

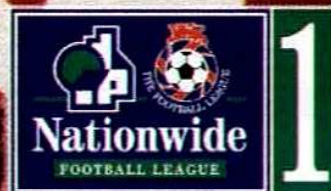
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with

George Burley

Good afternoon and welcome back to Portman Road as once again we face three home matches inside a week.

Following on from this evening's re-scheduled clash with Swindon we face Port Vale on Saturday before taking on one of my old Clubs, Gillingham, in the Fourth Round of the Coca-Cola Cup next Tuesday night.

This sort of schedule is demanding both for players and for fans, and three successive matches are sure to put pressure on the budgets of some supporters.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to remind you all that you are a vital part of the Ipswich Town team - and your support is very valuable to the players. The team and I thoroughly appreciate it.

Of course, one of the great things about football is that it is a game of opinions - and as supporters of this Club you pay your money and have a right to your say.

I have heard some of the chants from fans, and boos at the end of games that have not gone our way recently, and I know how frustrating it can be when things go wrong on the pitch.

It is inevitable that a few people are going to start voicing their dissatisfaction, but let me assure you that it is not all doom and gloom among the playing and coaching staff here at Portman Road.

We are convinced that we have got what it takes to get this Club up amongst the promotion places by the end of the season - and myself, the coaching staff and the players are working very hard indeed to 'sort it out'.

Losing Alex Mathie and Ian Marshall in the space of a couple of months has been a tremendous blow, and of course we are weaker in some areas than we were last season, but we are looking forward to the return from injury of several key players in the next few weeks and that will give us a truer picture of things.

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Much as I would like to be in a position to enter the transfer market, that is simply out of the question at present. We must make do with the players we have already got - and there is some real quality here - and those that we can secure on loan or at no cost.

We are constantly monitoring the situation on the continent, particularly in Scandinavia where the season has just finished, and have already had three players on trial here.

In addition we have secured the services on loan of two proven Premiership performers in the shape of Jason Cundy and Gerry Creaney and I am sure they will both prove to be valuable additions to our squad.

I feel that Jason has given us the strength and aggression at the back we have sometimes been missing this term, while Gerry's understanding with James Scowcroft and the midfielders is getting more and more promising by the game.

Since my last programme notes we have played host to Southend, and I was disappointed to only get a draw against the Shrimpers.

In the first-half I felt we played some good football and were much the stronger side, with

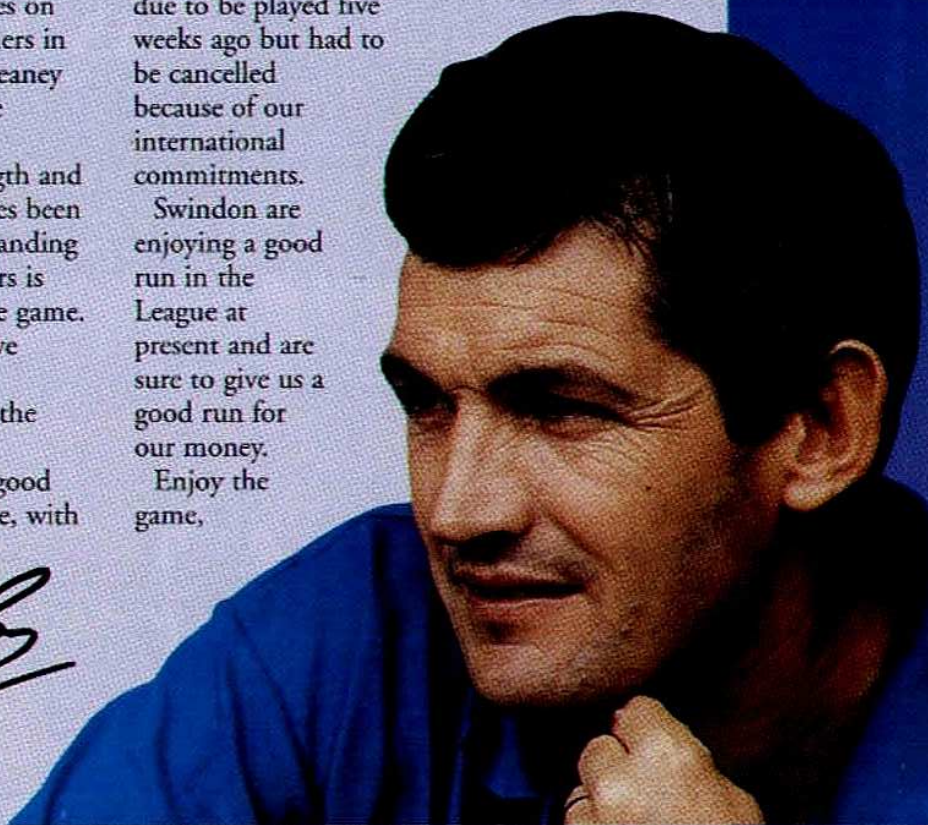
Mick Stockwell, in particular, in great form. But a back injury deprived us of his services in the second-half and we couldn't maintain our form. Too many passes went astray and we kept giving the ball away - it was very frustrating.

On Saturday we travelled up to Bradford City and, despite a cracking goal from Jason Cundy, came away empty-handed.

Today we play host to Steve McMahon's Swindon Town in a game that was originally due to be played five weeks ago but had to be cancelled because of our international commitments.

Swindon are enjoying a good run in the League at present and are sure to give us a good run for our money.

Enjoy the game,

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after putting Town ahead
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challenges Shrimpers
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Spotlight on...

As Ipswich Town's Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) delegate, Geraint Williams has found his name firmly in the headlines this season.

There has been something of a Mexican stand-off between the PFA and the Football League in 1996/97, following the massively increased TV income generated by Sky Television's exclusive deal with the Clubs outside the Premiership.

Players' Player

The League have opted out of their long-standing agreement to pay the PFA 10% of all television earnings; while the players' union have demanded that the amount is paid in full.

Welsh midfielder Geraint has found himself stuck in the middle, conveying information between the PFA and the players - just months after taking over the union role from Town's previous delegate, defender Neil Thompson.

After months of haggling between the two parties, and the threat of strike action during televised games by the players, there at last seems to be an acceptable solution in sight.

"We have received a letter from the PFA Management Committee, who have agreed in principle to a deal with the Football League's representatives," explains Geraint. "Now that offer has to be accepted by the full Football League committee and once that happens we can just get on with the football."

As a player famous for his commitment, and his hatred of missing matches, 34-year-old Geraint will be glad to see the back of the possibility of strike action - although he is anxious to underline his belief in the threat.

"To be honest, a strike doesn't benefit anyone," he says. "I don't think the players really want to strike, but it is vital that we have the ability to threaten that as a last course of action if we feel our interests are not being properly looked after."

Geraint Williams

Away from his high-profile start as the 'Arthur Scargill of Portman Road', mild-mannered Geraint is keen to promote the positive aspects of the PFA - such as vocational training for players, sickness benefits and the suchlike.

"If any of the lads are released, or want to move to another Club, then I can put them in touch with the relevant people at the PFA to help them secure the best deal and also to give practical advice," explains Geraint.

"Also a lot of players are interested in re-training and going on vocational courses and I can sort out all that. In fact I'm doing a computer IT course myself at the moment, which I'm thoroughly enjoying."



"For young lads, particularly, it is more and more important. A lot of youngsters don't make it in this game, but the cost of doing a vocational course can sometimes put them off."

"The PFA are there to help with those costs and generally enable the players to get themselves a better education outside the game just in case it all goes wrong for them."

"I've been quite surprised really. When I took over from Neil Thompson he said: 'It's a doddle, you don't have to do much', but it's only when you get involved that you realise how active the PFA are and how much good work they do for the players in all aspects of life."



