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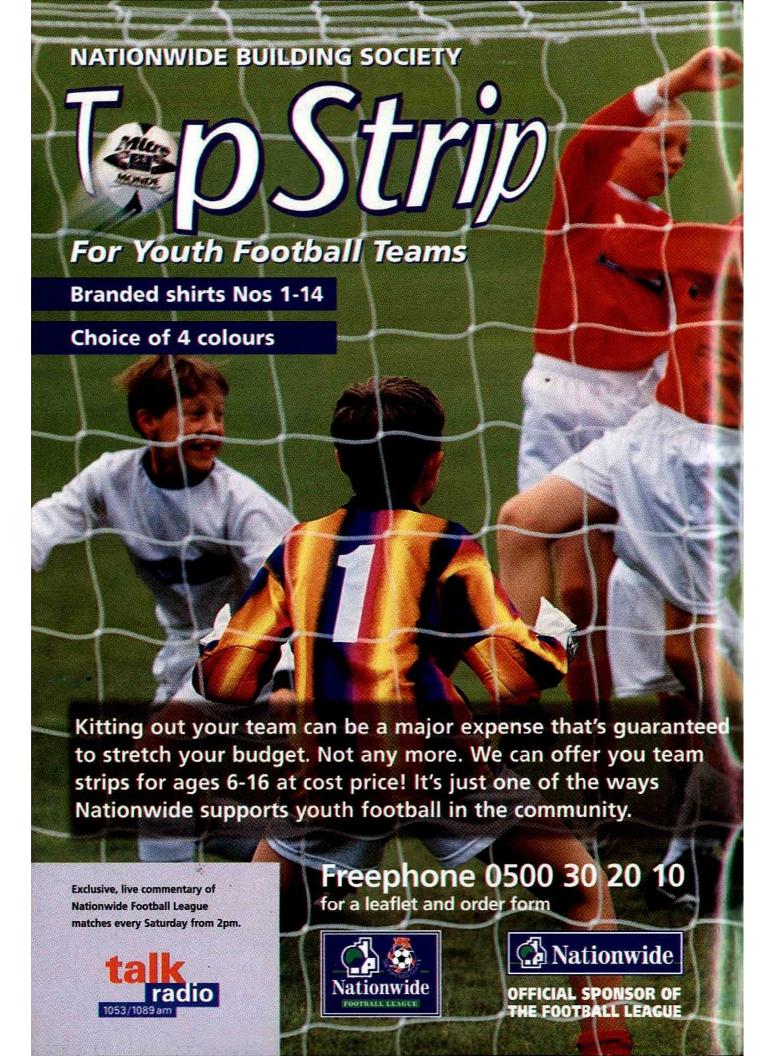








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welcome to today's game

Some people may be surprised or even shocked that Swindon Town are top of the Nationwide First Division but we are there on merit - and isn't it a great feeling!

Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions (namely the wind) we were unable to hold our fireworks display inside the ground last Wednesday as first planned.

However those of you who managed to get across to the County Ground Extension I'm sure will agree that it was a superb spectacle.

As expected there was an explosive encounter on the pitch as we came from behind to beat Queens Park Rangers 3-1 to leap up onto the first rung of the league ladder.

As most of you are well aware, Fraser Digby was forced to play despite carrying an injury after the League would not to relax the ruling of having to have a loan keeper signed by mid-day last Tuesday.

But it didn't matter in the end as Mark Walters cancelled out QPR's first half lead with a thunderous volley before we took control when the visitors were reduced to 10 men.

Craig Taylor scored his second of the season with a flying header and goal machine Chris Hay made it 12 in a Town shirt with yet another class finish.

It all added up to fantastic firework night party and let's hope we can continue the celebrations this afternoon against Bradford City who are managed by Town old boy Chris Kamara.

Next Saturday we travel to Stockport County and of course the following week we entertain Middlesbrough here at the County Ground.

We're expecting a full house for that one so make sure you purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

In the mean time don't forget our arch rivals Oxford United are here for a Reserve team fixture on Wednesday. The game kicks off at 7.15pm - see you there!

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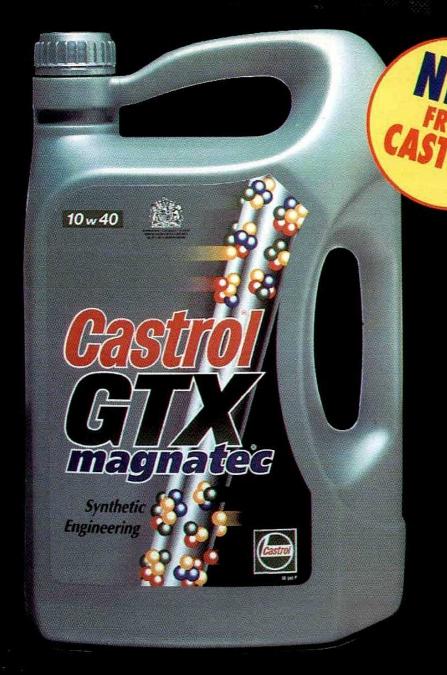
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Three points today would really set us up nicely for what promises to be a very tough away game at Stockport next Saturday. They have been getting some superb results so far this season, particularly at home where they are unbeaten.

We'll have to be at our best to get a positive result up there but there is no reason why we can't if we maintain the battling qualities we have shown so far.

Steve McMahon

SEVE



Wasn't it a magnificent performance on Wednesday particularly in the second half when we came back to win in style.

I thought we did well enough in the first half and limited them to just the one chance which they took, but apart from that Fraser didn't have a save to make which was pleasing considering he was playing through pain.

In the second half he only had one save to make which was low down to his right and we were all relieved about that because his dodgy side was his left.

Credit to Fraser

All credit to Fraser because he was clearly struggling with a pulled muscle in his chest but fair play to him he made a brave decision to play and you wouldn't have thought he

was injured the way he came for some of the crosses.

Saying that he wasn't really tested to the full and we were delighted that he wasn't put

under a lot more pressure.

But it wasn't just about
Fraser. The rest of the lads gave
a tremendous battling and
spirited performance and
anybody who came to the game
will have seen there is a genuine
team spirit here at the Club.

All the goals were brilliantly taken but the service was also good particularly for our first two efforts with Craig Taylor firing in a superb cross for Mark Walters and then Craig getting on the end of a cross by Ty which was out of this world.

Then Chris Hay did what he does best - racing clear and taking the ball around the keeper for the sort of cool finish we are beginning to expect from him.

Welcome Warner

It's nice to be back at the top and we've stayed there a little longer than we did last week after the win against Portsmouth.

And to be honest the lads deserve to be where they are. They earnt it with the performance they gave me on Wednesday.

Today we face a Bradford team who on their day are a match for anyone in this league but if we show the same level of commitment that we have been recently, there is no doubt we can continue our good run.

I'd like to officially welcome Tony Warner who has joined us on loan from Liverpool to give Fraser and the other keeper's a chance to recover from their injuries.

Tony is a very capable player, in a similar mould to David James and I've no doubt he will do a good job for us over the next few weeks.

Great support

Unfortunately Darren Bullock will be out for the next few games as he has to serve a three match suspension but on the plus side some of our injured players are getting close to a return including Scott Leitch.

Finally I would just like to say a big thank you to all of you who came along on Wednesday. It was great to see the crowd creep over the 10,000 mark and let's keep it going.

Natiowile

today's visitors The Bantams BIG OFFICE

This afternoon we extend a warm County Ground welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Bradford City Football Club for this Nationwide League Division One game.

We hope you all enjoy your trip to Wiltshire and wish you a safe journey home after the match.

Despite missing relegation to the Second Division by the narrowest of margins last term, the Bantams have begun the current campaign in fine form and, at the time of writing, are sitting pretty in seventh spot in the First Division table.

They have lost only twice all season - once at home and once away - although both were defeats of the comprehensive variety, 4-0 at home to Sunderland and 4-1 at Charlton.

But City have also recorded impressive wins against some of the more fancied teams in the division, notably Wolves and Ipswich.

Town old boy Chris Kamara has certainly been keeping his scouts busy since the end of last season, with several new faces arriving at The Pulse during the summer.

The signing of players such as Mark Prudhoe, Robert Zabica, Darren Moore, Peter Beagrie, Jamie Lawrence, Gary Walsh and Craig Ramage has certainly generated some interest among the supporters, while Kamara also moved swiftly to snap up Swedish international forward Rob Steiner for £500,000. Steiner had spent three months of last

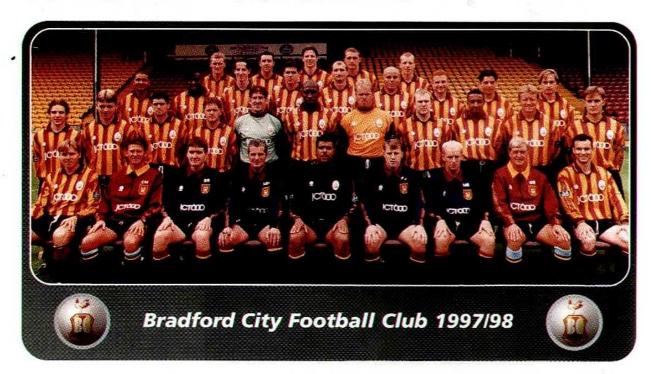
season on extended loan in Yorkshire and had made quite an impression.

In addition the club have also opened a state-of-the-art new stand at The Pulse Stadium this season and Season Ticket sales completely sold out home seats.

After last season's narrowly achieved consolidation, expectations are sure to be a little higher this time around - and so far Kamara and his players certainly haven't let their supporters down.

Last season's corresponding fixture resulted in a 1-1 draw here at the County Ground, with Wayne Jacobs netting for the Bantams.

Chris Hay and Co will be hoping to go one better than that this time around.



player profile The Bantams





Mark Prudhoe

A vastly experienced 'keeper who finally signed for City in the summer of 1997, having previously seen his move to the Pulse Stadium collapse after he failed a medical with an Achilles injury.

Born: Washington, 08.11.63

Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

League record this season:

5 games, 0 goals

Honours:GMVC title 1990; Div

Four title 1991

Era	Club	Games
83/84	Sunderland	7
83/84	Hartlepool	3
84/85	Sunderland	•
84/85	Birmingham	1
86/87	Walsall	26
86/87	Doncaster	5
86/87	Sheff Wed	121
86/87	Grimsby	8
87/88	Walsall	Tell
87/88	Hartlepool	13
87/88	Bristol C	3
88/89	Carlisle	34
92/93	Darlington	146
94/95	Stoke	30
94/95	Peterborough	6
94/95	Liverpool	*
96/97	Stoke	52
96/97	York	2

Gary Walsh

Former Man Utd 'keeper who was snapped up by Chris Kamara from Middlesbrough at the end of October, having previously spent a month on loan at The Pulse. An experienced goalkeeper with excellent handling and shotstopping ability, he was also a keen rugby league player as a youngster.

Born: Wigan, 21.03.68 Height: 6ft 3in

Weight: 14st 11lb

League record this season: 6/0 Honours: ECWC 1991; Euro Super Cup 1991; FA Cup 1994;

England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Man Utd	30
88/89	Airdrie	3
93/94	Man Utd	10
93/94	Oldham	6
94/95	Man Utd	10
96/97	Middlesbrough	. 5

Robert Zabica

Highly-rated Aussie international who moved to Bradford in August 1997 and made his debut in the Coca-Cola Cup against Huddersfield. From Spearwood Dalmatinac, Australia

Born: Perth, Australia, 09.04.64 League record this season: 3/0 Honours: Australia Full caps

Defenders

John Dreyer

Hard-working left-sided defender or midfielder. Scored on his Bantams debut, in the local derby v Huddersfield, in November last year. His fee was set by tribunal, after Stoke originally demanded £150,000 for his services.

