

SWINDON TOWN

FREE

We've kept our action-packed Matchday Magazine from December 28th but in this four page special you are brought right up to date with what's been going on at Swindon Town Football Club.

Watson's wonder goal

Today we welcome Grimsby Town back to the County Ground and we'll be hoping for more favourable weather conditions than their last visit when the match was abandoned after 31 minutes due to a frozen pitch.

It was a bitter pill to swallow with us leading 1-0 against a Grimsby side who had been reduced to 10 men and no player was more disappointed than Kevin Watson.

He had hit the net with a stunning strike which he admitted was probably the best of his career.

Unfortunately it didn't count and this afternoon it's all square again in the re-arranged fixture.

Another date for your diary

The big freeze meant our scheduled game at home to QPR was postponed on

New Year's Day - but a new date for the first Division clash has now been fixed.

Rangers will come to the County Ground on Wednesday February 5th (7.45pm kick-off).

On the prowl at Wolves

Swindon travel to Molineux on Wednesday hoping to continue Mark McGhee's nightmare in front of his own fans.

Wolves have already lost six times at home this season and Town will be aiming to make it a magnificent seven!

Fans going to the game with S.A.S. Travel are reminded that coaches depart from the County Ground at 4pm.

Blades next

Next Saturday our series of home games continues with the visit of Sheffield United (3pm).

We went down 2-0 at Bramall Lane back in November so there is certainly a score to settle against Howard Kendall's side.

Sale still on

The Swindon Town Superstore sale is still on with great reductions on a large range of items.

There is 25 per cent off home

and away shirts and Castrol Sweatshirts (30 per cent for season ticket holders) so make sure you get down to the store - you could strike a bargain.

Allen moves on

Midfielder Paul Allen last week joined Second Division Bristol City on a free transfer.

"Paul wasn't really getting a look-in here, so when Bristol City came in for him we felt it was in the best interests of the player to let him go," said Director of Football, Rikki Hunt.

Youths on form

Both of Swindon Town's Youth teams came from behind to chalk up useful victories last weekend.

In Division Two of the South East Counties League Swindon overcame Bristol Rovers 2-1 with goals from Wayne Thorne (penalty) and Alex Meechan while the B team beat Swansea City 3-2 away.

On target were Mark Simpkins (2) and Chris O'Connell.

New loan signing

Swindon Town are pleased to announce the signing of Marlon Broomes who is on a months loan from Blackburn Rovers.

**TODAY'S
MATCHDAY
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SATURDAY JANUARY 25TH 1997

Swindon Town vs Grimsby

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Kick-Off 3.00pm



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statistics 1996/97 season



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including January 21st

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	29	11	3	1	5	7	2	61	37	58
SHEFFIELD UNITED	27	7	5	2	7	2	4	47	28	49
BARNLEY	27	8	3	3	5	5	3	46	32	47
WOLVES	27	5	3	6	7	4	2	36	26	43
STOKE CITY	26	9	1	2	3	6	5	35	34	43
NORWICH CITY	27	7	6	2	5	0	7	37	37	42
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	28	6	3	5	5	5	4	42	40	41
CRYSTAL PALACE	27	6	3	4	4	7	3	51	30	40
OXFORD UNITED	28	9	3	2	2	4	8	39	32	40
TRANMERE ROVERS	28	7	3	4	4	3	7	37	36	39
PORT VALE	28	3	7	4	6	5	3	34	31	39
IPSWICH TOWN	28	5	6	2	4	4	7	36	39	37
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	28	8	4	3	1	5	7	33	36	36
PORTSMOUTH	29	6	3	5	4	3	8	32	36	36
BIRMINGHAM CITY	25	7	4	1	2	5	6	28	24	36
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	28	6	4	4	4	1	9	30	38	35
WEST BROMWICH ALB	28	3	7	5	4	6	3	44	45	34
SWINDON TOWN	27	7	3	3	3	1	10	37	35	34
READING	28	6	6	2	1	3	10	31	43	30
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	26	3	5	4	3	5	6	29	32	28
MANCHESTER CITY	27	6	2	5	2	2	10	29	42	28
BRADFORD CITY	29	5	4	5	1	5	9	27	45	27
SOUTHEND UNITED	27	4	5	4	1	5	8	25	49	25
GRIMSBY TOWN	26	3	4	7	2	4	6	28	47	23



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	5(3)	1	2	0	7(3)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	23(2)	8	5	2	28(2)	10
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
STEVE COWE	16(5)	4	4(1)	0	20(6)	4
IAN CULVERHOUSE	18	0	5	0	23	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	18(2)	0	4	0	22(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	12	0	1	-	13	0
JASON DRYSDALE	6	0	2(1)	0	8(1)	0
GARY ELKINS	14(3)	0	3	0	17(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	2	1(1)	0	7(7)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	(1)	0	-	-	(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	26	7	6	0	32	7
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	8	0	-	-	8	0
SCOTT LEITCH	24	0	6	1	30	1
STEVE McMAHON	1(1)	-	-	-	1(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	13(6)	0	2(1)	1	15(7)	1
MARK ROBINSON	25	1	5	0	30	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	17(1)	0	4(1)	0	21(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1(3)	0	0	0	1(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	10(7)	6	2(1)	2	12(7)	8
MARK WALTERS	20(1)	5	5	1	25(1)	6
KEVIN WATSON	11(6)	1	1(2)	0	12(8)	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 2-3	8,909
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H 2-0	14,374
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H 3-0	10,837
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A 2-3	7,086
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A 0-1	16,559
Tues Nov 26	Sheffield United	A 0-2	12,301
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
SAT NOV 30	READING	H 3-1	10,875
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A 0-2	10,565
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A 0-2	10,102
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H 2-2	8,948
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A 1-0	10,605
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A 0-3	20,411
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A 1-2	8,763
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H 1-1	7,851
SAT JAN 25	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
WED FEB 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	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:
WED FEB 5TH 1997**



**Swindon Town vs Q.P.R.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 7.45pm**

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-off's 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	ROBINSON	ELKINS	LEITCH●	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE■	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE●▼	HULBERT■	FINNEY▼
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DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	COLLINS	COWE	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON 2	LEITCH	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON	SMITH
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- 2 Frederic Darras
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- 6 Mark Robinson
- 7 Wayne O'Sullivan
- 8 Steve McMahon
- 9 Steve Cowe
- 10 Wayne Allison
- 11 Kevin Horlock
- 12 Kevin Watson
- 13 Alex Smith
- 14 Mark Walters

Team Changes



Grimsby Town

- 1 Jason Pearcey
- 2 John McDermott
- 3 Tony Gallimore
- 4 Ashley Fickling
- 5 Mark Lever
- 6 Kevin Jobling
- 7 Michael Appleton
- 8 Jack Lester
- 9 Neil Woods
- 10 Clive Mendonca
- 11 Nicky Southall
- 12 Kingsley Black
- 13 John Oster
- 14 Darren Wrack

Team Changes



Today's Officials:



Referee:
C. Wilkes (Gloucester)



Assisted by:
M.J. Cairns (Burton on Trent)
L.C. Jones (Bournemouth)



Reserve Official:
S. West



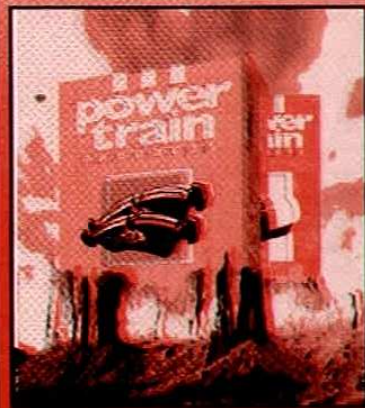
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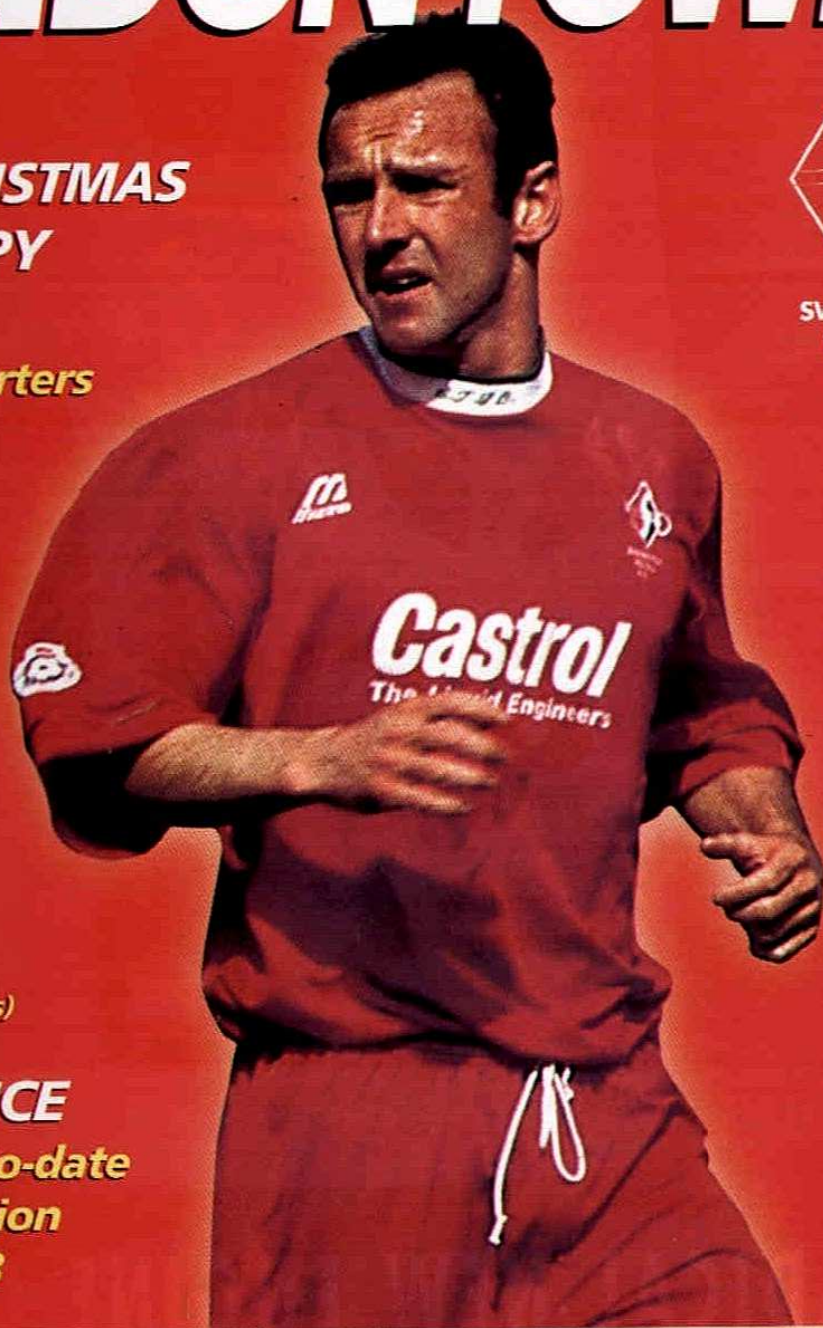
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from trip to
Charlton*

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*Steve Cowe
poster (Centre Pages)*

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a message from the Chairman Mike Spearman

With Christmas now behind us, 1997 is about to start and this time last year we were riding high in the Second Division, fighting to get back to Division One.

With everyone's help we achieved our number one aim and the icing on the cake was claiming the Championship trophy.

We now find ourselves in this very competitive First Division. Our manager Steve McMahon has produced his own team that has proved a match for any opponents despite our recent long list of injuries and disappointing away results.

At this very special time of year my board join me in thanking all our fans for your loyal and continued support both here at the County Ground and on our travels.

We all think you are a credit to our club and to football and with your help we can continue to make Swindon Town a real family club and provide you with a successful team.

May I on behalf of my fellow directors wish you all a very Happy New Year and I am sure that together we can all reach our ultimate Premiership goal.

I know you will all join me in wishing Steve and his squad, together with all our staff, both on and off the field a very happy and successful 1997.

I feel this an appropriate time of year to draw your attention to the future funding of the Football Trust which is a very important matter for us and the whole

of football.

The Trust provides essential support for safety and improvement work and for the redevelopment of grounds to meet the requirements of the Taylor Report.

The transformation we are seeing at our grounds would be impossible without them.

Our top clubs have largely completed the

Taylor task and the Trust is now concentrating on clubs in the Second and Third Divisions whose needs are considerable but whose resources are extremely limited.

Just as this crucial stage of implementing Taylor is reached, the national lottery has halved the Trust's income. The crisis will deepen now that the mid week lottery draw is just around the corner.

The Football Trust is urging Government to:

- * Extend the Taylor implementation timetable to 2003, thus making its reduced annual income available over three more years to enable the smaller clubs to see through the Taylor task.

- * Reduce pool betting duty to consolidate the pools business and thus the income of the trust.

The Trust's work is of enormous value and its future must be safeguarded. Please play your part by writing now to your MP, Simon Coombes,

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Steve McMahon says



I hope you all had a great Christmas and Santa brought you everything you wanted.

What I really want today is the three points as we take on a Grimsby Town side who beat us 2-1 at their place earlier in the season.

We had plenty of chances to have won that game but we left ourselves too much to do after starting so badly.

We can't afford to start like that again and we'll need to improve on the performance we gave up there if we are to get anything out of the game.

Grimsby have picked up of late and are a difficult side to beat. Their league position doesn't tell a true story and we will have to keep our wits about us.

The games are coming thick and fast at the moment and on New Year's Day Queens Park Rangers are the visitors to the County Ground.

This will be our fourth meeting with Rangers - and we're only just half way through the season so both sides know a lot about each other.

But previous results count for nothing now and on Wednesday I'm sure it will be a totally different game.

Rangers have spent heavily since we last met them with Stewart Houston bringing in John Spencer from Chelsea and Gavin Peacock on loan.

He has got lots of quality with the likes of Trevor Sinclair in attack as well as expertise at the back in Alan McDonald

I know from experience that it takes time for a new manager to settle in and I'm sure that has been the case with Stewart.