National Pride

Wales' 7-1 thrashing by Holland in their recent World Cup Qualifier reverberated all around the football world - and nowhere more so than in the Williams household.

A proud Welshman, Geraint is the first to admit that the Welsh were well beaten on the day.

"I'd watched the match at Cardiff Arms Park a few weeks earlier," he says. "And we were 1-0 up going into the last fifteen minutes, ended up losing 3-1 and it could easily have been six or seven.

"It was always going to be a tough task over there, but I didn't expect it to be quite as bad as it was - I haven't actually watched the game, but I understand that Neville Southall made a few great saves as well, so it could have been even worse.

"But the manager has come in and made some decisions, and picked the people he thinks can do the job. I would have to say I disagree with some of the choices he's made, but he's the manager and that's what he is paid for."

Geraint has worn the red of his country on no fewer than 13 occasions, most recently as a substitute in a 2-1 defeat against Germany last October - so does he expect to be back in national colours before long?

The Pro File

Age: 34

Born: Cwmpare, 06.01.62

Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 12st 6lb

Trophies won: Div 2 title 1987

International Honours:

Wales Youth, 2 Under-21,
13 Full caps

League record last season:
42 games,
1 goal



Career League record

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
79/80 - 84/85	Bristol Rvrs	141	8	from Apprentice
84/85 - 91/92	Derby Co	277	9	£40,000
92/93 - 95/96	Ipswich	151	2	£650,000

"It would be presumptuous to say I've retired from international football," says the hard-working midfield man. "But I'm not expecting a phone call from Bobby Gould.

"If the call ever did come I would be the first one in the car and on my way to Cardiff, but I can't see it happening.

"It's a shame, it comes to everyone, but I'm convinced I could still do a job for Wales."

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Ipswich Town

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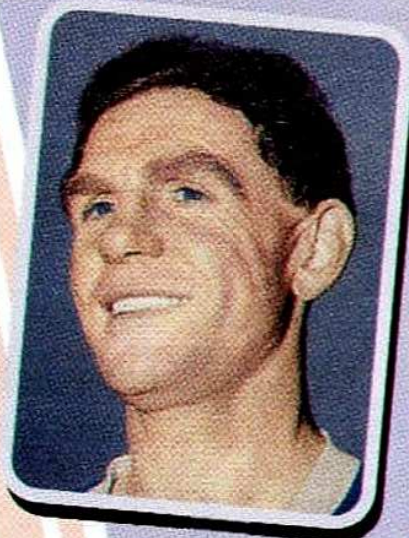
Scott DUNCAN

Long-serving Scottish manager Scott Duncan guided Town into the Football League in 1938 and to the Third Division (South) title in 1953/54. As a skilful outside-right, he joined Newcastle from home town Dumbarton in March 1908 and helped to win the League Championship in 1908/09. Subsequently with Rangers, Dumbarton (again) and Cowdenbeath, he became Hamilton's secretary-manager in

July 1923 and rejoined Cowdenbeath in a similar capacity in October 1925. He took charge of Man Utd in June 1932 and plotted their 1935/36 Second Division title success, resigning in November 1937 to replace Mick O'Brien at Ipswich. Relegation in 1954/55 marked the end of his record reign at Portman Road, although he continued as secretary for three years before retiring to Helensburgh and died in October 1976.

John ELSWORTHY

Tall, long-serving left-half John Elsworthy (pictured right) was the only Ipswich player who won Championship medals in the Third Division (South) in 1953/54 and 1956/57, Second Division in 1960/61 and First Division in 1961/62. Initially an amateur inside-left with Newport County, Scott Duncan signed him as a professional in May 1949 and he made his League debut at home to Notts County seven months later. Partnering Tom Garneys in attack, he was a revelation after switching to left-half in 1955 and represented the Third Division (South). He scored 44 goals in 396 League outings prior to retiring in May 1965 and had a joint testimonial with Jimmy Leadbitter against Arsenal in March 1966. Still living locally, he was a grocer before running Felixstowe Road Post Office for 24 years until retiring in May 1993.



EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

One of only nine English clubs to feature in all three major European Club competitions, Ipswich Town trounced Floriana 14-1 on aggregate to meet AC Milan in the European Cup First Round in 1962/63 and defeated AZ 67 Alkmaar and SW Innsbruck en route to a European Cup-Winners' Cup Third Round clash with Johan Cruyff's Barcelona in 1978/79. Ipswich qualified for the UEFA Cup eight times in ten years under Bobby Robson, beating Aris Salonika, Bohemians, Widzew Lodz, St. Etienne and FC Cologne to face AZ 67 Alkmaar in the 1980/81 two-legged final. Goals from John Wark (2), Frans Thijssen (2) and Paul Mariner gave the following team a 5-4 aggregate victory: Paul Cooper, Mick Mills, Steve McCall, Frans Thijssen, Russell Osman, Terry Butcher, John Wark, Arnold Muhren, Paul Mariner, Alan Brazil, Eric Gates.

FA CUP WINNERS

After beating Cardiff, Hartlepool, Bristol Rovers, Millwall and West Brom en route, the following Ipswich Town side faced Arsenal in the FA Cup Final at Wembley on 6th May 1978: Paul Cooper, George Burley, Mick Mills, Brian Talbot, Allan Hunter, Kevin Beattie, Roger Osborne (sub: Mick Lambert), John Wark, Paul Mariner, David Geddis, Clive Woods. Ipswich controlled the game throughout, with Woods tormenting Pat Rice, Geddis forcing Sammy Nelson ever further back and central defenders Hunter and Beattie repelling Arsenal's infrequent attacks. Wark blasted two drives against the same post and Pat Jennings brilliantly saved Burley's header before Osborne scored from Geddis' cross in the 78th minute. Overcome with emotion, Osborne was substituted as Ipswich held out for their sole FA Cup triumph to date.

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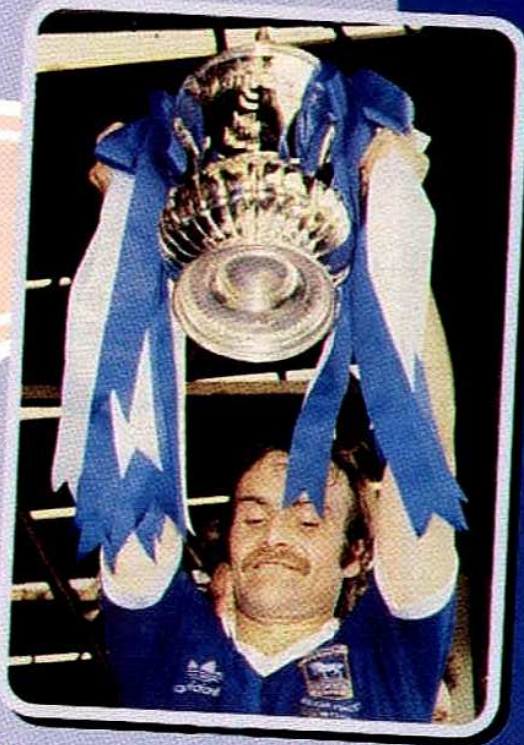
Jim FEENEY

Popular ex-Northern Ireland international full-back Jim Feeney featured prominently in Town's 1953/54 Third Division (South) title success and FA Cup run. He helped Linfield to win the FAI Cup three times before following Sammy McCrory and Norman Lockhart to Swansea Town in December 1946. A big favourite at the Vetch Field, he was one of several Irish players who starred in Swansea's 1948/49 Third Division (South) title campaign. Scott Duncan paid £10,500 for him and McCrory in March 1950 and he partnered the likes of Len Tyler, Dave Deacon and Basil Acres in Ipswich's defence, making 214 League appearances prior to retiring in April 1956. He subsequently returned to Belfast where he died in March 1985. His son Warren was a Northern Ireland international striker with Glentoran.

