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# welcome to today's game

**After three successive defeats the aim today is to get back among the points and there is no better incentive than the arrival of near neighbours Oxford United here at the County Ground.**

There is always something a bit special about local derby matches and today's fixture has all the ingredients necessary for a typically tasty encounter.

Despite our recent results we are still very much in contention at the right end of Division One and as the hectic Christmas schedule approaches, there are lots of points on offer.

With demand for tickets growing daily, Nationwide Building Society has teamed up with Swindon Town to offer fans the chance to order their match tickets at the Society's

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Talking of tickets, look out for the FA Cup third round draw which takes place tomorrow (Sunday). Swindon Town are number 38 in the draw and ticket information will be announced shortly.

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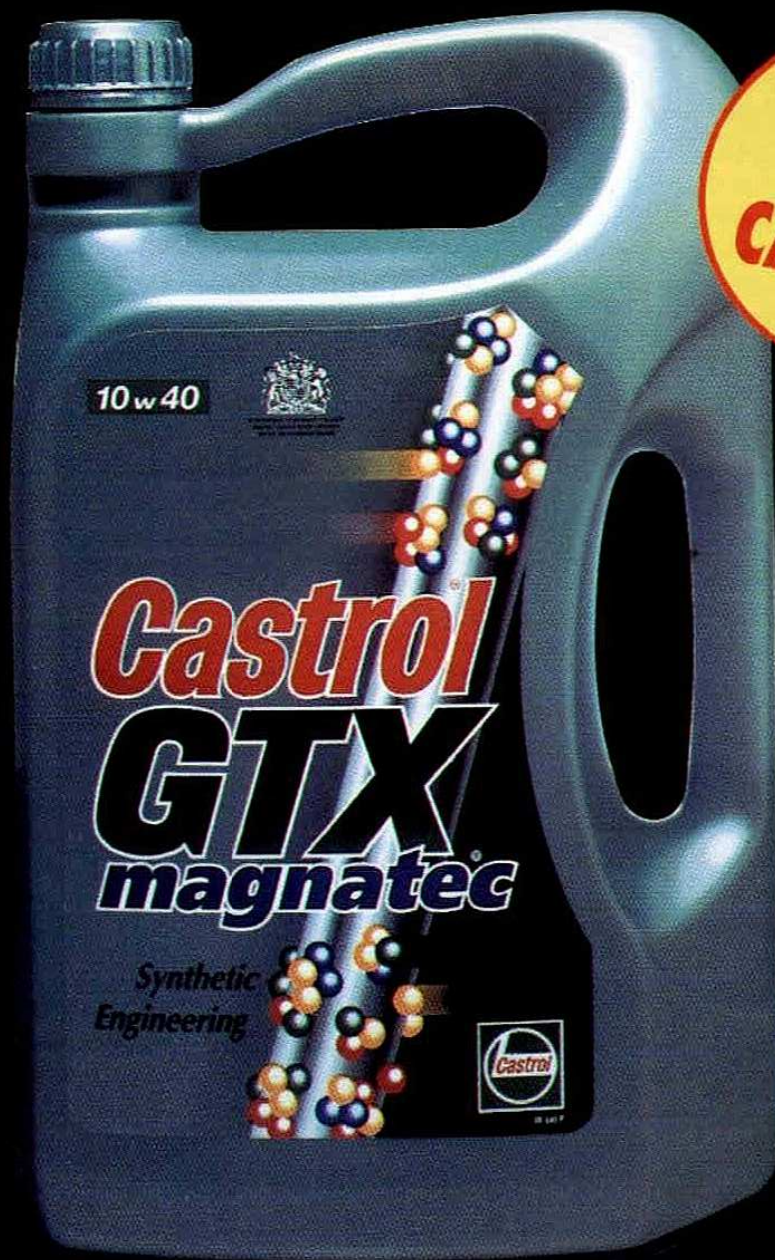
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Next Saturday we pay a visit to Sheffield United for another important clash and it is vital that we go there and perform a lot better than we have done in recent away matches.

Under Nigel Spackman, United look good bets for at least a play-off spot and if we want to achieve the same goal this season, then we must go there and match them.

If you can't make it to Bramall Lane, don't miss our last home game before Christmas when big spending Birmingham City are the visitors on Saturday December 20th.



# Steve McMahon says

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**We didn't do ourselves any justice at all last Friday in front of the Sky Sports cameras and anyone watching must have wondered how on earth we had managed to get to the top of the First Division.**

The reason we had got to the top was because we had been working hard for each other but unfortunately at Charlton that work-rate wasn't there and we got punished.

We were disappointing throughout the game. We didn't start well and they were the better team by far. The penalty decision was a right kick in the teeth especially just before half time because if you go in at 1-0 there is still hope for you, but 2-0 kills you a little bit. However that decision was no excuse for the way we performed on the night.

## Point to prove

It is now down to the players to bounce back and show what they are made of. Overall they have done ever so well this year. They've worked hard and done themselves proud and let's see how we respond. I believe we have got character but the players are the ones who have got to go out and prove this afternoon that they have got what it takes.

We fielded a strong Reserve team on Wednesday to face West Ham and there were a lot of players in the side who had a chance to prove to me that they maybe deserve to be called up into the first team.

## Competition hotting up

The injury situation seems to have eased a little with the likes of Philippe Cuervo, Freddie Darras and Frank Talia back in action and it would be nice to hot up competition for places again, because we haven't had that situation for the majority of the season. Chris Hay sits out his final game this afternoon and it will be nice to have him back to partner George Ndah. George has looked sharp and quick and skillful, so if we can get a good partnership with them, who knows what we might achieve.

## Cup draw

Of course today we have a big local derby to look forward to against an Oxford United side who have been struggling both on and off the pitch this season.

Denis Smith and Malcolm Crosby have done a terrific job in what have become very difficult circumstances at the Manor and I just hope the financial problems get sorted out because the management team have worked so hard, they deserve some success.

Their entire squad was put up for sale last week which means there could be a few in the shop window and no doubt they'll be giving everything they've got to prove a point or two. Saying that we have a point to prove as well and there would be no better time to do that than against our local rivals.

On Sunday the draw for the third round of the FA Cup takes place and as you know last year we got Everton away.

If we get one of the big guns it is going to be tough but if we are going to go down why not away at Manchester United or Liverpool!

today's visitors *The U's*

# Oxford United

***This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of our near neighbours Oxford United 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. United come to Town today lying in 19th place in the First Division table, having last Saturday finally brought to an end a dismal run of seven games without a victory. A 2-0 triumph over Port Vale - accomplished thanks to goals from Nigel Jemson and former Swindon player Joey Beauchamp - was their first three-pointer since a narrow 1-0 victory over Ipswich back in mid-October.

But for a club battling with big debts - the U's are reported to be around £10 million in the red - and little money to pay them, a hiccup in League form could

be seen as the least of their worries. United's recent Coca-Cola Cup Fourth Round defeat at the hands of Ipswich has already cut off one potential for a money-spinning season, and manager Denis Smith was recently put in the position of having to make his entire squad available for sale to help balance the books.

***"If a good offer comes in for a player at this club, we are not in a position to turn it down,"*** Smith has been quoted as saying. ***"The future of the club is our priority but we aren't panicking and everyone is working hard to ensure we can carry on."*** In addition, Oxford were set to move to a 15,000-seater new stadium at the start of this season but funds appear to have dried up and only the external structure had been erected before work came to a sudden halt in January 1997.

Despite all the uncertainty, and

the fact that their only significant summer outlay was £170,000 spent on ex-England U21 defender Phil Whelan from Middlesbrough - who promptly broke his leg - Oxford kicked-off 1997/98 with a morale-boosting 2-0 victory over Huddersfield.

Unfortunately, the U's followed that with four straight defeats before steadying the ship thanks to a resounding 3-0 win over, of all clubs, mighty Wolves. It is encouraging to see that, even with their well documented problems, United could still turn the tables on a club dripping with cash. Since then, though, the celebrations have been sporadic. Just three more wins - v West Brom, Ipswich and Port Vale - have left Denis Smith's side looking worriedly over their shoulders at the relegation places. Perhaps not as worriedly, though, as their supporters may be thinking of what the future may hold.



**Oxford United Football Club 1997/98**





# Oxford United

## ▶ Goalkeepers

### Phil Whitehead

Despite being voted last season's 'Player of the Year' by United fans, Phil has found his place under threat during the current campaign thanks to the form shown by on-loan Arjan van Heusden and former Youth 'keeper Elliott Jackson.

**Born:** Halifax, 17.12.69

**Height:** 6ft 3in

**Weight:** 15st 4lb

**League record this season:** 6 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Halifax	42
90/91	Barnsley	-
90/91	Halifax	9
91/92	Barnsley	3
91/92	Scunthorpe	8
92/93	Barnsley	13
92/93	Scunthorpe	8
92/93	Bradford	6
93/94	Barnsley	-
96/97	Oxford	154

**Other Goalkeepers include:**  
Elliott Jackson (ex-YTS)

## ▶ Defenders

### Mike Ford

United's club captain, Mike is happy playing at full-back, in central defence or in midfield and is currently enjoying his tenth season at the Manor. Injuries have disrupted his career, but when fit he is an automatic choice for Oxford.

**Born:** Bristol, 09.02.66

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 12st 6lb

**League record this season:** 11 games, 1 goal

**Honours:** Welsh Cup 1988

Era	Club	Games
83/84	Leicester C.	-
87/88	Cardiff C.	145
96/97	Oxford	267

### Phil Gilchrist

Alongside Matt Elliott (now Leicester), Phil gave Oxford's defence a solid look in the early part of last season, but he later had to adapt his game to several different partners. Very pacey, with a dangerous long throw.

**Born:** Stockton, 25.08.73

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 13st 12lb

**League record this season:** 15 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Nottm For	-
91/92	Middlesbrough	-
94/95	Hartlepool	82
96/97	Oxford	98

### Darren Purse

Originally signed as 'one for the future' by United boss Denis Smith, Darren has established himself as a regular in the back-line, and also enjoys pushing forward. Can play at full-back or in the centre.

**Born:** London, 14.02.77

**Height:** 6ft 2in

**Weight:** 12st 10lb

**League record this season:** 18 games, 4 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
95/96	L.Orient	55
96/97	Oxford	31

### Les Robinson

A no-nonsense right-sided full-back, Les is Oxford's only ever-present this season. Reliable and consistent at the back, who also likes to support his attack, he

struggled with an uncharacteristic number of injuries last term.

**Born:** Shirebrook, 01.03.67

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 4lb

**League record this season:** 20 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Mansfield T.	15
87/88	Stockport Co	67
89/90	Doncaster R.	82
96/97	Oxford	248

### Brian Wilsterman

Moved to Oxford in February 1997, following a 12-year career in Holland and Belgium, and got a baptism of fire as United were trounced 4-1 in his first game, v C.Palace. However, he has since adapted well to the pace of the English game. From Beerschot, Belgium £200,000

**Born:** Surinam, 19.11.66

**Height:** 6ft 1in

**Weight:** 13st 11lb

**League record this season:** 13 games, 0 goals

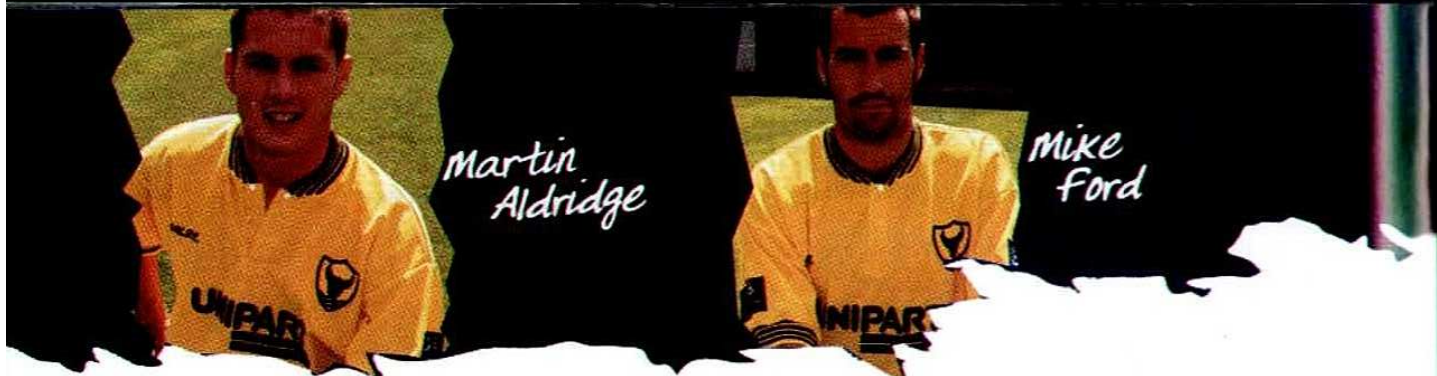
**Honours:** None

**Other Defenders include:**  
Simon Marsh (ex-YTS); Phil Whelan (from Middlesbrough, July 1997, £170,000. England U21 caps. Out with broken leg); Mark Stevens (from School).

