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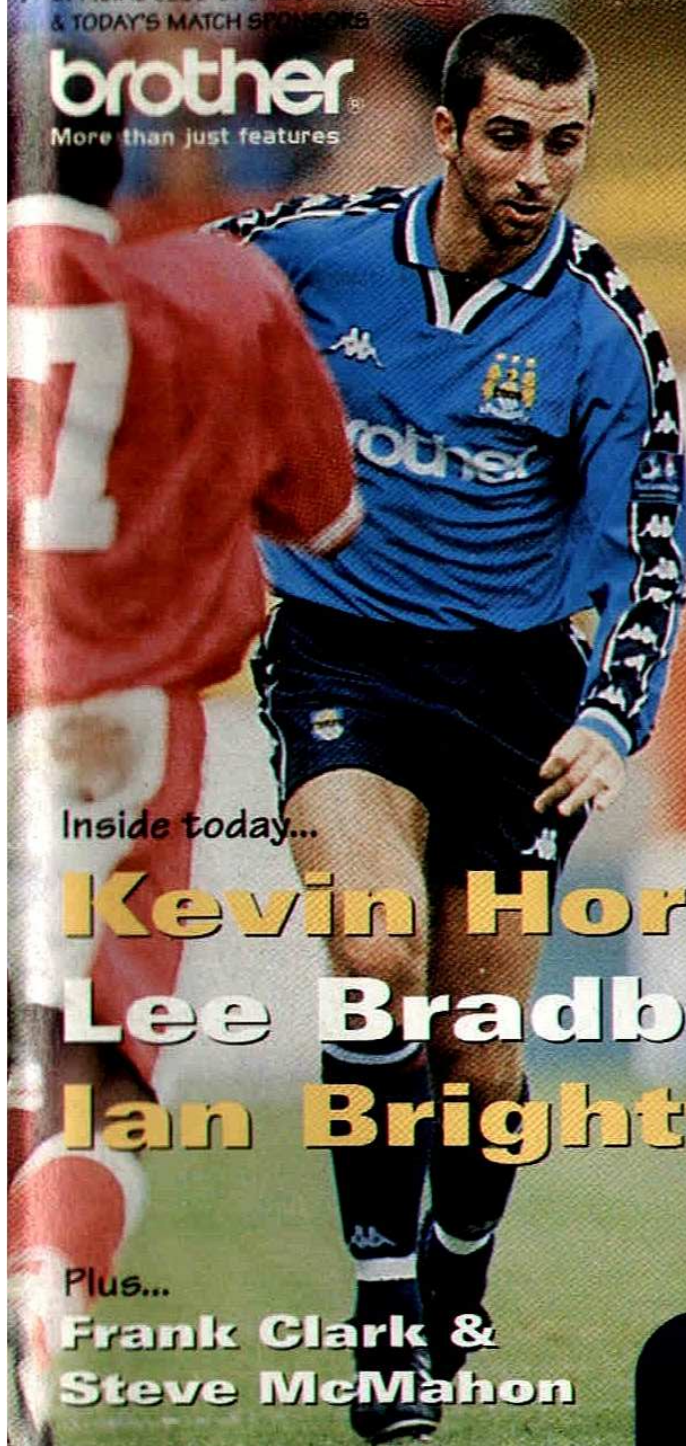
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# Bob to benefit

**City fans get their chance to pay tribute to Paul Lake when the unlucky Blue has his testimonial match here against Manchester United a week tomorrow.**

Then after that it's all systems go for the testimonial season of another of the club's loyal servants, Ian Brightwell.

'Bob' actually qualified for his testimonial campaign two seasons ago but agreed to a delay while all efforts were geared towards ensuring Paul's was a huge success.

"We all have a tremendous respect for the way Paul fought to recover from his terrible injury and we were all terribly sad when he finally had to admit defeat and retire from this game at what was still a

## ...and s

**Kevin Horlock is well on the way to costing the Blues £250,000...**

For that's the amount the club has agreed to pay today's visitors Swindon once he has made 50 first team appearances.

Kevin, who joined City in February for an initial £1.25 million, played in 18 games past season and has been an ever-present so far this term.

His first goal for the club came, ironically, when Swindon visited Maine Road just weeks after his arrival. He finished with four goals to his credit for the Blues last season - plus another eight for Swindon - and so far this campaign has already netted against Tranmere and Blackpool in the Coca-Cola Cup.

"I set myself an initial target of ten goals every year but have managed to better that for the last couple of seasons," said the Northern Ireland international.

He was almost an injury-time hero last Saturday against Norwich when his fierce volley was brilliantly turned behind for a corner by Canaries' keeper Andy Marshall, denying the Blues a last-gasp equaliser.





relatively young age," said Ian. "It hit me personally because I had played alongside Paul so many times before his injury and knew just how good he was.

"I hope Maine Road is packed for his match and that the fans give their full support because he really deserves it.

"I'm looking forward to my testimonial year and it should be a lot of fun. We have got quite a few dinners lined up plus a golf day.

"At the moment, though, I don't know when my testimonial will be. After Paul's, it might be asking too much to have two in one season and it may well be that we will delay it until the start of 1998/99."

**Ian is the longest serving current first-teamer - by a long way - and last season clocked up his 300th full League appearance for the club. With cup matches and substitute appearances added in, he's actually pulled on a first team shirt for the Blues almost 400 times.**

This season he would have been an ever-present but for a virus which forced him to miss the match at Bury.

"At first they thought it was my appendix but it turned out to be gastric flu which left me feeling pretty weak," said the 29-year-old.

"I did not eat for four days before the Bury game and could not train or do anything. There was no way I could have played but I watched the game on Sky television and thought David Morley came in and did really well.

"We were probably unlucky not to win and build on our success at Nottingham Forest, which was easily our best performance of the season, especially as nobody outside the club expected us to get anything there.

"The problem so far has been that we have been far too inconsistent.

"We have played well in periods of games but been unable to sustain it for 90 minutes and it's hard to say why.

"We certainly have the ability and we are all fitter and stronger than last season."

Part of the reason for the overall improvement in fitness is the club's new policy this season of discouraging players from drinking alcohol even after a match.

Ian supports the move, saying: "When you are dehydrated the last thing you want is an alcoholic drink to make you even more dehydrated.

"Water is the best liquid after a game plus an intake of carbohydrates from food such as pasta.

"The club are not saying don't drink at all, just do everything in the right order. It makes sense and is what the top continental teams have been doing for a long time."

Reflecting on last week's defeat, Ian said: "The two goals we gave away were dreadful but we have watched them again and you have to learn from mistakes and try and make sure they don't happen again.

"We have been ahead at some stage in all three of our home League games so far, but have failed to punish teams and finish them off.

"We are all still optimistic, however. We have only played seven League games and still have another 39 to go - but we have got to start being consistent.

## o are Swindon

Kevin scored 22 goals in 163 League appearances for Swindon and admits he enjoyed his time at the County Ground.

"I played in 45 of the 46 matches when Swindon won promotion from the Second Division in 1995-96," he recalled.

"In that season I played everywhere on the left with Swindon on the flank, in midfield and at left back.

"They were good times but it didn't take me long to make up my mind when I knew City were interested in me.

"I had a chat with the manager Steve McMahon who basically told me that it would be a good move for me because City have such an excellent set-up.

"It has been a brilliant move for me but I'm looking forward to meeting up with some familiar faces before and after this afternoon's game."

On the international front, Kevin was in the Northern Ireland team which went down to a disappointing 1-0 defeat against Albania in Zurich earlier this month.

Tommy Wright and former Blue Steve Lomas also played in the World Cup qualifier, which was Albania's first victory over the Irish in eight attempts.

Kevin and Tommy are also expected to

feature when Bryan Hamilton's men complete their qualifying matches on October 11 in Portugal, who can still reach the finals.

While Northern Ireland can no longer qualify for France '98 Kevin and Tommy could still play against two of the favourites next year.

World champions Brazil and Argentina have been invited to play Northern Ireland in Belfast in warm-up matches before the tournament.

### ...and Rochdale!

Kevin has just been appointed President of the Rochdale branch of the City Centenary Supporters' Association and will be at their meeting on Monday in the main lounge of Rochdale's Spotland stadium.

Non-members are welcome and the get-together kicks off at 8pm.





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# Frank Clark

**I know how bitterly disappointed you all were after the defeat by Norwich City.**

It was a dejected dressing-room after the match as the players realised how they had let a marvellous chance for victory slip away. They had let you down and not done themselves any justice in the way they performed in the second half.

There has been much written in the national press this week about how you reacted at the final whistle. I understand your frustrations and I will say publicly that no manager has a more devoted set of supporters than I have. You have been superb throughout my stay here and I know you will be just as fervent in your support for the club in the future.

I can promise you we are working ceaselessly in training on ways to improve our performance out on the pitch.

It has been my job this week to raise the players' morale for this afternoon's game with Swindon Town. I think we are fortunate we are at home again so soon and I have sensed a mood in training that the players want to get cracking to turn on the kind of display of which they know they are capable.

*Swindon could provide us with the perfect opposition. They are on a high after making such a promising start to the season, and by beating them we would be showing the rest of the division we are a force to be reckoned with after all.*

But I know it will be a difficult afternoon. The expectations of the club naturally are high, despite our unpromising beginning to the season. I want my players to show character and determination.

We have to put matters right ourselves, no one is going to do it for us. I have reminded the players that they must cope with added pressures and responsibilities when playing for a big club. The rewards are high, but so are the targets, and we need players who have the character and hunger to succeed.



All I ask of you, the supporters, is that you continue to turn up to play your part in giving the team your backing.

We had a crowd of over 27,000 last Saturday with the ground almost full to capacity. In the first half we took the game by the scruff of the neck and your vocal support was magnificent. It created a fantastic atmosphere, and it must be a mystery to you how we did not go on and win comfortably. But apprehension crept in during the second half and it was like watching sand slip through your fingers as we lost control of the match.

I was delighted for Lee Bradbury when he scored his first goal for us. It has been a big step for him coming here, and he deserved to make the breakthrough. His work-rate and application have been first

class and I am sure he will go from strength to strength now.

Richard Edghill has asked me to pass on his gratitude for the reception you gave him when his name was read out before the kick-off. It had been a very long time since he last made an appearance in the first team at Maine Road and he was moved by the welcome you afforded him. Richard has been in terrific form since his return from injury and everyone is delighted to see him back in the team at full fitness again.

Our other casualties have been making satisfactory progress. Tommy Wright and Scott Hiley are both fit again and need as much match practice as possible. The same applies to Lee Crooks and Rae Ingram who missed most of the pre-season build-up because of their injuries.

At the time of writing both Tony Vaughan and Neil Heaney were still some way off returning to full training because of the knocks they have picked up recently.

Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Swindon and especially their manager Steve McMahon, who was always one of your favourites when he was playing here.

Steve has made a terrific start to the season and must be a contender for the First Division's Manager of the Month.

I know he will realise there is nothing personal against him when we try to stop him winning the award by beating his team today.

Let us hope we have another great atmosphere and a game of football to match.



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## Career hold up

February 7 last year is a date etched in Aled Rowlands' memory.

For that was the nearest he has been so far to making his first team debut for the Blues.

Then 17, the Welsh Under-21 international was on the bench for the 2-2 FA Cup draw at Coventry City.

At one stage it looked like he would be called into action and he warmed up when Gio Kinkladze took a knock, but the Georgian maestro was able to shrug off the injury.

"That was a great experience and I was thrilled just to be on the team coach," Aled recalled.

Not such a great experience was an incident during the summer which left him with a broken right cheekbone and has seriously hampered his progress.

***He was attacked by four skinheads in an unprovoked assault in Manchester City Centre.***

"I had gone into the city to pick up a couple of friends who had been night-clubbing," he said.

"I was just walking back to my car when these thugs drove up and asked whether I'd got a cigarette. The next thing I knew one of them hit me in the face. They were clearly out for trouble and I was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

To repair the damage, surgeons inserted two metal plates and 10 screws into his cheek in a delicate operation and he was told not to play any contact sport for two months.

"I missed all the pre-season matches and the injury put me several months behind the others lads," said Aled, now 19.

"I've still got a bit of numbness under my right eye but I've been told that will go eventually and it does not affect me when I'm playing."

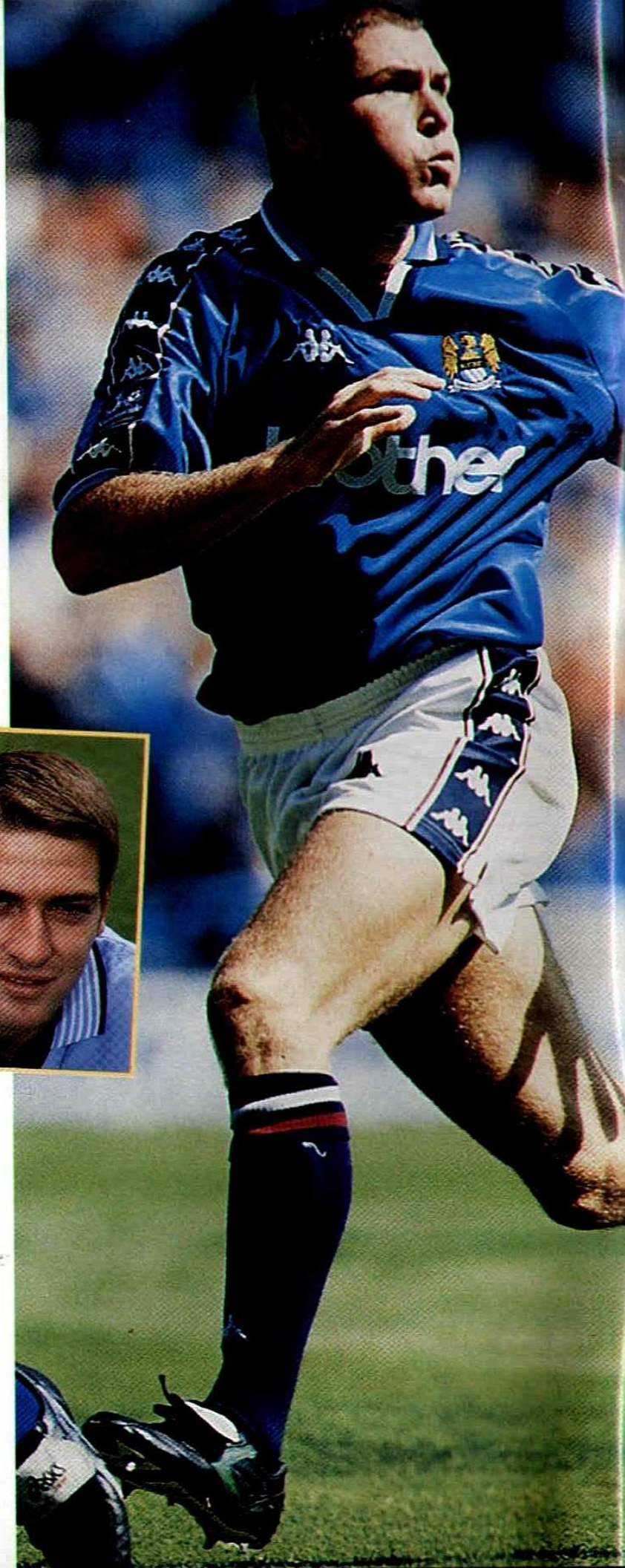
"This is a big season for me because my contract is up at the end of it and I know I have got to really make a big impact."

"Last season I played in the reserves a couple of times and I want to get back to that level again as quickly as possible."

He played in last Saturday's 'A' team derby against Manchester United, which the Blues lost 3-2, and was also due to play in another Lancashire League match at Oldham today.

The Anglesey-born midfielder has already played five times for the Welsh Under-21 team but missed their last match in Turkey last month because of his injury.

"I've got a lot of hard work ahead to get noticed again but I'm determined to make the grade at senior level," he added.





# The first of many?

HOPEFUL-LEE!

**Lee Bradbury's first League goal for City was a cracker. And now all Blues fans are hoping he can repeat his exploits for Portsmouth last season.**

"It took a while for me to start scoring at Portsmouth but once I did they kept coming," said Lee, who banged in 22 goals for Pompey last season.

It was that scoring record that tempted the Blues to splash out around £3.5 million in the summer to make the ex-soldier their club record buy.

He started his City career with a flourish, netting twice in the first five minutes in a pre-season friendly at Burnley.

The goals dried up after that but he won everyone's praise for his willingness to work hard for the team and his ability to create chances for others.

Finally, in his ninth official game for the club and after almost 777 minutes of trying, he broke his duck against Norwich last Saturday.

His initial left foot shot had been blocked on the edge of the area but the ball eventually bounced back his way and after sidestepping one lunging defender he hit a low, first time right footer into the corner of the net from about 20 yards.

The relief all around Maine Road was audible and obvious as the crowd celebrated the magic moment, although the glory, of course, was all too short-lived.

"Naturally I was really pleased to get my first goal but we should not have lost," said the 22-year-old, who has gamely taken on the role of a sole central striker in several recent games.

"We had a lot of chances to get the three points and I beat the 'keeper three times.

"One counted, of course, but a header went just over and then in the second half another header looked like it

was going in until a Norwich player appeared from nowhere to clear it off the line."

Lee has been massively impressed with the Blues support since he arrived at the club and has a message for the loyal fans - please stick by us.

He said: "I know the fans are frustrated at our performances so far and I can understand the way they reacted to our defeat last Saturday. I suppose everyone has a limit to their patience but I urge the supporters to stick by us and we will be there at the end.

"I really thought we had restored our confidence when we won 3-1 at Nottingham Forest.

"After that I thought we were heading in the right direction and for the first ten minutes against Norwich we played really well.

"Perhaps we need to beat somebody by about three or four goals to really convince ourselves that we can turn teams over."

Of his lone striking role, Lee said: "I don't really mind playing up front on my own but it sometimes helps to mix things up.

"When Paul Dickov came on as a substitute against Norwich he pulled defenders away from me and helped a lot.

"Now the first goal has gone in obviously I'm hoping for a lot more.

"People say the pressure should be off now but there is always pressure on a striker to score goals, no matter how well he is playing generally."

He may soon have to face that pressure for England. Lee went on as a substitute late in the Under-21's 1-0 win over Moldova at Wycombe earlier this month.

If England get a draw in Italy next month they will be through to the European Championship quarter-final next May and our sharpshooter could have a big say in the country's destiny.





# Centenary Supporters Association

Following the recent challenge laid down by our colleagues at the Stretford & Urmston branch in the last programme we are pleased to welcome a number of new branches who are establishing themselves at the moment!

✶ **Heywood** (contact Chris Jacques on 01706-369-178)

✶ **Romiley** (contact Shaun Clayton on 0161-351-1723)

✶ **Rawtenstall & Rossendale** (contact James Trickett on 01706-225-374)

✶ **Holland** (contact Simon Curtis, c/o Clive Hamilton below)

✶ **Maine Road** Meetings to be held at the Platt Lane Complex; watch this space for news of the first meeting.

If you are interested in setting up a branch, please contact: Clive Hamilton, CSA Secretary, 243 Moorside Road, Flixton, Manchester M41 5SH.  
Tel no: 0161-746-7638.  
Email: MCFCSuppAs@aol.com.

