthorns' Club.

Unable to gain a regular first-team place with the Baggies, winger **DAVE SMITH** put himself on the transfer list in May after a disappointing season. Asked to fill a variety of roles in defence and midfield, this 28-year-old ex-Coventry and Birmingham player always gave a good account of himself on the occasions he was called up.

It is up front that Albion appear to be at their strongest, with last season's 'Player of the Year' **ANDY HUNT** among their star performers. It was a divided season for Hunt, who hit 16 goals in the first two-thirds of the campaign, but then found the net only once more in the closing weeks. An unselfish and intelligent player, his strong running off the ball creates numerous chances for his fellow front-men.

**LEE ASHCROFT** is a 24-year-old who is equally happy on either flank and has won England Under-21 recognition, while

**PAUL PESCHISOLDO** moved to West Brom from Birmingham City recently. Married to the St. Andrew's Managing Director Karren Brady, Peschisoldo is a diminutive Canadian international who also had a spell with Stoke City.

**BOB TAYLOR** has been injured for much of this term, but finished 1995/96 as Albion's leading scorer - with 23 goals - and is bound to be a threat again this term. Named Club captain midway through last term, Taylor is physically strong and holds up play well, while creating chances for those feeding off him.



Paul Groves



# West Brom

## VITAL STATISTICS



### West Brom's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	13	12	17	51	49	51	15th
87/88	2	44	12	11	21	50	69	47	20th
88/89	2	46	18	18	10	65	41	72	9th
89/90	2	46	12	15	19	67	71	51	20th
90/91	2	46	10	18	18	52	61	48	22nd
91/92	3	46	19	14	13	64	49	71	7th
92/93	2	46	25	10	11	88	54	85	4th
93/94	1	46	13	12	21	60	69	51	21st
94/95	1	46	16	10	20	51	57	58	19th
95/96	1	46	16	12	18	60	68	60	11th



**10 YEAR  
RECORD**

### OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST WEST BROMWICH ALBION...

Home	Div	Result
08-Sep-1973	2	1-0
01-Jan-1988	2	2-0
25-Mar-1989	2	0-0
21-Apr-1990	2	2-1
22-Dec-1990	2	2-1
31-Aug-1994	1	0-0

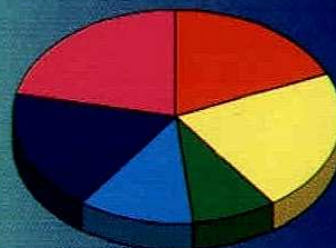
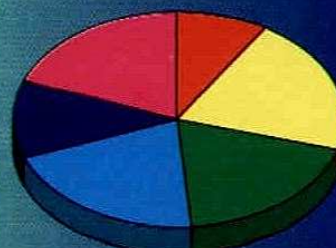
Away	Div	Result
29-Dec-1973	2	0-2
29-Aug-1987	2	2-1
03-Sep-1988	2	1-3
17-Dec-1989	2	2-1
01-Apr-1991	2	1-2
19-Mar-1995	1	5-2

Swindon score first

### How West Brom performed last season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 12	CHARLTON	(h)	W1-0	Gilbert (65)
Aug 20	WOLVES	(a)	D1-1	Taylor (46)
Aug 26	IPSWICH	(h)	D0-0	
Aug 29	SOUTHEND	(a)	L1-2	Raven (42)
Sep 02	SHEFF UTD	(h)	W3-1	Burgess (12), Hamilton (23), Hunt (88)
Sep 09	OLDHAM	(a)	W2-1	Taylor (11), Gilbert (54)
Sep 12	TRANMERE	(a)	D2-2	Hunt (46), Ashcroft (87pen)
Sep 17	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	W1-0	Hunt (29)
Sep 24	STOKE	(a)	L1-2	Hunt (62pen)
Sep 30	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	L1-2	Taylor (36)
Oct 07	READING	(h)	W2-0	Gilbert (59), Taylor (65)
Oct 14	LUTON	(a)	W2-1	Ashcroft (73), Hunt (83)
Oct 21	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	W2-1	Ashcroft (64), Hunt (90)
Oct 28	MILLWALL	(a)	L1-2	Hunt (21)
Nov 05	LEICESTER	(h)	L2-3	Hamilton (57), Raven (87)
Nov 11	DERBY	(a)	L0-3	
Nov 18	GRIMSBY	(a)	L0-1	
Nov 21	NORWICH	(h)	L1-4	Hunt (5)
Nov 25	SUNDERLAND	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 02	READING	(a)	L1-3	Ashcroft (8)
Dec 09	STOKE	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 16	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	L1-4	Hamilton (74)
Dec 23	C.PALACE	(h)	L2-3	Hunt (62), Darby (85)
Dec 26	PORT VALE	(a)	L1-3	Gilbert (63)
Jan 13	WOLVES	(h)	D0-0	
Jan 20	CHARLTON	(a)	L1-4	Hunt (49pen)
Feb 03	IPSWICH	(a)	L1-2	Taylor (65)
Feb 10	SOUTHEND	(h)	W3-1	Hunt (34), Taylor (46,86)
Feb 17	TRANMERE	(h)	D1-1	Hunt (12pen)
Feb 20	SHEFF UTD	(a)	W2-1	Burgess (6), Hunt (10)
Feb 27	OLDHAM	(h)	W1-0	Taylor (38)
Mar 02	PORT VALE	(h)	D1-1	Taylor (18)
Mar 09	C.PALACE	(a)	L0-1	
Mar 12	WATFORD	(h)	D4-4	Taylor (13,27,78), Sneekes (15)
Mar 16	BARNSELY	(h)	W2-1	Raven (2), Sneekes (28)
Mar 20	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	D1-1	Sneekes (16)
Mar 23	WATFORD	(a)	D1-1	Taylor (78)
Mar 30	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	W2-0	Sneekes (20,79)
Apr 02	LUTON	(h)	L0-2	
Apr 06	MILLWALL	(h)	W1-0	Sneekes (88)
Apr 09	LEICESTER	(a)	W2-1	Sneekes (17), Raven (90)
Apr 13	GRIMSBY	(h)	W3-1	Taylor (25,29), Sneekes (63)
Apr 20	NORWICH	(a)	D2-2	Taylor (30), Sneekes (61)
Apr 27	SUNDERLAND	(a)	D0-0	
Apr 30	BARNSELY	(a)	D1-1	Gilbert (23)
May 05	DERBY	(h)	W3-2	Hunt (13), Sneekes (37), Taylor (89)

### The time the goals went in for West Brom at both ends last season.



# QuickQuiz!

## the question is...

**Settle down with your half-time cuppa and test your soccer knowledge.**

1. Who is the manager at Norwich City?
2. From which club did Crystal Palace sign Ray Houghton?
3. Who scored England's two goals in their World Cup win over Poland recently?
4. Which First Division club play at Portman Road?
5. Which attacking midfielder left Charlton to join Leeds in the summer?
6. Who won the UEFA Cup last season?
7. At which ground do Port Vale play their home games?
8. How many seconds were played before Scotland's World Cup match in Estonia was abandoned?
9. For which First Division club does Steve Guppy play?
10. Manchester United were hammered 5-0 at which club last week in one of the shock results of the season?
11. Who won the World Cup in 1982?
12. For which Scottish club does John Robertson play?
13. Luton drew 1-1 at which Premiership club in the last round of the Coca-Cola Cup?
14. Who did Germany beat in the 1990 World Cup Final?
15. Who became the latest Italian star to join the Premiership when he signed for Sheffield Wednesday recently?



## WHO AM I?

1. An Englishman born in Oldham in 1970 who is now 6ft tall and weighs 11st.
2. Signed for Blackburn Rovers in 1988 playing over 100 games for them as a defender.
3. Transferred to Manchester United in 1994 for £1.4 million.
4. Played against Swindon at Old Trafford in October 1996 in the Coca-Cola Cup.

## CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



## HOME & AWAY..

### HOME....

1. Who scored our first goal in the 2-1 win at Crystal Palace?
2. And who notched our winner?
3. From which club did we sign Steve Cowe - Villa, Birmingham or Leeds?

### ....AND AWAY

1. Andy Hunt started his League career at Newcastle or Sunderland?
2. Who ended Albion's interest in this season's Coca-Cola Cup?

## RULES OF THE GAME!

**When a team kicks off the match where must all the opposition team be?**

- A. In their own half
- B. Out of the centre circle
- C. in their own half but not in the centre circle

**Answers....** 1. Mike Walker, 2. Villa, 3. Alan Shearer, 4. Ipswich, 5. Lee Bowyer, 6. Bayern Munich, 7. Vale Park, 8. 3 seconds, 9. Port Vale, 10. Newcastle, 11. Italy, 12. Hearts, 13. Wimbledon, 14. Argentina, 15. Benito Carbone.  
**Home:** 1. Wayne Allinson, 2. Peter Thorne, 3. Villa  
**Away:** 1. Newcastle, 2. Colchester  
**Who am I:** David May, **Whose Crest:** Barnsley, **Rules of the game:** ans C.



# a brief lookback

**Dick Mattick looks back ...**

**The 1973/74 season saw West Bromwich Albion playing in the Second Division after 24 years in the top flight.**

Don Howe's team had started well, winning 3-2 at Blackpool despite being without three international players; Ray Wilson, Asa Hartford and Jeff Astle.

Swindon had also had a promising start to the season, defeating Sheffield Wednesday 3-1 and taking a point at Preston thanks to a Ray Treacy goal.

The game against West Brom was the first home match for a new Swindon Chairman, Cecil Green and with the Club's young reserve team having achieved a remarkable 7-1 victory over Arsenal Reserves the previous week, there was an air of optimism when a crowd of 11,583 gathered to see if either side could take the three points which might put them top of the table.

After 15 minutes the Throstles nearly took the lead when their legendary goalscorer Tony Brown, fired over the bar when well placed. It was an Albion player who did score in the 34th minute but sadly for David Shaw it came when he headed a Dave Moss corner into his own net.

The second half saw tempers flare but amid some unpleasant tackles, some good football was played with Brown and Legg both forcing fine saves from their opposing keepers.

How times have changed was shown by the fact that the booking of three Albion players; Hartford, Merrick and Wile was judged worthy of considerable comment.

Looking at pictures of the game, one suspects that the cap worn by Albion keeper Latchford would have warranted a booking for sartorial inelegance!

The final explosion in a game in which 56 free kicks were awarded came 12 minutes from time. Willie Johnston, later to be sent home from Scotland's ill fated World Cup campaign in Argentina when a cold remedy caused him to fail a drugs test, was sent off after becoming involved in a touch-line clash between Wile and Treacy.

Town's 1-0 victory was not quite enough to take them to the

top of the table as Aston Villa's 2-0 win over Oxford United gave them the edge on goal average.

Les Allen wisely refused to become over optimistic saying too few games had been played for a realistic picture to have emerged.

By the season's end it was the Baggies who had the last laugh - while Swindon finished stranded at the bottom of the table with just 25 points, the Midlanders finished in eighth position with 44 points.

#### **Teams:**

**Swindon:** Allan Butler, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Stroud, Moss, McGovern, Treacy, Legg, Jenkins. Sub: Syrett (for Hubbard 82 minutes).

**West Brom:** Latchford, Minter, Merrick, Cantello, Wile, Robertson, Glover, Shaw, Hartford, Brown, T. Johnston. Sub: A. Brown (for Minter 73 minutes).

