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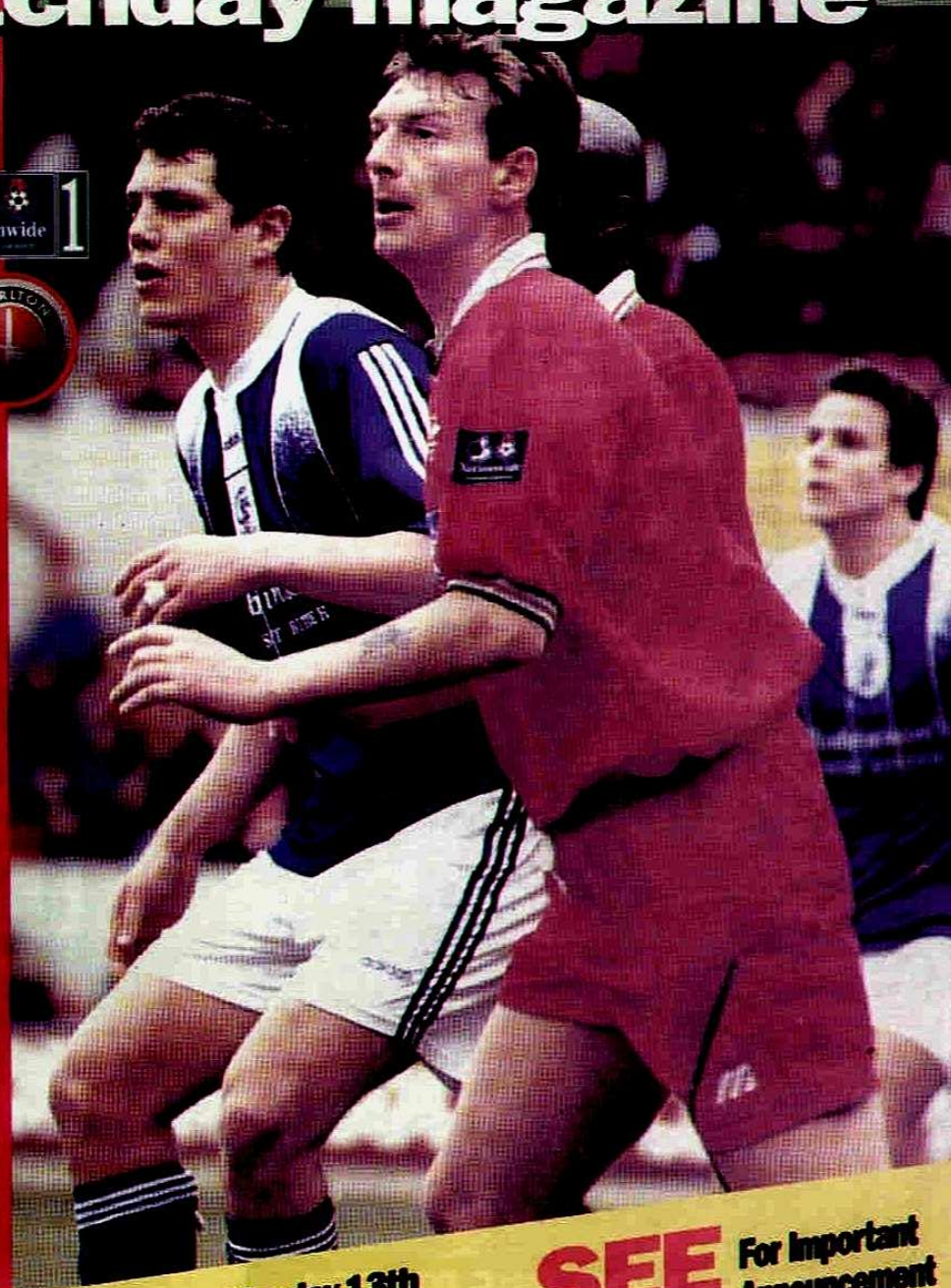
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welcome to today's game

Today we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Charlton Athletic Football Club.

It promises to be a tough fought game today with Charlton playing us on the back of a 4-2 win over mighty title chasers Nottingham Forest. Looking back at the season for the two teams, it has been a case of mixed fortunes. At the start of the season both Swindon and Charlton were maintaining good positions around the play-offs, with Swindon reaching the dizzy heights of the top position. But, while Athletic has maintained consistently good form we've managed to slip away from contention.

Charlton's success has had a lot to do with the form of Clive Mendonca who has been scoring week after week. Other success stories for today's opponents include Mark Kinsella who has recently won his first cap for the Republic of Ireland.

Our star striker Chris Hay, has been struggling to find the net of late, yet his talent is there for all to see. It must remind Swindon fans of Jan Fjortoft's start for the Club, bags of talent but just couldn't get off the mark. It certainly came right for Jan, and with similar ability it'll come right

for Chris too.

Charlton could find us trickier competitors than our league position suggests. As draws with play-off chasers Wolves and Stockport have shown we're capable of mixing it with some of the top teams.

Steve McMahon will be hoping that Iffy Onuora continues to prove himself as a great buy while Chris Hay strives to end his goal drought.

Last week Swindon Town Reserves beat QPR 1-0 at the County Ground. The reserves are on a winning streak at the moment. Next week they travel away to play Southampton. The next home game for the reserves is on Wednesday April 22nd. Tickets can be obtained from the Advanced Day Ticket Office before going to the turnstiles.

The next away trip for the first team is against local rivals Oxford United. This is an all ticket game (all tickets must be purchased in advance). The terrace seats are £10 adults, £6 concessions, while seats are £13 adults, £9 concessions. See Ticket Office page for details.

Our last game of the season against Sunderland is also an all ticket match, so make sure you get your ticket in advance for what will be, without doubt, the biggest game of the season.

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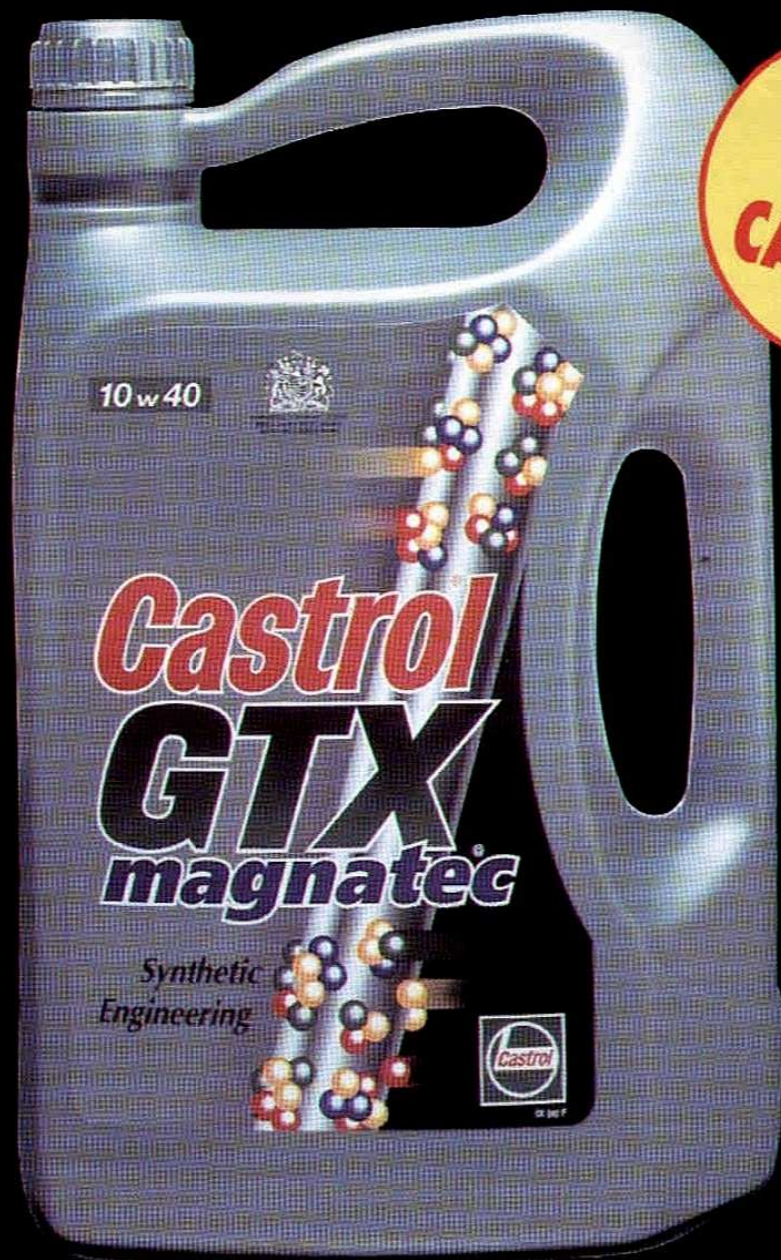
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Today we face another play-off chasing side, Charlton Athletic. After we drew with top teams Wolves and Stockport we're looking to go one better and get a home win to lift the whole club.

Despite our mid-table position there is always something to play for so lets hear you sing and get behind the Club. A match against Charlton is always going to be tough but with your backing we can beat them and move up the table.



Steve McMahon says

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I'll be the first to hold my hands up and say the game against Stockport was poor.

Neither side played particularly well and with 15 minutes to go we should have wrapped up the game when McDonald put us in front.

But with half the team playing below par, it's not surprising that we failed to bag all three points.

The game itself was one easy to forget with both teams knocking the ball about at the back with few goal scoring chances.

Motivation

At half-time I told the lads to get themselves motivated and look more lively on the ball.

It took 47 minutes before we created a chance worth talking about. Chris Hay outpaced Stockport's defence down the left before putting in a good cross for Iffy. At full stretch it was all Onuora could do to head the ball wide. When we finally scored it was a relief, but I knew we were not out of the woods

because we just were not playing well. Even when we got the penalty I felt Walters would miss it.

Stockport got the equaliser straight after the missed penalty and that killed the game off for us.

Overall, whether you're a fan or a manager, it was a disappointment. Brian Borrows did us all proud with a sterling performance at the back, often sliding in with important saving tackles. Chris Hay still looks like he

can improve as each game goes on and Iffy worked tirelessly throughout to carve out chances, but it wasn't to be.

Yet that was the same team that finished the game against Wolves, so there can be no excuses. When we beat QPR we never looked like conceding a goal because the players worked for each other.

I'd rather drag the poor players off and carry on with ten men, or I'll bring in some of the kids to spark off the team- one way or another I will not settle for a run in like last season.

On the back of this result it would have been nice to bring in one or two new faces, but the transfer deadline has come and gone without any big changes.

The two weeks without a game have given us plenty of time to do the post mortem and re-organise the lads for the last six games of the season.

Welcome Alan

Today we welcome Alan Curbishley and his side to the County Ground for what looks likely to be a cracking game.

As they get ever closer to the play-offs they'll be making it as hard as possible for us to get anything out of the game. With the likes of Mendonca and Kinsella, we know they're a class outfit who have proven themselves a tough side to beat.

And you can be sure their manager won't be taking this game lightly and will have his players fired up come 3.00pm. But with no game last Saturday the squad had a chance to recharge their batteries, so I'm confident that the players will be motivated and focused enough to get the win. We always seem to have exciting games against Charlton, I hope today is the same.

today's visitors *The Addicks*

Charlton Athletic

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Charlton Athletic Football Club to the County Ground for this Nationwide League Division One match.

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

The Addicks come to Swindon as one of the surprise packages of the current season, having spent the majority of the campaign up amongst the Play-Off places doing battle with the so-called bigger clubs of the division like Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest.

Unlike most of the First Division's other leading clubs, Charlton rely heavily on a burgeoning youth policy for their first-team ranks, with a handful of inspired signings - such as midfielder Mark Kinsella, hot-shot striker Clive Mendonca and recent capture from Norwich, the highly-rated defender Danny

Mills - helping to bolster the side.

The latest addition is central defender or midfielder Eddie Youds, a former Everton and Ipswich player who moved to The Valley from Bradford - where he was club captain - on Transfer Deadline Day, nine days ago.

His arrival coincided with arguably the club's most impressive performance of the current campaign, when erstwhile table-topper Nottingham Forest were beaten 4-2 at The Valley last Saturday. Mark Bright, Paul Mortimer, Clive Mendonca and Mark Kinsella scored the goals.

It could be argued that that victory was Charlton's biggest since the club's supporters won the battle to take the Addicks back to The Valley in 1992, after a seven year exile at Selhurst and Upton Parks.

Under manager Alan Curbishley the Addicks continue to play a neat, passing game and they have torn apart several teams already this season - including promotion rivals like Ipswich and Middlesbrough (both beaten 3-0).

There was another 3-0 scoreline when Charlton and the Robins met at The Valley back in November.

Keith Jones and Clive Mendonca (2) found the net for the Addicks that day, and the livewire Mendonca, in particular, is sure to be a thorn in Swindon's side once more this afternoon.



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Goalkeepers

Sasa Ilic

A former Partizan Belgrade goalkeeper who was born in Australia of Yugoslavian descent, Sasa was snapped up by The Addicks from non-League football during the summer, initially on a weekly contract. With Mike Salmon injured and Andy Petterson suffering a loss of form, Ilic broke into the senior side in February and has held his place ever since.

Born: Australia,
Height: 6ft 2in
League record this season: 7 games, 0 goals
Honours: None

Andy Petterson

Current Charlton 'Player of the Year', Andy has finally earned a regular first-team spot after many loan periods - including three at Ipswich Town and one here at Swindon back in the late 1980s. A loss of form has seen him on the sidelines in recent weeks.

Born: Fremantle, Australia, 26.09.69
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 14st 12lb
League record this season: 23/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Luton	-
88/89	Swindon	-
89/90 - 91/92	Luton	-
91/92	Ipswich	-
92/93	Luton	14
92/93	Ipswich	1
93/94	Luton	5
94/95	Charlton	9
94/95	Bradford	3
95/96	Charlton	9
95/96	Ipswich	1
95/96	Plymouth	6

95/96	Colchester	5
96/97	Charlton	21

Mike Salmon

Began last season as first choice at The Valley, but was injured and was later unable to regain his spot from the in-form Petterson. Has struggled for a regular place again in 1997/98, with injury again restricting his appearances.

