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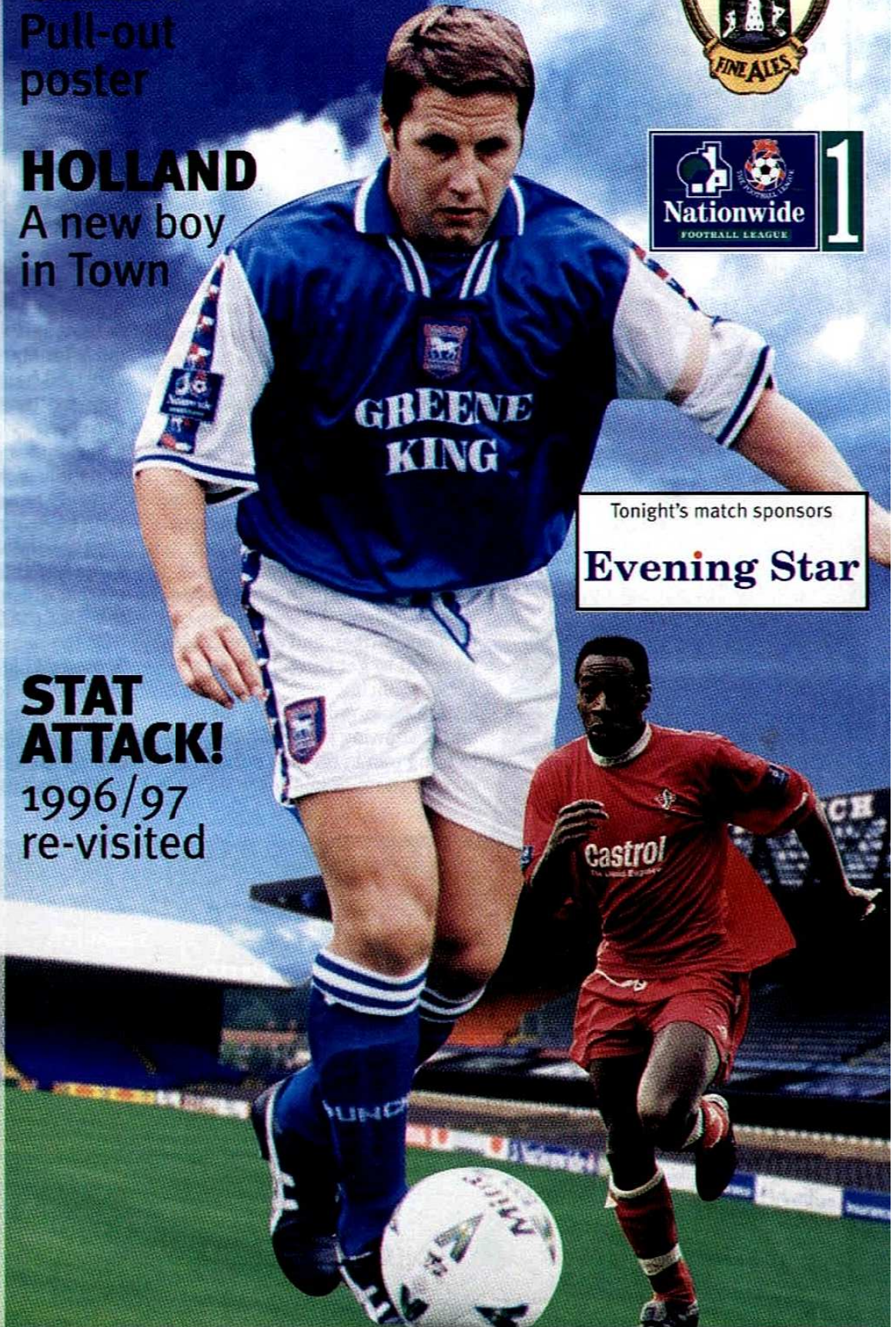
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# The Boss

**A**fter waiting so long for our first home League fixture, I am now welcoming you to the second such game in a matter of three days.

This evening we welcome our visitors from Swindon Town to Portman Road.

Steve McMahon's side started very well last season, but then struggled a bit towards the end.

This year they have again got off to a pleasing start and are at present lying fourth in the table, undefeated after four games.

They have a one hundred per cent record away from the County Ground so far, and their new striker, Chris Hay from Celtic, has already scored a handful of goals and looks a very lively prospect.

So it certainly promises to be a close and exciting encounter this

evening, although hopefully we will be at the top of our own game and able to take all three points.

On Saturday we played excellently in the first-half against West Brom, but only went in at the break 1-0 up and were caught out in the second period.

I can't say I was too surprised to see Richard Sneekes score for Albion, as he is a player I strongly admire and he has an excellent goalscoring record from midfield.

We have to learn to adjust when we come up against sides with only one striker, and we must be wary not to get caught out by a sucker punch.

Mark Stein scored again for us, and is showing just why I decided to bring him in on loan during our current spate of injuries.

As I said in Saturday's Programme notes, we are looking at the possibility of a permanent move for Mark, who has settled very well here at Portman Road.

His partnership with James Scowcroft is looking sharper every game, and with Alex Mathie hopefully well on the way to recovery now, as well as players such as Richard Naylor and Neil Gregory, then there is sure to be some healthy competition for places, which can only be a good thing for the Club.

On the subject of James Scowcroft, I'd just like to take this opportunity to congratulate him, and our other two members of the England Under-21 squad, on his call-up for next week's international against Moldova.

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James, along with Richard Wright and young Kieron Dyer, are a product of our youth policy here at Portman Road and we are all proud to witness and play a part in their achievements.

Kieron had a good Youth World Cup with the England U19 squad during the summer, and his good form then and subsequently has obviously caught the eye of coach Peter Taylor. So well done to all three players.

As the new season starts to gather pace I would like to thank our fans for all their support last year, and ask them to keep it up over the coming months.

Towards the end of 1996/97 we had some fantastic gates and a tremendous atmosphere back at Portman Road. It would be nice to keep those numbers up throughout this season.

We've had healthy crowds at our two home matches so far, and hopefully that is a sign of things to come.

I think supporters can see what we are trying to do at the Club. We are working very hard and

producing some good quality football.

We're not going to win every game, there will be occasions when we don't play brilliantly and times when we lose.

But I hope fans appreciate the type of football we're striving to play and the sort of players we have here.

The game of football should be all about entertainment, and Ipswich sides will always try to entertain.

Back to this evening's offering - enjoy it.



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# Portman Diary

An in-depth look at Town's season

## Bringing you up to date with recent events at Town...

**Monday 18th August** The treatment room at Portman Road is full to bursting, with five first-teamers having treatment: Mathie, Stockwell, Petta, Gregory and Naylor. Meanwhile George Burley flies to Helsinki to watch Finland U21s play Norway. The Youth team put up a brave fight, but lose out 1-0 to a last minute goal v Luton in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

**Tuesday 19th August** Mathie and Stockwell train, having shaken off their injuries. Alex is due for a Reserve run-out v Wimbledon tomorrow. First year pro Mark Burgess turns 19.

**Wednesday 20th August** The Club deny rumours in the press that Fulham are about to sign Neil Gregory. The Reserves lose 3-0 to Wimbledon but worse is the news that Alex Mathie has aggravated his groin strain. George Burley returns from Finland with "nothing concrete" to report. Defender Wayne Brown celebrates his 20th birthday.

**Thursday 21st August** More injury worries, as it is revealed that Paul Mason has broken his hand and must have an operation to place a

pin in it. He will be out for at least a month. Town sign Mark Stein on a two-month loan from Chelsea to provide cover up front - he will go straight into the side for Saturday's match at Bradford. New signing David Kerlake is also in the squad for the first time.

**Friday 22nd August** After morning training the players begin the long haul up to Yorkshire at lunchtime for tomorrow's game.

**Saturday 23rd August** Town taste their first defeat since March, losing 2-1 at the hands of Bradford City, although one consolation is that Kieron Dyer scores his first senior goal for the Club. In the South East Counties League the Youth team hold a powerful Portsmouth side to a 0-0 draw. Simon Milton, in his testimonial year, is sub on his 34th birthday.

**Tuesday 26th August** Charlton visit Portman Road in the Coca-Cola Cup, and go home on the end of a 3-1 beating, with Mark Stein marking his home debut with a goal. James Scowcroft and a Steve Brown own goal complete the scoring.

**Wednesday 27th August** The Reserves play their first away fixture of the season, and battle out a 0-0 draw at Watford.

**Thursday 28th August** Gus Uhlenbeek, out for at least three months following his foot operation, celebrates his 27th birthday

**Friday 29th August** James Scowcroft, Richard Wright and Kieron Dyer are named in the England U21 squad to face Moldova.

**Saturday 30th August** Mark Stein scores again as Town draw 1-1 with West Brom.



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# Matt Ho

**Matt Holland was on the brink of losing his job as a professional footballer with Bournemouth last season, now he is set to play a leading role in helping The Blues back to the Premiership. The Matchday Programme caught up with our new £800,000 arrival to ask him...**

**MP: HOW ARE YOU SETTLING IN AT IPSWICH TOWN, MATT?**

**Matt:** Fine, the lads have made me very welcome and I'm really enjoying it. I know the area quite well, my mum lives in Bishop's Stortford, and I'll be moving in to a new house in Colchester within the next few weeks. So that all helps the settling-in process as well.

**TELL US HOW YOUR TRANSFER CAME ABOUT?**

Well, I'd read speculation in the local press in Bournemouth that I might be moving on. I was injured

during the pre-season but George Burley came down to watch Bournemouth play QPR and had a chat with me after the game. He basically sold the Club to me there and then. I didn't need to come to Portman Road and have a look around. George did such a good job telling me about the Club that what he said persuaded me that Ipswich was the Club for me. After I had agreed to the move, it was about 10 days before things got sorted out and I was getting a little bit anxious. I wasn't sure whether I'd be at Bournemouth or Ipswich for the start of the season.

**DID THE £800,000 TRANSFER FEE SURPRISE YOU?**

Yeah, it was a bit of a shock but I've taken it as a big compliment that Ipswich are prepared to pay that sort of money for me. As a player you never know how much you are worth on the transfer market, now it's up to me to prove to both the manager and the fans here at Ipswich that it was money well spent.

**TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR FOOTBALLING BACKGROUND**

I started as an apprentice at West Ham and I was there for three seasons. The manager, Harry Redknapp, offered me another year's contract after that period finished but I wanted first-team football. He told me that there were a few players in front of me at the time so I decided to move on. Bournemouth and Peterborough came in for me. There seems to be a good relationship between West Ham and Bournemouth, Harry was there as manager as well, so I decided to head for the South Coast. I'd been on loan there already and enjoyed it so I felt that was the right move for me at that stage in my career.

## Pile-of-Facts



**Full Name:** Matthew Rhys Holland  
**Age:** 23  
**Born:** Bury, 11.04.74  
**Height:** 5ft 9in **Weight:** 11st 12lb  
**Town debut:** v QPR (a), 09.08.97. Drew 0-0  
**League record last season:** 45 games, 7 goals  
*(all for Bournemouth)*  
**Honours:** None



Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee	Date Signed
92/93 - 94/95	West Ham	-	-	Trainee	03.07.92
94/95 - 96/97	Bournemouth	104	-	Free	27.01.95
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**IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU AT BOURNEMOUTH LAST SEASON, WHAT WITH ALL THE CLUB'S HIGH PROFILE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS?**

It was a bit of a nightmare some days. The Club was in a financial mess, basically, and the receivers were called in to find out what was going on. It looked pretty grim at one stage. We were getting paid but often it was three or four weeks late and I'm sure there were other people at the Club who were also in a similar, if not worse, situation. I can remember turning up on the Friday before a match against Bristol City and the receivers were in. We were asked if we actually wanted to play the match. That's how bad it was -

**"I've taken it as a big compliment that Ipswich are prepared to pay that sort of money for me."**

that's how close it came to the Club being wound up. We knew that our jobs were on the line and that at any moment the Club could go under. If we hadn't played that game against City, that could have been the beginning of the end. But as professionals we wanted to carry on.



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STORY

# Matt Holland

**AS BOURNEMOUTH SKIPPER, AND THE CLUB'S PFA REPRESENTATIVE, HOW INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEMS DID YOU GET?**

Being both captain and the rep for the Professional Footballers' Association, I became a kind of official spokesman for the players. I would get involved in meetings with the other players and staff at the club and also attend get-togethers with the fans as well. On one occasion, I had to make a speech at the Winter Gardens in the centre of the town, with 3,000 fans there desperate to find out what was going on at their club. It was the most nerve-wracking thing

I've ever done. I was absolutely petrified! Give me playing in front of 30,000 screaming fans at a football match anytime, I can handle that!

**HOW HAVE YOU FOUND THE STEP UP IN STANDARD FROM THE THIRD DIVISION TO THE FIRST?**

On the pitch, the players in the First Division think much quicker and the game is also played a bit faster. There are bigger crowds and the

opposition are much better. Generally, they are a class apart. Ipswich is a better set-up altogether. The Club has a more professional outlook and I've been very impressed with just about everything I have seen at the Club.