**Who was Swindon's leading League scorer in the 1973/74 campaign and how many goals did he score in the season's league matches?**

**Send your answers on a postcard to; Matchday Magazine Editor, Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.**

**The winner will receive a special prize.**



**Dave Syrett**



# talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



***Since joining the Club I've been pleased with the way the results have gone for us. It is great to be in a position of challenging near the top rather than struggling at the other end.***

I said when I came here that it would take a couple of weeks before I could really offer any input and I am now on the way to doing that.

From what I've seen we have nothing to fear. We've played the best team in the country in Manchester United and without hitting top form we played well enough to have deserved to have got something out of the game.

I thought we matched them up until the last 20 minutes when they stepped it up a gear but overall we gave a good account of ourselves.

After that great night at Old Trafford we found it difficult at Reading on Saturday.

Of course we tried to tell the players that fixtures against the likes of Reading are our bread and butter but things just didn't work out for us.

At half time we came in disappointed not to be winning and I thought we had been in control. But in the second half one or two of the players felt heavy legged and physically drained which must have been from the Cup tie at United.

We definitely missed the presence of Mark Seagraves through injury. He has been one of the most consistent performers so far this season.

In preparing for tonight's game we have kept things low key.

Sometimes a good rest is as important as training and we must make sure that the lads are all physically and mentally prepared for the visit of West Bromwich Albion.

I've seen them play a few times on the television and I know a few of their players including the likes of Lee Ashcroft who can be a match winner on his day.

With Bob Taylor unable to get in the team they must have some strength in depth so it promises to be another tough test for us tonight.

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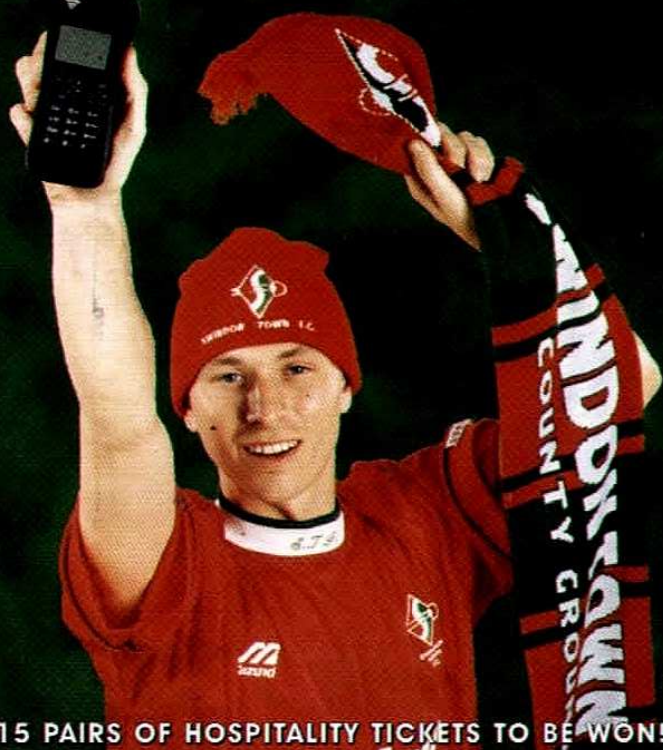
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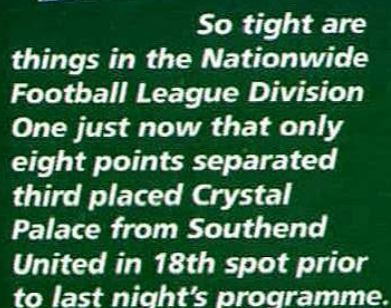
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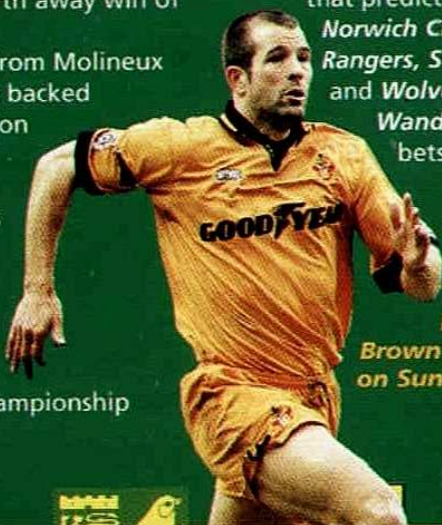


Tonight the Blades, amidst rumours and counter claims that boss Howard Kendall is set

last August but their campaign is following much the same pattern as our Second Division Championship




**Steve Bull - became the highest scorer in the Midlands, beating Tony Brown's (WBA) record on Sunday.**



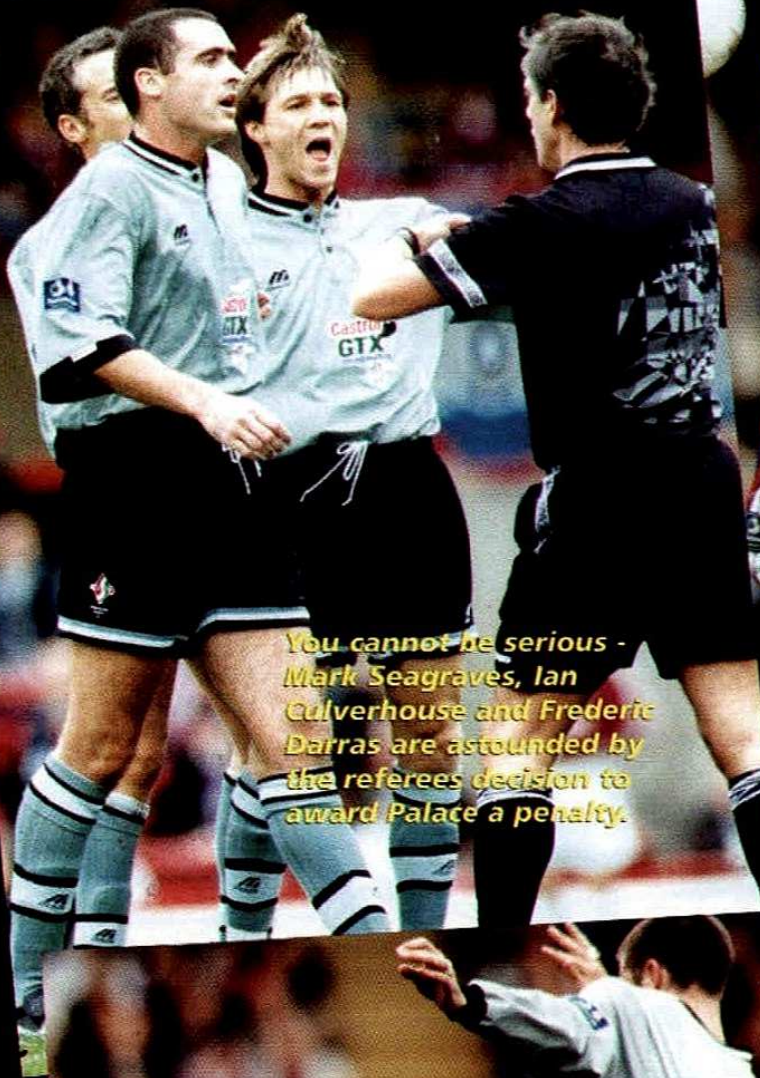


# Action replay



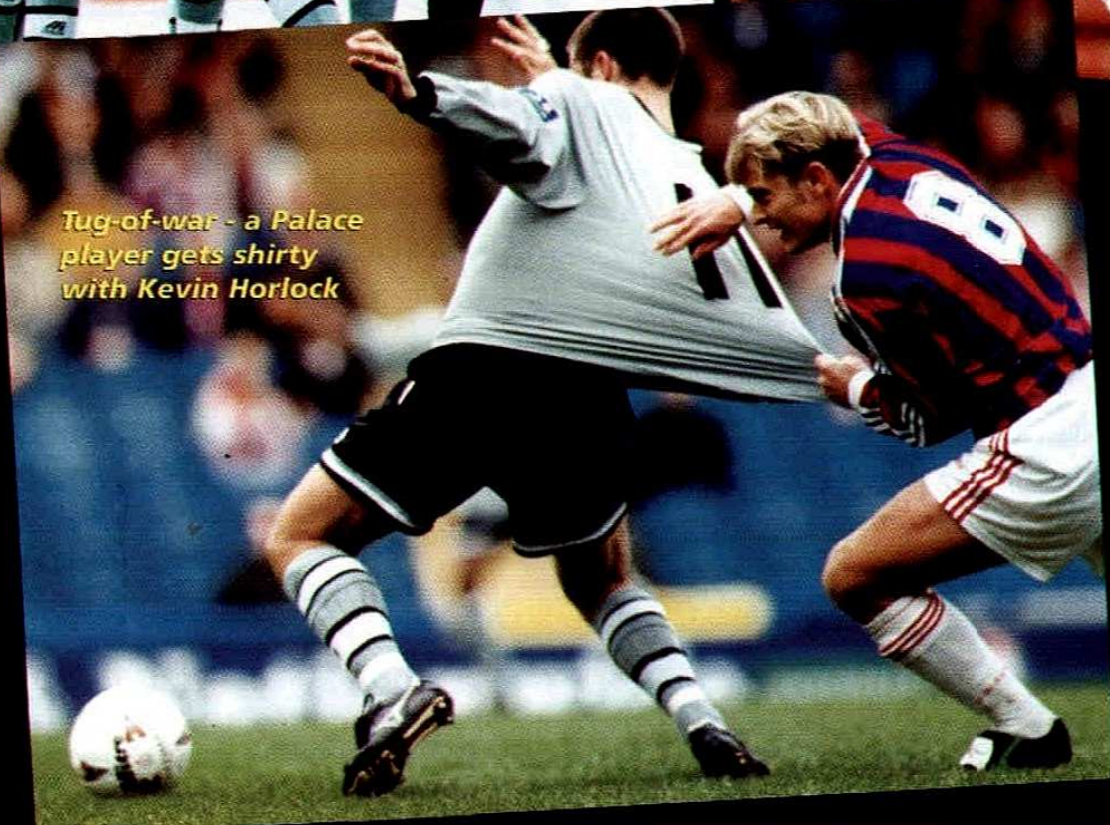
Heads I win! -  
Scott Leitch  
wins a midfield  
battle

A photograph showing a football player in a red and blue striped jersey (Scott Leitch) in a physical struggle with a referee in a light blue shirt. The player is leaning forward, and the referee is holding him back. Another player in a similar jersey is visible in the background.



You cannot be serious -  
Mark Seagraves, Ian  
Culverhouse and Frederic  
Darras are astounded by  
the referees decision to  
award Palace a penalty.

A photograph showing three referees in light blue shirts reacting with surprise and frustration. One referee is pointing his finger, while the others look on with open mouths. A football player in a red and blue striped jersey is partially visible in the background.



Tug-of-war - a Palace  
player gets shirty  
with Kevin Horlock

A photograph showing a football player in a red and blue striped jersey (Kevin Horlock) pulling the shirt of a referee in a light blue shirt. The referee is leaning back, and the player is leaning forward. A football is on the ground in the foreground.