Born: Leyland, 14.07.64
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 12st 12lb
League record this season: 9/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 82/83	Blackburn	1
82/83	Chester	16
83/84 - 85/86	Stockport	118
86/87	Bolton	26
86/87	Wrexham	17
87/88 - 88/89	Wrexham	83
89/90 - 96/97	Charlton	139

Defenders

Stuart Balmer

Former Celtic defender who recently signed a new three year contract at The Valley. Can play full-back or in the centre. Captained the side for much of last season but has struggled to hold down a place in 1997/98.

Born: Falkirk, 20.09.69
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st 4lb
League record this season: 14/0
Honours: Scotland Schools, Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88 - 89/90	Celtic	-
90/91 - 96/97	Charlton	211

Anthony Barnes

Now in his second spell with Charlton, having begun his career at the south London club. Missed just one League game

last season and has again been consistent this year.

Born: Lewisham, 25.02.72
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 12st 1lb
League record this season: 27/1
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
90/91 - 92/93	Charlton	27
92/93 - 93/94	Chelsea	2
93/94	Middlesbrough	-
94/95 - 95/96	Chelsea	12
95/96	Southend	5
96/97	Charlton	45

Mark Bowen

Former Norwich favourite who returned to the UK early this season after a spell playing in Japan's J-League. Primarily a left-back, he can also play on the other flank and in midfield.

Born: Neath, 07.12.63
Height: 5ft 8in
Weight: 11st 11lb
League record this season: 31/0
Honours: Wales Schools, Youth, U21, Full caps

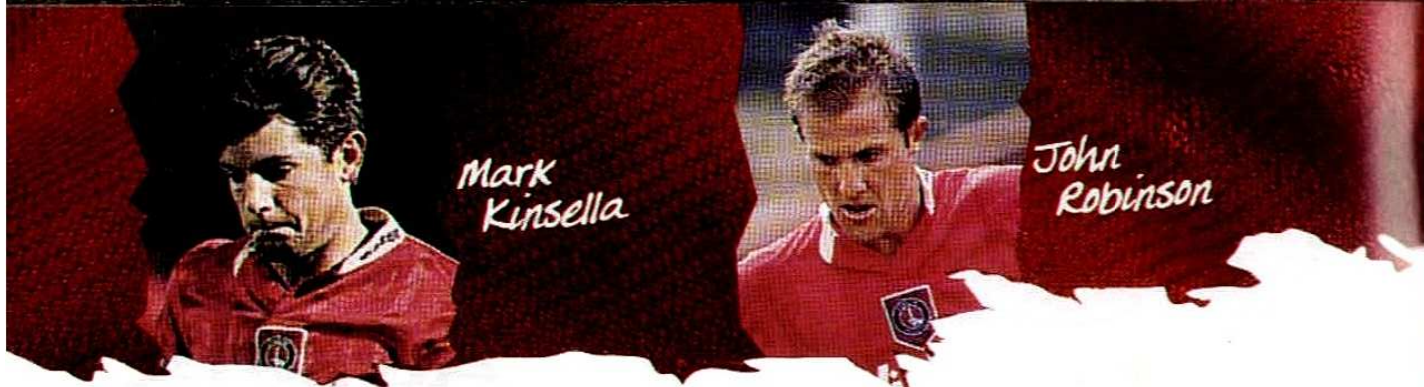
Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 86/87	Tottenham	17
87/88 - 95/96	Norwich	320
96/97	West Ham	17

Steve Brown

Versatile right-sided defender who can also operate in goal if called on in an emergency, as he has been twice before for the Addicks, v Southend in 1995/96 and v Wolves last season.

Born: Brighton, 13.05.72
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 13st 10lb
League record this season: 29/2
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
90/91 - 96/97	Charlton	108



Phil Chapple

Another of Charlton's former Norwich stars. Phil is a central defender who has now fully recovered from a 1995/96 knee ligament injury which kept him sidelined for six months. Likes to push forward into attack when the opportunity arises.

Born: Norwich, 26.11.66

Height: 6ft 2in

Weight: 12st 7lb

League record this season: 35/4

Honours: Div Three title 1991

Era	Club	Games
84/85 - 87/88	Norwich	-
87/88 - 92/93	Cambridge	187
93/94 - 96/97	Charlton	107

Other Defenders include:

Danny Mills, Eddie Youds, Gary Poole, Richard Rufus.

Midfielders

Matt Holmes

Experienced left-sided midfielder who joined the Addicks from Premiership Blackburn in July 1997. Equally happy in the centre, where his hard-work is just as effective. A broken leg has kept him out of action for the majority of the current season.

Born: Luton, 01.08.69

Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 11st

League record this season: 16/1

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Bournemouth	4
88/89	Cardiff	1
89/90 - 91/92	Bournemouth	110
92/93 - 94/95	West Ham	76
95/96 - 96/97	Blackburn	9

Keith Jones

A knee injury sustained in September 1996 kept Keith out

of action for much of last season, but he is now back to his best. Highly competitive right-sided midfielder. He scored against the Robins in Charlton's 3-0 victory over us back in November.

Born: Dulwich, 14.10.65

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 10st 11lb

League record this season: 37/3

Honours: England Schools, Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
82/83 - 87/88	Chelsea	52
87/88 - 91/92	Brentford	169
91/92 - 94/95	Southend	90
94/95 - 96/97	Charlton	75

Mark Kinsella

Skilful and creative midfielder man who poses a big threat with his prodigious shooting from distance. Formerly based down the road at Colchester, George Burley's old club. Ever-present this season, he has been a revelation at the higher level and won his first full cap for the Republic of Ireland in their recent friendly against the Czech Republic.

Born: Dublin, 12.08.72

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 8lb

League record this season: 39/6

Honours: GMVC title 1992; FA Trophy 1992; Rep of Ireland Youth, U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 96/97	Colchester	180
96/97	Charlton	37

Shaun Newton

Another product of Charlton's fruitful youth policy, Shaun made his senior debut as a 17-year-old. Right-sided defender or midfielder who likes to be involved in the thick of the action.

Born: Camberwell, 20.08.75

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 11st

League record this season: 34/5

Honours: England U21 caps; Football League Rep XI

Era	Club	Games
92/93 - 96/97	Charlton	131

John Robinson

Voted the Charlton 'Player of the Year' in 1995/96, John is enjoying another impressive season for the Addicks. A quick and direct winger with good ball skills on either flank. He has missed just one League game so far in 1997/98.

Born: Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, 29.08.71

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 38/8

Honours: Wales U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 92/93	Brighton	62
92/93 - 96/97	Charlton	149

Other midfielders include:

Kevin Nicholls, Paul Mortimer, Paul Konchesky,

Forwards

Bradley Allen

Brother of Clive and cousin of Paul, Bradley suffered a knee injury which kept him out of action for much of last season and has limited his effectiveness this year. A penalty box poacher, he scored on his debut for the Addicks, v Norwich.

Born: Harold Wood, 13.09.71

Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 10st 7lb

League record this season: 12/2

Honours: England Youth, U21 caps



96/97 Sion, Switzerland -
96/97 Charlton 6

93/94 - 96/97 Southampton 61
96/97 - 97/98 Man City 15

Era	Club	Games
88/89 - 95/96	QPR	81
95/96 - 96/97	Charlton	28

Mark Bright

Vastly experienced 'target man', who made his name at Charlton's south London neighbours Crystal Palace in the late-1980s, when his partnership with Ian Wright was one of the most feared in the land. He is married to singer and actress Michelle Gayle and averages almost a goal every other game for the Addicks.

Born: Stoke, 06.06.62

Height: 6ft **Weight:** 12st 12lb

League record this season: 13/6

Honours: ZDS Trophy 1991

Era	Club	Games
81/82 - 83/84	Port Vale	29
84/85 - 86/87	Leicester	42
86/87 - 92/93	C.Palace	227
92/93 - 96/97	Sheff Wed	133
96/97	Millwall	3

Neil Heaney

A left-sided player who is at his best pushing forward on the flanks, but was often used as a wing-back at Manchester City last season. Unable to gain a regular spot at Maine Road in 1997/98 - having been placed on the transfer list at the end of the previous campaign - Neil moved to Charlton on loan on Transfer Deadline Day ten days ago.

Born: Middlesbrough, 03.11.71

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 7lb

League record this season: 3/0

(all for Man City)

Honours: England Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 90/91	Arsenal	-
90/91	Hartlepool	3
91/92	Arsenal	1
91/92	Cambridge	13
92/93 - 93/94	Arsenal	6

Clive Mendonca

Charlton's record signing, the prolific Clive grabbed 20 goals in all competitions for Grimsby last season before joining Alan Curbishley's side in the summer. He is enjoying another impressive season in front of goal at The Valley, and is comfortably Charlton's leading scorer this term.

Born: Tullington, 09.09.68

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st 6lb

League record this season: 33/18

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 87/88	Sheff Utd	13
87/88	Doncaster	2
87/88 - 90/91	Rotherham	84
91/92	Sheff Utd	10
91/92	Grimsby	10
92/93 - 96/97	Grimsby	156

Other Forwards include: Kevin Lisbie, Paul Emblen, Steve Jones.

Alan Curbishley the manager

After four years as half of a double-act running the playing side at The Valley, Alan Curbishley took sole control of the Charlton first-team in June 1995.

His partnership with Steve Gritt - released as Brighton manager in early March - had been a relatively successful one considering the limited budget the pair were working within, and in their first year together they guided the Addicks to within one victory of a Play-Off place.

But, having parted company with Gritt, The Valley board decided to try Curbishley on his own, and in his first year of sole control he led the Club to sixth place in the First Division, and a Play-Off Semi-Final, which they lost narrowly over two legs to south London rivals Crystal Palace.

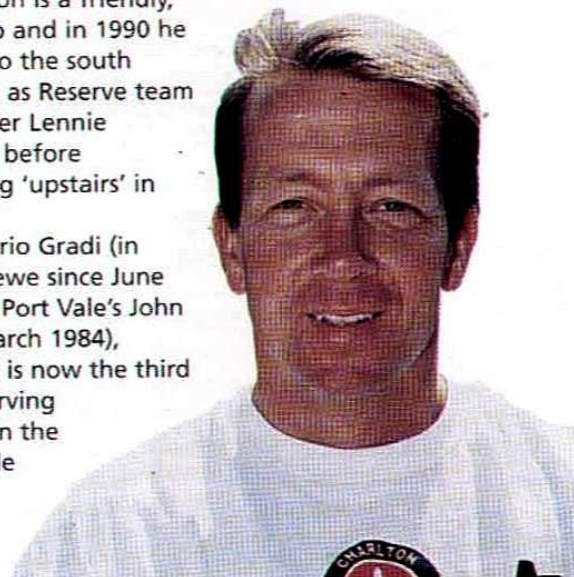
Last season, Charlton were again among the most attractive sides in the division, although they slipped a little in the League rankings, finishing in 15th spot.

But some canny close season dealing, in particular the capture of Mendonca and Kinsella, sparked a revival of fortunes for the manager and his side. As a player Curbishley began with West Ham

United and also had spells with Birmingham City and Aston Villa before first joining Charlton in 1984. After helping the Addicks to promotion in 1986 - via a dramatic Play-Off victory over Leeds United - and a season in the old Division One, he moved on to Brighton to wind down his career.

But Charlton is a friendly, family club and in 1990 he returned to the south Londoners as Reserve team coach under Lennie Lawrence, before progressing 'upstairs' in July 1991.

Behind Dario Gradi (in post at Crewe since June 1983) and Port Vale's John Rudge (March 1984), Curbishley is now the third longest-serving manager in the Nationwide First Division.



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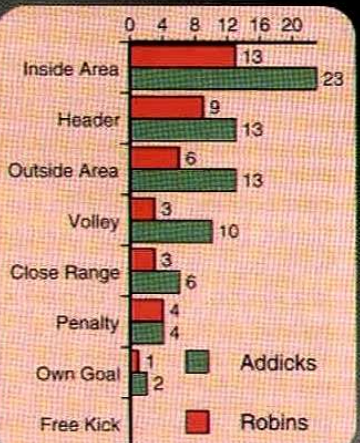
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	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Mark Kinsella	39	6	4	Colchester Home Farm
12/8/72				Eire
John Robinson	37(1)	8	5	Brighton
29/8/71				Wales
Keith Jones	37	3	5	Southend Brentford
14/10/65				Eng Yth
Richard Rufus	35		5	Chelsea
12/1/75				Eng U21
Clive Mendonca	33	18		Grimsby Sheff Utd
9/9/68				Rotherham Doncaster (L)
Phil Chapple	29(6)	4	5	Cambridge Notts
26/11/66				County
Mark Bowen	29(2)	4		Shimizu S-Pulse West
7/12/63				Wales
Steve Brown	27(2)	2	6	Ham Norwich Spurs
13/5/72				5
Shaun Newton	26(8)	5	(1)	
20/8/75				Eng U21
Andy Petterson	23		1	Colchester (L) Plymouth
26/9/69				3
				(L) Ipswich (L) Bradford
				(L) Luton Swindon (L)
Anthony Barnes	19(8)	1	3	Chelsea Southend (L)
25/2/72				1
				Middlesbrough (L)
Steve Jones	13(4)	5	3	West Ham
17/3/70				3
				Bournemouth
Stuart Balmer	13(2)	4		Celtic
20/6/69				2(1)
				1
Mark Bright	11(2)	6	3	Sion Sheff Wed
6/6/62				2(3)
				(1)
				Millwall (L) Palace
				Leicester Port Vale
Matt Holmes	10(6)	1		Blackburn West Ham
1/8/69				1(1)
				Bournemouth Cardiff (L)
Mike Salmon	9	1		Wrexham Bolton
14/7/64				2
				Stockport Blackburn
				Chester (L)
Bradley Allen	7(5)	2	1	QPR
13/9/71				2
				Eng U21
Sasa Ilic	7			Partisan Belgrade
age 25				
Paul Mortimer	5(4)	3	1	Palace Brentford (L)
8/5/68				1
				Eng U21
Paul Konchesky	2(1)			Villa Fulham
15/5/81				1
				Eng U18
Danny Mills	2	1		Norwich
18/5/77				1
				Eng Yth
Kevin Lisbie	1(14)	1		
17/10/78				1
				Eng U18
Kevin Nicholls	1(5)	1		
2/1/79				1
				Eng U18
Eddie Youds	1	1		Bradford Ipswich
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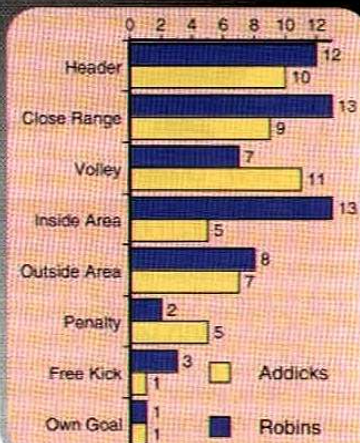
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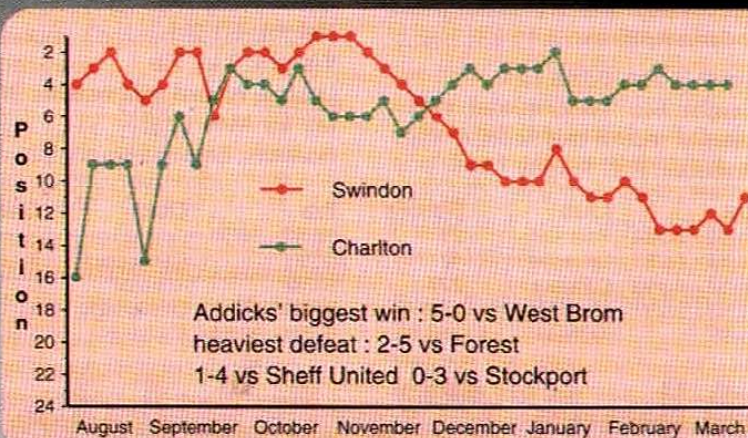
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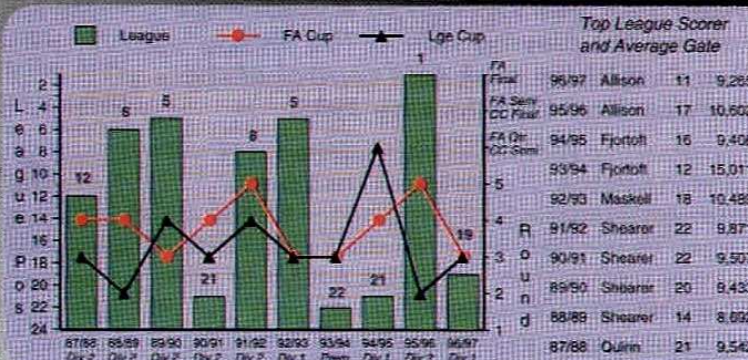
league position so far this season