Bobby FERGUSON

Bobby Ferguson managed Ipswich to the Milk Cup Semi-Finals in 1984/85 and Second Division promotion Play-Offs in 1986/87. A former Newcastle junior, he signed professional in May 1955 and gained top-flight experience prior to joining Derby for £4,000 in October 1962. He was sold to Cardiff for £5,000 in December 1965 and helped to reach the ECWC Semi-Finals in 1967/68, then was player-manager of Barry Town and Newport County before

joining Ipswich as youth coach in July 1971. Subsequently first-team coach, he succeeded Bobby Robson as manager in August 1982 but was unable to prevent relegation in 1985/86. He was dismissed in May 1987 and managed Al-Arabi in Kuwait, then coached Birmingham City, Colchester, Coventry and Sunderland before scouting for England under Terry Venables.



Mick Mills holds aloft the FA Cup after Town's 1978 triumph over Arsenal

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Mogga On...

The thoughts of
Town skipper
Tony Mowbray

Home Form

Tonight's game against Swindon gives us a chance to kickstart our form at home.

We have all been disappointed with the majority of our performances at Portman Road this season and must look to improve on things - and quickly.

Obviously we are at the wrong end of the table at the moment and that only adds to the pressure when we run out

in front of our home fans.

We are desperately trying to get back to winning ways - for the Club and, just as importantly, for the supporters and that desire for victory can bring it's own problems when things aren't going well.

Players can become tense in their efforts to please the fans and if they don't get the run of the ball early on, then all-important confidence can quickly drain away.

That's where the experienced players like myself and Sedge have got to get hold of the ball and take a bit of pressure off the younger lads.

We are capable of beating any team in this League as we showed against Palace here a few weeks ago and the lads know that we only need one win at home to really get our tails up again.

Hopefully that will come tonight.

Boro Bother

My nephew is just one of many Middlesbrough fans who is worried about the latest goings-on at the Riverside.

The Mowbray family has always had a close association with Boro. They were my local Club and I spent 10 happy years there, my brother Darren was a youth team player at the Club and my parents have been watching them in action for the last 15 years or so.

I've always stayed in touch with what's going on at the Club since leaving there five years ago and just lately they hardly seem to be out of the news.

It was party time at Boro when all the world class foreigners joined them at the start of the season but the fans up there must be fearing

their dream is starting to fall apart.

I'm convinced that Boro wouldn't be having all these problems with Emerson apparently quitting the club and Juninho said to be interested in a move to Italy if they were in the top four or five in the Premiership.

These players came to the Club thinking they had joined a side chasing honours and suddenly they are watching a hatful of goals go in their net and they are getting very frustrated.

Emerson, in particular, has been outstanding all season so I hear. He is only a young lad and maybe his head has been turned a touch by all the plaudits he has received.

Barcelona were said to be interested in him and that wouldn't have helped the situation either but the bottom line is that he has shown dissent towards his manager and as a player you should never do that.

It is also a testing time for Bryan Robson. He has only been in management for just over two years and he, and the chairman Steve Gibson, have brought the place alive up there.

The ground is virtually sold out every week and that is down to Robson bringing in these world class players. But Bryan and the fans must be worried over the mini-crisis the Club are having and I - and my nephew - hope he sorts it out very quickly.



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A Guided tour of... Swindon Town



Honours

Div Two: 1995/96
Div Four: 1985/86
League Cup: 1969
Anglo-Italian Cup: 1970
Play-Off Winners:
Div 3 - 1987; Div 2 - 1990;
Div 1 - 1993

This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Swindon Town Football Club to Portman Road for this Nationwide League Division One clash. We hope you enjoy today's game and have a safe journey home after the match.

In the beginning...

It is generally accepted that Swindon Town came into being in 1881, although there is no firm evidence that the Club's founder, the Reverend William Pitt, captain of the Spartans - an off shoot of a cricket club - changed his Club's name to Swindon Town before 1883, when the Spartans amalgamated with St.Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society.

Robins Factfile

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Telephone: 01793 430430
Fax: 01793 536170
Year formed: 1881
Turned professional: 1894
Ground capacity: 15,760
Club sponsor: Castrol Oil
Chairman: J.M.Spearman
Player/Manager: Steve McMahon

The Boss... Steve McMahon

If you are looking for success, then it makes sense to turn to a natural winner - and Swindon certainly did that when they appointed Ex-England midfielder Steve McMahon to the manager's post at the County Ground in November 1994.

A player for whom competitive is an understatement, McMahon simply hates the taste of defeat, and he has added some much-needed grit to a Swindon side already full of talent and promise.

Still a force to be reckoned with on the field of play, injury prevented the former Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Man City star from playing the part he would have liked last term, but he still managed to notch up 21 League appearances as the Robins steadied themselves after two successive relegations to win the Second Division title at a canter, nine points clear of nearest challengers Oxford.

After picking up the Division Two trophy, McMahon declared the moment

as the highlight of his career - some claim from a man who has won three League Championships, two FA Cups and three Charity Shields, not to mention the small matter of 17 England caps.

Liverpool born and bred, McMahon was on Everton's books as a youngster and made his debut at Sunderland in August 1980, before moving to Villa in 1983, where he emerged as a midfield general of the highest order. His career in the Midlands was

short-lived, however, as Kenny Dalglish took him back to Merseyside in a £375,000 deal in September 1985.

From then on it's been glory all the way for the hard-working and skilful midfield man - and he is continuing that winning habit at the County Ground.



Up Against...

GOALKEEPERS

First-choice between the sticks for Swindon this season has been Australian international keeper **FRANK TALIA** (DoB: 20.07.72), who joined the Robins after a short spell on loan from Blackburn in November 1995.

Coincidentally, Frank was initially recalled from his loan to sit on the bench for Blackburn...against Swindon in the Second Round of the Coca-Cola Cup!

Having transferred for £150,000, the 24-year-old Aussie played second fiddle to

FRASER DIGBY (23.04.67) until March, finally won a regular place...and then missed the Title run-in with injury.

Digby is a former Man Utd apprentice who moved to the County Ground for £32,500 in December 1986 and soon won England U21 honours following some impressive showings. He is celebrating his testimonial season with the Club in 1996/97.

DEFENDERS

One of the division's outstanding defenders, and a natural in the sweeper role favoured by many Clubs, is the former Norwich player **IAN CULVERHOUSE** (22.09.64).

One of several players to have moved from Tottenham to Carrow Road, Ian cost the Canaries a mere £50,000 when he joined them in October 1985.

A League Tribunal set his transfer to the County Ground at £250,000 in December 1994, and Ian was voted onto the PFA Second Division Representative team last season.

Also formerly at Norwich, although only on loan, was **MARK SEAGRAVES** (22.10.66), who moved to Swindon from Bolton for £100,000 in June 1995 and impressed in his early games before injury sidelined him for several weeks.

Anxious not to miss out on the current trend for overseas players, Steve McMahon swooped to sign the impressive Frenchman **FREDERIC DARRAS** (19.08.66) from Bastia in August this year.

Formerly with French double-winners Auxerre, Darras has already made quite an impression at the County Ground.

JASON DRYSDALE

(17.11.70) has suffered with injuries since moving to the Club from Newcastle in March 1995 for a fee of £340,000 and last season lost out to Welsh international Paul Bodin in the left-back slot. But with Bodin gone, Drysdale is anxious to justify his price tag this time around.

Happy in defence or midfield is the Northern Ireland international **KEVIN HORLOCK** (01.11.72), who grabbed 12 League goals last season in the Championship drive. A strong tackler, and good striker of the ball, Horlock moved from West Ham on a free transfer in the summer of 1992.

Home-grown youngster **EDWIN MURRAY** (31.08.73) has yet to establish himself in the first-team at the County Ground, while **WAYNE O'SULLIVAN** (25.02.74) is another lad to

have joined Swindon straight from school.