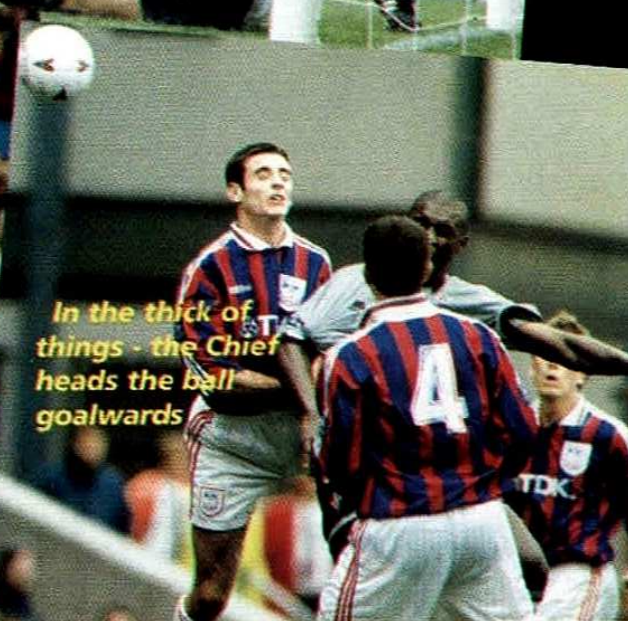
*Party time -  
Swindon  
celebrate after  
Wayne Allison's  
equaliser at  
Selhurst Park*



*Pick that one out  
- Peter Thorne  
prepares to  
celebrate after  
scoring the winner  
at Crystal Palace*



*Catch me if you  
can - Mark Walters  
beats two Palace  
defenders*



*In the thick of  
things - the Chief  
heads the ball  
goalwards*

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1996**  
**Crystal Palace 1 Swindon Town 2**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Attendance 15,088**





# community scheme news

With half term week now upon us, we are well into our Soccer Course here at the County Ground.

We have had another excellent turn out of kids with 120 plus braving the elements and generally having a good time.

On Friday we are playing host to 115 children around the county who are coming from various military bases in the area.

We can now confirm that the dates for the **Fraser Digby Goalkeeping Schools** have now been confirmed.

The dates are **November 24th** plus **December 1st and 8th** from **8am to 2.30pm**, the cost is **£50** for the course which is sponsored by **Tile Style**.

All participants will receive specialist coaching along with a comprehensive goodie bag at the end of the course.

The venue is at **New College in Swindon**, so if you wish to attend please phone us as soon as possible on **01793 421303** to book your place.

Just time to tell you about our **Community Office Primary Schools Competition**.

The heat matches are to be played at **Greendown** on **November 8th, 13th and 29th** so good luck to the 29 schools who have entered.

Until next time.

Best wishes  
**Clive and Jon**



**Clive Maguire**

**Jon Holloway**



The next courses are commencing week beginning the 4th November. The T-shirts have been a great success adding to the professionalism of the scheme. So, don't delay and enrol at the course and centre which applies to you.

Cost - £14.00 For 7 week course  
- £17.00 If you require a T-shirt

## Link Centre

Monday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	5-6 years
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	5-6 years
Thursday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	7-8 years
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	9-11 years

## Oasis

Monday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9-11 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	12-14 years
Friday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Girls 9 years +
Saturday	9.00am - 10.00am	5-6 years
	10.00am - 11.00am	7-8 years

## Stratton

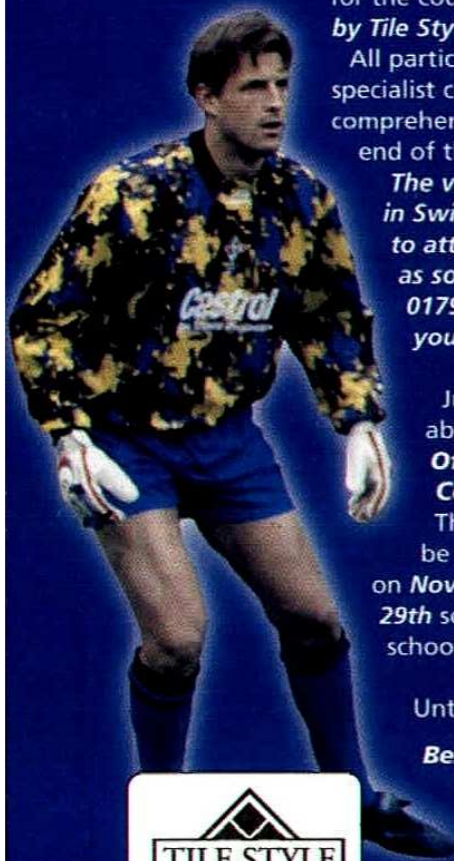
Monday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	5-6 years
	4.30pm - 5.30pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	7-8 years

## Marlborough

Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-11 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	11.16 years

## Highworth

Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-6 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	7-8 years
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# the junior robins

with Louise Kaye

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**What a month! A big thanks to the Junior Robins who followed the lads to the many away games, including last week's fantastic trip to Old Trafford. I hope all of you who joined the Barmy Army on the Junior Robins coaches had a great day, especially our mascot, Tim Hall.**



Your November newsletters will be falling through the door within the next week, keeping you informed of the latest at the Club, including competitions, events and the forthcoming JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY - yes, it's not far away!

## Family Lounge

Although invitations are sent to all First Division clubs for their juniors to participate with 'Family Clubs' matchday activities, which includes morning football and lunch, it is not always possible. However, we're hoping it won't be too long until we can entertain the opposing youngsters at the County Ground. The introduction of the Family Lounge has been a blessing and is used by mascots and guests on matchdays. However, we would like to make the room look a bit brighter and more

fun and would welcome your pictures and photos of Junior Robins events to decorate the room. If you're feeling artistic or have any photos, they would be much appreciated. Please send them to me in the Marketing Dept. at the Club.

## It's Ok We're Barmy!



**One of the Family! Cousins and all members of the Official Barmy Army, Daniel & Victoria Brearley and Shelley and Gemma Gregory make a 5-a-side team with Steve McMahon.**

Thanks to our young fans who sent in their

application forms following the Huddersfield game and you should have now received your welcome pack and free T-shirt. If you would like to join your team, pick up a Junior Robins application form from Main Reception or the Club Superstore or call me on **01793 532121**, Monday to Friday.

See you on Saturday when we face the other Manchester team!

## today's lucky mascots



Happy Birthday from everyone at the Club to lucky mascot **Gary Bromage**, who celebrated his 9th birthday on Monday. Gary, a pupil at Wroughton Junior School, enjoys both cricket and football and plays as centre forward for Wroughton Under 9's. His favourite Town player is Steve Finney!



It's a pleasure to welcome back Swindon Town mascot from last season, **Mark Jones** and his family. Mark from Witcha Farm, Marlborough attends Ramsbury School and his many hobbies include farming, motorbikes and all sports, especially football. As well as playing as centre-half for Hungerford F.C and the school, Mark is a regular at the STFC Soccer Centre's. His favourite player is Frederic Darras.



Welcome to West Bromwich Albion's mascot this evening, **Toby Harris**, who is a member of the Junior Baggies supporters club. 7 year old Toby lives in Cirencester, Glos and is a pupil at Stratton Primary School. He enjoys computers, tennis and football. Toby's favourite players are Ian Hamilton, Nigel Spink and Andy Hunt.



# youth team

## focus

with Tommy Wheeldon



### Fixtures 96/97

#### South East Counties

#### League Division 2

Sat Aug 17	Brighton & Hove	A	2-0
SAT AUG 24	BRENTFORD	H	3-2
Sat Aug 31	Bristol City	A	1-1
SAT SEP 07	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	8-0
SAT SEP 14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H	0-3
Sat Sep 21	Reading	A	3-2
MON SEP 23	BARNET (SJFC 1)	H	3-1
SAT SEP 28	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-2
Sat Oct 05	Southampton	A	0-2
SAT OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	H	2-2
Tues Oct 15	Arsenal (SJFC 2)	A	1-3
Sat Oct 19	Wycombe Wndrs	A	1-1
TUES OCT 22	HEREFORD (MYC 1)	H	4-0
Sat Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
SAT NOV 02	OXFORD UNITED	H	
SAT NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	
SAT NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	
Sat Dec 07	Barnet	A	
SAT DEC 14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
SAT DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
Sat Jan 04	AFC Bournemouth	A	
SAT JAN 11	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Sat Jan 18	Bristol Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 25	READING	H	
Sat Feb 01	Brentford	A	
Sat Feb 08	Colchester United	A	
SAT FEB 15	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sat Feb 22	Luton Town	A	
SAT MAR 01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Sat Mar 08	Oxford United	A	
SAT MAR 15	WIMBLEDON	H	
Sat Mar 22	Crystal Palace	A	
SAT APR 12	BARNET	H	

All home fixtures are to be played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough and will kick-off at 11.00am -  
Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning

### Fixtures 96/97

#### West County Television

#### South West Counties

#### Youth League

Aug 24	Bristol City	A	2-1
AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H	0-4
Sept 07	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1
SEPT 14	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H	0-0
Sept 21	Exeter City	A	1-1
Sept 28	Hereford United	A	1-0
OCT 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	1-1
Oct 26	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-1
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H	
Nov 09	Bashley	A	
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Nov 23	Cardiff City	A	
NOV 30	CHELtenham TOWN	H	
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	
DEC 14	EXETER CITY	H	
Jan 04	Hereford United	A	
JAN 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	
Jan 18	Swansea City	A	
Jan 25	Torquay United	A	
FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
TBA	Plymouth Argyle	A	
TBA	TORQUAY UNITED	H	

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### Arsenal Youth 3

### Swindon Town Youth 1

### Southern Junior Floodlit

### Cup, Second Round.

*Our trip to Highbury ended in defeat but the lads gave an honest account of themselves against top Premier League youngsters and I can honestly say Swindon Town Youth came out of the tie with a great deal of credit.*

The final scoreline flattered Arsenal and with a little more belief we could easily have come away with a victory.

As it was we took the lead after 10 minutes when Matt Coupe spun around the back of the home defence and presented Danny Hunt with an easy opportunity to score.

We continued to dominate without adding to the score and I felt if we had managed to grab a second, we would have gone on to win the game.

Unfortunately Arsenal equalised with a very dubious penalty and even Arsenal's Youth Supremo Liam Brady admitted it was a poor decision by the official.

This spot kick became the

major turning point as Arsenal took heart and began to look a lot livelier.

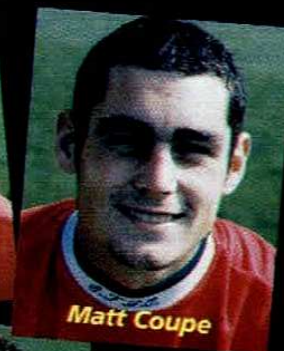
Our lads worked hard but needed to play their own football instead of just grafting to gain the result.

With 10 minutes to go, Arsenal took the lead with a quick counter attack after we had failed to take advantage at a corner.

At this stage we pushed forward hoping to get back on level terms, however the quality of our football became sloppy due to the immense effort all the lads had put in previously.



Danny Hunt



Matt Coupe



Alex Meecham

And it was Arsenal who made sure of their passage through to the next round with the last kick of the game as England Youth International Jamie Day blasted an

unstoppable 25 yard shot past Anthony Betterton.

It was a great experience for the lads but they must believe that they can match the Premier Youth teams on their own pitch if they are to progress in the professional game.

There were a number of boys that worked extremely hard but I felt the quality on the ball was lacking at times.



**Team:** Haines (Betterton 45), Woodman, Wheeldon, Hulbert, Organ, Davis, Coupe, MacDiarmid, Hunt, Meecham, Finlayson. **Subs:** Campbell, Thorne.