**"The standard here is very high and I'll settle for a place in any position in the first-team."**

**WHAT ARE YOUR SHORT-TERM AMBITIONS AT TOWN?**

Basically to win a regular first-team place. There are a number of good players at this Club and anyone who gets in the first-team knows they have to play well every week to keep their place. I'm generally playing at sweeper at the moment but midfield is probably my favourite position. But as I've said, the standard here is very high and I'm happy to settle for a place in any position in the first-team.

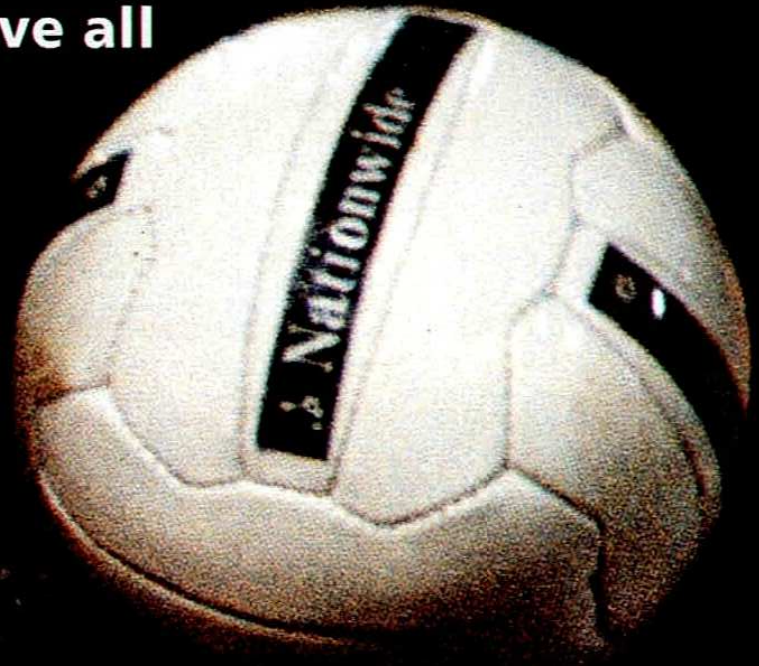
**WHAT ABOUT TOWN'S PROMOTION CHANCES THIS SEASON?**

I reckon there are about eight teams in with a realistic shout of going up and we are definitely one of them after coming so close last year. We've had a mixed start to the season and it was a shame the wins over Charlton were in the Coca-Cola Cup and not in the League. But the confidence amongst the lads is good and I'm sure we will be in the promotion chasing pack at the end of the season.





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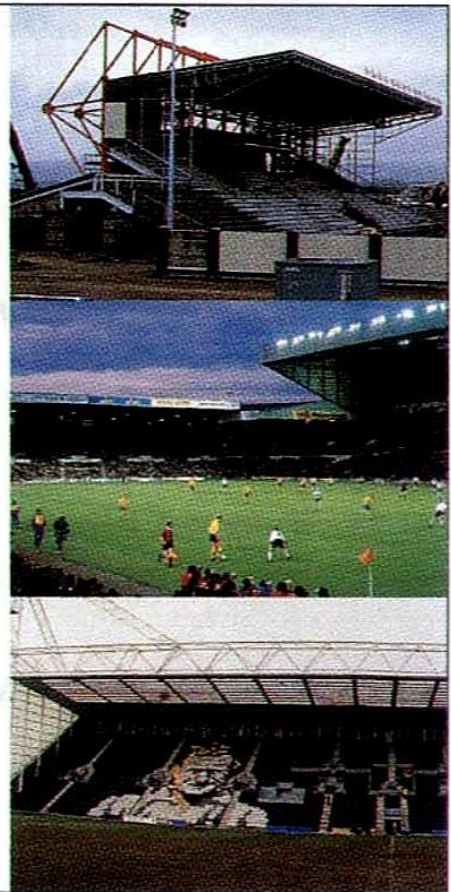
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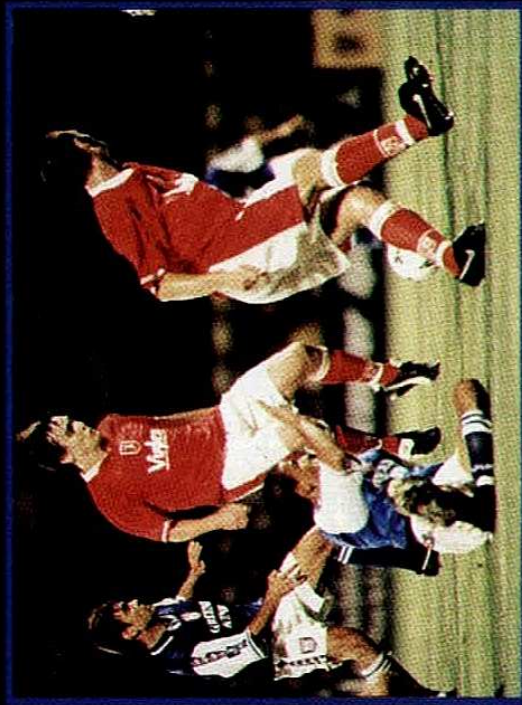
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# ACTION Replay

**Town eased into the Second Round of the Coca-Cola Cup last Tuesday night, when Charlton were beaten 3-1 on the night, 4-1 on aggregate.**



Main Pic: Kieron Dyer's flying high

Bottom Left: Mark Stein opens his goal account for Town

Top Left: Kieron has an attempt at goal

Above: James Scowcroft puts away Town's third of the night

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# First Glance

## Curse of Curle

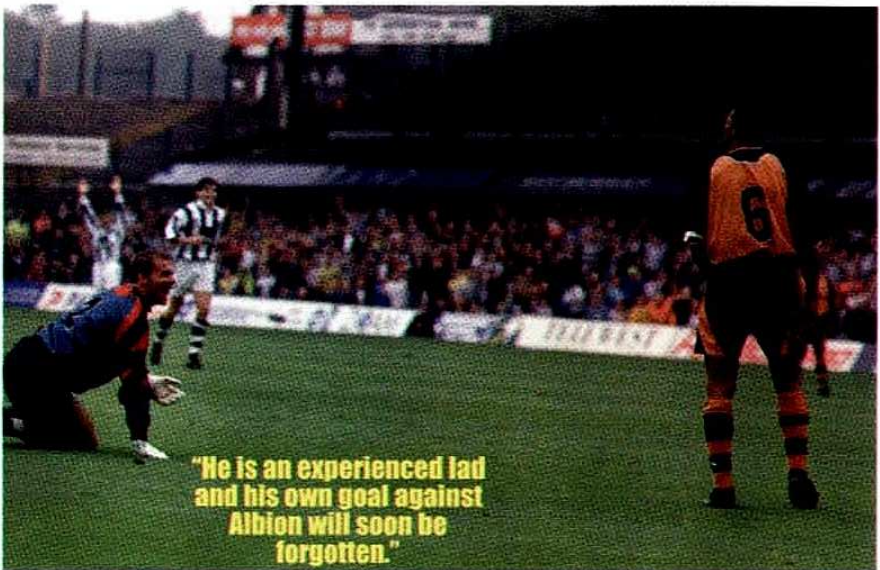


**Wolves skipper Keith Curle (No6 in pic) must feel he has been cursed lately, after his own goal in the Black Country derby at The Hawthorns last week sent West Brom to the top of the First Division.**

It completed a miserable seven days for the former England international who was stranded on the M6 for nearly two hours after his car broke down when he was driving home from a match earlier that week.

"Keith hasn't had the best of luck lately," says Wolves boss Mark McGhee. "But he is an experienced lad and his own goal against Albion will soon be forgotten."

By him, anyway.



**"He is an experienced lad and his own goal against Albion will soon be forgotten."**

**Tranmere's David Kelly is delighted with his start at Rovers and puts his form down to a change of positions. "I was playing on the wing at Sunderland last season but I much prefer the centre of attack. You get so many more chances to score," he explains.**

## Rava go?



**Middlesbrough boss Bryan Robson has given Fabrizio Ravanelli the green light to join Everton in a swap deal.**

Having originally valued the Italian hit-man at £7 million Robbo is now said to be prepared to accept a deal which would take £3 million, plus defender Earl Barrett and utility man Graham Stuart to the Riverside.

## Left in the Lurch



**Dave Beasant was soon brought back down to earth after starring in Forest's 1-0 win at Oxford last week.**

The Southampton goalkeeper, who has joined the Midlands on loan, has teamed up again with his former Wimbledon boss Dave Bassett...but with their partnership comes the return of his dreaded nickname - Lurch.

"I wasn't too pleased when Dave called me that again," admits Beasant.

"I've never liked the nickname and I thought I had left it behind when I left Wimbledon nine years ago.

"Now I suppose all the Forest lads will start using it."

**Norwich have signed midfielder Peter Grant from Celtic in a £200,000 deal.**

**Huddersfield's Welsh international full-back Steve Jenkins is attracting the interest of Coventry.**

## What's On

**The other Nationwide First Division games on this week are:**



### Tuesday, September 2

- Charlton v Sheff Utd
- Crewe v Bury
- Huddersfield v Bradford
- Portsmouth v Norwich
- Reading v QPR
- Stockport v Middlesbrough
- Sunderland v Oxford
- Tranmere v Birmingham

### Wednesday, September 3

- Nottm For v Man City
- Stoke v West Brom
- Wolves v Port Vale

**Birmingham defender Steve Bruce is set for showdown talks with manager Trevor Francis after being left out of the first-team recently.**



**Hunch of bananas**  
Bury manager Stan Ternent is following the Gordon Strachan route to the top by instructing his players to adopt the banana diet.

The Coventry boss became the oldest player in the Premiership last season at the age of 40 and claimed his diet of five or six bananas a day helped him stay fit.

Now Ternent has handed out special leaflets to his players advising them about the energy values of different foods including bananas and jaffa cakes.

### Kinkladze to go?

Man City might be ready to cash in on their prize asset, Georgi Kinkladze - if the price is right.



The Georgian star (right) signed a new deal at Maine Road in the close season but is known to want to play top flight football and with City's poor start to the season, Chairman Francis Lee might now be forced to listen to bids of around £7 million for the tricky midfielder.

City were heaving a sigh of relief in midweek when what was feared to be a serious injury to Kinkladze turned out to be just bruising.

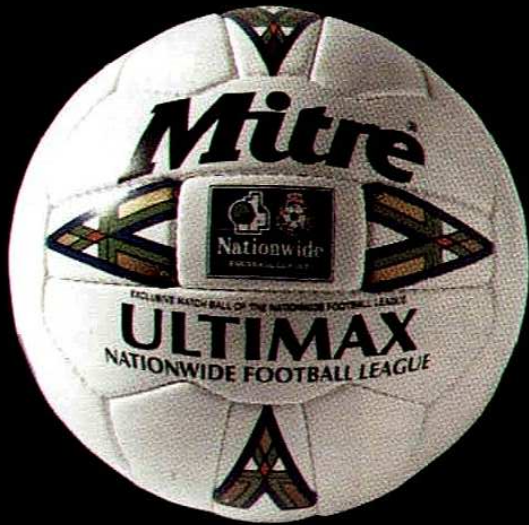
**Charlton are keen to agree a new deal with striker Carl Leaburn, who has been on a week-to-week contract for more than a year at The Valley.**



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# The tricky ten

- 1 What is the nickname of Sheffield Wednesday?
- 2 How much did Newcastle pay for Ian Rush?
- 3 At which ground do QPR play their home games?
- 4 Who is the manager of Charlton?
- 5 From which club did Nottingham Forest sign Geoff Thomas?
- 6 For which country is Sunderland's Andy Melville an international?
- 7 Name the four Semi-Finalists in last season's FA Cup?
- 8 Which current Premiership star scored twice in the 1997 European Cup Final?
- 9 Wales lost 5-4, 6-4 or 6-5 in Turkey recently?
- 10 Who are the reigning World Cup holders?

## In the Frame

Can you spot the mystery Blues ace?



## Match 'em up!

Below are listed three clubs, three years and three results that have proved big moments in Town history.

Years	Opposition	Result
1978	AZ Alkmaar	0-0
1994	Arsenal	3-0
1981	Blackburn	1-0

Can you match them up in the right order?

## Home and away

1. Who scored Blues' first League goal on away territory this season?
2. From which club did we sign Jason Cundy?
3. Who did we beat in the 1978 FA Cup Semi-Final?

1. Swindon boss Steve McMahon played for both Everton and Liverpool - but which one first?
2. Who was The Robins' leading scorer last season?
3. Swindon winger Mark Walters has been capped by which country?