Born: Alnwick, 11.06.63

Height: 6ft 1in., Weight: 13st 2lb

League record this season: 11/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
85/86	Oxford	7
85/86	Torquay	5
85/86	Fulham	12
87/88	Oxford	60
93/94	Luton	214
94/95	Stoke	18
94/95	Bolton	2
96/97	Stoke	31
96/97	Bradford	28

Wayne Jacobs

Voted City's 'Player of the Year' for last season, Wayne is a leftsided wing-back who also took over the club captaincy in 1996/97. Likes to push forward and possesses a powerful shot.

Born: Sheffield, 03.02.69

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 14/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Sheff Wed	6
92/93	Hull City	129
93/94	Rotherham	42
96/97	Bradford	105

George Kulcsar

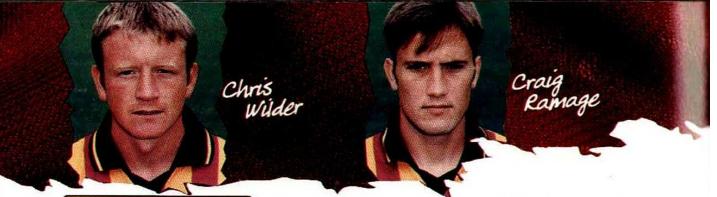
Qualifies to play for Australia, where he moved when he was 6-years-old, and is hoping to make Terry Venables' squad for World Cup 98. A hard-working defender or midfielder.

Born: Budapest, Hungary,

12.08.67 Height: 6ft 2in Weight: 13st 4lb

League record this season: 10/1 Honours: Australia Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Antwerp, Bel	66
96/97	Bradford	9



Richard Liburd

Missed the first three games of the current campaign through suspension and has subsequently failed to break into the first-team. A natural in the wing-back role, he is happy on either flank.

Born: Nottingham, 26.09.73

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 10st 12lb

League record this season: 0/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Middlesbrough	41
96/97	Bradford	78

Darren Moore

Strong in the tackle and powerful in the air, Darren was voted Doncaster's 'Player of the Year' last season. A Football League Tribunal set his transfer fee at £310,000 when he moved to The Pulse during the summer.

Born: Birmingham, 22.04.74

Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 15st

League record this season: 6/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Torquay	103
96/97	Doncaster	76

Chris Wilder

Able to play anywhere across the back line, Chris is confident on the ball and determined in the tackle. He is also a free-kick and long throw specialist.

Born: Stocksbridge, 23.09.67

Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 12st 8lb

League record this season: 13/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Gam
85/86	Southampton	-
89/90	Sheff Utd	73
89/90	Walsall	4
90/91	Sheff Utd	16
90/91	Charlton	1
91/92	Sheff Utd	4
91/92	Charlton	2
91/92	L.Orient	16
95/96	Rotherham	132
96/97	Notts Co	46
96/97	Bradford	7

Eddie Youds

After missing the whole of last season through injury, the inspirational Youds is now back to full fitness, and ever-present so far this term. A cult hero with the fans, he is a fiercely competitive player who can operate in central defence or midfield and likes to push forward.

Born: Liverpool, 03.05.70

Height: 6ft 1in Weight: 13st 3lb

League record this season: 14/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Everton	-
89/90	Cardiff	1
89/90	Wrexham	20
91/92	Everton	8
94/95	Ipswich	50
96/97	Bradford	47

Other Defenders include:

lan McLean (ex-YTS); Andrew O'Brien (ex-YTS. England Youth caps).



Peter Beagrie

Acrobatic 'old fashioned' winger who loves to take on defenders with his blend of pace and trickery. An expert crosser of the ball he struggled with various complaints last season, including a hernia and skin problems. Moved to Bradford in July 1997.

Born: Middlesbrough, 28.11.65

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 12st

League record this season: 13/0 Honours: England U21, 'B' caps

Era	Club	Games
85/86	Middlesbrough	33
87/88	Sheff Utd	84
89/90.	Stoke	54
91/92	Everton	63
91/92	Sunderland	5
93/94	Everton	51
96/97	Man City	52

Jamie Lawrence

Right-sided winger who can also operate as a wing-back. Quick and with good close control, he came on in extra-time of last season's Coca-Cola Cup Final replay to earn a winners' medal.

Born: Balham, 08.03.70

Height: 6ft Weight: 12st 6lb

League record this season: 13/1 Honours: League Cup 1997

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Sunderland	4
94/95	Doncaster	25
96/97	Leicester	47

Shaun Murray

Skilful playmaker who had the unenviable task of taking over the number seven shirt from Chris Waddle last season. But good passing skills and the ability to retain possession saw him remain a great favourite of the crowd.

Born: Newcastle, 07.02.70

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

League record this season:14/0 Honours: England Schools,

Youth caps



Nigel Pepper

Scored some vital goals for the Bantams last season, after signing from York in February 1997. Three times his strikes had won maximum points before he netted twice against QPR on the final day of the campaign as City got the points they needed to avoid relegation.

Born: Rotherham, 25.04.68

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 11st 13lb

League record this season: 10/2

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Rotherham	45
96/97	York	235
96/97	Bradford	11

Craig Ramage

Born: Derby, 30.03.70 Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 11st 8lb

League record this season: 11/0 Honours: England 3 U21 caps

Era	Club	Game
88/89	Derby	•
88/89	Wigan	10
93/94	Derby	42
96/97	Watford	104
96/97	Peterborough	7

Other Midfielders include:

David Donaldson (from Arsenal YTS, summer 1997, Free); Craig Midgley (ex-YTS); Andy Kiwomya (from Scunthorpe, July 1995, Free).

Forwards

Edinho

A strong, bustling striker who is among the First Division's top scorers this season. Not a 'typical' Brazilian player, Edinho still has several tricks up his sleeve and is also the Bantams' first-choice penalty-taker.

Born: Brazil, 21.02.67 Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 12st 12lb

League record this season: 14/6

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
From Por	timonense, Portu	gal
94/95	Chaves, Port.	32
95/96	Guimaraes, Po	ort. 32
96/97	Bradford	15

Robbie Blake

A strong-running, hard-working young forward who was snapped up on Transfer Deadline Day 1997 after a promising season with Darlington.

Born: Middlesbrough, 04.03.76 Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st

League record this season: 8/1

Ole Bjorn Sundgot

Former front-line partner of Man Utd's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, Sundgot is powerful in the air and comfortable with the ball at his feet. A hernia operation caused him to miss six weeks of last season.

Gordon Watson

Became City's record signing when he joined the club in January 1997. Sadly, a broken leg sustained in only his third game for the Bantams has kept him out of action ever since.

Other Forwards include:

Lawrence Davies (from Leeds Utd, summer 1997, Free); Dennis Sepp (from HSC 21, Holland, July 1997, Free);

Chris Kamarathe manager

Having taken over from Lennie Lawrence in mid-November 1995, former Swindon favourite Chris Kamara enjoyed a remarkable first six months in charge at The Pulse Stadium.

Renowned for his aggressive, never-say-die attitude as a player, Kamara has shown the same level of skill, guts and determination in his short managerial career, with a series of daring signings providing much excitement among the folk of Bradford.

When he took the helm, the Bantams were sitting in mid-table and looking at a season of consolidation in the Second Division. By May, however, he had guided his side into sixth position in the League, and contention in the Play-Offs.

The Semi-Finals saw City up against bookies favourites Blackpool - who they beat 3-2 in a thrilling two-legged affair - before a Wembley meeting with Notts County resulted in the glory of promotion.

Since guiding his team into Division One, Kamara has made some audacious captures for the Club. Among his

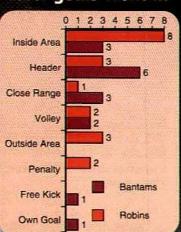
achievements, he persuaded ex-England pair Chris Waddle and Gordon Cowans to move to the Pulse Stadium and, more recently, he has snapped up the impressive Scandinavian pair of Ole Bjorn Sundgot and Robert Steiner as well as Brazilian front-runner Edinho and former England U21 starlet Gordon Watson. Kamara had an excellent playing career that spanned 20 years with the likes of Portsmouth, Swindon, Brentford, Stoke, Leeds, Luton and Sheffield United.

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Chris Wilder	12(2)		1	Notts County Rotherham		
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				Southampton		
Jamle Lawrence	10(4)	1	1	Leicester Doncaster		
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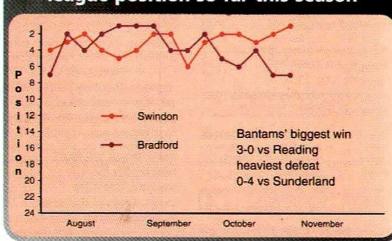
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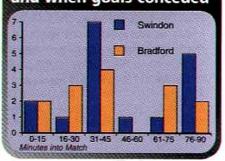


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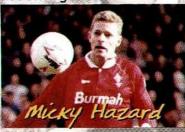


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5 YEARS AGO

A television audience of over two million saw the top two sides in Division One clash at St James Park in a match which had everything but goals. Swindon failed to dent the Geordies' nine point lead but, in a match where both Kevin Horlock and Liam O'Brien might have snatched victory in the final minutes,
Town's Micky Hazard took the
Man of the Match award. Two
goals by Sean McCarthy and one
by Gavin Oliver helped City to a
3-2 home win over Fulham. It
was the high point of the season
for Bradford lifting them to the
top of the Division Two. Later in
the season they slipped away
eventually finishing in tenth

spot. Steve Bull scored his 163rd goal for Wolves setting a new club scoring record.



JO YEARS AGO

Swindon travelled to Leicester and as often seemed to happen in their matches at Filbert Street ended up with a player sent off. Steve Foley, the player dismissed, earned no sympathy from Lou Macari who said "he should have been sent off for the first booking". Bobby Barnes had put Town in front after eight minutes and despite the loss of Foley just before half time,

Quinn increased Town's lead when he followed up to score after his penalty shot had been saved in the 65th minute. Ramsey pulled one back for Leicester eight minutes from time but it turned into a real travesty of a result when Walsh headed an equaliser and Venus fired an unstoppable volley from the edge of the area, all in the last 90 seconds.

Over 11,000 turned up to see

the all Yorkshire clash at
Barnsley between the Tykes and
City. The home side had a
comfortable 3-0 victory but City
stayed top of the Division Two
table. The end of the season saw
them involved in the play offs
having finished fourth. They
took a 2-1 lead to
Middlesbrough for the second
leg but lost out 3-2 on
aggregate after extra time.

15 YEARS AGO

Swindon's undefeated run of 10 matches came to an end at Darlington. Such had Town's superiority been in the opening stages that Adver reporter Clive King was pondering when the last time an away side declared at half time was. Swindon were to rue the early missed chances for, after 28 minutes, Darlington's Alan Walsh got a boot to the ball in a goalmouth scramble to score what was to

prove the only goal the crowd of well under 2,000 would see. Simon McGovern and Peter Jackson score the goals in a 2-0 Third Division victory for City at Brentford's Griffin Park.