**Wycombe W. Youth 1  
Swindon Town Youth 1  
South East Counties  
League, Division Two**

*After the defeat at Arsenal I was looking for a professional approach from the players in our league game against Wycombe Wanderers but unfortunately I didn't get it.*

Wycombe over ran us in the first 20 minutes and took an early lead when an innocuous free kick looped over goalkeeper Anthony Betterton.

The team responded with a good work rate but the game was in need of somebody putting their foot on the ball

and keeping possession.

During a 15 minute spell before half time we finally strung three or four good moves together but the break came at the wrong time and we returned to kick and rush in the second half.

The only saving grace was the performance of substitute Chris O'Connell who came on and scored a good equaliser after 65 minutes following good work by Alex Meecham.

**Team:** Betterton, Woodman, Wheeldon, Thorne, Organ (O'Connell 45), Davis, Coupe, MacDiarmid, Hunt, Meecham, Finlayson (Campbell 75).  
**Sub:** Hodson (not used).

A report of last weekend's fixtures will appear in Saturday's Matchday Magazine.

In the South East Counties League Swindon Youth drew 1-1 at Tottenham while in the South West Counties League the 'B' team picked up a similar result at AFC Bournemouth.

**South East Counties  
League Division 2  
at 29th October 1996**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	9	5	3	1	20	9	13	+11
Luton Town	9	5	2	2	21	8	12	+13
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>+9</b>
Oxford United	9	5	2	2	20	14	12	+6
AFC Bournemouth	9	5	2	2	18	14	12	+4
Wycombe W.	10	5	2	3	14	12	12	+2
Tottenham H.	10	4	3	3	12	7	11	+5
Brighton & H.A.	10	5	1	4	14	19	11	-5
Southampton	9	5	-	4	13	8	10	+5
Colchester United	9	4	2	3	14	13	10	+1
Bristol City	9	2	4	3	10	11	8	-1
Bristol Rovers	9	4	-	5	19	23	8	-4
Brentford	10	2	2	6	12	17	6	-5
Wimbledon	9	2	1	6	9	15	5	-6
Reading	9	2	1	6	12	29	5	-17
Barnet	10	1	1	8	7	25	3	-18

**West Country Television  
South West Counties  
League at 7th October**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Cardiff City	6	6	0	0	20	4	18	+16
Torquay United	5	4	1	0	22	3	13	+19
Plymouth	6	3	2	1	13	6	11	+7
Cirencester	7	3	1	3	17	10	10	-
Hereford United	7	2	3	2	8	6	9	+2
Swansea City	5	3	0	2	12	11	9	+1
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-3</b>
Bashley	7	2	2	3	10	16	8	-6
Cheltenham	6	1	2	3	5	12	5	-7
Bournemouth	7	1	2	4	7	17	5	-10
Bristol City	7	1	2	4	7	22	5	-15
Exeter City	7	0	3	4	9	20	3	-11



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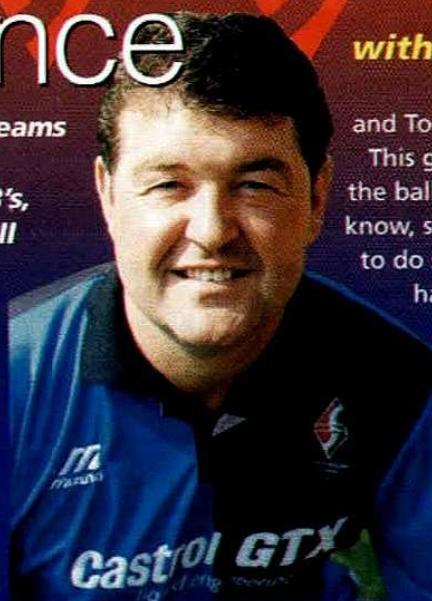
# centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

**Our Centre of Excellence teams recently enjoyed a winning weekend with the Under 13's, Under 14's and Under 15's all emerging victorious.**

The Under 13 side romped to an impressive 4-1 triumph away at near neighbours Reading, the Under 14's defeated Bournemouth 2-0 at Braydon Forest, while the Under 15's sneaked a 1-0 win at Bournemouth to complete a hat trick of victories for the Swindon Town youngsters.

There were good performances by all the age groups but I was particularly pleased with the Under 14 group who played at Braydon Forest in a thoroughly enjoyable game watched by myself



and Tommy Wheeldon.

This group for a long time have passed the ball around very well but as all of us know, sometimes teams don't allow you to do so by closing down and tackling hard to win the ball back.


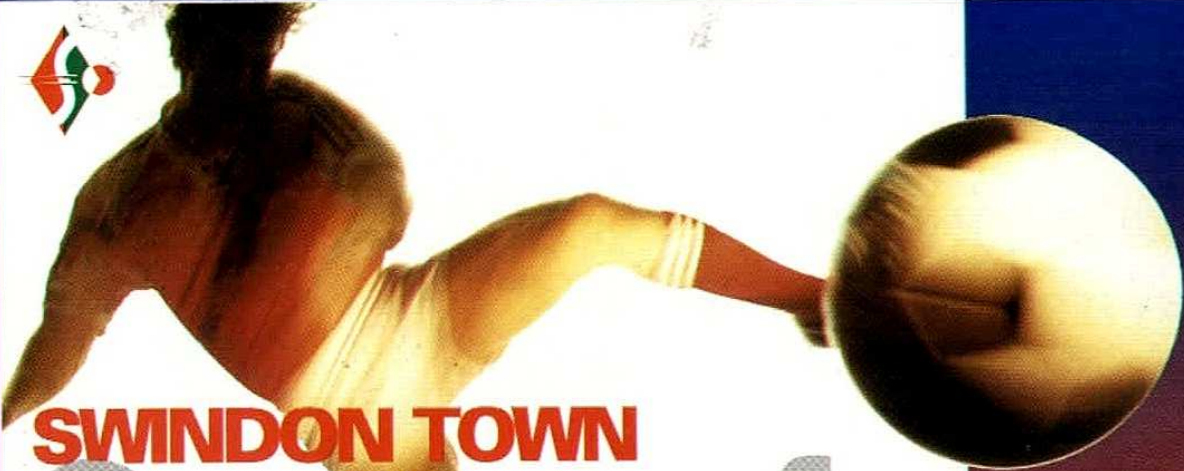
What was pleasing to see was our boys commitment to what we call the other side of the game.

Here the young lads showed great courage by matching boys who were physically stronger. This was due to their tough, mental approach

to the game.

Both aspects of the game are necessary in every fixture the boys play - so keep it up lads!

Maybe the Monday night physical training with Jonathan Trigg is starting to pay dividends?




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# reserves round up

with Ross MacLaren



**Swindon Town Reserves 2  
Portsmouth Reserves 0  
Avon Insurance  
Combination League.**

**Manager Steve McMahon made his long awaited return to action against Portsmouth Reserves at the County Ground last week - and he helped inspire the second string to their fourth win in five matches.**



First half goals by youngster Thomas Wheeldon and Kevin Watson were enough as Swindon continued their impressive run of form.

All eyes were on the Gaffer as he played his first competitive match in over six months and he came through the 90 minutes unscathed to give himself a major fitness boost.

Portsmouth, who like Swindon have enjoyed a successful start to the season, went close early on when Fraser Digby was forced to finger tip Jamie Howell's shot away for a corner.

But 10 minutes later Swindon took the lead when Ty Gooden's

cross was glanced in by the head of young defender Thomas Wheeldon.

After this the home side began to pass the ball around well and it was a crisp move started by Steve McMahon which led to the second goal as Kevin Watson fired in a long range shot in the 37th minute.

Leading youth team marksman Alex Finlayson, an early replacement for the injured Alex Meecham, was within a whisker of scoring a third in the 55th minute but was unable to direct Paul Allen's driven cross into the net.

And shortly afterwards it was Finlayson again who went close, as he exchanged passes with the impressive Alex Smith before seeing his shot deflected just over by veteran Pompey keeper Alan Knight.

As the second half wore on, Steve McMahon dropped back into a more unaccustomed role of sweeper and made some timely challenges as the visitors tried to respond.

At the other end Steve Finney's cross cum shot fizzed agonisingly across the face of goal.

Portsmouth could have grabbed a consolation in the final 15 minutes as Paul Hall found himself in the clear but a last ditch challenge saw Hall's shot deflected over the exposed Digby.

**Team:** Digby, Allen, Smith, McMahon, Wheeldon, Drysdale (Davis), Watson, Collins, Finney, Meecham (Finlayson), Gooden.  
**Sub:** Woodman.



## Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance  
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Mon Aug 26	Swansea City (LC)	A 2-1
THUR SEP 19	TOTTENHAM	H 1-3
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic	A 4-1
MON OCT 07	LUTON TOWN	H 1-0
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH	H 2-0
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City	A 7-30
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United	A 7-30
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2-00
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)	H 2-00
Wed Nov 27	Swansea City	A 2-00
Wed Dec 04	Oxford United (LC)	A 7-30
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-00
Wed Dec 18	Cardiff City	A 2-00
MON JAN 06	IPSWICH TOWN	H 2-00
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-00
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL	H 2-00
Wed Feb 05	AFC Bournemouth	A 2-00
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON	H 2-00
MON FEB 17	BRISTOL CITY (LC)	H 2-00
Tue Feb 25	Watford	A 7-30
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MON MAR 10	NORWICH CITY	H 2-00
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea	A 7-00
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL	H 2-00
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United	A 2-00
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.	H 2-00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon	A 2-00

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above.

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## Avon Insurance Combination Div 1 at 23rd October 1996

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Tottenham H.	5	4	0	1	16	7	12	+9
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	12	2	10	+10
Ipswich Town	5	3	1	1	11	3	10	+8
Wimbledon	4	3	1	0	13	7	10	+6
Q.P.R.	5	3	0	2	11	6	9	+5
SWINDON TOWN	4	3	0	1	8	4	9	+4
Luton Town	5	3	0	2	7	5	9	+2
Cardiff City	5	2	3	0	6	4	9	+2
Portsmouth	6	3	0	3	7	8	9	-1
Chelsea	4	2	2	0	7	4	8	+3
Swansea City	4	2	1	1	6	5	7	+1
Oxford United	5	2	1	2	11	11	7	-
Watford	5	2	1	2	8	13	7	-5
Millwall	5	2	0	3	13	11	6	+2
AFC Bournemouth	4	2	0	2	5	7	6	-2
Bristol City	4	1	1	2	8	7	4	-1
West Ham United	4	0	3	1	2	3	3	-1
Norwich City	5	0	3	2	6	8	3	-2
Brighton & H.A.	5	0	2	3	10	17	2	-7
Bristol Rovers	5	0	2	3	3	14	2	-11
Southampton	3	0	1	2	3	5	1	-2
Crystal Palace	4	0	1	3	1	10	1	-9
Charlton Athletic	4	0	0	4	3	16	0	-13

## Next Fixture..

**Swindon Town Reserves will be hoping to continue their fine form in the Avon Insurance Combination League when they travel to local rivals BRISTOL CITY on Thursday. The game will kick-off at 7.30pm**



# Ian Culverhouse



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# Tony Horne's view from a far!

**Firstly, a big thank you to all the people who have sent me good wishes since my move to Newcastle, and greetings as well to those who have written asking me to return because the GWR FM Breakfast Show 'just isn't the same anymore'!**

Well, I shall not be coming back just yet-moving is very expensive, you know! My heart was very much with Swindon Town this week. As I write, the reds have just lost to Man U in the Coca-Cola Cup. Ask John Cross from the Adver how close I was to coming to Old Trafford that night. Instead I paid £23 to watch Newcastle play Oldham at St James' park. What a stadium!