Addicks' biggest win: 5-0 vs West Brom
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Charlton's 10 year League and Cup record



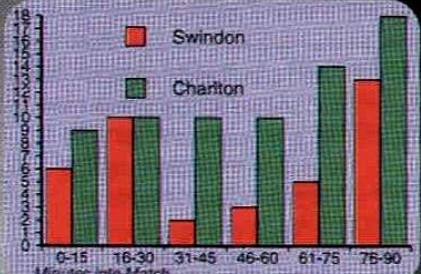
Top League Scorer and Average Gate

Season	Player	Goals	Average Gate
96/97	Allison	11	9,285
95/96	Allison	17	10,602
94/95	Fiorotti	16	9,408
93/94	Fiorotti	12	15,011
92/93	Maskell	18	10,489
91/92	Shearer	22	9,871
90/91	Shearer	22	9,507
89/90	Shearer	20	8,433
88/89	Shearer	14	8,032
87/88	Quinn	21	9,542

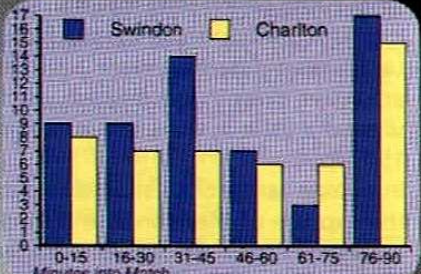
Charlton's results analysis

Goals for	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Goals against	3	2	1	1				
shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg they have won 5 games 3-0 and lost 3 games 1-3								

when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

Swindon returned from a break in Spain to take on Peterborough at the County Ground. The game was played in pouring rain, which possibly helped to explain the disappointing crowd of 10,314. Players Union Chairman Brian Marwood, who was having a

trial with Swindon went close in the 10th minute but it was not until the 68th minute that Paul Bodin raced onto a through pass from Glenn Hoddle to net his ninth goal in 15 games. It was enough to secure the Town a 1-0 victory that left them in 4th spot with a play off battle for promotion to the Premiership looking more and more likely.

Charlton draw 0-0 at home to Barnsley. A lack of penetration is Charlton's main problem in a season when none of their players managed to score 10 or more League goals. Featured in the Londoners team is Garry Nelson who finishes the season with 6 League goals making him joint second top scorer behind Alan Pardew with 9.

10 YEARS AGO

A first half goal by Argyle's giant striker Stewart Evans is the only goal in Swindon's Second Division clash at Home Park. Swindon had enough chances to win the game

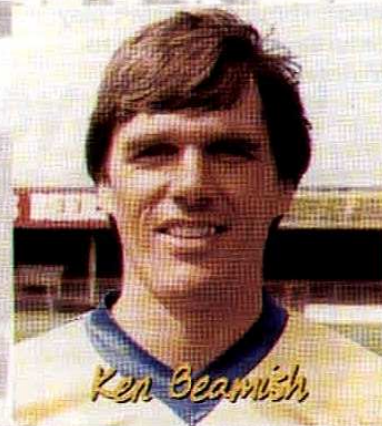
with Jimmy Quinn admitting he should have had a hat trick. There was some consolation for Frazer Digby in the Town goal when he learnt that he had been called up into the England Under 21 Squad for a Championship semi-final in

France. A goal by Robert Lee is enough to give Charlton Athletic a 1-0 win over Watford at Selhurst Park. It lifts them into 18th position in the First Division just one place lower than they finish the season.

15 YEARS AGO

Ken Beamish enjoyed his first win as manager of Swindon when Town defeated Aldershot 2-0 at the County Ground in front of a crowd of 3,494. Only a series of fine saves by Jimmy Allan had kept Town in the game in the first half but two goals in seven minutes in the second gave Town victory. First a fine overlap by Kevin Baddeley resulted in a far post cross which Paul Batty headed home. Then,

after Colin Bailie had hit the bar and Paul Rideout had a shot kicked off the line in a goalmouth scramble. Bailie shot home with the Aldershot defence in chaos. Goals by Carl Harris and Steve White earn Charlton a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace in Division Two. It helps ease relegation worries and the end of the season sees the Haddock in 17th position in Division Two.



FLASH-BACK

21st August 1971 was the day on which Dave Mackay made his home debut for Swindon Town. Charlton were the visitors and a crowd of over 15,000 had turned up to see if Swindon could put right the disappointment of a 4-1 defeat at Blackpool on the opening day of the season. They were treated to an early view of the visitors who turned out half an hour before the kick off to undergo a continental style

warm up introduced by their manager Theo Foley. The signing of Dave Mackay was seen by the Town directors as the little extra class, which would make Town promotion winners as opposed to mere challengers as they had been the previous season. Instead the insertion of Mackay had forced the movement of Stan Harland to an inside forward position and unbalanced the team. Three minutes into the second half Ray Treacy rose above the Swindon defence to

head home a corner and give the London team the lead. Swindon began to look ragged after this but a fine interpassing movement between Rogers, Noble and Trollope ended with Arthur Horsfield driving home an equaliser in the 74th minute. The game looked to be heading for a draw when in the dying seconds Don Rogers headed the ball into the path of Joe Butler who crashed in a 20 yard shot which gave Derek Bellotti in the Charlton goal no chance.

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Monday

23rd March

The lads came in this morning feeling a little bit disappointed with the result against Stockport County. We could've got all three points but at the end of the day we worked hard and got a point off of one of the better sides in the League.

Today we trained on the pitch at the County Ground. This is always nice for the players who have had to put up with some pretty poor training surfaces.

We warmed up with a session of crossing and finishing, and then we concluded the training with a game on the full-size pitch. Those who didn't play Saturday went running to maintain fitness levels.



Tuesday

24th March

Martin Thomas, our goalkeeping coach, came in to put the keepers through their paces, while the rest of us were working on possession, how to keep the ball and not give it away.

Wednesday

25th March

Weeks like this, when you

don't play on a Saturday, are always strange. With a different routine than usual we gave the first team a day off while the reserves played Crystal Palace. I was told the lads did quite well, I was unable to go myself as I was watching a game in Manchester to see if there was anybody we could pick up the day before the transfer deadline.

Thursday

26th March

The transfer deadline came and went without "incomings" or "outgoings" and the transfer market as a whole seemed reasonably quiet.

Friday

27th March

The training today was a running session that we kept to about an hour. Then, with no game the next day, we took the whole squad out for a round of golf to relax the lads and get them having a bit of fun.

Saturday

28th March

The players were given the day off but there is no rest for the wicked as myself and Ross went to watch Oxford play Norwich while Chief Scout Les O' Neill went to watch our next opponents Charlton play against Nottingham Forest.

Sunday

29th March

With no game on Saturday we

started today's training with a practice match to get the players back up to speed. After this we did some running. The intention of the coaching was to work the players every day this week but cut the time down.



Monday

30th March

We had Martin Thomas in for goalkeeping practice again while the rest of the lads concentrated on possession within the grid, with three teams of five. The players started off a bit sloppy but by the end of the session they did some good stuff and gained some benefit out of it.

Tuesday

31st March

All the players were in today. We kept the keepers busy with some crossing and shooting practice as we started the build up to Saturday's game against Charlton. After this we did some light running then worked on set pieces "for" and "against". A good session today.

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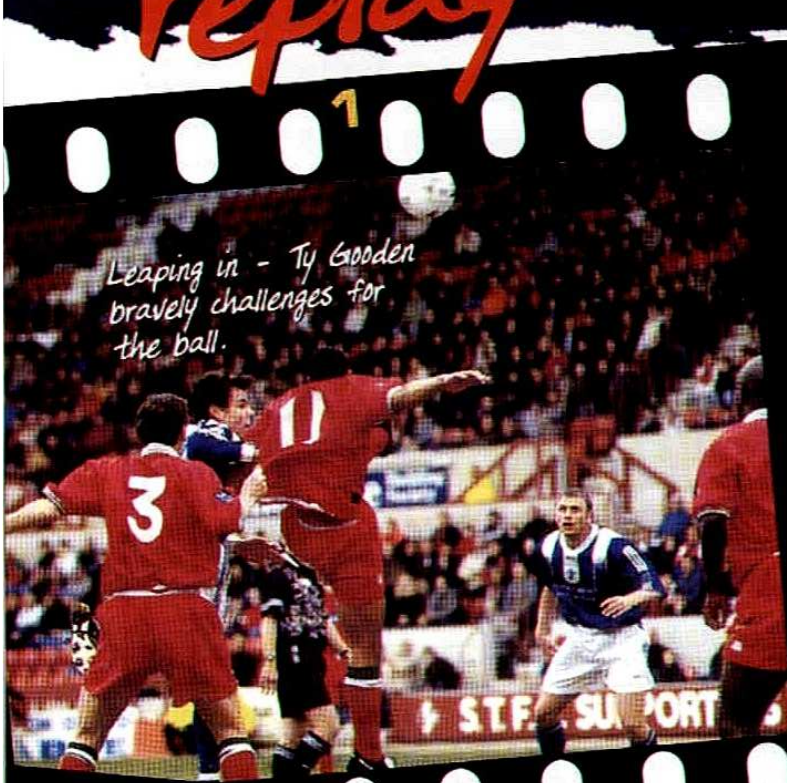
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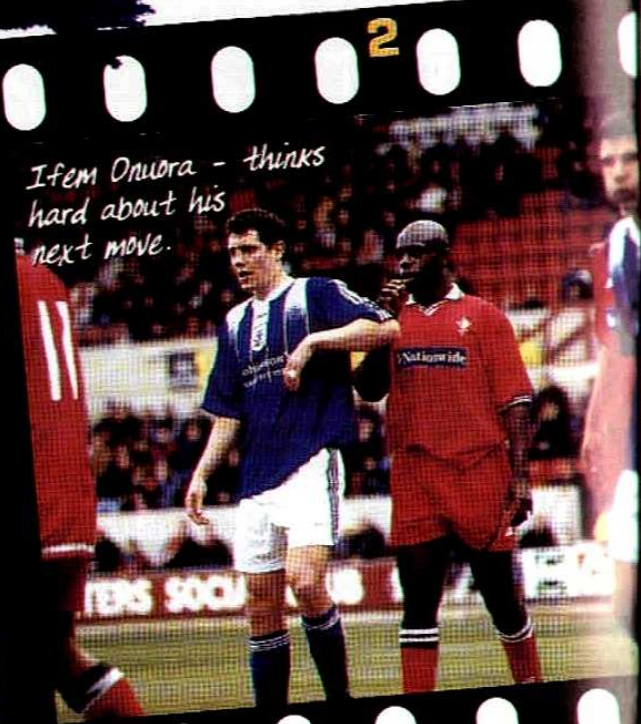
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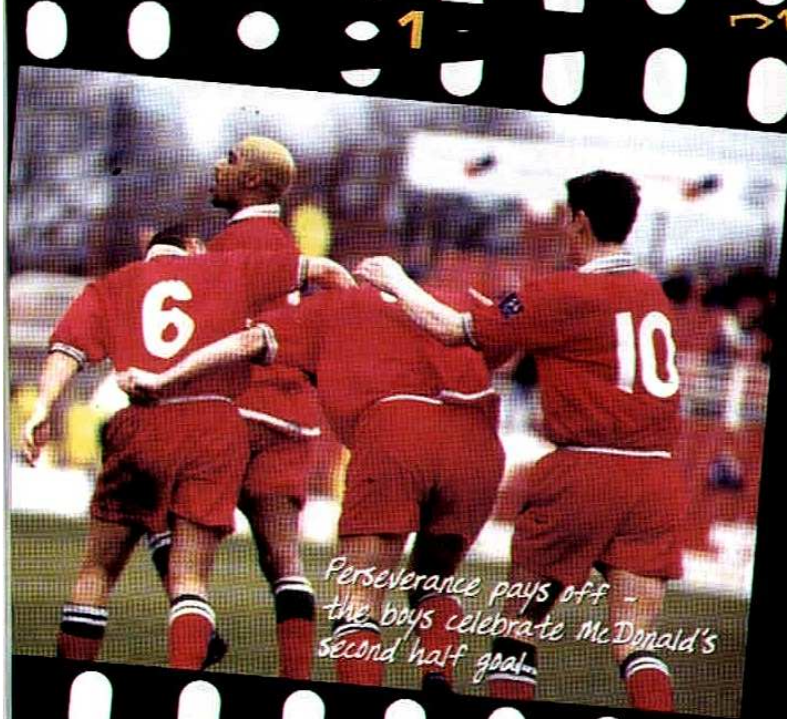
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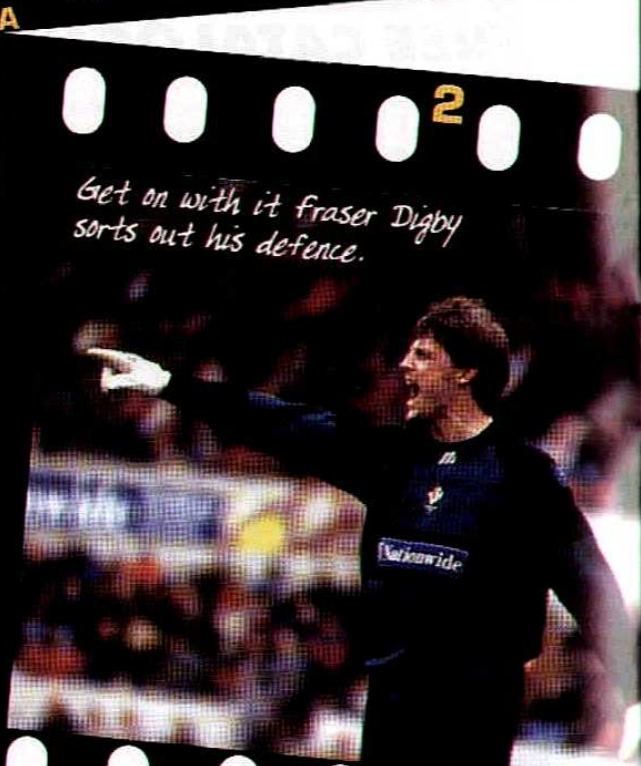
Leaping in - Ty Gooden bravely challenges for the ball.