FLASH-BACK

One of the earliest matches I can remember watching was early in the 1959-60 season and it ended in a 5-3 victory for Swindon over a Bradford team managed by Peter Jackson. There was a rather portly number 10 for Swindon who seemed to have a two tone shirt, this effect being caused by the sweat which had stained the upper part of his chest dark red. I also recall a number 9 trailing his leg in an effort to collect a

pass he had over run. These players were Jimmy Gauld and Bronco Layne, later to be central characters in a match fixing scandal. Gauld scored twice for Town but was outshone by Jack Richards who scored a hat trick. Remarkably this was to constitute half his tally for the season although he continued to feature in the team until mid November. In Swindon terminology it was the last season BT (Before Trollope) and ended with Town finishing 16th

with exactly a point a game from their 46 fixtures. City had four points less and finished three places lower.

Interestingly, the programme for the next Town match was complaining about the lack of support despite the increase in the Town's population (12,268 saw the Bradford game) and how much support was drawn from the surrounding areas compared to the Town itself.

clary of the week

Inursday

October 30th

As we were playing away at Portsmouth the following day we treated Thursday as we would normally have done a Friday which meant a lively small sided game out on the training field followed by a pasta meal up in the Executive Lounge.

The Gaffer also took time out to officially present Northern Ireland Youth Internationals Ricki Culbertson and Paul McAreavey with their international caps after they had both represented their country last season.



October 31st

The day started with some bad news as goalkeeper Fraser Digby reported into the treatment room with torn muscles in his chest.

With Frank Talia already undergoing treatment for a knee problem, youngster Steve Mildenhall was drafted into the squad at very short notice and he looked a little nervous as we boarded the coach to Portsmouth.

Nervous or not, Mildy produced an outstanding performance on his senior league debut and played his part in a 1-0 win. His injury must have brought tears to the eyes of most of the male population watching the game live on Sky Sports!

He showed great courage in completing the 90 minutes and fair play to the lad for having so much guts.

At the other end it was Chris Hay who maintained his golden touch in front of goal - this time scoring with his head to give us the three points which put us top of the First Division table.



November 1st

Obviously it was nice to see Swindon sitting pretty in pole position but we knew it might not be for long with Nottingham Forest expected to regain the leadership by beating Crewe and this they did after a 3-1 success.



November 2nd

With another game fast approaching against Queens Park Rangers we needed to get a new goalkeeper in on loan and myself and the Gaffer spent most of the weekend trying to find someone.



November 3rd

Our search for a goalkeeper continued without much joy and we said farewell to Chris Casper who returned to Manchester United after doing a fine job for us in defence during his two month loan period.



November 4th

We had until 12 noon to a sign a goalkeeper for Wednesday's match but we were unable to meet the deadline. The league wouldn't even give us a few extra hours to get someone signed up so we were left with quite a dilemma - who on earth was going to play in goal.

Wednesday

November 5th

In the end Fraser Digby managed to pull on the number one jersey, despite being in pain from his injury and he did a superb job to help us move back to the top of the table.

We fell behind in the first half to a looping header by Gavin Peacock but at half time we weren't too disappointed and the Gaffer just told the lads to be patient and the breaks would come.

Well he was right as Mark Walters put us back on level terms just after Kevin Watson had seen a fierce drive brilliantly saved.

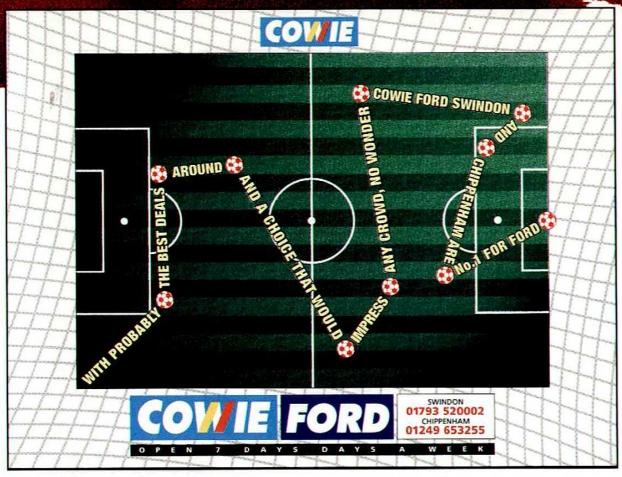
The dismissal of Rangers'
Danny Maddix for his second
bookable offence gave us just
under 20 minutes to make the
extra man count and we did just
that with two further goals.

After switching wings, Ty
Gooden produced the telling
cross which led to Craig Taylor
heading in the second and then
Chris Hay latched onto a knock
down by the Chief to race
through and score after
rounding the goalkeeper.

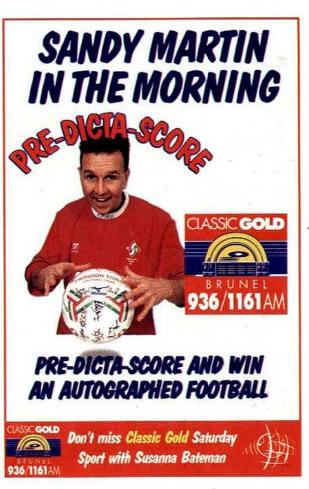
As you can probably well imagine, spirits were sky high in the changing room afterwards after we had extended our unbeaten sequence to four matches to go back to the top.

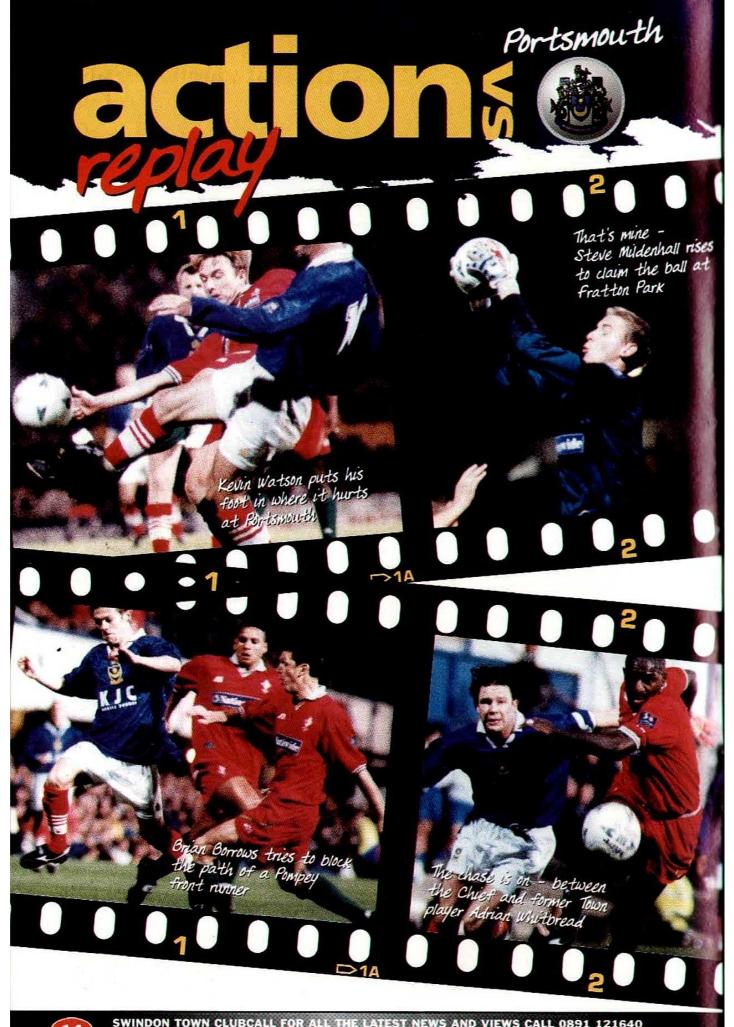
It was the perfect way to respond to what had been a difficult few days and fair play to Fraser for standing in.

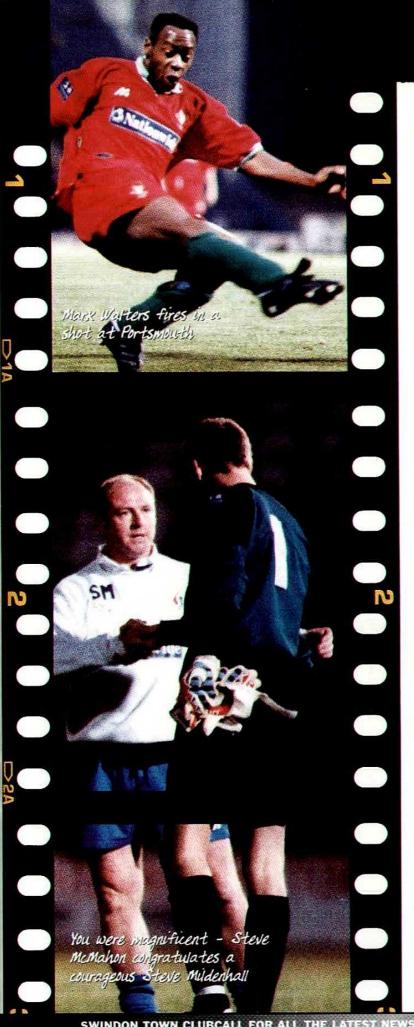
At least he can recover properly now with Tony Warner joining us from Liverpool on loan as cover.













FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Portsmouth 0 Swindon Town 1

Attendance 8,707



- Steve Mildenhall
- Brian Borrows
- Ian Culverhouse
- Darren Bullock
- Craig Taylor
- Chris Casper
- Kevin Watson
- Mark Walters
- Chris Hay
- Wayne Allison
- Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Steve Cowe, Robin Hulbert, Gary Elkins.



Knight, Pethick, Thomson, Awford, Whitbread, Perrett, Hall, Simpson, Aloisi, Foster (McLoughlin 77 mins), Igoe (Durnin 66). Sub not used: Hillier.

MATCH REPORT

Chris Hay scored the all important goal but it was 19 year old goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall who stole the headlines with a courageous display on his league debut.

Drafted in as a late replacement for the injured Fraser Digby, Mildy was voted the Sky Sports man of the match as he produced a string of fine saves and played through the pain barrier after being caught between the legs as he dived at the feet of Robbie Pethick.

"I've never experienced so much pain in my life," he said after he had received three stitches in the wound.

" I was very nervous on the way to the game but once I got out onto the pitch I felt a lot better.

"I'm just pleased I didn't let the ads down with a bad performance."



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Chelsea Reserves 5 Swindon Town Reserves 3

We sent a very young and inexperienced side to face Chelsea last Monday and although it was no surprise that we lost, I was delighted with the way our lads performed.

The youngsters made a flying start and Chelsea must have wondered what had hit them as we took a 2-0 lead inside the opening 20 minutes.

Alex Meechan scored both goals, his first being a fierce shot into the far corner after he had stolen the ball off the centre half.

He added a second, following a well worked free

a well worked free kick routine.

Unfortunately our advantage was slowly but surely eaten away by Chelsea who made the most of some sloppiness at the back.

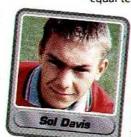
By half time the
Londoners were level as
bad marking led to their first and a
deflected shot put them back on
equal terms. During the second half

Chelsea took control as they moved into a 4-2 lead but still our heads didn't drop and there were spells when we played some great football and kept the ball very well indeed. We nearly scored the goal of the game when a sweeping move from the back ended in Sol Davis cutting in, beating a defender and rounding the goalkeeper only to see his right foot shot crash back off the cross-bar.

Chelsea put the issue beyond any doubt with a fifth goal but considering we basically had an Under 18 team competing against a Chelsea side which included the likes of Dmitri Kharine, David Lee and Danny Granville I wasn't too despondent. It's all part of the

learning process and if the basic defensive errors can be rectified on the training pitch then there's real hope for our youngsters in the future.

