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# Welcome to the County Ground

**A very warm welcome to the  
County Ground for this  
afternoon's game against  
newly promoted Bristol City.**

It's been a few years since we have played each other so both teams will be keen to come out on top from today's local derby.

Tuesday night saw over 100 supporters filling the Executive Suite here at the County Ground for a presentation and discussion with Chairman Rikki Hunt covering the topic "Swindon Town - the Business". Many thousands of people tuned into the programme that was broadcast live on BBC Wiltshire Sound to listen to an interesting insight into the business of football and the issues that are hitting Clubs up and down the country.

Whilst the presentation demonstrated that the business side of Swindon Town is moving forward we are still looking for our first win of the season and what better way to do it than in a local derby match such as today's.

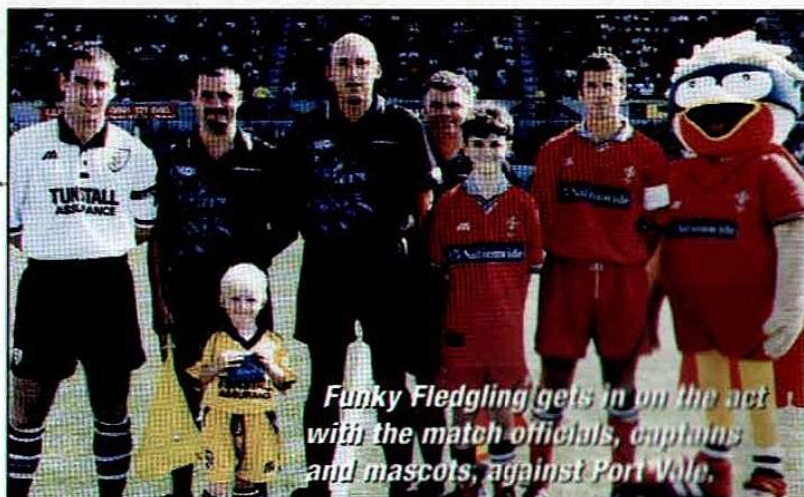
Towns spirited performances in the early games have yet to produce a hat trick of points and our last game against Bury summed up the season so far, forty

five minutes of quality football followed by some sloppy defending. Team spirit is high and a goal to put us ahead will kick start our season for proper - we are creating the chances and if we the spectators make some noise and get behind the lads it will happen.

Today's game is not going to be easy with Bristol spending a few quid and pulling together a squad that should, at the very least, guarantee them First Division football next season. Their impressive fire power includes recent acquisitions Ade Akinbiyi and Tony Thorpe. At a cost of £2 million City fans will be keen for today to be payback time. The interesting clash of Taylor versus Taylor is not going to be possible with City Captain, Shaun, out injured with cruciate ligament damage so younger brother Craig will have to wait until our visit to Ashton Gate to compete against his brother.

Our next home game is another local derby against Oxford next Wednesday. Please remember that this is once again an ALL TICKET match so please make sure you have your ticket prior to match day.

Back to today and here's looking forward to an entertaining game this afternoon and as the advert says lads - "just do it."



*Funky Fledgling gets in on the act with the match officials, captains and mascots, against Port Vale.*

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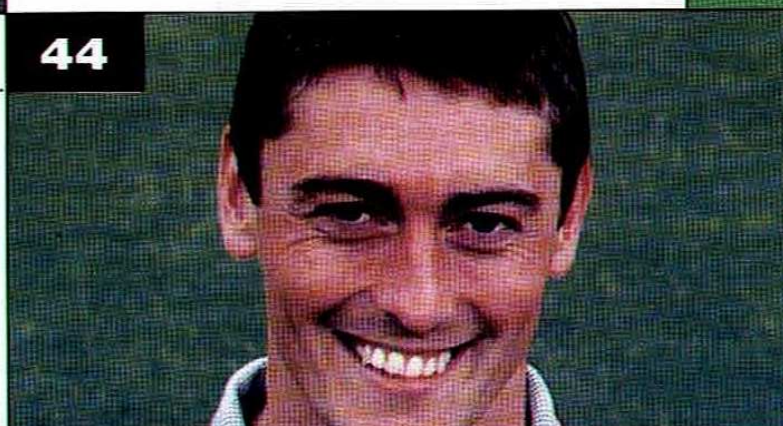
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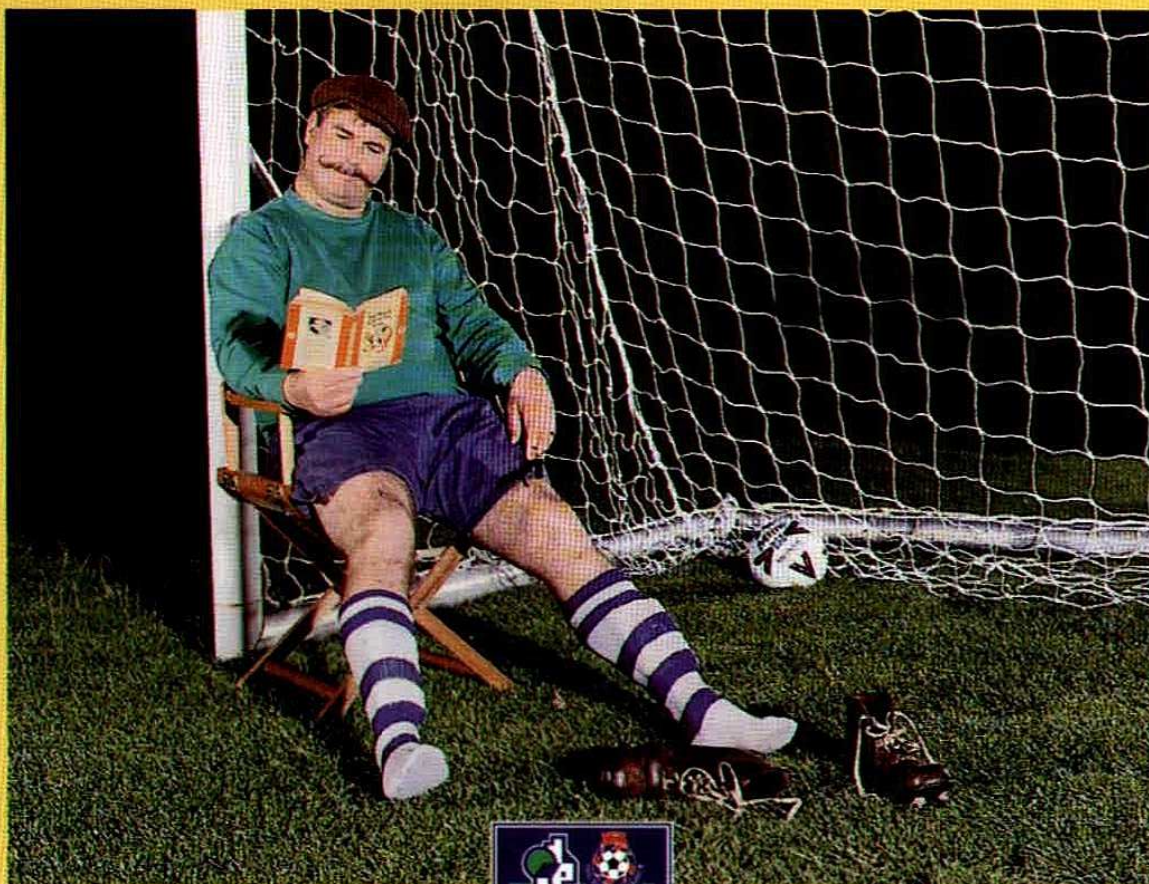
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## NEXT MATCH

Steve McMahon's view  
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**OXFORD UNITED**  
**Wed 9th Sept 1998**



"Wednesday night sees our local neighbours Oxford United visit the County Ground.

This fixture will always be a battle, and there certainly will be a lot of pride at stake for both teams".

# Manager STEVE McMAHON

Today we face our old local rivals Bristol City for a game that has an added spice as we continue to look for the first win of the season.

It would be an underestimation to say that last weekend went according to plan. After playing well against three of the league's toughest sides I think we all predicted to pick up some points against Port Vale and Bury.

But you can never write the script in football - and we learnt this to our peril.

Against Port Vale we started like a team that was going to score a hat full. Bullock headed wide from close range and Ty Gooden raced down the left and fired in a blistering shot, only to see it hit the post.

It was a similar pattern against Bury. We started brightly enough with most of the attacking play coming from us.

During the first half Iffy Onuora had the three best chances, with two shots fired over

the bar and a great header that hit the woodwork. Bury are a side that have not conceded a goal all season but we found plenty of gaps in their defence. The fact that we had 19 chances on goal compared to their 14 says it all.

The most important thing in football is scoring goals and we just couldn't stick the ball in the back of the net. We certainly created plenty of chances against both Bury and Port Vale but what we lacked was the killer touch in front of goal.

Once you have chances but don't take them it puts pressure on the rest of the side, and at a place like Gigg Lane this soon converts into goals against.

As soon as the first goal went in against Bury our heads dropped and they continued to come at us for the last half hour.

But, as hard as it may be, the whole club should put this behind them and concentrate on getting the three points against Bristol City today.

Our local rivals have had a steady start to the season. As one of the newly promoted sides Bristol City should be pleased with the progress made so far. They are only just above us in the league so three points are important to both clubs. From my days of playing on Merseyside I know as well as anyone how tough a local derby can be, today's game is no different.

We have not had the ideal start to the season, but we must believe in the team and get behind them. We all want the same thing: three points. The best way you can help us achieve this is by getting behind the lads on the pitch and making plenty of noise.



**"During the first half Iffy Onuora had the three best chances, with two shots fired over the bar and a great header that hit the woodwork"**



# Today's visitors **BRISTOL CITY**



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

We hope you all enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

After Graham Taylor's Watford, Bristol City were the best side in last season's Second Division by a country mile. The Robins - yes, Town share that nickname with today's visitors - finished in second place in the final table, three points behind Watford and a whopping 13 ahead of third placed Grimsby Town.

In a near perfect campaign by John Ward's impressive looking side, promotion back to the First Division was clinched comfortably after a gap of three seasons - and this time City aim to stay.

Never among the games biggest spenders, City quietly rocked the transfer market this summer, with two million pound buys making their way to Ashton Gate.

City's main weakness last season was an occasional lack of bite in front of goal and, with the departure of top scorer and Bermudan international Shaun Goater to Manchester City in March, that problem looked likely to be brought into even sharper focus in the Nationwide's flagship division.

So it was that in July the Robins completed their first ever £1m purchase, tempting the erstwhile Norwich City striker Ade Akinbiyi to Ashton Gate from Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium, where he had been earning himself a big reputation in the lower divisions.

Just days later, as if to prove their determination not to rest on their laurels, the chequebook was out again. This time it was Tony Thorpe, the former Luton striker who had been deemed surplus to requirements at moneybags Fulham after just six months at Craven Cottage, who was on his way to the west country, with another £1m making the opposite journey.

With a share issue pumping around £3m into City's coffers, plus the £400,000 from Goater's sale, the club have found themselves in the unusual position of having some money to spend, and Ward has taken full advantage, dipping into the pot once more to fund the signing of Danish international striker Soren Andersen.

But, in terms of points on the table, it has all been to little avail so far. While looking a tidy and competitive outfit, the Robins have yet to celebrate their first League win back in the higher level.

There have been several draws so far, and they remain undefeated away from home, but that all-important opening victory has remained elusive, with Ward saying: "I am disappointed. We've got to show much more mental and physical strength." To that end he has taken the combative Aalborg defender or midfielder Clemens Zwiijnenberg on a ten-day trial to add some steel.

**Defender-  
Shaun Taylor**





# The team BRISTOL CITY

## STUART NAYLOR

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **06.12.62**

HEIGHT: **6ft 4in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **West Brom**

Joined City at the start of 1996/97 after spending 11 years at The Hawthorns. Commenced his League career with Lincoln City in 1980 before moving to Albion in 1986 for £100,000. After 400 appearances he lined up for his City debut at Gillingham on the opening day of the 96/97 season. Has won England Youth and 'B' caps.