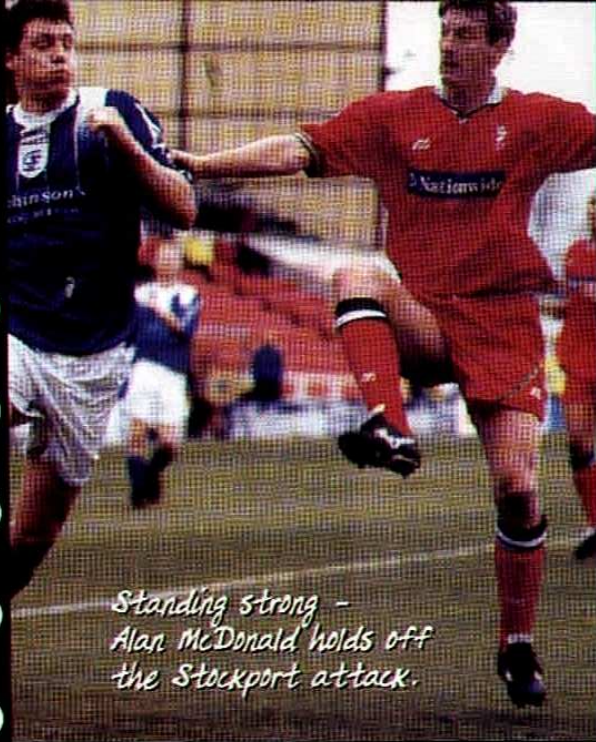
Ifem Onwora - thinks hard about his next move.



Perseverance pays off - the boys celebrate McDonald's second half goal.



Get on with it Fraser Digby sorts out his defence.



Standing strong - Alan McDonald holds off the Stockport attack.



"Come on son get on with it" the referee helps Cuervo to his feet.



RESULT...

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Swindon Town 1
Stockport Co. 1

ATTENDANCE: 6,684

SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 David Kerlake
- 3 Brian Borrows
- 4 Alan McDonald
- 5 Darren Bullock
- 6 Lee Collins
- 7 Mark Walters
- 8 Philippe Cuervo
- 9 Ifem Onuora
- 10 Chris Hay
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Steve Cowe,
Mark Robinson, Bobby Howe.

MATCH REPORT

A game of few memorable moments is probably the easiest way to describe the game against Stockport.

It took 37 minutes before Swindon troubled Stockport, when Lee Collins hit a tame shot straight at the keeper. The second half started brighter. Chris Hay got passed his marker on the left-wing, lifted in a great cross but Iffy headed wide.

Swindon's breakthrough came after 74 minutes when Wayne Phillips was booked for a foul on Walters. Unhurt, Walters swung in the resulting free-kick for McDonald, rising above his marker, to head into the goal.

Swindon then had the chance to double their lead when Onuora was brought down in the box. Walters stepped up to take the penalty which Stockport keeper, Field, parried to deny Town the home win.

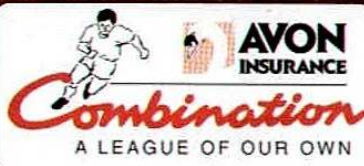
Minutes later Stockport made Swindon pay dearly for the penalty miss, when Woodthorpe drove a brilliant 20-yard freekick into the top right hand corner that left Digby with no chance.

Before the final whistle Digby kept us in the game with two fine saves to stop Stockport snatching the win.

0-0 was a fair results with both sides knocking the ball about in midfield without any penetration in the final third

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Swindon Town Reserves 2 Crystal Palace Reserves 1

We put out one of our strongest sides of the season for the game, so anything other than a win would've been a disappointment.

That said, Palace also fielded a strong team with the likes of Bruce Dyer and Neil Shipperley playing.

We started brightly and took the lead in the tenth minute. Kevin Watson swung in a free kick from the right and Finny did well to head it home.

All credit to Palace they came back from this fighting. They managed to get behind our defence and get a cross in which Shipperley fired towards goal, but Mildenhall made a great save with his feet to deny them.

After this, their only chance of the first half, we started to pass the ball about and produced some good moves and it was one of these that led to our second goal.

A good ball from Davies to Bullock who fired in a low cross and it was Cowe who was quickest to react, tapping it in from close range.

After this we continued to create good chances.

Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.s.	Apps.	Gl.s.	Apps.	Gl.s.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	13	0	0	0	13	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
NICKY BURKE	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(5)	1	0	0	1(5)	1
STEVE COWE	18	4	0	0	18	4
LEE COLLINS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	5	1	0	0	5	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	14	0	0	0	14	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOL DAVIS	9(3)	1	0	0	9(3)	1
FRASER DIGBY	2	0	0	0	2	0
JASON DRYSDALE	3	0	0	0	3	0
STUART ELLIOTT (TRIALIST)	1	1	0	0	1	1
GARY ELKINS	20(1)	3	0	0	20(1)	3
ALEX FINLAYSON	3(9)	0	0	0	3(9)	0
STEVE FINNEY	10	5	0	0	10	5
CHRIS HAY	3	1	0	0	3	1
STUART RODSON	8(4)	3	0	0	8(4)	3
PETER HOLCROFT	11	1	0	0	11	1
BOBBY HOWE	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALUN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	11(5)	0	0	0	11(5)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL KING	6	0	0	0	6	0
PHIL MACDIARMID	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
PAUL MAREAVEY	3(10)	1	0	0	3(10)	1
ALAN McDONALD	5	0	0	0	5	0
MHUGH	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
STEVE McMAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
IAN McSHERRY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	12(9)	5	0	0	12(9)	5
STEVE MILDENHALL	15	0	0	0	15	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	10(2)	0	0	0	10(2)	0
BRADLEY PETERS	3	1	0	0	3	1
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	6	3	0	0	6	3
MARK ROBINSON	5	0	0	0	5	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	4	1	0	0	4	1
FRANK TALIA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	4	0	0	0	4	0
WAYNE THORNE	7(8)	0	0	0	7(8)	0
MARK WALTERS	6	3	0	0	6	3
KEVIN WATSON	16	1	0	0	16	1
ADAM WILLIS (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0

NEXT HOME GAME

**Wednesday
22nd April 1998**

Watford

Kick-Off 7.15pm

NEXT AWAY GAME

**Wednesday 8th
April 1998**

Southampton

Kick-Off 7.30pm

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 0-6
Wed Dec 10	Watford	A PP
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A PP
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 4-1
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 1-2
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 3-1
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 1-3
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-1
Wed Feb 14	Oxford United	A 1-1
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 1-4
WED FEB 25	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 6-1
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 1-2
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 0-3
MON MAR 16	LUTON TOWN	H PP
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2-1
TUE MAR 31	Q.P.R.	H 1-0
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7-30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 7-30
WED APR 22	WATFORD	H 7-15

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Craig Taylor headed a corner over the bar, and Finney failed to finish a great cross from Sol Davies.

We went in at half-time 2-0 up and I told the lads to keep it tight as they would come out for the second half wanting to get back in the game.

The advice seemed to fall on deaf ears as we began the second half sloppily. Instead of short passes we began to hit long balls that were coming straight back down our throats.

Camped in our half it was Shipperley who finally punished our errors. He got away from Seagraves and scored inside Mildehall's near post. This was, by all accounts, bad defending and bad goalkeeping.


But the lads battled well and got the result. A day before the transfer deadline, this was a chance for some of the transfer listed players to put themselves in the shop window and show scouts what they could do.

On the night Sol Davies was the best player on the pitch. The left sided wing back worked hard down the line and got in some good crosses. This was particularly pleasing because Davies has recently been given a one year Pro contract. We're all delighted for the lad, and after a performance like that he has justified his selection.

Team: Steve Mildenhall, Mark Robinson, Sol Davies, Darren Bullock, Mark Seagraves (McAreevey, 85), Craig Taylor, Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Watson, Steve Finney, Steve Cowe, Bobby Howe.

Subs not used: Meechan, Hodson.

THE LEAGUE									
Avon Insurance Combination Div 1									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	
Arsenal	29	17	8	4	64	23	59	+41	
Charlton Athletic	24	18	4	2	58	11	58	+47	
Tottenham H.	24	15	6	3	48	21	51	+27	
Norwich City	31	11	11	9	38	42	44	-04	
Wimbledon	28	11	7	10	34	29	40	+05	
Southampton	26	9	11	6	43	32	38	+11	
Millwall	27	11	5	11	32	35	38	-03	
Oxford United	28	10	8	10	39	51	38	-12	
Portsmouth	28	10	7	11	37	37	37	00	
Q.P.R.	27	9	9	9	41	35	36	+06	
Crystal Palace	27	11	2	14	36	38	35	-02	
Ipswich Town	27	9	8	10	39	50	35	-11	
Chelsea	28	7	10	11	37	47	31	-10	
Luton Town	24	7	7	10	31	34	28	-03	
SWINDON TOWN	27	8	5	16	40	52	27	-12	
Watford	25	6	9	10	26	42	27	-16	
West Ham United	25	6	6	13	29	45	24	-16	
Brighton & H.A.	25	1	7	17	20	68	10	-48	










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South East Counties League Swindon Town Youth 5 Barnet Youth 3

A great game to watch, and a good result for the lads with the Welsh forward Alun Hughes netting a deserved hat-trick.

We got off to a real flyer with a goal after 22 minutes. Jamie Mills hitting a terrific through ball to Wayne Thorne who smashed it past the keeper. Then Hughes got his first of the day to put us 2-0 up. After half-time Barnet started to look more lively and managed to get a goal from the penalty spot. But, five minutes later the lads responded well as Hughes grabbed his second of the day.

Barnet punished us for this when our defence gifted them a goal to make it 3-2. Minutes later we were all square when their centre forward got between two markers and finished well.

But all credit due to the team, they didn't let their heads drop and Meechan restored the lead after a great run from Donlon. Then in the dying minutes of the game Hughes sealed the victory with his third goal to make it 5-3. As well as Hughes having a great game James Williams had a pleasing debut for the youths.

Team: Bittner, Mills, Campagna (Williams, 65), Hodson, Davies, McHugh, Thorne, MacDiarmid, Donlon (McAreevey, 80), Meechan, Hughes.

Sub not used: Burke.

South East Counties League Brighton & HA Youth 2 Swindon Town Youth 4

This weeks hat-trick hero was Alex Meechan who helped us defeat Brighton in another high scoring game.

We didn't start well and actually went 1-0 up against the run of play as McHugh opened the scoring.

However, it was Brighton, who scored next when some silly errors in defence cost us, as it did against Barnet. But we came back with the best possible response when Meechan gave us back the lead.

south east

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	Dec 06	Bristol City	A 3-0
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A 2-3
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A 1-0
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H 2-0
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 0-2
Sat	Feb 07	AFC Bournemouth	A 1-3
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 0-4
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A 0-1
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H 1-0
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A pp
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H 5-3
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A 4-2
SAT	APR 04	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
SAT	APR 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H
SAT	APR 25	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
SAT	MAY 02	BRISTOL CITY	H

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

south west

FIXTURES 97/98

West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	A 4-2
AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	H 2-3
Sept 06	Cheltenham Town	A pp
SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-2
OCT 09	SWANSEA CITY (LC R1)	H 2-1
Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A 1-5
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H 0-3
OCT 25	YEOVIL TOWN	H 0-1
Nov 01	Torquay United	A 1-2
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H 1-1
Nov 15	Bashley	A PP
Nov 27	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A 1-2
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H PP
Dec 06	Bristol City	A 1-1
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 5-2
JAN 10	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H 3-3
Jan 17	Cheltenham Town	A 0-5
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H 1-3
FEB 07	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H 0-2
Feb 14	Swansea City	A 0-2
Feb 21	Yeovil Team	A 0-1
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H PP
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A PP
MAR 14	BASHLEY	H 3-2
Mar 23	Cardiff City	A 0-1

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At Allied Dunsbar Centre or the BR Ground - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

NEXT HOME GAME

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 4th
April 1998

Brighton & HA
Kick-Off 11am

NEXT GAME

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
Three postponed
games

T.B.A.



Swindon Players Around The World

We started off the second half with a great move from that saw Sol Davies surge down the line and pull back a great cross that Meechan slotted past the keeper.

Like our game against Barnet, it was sloppy defending that kept Brighton in the game. Sam Campagna let a Brighton forward get a shot in from the edge of the box to make it 3-2 to us.

Brighton could have stolen an equalizer as they put us under pressure but the reliable Meechan was on hand to put the game beyond them and to claim his third goal and round off an excellent fortnight of football.