Although Stewart had a spell in charge at Arsenal, this is really his first managerial job and he is very different to the previous manager Ray Wilkins

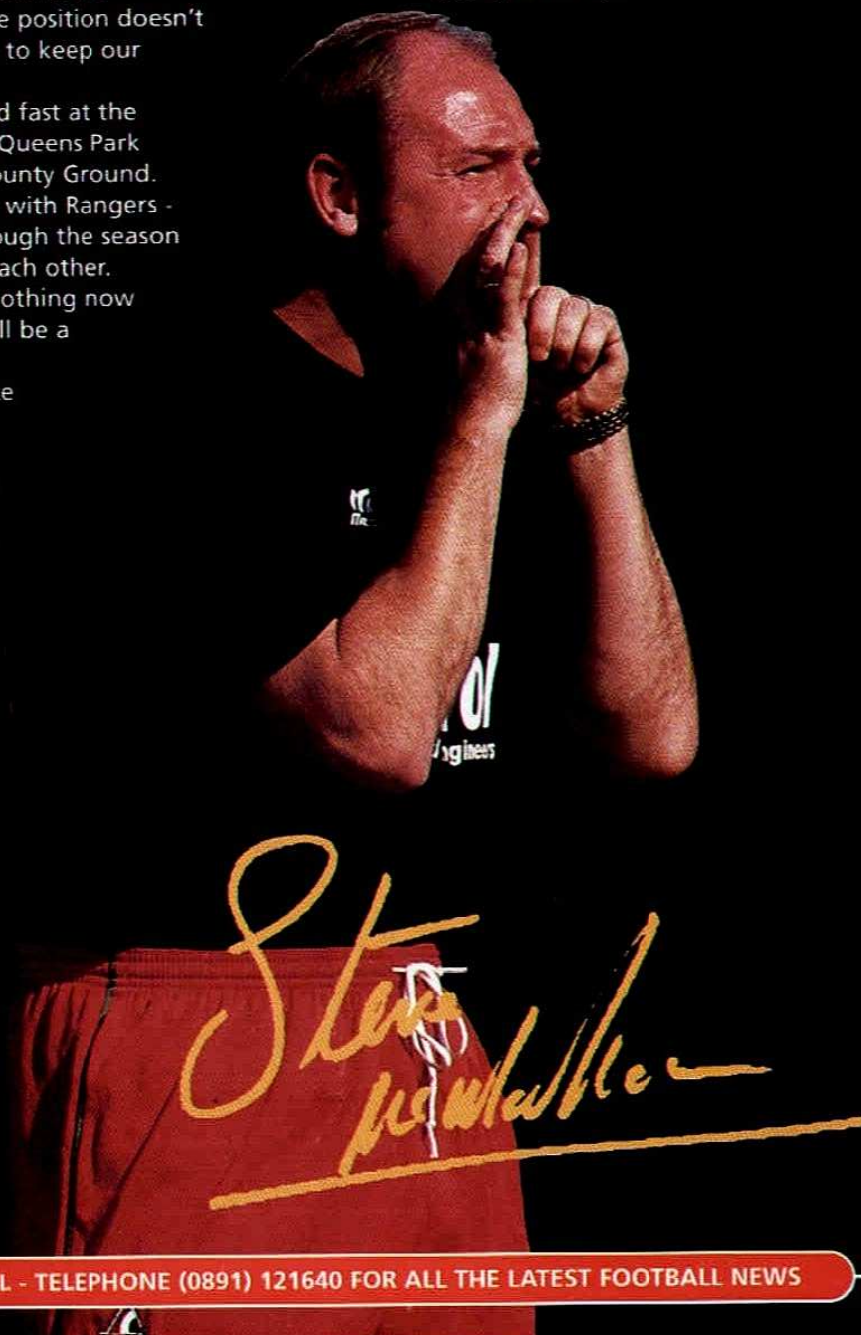
It takes a while to get to know the players and for them to get to know you, but from what I've seen, Stewart and his assistant Bruce Rioch are settling in well.

A lot has changed since our three match series with QPR earlier in the season but we showed then that we can compete on a par with the likes of Rangers even though they have got far more money to spend on players.

I'm writing these notes before Christmas so hopefully by now we have already picked up some points.

A win today will set us up nicely for the New Year's Day game against QPR and another three points at home would make it the perfect start to 1997.

But to achieve this we need your help so let's hear you today.



today's visitors

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Grimsby Town Football Club to the County Ground. We hope that everybody enjoys the match and has a safe journey home after the game.

After an indifferent start to the 1996/97 campaign, Grimsby parted company with manager Brian Laws a few weeks ago - and have enjoyed a corresponding upturn in fortunes.

Laws has been replaced - temporarily at least - by his assistant Kenny Swain, and that appointment seems to have injected new life into a side who at one stage looked cast iron certainties for the drop.

Only one win in their first eight matches - ironically enough against Swindon - sent the Blundell Park side tumbling down the table; and they stretched that to just three victories in 19 games before Swain steadied the Mariners' ship.

Even in the middle of such a confidence-draining run there were glimmers of hope, with victories over high-flying Barnsley and recent Premiership side QPR lifting the gloom.

But more recently, successive triumphs away at Charlton and then at home to second place Crystal Palace - who just weeks earlier had comprehensively beaten Town 3-0 at Selhurst Park - saw a new-found self-belief coursing through Grimsby veins.

A major reason for this turnaround has been the re-emergence of Grimsby's front-pairing of Clive Mendonca and Steve Livingstone as a potent force, with the pair having grabbed thirteen between them in the League at the time of writing.

Mendonca missed much of last term through injury as the Mariners slid away following a great start to finish in 17th spot, but he returned to show he's still got the goalscoring knack with a hat-trick against Ipswich in his second game back in April.

His partnership with Livingstone - top scorer last term with 13 goals - was always likely to be crucial to Grimsby's chances of success this term...and it has only recently started firing on all cylinders.

Steve McMahon and Co will be hoping to throw a spanner in the works of the Grimsby goal machine this afternoon.



Grimsby Town Football Club 1996/97

Back Row

Nicky Southall, Tony Gallimore, Andrew Love, Jason Pearcey, Paul Crichton, Peter Handyside, Neil Woods.

Middle Row

M. Bielby (Kit Manager), Daryl Clare, Ashley Fickling, Richard Smith, Steve Livingstone, Mark Lever, Graham Rodger, Jack Lester, Joby Gowshall, James Neil, Andrew Burdon, John Oster, Gerry Delahunt (Physio)

Front Row

Jamie Forrester, Kevin Jobling, Clive Mendonca, Craig Shakespeare, John Walker, Kenny Swain (Asst. Manager), Brian Laws (left club), John Cockerill (Youth Team Coach), John McDermott, Kingsley Black, Darren Wrack, Tommy Widdrington, Gary Childs

Grimsby



a closer look at Clive Mendonca

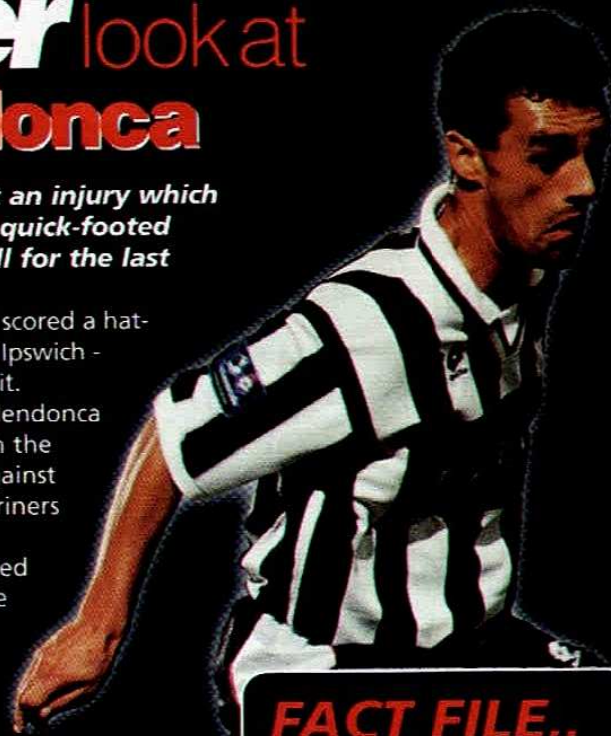
After more than a season struggling against an injury which many observers felt could end his career, the quick-footed Grimsby striker returned to first-team football for the last eight games of 1995/96.

Keen to make up for lost time, Mendonca promptly scored a hat-trick in only his second game back - a 3-1 win against Ipswich - and finished the campaign with four goals to his credit.

Anxious to make a better start this time around, Mendonca opened 1996/97 with a flourish, scoring four times in the first five games, with two of those strikes coming against Swindon at Blundell Park in a 2-1 victory for the Mariners - their only success in a poor early run.

He began life as an apprentice with Sheffield United but, despite scoring four goals in 13 matches for the Blades was unable to hold down a regular first-team spot and moved on to Rotherham for £35,000 in March 1988.

He made such an impression at Millmoor that Sheffield United forked out £110,000 to take him back to Bramall Lane, but again he failed to settle. After a successful loan spell, Clive joined Grimsby for a bargain £85,000 in August 1992 and has proved to be an astute purchase by the East Coast Club.



FACT FILE..

Name: Clive Mendonca
Position: Forward
Born: Islington, 09.09.68
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 10st 7lb
Trophies Won: None
League Record Last Season: 8 games, 4 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
86/87 - 87/88	Sheff Utd	13	4	From Apprentice
87/88	Doncaster (L)	2	-	Loan
87/88 - 90/91	Rotherham	84	27	£35,000
91/92	Sheff Utd	10	1	£110,000
91/92	Grimsby (L)	10	3	Loan
92/93 - 95/96	Grimsby	111	39	£85,000

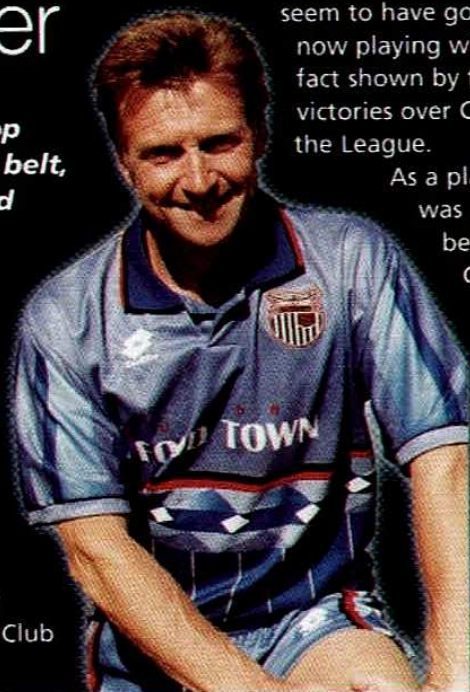
Kenny Swain

the manager
Caretaker

A man with a wealth of top flight knowledge under his belt, Kenny Swain was appointed Grimsby's caretaker boss in succession to Brian Laws, to whom he had previously been assistant.

Laws parted company with the Club in November of this season after a dreadful start to the campaign which saw the Mariners win just twice in their first nine games.

Under the guidance of the new man, however, the Blundell Park Club



seem to have got their act together and are now playing with a real sense of purpose - a fact shown by their recent back-to-back victories over Charlton and Crystal Palace in the League.

As a player, Birkenhead-born Swain was a no-nonsense right-back who began his professional career with Chelsea, who he joined from then non-League Wycombe Wanderers in August 1973.

A glittering career took him to Aston Villa, where he tasted European Cup glory in 1982, and Nottingham Forest, as well as spells at Portsmouth, West Brom and Crewe, before hanging up his boots in 1991.



playerprofile

G R I M S B Y T O W N

Grimsby have a class stopper in the shape of **JASON PEARCEY**, who became Brian Laws' first signing for the club when he joined from Mansfield for a nominal fee in December 1994. In and out of the side during his time at Blundell Park, Jason has been the man in possession of the number one shirt in recent weeks.

In the centre of defence, Grimsby call upon the services of **PETER HANDYSIDE** and **MARK LEVER**.

Handyside is a regular in Scotland's Under-21 side, and was picked up by the Blundell Park outfit from Scottish junior football, signing professional in November 1992. Strong in the air and relaxed on the ball, injury ruled him out for much of the second half of last season, and seemed to have had an adverse affect on his confidence once he did return to action.

The 26-year-old Lever is a product of the Club's successful youth policy who made his debut in the 'derby' match against Scunthorpe in September 1988 and has now completed more than 200 senior appearances for Grimsby. At 6ft 3in, he is a constant threat from set-pieces, although he missed a chunk of last season through injury.

Other defenders include ex-Sheffield United man **ASHLEY FICKLING**, who joined the Mariners on transfer deadline day 1995, **KEVIN JOBLING**, **JOHN McDERMOTT** and **GRAHAM RODGER**.

Ideally a full-back, former Leicester City man Jobling has found difficulty breaking into the first-team in recent seasons, but was a regular choice

during the Club's rapid rise from the old Fourth to Second Divisions. He missed all but three games last term thanks to a broken leg.

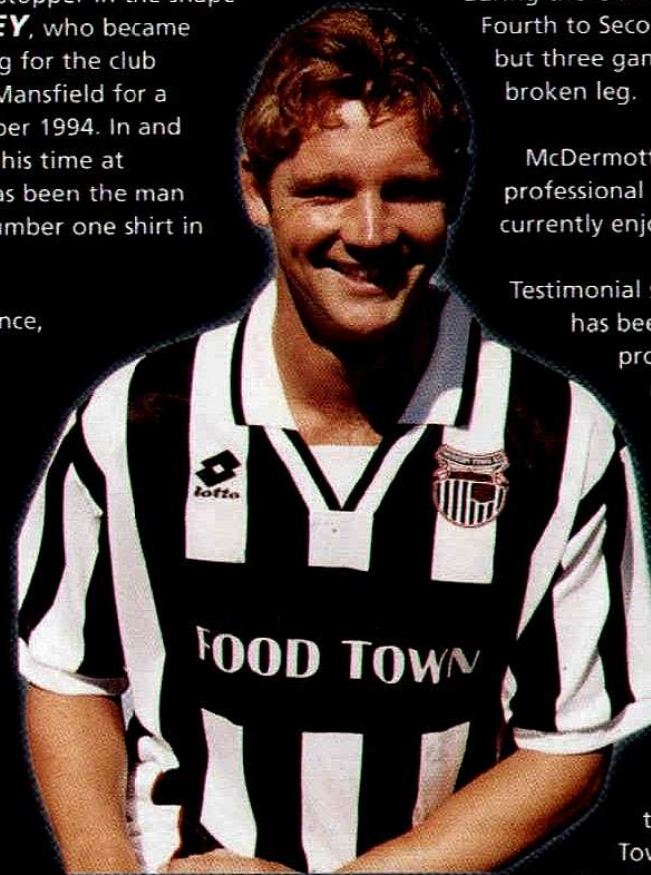
McDermott is the longest-serving professional on Grimsby's books and is currently enjoying his

Testimonial season with the Club. He has been through two promotions and two relegations with the Club since his senior debut in 1987. He scored his first goal of the season during a 3-1 win over high-flying Barnsley in September.

FA Cup winner Graham Rodger (with Coventry in 1987) has suffered from a string of injuries since joining the Mariners from Luton Town in February 1992. He has won England Under-21 caps and made 16 senior appearances in the League last season. He scored a late winner as the Mariners turned over fancied Crystal Palace at Blundell Park at the end of November.

RICHARD SMITH is an intelligent defender who reads the game well and joined Grimsby in a £100,000 transfer from Leicester in March 1996, while **TONY GALLIMORE** is a highly-rated full-back who signed for £125,000 from Carlisle at the same time.

Now in his seventh season with the Blundell Park outfit is attacking midfielder **GARY CHILDS**, who signed on a free transfer from Birmingham City having already been on the books with West Brom and Walsall. He has made more than 200 senior appearances for the Mariners. A former England Youth international, Childs makes the Mariners tick when he is on song.