## ▶ Midfielders

### Joey Beauchamp

Attacking wide midfielder who is now enjoying his second spell with United, after brief spells at West Ham and here at the County Ground. Likes to take defenders on, but was often used as a substitute last



season - sent on to chase the game if United were behind.

**Born:** Oxford, 13.03.71

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 5lb

**League record this season:**

19 games, 3 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
91/92	Oxford	35
91/92	Swansea C.	5
93/94	Oxford	89
94/95	West Ham	-
95/96	Swindon T.	45
96/97	Oxford	77

### Martin Gray

Became the third ex-Sunderland player at the Manor following his transfer in March 1996. A hard-working, ball winner who is the engine room in midfield and who captained the side on a handful of occasions last season.

**Born:** Stockton-on-Tees, 17.08.71

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 4lb

**League record this season:**

6 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Sunderland	-
90/91	Aldershot	5
95/96	Sunderland	64
95/96	Fulham	6
96/97	Oxford	50

### Stuart Massey

Hard-working and committed midfielder who can play through the middle or out wide with equal effect. Often used from the subs bench last season, he scored a dramatic late equaliser against his former club, Crystal Palace, in December last year.

**Born:** Crawley, 17.11.64

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 13lb

**League record this season:**

6 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
93/94	C.Palace	2
96/97	Oxford	86

### Matt Murphy

A former building society clerk, Matt has now appeared in more than 50 games as a substitute for United - but still boasts a creditable scoring record.

**Born:** Northampton, 20.08.71

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 12st 6lb

**League record this season:**

13 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Oxford	88

### Christophe Remy

From Auxerre, France Free

**Born:** Besancon, France, 06.08.71

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**League record this season:**

12 games, 0 goals

**Honours:** France U21 caps

### David Smith

A vital link-man between defence and midfield for United - and also able to play at sweeper - David has doubled his Oxford goal tally this season, scoring a second-half winner against Ipswich in mid-October for his second goal in more than 150 League games.

**Born:** Liverpool, 26.12.70

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 3lb

**League record this season:**

19 games, 1 goal

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Norwich C.	18
96/97	Oxford	132

**Other Midfielders include:**

Paul Powell (ex-YTS).

## Forwards

### Martin Aldridge

Second top scorer last season with nine goals in League and Cup - mostly celebrated with his trademark back flip - Martin's most memorable moment was a 15 minute hat-trick against Sheff Utd. Hard working and with a good long throw as added armoury.

**Born:** Northampton, 06.12.74

**Height:** 5ft 11in

**Weight:** 12st 2lb

**League record this season:**

16 games, 2 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
95/96	Northampton	70
96/97	Oxford	48

### Mark Angel

One of a number of players to follow manager Denis Smith's route from Sunderland to Oxford in recent seasons. A skilful winger who can operate on either flank and likes to cut inside and shoot for goal.

**Born:** Newcastle, 23.08.75

**Height:** 5ft 8in

**Weight:** 11st 11lb

**League record this season:**

15 games, 1 goal

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Sunderland	-
96/97	Oxford	51





### Nicky Banger

Released by Oldham following relegation last season, Nicky is a quick, darting striker who is adept at finding space in and around the penalty box. Injuries disrupted 1996/97 for him, but he has enjoyed a promising start at the Manor.

**Born:** Southampton, 25.02.71

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 6lb

**League record this season:**

17 games, 2 goals

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Southampton	55
96/97	Oldham A.	64

### Nigel Jemson

Much travelled front man who has recovered from a life-threatening car crash to get his career back on the road in the last couple of seasons. Top scorer last season, and leading the charts again this time around, Jemson has proven his class at the top flight and scored the winner for Forest in the 1990 League Cup Final.

**Born:** Hutton, 10.08.69

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 12st 10lb

**League record this season:**

14 games, 6 goals

**Honours:** League Cup 1990;  
Auto Windscreen Shield 1996;  
England U21 cap

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Preston NE	32
88/89	Nottm For	-
88/89	Bolton W.	5
88/89	Preston NE	9
91/92	Nottm For	47
93/94	Sheff Wed	51
93/94	Grimsby T.	6
94/95	Notts Co	11
94/95	Watford	4
94/95	Coventry C.	-
95/96	Notts Co	3
95/96	Rotherham	16
96/97	Oxford 44	18

**Other Forwards include:**

Simon Weatherstone (ex-YTS);

Jamie Cook (ex-YTS).

# Denis Smith the manager

**Born in Stoke in 1947, Denis Smith was a tough, no-nonsense central defender who was the linchpin of his hometown side for many years.**

He played more the 450 games for the Potters and helped them to the League Cup in 1972 and also to promotion to the top flight in 1978/79.

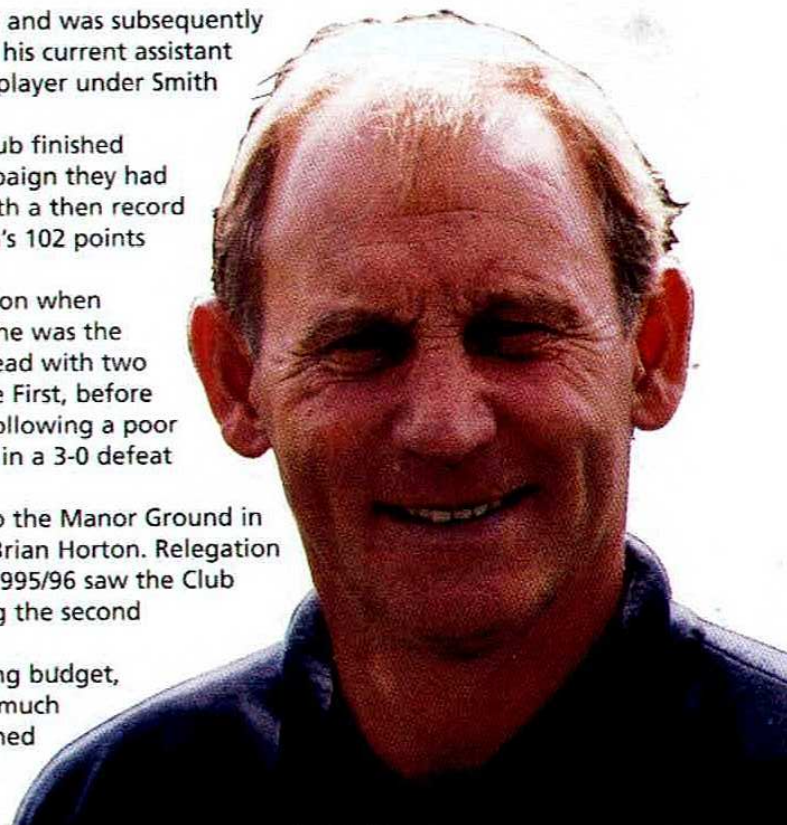
He had a brief loan spell at York City in 1982 and was subsequently appointed player/manager there for 1982/83 - his current assistant at the Manor Ground, Malcolm Crosby, was a player under Smith at Bootham Crescent.

In his first season in the York hot-seat the Club finished seventh, but by the end of the following campaign they had won the old Fourth Division Championship with a then record 101 points (superseded, of course, by Swindon's 102 points two years later).

Sunderland paid York £20,000 in compensation when Smith moved to Roker Park in June 1987 and he was the man who led the Wearshires back from the dead with two promotions, from the old Third Division to the First, before being replaced by Crosby in December 1991 following a poor run of results, culminating, ironically enough, in a 3-0 defeat at Oxford.

After a brief spell at Bristol City he moved to the Manor Ground in September 1993, following the departure of Brian Horton. Relegation followed in his first season with Oxford, but 1995/96 saw the Club regain their First Division status after clinching the second automatic promotion spot.

Last season, despite operating on a shoestring budget, Smith kept his side in play-off contention for much of the campaign, before they eventually finished in 17th spot.



# STATS...STATS...STATS Swindon vs Oxford United

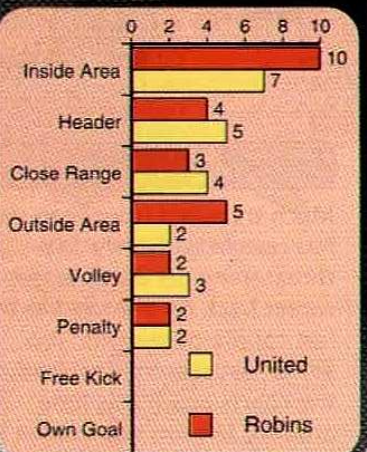
## who's played for Oxford

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Les Robinson	20	1		Doncaster Stockport
1/3/67	6	1		Mansfield
Joey Beauchamp	19	3	3	Swindon West Ham
13/3/71	6	6	2	Swansea (L)
David Smith	19	1	1	Norwich
26/12/70	6			
Bobby Ford	17(1)	2	1(1)	now at Sheff Utd
22/9/74	Eng U21	6		
Darren Purse	17(1)	4	4(1)	Orient
14/2/77	Eng Yth	6	2	1
Nigel Jemson	15	6	1	Notts County Rotherham
10/8/69	Eng U21	5	1	(L) Coventry (L) Watford
				(L) Sheff Wed Grimsby
				(L) Forest Bolton (L)
				Preston
Nicky Banger	14(3)	2		Oldham Southampton
25/2/71	4(1)	1		
Phil Gilchrist	12(3)	1		Hartlepool
25/8/73	5			Middlesbrough Forest
Christophe Remy	12	1		Auxerre
6/8/71	Fran U21	4	1	
Brian Wilsterman	11(2)	4		Beerschot SVV
9/11/66	1			Dordrecht Vitesse
				Arnhem Go Ahead
				Eagles NEC Breda
Mike Ford	11	1	2	Cardiff Leicester
9/2/66	2			
Arjan Van Heusden	11			Port Vale Noordwijk
11/12/72	2			
Mark Angel	9(6)	1	2	Sunderland
23/8/75	2(2)			
Martin Aldridge	8(9)	2	1	Northampton
6/12/74	3(2)	2		
Phil Whelan	6(2)	3		Middlesbrough Ipswich
7/3/72	Eng U21	1		
Phil Whitehead	6			Barnsley Bradford (L)
17/12/69	1			Scunthorpe (L) Halifax
Matt Murphy	3(10)			
20/8/71	(3)	1		
Martin Gray	3(3)	1		Sunderland Fulham (L)
17/8/71	1			Aldershot
Stuart Massey	3(3)	1		Palace
17/11/64	(1)			
Elliot Jackson	3			
27/8/77	3			
Simon Marsh	1			
29/1/77	2			
Paul Powell	(6)	1		
30/6/78	(1)			
Jamie Cook	(2)			
2/8/79				
Rob Folland	(1)			
age 18	Wales Yth			
Mark Stevens	(1)			
3/12/77	Eng Sch			

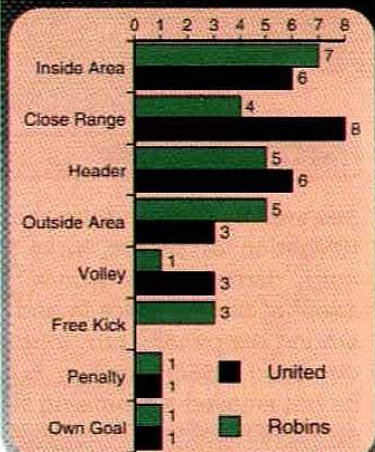
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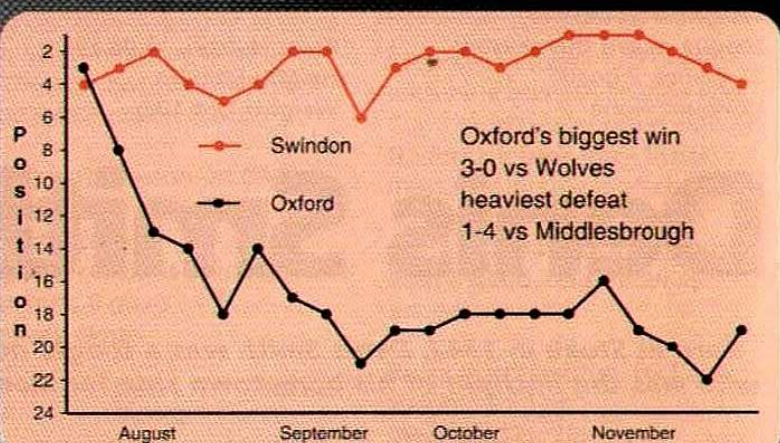
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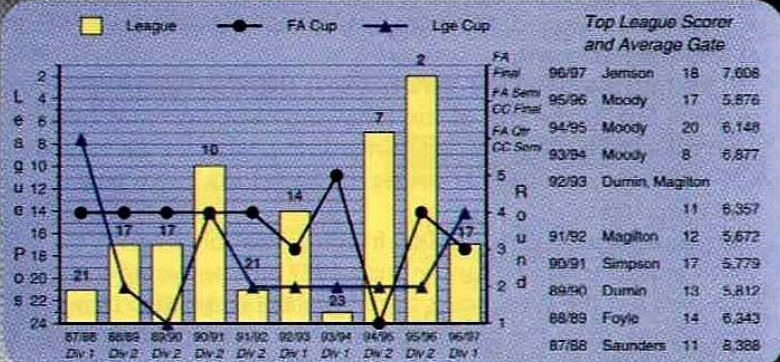
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## league position so far this season