A talented full-back, O'Sullivan broke into the senior side last season and also earned himself a regular spot in Eire's Under-21 side.

Swindon forked out a then Club record fee of £600,000 to bring **MARK ROBINSON** (21.11.68) south from Newcastle in July 1994, while **GARY ELKINS** (04.05.66) moved to Swindon in September 1996 for £100,000, having previously made more than 100 appearances for Wimbledon in the Premiership. Also formerly with Fulham,

Swindon have experienced the varying emotions of tremendous success and soul-destroying failure in the last few seasons, as the Robins have flown up the League only to suffer two successive relegations followed by yet another promotion last term.



MIDFIELD

One of the star attractions in Swindon's midfield is former West Ham, Tottenham and Southampton wide man **PAUL ALLEN** (28.08.62). A member of the famous Allen clan, Paul is as committed to the game as ever, and his foraging runs down the wing still provide inspiration for the Robins.

Manager Steve McMahon, himself still registered as a player at the County Ground, sees a little of himself in combative midfielder **LEE COLLINS** (03.02.74). Formerly with Scotland's basement-dwellers Albion Rovers, Collins signed for Swindon in November 1995 following a successful trial period at the County Ground.

TY GOODEN (23.10.72) was signed by former boss John Gorman in 1993 after being released by Wycombe, and he played a big role in the Club's surge to the Second Division title last season. He managed 26 League games before being ruled out of the closing weeks of the campaign with a hernia.

Another player to have recovered from injury during the summer is former Hearts midfielder **SCOTT LEITCH** (06.10.69), who cost a cut-price £15,000 when he signed from Tynecastle in March 1996.

ALEX SMITH (15.02.76) is a skilful but lightweight former Everton apprentice who can operate anywhere down the left hand side. Prior to moving to Swindon in January 1996, Alex's only first-team experience had come in the European Cup-Winners' Cup!

Ex-England, Villa, Rangers and Liverpool winger **MARK WALTERS** (02.06.64) signed on a free transfer from Southampton in the summer, as did former Tottenham reserves **KEVIN WATSON** (03.01.74).

Star Man

A 1995 close season signing from Second Division rivals and near neighbours Bristol City, this big Yorkshireman enjoyed an outstanding first season at the County Ground, where he grabbed 20 goals and finished a glorious campaign as the Club's

leading scorer. Strong and brave, Wayne makes the most of his height and weight to unsettle defences and his work-rate is second-to-none, with the player often to be found helping in defence if needed. He served his apprenticeship with Halifax before moving to Watford and then, a year

later, to Bristol City. He soon established himself as a terrace hero at Ashton Gate, where he finished the 1994/95 season as top scorer (13 League goals) for the third time, before deciding to move on at the end of his contract. Steve McMahon won the race for his signature, paying a Tribunal set fee of £475,000 for his services in July 1995.



Born: Huddersfield, 16.10.68

Height: 6ft 11in

Weight: 13st 5lb

League record last season:

44 games, 17 goals

International honours: None

Trophies won: Div Two title 1996

Wayne Allison

Career League Record

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
86/87 - 88/89	Halifax	84	23	From Trainee
89/90	Watford	7	-	£250,000
90/91 - 94/95	Bristol C	195	48	£300,000
95/96	Swindon	44	17	£475,000

FORWARDS

Despite standing at only 5ft 8in in his stockinged feet, **STEVE COWE** (29.09.74) shields the ball superbly well and could yet prove to be Steve McMahon's most astute signing at just £100,000 from Aston Villa. With several goals already to his credit this term, to add to the one he scored on his full debut at Chesterfield last season, Cowe certainly looks a bright prospect.

He was originally signed as cover for **STEVE FINNEY** (31.10.73) who had played

alongside Steve McMahon at Manchester City and was quickly snapped up by the Swindon boss when the Maine Road Club released him on a free transfer in the summer of 1995.

No relation of the legendary Tom Finney - although both players started their careers at Preston - Steve broke an ankle at Burnley towards the end of last season.

PETER THORNE (21.06.73) is a former Blackburn player who found his chances limited at Ewood Park

following the signings of Chris Sutton, Kevin Gallacher, Alan Shearer and others in the Dalglish era. A strong, robust striker, in the mould of the England number nine, Thorne made a bright start at Swindon scoring four goals in his first two games after signing in January 1995.

With 10 League goals in 22 starts last term, he played a big role as the Club marched to the Second Division Championship to make up for the disappointment of relegation in the previous campaign.

SWINDON's League record this season

Aug 17	NORWICH	(a)	L0-2
Aug 24	PORT VALE	(h)	D1-1 Robinson (62)
Aug 28	OLDHAM	(h)	W1-0 Allison (59)
Aug 31	SOUTHEND	(a)	W3-1 Watson (12), Cowe (76), Finney (88)
Sep 07	GRIMSBY	(a)	L1-2 Cowe (49)
Sep 11	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L0-1
Sep 14	TRANMERE	(h)	W2-1 Walters (25pen), Horlock (76)
Sep 21	QPR	(a)	D1-1 Cowe (25)
Sep 27	WOLVES	(h)	L1-2 Horlock (67)
Oct 02	BRADFORD	(a)	L1-2 Walters (25pen)
Oct 12	OXFORD	(h)	W1-0 Horlock (50)
Oct 16	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W6-0 Walters (29), Thorne (32,47,48), Allison (33), Horlock (40)
Oct 19	C.PALACE	(a)	W2-1 Allison (33), Thorne (48)
Oct 26	READING	(a)	L0-2
Oct 30	WEST BROM	(h)	L2-3 Allen (36), Thorne (89)
Nov 02	MAN CITY	(h)	W2-0 Allison (51,83)

Goals Goals Goals

Allison, Thorne	...	5
Horlock	4
Cowe, Walters	3
Robinson, Watson, Finney, Allen	1

Point taken

When the Robins won the old Fourth Division title in 1985/86 they did so by amassing a record 102 points on the way. Since that triumph, the Club have experienced three promotions and two relegations. Never a dull moment!

Previous League Meetings

Ipswich at Home			and Away		
date	div	score	date	div	score
Ipswich at Home					
11-Mar-1939	3(S)	3-1	05-Nov-1938	3(S)	1-1
07-Dec-1946	3(S)	3-1	12-Apr-1947	3(S)	2-1
08-Nov-1947	3(S)	0-1	27-Mar-1948	3(S)	0-1
02-Apr-1949	3(S)	4-2	06-Nov-1948	3(S)	4-0
28-Jan-1950	3(S)	3-1	15-Apr-1950	3(S)	0-3
28-Oct-1950	3(S)	4-1	17-Mar-1951	3(S)	2-0
27-Oct-1951	3(S)	1-5	15-Mar-1952	3(S)	1-2
15-Apr-1953	3(S)	1-1	25-Apr-1953	3(S)	2-0
24-Apr-1954	3(S)	2-0	24-Oct-1953	3(S)	1-2
03-Sep-1955	3(S)	6-2	31-Dec-1955	3(S)	0-1
19-Jan-1957	3(S)	4-1	15-Sep-1956	3(S)	3-1
13-Mar-1965	2	0-0	31-Oct-1964	2	3-1
19-Sep-1987	2	3-2	28-Dec-1987	2	4-2
04-Mar-1989	2	1-2	12-Nov-1988	2	2-3
20-Mar-1990	2	1-0	14-Oct-1989	2	3-0
08-Dec-1990	2	1-1	28-Aug-1990	2	1-0
03-Sep-1991	2	1-4	20-Dec-1991	2	0-0
16-Apr-1994	Prem	1-1	20-Nov-1993	Prem	2-2
Home:			Away:		
Ipswich	wins	goals	Swindon	wins	goals
Swindon	4	26	Ipswich	6	20
4 draws			3 draws		

Ten Year Record

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	3	46	25	12	9	77	47	87	3rd
87/88	2	44	16	11	17	73	60	59	12th
88/89	2	46	20	16	10	68	53	76	6th
89/90	2	46	20	14	12	79	59	74	4th
90/91	2	46	12	14	20	65	73	50	21st
91/92	2	46	18	15	13	69	55	69	8th
92/93	1	46	21	13	12	74	59	76	5th
93/94	P	42	5	15	22	47	100	30	22nd
94/95	1	46	12	12	22	54	73	48	21st
95/96	2	46	25	17	4	71	31	92	1st

Pound - s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-r

Record sale: Jan-Aage Fjortoft (to Middlesbrough, March 1995) £1.3m
Record buy: Joey Beauchamp (from West Ham, August 1994) £800,000

Goals galore

Archie Brown was top scorer for Swindon Town for four consecutive Southern League seasons from 1911/12 to 1914/15.