Tony Gallimore

Grimsby

PLAYER PROFILE



Record signing **TOMMY WIDDRINGTON** moved back towards his native north east when he transferred for £300,000 from Southampton during the summer. A right-sided midfielder, his experience in the top flight could be crucial for Grimsby this term.

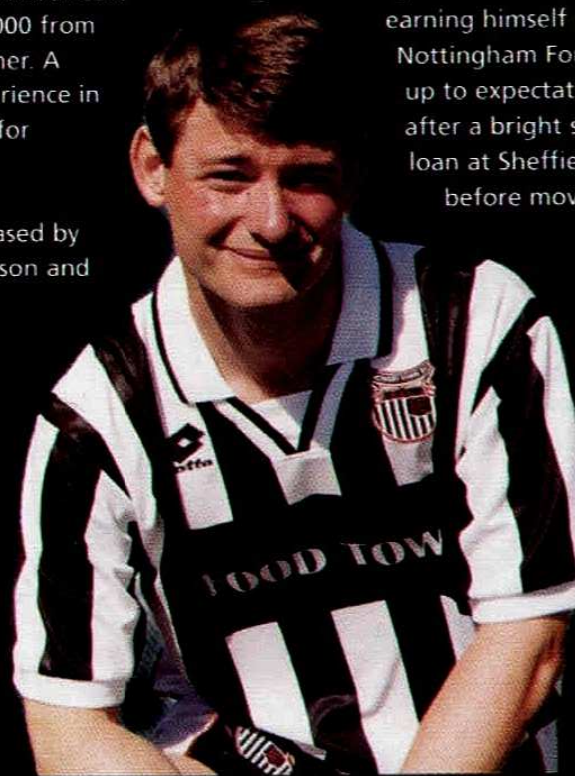
JOHN WALKER was released by Glasgow Rangers early last season and spent a long period on trial at Blundell Park. He made his League debut as a substitute against Watford - and scored within minutes of coming on.

Other midfielders include the former West Brom player **CRAIG SHAKESPEARE**, former Hartlepool favourite **NICKY SOUTHALL**, and ex-Forest and Northern Ireland star **KINGSLEY BLACK**.

Southall was rated as one of the lower divisions' most promising players in 1994/95, and Grimsby snapped him up for a cut-price fee of just £40,000. He has yet to fully justify his reputation in the higher echelons, but still looks a good player on his day.

Shakespeare has been dogged by injuries since moving to Blundell Park in July 1993, but enjoyed his best season to date in 1995/96 and is expected to play a big part with his ball-winning skills as the Mariners bid to continue their recent improvement in form.

Kingsley Black shot to fame as an exciting left-wing talent with Luton in the mid-1980s, earning himself a big money transfer to Nottingham Forest. But he failed to live up to expectations at the City Ground after a bright start, and had spells on loan at Sheffield United and Millwall before moving to Grimsby.



Neil Woods

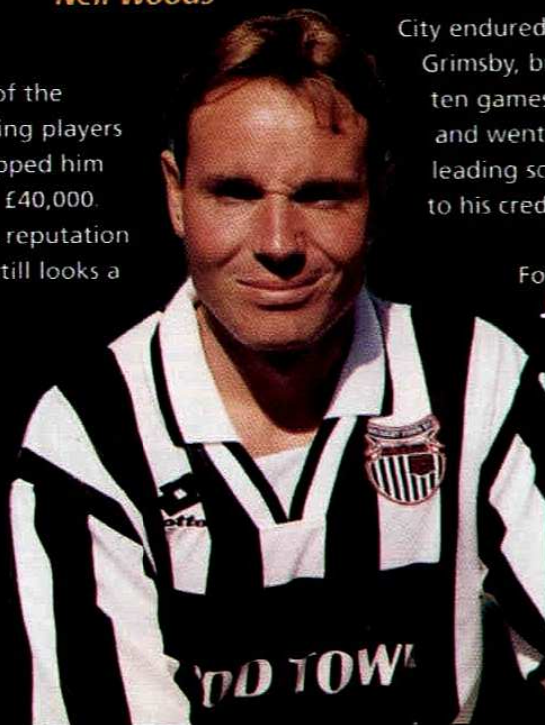
NEIL WOODS

finished 1994/95 as the Mariners' leading scorer, with 14 League goals to his credit. Lost his goal touch a little last term, and at the time of writing has yet to find the net this time around.

STEVE LIVINGSTONE

formerly with Chelsea, Blackburn and Coventry

City endured a tough start to life at Grimsby, but finished with six goals in ten games at the tail end of 1994/95, and went on to become the club's leading scorer last term with 13 strikes to his credit (11 in the League).



Kingsley Black

Former Grimsby YTS

JACK LESTER is a regular scorer in the Club's Reserve outfit, but is still awaiting an extended run in the first-team, while

JAMIE FORRESTER

began his professional career with French club Auxerre before moving onto Leeds and joining Grimsby on a free transfer in October 1995.

Grimsby

VITAL STATISTICS



Grimsby's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	10	14	18	28	42	44	21st
87/88	3	46	12	14	20	48	58	50	22nd
88/89	4	46	17	15	14	65	59	66	9th
89/90	4	46	22	13	11	70	47	79	2nd
90/91	3	46	24	11	11	66	34	83	3rd
91/92	2	46	14	11	21	47	62	53	19th
92/93	1	46	19	7	20	58	57	64	9th
93/94	1	46	13	20	13	52	47	59	16th
94/95	1	46	17	14	15	62	56	65	10th
95/96	1	46	14	14	18	55	69	56	17th



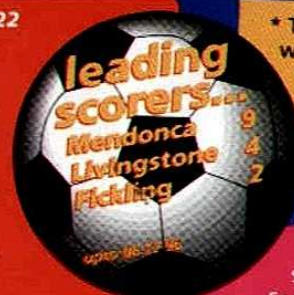
10 YEAR RECORD

How Grimsby have performed so far this season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	WOLVES	(h)	L1-3	Mendonca (60)
Aug 23	TRANMERE	(a)	L2-3	Mendonca (7pen), Handyside (45)
Aug 27	IPSWICH	(a)	D1-1	Mendonca (8)
Aug 31	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L0-1	
Sep 07	SWINDON	(h)	W2-1	Mendonca (7,31pen)
Sep 10	BOLTON	(a)	L1-6	Trollope (27)
Sep 14	PORT VALE	(a)	D1-1	Southall (27)
Sep 21	OXFORD	(h)	L0-2	
Sep 28	BARNESLEY	(a)	W3-1	Shakespeare (15), Forrester (84), McDermott (90)
Oct 01	NORWICH	(h)	L1-4	Fickling (5)
Oct 05	QPR	(h)	W2-0	Mendonca (11), Widdrington (25)
Oct 12	READING	(a)	D1-1	Wrack (83)
Oct 16	SOUTHEND	(a)	L0-1	
Oct 19	WEST BROM	(h)	D1-1	Fickling (31)
Oct 26	C.PALACE	(a)	L0-3	
Oct 29	OLDHAM	(h)	L0-3	
Nov 03	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L2-4	Livingstone (32,49)
Nov 16	STOKE	(h)	D1-1	Mendonca (19pen)
Nov 23	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	L0-2	
Nov 26	CHARLTON	(a)	W3-1	Mendonca (12,46), Livingstone (68)
Nov 30	C.PALACE	(h)	W2-1	Livingstone (9), Rodger (81)
Dec 07	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	D0-0	

TOTAL MATCHES: 22

Goals	
Mendonca	9
Livingstone	4
Fickling	2
Handyside	1
Trollope	1
Southall	1
Shakespeare	1
Forrester	1
McDermott	1
Widdrington	1
Wrack	1
Rodger	1



* The club's first home was at Clee Park and the players would change in bathing huts brought up from the beach.

* Their first season in the Football League was in the 1892-93 season when their full record for the campaign read: Played 22, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 10, Goals for 42, Goals against 41, Points 23.

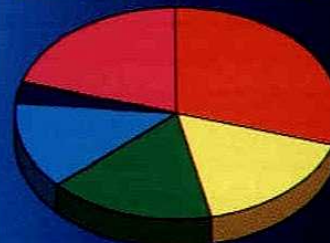
* Grimsby are the only club in the Football League to have their home ground outside the town their name derives from. Their Blundell Park home is actually in Cleethorpes.

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST GRIMSBY...

Date	Div	Result
16-Apr-1921	3(S)	0-0
09-Sep-1959	3	3-2
08-Apr-1961	3	0-0
03-Oct-1961	3	2-1
03-Sep-1963	2	0-0
10-May-1965	3	3-1
28-Feb-1967	3	3-1
27-Feb-1968	3	5-0
02-Nov-1974	3	3-2
25-Oct-1975	3	3-0
08-Mar-1977	3	4-1
29-Sep-1979	3	3-0
30-Nov-1991	2	1-1
29-Sep-1992	1	1-0
24-Sep-1994	1	3-2
09-Apr-1921	3(S)	0-3
15-Sep-1959	3	0-3
28-Nov-1960	3	2-3
10-Oct-1961	3	1-0
28-Au-1963	2	2-1
27-Dec-1965	3	2-2
05-Apr-1967	3	4-3
11-May-1968	3	2-3
08-Feb-1975	3	0-2
28-Feb-1976	3	0-1
07-May-1977	3	0-2
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26-Jan-1993	1	1-2
04-Mar-1995	1	1-1

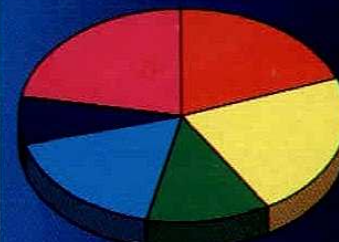
Swindon score first

The times the goals have gone in for Grimsby at both ends this season.



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	8
16-30	4
31-45	4
46-60	3
61-75	0
76-90	5
TOTAL 24	



League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	8
16-30	9
31-45	5
46-60	7
61-75	3
76-90	9
TOTAL 41	

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. From which club did Leicester sign Ian Marshall?
2. Where do Norwich play their home games?
3. Which club is the oldest in the Football League?
4. For which country is Manchester United's Denis Irwin an international?
5. Which Scottish club are nicknamed The Bhoys?
6. Port Vale are managed by who?
7. John Scales snubbed which club to join Tottenham?
8. Who is the skipper of Aston Villa?
9. Which former England boss is currently in charge of Barcelona?
10. Liverpool legend Ian Rush supported Everton as a youngster. True or false?
11. Who skippered Germany to glory in the 1990 World Cup?
12. Who is the manager of Northern Ireland?
13. For which Midlands First Division club does Andy Hunt play?
14. How many World Cup goals has England ace Alan Shearer scored in the 1998 campaign?
15. Which of the Bristol clubs - Rovers or City - is managed by Joe Jordan?

WHO AM I?

1. Born in Stockholm in 1962 this resolute defender is the son of a Charlton defender.
2. His career started at Dundee United in 1980 and he scored for them recently but did not intend to do this.
3. Joined Spurs in 1986 for a spell in which he scored twice in 49 games.
4. Played 61 games in 10 seasons for Scotland and joined Rangers in 1987 and is still there today.

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. Which club have we drawn in the Third Round of the FA Cup?
2. Who scored our goal in the 2-1 defeat at Grimsby in September?
3. At which club did Paul Allen start his career?

....AND AWAY

1. Tommy Widdrington left which club to join Grimsby?
2. Which top London club did The Mariners beat in last season's FA Cup?

RULES OF THE GAME!

The match ball should weigh between which of the following weights?

- A. 396 to 453 grams.
- B. 760 to 810 grams.
- C. 123 to 162 grams.

Answers.....1. Ipswich. 2. Carrow Rd. 3. Notts County. 4. Republic of Ireland. 5. Celtic. 6. John Rudge. 7. Leeds. 8. Andy Townsend. 9. Bobby Robson. 10. True. 11. Lothar Mathaus. 12. Patrick Berger. 13. West Brom. 14. Three. 15. City. Home: 1. Everton. 2. Steve Cowe. 3. West Ham. Away: 1. Southampton. 2. West Ham. Who am I: Richard Gough. Whose Crest: Manchester City. Rules of the game: ans A.

a brief lookback

Dick Mattick looks back ...

The appeal of the FA Cup to a Third Division South team with a chance of beating a First Division club was demonstrated when Swindon managed to hold Grimsby to a draw and bring them back to the County Ground in January 1938.

Only 14,000 had seen the match at Grimsby (or rather Cleethorpes, for Grimsby do not actually play in Grimsby itself).

Swindon's right winger Jones had given his side the lead after 27 minutes but the Mariners struck back when their English international Bestall laid on an equaliser for Tomlinson.

For the replay, the number of police at the County Ground was increased from four to seven and club purchased two megaphones to help with crowd control. With such scant resources was a crowd of 23,000 happily controlled.

The match was fought out on a pitch only made payable by the spreading of large quantities of sand especially purchased from Porthcawl.

Swindon lost the toss and attacked the Town end in the first half. Grimsby looked a class or two above Swindon in the opening period and it came as no surprise when Bryan could only punch out a centre to Tomlinson who put the visitors in front.

Swindon came more into the game in the second

half and Jones forced two brilliant saves from Tweedy in the Grimsby goal.

Only five minutes remained when Swindon eventually got their equaliser, the goal came from Ben Morton.

Morton had been Swindon's first £1000 signing when he joined them from Torquay. It seemed a very poor investment indeed when after 17 games he had failed to score a single goal but in this match he finally broke his Swindon duck. His goal produced the following description: "Flat out on bogland Grimsby's blond

keeper saw Morton scoop the ball into the net, Colleagues hugged Morton as though he were Josephine Baker and when he fell, injured like Nelson in his hour of triumph, the crowd gave him a cheer that might have frightened the fish up Grimsby way."

A stop press entry in the Adver described the goal as having produced cheering that lasted for five minutes and was heard three miles away.