## Tiny Einstein's Town Trivia...

Mark Stein, who has joined Town on loan from Chelsea, scored the last minute goal that saved us from the drop in 1994. His strike in the Londoners' 3-2 victory over Sheffield United sent The Blades through the Premiership relegation trapdoor instead.



## Who am I?

From the clues given, can you identify the Town star.

1. I have played League football for three clubs.
2. I started my career at the club I supported as a boy.
3. My defensive partner in those days is a Championship winner four times over.
4. I have played at international level alongside Gazza.
5. I left the Bhoys to join the boys in blue.

## Answers...

The tricky ten: 1. Owls. 2. He was a free transfer. 3. Loftus Road. 4. Alan Curtisley. 5. Wolves. 6. Wales. 7. Chelsea. 8. Karlheinz Riedle. 9. 6-4, 10. Brazil. Home and away: 1. Kieron Dyer. 2. Tottenham. 3. West Brom. away: 1. Everton. 2. Wayne Allison. 3. England. Match 'em up: (1978, Arsenal, 1-0), (1981, AZ Alkmaar, 3-0), (1994, Blackburn, 0-0). Who am I? Tony Mowbray.

In the Frame: Neil Gregory.

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# Mick Stockwell

## *On the spot*

### Personal details...

**Born:** 14th February, 1965 in Chelmsford.

**Height:** 5ft 9in.

**Weight:** 11st 4lbs.

**Married:** To Kim.

**Children:** Three, Chelsea, Corey and Georgia.

**Car:** A Mercedes.

### When I was a lad...

**Team supported:** QPR.

**First kit:** Chelsea - don't ask me why, though!

**Hero:** Don Masson was my favourite player at QPR.

**Best player in the world at the time:** Pele - simply the best.

### Favourite

**memory:** When I scored a hat-trick for a Chelmsford District League side at Under-12 level.

What made it more memorable was that I was playing a year above my age group.

**Biggest disappointment:** QPR only finishing runners-up to Liverpool in the League in 1976. Gerry Francis was the skipper of the team then.

### On the pitch...

**Most admired current player:** Alan Shearer. I know it's a boring answer but you have to admire his professionalism.

**Hardest opponent:** Ryan Giggs. I just didn't know whether to attack him or stand-off. His movement is excellent and he has so many tricks on the ball.

**Favourite Town moment:** Winning the Second Division title in 1992.

**Best individual Town display you've seen:** Alan Brazil when he scored five goals for Town against Southampton at Portman Road.

### Off the pitch...

**Favourite Film:** Heat starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino.

**Worst film:** Lost World was pretty disappointing.

**Favourite actor/actress:** Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep.

### Room-mate and their worst

**habit:** I haven't really had a regular room-mate since Neil Thompson left. He was pretty good - always made a nice cuppa in the morning!

**Top TV programme:** Only Fools and Horses.

**Musical tastes:** I like a range of music. The Lighthouse Family are good.

**Favourite holiday resort:** Florida. We've been there once and the kids loved it.

**Most respected sports star outside football:** The basketball player Michael Jordan. His athleticism is amazing.

**Who would you most like to meet?** No-one in particular.

**What job would you like to do outside football?** I've always wanted to be a footballer, so I haven't got a clue what I would have done if I hadn't been lucky enough to make the grade. I would like to stay in the game after I've finished as well, in a coaching or management capacity.



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# FAN FARE

The Fan Fare team is: Holly Grove, Sean Salter & Paul Voller



## Away With The Blues



Throughout the season we will be receiving input from our roving reporters on Ipswich's away games - not just the match itself, but the whole 'Blues Away' experience.

If you'd like to report on a trip for us please contact Paul Voller via the Development Association Office and he will give you a brief.

**Our first report comes from Wendy Parish and Terry Lewis, who ventured into The Valley...**

Dateline: **13th August 1997**  
Fixture: **Charlton Ath**  
Competition: **Coca-Cola Cup**  
Round trip: **160 miles**

"We travelled on the Clacton Branch coach, which we boarded at Witham and enjoyed a smooth journey with no hold ups.

While it was great - indeed amazing - that we encountered no queues on the way, it did mean that we reached the ground at

5.00pm. Only two and three quarter hours to kick-off then!

Never mind...perhaps we could kill some time looking round the Club Shop.

No such luck! The 'Club Shop' turned out, because of building work at the ground, to be a Portakabin in the North Stand car park...and you had to have a ticket for the North Stand to get in there. Usefully, we were told that on a non-match day we could go straight in with no problems. It's a good job we bought our souvenir badges last season!

The coach parked on the main road about ten minutes walk from the ground: however, we had to cross the busy main road - so let's make that 15 minutes from the ground. On the way home, though, it picked us up right outside and we were given a police escort away from the area. Charlton is midway between Woolwich and Greenwich and is a typical London suburb.

For refreshment there was a pub on the way to the ground and quite close to the stadium there was a fish and chip shop, which had a VERY long queue outside - either the fare was good or they were offering free admission to the game! Aren't Charlton known as 'The Addicks'? That explains it then..."Addick and chips twice, please!"

Inside the ground the away supporters were well catered for, with stalls selling hot and cold drinks and hot snacks, but they were expensive. A nice touch was that Charlton gave out details of the location of those stands over the tannoy. The toilets were good, clean and very acceptable - and they even had more than two ladies loos!

The Stewards, who appeared to be provided by a company other than the club itself, were fairly efficient and some were quite helpful. There was no evidence of any Official Supporters' Club buildings or social club, but this could be as a consequence of the building work.

A specially reduced issue of "Valley Review" was available, with a price of £1.00. It proved to be a good read, with reasonable coverage of Ipswich and didn't have too many adverts.

The price reductions which both clubs had agreed to instigate meant that it was a relatively cheap trip and the view of the game was very good wherever you chose to sit."

## News Update

Following the success of our Questions of Sport challenge last season, a "Questions of Sport Challenge 2" will take place on Thursday 9th October at a venue to be confirmed. Further information in a future column - but make a note in your diaries now!

**One year on from the revamp of the Supporters' Club we are looking to move the organisation forward** and need help from fellow members/supporters who have specific skills that will enhance those already possessed by the Management Committee. At the moment we are looking for somebody to help out in all aspects of **marketing the Supporters' Club**. As with all our officials, any appointment would be on a voluntary basis, with no remuneration payable.

**If you would like to offer your services please write to us c/o The Development Association Office, ITFC, Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA.**

# Stat Attack!

As the long journey of 1997/98 begins, the Matchday Programme looks back at all the highs and lows of last season to bring you the ultimate stats guide to Town's 1996/97 campaign...

## FINAL RECORD

League: 4th

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
46	20	14	12	68	50	74

FA Cup: 3rd Round

Coca-Cola Cup: Quarter-Final

## THE PLAYERS

Name	League Games	(sub)
Gerry Creaney	6	
Jason Cundy	13	
Kieron Dyer	2	(11)
Craig Forrest	6	
Neil Gregory	10	(7)
Niklas Gudmundsson	2	(6)
Stephen Howe	2	(1)
Earl Jean	-	(1)
Ian Marshall	2	
Paul Mason	41	(2)
Alex Mathie	11	(1)
Simon Milton	8	(15)
Tony Mowbray	8	
Richard Naylor	19	(8)
Stuart Niven	2	
Bobby Petta	1	(5)
James Scowcroft	40	(1)
Steve Sedgley	39	
Danny Sonner	22	(7)
Mick Stockwell	42	(1)
Chris Swailes	23	
Adam Tanner	10	(6)
Mauricio Taricco	41	
Claus Thomsen	10	(1)
Gus Uhlenbeek	34	(4)
Tony Vaughan	27	(5)
John Wark	2	
Geraint Williams	43	
Richard Wright	40	

## WRIGHT RESULT

It was another impressive season between the sticks by young Richard Wright in the Town goal. Of the 14 clean-sheets kept by the boys in Blue last season, Richard had the gloves on for 12 of them, with Craig Forrest wearing the number one shirt in the other two matches. Our first shut-out of the campaign came away at Crystal Palace on September 10th (Craig Forrest), with the last blank registered at Portsmouth in the penultimate game of the season on April 25th (Richard Wright).



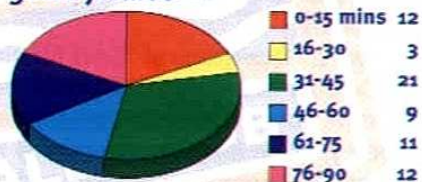
**Total Clean Sheets: 14**  
Home: 6      Away: 8

**Most successive victories: 5 games**  
**Longest run without defeat: 10 games**  
**Longest run without a win: 6 games**  
**Longest run without scoring a goal: 2 games**  
**Longest run without conceding a goal: 5 games**

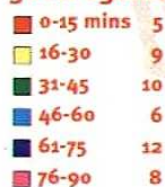
## GOALS CRAZY

Town scored a total of 68 goals in the League last term, with 50 conceded. The boys in Blue failed to find the net in just 12 of their 46 matches, while in 18 games they scored at least twice.

### goals for...68



### goals against...50



**Goals Scored at home: 44**  
**Goals Scored away: 24**  
**Goals Conceded at home: 23**  
**Goals Conceded away: 27**

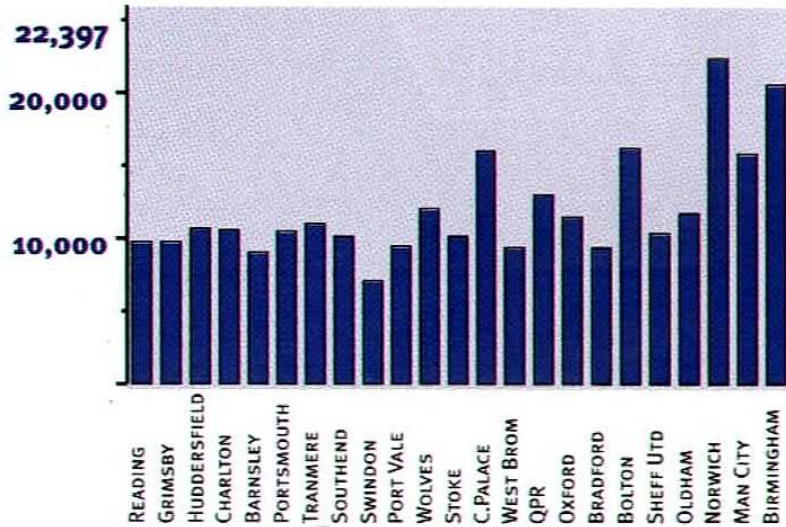
## HIGHS AND LOWS

**Biggest home win: 5-0 v West Brom**  
**Biggest away win: 4-0 v Swindon**  
**Heaviest home defeat: 1-3 v Huddersfield**  
**Heaviest away defeat: 0-3 v Tranmere**

## CROWDED HOUSE

Town's **biggest** home crowd last season - not surprisingly - was for the 'derby' match against **Norwich**, when **22,397** packed into Portman Road to see a 2-0 victory. Lowest crowd was a mere 7,086 for Swindon at home - let's hope there's a few more here this evening! The average home gate was 12,024.

Away from Portman Road our top attendance came at Maine Road, with 29,126 watching ITFC at Man City, while a meagre 5,339 turned out to see Town take on Oldham at Boundary Park. Average away from home was 12,421.