BACK ROW (left to right): Peter Thorne, Wayne Allison, Fraser Digby, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Shaun Taylor, Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock. MIDDLE ROW: Jonathan Trigg (Physio), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray, Steve Finney, Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederic Darras, Dean Hooper, Steve Cowe, Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach). FRONT ROW: Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Manager), Paul Allen, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan.

Second

with Reserve
team coach
Bryan Klug

Thoughts

Reserve team coach Bryan Klug pronounced himself pleased with his side's form as the second string bounced back from defeat against Bournemouth to turn in two good performances in the last ten days.

West Ham were the first visitors to Portman Road, and another bumper Family Night crowd turned out to see Town win 1-0 thanks to a headed goal from defender Wayne Brown on 29 minutes.

West Ham fielded a strong side which included the likes of Peter Shilton, Steve Potts and Kenny Brown, while Town gave a second opportunity to impress to our three Scandinavian trialists as well as run-outs for Simon Milton, Craig Forrest and Bobby Petta.

And that was followed five days later by a trip to Queens Park Rangers and a 1-1 draw, with Finnish trialist Tommi Kautonen scoring for Town. Claus Thomsen also played the full 90 minutes for the Blues, but ended feeling sore and was due to undergo a hernia operation last Friday.

"They were two very even matches and enjoyable to watch," said Bryan Klug. QPR was probably our better performance, but I was pleased with the players in both games, as I feel that QPR and West Ham are two of the better sides in the League this season.

"There was a good crowd here for the West Ham match and the players really enjoyed that aspect of it. It's a boost for them having a sizeable crowd to cheer them on."

Following Town's signing on loan of Jason Cundy, Norwegian trialist Frederik Kjoelner returned home to pursue other avenues, but Finnish pair Kautonen and Niclas Gronholm played against QPR.

"They've gone home now but both of them did well and the manager is considering whether to make them an offer," says Bryan.

With the Avon Insurance Combination League reduced in size this season, Town now go a fortnight without a competitive fixture, before facing Luton at home in the League Cup on December 4th, when Family Night Football returns to Portman Road.

But Bryan will be taking a side to face Felixstowe Port and Town at Dellwood Avenue tomorrow evening. The match is a charity event in aid of long-serving Felixstowe official Norman Howlett who died earlier this month and Bryan is keen to see a good Town following at the game.

"It's a 7.30pm kick-off, and it would be nice to get some Town supporters down at the game as it is for a good cause," he said.



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Fixtures 1996/97

Wed Aug 21 Arsenal	(League Cup)	0-2
Wed Sep 4 Watford		5-1
Wed Sep 11 West Ham	(League Cup)	1-3
Wed Sep 18 Norwich		1-0
Wed Sep 25 Chelsea		1-1
Tue Oct 8 Millwall		4-0
Wed Oct 23 Bournemouth		0-1
Wed Nov 6 West Ham		1-0
Mon Nov 11 QPR		1-1
Wed Dec 4 Luton	(League Cup)	7.15
Wed Dec 11 Portsmouth		7.00
Wed Dec 18 Bristol City		7.15
Mon Jan 6 Swindon		2.00
Wed Jan 15 Tottenham		7.15
Wed Jan 22 Charlton		2.00
Wed Jan 29 Norwich	(League Cup)	7.30
Wed Feb 5 Luton		7.15
Tue Feb 11 Oxford		7.30
Wed Feb 26 C.Palace		7.15
Wed Mar 19 Bristol Rovers		7.15
Wed Mar 26 Wimbledon		7.15
Tue Apr 1 Cardiff		3.00
Wed Apr 2 Swansea		2.00
Wed Apr 16 Brighton		7.15
Thu Apr 24 Arsenal		2.00
Wed Apr 30 Southampton		7.30

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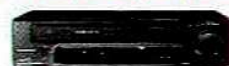
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Focus on Youth

Following their recent 1-0 Southern Junior Floodlit Cup victory over a strong Watford outfit, Town Youths have been drawn against Bristol City in the Third Round, with a date yet to be confirmed.

In the League the youngsters have struggled for points in the last fortnight, suffering reverses against Tottenham and Charlton.

"They were a couple of tough games," admits coach Paul Goddard. "And the Tottenham match was particularly disappointing

performance-wise.

"On the day they were a better team than us and we must work harder and do better than that - we didn't do ourselves justice.

"For the first half hour against Charlton we played some of the best football we've played all season but then went 2-0 down in two minutes.

"The first came after a quickly-taken free-kick that caught the lads cold while the referee was still re-arranging our wall and then they scored again 30 seconds later and that really knocked the stuffing out of us.

"But it was a lesson for the lads in making the most of their opportunities.

"The game would have had a completely different complexion if we had capitalised on our good play of the first half-hour, but afterwards we were left scratching our heads and wondering how we had lost 5-0."

For his part, Paul recently spent a few days coaching the England U19 squad during a get-together at Lillleshall, and also oversaw a friendly match against Nottingham Forest.

"It was an experience I thoroughly enjoyed," says Paul. "I was working with some of the best young players in the country and I was very impressed with some of the lads I saw.

"I've also been asked to go with the team for the mini-World Cup in Malaysia in July, which will be a great honour."

South East Counties League Fixtures 1996/97

Sat Aug 17	West Ham	1-2
Sat Aug 24	Norwich	2-1
Sat Aug 31	L.Orient	5-0
Sat Sep 7	Cambridge	2-1
Mon Sep 9	Oxford (SJF Cup)	3-1
Sat Sep 14	C.Palace (Lge Cup 1st Rd)	2-5
Sat Sep 21	Chelsea	2-1
Sat Sep 28	Fulham	1-3
Sat Oct 5	Watford	0-4
Sat Oct 12	Portsmouth	6-3
Tue Oct 15	Lowestoft Tn (EJF Cup 2nd Rd)	2-0
Sat Oct 19	Southend	2-2
Sat Oct 26	Millwall	1-1
Mon Oct 28	Watford (SJF Cup 2nd Rd)	1-0
Sat Nov 2	Tottenham	0-2
Sat Nov 9	Charlton	0-5
Sat Nov 16	Arsenal	
Wed Nov 20	Stanway R (EJF Cup 3rd Rd)	7.30
Sat Nov 23	Arsenal	
Sat Nov 30	Southend	
Sat Dec 7	QPR	
Sat Dec 14	Gillingham	
Sat Dec 21	West Ham	
Sat Dec 28	No Fixtures	
Sat Jan 4	Gillingham	
Sat Jan 11	L.Orient	
Sat Jan 18	Cambridge	
Sat Jan 25	Chelsea	
Sat Feb 1	Norwich	
Sat Feb 8	Fulham	
Sat Feb 15	Watford	
Sat Feb 22	Portsmouth	
Sat Mar 1	Millwall	
Sat Mar 8	Tottenham	
Sat Mar 22	Charlton	
Sat Apr 12	QPR	

All home matches (in bold) will be played on the Portman Road practice pitch, kick-off 11am unless otherwise shown.