## KEITH WELCH

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **03.10.68**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Rochdale**

Keith's career started with his home town club of Bolton before he moved to Rochdale in March 1987. In four years at Spotland he made more than 200 first-team appearances. A £200,000 transfer fee brought him to Ashton Gate in July 1991 but a serious groin injury ended last season prematurely for him.

## MICKY BELL

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **15.11.71**

AGE: **26**

HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Wycombe W.**

A stylish defender who was snapped up by City in July 1997 for a bargain

£150,000 having been Wycombe's 1996/97 Player of the Year. Mickey likes to push forward provides City with a number of options down the left flank. A dead-ball specialist, he scored ten goals last season.

## JIM BRENNAN

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **08.05.77**

AGE: **21**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sars Lazio**

Moved to City in October 1994 after being recommended by former City coach Tony Taylor. He made six appearances during the promotion campaign, when he spent much of the time as cover for Mickey Bell. Left-sided, attacking wing-back.

## LOUIS CAREY

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **26.01.77**

AGE: **21**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Louis progressed through the youth ranks at Ashton Gate and was rewarded with a contract in 1995. Emerged as a sweeper of quality last season and is fast establishing himself as a first-team regular. Won a Scotland U21 cap in a friendly v Denmark in 1997/98, but refused further selection as he did not want to jeopardise any future chance of playing for England.

## SEAN DYCHE

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **28.06.71**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Chesterfield**

A versatile player who moved to Ashton Gate in July 1997 for a tribunal-set fee of £275,000, plus a further £75,000 when City won promotion. Originally signed as a midfielder from Nottingham Forest in February 1990 his consistent displays as an attacking full-back and then as a centre-back, made him a firm favourite at Saltergate. Sean has missed most of last season with a succession of injuries.

## ROB EDWARDS

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **01.07.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Carlisle United**

A left-sided ball winner with good distribution skills, Rob has represented Wales at Youth, 'B', U21 and senior level. City paid £135,000 for his services in March 1991, and he has appeared as full-back, centre-back and in midfield for the club.

## KEVIN LANGAN

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **07.04.78**

AGE: **20**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Signed a professional contract in July of this year after developing through City's Centre of Excellence. Kevin can play in a central or wide defensive role and made his senior debut when replacing the injured Adam Locke during City's 3-1 victory over Wycombe in November 1997.

## MARK SHAIL

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **15.10.65**

AGE: **32**





# The team BRISTOL CITY

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Yeovil Town

Born in Sandviken, Sweden, Mark was a bargain-buy in March 1993 for a fee of £45,000. An England Semi-Professional international, he attained the captaincy within six months of arriving at Ashton Gate. He made a good recovery after suffering a serious knee injury to re-establish himself in the first team in the lead-up to the 1996/97 Play-Off matches, only to find himself again plagued by injuries throughout last season.

## MATT STOWELL

POSITION: Utility

BORN: 01.03.77

AGE: 21

HEIGHT: 5ft 11in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Slough Town

A utility player signed from Slough Town, City fought off competition from a number of clubs for the 21-year-old who was formerly with Reading. Equally at home in defence or midfield, Matt gained FA Youth representative honours as a teenager.

## SHAUN TAYLOR

POSITION: Defender

BORN: 26.02.63

AGE: 35

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Swindon Town

A great favourite here at the County Ground, Shaun joined City for £50,000 in September 1996. A highly-experienced defender who started his

career with Bideford before turning professional with Exeter City in 1986, Shaun was outstanding in last season's promotion campaign, and earned the Player of the Year award for the second consecutive season for his troubles. Suffered cruciate damage in April and is likely to be out of action until Christmas.

## CARL HUTCHINGS

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 24.09.74

AGE: 23

HEIGHT: 6ft

PREVIOUS CLUB: Brentford

Began his career as a trainee at Brentford in 1993, and made the first-team during the 1996/97 season playing in central midfield. Also happy in defence, he joined City in July 1998 for a £130,000 fee.

## SCOTT MURRAY

POSITION: Midfield

AGE: 24

HEIGHT: 5ft 10in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Aston Villa

Signed in December 1997 for an initial fee of £85,000, rising to £150,000 depending on appearances. Although Scott started his career as a striker at Villa Park he is equally comfortable anywhere down the right-hand side of the field.

## ADE AKINBIYI

POSITION: Forward

AGE: 23

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Gillingham

A club record £1.2m transfer fee was paid to Gillingham in June 1998 for the services of this pacey striker. Having started his career with

Norwich City, two loan spells followed at Hereford United and Brighton before Gill's boss Tony Pulis finally got his man in January 1997 after several attempts. Top scorer at the Priestfield Stadium last season with 22 goals.

## GREG GOODRIDGE

POSITION: Forward

BORN: 10.07.71

AGE: 27

HEIGHT: 5ft 6in

PREVIOUS CLUB: QPR

A Barbadian international who has captained his country on more than 30 occasions, Greg played for Barbados side Lambada before starting his career in England with Torquay in 1994. After some impressive outings for the Devon Club, he made a £100,000 move to QPR, but made just nine substitute appearances for the London Club, scoring once. Moved to Bristol City during the summer of 1996 for £50,000 and terrifies defenders with his pace and trickery.

## TONY THORPE

POSITION: Forward

BORN: 10.04.74

AGE: 24

HEIGHT: 5ft 9in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Fulham

City tried to sign Tony while he was still with Luton, but big-spending Fulham captured his signature during February 1998 for £800,000. With the departure of team coach Ray Wilkins from Craven Cottage, Tony's situation became uncertain, and he became City's second million-pound buy of the summer in June 1998.

### Other squad members include:

JULIAN WATTS, TOMMY DOHERTY, MATTHEW HEWLETT, ADAM LOCKE, DWAYNE PLUMMER, BRIAN TINNIION, SOREN ANDERSEN, COLIN CRAMB, CLEMENS ZWIJNENBERG.



# The manager **JOHN WARD**

**The third man to have managed both of Bristol's senior clubs - City and Rovers - John Ward was appointed to the Ashton Gate hot-seat in succession to Joe Jordan in March 1997.**

During his eighteen months in charge he revitalised City and led them to automatic promotion from the Second Division last season, with themselves and eventual Champions Watford streets ahead of the rest of the promotion contenders.

A regular scorer as a striker with Lincoln City in the early and mid-1970s, John grabbed a total of 100 goals in 282 appearances in a career which also took in Workington, Watford and Grimsby Town before a second spell at Sincil Bank. He top scored with 24 goals in 1975/76, helping the Imps to the Fourth Division trophy in the process.

When Lincoln were relegated in 1979, he moved to Vicarage Road but a loss of form and some cartilage problems meant that he failed to fully establish himself with the Hertfordshire club.

Having previously linked up with Graham Taylor at Lincoln, John took on coaching duties at Watford, before following Taylor to Aston Villa where he became assistant manager. Ironically it was Watford - again

managed by Graham Taylor - who denied Bristol City the Second Division title last season.

When Taylor moved on to the England job in 1990, John left Villa Park to become manager at York City, where he stayed until March 1993, before taking over at Bristol Rovers, too late to prevent the Pirates from suffering relegation City fans will be pleased to recall.

Parting company with Rovers in May 1996, John moved to Turf Moor to assist then manager Adrian Heath at Burnley, before being lured to Ashton Gate ten months later.

he proud recipient of a record six 'Division Two Manager of the Month' awards, three of them while at Ashton Gate, John was voted 'Manager of the Year' after guiding City back to the First Division at the end of 1997/98.

## **STEVE TORPEY**

**POSITION:** Forward

**BORN:** 08.12.70

**AGE:** 27

**HEIGHT:** 6ft 3in

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Swansea City

Top goalscorer while at the Vetch Field Steve came to City in August 1997 for a fee of £400,000. He is good with both feet and causes defenders problems with his aerial power. Has previously had spells with Millwall and Bradford City. Suffered a bad head injury against Grimsby last season, and subsequently missed a chunk of the campaign.





	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
Div.	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
F.A.	3	5	3	5	3	5	4	1	3	2
C.C.	SF	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
L.S.	Wash	Taylor	Morgan	Allison	Cole	Allison	Allison	Apostin	Seal	Goater
Goals	11	27	13	10	12	15	13	10	23	17
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**CITY'S SINNERS**

Akinbiyi \_\_\_\_\_

Bell \_\_\_\_\_

**ROBINS' ROGUES**

Walters \_\_\_\_\_ 2

Bullock \_\_\_\_\_

Kenslake \_\_\_\_\_

Ndah \_\_\_\_\_

Reeves \_\_\_\_\_

Borrow \_\_\_\_\_

Gooden \_\_\_\_\_

Robins : 20th  
Bristol City : 19th

Month	Robins (Red)	Bristol City (Green)
August	14	16
September	16	18
October	18	20
November	20	22
December	22	24

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
			Apps	Gls				
Ade Alabinbi	F	5	1	23	6 0	12 05	Gillingham	
Soren Andersen	F	5	3	28	5 11	12 06	Aalborg	Denmark
Mickey Bell	D	5		26	5 8	10 04	Wycombe	
Matthew Hewlett	M	5	1	22	6 2	10 11		Eng Yth
Adam Locke	D	5		28	6 0	12 07	Colchester	
Brian Tinnion	M	5		30	5 11	11 05	Bradford	
Julian Watts	D	5		27	6 2	13 07	Leicester	
Keith Welch	G	5		29	6 2	12 05	Rochdale	
Louis Carey	M	4(1)		21	5 10	11 10		Scott U21
Greg Goodridge	F	4(1)	1	27	5 6	10 00	QPR	Barbados
Carl Hutchings	M	3		23	5 11	11 00	Brendford	
Robert Edwards	D	2		25	6 0	11 01	Carlisle	Wales
Sean Dyche	D	1(2)		27	6 0	13 07	Chesterfield	
Tom Doherty	M	1(2)		19	5 8	9 13		
Tony Thorpe	F	(4)		24	5 9	12 03	Fulham	
Jim Brennan	D			21	5 9	11 06		
Colin Cramb	F			24	6 0	11 09	Doncaster	
Scott Murray	M			24	5 9	11 00	Villa	

# Robins v City

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Swindon Town	0	2	3	3	8	2	LDL DL
Bristol City	0	3	2	6	10	3	LDL DD

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# PAGES from the past...

## BERT HEAD, SWINDON'S MANAGER WRITES, AUGUST 1957...

Today sees the start of what is probably the most important season since Swindon Town joined the League.

With the regionalisation of Division Three ending and being replaced by a Third and Fourth Division it will be vital that we finish in the top half of the table. Given that in the last three seasons we have not finished outside the bottom four the task will not be an easy one.

Since joining Swindon from Bury in October last year I have always felt that a Club with Swindon's limited resources can only survive by producing its own players through a Youth Policy. Getting the coaches and scouts in place to do this takes time and we will need to buy time this season by relying on older heads. However, we have taken the first step by entering a team in the Borough League which will enable us to keep an eye on the progress of promising lads in the local area and to give them professional advice to develop their skills.

It is hoped we have less injuries than last season when only two players made forty or more appearances in the League. We also want Bob Edwards to continue his magnificent goal scoring record. Lack of goals was a major problem last year with Bob the only player to score more than ten goals. It was for this reason that I signed Arnold Darcy whose crossing ability should provide more opportunities for the inside forward trio. The state of the Club's finances are shown by the fact that we are playing Wigan on the "never never" for Arnold's services.

Overnight stays and increased travel costs are bound to result from having a nationwide league, and the loss of local fixtures may well mean a drop in income from travelling supporters. The directors clearly realise the importance of the coming year and consequently backed me in spending £550 on signing Lee Clayton from Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic. I have also managed to persuade Peter Chamberlain an elegant left half who was released by Leicester City to join us. We cannot spend money we do not have but better results mean bigger gates and this season the

players will be on a bonus scheme related to crowd size, another indication that the Club intends to do all it can to raise its status.

We are running five teams this year and the number of players is much larger and the wage bill the highest in the Club's history. Hopefully, we'll get that little bit of luck that will enable us to go forward on the crest of a wave.

We welcome today's visitors Newport County, especially their manager Billy Lucas who was such a popular performer in his days here at the County Ground. But I hope that we will be able to repeat our victory of April this year when Bob Edwards scored the only goal of the game.

Spectators using the Enclosure seats inside the touchline are urged to remain seated until the game is finished. It is distracting both to other spectators and the players themselves when people walk around the pitch while the game is still in progress.