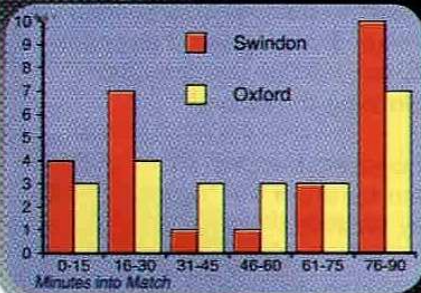
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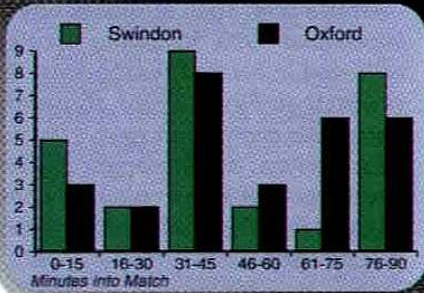
## Oxford's results analysis



## when goals were scored



## and when goals conceded



# Looking back...

*Dick Mattick looks back*

## 5 YEARS AGO

Not defending well and being too anxious to go forward after falling behind were the criticisms that Glenn Hoddle made of his Swindon team after they went down 4-2 at home to Derby County giving the Rams their sixth successive away win.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Swindon went down 2-1 at Aston Villa with all the goals coming in a five minute spell early in the second half. Kevin Gage scored two headers for Villa, the second following a Mark Walters free kick. Jimmy Quinn reduced the arrears a minute later after Dave Bamber

## 15 YEARS AGO

Cecil Green announced the Board was intending to increase its size to 12 and that Nick Arkell of Arkell's Brewery would be standing for election. Paul Rideout's penalty was enough to

## FLASH-BACK

Local derbies can be tight affairs with just one goal enough to earn the points. When Swindon met Oxford at Manor Ground on March 7th 1992 though, it turned out to be an eight goal thriller. Swindon had a flying start with Shaun Close putting them in front after just 33 seconds. Just forty minutes later though the game had swung round completely with a shot from John Durnin, a penalty from Jim Magilton and a mazy run finished with a left foot shot putting United in a commanding position. Oxford's joy was dented when Dave Mitchell slid home Dave Kerlake's cross. Hopes of a

Tommy Johnson and Mark Pembroke had put County two up by half time. Martin Kuhl put the visitors further ahead with a left foot shot from 25 yards. Micky Hazard pulled one back in the 88th minute but Derby substitute Ted McMinn made it 4-1 so that Craig Maskell's 18th

goal of the season did not effect the result. First Division Oxford were without a game so had time to ponder their 1-0 defeat at Brentford. It turned out to be a mediocre season for the U's with John Durnin and Jimmy Magilton (eleven goals apiece) their joint top scorers.

was bundled over in the box but there were no further goals. Among the scorers for Swindon Youth was Fitzroy Simpson one of the heroes of Jamaica's recent World Cup victory. A penalty by Dean Saunders couldn't stop Oxford slipping to a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Newcastle United. Normally a difficult team to beat at the

Manor it was one of eight home defeats in a season which saw Oxford finish bottom of the old First Division with just 31 points. Robert Maxwell agreed to dispose of his family holdings in United to free the way for him to take over from Elton John at Watford. Former Town manager Dave Mackay took over as manager of Doncaster.

give Town a home win over Peterborough to lift them into third place in the Fourth Division table. England Youth International, Peter Foley (now with Port Vale) scored twice as United defeated Orient 5-1 in

front of a disappointing crowd of just 2,242. Swansea in the old First Division also had a poor crowd with 9,556 turning up to see them beat Luton 2-0. George Graham took over as manager of Millwall.

Swindon revival were short lived however for early in the second half Chris Allen out-paced Nicky Summerbee and set up John Durnin who scored his second goal of the game. After 64 minutes Joey Beauchamp got through the Swindon defence to score the home side's fifth goal. Even Colin Calderwood seemed unable to stop the flood of goals and at this point Argentinian international Nestor Lorenzo was sent on to replace Summerbee. Mitchell netted a half cleared corner with a fine volley but Swindon failed to reduce the arrears further. Dick Tugwell in the Oxford Times described it as United's "finest hour for some time" while Town

fans still smarting from the sale of Fitzroy Simpson to Man City must have thought it the worst.



*Colin Calderwood*

# Mike Walsh's diary of the week



## Wednesday

**November 26th**

Our build up to the trip to Charlton Athletic began in earnest as we put in some hard work out on the training pitch.

Despite losing at home to Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough the previous Saturday, everyone was still full of confidence because we had performed well and were very unfortunate not to get anything out of the game.

We were more than a match for them and were pleased with the way we played and the commitment, effort and endeavour.

It was a smashing debut goal for new signing George Ndah who gave us a glimpse of what we can expect from him in the future.

Loan signing David Thompson was also outstanding. I've seen a lot of "Thomo" since he got into Liverpool's Reserve side. He needed to get away to get some first team experience under his belt and he was voted man of the match which I think said everything about his performance.

## Thursday

**November 27th**

With the game being played on a Friday, we decided to travel up to London on Thursday evening and so after a training session and a meal here at the County Ground, we boarded the bus and made our way up the M4 to our hotel.

## Friday

**November 28th**

We had a light training session

in the morning and went over our game plan for what we knew would be a tough game against Charlton.

Saying that we went into the game confident because apart from the two hiccups against Man City and Stockport, we had been doing well away from home.

Unfortunately the lads simply did not perform at the Valley and we finished well beaten after a shambles of a display.

## Saturday

**November 29th**

Without a fixture I went to watch Oxford United against Port Vale and saw the home side run out 2-0 winners. Watching Oxford first hand gave me an idea of what to expect when they visited us.

## Sunday

**November 30th**

With most of the other top teams winning on Saturday we dropped down to fifth place in Division One.

After three defeats in a row we had to work on stopping the rot and that meant everyone coming in on Monday and really knuckling down. We had to go back to basics and start doing all the simple things which had brought us so much success earlier in the season.

## Monday

**December 1st**

Everyone came in for training and with the pitches in a bad state we had a hard session out on the running track. We then had a chat about what had gone

wrong at Charlton and everyone was determined to put it right.

## Tuesday

**December 2nd**

With the local derby against Oxford fast approaching there was more hard work to be done out on the training pitch. And there was a boost for everyone with Philippe Cuervo back in training after three months out with a hip injury.

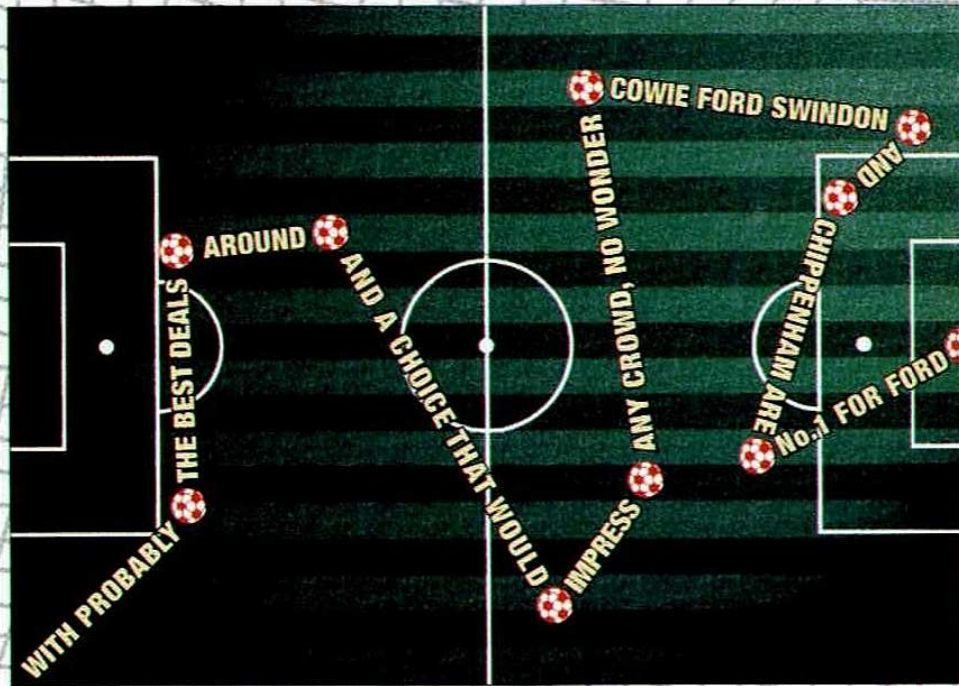
## Wednesday

**December 3rd**

The first team were given a day off while the Reserves were preparing to take on West Ham at the County Ground and we were all looking forward to seeing Philippe Cuervo back in action. Lee Collins was also pencilled in to play having served his seven match suspension. There was a lot for the lads to play for with a places in Saturday's squad up for grabs.



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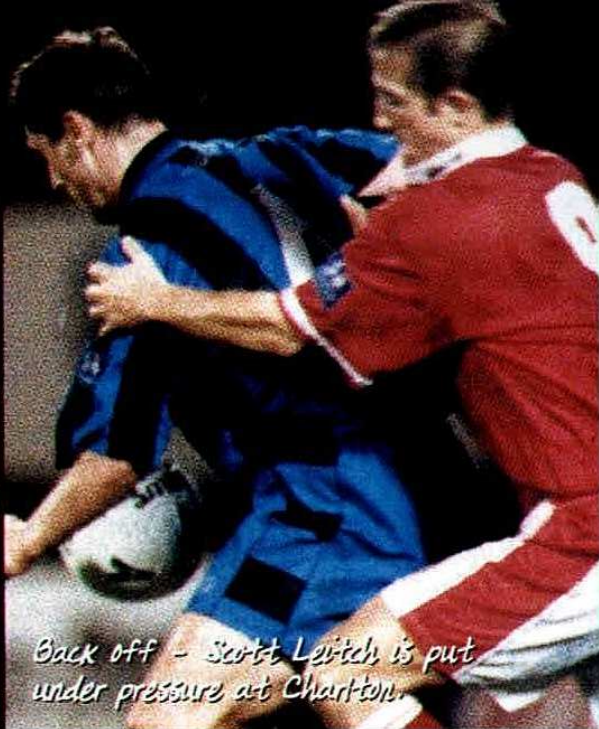
*Loan signing David Thompson fires goalwards at Charlton.*

*Carl Leaburn takes on Town defender Alan McDonald.*



*New signing George Ndah leaps for a header.*

*Directing operations - Alan McDonald organises the defence.*



*Back off - Scott Leitch is put under pressure at Charlton.*



*Scott Leitch limps off at the Valley after injuring his knee.*

## RESULT...

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER  
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Charlton Athletic 3  
Swindon Town 0**

## SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Mark Robinson
- 4 Scott Leitch (Culverhouse 78)
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Alan McDonald
- 7 David Thompson
- 8 Kevin Watson (Bullock 64)
- 9 Steve Finney (Cowe 75)
- 10 George Ndah
- 11 Ty Gooden

## CHARLTON...

Petterson, Brown (Barnes 64 mins),  
Bowen, Jones, Rufus, Chapple, Holmes,  
Kinsella, Robinson, Mendonca, Leaburn.  
Subs not used: Newton, Allen.

## MATCH REPORT

Swindon slumped to their third successive defeat after a dismal display at the Valley to leave manager Steve McMahon bitterly disappointed.

"We had an opportunity to show the Sky Sports viewers why we are doing so well but anyone watching that game would have wondered how on earth we had got into the top six," he said.

An early goal by Keith Jones put Charlton in charge but the turning point came just before half time when the home team were awarded a controversial penalty.

Brian Borrows was harshly adjudged to have handled and ace marksman Clive Mendonca took advantage of the poor decision by scoring from the spot.

Mendonca's second after the break put the issue beyond doubt.

# reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



**Avon Insurance Combination Division One.**

**Swindon Town Reserves 3  
West Ham Utd Reserves 1**

**I was looking for a big improvement in attitude at the County Ground on Wednesday and that was exactly what I got as we cruised to victory over West Ham.**

It was an excellent performance all round and if we continue to work hard then we'll get the rewards during the remainder of the season.

Fielding a strong side we produced a professional display and all three goals were

superbly taken.

We made a great start when Mark Walters and Lee Collins combined to set up Steve Cowe who scored with a powerful header in the seventh minute.

A brief lapse at the back allowed West Ham to level through Scott Mean but with Philippe Cuervo looking impressive on his return from injury we always looked dangerous.

The second goal came five minutes before the break when a neat exchange between Steve Cowe and trialist Mark Quayle resulted in Quayle finding the net with a cool finish.

And we nearly grabbed a third before the interval with Mark Walters seeing a low drive come back off the base of the post.

It was one way traffic during the second half with Cowe,

Walters, Smith and Drysdale all going close as the West Ham keeper made a string of fine saves to keep his side in touch.

The game was finally put out of their reach 10 minutes from time when Mark Walters latched onto a pass by Steve Cowe to fire low into the far corner and "Wal" should have added another right at the end but shot wide of the target with the goal gaping.

Substitute Robin Hulbert shot inches wide and Alex Smith was also within a whisker of celebrating a goal as we finished in complete command.

**Team:** Talia, Collins, Drysdale (Davis), Bullock, Culverhouse, Darras, Cuervo (Hulbert), Walters, Quayle, Cowe (Meechan), Smith.

## Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	7	0	0	0	7	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(3)	1	0	0	1(3)	1
STEVE COWE	10	2	0	0	10	2
LEE COLLINS	9	0	0	0	9	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	1	0	0	0	1	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	6	0	0	0	6	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOL DAVIS	6(2)	0	0	0	6(2)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	2	0	0	0	2	0
GARY ELKINS	12	3	0	0	12	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	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
PETER HOLCROFT	8	1	0	0	8	1
ALUN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	4(4)	0	0	0	4(4)	0
HASSAN KACHLOUL (TRIALIST)	1	1	0	0	1	1
PHIL KING	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL MACDIARMID	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
PAUL MCAREAVEY	1(4)	0	0	0	1(4)	0
STEVE MCMAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
IAN MCSHERRY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	5(6)	2	0	0	5(6)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	6	0	0	0	6	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	9(2)	0	0	0	9(2)	0
BRADLEY PETERS	1	0	0	0	1	0
CHRIS PRICE (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	5	3	0	0	5	3
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	0	0	2	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	2	1	0	0	2	1
ALEX SMITH	13	1	0	0	13	1
FRANK TALIA	6	0	0	0	6	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	2	0	0	0	2	0
WAYNE THORNE	4(4)	0	0	0	4(4)	0
MARK WALTERS	5	1	0	0	5	1
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 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 29	ARSENAL	H 0-3
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 2-5
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 5-1
Thur Nov 20	QPR	A 2-3
MON NOV 24	MILLWALL	H 1-1
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 3-1
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 7-00
Wed Dec 10	Watford	A 7-30
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
MON MAR 16	LUTON TOWN	H 7-15
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.





**Avon Insurance Combination  
Division One.**

**Q.P.R. Reserves 3  
Swindon Town Reserves 2**

**Poor defending cost us  
the points as we went  
down by the odd goal in  
five at QPR.**

There was a blow for youngster Bradley Peters as his debut lasted just one minute before he was forced off with concussion and Rangers took the lead shortly afterwards with a free header from a corner.

We went into half time on level terms when Peter Holcroft scored from the penalty spot after Alex Smith had been brought down and Sam Campagna then blasted us into the lead when he chested the ball down and volleyed home.

However some dismal defending allowed Rangers to score twice and steal the points

**Team:** Betterton, Peters (Thorne), Davis, Robinson (Campagna)(McAreavey), Elkins, Pattimore, Holcroft, Hulbert, Smith, Quayle, Meechan.

**Avon Insurance Combination  
Division One.**

**Swindon Town Reserves 1  
Millwall Reserves 1**

**I was bitterly  
disappointed with the  
attitude of some of our  
pro's as we had to settle  
for a point against  
Millwall.**

There was a distinct lack of commitment from some of them and it just wasn't good enough.

Saying that we should have won but were unable to add to trialist Mark Quayle's 44th minute opener.

Millwall equalised in injury time with a long range shot.

**Team:** Mildenhall, Darras, Culverhouse, Bullock, Davis, Hodson, Walters, Holcroft, Cowe, Quayle, Smith. Subs used: McAreavey, Hulbert, Meechan.

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# youth team focus

## FIXTURES 97/98

### 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 UTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
Sat	Sep 20	Colchester United	A 2-1
SAT	SEP 27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Tue	sep 30	P'boro Utd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
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 2-4
Thur	Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAYC) Rep A 0-0 Swindon lost 10-9 on penalties	
SAT	NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H PP
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 Wanderers	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, Peters 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 07	Torquay United	A 1-2
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H 1-1
Nov 15	Bashley	A PP
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCB2)	A 1-2
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H PP
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. At the Brixton Rail Ground. Kick-off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south west



with  
*Tommy Wheelodon*

FA Youth Cup, First Round  
Replay

**Bristol Rovers Youth 0  
Swindon Town Youth 0**

Swindon lost 10-9 on penalties

**South East Counties League  
Cup Quarter Final**

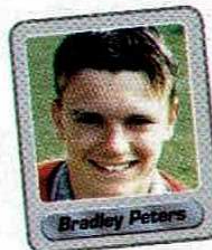
**Luton Town Youth 4  
Swindon Town Youth 2**

**Our League Cup hopes  
were dashed at Luton  
where our depleted team  
gave a good account of  
themselves.**

Peter Cairns gave us the lead as he latched onto Sol Davis' corner but by half time we were trailing 3-1.

Alan Hughes gave us renewed hope when he finished off a great move involving Ricky Culbertson and Alex Meechan and even though Luton had a player sent off, they still managed to seal their passage through with a fourth goal.

**Team:** Flood, Campello, Mills, Cairns, Sharps, (Clayton), Culbertson, Hulbert, MacDiarmid (Pottinger), Davis, Meechan, Hughes.



**South West Counties League  
Cup Second Round**

**Swindon Town Youth 1  
AFC Newport 2**

**A goal by sub Brian  
Brogden failed to save  
the Academy side who  
saw their chances of  
retaining the South West  
Counties League Cup slip  
away against Newport.**

**Team:** Bitner, Moore, Halliday, Evans, Wilson, Kimber, Sperti, Walker, Masson, Ernskin, Mackey. Subs: Brogden, Yates, Mews, Kabwe.

**Our lads lost out in a  
nail-biting penalty shoot-  
out after the scores had  
finished level following  
extra time.**

It was a disappointing way to go out of the Times sponsored competition, particularly as we dominated the tie and had the better chances to have won. Kevin Campello had a goal ruled out for a controversial off side

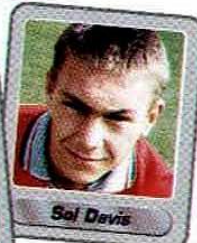
decision in the 75th minute while Bradley Peters had an effort cleared off the line in the final minute of extra time.

The Rovers' goalkeeper played a blinder, pulling off several outstanding saves to make sure the match was decided on penalties and in the end it was a miss from the spot by the unfortunate Sol Davis which allowed Rovers to make it through to round two.

**Team:** Betterton, Campello (Culbertson), Cairns, Hulbert, Hodson, Bennett (Hughes), Mills (Peters), MacDiarmid, McAreavey, Meechan, Davis.



Alex Meechan



Sol Davis

## Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
STEVE BENNETT	4	1	3(1)	0	7(1)	1
ANTHONY BETTERTON	9	0	6	0	15	0
PETER CAIRNS	7(2)	0	6(1)	1	13(3)	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	12	0	8	0	20	0
KEVIN CAMPELLO	1	0	2(1)	0	3(1)	0
DANNY CLAYTON	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
GARETH COPE	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0
RICKY CULBERTSON	5(3)	0	7(2)	0	12(5)	1
SOL DAVIS	5	1	3(1)	0	8(1)	1
KEVIN DAVIES	1	0	1	0	2	0
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	0	1	0	3	0
CHRIS FLOOD	0	0	1	0	1	0
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0
STUART HODSON	12	1	9	1	21	2
ALAN HUGHES	3(2)	0	2(4)	1	5(6)	1
ROBIN HULBERT	5	2	8	1	13	3
PHIL MACDIARMID	7(1)	0	4(3)	0	11(4)	0
NEIL MACKAY	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
PAUL McGAREAVEY	6(1)	2	5	2	11(1)	4
IAN MCSHERRY	8(3)	1	5(1)	2	13(4)	3
ALEX MEECHAN	10	8	8	3	18	11
JAMIE MILLS	6(2)	2	6	0	12(2)	2
CHRIS ORGAN	1	0	0	0	1	0
CHRIS O'CONNELL	8(1)	1	2(1)	0	8(2)	1
BRADLEY PETERS	7(1)	1	7(1)	1	14(2)	2
DALE POTTINGER	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0
KARL ROBINSON	1(1)	0	4	0	5(1)	0
LUKE SHARPS	(1)	0	1	0	1(1)	0
MICHAEL TARRAIN	0	0	1	0	1	0
WAYNE THORNE	11	1	8	0	19	1
CARL TAYLOR	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0



### FACT FILE...

Name: Ricky Culbertson  
 Date of birth: 10.8.80.  
 Birthplace: Ballymena, N. Ireland.  
 Position: Centre half / centre forward  
 Previous Clubs: Man Utd, Glasgow Rangers, Norwich City  
 International honours: Northern Ireland Youth skipper  
 Biggest influence on career: Family and best friend  
 Favourite professional player: Ally McCoist  
 Future aims: To become a professional footballer at any level

### south east counties

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS.	GD
LUTON TOWN	13	9	2	2	41	17	+24
BRISTOL CITY	12	8	3	1	26	14	+12
BRENTFORD	14	6	6	2	27	16	+11
SOUTHAMPTON	13	7	1	5	33	23	+10
OXFORD UNITED	14	7	1	6	32	37	-5
COLCHESTER UTD	15	5	5	5	24	24	0
TOTTENHAM H.	14	6	2	6	21	27	-6
WYCOMBE WINDS	12	5	4	3	21	13	+8
WIMBLEDON	12	5	3	4	26	27	-1
SWINDON TOWN	12	5	2	5	22	21	+1
BARNET	15	4	4	7	27	32	-5
BRISTOL ROVERS	14	3	3	8	28	34	-6
READING	12	2	4	6	15	25	-10
BRIGHTON & H.A.	12	2	3	7	15	33	-18
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	14	1	5	8	19	34	-15

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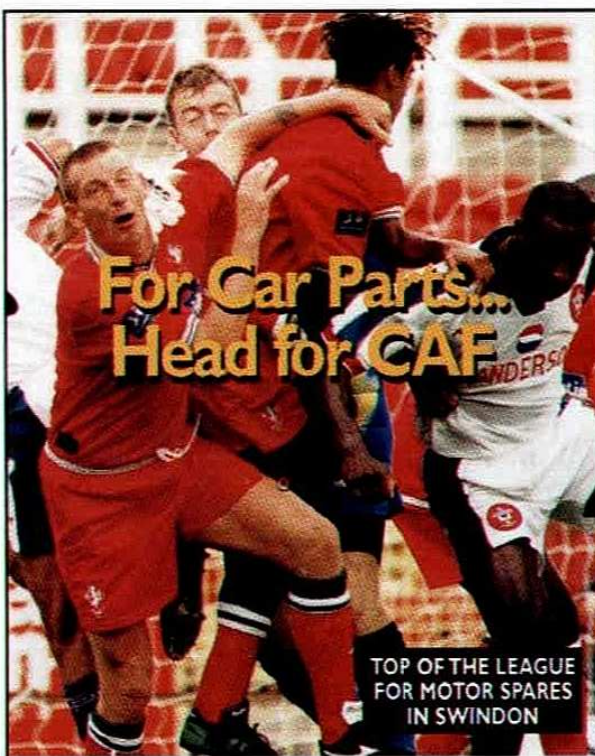


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# community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

*Today's match is a very special game for us and Oxford with it being a local derby.*

Jon and I are hoping for a home win as we will be seeing our counterpart and good friend Peter Rhoades-Brown, the Oxford United Community Officer on Thursday for our area Christmas Party. Peter is renowned for his practical jokes and we are hoping he has no ammunition when we see him later on this week!

Jon and I have also been thinking hard about Christmas and have made the decision that we won't be running a Christmas activity this year as we feel there is already enough going on with school, family and indeed Junior Robins commitments. Our next major project will be during the Half Term week in February and we'll keep you posted on details of that in the New Year.