Brendan Lowes

Position: Full-back
Age: 16
Born: Stockton, 04.06.80
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 9st
From: ITFC School of Excellence

Coach's Comment:

"Brendan's a left-back from the Middlesbrough area who has been with us for some time, having come up through the ranks of the School of Excellence. He used to come down during school holidays and train with us, and we're delighted to have him with us full-time now."





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Nationwide Division One

Portman Road, Saturday 23rd November,
3.00pm

Tickets are now on sale for this match.

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ITFC v Gillingham

Coca-Cola Cup 4th Round

Portman Road, Tuesday 26th November,
7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale for this match.

Season Ticket holders are reminded that their seats will only be held until Saturday 23rd November, after which unclaimed seats will be released.

Tranmere Rovers v ITFC

Nationwide Division One

Prenton Park, Saturday 30th November,
3.00pm

There are no advance tickets for this match. Admission on the turnstiles will be £10.00 for Adults, £7.00 for concessions.

ITFC v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Nationwide Division One

Portman Road, Saturday 7th December,
3.00pm

Tickets are now on sale for this match.

Bolton Wanderers v ITFC

Nationwide Division One

Burnden Park, Saturday 14th December,
3.00pm

We have only received a small allocation of tickets for this match, which will go on sale from Monday 25th November to Season Ticket holders only. They are priced at £15.00 Adults and £9.00 for concessions.

There is, however, plenty of space on the terrace which will cost £11.00 for Adults, £8.00 for concessions. Payment is at the turnstiles only.

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Please note that for safety reasons Season Ticket holders in the North Stand will be offered junior tickets elsewhere in the ground.



Mrs Brenda Marsh is pictured receiving a signed Town football from Mr David Williman, of Nationwide, and her favourite player Mick Stockwell. Mrs Marsh won the ball through a competition run by Football League sponsors Nationwide.

Tonight's Mascots



Our mascots for this evening's match against Swindon Town are Kyle Horner (left) and Claire Cully. Kyle, from Aldeburgh, attends Aldeburgh County Primary School and lists his hobbies as reading and music, with his favourite player being Alex Mathie.



Claire is 11-years-old and hails from Bury St Edmunds. She attends St. James Middle School and her hobbies include swimming and playing football. She tells us that her favourite player is Paul Mason. Have a marvellous time and enjoy your day at Portman Road.

Town's Top Fans

The Club recently received the following letter from Mr Jim Chalmers of the Football Licensing Authority, praising the behaviour of Town supporters at the Oxford United fixture on 2nd November...

"You will be aware that nearly 1400 of your fans made the long journey to Oxford and I spent a good part of the afternoon in their company in the Cuckoo Lane Stand. I am sure they were disappointed with the result, but they can take a great deal of credit from events 'off the pitch'.

It was encouraging to see your supporters were at the Manor Ground for two reasons only - namely to support their team and enjoy a game of football.

Sadly, there are still times when a minority of so-called football supporters attract publicity which can spoil or damage the good reputation of the majority of fans and the game of football. On this occasion it was the majority which represented the true nature of genuine football supporters in causing no problems, before, during or after the game. That of course will not attract any publicity but it should not go unnoticed.

It was a privilege to share the afternoon with a group of supporters who were a credit to themselves, Ipswich Town Football Club and the game of football."

Well done Ipswich Town supporters, from all at ITFC.



Meet the Ref...

Our referee for this evening's Nationwide League Division One clash with Swindon is Mr Trevor West from Hull. A 47-year-old Sergeant in the Humberside Police Force, Mr West was appointed to the Football League referee's list in 1988. He is married with two children and lists cycling, walking and freshwater angling as his hobbies.

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Town striker James Scowcroft picked up his second England U21 cap in the recent match against Georgia. James was involved in the only goal of the game - laying the ball back for Chelsea's Michael Duberry to score in the 81st minute. Well done, James.



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- 1 Who scored our goal in the 1-1 draw with Southend?
- 2 Gerry Creaney has joined us on loan from which Club?
- 3 Against which country did James Scowcroft most recently play for the England U21s?
- 4 For how many League Clubs has Steve Sedgley played?
- 5 Jason Cundy made his first appearance for Town against who?
- 6 Who is the manager of Third Division Swansea City?
- 7 Roy Keane is an international for which country?
- 8 Who scored England's first goal in their 2-0 win over Georgia?
- 9 And who got the second strike in that match?
- 10 Where do Wolves play their home games?
- 11 What long-standing record do Notts County hold in football?
- 12 Which First Division club are nicknamed The Baggies?
- 13 Name the three Italian players at Chelsea.
- 14 Middlesbrough's Juninho is capped by which country?
- 15 Which Division Three Club play at St James Park?
- 16 Who did Steve McMahon replace as Swindon boss?
- 17 At which Club did Wayne Allison start his League career?
- 18 Where do Swindon play their home games?
- 19 From which Scottish Club did The Robins sign Scott Leitch?
- 20 Which former Tottenham and Southampton star is at Swindon?

1. Mick Stockwell, 2. Man City, 3. Georgia, 4. Three, 5. Southend, 6. Jan Molby, 7. Republic of Ireland, 8. Teddy Sheringham, 9. Les Ferdinand, 10. Molineux, 11. They are the oldest Football League Club, 12. West Brom, 13. Gianluca Vialli, Gianfranco Zola and Roberto Di Matteo, 14. Brazil, 15. Exeter, 16. John Gorman, 17. Halifax, 18. County Ground, 19. Hearts, 20. Paul Allen.

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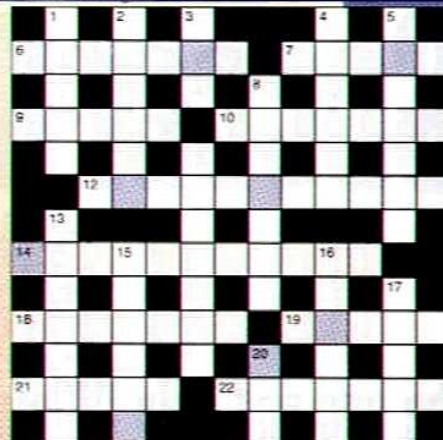
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Across

6. Her rags create Derby winner! (7)
7. Was he a spicy skater? (5)
9. Celtic's combative midfielder (5)
10. Early trainer of Frank Bruno (7)
12. He's just moved upstairs at Highfield Road (3,8)
14. Pompey winger who shares his name with an ex-US President (5,6)
18. Leeds' captain this season (3,4)
19. Cricket shot (5)
21. Suggett, ITFC's Director of Coaching (5)
22. Snooker player liable to be knocked off his perch! (7)

Down

1. Craig, an Everton defender (5)
2. Denver footballer (6)
3. Wilkins, currently on loan at Hibs (3)
4. Coventry's Irishman? (6)
5. Team once managed by Bobby Charlton (7)
8. Defenders (7)
11. Last Australian man to win Wimbledon (3,4)
13. Cap turns Dior into bullfighter! (7)
15. Airdrie's keeper (6)
16. And 17 Down. Yachting politician (6,5)
17. See 16 Down
20. Ex-Celtic and St.Mirren manager (3)





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That Aldo

John Aldridge, player-manager at Tranmere, has hung up his boots - but before First Division defenders start jumping for joy it's only at international level.

The former Liverpool striker (pictured left) decided to call it a day for the Republic of Ireland after their World Cup draw with Iceland last week.

Aldo hit 19 goals in 69 appearances for Ireland and retires just one strike short of equalling Frank Stapleton's scoring record for the country.



Hell for Hillier

David Hillier has joined Pompey from Arsenal in a £300,000 deal - but didn't have the debut he had hoped for.