Team: Bittner, Mills, Campagna, Hodson, Donlon (Culbertson, 18), McHugh, Thorne, McAreavey, Meechan, Donlon, Hughes (Burke). **Sub not used:** Peters

Robin Hulbert, who is currently enjoying a trial period with Newcastle United has obviously impressed. He has been selected to travel with Newcastle's Youth Team to an international tournament in Dallas, the top youth football event in the world. It is great to see Robin do well, and we wish him luck

Things have also been going well for young Welshman **Alun Hughes**. He has been selected to play for Wales under 18's at a tournament in Italy. Wales have to face America and Norway in there group and could go on to meet some of the best footballing countries in the world. He's been scoring a lot of goals recently, so we're delighted that Alun has got his chance on the international stage.

South East Counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.	GD
LUTON TOWN	26	17	6	3	68	24	57	+44
BRISTOL CITY	25	15	6	4	51	32	51	+19
BRENTFORD	26	13	9	4	46	31	48	+15
WYCOMBE W.	25	10	9	6	37	26	39	+11
COLCHESTER UTD	26	10	8	8	42	37	38	+05
SWINDON TOWN	24	12	2	10	44	40	38	+04
SOUTHAMPTON	26	10	5	11	52	52	35	00
WIMBLEDON	25	10	4	11	41	45	34	-04
OXFORD UNITED	25	10	4	11	45	55	34	-10
BRISTOL ROVERS	27	8	7	12	48	49	31	-01
BOURNEMOUTH	27	7	8	12	38	54	29	-16
BARNET	28	7	7	14	47	61	28	-14
READING	23	7	5	11	31	38	26	-07
TOTTENHAM H.	24	6	5	13	28	45	23	-17
BRIGHTON & H.A.	25	3	7	15	29	58	16	-29

South West Counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
CARDIFF CITY	22	16	0	6	60	22	48
PLYMOUTH	24	14	6	4	48	14	48
SWANSEA CITY	22	15	1	6	61	34	46
EXETER CITY	19	15	0	4	67	26	45
CIRENCESTER	20	14	2	4	46	24	44
TORQUAY UNITED	18	11	2	5	58	37	35
CHELTENHAM	20	8	3	9	33	45	27
NEWPORT A.F.C.	22	5	5	12	28	51	20
BASHLEY	22	5	3	14	34	60	18
BRISTOL CITY	20	5	3	12	26	53	18
SWINDON TOWN	20	4	3	13	27	42	15
BRISTOL ROVERS	23	5	0	18	26	63	15
YEOVIL TOWN	24	3	0	19	21	64	15

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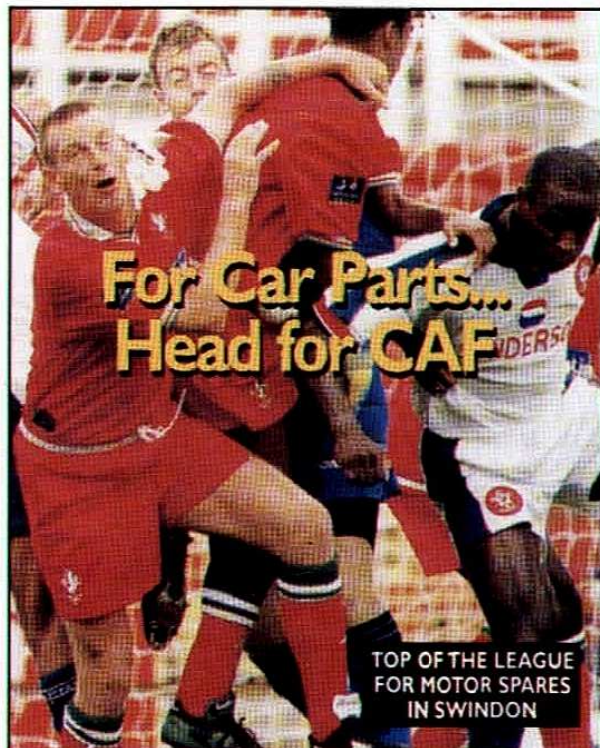


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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the County Ground for today's tough match against Charlton Athletic.

An especially warm welcome goes out to Mr Bailey and his Westlea Wanderers under 11's. Today they are the Saturday Team Club and have enjoyed a great morning of coaching, now its time to get behind the Town, so lets really hear you singing.

Last week saw the final of our eight aside tournament we've been running. The final took place on the evening of **Wednesday 25th March**, at the County Ground, before Swindon's reserve game against Crystal Palace. The game was between **Wroughton and Wanborough** with ten minutes each way. After a very close and exciting game enjoyed by around 500 spectators, **Wanborough** came out top, winning 1-0 with the all important goal being scored by **Danny Stroud**. This is the second year we've run the tournament, with 24 teams from primary schools throughout the area. Last year **Windmill Hill** were winners, it has always been a great success and shows what great levels of football are being played out there. We hope to do a similar event next year with more teams entering, so watch this space for further details.

Today is your last chance to get your application forms in for the **Soccer Courses** run during the Easter holidays. If you want to sign up for the course today, there are forms available at Main Reception in the **Arkell's Stand**. Places are limited, so act quick to avoid disappointment.

In the second week of Easter we're running a soccer courses in Marlborough on the 14th, 15th and 16th of April at St John's School. To register for this course you need to phone Marlborough Leisure Centre and speak to **Angela Field**. Apologies go out to **Mr Mouny and Towbridge FC (below)** who we wrongly called the Towbridge Tigers.



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Clive Maguire

Jon Holloway

If you would like your team or club to be our Saturday Team Club there is still a place available for the Last game of the season against Sunderland, due to a late cancellation. This is going to be a massive game, so it'll be a great day out. The day out includes a morning of football coaching, lunch, seats for the game with a complimentary programme, and a goodie. To book this last place please contact us in the Community Office on **01793 421303**

Until next time, all the best Clive and Jon.



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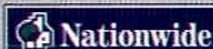


The new courses start on April 20th. Contact Tom Jones: **01793 644777**.

VENUES - (APRIL - MAY)

Centre	Day	Time	Age Group
LINK CENTRE	Monday	5.30-6.30pm	5 - 6 & 9 - 11 years
	Thursday	4.30-5.30pm	5 years
		5.30-6.30pm	7 - 8 years
OASIS	Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	7 + years Girls only
	Saturday	9.00-10.00am	5 - 8 years
		10.00-11.00am	5 - 8 years
STRATTON	Monday	3.30-4.30pm	5 - 6 years
		4.30-5.30pm	9 - 11 years
	Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	7 - 8 years
MARBOROUGH	Wednesday	3.30-4.00pm	5 years & over
		4.00-5.00pm	5 - 11 years
		5.00-6.00pm	11 - 16 years
HIGHWORTH	Tuesday	4.00-5.00pm	5 - 6 years
		5.00-6.00pm	7 - 8 years
	Thursday	5.00-6.00pm	9+ years

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There are not many places left on the coach to Birmingham on Saturday 18th April, so if you want to be where the action is, then give me a call and I will reserve your seat. 01793 532121.

Junior what's

I have had a few replies to the 'Re-name the Junior Robins' Competition, but the Gaffer isn't happy, he wants a lot more ideas before he decides on a name. Do me a favour and keep him sweet, lets have some more suggestions, don't forget, you could have George Ndah's shorts, Ty Gooden's socks or Darren Bullocks shirt signed and framed for you to treasure for ever! (with offers like that I have got my thinking cap on!)

Sponsored clean up

The NSPCC got in touch with me and asked if we could raise some money for them involving our Junior members. The idea is to sponsor Junior Robins to clean the stadium seats, as we have 15,000 seats it will take a lot of Junior Robins and hopefully raise a lot of cash for a very worthy cause. Sponsorship forms will be winging their way to you in the next couple of weeks so get Mum, Dad, Gran and Grandpa to dig deep. The

date of this 'squeaky clean' event is Sunday 26th April (I wonder what one or two of the players would look like with an apron, mop and bucket, - the mind boggles!).



Matchday Mascots vs Wolves



Matchday Mascots vs Stockport Co.

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots



Liam Blackmore

Liam is our first Swindon Town Mascot today. He is 9 years old and attends Lainsmead Junior School. Liam's hobbies include football, watching sport and wrestling. Obviously, a mascot not to be messed with! His favourite players are Steve Finney and Philippe Cuervo and apparently he loves Tomato ketchup sandwiches and changing his baby sister's nappies! *(not while he's eating the sandwiches I hope!)*

Samantha Gibbs

Samantha is 14 and attends the George Ward School in Melksham. She loves Football and Music and her number one player is our very own Fraser Digby.



Thomas Husseyin

Thomas is 10 years old and attends Ferndale Road School. His hobbies are Football and Snooker and his favourite Town player is Chris Hay. This is a birthday treat for Thomas from his grandparents, he was 10 on Thursday. Happy Birthday Thomas from all the Team and Staff at STFC.

Jake Chard

Jake is 9 years old (10 on 13th April) and attends Lyneham Junior School. He has been an avid Swindon Town fan since the age of 3. Jake's hobbies include reading, computers, football and riding his bike - another busy mascot. Jake's favourite player is - you've guessed it, Fraser Digby.



Arthur's Travels

BBC Wiltshire Sound's Arthur Hunt recounts some of the many stories about his trips to report on Swindon's away games.



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My first away trip of the 97/98 season to Graham "Do I Not Like That" Taylor's Watford and a disappointing exit from the Coca-Cola Cup.

Next me and my partner in crime, Shaun Hodgetts go to Stoke and it's party time at their new Britannia Stadium. A scorching hot August Saturday with a Tom Jones look alike and a Pink Cadillac. We gate crash the party, but more importantly so do the Town as they get three hard earned away points. On the way home, in addition to Wagon Wheels I discover Shaun's passion for Chocolate Eclairs.

It was a long trip to East Anglia on a Tuesday night for the Town's first league defeat of the season. The "Chief" has a goal disallowed for a good old fashioned shoulder charge. It always seems like double

the distance on the way home when you lose.

West Bromwich Albion: A 0-0 draw, but they were the most helpful and accommodating stewards and officials at the **Hawthornes**, who could not do enough for us. Shaun takes his life in his hands interviewing Mike Spearman in the middle of a main road- A true professional!

Next it was on to the mighty Main Road. This turned out to be a double disaster for us: Swindon get mugged on the pitch and then I suffer an attempted mugging after the game. Suffice to say we couldn't leave quickly enough. Shaun was all right as soon as he had his **Wagon Wheels**.

At **Wolves** we were holding our own, first Lee Collins gets sent off, then Chris Casper. Are we going to

end up with a five-a-side team? We could only survive so long.

After this we ploughed on to the new **Stadium of Light**, what a place, a multi million pound stadium, but we had to collect our press passes from a portacabin on the building site. It was a hard-earned creditable draw with not a Peter Reid expletive in earshot!

Next we enjoyed a great win at **Fratton Park** that took us top of the table. Looking back I still wince at Steve Mildenhall's injury (six stitches in you-know-what's) and then Shaun asking him after the game: "**Have you got a girlfriend?**"

A nightmare journey to the valley. We set off AT 12.30pm to arrive just after 6.00pm. Shaun would not have believed me if he had not been with me. A poor performance to say the least in front of the Sky cameras. Then it has gone midnight at Heston Services and no **Wagon Wheels!!!**

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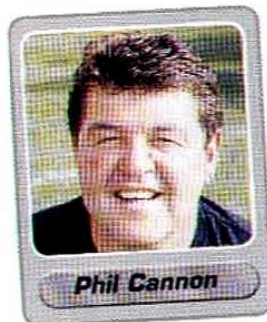
with Phil Cannon

The last games for us was against Southampton Centre of Excellence at under 13, under 14 and under 15 level.

The under 15's continue to impress as they defeated a good Southampton side 3-0. Goals came from Matthew Goodwin, Alan Young and Les Bishop. The youngsters knocked the ball about well, played with lots of effort and showed some real confidence. It is always a good sign when you score plenty of goals and keep a clean sheet. Well done lads.

Still trying to strengthen the under 14's side we had a few trialists playing in the match. It turned out to be a goal-less draw after Swindon missed a penalty. This was obviously disappointing, but the team battled for the draw and showed commitment.

We also had a trialist in the under 13's section. These boys did the Town proud by winning 2-1. The whole team played well, and well done to



Phil Cannon

Mark Draycot who scored both the goals. The team knocked the ball about well, and looked good when they were attacking the opposition.

It is that time of year again when we have to make decisions on all the boys at the Centre. It is a pleasure taking youngsters on at Swindon Town Football Club, and watching them progress. Of course the flip side to this coin is that we unfortunately have to release some of the boys. It is a hard

thing to do but that is football.

This doesn't mean they won't make it as professional footballers as all clubs can make mistakes when judging players. It's up to the boys themselves to keep trying their best in every game they play and continue to improve. We do continue to monitor everybody we've ever had at the Centre so it's worth the effort.