**Quiz question:** what is the highest number of goals Swindon have ever scored away from home in a League match?

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**Last game's question**

Has a Swindon Player ever scored five goal in a League Match?

**Answer...**

It was done was by Keith East in the 1965-6 season against Mansfield Town.



BERT HEAD

compiled by Dick Mattick



# MIKE WALSH'S weekly diary...August

## Monday 17th

After a blistering game against Sunderland on Saturday, today was about rest more than about training.

Myself and the Gaffer felt we played well against the Rokerites and deserved the 1-1 draw, but there were still one or two bits and pieces we wanted to go over in today's session. After this we did some light running and stretches to keep the players ticking over until the tomorrow night.

## Tuesday 18th

After the dizzy heights of Saturday it was back down to earth with a bang as we crashed out of the Worthington Cup at Wycombe, losing 3-2 on aggregate.

We decided to travel up by coach that day as the trip only took an hour.

Once at the ground, there was no time for tea and toast, but the lads were well up for the game and we were all positive about getting the right result. Nevertheless, this was a typical cup match, and we paid the price because of it. Goalkeeping heroics combined with some poor finishing conspired against us on the night. We created the chances but their keeper Martin Taylor pulled off a string of saves to deny Ndah and Onuora. It seemed no matter what we tried we couldn't beat him.

It goes without saying the players were gutted after the game and it was our job to pick them back up again for the weekend's fixture against Wolves.

## Wednesday 19th

Due to last night's exit from the Worthington Cup we had the players in for an extra session.

We needed to work on what went wrong and, all credit to the lads, they worked very hard today. Despite some tired legs we went through situations from last night's game and we also looked at set pieces "for" and "against". In the evening the reserves travelled to Barnet where they played well and won convincingly 5-1.

## Thursday 20th

Ever have that feeling that somebody is watching you! Well today we did as we had the TV crews down at the training ground for a press open day.

We trained hard with plenty of "doggies", followed by small games of three against three. This is always tiring for the players, but it keeps them sharp and on their toes. Once training was complete we then joined the reporters around the dressing rooms to do interviews.

## Friday 21st

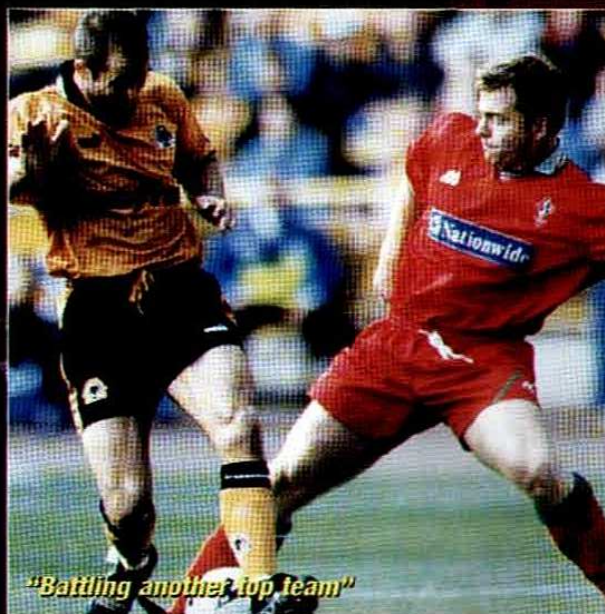
It was the usual pre-match schedule today. We were lucky enough to be allowed on the pitch for a good work out.

After this it was wash and change followed by a chicken and pasta lunch, then it was on the coach to Wolves.

## Saturday 22nd

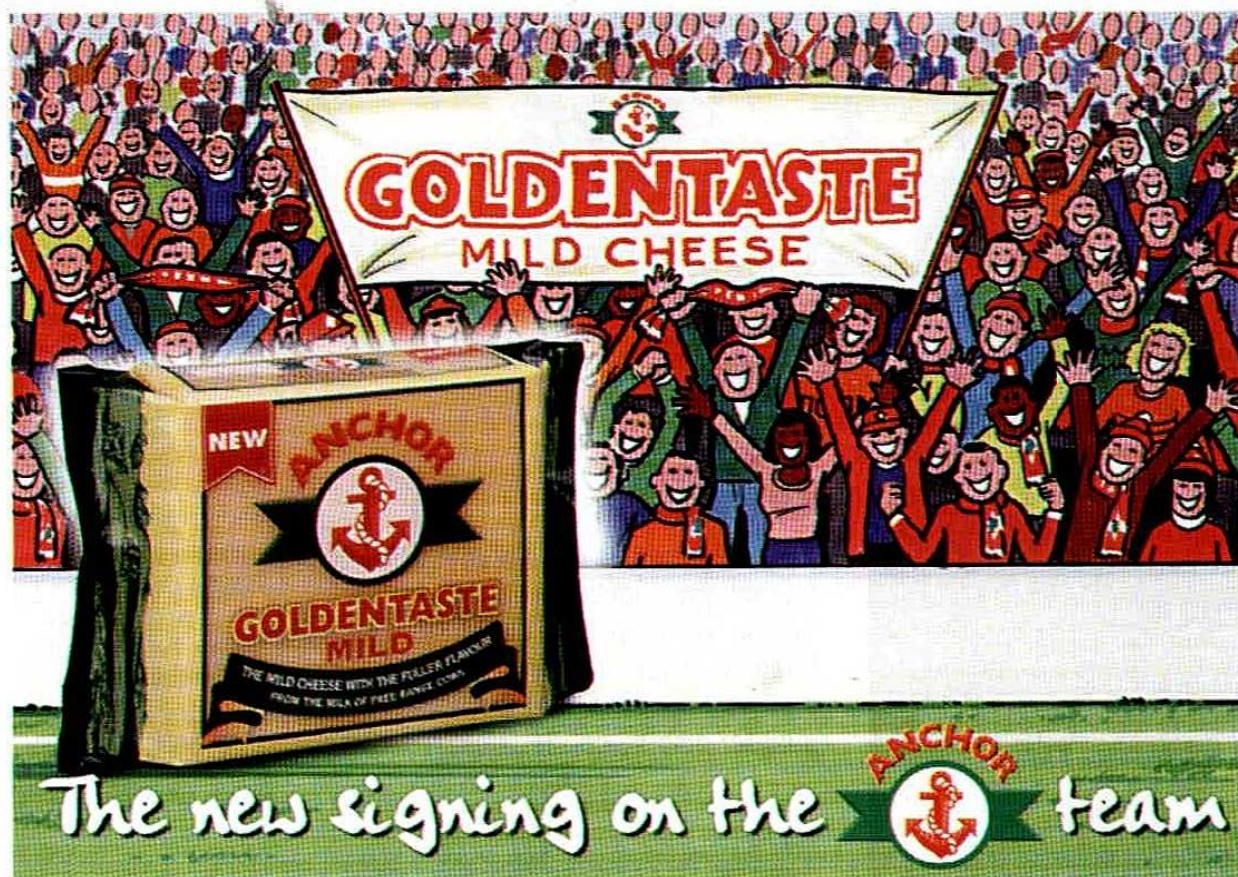
As the Gaffer said "All we need is a bit of luck", but we didn't get it as we lost to the midland side 1-0.

In truth the only thing that separated the sides was a dubious penalty awarded to Wolves on the half hour. We knocked the ball around well and in the second half managed to give their fans a few scares as we pushed for an equaliser. That said it was another good showing from the lads as we pushed another top team all the way.



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# RESERVE TEAM ROUND-UP

## FIXTURES 98/99

### Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

Wed Aug 19	Barnet	5-1
WED AUG 26	FULHAM	1-4
WED SEPT 02	Q.P.R.	5-0
Wed Sept 16	Wycombe W.	A
WED SEPT 23	LUTON TOWN	H
WED SEPT 30	GILLINGHAM	H
Wed Oct 07	Watford	A
WED OCT 14	OXFORD UTD	H
WED OCT 28	PETERBOROUGH U.	H
Mon Nov 02	Northampton T.	A
WED NOV 18	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Wed Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A
WED DEC 02	READING	H
Wed Dec 16	Portsmouth	A
Wed Jan 06	Crystal Palace	A
WED JAN 13	BRENTFORD	H
Wed Jan 20	Ipswich Town	A
WED FEB 03	NORWICH CITY	H
Wed Feb 10	Colchester Utd	A
WED FEB 24	WEST HAM UTD	H
Wed Mar 10	Tottenham H.	A
WED MAR 17	ARSENAL	H
Wed Mar 24	Charlton Ath.	A
WED MAR 31	CHELSEA	H
Wed Apr 07	Wimbledon	A
WED APR 14	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Wed Apr 21	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A

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## LEAGUE 97/98

### Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Charlton Athletic	26	20	04	02	63	13	64	+50
Tottenham H.	28	19	06	03	64	25	63	+39
Arsenal	29	17	08	04	64	23	59	+41
Norwich City	33	11	13	09	40	44	46	-04
Southampton	29	11	12	06	50	34	45	+16
Crystal Palace	29	13	02	14	41	38	41	+03
Wimbledon	31	11	08	12	39	37	41	+02
Millwall	29	12	05	12	34	37	41	-03
Oxford United	30	10	08	12	39	58	38	-19
Q.P.R.	29	09	10	10	42	37	37	+05
Portsmouth	29	10	07	12	37	39	37	-02
Ipswich Town	30	09	10	11	42	54	37	-12
Luton Town	27	09	08	10	36	36	35	00
Chelsea	30	07	11	12	38	51	32	-13
SWINDON TOWN	30	09	03	18	44	60	30	-16
Watford	27	06	10	11	27	45	28	-18
West Ham United	27	06	07	14	30	50	25	-20
Brighton & H.A.	27	01	08	18	21	70	11	-49



## Ross McLaren Reports: **SWINDON RESERVES 1 FULHAM RESERVES 4**

It was great to see so many football fans packed in tonight to see us play Kevin Keegan's Fulham. It was only a pity we couldn't offer them a better display on the pitch.

We got off to a nightmare start when they took the lead in the opening minutes. A cross from the left was headed home by a Fulham forward. To add injury to insult, Willis went up to challenge the goal scorer and suffered a nasty knock to the head and had to be taken off.

With our centre back out of the side we had to reshuffle things and I felt we would always struggle once we had to do this.

We did come back well with a well taken goal from Watson. This pulled it back to 1-1.

After this our performance was poor as they began to attack us.

Missing the aerial ability of Willis,<sup>o</sup> Fulham pumped in the crosses that caused us all sorts of problems. And it was from one of these that they headed past Glass to put themselves 2-1 up.

Cuervo didn't help matters by getting himself sent off for kicking out at another player. Down to ten men they took advantage and went in at half time 3-1 up.

Fulham totally dominated the second half and scored another goal from a long range effort from the right.

Overall, a disappointing game with too many silly mistakes being made by the experiences pro's.

**Team:** Glass, Robinson, Davis, Watson, Willis (McHugh, 3), Taylor, Hulbert, Cuervo, Howe, Cowe (Burke, 78), Donlon (Peters, 30).



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# YOUTH TEAM REVIEW



**Tom Jones Reports:**

**Saturday 15th August 1998**

**SWINDON YOUTH B 2**

**CHELTENHAM T YOUTH 0**

Today's game saw a mixture of YT lads, B team players and Centre of Excellence under 16 lads. With this mix of youth in mind I was delighted with today's performance.

The decision to move some of the under 16's in to the South West Counties League was taken so the lads could get some important physical and mental experience of playing at a competitive level.

We played good attacking football that Cheltenham were unable to cope with. Our two midfield lads ran the show, connecting well with the two wide men.

This play was soon converted into goals when we were rewarded with a penalty. Lee Martin took the spot kick but saw his thundering shot ricochet off the cross bar. Luckily, Alan Young volleyed home the rebound from the edge of the edge of the box to give us the lead.

After this we continued to dominate the game, Cheltenham's only chances coming from a couple of good long range efforts. They had some big lads in defence and up front but Swindon proved that a good football mind can go a long way.

Although having several more chances it remained 1 - 0 until the sixtieth minute

when Les Bishop rounded off a good move by slipping the ball past the keeper into the far corner of the net. A well deserved goal for the young lad.

Overall, it was a good team that showed the players working for each other.