Team: Betterton, Cairns (Mills), Bennett (MacDiarmid), Pattimore, Campagna, Hodson, Thorne (Hughes), Hulbert, Meechan, McSherry, Davis.



Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

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STÉPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	Ó	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	1	0	0	0	1	0
DARREN BULLOCK	5	0	0	0	5	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	G
STEVE COWE	8	1	0	0	8	1
LEE COLLINS	8	0	0	0	8	0
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SOL DAVIS	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
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Wednesday 12th November 1997

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Sat	Aug	30	Reading	A 3-1
Tue	Sep	9	Cardiff City (JFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
SAT	SEP		PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
WED	SEP		P'BORO UTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
Sat	Sep	20	Colchester United	A 2-1
SAT	SEP	27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Tue	sep	30	P'boro Utd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct	04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
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West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

Bristol Rovers

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SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-2
OCT 09	SWANSEA CITY(LC R1)	H 2-1
Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A 1-5
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H 0-3
OCT 25	YEOVIL TOWN	H 0-1
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South East Counties Leagu **Division Two**

Tottenham H. Youth 0 Swindon Town Youth 3

We produced one of our best performances of the season to see off Spurs which was particularly pleasing after the debacle against Wimbledon in our previous game.

Everyone showed a lot of character from the very first whistle and it was no surprise when we took a 32nd minute lead as a great ball by Steve Bennett found Alex Meechan who cut inside and set up lan McSherry.

The score remained the same until 10 minutes into the second half when a set play payed off as Steve Bennett's cross was headed home by Stuart Hodson to make it 2-0.

The third goal came after 75 minutes with Alex Meechan scoring his 11th of the season with a fine individual effort.

It was nice to be able to blood a few more of our Academy players with Karl Taylor, Alun Hughes and Steve Bennett all involved which made the final result even more pleasing.

All the lads need to do now is perform like this on a consistent basis. If they can do that then we're in for a good season.

Team: Betterton, Davis, Campagna (Mills), Cairns, Hodson, Bennett, Hulbert, Thorne, MacDiarmid, Meechan (Taylor), McSherry (Hughes).

Team: Davies, Pottinger,

Brogden, Cope, Sharps, Mackie, Simpkins, Masson, O'Connell, Dix, Culbertson. subs used: Sperti, Clayton.

Tommy Wheeldon

Chris O'Connell gave Swindon the lead but ended up going off with ligament damage after being stamped on at Torquay.

A good start which saw the visitors play some neat controlled football resulted in a goal after 30 minutes when Dix and Culbertson combined to set up O'Connell.

And Town should have increased their lead when former Town keeper Ryan Northmoor fumbled a shot by Dix only to see it bounce just wide of the post.

Swindon deserved the half time lead but were put under a lot of pressure at the beginning of the second half and some sloppy defending allowed Torquay to equalise on the hour. Minutes later, Chris O'Connell, who had caused problems for the home team throughout was stamped on and while down to 10 men. Torquay scored what proved to be the winner with a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Academy coach Clive Maguire said:" We were worth at least a point but there were a few harsh words afterwards because some of the lads seemed to lack an appetite for the game."

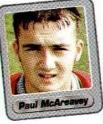
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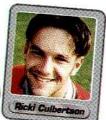
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BRENTFORD	10	4	5	1	19	11 17	+8
SWINDON TOWN	10	5	2	3	21	17 17	+4
SOUTHAMPTON	10	5	1	4	26	18 16	+8
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Congratulations to Paul McAreavey and Ricki Culbertson who were both presented with their Northern Ireland International caps by the Gaffer Steve McMahon

last week.







FACT FILE...

NAME: Sam Campagna
DATE OF BIRTH: 19.11.80
BIRTHPLACE: Worcester
POSITION: Centre half,
midfield
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Villa,
Kidderminster, Forest
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:
None
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON
CAREER: Parents
FAVOURITE PLAYER:
Roy Keane
FUTURE AIMS: To become
a professional player

Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98

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STEVE BENNETT	3	1	2(1)	0	5(1)	1
ANTHONY BETTERTON	7	0	4	0	11	0
PETER CAIRNS	5(2)	0	3(1)	0	8(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	10	0	7	0	17	0
GARETH COPE	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0
RICKI CULBERTSON	4(3)	0	5(1)	0	9(4)	1
SOL DAVIS	5	1	(1)	0	5(1)	1
KEVIN DAVIES	1	0	1	0	2	0
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	0	1	0	3	0
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0
STUART HODSON	10	1	7	1	17	2
ALAN HUGHES	2(1)	0	1(3)	0	3(4)	0
ROSIN HULBERT	5	2	5	1	10	3
PHIL MacDIARMID	5(1)	0	2(2)	0	7(3)	0
PAUL MCAREAVEY	5	2	3	2	8	4
IAN MCSHERRY	6(3)	1	5(1)	2	11(4)	3
ALEX MEECHAN	10	8	6	3	16	1
IAMIE MILLS	4(2)	3.1	4	0	8(2)	1
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CHRIS O'CONNELL	6(1)	1	2(1)	0	8(2)	
BRADLEY PETERS	6(1)	f	6	0	12(1)	1
KARL ROSINSON	1(1)	0	4	0	5(1)	0
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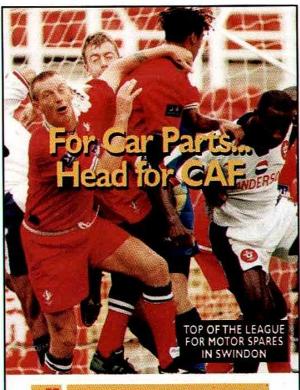
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with Clive & Jon

Friday of last week saw us take a group of coaches out to Stratton in Cirencester where 30 youngsters were put through their paces.

Luckily the weather was on our side with the children running

An excellent time was had by all and a special thank you to the coaches which included Luke Sharps, Debbie Arrow-Smith (all the way from Plymouth) and ex YT Jim Fraser who did a superb job with the children.

On Monday we travelled to Grange Junior School in Stratton St. Margaret where staff were having a teacher training day and consequently the school was closed.

This enabled us to set up one of our highly successful Baker Fundays from 10.30am to 3pm with 35 enthusiastic boys and girls attending.

Despite the cold conditions the event went really well and again a special thank you goes out to Luke Sharps and Jim Fraser who were assisted by Giavani Sperti and Danny Clayton.

If you think your school might be interested when closed for teacher training purposes, please get someone to phone us to set up a time for the Funday.

Our Half Term Funweek in October was the last of the year as we do not tend to run courses over the Christmas holiday period.

However Jon and I are looking at the possibility of some sort of Christmas activity for you all to attend. We'll keep you updated in our programme notes over the next few weeks. Our next course is scheduled here at the Club for February Half Term as mentioned in Wednesday's programme. More details on this will be given at the beginning of January so keep your eyes peeled!

Finally we would like to welcome Tony Harrison and Corsham Boys to the County Ground this afternoon. They are on our Saturday Team Club programme and we hope they have an entertaining day.

Here's hoping for three points this afternoon! Speak to you soon.

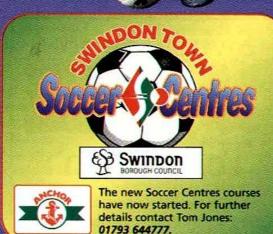




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It has been a hectic schedule for everyone with two home games in a row and I hope all of you who were here on Wednesday had an enjoyable evening.

Today we take on Bradford City and make sure you make as much noise as you did during the week.

Watchday Mascots

There are still a few vacancies for Matchday Mascot packages here at the County Ground when youngsters, or those simply young at heart, get the chance to lead their favourite team out onto the pitch.

It really is a dream day out with mascots able to meet the team in the dressing room before the game. You then have the opportunity to warm up with the lads out on the pitch before the highlight - running out to the roar of the crowd just before kick-off.

Add to that a free kit, free Matchday Magazine and a free photograph of you lined up with the team captains and match officials - it means a once in a lifetime experience.

For more details ring the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.

Forthcoming trips

Don't forget that we have got several Junior Robins trips to away games lined up for you and no matter what the response, a coach will be going to all of the away games listed.

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Sheffield United	Sat Dec 13th 97	£10	£15
QPR	Sat Mar 14th 98	£7	£12
Middlesbrough	Sat Mar 28th 98	£25	£37*
Birmingham City	Sat April 18th 98	£8	£13

* (Free tickets not offered to away club)

Matchday mascots

Sorry about the delay but your next Junior Robins Newsletter will be on its way to you next week. Inside will be all the up to date news from the Club including the very latest transfer details including a couple of new faces.

There will also be an easy to enter competition and don't forget that all of you who celebrate your birthdays this month will have your names in print on the back page.

Keep an eye out for the postman!

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots

Jason Hudson from Wootton
Bassett celebrated his ninth
birthday on November 2nd and
today he will be enjoying a
belated present as our
Matchday Mascot.

A pupil at Noremarsh Junior School, Jason enjoys football, cricket and swimming. This is his

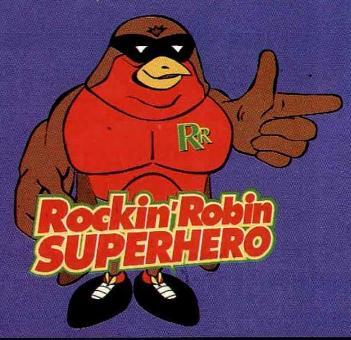
second season as a Junior Robin and he is also a season ticket holder.

We hope you have a wonderful day Jason.

Bradford City's mascot is eight year old *Niall Biddiscome* who lives in Clayton, Bradford. He goes to Larchmont Junior School and plays football for Queensbury Celtic Football Club and recently scored his first hat trick.

Football and swimming are his

main hobbies and his favourite City players are Edinho and Gary Walsh.



tony horne's view from a far

Playing Premiership football next season. Scary thought!

Terry Fenwick - ex Swindon, lest we forget - is rumoured to have said after our 1-0 defeat of Pompey that they had all the possession, in fact "murdered them" and that Portsmouth were unlucky.

Tezza is obviously going to say this because one of TV's favourite sons is under pressure and you clutch at straws when the xxxx is about to hit the fan halfway.

Well, we were unlucky too!
Fraser out, Frank very much no-go and Stevie M forced to call upon all his pluckiness, stitches 'n' all, to see off a second rate team who could not finish the job! Not to mention all the others who were injured or LeeCollinsed!.

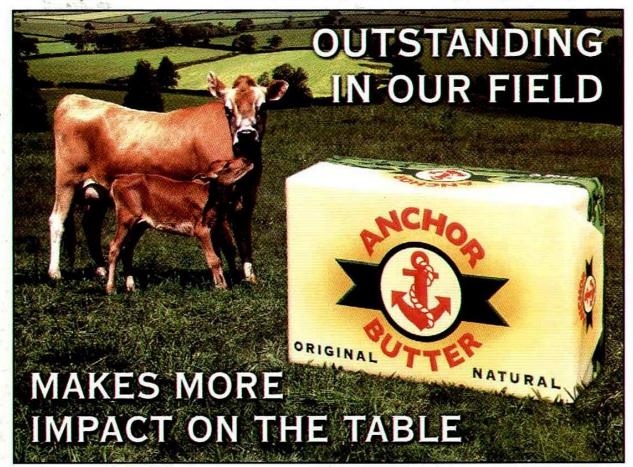
At the end of the day, as they say, when you look in the book at the end of the year, it does not say"Portsmouth murdered Swindon," it says "Hay 24 mins and three points to Swindon."

