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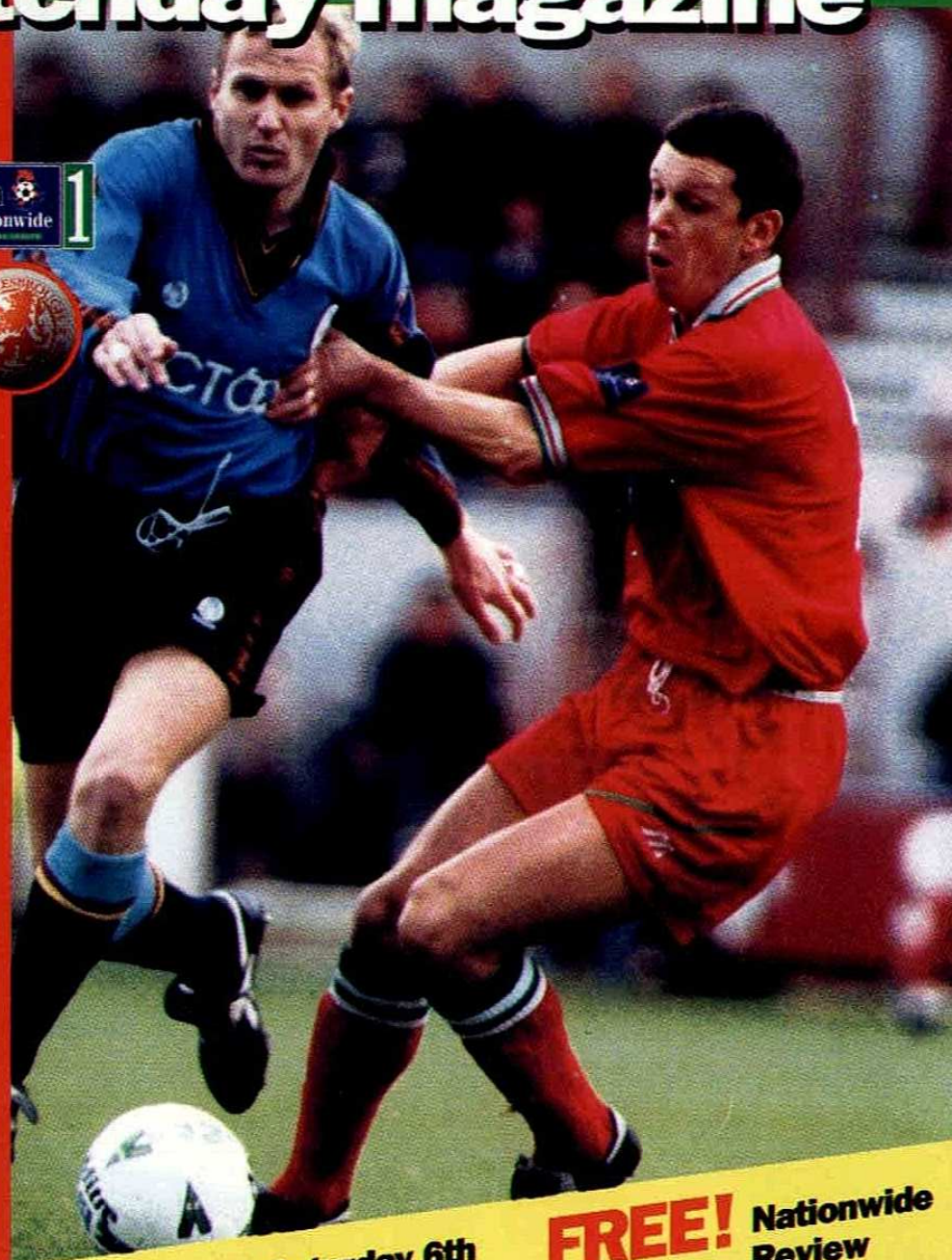
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welcome to today's game

Our four match unbeaten run came to an end at Stockport last Saturday but we are still very much in contention and there is no doubt that today's fixture against Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough is the pick of the day.

Everything is geared towards a thrilling contest and with a near capacity crowd expected, let's really raise the roof to make sure our undefeated home record stays in tact.

It really has been a superb season so far for Steve McMahon's side and to celebrate in style the Club are planning to bring out a special video just in time for Christmas.

Entitled "*Flying High*" the video will show at least six of our best displays since the start of the campaign and there will be a special feature on hot shot Chris Hay.

Don't miss out - the video will be on sale during the first week of December.

After today's game we at last get another chance to show Sky Sports viewers what we are capable of as next Friday's trip to Charlton (7.45pm) is being screened live on Sky.

Then of course it is the big one - Oxford United here at the County Ground on Saturday December 6th in an ALL TICKET encounter.

Ross MacLaren's Reserves chalked up a fine 5-1 win over United's second string last week - wouldn't a repeat by the first team be nice!

As you may have heard, the Club have just unveiled a part season ticket deal to give fans the opportunity of reserving their seats for the remaining home games here at the County Ground.

Full details can be found on page 26.

Enjoy the game - and make it loud!

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Next Friday we are back in front of the Sky Sports cameras when we travel to take on Charlton Athletic.

Like us, Charlton have enjoyed a tremendous start to the campaign, so it all adds up to yet another big game at the top of Division One.

The last time we were on Sky we sneaked a 1-0 away win at Portsmouth and a repeat of that result would do me fine.

After that we have the big local derby to look forward to against Oxford United on December 6th. I've no doubt you'll all be here for that one!



Steve McMahon says

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When you have got four or five players not performing it leaves you with a mountain to climb and that was what happened at Stockport last Saturday.

Defensively we were particularly poor and generally we just didn't work hard enough for each other.

There was a spell in the second half when we looked quite good but overall we lacked consistency which was very disappointing after our fine recent run of results.

Sloppy Defending

When you score two goals, whether it is at home or away, you expect to emerge with something from the game but we were sloppy at the back and ended up with nothing.

As most of you will know we are now without the services of Chris Hay for three matches as he sits out a three match ban.

That gives the likes of Steve Finney and Steve Cowe the chance to really stake a claim in the starting line-up, but I still need another forward to fill the

hole left by Wayne Allison's departure and as I write these notes I'm getting close to signing a replacement.

Striker Search

With a bit of luck we could have a new face in the line-up this afternoon which will be a big boost for everyone.

As far as today's game is concerned it promises to be hard fought affair and knowing Bryan

Robson there is no doubt he'll have his troops fired up for this top of the table clash.

I have got tremendous respect for Bryan both as a player and now as a manager. There is no doubt in my opinion that he was one of the best midfield players in the modern day era and he is now showing that he is also a very good manager and has brought in some great players such as Emerson and Paul Merson. My players are all keen to show what they can do against

Middlesbrough's long list of International stars and if they can't get excited about this match they never will. We should have our biggest crowd of the season here as well which will make for a tremendous atmosphere and let's just hope we can bounce back from last Saturday's result and keep our charge going at the top of the table.

Injury Update

Considering how many players have been missing through injury and suspension we've done very well to keep up among the leaders, so when everyone is back the competition for places will really hot up which is obviously what I want to happen. Mark Robinson should by now have got a couple of Reserve games under his belt, Freddie Darras and Philippe Cuervo are back in training and with all three keepers now almost fully fit, it won't be long before the squad is back to what it was. I would like to officially welcome Brian Borrows who signed an 18 month contract last week having impressed during his two month loan spell. You've seen what a quality defender he is and I'm sure he can continue to perform consistently here at the County Ground. Get behind us today and let's see if we can pick up maximum points against a team all geared up for a return to the Premiership.

today's visitors *The Boro*

Middlesbrough

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Middlesbrough Football Club to the County Ground.

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

After the disappointments of last term, when Boro were losing Finalists in both major domestic cup competitions as well as being relegated, Bryan Robson was desperate to give his supporters something to cheer about in 1997/98. And judging by the way his team have flown out of the starting traps this season the players, too, are keen to make amends.

Boro are currently sitting in fourth place in the First Division table, three points behind

ourselves and joint-leaders Forest and West Brom, but have two games in hand over us.

They are the second highest scorers in the Division, behind Charlton, and when you look at the performers they have turning on the style up front, that comes as no surprise.

England international Paul Merson, recalled to Glenn Hoddle's squad for last weekend's friendly against Cameroon but released in time to help his Riverside team-mates rip apart Norwich City last weekend, is showing some of the best form of his life., while Danish star Mikkel Beck has finally found his feet in the English game.

The loss of Fabrizio Ravanelli, far from being a hammer blow to the club's promotion hopes, has only added to the feeling of camaraderie in the dressing-

room, and also provided manager Bryan Robson with a few more precious pounds to invest in his side.

He has added experienced midfielders Andy Townsend and Neil Maddison to his side since last season and, although neither can quite boast the grace and class of the departed Juninho - but let's face it, how many players could? - they certainly have the know-how and physical presence required to battle Boro out of the First Division and back into the Premiership.

Bryan Robson and Steve McMahon enjoyed a few ding-dong battles in their days with Man Utd and Liverpool respectively.

It will be fascinating to see who emerges on top in this afternoon's battle of the promotion front-runners.





Middlesbrough

Goalkeepers

BEN ROBERTS

Highly-rated young 'keeper who made his Premiership debut last season and also played in the FA Cup Final and Coca-Cola Final Replay.

Born: Bishop Auckland, 22.06.75
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st 11lb
League record this season: 6 games, 0 goals
Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
95/96	Middlesbrough	-
95/96	Hartlepool	4
95/96	Wycombe	15
96/97	Middlesbrough	10

MARK SCHWARZER

Giant number one who turned down Everton to move to the Riverside in February 1997. He has joint German-Australian nationality and is hoping to be in France for the World Cup next year.

Born: Sydney, Australia, 06.10.72
Height: 6ft 4in
Weight: 13st
League record this season: 10/0
Honours: Australia Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Bradford	13
96/97	Middlesbrough	7

Defenders

GIANLUCA FESTA

A hard-tackling player with good distribution, Gianluca scored on his Boro debut against Sheff Wed in January 1997.

Born: Cagliari, Italy, 15.03.69
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st 11lb
League record last season: 12/1
Honours: UEFA Cup 1994

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	13

CURTIS FLEMING

Having played in Europe with top Irish club St.Pat's, Curtis moved to Boro in August 1991, rejecting offers from Swindon and Oldham. He made his Ireland debut against the Czech Republic in April 1996. Curtis had a spell on loan here at the County Ground in 1988/89, but failed to break into the League side.

Born: Manchester, 08.10.68
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 12st 8lb
League record this season: 11/1
Honours: Div One title 1995; Rep of Ireland Youth, U21, U23, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Swindon	-
96/97	Middlesbrough	156

VLADIMIR KINDER

Attacking full-back with a wealth of European experience, has been voted Slovakia's 'Player of the Season' for the last three years.

Born: Bratislava, Slovakia, 09.03.69
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 13st
League record this season: 10/2
Honours: Czechoslovakia Full cap, Slovakia Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	-

NIGEL PEARSON

Inspirational team captain for Boro who was 'Player of the Year' when they lifted the First Division title in 1995. Missed a big chunk of last season with a serious neck injury.

Born: Nottingham, 21.0.63
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 4st
League record this season: 11/0
Honours: League Cup 1991; Div One title 1995

Era	club	Games
87/88	Shrewsbury	153
93/94	Sheff Wed	180
96/97	Middlesbrough	87

STEVE VICKERS

Joined Boro at the second time of asking, having previously rejected the club in favour of non-League football. A tall, athletic central defender who is comfortable on the ball.

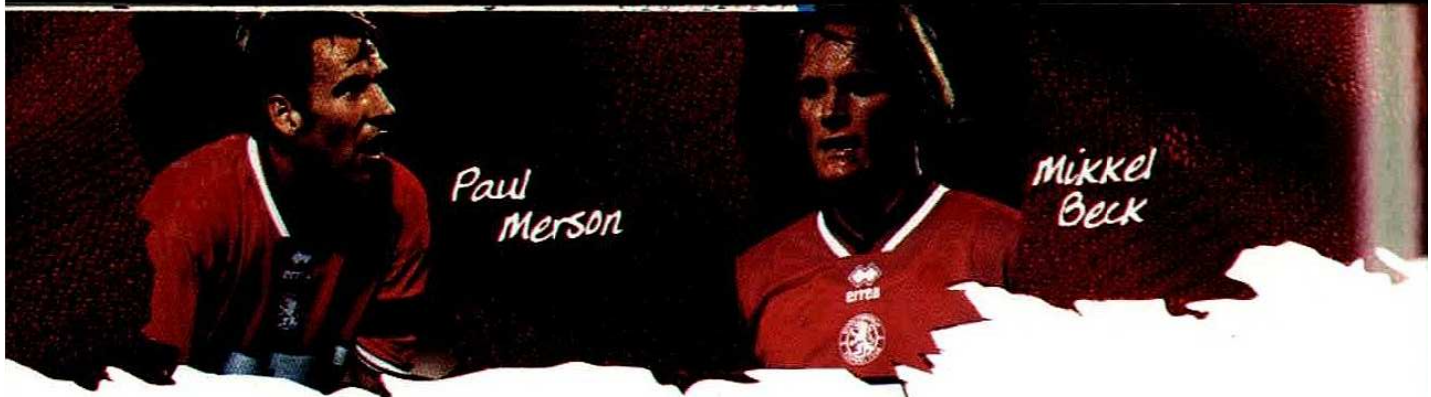
Born: Bishop Auckland, 13.10.67
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st 2lb
League record this season: 9/0
Honours: Leyland Daf Cup 1990; Div One title 1995

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Tranmere	301
96/97	Middlesbrough	131

DEREK WHYTE

Currently on a weekly contract with Boro after failing to agree new terms during the summer. Captain in the absence of Nigel Pearson.