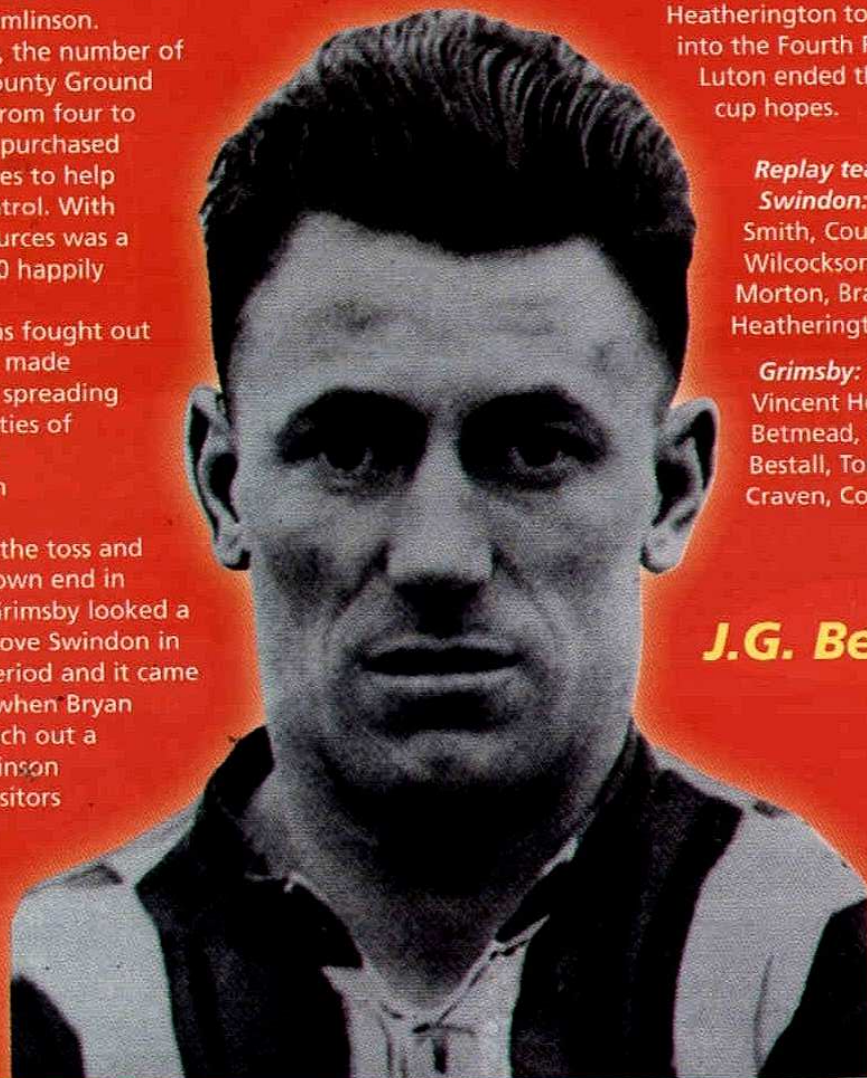
Five minutes of extra time remained when Alan Fowler, who was later to be one of three Town players killed in World War Two, converted a cross by left winger Heatherington to put Swindon into the Fourth Round where Luton ended the Robins' cup hopes.

Replay teams:

Swindon: Bryan, Tonner, Smith, Cousins, Morrall, Wilcockson, Jones, Fowler, Morton, Bradley, Heatherington.

Grimsby: Tweedy, Vincent Hodgson, Hall, Betmead, Buck, Dyson, Bestall, Tomlinson, Craven, Coulter

J.G. Bestall



talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



I feel that today's visitors Grimsby Town are one of those teams who are in a false position in the First Division table.

They are an excellent footballing side but they've probably been suffering from the same sort of problems as us - lack of consistency.

A change of managers at Blundell Park seems to have made a difference with Kenny Swain doing a good job and I'm expecting a very tight game today against the team from Cleethorpes.

Earlier in the season they beat us 2-1 so it would be nice to put the record straight today. From what I've been told on that occasion we made a slow start and left it too late before beginning to play, so we must make sure we start right from the first whistle this time around.

With a bit of luck we will have some more of our injured players back which will help hot up competition for places.

Now that the New Year is about to begin it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my short time here at Swindon.

It is great to be working with quality players and

their attitude on the training ground has been first class.

I've got my own place in Swindon now and I'm settling in very well. My family are based up North but I still get to see them at weekends which is important to me.

I'm enjoying life at Swindon immensely and let's just hope we can put a sustained run together as we move into 1997.

Before I go, just a quick word about the tremendous FA Cup draw we have been given away at Everton.

They don't come much bigger as Everton are one of the top five clubs in the country.

Of course I used to play at Goodison and it was there that I met Steve McMahon so it will be strange us both going back there with Swindon.

I'm really looking forward to that game because the FA Cup is something special particularly in round three when the big guns come in. That's when the competition really starts to take off.

There are a lot of people at Swindon with Merseyside connections so let's just hope we can go up there and give a good account of ourselves.

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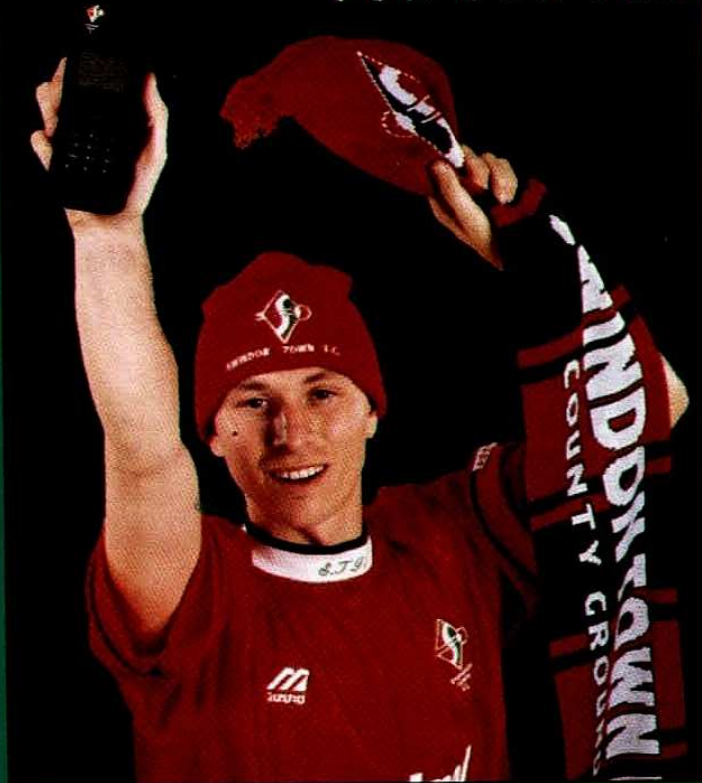
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League update

by Colin Benson



Two games in two days is a hectic schedule for any side and the Christmas programme, like Scrooge, gives nothing away. You have to earn your corn.

On Thursday we met up with a few old friends at Fratton Park. Pompey of course are managed by Terry Fenwick, while Fitzroy Simpson and Alan McLoughlin are star names in the Pompey side. All three being former Town players. But this stands for nothing in the heat of the battle when it is them against us.

Portsmouth seem to have unearthed a real star in new signing Mathias Svensson, a tall bustling Swedish striker from Elfsborg. He's only 22 and cost what seems a true bargain at £200,000.

There have been several pre-Christmas movements involving First Division clubs. **Ipswich** also got a gem in the form of **Tottenham** centre-half Jason Cundy, while Pompey have gained some real experience in David Hillier - signed from **Arsenal**.

Neil Heaney left the relegation battle in the Premiership to participate in one in this division when he said goodbye to the Dell and pulled on the **Man City** shirt. And John Spencer's move from

Stamford Bridge to Loftus Road seems to have given **QPR** a sharper cutting edge.

Ruud Gullit indeed seems to have been off-loading, for **QPR** also have that gifted little forward Gavin Peacock on loan from **Chelsea**.

Another loan deal from **Chelsea** took Mark Stein to **Stoke City**, as we know to our cost as he scored both goals against us on our recent trip to the Victoria Ground.

Other moves included John Dreyer joining **Bradford City** from **Stoke**; Gary Poole moving from **Birmingham City** to **Charlton** and Martin O'Connor spending his first Christmas at **St. Andrews** after leaving **Peterborough**.

But back to this afternoon and the possibility of collecting six points in two days can make a big impression on the First Division table. **Bolton Wanderers** for instance seemed to be floating away with the Championship even when they began to drop points in drawn games there seemed to be no threat to their position.

Then along come **Ipswich Town** to deliver some Suffolk punch and inflict a shock 2-1 defeat on the leaders at Burnden Park. Suddenly the Trotters were only a point clear of **Barnsley** having played a game more. As Christmas approached, **Bolton** could no longer be guaranteed a place on top of the tree.

No, you can't take anything for granted in this game and never is this more true than on a Saturday such as this, two days after everyone has been

in action.

Mind you not many will bet against **Bolton** this afternoon. They are at home to **Southend United**, armchair pundits will have anticipated a very Happy Christmas for Colin Todd's team I'm sure. Away to **Grimsby** on Thursday, then **Southend** - six gift wrapped points surely? Not on your life. The one thing I would wager is that they don't collect the maximum reward.

Barnsley have a real ground filler this afternoon when **Manchester City** cross the Pennines. It's a truly tough double for them, for they were at **Stoke** on Boxing Day. But it could be a really significant couple of results for the Tykes.

Oxford versus **Reading** has the uncertainty of any derby but don't be surprised if Oxford win at **Wolves** and drop points to the Royals.

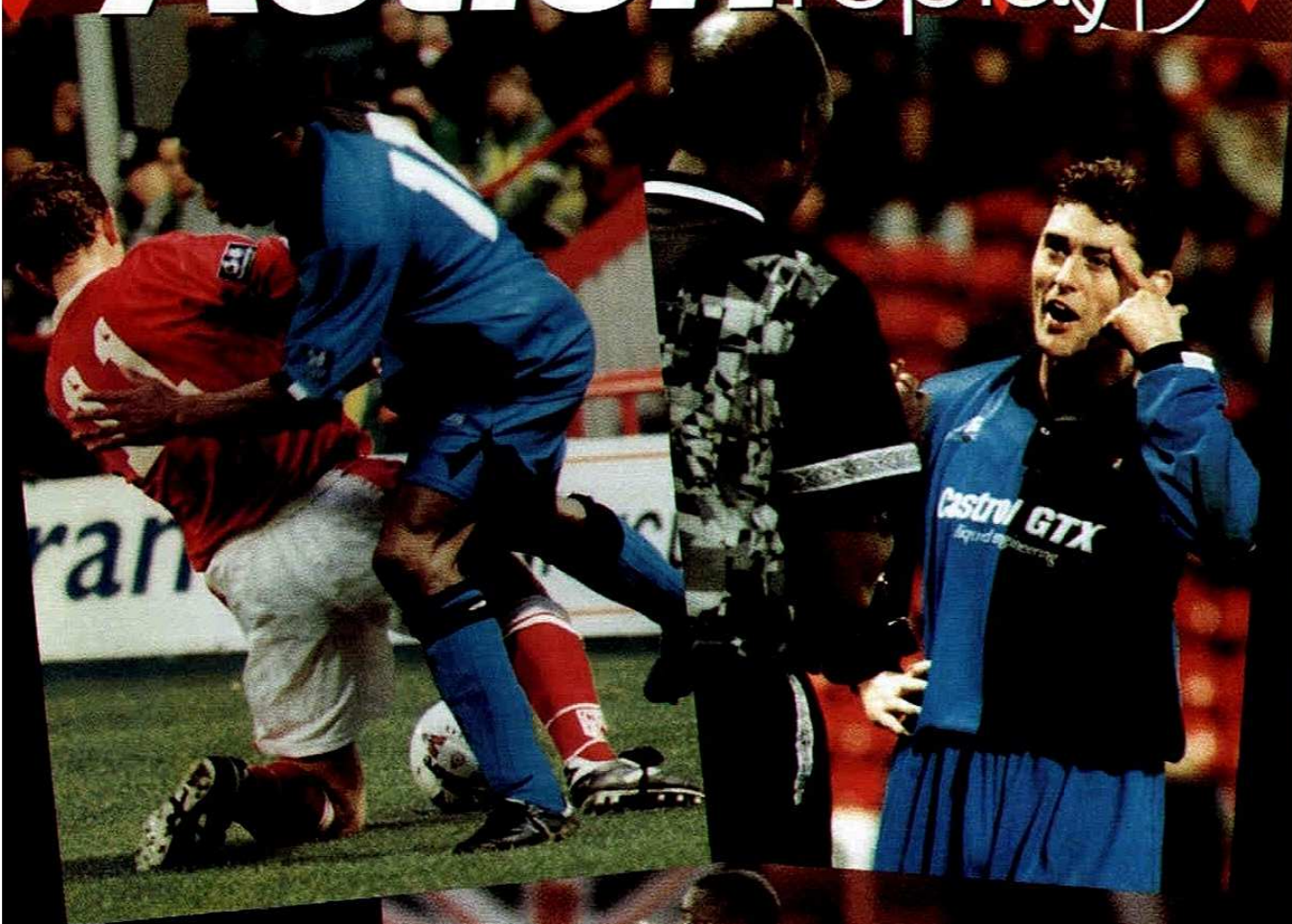
Norwich City just can't win at Carrow Road these days but if they don't beat **Bradford City** there today, they probably never will!

Crystal Palace are high scorers and weak defenders and **Stoke** will test their resolve at Selhurst Park. But **Sheffield United** will surely be too good for **Oldham Athletic** at Bramall Lane.

If any club looks likely to celebrate a six point Christmas it must be the Blades, who must have won at **Bradford** on Boxing Day.

Charlton v Wolves;
Huddersfield v Ipswich;
Port Vale v Portsmouth and
WBA v QPR are the other fixtures today.....**Birmingham v Tranmere** tomorrow.

Action replay

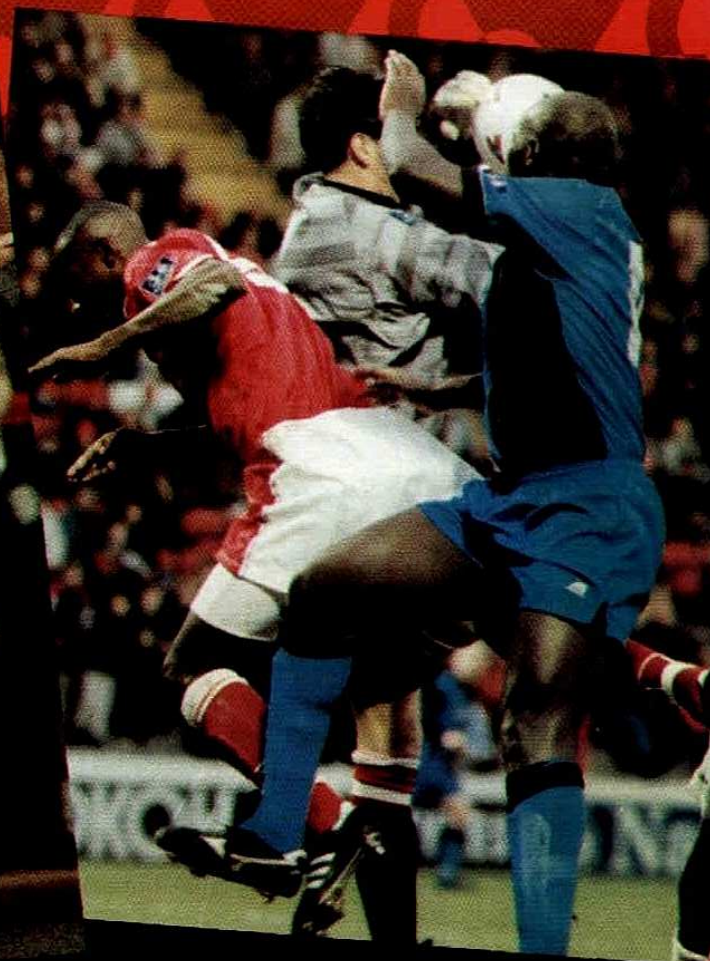


*Top left:
Mark Walters
gets in a
tangle at
Charlton*

*Top right:
Scott Leitch
has a
discussion
with the
referee*

*Right:
Sliding in -
Kevin Horlock
stops a
Charlton
attack*





*Top left:
Steve McMahon
looks on in
dismay as Town
lose at Charlton*

*Top right:
Wayne Allison
challenges for
the ball*

*Left:
Head or hand? -
Scott Leitch
gets the ball
past the
Charlton keeper*

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1996
Charlton 2 Swindon Town 0
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance 10,565



community scheme news

Jon and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Don't forget our Christmas Bonanza which takes place on Monday here at the Club from 10:30am to 1pm.