## Chadderton/British Aerospace

The British Aerospace Branch had their last meeting on the 20th September with Moonchester and some face painters in attendance as you can see from the picture (right). The night was another roaring success with other guests including Alan Hill, Ian Cheeseman from GMR Talk and Branch President Tommy

Booth. Our next meeting is Tuesday October 7th at the Lancaster Club in Failsworth with guests including Gary Owen, Peter Barnes, Nicky Summerbee and Kit Symons.

**Rochdale** Alan Hill and Eddie McGoldrick joined Rochdale branch members and representatives of Rochdale Hospice as the branch presented a cheque for £800 to the hospice (see picture, right).

**Central/Midlands** Next meeting with Mike Turner is on Sunday 12th October at the Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. £1 entry for members, £2 for non-members.

**Swinton & District** Next meeting on 16th October with Frank Clark - ring Alex on 0161-281-7517 for details.

**Stretford & Urmston** Next meeting is on 9th October at 7.30pm in the Stretford



Trade and Labour Club. (Also, congrats to Clive - our branch secretary- and Cheryl - our branch chairman - who recently announced their engagement!)

## West Yorkshire

Newly elected president of the West Yorkshire Branch, Brian Smith was delighted to find there was not a single red shirt to be seen as he recently travelled up the Nile into deepest Egypt.

He was even more pleasantly surprised when he discovered Ahmet the engineer on his riverboat was wearing a City shirt. Here they both are (above) posing on the banks of the great river.



## Paul Lake Testimonial

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Supporters may also apply for tickets by fax (0161-226-1037, except for matchdays). Please state your request clearly, giving all relevant information and a contact telephone number (daytime and evening). All supporters' fax requests will be acknowledged.

Various commercial packages are being offered for this match, with prices starting from only £65 (inc vat) per head. If you'd like to experience the comfort of one of Maine Road's corporate lounges or executive boxes, please contact Tudor Thomas (0161-480-9137) or Dennis Tueart (01925-757-553).

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## Whatever happened to home advantage?

**Frank Clark hit a disturbing nail on the head after last Saturday's depressing 2-1 home defeat by Norwich.**

He said: "It seems that an apprehension creeps into our play when we are at home and we are going to have to deal with it somehow because we have another 20 home League games to play and we need to start winning some quickly."

Precisely. The fear factor can become a greater threat to City's ambitions than any of their opponents in the Nationwide League First Division.

It is a phobia that can paralyse the mind, gnaw confidence to the bone and create a psychological barrier that becomes increasingly insurmountable. Sometimes it affects individual players, sometimes the whole team.

Maine Road should be a fortress, a place that scares the pants off the opposition. Liverpool have always used their sign "This is Anfield" to unnerve their opponents. It catches the eye of every visiting player as he runs through the tunnel leading to the pitch.

Then he has to cope with the intimidating atmosphere, the wall of noise. Maybe it's not quite what it used to be at so many grounds now they have done away with famous standing areas like the Kippax, the Kop, the Stretford End, the North Bank, the Shed, etc etc.

But big grounds and massive home support should still be worth a goal start. Unfortunately, when things start to go wrong and performances fall below the high level of expectancy, there is no hiding place for players.

City are typical of a big club with a tremendous following and a high level of expectancy. Some supporters still cannot come to terms with life outside the Premier League, can't accept that we are not up there rubbing shoulders with the big boys.

And those who can, are impatient to return to the top bracket and short on sympathy when they look at the League table after seven matches and see City fifth from bottom of the First Division and without a home League win.

They see three points tossed away as they were against an injury-hit Norwich and give vent to their frustration in no uncertain manner, as they did at full-time last Saturday.

Earlier in the game, even before City scored, there was a greater level of tolerance, notably when Lee Bradbury snatched at a chance and shot well wide.

The lad was desperate for a goal and the fans were desperate for him. So the response was a groan of disappointment rather than a volley of abuse.

It worked. The next chance that fell to young Lee was tucked away into the bottom corner and Maine Road rose to salute the end of his goal famine. In a way, it was an example of a positive response reaping a dividend.

Better players than Lee Bradbury have been burdened with the pressure of going match after match without a goal and being pilloried for missing chances. Once Lee was off the mark he attacked the ball with much more confidence and might have had two more goals.

But by the end of the game his chin was on the floor along with the rest of the City team and taking an ear-bashing on his way to the dressing-room. Kit Symons, the Blues skipper, was given a particularly hard time by sections of the crowd.

The worry is that the usual advantage of playing at home will be eroded by fears of another backlash if things go wrong. Down the years many a player has been 'broken' by the wrath of the fans and not just at this club.

What bothers me is that City's hopes of getting out of this League - in the right direction! - could well be determined by how they deal with the 'apprehension' problem.

I can see similarities between City and Wolves, having reported on a number of matches at Molineux in the last two seasons. Wolves are another club desperate to regain a place among English football's elite. Their old stadium has been completely rebuilt, millions of pounds have been pumped into the club by millionaire boss Sir Jack Hayward and last season they averaged nearly 25,000 for home games.

But Wolves lost EIGHT and drew five of their 23 home games. Away from home they had a superb record... 12 wins, five draws, only six defeats. They finished four points adrift of an automatic promotion place and lost in the play-offs. What really cost them promotion was their home form.

I covered some of those home defeats and Wolves invariably started brightly. But if they didn't score in the first 20 minutes or they went a goal down, their crowd got on their backs and their confidence ebbed away.

Much the same thing happened here last season when the Blues lost seven times in the League. Vital points tossed away. Big stadiums with atmosphere are great when



Lee Bradbury - positive response.

you are winning but they can be your worst enemy when life goes pear-shaped.

I was at Stoke City's first home League game in the spanking new Britannia Stadium, a large expectant crowd and all the ballyhoo of an official opening. Free fall parachutists, pop singers, fireworks, cheer leaders, etc. Unfortunately for Stoke the occasion got to them, Swindon clearly relished the setting, won the game and burst the Britannia bubble.

**Nothing gives a visiting side a 'lift' more than hearing the home fans losing patience and berating their own players.**

And look how many 'small' clubs with humble stadiums and facilities raise their game when they find themselves on one of the big stages. It's human nature.

Birmingham City are another club who come into the 'sleeping giant' category. I saw some of their home games last season when they came under the cosh from their fans if they didn't deliver.

QPR may not have a super stadium with a capacity to match Highbury, Stamford Bridge or White Hart Lane, but when they dropped out of the Premier League they were expected to bounce back immediately.

Clearly the pressure to succeed created a fear factor because they lost eight home games in the League last season yet won eight times on their travels.

If the Blues are going to mount a promotion challenge this season it needs to be built on a solid base; a good record at Maine Road. We want all the tension and apprehension to be in the visitors' dressing-room, not the home one.

So the fear factor has to be overcome very quickly.



# Maine moments



## Tackling Asthma

It was a right rowdy afternoon as Moonchester and Desmond Dragon led several City players including Tommy Wright, John Foster, Lee Crooks, and Nicky Weaver (pictured) in hosting a special party to promote Asthma Management. They were joined by nearly 100 children who suffer from asthma in a bid to demonstrate how steps can be taken to reduce the effects of the illness on everyday life. The whole thing was organised in the Kippax Stand by Allen & Hanbury's pharmaceuticals and by all accounts they did a wonderful job.

### Photo call

● A big hello to two-year-old **Christopher Mole** (right) from Droylsden. Christopher has been a Junior Blue since his birth and as you can see from the photo, the blue blood runs in the family.

● Pictured below on the top of Mount Vesuvius in Sorrento are **Tim** and **Kathryn Woods** who climbed the volcano while on holiday last August. Brother and sister are both keen Blues and will be celebrating their birthdays soon, Kathryn on the 3rd and Tim on 12th of October.



● Happy birthday to **Chris Newbrook** from Stockport who will be celebrating his 21st birthday today with his mum and dad in one of our boxes. Pictured above with his brother Gavin,

Chris normally sits in the Kippax, but who can blame the two lads for forgoing their usual seats in favour of a bit of luxury in the name of celebration. Happy birthday from everyone at the club.

● Pictured left is six year old **Rebekah Clancy** from Stretford, who is a massive City fan. She celebrated her birthday yesterday and we would like to wish her

very many happy returns.



### Other messages...

● Belated happy 37th Birthday wishes to **Paul Stafford** whose wife is also expecting their first child in November.

● Happy 28th birthday also to **Simon Grundy** from **Kirsty Edwards** and everyone at the Club.

● A big hello to 4-year-old **Jacob Stear** who is attending his first ever City game today! His dad Martin has decided to introduce him to the joys of the Academy at an early age, and we hope this is the start of a beautiful friendship!

● Paul Ainsworth would like to welcome his brother **Andrew** to Maine Road today. A resident of Atlanta in the USA, Andrew is one of the many fans who keeps in touch with us on the Internet.

● Today's game will be a big occasion for **Grant Baynham** and his cousin **John Cotterell** who are watching from the centenary suite. Not only is Grant celebrating his birthday, but they are also marking the occasion of John's last ever game before he moves to Australia. Lets hope they are able to enjoy the day's events...

### More messages...

Due to a small technical hiccup we must apologise to a number of people who's birthday messages didn't appear in last Saturday's programme.

So we'd like to wish a belated happy 85th birthday to **Ben Nadin** and a happy 9th birthday to **Sarah-Jane Beswick**. **Kelly Flannagan** was 18 last Saturday and **Dave Sharp** was celebrating his 40th, we'd also like to wish many happy returns to **Dot Wallace**. Belated best wishes for their 25th wedding anniversary to **Mr and Mrs Garner** who were celebrating appropriately enough in the Silver Suite last Saturday. And finally, congrats to **Louise Monk** on passing her A levels in style. She's now embarking on a degree in Medicine at Liverpool University.

### Desperately seeking Jack (from Rhodes)

Is your name Jack? Are you married to Anne? Did you go on holiday to Rhodes last June? Well you may remember a bloke called **Wayne Northeast** who you met there and who is a Swindon fan. Wayne has contacted us in the hope that you will get in touch. His telephone number is 01985 216954 and his mobile is 0976 386 058. He will be at today's game and has his mobile with him, good luck!



## Rock solid Blues

Boating their way towards Alcatraz Island are City fans **Scott and Mark Goodman** from Royton. The two lads visited 'The Rock' during the summer when they travelled to San Francisco with their family and insisted on wearing their colours to brighten up the former prison. Today the pair are back in their usual seats in the Main Stand giving their team some solid support.



## Now they're talking

Welcome to Maine Road to Talk Radio, who have chosen today's game as their live national broadcast.

Gary Newbon, Tony Lockwood and our friend (!) Tommy Docherty will be on the 1089 waveband during the game, and if you fancy airing a few views afterwards you can call The Danny Baker Show (from 5.30pm onwards) on **0500-10-53-89**.



## Kappa shirt in four places at once

**Ted Broadbent** from Sale is a season ticket holder in the Kippax and a huge City fan. While on holiday in America during the summer he managed to get City's new shirt to exist in four different places at once when he visited 'Four Corners,' a part of the desert where Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado all converge. Nice one, Teddy!

## City mascot

Today's mascot is eleven year old **Damien O'Brien** (pictured right) from Burnage. Damien, who is a member of the Junior Blues, is fanatical about City and tells us that his hobbies are football, football and more football. He's also a bit of a music fan and admits there's only one band for him. "It has to be Oasis," says Damien, "since I live in the same street as their Mum!"



## Swindon mascots

Running out with the Swindon team today are **Andrew Stock** (centre) and **Frankie Young** (left) who both attend Carterton Community College in Swindon.



## Wash the car-toon

Happy birthday to **Andrew Toon**, pictured above washing his dad's car. He's a lad who, despite his name and the proximity of his Stretford home to the Fortress of Darkness, supports neither Newcastle nor Trafford United. Instead, the clever young chap has chosen to become a City fan and will be celebrating his 10th birthday at Maine Road today.

## Get yer dosh out

When you came down to Maine Road for today's game you probably noticed representatives of the Rainbow Family Trust shaking their buckets at you. They're collecting for Francis House, a hospice for children in Didsbury, so all donations would be extremely welcome.



**T**HE rise, fall and recovery of Swindon Town has been littered with Manchester connections.

Four years ago this week-end, they travelled to Old Trafford for a Premiership fixture. They were beaten 4-2 and stayed at the bottom of the table for the remainder of the season.

● *Nicky Summerbee then headed north to sign for his father's former club at Maine Road.*

The next season was no better as the Robins lost ground after a favourable start and eventually suffered relegation for the second year in succession.

● *Steve McMahon had left Maine Road during that season to become player-manager at the County Ground.*

The former England midfielder quickly recovered from an initial setback by leading Swindon to a championship the next year, and then re-established the Wiltshire club in higher surroundings last season.

● *Kevin Horlock stepped off the Swindon roller-coaster in January this year and came to Maine Road in time to score in a first appearance against his former club.*

The upshot of all the ups and downs is that goalkeeper **FRASER DIGBY**, himself an adopted Mancunian in his early days at United, is the only first-team regular to have made the full journey.

The former England Under-21 international has been at the club for nearly 11 years, and up to now, the good times have outnumbered the bad, with three promotions and two relegation seasons.

Yet it's doubtful if he has seen a greater variance in form as in the last seven months.

Up to March, when a draw at Barnsley made a season's total of four points off the promoted side, Swindon were among a large group of clubs eyeing up a place in the play-offs.

That was until everything went wrong with a nightmare trip to Bolton. They were beaten 7-0, and though the next match brought a win against Stoke, the last ten fixtures yielded four points. Only two goals were scored and 24 were conceded.

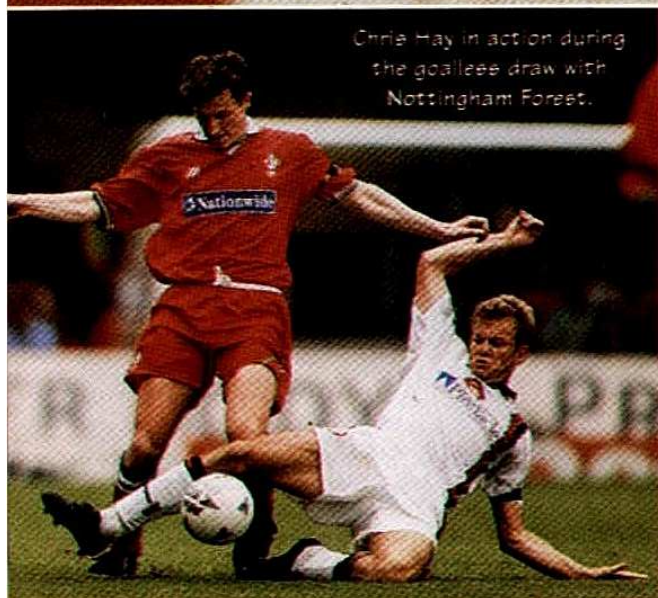
But compare that with the table this month. With eight games gone – up to a goalless draw at West Brom last Saturday – Swindon were second in the table with 15 points.

The transformation was achieved despite an injury pile-up in the key



French midfielder Philippe Cuervo played a major role in the early season win at Reading.

Chris Hay in action during the goalless draw with Nottingham Forest.





centre back positions. Former Norwich player **IAN CULVERHOUSE** and **CRAIG TAYLOR**, a £25,000 signing from Dorchester in April, had not played at all, and two other defenders dropped out along the way.

**MARK ROBINSON**, a record signing at £600,000 when he arrived from Newcastle in 1994, played only two games and club captain **MARK SEAGRAVES**, who had a spell with City in the late 1980s, was ruled out after five matches.

Suddenly, the club's newest central defender, **ALAN McDONALD**, was the only one available. A former Northern Ireland captain, with 53 caps in all, he was signed in the summer after spending his entire career with QPR.

The situation required urgent action and the gaps were filled with two loan signings. **BRIAN BORROWS** won England B recognition in his long service with Coventry City and Under-21 international **CHRIS CASPER** is one of many graduates from Manchester United's youth scheme.

The newcomers made their debuts in a 0-0 draw with Nottingham Forest - the first match in which the visitors had failed to score - and Casper grabbed the winner in the next home game against Tranmere Rovers.

The wing back positions are usually filled by former French Under-21 cap **FREDERIC DARRAS**, now in his second year after leaving Bastia, and **JASON DRYSDALE**, who hopes to have finally shaken off injury troubles since his £340,000 move from Newcastle in March 1995.

Another Frenchman, **PHILIPPE CUERVO**, was signed in the close-season from Sochaux and went into a midfield group with a wide range of experience.

Former England winger **MARK WALTERS** won countless honours with Aston Villa, Rangers and Liverpool, whereas others made progress from various lower levels.

**TY GOODEN** was released by Wycombe before playing in three divisions for Swindon, **DARREN BULLOCK** moved into the £400,000 class after joining Huddersfield from non-League Nuneaton Borough, and **ALEX SMITH** came out of Everton's reserve team.

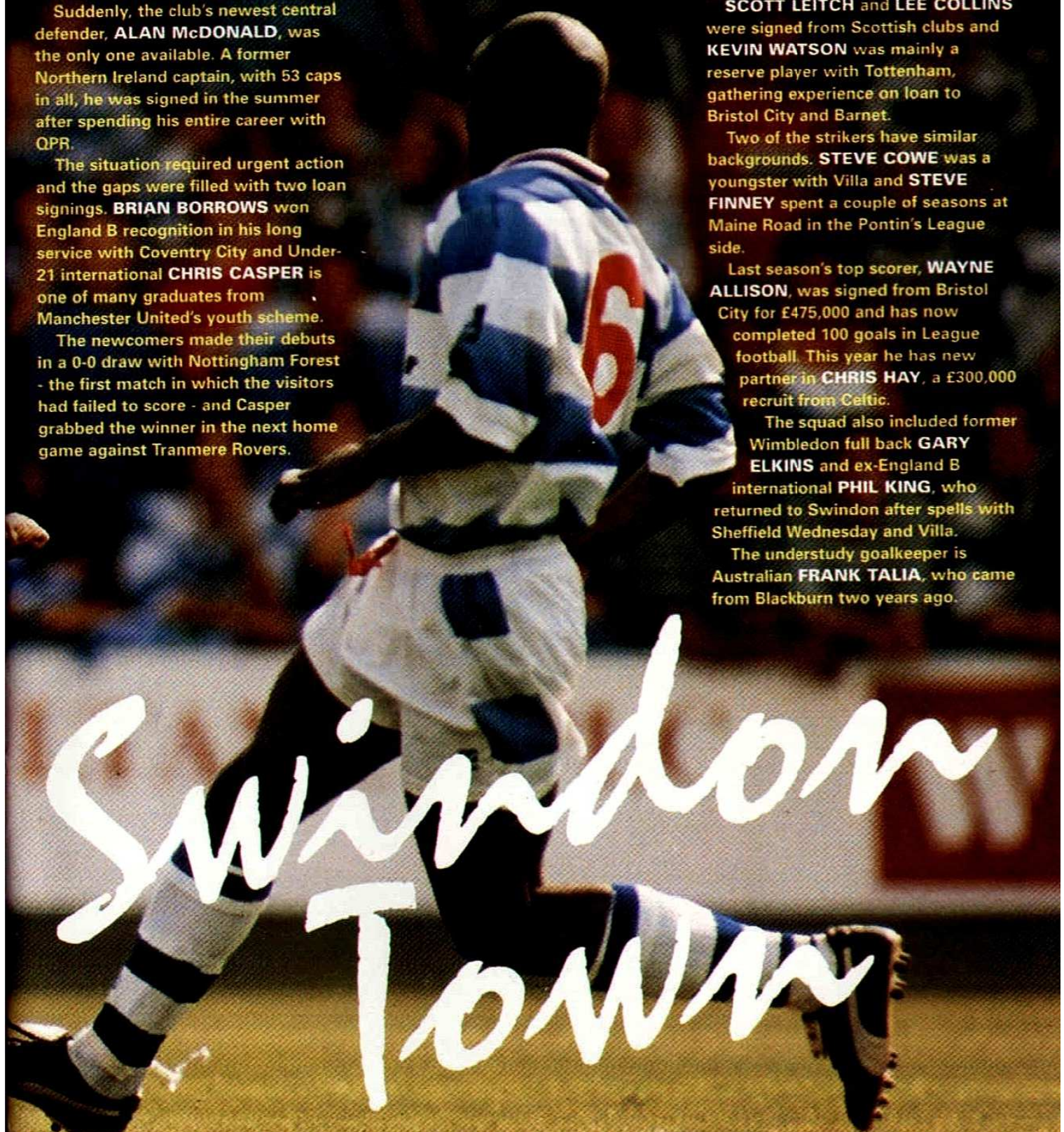
**SCOTT LEITCH** and **LEE COLLINS** were signed from Scottish clubs and **KEVIN WATSON** was mainly a reserve player with Tottenham, gathering experience on loan to Bristol City and Barnet.