Born: Glasgow, 31.08.68
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 12st 12lb
League record this season: 5/0
Honours: Scottish Premier title 1988; SFA Cup 1988, 1989; Div One title 1995; Scotland Schools, Youth, 9 U21, 3 'B', Full caps.



Era	Club	Games
92/93	Celtic	216
96/97	Middlesbrough	

Midfielders

EMERSON

A powerful midfielder with great ball skills, he was recommended to Boro by ex-England boss Bobby Robson. Started last season with a bang, but well-publicised problems saw him fade by the end of the campaign. This season has seen the distinctive Emerson back in the groove once more though and talk recently has been of a £4 million bid from overseas.

Born: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12.04.72
Height: 5ft 7in
Weight: 10st 7lb
League record this season: 15/3
Honours: Brazil Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	32

CRAIG HIGNETT

Attacking midfielder who fought back to win a first-team place last season after starting in the reserves and being put on the transfer list.

Born: Prescot, 12.01.70
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st 10lb
League record this season: 10/0
Honours: Div One title 1995

Era	Club	Games
92/93	Crewe	121
96/97	Middlesbrough	120

NEIL MADDISON

Discovered by the same man who unearthed Alan Shearer for

Southampton - Jack Hixon - Neil is a versatile player who can perform almost anywhere on the field. Reliable and committed, he did not figure in Dave Jones' plans at The Dell this season and moved to Boro in September.

Born: Darlington, 02.10.69
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st 8lb
League record this season: 9/1 (including 6/1 for Southampton)
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Southampton	163
97/98	Middlesbrough	-

ALAN MOORE

Made a stunning entrance to first-team football, scoring twice on his debut against Notts Co in 1993. Converted from winger to central midfielder by Bryan Robson.

Born: Dublin, 25.11.74
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 10st 7lb
League record this season: 4/0
Honours: Div One title 1995; Rep of Ireland Schools, Youth, U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	110

ROBBIE MUSTOE

Ball-winning midfield man who missed just five games in the Premiership last season, when he had a spell as captain. Boro's longest-serving player.

Born: Witney, 28.08.68
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st 12lb
League record this season: 11/3
Honours: Div One title 1995

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Oxford	91
96/97	Middlesbrough	211

ANTHONY ORMEROD

Highly-rated young attacking midfielder who has burst into the Boro first-team with good effect this season. Loves to get into goalscoring positions, and has already proved himself a quality finisher once he has a chance.

Born: Middlesbrough, 31.03.79
League record this season: 9/3
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	-

PHIL STAMP

The only local lad to represent Boro in last season's FA Cup Final, Phil also broke into the England U21 squad last term. Powerful, attacking midfielder.

Born: 12.12.75
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 12st 3lb
League record this season: 5/0
Honours: England Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	49

ANDY TOWNSEND

Hugely experienced central midfielder who can make chances for his own team as effectively as he breaks down opposing attacks. Andy boasts a powerful long-range shot and likes to have a go at goal from any distance. Moved to Boro in August.

Born: Maidstone, 27.07.63
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 13st 6lb
League record this season: 14/2 (including 3/0 for Aston Villa)
Honours: League Cup 1994, 1996; Rep of Ireland 'B', Full caps.



Era	Club	Games
87/88	Southampton	83
89/90	Norwich	71
92/93	Chelsea	110
96/97	A.Villa	131

Other Defenders include:

Craig Liddle, Mark Summerbell (from YTS), Clayton Blackmore, Fabio Moreira.

he played twice for Denmark in Euro 96. Ever present for Boro so far this term.

Born: Aarhus, Denmark, 12.05.73
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 12st 9lb
League record this season: 16/7
Honours: Denmark Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Middlesbrough	25

problems. Ever present for Boro so far this term.

Born: Harlesden, 20.03.68
Height: 6ft
Weight: 13st 2lb
League record this season: 16/7
Honours: League Championship 1989, 1991; League Cup 1993; FA Cup 1993; ECWC 1994; England Youth, U21, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Arsenal	7
86/87	Brentford	7
96/97	Arsenal	320

Forwards

MIKKEL BECK

Signed for Boro from Fortuna Cologne in July 1996, but only became available for selection in October 1996 following a lengthy legal wrangle between the two clubs. Quick and strong,

PAUL MERSON

One of the most remarkable transfers of recent years saw 'Mr Arsenal' move north to Boro during the summer. Quick, strong and skilful, this England international is back to his best after his well-publicised off-field

Other Forwards include:
 Chris Freestone (from Arnold Town, Dec 1994, £10,000);
 Andrew Campbell (from YTS)

(Figures up to and including 17.11.97)

Bryan Robson the manager

Former England and Manchester United star Bryan Robson is the most successful manager in Boro's history - even if he did unfortunately take them down last season.

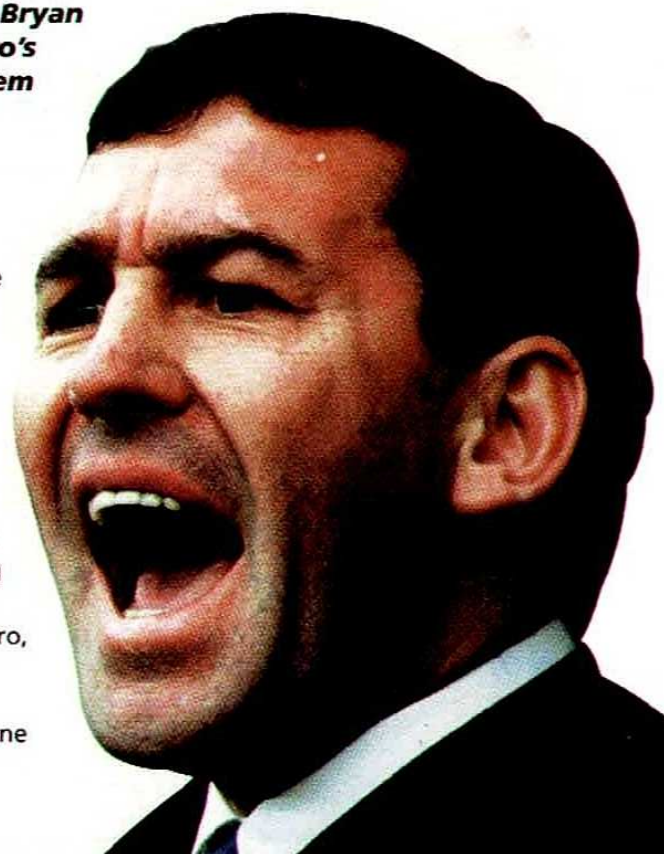
In 1997/98 the man who inspired club and country for almost a decade is aiming to return his troops to the Premiership at the first time of asking. He certainly has the experience and quality of players available to achieve his goal.

Having captained Manchester United to League, FA Cup, League Cup and European glory during a monumental career, Robbo was granted a free transfer from Old Trafford in the summer of 1994 and was immediately appointed player-manager at Boro.

In his first season he led his team to the First Division title, and last year took the Boro to both major domestic Finals - the first in the club's history - as well as attracting several big name stars to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium.

The oldest man ever to appear in a senior match for Boro, Robson is still registered on the playing staff and has pledged to turn out if needed in 1997/98.

A natural leader on and off the pitch, he is sure to be one of the Nationwide League's major celebrities this season.



STATS...STATS...STATS Swindon vs Middlesbrough

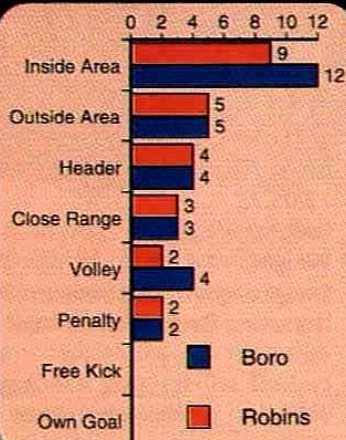
who's played for Middlesbrough

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Paul Merson	15	7	1	Arsenal Brentford
<i>20/3/68 England</i>	2	1		
Emerson	15	3	6	Porto Belenenses
<i>12/4/72</i>	3	1		Curitiba Flamengo
Mikkel Beck	13(3)	7		Fortuna Cologne BK 09
<i>12/5/73 Denmark</i>	2	1		Odense
Gianluca Festa	12	1	1(1)	Inter Milan Roma
<i>15/3/69 Italy U21</i>	3			Cagliari Fersulscis
Curtis Fleming	11	1	2	St Patricks
<i>8/10/68 Eire</i>	2			
Robbie Mustoe	11	3		Oxford
<i>28/6/68</i>	3			
Nigel Pearson	11	2		Sheff Wed Shrewsbury
<i>21/8/63</i>				
Vladimir Kinder	10	2		Slovan Bratislava
<i>9/3/69 Slovakia</i>	1			
Mark Schwarzer	10	1		Bradford Kaiserslautern Dynamo Dresden Marconi Sydney
<i>6/10/72 Australia</i>	2			
Andy Townsend	9(2)	2	3	Villa Chelsea Norwich Southampton
<i>27/7/63 Eire</i>	2			
Steve Vickers	9			Tranmere Spennymoor
<i>13/10/67</i>	1			
Craig Hignett	7(3)	1		Crewe Liverpool
<i>12/1/70</i>	(1)	1		
Ben Roberts	6			Bradford (L) Wycombe (L) Hartlepool
<i>22/6/75</i>	1			
Anthony Ormerod	5(4)	3		
<i>31/3/79</i>	2			
Philip Stamp	4(1)	1		
<i>12/12/75 Eng Yth</i>	1			
Andrew Campbell	3(2)	1		
<i>18/4/79 Eng Yth</i>	2(1)	1		
Derek Whyte	3(2)	1		Celtic
<i>31/8/68 Scotland</i>	1			
Craig Harrison	3(1)	1		
<i>10/11/77</i>	2			
Alan Moore	3(1)			
<i>25/11/74 Eire</i>	(1)			
Mark Summerbell	3(1)	1		
<i>30/10/76</i>				
Steven Baker	3	1		
<i>8/9/78 Eire U21</i>	1			
Nell Maddison	3	1		
<i>2/10/69</i>				
Craig Liddle	2(2)			Blyth Spartans Villa
<i>21/10/71</i>	1(1)			
Clayton Blackmore	1			Bristol City (L) Man Utd
<i>23/9/64 Wales</i>				
Moreira Fabio	1			Desportivo Chaves Flamengo
<i>14/3/72</i>				
Chris Freestone	(2)			Carlisle (L)
<i>4/9/71</i>	1(1)	1		

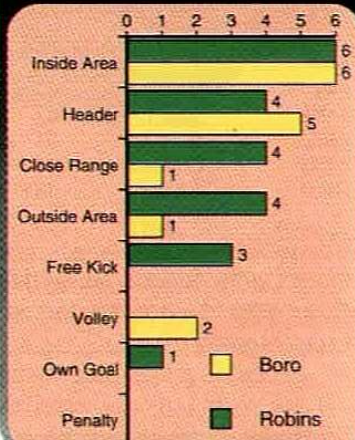
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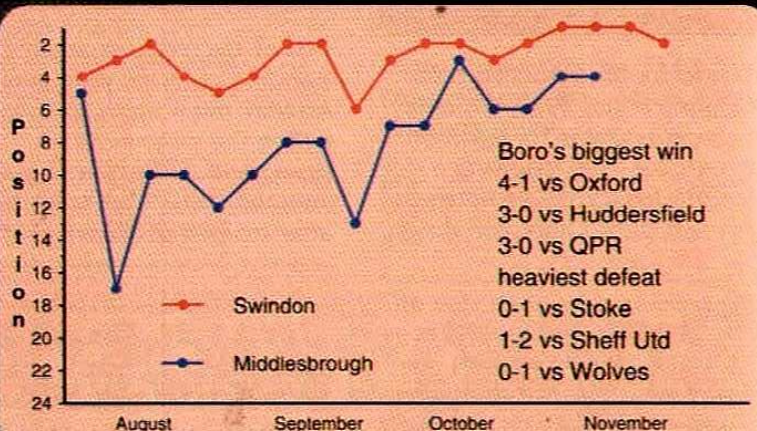
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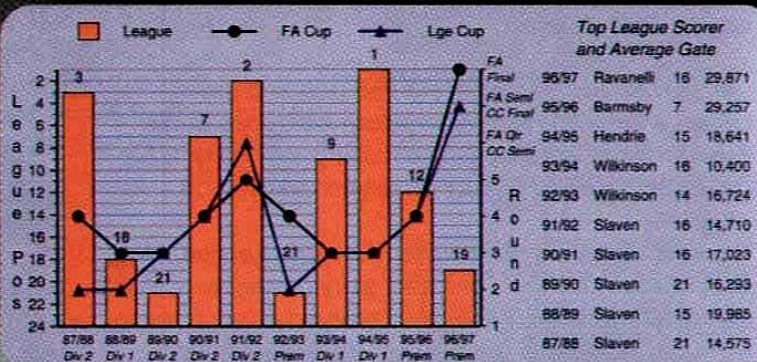
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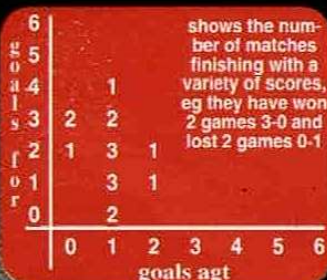
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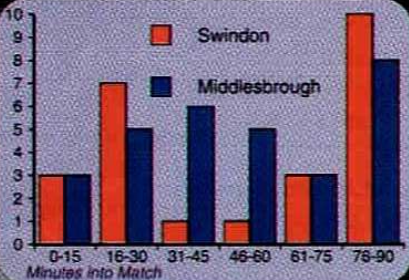
Middlesbrough's 10 year league and cup record



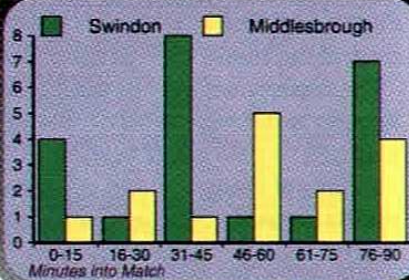
Middlesbrough's results analysis



when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

Craig Maskell opened the scoring with his 16th goal of the season at Ashton Gate. Andy Cole drew Nicky Hammond for Gary Shelton to equalise just before half time but a sweeping movement ended with Nicky Summerbee restoring Town's lead in the 57th minute. A

minute later Rosenoir equalised and Cole nearly snatched a winner for Bristol City in the final minutes when his shot was blocked by Kevin Horlock. It was the first time in seven matches that Cole had not got his name on the scoresheet and the point kept Swindon in second place just in front of Tranmere and West Ham in the race to reach

the Premiership. John Hendrie and Chris Norris scored second half goals to give Boro a 2-0 win at Ayresome Park. It lifted them to 11th in the league but by the end of the season they had slipped to 21st spot and narrowly escaped relegation to Division One. Norwich topped the Premiership after beating Sheffield United 2-1.