It includes a visit to the first team's training ground, lunch provided by us here at the County Ground plus a chance to meet the players in the Executive Lounge before the action ends at 1pm.

It promises to be a great day and we are looking forward to seeing all you youngsters.

Jon and I are planning a very busy schedule next year for our courses in and around Swindon so keep your eyes peeled on this page for further details in the not too distant future.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank every single one of you for your tremendous support this year and let's get together and endeavour to make next year even better and more exciting if that is at all possible.

Get behind the lads today and until next time, festive greetings and have a happy and healthy New Year.

See you soon.



We would also like to announce that Walter Koza from the Bread Basket, is sponsoring our Saturday Team Club by providing all the packed lunches for the kids.

Many thanks to Walter and the staff at his shop in Manchester Road.



Clive
Maguire

Jon
Holloway



The next courses are commencing week beginning Monday 6th January. 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. Closing date to enrol /is Saturday 18th January.

Cost - £10.00 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE
- £13.00 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
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
Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9 years +
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9 years +

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with Louise Kaye

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I hope those of you who travelled to Portsmouth on Thursday had a good day. Your first Newsletter of the New Year will be out next week, including details of the next away trips. I'll keep you tuned!

Pantomime Visit

A reminder to those of you who are going to the Wyvern Theatre on Thursday 2nd January that you are to meet in the Theatre Foyer at 1:30pm. For those who will not recognise me, I will be wearing a Club badge and will be looking out for those Junior Robins T-shirts! For those not being accompanied by an adult, I recommend being collected from the Foyer at approx. 5:00pm, after meeting the cast of the show.

Kick Off The New Year

It's that time of year again to make your New Year Resolutions, so why not make yours to

become part of the Swindon team! If you join the Junior Robins from now until the end of June, you'll receive a £2.00 discount off the normal joining fee. Simply collect an application form from the Swindon Town Superstore or Main Reception and you can take advantage of the benefits of being a Junior Robin. Don't be the last to catch on!

Weekly Training

The weekly training will recommence after the Christmas break on Monday 6th January 1997. A reminder that if you are in doubt any week whether training will be going ahead, call our ClubCall line on 0891 12 16 40. A message for Junior Robins is recorded every Monday. (Calls cost 39p/min. cheap, 49p/min at all other times).

See you on New Years Day!

Louise.

today's lucky mascots



GARETH JAMES DAVIES is 10 years old and lives in Abingdon, Oxon.

Gareth is a pupil at Marcham Primary School, whom he plays football for. Besides football, Gareth is also in the cubs. His favourite Town players are Steve Finney and Frank Talia.



Happy Birthday to **PHILIP TITCOMBE** who is celebrating his 7th birthday today. Philip of

Stratton, Swindon attends Covingham Infants School and he is a member of the Beavers. The Swindon fan's favourite player is Kevin Horlock.



Unfortunately at the time of going to print we did not have the details of our third

Town mascot for today's game. We do know however, that someone is here today having successfully bid for the package in a charity auction at Thames Water.



Swindon Town are pleased to announce that our lucky matchday mascots are now sponsored by Burger King and Little Chef



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	1-1
SAT	NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1-2
Sat	Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	1-0
Sat	Nov 23	Luton Town	A	1-2
SAT	NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	0-3
Wed	Dec 04	Torquay Utd (FAYC 1)	A	1-1
Sat	Dec 07	Barnet	A	4-1
WED	DEC 11	TORQUAY LTD (FAYC 1 REPLAY)	H	0-2
WED	DEC 18	WOLVES (MYC 2)	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	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	
TBA		AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	

Home fixtures played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough, 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	3-1
Nov 09	Bashley	A	0-3
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1
Nov 23	Cardiff City	A	0-7
NOV 30	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	1-1
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	1-1
Dec 11	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3
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	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
TBA	EXETER CITY	H	

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South East Counties League, Division Two. Barnet Youth 1 Swindon Town Youth 4

Swindon made a flying start on a poor pitch and in difficult conditions they took the lead with a superb 25 yard free kick by Phil MacDiarmid in the 10th minute.

Ten minutes later the youngsters were 2-0 up when Alex Finlayson scored following a block on the Barnet keeper. He was perhaps lucky to get away with the challenge but we weren't complaining.

With a two goal cushion we started to play some nice football and kept possession with Barnet forced to chase the game.

We made it 3-0 just after the half time interval as good work by Scott Woodman allowed Finlayson to bag his second of the game.

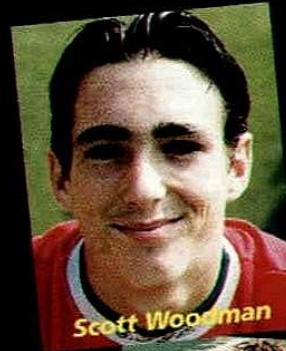
Swindon continued to pass and move and were rewarded in the 80th minute as Wayne Thorne scored the fourth goal, this after some impressive play by Finlayson and Steve Campbell.

The lads had done well to

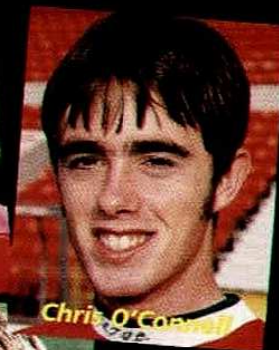
keep a clean sheet up until this point but they gave away a silly goal in the last minute as they were caught napping at their own corner and Barnet broke to score a consolation.

There were good performances from the four 15 year old schoolboys with goalkeeper Tony Tarran handling well while Ian McSherry, Steve Jenkins and Jamie Mills all chipped in with promising displays.

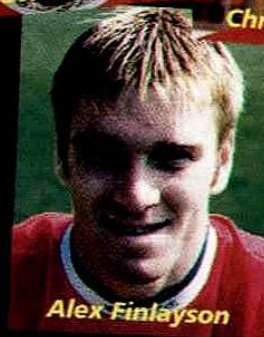
Team: Tarran, Campbell, Wheeldon, Coupe, Pattimore, Hunt, Thorne, McSherry, MacDiarmid, Woodman, Finlayson. **subs:** Jenkins, Mills, Meecham.



Scott Woodman



Chris O'Connell



Alex Finlayson

FA Youth Cup, Second Round Replay. Swindon Town Youth 0 Torquay United Youth 2.

Having drawn the away fixture 1-1 always felt the return game would be just as difficult against a strong Torquay team including several players with first team experience.

My prediction proved to be correct as we fell 1-0 down after only three minutes when a

free kick was deflected past Anthony Betterton and it was an uphill task from then on.

For the remainder of the match Torquay controlled things at their own pace and we were found wanting in a number of departments.

A couple of half chances went begging with Chris O'Connell the main culprit and although we rallied slightly in the second half we still weren't good enough to get back on level terms.

Once again chances were missed and at this level the boys need to take opportunities to stand any chance of making progress in the cup.

Near the end we threw caution to the wind, playing four up front but we were caught on the break and Torquay grabbed a second from the penalty spot in the last minute after Anthony Betterton had brought down the visiting striker.

After the match the boys were told a few home truths. I just

hope there is a positive reaction from some of the lads because there needs to be if they want to become professional footballers.

Team:

Betterton, Campbell, Wheeldon, Pattimore, Hunt, Thorne, Coupe, O'Connell, MacDiarmid, Woodman, Finlayson. *subs:* Hodson, Hulbert, Meecham.

Swindon Town's Youth teams had a blank day on Saturday December 14th when both the A and the B team's matches were postponed because of frozen pitches.

Happy New Year to everyone from me Tommy Wheeldon, Phil Cannon and all the YTS boys.

South East Counties League Division 2 at 14th December 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	15	10	4	1	36	15	24	+21
Luton Town	15	10	3	2	33	13	23	+20
Southampton	14	10	0	4	31	13	20	+18
Oxford United	15	8	4	3	28	21	20	+7
Tottenham H.	17	7	5	5	24	14	19	+10
SWINDON TOWN	16	6	5	5	30	22	17	+8
Wycombe Winds	17	6	4	7	19	19	16	-
Brighton & H.A.	16	6	4	6	20	28	16	-8
AFC Bournemouth	13	6	2	5	24	24	14	-
Bristol City	14	5	4	5	23	25	14	-2
Bristol Rovers	15	7	0	8	31	35	14	-4
Colchester United	14	5	3	6	23	21	13	+2
Wimbledon	15	4	4	7	17	19	12	-2
Reading	16	4	1	11	19	45	9	-26
Brentford	15	3	2	10	21	33	8	-12
Barnet	17	2	1	14	14	46	5	-32

NEXT FIXTURES

The next set of fixtures for the Swindon youngsters are on Saturday January 4th.

The A team will travel to AFC Bournemouth in Division Two of the South East Counties League while the B team have a South West Counties game away at Hereford United. Both matches will kick-off at 11am.



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STFC Supporters Club news

He we all are again no doubt a few pounds lighter in our pockets and heavier around the waistlines - nevertheless we hope you had an enjoyable Christmas.

There are still one or two functions left to see us through the festive season so why not pop down.

All events are held in the main club in the Castrol Stand.

After today's game there is a hangover disco, still not too late to make your mind up to attend.

Final whistle - 11pm, members can get in free with guests just 50p.

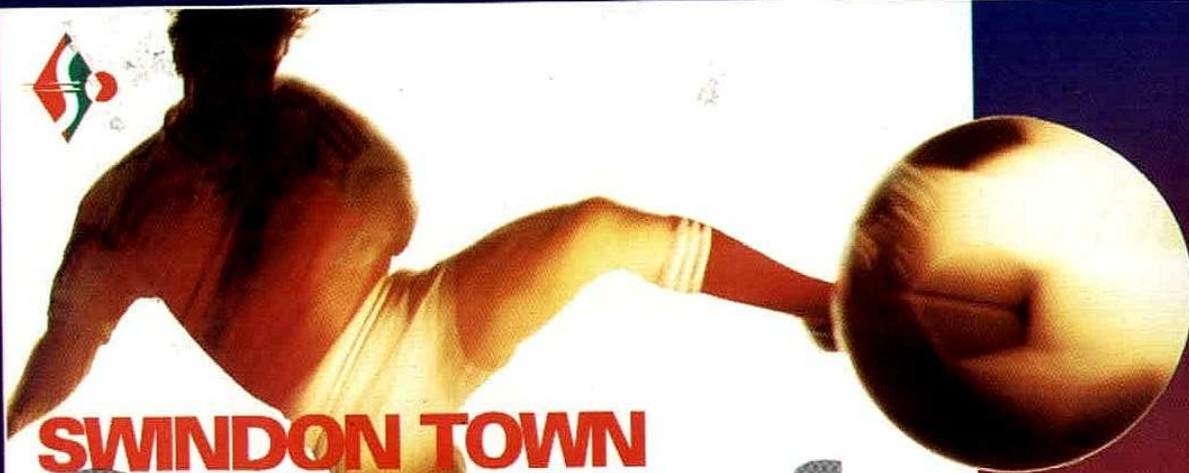
Don't forget on Tuesday December 31st there is a New Year's Eve disco with Inferno.

Members free with guests £3.

Once all our festive functions are over things tend to quieten down a bit but if you ever fancy a quick drink, the supporters club is open every evening as well as Sunday lunchtimes.

We are looking for ideas to vary our entertainment and appeal to a larger audience so if anyone has a suggestion please contact:

Sandie Coburn on 01793 725218
(evening's only).



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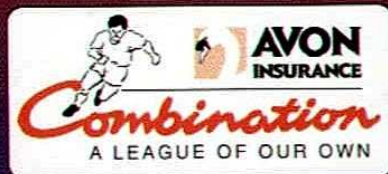
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**Swindon Town Reserves
rode their luck but
emerged with a battling
point after picking up a
draw at Cardiff.**

After the disappointing 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Bristol Rovers I asked for more commitment and I was pleased with the way my very young and inexperienced team responded.

We only had four full time pro's in the line-up so credit has to go to the YTS boys who came in and gave everything they had to make sure of a point.

One of the pro's in the team was Lee Collins who enjoyed mixed emotions as he scored a rare goal to give us the lead but was forced to come off with a slight groin strain early in the second half.

Lee let fly with an unstoppable volley to make it 1-0 mid way through the first half, this after a great ball in from Robin Hulbert..

As the game wore on, Cardiff began to take control but we went into the interval a goal to the good and continued to defend well as the second half progressed.

The home team missed several chances before they finally scored an equaliser 15 minutes from time.

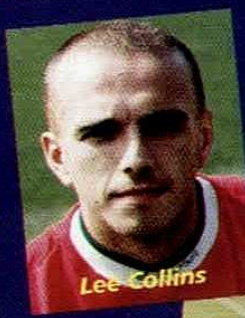
It was a disappointing goal to give away because the lad who scored had a free header from a free kick.

Overall I was pleased with the way we conducted ourselves and the youngsters in the side

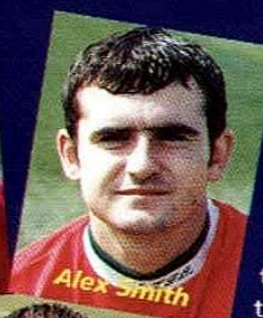
showed a real fighting spirit.

I just hope they can continue to display this sort of attitude - if they can then the future looks bright for

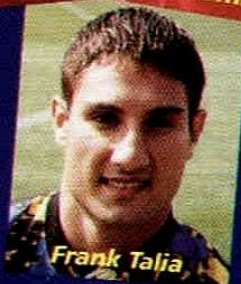
them here at Swindon Town.