The tigerish midfielder, who turned down Southend to head for the South Coast, made his first appearance for Portsmouth in their visit to Oldham last week but was sent-off midway through the second-half for a foul.



Moving On...

Here are the latest transfers involving First Division clubs

Player	From	To	Fee
Neil Shipperley	Southampton	C.Palace	£1m
David Hillier	Arsenal	Portsmouth	£300,000
Gary Poole	Birmingham	Charlton	£250,000
Adrian Whitbread	West Ham	Portsmouth	£200,000
Jae Martin	Birmingham	Lincoln	£25,000
Mark Druce	Oxford	Rotherham	Undisclosed
Matthew Rush	Norwich	Northampton	Loan
Simon Rodger	C.Palace	Man City	Loan
Robert Steiner	Norrkoping (Swe)	Bradford	Loan
Magnus Pehrsson	Djurgardens (Swe)	Bradford	Loan
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Simon Davies	Man Utd	Huddersfield	Loan



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Bantam Wait

Chris Waddle has signed a contract to keep him at Bradford for the rest of the season.

The former Sheff Wed and England player (pictured right) had been on a month's trial at The Pulse Stadium but a string of star performances for The Bantams have persuaded him - and the Club - to extend the deal until May 1997.

"We are delighted that Chris has signed for us," says Bradford boss Chris Kamara. "The only clause in his contract is if a manager's position comes up for him."



On the box

Live on Sky up to Christmas are:



Friday, November 22

Sheff Utd v Bolton

Friday, November 29

Swindon v Reading

Sunday, December 8

West Brom v Bolton

Friday, December 20

Southend v Birmingham



Sinclair Stays

The on-off transfer of Trevor Sinclair seems to have finally been settled with the England Under-21 star pledging his future to the London Club.

The 23-year-old winger was a target for a string of Premiership Clubs with Leeds and Tottenham said to be among those ready to meet the £5 million fee put on the former Blackpool star's head.

But Sinclair recently withdrew his transfer request and said: "I have decided to stay at the Club and I'm delighted to do so."

"I am negotiating a new contract with Rangers and am looking forward to a successful future here."



Wandering Star

Not surprisingly, Colin Todd was named Manager of the Month in the First Division for October.

It completed a nice double for the Bolton boss who also picked up the September award as high flying Wanderers were installed as favourites for an immediate return to the Premiership.

The Yokohama Best Performance on the Road award went to Sheffield United for their 4-0 win at Stoke on October 19th.



Gordon's Tonic

High-flying Crystal Palace have been further boosted by the return to action of defender Dean Gordon after an eight month absence through injury.

The £2 million-rated Gordon, an England Under-21 regular, has been out since March with Achilles problems.

But he has come through a couple of Reserve matches and was a 72nd minute substitute in the Eagles' recent 3-0 win over QPR.



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Next in Town Port Vale



**Saturday 23rd
November 3.00pm**



The last time Port Vale came to Portman Road in the League was on New Year's Day 1996 - and we saw the fresh year in with a bang as Town ran out comprehensive 5-1 winners.

Vale will become the second of three visitors to Town inside a week when they travel down from the Potteries on Saturday, keen to gain revenge for last season's hammering.

But the real plus for John Rudge's team is that they are still here at all.

Vale chairman Bill Bell has been threatening to

close the Club down if a new buyer cannot be found and, despite manager Rudge guiding his side into a comfortable mid-table position, the financial future is not looking too rosy for the Valiants.

Rudge, soon to complete 13 years in the hot-seat at Vale Park, has no money to spend and has had just 14 fit players to choose from on occasions this term.

But he has still strung together some great results; such as a recent victory over Wolves; and his side are among the more attractive in the First Division.

Can Scowcroft, Mason and Co rattle the goals past Vale again? Get down to Portman Road on Saturday to find out.

Fact File

Ground: Vale Park
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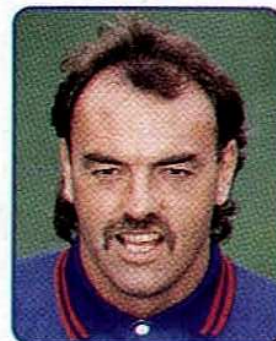
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1645/2130	The Final Whistle
1715/2200	Optional Man of the Match presentation
1745/2230	Guests free to depart

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The Best...

...game you've ever played in?

One of the most amazing has got to be last season's 3-3 draw up at Barnsley. We were 3-0 down with about six minutes left, but we were playing pretty well and deserved better than that. Then Ian Marshall got a couple and I came in with a rare header to get the equaliser - which sparked off mass celebrations from the players and the fans that were still there - although most of them had gone home by then!

...personal performance you've made?

I scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Shrewsbury Town in the old Second Division during my second season as a professional. That's the only hat-trick I've scored in the first-team - although I've had a few twos.

...match you've seen?

The demolition of Man Utd by Newcastle the other week. Just the fact that Man Utd normally hand those out to other people all the time - it's good to give them a taste of their own medicine every now and then.

...thing that's happened to you recently?

Brian Everitt, the Managing Director of Barnards Garage in Stowmarket gave me a

Simon Milton was the man lucky enough to be at home when we rang to unearth another victim for the Best and Worst questions - and here's what he said. So Simon, what's the best...

sponsored Golf GTI for the season. He handed it over during the summer and it's a great car. That's the best thing that's happened off the pitch.

...thing about being a footballer?

Not having to queue up to get into Chicagos in Ipswich!

...piece of advice you've ever received?

When you're losing your hair - keep it short! Not strictly football, but it was great advice anyway.

...goal you've ever seen?

People are going to think I'm a Newcastle fan, but David

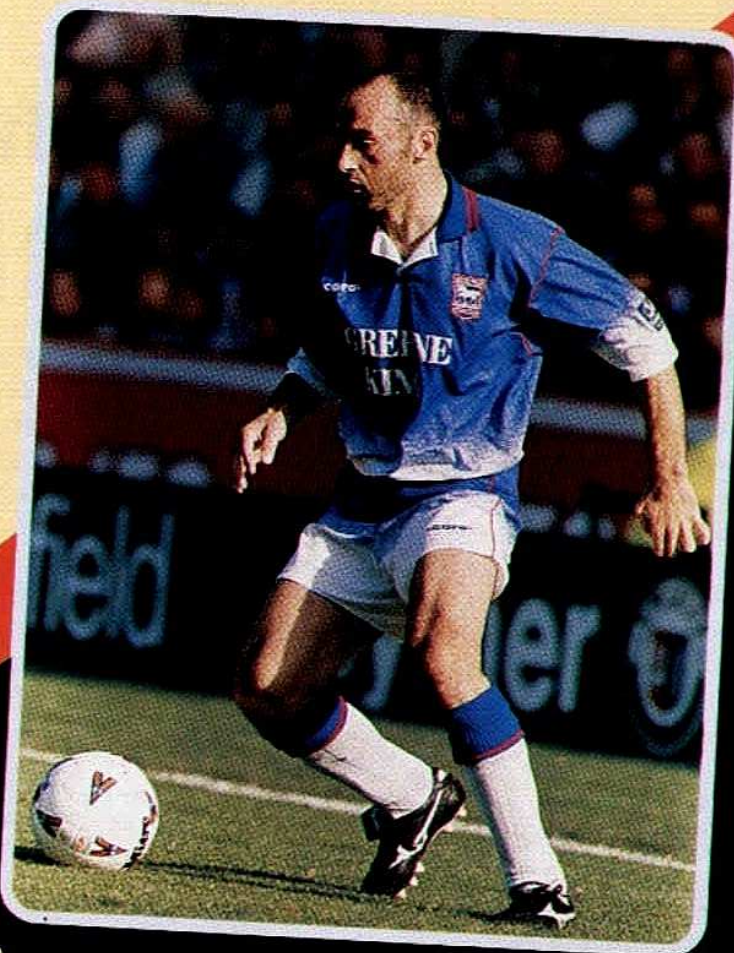


Simon Milton

Ginola's goal against Fenerbahce in the UEFA Cup the other week was brilliant. I thought he was going to hit it first time, but he just flicked it inside the defender and volleyed it in. If I'd tried that it would have been over the main stand!