What a pitch! What wealth!

What a host of stars! What an awful game! I can't believe I have now seen Oldham twice this season...and they are still awful. In 180 minutes of football, I've seen them create about two chances. The atmosphere is so daunting and so pro-Newcastle up here that I am surprised that they even turned up at all. The North East is currently echoing to Man Utd jokes after the 5-0 thrashing the other week. A caller phoned me with this particular gem on my new show.

Geordie lass:  
What's the time, man?  
Southern poof Tony:  
Dunno, half two, I think.  
Geordie lass:  
No man, its five past Schmeichel.

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Its the way they tell them up here, believe me. It is really funny to sit in

the crowd with a bunch of Newcastle fans. Everyone of them calls Kevin Keegan 'the messiah' and they all think they are his number two. Speech is punctuated with 'Oh no, I wouldn't have picked Pe'er (Beardsley) today' or 'We are going to have to drop Shaka for Pav today'. They all seem to know the inside dealings of the club.

Enter Bill and George behind me: 'This is Tino's last game before we sell him to Sampdoria, then' I don't know where they get their information, but they do know their stuff and they live for their soccer. If you thought parking in Swindon was bad on matchdays, come to Gateshead.



## ...AND STAY ON THE BALL.

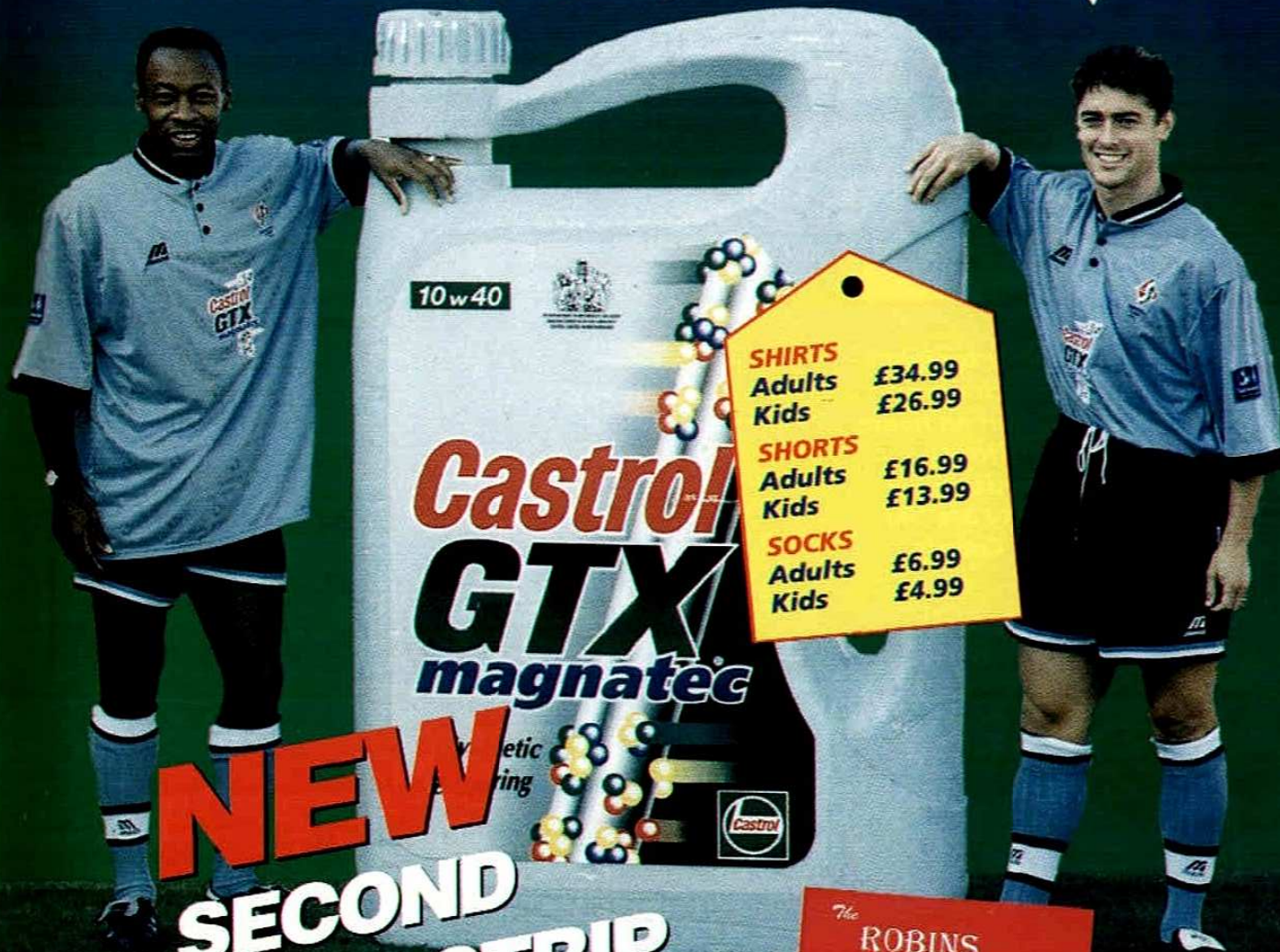
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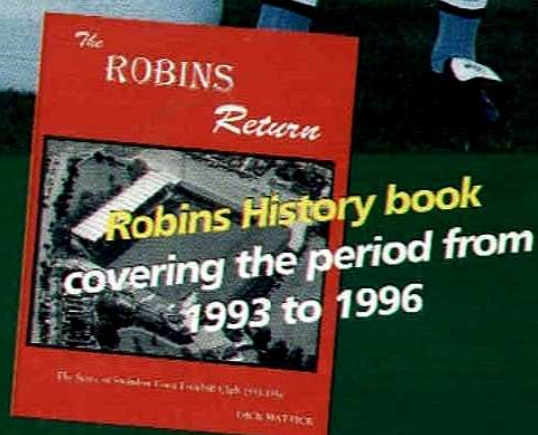
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**LATE NIGHT WEDNESDAY**

**6.45pm**

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**9.00am until kick-off**



After tonight's match we are again on home territory on Saturday when

Manchester City are the visitors to the County Ground (3pm).

A large crowd is expected so make sure you get here early.



The following Saturday, November 9th Swindon travel to Sheffield United for a Nationwide First

Division match (3pm).

Supporters can pay on the day with 2500 seats available in the Bramall Lane Stand - £13 for adults and £7 for Under 16's and over 60's along with

students on production of their student identification.

On Saturday November 16th, Barnsley come to the County Ground (3pm) before we make the trip to Portman Road on Tuesday November 19th (7.45pm) for a rearranged match against Ipswich Town.

Existing tickets can still be used although refunds are available up to 48 hours before kick off. Some 800 seats are available at £14 with concessions £7.50 (OAP's) and £6 (Juniors).

Providing seats are available they will go on sale on the day. An additional allocation will be on sale on the day at £16 with no concessions.

We are on our travels again on Saturday November 23rd with a trip to Trevor Francis' Birmingham City (3pm).

There will be 3,600 tickets on sale on the day in the Railway Stand costing £13 with no concessions.

Don't forget our rescheduled clash here at the County Ground against Reading which is now being played on Friday November 29th (7.45pm).

This match will be **ALL TICKET**, so please purchase your ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Other games now on sale at the box office are a home match with high flying Bolton Wanderers which will be played here at the County Ground on Sunday December 22nd (2.10pm kick off).

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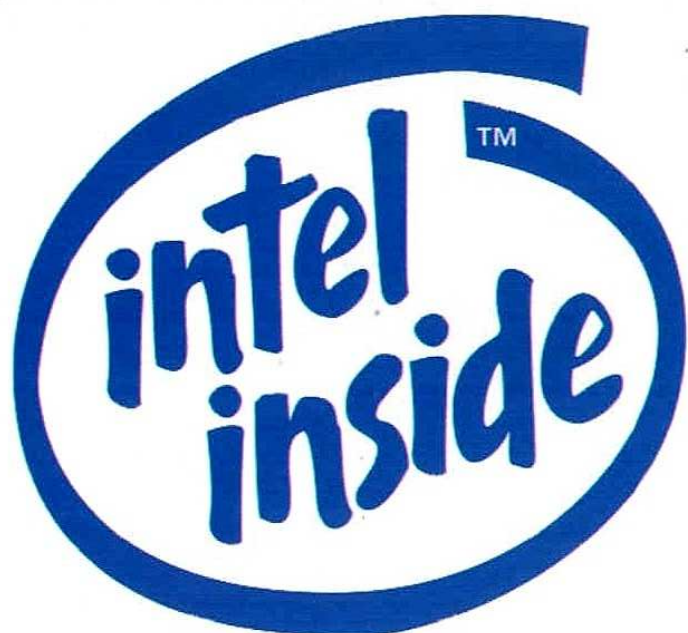
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# winning ways By Dave Hollister

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**Mr. Brian Nash of Callaghan Close, Swindon has belatedly collected the Nest-Egg prize for the Oxford game. He produced winning ticket number 3519 on the following Tuesday - thus picking up the £748 cheque.**

At the Huddersfield match, ticket number 16225 was purchased by Mark Murphy of Farriers Close, Swindon.

Due to work, Mark normally has to leave an evening game well before the final whistle. On this occasion however, collecting his cheque for £548 caused him "much inconvenience." (My words not his!).

**Among our recent winners in the Moonraker Chase Tricast Lottery are the following:**

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- J. Fellows (Wootton Bassett) £395.
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**The winners of our recent Swindon Town Masterminds Quiz Night are pictured receiving the trophy from Fraser Digby.**

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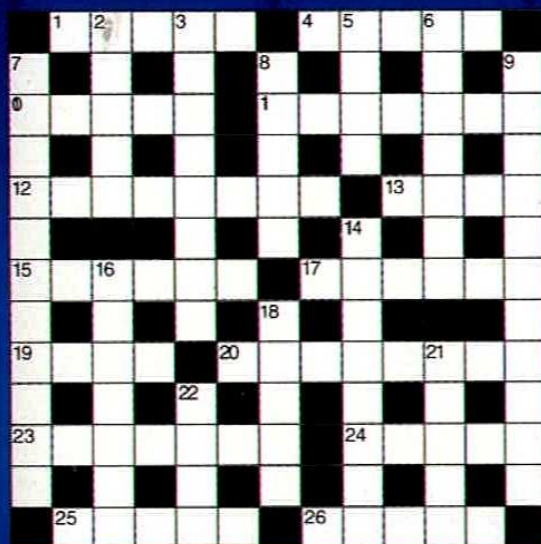
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# crosswordtime...

compiled by Thomas Trickett



## clues across...

1. Alan ....., "Spurs" Chairman (5)
4. Ted, 1930s Arsenal & England centre-forward (5)
10. Name taken in book has been (5)
11. .... Picchi, 1960s Inter Milan sweeper (7)
12. Players do when training (8)
13. Home county of Gillingham FC (4)
15. Soccer challenge (6)
17. Bill .....son "Spurs" manager 1958/74 (6)
19. 'They think it's all ....' (4)
20. Club nickname of Norwich City (8)
23. Club which sacked Bruce Rioch as manager August '96 (7)
24. .... "Coco" Basile, former Argentina manager (5)
25. Simon, Oxford United defender (5)
26. Belarus League Club (5)

## clues down...

2. Undo a Cup fixture (5)
3. Manchester United striker (4) & (4)
5. The nickname found at Derby County FC (4)
6. .... Wolstenholme, famous football commentator (7)
7. Deliberate football action (11)
8. Tubby players have to watch their .....line (5)
9. .... Athletic FC, turn to the century Scottish capital side (4) & (7)
14. Road home for Watford's Stadium (8)
16. Dennis Wise strikes for this London Club (7)
18. Gunnar, Oldham Athletic defender (5)
21. Rearrange Birmingham midfielder John Frain to reveal rays, maybe (anag) (5)
22. Stan Collymore conceals insects, apparently (anag) (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS...  
 1. SUGAR, 4. DRAKE, 10. NOTED, 11. ARMANDO, 12. EXERCISE,  
 13. KENT, 15. TACKLE, 17. NICHOL, 19. OVER, 20. CANARIES,  
 23. ARSENAL, 24. ALFIO, 25. MARSH, 26. NEMAN  
 ANSWERS DOWN...  
 2. UNTIE, 3. ANDY COLE, 5. RAMS, 6. KENNETH, 7. INTENTIONAL,  
 8. WAIST, 9. PORT GLASGOW, 14. VICARAGE, 16. CHELSEA,  
 18. HALLE, 21. INFRA, 22. ANTS



## face in the crowd

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# Meeting challenges head on



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with Martin Stevens

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Man of the Match, Mark Walters, receives his bottle of champagne from the Matchday Sponsors at the Huddersfield game.