Lee Collins



Alex Smith



Frank Talia

Team:

Talia, Allen, W. Thorne, Collins (Woodman), Coupe, Hunt, Pattimore, Smith, Finlayson, Meecham, Hulbert, **Subs:** Wheeldon, MacDiarmid (not used)

Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance
Combination Div 1**

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 2-3
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United		A 3-3
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		H 3-0
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)		H 0-0
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS		H 1-3
Mon Dec 16	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
WED MAR 05	CARDIFF CITY (LC)		H 2.00
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
TBA	Oxford United (LC)		A 7.30
TBA	Swansea City		A 2.00

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Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1 at 15th December 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Tottenham H	9	6	0	3	24	10	18	+14
Portsmouth	10	6	0	4	13	11	18	+2
Arsenal	8	5	2	1	23	5	17	+18
Wimbledon	8	5	2	1	22	13	17	+9
Chelsea	8	5	2	1	17	6	17	+9
Ipswich Town	8	4	2	2	14	6	14	+8
SWINDON TOWN	8	4	1	3	17	13	13	+4
Swansea City	8	4	1	3	13	12	13	+1
AFC Bournemouth	7	4	0	3	16	15	12	+1
Luton Town	7	4	0	3	9	8	12	+1
Q.P.R.	9	3	3	3	13	15	12	-2
Bristol City	8	3	2	3	15	13	11	+2
Oxford United	9	3	2	4	17	21	11	-4
Millwall	8	3	1	4	16	15	10	+1
Brighton & H.A.	9	2	4	3	18	20	10	-2
Cardiff City	9	2	4	3	7	12	10	-5
Norwich City	8	2	3	3	13	16	9	-3
West Ham United	9	2	3	4	10	13	9	-3
Crystal Palace	8	2	2	4	5	15	8	-10
Watford	8	2	1	5	9	19	7	-10
Bristol Rovers	9	1	3	5	8	21	6	-13
Southampton	7	1	1	5	8	14	4	-6
Charlton Athletic	6	1	1	4	5	18	4	-12

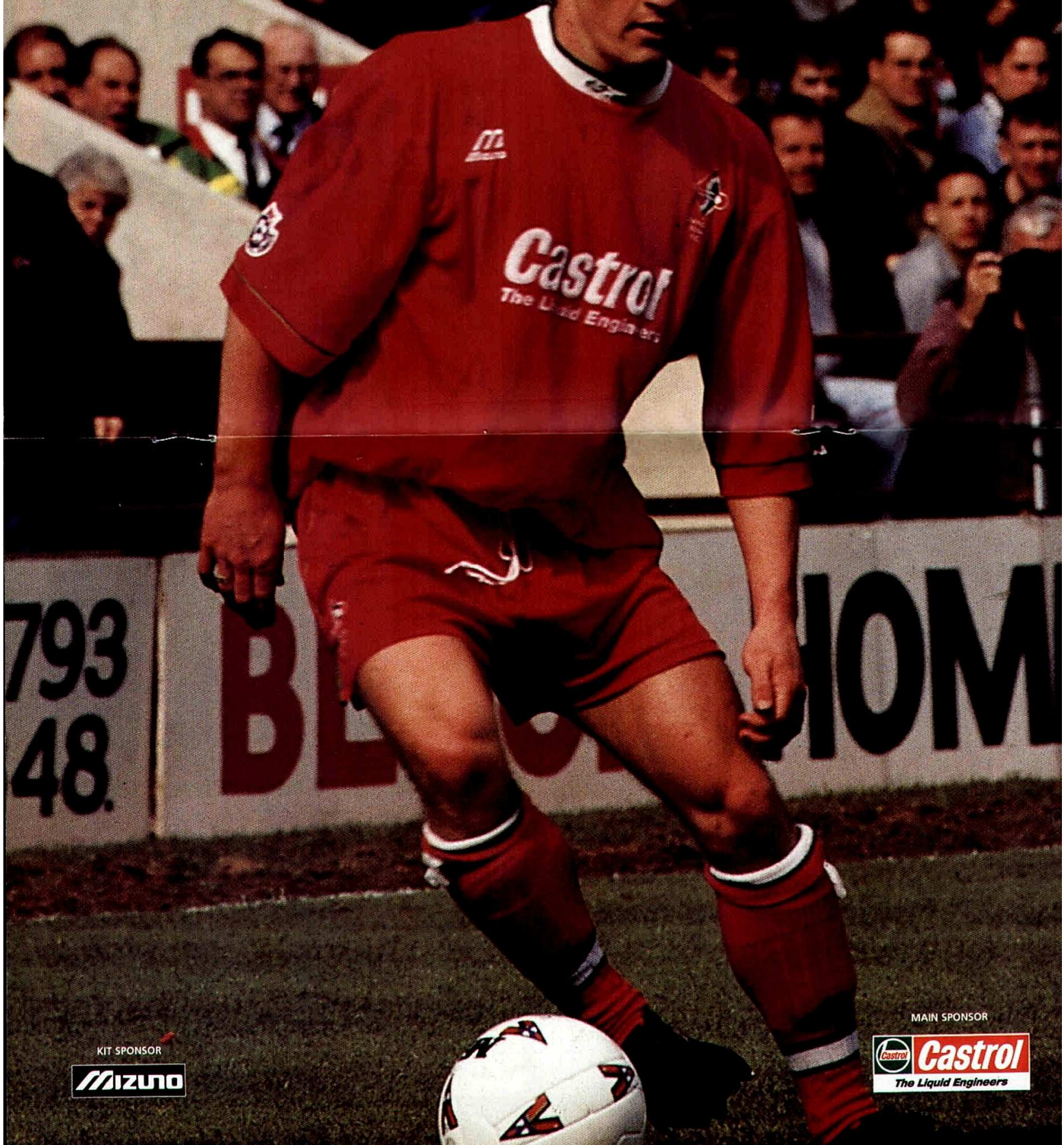
NEXT FIXTURE.

Swindon Town Reserves' first fixture of the New Year sees them entertain Ipswich Town at the County Ground on Monday January 6 (2pm). This is followed by a trip to Brighton and Hove Albion on Wednesday January 15th (2pm).

Steve Cowe



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SCOUSERS going home..

When Swindon Town travel to Goodison Park on Sunday January 5th in the third round of the FA Cup it will be a case of the scousers going home!

We could field our own team of personnel with Merseyside connections - although I'm not sure how well they would do.

There were smiles all round at the County Ground after the draw was announced from the Scouse exiles who are heavily involved at Swindon Town, non more so than the Gaffer himself **Steve McMahon** who enjoyed a successful spell at Goodison.



It was there that Steve met our very own first team coach **Mike Walsh**, while other members of the Town's coaching staff who are



former Evertonians are Youth team boss

Tommy Wheeldon and Youth Development Officer



Phil Cannon. Out of Swindon's first team squad, skipper **Mark Seagraves** was born in Bootle and played for



Alex Smith along with

Peter Holcroft are recent recruits



from Everton. In the youth team we have **Robin Hulbert** and **Jonathan Haines** (both ex

Everton Association

Schoolboys) and **Phil MacDiarmid** (ex Liverpool Centre of Excellence).



Last but by no means least, **Rikki Hunt**, the Club's Director of Football has his roots firmly planted in Merseyside.

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update

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for the QPR game on January
1st or the Bradford game here
at the County Ground on
January 18th.

These restrictions will run until
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Any tickets left over will go on
general sale without restrictions
at today's game

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(away), kick off 7.45pm. This is
an ALL TICKET game with 1500
seats available at £11 and
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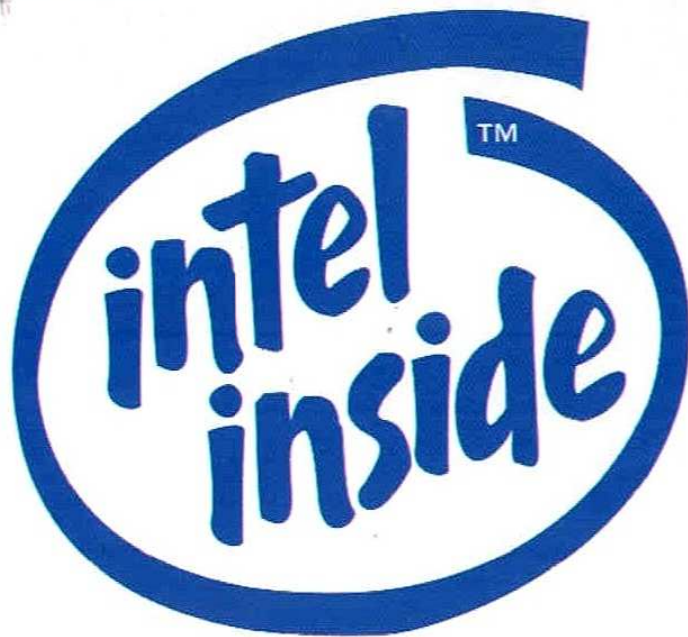
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Recent winners in our moonraker Chase Lottery include the following:

M. Willcock of Wroughton £198
P. Hambridge of Swindon £198
J. Fellows of Wootton Bassett £395
B. New of Ramsbury £80
J. Clark of Swindon £80
M. Phillips of Wroughton £80
M. Love of Swindon £80
R. Fox of Stratton £80
R. Holder of Swindon £101



R. Smith of Swindon £101
S. Nicolls of Ramsbury £205
E. Davis of Stratton £205
C. Edgington of Moredon £136
P. Desborough of Swindon £136
R. Nemeth of Ramsbury £136
A. Nilsen of Swindon £200
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W. Kent of Chiseldon £82
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For those who came to the Bolton game rather than watch it on TV. Here's a little competition for you. How many corners were awarded during the game and which side had the most of them? Send your answers to me (or hand them in at reception) by Monday 6th January. The first correct answer opened the following day will receive an autographed football!



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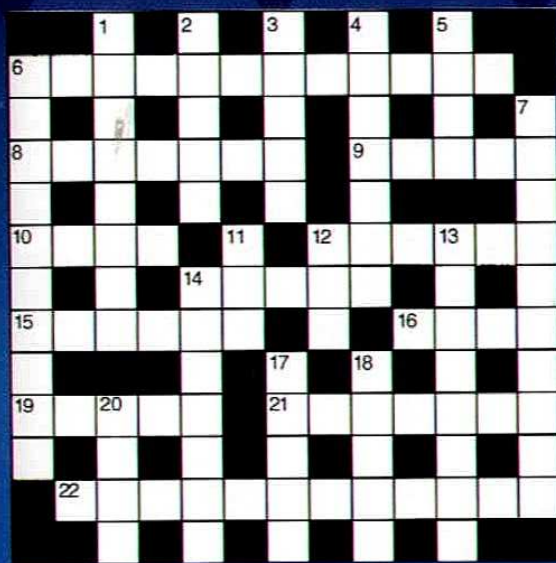


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Crossword time...

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clues across...

6. Prolific (1990s) Liverpool goalscorer (6) & (6)
8. Unit soccer pitches are measured by (7)
9. Take a woman's name from ex-leeds player Norman Hunter (5)
10. Spanish international plays for Roma, maybe (anag) (4)
12. Arsenal's Mr Merson received one from England in 1996 (6)
14. Slavia...won the 1996 Bulgarian League title (5)
15. Tom, (1940/50s) England & Preston North End winger (6)
16. Penalty.....(4)
19. Paolo, former Italian international (5)
21. Soccer strip, maybe (7)
22. West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper (1996) (4) & (8)

clues down...

1. Born race, shows this ex-Scottish League Club (anag) (8)
2. Last stage of the Cup (5)
3.Extra Time (A.E.T.) (5)
4. Autoglass trophy winners 1994 (7)
5. Back part such as the defence (4)
6. Ex-Blackburn Rovers boss (3) & (7)
7. Club nickname of Crewe Alexandra FC (10)
11. Mr Evans (1990s) Liverpool boss (3)
12. Edge found in Grimsby Town FC (3)
13. Players playing abroad pass through them (8)
14. Spanish League Club (7)
17. Shin....is a protective pad (5)
18. Shortened name for Mr Jones but not Vinny though (5)
20. Simon, (1990s) Darlington midfielder (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS
 6 ROBBIE FOWLER, 8 YARDAGE, 9 NORMA, 10 AMOR, 11 RECALL, 14 SOPHIA, 15 FINNEY, 16 AREA, 19 ROSSI, 21 UNIFORM, 22 PAUL CRICHTON
 ANSWERS DOWN
 1 ABERCORN, 2 FINAL, 3 AFTER, 4 SWANSEA, 5 REAR, 6 RAY HARRFORD, 7 RAILWAYMEN, 11 ROY, 12 RIM, 13 AIRPORTS, 14 SEVILLA, 17 GUARD, 18 VINGE, 20 SHAW.

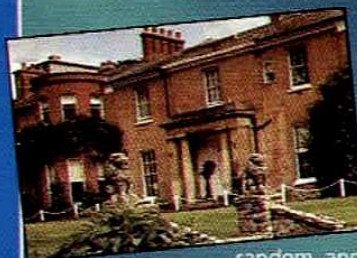


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If it's your seat, come along with your ticket, to the Reception and ask for Louise Kaye and pick up your Free Jarvis Weekend Break voucher. It's as simple as that.

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marketing news

with Martin Stevens

A very warm welcome to everyone for today's game against Grimsby. We hope you had a great Christmas and are still enjoying the festive season.

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Sporting Club Dinner

Dates for our next sporting Club dinners are Monday 3rd February and Monday 21st April 1997.

Our February dinner will feature the colourful character of former England International Frank Worthington, additional humour will be supplied by John Martin, who is the official World Record Holder of the longest time ever for telling continuous jokes! He is scriptwriter for personalities including Bob Monkhouse, Ken Dodd and Jimmy Tarbuck to mention just a few.

April's dinner will feature notorious former Manchester United Manager Tommy Docherty. Additional humour will be provided by Swindon Town favourite, Barry Williams.

The events will be held at the Marriott Hotel and a table of 10 will be £325.00, plus VAT, to include a 3 course dinner along with this top class entertainment. If you reserve a table for both dinners, the cost will be reduced to £600.00.

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Situated in the Lifestyle Centre at the Stratton Bank end of the Castrol Stand, the Crèche is managed by qualified staff from Swindon Child Carers and is for kids aged between 2-8 years.

Limited to 26 children, the facility is available for home and away fans on Saturday's only. Each session from 1.30-5pm costs just £2 per child and places must be booked in advance.

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Steve Finney has been our second player to undergo a menisectomy in the



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space of a fortnight, Mark Seagraves being the other.



Steve will undergo the same rehabilitation as Mark, working on restoring full joint range and muscle strength before undergoing the more demanding aspect of twisting and turning and finally contact and match situations.



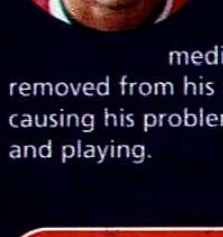
Peter Thorne, Ty Gooden and Jason Drysdale have all returned to training and I hope that we have not picked up too many casualties over the last 10 days.



Mark is already a fortnight ahead of Steve and has progressed very quickly in that short space of time and it is hoped he may be back in contention for a first team place sooner than expected.



On behalf of all the medical staff at the Club I would also like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.



Steve has had part of the medial meniscus or inside cartilage removed from his right knee which had been causing his problems when training and playing.



Finally, we will soon be revealing details of a new Sports Injury Clinic which will be open to all members of the public.

Based at the Club, the clinic will be open on an evening to treat all manor of sports injuries early in the New Year.

Watch this space for more details.

the shadowboard

The shadow Board is now deep into its second season as the voice of the fans within the County Ground and it is time for some new faces.

The Shadow Board exists to facilitate improvements in communications between the Club and its many fans in Swindon and around the country.

We have become involved in numerous issues raised by supporters who have written or made good use of our comment cards.

We have also launched a number of communications initiatives - for example the Guide to Swindon

booklet, our newsletters and the Shadow Board Open Forums.

In addition we were proud to play a big part in the Club Open Day before the start of the season.

In order to continue our work we need one or two new people to bring new blood and enthusiasm to the Shadow Board.