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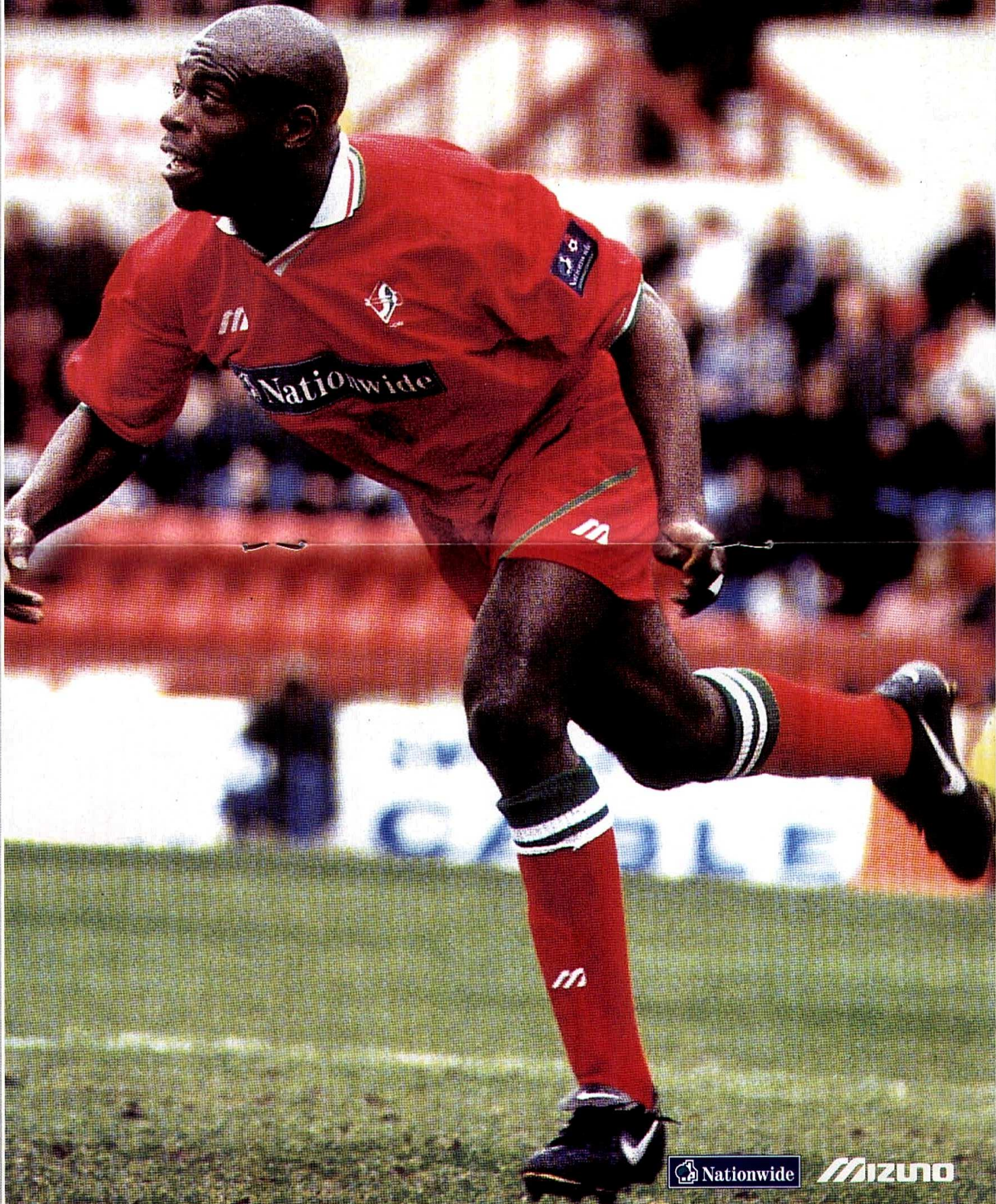
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on the road... travel...



Oxford United
Saturday April 11th
Kick-Off 3.00pm

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A special thank you to our Advertising and Design Agency, PIA who helped us achieve this result. Next year we hope to go one better and have the best programme in the land so watch this space!

Finetime German Night Launch

To Launch the new Finetime Club that will be providing nights out with a difference in Swindon, we are holding a German Night on April 11th at the County Ground.

The evening starts at 7.00pm in the Supporters Club with each person receiving a free Bavarian Glass which is filled up with "bier" once at the bar for free!

The fun filled evening will see entertainment provided by Der Bier Barons Ompah Band along with party games such as "musical towels on chairs" with a disco to finish off the night. Food will be provided German style and tickets are available at £20.00 each via Richard Mackey in the Marketing Office on 01793 532121

In & around the county ground

Great day out for Craig

In 1993 Craig Sneddon was undergoing treatment for Leukaemia, and Ross Maclaren helped promote a book to raise awareness for the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Movement (CALM).

Five years on, Craig is in remission, and came to Swindon Town to meet up with old friend Ross and meet club chairman Rikki Hunt and Steve McMahon. He had a great day and we wish him all the best for the future.



Congratulations

Swindon Town fans Deana and David Togood have made the ultimate gesture of love: they've missed a Swindon match for each other.

The two are getting married today, 3pm at St Johns, Haydon Wick. Congratulations and good luck from everybody here at Swindon Town Football Club.

Disabled Fans

The next meeting of the Swindon Town FC disabled supporters group will be held on 7th April 1998, at 7.15pm in the Supporters Lounge.

All are welcome to attend and there is no fee to join. You will however need an application form which can be obtained from Tony Bedford, in the Disabled Lounges or at any of our meetings.

One of the physio's has been invited to the above meeting to give an insight into their role at the club. This will certainly prove to be an interesting subject. The Group would also like to extend their sincere thanks to the Shadow Board, and in particular John Lodge for helping the group with a constitution. The knowledge, help and support received from the Shadow Board members has been invaluable.

Victoria Meets Ty

Young Town fan Victoria Ashford, had the chance to meet Ty Gooden, one of her favourite players, before the Wolves game.

She also shares kit sponsorship of Lee Collins and is shown here being presented with a signed, framed picture of the team.



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In our most recent Nest Egg half-time draws, both the winners are ladies.

Mrs D Gray of Oxford realised £456 when no. 7182 emerged at the Wolves game whilst **Julie Goodright** of Swindon gleaned £533 for No. 3106 drawn at the Stockport fixture. I hasten to add that the former did not "get behind enemy lines" disguised as a Swindon Supporter whilst maintaining radio contact with the Manor Ground. **Mrs Smith** is a devoted Town fan of long standing. Our other winner would have prevented an undercover agent from storming the County Ground anyway, for Julie is a matchday Steward.

The answer to the "Who Am I?" competition in the Stockport programme was Alfredo di Stefano. The first correct answer drawn

was tendered by **Sean O'Neill** of Lansdown Road, Swindon. An autographed football awaits him in the Promotions Office. Di Stefano is, even today, considered by many as the greatest footballer of all time.

Today's contest requires information about a club rather than a player. So, "Who are We...?"

"Our record victory is 7-0 against Swindon Town in the fifties. We have won the Welsh Cup on six occasions. The Player who has made most appearances for us is Colin Griffin who turned out in 406 league games. We have been managed by someone who played for Swindon as well as being their coach at a later date."

Answer in by Easter Monday please, the day we play Sheffield United.

Whenever we play Charlton Athletic, my thoughts go back to the F.A. Cup tie at the Valley in the 1950's when Bob Edwards smashed the ball past Sam Bartram from the halfway line. This in turn rejuvenates memories of Kenny Strouds free kick against Everton. What is your considered best goal ever scored for Swindon and by whom? Your recollections will be entered in a register to take pride of place in our Hall of Fame. This venture, slowly but surely, is underway and it is hoped to establish it during the close season. Whilst we have accumulated some real treasures appertaining to the club's past, there are still periods not related to. If you have anything at all which you would like to donate/loan to the club for the benefit of others please get in touch.

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from the press box



I don't know about you, but since that night in front of the Sky cameras, way back in November last year, I have really been looking forward to this game against Charlton Athletic.

For those of you who may have forgotten, Brian Borrows was adjudged to have handled the ball inside the area and. From that moment on it seemed as though the Town produced some of the worst football they have played all season resulting in a 3 - 0 defeat. I don't think that will happen today.

The game as a whole was not a classic nor a good representation of Nationwide Division 1 football. Neither side produced the type of form we know they are capable of and this set me thinking about Nationwide football in general. Is there such a difference between the Premiership and Nationwide Division 1 or did both sides just have an off day? When you assess the league it reads like a who's who from the old Division 1: Nottingham Forest, West Bromwich Albion, Queens Park Rangers, Manchester City to name but a few. We have had a representation in this season's Coca Cola Cup Final with Middlesbrough being defeated in extra time against Chelsea but not before they disposed of Premiership side Liverpool on the way. This weekend we have Wolves and Sheffield United battling it out against Premiership opposition for a place in the coveted FA Cup final. I'm sure at least one of them will make it to the Twin Towers, possibly Sheffield United, but what a feather in the cap of the Nationwide hierarchy if both sides were to get

there. They certainly deserve nothing less than a place in the semi's having already played and beaten Leeds and Coventry respectively.

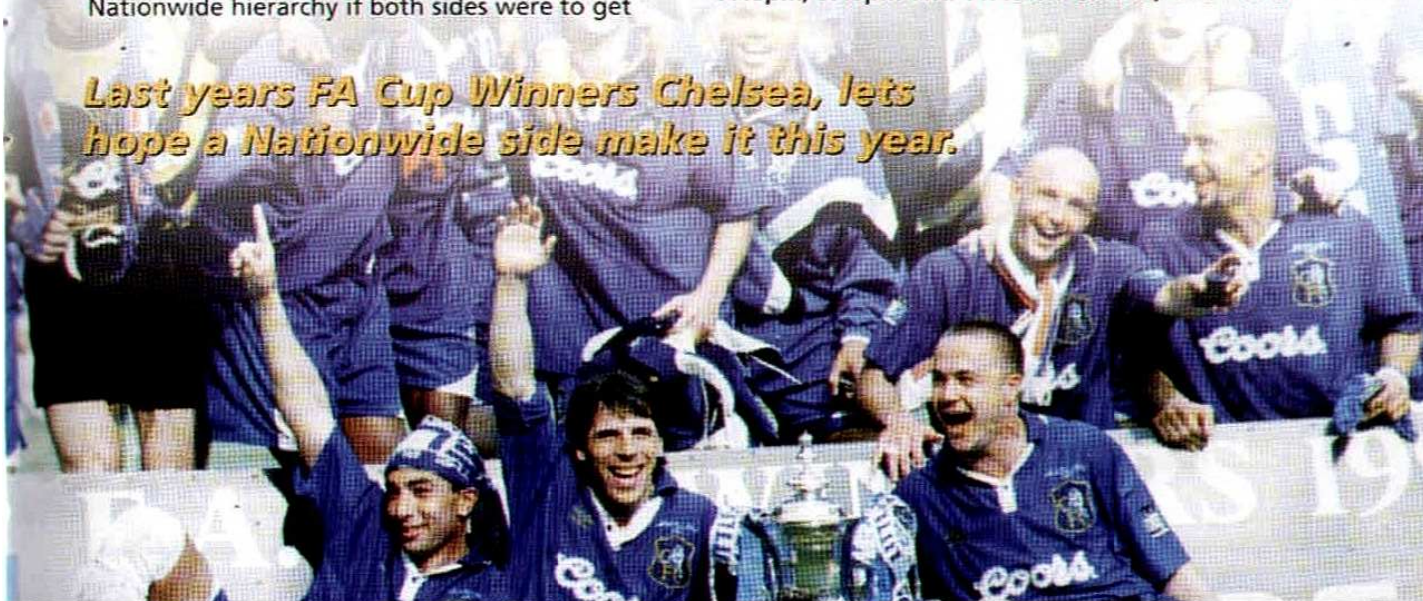
Everybody will talk about Manchester United and Arsenal etc but I believe they are an exception to the rule. What about the form of Tottenham Hotspur. Everton and Wimbledon? There is nothing to strike fear into any Division 1 side.

Today in the Premiership Wimbledon are playing Bolton, a match to stir the imagination if ever there was one! Here at the County Ground we have Swindon Town against Charlton Athletic. Following a superb result against leaders Nottingham Forest, Charlton will be looking to further enhance their play-off hopes whilst Swindon strive to finish as high as possible in the League. This match has entertainment written all over it and I'm sure the quality of football between these two Nationwide league sides will match their counterparts from the Premiership. Enjoy the game and which ever team you support have a safe journey home.

Gary Tate reports on Swindon Town for Swindon's Local Channel.

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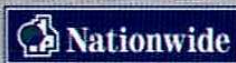
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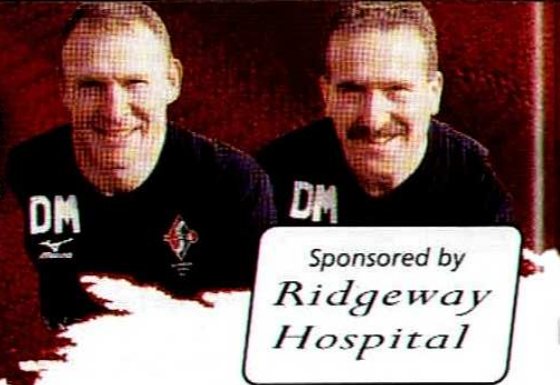


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For all those of you who want to know the latest about George Ndah we can tell you he's making good progress.

He has resumed training with the rest of the squad with a long warm up session to make sure he didn't pull anything. After his workout, other than feeling a bit stiff, he was fine.

Ian Culverhouse has been working hard to get back into action. This week he has resumed training and seems to be well on the way to recovery.

Mark Seagraves played 85 minutes in a reserve game last week and came through it okay. However, he has taken a bit of a knock on the knee and will have rest it.

We're currently working Phil King hard after an ankle injury. Moving on from gym and pool



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Frank Talia has been easing himself back into training while trying not to aggravate it.

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the shadowboard



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The Open Forum is our chance to listen to Steve McMahon and Rikki Hunt answer the questions that all fans want to ask. This time it takes on an even greater significance for all Swindon fans because the Shadow Board will meet with David Mellor and the Football Taskforce right after the Open Forum.

Our meeting with David Mellor is scheduled for 16 April - so be sure to have your opinions heard and questions answered so that the Shadow Board can give the Swindon perspective to the Taskforce.

This is your chance to be heard - don't miss it. Don't be part of the 'silent majority', speak up and be a part of the action. See you all in Calne!

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The verdict after England's disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland in Berne was pretty unanimous..... not good enough.

Okay, we know that the team that eventually took the field was not that which Glenn Hoddle had originally envisaged but withdrawals, for whatever reason, are part and parcel of an International Manager's wardrobe these days, he packs them with his toothpaste and Giorgio Armani Suit.

It is the same for most national team managers and possibly even worse for many in South America, whose stars are straddled across the globe earning their fortune with the richer European Clubs. But at this level, one still expects one's team to perform to certain standards and in the last two outings against *Chile*, at Wembley and now *Switzerland* away, we have been sadly below par.

Those of you who are real football fanatics and have access to Eurosport will no doubt have tuned into that channel after the transmission from Berne to watch the *Germans* take on *Brazil*. What a difference. Here was a game full of passion and spirit between teams whose technique was never in doubt; whose passing was creative and accurate; whose ambition to win the World Cup was worn on their sleeves.

If we had been playing the Brazilians our boys would have been up for it, I can hear you say and maybe you have got a

point. But when we take the field in *France* we will not be squaring up to *Brazil*, *Italy* or *Germany*, the giants of World Cup Football, in the opening phase, but instead the likes of *Tunisia* and *Columbia*.

from the Colin Benson sidelines

Glenn said he was using the two games against the *Swiss* to experiment but there seems to be some conflicts of interest in the *England* Camp at the moment. By experiment, we take it to mean trying out different combinations of players etc and tactical strategy but in both the Under-21 game and the full international, players were again asked to perform in positions and systems they were not comfortable with.