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# treatment room

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**Club Captain Mark Seagraves will not be available for this evening's game against West Brom.**



Siggy has strained his adductor longus muscle which is one of the muscles along the inside of the thigh that make up the groin muscles.



He picked up the injury on Friday which left us no time at all to work on the leg prior to the Reading match. Subsequently he was ruled out of that local derby clash.

As the week has progressed the injury has steadily improved and we are hoping Mark maybe available for Saturday's match against Manchester City.



But if there is any doubt we will not risk any further damage by playing him. Scott Leitch will also miss out on this evening's match after limping off at Reading on Saturday.

Scott has strained his calf muscle where the achilles

tendon inserts. We have been alternatively heating and stretching and then icing the injury in a bid to speed up the healing process.

Later on this week we will be introducing more strengthening and dynamic work to restore the flexibility and power of the muscle group.

The injury will not keep Scott sidelined for too long and he should have made a full recovery by early next week at the latest.



Frederic Darras reported in on Sunday with a minor back strain and Frank Talia was in with a hip problem while Mark Walters complained of a very tight hamstring.

But all three should have made a full recovery and should be available for selection tonight.



Jason Drysdale has returned from Lilleshall and although he played in a reserve fixture last week, he is still slightly feeling his left hamstring.

It is hoped he will have shaken this off in time to be able to participate in the reserve team fixture against Oxford

next Wednesday.

## the shadowboard

**I am writing these notes on the morning after our visit to Old Trafford.**

What a great night it was - even though we lost so narrowly. The game was truly exciting and it was wonderful to see our team contribute fully to a great night of cup football.

This season's video highlights will be worth buying just to see those unbelievable saves of Frank's once again.

Driving home reminded me of our last winning visit to Wembley. There were so many Swindon shirts on view at the motorway services on the M6 - and our fans didn't stop singing once during the evening.

Then the final highlight was to hear our fans being recognised during the Danny Baker phone-in on Radio 5 as we drove home.

Great job by the supporter who managed to 'get through' and who managed to capture the spirit of the night as well for the radio. As we all sang - who was supposed to be at home?

All in all a great night to be a Swindon supporter - a night to be proud to be a Swindon supporter and a night to remember until we return to the Premiership.

Tonight the team are aiming for three league points against West Brom - let's make the same amount of noise as we did at Old Trafford.



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# benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

**The trip to Old Trafford last week was like a home coming for Town goalkeeper Fraser Digby, for it was with Manchester United that our popular custodian commenced his career.**

As he walked into the arena, memories obviously came flooding back and he most surely was pricked by thoughts of what might have been. There was never ever any doubt about his potential but as in so many cases it is about being in the right place at the right time.

Old Trafford simply wasn't then the right place for a young aspiring custodian of Fraser's age because Gary Bailey and Chris Turner were in their prime and seemingly set to dominate for the next five years or so, while Gary Walsh, impressing in the lower reaches of the youth squad, seemed the natural successor by virtue of his age.

So Fraser came to Swindon to further his career. The drop down the league didn't harm his international prospects for in June 1987 he was one of the stars in the England Under 21 team that drew 0-0 with the USSR in the Toulon tournament.

Missed chances by Clough and Porter had cost England dearly and they now had to beat host nation France to secure a place in the championship final.

Manager Dave Sexton brought Tim Flowers back to replace Fraser and England lost 2-0, the second goal from Ginola, "a local player with Platini-like skills", a real classic. The Frenchman, now with Newcastle United, cleverly flicked the ball over Caesar's head and then beat Flowers in similar fashion.

Anyway, Fraser was brought back in for the play-off for fifth place and kept another clean sheet in the 0-0 draw with Portugal. He then emerged the

hero of the penalty shoot-out, saving from Portugal's first and third attempts. England won 4-1.

Ah, those were the days Fraser, when we were all a lot younger and when the world of football promised so much. It seems strange to think back to those days when we were all dreaming of fame and glory on the pitch and to see what actually happened.

It went well for Tim Flowers of course who has since gone on to play for England and win a Championship medal with Blackburn. Paul Gascoigne, who converted one of England's successful spot kicks against Portugal, was the outstanding product of that young England side down on the golden coastline of the Cote d'Azur. He showed 24 carat potential in this his first international exposure.

Other members of that team who made full international status are; Martin Keown, then with Aston Villa, Tony Dorigo (Chelsea - now Leeds) and Nigel Clough (Nottingham Forest).

It is interesting though to

see where some of those other young hopefuls are now. Steve Sedgley is currently one of Ipswich Town's most consistent performers. The former Coventry starlet joined the Suffolk club from Tottenham Hotspur where another of that class of '87 is currently

floundering in the reserves.

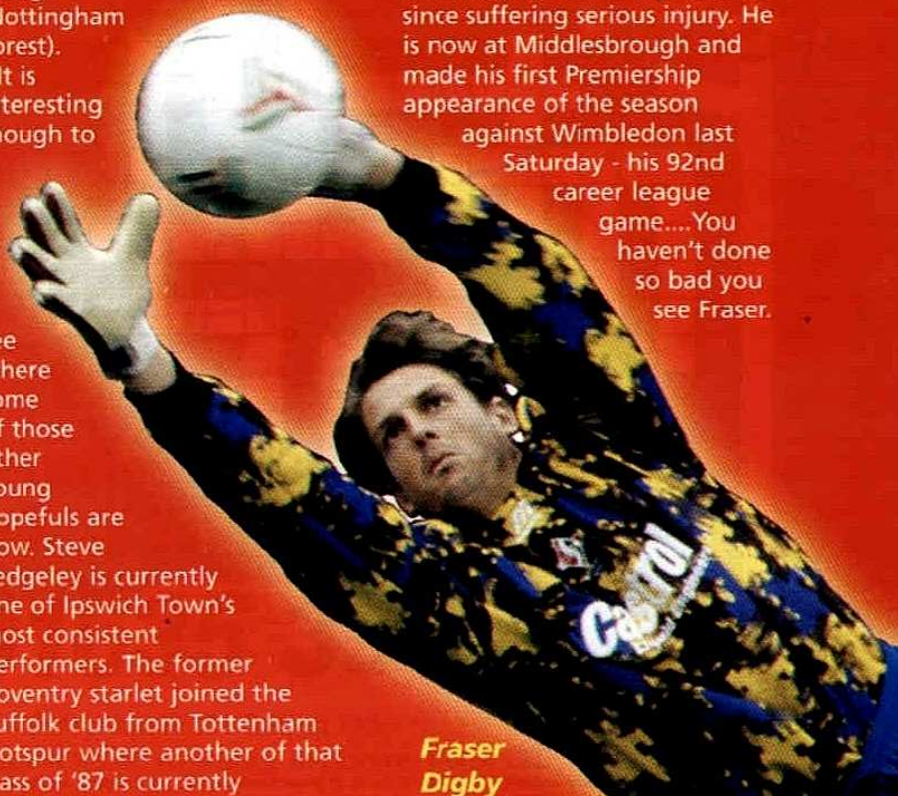
The very talented Jason Dozzell, the youngest player ever to score in the old First Division (when with Ipswich), unfortunately seems to have lost his way at White Hart Lane.

Among those who never truly realised their potential were the flying winger Franz Carr; tough Arsenal defender Gus Caesar, Gary Porter and Robert Rosario.

It just goes to show how hard it is to be a top flight professional footballer. Fraser was probably thinking that last Wednesday as he sat it out on the sidelines. An appearance at Old Trafford before nearly 50,000 fans would have been the icing on the cake in this his benefit season - but it wasn't to be.

And what of those rivals of his at Old Trafford. Well Bailey had to retire through injury, Turner just didn't prove consistent enough and Walsh, who was hailed as a certain England prospect after an impressive baptism as a teenager, has never produced the same high quality since suffering serious injury. He is now at Middlesbrough and made his first Premiership appearance of the season against Wimbledon last

Saturday - his 92nd career league game.... You haven't done so bad you see Fraser.



Fraser Digby



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### kids crossword

#### Across

1. Middlesbrough manager palyed nearly 200 games at W.B.A. (6)
6. The ball should be at the correct ..... (8)
7. Nickname of W.B.A. (7)
10. This manager now at Coventry was also at Man. Utd. (8)
11. Fantasy footballer who supports W.B.A. (7)
12. Newcastle scorer against Man. Utd. (6)
15. Degrees at a corner (6)

#### Down

2. All referees need one (8)
3. Minutes in half time (7)
4. Managed Swindon and Albion (7)
5. West Brom home ground (9)
7. Manager at the Albion (7)
8. Welsh manager who managed the Albion (5)
9. Albion Dutchman who played at Ajax (7)
11. Kill the pain with a squirt (5)
13. No longer found in the ball (4)
14. Swindon scorer at the Palace (5)

### KIDS QUIZ

The following players have been voted 'Young Player of the Year' when playing for which team?

A. Andy Cole 1994 with.....

B. Mark Hughes 1985 with.....

C. Lee Sharpe 1991 with.....

D. Paul Gascoigne 1988 with.....

E. Robbie Fowler 1995 with.....

F. Matthe Le Tissier 1990 with.....

Ans. A. Newcastle United, B & C. Manchester United, D. Spurs, E. Liverpool, F. Southampton

#### ANSWERS DOWN:

15. NINETEEN  
10. ATKINSON, 11. SKINNER, 12. ALBERT,  
1. ROBSON, 6. PRESSURE, 7. BAGGIES,

#### ANSWERS ACROSS:

9. SNEAKES, 11. SPRAY, 13. LACE, 14. THORNE,  
5. HAWTHORNES, 7. BUCKLEY, 8. GOULD,  
2. NOTEBROOK, 3. FIFTEEN, 4. ARDILES,



# captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



*I was bitterly disappointed to miss Saturday's game at Reading because of a thigh injury.*

It is always frustrating to have to watch from the sidelines but from what I saw, the lads did really well in the first half and we could easily have gone into half time with the lead.

Unfortunately we didn't score and once Reading got their first goal we were pushed onto the back foot and never really recovered.