## WHO SCORED THEM...

Name	League	FA Cup	CCC Play-Offs	Total
Paul Mason	12	-	3	15
James Scowcroft	9	-	1	11
Alex Mathie	4	-	5	9
Mick Stockwell	7	-	1	9
Steve Sedgley	7	-	1	8
Neil Gregory	6	-	-	6
Richard Naylor	4	-	1	5
Adam Tanner	4	-	-	4
Niklas Gudmundsson	2	-	1	3
Danny Sonner	2	-	1	3
Mauricio Taricco	3	-	-	3
Jason Cundy	2	-	-	2
Tony Vaughan	2	-	-	2
Gerry Creaney	1	-	-	1
Ian Marshall	-	-	1	1
Simon Milton	-	-	1	1
Chris Swalles	1	-	-	1
Geraint Williams	1	-	-	1
Own Goals	1	-	-	1

## ...AND HOW

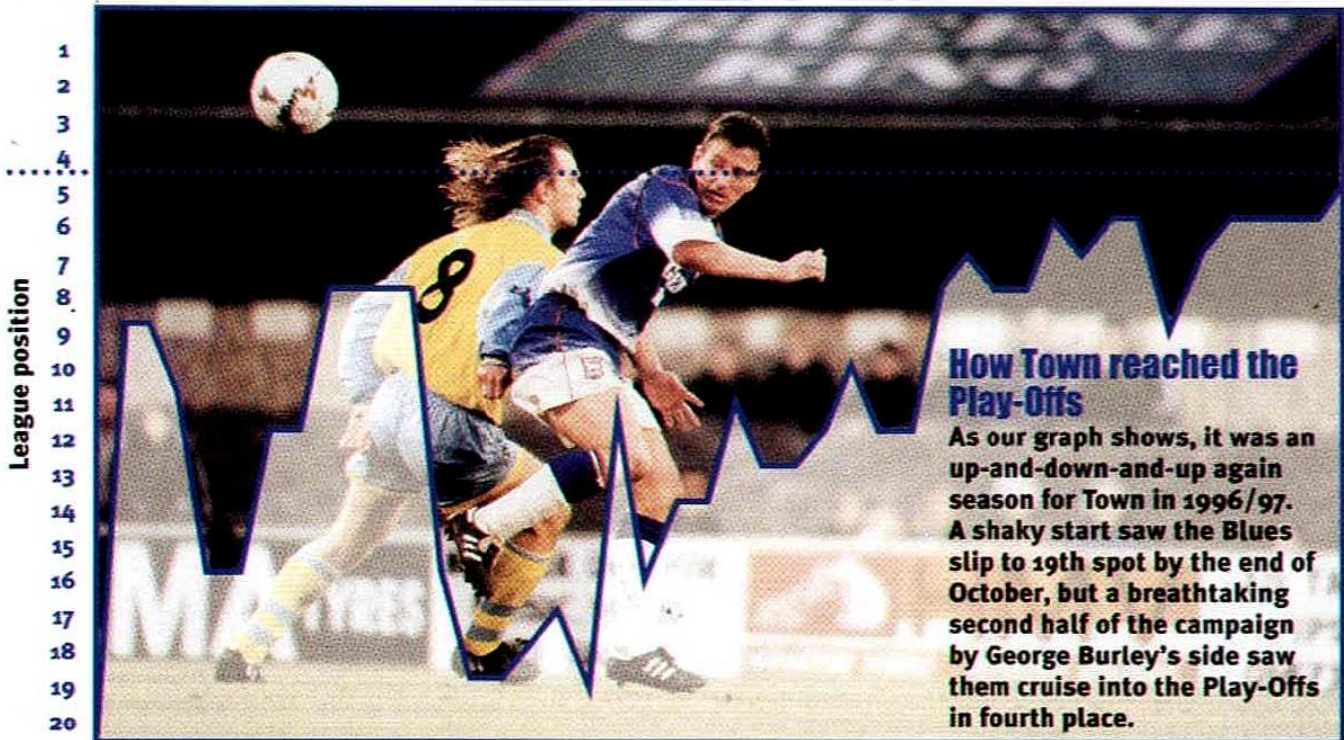
	For	Against
Shots on Target	263	213
Corners	284	263
Free-kicks	536	520



1996/97 was a good season for Chris Swalles. He played 23 games and scored his first senior goal for the Club.

## Tiny Einstein's Town Trivia...

Town's five game spell without conceding a goal in 1996/97 created a new club record for shut-outs. From April 5th (v Oldham) to April 25th (v Portsmouth) the defence was unbeaten. The goal that halted the drought was scored for Birmingham City by Paul Devlin after 81 minutes of the final League game of last season.



## How Town reached the Play-Offs

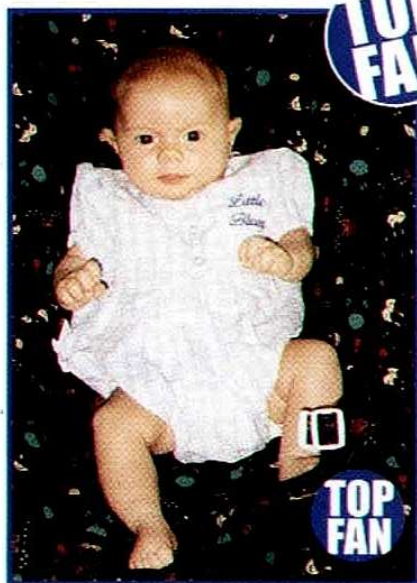
As our graph shows, it was an up-and-down-and-up again season for Town in 1996/97. A shaky start saw the Blues slip to 19th spot by the end of October, but a breathtaking second half of the campaign by George Burley's side saw them cruise into the Play-Offs in fourth place.



Jason  
**Cundy**



# Around town



**TOP FAN**

## Top Fan

Our second Top Fan of the new season is 9-week-old Eleanor Jerman, from East Molesey in Surrey, who is pictured in her 'Little Bluey' outfit at the beginning of the season. Her picture was sent in by her dad, lifelong Town fan Bill Jerman.

Are you a Top Town Fan? If so, send us a picture and a brief explanation of why you should feature in the Matchday Programme and you could appear in these very pages. Post to Top Fan, Matchday Programme, Ipswich Town Football Club, Portman Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2DA.

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If you are fit enough to take up the challenge and help Ipswich Town come out on top then we want to hear from you. Please contact Richard Powell in the Development Association Office in Portman Road, or Tel: (01473) 400543.

The Flora London Marathon awards a trophy to the first football club runner to cross the finish line from each of the divisions.

Last year our runner was Valerie Nutley, who came a creditable 11th in 4 hours, 35 mins...well done Valerie.

## Testimonial for Simon Milton



**MILTS**  
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Popular midfielder Simon Milton - IFFC 'Player of the Year' in 1995/96 - has been granted a testimonial season by the club.

Simon tells us that there are still places available on his first event of the season, a Golf Day at Thetford Golf Course on Wednesday 1st October, where several Town stars will be taking part.

Any companies or individuals who can get together a team of four players can enter. Anybody wanting further information on the Golf Day, or anything else concerning Simon's Testimonial, can ring Dominic on: (01284) 705275.

## Happy Birthdays

Several Town stars have been celebrating their birthdays in recent weeks.

So many happy returns are the order of the day for: Mark Burgess (19.08.78), Wayne Brown (20.08.77), Simon Milton (23.08.63) and Gus Uhlenbeek (28.08.70).

Happy birthday guys!

## Penpal Plea

You may have thought they'd disappeared, but the Blues Penpal lonely hearts line is still in business. Tonight's request for pen pals comes from 14-year-old Milen Boevsky, from Bulgaria, who says that he watches every Town match on cable TV and wisely states that ITFC are "the best team in England." He deserves a letter for that alone. If you'd like to write to Milen you can reach him at: 80 Svistovska Street, Post Box 19, Gabrovo, Bulgaria.

## The Bride wore Blue, the Groom wore White

Town fans Sue Fisher and Gary Steed tied the knot during the summer - with the bride resplendent in a flowing blue dress and the groom dressed in a white suit. To complete the ITFC feel, Sue's son Richard, 7, and Gary's son Daniel, 9, both wore Town kits for the service, which took place at Stowmarket United Reformed Church. When you take into account that the couple each drive blue cars with the digits on the registration plates reading ITFC, it is probably safe to say that they were the only couple HOPING for a case of wedding day Blues! Congratulations to you both.



## Fixture Change

The Youth team's South East Counties League match against Gillingham on Saturday 6th September will now be played at Bent Lane, kick-off 10.45am. This is due to changes in the electric supply at Portman Road.

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# History

## *in the making*

**Football historian Leigh Edwards picks out the headline stories from this month over the 60 years of League football at Portman Road.**

### **1946 - Canaries Caned**

Albert Day's hat-trick and two goals by Tommy Parker gave the following Ipswich Town team a thrilling 5-0 Third Division (South) win over Norwich City in the first post-war League 'derby' clash watched by 20,120 at Portman Road on 7th September 1946: Mick Burns, George Rumbold, Ossie Parry, Dave Bell, Matt O'Mahony, George Perrett, Jack Connor, Harry Baird, Albert Day, Tommy Parker, Jack Roy. It remained Ipswich's biggest League victory over their East Anglian rivals until equalled in February 1977, and Scott Duncan's team completed the 'double' over Norwich with a 1-0 win at Carrow Road four months later. Both Albert Day and Tommy Parker were making their League debut, with the latter going on to play a then record 428 League games for Ipswich before a recurring back-injury ended his career.

### **1954 - Reed is First International**

Three weeks after scoring in Ipswich Town's 6-1 Second Division trouncing of Middlesbrough, outside-right Billy Reed became the club's first international when

he made his debut for Wales as the following team lost 3-1 to Yugoslavia at Ninian Park on 22nd September 1954: Jack Kelsey, Walley Barnes, Alf Sherwood, Roy Paul, John Charles, Dave Bowen, Billy Reed, Derek Tapscott, Trevor Ford, Ivor Allchurch, Roy Clarke. Retaining his place as Wales lost 1-0 to Scotland a month later, Reed had joined Ipswich from Brighton for £1,750 in July 1953 and starred in the 1953/54 and 1956/57 Third Division (South) title successes. He netted 43 goals in 155 League games for Ipswich prior to joining Swansea Town for £3,000 in February 1958.

### **1962 - Record Euro Triumph**

A week after League Champions Ipswich Town celebrated their debut in European competition with a 4-1 European Cup preliminary round first-leg win over Floriana in Malta, goals by Ray Crawford (5), Doug Moran (2), Ted Phillips (2) and John Elsworthy gave the following team a record 10-0 second leg victory over the Maltese Champions in front of 25,287 at Portman Road on 25th September 1962: Roy Bailey, Ken

Malcolm, John Compton, Bill Baxter, John Lural, John Elsworthy, Roy Stephenson, Doug Moran, Ray Crawford, Ted Phillips, Bobby Blackwood. England centre-forward Crawford's five goal haul remained a post-war club record until equalled by Alan Brazil in February 1982, while inside-left Phillips subsequently had a spell as Floriana's player-coach.

### **1967 - Wigg's Debut Double**

Teenage striker Ron Wigg scored twice on his League debut as the following Ipswich Town team gained a 3-1 Second Division win over Carlisle United watched by 14,183 at Portman Road on 30th September 1967: Ken Hancock, Tommy Carroll, Billy Houghton, Colin Viljoen, Bill Baxter, Mick McNeil, Charlie Woods, Danny Hegan, Ron Wigg, Eddie Spearritt. A former Orient apprentice, Wigg had signed professional for Ipswich five months earlier and was destined to repeat his two goal feat at home to Birmingham City in January 1968, helping Ipswich to win the Second Division title in 1967/68 and netting 14 goals in 37 League games before joining Watford with Charlie Woods in June 1970.

### **1971 - Irish International signed**

Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson signed Blackburn Rovers'

Northern Ireland international central defender Allan Hunter for £60,000 plus Bobby Bell in September 1971. Starting with his goalkeeping brother Vic at Coleraine, 'Big Al' had joined Oldham Athletic for £5,000 in January 1967 and moved to Blackburn for £30,000 in June 1969 where he was ever-present in 1970/71. Unable to prevent Ipswich's 2-1 First Division defeat at home to Leicester City on his debut, he subsequently formed an outstanding defensive partnership with Kevin Beattie as Ipswich mounted successive title challenges and won the FA Cup in 1978. Capped 47 times while at Portman Road, he scored eight goals in 280 First Division outings before joining Colchester United as player-manager in April 1982.

#### 1979 - Geddis sold to Villa

Ipswich Town's England 'B' international striker David Geddis moved to First Division rivals Aston Villa for £300,000 in September 1979. He had scored in Ipswich's second FA Youth Cup Final triumph in three years shortly before signing professional from apprentice under Bobby Robson in August 1975. Making his League debut in February 1977, while on loan to Luton Town, he set up Ipswich's FA Cup-winning goal at Wembley in 1978 and netted five times in 43 First Division outings before his move to Villa Park. He was destined to help Villa pip

Ipswich to the League Championship in 1980/81 and was a member of their European Cup-winning squad the following season, later reuniting with Ron Saunders at Birmingham City.

#### 1982 - County hit for Six

Bottom of the table Ipswich Town gained their first League win of the 1982/83 campaign as goals by Paul Mariner (2), Alan Brazil, John Wark, Frans Thijssen and Steve McCall gave the following team a thrilling 6-0 First Division victory at Notts County on 25th September 1982: Laurie Sivell, George Burley, Mick Mills, Frans Thijssen, Russell Osman, Terry Butcher, John Wark, Steve McCall, Paul Mariner, Alan Brazil, Eric Gates. It remains Ipswich's biggest away win in the League and the First Division programme that day produced 50 goals with Watford registering an amazing 8-0 victory over Sunderland. The Ipswich revival continued as they defeated leaders Liverpool 1-0 at Portman Road in their next match a week later.

#### 1988 - Milton tames Shrews

Simon Milton's first League hat-trick plus goals from Jason Dozzell and Frank Yallop gave the following Ipswich Town team an emphatic 5-1 Second Division win at Shrewsbury Town on 20th September 1988: Craig Forrest, Frank Yallop, David Hill, Mick Stockwell, Tony Humes, David Linighan, David Lowe, Jason

Dozzell, Simon Milton, Dalian Atkinson, John Wark. Popular midfielder Milton had joined Ipswich from Bury Town for £5,000 in July 1987 after impressing in the Eastern Counties League and spent loan spells at Exeter City and Torquay United during the 1987/88 campaign. Rejecting a chance to join rivals Norwich City in the summer of 1989, he was destined to be an influential figure in Ipswich's 1991/92 Second Division title success and was voted 'Player of the Year' in 1995/96.