It is a part of the constitution of the Shadow Board that members retire each year to make room for newcomers and now is the time to write to us if you would like to be considered.

Please write to us at the address below and we will send you full details.



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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

There was a time you know when we never ever returned from Grimsby empty handed. If we did not manage a point or two, as often was the case, there was always the box of fresh fish packed in alongside the kit basket in the luggage compartment of the team bus.

It came courtesy of the hospitable Grimsby Town directors and was as fresh as the North wind that blows over Blundell Park.

Times have changed, some for the better (ask the laundry lady), some for the worse (ask those in the ailing fish industry). Many's the peculiar stare glanced in the direction of a footballer returning home late at night on the local bus after an away trip to Cleethorpes, smelling of fish; a couple of Cod clutched to his bosom wrapped in a few pages of that morning's Daily Express.

It is all much more sophisticated these days of course with players affluent and owning their own cars etc. The culture of society and the game has developed and so too has the meaning of Christmas, from a footballing point of view that is.

There was a time when part of the tradition of Christmas was to play a full Football League programme on both Christmas and Boxing Days.

Quite the norm was to play the same opposition home and away over this period...You can imagine what trouble that led to at times with vendettas raging on the field between

certain excitable individuals.

But the Christmas fare was well appreciated by the fans and some of the biggest gates of the season were recorded on the festive holiday.

Football did not often let its followers down either. Over the years the Christmas treat proved a real cracker, the tradition goes back to 1889 when Preston North End beat Aston Villa 3-2 in the first ever Football League game on Christmas morning.

Town's league debut on this most auspicious day came about in 1920, when we lost 3-2



at Reading in a Third Division (Southern Section) game. A decade later, on Christmas Day 1930, we beat Fulham (I'm sure Jimmy Hill was not in the team that day) 4-1 here....Twenty four hours later at Craven Cottage we crashed 6-1!

Yet such contradictions in terms were so often the case in these seasonal double headers....The record breaking Christmas of all time was that of 1963, they did not play on December 25th then, the Christmas Day programme was scrapped in 1959, but on Boxing Day that year no less than 66 goals were blasted in 10 First Division games.

Fulham led the rout by thrashing poor Ipswich Town 10-1 at Craven Cottage, Scottish international Graham Leggat scoring three in three minutes in the first half to record the fastest First Division hat-trick since the War.

Meanwhile, across in the east end of London, Blackburn Rovers were running riot at Upton Park. Jim Standen was beaten eight times as West Ham United with Peters, Moore and Hurst in the team crashed 8-2 in front of their own fans!

In the Second Division too, Christmas spirit did not extend to all, as at Maine Road, Manchester City put paid to any aspirations Scunthorpe United might have nurtured about goodwill to all men by thumping the visitors 8-1.

Now such rogue scorelines are incredible at any time but the point about these particular games was the outcome of the return matches two days later. Ipswich beat Fulham 4-2 at Portman Road; the Hammers overcame their ignominious

performance to win 3-1 at Ewood Park.

Mind you the Christmas crackers of all time have to be Norwich City...They netted 18 goals without reply against Brighton on Christmas Day 1940. It was exceptional circumstances of course, being war-time.

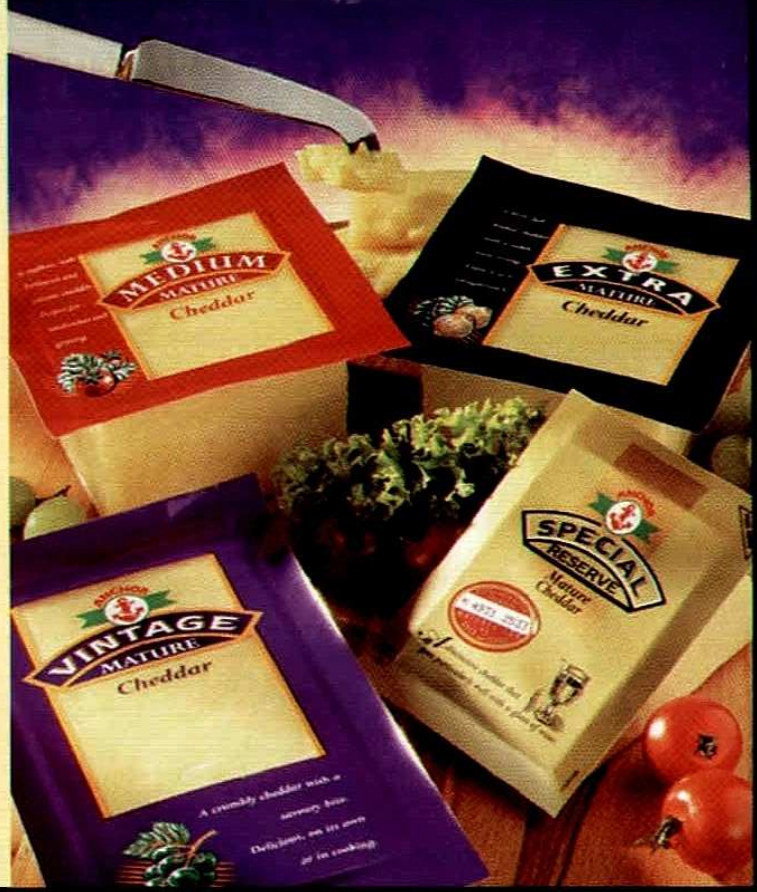
Brighton had hoped to recruit players en route but arrived at Carrow Road with just five. A few joined them from the crowd and Norwich reserves made up the balance.

Fred Chadwick (Ipswich Town) scored six and the half time tally of 10 goals was the most ever recorded in one half by one team in a League fixture and the 18-0 at the final count was again the highest margin in the history of the Football League.

You see it always has been a Happy Christmas for some.

OUR LINE UP FOR THIS SEASON

Savour the flavour



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by Mike Fowler

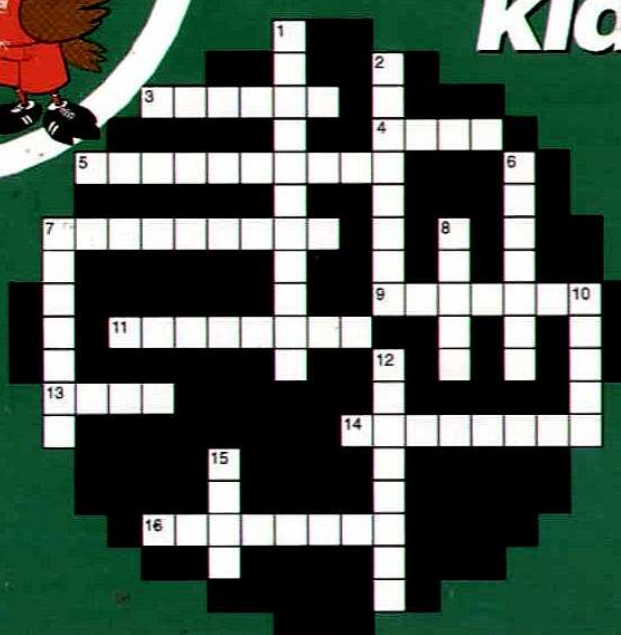
kids crossword

Across

3. Grimsby is near the mouth of this river. (6)
4. Penalties are taken from here. (4)
5. Another name for 12, 13 or 14. (10)
7. The pole that holds out the net. (9)
9. Design of the Grimsby shirts. (7)
11. The name of the park in Grimsby. (8)
13. All games have these but so did Grimsby as manager. (4)
14. Grimsby keeper who made a few appearances for Swindon. (8)
16. Son of Swindon stalwart who played for Grimsby recently. (8)

Down

1. Grimsby home games are played in this Town. (11)
2. Another name for the second team. (8)
6. Poor form means this will happen to you. (7)
7. Legendary manager who moved on to Anfield from Grimsby. (7)
8. The Grimsby pitch is nearest in the country to the sea. Which sea? (5)
10. A leader of Grimsby men. (5)
12. Grimsby nickname. (8)
15. What kind of town does Grimsby claim to be in their logo? (4)



KIDS QUIZ

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|--|--|
| 1. 1990 They beat Palace at the second attempt. | 4. 1993 They needed a replay to beat Sheffield Weds. |
| 2. 1991 They beat Forest by the odd goal in three. | 5. 1994 They put 4 past Chelsea. |
| 3. 1992 They were two nil winners over Sunderland. | 6. 1995 Merseyside winners over Man United. |
1. Man United, 2. Spurs, 3. Liverpool, 4. Arsenal, 5. Man United, 6. Everton

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captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



I'm writing this column a lot earlier than usual because of Christmas print deadlines and by the time you read it, I hope we've strung some decent results together.

Christmas is an important time for all clubs as with so many games, a series of wins can really make your season. Of course a few defeats and you are in trouble.

Whatever has happened before, today we need the three points and I'm sure the lads will be particularly keen to prove a point having lost at Grimsby earlier in the season.

We were very poor that day yet we still could have got something from the game. The first half was terrible and even though we bucked our ideas up in the second half we left it too late.

That sort of display seems to sum up our season so far

away from the County Ground.

However our home form has been much better and we'll be looking to take the three points this afternoon even though Grimsby have picked up some decent results of late.

They are a strong side but it is down to us. It depends on what we do not what they are capable of.

Looking ahead we face QPR here on Wednesday in what will be the our fourth meeting.

In the previous three encounters we've played well against them so we hope to start the New Year with a bang.

After that we go to Everton in

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the FA Cup in what will be a major test for us. Ideally you always want to make progress in the cup competitions but beating Everton won't be easy.

But saying that we only just lost at Man Utd, despite not playing as well as we can so there is always a chance of causing an upset.

It is too early to say whether I will be fit enough to play in that match, but whoever is in the team will be giving everything they've got to take a Premiership scalp.

No doubt there will be a large following travelling up from Swindon so make some noise and let the players know you are there.

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Tony Horne's football year

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It all happened in 1996, Part 1:

January

Gazza gets booked for booking a ref...Bolton boss Roy McFarlane collects his P45 leaving Colin on his Todd...Premiership bosses call for a mid-season break (Man City had already taken the whole season off)...George Best 1000-1 to replace big Jack in Ireland job (mmm)...Diego Marijuana admits coke addiction (like we hadn't guessed)...Fifa want bigger goals (still won't help

Southampton)...Hereford 1-1 Spurs: Alan Sugar won't let Hereford parade their bull before the game, but continues to talk it himself. A Leighton-Orient player takes a performance-enhancing drug...Venables to quit, Glenn Hoddle says he doesn't want the job...Asprilla arrives...Reading hire Uri Geller to beat Man Utd in the cup - they lose!

February

Eric goes back to Selhurst, and scores twice in 11 minutes...Branco signs for Boro on 13 grand a week (the bargain of the century - for him)

becomes Swansea manager and is sacked 7 days later...England launch that fashionable Indigo GreyReebok sign Giggs for a supposed £6 million (Manchester United, unlike Take That, still have Giggs) Ivano Bonetti takes it on the chin - literally - at GrimsbyForest v Spurs on Sky is abandoned after 15 minutes because there was too much snow (this would not have been a problem for Maradonna)

March

Forest disgrace themselves in Europe, losing 5-1 ...At Norwich City's AGM, they are described as the laughing stock of the

...AND STAY ON THE BALL.

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football league (Slightly harsh on Darlington)...Big Ron's house is robbed; on the pitch Coventry are just giving it away...Villa win the Coca-Cola Cup but no-one really cares...Les Ferdinand is PFA Player of the year, narrowly beating Martin Ling, I'm sure...Roy Keane gets sent off...Boring England beat Bulgaria 1-0...Gary Flitcroft joins Blackburn and gets a red after 20 minutes if his debut

April

The game of the decade: Liverpool 4 Newcastle 3...goodbye league title, Kev...Nightmare for David Busst ...Aldridge becomes player-manager at Tranmere...Man Utd name their shirt colour as the reason for their defeat at The Dell (Stop moaning, Ferguson)...Seaman's England top looks like someone has chucked up on it after a night out with Tony Adams and Paul Merson...Sam Allardyce gets

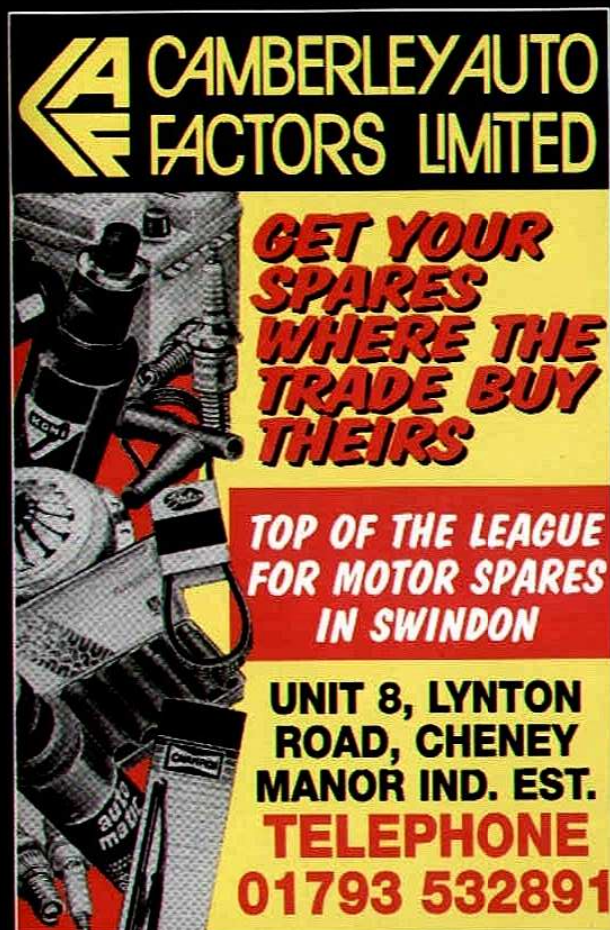
ratty with Macca at our big game in Blackpool; Town fans make a weekend of it and John Cross broadcasts live on GWR FM from the top of the big dipper...Dire England 0-0 Croatia ...The Sun recover Geoff Hurst's missing ball...Bolton go down (didn't see that coming) ...Riot at Brighton ...Where is Thomas Brolin...Rushie's last game at Anfield.

May

Swindon win the league...Tony Horne plays 'You'll never walk alone' on the tannoy during emotional scenes - it gets stuck. It was Stuart Mac's copy! Glenn reigns at Chelsea...Barry Fry gets the boot...Paul Merson's testimonial (mmm)...Liverpool think its the 70s as they grace Wembley with white Bee Gees suits at the Cup Final. The game is bad and they lose...I crash my car and fail to turn up for radio show but do appear in goal with cracked ribs 48 hours later in

Charity game with Macca, Rushie and Francome - The gaffer wants to sign me but we can't agree terms; Rushie signs for Leeds within hours of me having a bath with him...John Gorman becomes Glenn's number two at England HQ (I wish him well - he'll need it)...Emerson signs for Boro - then goes home (mmm)...Steve Bruce signs for Birmingham though he is later to be seen more on Sky than at St Andrews ...England disgrace themselves on the pitch in the Far East and on the plane on the way home. I declare on the air that Baddiel and Skinner's song is a pile of rubbish then proceed to play it three times a day for all of Euro 96 in a dramatic about-turn.