Hopefully this defeat was just a blip and we can put it right tonight against West Bromwich Albion who are a big club with a decent set of players.

They seem to be playing better away than they are at home so we will have to be at our best.

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Grimsby boss Alan Buckley are bound to be a threat but we must have faith in ourselves and let them worry about us.

I've said it many times before but the fact still remains that if we can keep a clean sheet I'm certain we have enough quality up front to create enough chances to win. Looking back at the 6-0 victory we picked up against Huddersfield Town in our last home match - we proved then what we are capable of doing.

And to be honest I don't see any reason why we can't do that again - we just have to believe

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in our ability.

We have also shown recently that we can grind out a result after the 2-1 win at Crystal Palace. There wasn't a lot of good football played but we won the battle and that is the sign of a good side.

Finally I'd just like to mention the trip to Old Trafford.

Although we didn't disgrace ourselves, I think we were all a little disappointed that we didn't play to our full potential.

If ever there was a perfect opportunity to go there and beat them - that was the time. But we didn't really do ourselves justice.

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# Spotlight on **Defender**

**Tonight's game against West Bromwich Albion will certainly bring back some happy memories for Mark Robinson as it was at the Hawthornes that Robbo learnt his trade.**

Mark joined the

Baggies back in 1985 as a schoolboy and soon shot into prominence when making his debut at the tender age of 17.

Unfortunately by that stage the club were already resigned to relegation from the old First

Division and soon after Mark was on his way to his next port of call - Barnsley.

*"I really enjoyed my five years at Barnsley. I worked under several managers including Alan Clarke who was a real character.*

*"I class that time as a five year learning curve and by the end of it things were really starting to happen for me," he said.*

Mark then moved into the big time with a £450,000 transfer to Newcastle United in March 1993.

*"My time at Newcastle was a real eye opener. I've enjoyed it at all my clubs for different reasons but every minute of my 18 months at St James Park was brilliant.*


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# Mark Robinson



*"The whole Geordie mentality was unbelievable, the fans were tremendous and it was a real pleasure to play under someone like Kevin Keegan."*

*"Obviously I would have liked to have made a few more appearances at Newcastle but it was not to be and last July I came here to Swindon."*

*"It's been a bit up and down since I signed but we are heading in the right direction again now."*

*"The Club is run very professionally and the future plans to have things like a Casino built here shows that the Club really wants to go places."*

*"Like every other footballer my aim is to play at the highest level and I have no doubt that Swindon can get into the Premiership. But staying there - well that's a whole different ball game."*

However Mark feels Steve McMahon has put together a solid team and with some talented youngsters starting to shine through - there is certainly hope for the future of the Club.

*"Steve has done a grand job and we now have a squad that is very versatile which is vitally important."*

*"It's all about horses for courses. You have got to be flexible and we have got that flexibility here now."*

**Mark Robinson has his sights set on a return to the Premiership with Swindon Town**

**Name:** Mark Robinson

**Age:** 27

**Birthplace:** Manchester

**Position:** Wing back

**Former Clubs:**

West Brom, Barnsley, Newcastle United.

**Nickname:** "Robbo"

**Who did you support as a youngster?:** Man City

**Career highlight so far:**  
Promotion last season

**Favourite other sports:**  
Golf & Fishing

**Most respected player in football:** Bryan Robson

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## Sealegs boosted by sponsorship

**Swindon Town Football Club have given three local people the chance to enjoy the trip of a lifetime - thanks to their generous sponsorship.**

The Club handed over a cheque for £1,192.50 which will allow three crew members with disabilities to experience a sea voyage on the specially adapted tall ship, the Lord Nelson.



Swindon Town Chairman Mike Spearman and Director Rikki Hunt hand over the sponsorship cheque to the Swindon Sealegs.

A group known as the **Swindon Sealegs** was recently established with the purpose of raising funds to help cover the voyage fees.

And when they wrote to Swindon Town telling them of their aim, the Club were quick to step in and help.

"We feel it is a very worthy cause and are delighted to be able to give local people with disabilities the opportunity to experience a sea voyage," said Swindon Director Rikki Hunt.

To add to this impressive package, the Club also handed over a signed shirt, a signed team photo and a pair of tickets to a match, which will all be auctioned to help raise even

more money for the cause.

Bids are invited from anyone for any of the items.

**For details contact John Green on 01793 485375.**

Swindon Sealegs' first voyage is planned for early 1997 with 12 crew members taking part.

## Dream trip for patients

**Swindon Town Football Club joined forces with Allied Dunbar to successfully complete one of the local companies few remaining Challenges. Challenge 96 has involved almost 400 Allied Dunbar employees in 58 challenges.**

The most recent challenge was to set up a trip to a football match and a team named **Old Unathletic FC** took four patients from Kristie Ward at St Margaret's Hospital, to watch Swindon take on Huddersfield Town in the Nationwide First Division.

The patients are all keen Town fans and attending this match was the highlight of their year.

For the first time, Allied Dunbar's Staff Charity Fund decided to focus all its challenging efforts on one organisation and in partnership with Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust, Challenge 96 was born.

Keith Davies, Client Services Director at Allied Dunbar said: "We have decided to target this year's Challenge events at local hospitals mainly in recognition of the vital services which the Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust provide to the local community.

"Many of us have family and friends who have connections with Princess Margaret Hospital, St. Margaret's and Savernake hospitals.

"Challenge is our chance to give something back."

The patients were presented with a signed framed team photo by Club Chairman Mike Spearman to take back to their ward with them.

And it was certainly a memorable night for Town's special guests - as they witnessed a spectacular 6-0 home win!



Patients from Kristie Ward at St. Margaret's Hospital and their helpers with Swindon Chairman Mike Spearman.

## Town Stars attend kids party

**Four members of the Swindon Town squad attended a children's party at Princess Margaret Hospital recently.**

Skipper Mark Seagraves along with Mark Walters, Wayne Allison and Kevin Watson took time out from their hectic schedule to pay a visit.



# swindontown ladies



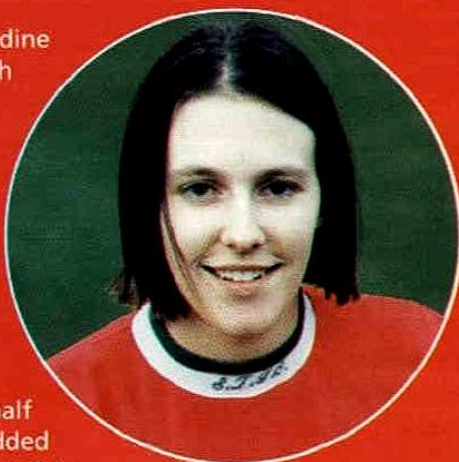
by Roger Reeves

## Swindon Town Ladies kept in mid table following a victory and a defeat in the Southern Region League Division One.

The victory came in the home game against Ringwood. The Town got off to a good start when Kim Reeves beat the off side trap and ran half the length of the field to score. Pam Laker was fouled in the area and calmly knocked in the resultant spot kick. Nadine Lloyd scored her eighth goal of the season to put Town three goals clear. Then in a silly five minutes just before half time Swindon Town conceded two goals to let Ringwood back into the game. Swindon had the better of the second half and Kerie Garwood added a fourth to secure the points for the Town.

The defeat came in the away game to Southampton. Playing

in torrential rain, play was fairly even but after a quarter of an hour the home side went ahead. Both sides played some good football in the conditions but in the ten minutes before the break Southampton netted three times. Town made a good start to the second half and only good saves by home keeper Katy Eades prevented the Town from scoring. As the half progressed Southampton took their tally to seven inflicting the biggest defeat ever for the Town.



**Pam Laker who was accurate from the spot in the game against Ringwood.**

## Swindon Town Ladies results

### Southern Region League Division 1

#### Swindon Town 4 Ringwood 2

**Scorers:** Nadine Lloyd, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker & Kerie Garwood

**Team:** Jo Sharpe, Kim Reeves, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Justine Hume, Pam Laker, Vikki McCann, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood.

**Subs:** (Used) Sara Privett & Sil Cryer. (Not Used) Sarah Ramsey

### Southern Region League Division 1

#### Southampton 7 Swindon Town 0

**Team:** Alison Richards, Kim Reeves, Netti Wyness, Sara Privett, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddle, Pam Laker, Sharon Black, Justine Hume, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood. **Subs:** (Used) Jo Sharpe & Sil Cryer. (Not Used) Sarah Ramsey

## Fixtures 96/97

### Southern Region League Division 1

Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Sun 15th Sept	Havant Town	A	4-2
Sun 22nd Sept	Swindon Spitfires	A	2-3
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A	10-0
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFELD	H	4-1
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	4-2
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	0-7
Sun 27th Oct	League Cup 1st Round		
SUN 3RD NOV	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	H	
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	
Sun 24th Nov	To Be Advised		
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H	
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	
Sun 15th Dec	League Cup 2nd Round		
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H	
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 17th Jan	Binfield	A	
Sun 19th Jan	Ringwood	A	
Sun 26th Jan	To Be Advised		
SUN 2ND FEB	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sun 9th Feb	Southampton Saints	A	
Sun 16th Feb	Cheltenham	A	
SUN 23RD FEB	READING ROYALS	H	

## League Table 96/97 season

### Southern Region League Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	6	6	0	0	17	5	18
Southampton	6	5	0	1	27	3	15
Reading Royals	6	5	0	1	25	10	15
Swindon Spitfires	6	4	0	2	16	16	12
Southampton Saints	6	3	0	3	15	13	9
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>
Cheltenham	5	2	1	2	6	16	7
Binfield	7	1	0	6	7	21	3
Ringwood	7	0	2	5	5	18	2
Havant Town	7	0	1	6	4	17	1

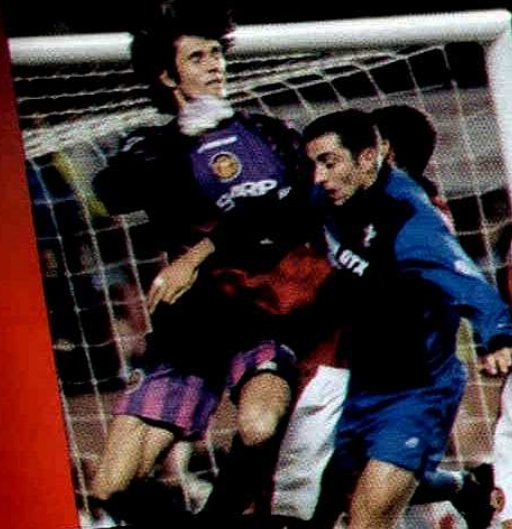
## Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	7	-
Sil Cryer	(6)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	7	5
Justine Hume	3(1)	-
Pam Laker	7	3
Nadine Lloyd	7	8
Tracy Mackeddle	6	4
Deb Martin	5(1)	-
Vikki McCann	6	-
Sara Privett	4(1)	-
Kim Reeves	7	2
Alison Richards	5	-
Jo Sharpe	1(3)	-
Clare Tyson	7	-
Netti Wyness	4	-
Own Goals		1
( ) Denotes used sub.		