10 YEARS AGO

With 19 year old David Batty making his debut, Leeds cruised to a 3-0 lead over Swindon inside 35 minutes. Two tap in goals in the 40th and 77th minutes by Bobby Barnes stunned the Elland Road crowd and set up a thrilling finish. Sadley for Town, Peter Haddock

was allowed to slip three tackles before shooting past Town's on loan keeper, Tim Flowers, six minutes from time. Middlesbrough's midfielder Gary Hamilton scored the only goal of the game against Plymouth Argyle at Home Park. It was one of seven away wins in a season which saw them just miss out to

Aston Villa on an automatic promotion spot. Both sides had the same goal difference but Villa had scored more goals. Boro's efforts were rewarded though as they made it to the First Division via the play offs. Mark Walters scores a hat trick to help Aston Villa to a 4-1 win over Crystal Palace.

15 YEARS AGO

Swindon were frustrated throughout the first half of their FA Cup First Round clash with Wealdstone winning 18 free kicks but failing to score. Wealdstone, who were members of the Alliance League, which was later to become the Vauxhall

Conference, were finally overcome with two goals early in the second half. First, Charlie Henry headed home and then, Pritchard whose corner had produced the first goal, set Paul Rideout free and saw the young striker elude a challenge before driving low past Goddard the

former Orient Keeper. Middlesbrough got a goalless draw at Elland Road in Division One. Lack of fire power was Boro's problem as none of their players reached double figures in terms of league goals. A record twelve players were sent off in the first Round FA Cup matches.

FLASH-BACK

In October 1970 Middlesbrough fell victim to one of the most devastating opening spells the County Ground had ever seen. Within two minutes Don Rogers had fired Town in front and three minutes later Butler's long range shot was deflected by the in-rushing Arthur Horsfield who notched his second goal of the afternoon. Boro must have been regretting omitting their Irish international Eric McNordie but they managed to steady the ship

and no further goals were scored. Indeed oddly, for a match with a scoreline like this, it was Roy Jones in the Swindon goal who was Graham Russell's Man of the Match thanks to a string of saves of which the one from his namesake Gordon in the 30th minute was the pick. It was a good day for Arthur Horsfield who not only scored two goals against his old club, but backed the Gold Cup winner at 25-1 and picked up a win bonus of £4.



Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Wednesday

November 12th

With the team flying high at the top of Division One there was an awful lot of media interest in the Club with the likes of Sky Sports, Channel 5 and several of the National newspapers coming down to find out the secret of our success.

Away from that our Reserves were in action against near neighbours Oxford United and it was great to see the second string emerge with a 5-1 victory.

Defender Gary Elkins, stole the limelight (and the matchball) with his first ever hat trick while Steve Finney celebrated his return from a loan spell at Cambridge with a goal and trialist Mark Quayle also netted. The other trialist on show was midfielder Chris Price who looked quite useful.

It was great to see Mark Robinson back in action after a long lay-off through injury. It was a case of re-introducing him to the players and no doubt the dog bit him when he went home! It is as if he hasn't been around and "Robbo" is a great character to have about the place so I was pleased to see him back.

Thursday

November 13th

After a highly successful two month loan spell from Coventry City, defender Brian Borrows put pen to paper and signed an 18 month contract here at the County Ground. "Bugsy" has been a consistent performer during his time at the Club and I've no doubt he will continue to show that over the next season and a half.

Of course on the outgoing front, the Chief Wayne Allison had signed for Huddersfield Town earlier in the week and so the search was on for a replacement. With that in mind the Gaffer and

myself flew out to Holland to take a look at a potential new recruit.

Friday

November 14th

The lads travelled up to Stockport at lunchtime and we met them at the team hotel in the evening in readiness for what we knew was going to be a very tough test the next day.

I went to see Stockport two weeks ago against Sunderland the day after our game at Portsmouth and they were the better side by far. We knew we would be up against a well balanced and very well organised team and in my opinion they are one of the better sides in the division.

Saturday

November 15th

As anticipated it did prove to be a very testing fixture and unfortunately we ended up on the end of a 4-2 defeat. It was a poor performance, particularly defensively where we made far too many mistakes and were punished for them. Too many players were off form and we didn't work as hard for each other as we had been in recent matches.

Sunday

November 16th

A win for Notts Forest took them above us in the League table but we were still very much in contention and it was a case of quickly putting the things right that we had got wrong on Saturday in time for the visit of Middlesbrough.

Monday

November 17th

The search continued for a new striker and with Chris Hay out for the next three games through suspension, the need for another front runner was getting more urgent. Of course we now had a sharper looking Steve Finney back from his loan spell at Cambridge which was a boost but there was still a need to add to our strike force. Away from the first team, Tommy Wheelton's youngsters took on Bristol Rovers here at the County Ground in the first round of the FA Youth Cup and battled out a 1-1 draw.

Tuesday

November 18th

Those first team players who were fit were given a day off but it was work as normal for the rest of us as we started to prepare for the visit of Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough.

Our list of injured players continued to undergo treatment and there was some bad news for trialist Chris Price who picked up an injury in training which meant he would be unable to play for the Reserves at Queens Park Rangers on Thursday.

We had been impressed with Chris in last week's game and were keen to have another look at him but it will now be a case of monitoring his progress and then perhaps inviting him back another time.

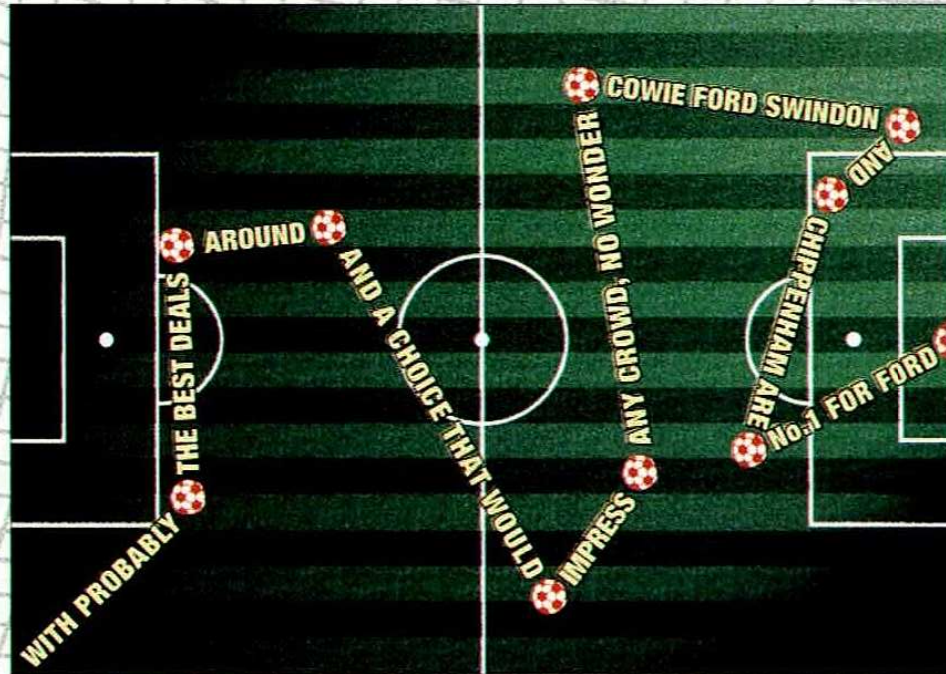
Wednesday

November 19th

Preparations for the Middlesbrough game moved into full swing and with a big crowd expected there was a real buzz around the County Ground.

We were working hard on the training ground to iron out the problems that were in evidence against Stockport and everyone was keen to get back on track.

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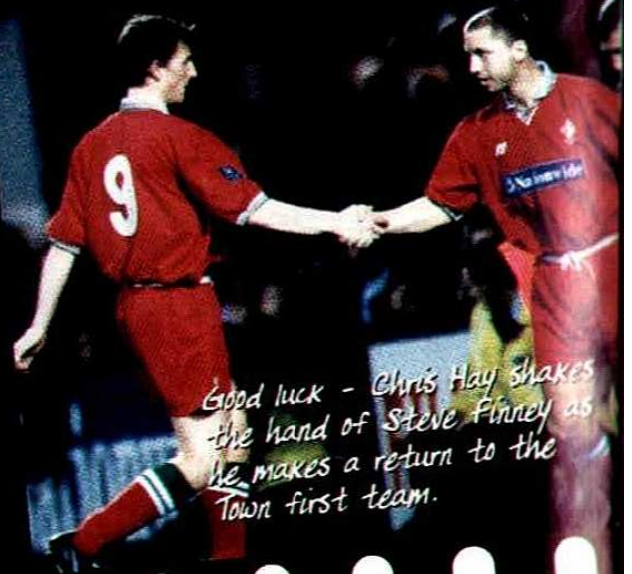
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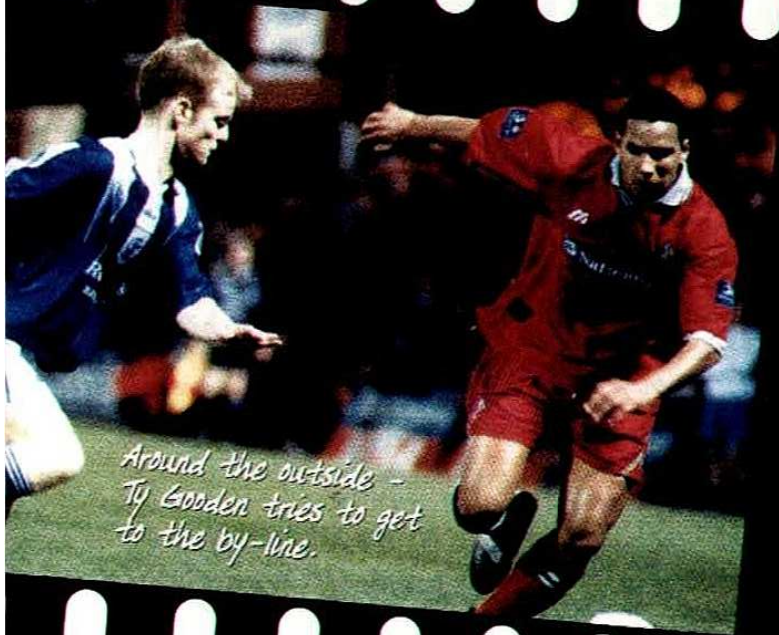
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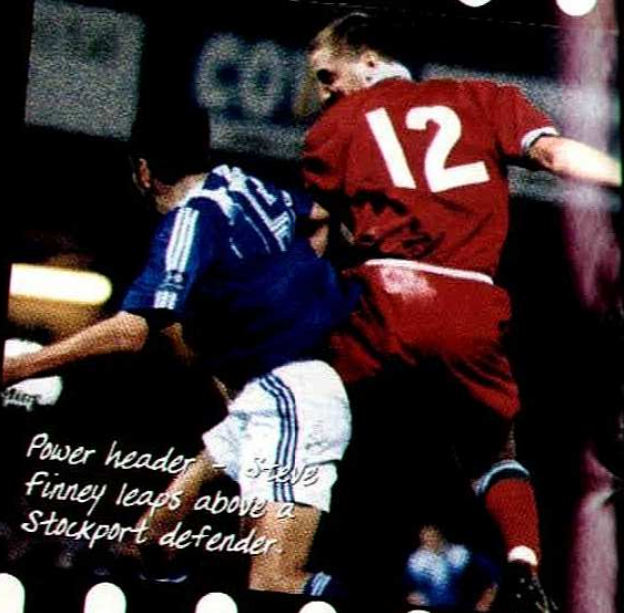
Ty Gooden - loses his footing as an opponent clatters into him.