A new initiative we have run recently is a coaching course for Primary and Junior school teachers to give them ideas and techniques of coaching youngsters in a structured session.

Jon and I were delighted to see 22 teachers take part on the three week one hourly sessions held at Pinehurst People's Centre and the feed-back received has been very complementary and encouraging.

A special thank you to Colin Jones for co-ordinating the successful course.

The final stage of the course is a three hour emergency injury course to be run by our very own physio Jonathan Trigg. It will be held here at the County Ground on a date to be arranged.

We have been very impressed with the commitment shown by the teachers and the general standard of coaching and it is something we are hoping to repeat in the future.

Finally a warm welcome to the 3rd Devizes Cub Pack who are here today as our Saturday Team Club. A big thank you to Julie Midcalf for all her help in organising the day.

Until next time - *here's hoping for three points this afternoon.*



Clive Maguire

Jon Holloway

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# JUNIOR ROBINS

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Here we go with my first write up in this month's programme. Let me introduce myself, my name is Helen and I have taken over from Louise as the Junior Robins Coordinator and my first task is the Christmas Party, what a way to start a job full of festive cheer!!!

## Christmas party

This promises to be the party of the year, Monday 22nd December, 7.30pm to 10.30pm in the Supporters Club.

There will be a free raffle, disco, Buffet and best of all, Santa will be there! Tickets are limited so book your place as soon as possible!

Tickets are £2 per person or a family of four £5.

## Trips

We still have places available on the Sheffield United trip, £10 for the Juniors and £15 for Adults. Don't delay, book today!

## Mascots

Still short of that Special Christmas Present, young or old book now to make your dream come true! We still have Matchday Mascots available this season, so for that amazing day to remember call the Marketing Department and speak to Helen to book your Mascot package on 01793 532121 See you all at the party! Helen.



Pictured above are the mascots from the game against Middlesbrough who were; Craig Roberts, Robin Fletcher and Michelle Maull.

# mascots...mascots...

## Today's mascots

Many Happy returns to Junior Robin **Daniel Brearley** who was eight years old yesterday. Daniel comes from Carterton, Oxon and attends Edith Moorhouse Primary School.



Daniel's hobbies include football and golf and his favourite Town player is Scott Leitch.

**Simon Rumbold** from Abbey Meads, Swindon will be 10 years old on Thursday. He plays football for Croft and also enjoys swimming and golf. A pupil at Greenmeadow Junior School, Simon's star man here at the County Ground is striker Chris Hay.

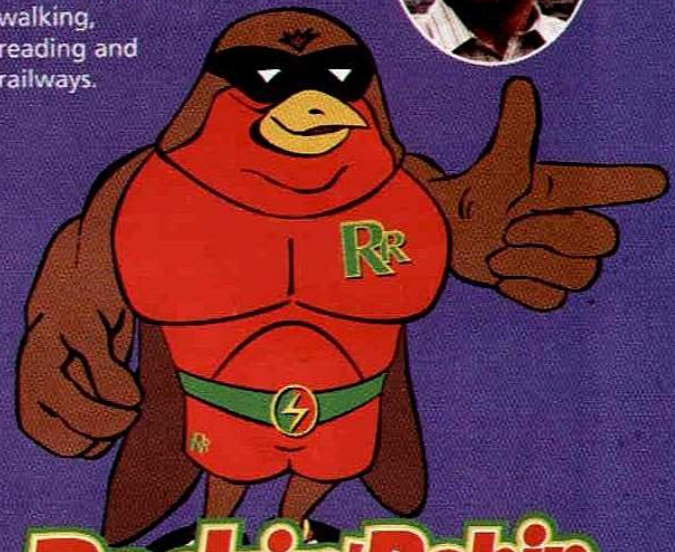


**Shaun Cooper** is 10 years old and attends the British School where he enjoys football and swimming. His favourite player is goalkeeper Fraser Digby.

Celebrating his 50th birthday



today is **Zyg Iwaniszyn** who lives in Ramsgate, Kent and has been a Town fan for some 35 years. Zyg is a Civil Servant whose hobbies include Swindon Town Football Club, walking, reading and railways.



# Rockin' Robin SUPERHERO

# tony horne's view from a far

*There is something about a visit from Oxford United to the County Ground...*

**Well, is this not the game that matters more than any other game this season?**

There is something about a visit from Oxford United to the County Ground that has magical qualities on the scale of the Cup Final. It does not matter what happens for the rest of the season as long as we beat our local rivals. Despite three defeats on the trot, we should have no trouble this afternoon.

I have seen Oxford once this season at Sunderland and they did nothing for me - since then the team have been put up for sale but to be honest, I would be astonished if there were

many interested buyers!

Of course this game means more than three points and it means more than beating Oxford. For us Swindon fans, it is about hoping that Joey Beauchamp has a stinker! I am confident his reception this afternoon will be.....er interesting!

Seriously, this afternoon's game must mark an about-turn in fortunes - we have lost the last three, and for a team that stands in a top five league position we should not have a negative goal difference. We were unlucky at Charlton but they were the better side and are a lot more dangerous than people think.



We may yet meet them again in the play-offs.

Watch the Christmas period carefully - it is highly likely that Nottingham Forest and Middlesbrough may have pulled away by New Year, with Sheffield United leading us, West Brom, Sunderland and Charlton to scrap behind them.

If we do not get the three points today, we could already start to fall away.

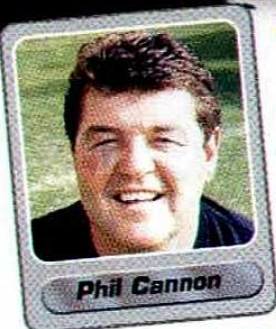
*Enjoy the game.*

## Cream of the First Division

Festive fun for all!

# centre of excellence

*with Phil Cannon*



**Phil Cannon**

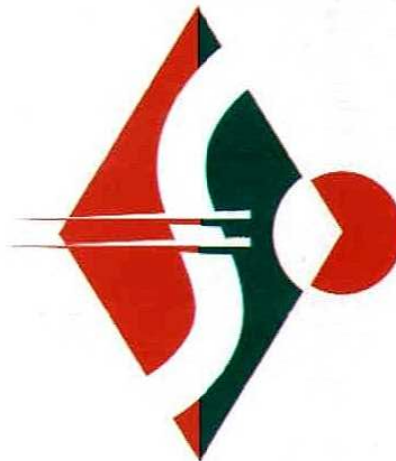
**Last weekend our Under 13 and Under 14 teams played Somerset and Avon Centre of Excellence.**

The Under 13's performed very well with Stuart Bellinger getting the finishing touch to a great move from the back involving five players. Our Under 14's also did their best to pass the ball properly in what were very testing conditions and in the end two goals, one from trialist Lee Jones (Greendown FC) sealed the game for our lads. Myself and Tom Jones were busy organising trials at an Under 16 level. These were held at the BR Ground where boys from all over the country were taking part. The trialists were all of a very good standard and hopefully we will get one or two of them through.

I would like to officially welcome Tom Jones who has been taken on full time here at Swindon Town Football Club. Tom had been working part-time as our Soccer Centres Co-ordinator and to be honest, the Centres have gone from strength to strength under his guidance. He will now also be assisting me with the day to day running of the Youth Development Programme and I have no doubt he will be a great asset to the Club.

Finally, before kick off this afternoon we will be signing Daniel Firkins on Centre of Excellence forms. Daniel is a product of our Soccer Centres who has graduated to our Centre of Excellence which shows that the system here at the Swindon Town is starting to pay off.

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# the ticket office

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### Xmas build-up

During the build-up to Christmas, matches are coming thick and fast and our next trip is on Saturday December 13th when we go to Bramall Lane to take on Sheffield United (3pm).

There are 899 seats available in advance costing £10 Adults and £7 for Juniors, OAP's and Students.

The following Saturday, December 20th, Birmingham City visit the County Ground (3pm) and on Boxing Day, that's Friday December 26th, we go to Nottingham Forest where 2,600 seats are available in advance at a cost of £20 Adults and £10 for Concessions.

On Sunday December 28th we return to the County Ground for the visit of Ipswich Town (3pm).

## 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 this afternoon.

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.

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

### Matchday Ticket Office:

For Saturday matches throughout 1997, tickets will go on sale at 11am.

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Adult	132.00	139.00	34.75	34.75
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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...



**Sheffield United**  
Saturday December 13th  
Kick-Off 3.00pm

*Drag yourselves away from the Christmas shopping as Town face old boy Jan Aage Fjortoft - looking to restore their early season away form.*



**Going to Forest...**  
Friday December 26th

*Don't miss the next issue of our Matchday Magazine for all your travel details on Boxing Day*



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## **Christmas Carols at Christ Church**

**Swindon Town Football Club will be holding a Carol Service at Christ Church, Swindon after the next home game against Birmingham City on Saturday December 20th (7pm).**

Members of staff, players, management and the Board hope to be joined by supporters, sponsors and friends for this festive event, which will include readings by representatives of the Club and carols lead by an augmented Christ Church Choir with Town director, Peter Godwin guesting at the organ.

Although Christ Church can accommodate over 500, the Club would like to invite all those wanting to attend to obtain an admission ticket - available through Dave Cummins at the Supporters Club.

## **Lost hat**

**A Town fan who lost a hat at the Charlton game should contact Mr. Boswell on 01635 866313. Mr Boswell found it and is sure it is of value to the supporter who lost it.**

## **Nurse meets her hero!**

**Disabled supporter Ian Ratcliffe who lives in Cheltenham said thank you in style to nurse Ann Campbell when he helped arrange for her to meet her hero Bryan Robson.**

The Middlesbrough boss was only too pleased to pose for a

picture with Ann before his side's recent game at the County Ground.

With the help of Town Director Mike Spearman, Ian Ratcliffe helped set up the meeting as a thank you to Ann who nursed for over two months.

Ann also enjoyed a meal and a guided tour to make sure it was a day out to remember.



**Ian Ratcliffe, Bryan Robson and Ann Campbell, flanked by Town directors Mike Spearman (left) and Peter Godwin.**

# **in & around the county ground**

## **AGM details**

**At the recent AGM of the Swindon Town Disabled Supporters Group the following people were nominated to form the committee;**

*Chris Park, Ben Jackson, David Jackson, Janet Potter and Tony Bedford.*

The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 6th in the Supporters Club (7pm).

## **In memory of Bobby**

**Are you taking part in the 1998 Flora London Marathon?**

Then footballer Jack Charlton and Bobby Moore's widow,

Stephanie want your help to raise vital funds for the Bobby Moore Fund for Imperial Cancer Research.

On February 24th, 1998 it will be five years since Bobby Moore died from bowel cancer - five years in which a great deal of progress has been made by the Bobby Moore Fund.

Over 30,000 new bowel cancer patients are diagnosed in the UK every year. The research being carried out is to try and reduce the incidence of bowel cancer and provide better and safer treatments.

The appeal is being supported by Brian Deadman, himself a bowel cancer patient who competed in the 1997 Flora London Marathon, having undergone major surgery only 10 months before. Brian's incredible feat helped raise £4,300 towards the vital research.

To join the Bobby Moore Marathon Team call Simon Poole on **0171 269 3412**.



**(left to right), Stephanie Moore, Jack Charlton and Brian Deadman**

## **Youngsters on Sky**

**Swindon Town Youth will be making their television debuts on December 10th when they will be starring in an episode of Sky One's soap 'Dream Team.'**

They were recently filmed taking on Harchester United in an FA Youth Cup tie with Ian McSherry scoring for Swindon in a 2-1 defeat.

# winning ways

by Dave Hollister



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**Andrea Vernon and husband Dion** will travel at twice the speed of sound - 1340mph - on two occasions during their trip to the edge of outer space. Concorde is scheduled to touch down at Heathrow at 16.45, just as today's referee is looking at his watch.

Another winner who made a trip to remember recently was **Malcom Gerrish** of Southampton. Malcom is a

Swindon fan who travels up from Hampshire to support the club. His matchday ritual includes buying tickets for our half-time draw and against Middlesbrough, one of his numbers was 11567. Purchasing it has certainly eased Malcom's Christmas balance sheet for it netted him £912! The winning ticket was sold in the vicinity of the Hyundai Car to be won at the Sunderland game. All tickets sold with numbers ending in 567 should now be entered for that draw. (see instructions below).

The winners of our 'Masterminds of 1997' quiz on the 20th November were the **Swindon Travellers** captained by **Mike Skinner**. It was a tremendous evening with five of the teams neck and neck throughout.