Two of the strikers have similar backgrounds. **STEVE COWE** was a youngster with Villa and **STEVE FINNEY** spent a couple of seasons at Maine Road in the Pontin's League side.

Last season's top scorer, **WAYNE ALLISON**, was signed from Bristol City for £475,000 and has now completed 100 goals in League football. This year he has new partner in **CHRIS HAY**, a £300,000 recruit from Celtic.

The squad also included former Wimbledon full back **GARY ELKINS** and ex-England B international **PHIL KING**, who returned to Swindon after spells with Sheffield Wednesday and Villa.

The understudy goalkeeper is Australian **FRANK TALIA**, who came from Blackburn two years ago.



# Swindon Town



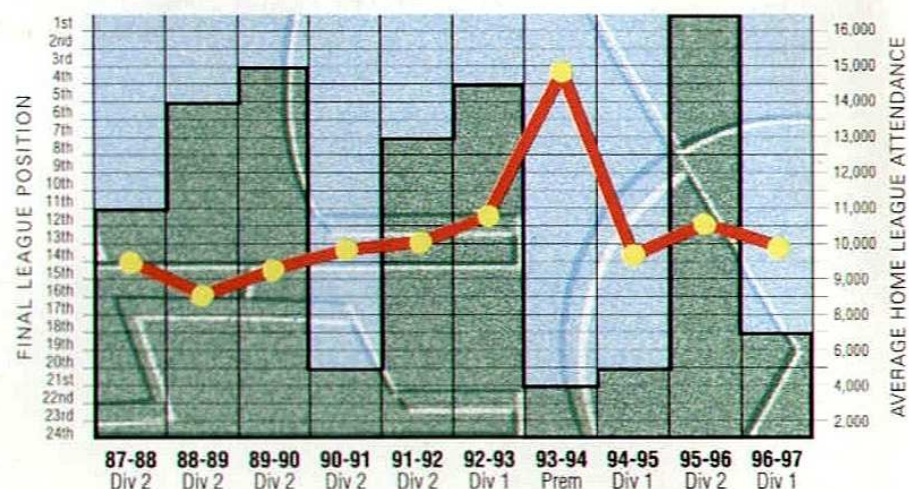
## Swindon Town Roll Call

Player/ Birthdate/place	League 1996-97 App	Cup App	Total Gls
<b>WAYNE ALLISON</b> 16.10.68 Huddersfield	8	2	3
<b>BRIAN BORROWS</b> 20.12.60 Liverpool	3	-	-
<b>DARREN BULLOCK</b> 12.2.69 Worcester	4(4)	-	-
<b>CHRIS CASPER</b> 28.4.75 Burnley	3	-	1
<b>LEE COLLINS</b> 3.2.74 Bellshill	-	-	-
<b>STEVE COWE</b> 29.9.74 Gloucester	1(1)	-(1)	-
<b>PHILIPPE CUERVO</b> 13.8.69 Ris-Orangis	6	2	-
<b>IAN CULVERHOUSE</b> 22.9.64 Bishop's Stortford	-	-	-
<b>FREDERIC DARRAS</b> 19.8.66 Calais	8	2	-
<b>FRASER DIGBY</b> 23.4.67 Sheffield	8	1	-
<b>JASON DRYSDALE</b> 17.11.70 Bristol	6	2	-
<b>GARY ELKINS</b> 4.5.66 Wallingford	-	-	-
<b>STEVE FINNEY</b> 31.10.73 Hexham	-(3)	1	1
<b>CHRIS HAY</b> 28.8.74 Glasgow	7	1	3
<b>TY GOODEN</b> 23.10.72 Canvey Island	8	2	-
<b>SCOTT LEITCH</b> 6.10.69 Motherwell	5	2	1
<b>ALAN McDONALD</b> 12.10.63 Belfast	8	2	-
<b>STEVE McMAHON</b> 20.8.61 Liverpool	-(1)	-	-
<b>MARK ROBINSON</b> 21.11.68 Rochdale	2	1	-
<b>MARK SEAGRAVES</b> 22.10.66 Bootle	5	2	-
<b>ALEX SMITH</b> 15.2.76 Liverpool	1(2)	-	-
<b>FRANK TALIA</b> 20.7.72 Melbourne	-	1	-
<b>CRAIG TAYLOR</b> 24.1.74 Plymouth	-	-	-
<b>MARK WALTERS</b> 2.6.64 Birmingham	5(1)	1(1)	1
<b>KEVIN WATSON</b> 3.1.74 Hackney	-(1)	-	-

(Up to and including Saturday 20th September)

## The Robins' Ten Year League Record & Average Attendances

Green area indicates league positions (see left), red rule denotes average attendances (right)



## Head to Head

Our League record against Swindon is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	6	3	2	1	9	5
Away	6	4	0	2	10	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>

First met in League: 1963-64

Doubles achieved: 2

Doubles conceded: None

Biggest wins:

Home: 3-0, 1996-97

Away: 3-1, 1993-94

Heaviest defeats:

Home: 1-2, 1964-65

Away: 0-3, 1963-64

Last home win: 3-0, 1996-97

Last away win: 3-1, 1993-94

Last home draw: 1-1, 1987-88

Last away draw: None

Last home defeat: 1-2, 1964-65

Last away defeat: 0-2, 1996-97

## Last Home League Meeting

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

Saturday 22nd February 1997

**CITY 3 SWINDON T. 0**

Scorers: Horlock, Summerbee, Rosler.

CITY: Wright, Brightwell, Horlock, Lomas, Symons, Beesley, Summerbee, McGoldrick, Dickov (Greenacre), Heaney, Rosler.

SWINDON: Digby, Robinson, Darras (Drysdale), Holcroft, Seagraves, Broomes, Culverhouse, Watson, O'Sullivan, Allison, Finney (Thorne).

## Swindon Form Guide

A chart of the Robins' last ten League games goal-by-goal.

Goals scored from...

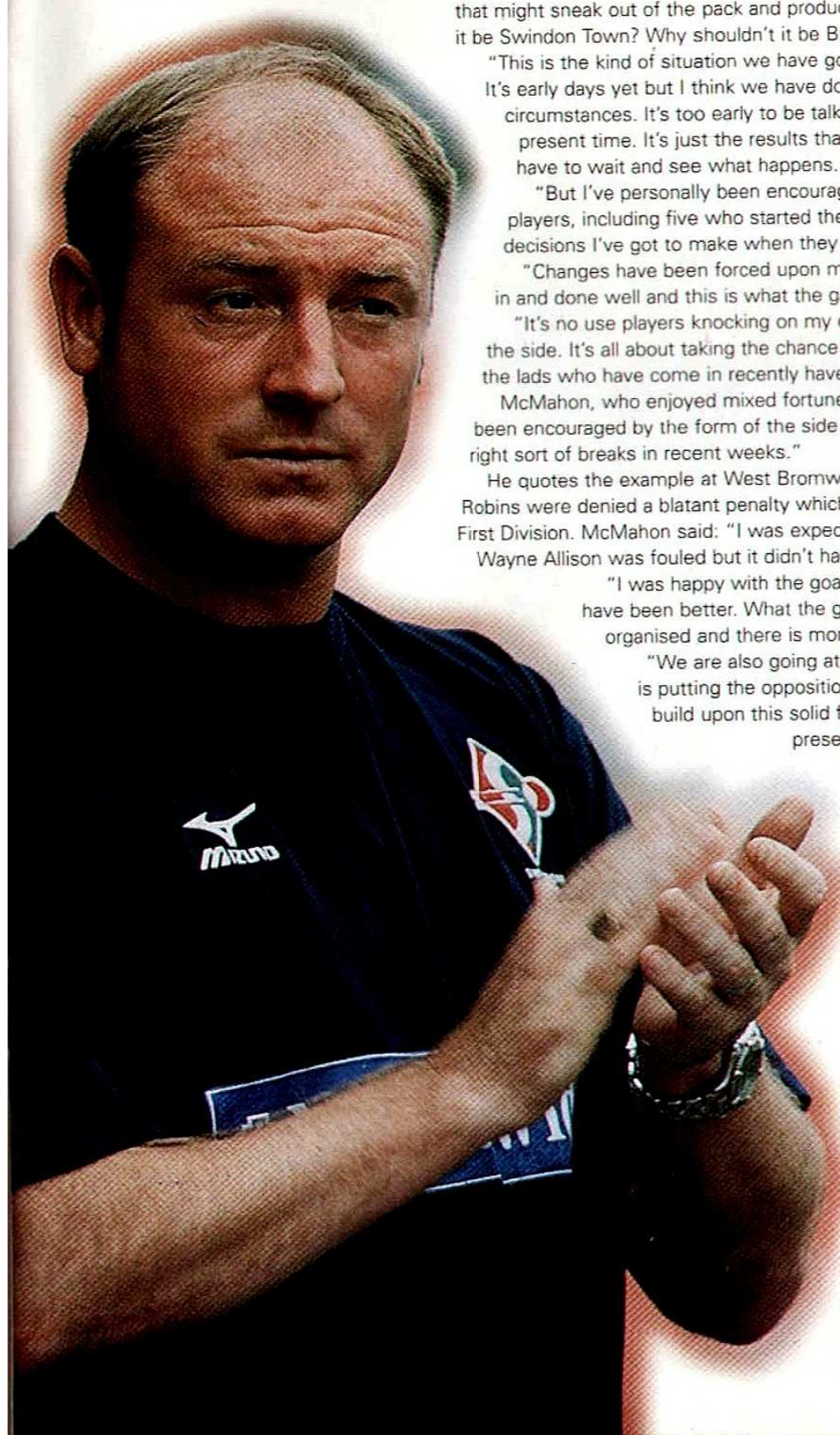
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● = A header P = Penalty OG = Own Goal  
Sendings off are also indicated

Swindon Goals										
	Apr 26	May 4	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 2	Sep 7	Sep 13	Sep 20
	Palace (h)	Hudds (a)	Crewe (H)	Reading (a)	Hudds (h)	Stoke (a)	Ipswich (a)	Forest (h)	Tranmere(h)	WBA (a)
	Lost 0-2	Drew 0-0	Won 2-0	Won 1-0	Drew 1-1	Won 2-1	Lost 1-2	Drew 0-0	Won 2-1	Drew 0-0
Opposition Goals										
	Apr 26	May 4	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 2	Sep 7	Sep 13	Sep 20
	Shipperley	Shipperley			Stewart	Forsyth	Venus	Sonner		
	44 mins 0-1	90 mins 0-2			43 mins 1-1	34 mins 0-1	35 mins 1-1	82 mins 1-2		
			88 mins 2-0 P Finney	17 mins 1-0 Hay	20 mins 1-0 Hay	80 mins 2-1 Hay	78 mins 1-1 Allison	22 mins 1-0 Allison	64 mins 2-1 Casper	
			43 mins 1-0 Allison						13 mins 1-0 Walters	
									43 mins 1-1 L Jones	



**A lot of people may be surprised to see Swindon Town in second place in the First Division - but not the Robins' manager, Steve McMahon.**

## Steve McMahon



The former City midfielder claims: "If I was surprised then I wouldn't be doing my job properly. We set out at the start of the season to try and make the play-offs as everyone is aware that it is such a difficult division in which to play. There are ten to twelve teams that should be going for automatic promotion and that is just the tip of the iceberg.

"The teams below are trying to push hard for the play-offs and this generates a division within a division. In these kind of circumstances there is always one team that might sneak out of the pack and produce a shock. Our attitude is why shouldn't it be Swindon Town? Why shouldn't it be Bradford?

"This is the kind of situation we have got to aim for over the next few months. It's early days yet but I think we have done marvellously well in the circumstances. It's too early to be talking about the top of the league at the present time. It's just the results that are important at this stage and we will have to wait and see what happens.

"But I've personally been encouraged as recently I've been without six players, including five who started the season. The problem facing me is the decisions I've got to make when they are all fit.

"Changes have been forced upon me in recent weeks but players have come in and done well and this is what the game is all about.

"It's no use players knocking on my door and complaining about not being in the side. It's all about taking the chance when the occasion arises and some of the lads who have come in recently have done very well."

McMahon, who enjoyed mixed fortunes during his time at Maine Road, has been encouraged by the form of the side despite not having what he claims "the right sort of breaks in recent weeks."

He quotes the example at West Bromwich Albion last week when he felt the Robins were denied a blatant penalty which could have taken them to the top of the First Division. McMahon said: "I was expecting the assistant referee to flag after Wayne Allison was fouled but it didn't happen.

"I was happy with the goalless draw at West Bromwich but it could have been better. What the game did prove was that we are well organised and there is more shape about the side.

"We are also going at defenders with a little more pace and this is putting the opposition under pressure. Hopefully, we can now build upon this solid foundation that we are putting in at the present time and maintain the kind of form we have already shown this season."

**Born:** Liverpool, 20th August 1961

### LEAGUE PLAYING CAREER

	Games	Goals
Everton	99(1)	11
Aston Villa	74(1)	7
Liverpool	202(2)	29
Manchester City	83(4)	1
Swindon Town	38(4)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>496(12)</b>	<b>48</b>

### Honours:

**With Liverpool:**

Division One Championship (1985-86, 1987-88, 1989-90)

FA Cup (1989)

**International caps:**

England, 17 (Full), 6 (U-21)

### LEAGUE MANAGEMENT CAREER

Swindon Town (Nov. 1994)

### Honours:

Division Two Championship (1995-96)



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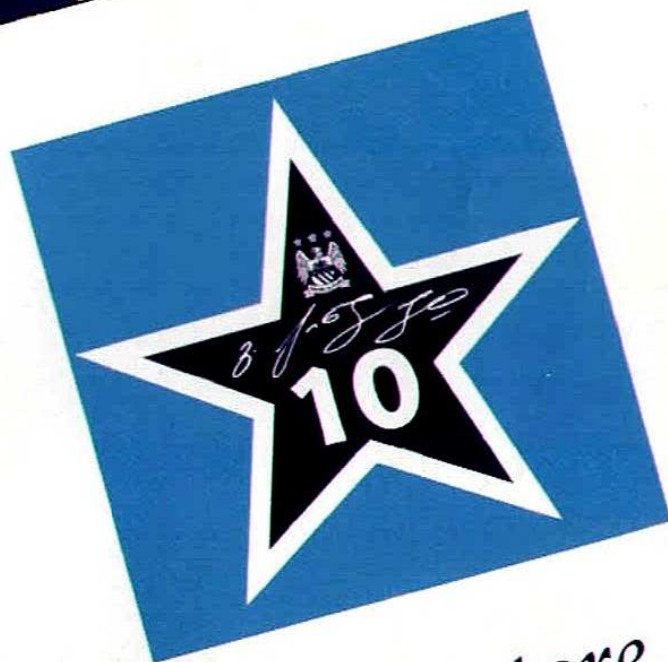




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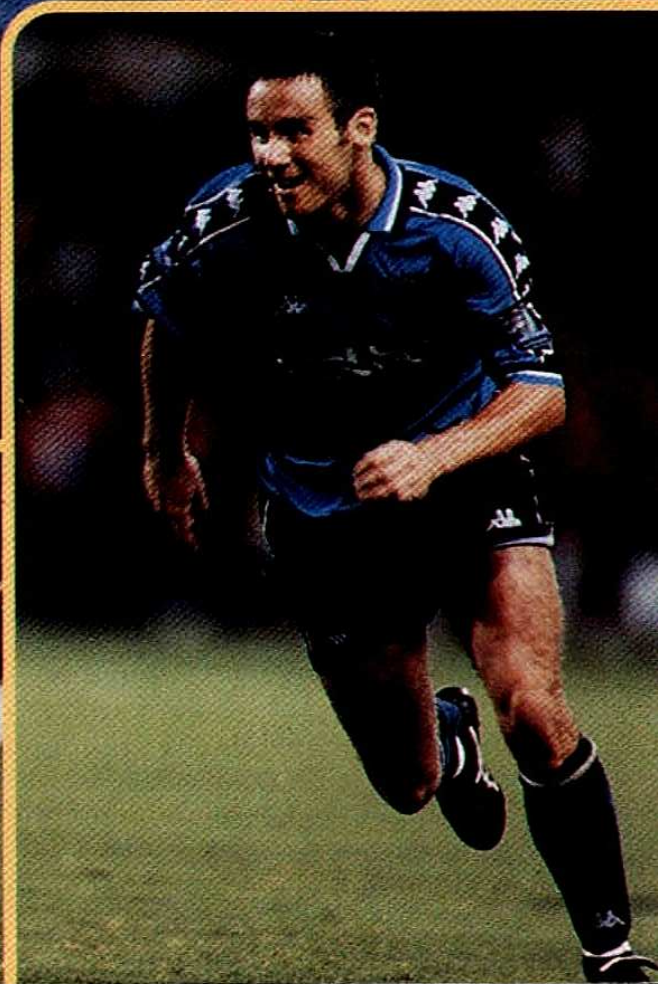
## NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 CITY 3

This result ended Forest's 100% start to the season, but more importantly it meant a first win for the Blues, and a well-deserved one at that.

Our main picture shows No.7 Ged Brannan putting City ahead from close range in the 19th minute, but the celebration photos follow Brannan's amazing 35-yard lob for number two and Paul Dickov's last minute tap-in.