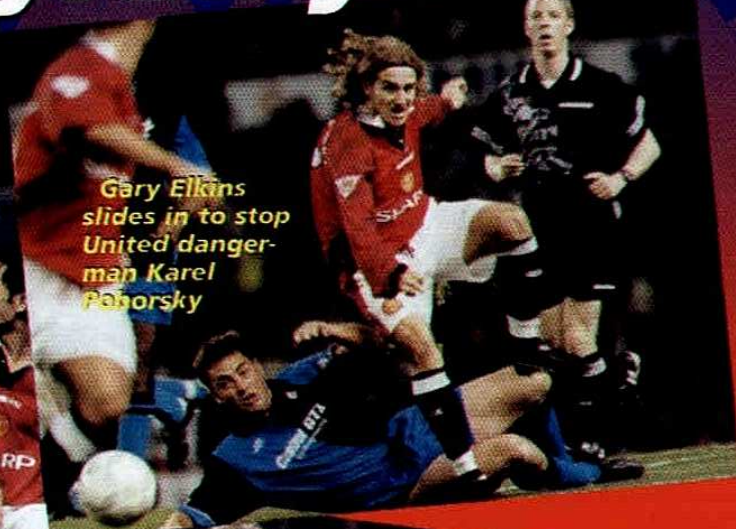




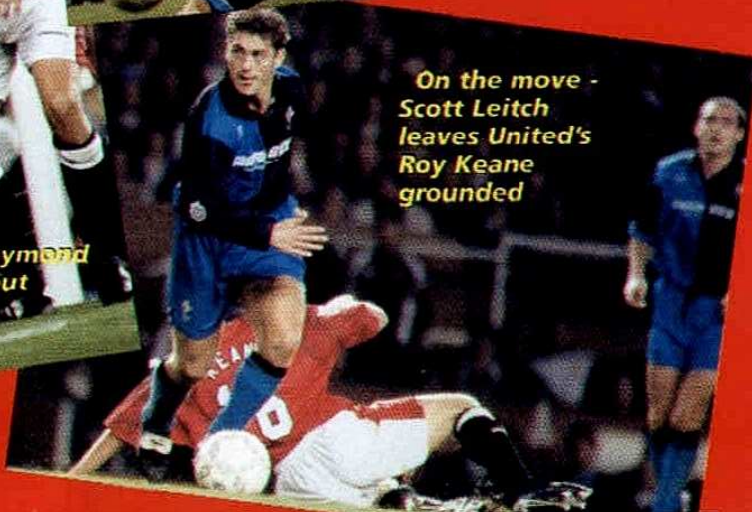
# Barmy Army on tour



Gary Elkins slides in to stop United danger-man Karel Poborsky



On the move - Scott Leitch leaves United's Roy Keane grounded



United keeper Raymond Van Der Gouw is put under pressure by Kevin Horlock



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# football shorts

by M.J. Evans

## Namely Nowhere?

Nearly all League teams are named after a town, city, county or area, although Arsenal, originally Woolwich Arsenal, now bear the same name as an Underground station. Port Vale FC is not named after any district, town, station or even a bus stop. The name is taken from a house in the Burslem area.

## Royal Hunt

Fulham's Craven Cottage was originally a hunting ground for Anne Boleyn. The original cottage was a hunting lodge and was situated around the centre circle of the present pitch and below the cottage was an underground passage which lead out to the Thames.

## Smoked Out

During World War II St Andrews was used as an emergency fire station. On one cold winter evening one of the firemen had

been warming his hands around a brazier, decided to douse the flames with some water but the container he used was full of petrol. Although 20 German bombs exploded or landed in or in close proximity to the stadium, the fire did more damage than all 20 bombs put together.

## Club Tribute

Birmingham City have a monument which pays tribute to Jeff Hall, a former player at the club. Hall played at right back for the Blues and England but died of polio in his late 50s. St Andrews have a scoreboard in commemoration of the player.

## Weather Vane

At Chelsea a weather vane was erected in memory of George "Gatling Gun" Hillsdon, who was crippled in the Great War by mustard gas. People said that as long as the tribute stood the club would have good luck, but

the stand was pulled down in 1972 and the vane put into storage, the club were relegated and found themselves in financial difficulty. Ken Bates took over the club, and the vane, which is the silhouette of a footballer was returned to public view and the club gained promotion as well as its debts recovering.

## Scilly Games

In 1967-68 Scilly Isles' League Championship was won by the Rovers FC. Rangers FC were the runners-up, which simply had to be as there were only two teams in the League. They made up the fixture list by playing each other twenty times in a season.

## Ancient Cup Final

The first Welsh Cup final was contested on October 30, 1877 between Wrexham and Druids, although there was no trophy at the time to present.



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## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including October 27th

	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	14	6	1	0	3	3	1	33	19	31	
NORWICH CITY	14	4	3	0	5	0	2	23	11	30	
CRYSTAL PALACE	14	4	2	1	2	4	1	29	12	24	
WOLVES	15	2	1	4	5	2	1	19	14	24	
BARNLEY	13	3	3	2	3	2	0	21	14	23	
TRANMERE ROVERS	15	4	1	2	2	3	3	20	17	22	
STOKE CITY	13	4	1	1	2	3	2	20	21	22	
SHEFFIELD UNITED	12	3	3	1	3	0	2	24	13	21	
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	15	2	2	3	3	4	1	19	19	21	
SWINDON TOWN	14	4	1	2	2	1	4	20	16	20	
PORT VALE	15	1	4	2	3	3	2	12	16	19	
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	13	4	2	2	1	1	3	17	19	18	
READING	14	4	2	1	1	1	5	17	23	18	
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	13	1	3	3	2	4	0	15	16	16	
BIRMINGHAM CITY	12	4	2	1	0	2	3	14	13	16	
OXFORD UNITED	14	3	2	1	1	2	5	13	11	16	
MANCHESTER CITY	13	4	0	2	1	1	5	13	17	16	
SOUTHEND UNITED	15	3	3	1	0	4	4	13	23	16	
IPSWICH TOWN	14	2	3	2	1	3	3	18	20	15	
PORTSMOUTH	15	2	2	3	2	1	5	15	23	15	
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	12	4	2	0	0	0	6	12	16	14	
GRIMSBY TOWN	15	2	1	4	1	3	4	16	29	13	
BRADFORD CITY	15	3	2	2	0	2	6	11	22	13	
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	15	1	4	3	0	1	6	13	23	8	



## First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
PAUL ALLEN	4(2)	0	2	0	6(2)	0
WAYNE ALLISON	10(2)	2	4	2	14(2)	4
LEE COLLINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE COWE	9(2)	3	3(1)	0	12(3)	3
IAN CULVERHOUSE	12	0	4	0	16	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	11(2)	0	4	0	15(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
GARY ELKINS	7	0	2	0	9	0
STEVE FINNEY	2(4)	1	1(1)	0	3(5)	1
TY GOODEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEVIN HORLOCK	14	4	5	0	19	4
SCOTT LEITCH	14	0	5	1	19	1
STEVE McMAHON	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE MILDENHALL	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	5(4)	0	2	1	7(4)	1
MARK ROBINSON	12	1	4	0	16	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	12(1)	0	3(1)	0	15(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1	0	0	0	1	0
FRANK TALIA	14	0	5	0	19	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	6(5)	4	2(1)	2	8(6)	6
MARK WALTERS	11(1)	3	4	1	15(1)	4
KEVIN WATSON	4(4)	1	1(1)	0	5(5)	1

## Swindon Town Fixtures 1996/97 Season

Date	Opponents	Res	Att.
Sat Aug 17	Norwich City	A 0-2	15,165
TUE AUG 20	WOLVERHAMPTON W. C.C.C 1 (1)	H 2-0	7,451
SAT AUG 24	PORT VALE	H 1-1	8,706
WED AUG 28	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 1-0	8,025
Sat Aug 31	Southend United	A 3-1	4,011
Wed Sep 4	Wolverhampton W. C.C.C 1 (2)	A 0-1	10,760
Sat Sep 7	Grimsby Town	A 1-2	4,089
WED SEP 11	PORTSMOUTH	H 0-1	8,687
SAT SEP 14	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 2-1	8,430
WED SEP 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS C.C.C 2 (1)	H 1-2	7,843
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-1	13,662
Wed Sep 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A 3-1*	6,976
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 1-2	8,572
Wed Oct 2	Bradford City	A 1-2	9,249
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-0	10,811
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 6-0	7,724
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A 2-1	15,088
Wed Oct 23	Manchester United C.C.C 3	A 1-2	49,305
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A 0-2	11,018
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H	
Sat Nov 9	Sheffield United	A	
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. Cup 1)	H	
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A	
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A	
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
FRI NOV 29	READING	H	
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A	
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A	
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A	
SAT DEC 28	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
WED JAN 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
Sat Jan 4	F.A. Cup 3		
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
Sat Jan 25	F.A. Cup 4		
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
Sat Feb 8	West Bromwich Albion	A	
SAT FEB 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY (F.A. Cup 5)	H	
Wed Feb 19	Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
SAT MAR 15	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat Mar 22	Port Vale	A	
SAT MAR 29	NORWICH CITY	H	
Mon Mar 31	Oldham Athletic	A	
SAT APR 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	
Sun Apr 6	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
SAT APR 12	IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	H	
Sat Apr 19	Oxford United	A	
SAT APR 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sun May 4	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat May 17	F.A. Cup Final		

**NEXT HOME GAME:**  
**SAT NOVEMBER 2ND**



**Swindon Town vs Man City**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Kick-Off 3.00pm**



FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup  
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 \* After Extra Time (4-3 agg)

All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm.  
 Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised.  
 Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.  
 All dates and times of kick-offs are subject to change.



Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = ●▼■

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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES	WATSON
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TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	ALLISON	WATSON	COLLINS
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## RE-SCHEDULED GAMES

### IPSWICH - Re-Scheduled

From 05/10/96 3.00pm Kick-Off (Away)  
 To 19/11/96 7.45pm Kick-Off (Away)

Existing tickets can still be used - refunds are available up to 48 Hours before kick-off.

### READING - Re-Scheduled

From 30/11/96 3.00pm Kick-Off (Home)  
 To 29/11/96 7.45pm Kick-Off (Home)

## football for all

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important safety announcements by the Club Management over the public address system will be preceded by a loud signal to catch the attention of spectators.



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## Swindon Town

1	Frank Talia
2	Mark Robinson
3	Gary Elkins
4	Wayne O'Sullivan
5	Paul Allen
6	Ian Culverhouse
7	Mark Walters
8	Frederic Darras
9	Peter Thorne
10	Wayne Allison
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Kevin Watson
13	Steve Cowe
14	Steve Finney

## Team Changes


## West Bromwich Albion

1	Paul Crichton
2	Paul Holmes
3	Shane Nicholson
4	Richard Sneekes
5	Daryl Burgess
6	Paul Raven
7	Kevin Donovan
8	David Gilbert
9	Julian Darby
10	Andy Hunt
11	Paul Groves
12	Lee Ashcroft
13	Gary Germaine
14	David Smith

## Team Changes


## Today's Officials:



**Referee:**  
B. Knight (Orpington, Kent)



**Assisted by:**  
A.J. Perlejewski (Yeovil)  
K. Pike (Gillingham)

**Reserve Official:**  
T. Page



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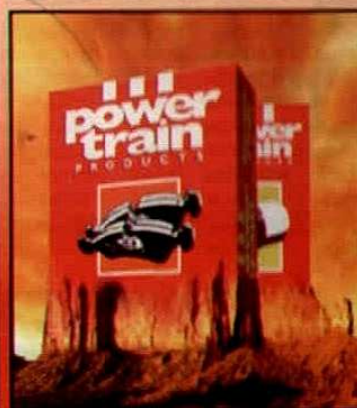
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