Today was not about winning 2-0. For the younger lads who are used to playing under 16 level, it was a chance to try the next step up and see how they cope. The whole team did well today and showed plenty of creativity going forward- which is often more pleasing than goals.

**Team:** Bitner, Anderson, Reed, Cairns, Ratcliffe, Mackey, Cleverley, Martin, Young, Bishop, Scarlett. **Subs:** Pottiger, Goodwin, Little.

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NEXT HOME MATCH**

**Wednesday 12th  
September 1998**

**Oxford Utd**

**Kick-Off 11.00am**

## FIXTURES 98/99

### South East Counties League Division 2

Sat Aug 08	Barnet	0-1
SAT AUG 15	BRENTFORD	2-0
Sat Aug 22	AFC Bournemouth	2-0
WED AUG 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	2-0
Sat Sep 05	Bristol Rovers	A
SAT SEP 12	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat Sep 19	Reading	A
SAT SEP 26	WYCOMBE WL	A
Sat Oct 03	Gillingham	A
SAT OCT 10	LEYTON ORIENT	H
Sat Oct 17	Portsmouth	A
SAT OCT 24	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
Sat Oct 31	Colchester United	A
SAT NOV 07	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	A
Sat Nov 21	Brentford	A
SAT NOV 28	BOURNEMOUTH	H
SAT DEC 05	SOUTHEND UNITED	H
SAT DEC 12	BARNEY	H
Sat Jan 02	Brighton & H.A.	A
SAT JAN 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat Jan 16	Oxford United	A
SAT JAN 23	READING	H
Sat Jan 30	Wycombe Wndrs.	A
SAT FEB 06	GILLINGHAM	H
Sat Feb 13	leyton Orient	A
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat Feb 27	Cambridge United	A
SAT MAR 06	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat Mar 13	Luton Town	A

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

## FIXTURES 98/99

### SWEB South West Counties Youth League

Aug 22	Cirencester Town	2-0
AUG 29	CHELTENHAM TOWN	2-0
Sept 05	Plymouth Argyle	A
SEPT 12	EXETER CITY	H
Sept 19	AFC Newport	A
SEPT 26	YEOVIL TOWN	H
Oct 03	League Cup - Round 1	
Oct 17	Torquay United	A
OCT 24	BATH CITY	H
Oct 31	Swansea City	A
NOV 07	BASHLEY	H
Nov 14	Bristol Rovers	A
Nov 21	League Cup - Round 2	
NOV 28	CARDIFF CITY	H
Dec 05	Cardiff City	A
DEC 12	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H
Dec 19	Cheltenham Town	A
JAN 09	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Jan 16	Exeter City	A
JAN 23	AFC NEWPORT	H
Jan 30	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 13	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Feb 20	Bath City	A
FEB 27	SWANSEA CITY	H
Mar 06	Bashley	A
MAR 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Mar 20	League Cup - Semi Finals	
Mar 27	League Cup - Final	

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



# STFC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



This week sees the start of our Centre of Excellence coaching for the 98/99 season.

WITH PHIL CANNON

There have been a lot of rule changes which have come about because some clubs are going the Academy route and others are staying as a Centre of Excellence.

be of a high standard so we are always on the lookout for better a better ground.



The Centre itself is run at Greendown Community School which has two indoor gymnasiums and a floodlit all weather surface.

This year we are operating on two nights a week, Monday's and Thursday's.

At Swindon Town Football Club we are staying as a Centre of Excellence for now. A lot of clubs have linked into universities and colleges for the use of their excellent facilities.

As usual we have a meeting with players and parents before the start of the first session on Thursday to discuss next years plans for all age groups and to talk about all relevant rule changes.

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Unfortunately facilities around the Swindon area are not as good as other area's of the country so we struggle for the pitches and facilities needed to play Centre of Excellence football. To produce good players the surface which they play on needs to

I look forward to the season ahead and wish each youngster that is with us the very best of luck.

**Phil Cannon**  
Youth Development Officer

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# shadow board



**Hello, and welcome to the County Ground from the Shadow Board to all the supporters at today's game against our old rivals Bristol City.**

The **Shadow Board's** main task is to assist in the communication of the supporters to the Main Board. We have established regular forums around the region, assisted in the Club's Open Day, produce the annual brochure, regular newsletters and receive letters via the boxes around the ground and our Freepost number, but most importantly, meet the fans on matchdays around the ground. Starting from the Port Vale game, we have now opened our information point just down from the Club Shop in the Rover Stand. This will be open on matchdays until 10 minutes before kick-off. We will provide all the help for all the home and away fans with all local information, i.e. buses and hotels, parking etc. and most importantly, provide a channel for views directly back to the Main Board on subjects affecting the club. So come along and meet us prior to kick-off. This is a new venture for any Football Club and if it is successful we look at ways of expanding this new avenue of communication to the benefit of the Club and the Supporters.

We are always looking for new recruits to join us to keep the Board's structure fresh and moving forward. So if you are interested, drop me a line at the address below.

As a **Shadow Board** we are always

looking for ways we can improve the facilities here at the **County Ground** so please drop us a line via the boxes around the ground or our Freepost number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy today's game. Local derby's always seem to bring out that little bit extra. Have a safe journey and we look forward to you coming again. Why not bring a friend.

**David Taylor**  
**Chairman**  
**Shadow Board**

**Our address is: STFC Shadow Board, Freepost SCE4816, Swindon SN1 2YZ, no stamp needed.**

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# SOCCER CENTRES

## WITH JIMMY FRASER



We've been working hard over the summer to get things right and now we're close to the start of this years Soccer Centres.

They start this Monday and I hope to see you there making new friend and enjoying the coaching.



**SWINDON**  
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There are two new Soccer Centres starting in the area. These will be at Ridgeway Leisure Centre and the Haydon Centre in Haydon Wick. I'd like to thank Justine Taylor for her help in setting up these new Soccer Centres- I hope the kids take advantage of what we've organised!



### SWINDON TOWN SOCCER CENTRES

The next courses commence the week beginning Monday 7th September. Don't delay- enroll at the course centre of your choice.

### Venues- (SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER)

#### LINK CENTRE

Monday	5.30-6.30pm	5-6 & 9-11yrs
Thursday	4.30-5.30pm	5 years
	5.30-6.30pm	7-8 years

#### OASIS

Monday	4.30-5.30pm	Junior Robins
	5.00-6.00pm	Junior Robins
Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	7+ yrs Girls only
Saturday	9.00-10.00am	5-8 years
	10.00-11.00am	5-8 years

#### RIDGWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	5-7 years
	6.00-7.00pm	8-11 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
	4.30-5.30pm	7-8 years

#### MARLBOROUGH

Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	5 yrs and 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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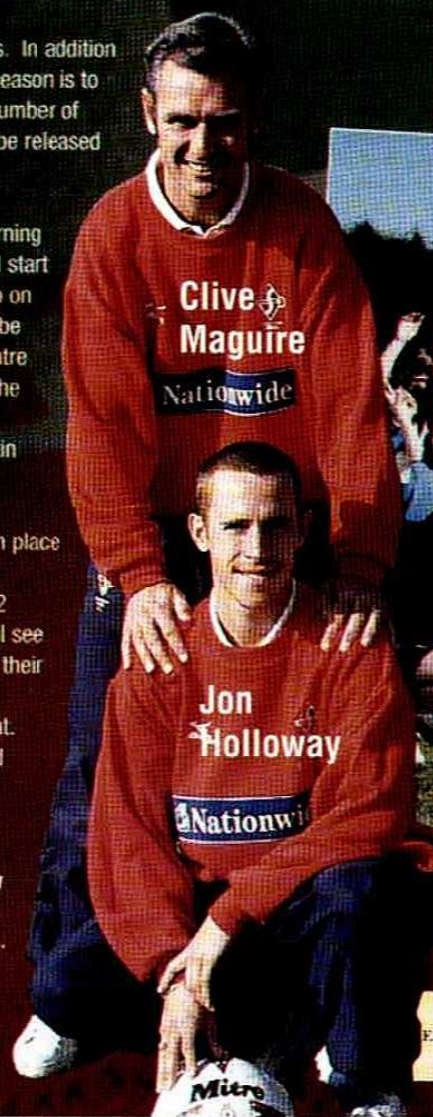
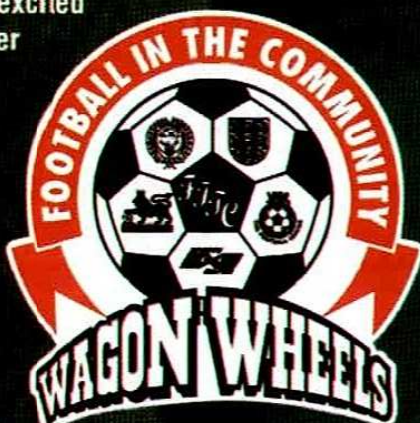
We expect you are all really excited about being back at school after your six week summer break. We can hear all your groans and moans all ready.

Now our hectic summer programme is over, which incidentally saw us coach an amazing 800 plus of you in Swindon and surrounding areas. Jon and I are planning our school visits and coaching sessions. We try to get into at least 3 schools per week, during term time, to give children as young as 4 and 5, up to 11 years old, the opportunity to experience professional coaching sessions. In addition to this, one of our major projects for this season is to run a penalty shoot out competition in a number of local primary schools. Details of this will be released very shortly.

We are very excited about our new 'Learning Through Football' project, which again will start this month with 2 schools visiting the Club on Tuesday's and Friday's. We are hoping to be able to access the new Study Support Centre here at the Club, ready for completion at the end of October. Lesley Murdoch our new teacher will be linking in closely with Martin Turnbull the new Centre Manager.

Our after school coaching clubs are all in place and ready to commence from Monday 7th September which will see us coaching in 2 schools per night. The newest venture will see us travel to Leafy Lane at Corsham to use their tremendous new facility which they have obtained through the National Lottery Grant. Jon and I will be taking a team of qualified coaches to coach in excess of 100 plus youngsters on the new astro-turf area.

*Until next time, take care and see you all soon.*

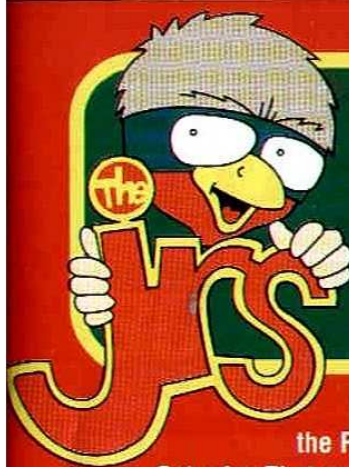


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Wasn't it wonderful to see the Rover Family Stand full on Saturday That was thanks to Rover Group and all their families who we welcome back this afternoon.

Funky had a good time, lots of you like to give him a cuddle, and he is behaving himself at the moment, however you need to keep an eye on him, as he can be quite naughty!

### JR'S AND R'S

I hope you all listened last night to the second Radio Robin. It was really good fun and we made some phone calls to unsuspecting Jr's & R's if you were one of them, well done, your spot prize is on its way! (if you missed it, it is repeated next Saturday at around 1.30pm). Mark Dixon was the first R to interview his favourite player, he chose Mark Walters and he had a great time. It was a great interview that you too could do here at the ground. All you need to do is write into me at the club and tell me who you want to interview and why. It's that easy.

I am getting a lot of good feedback on the Jr's & R's packs. They are really good this season but there is a bit of confusion as to where the kiosk is. It is in the side of the Arkells stand just inside the entrance to the Social Club. You can enroll as a Jr or R and pick up your pack instantly, and if you are a season ticket holder, all you need to do is show your season ticket and fill in one of the forms Brenda in the kiosk will give you, and that's it.