#### 1993 - Slater follows Lyall

Former England U21 and 'B' international midfielder Stuart Slater was reunited with John Lyall at Portman Road after Ipswich Town paid £750,000 to Celtic for him in 1993. An ex-West Ham apprentice, Slater had signed professional under John Lyall in March 1987 and starred in the Hammers' 1990/91 promotion triumph and FA Cup run. Following Liam Brady to Celtic for a record £1.5 million in August 1992, he played alongside Tony Mowbray as they defeated Cologne in that season's UEFA Cup. He netted four goals in 72 League outings for Ipswich, an experienced figure as Town tried to regain Premiership status at the first attempt in 1995/96. But persistent injury problems led to his release at the start of the 1996/97 campaign and he followed a trial spell at Leicester with a permanent move to Watford.

Ray Crawford hits five

Simon Milton hits three

Stuart Slater hits the road



# Community

The ITFC Football in the Community team is: David Brooks, Bridget Gooding & Sandra Lucas

**Welcome everybody and let's hope Tuesday nights can become regular goal nights - just like last week!**

**Talk about Barnsley thinking they watch Brazil, some of our play and passing...well eat your heart out 'The Copacabana Kids'.**

**Remember, make plenty of noise tonight and let's start building that 'wall of sound' for John Williams.**

## JBs and Family News

"No, you have school this week!". Well, if you are sitting with us in the Family Enclosure and reading this, then I guess you won't have that particular debate. Good one!

Anyway, everything is ready: uniform pressed, new shoes scuffed, multi-colour pen in the jacket. So what's to do? What holiday homework? And that's just the teachers!

Where else are you going to be with the Blues at home? And, of course, you have to mark the end of the school holidays somehow.

Three in a row, and plenty to come - aren't we...busy since the delayed home kick-off!

### Barmy Army

Never mind three in a row, there is a large contingent of 'Burley's Barmy Army' that have taken in several games already. Magnificent support at QPR and Charlton continued on the trip up to Bradford.

I was away for the first two, but joined the more recent migration to West Yorkshire. Neat ground and

friendly club and all those new Blue shirts. Let's not mention the result.

Maybe I'll see you up at Birmingham (don't forget they play in Blue!) and Huddersfield. And, of course, we have a Friday night out in Norwich to look forward to!

Family Fans and JB's travel plans are uncertain as I write this, but there is no harm in asking me if you think that there's the chance of a Family Day Out. And, of course, always check out the PUNCH CLUB for up-to-the-minute information.

### Junior Blues News

We have tonight the first of an occasional series of interviews with our contributions by JB members.

On the Bradford trip I took the opportunity to have a chat with **CHRIS BARKER**.

Chris, who is 10-years-old, has been supporting the Blues home and away for some while now. Five years he tells me.

Like the rest of you, though, Chris is back to school this week - for him it's **WORLINGWORTH C.E.**



**PRIMARY**, where he is joined by his sister Beverly.

Bev has also joined Chris on some of his football visits, and I am told by very reliable sources that she wears the new goalkeeper's top with much pride.

**Question:** So, who is your favourite player Chris?

**Answer:** Kieron Dyer.

*Not much doubt about this one, and I believe that liking was enormously enhanced when Kieron supported the Worlingworth May Day celebrations this year.*

**Q** After last years excitement, I asked Chris what he was hoping for and expecting this time round.

**A** I expect Ipswich to get that automatic promotion spot this season and we'll also beat Norwich both times.

*Sounds like a true Blue to me.*

**Q** Who will be up there in the end?

**A** Apart from Ipswich: Forest, Middlesbrough and Wolves.

**Q** What about the Champions?

**A** Ipswich.

*I should probably have guessed.*

# Centre

**Q** We have a strong squad at Ipswich, and it is a team game, but which players do you expect to make a big impact this season?  
**A** Richard Wright again, because he is such a good 'keeper, and Kieron of course. I think Alex Mathie too, once he's back in regular action. And Bobby Petta because he's just so skilful and exciting to watch.

Chris has been a regular traveller on the Family Bus over the past few seasons, and at other times with Dad in the car.

**Q** Favourite other stadium?

**A** Molineux.

**Q** What about your most memorable visit?

**A** Well I was the JB's mascot for the match at Norwich in March 1995, so it has to be that one.

**Q** Finally Chris, what other activities have you enjoyed (I hope that's the right word!) with the Junior Blues?

**A** We've been ten-pin bowling a couple of times, played football with other juniors before the games, including Norwich, and I've been in some of the relay races around the pitch.

*Cheers Chris, keep the faith!*

Any other JB's with things to say, get in touch. Just write to me: John Williams, Ipswich Town FC, Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA.

Meantime, make some noise and enjoy the game. John Williams

## JB Monthly Award



A new feature for the 1997/98 season will be the monthly presentation to three worthy Junior Blues of the new 'Blue Awards'.

Nominations can be sent to Sandra or Bridget in the Community Department for your son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew etc., or even yourself - if you're that sort of modest person (not!) - if you think that person should be a recipient of this Mega Award.

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### ● GOOD CITIZENSHIP

You are regularly helping others (and I don't mean with their homework). Maybe mowing Gran's lawn if she's not able, or just being an all-round nice person (*aah, if only I were a JB...*).

### ● BRAVERY

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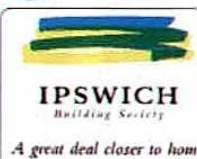
### ● STAR PERFORMER

Perhaps you have just won a talent show while on holiday, or got straight 'As' in your GCSE's.

**If you know - or you are - a worthy nominee, please let us know. Don't be shy, drop Sandra or Bridget a line highlighting that special something that sets you apart from us mere mortals.**

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### IPSWICH MASCOTS

**Name:** Ian Dawson

**Age:** 7

**From:** Lowestoft

**School:** Poplars

**Hobbies:** Football

**Fave Player:** James Scowcroft



**Name:** Wayne Grimwood

**Age:** 10

**From:** Hadleigh

**Hobbies:** Football, fishing

**Fave Player:** Mauricio Taricco



### SWINDON MASCOT

**Name:** Robert Bowden

**Age:** 12

**From:** Colchester

**School:** Sir Charles Lucas

**Hobbies:** Football, tennis, computer games

**Fave Player:** Fraser Digby



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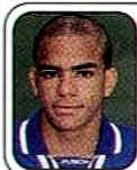
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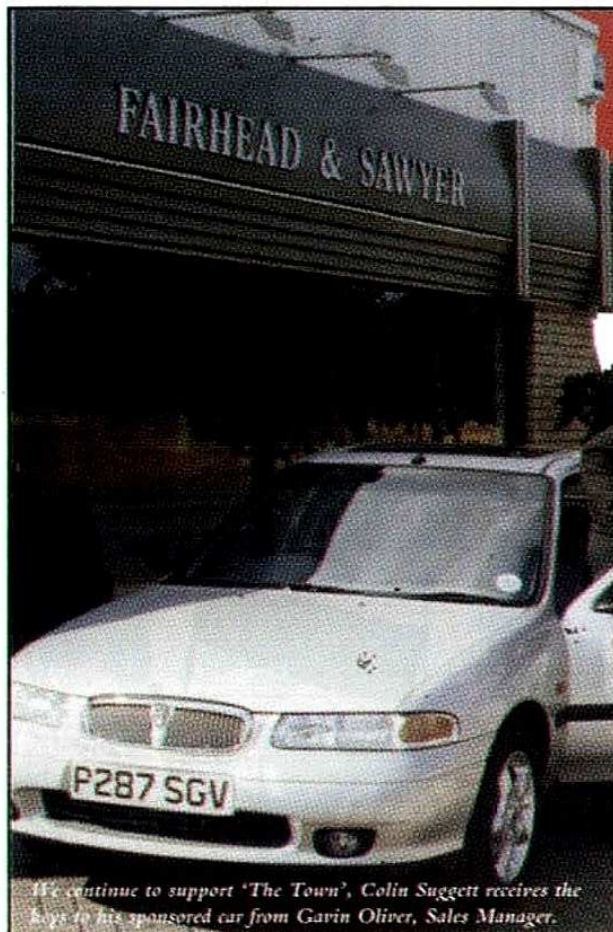
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In Opposition...In Opposition...In Opposition...

# The Visitors



Swindon Town

This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Swindon Town Football Club to Portman Road for this Nationwide League match.

After their yo-yo habits of recent seasons it must have come as something of a surprise to Robins' fans that - after a bright enough start - their club was neither in promotion contention nor relegation danger come the end of the 1996/97 campaign.

The last time our two sides met was as recently as April, when Swindon were in the middle of a soul-destroying run of just one victory in 11 games. Ipswich triumphed 4-0 at the County Ground that afternoon, the goals coming from Chris Swales, Mick Stockwell, Steve Sedgley and Niklas Gudmundsson.

The Robins netted only 52 times in the League last season, and with a Thorne out of their side - the close season loss of striker Peter will be keenly felt - the Robins could struggle for goals again in 1997/98.

contract over the summer. Played second fiddle to Digby for the majority of last season after starting as first choice.

**Born:** Melbourne, Aust'lia, 20.07.72

**Height:** 6ft 1in **Weight:** 13st 8lb

**League record last season:** 15/0

**Honours:** Div Two title 1996;

Australia U21 caps

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
From Sunshine George Cross, Australia				
92/93	Blackburn	-	-	Free
92/93	Hartlepool	14	-	Loan
93/94 - 95/96	Blackburn	-	-	Returned
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	31	-	£150,000

**Other Goalkeepers include: Steve Mildenhall (ex-YTS)**

## DEFENDERS

### IAN CULVERHOUSE

Highly experienced ex-Norwich favourite who has yet to score a League goal in more than 14 years as a professional.

**Born:** Bishop's Stortford, 22.09.64

**Height:** 5ft 10in **Weight:** 11st 2lb

**League record last season:** 31/0

**Honours:** Div Two title 1986, 1996;

England Youth caps

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
82/83 - 85/86	Tottenham	2	-	Trainee
85/86 - 94/95	Norwich	296	-	£50,000
94/95 - 96/97	Swindon	86	-	£250,000

## Did You Know?

Although Town are currently nicknamed 'The Robins', they used to be known as 'The Moonrakers' after an old Wiltshire legend.

Mark Robinson



## GOALKEEPERS

### FRASER DIGBY

The Robins' 'Player of the Year' for last season, when he also celebrated his Testimonial at the club. Replaced by Frank Talia in the early part of last season, he fought hard to win back his place.

**Born:** Sheffield, 23.04.67

**Height:** 6ft 2in **Weight:** 13st 10lb

**League record last season:** 31

games, 0 goals

**Honours:** Div Two title 1996

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
84/85 - 85/86	Man Utd	-	-	Trainee
85/86	Oldham	-	-	Loan
86/86	Swindon	-	-	Loan
86/87	Man Utd	-	-	Returned
86/87 - 92/93	Swindon	256	-	£32,000
92/93	Man Utd	-	-	Loan
93/94 - 96/97	Swindon	123	-	Returned

### FRANK TALIA

An agile shot-stopper who recently signed a new three-year deal with the club after holding out on a

# The Visitors

## Swindon Town

### FREDERIC DARRAS

Versatile defensive player who can operate anywhere across the back four and also in midfield. He also has European experience with Auxerre.

**Born:** Calais, France, 19.08.66  
**Height:** 6ft **Weight:** 11st 6lb  
**League record last season:** 35/0  
**Honours:** France Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
90/91 - 91/92	Auxerre, Fra	27	-	Trainee
92/93 - 93/94	Sochaux, Fra	54	-	Unknown
94/95 - 95/96	Bastia, Fra	39	-	Unknown
96/97	Swindon	35	-	Free

### JASON DRYSDALE

Naturally a left-back, he has found his appearances seriously limited due to a succession of injuries over the last two years.

**Born:** Bristol, 17.11.70  
**Height:** 5ft 10in **Weight:** 13st  
**League record last season:** 14/0  
**Honours:** FA Youth Cup 1989; Div Two title 1996; England Youth caps; Football League Rep XI

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
88/89 - 93/94	Watford	145	11	Trainee
94/95	Newcastle	-	-	£425,000
94/95 - 96/97	Swindon	28	-	£340,000

### GARY ELKINS

Tough-tackling left-sided player who has spent most of his career at full-back, but made several appearances in the centre of defence for the Robins last term.

**Born:** Wallingford, 04.05.66  
**Height:** 5ft 9in **Weight:** 13st  
**League record last season:** 23/1  
**Honours:** England Youth caps

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
83/84 - 89/90	Fulham	104	2	Trainee
89/90	Exeter	5	-	Loan
90/91 - 96/97	Wimbledon	110	3	£20,000
96/97	Swindon	23	1	£100,000

### PHIL KING

Now in his second spell at the County Ground, having previously played under Lou Macari. A string of serious injuries have restricted him in recent seasons.