Jamie Redknapp, for example, is rated one of the most creative young midfielders in the Premiership, but he was played as a sweeper in the Under-21 defeat. He did not feel at home and consequently *England* did not get their best from him.

I can understand the thinking behind it, Glenn probably sees Jamie as having the ideal credentials for the role of a creative sweeper, a position well exploited by Continental sides as the source of launching counter attacks either by the sweeper carrying the ball forward or delivering long accurate passes. The young *Liverpool* star has the skill and ability to fulfil this role, but because our Premiership sides

do not operate that strategy it is not a position he is familiar with in domestic football and thus finds it strange to perform on the international stage.

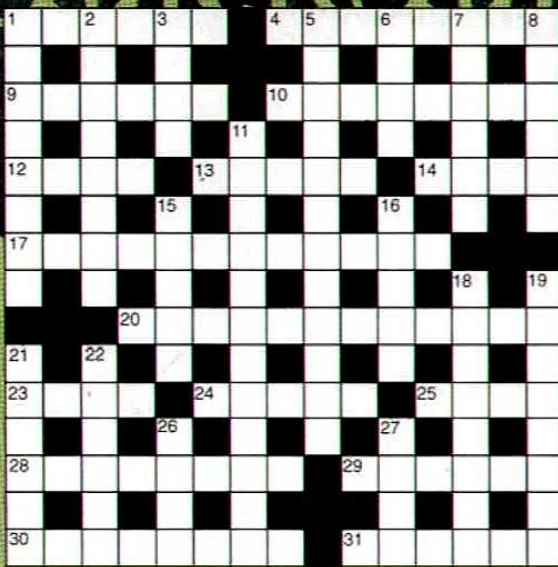
It is a facet of the international game that Ron Greenwood, when *England* Manager, identified and wanted to embroider into the English pattern but failed because his players could not come to terms with it. A pity as it works so well.

Obviously, there is not enough time between now and June to bed players down to new challenges of this stature, for remember it is not only the lead performer who needs to get to grips with the basic demands, but the supporting cast as well. So we can anticipate a return to our more basic traditions the next time we play.

Having said all that and allowing for the patched up side, the bumpy pitch and some frustratingly indifferent officiating from one of the French Linesmen, we were still entitled to expect more from our representatives in Berne and from Glenn's post match reactions it seems he felt the same way too.

We know we can play better, so what was the problem? Were the lads too tired? If so, it does not augur well for the summer when they will have all played another ten games or so. Let's hope they do not end up like *Manchester United* who everyone knows is a better side than *Monaco* - but suddenly when it was needed the players and the spark were not there. According to the record books, United were second best to the French champions.

compiled by Dave Hollister



dues across...

- Created by Bosman in 1995 (6)
- They play at Links Park (8)
- Peschisolido originates from here (6)
- Some fans are these, alas (8)
- Subs are this in the squad (4)
- Ruddock's nickname (5)
- Players' shorts should be above this (4)
- Non-leaguers' are often these in cup (12)
- Some stands are still partly these (8-4)
- Fans reaction to unfair booking? (2-2)
- Even working class Oxford fans are at home here? (5)
- Division no longer with us (4)
- A cup contested by many countries (8)
- Team tactics backfire (6)
- England fans become these abroad (3-5)
- Where you must now go to see Eric Cantona in action (6)

dues down...

- What players do in close season (8)?
- No longer takes part in game (8)
- Striker uses his head (4)
- Mistake tat costs team dear (3-4-5)
- Village team cannot be called this (4)
- All grounds are in this shape (6)
- Away win makes life this (6)
- Ex-England goalkeeper (5-7)
- Celtics most illustrious manner (5)
- "Chippy" who ended career with West Ham (5)
- Marking system (3-2-3)
- The first Colombian ever to play in the Football League (8)
- Robin Hood may have supported them (6)
- Press speculation is often this (6)
- How to encourage Tottenham? (4)
- The last step to Wembley final (4)

answers across...

1. RECHARGE, 2. LINESMAN, 3. NODS, 4. OWN GOAL ERROR, 5. SUBS, 6. RUDDOCK, 7. SHORTS, 8. CUPS, 9. STANDS, 10. UNFAIR, 11. BOOKING, 12. OXFORD, 13. STANDS, 14. STANDS, 15. STANDS, 16. BRADY, 17. ONE ON ONE, 18. ASPHALT, 19. FOREST, 20. UTRIE, 21. SPUR, 22. SEMI.

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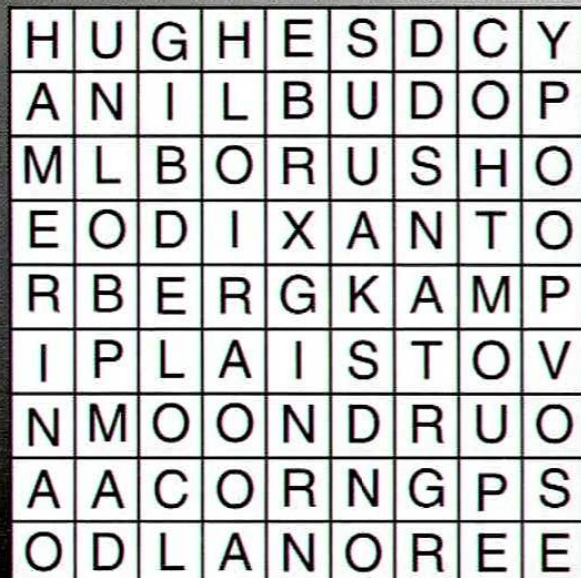
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Portsmouth		Birmingham City
Reading		Stoke City
Swindon Town		Charlton Athletic
Tranmere Rovers		Sunderland
West Bromwich Albion		Middlesbrough

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4. In the 1990 world Cup there were 52 matches. How many players were sent off?
5. Name the three Countries who made their World Cup Debut in the 1994 finals.
6. In which year was the League Cup Final (Coca Cola Cup) first played at Wembley?
7. Which Swindon player scored two goals in the 1969 League Cup Final to shock Arsenal?
8. Which stadium hosted the first European Championship Final which attracted only 17,966 spectators?
9. In which English City did Holland play the Rep of Ireland for the final place in Euro 96?

ANSWERS
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WHO'S KIT?



Last game: Stockport Co.

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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies reached the Semi Final of the Southern Region League Cup when they beat Oxford United in a penalty shoot out following a two each draw.

The Town had an early set back when keeper Jo Sharpe was carried off and replaced by defender Sharon Black. Within the hour the visitors had taken a two goal lead. The Town fought back and Nadine Lloyd scored twice, the second a header into the top corner from Kerie Garwood's cross, to put the sides level. The game went into extra time with neither side scoring and then on to penalties. Nadine Lloyd, Netti Wyness and Pam Laker all converted their kicks and each side missed but Sharon Black gave the Town the advantage by pulling of a fine diving save. It was then down to Clare Wheeler who smacked the ball into the roof of the net to put the Town through.

From Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April there will be a "Soccer Star Week for Girls" on the County Ground Extension. The cost of the week will be £20 and anyone interested should contact Tracy Mackeddie on Swindon 520722.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Southampton Saints in the Semi Final of the League Cup. The Town completed the double over the Hampshire side in the league earlier in the season but since then the Saints are much improved and are currently mid table. The game will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Photo - Netti Wyness, who scored for the Town in the penalty shoot out with Oxford United.

Southern Region League Premier Division.

Swindon Town 2 Oxford United 2 AET Town Win 4-2 On Penalties

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

Subs Used - Kerie Vikki McCann & Sharon Black

Scorers - Nadine Lloyd (2)

Penalty Scorers - Nadine Lloyd, Netti Wyness, Pam Laker & Clare Wheeler



APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	16(3)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	9(8)	6
PAM LAKER	20	8
NADINE LLOYD	20	23
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	17(2)	5
VIKKI MCCANN	4(3)	-
KIM REEVES	20	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	21	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	11(5)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	21	21
CLARE TYSON	18(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	15(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	20	6
NETTI WYNESS	19	2

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Southern Region League Premier Division

SUN 31ST AUG	HAVANT TOWN	5-1
Sun 7th Sept	Southampton Saints	6-4
Sun 14th Sept	Launton	5-0
Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6-0
SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	4-1
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	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 (FA Cup R3)	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
Sun 25th Jan	BRACKNELL TOWN (LC 2nd) walk over	
SUN 1ST FEB	READING ROYALS	1-2
Sun 8th Feb	Portsmouth	2-1
Sun 22nd Feb	Cheltenham	1-2
SUN 8TH MAR	OXFORD UNITED	4-3
Sun 15th Mar	Southampton	5-2
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Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

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Swindon Town	17	13	0	4	70	30	39
Cheltenham	19	12	3	4	54	23	39
Reading Royals	13	12	1	0	59	9	37
Southampton	15	8	1	6	41	35	25
Oxford United	19	7	3	9	31	36	24
Swindon Spitfires	15	6	4	5	28	35	22
Portsmouth	14	6	2	6	24	22	20
Southampton Saints	19	6	2	11	32	46	20
Launton	18	5	3	10	32	46	18
Binfield	15	4	2	9	16	33	14
Havant Town	16	1	1	14	12	61	4

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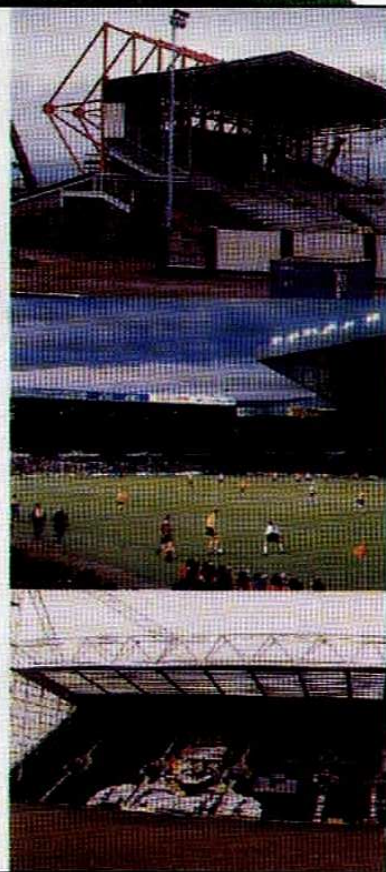
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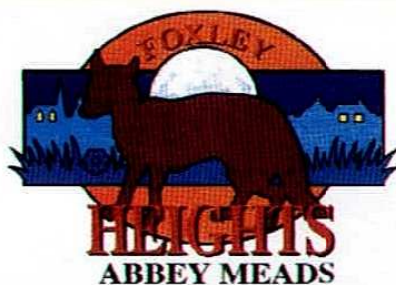
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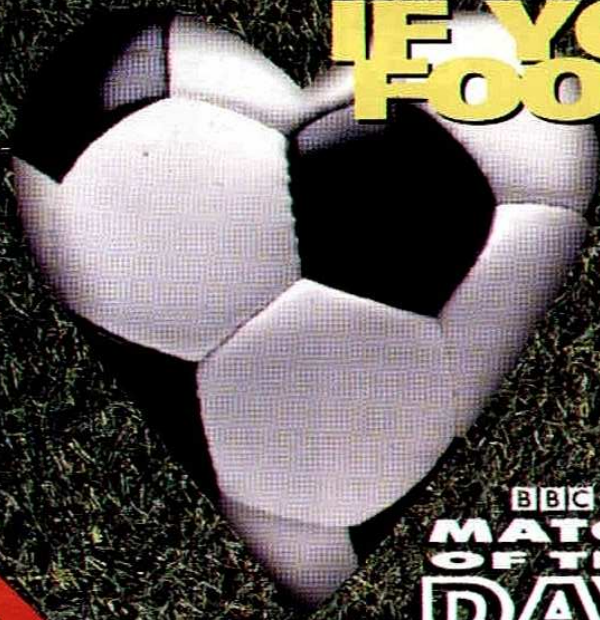
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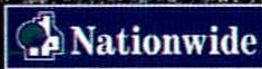
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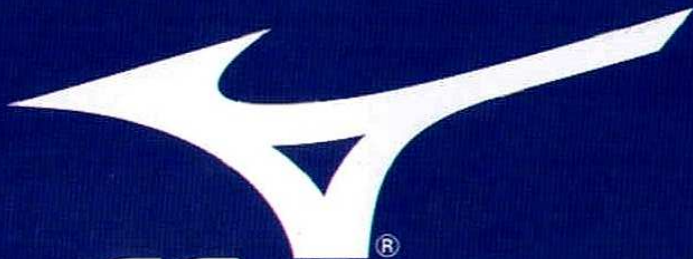
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Middlesbrough, who took Premiership giants **Chelsea** all the way in last Sunday's Coca Cola Cup Final, are the favourites to take the title.

Bryan Robson's boys trail leaders **Nottingham Forest** by two points but do have a game in hand, a situation they will not resolve until the final week.

But any club that can splash £3.5 million out on a player who though undoubtedly gifted is still somewhat mentally brittle - it took Gascoigne just six minutes on his return to the English game to be booked - must have the clout to get out of this Division.

What was patently obvious at Wembley last week was that **Boro's** front runners, Marco Branca and Hamilton Ricard were a yard or two short when up against Premiership defenders. Mr Robson said: "I'm not so sure whether Ricard lacks half-a-yard or whether it was Sinclair who was so quick." I think he can take it they will have to fork out more dosh should they return to the top flight.

Today **Boro** visit **West Brom** and should collect maximum reward from an **Albion** side that has dropped to 12th and lost six and drawn six of its 20 home games

Nottingham Forest don't play until tomorrow when they host the First Division's form team, **Ipswich Town**. The Suffolk club have won their last five games and are now strongly tipped to contest the play-offs. **Forest**,

with four wins and two defeats (not including Wednesday's home fixture with **Sheffield United**), the last by 4-2 at **Charlton** last Saturday, will be desperate to win as they can feel **Sunderland** breathing down their necks.

It should be quite a game with the First Division's leading scorer, Pierre Van Hooijdonk (26 goals), shooting it out against Town's ace marksman David Johnson (21 goals) . . . Looks just right then for a 0-0 draw!