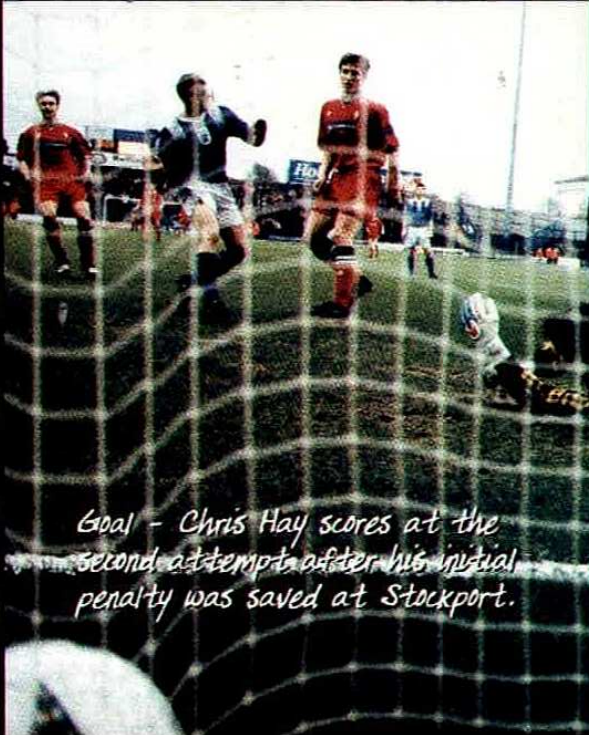
Good luck - Chris Hay shakes the hand of Steve Finney as he makes a return to the Town first team.



Around the outside - Ty Gooden tries to get to the by-line.



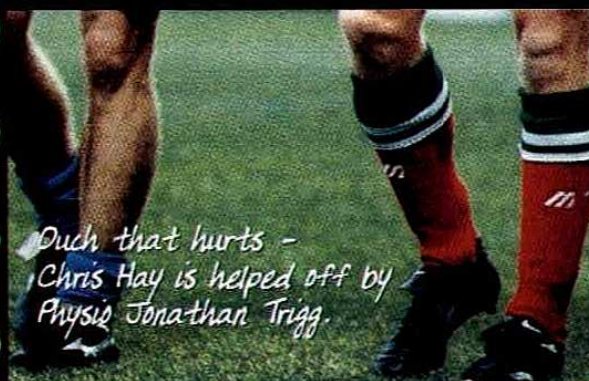
Power header - Steve Finney leaps above a Stockport defender.



Goal - Chris Hay scores at the second attempt after his initial penalty was saved at Stockport.



Duch that hurts - Chris Hay is helped off by Physio Jonathan Trigg.



RESULT...

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Stockport County 4
Swindon Town 2**

Attendance 7,694

SWINDON...

- 1 Tony Warner
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Ian Culverhouse (M. Robinson 86)
- 4 Scott Leitch
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Alan McDonald
- 7 Kevin Watson
- 8 Mark Walters
- 9 Chris Hay (S. Finney 57)
- 10 Steve Cowe
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Jason Drysdale.

STOCKPORT C...

Nixon, Connelly, Searle, Bennett, Flynn, McIntosh, Gannon, Cook, Angell (Mutch 89 mins), Armstrong, Cooper (Travis 85 mins). Sub not used: Bound.

MATCH REPORT

Town's triumphant five match unbeaten run came to an end at Edgeley Park where a disappointing defeat saw them slip from the top of Division One. Defensive lapses cost Swindon dearly and although they stayed in contention with goals by Chris Hay and Scott Leitch, the home side emerged with a deserved victory. After Paul Cook had fired County into an early lead, Chris Hay equalised, scoring his 13th goal of the season at the second attempt after his initial penalty kick had been parried. However Stockport hit back before the break through Martin McIntosh and when Alun Armstrong made it 3-1 with 10 minutes remaining, Town looked dead and buried. Scott Leitch gave his side some hope when he hammered in a shot from the edge of the area but County were not to be denied and put the issue beyond doubt when Armstrong notched his second in the final minute. 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 Petrick. "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 lads down with a bad performance."

reserve round-up

with Ross McLaren



Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

**Swindon Town Reserves 5
Oxford United Reserves 1**

Defender Gary Elkins was the unlikely hat trick hero as he scored his first ever treble to help us to a convincing win against our local rivals.

Steve Finney and trialist Mark Quayle were also on target while Mark Robinson made a successful come-back from injury and it was good to see Robbo back in action.

We made a terrible start as Oxford took the lead within the opening two minutes as their

centre forward Joff Vansittart was able to score unchallenged following a knock-down in the box.

But we soon started to create our own chances with Quayle (twice) and Alex Smith both going close before Elkins put us back on level terms with a close range header.

Quayle should have scored in the 25th minute when he was put clean through by Peter Holcroft however he pulled his shot horribly wide while the Oxford keeper made good saves from Finney and Quayle.

Just before the half time break we finally managed to score with Elkins forcing the ball home after a great run and cross by Sol Davis.

The second half was just five minutes old when we were awarded a penalty as Quayle's

goalbound header was handled on the line.

Gary Elkins stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way and complete his hat trick. With a great night's work done, he was replaced by Paul McAreavey.

At this stage we were in complete command and the only time we were in danger at the back was when a lapse of concentration allowed Mark Angel a shot on goal but his effort came back off the woodwork.

We made it 4-1 in the 66th minute when Steve Finney celebrated his return from a loan spell at Cambridge with a fine finish and after Quayle had seen yet another effort cleared off the line, he finally got on the scoresheet after steering in a cross by Davis.

Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl's.	Apps.	Gl's.	Apps.	Gl's.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	2	0	0	0	2	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)	0
STEVE COWE	8	1	0	0	8	1
LEE COLLINS	8	0	0	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	4	0	0	0	4	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	2	0	0	0	2	0
SOL DAVIS	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	1	0	0	0	1	0
GARY ELKINS	11	3	0	0	11	3
ALEX FINLAYSON	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	7	3	0	0	7	3
CHRIS HAY	1	1	0	0	1	1
STUART HODSON	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0
PETER HOLCROFT	6	0	0	0	6	0
ALUN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	3(2)	0	0	0	3(2)	0
HASSAN KACHLOUL (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0
PHIL KING	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL MACDIARMID	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
PAUL MCAREAVEY	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
STEVE MCAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
IAN MCSHERRY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	4(4)	2	0	0	4(4)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	5	0	0	0	5	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	8(2)	0	0	0	8(2)	0
CHRIS PRICE (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	2	1	0	0	2	1
STUART QUINN (TRIALIST)	2	0	0	0	2	0
MARK ROBINSON	1	0	0	0	1	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	2	1	0	0	2	1
ALEX SMITH	10	1	0	0	10	1
FRANK YALIA	5	0	0	0	5	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	2	0	0	0	2	0
WAYNE THORNE	4(3)	0	0	0	4(3)	0
MARK WALTERS	3	0	0	0	3	0
KEVIN WATSON	7	0	0	0	7	0

FIXTURES 97/98

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Tue Aug 12	Crystal Palace	A 1-2
WED AUG 20	TOTTENHAM	H 0-2
Thur Aug 28	West Ham United	A 0-1
WED SEP 03	LUTON TOWN	H PP
WED SEP 10	CHALTON ATHLETIC	H 0-1
Mon Sep 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-0
THU SEP 25	NORWICH CITY	H 1-2
Wed Oct 01	Portsmouth	A 2-0
Wed Oct 08	Wimbledon	A 0-3
WED OCT 15	IPSWICH TOWN	H 1-1
Wed Oct 22	Watford	A PP
WED OCT 29	ARSENAL	H 0-3
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 2-5
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 5-1
Thur Nov 20	OPR	A 7.00
MON NOV 24	MILLWALL	H 7.15
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 7.15
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 7.00
WED DEC 17	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 7.15
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A 2.00
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 7.15
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 7.30
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 7.15
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 7.00
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 7.15
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 2.00
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 7.15
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 2.00
Wed Mar 18	Oxford United	A 7.30
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 7.15
WED APR 01	Q.P.R.	H 7.15
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7.30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 7.30
WED APR 22	WATFORD	H 7.15

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above. Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.



Gary Elkins

We should have made it six a minute from the end when Alex Smith ran clear, rounded the keeper but then lost his footing at the vital moment with the ball bouncing agonisingly wide.

Overall I was pleased with the performance and it was good to get back on the winning track having lost three of our previous four matches.

Team: Betterton, Robinson, Davis, Price, Pattimore, Elkins (McAreevey), Hodson, Holcroft, Quayle, Finney (Meechan), Smith. Sub not used: Campagna.

▶ NEXT HOME GAME

**Monday 24th
November 1997**

Millwall

Kick-Off 7.15pm

▶ NEXT AWAY GAME

**Monday 8th
December 1997**

**Luton
Town**

Kick-Off 7.00pm

▶ THE LEAGUE

**Avon Insurance
Combination Div 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Arsenal	14	9	4	1	39	10	31	+29
Tottenham H.	14	8	4	2	24	16	28	+08
Southampton	14	7	5	2	28	13	26	+15
Crystal Palace	14	8	0	6	22	20	24	+02
Charlton Athletic	11	7	2	2	27	8	23	+19
Wimbledon	13	6	3	4	19	9	21	+10
Norwich City	14	5	6	3	16	17	21	-01
Portsmouth	12	5	5	2	17	10	20	+07
Oxford United	14	5	5	4	21	27	20	-06
Millwall	13	5	3	5	13	18	18	-05
Watford	14	4	4	6	14	26	16	-12
Ipswich Town	13	3	5	5	18	24	14	-06
Q.P.R.	14	3	4	7	16	17	13	-01
Chelsea	14	2	5	7	16	25	11	-09
West Ham United	13	3	2	8	14	27	11	-13
SWINDON TOWN	12	3	1	8	14	21	10	-07
Luton Town	11	2	3	9	9	19	9	-10
Brighton & H.A.	12	1	3	8	11	31	6	-20



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South East Counties League Division 2

SAT	AUG 09	BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat	Aug 16	Southampton	A 1-2
SAT	AUG 23	LUTON TOWN	H 2-4
WED	AUG 27	CARDIFF CITY (JFC1)	H 3-3
Sat	Aug 30	Reading	A 3-1
Tue	Sep 9	Cardiff City (JFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
SAT	SEP 13	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
WED	SEP 17	P'BORO LTD (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 Ltd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
SAT	OCT 11	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-0
Tue	Oct 14	Notts Forest (MYC2)	A 1-2
SAT	OCT 18	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC2)	H 2-0
Sat	Oct 25	Wimbledon	A 2-4
Sat	Nov 01	Tottenham Hotspur	A 3-0
SAT	NOV 08	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-3
Sat	Nov 15	Barnet	A 0-1
MON	NOV 17	BRISTOL ROVERS (FAYC)	H 1-1
Sat	Nov 22	Luton Town (LC3)	A
Thur	Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAYC)RepA	A
SAT	NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Sat	Dec 06	Bristol City	A
SAT	DEC 13	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A
SAT	JAN 03	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat	Feb 07	AFC Bournemouth	A
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H
SAT	MAR 07	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am at the Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way. Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south east

FIXTURES 97/98

West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	A 4-2
AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	H 2-3
Sept 06	Cheltenham Town	A pp
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
Nov 01	Torquay United	A 1-2
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H 1-1
Nov 15	Bashley	A PP
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H
Dec 06	Bristol City	A
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Jan 03	Cardiff City	A
JAN 10	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H
Jan 17	Cirencester Town	A
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H
Jan 31	Hereford United	A
FEB 07	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Feb 14	Swansea City	A
Feb 21	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H

All home Saturday fixtures kick-off at 11.00am
Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm.
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south west

youth team focus



with
Tommy Wheelodon

South East Counties League Division Two

Swindon Town Youth 1 Oxford United Youth 3

Striker Paul McAreevey was sent off for violent conduct as we slipped to defeat against our local rivals.

We fell behind to a dubious early penalty decision and were left with an uphill struggle after McAreevey deservedly received his marching orders in the 28th minute.

A goalkeeping error by Anthony Betterton led to us falling further behind and there was more disruption to the team when Steve Bennett was forced off with ankle injury.

To their credit our 10 man team fought on and were rewarded with a goal just before half time by Jamie Mills who finished off a fine ball by Phil MacDiarmid.

We re-grouped during the interval and for the first 15 minutes of the second half we looked the better team.

However another defensive blunder let Oxford in for an easy third goal and there was no way back after that.

I was pleased with the effort given by our 10 players but was disappointed with the lack of professionalism shown by Paul McAreevey.

Team: Betterton, Taylor (Mackey), Campagna (Cope), Cairns, Hodson, Bennett (Hughes), Mills, Thorne, MacDiarmid, McAreevey, McSherry.

South West Counties

Swindon Town Youth 1 AFC Newport 1

After four successive defeats, Swindon's Academy team stopped the rot by gaining a point from the game against Newport.

With the strong wind behind them, Swindon took the lead after 30 minutes when Dale Pottinger sent in a perfectly flighted free kick which was finished off by Kevin Campello in his first game back after a six week absence through injury.

The second half started with Newport very nearly equalising straight from the kick-off as a long range chip hit the top of the cross bar with trialist keeper Daniel Rees caught off his line.

With Newport in control a tactical switch by Swindon turned things around as Zambian trialist Kasase Kabwe came on and caused lots of problems up front.

Swindon now looked the better side but a lapse at the back allowed the visitors to equalise, yet the home team could still have won with Campello being put clean through only to see his shot parried by the out rushing keeper.

Coaches John Hurst and Clive Maguire were much happier with the team's attitude and application after a dismal display the previous week.



**South East Counties League
Division Two**

**Barnet Youth 1
Swindon Town Youth 0**

Ian McSherry was left with a broken leg and debutant Kevin Campello joined him in hospital with concussion after a nightmare trip to Barnet.

Already weakened by the loss of skipper Wayne Thorne (flu), Sol Davis and Alex Meechan (first team call-ups) and Robin Hulbert (international duty) we had to drop Paul McAreavey to the subs bench as he was sick on the way to the game.