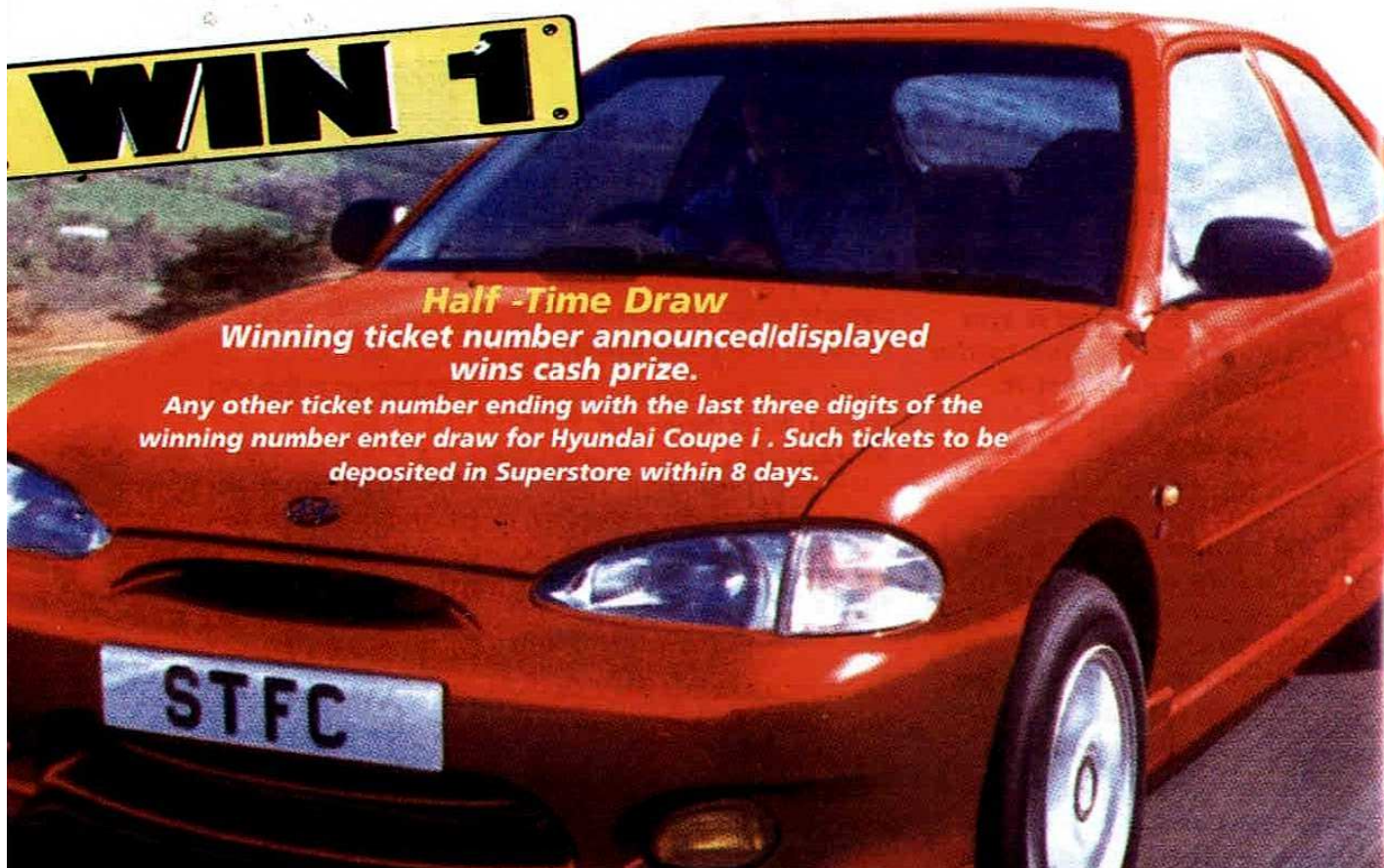
The competition actually went to a tie-break situation. Mike's team eventually secured the title and the trophies with 43 points out of a possible 54. The trophies were presented by John Lodge on behalf of the Shadow Board. Our next quiz night is scheduled for February. On this occasion it will be about football in general, not just Swindon Town. The intention is to get teams from local companies involved in this one so you can start spreading the word at work! The winner of our Christmas Party for 10 in the Executive Suite on Saturday December 20th is **M. Comley** of Nythe Road Stratton. In addition to a 3 course meal and entertainment there will be £100 in the till. What a great night out for 50p!

# WIN 1

### Half-Time Draw

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# from the press box

by Phil Duffell



**One of the hottest talking points in football this season concerns the influx of foreign players and whether or not it's good for the game in this country.**

I have to say, no - but my reasons are not entirely footballing ones.

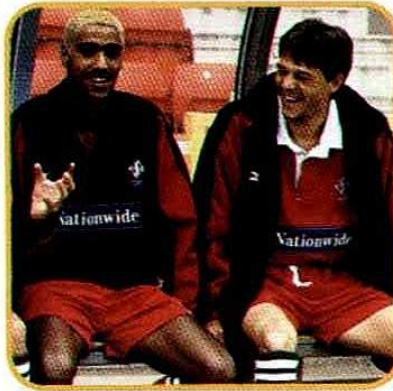
As a sporting journalist who has made the transition from print to broadcasting, I have to cry 'foul' when I see the likes of Luton Town's Colin Omogbehin or Stockport County's Vas Kaligeracos on the teamsheet - names which aren't easy to spell, but try saying them!

True, there aren't as many members of the 'Foreign Legion' playing in the Nationwide League as in the Premiership - but there are enough to give the TV commentator plenty to chew on. Imagine my horror when the **Manchester City** duo Georgi Kinkladze and Mikhail Kavelashvili shape to play a quick one-two on the edge of the box!

Before every commentary game, I try to put a couple of hours of homework on the opposition - but it won't be long before my pre-match routine includes nightclasses in 'Everyday Estonian' and 'Bulgarian for beginners!'

Swindon Town, of course, have made a couple of forays abroad - signing Frederic Darras and Philippe Cuervo - and with O'Level French to my name, I'm grateful to Steve McMahon for

not casting his net any further afield.



## **Swindon Town's French duo Philippe Cuervo and Frederic Darras.**

Apart from the pronunciation problem, the big headache for commentators is that it's not so easy to find those additional background details on these players. I always regard my job not simply to describe the action to the viewer, but to provide some additional insight or information about the players and their teams. When the only previous club listed is Maccabi Haifa it requires the sort of detective work usually reserved for the likes of Inspector Morse!

Thankfully there are some real gems to be discovered among the players who've spent most of their time on these shores.

Take for example, the **Bournemouth** striker Steve Robinson, nicknamed 'Velcro' by his team-mates - quite why is anyone's guess - but it's sure to be something which will stick with him!

Then there's **Stockport County**

defender Sean Connelly, who doubles as the club's assistant physio, which begs the question....does he seek a second opinion every time he gets an injury?

And one of my favourites concerns another **Bournemouth** player, Jamie Vincent. Apparently he missed several games early one season when a gnat bite turned septic - a rare case of fly stopped play!

I can't promise to top that lot today, but I'll be doing my best to make the commentary entertaining and informative.

Returning to the subject of the players' names, it'll be interesting to see which 14 the opposition manager Denis Smith jots down on his teamsheet this afternoon. After all, it was only the other day that Oxford United's growing financial problems forced the club to put their entire playing squad up for sale. Perhaps the only option they have is to flog the lot and replace them all with free, foreign imports...and before long it'll be Joey Beauchampski and Co. turning out every week for the U's.

Whatever the line-ups and whatever the outcome of this local derby, you can watch it all again on **HTV** tomorrow. And don't forget to switch on to West Match Plus every Sunday to catch the very best action from all of **Swindon Town's** Nationwide League matches. Enjoy the game.

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with Julian Wetherall

# marketing news

**A warm welcome to everyone for today's local derby against Oxford United and we hope you enjoy your time at the County Ground.**

## Matchday Sponsors

This afternoon's Matchday Sponsors are **MULTI-AGG LIMITED** who are regular visitors to the County Ground.

**Multi-Agg** are a quarrying company with quarries in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire and are owned by the Club's Vice Chairman Cliff Puffett. The company has recently expanded its operations to have a more local presence by the acquisition of Harvey's - a sand and gravel merchant situated on the Elgin Industrial Estate in Swindon.

This will be the 12th consecutive season that **Multi-Agg** have been a Matchday Sponsor and when we asked Cliff what he considered his company gained from the sponsorship he said:

*"For us it is the perfect means to give our customers a great day out. Our guests today will be both Oxford and Swindon supporters from our builders merchants customers and while the result of the game will be important, I feel sure they will remember most how good the facilities, service and friendliness of the whole Club is and will be pressing us to be on the list again for next season."*

## Matchball Sponsors

Today we have two Matchball sponsors and it is a pleasure to welcome both **CLARION GB LIMITED** and **ERNST & YOUNG**.

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## Presentation Time

**Ridgeway Hospital** were Matchday Sponsors at the Middlesbrough game and Hospital Director Sheila Maslin is pictured being presented with a signed, framed shirt by Town Chairman Rikki Hunt as a thank you for



Ridgeway's support. Sheila Maslin is also shown handing over a bottle of champagne to man of the match David Thompson.

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were joint Matchball Sponsors at the Middlesbrough fixture and man of the match David Thompson is pictured handing representatives of each organisation with signed



footballs as a memento of their day at the County Ground.



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Jonathan Trigg's

# treatment room

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**Philippe Cuervo, Frank Talia and Jason Drysdale were all set to play for the Reserves against West Ham United on Wednesday and hopefully all three of them came through unscathed.**

Philippe has been out for the past three months with a hip problem, Frank has been missing with a knee injury and Jason has had a calf strain, so it has been good to see them out of the treatment room and back out on the training ground.

Peter Holcroft and Gary Elkins returned to training this week after being sidelined with back injuries sustained in a recent Reserve team fixture at Queens Park Rangers and Phil King has also recovered from a hamstring strain.

Although the injury list has got smaller



there have still been several players undergoing treatment including midfielder Scott Leitch, who at the time of writing, was doubtful for today's game after tearing a tendon on the side of his knee during last Friday's game at Charlton Athletic.

Michael Pattimore will be out of action for the next three weeks after picking up an ankle injury whilst playing for the Reserves against Millwall and Alex Finlayson is another player who won't figure for a few weeks, although he is now well into his rehabilitation following surgery to his knee.

Youth team player Ian McSherry suffered a broken leg during a recent game at Barnet. He broke both his Tibia and Fibula and will be out for the next nine to 12 months.

The specialists are certain Ian will make a full recovery and all of us here at the Club would like to send our best wishes to him.



## the shadow board

**Our out-of-town supporters are continuing to join our Satellite Supporters Groups, and by special request we are repeating the full contact telephone list this week.**

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Finally, this is your last reminder to write with suggestions for the next Open Forum, which we expect to schedule shortly after Christmas. Tell the Shadow Board why the Open Forum should be held in your area.



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**So England did not make the top eight in the seeding for next summer's World Cup Finals in France.**

We missed out because of a combination of archaic and almost unfathomable criteria by which FIFA deliberate their rankings.

**France** and **Brazil**, as the host nation and the holders were automatic seedings leaving six places to be filled. The fact that **England's** recent form has lifted them from the 12th position they occupied in the FIFA/Coca Cola World Rankings at the end of 1996 to sixth position, suggested logically we were in with a shout.

But FIFA have always based their World Cup listings on the results of the previous three tournaments, thus the form guide has been influenced by results spanning 12 years. How ludicrous. How can what transpired a dozen years ago be related to the current form?

Bring it down to club level. I bet you will struggle to name the **Swindon Team** that were in our colours in the first December fixture of 1985. Let's face it, none of those players are on duty today. And the manager is different too. Do you recall who was in charge then? It was Lou Macari. Of course. But in all honesty what baring does that all have on today's team? None at all.

Glenn Hoddle expected this outcome but made a salient point before the FIFA committee announced their final ruling. The **England** coach

said: "If World rankings are to mean anything they've got to be used for something".

# from the Colin Benson sidelines

Inside the inner sanctum they have obviously taken note of the rumblings outside. Joseph Blatter, the General Secretary of FIFA, advised that the seedings had been calculated on the basis of 60 per cent of past World Cup results and 40 per cent of the present world rankings.

How on earth did they arrive at that? They must have played around with an abacus. The whole thing is a total farce and one can only assume that they if they did take into account current form - and how the devil can you check it out - then it is only to appease those who have challenged the current outmoded system.

Glenn, forever the diplomat, pointed out: "**Seeding isn't the advantage it used to be when you played all three group games in the same place.**"

How true and did you know I think in the long run it could work to our advantage. Being the top seed in the group does put you under pressure. With two teams to qualify from the initial rounds we should be okay.

I suppose we have to be grateful that the rumour circulating Marseilles that an African nation would be seeded

proved unfounded. At the time it seemed plausible, given the fact that Joao Havalange secured his office on the back of his promises to the third world nations of international soccer.