**Born:** Bristol, 28.12.67  
**Height:** 5ft 11in **Weight:** 12st 9lb  
**League record last season:** 5/0  
**Honours:** League Cup 1991; England 'B' cap

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
84/85 - 85/86	Exeter	27	-	Trainee
86/87	Torquay	24	3	£3,000
86/87 - 89/90	Swindon	116	4	£155,000
89/90 - 93/94	Sheff Wed	129	2	£400,000
93/94	Notts Co	6	-	Loan
94/95 - 95/96	Aston Villa	16	-	£250,000
95/96	West Brom	4	-	Loan
96/97	Aston Villa	-	-	Returned
96/97	Swindon	5	-	Free

### ALAN McDONALD

Hugely experienced former Northern Ireland skipper who was released from QPR during the summer. Still a strong and commanding presence at the back.

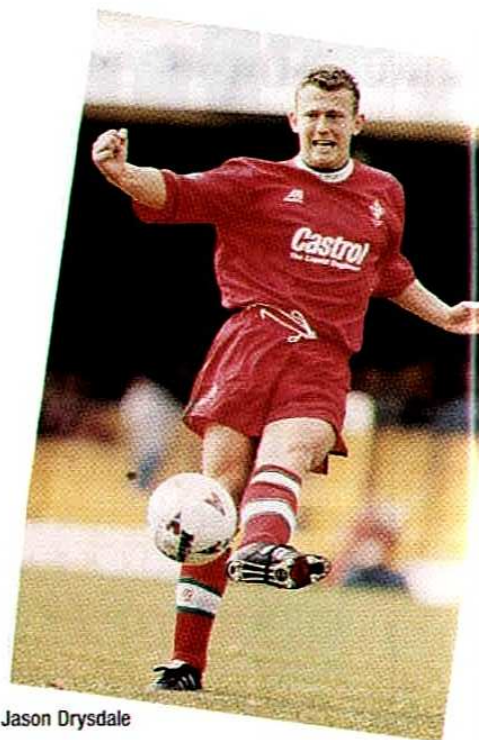
**Born:** Belfast, 12.10.63  
**Height:** 6ft 2in **Weight:** 13st 11lb  
**League record last season:** 39/2  
**Honours:** N.Ireland Schools, Full caps

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
81/82 - 82/83	QPR	-	-	Trainee
82/83	Charlton	9	-	Loan
83/84 - 96/97	QPR	402	13	Returned
To Swindon				Free

### MARK ROBINSON

Full-back or central defender who was Swindon's record signing when he joined the club in July 1994. Missed just four games in Swindon's 52-match programme last season.

**Born:** Rochdale, 21.11.68



Jason Drysdale

**Height:** 5ft 10in **Weight:** 12st 4lb  
**League record last season:** 43/1  
**Honours:** Div Two title 1996

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
85/86 - 86/87	West Brom	2	-	Trainee
87/88 - 92/93	Barnsley	137	6	Free
92/93 - 93/94	Newcastle	25	-	£450,000
94/95 - 96/97	Swindon	129	2	£600,000

### MARK SEAGRAVES

Swindon's club captain last season, until injury brought his 1996/97 to a premature close. Made his League debut while on loan at Norwich.

**Born:** Bootle, 22.10.66  
**Height:** 6ft **Weight:** 13st 12lb  
**League record last season:** 28/0  
**Honours:** Div Two title 1996; England Schools, Youth caps

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
83/84 - 86/87	Liverpool	-	-	Trainee
86/87	Norwich	3	-	Loan
87/88	Liverpool	-	-	Returned
87/88 - 89/90	Man City	42	-	£100,000
90/91 - 94/95	Bolton	157	7	£100,000
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	56	-	£100,000

**Other Defenders include:** Craig Taylor (from Dorchester, Apr 1997,

**£25,000. Brother of ex-Swindon player Shaun); Michael Pattimore (ex-YTS, Wales Youth captain)**

## MIDFIELD

### DARREN BULLOCK

Well publicised off-field problems saw this tough-tackling midfield powerhouse allowed to leave Huddersfield in a cut-price deal in February 1997, signing a three and a half year contract with the Robins.

**Born:** Worcester, 12.02.69

**Height:** 5ft 8in **Weight:** 12st 7lb

**League record last season:** 40/2

(including 27/1 for Huddersfield)

**Honours:** None

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
<b>From Nuneaton Borough, non-League</b>				
93/94 - 96/97	Huddersfield	128	16	£55,000
96/97	Swindon	13	1	£400,000

### PHILIPPE CUERVO

Former St.Etienne midfielder who has a great touch and signed a three year contract with the club on the eve of the current campaign. Likes to run at defenders with the ball.

**Born:** Ris-Orangis, France, 13.08.69

**League record last season:** 0/0

**Honours:** None

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
<b>From Sochaux, France</b>				
		-	-	Free

### SCOTT LEITCH

Joined Town on loan as they coasted to the Division Two title in 1996, and moved down

## Club Statistics

### Top Five League Goalscorers Last Season

<b>Wayne Allison</b> .....	<b>11</b>
Peter Thorne .....	8
Kevin Horlock .....	8
Mark Walters .....	7
Steve Cowe .....	6

### Record Last Season

League:	19th
FA Cup:	3rd Round
Coca-Cola Cup:	3rd Round

permanently in July 1996. Plays a holding role just in front of the back four.

**Born:** Motherwell, 06.10.69

**Height:** 5ft 8in **Weight:** 11st 10lb

**League record last season:** 36/0

**Honours:** None

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
<b>From Shettleston Juniors</b>				
90/91 - 92/93	Dunfermline	89	16	Free
93/94 - 95/96	Hearts	55	2	Unknown
95/96	Swindon	7	-	Loan
96/97	Swindon	36	-	£15,000

### ALEX SMITH

Signed initially as a left-back - a problem position for Swindon last season - he played all but one of his games in midfield, but struggled for form in 1996/97.

**Born:** Liverpool, 15.02.76

**Height:** 5ft 7in **Weight:** 10st 6lb

**League record last season:** 18/1

**Honours:** None

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
94/95 - 95/96	Everton	-	-	Trainee
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	26	1	Free

### MARK WALTERS

A creative force for the Robins and a one-time team-mate of manager Steve McMahon at both Liverpool and Villa. Troubled by injury in the second half of last season, his creative skills were sorely missed at the County Ground.

**Born:** Birmingham, 02.06.64

**Height:** 5ft 9in **Weight:** 11st 8lb

**League record last season:** 27/7

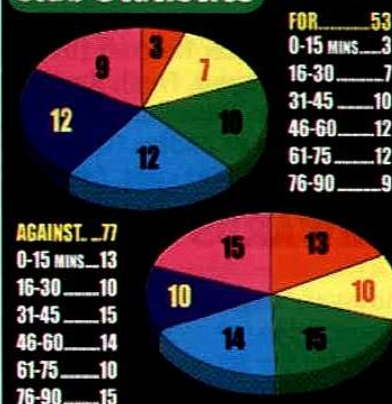
**Honours:** FA Youth Cup 1980; Euro Super Cup 1982; Scot Premier title 1989, 1990, 1991; Scot League Cup 1989, 1991; FA Cup 1992; England Schools, Youth, U21, 'B', Full caps

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
81/82 - 87/88	Aston Villa	181	39	Trainee
87/88 - 90/91	Rangers	106	32	£500,000
91/92 - 93/94	Liverpool	76	14	£1.25 m
93/94	Stoke	9	2	Loan
94/95	Liverpool	18	-	Returned
94/95	Wolves	11	3	Loan
95/96	Liverpool	-	-	Returned
95/96	Southampton	5	-	Free
96/97	Swindon	27	7	Free

**Other Midfielders include:**

**Wayne O'Sullivan (ex-YTS),**

## Club Statistics



**The times that Swindon Town scored and conceded in the League last season.**



Mark Walters

## In Opposition...In Opposition...In Opposition...

**Ty Gooden** (from Wycombe, Sept 1993, Free); **Peter Holcroft** (from Everton, Nov 1996, Free); **Kevin Watson** (from Tottenham, July 1996, Free); **Lee Collins** (from Albion Rovers, Nov 1995, £15,000)

### FORWARDS

#### WAYNE ALLISON

Known as 'The Chief', Wayne finished 1996/97 as Town's top scorer for the second successive season despite a disappointing second half of the campaign. Powerful in the air and on the ground.

**Born:** Huddersfield, 16.10.68

**Height:** 6ft 1in **Weight:** 13st 5lb

**League record last season:** 41/11

**Honours:** Div Two title 1996

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
86/87 - 88/89	Halifax	84	23	Trainee
89/90	Watford	7	-	£250,000
90/91 - 94/95	Bristol C.	195	48	£300,000
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	85	28	£475,000

#### STEVE COWE

Livewire front-man who has great pace and skill on the ball. Despite a lack of inches, the Robins have got high hopes for this former Villa man.

**Born:** Gloucester, 22.09.77

**Height:** 5ft 6in **Weight:** 10st 10lb

**League record last season:** 38/6

**Honours:** None

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
93/94 - 95/96	Aston Villa	-	-	Trainee
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	49	7	£100,000

### Club Statistics



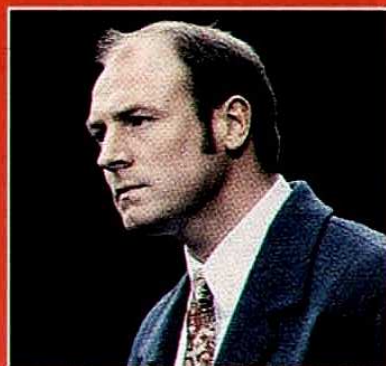
Swindon's biggest League win at Portman Road was 1-5 on 27th October 1951, their biggest defeat was 6-2 on 3rd September 1955.

## The Boss...Steve McMahon

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

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

After picking up the Division Two trophy at the end of his first full season in charge in 1995/96, McMahon declared the moment as the highlight of his career - some claim from a man who has won three League Championships, two FA Cups and three Charity Shields, not to mention the small matter of 17 England caps.



Liverpool born and bred, McMahon was on Everton's books as a youngster and made his debut at Sunderland in August 1980, before moving to Villa in 1983, where he emerged as a midfield general of the highest order. His career in the Midlands was short-lived, however, and Kenny Dalglish took him back to Merseyside in a £375,000 deal in September 1985.

#### STEVE FINNEY

After a brilliant start to life in Swindon colours, Steve broke an ankle in March 1996 and hasn't looked the same player since. Excellent movement off the ball and a good eye for goal.

**Born:** Hexham, 31.10.73

**Height:** 5ft 11in **Weight:** 13st

**League record last season:** 20/2

**Honours:** Div Two title 1996

ERA	CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	FEE
91/92 - 92/93	Preston	6	1	Trainee
93/94 - 94/95	Man City	-	-	Free
95/96 - 96/97	Swindon	50	14	Free

**Other Forwards include:** Chris Hay (from Celtic, August 1997, £330,000); Alex Finlayson (ex-YTS).

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Wayne Allison

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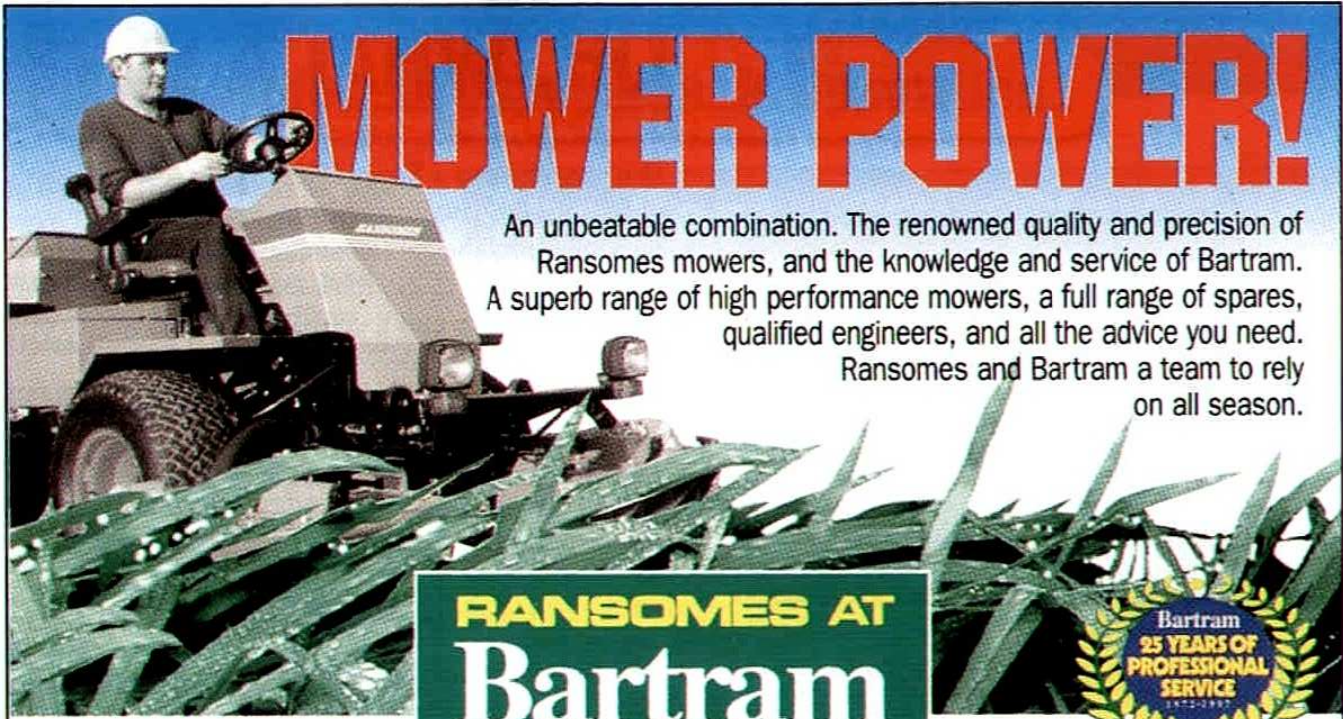
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Next at Portman Road...Next at Portman Road...