We fell behind in the third minute and to add to our tale of woe, Ian McSherry was left with a broken leg after a bad challenge in the 30th minute

which was only punished with a yellow card for the offender.

Four minutes later Kevin Campello had to go off with concussion after being clattered by the keeper, again the referee only booked the Barnet player.

And when Alan Hughes was put through with five minutes remaining it was perhaps inevitable that his shot should come back off the inside of the post.

It was 12 months to the day that Chris Organ broke his leg on a visit to Wimbledon so next season I'll be looking to cancel the fixture we have on this date - particularly if it is in London!

Team: Betterton, Peters, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson (Sharps), Culbertson, Mills, MacDiarmid, Campello (McAreavey), McSherry (Pottinger), Hughes.

**The Times FA Youth Cup
First Round**

**Swindon Town Youth 1
Bristol Rovers Youth 1**


In difficult conditions we started well and produced some useful approach play without really troubling the Rovers' keeper.

However we went into half time with a 1-0 lead when a great move down the left involving Culbertson and McAreavey ended with Bradley Peters firing a well struck shot inside the far post.


It was back to the wall after the break as Rovers took control and they deservedly equalised 10 minutes from time to force a replay at Clevedon on November 27th.

Congratulations to Robin Hulbert who came off the substitutes bench to make his England Under 18 debut in their 3-2 victory over Russia at Crewe.

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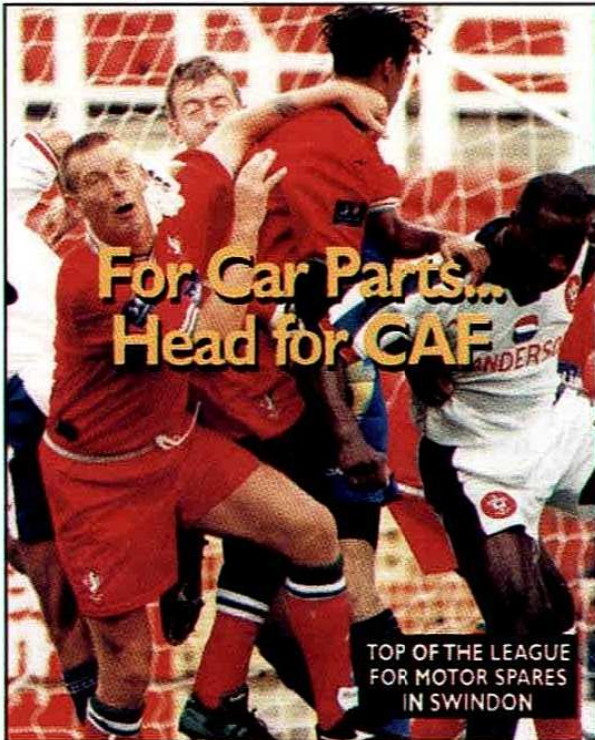
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

First of all Jon and I would like to apologise to Dave Turner and all his lads that joined us from Wroughton Football Club for the Bradford City game.

Dave brought along his crew for the Saturday Team Club and due to a mix-up on our part, we did not mention his team in our matchday programme notes. We do apologise and hope Dave and his lads enjoyed their day at the County Ground.

Today we would like to extend a warm Community Office welcome to John Ray and John Freemantle and all the youngsters from Sarum Strikers who are here today along with Oaksey Juniors FC, who are here with a group organised by Susan Mockler. Jon and I would like to say a special thank you to all three people who have been most helpful in co-ordinating the day.

As we've mentioned before in these notes, Jon and I get varied requests for different things and one recent request came from Pewsey Vale School near Marlborough who wrote a letter asking for us to help in a very special visit to the Gunjur Middle School in The Gambia, which is their twinned school in that part of the world.

Jon and I were delighted to help out with Pewsey's visit by donating various goodies such as T-Shirts, footballs, old programmes, Wagon Wheels and of course signed photos of the first team squad. We have since received this terrific picture of the youngsters receiving our gifts, accompanied by a super letter informing us of how successful the trip was. Let's hope this afternoon's fixture against Middlesbrough turns out to be as exciting as expected.



Clive Maguire

Jon Holloway

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A warm welcome to all you Junior Robins for today's top-of-the-table clash against Middlesbrough.

We've all been looking forward to this fixture for a long time, so make sure you get right behind the lads and give them the backing they need to send Bryan Robson home without any points.

It's going to be tough but with your help the team are confident of getting the right result.

All the news

I hope by now you have all received your Newsletters and are in the process of painting your pictures of Louise in the hope of winning our easy to enter competition.

Sorry again about the delay and look out for a special Christmas edition which will soon be on its way to your doorsteps.

Christmas party

A date has now been set for what promises to be an action-packed Junior Robins Christmas Party.

The date for your diary is Monday December 22nd from 7.30 to 10.30pm in the Supporters Club.

A family of four (2 adults and 2 children) can get in for just £5, while Junior Robins who want to come

on their own can purchase tickets for only £2.

Keep your eyes peeled for further details.

Mascots and trips

There are still some spaces left for Matchday Mascots this season at the County Ground. So if you fancy leading the lads out onto the pitch, give the Marketing Department a call on 01793 532121.

Our next Junior Robins away trip is on Saturday December 13th when we go to Sheffield United. Tickets cost £10 for juniors and £15 for adults so book your places now.

Pictured below are the mascots at the Bradford City match who lined up for a photo with the two team captains and the match officials.

Our mascot was nine year old Jason Hudson with Niall Biddiscombe doing the honours for Bradford.



mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots



Craig Roberts who lives in Westlea, Swindon, celebrates his 10th birthday on Tuesday and his dream is to play for Manchester United. Currently Craig is a striker for Westlea Wanderers and along with playing football he enjoys chess and swimming.

The Westlea County Primary School pupil is a big fan of Ty Gooden.

Celebrating his 11th birthday today is **Robin Fletcher** who attends



Tregoze Primary School and lives in Grange Park, Swindon. Robin loves all sports including football. He plays for Westside Under 11's and his school team. His favourite player is Mark Robinson.

Joining the two lads as Matchday Mascots is **Michelle Maul** from Lower Stratton who has just turned 16 years of age. Michelle goes to St Josephs Upper School, plays for Swindon Spitfires and her favourite Town player is Fraser Digby.

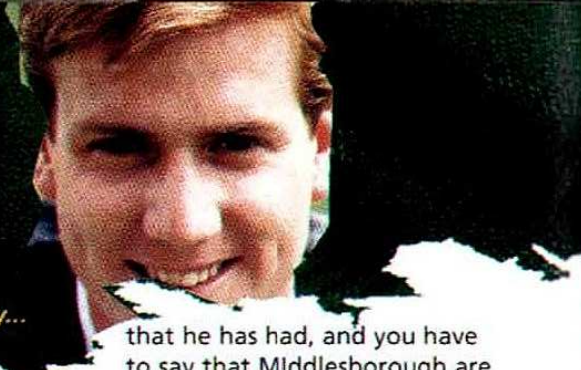


Middlesbrough's mascot this afternoon is **Sam Eadington** from York who attends Dringhouses Primary School. Sam is seven years old today. His hobbies include football, cricket, swimming and cycling. Mark Schwarzer is Sam's favourite player.

Rockin' Robin SUPERHERO

tony horne's view from a far

I hope that win, lose or draw, the Gaffer is here to stay...



Stockport County was the first major hiccup of the campaign, though their league position suggests they may have been stiff opposition and worthy of three points.

It was a bit of a blow to learn of our fate when we had been sitting pretty at the top of Nationwide Division One - still second will suffice come what May! Some people are going to say that everybody has got games in hand over us at the moment, and whilst that is true, points in the bag are points in the bag and you can't take them away...unless you do

something stupid like betting on the opposition! (and that would never happen at Swindon would it!) At the moment, my gut feeling on the league is that Nottingham Forest will run away with it after Christmas - I saw them last year and they were so dreadful and yet clearly they are doing the business at the moment..is this a case of another team who are too good for one league and not good enough for the other?

Then it is going to be a scrap between Middlesborough and Sheffield United for second and we will be in the dogfight for a play-off place. Nigel Spackman must think this managerial lark is a piece of cake after the start

that he has had, and you have to say that Middlesborough are looking awesome - they are regularly going on their travels and winning by three goals. Emerson, bless him, is reborn, and everybody except the lad himself, is drinking to Paul Merson's form. He is the best player in his league at the moment.

For our chances, see the physio's weekly report, and then ask Macca if he has got eleven. If we get all the wounded back, this will be our best season for five years.

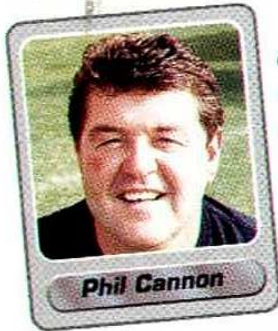
I hope that win, lose or draw, the Gaffer is here to stay...I have already seen the first suggestions in a quality paper that he will be the next Liverpool manager when Roy Evans vacates his job.... *Mmm.*

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centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon



Phil Cannon

There was a hectic schedule for our Centre of Excellence boys last weekend as three of the age groups took on Nottingham Forest with two others meeting Portsmouth.

The Under 11's and Under 12's played against Nottingham Forest on the County Ground Extension and both were very enjoyable games. Our Under 11's fought out a 1-1 draw while the Under 12's ran out 3-2 winners and the 100 or so parents looking on were given a real treat.

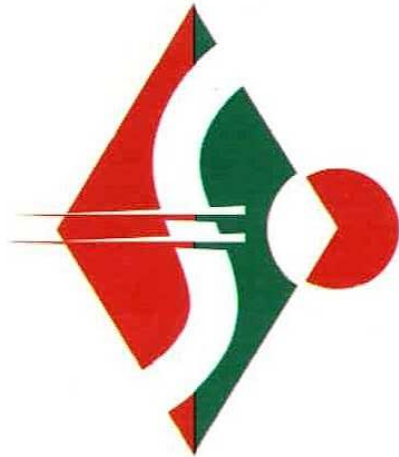
The boys got a taste of the big time at Swindon Town by getting changed in the first team changing room and this seemed to really inspire them, as they came out and played some excellent football.

Witnessing the lads doing the things they have been coached at the Centre of Excellence is always very pleasing from a coaches point of view and both Clive Maguire and Dave Warren, who took the Under 12's, were delighted with the boys.

The other team to take on Forest were the Under 16's who went down 2-1 away while the Under 14's and Under 15's faced tough tests against Portsmouth.

The Under 14's notched up a useful 2-0 victory with the Under 15's battling bravely before going down by the odd goal in five.

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Charlton Ath.



Our next away trip is on Friday November 28th when we go to Charlton Athletic (7.45pm).

There are 500 seats available in advance costing £13 for adults and just £1 for juniors as there is a special "Quid a Kid" promotion for this game.



Supporters are reminded that the home game against local rivals Oxford United on Saturday December 6th (3pm) is **ALL TICKET.**



The next Reserve team fixture at the County Ground has been brought forward 48 hours. The Reserves will take on Millwall on Monday November 24th (7.15pm kick-off). Tickets, costing £4 and £1 must be purchased in advance.

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:

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To order by fax:
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PART SEASON TICKET PLAN

With Swindon Town on course to fulfil their play-off promise, now is the perfect time for supporters to snap up a season ticket for the rest of the season.

The Club has set up a part season ticket plan which means fans can reserve a seat at the remaining home games - and make sure they get priority bookings for the end of season play-offs.

Discounted season tickets for the rest of the season are now available from the box office and will include each and every home game, starting from the visit of local rivals Oxford United on Saturday December 6th.

For the first time the cost of the tickets can be spread over four months with an installment plan which is available until December 5th.

Julian Wetherall, Head of Sales and Marketing at the Club said: "With the team doing so well, demand for tickets is growing by the day and we want to make sure our regular fans get the chance to reserve their seats for the rest of the season.

"It will also mean they get priority bookings for the end of season play-offs which is a major bonus for all season ticket holders."

There are huge savings to be made on season tickets which are available in all areas of the ground.

Cash and credit card bookings are being taken now and the installment plan was available from Monday November 17th.

The Club's pre-season cash-back pledge does not apply to this part season ticket plan.

Swindon Town Football Club 1997/98 Part Season Ticket

Arkells & South Stand Wings & Enclosures

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Adult	143.00	150.00	37.50	37.50
Concession	84.00	88.00	22.00	22.00
Junior	76.00	80.00	20.00	20.00

Intermediate

Adult	161.00	169.00	42.25	42.25
Concession	89.00	94.00	23.50	23.50
Junior	81.00	85.00	21.25	21.25

Centre

Adult	173.00	182.00	45.50	45.50
Concession	96.00	101.00	25.25	25.25
Junior	87.00	91.00	22.75	22.75

Rover Family Stand

Adult	132.00	139.00	34.75	34.75
Concession	66.00	69.00	17.25	17.25
Junior	29.00	30.00	7.50	7.50

Family Ticket

1 Adult & 1 Child	120.00	126.00	31.50	31.50
Extra Child	12.00	13.00	3.25	3.25

on the road... travel...



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.



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.



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Or book through Barnes Coaches Ltd Information Centre or telephone any day on (01672) 540330

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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 industrial 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.