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## Dream debut for 'Stan the Man' Blades blunted Ken Mulhearn arrives Derby defeat

Continuing the series in which we look back thirty years to 1967/68, when City last won the League title

**I**n an early September diversion from the First Division campaign, an unchanged team met Leicester City at Maine Road in a League Cup-tie which cannot be omitted from this column because of a special contribution made by one young man in particular.

After some initial scares in the Manchester goalmouth, the Blues took the lead after 28 minutes, Neil Young hitting home a drive with his right foot from just inside the Leicester penalty area.

At the interval, the scorer was left in the dressing room, and Stan Bowles entered the fray as substitute. His debut was a dream one.

After 68 minutes, he doubled the lead as he calmly received Mike Summerbee's astute pass and placed the ball into the back of Brian Williamson's net.

With nearly 20 minutes left, Tony Coleman was carried off with a leg injury, but the Blues were in no mood to let this one slip.

Bowles was tripped by Peter Rodrigues, and Tony Book placed the penalty kick perfectly. And "Stan The Man" made it 4-0 with six minutes remaining as the delighted youngster cracked home a left-foot shot through a ruck of players from Colin Bell's pass.

A night to remember became a week to remember just three days later. Sheffield United were the visitors and Stan was left in the team because Coleman's injury hadn't healed.

United's play was a true reflection of their League position, next to the bottom of the table. The defence was woefully weak, while goalkeeper Alan Hodgkinson seemed to lack confidence.

City were refused what seemed a clear penalty, when Summerbee was tripped, but picked themselves up and tore into the Blades.

Three goals came in rapid succession - and it was still comparatively early in the first half. First, Hodgkinson failed to intercept a Bowles centre which was bundled over the line by Young.

The second came from Summerbee, who headed in a pinpoint centre from Bell, who netted the third after a

spot of head tennis with Summerbee.

The Blues were still celebrating when United hit back. Full back Len Badger centred, Harry Dowd missed his punch and Alan Woodward clipped the ball home.

There was little to worry about. It was 4-1 by half-time thanks to Bowles' header after Mike Doyle's thunderous drive crashed down off the underside of the bar.

With nothing to lose, Sheffield attacked after the interval, and pulled another goal back. City were caught napping as Gil Reece swooped to surprise Dowd with a neat shot.

But again it was Bowles'

day. He scored what was acclaimed to be the best goal of the afternoon after 55 minutes when Young's pass found the lad unmarked 15 yards out. His fierce shot was much too good for Hodgkinson. What a week for the ex-City youth captain!

*City: Dowd, Book, Pardoe, Doyle, Heslop, Oakes, Hince, Bell, Summerbee, Young, Bowles. Sub: Horne.*

*Sheffield Utd: Hodgkinson, Badger, Shaw, Munks, Matthewson, Mallender, Woodward, Fenoughty, Jones, Birchenall, Reece.*

City were brought down to earth the following Saturday (Sept 23rd) with a visit to Highbury, where Arsenal were riding high.

Coleman returned despite Bowles' success, as the Blues reverted to the side which had brought a clutch of useful points in the previous weeks.

Like many Arsenal v City clashes over the years, this one contained long periods of mediocrity. City started brightly enough and for 25 minutes played some attractive football.

George Graham tested Dowd's reflexes early on, then the Blues snapped back as Young and Bell tried their luck, but Gunners' goalkeeper Jim Funnell had the answer.

When a goal came, it fell to the hosts after 25 minutes from a corner. George Armstrong found John Radford at the near post for a successful header despite the close attentions of Book.

City lost composure at this



Stan Bowles' two goals on his league debut, City's fourth (above) and fifth (below) in the 5-2 hammering of Sheffield United.





point. Book was cautioned and Arsenal nearly scored a second, but Colin Addison was foiled by a brilliant Dowd save.

The home defence controlled the attacks of Bell and Summerbee, and City didn't seem to have any solutions to the problems. Dave Connor replaced the ineffective Paul Hince as the game became somewhat shapeless. Even so, Dowd had to be alert to keep the score at 1-0.

*Arsenal: Furnell, Storey, Simpson, McLintock, Neill, Ure, Radford, Addison, Graham, Samuels, Armstrong.*

*City: Dowd, Book, Pardoe, Doyle, Heslop, Oakes, Hince (Connor), Bell, Summerbee, Young, Coleman.*

It was a Maine Road derby the following Saturday, and the Blues had dipped into the transfer market in the week. Goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn arrived from Stockport County, with understudy Alan Ogley going the other way.

Bowles returned on the right wing for Hince - City's only outfield change.

Only one point separated the clubs at 3pm, and the

62,942 fans expected a close battle.

Bell opened the scoring after only five minutes, converting a neat pass from Doyle, and for the next 15 minutes, the Blues were completely in control.

However, Bobby Charlton levelled matters after 22 minutes as he played a one-two in the penalty area before beating Mulhearn. The new 'keeper had more and more to do, and was beaten again by Charlton after 35 minutes.

Much of the entertainment disappeared from the game after this. Brian Kidd and Bowles were booked after a flare-up. Stan Horne replaced Young, and the Blues fought hard for an equaliser in the final period.

It was United's day, however; City would have to wait for the return fixture to gain revenge.

*City: Mulhearn, Book, Pardoe, Doyle, Heslop, Oakes, Bowles, Bell, Summerbee, Young (Horne), Coleman.*

*United: Stepney, Dunne, Burns, Crerand, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Sadler, Charlton, Law, Kidd.*

## And what about Swindon?

Danny Williams had been the Swindon manager since August 1965 (the club was relegated from Division Two the previous season) and had taken the club to 7th and 8th place in the Third Division in his first two seasons. The 1967-8 campaign was expected to see an improvement on that and on the opening day he managed his side to a 2-1 home victory over Brighton. A 2-0 defeat followed at Stockport, but another home victory, this time 3-1 against Tranmere, left Swindon in 9th place. Two draws and a 4-0 defeat of Northampton Town lifted the club into 4th position and the possibility of promotion was being discussed. Sadly, that position could not be maintained.

Eventually Swindon ended the season in 9th position, but the following term Williams guided the Wiltshire club to promotion (level on points with champions Watford), and to the League Cup final where they memorably defeated a powerful Arsenal side 3-1 at Wembley. The goalscorers that day were Roger Smart and Don Rogers (2) - two of the main players from 1967-8. Others to feature during 1967-8 include goalkeeper Peter Downsbrough, who signed from Halifax in August 1965, and Peter Noble, who arrived from Newcastle for £8,000 in January 1968 and in May 1973 joined Burnley for £40,000.

**T**HE Reserves' results were still middling, though they did have an away win at Blackburn, where John Clay kept up his scoring run, and at Sheffield United, trialist John Bingham, from Charlton Athletic, made his debut.

The 'A' team enjoyed a four-game unbeaten spell and the 'B' side had a 5-2 win over Stockport County. Scorers were the emerging Tony Towers, Keith Hevicon and Tony Booth, with a hat-trick.

## 30 Years ago this week

- The BBC replaced the Home Service and Light and Third programmes with Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- The Queen Mary completed her last cruise.

*In Part 6*

**Franny arrives...  
The Blues return to form...**

## CHAMPIONS Gallery No.5 Neil Young



Neil Young's form for Manchester Boys attracted the attentions of various clubs, including Manchester United, but he signed for City in 1960, as one of the first five apprentices registered by the club.

In February 1961 he went full-time and had his City debut at Villa Park later that year.

He had played for the England Youth XI just before his 17th birthday and delighted everyone - except the Dutch opponents - with a hat-trick in a 3-2 victory. Sadly, club commitments forced him to miss a tour to Bulgaria, and after that, he was left out in the cold by the selectors, much to his regret.

Neil's early days with City saw him played out of position on the right wing, as David Wagstaffe occupied the No 11 shirt, but that problem was eased when "Waggy" moved to Wolves.

A graceful, elegant player, Neil won a Second Division Championship medal in 1966 and a First Division one in 1968. The following year, he scored the winning goal in the FA Cup Final, and in 1970, he netted one of the goals which brought the Cup-winners' Cup to Maine Road.

He notched some wonderful goals for City - a total of 107 in League and cup - and blossomed under the coaching of Malcolm Allison.

In 1972, he moved on to Preston, having turned out in 412 competitive games for the Blues, and his last League club was Rochdale.

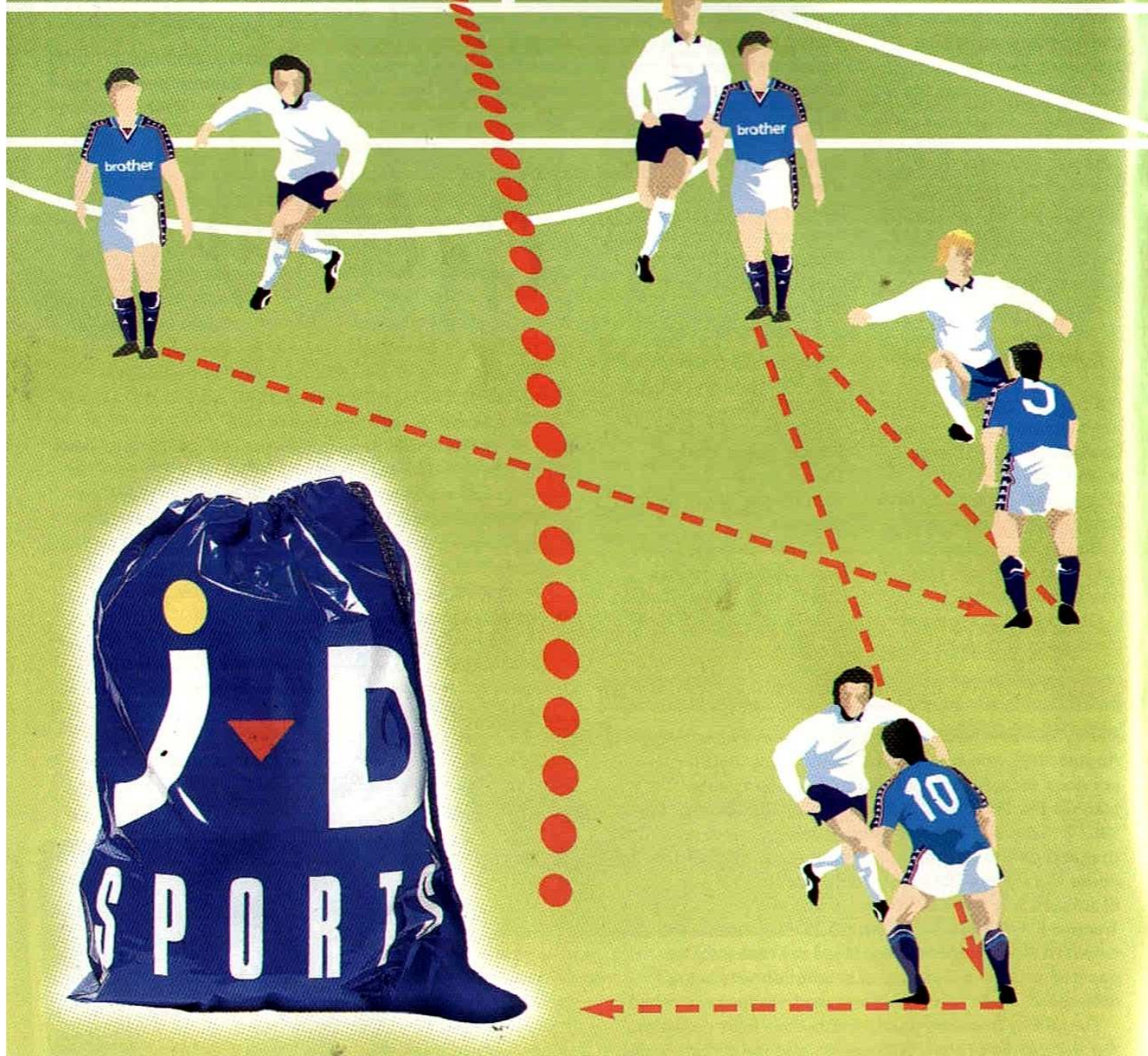
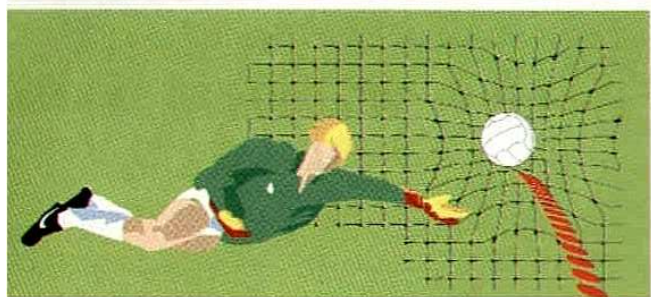


**Neil Young**

Championship record: 40 apps, 19 gls



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## Friday 22nd August

● Paul Beesley replaces Alan Kernaghan in the only change from the Sunderland game.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

CITY 1 (Horlock 46)

TRANMERE ROVERS 1

(L. Jones 61).

HT 0-0 Att: 26,336

CITY: Margetson, Brightwell, Vaughan, Wiekens, Symons, Beesley, Brannan, Horlock, Bradbury, Kinkladze, Rösler (Summerbee 78). Unused: van Blerk, McGoldrick.

TRANMERE: Coyne, Stevens, Thompson, McGreal, Thorn, O'Brien, Morrissey (Irons 84), Cook, Kelly, G. Jones, L. Jones (Branch 87). Unused: Aldridge.

## Saturday 23rd August

● Chris Greenacre, on loan at Cardiff City, scores his first Football League goal in a 2-1 win at Mansfield.

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

CARLISLE UNITED 'A' 0 CITY 'A' 5

Scorers: Callaghan, N.Morley, Bailey 2, Conlon. CITY: Brown, Callaghan, McGlinchey, Pridham (Keeling), N. Fenton, Gallagher, N. Morley, Bailey, Conlon, Brisco, Rowlands. Unused: Kneen.



## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

CITY 'B' 6 MORECAMBE 'A' 0

Scorers: Holmes, Mason, Doherty 4.

CITY: Acton, Burrows, J. McNab, N. Fenton (Pavy), Duff, Holmes, Laycock (Mitchell), Mason, Doherty, Julian, Reilly. Unused: Hooper.

## Tuesday 26th August

● Nick Summerbee is recalled to the starting line-up.

## COCA-COLA CUP -

ROUND ONE (2ND LEG)

CITY 1 (Horlock 88)

BLACKPOOL 0

Agg: 1-1 (Blackpool won 4-2 on penalties)

CITY: Margetson, Brightwell, Vaughan, Wiekens, Symonds, Summerbee, Brannan (McGoldrick 66), Horlock, Bradbury, Kinkladze (Dickov 72), Rösler (van Blerk 90). BLACKPOOL: Banks, Bryan, Rogan, Butler, Linighan (Lydiat 54), Brabin, Bonner, Clarkson, Quinn (Malkin 61), Mellon, Preece (Ellis 90).

## Wednesday 27th August

● Fears that Georgi Kinkladze could have broken an ankle are dispersed after x-rays, and he expects to be fit for Georgia's World Cup match against Italy.

## Friday 29th August

● Tommy Wright and Kevin Horlock are named in Northern Ireland's squad to meet Albania in a World Cup match to be played on neutral territory in Zurich.

## Saturday 30th August

● Georgi Kinkladze is ruled out and Tony Vaughan is on the bench. Eddie McGoldrick and Jason van Blerk make their first starts of the season, and Tony Scully comes in for a senior debut as substitute.

Eddie McGoldrick (left) played his first game of the season at The Valley.



Concern as Gio is stretchered off against Blackpool

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

CHARLTON ATHLETIC 2 (van Blerk o.g. 67 K. Jones 69)

CITY 1 (Wiekens 20)

HT 0-1 Att: 14,009

CHARLTON: Petterson, Brown, Barnes, K. Jones, Rufus, Chapple, Newton, Kinsella, Robinson, Mendonca, S. Jones. Unused: Nicholls, Lisbie, Allen. CITY: Margetson, Brightwell, van Blerk, Wiekens, Symons, McGoldrick (Scully 79), Brannan, Horlock, Bradbury, Summerbee, Rösler. Unused: Dickov, Vaughan.

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

CITY 'A' 1 EVERTON 'A' 2

(At Altrincham)

Scorer: M.R.Brown.

CITY: M.Brown, Callaghan, McGlinchey, Pridham (Keeling), Rimmer, Crooks, N.Morley (Wills), Bailey, Conlon, M.R.Brown, Rowlands. Unused: Gallagher, Brisco.

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

MARINE YOUTH 1 CITY 'B' 3

Scorers: Doherty 2, Holmes.

CITY: Acton, Burrows, J. McNab, A. Fenton, N. Fenton, Holmes, Laycock, Mason, Doherty, O'Keefe, Reilly. Unused: Duff, Julian, Kneen, Mitchell.

## Wednesday 3rd September

● Richard Edghill makes his first League appearance for 21 months as City's first win of the season puts a stop to Nottingham Forest's 100 per cent start.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 (Campbell 81) CITY 3

(Brannan 20 & 71 Dickov 88)

HT 0-1 Att: 23,681

FOREST: Pascolo, Lyttle (Moore 84), Rogers, Hjelde, Chettle, Thomas, Bonalair (Johnson 79), Gemmill, Saunders, Campbell, Bart-Williams. Unused: Armstrong.

CITY: Margetson, Brightwell, van Blerk, Wiekens, Symons, Edghill, Brannan, Horlock, Bradbury, Kinkladze (Dickov 76), Summerbee. Unused: McGoldrick, Vaughan.