# Coming up



Torquay United

Coca-Cola Cup Second Round, first leg

Tuesday 16th September, 7.45pm

**A Look at Last Season - 1996/97**

**Player of the Year:** Alex Watson  
**Top Scorer:** Rodney Jack (10)

**Last Season:** *Didn't play*

**Biggest Home Win**  
 3-1, v Fulham  
**Heaviest Home Defeat**  
 0-3, v Wigan

**Biggest Away Win**  
 3-2, v Darlington  
**Heaviest Away Defeat**  
 1-5, v Carlisle

**Coca-Cola Cup:** 1st Round, v Bristol C., L4-3 on agg.

**How The Chances Arrived**

	For	Against
⊕ Shots on Target	234	235
⊕ Corners	257	285
⊕ Free-kicks	463	492

**Club File**

**Ground:** Plainmoor  
**Colours:** Yellow and navy striped shirts; navy shorts; navy socks  
**Change Colours:** All white  
**Sponsors:** Westward Devel'ments  
**Nickname:** The Gulls  
**Head Coach:** Kevin Hodges

The next visitors to Portman Road will be Torquay, who come to Town in the Second Leg of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday 16th September, kick-off 7.45pm.

The Gulls have already gone one round better than last season, and the Third Division outfit will be itching to take a pop at a side from Division One.

There is quite a Town connection with the Plainmoor club. Both Simon Milton (in 1987/88) and Neil Gregory (last season) have had spells on loan down on the 'English Riviera', while former Blues favourite Steve McCall is now a valuable member of Kevin Hodges' squad.

Main dangerman for the Gulls is St.Vincent international Rodney Jack, who had trial spells with Newcastle and Sunderland last season. Jack top scored with ten goals for

Torquay in 1996/97, and it was he who scored the vital extra-time goal against Bournemouth in

Round One to earn them a place in the next stage.

Former England Youth cap Alex Watson is the captain, and was ever-present last season on his way to winning the 'Player of the Year' award. Strong in the air and on the ground he was formerly with Liverpool and is the brother of Everton skipper Dave Watson.

United have enjoyed a steady start to the new campaign, and at the time of writing lie in fifth spot in the Third Division, having won two of their three games.

But the match provides an excellent chance for Town to progress to the Third Round of this year's competition - and that's when all the top clubs involved in Europe join the fray.

It's sure to be a fizzing Coca-Cola Cup tie - don't miss it!

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When Ipswich Town entered the Third Division South in 1938/39, their final position of 7th was the highest of any of the newcomers admitted to this division since 1920/21.





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## Coming Up

**Huddersfield Town v ITFC**  
ALFRED McALPINE STADIUM  
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 3.00PM  
Admission for this match will also be at the turnstiles on the day of the game, with away accommodation being in the Gardiner Merchant South Stand. Prices are £11.00 for adults, £6.00 for Juniors and Senior Citizens.

**ITFC v Torquay Utd**  
PORTMAN ROAD  
TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 7.45PM  
Coca-Cola Cup, Second Round first leg  
Tickets on sale from today.

**ITFC v Stoke City**  
PORTMAN ROAD  
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 3.00PM  
Tickets for this match are on sale now.

**Torquay Utd v ITFC**  
PLAINMOOR GROUND  
TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 7.45PM  
Coca-Cola Cup, Second Rd second leg  
Phone Ticket Office or see local press for details.

**Norwich City v ITFC**  
CARROW ROAD  
FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 7.45PM  
Tickets will go on sale from Wednesday 3rd September at 8.30am. Tickets are being sold on a priority basis to season ticket holders on production of special match voucher 'A', one ticket per season. Club members may also purchase one ticket on production of their membership card. Remaining tickets will go on sale from Saturday 20th after the match. Tickets are priced at £16.00 for adults and £10 for senior citizens and juniors.

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**Torquay United**  
Address: Plainmoor Ground,  
Torquay, Devon, TQ1 3PS  
Phone: (01803) 328666  
Away End: Babbacombe End,  
Warbro Road

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children)

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Approx. 8.45pm  
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**By Car :** Take the A12 out of Ipswich to the A14, then follow the A14 towards Cambridge,, Pick up signs for A1/A604 Huntingdon. Take the A1 North towards Peterborough, and then M62. Exit M62 at Jcn 25, taking the A644 and A62 signposted for Huddersfield. The Stadium is signposted from here. Away fans can park at the St.Andrews Road car park (paying) and also nearby streets and waste-ground.

**By Car:** Take the A12 out of Ipswich, then pick up the M25 onto the M4. Connect up with the M5 and head south towards Exeter. Come off the M5 at Junction A380 and follow signs for Torquay. Turn left at traffic lights known locally as Lawes Bridge. Ground is approximately one mile from there. Parking is limited to nearby streets.

**By Rail:** Huddersfield. Buses 201, 202, 203 and 207 run along Leeds Road.

**By Rail:** Torquay is the main line station and is approximately two miles from the ground and there is a bus service available. Torre station is only 3/4 mile from the ground but has a limited rail service.



# Milts

## Simon salutes our England trio

### Talented trio

It's going to be another blank Saturday for us next week now that our game v Birmingham has been postponed after the England call-up of three of our lads.

**Ipswich Town Fixtures 1997/98**

Month	Date	Opposition	Result
August	Sat 9	v QPR	0-0
August	Sun 17	v Middlesbrough	1-2 Dyer (74)
August	Sat 23	v Bradford	1-1 Stein (40)
August	Sat 30	v West Brom	
September	Tue 2	v Swindon Town	POSTPONED
September	Sat 6	v Birmingham	
September	Sat 13	v Huddersfield	
September	Sat 20	v Stoke City	
September	Fri 26	v Norwich	

Obviously we could have done without missing another match because, with the game against Middlesbrough going the same way, we are now two fixtures behind some of our rivals.

But it's a massive boost to the Club to have three players selected at international level.

Scowie and Richard Wright have obviously been involved with the England U21 set-up for a while but now they are joined by Kieron Dyer.

What a good prospect this lad is. He has proved his versatility this season by playing at wing-back while Gus has been out injured and coped well in the role.

He has hardly had a break since coming back from playing for England in the Youth World Cup in Malaysia during the summer - but you wouldn't know it.

The boss gave him two weeks off before he started training and he seems as enthusiastic as ever.

He is one of those players that never stops running. He is always snapping at the opposition's heels, trying to rob them of the ball.

Kieron is also very quick and surprisingly strong for a lad that looks so lightweight.

I would like to see him score more goals but that will come and his future, like the other two lads picked, looks very bright.

### Home sweet home

As many of you Blues fans are probably aware, this is my testimonial season at Portman Road and my tenth year at the Club.

I'm not the first player to spend the best part of my career at Ipswich Town - and I certainly won't be the last.

You have only to look at the number of players that have come up through the ranks here and stayed to form the nucleus of the squad to see the appeal that Ipswich has.

We have produced a sort of home-grown team down the years with Town having a reputation for being a family Club.

I've certainly found the

atmosphere here very enjoyable. It's a Club that always makes you feel welcome and that's very comforting, especially as a youngster.

The location is very good, only an hour from London if you want to travel in to the city. And the town itself is certainly a nice part of the world.

That has probably played a big part in many players' decisions to stay here. In fact I know of a number of lads who have remained in the area after they have quit the game - or have joined other clubs in the region.

As a player, it is very important that your family are happy. You want your children to go to good schools, your wife to be comfortable in the surroundings, that sort of thing.

If your family are unhappy that can affect your performance on the pitch. You can spend all your time worrying about them and not concentrating on your game.

That's another reason why it is so vital for everyone around you to feel happy in their environment and that's certainly the case for me here at Portman Road.

I hope there's a few more years to come!



# MILTS

Simon Milton  
Testimonial Year 1997-98  
IPSWICH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Other Sides...Other Sides...Other Sides..

# Youth and R

## Youth Team Fixtures South East Counties League

### AUGUST

Sat 9	Arsenal (a)	L2-3
Sat 16	Watford (a)	L0-4
Mon 18	Luton (h) (SJF Cup)	L0-1
Sat 23	Portsmouth (h)	Do-0
Sat 30	Southend Utd (a)	W1-0

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 6	Gillingham (h - at Bent Lane)	
Sat 13	Gillingham (a)	League Cup
Sat 20	C.Palace (a)	
Sat 27	Leyton Orient (a)	

### OCTOBER

Sat 4	QPR (a)	
Sat 11	Millwall (a)	
Sat 18	TBA	League Cup
Sat 25	Charlton Ath (a)	

### NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Cambridge Utd (h)	
Sat 8	Tottenham (a)	
Sat 15	Fulham (h)	
Sat 22	TBA	League Cup
Sat 29	West Ham Utd (a)	

### DECEMBER

Sat 6	Norwich City (h)	
Sat 13	Norwich City (a)	
Sat 20	Arsenal (h)	
Sat 27	No Fixtures	

### JANUARY 1998

Sat 3	Watford (h)	
Sat 10	Portsmouth (a)	
Sat 17	Southend Utd (h)	
Sat 24	Gillingham (a)	
Sat 31	C.Palace (h)*	

### FEBRUARY

Sat 7	Leyton Orient (h)	
Sat 14	QPR (h)	
Sat 21	Millwall (h)*	
Sat 28	Charlton Ath (h)	

### MARCH

Sat 7	Cambridge Utd (a)	
Sat 14	Tottenham (h)	
Sat 21	Fulham (a)	
Sat 28	West Ham Utd (h)	

All home matches will be played on the Practice Pitch at Portman Road, kick-off 10.45am unless otherwise stated.

\*Venue to be arranged.



with  
**Paul  
Goddard**

The Youth team racked up their first League victory of the new season on Saturday, when local rivals Southend United were beaten 1-0.

Richard Logan was the player on target for Town, to keep up his record of having scored all of Town's South East Counties League goals of the current campaign.

Coach Paul Goddard had praised his side's hard work prior to Saturday's game, but added that there was still much progress to be made in certain areas.

The YTS lads have a lot to live up to after the tremendous success of last season's Youth team, but they have responded well to some early set-backs and deserved their win over the Shrimpers.

"There's a lot of hard work ahead

## South East Counties League Division One 1997/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	3	3	0	0	14	2	9
Portsmouth	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Arsenal	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
QPR	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Charlton	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
L.Orient	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
Watford	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
Millwall	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
C.Palace	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Cambridge	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Norwich	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Gillingham	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Ipswich	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Fulham	3	0	1	2	1	10	1
Tottenham	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Southend	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

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for all of us in the coming months," explains Paul Goddard. "We've got six second years and eight first years, so that's a squad of 14.

"Unfortunately we've suffered a couple of injuries already, and we've got two goalkeepers, so we've been down to the bare bones a bit and had several of the schoolboys involved every week.

"To be honest we struggled a bit early on, and there's no point pretending otherwise. But the chaps are learning their lessons.

"I was delighted that they picked up a win, and kept a clean sheet, on Saturday, as that will do their confidence the world of good.

"The South East Counties League is pretty fast and furious and it's been quite a step up for some of the first years.

"It's taken them some time to adjust and find their feet, but the lads are getting their heads down and working hard to improve."

## Youth Records 1997/98

Name	Lge Games/Goals	Cup Games/Goals
Michael Beckham	2 (2)	- (1)
Titus Bramble	4	1
Gavin Campbell	3	1
Neil Coburn	4	1
Jon Connolly	2	-
Matt Dixon	3	1
Louie Farrington	2 (1)	1
Justin Fox	4	1
Kevin Inglis	2	-
Richard Logan	3 3	1
Brendan Lowes	4	1
Adam Miller	-(1)	-
Paul Musgrove	-(1)	-
Dominic Riley	-	-(1)
Colin Stewart	2	1
Michael Supple	3	1
David White	4	1
Ben Woolnough	2 (2)	-(1)
Carl Wright	-(1)	-

# Reserves



with  
**Bryan  
Klug**

An extraordinary succession of injuries to Ipswich Town's front-line strikers has left the Reserve side struggling a little for goals so far this season.