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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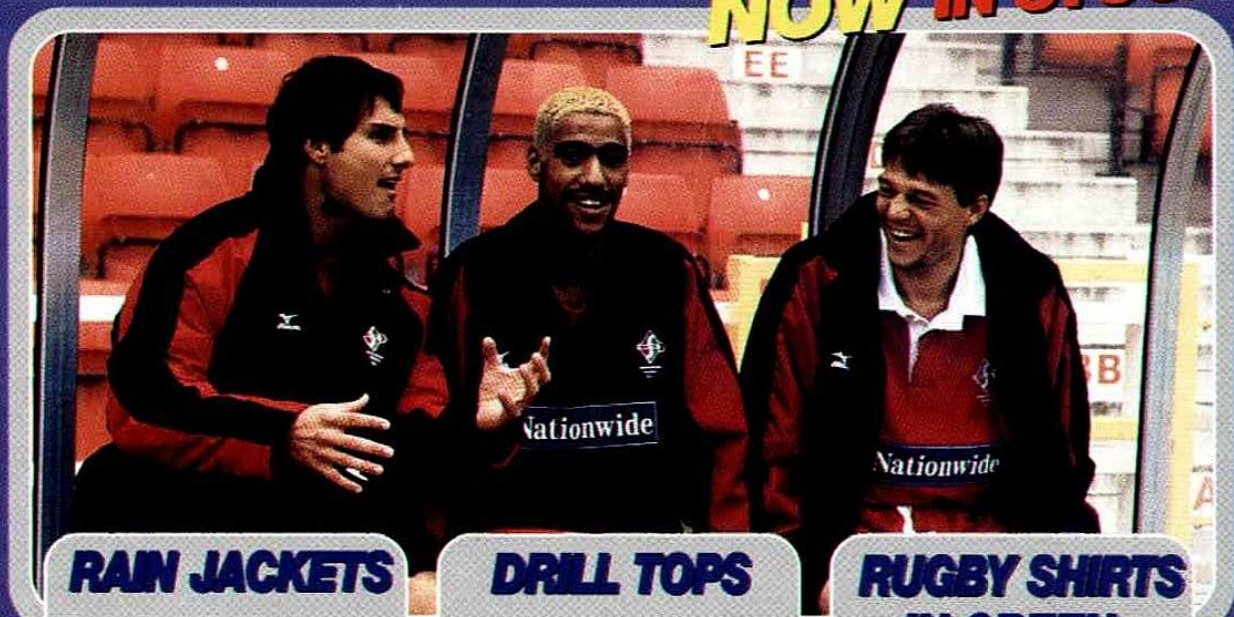


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Chris collects

Striker Chris Hay was voted the Whichford Hyundai Player of the month for October.

The talented goal-machine is pictured receiving his award from Whichford Hyundai's Dealer Principle Cyril Carpenter before the recent home game against Bradford.

Hay was red hot in October scoring eight goals in just six matches including a hat trick against Port Vale and two against Bury.



Ladies looking good

Swindon Town Ladies were officially presented with their new strip by sponsors Nationwide Building Society prior to the Bradford City match.

Nationwide's sponsorship Executive Mandy Nicholls did the honours to make sure the ladies are the best dressed team in the Premier Division of the Southern Region League.



In & around the county ground

Thanks Doc!

There was a surprise in store for Town's Medical Officer Dr. J.D. Nicholas before the Bradford game as he was handed a special gift by the Swindon Town Directors.

A silver salver was presented to Dr. Nicholas as a thank you from the Club for his outstanding service at the County Ground which stretches back some 33 years.



Support the sealegs

Swindon Town Football Club have been strong supporters of Swindon Sealegs, a charity which gives disabled people the chance to experience a sea voyage.

Chairman Rikki Hunt (pictured top right) joined the group as a "Buddy" to sail in the Canaries on the Lord Nelson in February of this year. The Club are delighted to give the group the opportunity of raising money for this worthwhile cause at today's match so please give generously.

With your generous support it will enable them to give more disabled people the chance of sailing a "Tall Ship"

Members of the Swindon Sealegs with Chairman Rikki Hunt.



Plea from Barnet

Barnet were recently given planning permission for a new 10,000 seater stadium at a cost of about £14 million.

The application is now before the Department of Environment but Mill Hill residents have launched a campaign opposing the development of Barnet Copthall. Consequently Barnet Football Club, whose 90 year old Underhill ground with its infamous slope can not be brought up to Football League standards under the Taylor Report regulations, need your help. So, lend your support to Barnet by sending a short letter making your views known to: **Nicholas Raynesford MP, Under Secretary of State DoE, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU** with a copy to **Andrew Dismore MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.**

First AGM

Swindon Town's Disabled Supporters Group are holding their first AGM on Tuesday November 25th in the Supporters Club.

The meeting will start at 7pm. For more details contact Tony Bedford on 01993 705408.

winning ways

by Dave Hollister



Whichford Hyundai
Kennedy Drive, Eldene, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 3SB 01793 614855



WIN 1

WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

At the Bradford City game the winning half-time Nest-Egg number was 9517. The victorious ticket was owned by Des Longhurst of Chippenham.

He made a point of writing 'Moonraker Book Services' on his claim form but he should have known we do not give free advertisements!!! The £639 that Des availed himself of is included in the following statistics.

The Nest-Egg commenced on 22nd January 1994 at our Premiership fixture with Spurs. Since then, 189,667 tickets have been sold at £1 each. Our 110

winners (up to and including the Bradford City game) have shared in £82,377! This gives an average pay-out of £748.88. This includes pre-season friendlies and poorly attended Anglo-Italian cup games at which the lowest pay-out was £237. £1000 has been the prize on 26 occasions. From the gross income, £28,039.44 has been appropriated on account of expenses. The remaining £79,250.56 has been donated to the Club's Development Fund for the benefit of supporters. The fact that prize money has fallen short of the maximum 50% allowance is due to the £1000 limit where applicable.

The average gross income during our Premiership season was £3,362.75. This compares with £1,976.48 in 1994/95, £1,572.06 in 1995/96 and £1,307.22 for 1996/97.

It would appear that the crossword competition in the Bradford City programme failed to attract entrants.

Although the answers were inadvertently printed, the clue for 17 down was absent. This means that an entry completed with all but the latter would have been correct!



Half-Time Draw
Winning ticket number announced/displayed wins cash prize.

Any other ticket number ending with the last three digits of the winning number enter draw for Hyundai Coupe i. Such tickets to be deposited in Superstore within 8 days.

from the press box

by Sue McCann



Swindon Town have very much been the First Division surprise package this season that few people anticipated.

Whilst the bookies were making Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Forest and Sheffield Utd the ones to watch, Steve McMahon's side have had a great start to the season and sustained it. Such a start has been a credit to Swindon and continues to demonstrate the unpredictability of football or does it?

One thing very predictable about the game is that you rarely get a great team without a great manager and that's what Steve McMahon has the

potential to be. Without doubt he is emerging as one of the most talented of the next generation of managers and this is a result of what he has experienced so far in his reign at Swindon. Relegation in his first season in charge was hardly a fairy tale transition from player to manager. McMahon has had to go backwards before he could go forwards and because of this he has gained invaluable experience of wheeling and dealing in the transfer market - he's learnt his trade at the right end of football.

This season is demonstrating what the manager has learnt. When I interviewed him at the start of the season he told me that he was delighted to have finally signed Chris Hay

after tracking him at Celtic for a long time. Well Chris Hay's strike record at Celtic last season may not have been deemed prolific by most (but he was hardly given a fair share of appearances to increase his tally at Celtic Park with Van Hooydonk and Di Canio leading the front line) however, McMahon saw potential in Hay and already with 13 goals this season he's repaying the manager's faith.

Another shrewd display of management was the on-loan signing of Chris Casper from Manchester United. Another one of Alex Ferguson's home grown young talents he has been a real asset and played a key role in the position the Club now find themselves.

Steve McMahon was certainly a winner as a player, a leader and one of soccer's hardmen. He's still a leader, he can be a winner - but dare suggest that he manages a physical team of hardmen and quite rightly he becomes incensed. When you watch Swindon play the perception is that McMahon wants his team to play in an entertaining manner and he's put together a creative side which can this season challenge for promotion to the Premier League. Barnsley were the surprise package last year and Swindon can emulate them..

Star signing Chris Hay with manager Steve McMahon



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with Julian Wetherall

marketing news

Good afternoon to all of today's sponsors for what promises to be an action-packed game against Middlesbrough.

Matchball Sponsors

A warm welcome goes out to this afternoon's Matchday Sponsors who are **RIDGEWAY HOSPITAL**.

today's match will be the fourth season that *Ridgeway* has had the pleasure of sponsoring Swindon Town.

Ridgeway Hospital's successful performance within the Amicus Healthcare Group has been recognised by the investment in a £3 million extension to accommodate extra beds, High Dependency Unit, new Pathology Department, Pharmacy and an MRI Scanner. The new Physiotherapy Department will include rehabilitation facilities with a gymnasium and hydrotherapy pool to complement the Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic specialties.

The newly refurbished Health Screening Department offers Health Screens to local companies and individuals to their specific requirements.

Sheila Maslin, Hospital Director, who is also Chairperson of the Shadow Board, has introduced Sky television to *Ridgeway* to ensure football supporters in-patients do not miss key matches!

Matchball Sponsors

This afternoon we have three match ball sponsors and we hope that the representatives and guests of **WYVERN STAFF AGENCY**, **BOWERHILL MACHINE TOOLS** and **CLEANING ENTERPRISES** enjoy their stay at the County Ground.

With an ever increasing client base, covering all areas of Swindon, *Wyvern Staff* offer a professional and efficient service, always searching for committed and flexible personnel, for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled roles within the growth area that is Swindon in the 1990's.

Twenty five years of trading in Swindon has provided them with a unique insight into the industrial and clerical companies of the town.

We are delighted to welcome back Dave Wiltshire and his guests from *Bowerhill Machine Tools*.

Based in Melksham, they primarily look after all the machinery situated in the Design and Technology Departments of schools in the South of England.

It is always a pleasure to welcome Andy Fitchett and his party from *Cleaning Enterprises*.

Cleaning Enterprises are a special carpet, upholstery, curtain and vertical blind cleaning company who are based at Wroughton and are members of the NCCA.

Presentation Time

FOCAS and The **Thomson Local** were joint matchball sponsors for the recent game against Bradford City.



A representative from **Thomson Local** is pictured handing over a bottle of bubbly to man of the match Steve Cowe who scored a spectacular goal to clinch the three points for his team.

Steve Cowe is also shown presenting signed footballs to guests and officials of both **Thomson Local** and **Focas**.



OUR CORPORATE SUITE SPONSORS



Jonathan Trigg's

treatment room

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Alex Finlayson had a menisectomy (cartilage operation) to his right knee on Tuesday after picking up the injury during training last week.



The operation went very well and he will now spend between the next three to six weeks making a recovery.

On the goalkeeping front, Fraser Digby has responded well to treatment on his chest injury and he should be available for selection today. Meanwhile Steve Mildenhall was due to play for the Reserves on Thursday and hopefully he came through unscathed!

The other keeper who has been in the treatment room is Frank Talia and we hope he will return to training next week following a knee complaint.

Striker Chris Hay has been coming in for

treatment this week after spraining ankle ligaments. He would have struggled to have recovered in time for today's game but as it is he will be sidelined anyway through suspension.

Hat trick hero for the Reserves last week Gary Elkins came off directly after scoring his third with an injured ankle. But he was back in training this week. Our two French players have also been back out on the training pitch this week with Philippe Cuervo getting over his hip problem and Freddie Darras responding well to the injection he had in his troublesome ankle. Ty Gooden and Scott Leitch have been receiving treatment for injuries this week but should be available today however at the time of writing these notes there was a doubt over Kevin Watson who injured his hamstring during the defeat at Stockport.

He will require a late fitness test to see if he can make the line-up this afternoon.



the shadow board

What is it about Manchester? I have visited that great city on many, many occasions and have enjoyed numerous visits to Chinatown to savour the best Chinese cuisine in the UK. Remember the outstanding performance at Old Trafford in the Coca-Cola Cup not so long ago?

But what about this season? It seems that the M56 causes our defence to have nightmares - I am beginning to wonder if the Bermuda Triangle has been relocated to Lancashire. The good news lads is that the Shadow Board have contacted the Ordnance Survey Dept. and have ordered a new set of maps

for the Swindon First Team coach driver. The new map has Bury located in Hampshire, just along the coast from Portsmouth. So watch out on February 28 in Bury because you will have no chance!!!

Thank you Swindon fans, for all of the mail and cards that continue to arrive at the Shadow Board office. Many of your suggestions are passed onto the Club for immediate action, as are any complaints or problems. To the Club's great credit these occasional difficulties are handled promptly. Other good ideas are the subject of great debate at Shadow Board meetings and the best of them are pushed ahead. The only letters which cause us difficulties are those which offer advise to Steve McMahon. One of the great pleasures in football is that we all pick a




different team and play in a different way. We at the Shadow Board are just happy at a top two league position - we will indulge our fantasy football dreams and leave the real team management to Steve!!

Finally, keep calling to join our satellite groups. More info. next time.

Chairman	Derek Hand
Sheila Maslin	Nigel Bennett
Members	Neil Seamark
David Waldron	Alexander
David Taylor	Deacon
John Lodge	Susan Tyrrell
Dave Wiltshire	Kevin Hall

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



There is no doubt that Middlesbrough are the best equipt side in the First Division to win the Championship but whether they do or do not is far from uncertain, as indeed are all things in football.

This is what makes this game of ours so great. It is the unpredictability that keeps the excitement bubbling, the fact that second from bottom **Portsmouth** can go to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium and get a draw. The fact that last week struggling **Norwich City** looked, and were, the better side in the first-half of their home game with **Middlesbrough**. The second-half though belonged to Paul Merson and Boro.

It's funny isn't it for our former player-manager Glenn Hoddle indirectly played a big hand in landing Boro those points at Carrow Road. His agreement to release Paul Merson from the England squad to play in that game was the decisive factor. The former Arsenal star was the key, the inspiration, and the driving force behind the comeback and eventual 3-1 victory.