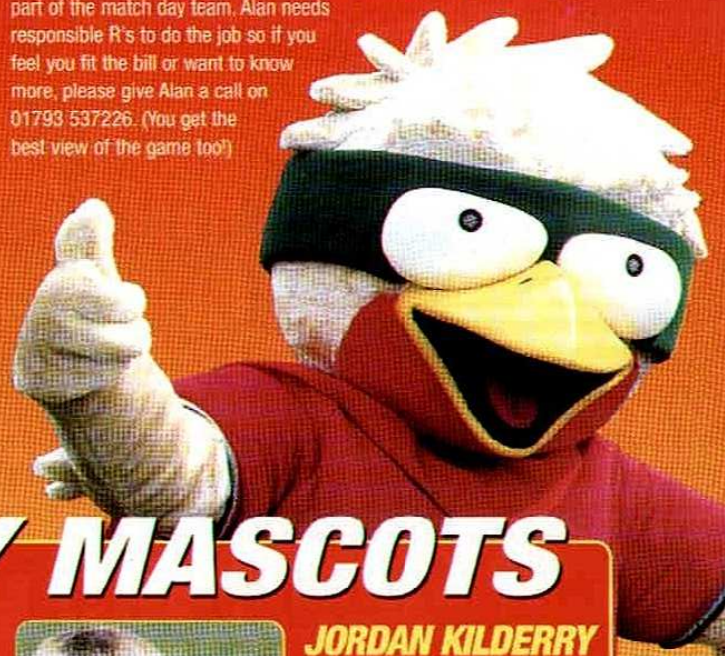
### PORTSMOUTH TRIP

The Portsmouth trip is looming, it is £8 for Jr's & R's and £14 for Mum or Dad, you can either contact me at the club on 01793 532121, or see

Brenda at the kiosk. We had a wonderful time at Wolves, it's a good day out for all the family, so lets fill this coach and see the lads take those 3 points.

### BALL PERSONS

Alan Layzell is in desperate need for Ball boys and girls for both first team games and reserves. You can only be a Ball person if you are an R (this means 12 years plus). You need to be quick and focused on the game as you are required to collect the ball as quickly and neatly as possible when it goes out of play. We have a smart new uniform from Anchor Foods for you to wear, which includes T. shirt, cap, jogging bottoms and rain jacket. This is a very important job and you will be a part of the match day team. Alan needs responsible R's to do the job so if you feel you fit the bill or want to know more, please give Alan a call on 01793 537226. (You get the best view of the game too!)



## MATCHDAY MASCOTS



### MARTIN HUNT

Martin is 9 years old and attends Yateley Manor School in Surrey. Football is Martin's one and only hobby and his favourite player is Mark Walters. You may not recognise Martin from the photo as he has

just had a Michael Owen hair cut, so keep your eye on the pitch- the one that looks like Michael Owen is the mascot.



### JORDAN KILDERRY

Jordan has been a mascot before, it was against Tranmere last season. However you may recognise his face as Swindon Town used his photo for promoting the Junior Club last year (I wonder if I've got his autograph!). Jordan's hobbies

are Football, painting, cars and planes and his favourite player is our very own Mark Walters - good choice Jordan!

If you fancy being a Swindon Town Mascot, give me a call on 01793 532121 and I will send you all the details, you can get 10 per cent off if you are a Junior Member.

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# SWINDON **view**

Monday 31st August 1998 3.00pm kick off

## **BURY 3 SWINDON 0**

After four games without a win we travelled up to Gigg Lane fully expecting to get the 3 points.

But a mixture of bad luck and not taking our chances conspired against us.

We started the better of the two sides. In the first minute it was our nippy forward George Ndah who shot Mark Walters' cross wide at the near post. We continued to dominate the play and it was the on form Mark Walters who was running the show. In midfield it was his passes that were finding our two front men and out wide it was Walters again who was supplying the telling crosses.

On the half hour mark this possession should have paid off when Mark Walters supplied a great cross to Onuora but he blasted this great opportunity over the bar from six yards out. But Swindon continued to press and looked the better side. A minute before the break Onuora again came close. Walters did well going passed one defender on the right and slipping in a cross that beat the keeper. Unfortunately, Iffy couldn't get over the

ball and we all watched in despair as it sailed over the cross bar.

The boys went in at half time the better side but we knew that without converting the chances into goals Bury could still win.

Sure enough when the second half got under way it was Bury who pushed forward. It wasn't long before our worst fears were realised. Bury worked a good move down the right and put in a good cross that seemed to miss every Swindon defender until it ran onto the Bury full back. Without hesitation he hit it first time and put the home team one up. With this, Gigg Lane erupted with cheers. Within 14 minutes we realised the uphill struggle ahead of us as they scored two more goals. After such a quick and decisive end to the game Swindon seemed shell shocked and understandably their heads dropped as Bury tried to capitalise. Yet all credit to the lads, with the minutes ticking away we still had three good chances to score. Reeves saw his header cleared off the line, Gooden had a volley saved and Iffy had two shots charged down.



## **VIEW FROM BURY...**



**The trouble with Bury last season was that we couldn't score goals.**

When David Johnson left our club on a £1 million move to Ipswich he took all our goals with him! So it was good to see Bury get three today as we turned over our West Country opponents.

That said, we didn't get off to the best of starts as Swindon dominated most of the first half. We had to wait 21 minutes before our first clear cut chance. Rob Matthews broke through the off-side trap and was clean through on goal, but his lob went over the bar.

Apart from this incident Swindon pinned us back for the rest of the half, their two forwards, Onuora and Ndah both coming close to breaking the deadlock. At half time there needed to be some stern talking in the Bury dressing room and Gaffer Neil Warnock must have said something as we looked a lot sharper for the second half.

In the 62nd minute we went one up. Matthews found himself some space down the right, put in a tempting low cross that was rifled home by Dean Barrick.

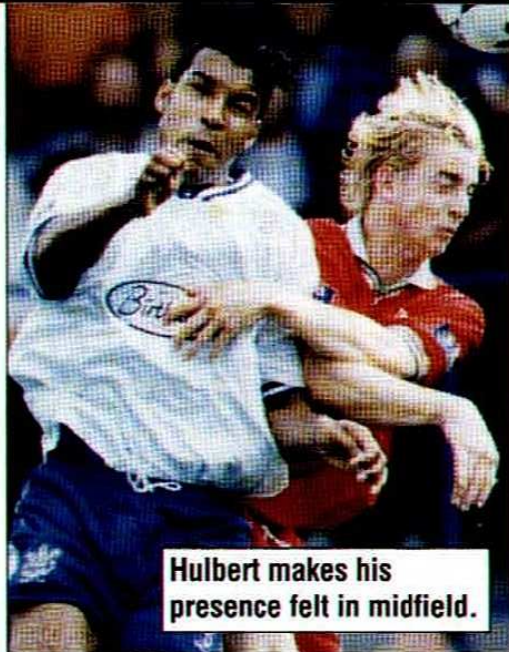
Moments after this we seemed to find another gear and within 10 minutes we'd scored two more goals. First it was Preece who hit a measured header across the Swindon goal mouth where Matthews was on hand to finish from close range. Then it was Preece who went alone, firing home a loose ball on the edge of the box passed the Swindon Keeper.

Swindon looked dangerous in the first half but faded away in the second as we took our chances. An important win for us that has moved us into the top quarter of the table.





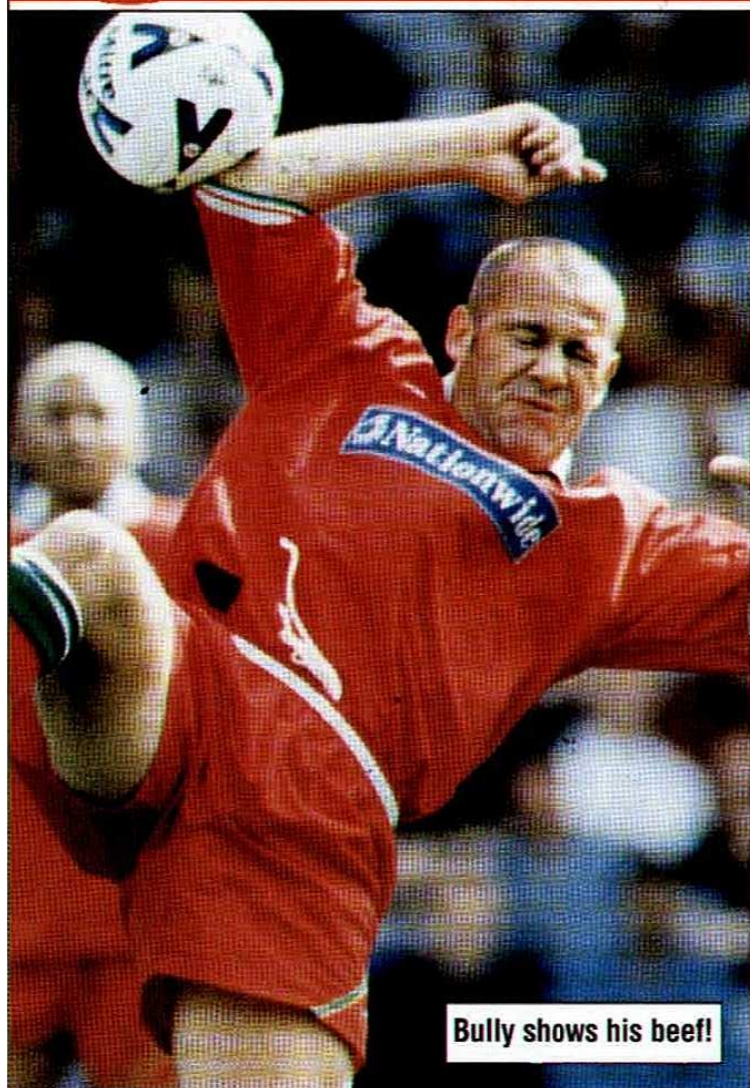
Iffy heads over the bar in the first half



Hulbert makes his presence felt in midfield.



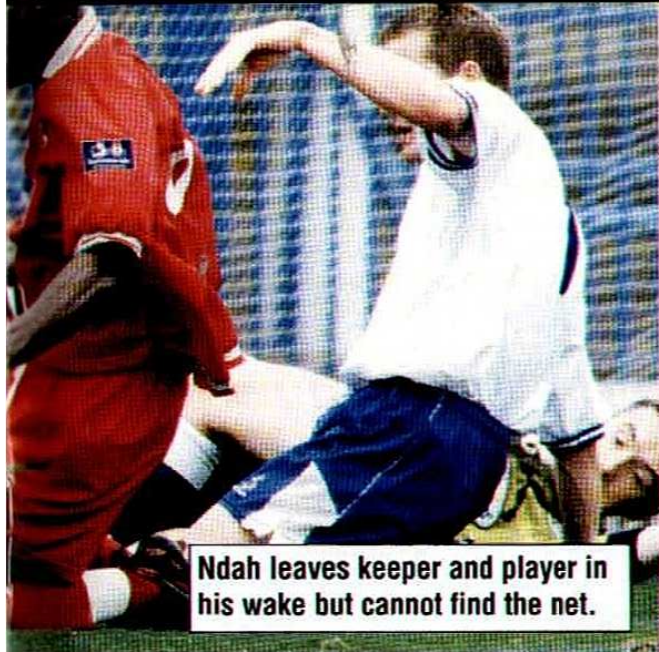
# BURY 3 SWIND



Bully shows his beef!







Ndah leaves keeper and player in his wake but cannot find the net.



Walters & Co watch on as they protect their area.

## HOW THEY PLAYED

- 1 **FRANK TALIA** Not at fault for the goals, and made some good saves.
- 2 **DAVID KERSLAKE** Attacked and defended well. Our Man of the Match
- 3 **GARETH HALL** Continues to get better with each game.
- 4 **ROBIN HULBERT** Showed his fitness but didn't assert himself on the game.
- 5 **ALAN REEVES** Another fine showing, although was troubled by their quick forwards.
- 6 **BRIAN BORROWS** Made a vital clearance to deny a fourth goal and marshalled defence.
- 7 **MARK WALTERS** Had a good first half but drifted out of the game in the second half.
- 8 **GEORGE NDAH** Showed little of his pace in attack.
- 9 **IFEM ONUORA** Missed too many good chances in front of goal.
- 10 **DARREN BULLOCK** Worked hard as ever to dominate midfield but lacked with his distribution
- 11 **TY GOODEN** Defended well and showed some quality touches when linking with the attack.
- .....
- 12 **Iffy Onuora** (for Ndah, 45)
- 13 **Mark Robinson** (not used)
- 14 **Philippe Cuerve** (for Davis, 75)

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Cartwheel Photography:  
**0777 5892377**



Our next two away days take us to Portsmouth and Tranmere - sure to be two exciting trips!