B team scorer  
Shaun Holmes

DAY BY DAY

Diary



Symons  
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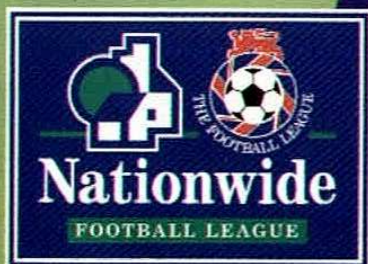
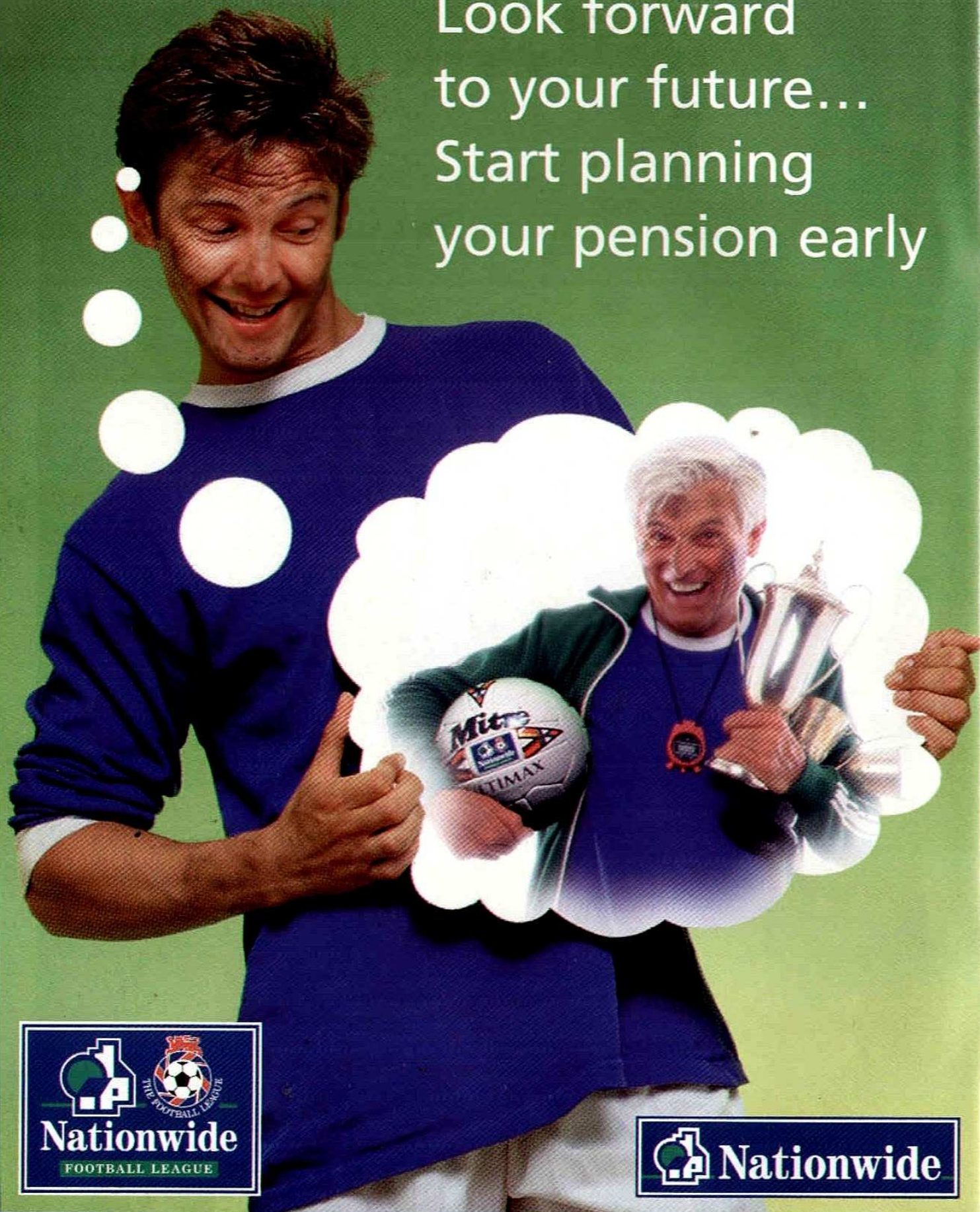


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## Big chief Barry Horne!

**T**HE chairman's post in the Professional Footballers' Association remained in the First Division after a handover from one former Everton player to another.

Scotland winger Pat Nevin relinquished the office after a summer move from Tranmere Rovers to Kilmarnock and the vacancy was filled by ex-Wales captain Barry Horne (right).

The university-educated Horne found himself in Birmingham City's reserve team at the beginning of the season. Manager Trevor Francis appeared ready to sell his experienced midfielder, but a loan move to Chester City fell through.

**Mark Bowen made a round-the-world journey before taking a short tube ride between London clubs.**

Six months after playing his last game in the Premiership with West Ham United, he signed for Charlton Athletic in the First Division . . . by way of the J-League in Japan.

The 33-year-old Wales full back, capped 41 times with Spurs, Norwich and the Hammers, spent the summer in the Far East with Shimizu-S-Pulse.

**Ipswich Town teenager Kieron Dyer landed a memorable double in the space of five days. After making his England Under-21 debut against Moldova, he scored his first League goal in a draw at Huddersfield.**

Dyer, 18 in December, played in all four of England's games in the World Youth Championship in Malaysia earlier in the year.

**Bruce Grobbelaar's 17-year career in English football was extended with emergency calls from Oxford United - and then Sheffield Wednesday.**



With the U's first-choice, Phil Whitehead, on the injured list, the 39-year-old Zimbabwean was ready to add to his 512 League appearances but his stay at The Manor lasted only a week. Oxford agreed to let him switch to Hillsborough as cover for Kevin Pressman.

**In the wheeler-dealer world of balancing the books, there's no greater success for a manager than setting buying and selling records with the same player.**

It's always a sign of good judgment if a club can treble its money, as Port Vale did with the former York City winger, Jon McCarthy, who won four caps for Northern Ireland during his 27 months in the Potteries.

John Rudge bought the former Loughborough University student for £450,000 and sold him to Birmingham City for £1.5m, beating the previous club record of £1m from Sheffield Wednesday for Ian Taylor.

**West Brom boss Ray Harford took satisfaction from the progress of two young players . . . but regretted that he could only keep one at The Hawthorns.**

Kevin Kilbane is part of Albion's future plans after graduating to a World Cup debut for the Republic of Ireland within

three months of his club record transfer from Preston.

But the Midlanders accepted it could only be a short-term deal when 18-year-old Welsh forward James

Thomas arrived on a month's loan from Blackburn Rovers.

Mr Harford said: "He will be a fabulous player one day, but unfortunately, we couldn't even afford his bootlaces."

## Jesus scores!

**Wolves gained an immediate benefit from a three-month loan arrangement when Spanish midfielder Jesus Garcia Sanjuan scored on his debut in a Coca-Cola Cup win at Fulham.**

The 26-year-old from Real Zaragoza could be signed at a later date for £500,000.

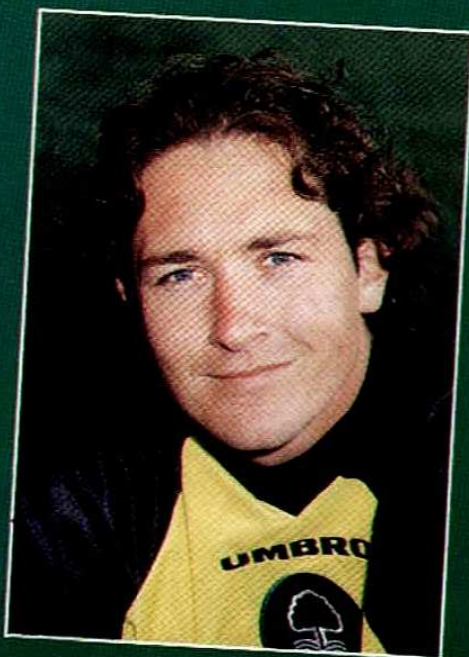


## Fettis moves

For much of last season, Northern Ireland supporters never had to query the club of their international goalkeeper. It was Nottingham Forest, no matter which player was selected by manager Bryan Hamilton.

The position was filled by Alan Fettis (right) or Tommy Wright, but the Forest double act was eventually broken up when Wright signed for Frank Clark at Maine Road.

Now the Forest connection has gone altogether following Fettis's £300,000 move this month to Blackburn Rovers as cover for Tim Flowers.





## CHARLTON 2 CITY 1

Gerard Wiekens headed Blues in front from a corner after 20 minutes but the home side recovered to take the points with two goals inside 85 seconds midway through the second half.

City's scorer is out of the picture (right) as the ball enters the net, but Uwe Rösler, Kit Symons and Eddie McGoldrick soon caught up with the Dutchman (centre).

Nicky Summerbee avoids the distractions created by his opponents (below right),

Kit Symons has to wrestle free of John Robinson (left) and Uwe Rösler (below) is one of three players in a heap on the ground.









## Successive wins lift the Blues

### Pontin's League Division One

Wednesday 10th September 1997  
**Oldham Athletic Res 0  
 City Reserves 2**

Eager to escape from the bottom of the table - and having three games in hand over some of their rivals - the reserve side travelled the short distance to Oldham on a warm, sunny evening.

The Blues fielded a team containing eight players with League experience, and another one on the bench.

City took an early lead thanks to the keen eye of Nigel Clough. He spotted Gerry Creaney moving into space to his right and lobbed the ball into the Scot's path. Creaney hit a half-volley past goalkeeper David Miskelly.

The play then swung from end to end as the Latics tried to get back on level terms. The home side forced a number of corners, all of them dealt with more than adequately by Nicky Weaver and his defence.

Creaney went close again after 25 minutes, his shot going narrowly wide following a good move involving Michael Brown and Martin Phillips.

Lee Crooks' distribution was first-class, though the first half as a whole did

not contain much in the way of chances created. Clough went closest, after 43 minutes, with a shot diverted on to an Oldham post and then for corner.

The second half began with the Blues going all-out for a second goal. Creaney again shaved a post and Clough had an effort cleared off the line. Crooks, too, wasn't far away with a hard drive along the ground.

City were now in command in midfield and the tackling in general was more assertive than Oldham's. Again Clough was unlucky when Miskelly blocked the City player's shot with his body.

Jeff Whitley came into the fray for Brown - much to the amazement of City sub Alan Bailey, whose name was flashed on to the scoreboard! - and moments later, Creaney was booked, presumably for something he said.

Oldham rallied towards the end and Mark Allott had a shot blocked, then Philip Salt hit a half-hearted shot straight at Weaver, who had handled well all night.

The clinching goal came with just two minutes remaining. Phillips got away from his full back, crossed accurately, and there was Jeff Whitley to head in off the underside of the bar.



Gerry Creaney put City ahead at Oldham.

### Pontin's League Division One

Wednesday 17th September 1997  
**City Reserves 1  
 Wolverhampton W. Res 0**

The Reserves continued their mini-revival last week with their second consecutive victory - and another clean sheet - in a sometimes uninspiring game.

There was certainly a contrast in the starting line-ups. City fielded 11 players who had all played for the first team and collectively had made just over 300 appearances for the club.

The Wolves team included the highly-experienced Hans Segers and ex-Wigan player Isidro Diaz, plus a couple of Republic of Ireland Under-21 internationals, Glen Crowe and Dominic Foley (who may be remembered by followers of City's junior teams from a couple of seasons ago).

### Pontin's Central League

Aug 13	H Sunderland	2-3
Aug 20	A West Bromwich A.	0-1
Sept 10	A Oldham Athletic	2-0
Sept 17	H Wolves	1-0
Sept 22	A Leicester City	3-3
Sept 30	H Grimsby Town	
Oct 7	H Middlesbrough	
Oct 14	A Notts County	
Oct 28	H Port Vale	
Nov 11	A Coventry City	
Nov 18	H Bolton Wanderers*	
Nov 26	A Huddersfield Town	
Dec 9	H West Bromwich A.*	
Dec 15	A Sunderland	
Jan 20	H Oldham Athletic*	
Feb 9	A Wolves	
Feb 17	A Grimsby Town	
Mar 4	H Leicester City*	
Mar 10	H Coventry City*	
Mar 25	A Port Vale	
Apr 1	A Bolton Wanderers	
Apr 7	H Huddersfield Town	
Apr 22	A Middlesbrough	
Apr 28	H Notts County	



First class distribution from Lee Crooks was a feature of the win at Oldham.



## Lancashire League 'A' Team

Aug 16	H Tranmere R. 'A'	4-1
Aug 23	A Carlisle United 'A'	5-0
Aug 30	H Everton 'A'	1-2
Sept 6	A Burnley 'A'	3-0
Sept 13	H Marine Reserves	2-0
Sept 20	H Manchester U. 'A'	2-3
Sept 27	A Oldham Athletic 'A'	
Oct 4	H Stoke City 'A'	
Oct 11	A Bolton Wanderers 'A'	
Oct 18	H Preston N.E. 'A'	
Nov 1	H Blackburn Rovers 'A'	
Nov 8	A Everton 'A'	
Nov 15	H Crewe Alex. Res.	
Nov 22	A Wrexham 'A'	
Nov 29	H Carlisle United 'A'	
Dec 6	A Stoke City 'A'	
Dec 13	A Marine Reserves	
Dec 20	H Morecambe Res.	
Jan 10	A Blackburn Rovers 'A'	
Jan 17	H Bolton W. 'A'	
Jan 24	A Liverpool 'A'	
Jan 31	A Manchester United 'A'	
Feb 7	H Burnley 'A'	
Feb 21	A Bury 'A'	
Feb 28	H Wrexham 'A'	
Mar 7	A Tranmere Rovers 'A'	
Mar 14	A Crewe Alex. Reserves	
Mar 21	H Oldham Athletic 'A'	
Mar 28	H Bury 'A'	
Apr 3	A Morecambe Reserves	
Apr 18	A Preston North End 'A'	
May 2	H Liverpool 'A'	

\* Home Pontin's League games between 1st November and 31st March will be played at Altrincham FC.

## Lancashire League 'B' Team

Aug 16	A Rochdale 'A'	2-3
Aug 23	H Morecambe 'A'	6-0
Aug 30	A Marine Youth	3-1
Sep 6	H Oldham Ath. 'B'	3-0
Sep 13	A Blackpool 'A'	1-0
Sep 17	H Burnley 'B'	1-0
Sep 20	A Crewe Alexandra 'A'	1-3
Sep 27	H Crewe Alexandra 'A'	
Oct 4	A Wrexham 'B'	
Oct 11	H Tranmere Rovers 'B'	
Oct 18	A Tranmere Rovers 'B'	
Oct 25	H Stockport County 'A'	
Nov 1	A Liverpool 'B'	
Nov 8	H Blackpool 'A'	
Nov 15	A Carlisle United 'B'	
Nov 22	H Wigan Athletic 'A'	
Nov 29	A Bury 'B'	
Dec 6	H Manchester Utd 'B'	
Dec 13	H Everton 'B'	
Dec 20	A Everton 'B'	
Jan 10	H Blackburn Rovers 'B'	
Jan 17	A Burnley 'B'	
Jan 24	H Wrexham 'B'	
Jan 31	H Liverpool 'B'	
Feb 7	A Manchester United 'B'	
Feb 14	A Stockport County 'A'	
Feb 21	H Carlisle United 'B'	
Feb 28	A Morecambe 'A'	
Mar 7	H Bury 'B'	
Mar 21	A Wigan Athletic 'A'	
Mar 28	A Oldham Athletic 'B'	
Apr 4	A Blackburn Rovers 'B'	
Apr 11	H Rochdale 'A'	
Apr 18	H Chester City 'A'	
Apr 25	H Marine Youth	
May 2	A Chester City 'A'	

## NOTICEBOARD

### FIRST AID

Supporters should note that there are first aid points at each side of the ground in the event of medical attention being required during the game.

**KIPPAX** - At the back of the Stand in the corner next to the North Stand.

**MAIN STAND** - Go to the bottom of the Stand and then up the Players' Tunnel where a medical room is located immediately on the left near the dressing-room area.

**NORTH STAND** - On the lower floor level at end next to the Kippax Stand.

**UMBRO STAND** - On the corner of the Stand on the lower level at end next to the Main Stand.

There is a Crowd Doctor and 12 Crowd Nurses on duty within the stadium and St. John Ambulance personnel are available in case of emergency, at each corner of the pitch perimeter.

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City opened the game brightly and a crisp shot from Paul Dickov was well saved. A further chance fell to Gerry Creaney, and on eight minutes, Uwe Rösler almost punished an indecisive defence, but shot wide.

Following a spell of intense pressure, a Rösler effort was saved, the rebound went to Creaney, and his goal-scoring opportunity was cleared off the line. City continued to apply pressure with intelligent play by Scott Hiley and Lee Crooks almost leading to a goal.

Alan Kernaghan marshalled the City defence superbly and was limiting the Wolves attack to long-range shots which caused no problems for Tommy Wright, who was making a welcome comeback after injury.

Prior to half-time, Rösler hit the bar with a header, and this proved to be his final contribution to the game. At the interval, he was replaced by Australian trialist Jimmy Tsekinis.

Wright was tested on several

occasions in the second half but coped admirably. Dickov, now playing in his more familiar role up front, was beginning to cause problems. His shot against a post rebounded into Segers' back and went out for a corner.

Jeff Whitley replaced Crooks, and the substitution paid dividends with the inspired Tsekinis having a shot well saved, then feeding Dickov, who sweetly converted past the despairing Segers to give City a well-deserved lead.

Minutes later, Tsekinis was denied a penalty when he appeared to be up-ended in the box by a central defender.

The final ten minutes saw attempts on goal by the Whitley brothers, and Dickov almost beat the retreating Segers with a cheeky lob from 40 yards. The striker also had a blistering shot saved.

Wolves counter-attacked but to no avail. Wright was called into action at the end when a misplaced clearance by Jim Whitley almost allowed Wolves in for an equaliser.



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# Blue Look-a-likes

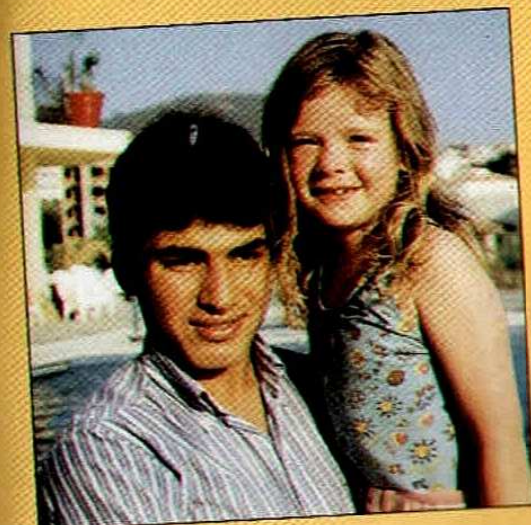
## City Trivia Teasers

### Signing on

1. From which club did City sign legendary goalkeeper Bert Trautmann in October 1949?  
a. Wigan Athletic b. Accrington Stanley  
c. St. Helens
2. Which player made his debut alongside Dennis Tueart in March 1974?  
a. Joe Royle b. Paul Power c. Mick Horswill.
3. When City captured Mike Summerbee from Swindon Town in August 1965 how much was the fee?  
a. £3,500 b. £35,000 c. £350,000
4. Twenty-nine years later, how much did the Blues fork out for Nicky as he mirrored dad Mike's move?  
a. £1.25m b. £1.35m c. £1.5m
5. In March 1960, City paid £55,000 for Denis Law, but from which club did he make the move to Maine Road?  
a. Manchester United b. Leeds United  
c. Huddersfield Town

### Stadium Trivia Answers (Norwich programme):

1 A 84,569, 2 B 18th Aug. 1923, 3 A Halifax Town, 4 C 1953 v Hearts, 5 C 33,149.



**Laura Reade from Bescarr in Doncaster went on holiday recently with her family and didn't half do well on the old look-a-like spotting front. As she went swimming down the pool she was surprised to see that Georgi Kinkladze was already there brushing up on his tan.**

**Next programme, Laura meets a topless Gianluca Vialli!**



## WHO ARE THEY?

### No.5: SWINDON

**Ci-teeee we're from Manchester...** is the frequent cry from the Blues brigade, but who are those visitors tucked away in the North Stand corner and where have they come from? Here's a regular light-hearted guide to today's Nationwide neighbours.....

Swindon isn't really famous for anything much, apart from Mike Summerbee and Nicky Summerbee, and for Glenn Hoddle once being the manager of their team. The most interesting thing about today's visitors is that they won't actually be carrying any money with them. In Swindon they use Mondex instead of money, it's a kind of currency card-replacing-money type experiment that is being run down there. Don't worry though, if you're thinking of going there you can apparently still spend money as well, but there's little point in mugging them today as they won't have any.