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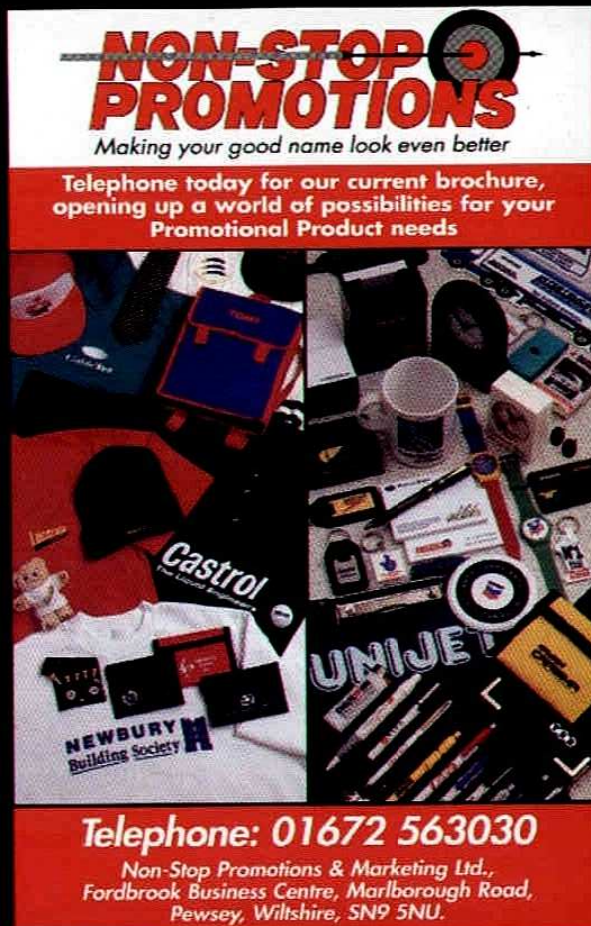


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The Irish Connection

Northern Ireland International Kevin Horlock was delighted to hand over a farewell gift to Swindon fan Jason Wood recently.

Jason (14) has been a regular at the County Ground but on November 16th he made his last visit before going to live in Northern Ireland.

Appropriately it was Kevin Horlock who handed Jason a signed, framed team photo to take away with him and to thank him for his valued support.

To help make his last visit here a memorable one, the Club invited Jason and his friend John Page along as special guests.

Jason was able to get his favourite players' autographs and it made his day when Kevin Horlock handed him a parting gift.

And who knows, perhaps Jason was able to see Kevin in action for Northern Ireland at Windsor Park recently when they beat Albania 2-0.



Women and Football

As part of her Sociology degree, Manchester University student Sarah



Megson is doing a dissertation on "Women in Football".

She is keen to investigate women's opinions and experiences of being a supporter of what is predominantly a men's game.

Any women who would like to contact Sarah with any views or stories about this topic should write to her at :

Department of Sociology,
Coupland II Building,
University of Manchester, Oxford
Road, Manchester,
M13 9PL.

Signed Ball for Charity

Long standing Swindon supporter and Platinum Club member Dave Fenwick was officially presented with a signed Swindon Town football which he used to raise cash for charity.



Dave and his wife took part in Beaujolais Challenge 1996, run by Wootton Bassett Rotary Club and the signed ball helped raise a handsome sum as a raffle prize.

Swindon chairman Mike Spearman presented the ball to Dave before a recent home game and the money raised went towards the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and the MacMillan Nurses Local Appeal.

Mike Spearman said; "We are always delighted to help raise money for such worthy causes and I am glad we could be of service."

Sporting Dinner

Chris Kirkland, deputy head teacher at Wootton Bassett School would like to thank Swindon Town for all their help in raising money towards building new changing rooms at the school sports field.

Swindon boss Steve McMahon donated a signed shirt and signed football as auction prizes at the School's Second Sporting Dinner which was held at the De Vere Hotel last month.

The event sponsored by Cathy Moore Recruitment raised around £5,600 which took the grand total raised so far in 14 months to £14,000, half way past the £30,000 target.

Guest speakers at the dinner were Duncan McKenzie, the former Chelsea and Everton footballer along with Peter Parfitt who played cricket for Middlesex and England.

The event was a major success and Chris is delighted with the amount of money raised so far.

swindontown ladies



by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies earned a place in the quarter final of the Southern Region League Cup with an eight goals to one win over Carterton Town.

Town were always in control and went ahead in the sixth minute through Deb Martin. Six minutes later Nadine Lloyd added a second and Tracy Mackeddie knocked in number three from Kim Reeves' corner.

Nadine Lloyd gave the Town a four goal lead just before half time.

Early in the second half Sharon Black scored her first goal for the club before Kim Reeves scored a sixth.

Carterton pulled one back when Tracey McQue converted a penalty. With eight minutes remaining Leanne Taylor, who had come on as a substitute, scored before setting up the chance for Nadine

Lloyd to complete her hat trick. This was a much improved performance but the same attitude and commitment needs to be carried on into the League games.

The game allowed two of the youngsters a chance to have a game. Twin fourteen year old sisters Leanne and Adelle Taylor came on half way through the second half and gave a very good account of themselves.

Leanne is a front runner, and not only scored herself but also showed composure in setting up the last goal for Nadine Lloyd.

Adelle is a defender and played in the centre of the back four and quickly settled into the role.

Both girls have attended the coaching sessions held by the club every Tuesday evening on the County Ground Extension.



Nadine Lloyd, leading goal scorer, who scored a hat-trick against Carterton.

Swindon Town Ladies result

**Southern Region League Cup - Round Two
Swindon Town 8 Carterton Town 1**

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd (3) Deb Martin, Tracy Mackeddie, Sharon Black, Kim Reeves & Leanne Taylor.

Team: Jo Sharpe, Vikki McCann, Sharon Black, Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddie, Kerle Garwood, Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Justine Hume. **Subs:** (Used) Leanne Taylor, Adelle Taylor & Sil Cryer

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	BINFIELD	H	4-1
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	4-2
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	0-7
Sun 27th Oct	Havant Town LC1	A	2-0
Sun 3rd Nov	Reading Royals (FAC 2)	A	0-5
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	2-2
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	Post
SUN 24TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON STS.	H	1-2
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H	4-4
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	1-2
SUN 15TH DEC	CARTERTON TOWN (LC2)	H	8-1
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H	
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 12th 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
Reading Royals	9	8	0	1	39	11	24
Southampton	10	7	0	3	38	14	21
Portsmouth	10	6	3	1	23	13	21
Southampton Saints	11	6	1	4	23	19	19
Swindon Spitfires	10	5	1	4	24	24	16
Cheltenham	10	4	3	3	16	27	15
Binfield	11	4	1	6	14	23	13
SWINDON TOWN	10	3	2	5	23	28	11
Havant Town	12	1	3	8	10	25	6
Ringwood	11	0	2	9	9	35	2

Player Appearances 96/97 season

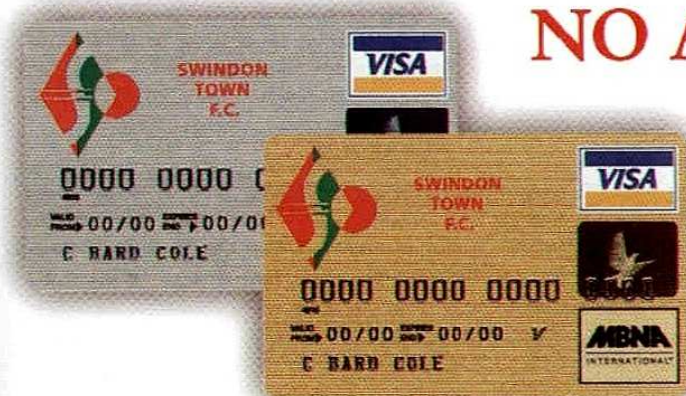
	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	14	1
Sil Cryer	2(10)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerle Garwood	14	7
Justine Hume	6(2)	-
Pam Laker	10	4
Nadine Lloyd	14	15
Tracy Mackeddie	13	6
Deb Martin	10(3)	2
Vikki McCann	11(2)	-
Sara Privett	7(2)	1
Kim Reeves	14	3
Alison Richards	5	-
Jo Sharpe	8(3)	-
Adelle Taylor	(1)	-
Leanne Taylor	(1)	1
Clare Tyson	14	-
Netti Wyness	11	-
Own Goals		1

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In 1995 a 21-year-old Genoa fan is set upon by a few fans from Milan and dies from stab wounds. The players from both sides insist upon the games abandonment at half-time and the Milan fans are detained for 10 hours at the stadium for their own protection.

Out of the Den

In 1978 Millwall incurred a £1,500 fine and had their old ground 'The Den' closed for two weeks following crowd disturbances during an FA Cup tie with Ipswich Town. This was the fourth time the ground had been closed the first time 1934 followed in 1947 and also in 1950.

Wembley sinners

It is most rare for a player to be sent off at Wembley and they

number very few. Boris Stankovic was the first ever whilst captaining Yugoslavia versus Sweden in the 1948 Olympic Games on August 13, 1948. The next player was the Argentinian skipper Antonio Rattin during the 1966 World Cup finals. Eight years later the first British players received a sending off when Leeds captain Billy Bremner and Liverpool star Kevin Keegan came to blows in the FA Charity Shield on August 10, 1974. Gilbert Presch, playing for Luxembourg on March 30, 1977 was the next player in Wembley's short-list of rogues gallery to finish the match ahead of his team-mates for the wrong reasons.

Enter the dragon

On September 24, 1980 the Yugoslavian national goalkeeper Dragon Pantelic scored three times from the penalty spot in a

League match for Radniki Nis versus NK Zagreb and also went on to save a penalty kick at his own end.

Six of the best

Arsenal's defence remained strong in their 1930 Cup Final win over Huddersfield Town but who would have thought that only five days earlier the Gunners defence would have leaked six goals at Leicester City. However, the North London club shared the spoils of this historic League match which ended 6-6 and is the highest scoring draw in League history.

Who are you playing for?

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BOLTON WANDERERS	23	8	3	1	3	6	2	46	32	42
BARNLEY	22	7	3	2	4	5	1	41	26	41
SHEFFIELD UNITED	22	6	4	1	5	2	4	39	24	39
CRYSTAL PALACE	22	5	3	2	4	6	2	47	23	36
OXFORD UNITED	23	7	3	2	7	2	3	31	22	33
WOLVES	22	3	3	6	6	3	1	29	22	33
STOKE CITY	21	7	1	2	2	5	4	29	30	33
NORWICH CITY	21	4	6	2	5	0	4	28	22	33
TRANMERE ROVERS	26	6	2	3	3	3	6	31	29	32
BIRMINGHAM CITY	22	6	4	1	2	4	5	23	21	32
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	23	4	3	5	4	4	3	29	28	31
PORT VALE	23	2	6	3	5	4	3	22	23	31
SWINDON TOWN	23	7	1	3	2	1	9	32	30	29
IPSWICH TOWN	23	4	5	2	3	3	6	29	33	29
PORTSMOUTH	23	6	3	3	2	7	28	30	29	29
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	22	6	2	3	3	0	8	24	32	29
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	23	6	3	2	1	4	7	26	31	28
MANCHESTER CITY	22	6	1	4	2	1	8	26	35	26
READING	22	6	3	2	1	2	8	25	33	26
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	21	1	5	4	4	5	2	28	33	25
SOUTHEND UNITED	23	4	4	3	1	5	6	23	40	24
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	23	2	5	4	3	3	6	24	28	23
GRIMSBY TOWN	22	3	2	6	2	4	5	24	41	21
BRADFORD CITY	22	4	3	4	1	3	7	21	37	21

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 2-3	8,909
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H 2-0	14,374
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H 3-0	10,837
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A 2-3	7,086
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A 0-1	16,559
Tues Nov 26	Sheffield United	A 0-2	12,301
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
SAT NOV 30	READING	H 3-1	10,875
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A 0-2	10,565
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A 0-2	10,102
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A	
SAT DEC 28	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
WED JAN 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A	
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		



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	5(3)	1	2	0	7(3)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	19(2)	6	4	2	23(2)	8
LEE COLLINS	2(1)	0	-	-	2(1)	0
STEVE COWE	12(5)	3	3(1)	0	15(6)	3
IAN CULVERHOUSE	14	0	4	0	18	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	17(2)	0	4	0	21(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	8	0	-	-	8	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
GARY ELKINS	13(1)	0	2	0	15(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	2	1(1)	0	7(7)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	(1)	0	-	-	(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	22	5	5	0	27	5
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	4	0	-	-	4	0
SCOTT LEITCH	21	0	5	1	26	1
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	12(4)	0	2	1	14(4)	1
MARK ROBINSON	21	1	4	0	25	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	15(1)	0	3(1)	0	18(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	10(7)	6	2(1)	2	12(7)	8
MARK WALTERS	19(1)	4	4	1	23(1)	5
KEVIN WATSON	8(5)	1	1(1)	0	9(6)	1

NEXT HOME GAME:
WED JANUARY 1ST 1997



Swindon Town vs Q.P.R.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 3.00pm

FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup

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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-off's are subject to change.



Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = ●▼■

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR▼	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE●	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN▼	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	THORNE●	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	ALLEN	FINNEY
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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

Apology

Due to early print deadlines this week's statistics are not up-to-date. We apologise for this but normal service will resume in the New Year.

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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- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Gary Elkins
- 4 Wayne O'Sullivan
- 5 Mark Robinson
- 6 Kevin Horlock
- 7 Ian Culverhouse
- 8 Frederic Darras
- 9 Steve Cowe
- 10 Wayne Allison
- 11 Mark Walters
- 12 Peter Thorne
- 13 Ty Gooden
- 14 Kevin Watson

Team Changes

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Grimsby Town

- 1 Jason Pearcey
- 2 Kevin Jobling
- 3 Tony Gallimore
- 4 Richard Smith
- 5 Graham Rodger
- 6 Tommy Widdrington
- 7 Gary Childs
- 8 Steve Livingstone
- 9 Clive Mendonca
- 10 John Oster
- 11 Neil Woods
- 12 Kingsley Black
- 13 Ashley Fickling
- 14 Nicky Southall

Team Changes

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Today's Officials:

- Referee:**
M.R. Halsey (Welwyn Garden City)
- Assisted by:**
M.J. Cairns (Burton on Trent)
L.C. Jones (Bournemouth)
- Reserve Official:**
S. West



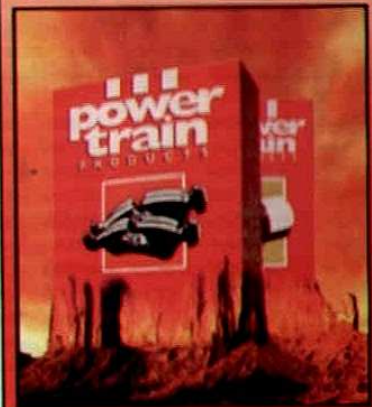
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Swindon Town vs Q.P.R.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 3.00pm