## PORTSMOUTH

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 12 NOV**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

Why not make this short journey and give your support at Fratton Park, this will be a real battle.



## TRANMERE R.

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**FRIDAY 25 SEPT**  
**7.45PM KICK-OFF**

Our last meeting saw the Merseyside team beat us 3-0, lets see if we can return the favour this time.

**COMING  
SOON...**



## BOLTON W.

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**TUESDAY 29 SEPT**  
**7.45PM KICK-OFF**

Watch out for further issues of the Matchday Magazine for travel details to this fixture.



## IPSWICH TOWN

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 17 OCT**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

Watch out for further issues of the Matchday Magazine for travel details to this fixture.

# TRAVEL NEWS



Last season's game was featured live on Sky Sports. Millions watched as we beat Pompey 1-0 and Mildenhall put more than just his neck on the line.

### HOW TO FIND FRATTON PARK

From the north and West: Take M27 and M275 to the end then take the second exit at the roundabout and after 1/4 mile turn right at the T junction into London Road (A2047). After 1 1/4 miles cross the railway bridge and turn left into Goldsmith Avenue. After 1/2 mile turn left into Frogmore Road.



## TRAVEL CLUB

**TEL: 01672 540330**  
**(BARNES COACHES)**



### PORTSMOUTH

**SATURDAY 12 SEPT**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

**DEPART COUNTY GROUND: 11.30AM**  
**Adult Fare: £8.00**  
**Under-16 Fare: £6.00**

All coaches start at Aldbourne with scheduled pick-ups en route including Ashington Way (for West Swindon) and Cirencester when travelling north. Please ask for these options and times when booking.

All coaches are either Executive or Luxury standard and for added comfort for our travellers, we enforce our **NON SMOKING** policy on board.

Our stewards are happy to serve a selection of drinks and snacks throughout your journey. On longer journey's we will offer on-board entertainment as well.

### TRANMERE

**FRIDAY 25 SEPT**  
**7.45PM KICK-OFF**

**DEPART COUNTY GROUND: 2.00PM**  
**Adult Fare: £13.00**  
**Under-16 Fare: £11.00**

Huge reductions available with our unbeatable Travel Club Season Ticket Offer - Please ask for details. Membership is still only £1.00 per person

Please make sure you book right now at: Travel Club Office (Arkell's Stand, Supporters Club Entrance) open every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7.00pm until 8.45pm & every matchday until 20 minutes before kick-off.

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### PORTSMOUTH

**Depart WEST SWINDON: 11.00AM**  
**Depart COUNTY GROUND: 11.15AM**  
**Depart ERMIN STREET: 11.30AM**  
**Adult Fare: £7.50**  
**Under-15 Fare: £5.50**



### TRANMERE

**Depart WEST SWINDON: 1.45PM**  
**Depart COUNTY GROUND: 2.00PM**  
**Depart ERMIN STREET: 2.15PM**  
**Adult Fare: £12.50**  
**Under-15 Fare: £10.50**

- Match Tickets available when booking coach travel
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(Old Matchday Ticket Office off County Road)

**Tel: (01793) 536757**

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Thursday evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Saturday Matchdays 1.30pm - 2.45pm  
Wednesday Matchdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm



# TICKET NEWS

DON'T MISS THE NEXT HOME MATCH

## SWINDON VS OXFORD UTD

WEDNESDAY 09 SEPT  
7.45PM KICK-OFF

This should be a great occasion  
so don't miss out, tickets are  
ON SALE NOW. (ALL TICKET)



Tickets for the following games are now  
on sale at the Advanced Ticket Office.



**OXFORD UTD**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT**  
**7.45PM KICK-OFF**

**HOME** all ticket



**WATFORD**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 19 SEPT**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

**HOME**



**PORTSMOUTH**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 12 SEPT**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

**AWAY**



**TRANMERE R.**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**FRIDAY 25 SEPT**  
**7.45PM KICK-OFF**

**AWAY**

### TICKET OFFICE OPENING

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm  
Saturday (non-match days)  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
Saturday (match days) 9.00am -  
Kick-off & 15 mins after match.

#### MATCHDAY TICKET OFFICE

Saturday (match days)  
11.00am - half time  
Midweek (match days)  
5.30pm - half time

Tickets for home matches go on  
general sale 4 weeks before the match

**Ticket Office**  
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Oxford game  
on Wednesday 9th  
September is an

### ALL TICKET

match. This means  
that the Ticket  
Office will not be  
open on the day of  
the game.

So buy your tickets  
in advance to avoid  
disappointment.

The Superstore and  
Box Office will not  
be open after  
this game

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# WHAT'S on at swindon



..... at look at what's on at the County Ground .....

## AN UPPER CUT ABOVE THE REST...

Swindon Town Football Club are presenting a Sporting Club Dinner on 8th October at the De Vere Hotel, Swindon.

The evening features John Conteh a legend of British boxing who is now one of the most sought after speakers on the circuit.

In addition, the evening includes a four course meal, football auction and our very own Head of PR & Media Relations, Steve Sutherland.

Bob "the cat" Bevan, an award winning after dinner speaker and former presenter of BBC Radio 5 Live's "606" show will also be entertaining guests with some wonderful tales that have made him one of the most popular speakers in the country.

Tickets for this event are available at £38.00 + vat per head and can be obtained by calling Mark Hillier in the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.

## BALL BOYS AND GIRLS GO GREEN

Swindon Town's Ball Boys and Girls have gone green this season following a sponsorship deal with Swindon based, Anchor Foods.

The deal that lasts for the current season sees the boys and girls attired in matching green T-Shirts and baseball caps with the Anchor logo on - the smart new look will ensure that other Club's are green with envy!

## WHO ATE ALL THE PIES...

Once again Swindon Town are looking to lead the way when it comes to traditional football food.

The closed season saw a lot of work going on behind the scenes as our catering department began their search for the ultimate range of pies and pasties. Supporters will now see the Gingsters range of products on sale within the outlets around the ground, this

national brand has won many awards for the quality of its products and staff and supporters alike have already given a favourable response to the new addition.

## BRING YOUR PARTY TO OUR PARTY

Every year around Christmas, Swindon Town Football Club opens it's doors to companies, organisations, groups of friends and private parties who want to have a festive night out.

Over the years we have built up a reputation for providing nights of eating, drinking and dancing that makes people come back time after time.

Our unique concept that allows you to take space within one big party has gained wonderful reviews from the people that have experienced it and whether your works Christmas party is for ten people or a hundred, Swindon Town Football Club is the place to host it. Prices start from just £25 per head and more details can be obtained by contacting our conference and banqueting department on Tel: 01793 - 533212.





# Suthers SAYS



**"your vocal  
support will  
be vital today"**

**Last Tuesday evening I took part, along with Chairman Rikki Hunt and Chief Executive Steve Jones, in a supporters' forum entitled 'Swindon Town - The Business'.**

Held in the Executive Lounge here at the County Ground, well over 100 supporters saw a very detailed and comprehensive presentation from Rikki Hunt on the financial position of the Club as well as comparisons with the other Division One Clubs following the recent Deloitte and Touche publication on the finances of professional football. Following the presentation an hour long question and answer session was held with the audience. The whole evenings proceedings were hosted by Shaun Hodgetts and broadcast live on BBC Wiltshire Sound.

I really enjoyed the evening and I felt that much was gained from it; not just by the supporters in the audience and listening at home, but also by Rikki, Steve and I and our colleagues at Swindon Town who were present on the night. In my experience, very few clubs take the trouble to explain the realities of life to their supporters and it was obvious that this was appreciated. Likewise, it was extremely beneficial to hear the views of the fans and for me personally, to understand their fears and concerns. Whatever your viewpoint though, the one thing that stood out from the meeting was that everyone connected with this Club, Chairman, Directors, Manager, Players, Staff and Supporters all want success for Swindon

Town Football Club. However, success for Swindon cannot be achieved unless everyone pulls in the same direction. After Tuesday night, I am confident that we are now moving in the right direction.

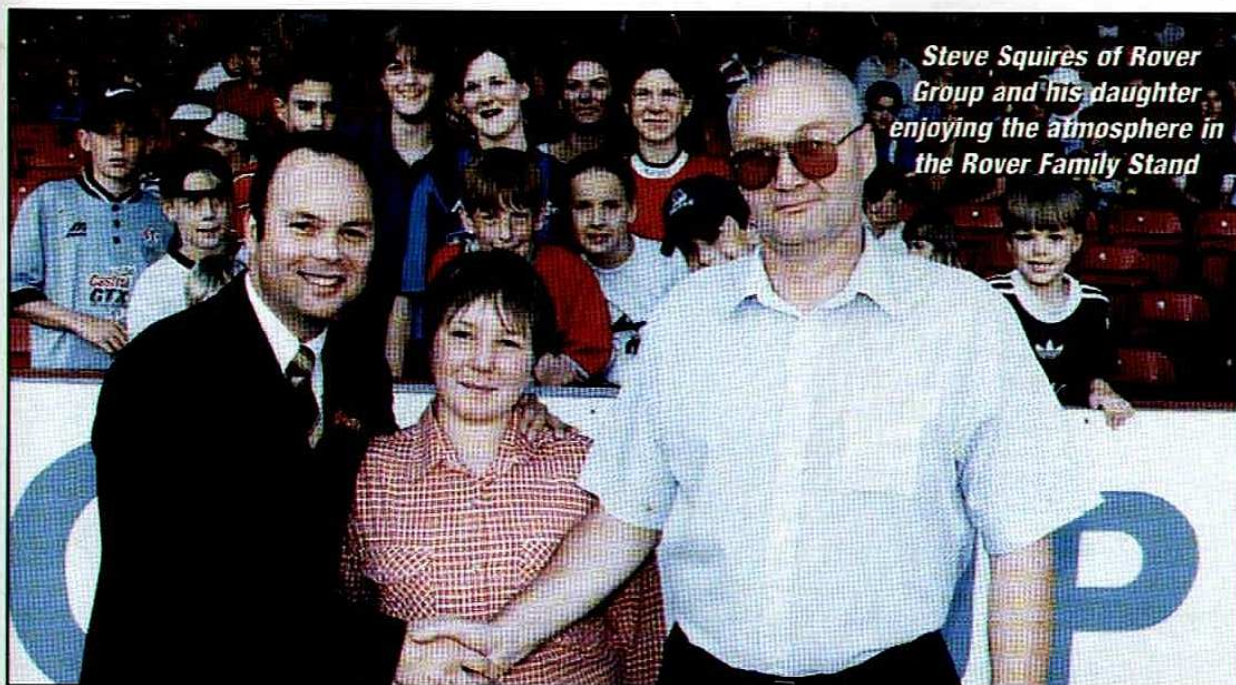
Last Saturday you would have seen the happy sight of the Rover Family Stand almost full of Swindon fans. This was the result of a successful collaboration between the Club and Rover officials and I would especially like to thank Steve Squires and Martin Leighton for their marvellous efforts and support of what we are trying to achieve here at the Club.

It just goes to show that with the support of one of the most important companies in the area we can take an empty stand and make it full again. This type of relationship with local organisations is vital to the Club and we will continue to look at different options to make sure we fill, not just the Rover Family Stand, but the entire ground.

As I mentioned in my notes last week, this is the way forward for us. In the next few weeks we hope to have further news on developments in this area of Matchday promotions.

Finally, today sees us play hosts to our near neighbours, Bristol City. Your vocal support will be vital today, please raise the roof - don't worry it's insured!

**If you have any views on the club you can write your letters to me at County Ground, Swindon Town Football Club, Swindon, Wilts, SN1 2ED.**



*Steve Squires of Rover Group and his daughter enjoying the atmosphere in the Rover Family Stand*



# DAVE HOLLISTER'S WINNING WAYS



Mr. Keith Spayins of South Cerney collected the £240 in the half-time draw against Port Vale with ticket number 1120.

The holders of tickets 0121 and 0184 - worth £80 and £40 respectively - have still to come forward to claim. All other tickets with a final digit of 0, 1 or 4 purchased on August 29th will, once deposited, be preserved for the car draw.