That game was covered by Anglia Television but alas the commentator did not appreciate the artistry and sheer perfection of Merson's goal. "**Well taken**" was about the climax of his rhetoric. Like a philistine he completely missed the poetry of it all. The exquisite ball played with the outside of the right

foot from the left by Craig Hignett, which bent round behind the **Norwich** back line. The perfect first touch as Merson pulled the ball down with his right foot and then tucked in the shot with his left.

Oh yes this was Premiership class. Football of the highest order played with panache. The sort of football **Swindon** fans appreciate and applaud for there is more to this game than just winning as Swindon fans fully understand following our only season in the

from the Colin Benson sidelines

Premiership. But it is an aspect unfortunately that is being overshadowed more and more by the demands of success.

When results matter more than style, as is the case today, we lose much of the romance of the game. This is not a view shared by the majority of managers of course because results are everything to them. But it is the public demand, stoked up by the media, that puts the pistol to their heads. It's a case of win or your job!

Yet when it comes to winning what chance does Steve McMahon have of finishing above Bryan Robson? Our man is running his team on a shoe string. "**Robo**" has splashed out millions on his squad which includes stars from Brazil, Italy, Denmark and Australia.

Yet well into the second third

of the season Town are ahead on points. Whether we can deliver the final knock-out remains to be seen. A victory this afternoon over **Middlesbrough** would certainly be a great psychological boost.

I have mentioned before the feelings of Lennie Lawrence when he was manager at Ayresome Park. Boro were then trying to fight their way into the top division and Lennie complained bitterly about the unfair advantage rivals **Blackburn Rovers** had over him because chairman Jack Walker had an open cheque book. Lennie thought it was wrong that they should buy their way to promotion.

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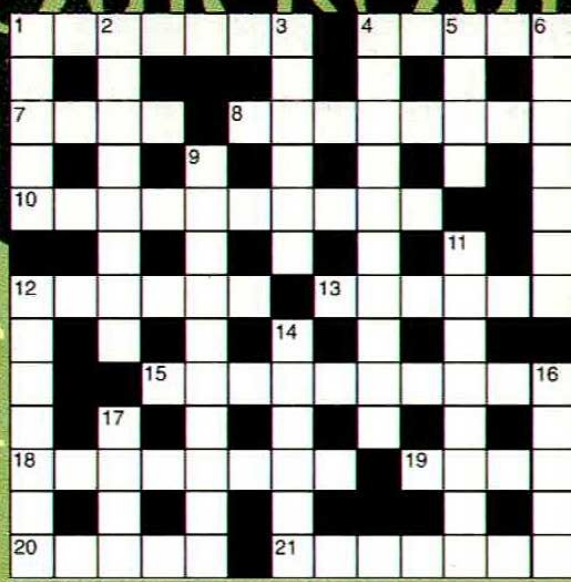
Glenn Hoddle could be joined by two former England managers at the World Cup Finals in France next summer. Bobby Robson and Terry Venables.

If Bobby Robson decides to take up the offer to manage the Saudi Arabian team it will be interesting to see who he invites to assist him. Boro boss Bryan Robson is an obvious likely candidate.

There is just one place left in the Finals now and that will be decided in the next fortnight. Today Terry Venables takes his Australian team to Iran for the first leg of their play-off.

Boro goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, who has joint German and Australian nationality, will take more than a passing interest. But for injury he would have been in goal for the Aussies in Tohran today.

compiled by Dave Hollister



clues across...

- 1. Aston Villa Keeper (7)
- 4. Cup run is this with defeat (5)
- 7. Near alternative is way to get three points (4)
- 8. Exciting Matches are always this (3-2-3)
- 10. Referee from Scunthorpe (5-5)
- 12. Blackburn Rovers' Duff (6)
- 13. John (6)
- 15. At foot of Dr. Martens Premier League (2-8)
- 18. Home of Celtic (8)
- 19. Gullit is this, we hear (4)
- 20. Used badly, it earns a booking (5)
- 21. They are playing here today (7)

clues down...

- 1. Gary of Coventry (5)
- 2. Ignored when aimed at assistant referees (8)
- 3. Indoor stadium forraf XI (6)
- 4. Team puts on a good show? (10)
- 5. Bruce of Crystal Palace (4)
- 6. They take their kids to football matches (7)
- 11. Where good football is played (2-6)
- 12. Half-Time refreshment at Aylesbury F.C. (4-3)
- 14. Substitutions bound to cause these (6)
- 16. Could be tone of half-time lecture (5)
- 17. End-of-season games are often this (4)

answers across...
 1 BOSNICH, 4 ENDED, 7 EARN, 8 END TO END, 10 NEALE BARRY, 12 DAMIEN, 13 BARNES, 15 STILEONARDS, 18 PARKHEAD, 19 RUDE, 20 ELBOW, 21 SWINDON.

answers down...
 1 BREEN, 2 SARCASMS, 3 HANGAR, 4 ENTERTAINS, 5 DYER, 6 DADDIES, 11 ON GROUNDS, 12 DUCK PIE, 14 DELAYS, 16 STERN, 17 DRAB.

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THE SCORE**

See if you can predict today's results....

Bury	1	2	Sunderland
Crewe Alexandra	3	4	Stockport County
Manchester City	5	6	Bradford City
Norwich City	7	8	Oxford United
Nottingham Forest	9	10	Charlton Athletic
Port Vale	11	12	Sheffield United
QPR	13	14	Huddersfield Town
Reading	15	16	Ipswich Town
Swindon Town	17	18	Middlesbrough
Tranmere Rovers	19	20	Stoke City

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10 Scottish League Teams.

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 DUNDEE, ST MIRREN, RANGERS, Ayr.

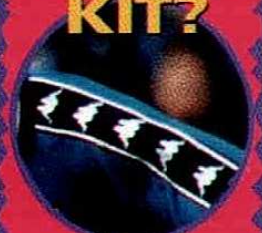
SPORT-IN-YEAR 1989

1. Which Catholic made a shock move to Glasgow Rangers from Nantes?
2. Which player sank Liverpool's title hopes with the last kick of the season?
3. Wayne Gretsky became the top scorer of the season in which sport?
4. Which G.M. Vauxhall Conference team put Coventry out of the F.A. Cup?
5. The club that gave John Aldridge his Football League debut were finally wound up. Who were they?
6. Which British swimmer equalled the World 100m Breaststroke Record?
7. Simon Sherwood rode which horse to Gold Cup glory at Cheltenham?
8. Martin Potter won the World Championship in which sport?
9. Which Lord was asked to investigate football ground safety in England?

ANSWERS.....
 1. MO JOHNSON, 2. MICHAEL THOMAS, 3. ICE HOCKEY, 4. SUTTON UNITED, 5. NEWPORT COUNTY, 6. ADRIAN MOOREHOUSE, 7. DESERT ORCHID, 8. SURFING, 9. TAYLOR.



WHO'S THIS?
 Last game: Ian Culverhouse



WHO'S KIT?
 Last game: Q.P.R.

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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

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Swindon Town Ladies moved into third place in the Southern Region League Premier Division with a home win and an away win.

The home win was at the expense of top of the table Southampton. Kim Reeves headed in Pam Laker's corner and then added a second, heading in Nadine Lloyd's cross. A neat Ashley Wiseman, Leanne Taylor, Nadine Lloyd move created the opening for Kerie Garwood to score number three. Lyn Hale scored a late consolation goal for Southampton.

The trip to Havant resulted in the Town's biggest win of the season and the biggest win ever recorded in the Premiership.

Nadine Lloyd got the Town off to a good start after just two minutes and Leanne Taylor added a second in the 30th minute. The home side pulled a goal back just before half time. In the second half the Town were in complete control and increased their lead in 46th minute through Tracy Mackeddie. Leanne Taylor took her personal tally to four, Tracy Mackeddie and Nadine Lloyd added one more each and goals from Ashley Wiseman and Kim Reeves took the Town's total to ten.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Southampton Saints in a Southern Region League Premier Division match. Town beat the Hampshire side 6-4 earlier in the season but last season the Saints won by the odd goal in both home and away games.

The match will be played on the County Ground Extension and

kick-off is at 2-00pm.
Southern Region Premier Division

Swindon Town 3 Southampton 1

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: Kerie Garwood, Adelle Taylor.

Not Used: Sara Privett

Southern Region Premier Division

Havant Town 1 Swindon Town 10

Team: As Above.

Sub used: Adelle Taylor

Not Used: Kerie Garwood, Sara Privett.

Scorers: Leanne Taylor (4), Tracy Mackeddie (2), Nadine Lloyd (2), Ashley Wiseman & Kim Reeves



Photo: Fifteen year old Leanne Taylor, the Town's leading goal scorer with thirteen goals this season.

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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
Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6-0
SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	4-1
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTENHAM	5-2
SUN 2ND NOV	CARDIFF C. (FA CUP R2)	0-2 aet
SUN 9TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	3-1
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	10-1
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	H
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	H
Sun 7th Dec	League Cup (1st Rnd)	
SUN 11TH JAN	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 18th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 25th Jan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
15T FEB	READING ROYALS	H
8th Feb	Portsmouth	A
15th Feb	Cheltenham	A
22ND FEB	OXFORD UNITED	H
1st Mar	Southampton	A
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
TBA	Oxford United	A

THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheltenham	10	7	2	1	35	16	23
Reading Royals	8	7	1	0	43	7	22
Swindon Town	9	7	0	2	41	17	21
Southampton	10	6	0	4	27	25	18
Swindon Spitfires	7	4	2	1	16	16	14
Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	14	12	14
Oxford United	8	3	0	5	14	19	9
Binfield	8	2	1	5	9	21	7
Southampton Saints	10	1	1	8	13	31	4
Launton	8	1	1	6	11	29	4
Havant Town	8	0	0	8	6	36	0

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Sunday 23rd November 1997

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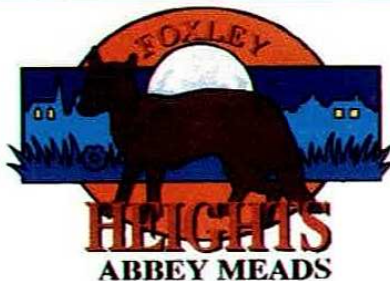
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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.

It couldn't be tighter at the top could it? Nottingham Forest, Swindon Town and West Bromwich Albion, all neck and neck on 34 points, all with 10 wins each and four draws; and Forest edging us by one single goal.

Then, three points behind come *Middlesbrough*, 3-1 winners at *Norwich City* last Saturday extending their record to just one defeat in their last nine games that reverse coming at *Wolves* 1-0. No wonder then we are staging the match of the day in Division One this afternoon. It should be a thriller as we defend our unbeaten home record against the team with the best away statistics with four wins three draws and just one defeat and 15 goals in the onion bag.

There is another top game at Nottingham where *Forest* entertain the overall highest scoring team in the Division, *Charlton Athletic*. But Dave Bassett's boys are no slouches at home, former *Arsenal* striker Kevin Campbell netting their 18th home League goal to beat *Birmingham City* last Saturday.

If you take the trend of the stats then this should be a high scoring game for the Vallants have netted 15 goals on their travels yet conceded 10, I still think *Forest* will win 1-0.

West Brom don't play until tomorrow when they take on *Birmingham City* in the big Midlands derby. Now common sense and logic tells you the Throstles should win. Everything seems to be in their favour. Six wins, one draw and one loss are their home returns and with hit-man Andy Hunt in form - he scored his 10th goal to spark a winning comeback at *Port Vale* - and Richard Sneekes tirelessly prompting in midfield, they are truly on song and chirping even happier now that manager Ray

Harford has allayed fears that he was going back to a Premiership club. The contrast at *St Andrews'* couldn't be greater. Manager Trevor Francis is really under pressure following the defeat at *Forest* which leaves them reflecting on a run that has brought just one win in 13 games; and luck just does not seem to be smiling on *Birmingham*. Substitute Michael Johnson thought he had equalised when he thumped in a late volley - it would have been the fullback's first ever goal in almost 200 games. But referee



By Colin Barber

Paul Danson ruled it out for a push by Furlong...Francis has now brought in former *West Ham*, *Everton* and *England*, striker Tony Cottee on loan from *Leicester City* to kick start the Blues' season and you know what? I think he might just do that at the Hawthorns.

Sheffield United have a tough assignment at *Port Vale*. The Blades were in action at *Bradford* in the only midweek fixture in Division One after being held 1-1 at home by struggling *Manchester City*, when by all accounts they displayed a touch of arrogant complacency after Brian Deane had shot them in front with his seventh goal of the season. Boss Nigel Spackman was not pleased and *Vale* could be on the wrong end of his reaction.

As for *Manchester City*, it was a super show by that little genius Georgi Kinkladze that helped ease the pain of a torturous season. There have been whispers that Joe Royle is lined up to replace manager

Frank Clark at *Maine Road* after *City* slumped to third from bottom - the lowest position in their history - and indeed our own maestro, *Steve McMahon*, has also been put in the frame by the northern press.

But a win over *Bradford City* at *Maine Road* this afternoon could blow the storm clouds away. Frank Clark is a good man and deserves a bit of luck.


As for *City*, are they slipping? Beaten here in our last home game, then losing 1-0 at home to *Tranmere Rovers*, with new striker John McGinlay still goalless. Although he sorted it against the *Blades* on Tuesday.

One new boy who did make good was David Johnson. *Ipswich* paid *Bury* £1 million for the striker, given a free by *Man United* two years ago.