An opening day victory over Norwich City got the campaign off to an enjoyable winning start, but since then goals have proved hard to come by.

First-team regulars such as Alex Mathie and Paul Mason have been joined in the treatment room by Neil Gregory and the long-term injured Richard Naylor.

Mark Stein has been brought in on loan from Chelsea, but the lack of experienced strikers has left

Reserve coach Bryan Klug scratching his head.

"Most of the strikers at the Club are injured at the moment, and those that aren't are needed for the first-team," he explains. "So it has been difficult for us to provide much of a threat up front.

"Young Neil Midgley has been working very hard, but this is his first year as a professional and obviously he needs a bit of help.

"Generally I've been delighted with our performances. We've been playing some good football and looking fairly strong.

"We are having trouble scoring, but we are creating plenty of chances and some of the injured players will hopefully soon be fit again."

The next chance to attend one of Town's award-winning Family Football Nights comes on Wednesday 17th September, when Arsenal are the visitors.

## Avon Insurance Combination League 1997/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
Portsmouth	4	2	2	0	8	4	8
Arsenal	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
Watford	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
C.Palace	3	2	0	1	8	8	6
West Ham	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Luton	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Charlton	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
Wimbledon	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Chelsea	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Ipswich	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Oxford	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Southampton	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
QPR	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
Norwich	4	0	2	2	3	10	2
Brighton	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Swindon	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

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## Reserve Records 1997/98

Name	Lge Games/Goals	Cup Games/Goals
Leon Bell	1 (1)	- -
Lee Bracey	3	- -
Titus Bramble	- (1)	- -
Wayne Brown	2 (1)	- -
Mark Burgess	- (1)	- -
Kevin Ellis	1 (1)	- -
Neil Gregory	1	1
Chris Keeble	3	- -
John Kennedy	2 (1)	- -
David Kerlake	1	- -
Alex Mathie	1	- -
Neil Midgley	3	- -
Simon Milton	2	- -
Tony Mowbray	3	- -
Stuart Niven	3	1
Danny Sonner	3	- -
Chris Swailes	2	- -
Adam Tanner	2	- -

## Reserves Fixtures

### Avon Insurance Combination League



#### AUGUST

Wed 13	Norwich City (h)	W2-0
Wed 20	Wimbledon (h)	Lo-3
Wed 27	Watford (a)	Do-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Wed 3	Southampton (a)	7-30
Mon 8	Chelsea (a)	7-00
Wed 17	Arsenal (h)	7-00
Thu 25	QPR (a)	7-00

#### OCTOBER

Wed 1	Oxford Utd (h)	7-00
Wed 8	Millwall (h)	7-00
Wed 15	Swindon (a)	2-00
Wed 22	Portsmouth (h)	7-00
Wed 29	Tottenham (a)	7-30

#### NOVEMBER

Wed 5	West Ham Utd (h)	7-00
Mon 10	Luton Town (a)	7-00
	(at Hitchin Tn FC)	
Wed 19	Brighton & HA (h)	7-00
Tues 25	Charlton Ath (a)	2-00

#### DECEMBER

Wed 3	Watford (h)	7-00
Wed 10	Southampton (h)	7-00
Tue 16	Arsenal (a)	2-00

#### JANUARY

Wed 7	Chelsea (h)	7-00
Wed 14	Oxford Utd (a)	7-30
Wed 21	QPR (h)	7-00
Wed 28	Millwall (a)	2-00

#### FEBRUARY

Wed 4	Swindon Town (h)	7-00
Tue 10	C.Palace (a)	2-00
Wed 18	Charlton Ath (h)	7-00
Wed 25	Wimbledon (a)	2-00

#### MARCH

Wed 4	West Ham Utd (a)	7-30
Wed 11	Tottenham (h)	7-00
Thu 26	Norwich City (a)	7-30
Mon 30	Brighton & HA (a)	2-00

#### APRIL

Wed 8	C.Palace (h)	7-00
Wed 13	Luton Town (h)	7-00
Wed 22	Portsmouth (a)	2-00

All Reserve team fixtures will be played at Portman Road, kick-off 7.00pm unless otherwise stated.



**Key:**  
 Goalscorers shown in black  
 \* first subbed player  
 \*\* second subbed player  
 \*\*\* third subbed player  
 (90) time sub came on  
 o sent-off  
 p penalty  
 + own goal

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## Professional Staff 1997/98

Name	Height	Weight	From	1997/98		Total ITFC	
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Lee Bracey	6'1"	13st 7lb	Bury	0	0	0	0
<b>Barking 11.09.68</b>				0	0	0	0
Richard Wright	6'2"	13st	Ipswich YT	3	0	2	0
<b>Ipswich 05.11.77</b>				69	0	14	0
Mauricio Taricco	5'9"	11st 7lb	Argentinos Jun	3	0	2	0
<b>Buenos Aires 10.03.73</b>				78 (3)	3	17	0
Chris Swales	6'2"	12st 7lb	Doncaster Rvrs	0 (1)	0	0	0
<b>Gateshead 19.10.70</b>				31 (2)	1	2	0
Kevin Ellis	6'2"	12st 7lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Gt. Yarmouth 12.05.77</b>				0	1	0	0
Wayne Brown	6'	12st 8lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Barking 20.08.77</b>				0	0	0	0
Mick Stockwell	5'9"	11st 4lb	Ipswich YT	3	0	2	0
<b>Chelmsford 14.02.65</b>				377 (21)	28	71 (8)	5
Tony Mowbray	6'1"	13st	Celtic	0	0	0	0
<b>Saltburn 22.11.63</b>				27	2	8	1
Jason Cundy	6'1"	13st 13lb	Tottenham	3	0	2	0
<b>Wimbledon 12.11.69</b>				16	2	5	0
Mark Venus	6'	12st 9lb	Wolves	3	0	2	1
<b>Hartlepool 06.04.67</b>				3	0	2	1
David Kerstake	5'9"	12st 3lb	Tottenham	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
<b>Stepney 18.06.66</b>				0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
John Kennedy	5'8"	10st 5lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Ipswich 03.02.79</b>				0	0	0	0
Mark Burgess	5'11"	10st 13lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Newmarket 19.08.78</b>				0	0	0	0
David Theobald	6'2"	11st 11lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Cambridge 15.12.78</b>				0	0	0	0
Simon Milton	5'10"	11st 5lb	Bury Town	1 (2)	0	1	0
<b>Fulham 23.08.63</b>				211 (53)	49	41 (9)	6
Adam Tanner	6'	12st	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Maldon 25.10.73</b>				22 (14)	6	6 (1)	1
Geraint Williams	5'8"	11st 8lb	Derby County	3	0	2	0
<b>Cwmpare, 05.01.62</b>				197	3	35 (1)	0
Danny Sonner	5'11"	12st 8lb	Preussen Koin, Ger	0	0	0 (1)	0
<b>Wigan 09.01.72</b>				22 (7)	2	6 (2)	1
Bobby Petta	5'7"	11st 3lb	Feyenoord, Holland	2	0	1	0
<b>Rotterdam 06.08.74</b>				3 (5)	0	2	0
Paul Mason	5'9"	11st 12lb	Aberdeen	1	0	1	0
<b>Liverpool 03.09.63</b>				104 (10)	25	17 (3)	10
Chris Keeble	5'10"	10st 4lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Colchester 07.09.78</b>				0	0	0	0
Kieron Dyer	5'7"	9st 7lb	Ipswich YT	3	1	2	0
<b>Ipswich 29.12.78</b>				5 (11)	1	3	0
Leon Bell	5'8"	11st	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Ipswich 23.09.77</b>				0	0	0	0
Gus Uhlenbeek	5'8"	11st 11lb	SV Tops, Holland	0	0	0	0
<b>Surinam 28.08.70</b>				71 (6)	4	11 (6)	0
Matt Holland	5'9"	11st 12lb	Bournemouth	3	0	2	0
<b>Bury 11.04.74</b>				3	0	2	0
Stuart Niven	5'11"	12st 8lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Glasgow 24.12.78</b>				2	0	0	0
Neil Gregory	5'11"	11st 10lb	Ipswich YT	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
<b>Zambia 07.10.72</b>				16 (23)	8	4 (5)	2
Alex Mathie	5'10"	10st 7lb	Newcastle Utd	0	0	0	0
<b>Bathgate 20.12.68</b>				63 (1)	23	12	6
James Scowcroft	6'1"	12st 2lb	Ipswich YT	3	0	2	1
<b>Bury St. Edmunds 15.11.75</b>				55 (11)	11	12 (3)	2
Richard Naylor	6'1"	13st 7lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Leeds 28.02.77</b>				19 (8)	4	1 (4)	1
Neil Midgley	5'11"	11st 2lb	Ipswich YT	0	0	0	0
<b>Cambridge 21.10.78</b>				0	0	0	0

all figures correct upto and including 31st August 1997

## England Call-ups

Everybody at Ipswich Town Football Club send their congratulations to the three ITFC players last week selected for the England Under-21 squad to face Moldova next Tuesday evening (September 9th).

Goalkeeper Richard Wright and striker James Scowcroft continue where they left off last season, while there has also been a call-up for 18-year-old midfielder Kieron Dyer, who only recently told the Matchday Programme that it was his ambition to break into the U21 side this season.

Well done, lads.

## Nationwide Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottm For	4	4	0	0	10	1	12
Bradford	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
West Brom	4	3	1	0	7	4	10
Swindon	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
Sheff Utd	4	2	2	0	4	1	8
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Birmingham	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Wolves	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Charlton	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Middlesbrough	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Tranmere	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
QPR	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Stoke	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Oxford	4	1	0	3	5	6	3
Crewe	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Port Vale	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Sunderland	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Bury	4	0	3	1	3	5	3
Norwich	4	1	0	3	2	8	3
Man City	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
Stockport	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Ipswich	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Huddersfield	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Reading	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

## Town's Leading Scorers 1996/97



	League	CCC	FA Cup
Paul Mason	12	3	0
James Scowcroft	9	1	0
ALEX MATHIE	4	5	0
Steve Sedgley	7	1	0
Mick Stockwell	7	1	0
Neil Gregory	6	0	0
Richard Naylor	4	1	0
Adam Tanner	4	0	0
Mauricio Taricco	3	0	0
Danny Sonner	2	1	0

Wed 18 Man City  
 Sat 21 Norwich City  
 Tue 24 Oxford Utd  
 Sat 28 Sunderland  
 march  
 Tue 3 Sheffield Utd  
 Sat 7 Charlton Ath  
 Sat 14 Stockport Co  
 Sat 21 Wolves  
 Sat 28 Reading  
 april  
 Sat 4 Nottm Forest  
 Sat 11 Tranmere Rovers  
 Mon 13 Portsmouth  
 Sat 18 Port Vale  
 Sat 25 Bury  
 may  
 Sun 3 Crewe Alex  
 Sat 15 FA Cup Final  
 TBA Middlesbrough  
 TBA Birmingham City  
 key: League games Home and Away, CCC Coca-Cola Cup, FA Cup

## IPSWICH TOWN

- 1 Richard **Wright**
- 2 Mick **Stockwell**
- 3 Mauricio **Taricco**
- 4 Geraint **Williams**
- 5 Mark **Venus**
- 6 Jason **Cundy**
- 7 Kieron **Dyer**
- 8 Matt **Holland**
- 9 Mark **Stein**
- 10 James **Scowcroft**
- 11 Simon **Milton**
- 12 **SUBS**
- 13 **SUBS**
- 14 **SUBS**

**Other Squad Members:** Neil Gregory, Richard Naylor, Adam Tanner, Kevin Ellis, Tony Mowbray, Leon Bell, Wayne Brown, Stuart Niven, Danny Sonner, Alex Mathie, Gus Uhlenbeek, Bobby Petta, David Kerslake, Lee Bracey, Chris Swailes, John Kennedy, Chris Keeble, Neil Midgley, David Theobald, Mark Burgess, Paul Mason

## SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Fraser **Digby**
- 2 Frederic **Darras**
- 3 Jason **Drysdale**
- 4 Scott **Leitch**
- 5 Mark **Seagraves**
- 6 Alan **McDonald**
- 7 Mark **Walters**
- 8 Philippe **Cuervo**
- 9 Chris **Hay**
- 10 Wayne **Allison**
- 11 Ty **Gooden**
- 12 **SUBS**
- 13 **SUBS**
- 14 **SUBS**

**Other Squad Members:** Frank Talia, Steve Mildenhall, Ian Culverhouse, Gary Elkins, Phil King, Mark Robinson, Craig Taylor, Darren Bullock, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan, Peter Holcroft, Kevin Watson, Lee Collins, Steve Cowe, Steve Finney, Alex Finlayson.

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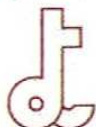


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