Our new weekly lottery - **BALL GAMES** - has to date paid £5,107 between 39 winners. Prizes have ranged from a minimum £50 up to £304. Such adaptability has produced an average payout of £130.95 for three correct numbers or less. The cash has been distributed to winners in accordance with the ensuing analysis. **Swindon £2045 - Penhill £236 - Freshbrook £351 - Wroughton £680 - Highworth £476 - Chiseldon £150 - Moredon £100 - Ramsbury £656 - Lambourn £132 - Devizes - £130 - Stratton £151.** Prizes other than cash, restricted to the FREE monthly membership number draw, have also been awarded to seven of our members! To become a member simply pick up an entry card and explanatory leaflet from the promotions office or seek details of your local agent. If YOU would like to become an agent and enjoy all the benefits of so doing, please identify yourself.

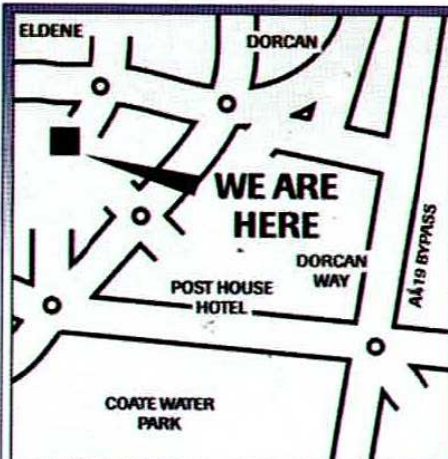
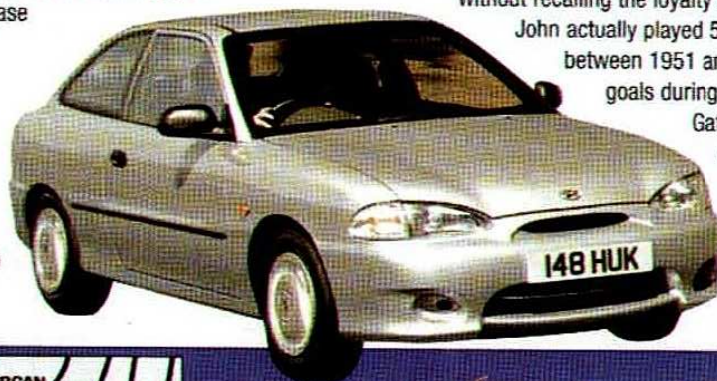
The **WHICHFORD HYUNDAI** player of the month award for August will be presented to the winner prior to today's kick-off. The decision as to who receives the monthly

awards is reached by a panel of four and deliberations are based upon home AND away performances during the relevant period. Views on overall commitment, perception, influence and application are discussed. Although horns are never locked and altercation is never in evidence, moments of contention often eventuate. Criticism and dissent are, after all, imperative in any discussion if compulsory unification of opinion is to be outlawed.

Thanks to the generosity of **Whichford Hyundai**, this seasons awards resemble stone carvings. If you get a chance to examine one closely I suggest you grab the opportunity. The carvings are supplied by **David Radway** of Apsley House Arcade, Wootton Bassett. David is a long-standing supporter of the Town and I cannot ever see his loyalty diminishing!

The receiver of today's "**player of the month award for August**" will be **ALAN REEVES**. A representative of **Whichford Hyundai** will make the presentation following the pre-match warm-up.

It is impossible to mention today's visitors, Bristol City, without recalling the loyalty to them of **John Atyeo**. John actually played 597 games for them between 1951 and 1966. He scored 314 goals during his career at Ashton Gate.....an average of over one every other game. **But where was John born?** First correct answer opened on September 19th wins an autographed football!



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# all around the world

**ENGLAND:** Sweden delayed the naming of their European Championship squad to take on England in Stockholm this Saturday in the hope that Bologna striker Kennet Andersson would pass a fitness test.

The Swedes, who rolled England out of the European Championship finals in 1992 with a 2 - 1 victory over us in the same Stockholm stadium, are confident they can repeat their success. You will recall England manager Graham Taylor rubbed Gary Lineker up the wrong way by pulling him off in that game and replacing him with Arsenal's Alan Smith.

Lineker has never forgiven Taylor but in my opinion the former Spurs star was out of form, out of order, and lucky to be picked in the first place. He had not scored in his last six England appearances and at 33 years of age had lost the one attribute that have given him the edge - pace.

But what of Saturday's opening joust in the 2000 European Championship? Don't think it will be easy for Glenn Hoddle's men, it won't. It's 33 years since we last won in Sweden, when Gordon Banks was in goal, when George Cohen and Raymond Wilson played fullbacks and Jack Charlton and Bobby Moore were the sentinels in defence. When Nobby Stiles and Alan Ball provided the vitality in midfield. Names that would become World Cup history.

It is also 30 years since we beat Sweden at Wembley and we have never ever beaten them in competition with two goalless draws being the return of two World Cup qualifying ties in 1998/89 followed by that 2 - 1 defeat in '92.

**Our away record against Sweden is P10 W4 D3 L3 F15 A10**

In the latest all-time World Cup rankings England feature in fifth place Sweden 10th.

**NORTHERN IRELAND:** face a difficult hurdle in Istanbul today and manager Lawrie McMenemy knows the score. The Irish are still smarting from their woeful World Cup campaign in which they only managed to finish above Albania in their qualifying group finishing in the wake of Armenia.

The Irish don't travel too well and big Lawrie has hardly been in the hot seat long enough to make his presence felt. Turkey is certainly not an ideal location, the Istanbul crowd can be very intimidating and the whole atmosphere will be hostile. Still the Irish have a fairly good record against the Turks being beaten only once in four visits though the last time they travelled there was in 1986 when they drew 0 - 0.

Wimbledon winger Michael Hughes could be a key figure. He missed their last friendly through a thigh injury but should be fit for this one and if he reproduces his club form of this season could be a match winner.

**By Colin Benson**

Northern Ireland's away record in Turkey is  
P4 W1 D2 L4 E3 A1

FIFA Rankings Northern Ireland 88th Turkey 53rd

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND:

There is probably more pressure on them as they are at home and must make this advantage count in what is a very tricky

group. The Irish face Croatia in Dublin today and have three Balkan countries to contend with Yugoslavia and FYR

Macedonia completing the group with Malta.

Croatia, who did so well in the World Cup Finals in France are an ageing side but firm favourites with Yugoslavia also very much in the frame. The only previous encounter between the two countries produced a 2 - 2 draw in Dublin in 1996. Mick Macarthy's boys need to go one better this time.

His problem is also an ageing team with few international class youngsters available to follow in the boots of Jack Charlton's successful side. The return of Roy Keane is seen as a morale booster but the Manchester United midfielder is far from his best after almost a year out through injury.

In the latest FIFA ranking list Croatia are 4th, the Republic of Ireland 47th!

**SCOTLAND:** will still be without their skipper Gary McAllister who hopes to start his comeback in the Coventry City reserves next week. Lithuania should give them a good start however and they can expect to return with three points on the board.

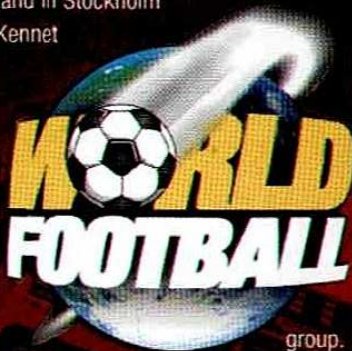
On paper the draw has been kind to the Scots for they should see off the likes of the Faroe Isles, Bosnia and Estonia and on current form be good enough to contain the Czechs. But Scotland have a habit of shooting themselves in the foot when made favourites and Craig Brown will need to concentrate on getting his team in the right frame of mind.

Scotland have never met Lithuania before  
FIFA Rankings Lithuania 55th Scotland 36th

**WALES:** What a start for Bobby Gould. Home to Italy and all but one of the previous five games have been played away. The one home fixture was back in 1968 when Italy won 1 - 0 in Cardiff in a World Cup qualifying tie.

Mind you, the Welsh have had their moments as Germany will testify and in 1988 they beat Italy 1 - 0 on their own soil. The last meeting was in 1996 when Italy won by 3 - 0.

Wales were overwhelmed by Holland in the World Cup qualifying group and need to improve by a huge margin to trouble Italy. Perhaps Ryan Giggs can produce a match winning performance. FIFA Rankings Italy 8th Wales 101st





A full-page action photograph of footballer Ty Gooden. He is wearing a red football kit with a white collar and a 'Nationwide' sponsor patch. He is in motion on a green pitch, with another player visible behind him. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

**action special**



*Ty Gooden*  
MIDFIELDER



# the BUSINESS

**WITH MARK HILLIER:**  
**Corporate Sales Manager**



Today we would like to welcome our six sponsors for the game against Bristol City. We hope that G&K Windows, Loder Electrical Services,

Lansing Linde, NatWest, Presto Print and Bass Brewers enjoy the local derby.

**G&K Windows** is a family firm situated in Wootton Bassett, they specialise in P.V.C.u. windows, doors and conservatories. We are delighted to welcome their proprietor Ken Sawyer who has been a life long Swindon fan.

**Lansing Linde** is the world's largest manufacturer of materials handling equipment. They can provide fork lift trucks to suit specialist applications together with general purpose machines. Please contact Lansing Linde South West on **0117 906 3000** for expert advice and information on the packages they can offer your company.

**Loder Electrical Services** are an established commercial/industrial electrical contractors and sub-contractors trading since 1978. For more information please contact **01793 528433**.

**NatWest** is delighted to be supporting today's game against Bristol City. They believe a bank cannot stand apart from the community around it. Part of this incorporates their desire to actively encourage and support British Sporting Excellence by providing support in this way. They strive to benefit the communities they serve.

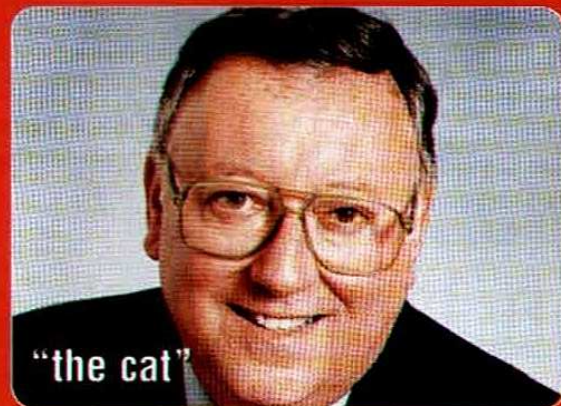
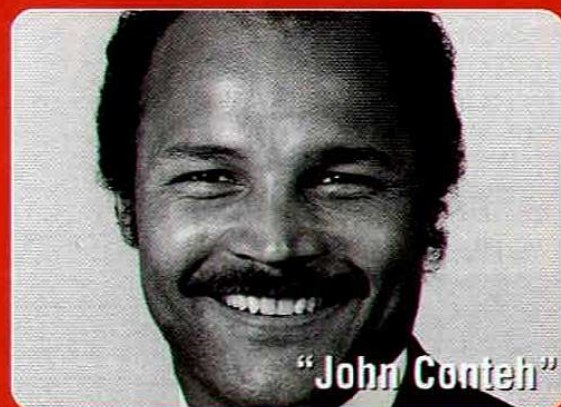
**Presto Print** have their local branch on the High Street in Old Town, Swindon. A number of their staff are keen Swindon fans and they hope Swindon have a great game today. For more information please contact **01793 613112**.

**Bass Brewers** have a long history of supporting football teams and have always taken pleasure in being associated with Swindon Town. Everyone at Bass wish Swindon the best of luck for the coming season.

## Sporting Dinner

**with Bob "the cat" Bevan  
and John Conteh**

To kick off the start of a new season I am pleased to announce that a prestigious dinner will be taking place at the DeVere Hotel on the 8th October 1998.



Our guest speakers will be **Bob "the cat" Bevan** and former World Champion Boxer **John Conteh**.

Bob is an award winning after dinner speaker and a former presenter of **BBC Radio 5 Live's "606"** show. **John Conteh** is a legend of British Boxing and is now one of the most sought after speakers on the circuit. The evening will be hosted by our Head of PR **Steve Sutherland** and will also feature an auction of sporting memorabilia.