We know from the last five years that not everything goes your way over a season and it never goes your way when you are staring at the trap door marked "Division Two, please enter." You just have to get in there and scrap and if Swindon Town only had Chris Hay's chance at Fratton Park and they had a hatful, and we went on to win, then it is us who should be top of the league, as we are and that is it- end of story!

Some cautious Robins may say that we have played two games more than anybody else, but any seasoned pro will tell you that when it gets to April there is only one thing that counts - points in the bag. Look at Middlesbrough last season. "Bound to stay up" everybody said "got a dozen games left"....but no! When it came to it, they had to play four games in a week, Ravenelli did his hamstring, others broke down or got suspended and little Juninho ended up in tears. Two Wembley finals they got to - ended up with nothing but a season in Division One. Make no mistake we are in a very healthy position - and we have achieved this with many injuries. If we can just hang in there and keep being "murdered" while still stealing the odd goal, we will be playing Premiership football next season.

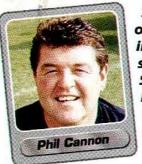
Scary thought!

Enjoy the game today.



centre Of excellence

with Phil Cannon



Swindon Town's Under 12 Centre of Excellence side were recently invited to take part in a seven-aside tournament at Littledown Sports Centre in Bournemouth to help officially open their new facilities which include outdoor astroturf pitches.

I must say the facilities down on the south coast were absolutely first class and we were all treated

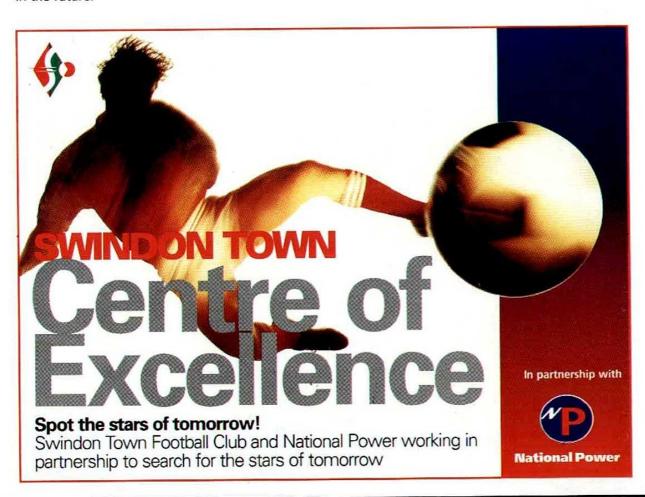
brilliantly during our stay down there.

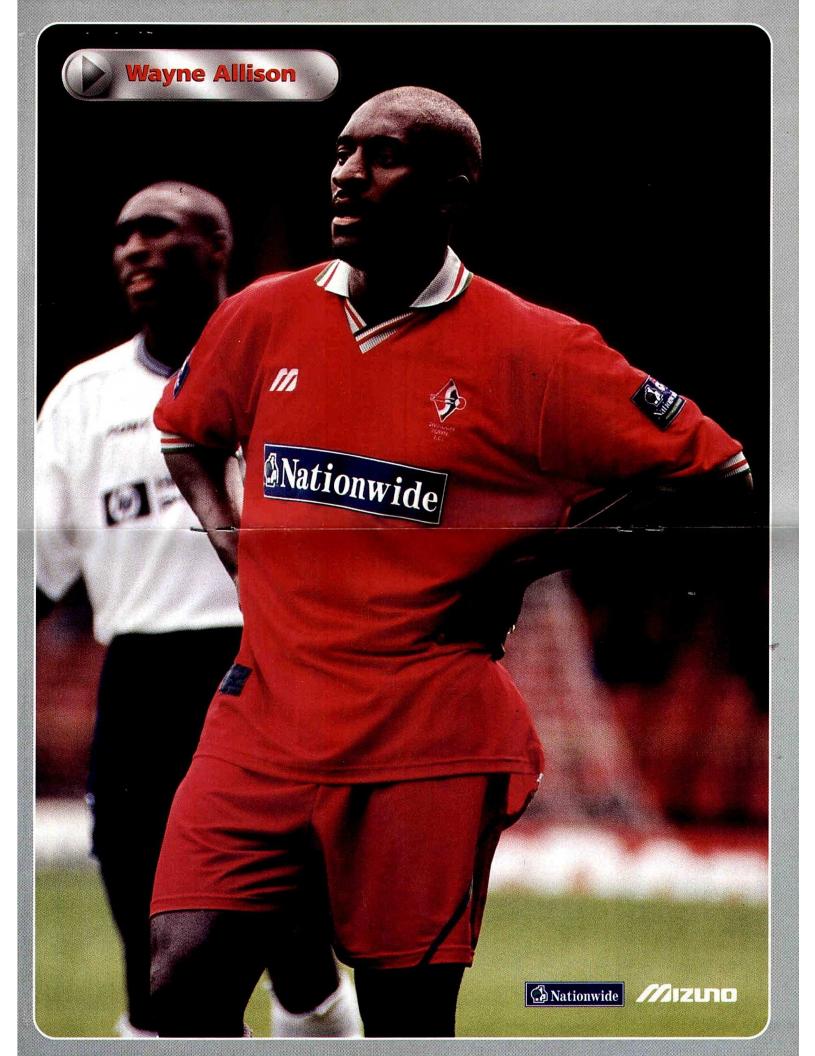
We will probably see many more of these astroturf pitches popping up all over the place. They are built specifically for small sided games which is perfect for Under 12 players and younger because only at the age of 13 are they officially allowed to play 11 against 11.

The hosts Bournemouth were joined by ourselves, Portsmouth, Reading, Southampton and Oxford United in the competition which was watched by some very large crowds and they did not go away disappointed as the standard of all the teams was excellent.

Taking part in these sorts of competitions is ideal for our younger players and I've no doubt we will be involved in many more like it in the future. Spotting the stars of the future - Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.







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On Saturday November 15th we pay a visit to Stockport County (3pm) where only 300 seats are available.

Ticket prices to sit or stand on the terraces are £12 for adults and £6 for concessions if purchased in advance although there are no concessions on the day of the game.

Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:



Middlesbrough, Saturday November 22nd, 3pm.



Oxford United, Saturday December 6th, 3pm.



Birmingham City, Saturday December 20th, 3pm.

Did You Know

Youngsters under the age of 16 who want to come along on their own to matches can purchase a ticket for only £2.50 in the Rover Stand on the day of the game. This offer had only been available in advance in the past. Supporters are also reminded that any adult who purchases a ticket in the Rover Stand in advance can bring a child in with them for absolutely nothing. A full paying adult in the Rover Stand costs £11 and if you bring along a kid it still costs £11. For each additional child we only charge £1. Season ticket holders who have their seats in the Rover Stand can also bring along extra

kids for a guid if buying in advance.

Don't foraet that tickets for Reserve team games are on sale at the advance box office up until 7.30pm on matchdays. Tickets cost £4 for adults and £1 concessions with free admission for season ticket holders and Junior Robins. On Wednesday November 12th the Reserves take on local rivals Oxford United here at the County Ground (7.15pm).



DON'T MISS OUT

Matchday Ticket Office: For Saturday matches throughout 1997, tickets will go on sale at 11am.

For further details on ticket availability contact the Ticket Office on:

To order by fax:

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Wednesday (matchday) 8.30am - kick-off

Saturday (matchday) 9am - kick-off

Saturday Creche Swindon Childcarers run a Matchday Creche on Saturday's at the Lifestyle Centre. It is limited to 24 children aged between two and eight years of age. Each session runs from 1.30-5pm and costs just £2 per child. Places must be booked in advance by calling Ann Read on 01793 514055 between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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Charlton Athletic Friday November 28th Kick-Off 7.45pm

It's Sky at night again for Town as they travel down to south-east London to face Charlton - and the cameras - at The Valley.

Travelling by Road...

Take the M4/M25 eastbound, leaving the M25 at Junction 2, joining the A2 (signposted London). Follow the A2 to the A102M (signs for Blackwall Tunnel), taking the A206 (Woolwich). Go under the flyover and on to the Woolwich Road, passing two industial estates on the left. Turn right at the traffic lights into Charlton Church Lane. The Valley is in Floyd Road (first on left) but street parking is recommended away from the vicinity of the ground.



Going to Sheffield...

Saturday December 13th Kick-Off 3,00pm

Look out for your travel details to Bramall Lane in a forthcoming issue of our matchday magazine.

Did You Know?

Town have played Charlton at Selhurst Park and Upton Park - as well as The Valley - in recent years, but they have also met at another venue. Back in 1923/24 Swindon met them at Catford, where Charlton played at The Mounts for one season.

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along with some idea of the tune for example:"Sung to the tune of Daisy, Daisy."

He would also like the senders

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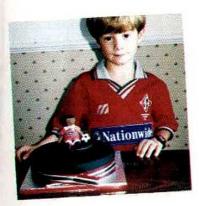
Quality Cake!

Pictured below is Swindon supporter Joseph Scanlon with a very special 7th birthday cake made by his mum.

The player on top is based on Joseph's favourite Town star Wayne Allison who he gives a very special cheer to every time he visits the County Ground.

Joseph, who lives in Burnham on Sea, Somerset, attends every home fixture with his dad who has supported the Club since he was 9 years old.

Joseph apologised for not sending the team any cake - but he said it was "Yummy!"



Send in your songs

A Mr. Bagshaw from Ilkeston has written in asking for supporters to send him songs or chants that have been sung at football grounds over the years.

The songs do not have to be spectacularly clever all he wants is for the words used to be

name and the relevant team that the song is aimed at.

Mr Bagshaw does not want anything of value to be sent to him and if anything needs to be returned, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

If he receives a lot of songs he plans to find a publisher willing to print them.

Send your songs to: A.C. Bagshaw, P.O. Box 56, Ilkeston, DE7 4ZP.

Video wanted

Ardent Swindon fan Christopher Gavriel is desperate to get his hands on a VHS video of the game between Birmingham City and Swindon Town, played at St Andrews in 1992/93 when Swindon ran out 6-4 winners.

If you can help him write to the Matchday Magazine Editor here at the Club.

Plates in the states

Despite living thousands of miles away in the USA, Ellis Byrd remains a Swindon Town fanatic. Born and bred in Swindon Ellis moved to the States some 11 years ago but keeps in touch with the goings on at the County Ground

through the papers
and World
Service Radio.
Ellis said: "You
are doing great
this year and I
would like to wish
you all the best for
the rest of the season."

Pictured below are a couple of photos to show just how much the Club means to Ellis.



"I show my support of you on my number plates and I will be sending you one when they expire." said Ellis.

"Also pictured are members of my soccer team, Delaware Hayes High School Girls, showing their support for the Club with a collection of some of my STFC shirts."



(Back L to R) Kelsey Schneider, Tia Brodnax, Molly Heald, Jodie Johnson. (Front): Emily Reager, Tenille Terry.

Prize money paid to local winners to date in our weekly Moonraker Chase Tricast Draw now amounts to £61,485. Payment is made to those with three correct numbers between 1 and 32. Recent weeks have produced the following winners -

J.E. Surridge (Swindon) £150 A. Harrison (Chisledon) £150 M. Burford (Ramsbury) £100 C. Abrook (Swindon) £100 J. Sanders (Swindon) £100 J. Rodhouse (Swindon) £150 R. Jordan (Wroughton) £100 S. Gammer (Swindon) £300

J. Trotman (Chisledon) £100

R. Sheppard (Shrivenham) £100 S. Jones (Newbury) £100 N. Hicks (Swindon) £300 M. Goulding (Swindon) £150 V.K. Benge (Stratton) £100

A futher 16 winners have received between £50 and £80.