**Advice for travellers:** Watch out for the town's two hundred roundabouts particularly the so-called Magic Roundabout, which apparently 'allows traffic to go in both directions.' (No, we couldn't work that one out either).

### Interesting things about Swindon:

- Diana Dors, movie star and renowned beauty, hailed from Swindon, and by all accounts it can't be all bad down there what with that Melinda Messenger hailing from that neck of the woods an' all.
- Hailed as the Jimmy Dean of Wiltshire, Mark Lamarr, stalwart of even the lowliest of game shows these days, is also a

favourite son of the Swindon area.

- The anvil was invented in Swindon in 1122 by Lord Anviltagon of Salisbury to aid in the shoeing of his many racing horses.

- Mr George Crafter produced the first Candy Floss at his Swindon based funfair in the late 1850's. To this day the machines which are used to make the sugary treats are known as 'Crafter's tubs'

Left: Melinda Messenger, two of the best reasons to visit Swindon.

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## Miss (ter) Manchester City

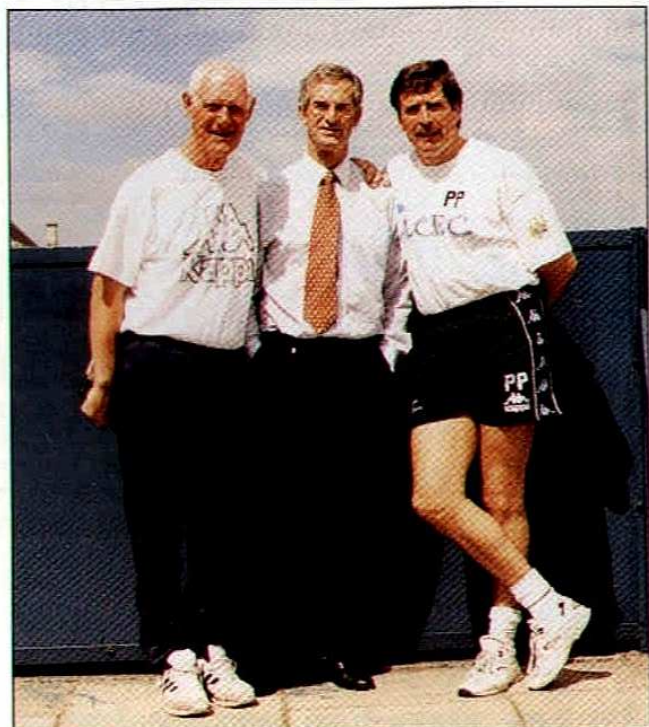
What a catch this chap would be for the ladies, Tony Weekes is the latest entry to our beauty pageant and as you can see he really made an effort for the photo shoot. Holding a natural pose, Tony cuts a familiar dash in his ever present nylons and of the 'moment just got out of bed' look. If he does look a little familiar to you it's because you've probably seen Tony at half time, sticking his trowel into any holes or moist areas of the pitch (he's an assistant to City's Groundsman Dave Shaw). Tony is a keen traveller and has often been as far afield as Bangkok in his time, he also enjoys the odd drink and is fond of children.



## The launch of the Manchester City Football Academy heralds an exciting new chapter in City's innovative Youth Development programme.

As detailed in these pages last week, the Academy's main aim is to attract talented young players to Maine Road, and the first stage of this process involves welcoming as many local youngsters as possible to the Club. To encourage this, a number of new coaching centres have been set up in the Greater Manchester area at which children will be able to attend training sessions organised by the Club. These centres are open to any boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 16 who would like to practice and improve their footballing skills. Participants will receive expert tuition within a safe and friendly environment, and will also qualify for a complimentary ticket for one Manchester City game!

Each centre will operate from the week commencing 3rd November 1997 and will run throughout the school year. A reasonable fee of £12.00 covers 12 sessions (two weekly training sessions per week for a period of six weeks).



George Smith (Director of School of Excellence), Jim Cassell (Youth Development Officer) and Paul Power (Director of The Academy).

### The Centres are as follows:

Centre No	Venue	Days	Times	£
<b>MCCC 1</b>	<b>North Manchester HS for boys (Moston)</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 2</b>	<b>Ducie High School (Moss Side)</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 3</b>	<b>Ten Acres Lane (Newton Heath)</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 4</b>	<b>Belle View Athletic Stadium (Gorton)</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 5</b>	<b>Radcliffe Borough FC (Radcliffe)</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 6</b>	<b>The Hollies (Didsbury)</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>MCCC 7</b>	<b>Newall Green HS (Wythenshawe)</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>4-5pm (u-11) 5-6pm (12-16)</b>	<b>£12</b>



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### Dane Bank Branch

After a summer of sleaze and electioneering, the Dane Bank branch has finally elected its new hard-line officials. Mark Shelmardine retains his position as Treasurer, the new Chairperson is Ray Carter, and Marie Wilkinson becomes the new Secretary. The branch is now entering its fourth successful season, and recently had a memorable trip to Chester Races.... Should anyone wish to join their happy throng, the next branch meeting takes place on Thursday 9 October at the Dane Bank Hotel, Windmill Lane (further info from Steve on 0161-480-0093).

### Middlewich Branch

Anyone in the Middlewich area interested in joining the supporters club should contact Gavin Roberts on 01606-736-001 after 5pm.

### Blue E-mail

Chris Woolley is a City fan who would like to communicate with other fans (both national and worldwide) via E-mail. Get in touch with him on [c.n.woolley@btinternet.com](mailto:c.n.woolley@btinternet.com)

Our pictures today show some Wythenshawe Blues in the Big Apple (below), namely Alan Richardson, Dean Green, Paul Whittaker and Mike Lyons.... and (right) Cheadle branch member Ian Palmer and family in Majorca.

### Brooklands/Baguley Branch

This branch is soon to be official; anyone interested can get in touch with Tony on 0161-998-4528. Meetings are being held in The Wendover, Wendover Road, on Monday nights.

### Co Mayo Branch

A warm welcome to Co. Mayo secretary Cahal Burke who is over for today's game. Any City fans in that area who'd like to join the branch (who meet at McCarthy's Bar in Westport) can write to Cahal at 'Cordarragh', Kiltimagh, Co Mayo, Ireland.

### Xmas Draw

The Christmas Draw will take place on Monday 8 December in the Oasis Suite (tickets available from branch secretaries). Special thanks to sponsors Lords the Caterers, The Lansdowne Hotel, Barratt Homes, Kaill Plant Hire and Mostonian Coaches.



## FANS COMMITTEE MEETING

Platt Lane, Monday 18 August 1997, 12 noon

### 1 TICKET OFFICE

**1.1** Some tickets for the K & L blocks of the North Stand were sold for £7 instead of £6. This problem was highlighted and any over-payment was refunded.  
**1.2** A day for membership card holders was introduced during the sale of match tickets for the Blackpool and Sunderland games. This should become a regular occurrence and will give any members the opportunity to purchase match tickets before they go on sale.

### 2 SOCIAL CLUB

**2.1** The merchandise department is altering the old Social Club premises and will transform it into the new City Superstore. The old concert room will be the actual shop, with the rest of the building being utilised for stock and the mail order department. The Superstore should be open by the end of September.

**2.2** The supplies of merchandise arriving from Kappa are improving all the time but, because of the phenomenal demand for this merchandise it is selling out very quickly. The new kit has surpassed all expectations with 60,000 kits already sold.

**2.3** Any fan wanting a drink after the game, or to just let the traffic go, can use the facilities within the Kippax Stand. Your match ticket/season ticket will gain you entry at the Executive Box entrance or Gate D entrance.

### 3 REFRESHMENT BARS

**3.1** The Chief Executive is to speak to Letheby & Christopher over the standards of service given to fans in the Platt Lane Stand (v Portsmouth).  
**3.2** Any fan who was unable to purchase a drink of beer before or during the Portsmouth game can you please let me or the Club know the details in writing. This will assist the Club in rectifying the problem.

**3.3** During the next few home games the Club are going to monitor the bars in each particular stand to ascertain the standards of service given to the fans by the caterers.

### 4 RE-ARRANGED FIXTURES

The game versus Crewe (h) and West Brom (a) are to be affected by international fixtures. There has been no re-arrangement date set for West Brom game yet, but the date for the Crewe fixture is 29 October.

### 5 EASTLANDS STADIUM

**5.1** The Board of Directors are meeting this week (18.8.97) and are going to discuss this subject. There are still many conditions that must be met before the Club make any decision, one of these conditions is that there must not be a running track between the seats and the playing surface. The Club does not have a set 'deadline' date to commit themselves either way on any proposed move.

### 6 JUNIOR BLUES

**6.1** The season's Junior Blues meetings are to be held at the Odeon Cinema, Oxford Road, Manchester. The Odeon was chosen because the Millennium Suite was unsuitable. This was because the Suite offered a poor view of the ongoing activities for many of the attending children.

**6.2** The revamp of the Junior Blues membership is proving popular, with approximately 100 more new members per week joining this season compared to last.

**6.3** The Junior Blues magazine is being made bigger for future issues. All JB's/parents need to return the Freepost slips contained in the August issue of the magazine if they wish to continue receiving the mag.

### 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**7.1** The temporary seating between the North and Kippax stands is now ready to be used if and when required (1002 seats). These seats can be used by home or away fans. 500 more temporary seats are to be built in the other remaining corner.

All correspondence to:  
Stephen Knott, Fans Committee  
Co-ordinator, c/o Manchester  
City Football Club, Maine Road,  
M14 7WN.



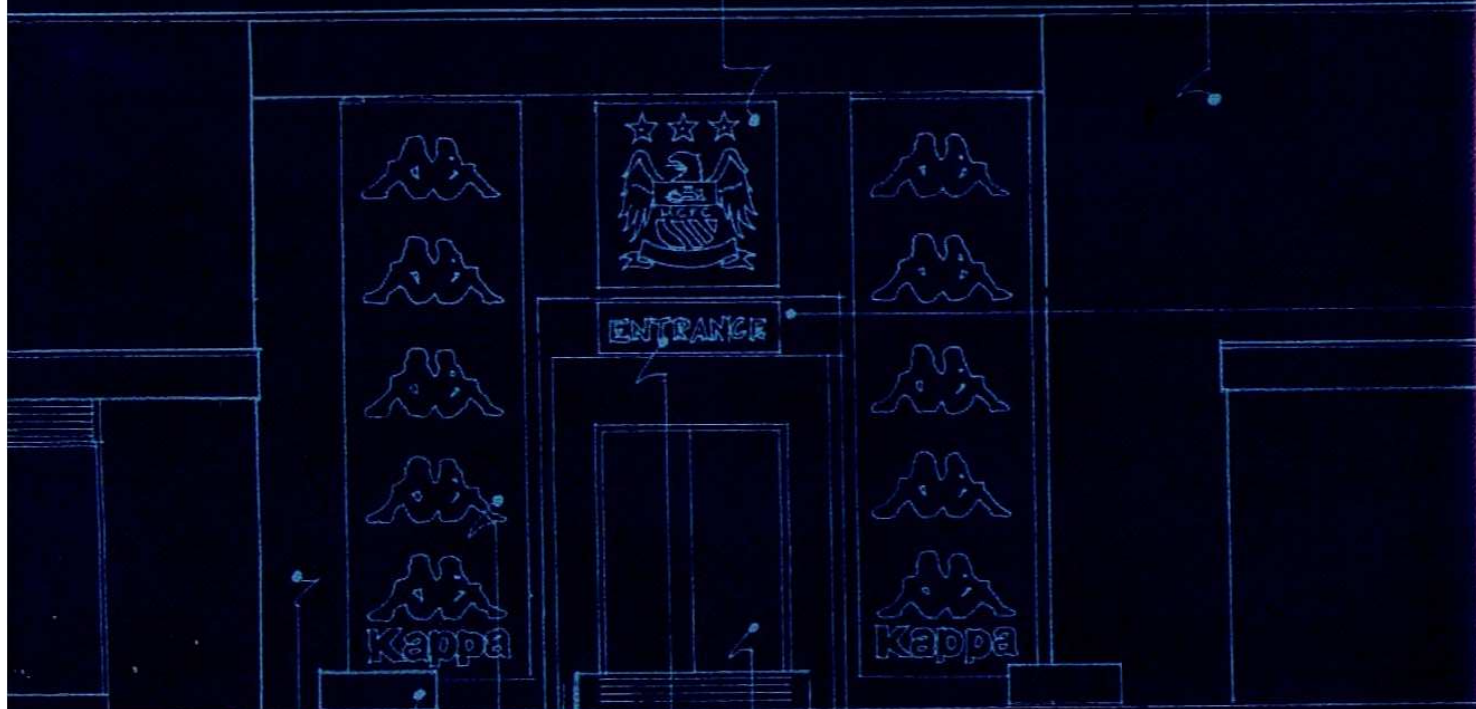


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# PITCH INVASION!

**We have a number of events taking place on the pitch for today's game.**

Before kick-off the Manchester City ladies team will be presented with a brand new Kappa kit courtesy of Manchester City and our new kit sponsors Kappa. One of the ladies team, Gail Rothwell, made a recent visit to Maine Road armed with a television crew (see pictures) as part of a new series for the ITV network, The Fashion Police. The programme which is due for broadcast at the end of October gives people a chance for a 'make-over' from experts and Gail was chosen as she has a very important event to attend in the near future, the christening of her grand-daughter.

During the programme Gail is shown putting the Under-14 girls team through their paces before being led away by 'The Fashion Police' who consist of famous hairdresser Andrew

Collinge (from the popular daytime TV show 'This Morning') and his make-up artist wife Liz who will give Gail a new look for the occasion as well as finding her a new outfit. The programme was organised by John Clay, the club's Public Relations officer. Everyone at City hopes Gail enjoyed the filming and has a wonderful time at the christening and we all look forward to a good giggle when the programme is broadcast.

*During half-time of today's match we will also be organising the penalty shoot-out competition between representatives from City and Swindon Town in conjunction with the Junior Blues and their wonderful representative Gary Lewis.*

However, this won't be the usual friendly

shoot-out as it's be a bit of a grudge match as it will take place between the teams that represented City and Swindon (Wright Robinson School and Bradon Forest School) in the U-14's six-a-side competition at Wembley before the first division play-off-finals when City ran out the victors 1-0.

The two teams will meet up again as they will be playing matches this morning

at Wright Robinson before moving on to Maine Road for the game. We hope both schools enjoy their day out and the half-time shoot-out.

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The half-time penalty shoot-out is kindly sponsored by the Palace Nightclub, Levenshulme.



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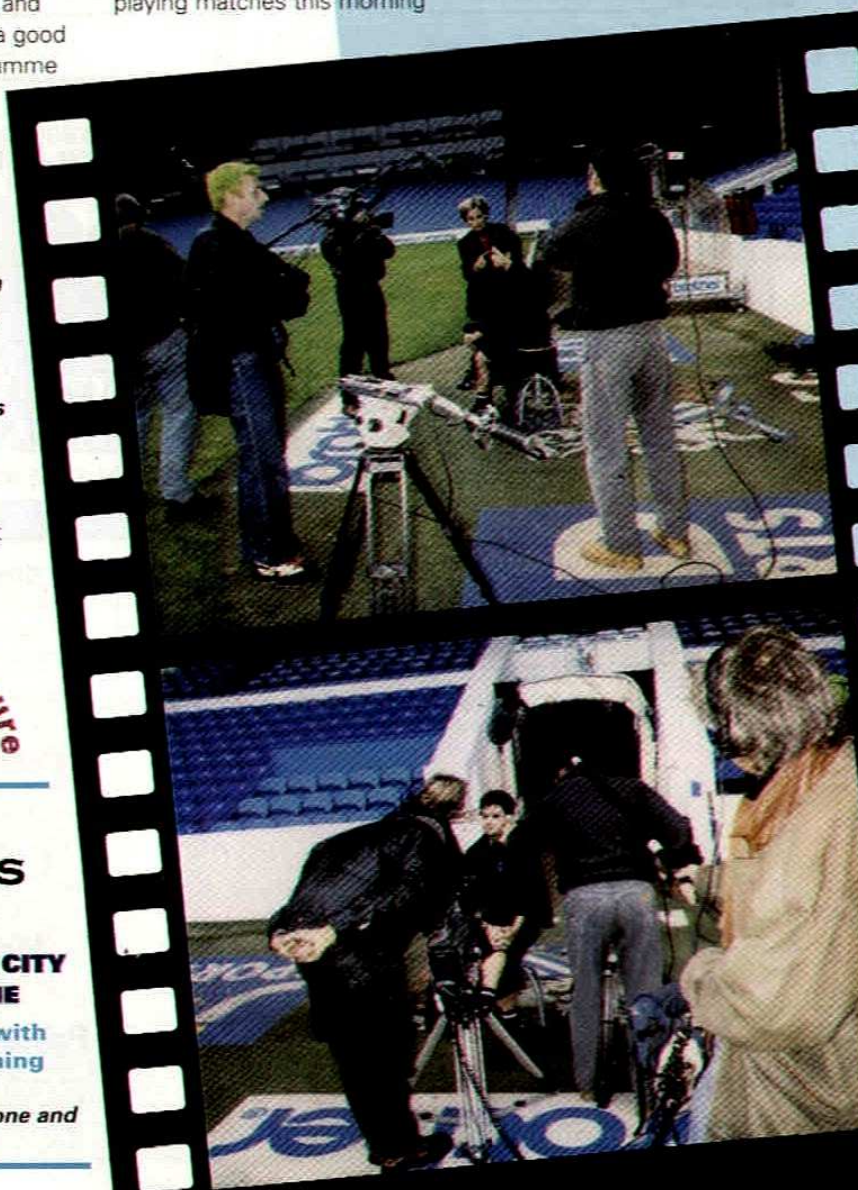


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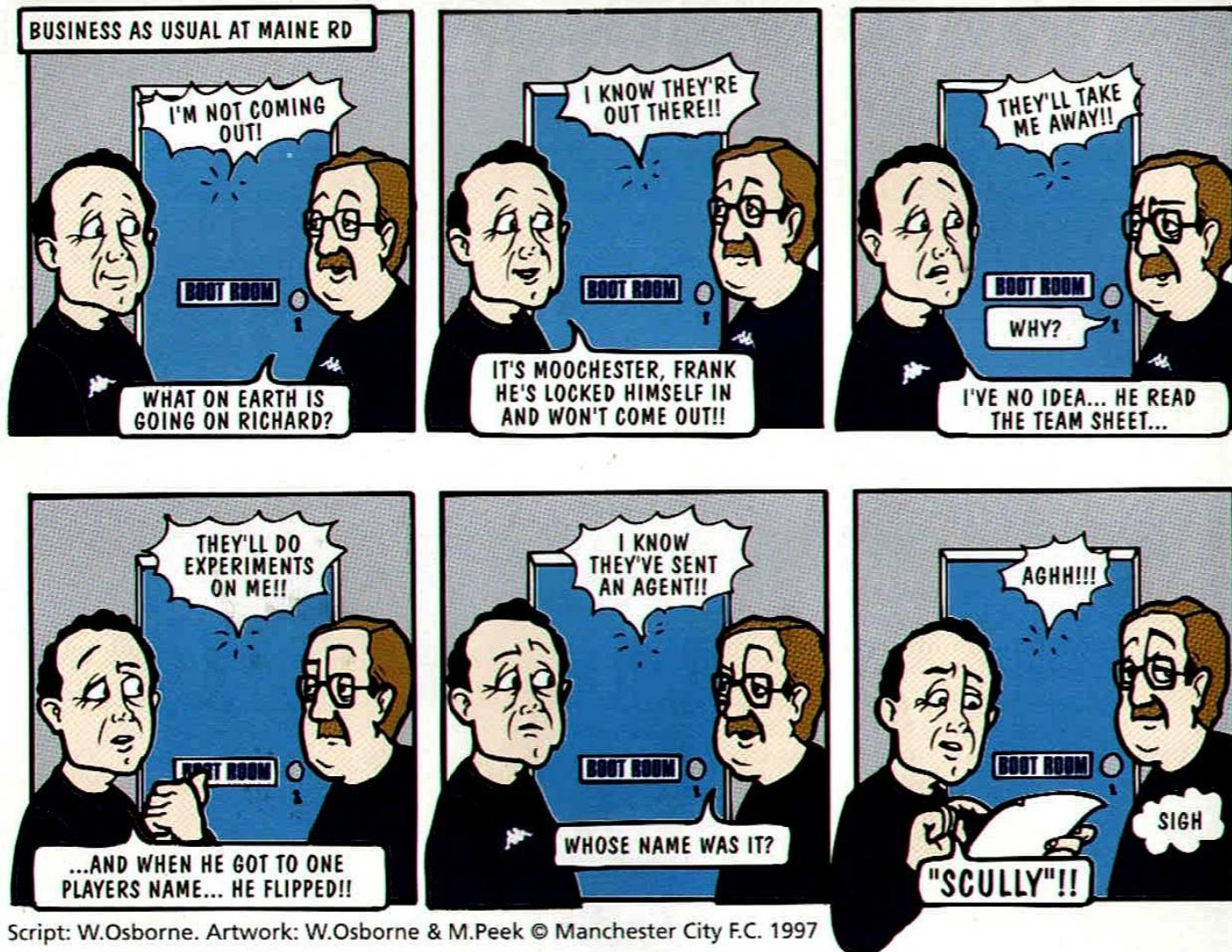
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# JUNIOR blues



## Pantomime auditions tomorrow...

■ Auditions for the 1997/98 pantomime will take place tomorrow, Sunday 28th September, 11.00 am till 1.00pm at the International Suite, Maine Road, (main entrance). All welcome!