...way to relax away from football?

A game of golf with three of my team-mates up at Hintlesham Hall when the sun is shining - with buggies of course, to take the strain out of all that walking!



...match of your life?

When I was on loan at Exeter during my first year as a professional. We travelled from Exeter to Darlington on the day of the game, got there and the pitch was rock hard. The Club didn't have the right footwear for us, and we got stuffed 4-1 - and then travelled all the way home again. It was seven hours each way on the coach; the only consolation was that I scored the one for Exeter.

...thing about being a footballer?

The coach journey home after a defeat can be pretty hard to deal with. Other than that it's a great life.

...record you've ever heard?

No doubt about it - Chris Waddle and Glenn Hoddle's Diamond Lights single of a few years ago. They should have stuck to football.

...job you've ever had?

None of the jobs I've had have been the worst in the world. Taking Danny Sonner shopping for clothes was hard work though! Seriously, I was a milk boy between the ages of 14 and 16, and that was tough. All those cold early mornings.

...holiday you've ever had?

We went on a ten day Club trip to Russia

with John Duncan in the late 1980s - it was all part of the deal when we signed Sergei Baltacha.

We were one of the first Western Clubs to go on tour over there, and it was a real eye-opener. We stayed in the best hotels - but it was still shocking, and the food was awful. I particularly remember a 12 hour train journey from Moscow to Kiev that was a complete nightmare.

...ground to visit, and why?

Plymouth - just because it is so far away. There are worse grounds about in terms of facilities and that, but for terrible journeys from Ipswich then Plymouth has got to take some beating.

...Law in football?

Having to pack it up when you're 35! It's not really a Law - but I think they should make the goals bigger...I might score a few more then.

...and Worst



Football in the Community



JBs and Family News

Back from West Yorkshire and here we go again. Get your breath, because we are just over a month away from Christmas; as the reindeer flies; and we have so much to fit in.

Just a couple of visits to the frozen North West in that time, while we give you FIVE helpings of Blues football here at home, including a cup full of Coca-Cola this time next week.

And if that's not enough, the Family

Football Fun Nights continue in the Cobbold Stand with the visits of Luton and Bristol City, when the PUNCH CLUB transfers to the Blues Bar.

You order your chips, we'll paint your face - seems like a good deal to me! Careful with the ketchup!

There was a really good atmosphere when West Ham played the Town and 'The Sidewinders' played the music. Just shows that friendly family football really is not just a fond memory.

M Block

Tonight we're back in 'the attic' over in the Pioneer, so get yourselves into the Punch Club behind M Block to catch up on the news and enter tonight's **BARCLAYS FAMILY FANS COMPETITION**, with fabulous Barclays prizes. Collect your entry and sort it out **TONIGHT**.

As the games keep coming so do the competitions. Come back on Saturday and you

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And if you think that's pretty good, then how about this for an early Christmas present. Come and see us at the Wolves game and you could be in with a chance of winning an **IPSWICH TOWN REPLICA STRIP** - now ain't that something. I might even enter that one myself!

Details about these on matchdays. Just come and see us in the Family Stand and, of course, the Punch Club. And if by some chance you can't



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A couple of weeks back a few of us thought that we'd embellish our visit to QPR by taking in the sights and avoiding the 'capital punishment' suffered by later coach travellers as they struggled to the ground. Psychic or what?

The Durrants took in the wonders of a Wembley tour, and others of us ended up at Football Football - the theme restaurant - for a meal before a sprint to Shepherds Bush.

Gordon Taylor was negotiating for a mineral water at the bar and we were served our meal by an Eric Cantona lookalike - I'll avoid the obvious joke. Surrounded by football memorabilia, photos, pennants and videos it's worth a look. Just off Picadilly on The Haymarket, it's a great idea, but I reckon I could do it better.

Now there's a thought for Portman Road...a Family Football Cafe.

The Art of Football

I'd spent the afternoon at the Turner Prize Exhibition - that's the one that gets bad-mouthed by the popular press - at the Tate Gallery. Just to keep in touch with my roots!

Anyway, watch out for the work of Simon Patterson, with two football related walls inspired by a visit to Italy during World Cup Italia '90. Patterson plays with the ideas of various systems, changing the names etc. One piece totally renamed the entire Underground system - I got off at Uccello!

Back to the plot, he's used two football systems. One is 'The Last Supper Arranged

According to the Flat Back Four Formation', the second uses 'the Sweeper Formation'.

In each case Christ is in goal - I guess because Jesus saves!

Any artists amongst you get ready to art for our own exhibition. Want to know when? Check out that Wolves competition...say no more!

Alright then, time to immerse yourself in an orgy of football and Christmas shopping - I expect you've bought mine already!

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John Williams



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Sat Aug 24	Reading	9,767	5-2
Tue Aug 27	Grimsby Town	9,762	1-1
Sat Aug 31	Oldham Ath	5,339	3-3
Tue Sep 3	Bournemouth <i>Coca-Cola</i> 1 (2)	4,119	3-0
Sat Sep 7	Huddersfield Town	10,661	1-3
Tue Sep 10	Crystal Palace	12,520	0-0
Sat Sep 14	Sheffield Utd	14,261	3-1
Tue Sep 17	Fulham <i>Coca-Cola</i> 2 (1)	6,947	1-1
Fri Sep 20	Charlton Ath	10,558	2-1
Tue Sep 24	Fulham <i>Coca-Cola</i> 2 (2)	6,825	4-2
Sat Sep 28	West Bromwich Albion	15,806	0-0
Tue Oct 1	Barnsley	9,041	1-1
Fri Oct 11	Norwich City	20,256	1-3
Tue Oct 15	Birmingham City	15,664	0-1
Sat Oct 19	Portsmouth	10,514	1-1
Tue Oct 22	Crystal Palace <i>Coca-Cola</i> 3	8,390	4-1
Sat Oct 26	Tranmere Rovers	11,003	0-2
Wed Oct 30	QPR	10,562	1-0
Sat Nov 2	Oxford United	7,903	1-3
Sat Nov 9	Southend United	10,146	1-1
Sat Nov 16	Bradford City	10,504	1-2
Tue Nov 19	Swindon Town		
Sat Nov 23	Port Vale		
Tue Nov 26	Gillingham <i>Coca-Cola</i> 4		
Sat Nov 30	Tranmere Rovers		
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Professional Staff

Player	Height	From	1996/97	Ipswich Total
Chris Forrest	6'5"	Ipswich VT	5	282
David Forrest	6'5"	Ipswich VT	2	48
Vancouver 20.8.87	1'61"	Ipswich VT	13	0
Richard Wright	6'2"	Ipswich VT	0	39
Ipswich 5.11.77	1'61"	Ipswich VT	3	0
James Rollman	6'0"	Ipswich VT	0	9
Canterbury 22.3.78	1'61"	Ipswich VT	0	0
John Welch	5'11"	Medleyborough	1	0
Marquis 4.8.57	1'61"	Medleyborough	1	0
Glasgow Telford	1'61"	Medleyborough	1	0
Burns Ales 10.3.73	1'61"	Medleyborough	1	0
Ipswich 11.10.75	1'61"	Medleyborough	1	0
Manchester 11.10.75	1'61"	Medleyborough	1	0
Chris Stables	6'2"	Doncaster R	4	0
Canterbury 18.10.70	1'61"	Doncaster R	4	0
St Yvonne 12.05.77	1'61"	Ipswich VT	0	0
Kevin Ellis	6'2"	Ipswich VT	0	0
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