By Colin Benson

The team the two favourites most fear of course is **Sunderland** whose grit and character mirrors that of their manager Peter Reid. They too have an outstanding scorer in little Kevin Phillips whose 23rd goal of the season brought victory over **Bury**. He will be keeping his powder dry this weekend as **Sunderland's** opponents **Sheffield United** have Wembley in mind.

The play-offs alas, are just out of reach for us now but there is a real scrap ensuing for the six Clubs chasing the three vacancies alongside either **Sunderland, Forest** or **Boro**. **Ipswich**, as already mentioned, top the current form chart and must be favourites though **Charlton** are giving more than a good account of themselves and hold a two point edge which we aim to destroy this afternoon.

Then come **Sheffield United** and late runners **Birmingham City** who can't afford to slip up at Fratton Park today, while

Wolves and **Stockport** complete the pack chasing for honours.

Wolves boss Mark McGhee was allowed one last roll of the dice with three deadline day signings. He spent £50,000 on **Southampton** winger Robbie Slater after taking Neil Emblem back from **Crystal Palace**, writing off the £900,000 **Palace** still owed, in the process. . . a lot of money to be spent on what must be seen as a short-term policy to get them up given that all three players have failed to establish themselves at Premiership level.

But will **Wolves** do it? The 2-0 win over **Portsmouth** only kept them in touch with **Birmingham** and they needed another win at **QPR** on Wednesday to draw level on points.

The Molineux boys are pre-occupied with the FA Cup this weekend then travel to **Charlton** where they are guaranteed a hot reception on Tuesday. They will still head **Stockport** whatever the outcome of **County's** derby clash with **Man City** at Maine Road this afternoon. What tension there will be there.

Stockport have to win to keep their hopes of participating in the Play-offs alive. **City** have to win to survive....Their 2-1 defeat at Bradford kept them in the bottom three and no side in this Division has won fewer home games. **City** have won only five, drawn five and lost 10 at Maine Road and they are without a win in four games.

Reading had five new faces in the team at **Ipswich** and I suppose can claim the 1-0 defeat as a morale victory at least having been reduced to nine men following the sending-off of Legg and Bernal. But new manager Tommy Burns will need more than morals to save them from the drop. Three points at **Stoke's** expense for starters.



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A point against Stockport County, a team fighting for the play-offs, is not a bad result, it just felt like it was because of the way the game went.

We go 1-0 up. Straight after Walters missed the penalty, they snatch a last minute equalizer. That is a gutting way to miss out. Looking back at the match with **Stockport** it was a game of few memorable moments, Iffy worked hard, Chris Hay looked a lot better than he has done but we failed to create any real chances. It was only in the last fifteen minutes that the match came to life when Alan Mac leapt above his marker to send a looping header into the net. By rights we should have shut the door on **Stockport** and just kept possession for the last

part of the match but of course that is easier said than done. All credit to them, they worked hard for the last ten and scored a fine 20-yard free kick. Since then we haven't had a game and I know the lads have been waiting for today to show that they

the captain's comment

can bounce back with a better performance.

That said, today's game is going to be as tough as it gets. Looking at our run in **Charlton** is one of the "big three" that we will be playing before the seasons end, the other two being **Sheffield** and **Sunderland**.

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throughout the entire season, and this is backed up by the fact they currently sit very comfortably in fourth position, a place below the mighty **Sunderland**. With a likely play-off position for **Charlton** and dreams of Wembley in their minds we must remain focused against today's tough opposition.

Last season we had a poor run in that saw us slid down the league table. Although relegation isn't a fear, form like that casts a long shadow over your summer. This season we all want to finish strongly, and get as high up the league as we can so I know the lads will be battling for the three points.

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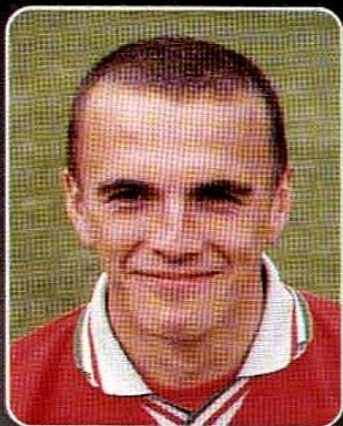
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FACT FILE...

Name: Lee Collins
Date of birth: 3.2.74.
Place of birth: Bellshill
School years
Secondary school attended: Airdrie Academy
Best subject at school: P.E.
Worst subject at school: Foreign Languages
Football team supported at school: Liverpool
Football hero as a schoolboy: Kenny Dalglish
Favourite football position at school: Midfield
Career taken up if not football: No idea
First match ever seen: It was an Airdrie game
At what age did you first attend matches: 5 or 6 years of age.

Now

Favourite other sport: Pool and golf
Biggest influence on career: Mum and Dad
Best match ever seen: Liverpool Vs Newcastle (4-3)
Favourite football expert: Alan Hansen.
Favourite country to watch: Brazil.
Highlight of career so far: Getting in the first team this season
Biggest disappointment: Being injured for much of last season
Choice Opponents in a cup tie: Man Utd at Old Trafford

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Lee Collins

When results were not going our way, it was Lee Collins' form that was a ray of light in otherwise dark times.

This purple patch has led to the promising Scotsman signing a new contract that will keep him at the County Ground for the next two years.

His enthusiasm, aggression and work rate make him a tough tackling midfielder, but behind this hard image, Collins is actually a mild mannered person, who likes a laugh (something that is in evident when you read who he picked as worst and best dressed at STFC).

"There is always the English-Scottish friendly rivalry at clubs" said Lee "Me, Scott Leitch and Chris Hay always have a dig at the lads, it's just the crack in the dressing room."

Lee Collins spent the early part of his career in his homeland of Scotland. He took his first steps up the professional ladder at Airdrie where he was a trainee for two years.

After this, Collins moved between Kilmarnock and Patrick Thistle, but it was only when he went to Albion Rovers in the Scottish Third Division that he began to play well and enjoy himself.

"I didn't really take things too seriously until I moved to Albion. When I was younger, I was pressured a bit by my dad, but at Albion I really started to relish the football."

"The standard in the Scottish Third wasn't the best but it was a tough fought league and an excellent place to learn."

Playing in Albion's first team, Lee was spotted by Swindon Scouts and in 1995 made a trial appearance for Swindon Reserves against Southampton. He showed a lot of potential and was subsequently signed the same year from Rovers for £15,000.

Collins got off to a nightmare start for the Town by picking up a knee injury that excluded him from the majority of the 96/97 season.

"It was really frustrating for me to be sat on the sidelines and just watching," said Collins. "As a player you always feel you can make a difference to a team, I wanted to be in the thick of things."

This current season has seen a real turn around for Lee, who has worked hard to get back from injury and press for a first team place.

"At the start of the season, I was on the fringes of first team football, which can be a pain, but it was great to be part of a club that was doing so well in Division One."

As Swindon slipped away from the top so Collins forced his way in to the team and showed us all what he is capable of. Week after week, he was consistently turning in one good performance after another.

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"It was just nice to be in the team" said Lee "But at the end of the day it doesn't matter how I play,

it is just important that we win. If we lose and I have a good game I still go home unhappy.

"That rut we got into was so hard to battle against. When you're at the top everyone rebound, every 50/50 goes your way, but when you're struggling you just don't get any luck."

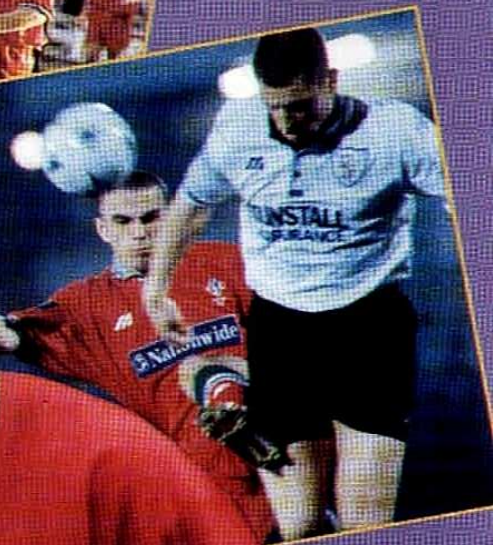
The Players now seem to have put that behind them and this has a lot to do with the way Collins has been working in Midfield.

"I'm delighted that we seem to be playing better and no longer losing. It has been hard with such a bad run, but we've got to keep playing well and push for a good league position this year to set us up for next season.

"I believe that we will be up there pushing for a play-off position next year, amongst some big teams. I moved down from Scotland to play against the top clubs, I know what is to be had down here and I'm hopeful I can take my chance."

If recent form is anything to go by, Lee Collins already is.

Lee Collins - has made a solid impression.



GENERAL...

Favourite food: Pasta
Favourite drink: Orange Juice
Favourite comedy: Only Fools and Horses
Favourite comedian: Billy Connolly
Favourite film: Scarface
Favourite film star: Al Pacino
Favourite item of clothing: Tracksuit
Smartest dresser at STFC: All the Scottish Boys!
Worst Dresser at STFC: All the English Boys!

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



1 NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 02.04.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	40	15	2	3	9	6	5	70	38	80
SUNDERLAND	39	12	6	2	10	4	5	72	41	76
MIDDLESBROUGH	38	14	3	2	8	6	5	64	36	75
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	39	13	5	1	7	4	9	71	49	69
IPSWICH TOWN	39	11	4	4	7	9	4	64	38	67
SHEFFIELD UNITED	38	14	4	1	3	10	6	56	41	65
BIRMINGHAM CITY	40	9	6	5	7	8	5	52	33	62
WOLVES	39	12	5	3	5	4	10	47	39	60
STOCKPORT COUNTY	40	12	5	3	4	2	14	61	56	55
OXFORD UNITED	40	11	5	4	4	3	13	55	52	53
BRADFORD CITY	40	10	8	2	3	6	11	41	43	53
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	40	8	6	6	6	5	9	39	46	53
SWINDON TOWN	40	9	5	6	5	4	11	39	59	51
CREWE ALEXANDRA	40	7	2	11	8	3	9	46	57	50
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	40	7	5	8	5	5	10	45	58	46
TRANMERE ROVERS	38	7	6	5	5	4	11	43	46	46
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	41	8	8	5	2	7	11	45	56	45
BURY	40	6	9	5	3	9	8	37	48	45
NORWICH CITY	40	7	8	5	4	4	12	37	62	45
PORT VALE	40	6	6	8	5	3	12	47	58	42
PORTSMOUTH	39	7	5	8	4	3	12	41	55	41
MANCHESTER CITY	40	5	5	10	5	5	10	43	48	40
STOKE CITY	40	6	5	9	3	8	9	38	61	40
READING	40	7	4	9	3	5	12	36	69	39



1 The Coca-Cola Cup LITTLE WOODS 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	34	0	0	0	34	0
DARREN BULLOCK	20(5)	0	0	0	20(5)	0
LEE COLLINS	19(4)	1	1	0	20(4)	1
STEVE COWE	7(7)	2	1(1)	0	8(8)	2
PHILIPPE CUERVO	13(6)	0	2	0	15(6)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	9(2)	0	1	0	10(2)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	2	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	32	0	2	0	34	0
JASON DRYSDALE	11(3)	0	2(1)	0	13(4)	0
STUART ELLIOTT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	16(7)	4	1(1)	0	17(8)	4
TY GOODEN	35	2	3	0	38	2
CHRIS HAY	28(5)	14	2	0	30(5)	14
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0	0	0	9(3)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	4	0	0	0	4	0
SCOTT LEITCH	24(1)	1	2	1	26(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0	0	0	4	0
ALAN McDONALD	27(5)	2	3	0	30(5)	2
STEVE McMAHON	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	10	1	1	0	11	1
IFEM ONUORA	3	1	0	0	3	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	21(1)	1	2	0	23(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	2	0	1	0	3	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	25(3)	2	1	0	26(3)	2
MARK WALTERS	20(9)	4	2(1)	1	22(10)	5
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	11(4)	0	1	0	12(4)	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 4-1	10,902
Sat Dec 13	Sheffield United	A 1-2	18,115
SAT DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H 1-1	10,334
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A 0-3	26,500
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H 0-2	10,609
SAT JAN 3	STEVENAGE BOROUGH (F.A. Cup 3)	H 1-2	9,422
Sun Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A 0-2	4,176
SAT JAN 17	READING	H 0-2	9,500
Sat Jan 24	Bradford City (F.A. CUP 4)	A 1-1	15,130
WED JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H 1-0	6,683
Sat Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A 0-0	10,028
SAT FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 0-2	9,861
Tue Feb 10	Tranmere Rovers	A 0-3	5,288
Sat Feb 14	(F.A. Cup 5)		
Tue Feb 17	Port Vale	A 1-0	5,925
SAT FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H 1-3	12,280
Sat Feb 28	Bury	A 0-1	5,002
SAT MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H 0-1	9,100
Wed Mar 11	Middlesbrough	A 0-6	29,581
Sat Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A 2-1	13,486
WED MAR 18	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 0-0	7,771
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H 1-1	6,684
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
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DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(4)	BULLOCK(3)
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WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTIMORE(4)
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- FRASER DIGBY 1
- DAVID KERSLAKE 2
- BRIAN BORROWS 3
- ALAN McDONALD 4
- DARREN BULLOCK 5
- LEE COLLINS 6
- MARK WALTERS 7
- PHILIPPE CUERVO 8
- IFEM ONUORA 9
- CHRIS HAY 10
- TY GOODEN 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON

Charlton Athletic

- SASA ILIC
- DANNY MILLS
- MARK BOWEN
- KEITH JONES
- RICHARD RUFUS
- EDDIE YOUNDS
- SHAUN NEWTON
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- JOHN ROBINSON
- CLIVE MENDONCA
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Today's Result and Attendance

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Attendance




Referee:
R. D. Furnandiz

Assisted by:
E. A. Martin
S. S. Thiarra

Reserve Official:
S. West

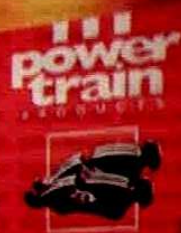
Roger Furnandiz

Roger is a 44 year old Technical Sales Manager who is married with two children aged 16 & 13. He began Refereeing in 1975 in the Doncaster area League and progressed to become a Football League Linesman in 1985. Roger then went on to become a Football League Referee in 1994. During Roger's refereeing career he has refereed over 400 Premier & Football League games. His hobbies include Golf and Cricket. Roger is also the Vice Chairman of the Doncaster Referee's Society.



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