Our Masterminds of 1997 Quiz Night is now only thirteen days away. If you haven't yet entered and you wish to do so, pick up your entry form today!

Today's Crossword on page 36 could be your solution to winning a £10 voucher for use in our superstore. You do not have to deface your programme to enter as photo-copies and handmade entries are acceptable.

Simply write 'Bradford City Crossword' on your entry and submit by Monday 17th November. The first correct solution opened will receive the voucher by post!

At the time of going to print the Nest-Egg winner for Wednesday's game against Queens Park Rangers.

But with £500 up for grabs I have no doubt the lucky winner will soon be into the Promotions Office to collect the handsome cheque.

I'll speak to you again when Middlesbrough come to Town.



from the OICESS OOX by Peter Lacey

Freelance sports reporter and former Wiltshire Gazette football correspondent Peter Lacey gives his view on the season so far.

Managing an Irish rock band in my spare time and being surrounded by Celtic supporters at every gig I can tell you that the sale of Chris Hay to Swindon sticks in their throats. Celtic fans all over the country seem to view his departure from Scotland as very premature and feel that he is a great talent for the future. So he has proved at Swindon where his regular supply of goals has taken the Town to heights, I for one doubted they could achieve this season.

Of course another former Celtic man. Pierre Van Hooijdonk, is also doing rather well at Nottingham Forest. Between them Hay and Van Hooijdonk have scored 27 goals, are first and second in the goal scoring tables and have helped their clubs to the top two places in the Division. Given that the entire Celtic team have only scored 21 goals this season no wonder some fans of the green and whites are not best pleased. No doubt they will soon cheer up if their current team beats Rangers to the Championship but I feel that Celtic certainly dropped a clanger in selling the pair.

As one Celtic fan told me "Van Hooijdonk for Reggie Blinker, that's a double Dutch decision that, so it is!" - Think about it!

As for Town I must admit that after reporting on almost every game for the past three seasons I thought that play-off ambitions were a joke. For example when the Club announced that they would give a refund on season tickets if they didn't reach the play-offs, I thought the management had been at the magic mushrooms.

I was equally scathing to Dave my local shop-keeper in Malmesbury for placing a bet on Swindon to finish in the top four at the end of the season. I hope I will have to eat my words and that Town can keep up with the leaders.

While Hay has certainly made the difference in the goal scoring department the defence, one game apart, has been much improved. Town have also had some overdue luck at times, the latest slice being the 'offside' decision that ruled out the Portsmouth equaliser. Still with a keeper playing the way Steve did maybe the Town deserved the three points. I've seen a few balls split during games and many that lose their air pressure but never the human kind!

Having reported on many of the other sides in the First Division this season I feel that Town have all to play for. Only Forest, on their day, look anything special with Charlton Athletic, a club as unfancied as Swindon, playing the most entertaining football.

Of the others I would expect QPR and Middlesbrough to improve and join the promotion race by Christmas and so they should. For Swindon as long as Hay can keep banging in the goals and we have keepers prepared to save with any part of their body, why shouldn't we be up there too?



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with Julian Wetherall

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PresentationTime

Windmill Hill Motor Company were Matchday Sponsors for last Wednesday's game against Queens Park Rangers and Swindon Town Chairman Rikki Hunt is pictured handing over a signed, framed shirt to a representative of Windmill Hill as



a thank you for their support. Men of the match Mark Walters and Darren Bullock are also pictured being presented with bottles of bubbly by the Matchday Sponsor.

There were four **Matchball Sponsors** for the visit of OPR and representatives and quests from Allied Dunbar, McLean Homes South



West Ltd, Calne Engineering and Houlder Insurance Brokers Ltd are pictured being presented with signed footballs by



men of the match Mark Walters and Darren Bullock.

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The injury to goalkeeper Steve

Mildenhall has been well documented after he required three stitches to a nasty wound in his nether region!

He has obviously been in a lot of pain over the past week but fortunately for him he won't have any lasting problems in that area!

One of the reasons why the injury is not quite as bad as it might have been is because he was

wearing a pair of Neoprene under shorts (cycling shorts) which helped protect from even more damage.

> On a brighter note Scott Leitch (hamstring) and Jason Drysdale (calf) have both returned to full time training and they have been joined by Mark Robinson who is now well on the road to a

full recovery from a knee injury sustained in training. Frederic Darras had an

injection into his troublesome ankle earlier this week and it is now a waiting game for Fred to see if the injection makes a difference over the next

couple of weeks.

Joining Fred in the treatment room has been goalkeeper Frank Talia who has also

> required an injection into his right knee. He will be out for at least the next couple of weeks.

To finish on a positive note, Philippe Cuervo will begin light training at the end of next week. He has had complete rest in an attempt to recover from a

problem with his right hip and we will build his training regime up very slowly to make sure there is no adverse reaction.



Our satellite groups are going from strength to strength! Welcome on board to Keith Dugan from Portsmouth who is the latest group co-ordinator.

Keith must have enjoyed the game at Fratton Park last week even more than all the rest of us - and no doubt we now have a few more converts in Hampshire to join Keith's group!!

All out-of-town supporters can join or create a new satellite group. To create a new group please write to the Shadow Broad using one of our comment cards. We will help you to become established and put you on our mailing list for advance ticket information etc. To join an existing group, please call one of the satellite coordinators:-

London - David Mouland 0171 503 3735

Yeovil - Mark Wells 01935 413329

Melksham - Ade Robinson 01225 704539

Warwicks/Leicester - Barry Telling 01455 292206

Portsmouth - Keith Dugan 01705 351608

Watch this space for details of our next Open Forum, which we expect to schedule shortly after Christmas. Call the Shadow Board and tell us why the Open Forum should be held in vour area.



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Write to us at the Swindon Town Shadow Board at: P.O. Box 663, Swindon SN1 2NX.

There was
no getting away
from the pride that was
felt at Fratton Park last
Friday week following
the 1-0 victory over
Portsmouth which put
Town top of the
Nationwide Football
League Division One.

There we were with nine first team players unavailable, including goalkeepers Fraser Digby and Frank Talia, yet still good enough to take three away points.

It was Halloween of course, the celebration of the Celtic New Year, when the spirits of the past are said to rejoin us. A night when you expect tales of ghosties and ghoulies. Well we certainly had a great story about goolies! Those of 19-year-old goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall to be precise.

The poor lad, thrown in at the deep end when Fraser Digby was incapacitated by a chest injury and Frank Talia was grounded with a knee injury, had three hurtful stitches put in his testicles following a moment of drama in the 37th minute. Portsmouth's Robbie Pethick had chased onto a deft through ball from Igoe and out rushed Steve to throw himself bravely at the attacker's feet. The clash left our young custodian writhing in agony. It looked serious, very serious, but after treatment he gamely battled on to put in a five star performance.

To be honest the opinion in the Press Box at half-time was that we doubted he would be able to carry on. Yet Steve McMahon when asked who would have gone in goal replied: "I don't know. Honestly,

I was not thinking about it. He was going on anyway regardless. He was staying on," laughed the Gaffer. "He did not have a choice in the matter,"

The boss was naturally enough in a jovial mood and cracked: "He won't know what to put in the ice bucket first. His testicles or his champagne."

Steve had overcome the obvious discomfort to put on a show of goalkeeping that will live with him forever. It is fair to say that we were under the Pompey cosh for much of the second-half after that man Chris

of success? Was not the
Liverpool side Macca graced
famous for it. Getting results
when not playing at their best.
All this excitement on
Halloween we just could not
wait for Queens Park Rangers'
visit on Guy Faukes night and
what a fire cracker that turned
out to be!

No-one is in any doubt that FRANCE 98 will be the single most important media event at the end of this century. For just over a month the World Cup Finals will eclipse all else with the eyes of 37 billion television

viewers - in terms of cumulative audiences- glued to the greatest game in the world.

No wonder they are dubbing this the "football" planet......

My how the game has developed since Scotland

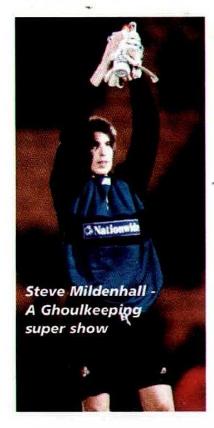
first played hosts to England in Glasgow way back in November 1872.

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Hay had headed the winning goal in the 23rd minute.

A brilliant reflex save in the opening minute of the second half denied former Town hero Fitzroy Simpson what looked a certain equaliser. A leap to his left to turn away a perfectly placed header from Perrett; another agile spring saw Steve stretching every sinew to deflect a powerful shot from Igoe over the bar. A thunderous effort from Pethick was likewise dispatched.

You could not fault
Portsmouth for their effort Town for their organisation and
defiance. But on this auspicious
night it was "ghoulkeeper"
Steve Mildenhall who cast the
spell and pulled three glorious
points out of the bag.
Terry Fenwick's frustration
afterwards was understandable.
Steve McMahon's honesty
refreshingly frank. He admitted
the team did not deserve the
win. But is this not the hallmark



duesacross...

- 1. Keeper gives company weight? (5)
- 4. The first touch (4-3)
- 8. Where to find this Ferdinand? (3)
- 9. Even Barmy Army should be this (6-3)
- 10. Packed Wembley creates one of passion (7)
- 11. Manchesters blue road (5)
- 13. David mixed up, in goal, perhaps (6)
- 15. Goalie covers all of these (6)
- 18. If only opposing fans would do this (3-2)
- 19. Gary and Phil share this name (7)
- 21. Striker correctly places the ball (4-2-3)
- 23. Ahead of Campbell on Spurs team sheet (3)
- 24. Derby players blend together? (4-3)
- 25. Retaliations speed (5)

duesdown...

- 1. Referees are recipients of it (7)
- Ultimate decision about number of teams playing for the cup (4-5)
- 3. Teetotal goalkeeper does not object to this (2-3)
- 4. Paul is dressed for game we hear (6)
- 5. Chris of Blackburn has another job? (7)
- 6. Red Card is not on! (3)
- 7. Paulo of West Ham (5)
- 12. Team not committed does this (4-5)
- 14. Cup winners drinking at Wembley? (7)
- Everton fans do this instead of seeing red (3-4)
- 18. Team is put together on this before the pitch (5)
- 20. Field where Swansea play (5)
- 22. Breaker follows this at Upton Park (3)

answeys down...

1 Cursing, 2 Twos Final, 3 no Bar, 4 kitson, 5 Coleman, 6 OFF, 7 Futre, 12 Idly Loses, 14 Lapping, 16 See Blue, 18 Paper, 20 Vetch, 22 Tim.

ANSWEYS ACTOSS...

11 MEINE, 13 GINOLA, 15 ENGLES, 18 PEL UP, 19 NEVILLE,
11 MEINE, 19 GINOLA, 15 ENGLES, 18 PEL UP, 19 NEVILLE,
21 PUTS IN NET, 23 SOL, 24 REMS GEL, 25 HASTE.

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Bury

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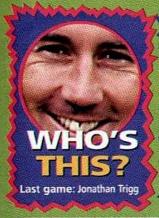
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- Swindon slam three past this commentator / keeper to snatch the League Cup?
- 2. Who marched to their first League Championship for 69 years?
- 3. Which former Swindon player set up the F.A.Cup winning goal?
- Who retired as Manchester United boss at the age of 59?
- Geoff Hunt rose to the top of which sport?
- 6. Tony Jacklin won the British Open on which course?
- 7. Which Briton won six out of eleven Grand Prix races to win the World Crown?
- 8. Who sailed to victory in Morning Cloud from Sydney to Hobart?
- Which player and later Swindon manager, shared the title with Tony Book, as Footballer of the Year?