One important decision that everyone applauded was the one which wiped the yellow card slate clean. In other words those players who had

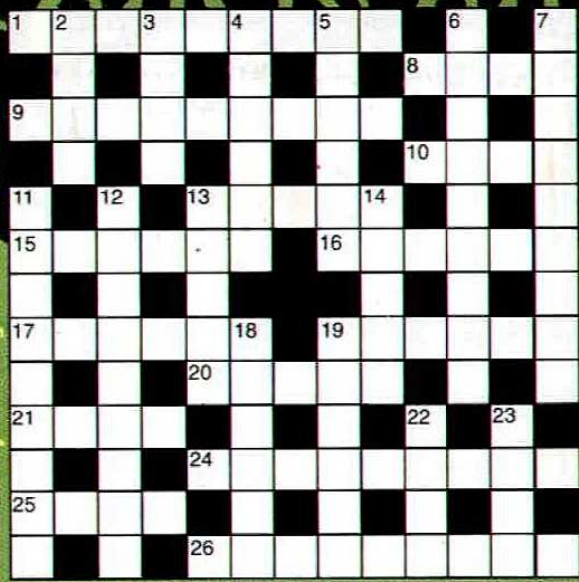
already accumulated bookings in the qualifying rounds would not carry the burden into the Finals. Both individually and collectively the record was expunged and everyone starts with a clean sheet.

No doubt every nation has benefited from this and in **England's** case it means that central defender Sol Campbell, who was on two yellow cards, will be available for our opening tie. Likewise John Collins, whose experience with **Monaco** will be invaluable to Craig Brown, has benefited from the amnesty and will be okay to represent **Scotland**.

**'World Cup 98'** is also guaranteed to be a rewarding event financially for the competing nations with each country picking up 750,000 Swiss Francs immediately, just for qualifying and a million Swiss Francs for every game played in the Finals. Add to that 375 Swiss Francs each a day for 40 members of each delegation and you can see the likes of **Jamaica** and **Iran** are going to have a bit of pocket money to throw around this summer.

It's going to be tough for **England**, **Scotland**, and the rest, but then that's how it should be in the **World Cup Finals**.

compiled by Dave Hollister



**clues across...**

- 1. Used to motivate Arsenal? (9)
- 8. Kevin of Stoke is (4)
- 9. Baritone defender does this? (5-4)
- 10. Chris .... Williams (4)
- 13. Used to attract referee (5)
- 15. Press speculation usually is (6)
- 16. Historic Giant Killers (6)
- 17. All clubs have room for them (6)
- 19. Nobby! (6)
- 20. They support Scotland (5)
- 21. Italian side from Wales we hear! (4)
- 24. Propping up Division Three (9)
- 25. Walsall's leading scorer (4)
- 26. Supporters add vocal support (4-5)

**clues down...**

- 2. Such scenes at match are not a pretty sight (4)
- 3 & 23 Bookies do this on correct scores (4-4)
- 4. Chris's funny walk? (6)
- 5. Wembley turf saps this from players (6)
- 6. Heavy traffic around Burslem may do this (5-4)
- 7. Lack of skill makes this game thus (9)
- 11. Bobby Charlton was one (5-4)
- 12. The way big clubs flatten non-leaguers? (9)
- 13. All clubs need to raise these (5)
- 14. They fill the sands (5)
- 18. Place of football excellence? (6)
- 19. Goalkeepers stand between them (6)
- 22. Norwegian side that includes No Score Draw (4)

**Answers across...**  
 1 GUN POWDER, 8 KEEN, 9 PLAYS DEEP, 10 BART, 13 FLAGS, 15 UNTRUE, 16 YEOVIL, 17 BOARDS, 19 STILES, 20 SCOTS, 21 BARI, 24 DONCASTER, 25 BOLL, 26 PLUS NOISE

**Answers down...**  
 2 UGLY, 3 PAYS, 4 WADDLE, 5 ENERGY, 6 DELAY VALE, 7 UNSTYLISH, 11 BUSBY BABE, 12 STEAMROLL, 13 FUNDS, 14 SEATS, 18 SCHOOL, 19 STICKS, 22 OSLO, 23 BETS

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Crewe Alexandra		Huddersfield Town
Manchester City		Wolves
Norwich City		Sheffield United
Nottingham Forest		Bradford City
Port Vale		Birmingham City
Portsmouth		Stoke City
QPR		Sunderland
Reading		Charlton Athletic
Swindon Town		Oxford United
Tranmere Rovers		Ipswich Town
West Brom Albion		Stockport County

**wordsearch**



5 each of Swindon and Oxford Surnames of season 1979/80

SWINDON: STROUD, LEWIS, MAYES, SMITH, ALLAN  
 OXFORD: MCKENNA, HOLBY, MONTGOM, GRAYDON, BOBEY

## BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR?

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1970 boxer      | 1984 ice dancers |
| 1971 equestrian | 1985 boxer       |
| 1972 athlete    | 1986 driver      |
| 1973 driver     | 1987 athlete     |
| 1974 athlete    | 1988 snooker     |
| 1975 cricket    | 1989 golfer      |
| 1976 ice skater | 1990 footballer  |
| 1977 tennis     | 1991 athlete     |
| 1978 athlete    | 1992 driver      |
| 1979 athlete    | 1993 athlete     |
| 1980 ice skater | 1994 driver      |
| 1981 cricketer  | 1995 athlete     |
| 1982 athlete    | 1996 driver      |
| 1983 athlete    |                  |

**ANSWERS.....**  
 70 HENRY COOPER, 71 PRINCESS AVENUE, 72 MARY PETERS, 73 JACKIE STUART, 74 BRENDAN FOSTER, 75 DAVID STEELE, 76 JOHN CURRY, 77 VIRGINIA WADE, 78 STEVE OVERT, 79 SABASTIAN COE, 80 ROBIN COUSINS, 81 IAN BORTHAM, 82 DALEY THOMPSON, 83 STEVE GRAHAM, 84 TORVILLE & DEAN, 85 BARRY MCGUIGAN, 86 NIGEL MANSELL, 87 FATIMA WHITBREAD, 88 STEVE DAVIS, 89 NICK FALDO, 90 PAUL GASCOIGNE, 91 LIZ MCCOLLGAN, 92 NIGEL MANSELL, 93 LINFORD CHRISTIE, 94 DAMON HILL, 95 JOHNATHAN EDWARDS, 96 DAMON HILL.



**WHO'S THIS?**

Last game: Frederic Darras



**WHO'S KIT?**

Last game: Man City

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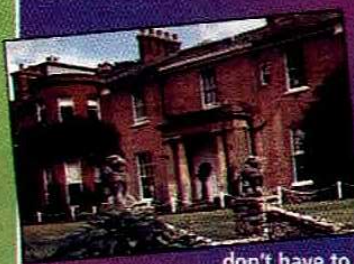
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# swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

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**Swindon Town Ladies moved to the top of the Southern Region League Premier Division with two home victories.**

The first win was against Southampton Saints. After 22 minutes the Town were trailing two nil but goals from Nadine Lloyd and Leanne Taylor brought the teams level at half time. In the 59th minute Kim Reeves put the Town ahead but they had to wait until the last few minutes before goals from Nadine Lloyd and an own goal consolidated the victory.

Last Sunday the Town proved too strong for Launton taking a three nil lead at half time with goals from Nadine Lloyd, Tracy Mackeddie and Leanne Taylor. In the second half the Town ran riot with a Kim Reeves hat trick, further goals from Leanne Taylor and Tracy Mackeddie and a goal from Pam Laker taking their total to nine.

Tomorrow Town face Salisbury City in the Southern Region League Cup. The two sides have not met previously although two Town players, Ashley Wiseman and Sharon Black, will be no strangers to the South Wiltshire side as they both played for City before signing for the Town. Salisbury play in Division Two (South) and are currently mid table. The match will be played, as usual, on the County Ground Extension and will Kick Off at 2.00pm.

**Southern Region Premier Division.**

**Swindon Town 5  
Southampton Saints 2**

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

**Subs Used:** Adelle Taylor & Kerrie Garwood

**Not Used:** Sara Privett

**Scorers:** Nadine Lloyd (2), Leanne Taylor, Kim Reeves & Own Goal

**Southern Region Premier Division.**

**Swindon Town 9  
Launton 0**

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

**Subs Not Used:** Sara Privett, Kerrie Garwood & Clare Tyson

**Scorers:** Kim Reeves (3), Leanne Taylor (2), Tracy Mackeddie (2), Pam Laker & Nadine Lloyd.



**Sharon Black, who faces her old club, Salisbury City, in the League Cup tomorrow.**

## FIXTURES 97/98

### 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	5-2
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	9-0
SUN 7TH DEC	SALISBURY CITY (League Cup)	H
SUN 11TH JAN	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 18th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 25th Jan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
1ST 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
Swindon Town	11	9	0	2	55	19	27
Reading Royals	9	8	1	0	48	7	25
Cheltenham	11	7	3	1	36	17	24
Southampton	11	6	1	4	29	27	19
Swindon Spitfires	7	4	2	1	16	16	14
Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	14	12	14
Oxford United	10	4	1	5	19	22	13
Binfield	8	2	1	5	9	21	7
Southampton Saints	12	1	2	9	16	37	5
Launton	10	1	1	8	11	43	4
Havant Town	9	0	0	9	7	39	0

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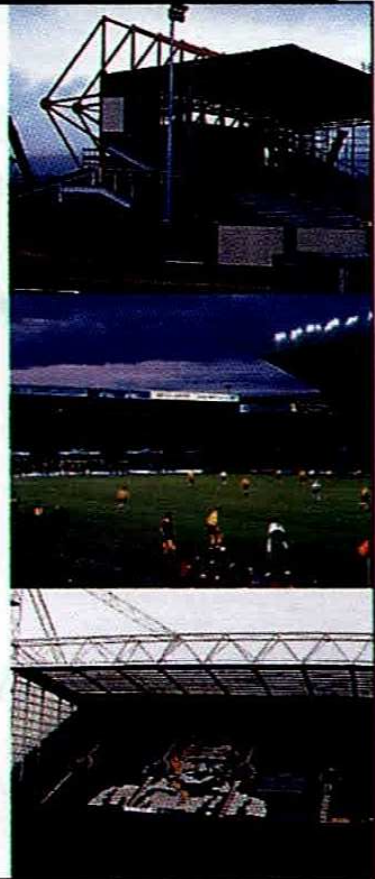
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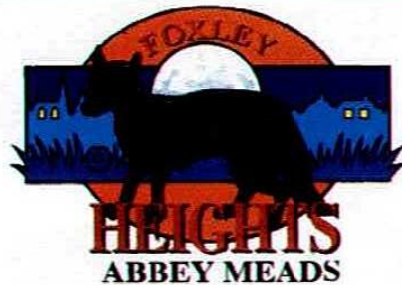


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# Swindon Town FC

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

**It's derby day here this afternoon as we prepare to take on an Oxford United side that has lost seven of its 10 away fixtures in Division One.**

Not that statistics count for much on these occasions as we well know. The U's welcomed back goalkeeper Phil Whitehead, midfielder David Smith and Joey Beauchamp against **Port Vale** and our former winger scored one and made one in a 2-0 victory that hoisted them out of the bottom three. It will be up to our lads to snuff out his ambitions this afternoon.

We have lost ground in the championship chase for having lost at **Charlton - Nottingham Forest, Middlesbrough** and **Sheffield United** all won last weekend. Forest are home to **Bradford City** today and on paper should be good enough to chalk up a 9th home win against Chris Kamara's boys. The Yorkshire side were somewhat fortunate to beat **Norwich City** 2-1 - their first win in seven games; out-of-favour Swede Robert Steiner, who unexpectedly replaced Brazilian Edinho after being dropped from the starting line in the five previous games, was the hero with both goals.

**Bradford** are also cheering the signing of goalkeeper Gary Walsh. Before his arrival from **Middlesbrough** they had conceded 16 goals in 10 games. Walsh has been beaten only six times in 12 consecutive appearances. He could be good enough to win them a point.

**Middlesbrough** knocked West Brom off the second perch with a tight 1-0 victory. They were away at **Ipswich** in mid-week where they drew 1-1. Bury away is no forgone conclusion. There is a familiar name in the Bury pack, that of Dalglish; Paul Dalglish to be precise, the son of Kenny and currently on loan to

the Shakers. But Boro, unbeaten in seven league and cup games - six of which they had won - at the start of this week, should be good for all three points.