He scored at *Wolves* and it could have been worse for *Ipswich* missed a penalty. The *Suffolk* club are away again today, at *Reading*, but *Wolves'* game at *Portsmouth* is off as half the Pompey team are on World Cup duty with Australia. This gives *Huddersfield* the opportunity to claw themselves off the bottom rung of the First Division ladder. A draw at *QPR* would suffice and they could do even better. Three scalps from the last four games have the *Terriers* believing in themselves again. Meanwhile John Hollins is in the driving seat at the managerless *Rangers*. Niall Quinn led the rout of Pompey as *Sunderland* came from behind to win 4-1. They will find it tougher at *Bury* and will settle for a point. Finally, Chic Bates, one time assistant to Lou Macari here at the County Ground, is settling down as number one at *Stoke* and said last Saturday that he expected to be "doing a bit of business this week." Whoever it is will make his bow at *Tranmere* where teenage goalkeeper Steve Simonsen is expected to play after an ice cool debut at *Bradford*.



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with Mark Seagraves

It was a big let down for everyone concerned with the Club at Stockport last Saturday particularly after all the good work we had done in the five matches before that.

There seemed to be more players having an off day than there were people on song which was disappointing but hopefully the defeat will give us the kick up the rear end we needed and we will put it right straight away.

As you will all know, we are now without Chris Hay for the next three games because of his suspension and whichever way you look at it - that's a big blow for the Club.

He has been getting all the goals for us of late but there again there is now an opportunity for the likes of Steve Finney and Steve Cowe to really stake their claim for a regular place in the starting line-up.

It is up to them to prove to the

Gaffer that they can do the job and particularly now that the Chief Wayne Allison has gone, the two Steve's have the perfect opportunity to maybe show the Gaffer that he doesn't need to spend any money on a new striker. Looking at today's game it promises to be a great occasion with a near full house expected for the visit of a Middlesbrough side who are literally full of World class players.

the captain's comment

Of course it is going to be tough but we are second in the table so we must be doing something right and I'm sure Boro will be as wary of us as we are of them.

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players they have in their line-up but we have the chance to prove that we can match them this afternoon.

Looking ahead, we have another massive game coming up at Charlton next Friday. They are on a decent run and are pushing for promotion but if we can get the result we are looking for today then they'll have to watch out for us next week.

With Christmas fast approaching a key part of the season is almost here and it is up to us to stay in contention and then really kick on during the New Year.

Finally I would like to welcome Brian Borrows on board. His displays while on loan warranted him earning a contract here and I've no doubt Brian will continue to show what a great player he is.

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FACT FILE...

Date of birth: 20.12.60.

Place of birth: Liverpool.

School years

Secondary school attended:

New Heys Comprehensive.

Best subject at school: P.E.

Worst subject at school: Art.

Football team supported at school: Everton.

Football hero as a schoolboy: George Best.

Favourite football position at school: Striker.

Career probably taken up if not football: Builder.

First league match ever seen: Everton in 1969.

At what age did you first attend matches:

9 years of age.

Now

Favourite other sports:

Tennis and Golf.

Biggest influence on career:

Colin Harvey at Everton.

Best match ever seen

(Live or TV): Everton v Liverpool (4-4 in FA Cup).

Favourite football expert:

Alan Hansen.

Favourite country to watch:

Brazil.

Highlight of career:

Getting to FA Cup final in 1985.

Biggest disappointment:

Not playing in FA Cup final due to injury.

Choice Opponents in a cup tie:

AC Milan in European Cup Final.

close-up profi Brian Borrows

At the tender age of 13 two young schoolboys by the names of Steve McMahon and Brian Borrows were learning their trade at Everton.

They then moved in different directions but over 20 years later they have teamed up once again and Brian Borrows is delighted to be working once more with the Gaffer having signed an 18 month contract at the County Ground last week.

"We were together as schoolboys and young pro's at Everton before we went our separate ways. Steve went to join Aston Villa and I left to go to Bolton so it is good to meet up again after all these years" he said *"I always watched Steve's career closely and having known him from such a young age he always had great desire, a will to win and his determination was second to none and that has never changed. The thing that comes through more than anything is his will to win and that's why he is doing such a good job here at Swindon."*

Brian was understandably pleased to team up with Steve by making his move from Coventry City permanent having had a successful two month loan spell.

"The two month loan spell went really well and now I'm looking forward to playing first team football for Swindon," he said.

"To be perfectly honest the main reason for joining Swindon in the first place was

to get regular first team football because I had been at Coventry for over 12 years and I knew my chances there were going to be limited.

"I have really enjoyed being back in the thick of the action again so I had no hesitation in making the move permanent." he added.

Brian's wealth of experience has been in evidence at the heart of the Town defence where his reading of the game and perfect positioning has won over the hearts of the County Ground faithful.

And the 34 year old is hoping he can play his part in keeping Swindon up among the top teams in the Nationwide First Division.

"There is a long way to go yet but it is nice to be playing week in and week out and actually winning games - there's nothing better and long may it continue." he commented.

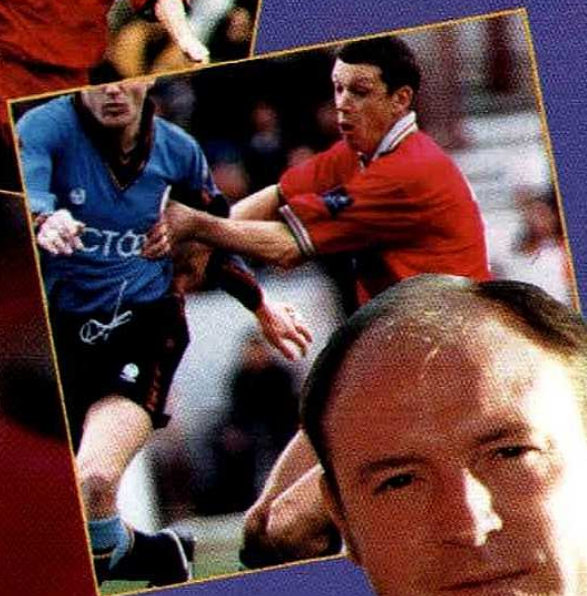
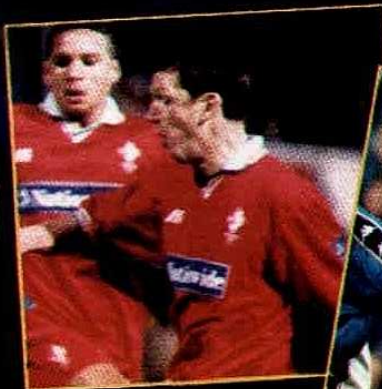
After joining Everton as a 13 year old, Brian left in 1983 to join Bolton Wanderers. In 1985 he moved on to Coventry City and during the next 12 years he made well over 400 appearances for the Sky Blues.

Brian's consistent displays at the back were rewarded with an England B cap and that, along with reaching the FA Cup final with City in 1987 were just some of the highlights.

Yet Brian didn't actually play in the Wembley final against Spurs which was one of the low points in his career.

"I played in every game to help Coventry reach the Cup Final but unfortunately I missed the final through injury after

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picking up a knock in the final league game of the season." he revealed.

But that's all history as they say and Brian now has his sights set on doing the best job he can for Swindon Town.

"My aim is to play as well as I can, show the people of Swindon what a good player I am and hopefully help Swindon get into the Premier League. That's my ambition now to try and push Swindon as far as possible."

Although it is still early days for Brian at the County Ground he has high hopes for the future.

"I think it has exceeded all my expectations. I knew Swindon had a good little squad together but to get to the top of the division has been absolutely fantastic. We have to try and maintain it now. We've got a good base and the aim now is to stick in there until the end of the season."

**Brian Borrows -
the right man for the job.**

Nationwide



GENERAL...

Favourite Food: Italian.
Favourite Drink: Water.
Favourite Comedian: Vic Reeves.
Favourite TV Programme: Friends.
Favourite film: Shawshank Redemption.
Favourite Film Star: Robert De Niro.
Favourite holiday location: Long Boat Key, USA.
Favourite item of clothing: Jeans.
Smartest dresser at STFC: Too early to say.
Any superstitions?: No!

statistics 1997/98 season



Swindon Boro



All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm.
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Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.
All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



1 NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 19.11.97

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	17	7	1	1	3	3	2	26	14	34
SWINDON TOWN	18	7	2	0	3	2	4	25	22	34
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	17	6	1	1	4	3	2	21	13	34
MIDDLESBROUGH	16	5	1	2	4	3	1	30	15	31
SHEFFIELD UNITED	16	5	3	0	3	4	1	25	14	31
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	17	5	2	1	3	3	3	33	21	29
STOCKPORT COUNTY	18	5	4	0	2	1	6	29	25	26
SUNDERLAND	17	3	4	2	4	1	3	25	20	26
WOLVES	18	5	4	0	2	1	6	21	20	26
STOKE CITY	17	4	2	2	3	3	3	20	18	26
BRADFORD CITY	18	4	4	2	2	4	2	17	17	26
PORT VALE	18	4	3	2	3	1	5	25	23	25
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	17	4	3	1	2	2	5	21	17	23
BIRMINGHAM CITY	18	3	3	3	2	4	3	18	15	22
BURY	18	3	4	2	1	4	4	20	26	20
NORWICH CITY	17	2	3	4	3	1	4	14	26	19
TRANMERE ROVERS	17	4	1	3	1	2	6	23	24	18
CREWE ALEXANDRA	18	2	2	5	3	1	5	22	29	18
READING	18	3	2	4	1	4	4	17	26	18
OXFORD UNITED	18	3	3	3	1	2	6	20	26	17
IPSWICH TOWN	16	3	2	2	0	5	4	16	21	16
MANCHESTER CITY	17	2	3	4	1	3	4	20	21	15
PORTSMOUTH	17	2	2	5	1	3	4	20	28	14
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	18	2	3	4	1	2	6	13	30	14



First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRIAN BORROWS	13	0	0	0	13	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	4(1)	1	(1)	0	4(2)	1
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	7	0	0	0	7	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	8(2)	0	2	0	10(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	(4)	1	1	0	1(4)	1
TY GOODEN	18	1	2	0	20	1
CHRIS HAY	16(1)	13	1	0	17(1)	13
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	11	1	2	1	13	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	14	0	2	0	16	0
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	2(1)	0	1	0	3(1)	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	9	2	0	0	9	2
MARK WALTERS	12(4)	2	1(1)	0	13(5)	2
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	8(1)	0	0	0	8(1)	0

Date 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
Sat Aug 16	Reading	A	1-0	9,338
SAT AUG 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7,683
Tues Aug 26	Watford CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	7,712
Sat Aug 30	Stoke City	A	2-1	23,000
Tues Sep 2	Ipswich Town	A	1-2	11,246
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	A	0-0	16,237
Sat Sep 27	Manchester City	A	0-6	26,646
SAT OCT 4	PORT VALE	H	4-2	8,076
SAT OCT 11	BURY	H	3-1	7,998
Sat Oct 18	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-3	21,794
Tue Oct 21	Sunderland	A	0-0	27,553
SAT OCT 25	NORWICH CITY	H	1-0	9,842
Fri Oct 31	Portsmouth	A	1-0	8,707
WED NOV 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	10,132
SAT NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H	1-0	10,030
Sat Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A	2-4	7,694
SAT 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		
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A		
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H		
Sat Jan 3	(F.A. CUP 3)			
Sun Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A		
SAT JAN 17	READING	H		
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 14	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
Tue Feb 17	Port Vale	A		
SAT FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H		
WED FEB 25	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
Sat Feb 28	Bury	A		
Tue Mar 3	Bradford City	A		
SAT MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H		
Sat Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A		
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
Sat Mar 28	Middlesbrough	A		
SAT APR 4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)	H		
Sat Apr 11	Oxford United	A		
MON APR 13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
Sat Apr 18	Birmingham City	A		
Sat Apr 25	Norwich City	A		
SUN MAY 3	SUNDERLAND	H		
Sat May 16	F.A. Cup Final			

Stats table key

FAC = F.A. Cup
C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup
* After Extra Time
^ Indicates own goal

Substitutes Used

number in brackets indicates player replaced ()

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DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	WALTERS(5)	
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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	ELKINS	BULLOCK	
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DIGBY	BORROWS	COLLINS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	DRYSDALE(7)	CASPER(6)	
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	CASPER	WALTERS	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT(4)	MEECHAN(7)	
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DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(8)	ELKINS	
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKINS	
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WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTIMORE(4)	
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- 1 TONY WARNER
- 2 BRIAN BORROWS
- 3 IAN CULVERHOUSE
- 4 SCOTT LEITCH
- 5 CRAIG TAYLOR
- 6 ALAN McDONALD
- 7 KEVIN WATSON
- 8 MARK WALTERS
- 9 STEVE FINNEY
- 10 STEVE COWE
- 11 TY GOODEN
- 12
- 13
- 14
- TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON

Middlesbrough

- MARK SCHWARZER
- NEIL MADDISON
- CRAIG HARRISON
- STEVE VICKERS
- GIANLUCA FESTA
- EMERSON
- CRAIG HIGNETT
- MARK SUMMERBELL
- MIKKEL BECK
- PAUL MERSON
- ANDY CAMPBELL
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Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon v Middlesbrough
Attendance



Referee:

George Cain (Bootle, Merseyside)

Assisted by:



K.J. Hawkes (Gloucestershire)



M.J. North (Dorset)

Reserve Official:

J. Humphries (Bristol)

George Cain

George is a 41 year old Butcher who is married with two teenage children. Began refereeing in Liverpool when a semi pro career in New Zealand fell through and progressed via the Northern Premier League to become a Football League Linesman in 1984/85. Was promoted to the National Referees List in 1993 and is now in his fifth season. His main hobby is taking an active involvement in the recruitment and retention of new referees.

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