SOUNSH, 6 ROYAL LYTHAM, 7 JACKIE STEWART, 8 EDWARD HEATH, 1 BOB WILSON, 2 LEEDS UNITED, 3 MIKE SUMMERBEE, 4 MATT BUSBY, **WASWERS**





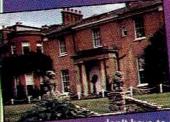


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by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town's interest in this year's FA Cup finished in the second round when they were beaten by two goals to nil after extra time by Cardiff County.

The game was a first class cup tie with both sides battling to take control.

Netti Wyness was outstanding in the heart of the Town defence whereas keeper Karen Jones kept the Welsh side in the game. The Town's front runners, Nadine Lloyd and Leanne Taylor, worked hard to find a way through the tight Cardiff defence and Town keeper Jo Sharpe made the save of the match when she kept out a shot from point blank range. With neither side having scored in the

90 minutes the game went into extra time and within two minutes Cardiff went ahead and then added a second just before the break. The Town, although disappointed, can be pleased with their performance against a Cardiff side that included five established full internationals.

Tomorrow Townreturn to league action with a Southern Region League Premier Division game against Southampton.

Last season they were beaten in Hampshire but won the home game 3-1.

Southampton have made a good start to the season and are currently top of the division. The game will be played on the County Ground Extension and Kick Off at 2-00pm.

Women's FA Cup -2nd Round

Swindon Town 0 Cardiff County 2 (after extra time)

Team: Jo Sharpe, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Ashley Wiseman, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Tracy Mackeddie, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Sub used: Adelle Taylor

Not Used: Sara Privett & Sarah Richardson.



Photo: Kim Reeves, tangles with Cardiff's Min Rodriguez.

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Southern Region League Premier Division

	SUN 31ST AUG	HAVANT TOWN	5-1
	Sun 7th Sept	Southampton Saints	6-4
	Sun 14th Sept	Launton	5-0
Š	Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6.0
ä	SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	4-1
	Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
ê	SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
	SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTENHAM	5-2
	SUN 2ND NOV	CARDIFF C. (FA CUP R2)	0-2 aet
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Ş	Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	A
	SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	H
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	Sun 25th lan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
8	15T FEB	READING ROYALS	Ħ
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	22ND FEB	OXFORD UNITED	H
	1st Mar	Southampton	A
	TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
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THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	8	6	0	2	24	16	18
Cheltenham	8	5	2	1	24	14	17
Reading Royals	6	5	1	0	29	6	16
Swindon Town	7	5	0	2	28	15	15
Swindon Spitfires	7	4	2	1	16	16	14
Partsmouth	7	3	2	2	12	12	11
Oxford United	6	3	0	3	14	12	9
Launton	7	1	1	5	11	27	4
Southampton Saint	5 8				11	21	3
Birfield	8	1	0	5	6	20	3
Havant Town	6	0	0	6	5	21	0

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Sunday 9th November 1997

Southampton

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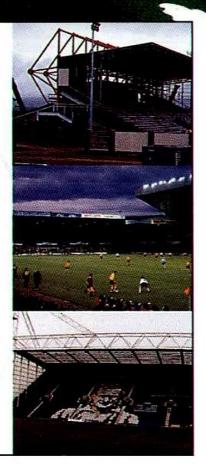
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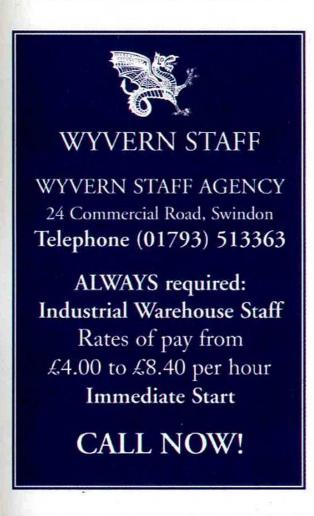
Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, and will enable the Trust to complete its Taylor task, carry on its essential safety work and continue to grant aid football at every level. The Government's commitment to the Trust has the support of everyone who cares about our national game.

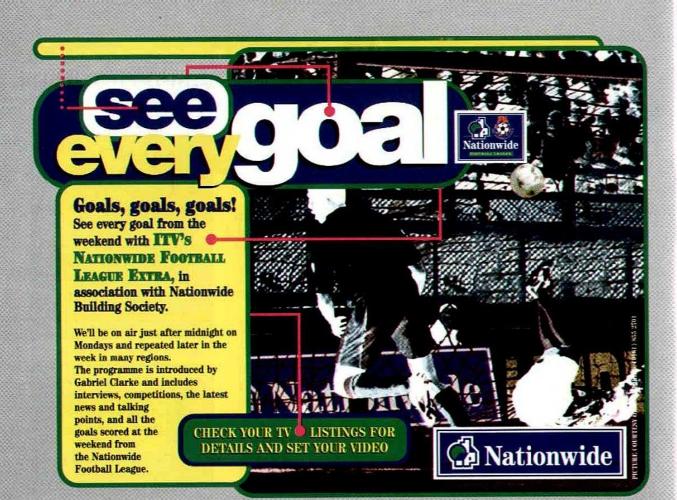


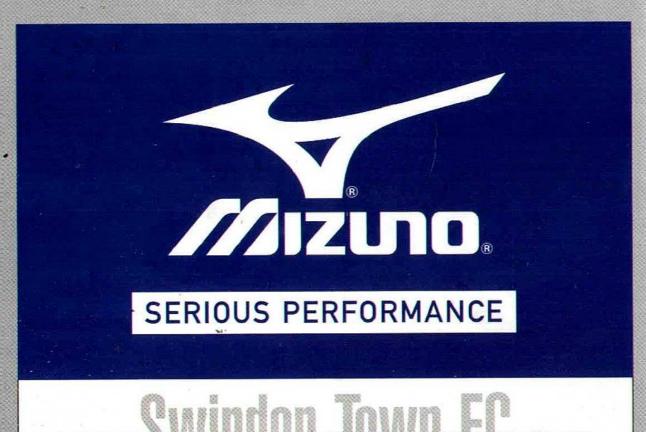
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Our stay at the top of Division One last week was short lived. **Nottingham Forest** regaining poll position last Saturday with a 3-1 home win over Crewe. It was to be expected that Forest would extend their unbeaten run to seven games against the Railwaymen who have not recovered a win in six games but now we are back at the top and deservedly so, after our recent displays.

This has been a busy week with a full midweek programme and all the clubs who had home advantage then, again enjoying this privilege this afternoon. An opportunity then for us, West Brom and Middlesbrough, to maybe close the gap on the leaders and favourites for the Championship.

Forest, were away at Bury on Tuesday and they knew it was never going to be easy. Bury have lost only once at Gigg Lane in a year and they packed too much punch for Forest with a fine 2-0 victory.

Charlton Athletic are the top shots in the Division with the impressive figures of 30 goals for and 18 against in their first 14 games. Clive Mendonca leads their list of hit men with 10 goals, one less than Chris Hay has netted for Town. But they are at the Hawthorns this afternoon and might well have their bubble burst by one of the meanest defences.

West Brom held our visitors today to a goalless draw at the Pulse Stadium last week, a result which will have given Ray Harford more satisfaction than it did Chris Kamara who had to thank goalkeeper Gary Walsh - the former Manchester United man just signed from Middlesbrough - for three great saves.

Chris of course is a former
Town star and talking of
previous connections, there was
plenty of catching up to be done
at Fratton Park last weekend.
Pompey too are managed by
one of our former defenders.
Terry Fenwick, while on the field
Fitzroy Simpson, Adrian
Whitbread, Andy Thomson and
Alan McLoughlin have had
Swindon links.

where Dario Gradi's men had won only once.

Birmingham City were saved by a first-half equaliser from Paul Furlong at QPR and will be hoping for more goals this afternoon against Norwich City. Both sides have been struggling to find the net - the Blues having scored only seven at home, the Canaries only five away, sounds like the formula for a 3-3 draw!

Rangers are up at

Middlesbrough today and could
suffer a backlash from last
Saturday when Bryan Robson's
team lost 1-0 at Wolves. It was
perhaps inevitable as Robbo had

just been names Manager of the Month, but it was first away defeat since last spring. Paul Merson, who had scored three goals in four games is now happily settled in the North-east. But there is still unrest in the Boro camp, Brazilian Emerson is now looking for the warmer climate of Italy.

The match-winner for Wolves came from 17-year-old Robbie Keane, yes another Irish midfielder star. Molineux chief Mark McGhee now rates this youngster at £5 million. Wolves are still unbeaten at home but had only scored three goals away as hit-man Steve Bull began his quest for his 200th league goal in their colours at Crewe on Tuesday. He wasn't on the scoresheet but Freedman and Muscat were in a 2-0 success.

Bull might be given even less opportunity at **Stoke** today.

There was singing in the Pennines when Huddersfield chalked up their first win of the season last week with two goals in the last ten-minutes against Stoke. Last night they visited Man City who are still desperately trying to find some form after a midweek defeat at home to Port Vale.

Tranmere play Port Vale and Sheffield United will be favourites at Ipswich tomorrow.



By Colin Genson

Thomson was not available for the 1-1 draw at *Middlesbrough* on Wednesday, he was suspended after receiving two yellow cards in the draw with *Bradford City*. But he is available again for the trip to *Bury*. *Portsmouth* are playing better than their results suggest and might just get a point.

Before we finish the old-boy theme, congratulations to Nicky Hammond who got his first start of the season at *Port Vale* and kept a clean sheet for *Reading* in a 0-0 draw. Nicky was not expecting a game but first choice goalkeeper Steve Mautone pulled a muscle in the pre-match warm up and Nicky was called upon to do the honours.

Reading play hosts to Stockport County who came into this weekend with seven wins in ten games. Oxford on the other hand have registered one win in six but might improve these figures at Crewe,

































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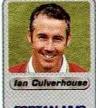
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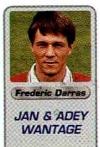
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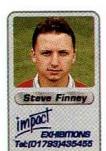


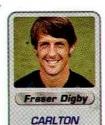
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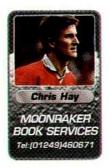


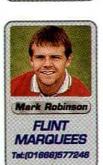
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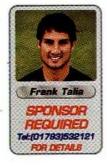


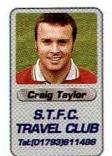


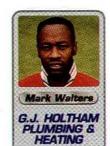














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with Mark Seagraves

been playing at the top of our form but we are top of the league and no-one can ague with that.

Wednesday's result was tremendous when you consider that Fraser was far from fit and all credit to him for showing the courage to pull on his shirt and play.

To be honest he wasn't tested as much as I thought he might be, but what he had to do he did very well and now he can have a deserved rest to make sure he gets over his injury properly.

A warm welcome to Tony Warner from Liverpool who is taking over between the posts and no doubt he was impressed with what he saw here during the week.

Everyone played their part in the another superb victory although it took us a while to get going and we weren't too clever during the first half.

Obviously our cause was helped when QPR had a player sent off but by that stage we were already back on level terms and looking good for at least a point.

All three goals we scored were very well taken with Mark Walters and Craig Taylor finishing off superbly before Chris Hay put the icing on the cake with the third.

He looked determined to score and there just seems to be no stopping him at the moment.



Although we looked sharp in attack against QPR, over the past few games we have also done very well defensively.