Interesting developments at Bramell Lane saw Mitch Ward and Carl Tiler move to Goodison Park with Graham Stuart moving the opposite way in exchange plus £500,000. So the Blades inherited a forward for a defender and a midfield man but it was Town's former hero Jan Aage Fjortoft who grabbed the headlines with his ninth goal of the season - and the winner



against **Crewe**. Today they are at **Norwich** which has been a very happy hunting ground for visiting sides. The Canaries have lost four and drawn three of their 10 home games so far and still have to get into double figures in the goals for a column while the 16 they have conceded at Carrow Road is by far the worst record of the top 17 clubs. Logic says a United victory but this is football and **Norwich** are not as bad as their record suggests. The **West Brom v Stockport** game is an interesting one. Personally I don't appreciate **Albion's** cautious tactics of hanging on to what they have a got. Just one striker up front at home seems a negative ploy but it is successful as their position and the 1-0 victory over a **Birmingham City** side that outplayed them confirms. They have only conceded four goals at the Hawthorns and another 1-0 win looks on the cards. **Huddersfield** Town hauled themselves off the bottom with a 2-0 win over **Bury**. **Wayne Allison** had a good game but Paul Dalton scored

both goals to take his tally to six in his last 10 games. It confirmed the marked improvement since Peter Jackson and Terry Yorath took charge of the Terriers who will be expecting at least a point at **Crewe**. The Railwaymen have been off track despite their sweet passing football - seven defeats in the last eight games now. Another side off the rails is **Manchester City**. Beaten again at **Stockport** where they were three down in 30-minutes and fourth from bottom with just four wins in 19 starts. They entertain a **Wolves** side who have also underachieved though not so startlingly poorly. **Wolves** are 12 points adrift of the leaders and probable play-off qualifiers. This is a battle between two big and powerful football institutions and if confidence is the factor it looks like another horror show for City's nervous side.

**Sunderland** turned **Tranmere** over 3-0 but expect Rovers to bounce back against **Ipswich** today. **QPR** (home to **Sunderland**), a little unfortunate at Molineux, are a changed side since Johnny Hollins took charge and are due a win.

**Birmingham City** got their first win in 10 games last Saturday - 2-0 against **Portsmouth**. The Blues had been frustrated by their own inability to turn good performances into wins but is this the turning point? We shall get a better picture after today's trip to **Port Vale**.

As for **Pompey**, they are truly suffering. This defeat left them three points adrift at the bottom. Former Town midfielder Fitzroy Simpson said: "We are a good footballing side but we have to make ourselves more resilient." **Stoke City** provide the test today. Finally, the **Reading v Charlton** game suggests a few goals.

The Valiants have netted 17 on their travels - while Trevor Morley is back to his blistering best for the Royals.





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with Mark Seagraves

**Over the past couple of weeks the lads have given one of their best and one of their worst performances of the season.**

In my opinion the display against Middlesbrough was our best so far and we were very unfortunate to finish on the end of a 2-1 reverse.

But then last Friday the defeat at Charlton was without doubt one of our poorest displays and the only saving grace is that we have a big local derby to look forward to today against Oxford which gives us the perfect opportunity to put things right. The result at Charlton was a major disappointment to everyone concerned but it was just one of those days. Players don't go out to play badly on purpose and all you can do is say it was an off night and make sure you put it right very quickly.

All teams go through a bad patch during the season and after a great run of results which took us to the top of the table, we have now slipped a little after three defeats in a row. What the lads have to do is make sure they get last week's display out of their systems and pick up the three points this afternoon.

It might not be pretty but getting the result is all important. I'd rather we played poorly and ended up winning because at

### the captains' comment

the end of the day it is the three points which matter the most. Derby games are always a bit special and they are very different from any other fixture. The local rivalry means that both sets of players are desperate to come out on top and




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let's just hope it is us who are smiling at the end of the 90 minutes. Before I finish I would like to officially welcome George Ndah and David Thompson to the Club. Both of them have already shown what they are capable of and once they settle in properly I'm sure we'll see even more quality from them. George is a great striker and I'm sure he's looking forward to partnering Chris Hay up front and David Thompson is a very talented midfielder who is keen to impress during his loan spell here.

Liverpool have just signed him on a four year contract so it shows just how highly they rate him and there is no doubt he is going to be a great asset to us during his short spell here at the County Ground.

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## FACT FILE...

Date of birth: 23.12.74.

Place of birth: Dulwich.

### School years

Secondary school attended:

Bishop Thomas Grant.

Best subject at school: P.E.

Worst subject at school:

Physics.

Football hero as a schoolboy:

Pele.

Favourite football position at

school: Winger.

Career probably taken up if

not football: Something in the

Fashion Industry.

First league match ever

Palace v Coventry 1990.

At what age did you first

attend matches:

16 years of age.

### Now

Favourite other sports:

Tennis.

Biggest influence on career:

Family and friends.

Best match ever seen

(Live or TV): Brazil v France

1986 World Cup.

Favourite football expert:

Andy Gray.

Favourite country to watch:

Brazil.

Highlight of career so far:

Playing at Wembley in

play-off final.

Biggest disappointment:

Missing out on promotion

with Palace.

Choice Opponents in a

cup tie: Juventus in

European Cup.

# close-up profile George Ndah

**Talk about making an immediate impact!**

**It took new striker George Ndah just 14 minutes to make his mark for Swindon as he gave Town the lead with a superb strike against Middlesbrough.**

Unfortunately it wasn't to be a winning debut for 22 year old marksman but the Dulwich born front runner showed immediately why Steve McMahon was quick to pounce on the former Crystal Palace player and bring him to the County Ground in a £500,000 deal.

His skill on the ball and blistering pace make him a real eye catcher out on the pitch and there is no doubt that he will prove to be a more than adequate replacement for the Chief Wayne Allison.

His introduction was another bit of good business by manager Steve McMahon and George is now keen to relight a career which had been somewhat blown out at Palace.

**"The problem at Crystal Palace was that they had money to buy in a lot of players. With me coming through the youth system it seemed that much more difficult to hold down a regular first team place.**

**"I was getting a few games here and there but never a good long run in the side and it got to the stage where the Club was buying so many centre forwards my future was looking very bleak. So when Swindon**

**came in for me I was just glad to be able to accept the opportunity of coming here."**

But George admitted that it did come as something of a surprise.

**"One minute I was a Palace player, the next I had spoken to Rikki Hunt and Steve McMahon and I was suddenly on my way to Swindon.**

**"It was all very sudden but after speaking to Rikki and Steve I can see that Swindon are going places. The Club is very ambitious and I want to be part of their future plans."**

After six years as a professional at Selhurst Park it was quite a shock moving to a new club but George didn't take long to settle in and made a dramatic start.

**"It was a big game for me to start with against Middlesbrough and that is often the best way to start by being thrown in at the deep end. It was great to score on my debut but sometimes goals don't mean anything at the end of the 90 minutes and I would definitely have traded that goal for three points,"** he said.

At Charlton last Friday, George hardly got a sniff of goal as Swindon struggled in all areas of the pitch but he and the rest of the team are keen to put things right.

**"We didn't play the sort of football we know we are capable of and after three defeats in a row we need to get a win under our belts. One win and we'll be right back up there and we need to bounce back against Oxford.**

**"There are quite a few**

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*doubters out there who don't think we are good enough to stay in contention so it is up to us to prove them wrong, we've got too many good players here not to do well."*

Despite having played in the Premiership, George knows just how tough it is in Division One

*"There are lots of big games to look forward to because the First Division is a very difficult league. It's going to be quite a challenge and it is one that I'm really looking forward to."*

With an England Under 18 cap to his name, George has already shown he is a force to be reckoned with and with age on his side he has high hopes for the future.

*"I just hope I can blend in well, keep my place in the first team and hopefully score a few goals as well. If I can achieve that, I'll be delighted."* he added.

**George Ndah -  
adding power to the  
front line.**

## ▶ GENERAL...

**Favourite Food:** Chicken, pasta and beans.

**Favourite Drink:** Tango.

**Favourite Comedian:**

Eddie Murphy.

**Favourite TV Programme:**

Jerry Springer Show.

**Favourite film:**

Scar Face.

**Favourite Film Star:**

Al Pacino.

**Favourite holiday location:**

Hong Kong.

**Favourite item of clothing:**

Cap.

**Smartest dresser at STFC:**

They are all a flash bunch of lads!

**Any superstitions:** No!

# statistics 1997/98 season



vs **Oxford United**



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



## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 3.12.97

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	20	8	1	1	4	4	2	32	16	41
MIDDLESBROUGH	20	6	2	2	5	4	1	34	17	39
SHEFFIELD UNITED	19	7	3	0	3	5	1	29	16	38
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	20	7	1	2	4	3	3	22	15	37
SWINDON TOWN	20	7	2	1	3	2	5	26	27	34
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	19	6	2	1	3	3	4	38	26	32
STOCKPORT COUNTY	20	6	4	0	3	1	6	33	26	32
SUNDERLAND	19	4	4	2	4	2	3	29	21	30
WOLVES	19	6	4	0	2	1	6	24	22	29
BRADFORD CITY	20	5	4	2	2	4	3	19	19	29
PORT VALE	20	4	4	2	3	1	6	25	25	26
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	19	5	3	1	2	2	6	25	31	26
STOKE CITY	20	4	2	3	3	3	5	24	26	26
BIRMINGHAM CITY	20	4	3	3	2	4	4	20	17	25
NORWICH CITY	19	3	3	4	3	1	5	17	29	22
TRANMERE ROVERS	19	5	1	3	1	2	7	26	28	21
MANCHESTER CITY	20	3	3	4	2	3	5	23	24	21
BURY	20	3	5	2	1	4	5	21	29	21
READING	20	3	2	5	2	4	4	19	31	21
OXFORD UNITED	20	4	3	3	1	2	7	23	28	20
IPSWICH TOWN	19	3	3	3	1	5	4	21	23	20
CREWE ALEXANDRA	20	2	2	6	3	1	6	22	31	18
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	20	3	3	4	1	2	7	16	32	17
PORTSMOUTH	18	2	2	5	1	3	5	21	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	15	0	0	0	15	0
DARREN BULLOCK	9(5)	0	0	0	9(5)	0
CHRIS CASPER	8(1)	1	0	0	8(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
STEVE COWE	4(2)	1	(1)	0	4(3)	1
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	7(1)	0	0	0	7(1)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	9(1)	0	2	0	11(1)	0
SOL DAVIS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	17	0	1	0	18	0
JASON DRYSDALE	8(2)	0	2	0	10(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	2(4)	1	1	0	3(4)	1
TY GODDEN	20	1	2	0	22	1
CHRIS HAY	15(1)	13	1	0	17(1)	13
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	13	1	2	1	15	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	16	0	2	0	18	0
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	2	1	0	0	2	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	4(1)	0	1	0	5(1)	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALJA	0	0	1	0	1	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	11	2	0	0	11	2
DAVID THOMPSON	2	0	0	0	2	0
MARK WALTERS	12(5)	2	1(1)	0	13(6)	2
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	10(1)	0	0	0	10(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	1-2	15,228
Fri Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A	0-3	15,481
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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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	WALTERS(5)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS(12)
DIGBY	DARRAS	BULLOCK	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	McMAHON(3)
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	ELKINS	BULLOCK
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(4)	BULLOCK(3)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(5)	BULLOCK(4)
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	DRYSDALE	WATSON	McAREAVEY
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	DRYSDALE	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	WATSON(7)	SMITH
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	DRYSDALE	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	LEITCH	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	HAY(9)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	DRYSDALE	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 3	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	COLLINS(8)	DARRAS(2)
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)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	WALTERS(7)
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
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS(3)	PATTIMORE(8)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTIMORE(4)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY(8)	DRYSDALE	ROBINSON(3)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	THOMPSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	CULVERHOUSE	WARNER	WALTERS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	THOMPSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE(8)	BULLOCK(7)	CULVERHOUSE(4)

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## Swindon Town

- FRASER DIGBY
- BRIAN BORROWS
- MARK ROBINSON
- SCOTT LEITCH
- CRAIG TAYLOR
- ALAN McDONALD
- DAVID THOMPSON
- KEVIN WATSON
- STEVE FINNEY
- GEORGE NDAH
- TY GOODEN
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- TEAM MANAGER  
STEVE McMAHON

## Oxford United

- PHIL WHITEHEAD
- MARTIN GRAY
- MIKE FORD
- LES ROBINSON
- DARREN PURSE
- BRIAN WILSTERMAN
- STUART MASSEY
- DAVID SMITH
- MARTIN ALDRIDGE
- NIGEL JEMSON
- JOEY BEAUCHAMP
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**Today's Result and Attendance**

Swindon v Oxford United  
Attendance

**Referee:**  
Frazer Stretton (Nottinghamshire)

**Assisted by:**

- P. Armstrong (Berkshire)
- N.E. Green (Worcestershire)

**Reserve Official:**  
B. Malone (Salisbury)

**Frazer Stretton**

Frazer is a 36 year old Duty Manager at Powerleague Soccer Centre who is married with four children. Took up refereeing in his home town of Leicester in 1977 and joined the National Referees List in 1995. Frazer's interests include listening to his collection of heavy rock music and looking after his beloved Volvo Estate.

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