JB Chairman: Ian LG Niven JB Secretary: Liz Douglas  
JB Consultant: Gary Lewis

## Your chance to be an official City mascot

■ All mascots have to be a registered Junior Blues and there are quite a few ways to make your dream come true. The JB magazine carries various competitions for you to enter or, alternatively, you can enter the competitions run by JD sports (check out their shops for details).

## Away Day Mascots

■ To enter, simply write to the Away Day Mascot Competition at the JB address, telling us in less than fifty words why you should be chosen. (All away day mascots are picked out from our file of entries on the pitch at half-time for a game one month in advance).



▲ Pictured here with his good friend Gio Kinkladze at St Bede's School is Junior Blues patron, Mr Lawrence Hennigan, from the Palace Nightclub, Levenshulme.

## JBs Meetings

■ All Sunday meetings are now to be held at the Odeon Cinema on Oxford Road, Manchester. Meeting dates are as follows:

October 19th  
November 23rd  
December 21st (Xmas Party)  
January 18th (Pantomime)  
February 15th  
March 22nd (Sponsored Trot)  
April 26th

## Important message...

■ Please fill in and send back the freepost form found in the latest J.B. Magazine. You must do this if you wish to carry on receiving your Magazine.

## Away Day Travel

■ For certain away games this season, we will be running a coach to away games for Junior Blues and their parents. In general, there will be a charge just for coach travel together with complimentary match tickets. Please note that every adult who books must have a JB member with them. Our next trip will be to Oxford United on Saturday November 1st. Complimentary tickets are available and the price for coach travel will be £10.00. For further details, please enquire at the JB shop today or telephone the JB office on Monday.

## JBs New Season Cabaret/Dinner

■ On Friday 3rd October at the Village Hotel, Prestwich, there will be the first of this season's dinners to raise funds for Junior Blues. Hosted by GMRs' Alan Keegan, the evening includes a four course meal, a cabaret featuring Granada TV's "Stars in their Eyes" Tina Turner soundalike and a disco 'til late. Tickets are strictly limited and are now available from the JB office priced at £19.95 per person. Over half the tickets are already sold for this event so please book now to avoid disappointment.

## Junior Blues Stand

Reduced price Season Tickets:-

Junior Blues: £155.00 (23 matches @ £6.30 per game)  
J. B. Parents: £205.00 (23 matches @ £8.50 per game)  
Includes pre-match activities, refreshment area and celebrity appearances..... the Junior Blues Stand is the place to be!

## Join the Junior Blues

### Annual Membership just £19.00!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:- (Cheque/Cash/P.O./Access/Visa)

Credit card no: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Fixture: \_\_\_\_\_

(using the 3 free ticket entitlement when joining Junior Blues).

Send to Liz Douglas, Maine Road, Moss Side,  
Manchester M14 7WN

## Half-time Shoot-out

■ The half-time penalty shoot-out and the JB meetings at the Odeon are kindly sponsored by the Palace nightclub, Levenshulme.

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# PLAY CITY FANTASY FOOTBALL AND WIN A VIP DAY OUT AT MAINE ROAD!



Many of us believe that City belong in the Premiership, and here's a novel way of putting the Blues back up where they belong (and hopefully bagging yourself some big prizes into the bargain!).

CITY FANTASY FOOTY has been running in the City Magazine since the start of the season, and here's another chance for you to enter. It's just like your normal dream soccer game, but with one significant difference; you can pick your team from Premiership AND City players, but NO Manchester United players are permitted! There are seven great monthly prizes as well as an end-of-season prize for the overall winner, so even the bottom team could be a monthly winner! If you enter by October 4th 1997 you are eligible to win the main prize and receive a free CITY FANTASY FOOTY PACK. You can still enter after this date but you do not receive the pack but you can win any of the monthly prizes.

## PICKING YOUR TEAM

- You must pick: 1 goalkeeper, 4 defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 forwards (there are no financial restrictions)
- You must pick 4 City players, and you can't pick any Man United players!
- Only 2 players maximum are allowed from any other Premiership Club.
- Transfers will be allowed later in the season.

## SCORING POINTS

- Your Players must play, and only Premiership and Manchester City matches count
- 1 point for all players in a winning team. Nil points if the team draws or loses.
- *Winning teams that keep a clean sheet:* +3pts Goalkeeper, +2pts Defenders, +1pt Midfielders
- *Winning teams that score at least 3 goals:* +2pts Forwards, +1pt Midfielders
- *All other winning teams:* +1pt for each goalscorer, +1pt bonus for a hat-trick.
- *Sendings off:* -5pts, and no points count for that player, win, lose or draw.

## THE PLAYERS

### GOALKEEPERS

901	T Wright	Man City
101	D Seaman	Arsenal
102	M Bosnich	A Villa
103	D Watson	Barnsley
104	T Flowers	Blackburn
105	K Branagan	Bolton
106	E de Goey	Chelsea
107	S Ogrizovic	Coventry
108	C Nash	C Palace
109	M Poom	Derby C
110	N Southall	Everton
111	N Martyn	Leeds U
112	K Keller	Leicester C
113	D James	Liverpool
114	S Given	Newcastle
115	K Pressman	Sheff W
116	M Taylor	Soton
117	I Walker	Tottenham
118	L Miklosko	West Ham
119	N Sullivan	Wimbledon

### DEFENDERS

902	K Symons	Man City
903	T Vaughan	Man City
904	P Beesley	Man City
905	R Edghill	Man City
906	I Brightwell	Man City
201	L Dixon	Arsenal
202	N Winterburn	Arsenal
301	T Adams	Arsenal
302	M Keown	Arsenal
303	G Grimandi	Arsenal
203	S Staunton	A Villa
204	A Wright	A Villa
205	S Grayson	A Villa
206	F Nelson	A Villa
304	G Southgate	A Villa
305	U Ehiogu	A Villa
306	A de Zeeuw	Barnsley
307	A Moses	Barnsley
308	M Appleby	Barnsley
207	N Eaden	Barnsley
208	N Thompson	Barnsley
209	G Le Saux	Blackburn
210	J Kenna	Blackburn
211	P Valery	Blackburn
310	C Hendry	Blackburn
212	N Cox	Bolton
213	R Elliott	Bolton
311	G Teggart	Bolton
312	G Bergsson	Bolton
313	C Fairclough	Bolton
214	D Petrescu	Chelsea
215	C Babayaro	Chelsea
314	F Leboeuf	Chelsea
315	M Duberry	Chelsea

316	S Clarke	Chelsea
317	B Larnbourne	Chelsea
216	D Burrows	Coventry
217	B Borrows	Coventry
218	M Hall	Coventry
318	L Daish	Coventry
319	R Shaw	Coventry
320	P Williams	Coventry
219	D Gordon	C Palace
220	M Edworthy	C Palace
221	K Muscat	C Palace
321	A Roberts	C Palace
322	A Linighan	C Palace
323	D Tuttle	C Palace
222	C Powell	Derby C
223	D Yates	Derby C
324	I Stimac	Derby C
325	J Laursen	Derby C
224	A Hinchcliffe	Everton
225	E Barrett	Everton
226	T Phelan	Everton
326	S Bilic	Everton
327	D Watson	Everton
328	D Unsworth	Everton
227	G Kelly	Leeds
228	D Robertson	Leeds
329	D Wetherall	Leeds
330	G Halle	Leeds
331	R Molenaar	Leeds
332	L Radebe	Leeds
229	M Whitlow	Leicester
230	S Guppy	Leicester
333	M Elliott	Leicester
334	P Kaemark	Leicester
335	S Walsh	Leicester
231	S Bjornebye	Liverpool
232	J McAteer	Liverpool
336	M Wright	Liverpool
337	D Matteo	Liverpool
338	B Kvarme	Liverpool
341	P Albert	Newcastle
342	D Peacock	Newcastle
343	S Howey	Newcastle
236	S Watson	Newcastle
237	W Barton	Newcastle
238	J Beresford	Newcastle
239	P Blondeau	Sheff W
240	I Nolan	Sheff W
344	D Walker	Sheff W
345	J Newsome	Sheff W
346	P Atherton	Sheff W
241	J Dodd	Soton
242	F Benali	Soton
243	S Charlton	Soton
347	R Dryden	Soton
348	C Lundekvam	Soton
349	U Van Gobbel	Soton
244	C Wilson	Tottenham
245	J Edinburgh	Tottenham
350	S Campbell	Tottenham
351	J Scales	Tottenham
352	R Vega	Tottenham
353	C Calderwood	Tottenham
246	J Dicks	West Ham
247	A Impey	West Ham
354	R Ferdinand	West Ham
355	R Hall	West Ham
356	S Potts	West Ham
248	B Thatcher	Wimbledon
249	K Cunningham	Wimbledon
250	A Kimble	Wimbledon
357	C Perry	Wimbledon
358	D Blackwell	Wimbledon





## THE PRIZES

■ Our grand prize winner will be the manager who finishes the season with the most points. He/she will win a VIP lunch for two in the Kippax Stand, as well as a shirt signed by the City team.

■ The winner and second and third prize winners will also receive a year's subscription to City magazine.

■ The manager with the highest points total in each month will win a special City prize!



### MIDFIELDERS

907	G Kinkladze	Man City
908	K Horlock	Man City
909	G Wiekens	Man City
910	E McGoldrick	Man City
911	G Brannan	Man City
401	M Overmars	Arsenal
402	P Vieira	Arsenal
403	S Hughes	Arsenal
404	R Parlour	Arsenal
405	D Platt	Arsenal
406	M Draper	A Villa
407	I Taylor	A Villa
408	A Townsend	A Villa
409	N Redfearn	Barnsley
410	E Tinkler	Barnsley
411	D Sheridan	Barnsley
412	M Bullock	Barnsley
413	J Wilcox	Blackburn
414	B McKinlay	Blackburn
415	T Sherwood	Blackburn
416	G Flitcroft	Blackburn
417	A Thompson	Bolton
418	S Sellars	Bolton
419	P Frandsen	Bolton

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## HOW TO ENTER

To enter City Fantasy Footy, first fill in the form below (you must pick 4 City players), sending it to the address stated together with a cheque for £5 (made payable to Soccer Mania Ltd).

Number	Position	Code	Players Name
01	GK		
02	DEF		
03	DEF		
04	DEF		
05	DEF		
06	MID		
07	MID		
08	MID		
09	MID		
10	FOR		
11	FOR		

TEAM NAME (offensive names will not be used!)

FULL NAME OF MANAGER: (Mr/Mrs/Ms):

ADDRESS:

POST CODE:

TEL. NO:

Send the form and your £5 entry fee to: Soccer Mania Ltd, PO Box 4118, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 5EQ.

420	M Johansen	Bolton	461	M Pembridge	Sheff W	515	M Hughes	Chelsea
421	J Pollock	Bolton	462	R Blinker	Sheff W	516	D Dublin	Coventry
422	D Wise	Chelsea	463	G Hyde	Sheff W	517	D Huckerby	Coventry
423	R di Matteo	Chelsea	464	J Magilton	Soton	518	N Whelan	Coventry
424	E Newton	Chelsea	465	R Slater	Soton	519	N Shipperley	C Palace
425	G Poyet	Chelsea	466	N Maddison	Soton	520	D Freedman	C Palace
426	G McAllister	Coventry	467	A Sinton	Tottenham	521	B Dyer	C Palace
427	T Soltvedt	Coventry	468	D Anderton	Tottenham	522	D Sturridge	Derby C
428	J Salako	Coventry	469	Ruel Fox	Tottenham	523	A Ward	Derby C
429	D Hopkin	C Palace	470	D Howells	Tottenham	524	D Ferguson	Everton
430	S Rodger	C Palace	471	E Berkovich	West Ham	525	N Barnby	Everton
431	D Pitcher	C Palace	472	S Lomas	West Ham	526	G Stuart	Everton
432	A Asanovic	Derby C	473	J Moncur	West Ham	527	J Hasselbaink	Leeds
433	S Eranio	Derby C	474	M Hughes	West Ham	528	B Deane	Leeds
434	D Powell	Derby C	475	R Earle	Wimbledon	529	R Wallace	Leeds
435	C Dailly	Derby C	476	N Ardley	Wimbledon	530	S Claridge	Leicester
436	R Van Der Laan	Derby C	477	V Jones	Wimbledon	531	E Heskey	Leicester
437	J Hunt	Derby C	478	C Hughes	Wimbledon	532	I Marshall	Leicester
438	G Speed	Everton				533	R Fowler	Liverpool
439	J Parkinson	Everton				534	P Berger	Liverpool

### FORWARDS

912	U Rösler	Man City	538	A Shearer	Newcastle
913	N Summerbee	Man City	540	F Asprilla	Newcastle
914	P Dickov	Man City	541	A Booth	Sheff W
501	I Wright	Arsenal	542	D Hirst	Sheff W
502	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	543	R Humphreys	Sheff W
503	D Yorke	A Villa	544	M Le Tissier	Soton
504	S Collymore	A Villa	545	E Ostendorf	Soton
505	S Milosevic	A Villa	546	M Evans	Soton
506	G Hristo	Barnsley	539	L Ferdinand	Tottenham
507	J Hendrie	Barnsley	547	S Iverson	Tottenham
508	C Marcelle	Barnsley	548	C Armstrong	Tottenham
509	K Gallagher	Blackburn	549	J Hartson	West Ham
510	M Dahlin	Blackburn	550	P Kitson	West Ham
511	C Sutton	Blackburn	551	I Dowie	West Ham
512	J McGinlay	Bolton	552	M Gayle	Wimbledon
513	N Blake	Bolton	553	E Ekoku	Wimbledon
514	G Zola	Chelsea	554	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon



# Home & Away

## Home League match prices 1997/98

	Category		
	A	B	C
<b>Main Stand Blocks B &amp; C</b>	<b>£16</b>	<b>£17</b>	<b>£18</b>
<b>Main Stand Blocks A,D,E,F,HC,HL,HR &amp; I</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£16</b>	<b>£17</b>
<b>Main Stand Block G - OAP's only</b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>£5</b>
<b>Kippax Stand Upper Tier</b>	<b>£14</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£16</b>
<b>Kippax Stand Lower Tier</b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>£13</b>	<b>£14</b>
<b>Platt Lane Stand</b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>£13</b>
<b>JD Sports Family Stand Adult</b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>£11</b>
<b>JD Sports Family Stand Jnr/OAP's</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>£6</b>
<b>North Stand Adult</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>North Stand Jnr/OAP</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>£7</b>
<b>North Stand Blocks K &amp; L Jnr/OAP</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>£6</b>

The Membership scheme will remain suspended unless instructed by the Police and Local Authorities to be implemented. Please note: This may occur at short notice.

## NEXT AT MAINE ROAD...

Some 133 days after closing last season with a defeat by City, Reading were still waiting for their next win. It finally arrived in the seventh League match for new boss Terry Bullivant.

Management partners Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding departed soon after the Maine Road visit in May and Mr Bullivant was appointed in June after a short spell in charge at Barnet. His player-coach is the Republic of Ireland midfielder Ray Houghton (pictured right).

Reading picked up only one point from their first six games but then beat Oxford United with goals from summer signings Lee Hodges (Barnet) and Carl Asaba (Brentford).



## Nationwide League Division One Manchester City v Reading

**Saturday 18th October, k.o. 3pm**

□ This is a **Category 'A'** game. Seat tickets are on open sale from all the usual sources. Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain.

## Ipswich Town v Manchester City

**Saturday 4th October, k.o. 3pm**

- This match is all-ticket, tickets cannot be guaranteed. Tickets are on open sale.
- An extremely limited number of covered seat tickets in the Cobbald Upper Tier Stand, priced £15 Adults, £8 OAP's and £6 juniors are currently available.
- There will also be an extremely limited number of uncovered seats in the Family Area (Cobbald Stand Lower Tier) priced £12 Adults, £8 OAP's and £3 juniors. The minimum purchase for this area is 1 adult/OAP and 1 junior and the maximum purchase is two adults/OAP per junior.
- Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain.

## West Bromwich A. v Manchester City

**Saturday 11th October, k.o. 3pm**

- **This date may change due to international call-ups and confirmation may not be obtained until 10 days prior to the fixture.**
- This match is all-ticket, tickets cannot be guaranteed.
- Ongoing qualifications as long as tickets remain are as follows:
- Season ticket holders should produce application form 'J' and their season ticket book as per the following: Maximum 1 ticket per application, 2 applications per person. An extremely limited number of seat tickets priced £12 adults, £6.50 jnr/OAPs are now on sale.
- If any tickets remain they will be available to members ONLY from Mon 29th September. Remaining tickets will go on open sale on Wed 1st October.
- As long as tickets remain postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted.