Teams are now beginning to fear us and it is up to us to make sure we keep it tight at the back.



Today's visitors Bradford have the players to punish us if we don't have our minds fully on the job so it is important that we stay alert defensively.

Bradford have had a big budget to spend on some great players and they are starting to show that they are a force to be reckoned with.

But so are we and it is up to us to stamp our authority on the game this afternoon to keep the momentum going.

We always have respect for our opponents but if we go out and play our own game then there is no doubt that we will come out with the right result.

Get behind the team today as you did on Wednesday and let's see if we can stay top of the pile.







Date of birth: 3.1.74. Place of birth: Hackney.

School years

Secondary school attended: Homerton House. Best subject at school: Drama & P.E. Worst subject at school:Maths Football team supported at school: Tottenham Football hero as a schoolboy: Glenn Hoddle. Favourite football position at school: Centre midfield. Career probably taken up if not football: Something to do with the meat trade. At what age did you first attend matches: 5 or 6 years of age.

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Golf and cricket.
Biggest influence on career:
My father.
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV): Brazil v Italy
World Cup '82.
Favourite football expert:
Alan Hansen.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil.
Highlight of career:
Scoring on debut for Spurs.
Biggest disappointment:
Leaving Spurs.
Choice Opponents in a

cup tie: Manchester United

Favourite other sports:

close-up Levin Natson

It has taken a while but midfielder Kevin Watson is now showing why Steve McMahon was so keen to snap him up on a free transfer from Tottenham Hotspur last year.

The 23 year old playmaker is displaying some of his best form since signing for Swindon in the Summer of 1996 and he is determined to keep his place in the starting line-up and help maintain Swindon's solid start to the season.

"I'm really enjoying it, particularly as I'm now regularly playing in the first team. It has taken a while and last season I was a bit in and out and I wasn't a regular at the beginning of this season but it all seems to be coming together now.

"I'm playing quite well, the team is doing well and let's just hope we can continue our charge at the top." he said.

And Kevin doesn't see any reason why Swindon should still be up there challenging come the end of the season.

"People keep saying that it is luck that we are still up there but we are still going strong after 16 or 17 games so why not after 36 or 37?"

"I think the play-offs are a realistic aim this season if not even second place in Division One. All we have to do is keep grinding out results and we could surprise a few people come the end of the season."

Kevin's star qualities are his accurate passing and vision but

he has also shown he can battle when need be which has made him a valuable member of the team.

It was these attributes which first attracted the attention of former Spurs boss Terry Venables who rated him so highly that he started to pick him regularly in the Premiership.

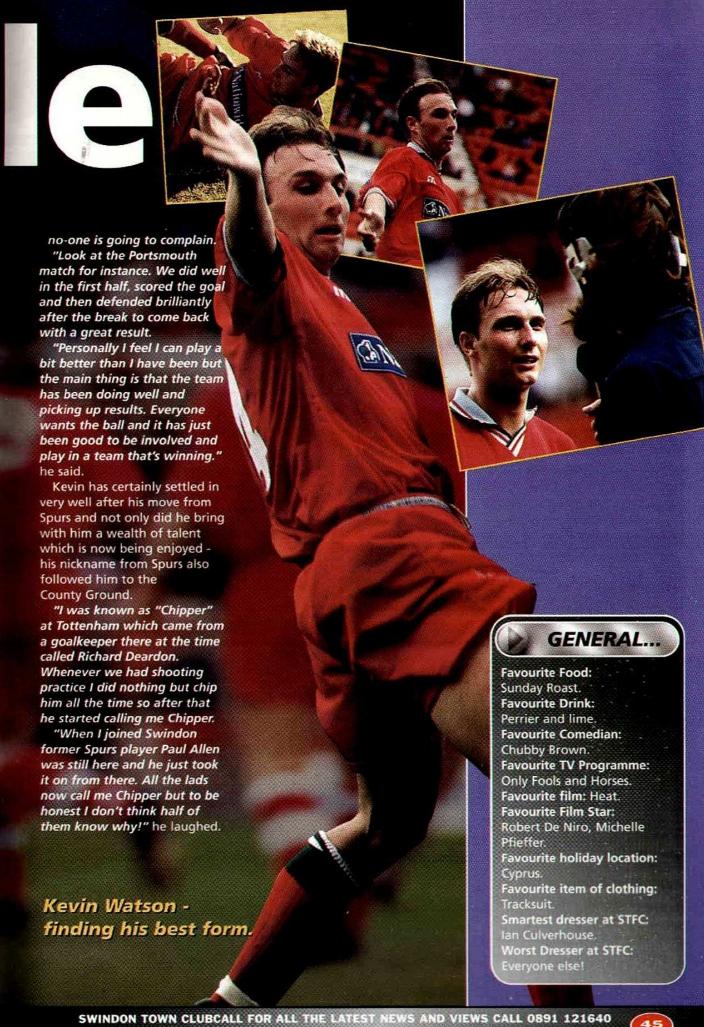
"I made about a dozen starts under Terry Venables and it was going very well for me and I was looking forward to the next season. But during that Summer while we were off, he got sacked and it was really down hill for me from then under Ossie Ardiles and Gerry Francis.

"I really didn't get a chance in the first team after that but it was still enjoyable playing in the Reserves. We had a good group of lads who played very well together and everyone was just trying to get away and start a new career for themselves somewhere else.

"It came to a point when I knew no matter how well I played I wasn't going to get a chance in the first team so I jumped at the opportunity of coming to Swindon Town and I haven't looked back since."

Kevin is delighted to be playing a big part in Swindon's success story so far this season and he admits that confidence in the camp is sky high.

"All the lads can't wait for the next game to come along because we're doing so well. We have had to grind out a few results with some tight 1-0's here and there but if we can keep winning games 1-0



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All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm.

Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised.

Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.

All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



NATIONIVIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 5.11.97

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SWINDON TOWN	16	6	2	0	3	2	3	22	18	31
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	15	6	1	1	3	2	2	24	13	30
SHEFFIELD UNITED	13	5	2	0	3	2	1	21	10	28
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	15	5	1	1	3	3	2	18	12	28
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	15	4	2	1	3	3	2	30	18	26
MIDDLESBROUGH	14	4	1	2	3	3	1	24	14	25
WOLVES	16	5	3	0	2	1	5	20	16	25
BRADFORD CITY	15	4	3	1	2	4	1	16	14	25
STOCKPORT COUNTY	16	4	4	0	2	1	5	25	22	23
PORT VALE	16	4	3	1	2	1	5	22	20	22.
SUNDERLAND	15	3	3	2	3	1	3	20	18	22
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	15	4	2	1	2	2	4	20	23	22
BIRMINGHAM CITY	16	3	3	2	2	4	2	17	12	22
STOKE CITY	15	3	2	2	3	2	3	16	17	22
BURY	16	3	4	1	1	3	4	19	23	19
OXFORD UNITED	16	3	2	3	1	2	5	18	23	16
NORWICH CITY	15	2	3	3	2	1	4	11	22	16
TRANMERE ROVERS	15	4	1	2	0	2	6	21	22	15
CREWE ALEXANDRA	16	1	2	5	3	1	4	18	25	15
READING	16	2	2	4	1	4	3	16	25	15
MANCHESTER CITY	15	2	3	3	1	2	4	19	19	14
IPSWICH TOWN	14	3	1	2	0	4	4	13	18	14
PORTSMOUTH	15	2	2	4	0	3	4	17	24	11
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	16	1	3	4	0	2	6	11	32	8





First Team Player
Appearances 97/98

	Lea	gue	Cup	,	Total	
Player Name:	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRIAN BORROWS	11	0	0	0	11	0
DARREN BULLOCK	9(4)	0	0	0	9(4)	0
CHRIS CASPER	8(1)	1	0	0	8(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
STEVE COWE	2(1)	0	(1)	0	2(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	5	0	- J	0	5	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	9(1)	0	2	0	11(1)	0
SOL DAVIS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	15	0	- 1	0	16	0
JASON DRYSDALE	7(2)	0	2	0	9(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	(3)	1	1	0	1(3)	-1
TY GOODEN	16	1	2	0	18	. 1
CHRIS HAY	14(1)	12	1	0	15(1)	12
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	9	0	2	1	11	11
STEVE MILDENHALL	1 1	0	0	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	12	0	2	e	14	0
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	. 0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(1)	ø	0	0	(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	1	0	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	0	0	1	0	1	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	7	2	0	0	7	2
MARK WALTERS	11(4)	2	1(1)	0	12(5)	2
KEVIN WATSON	6(1)	0	0	G	5(1)	0

1	Dā	ite		Opponents		Res	Att.
	SAT	AUG	9	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	8,334
	WED	AUG	13	WATFORD CCC 1 (1)	H	0-2	6,271
4	Sat	Aug	16	Reading	А	1-0	9,338
W		AUG		HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7,683
-	Tues	Aug	26	Watford CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	7,712
		Aug		Stoke City	A	2-1	23,000
		Sep		Ipswich Town	A	1-2	11,246
9	SUN	SEP	7	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	0-0	13,051
	SAT	SEP	13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	6,811
	Sat	Sep	20	West Bromwich Albion	Α	0-0	16,237
		Sep	27	Manchester City	Α	0-6	26,646
18		ОСТ	4	PORT VALE	H	4-2	8,076
		ОСТ		BURY	н	3-1	7,998
	Sat	Oct	18	Wolverhampton W.	А	1-3	21,794
	Tue	Oct	21	Sunderland	A	0-0	27,553
		OCT		NORWICH CITY	H	1-0	9,842
1	Fri	Oct	31	Portsmouth	Α	1-0	8,707
•		NOV		QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	10,132
		NOV		BRADFORD CITY	H		
	Sat	Nov		Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A		
10		NOV	22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H		
	Fri	Nov	28	Charlton Athletic	A		
	SAT	DEC	6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H		
	Sat	Dec	13	Sheffield United	A		
	SAT	DEC	20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H		
1	Fri	Dec	26	Nottinghan Forest	A		
	SUN	DEC	28	IPSWICH TOWN	H		
ı	Sat	Jan	3	(F.A. CUP 3)			
	Sun	Jan	11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A		
	SAT	JAN	17	READING	H		
1	Sat	Jan	24	(F.A. CUP 4)			
	WED	JAN	28	STOKE CITY	H		
	Sat	Jan	31	Huddersfield Town	A		
	SAT	FEB	7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
	Sat	Feb		Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
1	Tue	Feb	17	Port Vale	Α		
		FEB	21	MANCHESTER CITY	H		
1		FEB		WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
1		Feb	28	Bury	A		
1		Mar		Bradford City	A		
		MAR		PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H		
1	Sat	Mar		Queens Park Rangers	A		
		MAR		STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
1	Sat	Mar		Middlesbrough	A		
1	SAT	APR		CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)			
1	Sat	Apr	11	Oxford United	A		
		APR	13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
	Sat	Apr	18	Birmingham City	A		
	Sat	Apr	25	Norwich City	A		
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C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup
* After Extra Time
^ Indicates own goal

number in brackets indicates player replaced ()

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Swindon v Bradford City Attendance

- Referee:
- Alan Butler (Nottinghamshire) Assisted by:
- N.R. Cockwill (North Devon)
- L.C. Jones (Dorset)

Reserve Official: R.Palmer (Bath)

Alan Butler

Alan is a 41 year old senior police officer who describes himself as very much a family man.

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He started refereeing in Nottingham in 1981, was promoted to the Football League Line in 1988 and is now in his fourth season as a Football League Referee.

League Referee. His hobbies include D.I.Y. reading, motoring, gardening and travel.





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