## TRAVELLING BLUES

### ► Coach to Ipswich Town

Coach priced at £16, leaves Maine Road at 8.15am with usual stop-offs (Chorlton St, Mostonian Garage, Stockport and Dukinfield).

## Sale of home League match tickets

- Tickets for all home League matches will now go on sale at least 28 days prior to the game.
- Please note for the first 7 days of sale it will be **POSTAL APPLICATIONS ONLY** in order for supporters to purchase the best possible choice of seats.
- Please post your applications to: the Ticket Office, address as above, enclosing your remittance (cheque, postal orders, credit/debit cards numbers) and a stamped addressed envelope. Please quote a daytime/nighttime telephone number in case of queries. Supporters paying by cheque are advised that their cheques will be cleared before tickets will be posted.



## Manchester City v Stoke City

**Wednesday 22nd October, k.o. 7.45pm**

□ This is a **Category 'B'** game. Seat tickets are now available. Please note currently postal applications only are being accepted.

□ Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain from 9am on Wednesday 1st October.

## Queens Park Rangers v Manchester City

**Sunday 26th October, k.o. 1pm**

□ This match is all-ticket, tickets cannot be guaranteed.

□ Ongoing qualifications as long as tickets remain are as follows:

□ Season ticket holders should produce application form 'L' and their season ticket book as per the following: Maximum 1 ticket per application, 2 applications per person.

□ An extremely limited number of seat tickets in the School End Lower Tier priced £15 adults, £8 jnr/OAPs are now on sale to REGULAR season ticket holders only (NOT 4th, 3rd, 2nd or 1st year or members).

□ Once our Lower Tier allocation is sold a limited number of tickets in the Upper Tier will be available priced £13 adults, £7 jnr/OAPs.

□ As long as tickets remain postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted from 9am on Mon 29th September.

□ Remaining season ticket holders may apply on the following dates:

4th year - Mon 6th Oct.

3rd year - Tue 7th Oct.

2nd year - Wed 8th Oct.

1st year - Thur 9th Oct.

Further to this if tickets remain they will be available on open sale from 9am on Sat 11th October. In the unlikely event any tickets remain for sale on matchday, the prices will be: Lower Tier Adult £17, Jnr/OAP £9, Upper Tier Adult £15, Jnr/OAP £8.

## Manchester City v Crewe Alexandra

**Wednesday 29th October, k.o. 7.45pm**

□ This fixture has moved from its original date of Saturday 6th September.

□ This is a **Category 'A'** game and tickets are on open sale.

□ Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain.

## Oxford United v Manchester City

**Saturday 1st November, k.o. 3pm**

□ This match is all-ticket, tickets cannot be guaranteed.

□ Ongoing qualifications as long as tickets remain are as follows:

□ Season ticket holders should produce application form 'N' and their season ticket book as per the following: Maximum 1 ticket per application, 2 applications per person.

□ An extremely limited number of seat tickets in the Cuckoo Lane East Stand priced £13 adults, £9 jnr/OAPs will be on sale to REGULAR season ticket holders only (NOT 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st year or members) from 9am on Saturday 11th October.

Standing tickets will also be available in the Cuckoo Lane Terrace priced £10 adults, £6 jnr/OAPs.

□ Season ticket holders should apply in person and queue from window 10 towards the Main Stand.

□ As long as tickets remain postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted from 9am on Mon 13th October.

## Manchester City v Port Vale

**Tuesday 4th November, k.o. 7.45pm**

□ This is a **Category 'A'** game. Seat tickets will be available from Tuesday 7th October. Postal applications only for the first 7 days of sale.

□ Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain from Tuesday 14th October.

## Manchester City v Huddersfield Town

**Friday 7th November, k.o. 7.45pm**

□ This is a **Category 'A'** game. Seat tickets will be available from Friday 10th October. Postal applications only for the first 7 days of sale.

□ Personal, postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted whilst tickets remain from Friday 17th October.

## Sheffield United v Manchester City

**Saturday 15th November, k.o. 3pm**

□ This match is all-ticket, tickets cannot be guaranteed.

□ Ongoing qualifications as long as tickets remain are as follows:

□ Season ticket holders should produce application form 'Q' and their season ticket book as per the following: Maximum 1 ticket per application, 2 applications per person.

□ An extremely limited number of seat tickets in the Bramall Lane Stand priced £10 adults, £7 jnr/OAPs will be on sale to REGULAR season ticket holders only (NOT 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st year or members) from 9am on Saturday 18th October.

□ Season ticket holders should apply in person and queue from window 10 towards the Main Stand.

□ As long as tickets remain postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted from 9am on Mon 20th October.

## Ticket Office Telephones/Fax

General Enquiries - 0161-226-2224

Dial-A-Seat - 0161-227-9229

Dial-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings

Fax-A-Seat - 0161-226-1037

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(NOT available on home Cup games)

Ticketcall - 0891-12-15-91

(Calls cost 50p/minute at all times)

## Ticket Office Window Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

1st team home matchday 9am to kick-off

Non-home matchday 9am to 12 noon

Reserve/youth team home matches at  
matches at Maine Road 9am to kick-off

## Ticket Sales Outlets

In addition to purchasing tickets direct from the Ticket Office, Home match tickets will also be available from

● The City Store, 120 Market Way, Arndale, Manchester (0161-834-4609).

● The Piccadilly Box Office, Virgin Megastore, 1st Floor, Market Street, Manchester M1 1PW (0161-832-1111)

● Hattersley Post Office, 22 Kingston Arcade, Hattersley (0161-368-8469).

## Dial-A-Seat Credit/ Debit Card Bookings Tel: 0161-227-9229

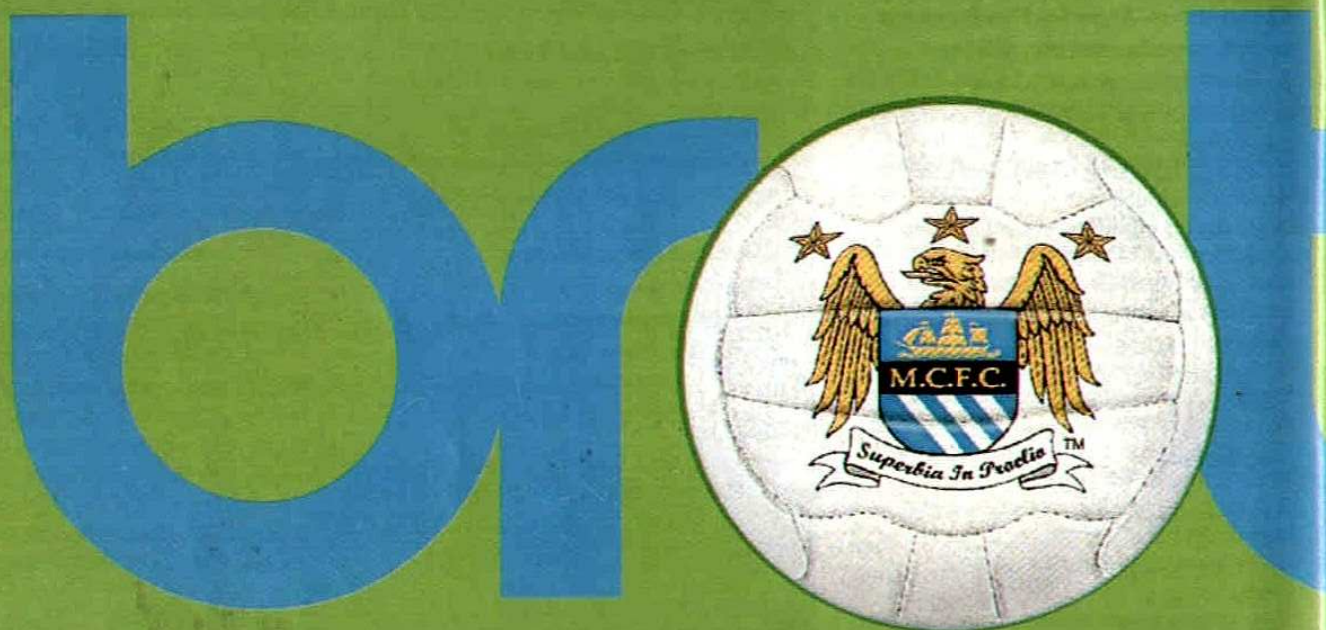
Due to the popularity of payment by credit/debit cards, the Ticket Office Dial-A-Seat service will now be available on HOME matchdays between 9.30am and 12 noon on AFTERNOON kick-offs and 9.30am to 5pm on EVENING kick-offs. You may book tickets and have them posted up to three working days before the date of the game. After this time tickets must be booked by the cardholder and collected in person, by the cardholder. IMPORTANT: Supporters are advised that when booking tickets by telephone and collecting tickets, it is advisable to collect your tickets at least one and a half hours before kick-off. The cardholder MUST be present with his/her card to sign their receipt before tickets will be issued. Supporters are advised when sending membership cards or application forms into the Ticket Office to please address your envelope as follows:

**Manchester City F.C., Ticket Office,  
Dial-A-Seat Service, Maine Road,  
Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN.**

## Postal Applications

Please note: When booking tickets by post please enclose a daytime telephone number in case of queries. Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to **Manchester City Football Club** with applications addressed to the Ticket Office.





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# Statistics

Up to and including  
Sunday  
21st September

## Nationwide League Division One Table & Attendances

	Home					Away							Attendances	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Best	Average
Nottm Forest	8	3	0	1	10	4	2	1	1	2	1	16	23,681	19,075
Swindon Town	8	2	2	0	5	2	2	1	1	4	3	15	13,051	8,919
West Brom	8	3	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	4	5	15	21,511	17,610
Bradford City	8	2	2	1	6	8	2	0	1	6	5	14	17,767	15,259
Sheffield Utd	6	3	0	0	5	1	1	2	0	4	2	14	24,536	19,251
Charlton Ath.	7	3	0	0	9	4	1	1	2	6	5	13	14,009	11,940
Sunderland	8	2	1	1	7	4	2	0	2	6	5	13	38,827	31,589
Birmingham	7	2	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	7	5	13	20,608	18,193
QPR	7	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	2	6	9	13	17,614	14,373
Wolves	8	2	2	0	8	4	1	1	2	3	5	12	23,102	22,112
Middlesbrough	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	2	0	5	3	11	30,125	29,887
Port Vale	8	2	1	1	6	4	1	1	2	3	5	11	12,533	8,554
Bury	8	1	3	0	3	2	1	2	1	5	6	11	11,216	6,477
Stoke City	7	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	4	4	11	23,000	17,414
Norwich City	8	1	0	3	1	8	2	1	1	5	6	10	17,230	12,619
Portsmouth	7	2	1	1	8	6	0	1	2	3	5	8	10,605	10,224
Tranmere	8	2	0	2	8	6	0	1	3	3	6	7	12,095	7,936
Oxford United	8	2	0	2	7	5	0	0	4	5	10	6	9,486	7,751
Stockport	8	1	3	0	6	3	0	0	4	4	8	6	8,257	7,193
CITY	7	0	2	1	4	5	1	1	2	6	7	6	30,474	28,022
Crewe Alex.	7	0	0	4	5	9	2	0	1	5	4	6	5,519	5,137
Ipswich Town	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	2	1	3	4	6	13,508	11,806
Reading	8	1	0	3	3	7	0	1	3	1	11	4	10,203	8,926
Huddersfield	7	0	2	2	3	5	0	2	1	1	6	3	14,268	11,554

## 1997-98 City Fixtures & Match Details

**KEY:** Blue shaded areas denote which players appeared.  
Half blue/half white areas denote player appeared as substitute.  
① = goals scored 1/?? = Initials of player replaced/time of substitution  
= booked = sent-off † = Opponents own goal \* = player replaced  
p = scored from penalty Unused subs & debutants are also indicated

Date	H/A	Opposition	F-A	Att.	Pos.
Aug 9	H	Portsmouth	2-2	30,474	-
Aug 12	A	Blackpool (CCC1-1L)	0-1	8,084	-
Aug 15	A	Sunderland	1-3	38,827	15
Aug 22	H	Tranmere Rovers	1-1	26,336	14
Aug 26	H	Blackpool (CCC1-2L) #	1-0	12,563	-
Aug 30	A	Charlton Athletic	1-2	14,009	20
Sept 3	A	Nottingham Forest	3-1	23,681	14
Sept 12	A	Bury	1-1	11,216	16
Sept 20	H	Norwich City	1-2	27,258	20
Sept 27	H	Swindon Town			
Oct 4	A	Ipswich Town			
Oct 11	A	West Bromwich Albion			
Oct 18	H	Reading			
Oct 22	H	Stoke City			
Oct 26	A	Queens Park Rangers			
Oct 29	H	Crewe Alexandra			
Nov 1	A	Oxford United			
Nov 4	H	Port Vale			
Nov 7	H	Huddersfield Town			
Nov 15	A	Sheffield United			
Nov 22	H	Bradford City			
Nov 29	A	Stockport County			
Dec 6	H	Wolves			
Dec 13	A	Birmingham City			
Dec 20	H	Middlesbrough			
Dec 26	A	Crewe Alexandra			
Dec 28	H	Nottingham Forest			
Jan 3		FA Cup 3			
Jan 10	A	Portsmouth			
Jan 17	H	Sunderland			
Jan 24		FA Cup 4			
Jan 28	H	Charlton Athletic			
Jan 31	A	Tranmere Rovers			
Feb 7	A	Norwich City			
Feb 14	H	Bury (or FA Cup 5)			
Feb 18	H	Ipswich Town			
Feb 21	A	Swindon Town			
Feb 24	A	Reading			
Feb 28	H	West Bromwich Albion			
Mar 3	A	Huddersfield Town			
Mar 7	H	Oxford United (or FA Cup 6)			
Mar 14	A	Port Vale			
Mar 21	H	Sheffield United			
Mar 28	A	Bradford City			
Apr 4	H	Stockport County (or FA Cup SF)			
Apr 11	A	Wolves			
Apr 13	H	Birmingham City			
Apr 18	A	Middlesbrough			
Apr 25	H	Queens Park Rangers			
May 3	A	Stoke City			
May 16		FA Cup Final			

# 1-1 on aggregate, lost 2-4 in penalty shoot-out

### Paul Lake Testimonial

### Manchester City v Manchester United

Sunday 5th October, 2pm  
See page 40 for ticket details

## City Appearances 1997-98

	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Beesley	2	-	-	-	2	-
Bradbury	7	1	2	-	9	1
Brannan	7	2	2	-	9	2
Brightwell	6	-	2	-	8	-
Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creaney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crooks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickov	(3)	1	(1)	-	(4)	1
Edghill	3	-	-	-	3	-
Foster	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenacre	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heaney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hiley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horlock	7	1	2	1	9	2
Ingram	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kernaghan	1	-	1	-	2	-
Kinkladze	6	1	2	-	8	1
McGoldrick	1	-	(1)	-	1(1)	-
Margetson	7	-	2	-	9	-
D.Morley	1	1	-	-	1	1
Phillips	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rösler	4	1	2	-	6	1
Scully	(3)	-	-	-	(3)	-
Summerbee	4(3)	-	2	-	6(3)	-
Symons	7	-	1	-	8	-
van Blerk	4(1)	-	(1)	-	4(2)	-
Vaughan	3	-	2	-	5	-
Weaver	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Whitley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wiekens	7	2	2	-	9	2
Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-

## First Division Fact File

(League games only)

### Highest attendance:

38,827 Sunderland v Man City

### Lowest attendance:

4,447 Crewe Alex. v Bury

### Highest scoring home win:

6-0 Tranmere Rovers v Reading

### Highest scoring away win:

4-0 Sunderland at Bradford City

4-0 Charlton Athletic at Norwich

### Most goals in a match:

3 Pierre van Hooijdonk (Nottm F)  
v QPR, 30.8.97

3 Clive Mendonca (Charlton)  
v Norwich City, 17.9.97

### LEADING SCORERS

(Including Cup games)

8 Pierre van Hooijdonk (Nott'm F.)

7 Clive Mendonca (Charlton Ath.)

6 Brett Angell (Stockport County)

6 Joey Beauchamp (Oxford United)

6 Paul Devlin (Birmingham City)

6 Nigel Jemson (Oxford United)

6 David Kelly (Tranmere Rovers)

6 Lee Mills (Port Vale)

6 Peter Thorne (Stoke City)

5 John Aloisi (Portsmouth)

5 Steve Bull (Wolves)

5 Edinho (Bradford City)

5 Jan Aage Fjortoft (Sheffield Utd)

5 David Johnson (Bury)

5 Lee Jones (Tranmere Rovers)







# Manchester City

v

# Swindon Town

1	Martyn Margetson
2	Ian Brightwell
3	Jason van Blerk
4	Gerard Wiekens
5	Kit Symons
6	Richard Edghill
7	Nick Summerbee
8	Kevin Horlock
9	Lee Bradbury
10	Georgi Kinkladze
11	Ged Brannan
Substitutes from	
	Uwe Rösler
	Tony Scully
	Paul Beesley
	Paul Dickov

1	Fraser Digby
2	Frederic Darras
3	Brian Borrows
4	Darren Bullock
5	Chris Casper
6	Alan McDonald
7	Alex Smith
8	Jason Drysdale
9	Steven Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Ty Gooden
Substitutes from	
	Steve Finney
	Lee Collins
	Mark Seagraves

	Corners	
	Free-kicks	
	Offsides	
	Yellow cards	
	Red cards	
Half-time score		Full-time score
	Attendance	
	Scorers	

## Match Officials

### Referee

**Roy Pearson** (Peterlee, Co Durham)  
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### Assistant Referees:

**J. Leech** (Wigan) Red flag

**A.R. Wood** (Birkenhead) Yellow flag

Standby Official: **L Higgins**

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**Nationwide League Division One**  
Bury v West Bromwich Albion  
Charlton Athletic v Stockport County  
Crewe Alex. v Tranmere Rovers  
Nott'm Forest v Stoke City  
Oxford United v Bradford City  
Port Vale v Queens Park Rangers  
Portsmouth v Reading  
Sheffield United v Birmingham City  
Wolves v Huddersfield Town

**FA Carling Premiership**  
Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday  
Barnsley v Leicester City  
Chelsea v Newcastle United  
Crystal Palace v Bolton Wanderers  
Derby County v Southampton  
Everton v Arsenal  
Leeds United v Manchester United  
Tottenham v Wimbledon  
West Ham United v Liverpool

NEXT AT HOME

Nationwide League Saturday 18th October 1997 Maine Road 3pm

**Manchester City v Reading**

Pontins League Tuesday 30th September 1997 Maine Road 6.45pm

**Manchester City Res v Grimsby Town Res**

Lancashire League Saturday 4th October 1997 Platt Lane 11am

**Manchester City A v Stoke City A**

Lancashire League Friday 10th October 1997 Platt Lane 2pm

**Manchester City B v Tranmere Rovers B**