**Tickets for this events are priced at £38.00 per head and can be obtained by telephoning myself in the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.**



# TREATMENT room

**Alan McDonald is still recovering from a calf strain, but his progress improves day by day.**

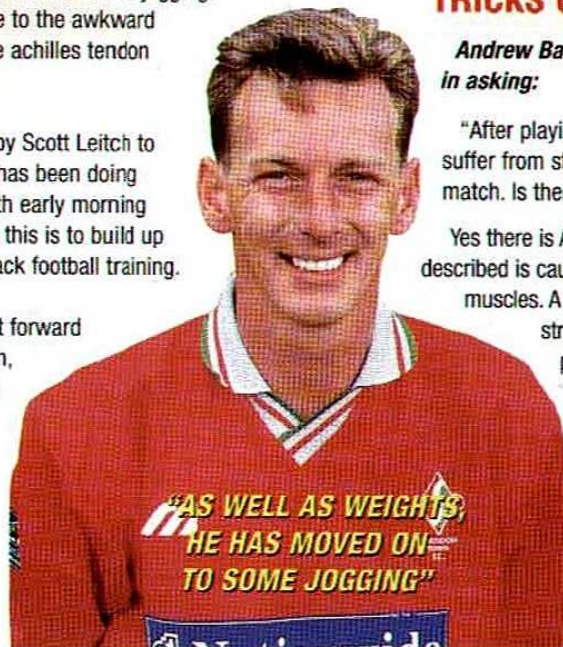
immediately took him to hospital where he saw a neurologist, as a precautionary measure. He now has the "all clear".

As well as weights, he has moved on to some jogging. But we have to take it steady due to the awkward position of the strain between the achilles tendon and the calf muscle.

Rapid progress is being made by Scott Leitch to recover from his dead leg. Scott has been doing plenty of pool work combined with early morning circuits. The important thing with this is to build up the running before we get him back football training.

There has been little movement forward with Lee Collins shoulder problem, but he has travelled to London to see a specialist and we're confident this will be the important step for Lee.

You may have seen in the local press that young defender Adam Willis suffered a clash of heads in a reserve game. We



## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

**Andrew Ball of West Swindon has written in asking:**

"After playing a tough game of football I always suffer from stiffness during the days following the match. Is there anything I can do about this?"

Yes there is Andrew. The stiffness you have described is caused by a build up of lactate in the muscles. A good warm down with plenty of stretching and a hot bath are scientifically proven to decrease the amount of lactate in muscles by 70%.

*If require any Tips of the Trade for training you can write to Dave Moore and Dick Mackey at Swindon Town FC. The best query will be published in the Matchday Magazine and answered in this section.*

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## Butt Blow England Boss

Glenn Hoddle will be without Manchester Utd midfielder Nicky Butt for the European Championship clash against Sweden.



Butt has been ruled out due to urgent surgery that is required on his wisdom teeth. The problem is added to by the fact that Paul Ince has an ankle injury and Jamie Redknapp is lacking full match fitness. With gaps like this to fill it looks increasingly likely that the Newcastle captain Robert Lee will be recalled to play in Stockholm.

## McAllister Winning Fitness Fight

Coventry and Scotland skipper Gary McAllister has overcome the first major hurdle in his battle for fitness and could be just a month away from a return.



The midfielder missed most of last season and the World Cup finals after tearing knee ligaments.

But Coventry manager Gordon Strachan yesterday confirmed that his former Leeds colleague had come through a practice match. He said: "His knee seems fine and the rest over the summer will certainly have done his body some good. He had played constantly for about four years and that takes a toll on your body."

"Everyone is delighted he is on the way back and he has certainly worked very hard to get there."

# PREMIERSHIP



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# ROUND-UP

## We Will Be Back!

The Saints are now the only team in the Premiership without a point - but boss Dave Jones dismissed talks of the sack.



He said: "If you start sacking people after three games there would be a lot of managers out of work."

"I would be a lot more concerned about my job if we were talking about 10 or 15 games gone."

"But at the moment it is just ridiculous."

## Adams And Hoddle Clash

The controversy surrounding Glenn Hoddle's diaries looks set to continue as Arsenal star Tony Adams has joined the debate.



Adams has recently slammed Hoddle's treatment of Gascoigne and Beckham, and the rest of the players by publishing the book. Adams outburst coincides with the release of his own diaries entitled "Addicted", and should in no way be seen as a publicity stunt to generate sales for this!

## No Way Back For Wright

Mark Wright has admitted defeat in his year-long battle with a back-injury and quit.



The Liverpool veteran is now hoping to become a manager and will spend the next few weeks talking to men who have influenced his career, including Bobby Robson, Don Howe, Arthue Cox and Lawrie McMenemy, as he plans his next move.

The ex-England defender, one of the stars of the 1990 World Cup, said:

"It's a sad day, but I've been preparing for the worst for a while."

"My biggest thrill was lifting the FA Cup as Liverpool captain in 1992."

## Walker May Walk

After conceding 6 goals Ian Walker has been dropped to be replaced Espen Baarsden.



It is believed that Walker is unhappy at Spurs and wants a move to more a successful club.

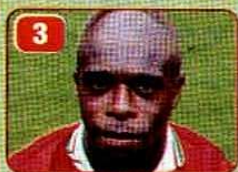


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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
LIVERPOOL	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
ASTON VILLA	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
NOTT'M FOREST	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
CHARLTON	3	1	2	0	5	0	5
WIMBLEDON	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
ARSENAL	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
LEEDS	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
WEST HAM	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
LEICESTER	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
COVENTRY	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
BLACKBURN	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
SHEFF WED	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
DERBY	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
TOTTENHAM	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
MAN UNITED	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
MIDDLESBROUGH	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
NEWCASTLE	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
CHELSEA	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
EVERTON	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
SOUTHAMPTON	3	0	0	3	2	9	0







## Odd one out...

Identify which Swindon Town player is the odd one out and why?

## ANSWERS:

### WHO AM I?

1. S. LEITCH  
2. A. REEVES  
3. K. WATSON

### MANAGER?

ALAN LITTLE  
YORK CITY FC.

### WHO'S KIT

SHIRT:  
BURY

### ODD ONE OUT

THE ODD ONE  
OUT IS PHILIPPE  
CURZIO. HE IS THE  
ONLY ONE PICTURED  
WHO HAS NOT  
SCORED THIS  
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## WHO AM I?

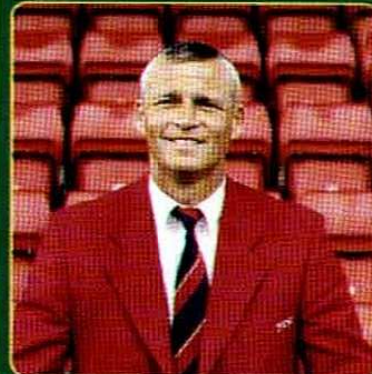
Name the three faces from Swindon Town FC.



## who's kit ???????



## I am the manager of which team???



Send us your picture sporting the Swindon Town colours and you just may be filling this space!

When fans write in to "Show Yer Colours" they usually send in pictures of themselves at work, but this Swindon fan has found a Town banner in Yerevan, Armenia. But nobody at the ground could tell him how it got there?! Another case for the X-Files.

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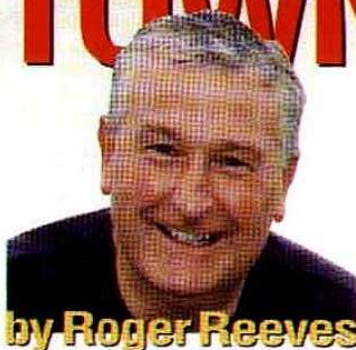
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# SWINDON TOWN Ladies



by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies open the new season with a home local derby against Oxford United.

The two sides have met on three previous occasions and each time they have been very evenly contested encounters. In the away game last year the Town scrapped home by two goals to one and in the home game we took the points with a four goal to three victory. The two sides met again in the Quarter Finals of the League Cup and with the scores tied at two each after extra time the match went to a penalty shoot out. A great penalty save by stand in keeper Sharon Black ensured it was the Town that progressed through to the Semi Finals.

This will be an interesting season with six teams from the South West Regional League providing new opposition. The Town did play Cardiff County in the Second Round of the FA Cup last season, but lost out two nil in extra time. The Cardiff side, who include several Welsh internationals, eventually won the South West Regional League Premier Division, but lost out on a place in the National League when they were beaten by Reading Royals in the Play Offs.

The newly formed second team also start their season tomorrow with a trip to Hertfordshire to face Tring Town. The side which includes mainly youngsters will play in the Southern Region League - Northern Divisions.

*All of the Town's home games are played Sunday afternoons on the County Ground Extension pitch and kick off is at 2.00 p.m.*

## LEAGUE 97/98

### Southern Region League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Reading Royals	20	16	4	0	75	14	52
*Swindon Town	20	14	2	4	86	34	44
*Cheltenham	20	12	3	5	56	27	39
Southampton	20	9	4	7	48	39	31
*Swindon Spitfires	20	8	7	5	39	43	31
*Portsmouth	20	8	5	7	44	31	29
*Oxford United	20	7	3	10	31	40	24
Southampton S.	20	7	2	11	36	46	23
Launton	20	6	3	11	32	63	21
Binfield	20	4	2	14	19	63	14
Havant Town	20	1	1	18	17	86	4

**DIVISION ONE**  
 \* Denham United 18 18 0 0 1447 54  
 \* Promoted to South West Combination League.

@ Reading Royals won play-offs and were promoted to National League.

## LEAGUE 97/98

### South West Regional League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Cardiff County	22	17	5	0	119	22	56
*Bath City	22	15	5	2	92	32	50
*Bristol Rovers	22	16	2	4	78	33	50
Elmore Eagles	22	11	3	8	61	45	36
*Saltash Pilgrims	22	11	4	7	75	56	34
Truro City	22	11	1	10	65	50	34
Frome	22	7	4	11	63	73	25
*Sherbourne	22	6	6	10	54	55	24
*Bristol City	22	7	2	13	39	68	23
Newton Abbot	22	7	2	13	39	82	23
Cam Bulldogs	22	6	1	15	43	98	16
Bristol Freeway	22	0	1	21	26	140	0

(one point deducted)

\*Promoted to South West Combination League.

## FIXTURES 98/99

### South West Combination League

SUN 6TH SEPT	OXFORD UNITED	H
SUN 13TH SEPT	Bristol Rovers	A
SUN 20TH SEPT	SHERBOURNE	H
SUN 27th SEPT	(FA Cup R1)	
SUN 4th OCT	Portsmouth	A
SUN 11TH OCT	DENHAM UNITED	H
SUN 18th OCT	Swindon Spitfires	A
SUN 25TH OCT	CHELTEHAM	H
SUN 1st NOV	(FA Cup R2)	
SUN 8th NOV	Bath City	A
SUN 15TH NOV	BRISTOL CITY	H
SUN 22nd NOV	Saltash Pilgrims	A
SUN 29th NOV	Cardiff County	A
SUN 6th DEC	(League Cup)	
SUN 13th DEC	Oxford United	A
SUN 10TH JAN	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
SUN 24th JAN	Sherbourne	A
SUN 31ST JAN	PORTMOUTH	H
SUN 7th FEB	Denham United	A
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
SUN 28th FEB	Cheltenham	A
SUN 7TH MAR	BATH CITY	H
SUN 14th MAR	Bristol City	A
SUN 21ST MAR	SALTASH PILGRIMS	H
SUN 28TH MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	H

## FIXTURES 98/99

### Southern Region League Northern Division

SUN 6th SEPT	Tring Town	A
SUN 13TH SEPT	CARTERTON TOWN	H
SUN 20th SEPT	Witney Town	A
SUN 4TH OCT	CHESHAM UNITED	H
SUN 11th OCT	Aylesbury Stocklake	A
SUN 25th OCT	Newport Pagnell Utd	A
SUN 1ST NOV	OXFORD UTD RES	H
SUN 8th NOV	Bushey Rangers	A
SUN 15TH NOV	RISBOROUGH R.	H
SUN 22nd NOV	(League Cup R1)	
SUN 29TH NOV	TRING TOWN	H
SUN 6th DEC	Carterton Town	A
SUN 13TH DEC	WITNEY TOWN	H
SUN 10th JAN	chesham united	A
SUN 24TH JAN	AYLESBURY S.	H
SUN 31ST JAN	NEWPORT P. UTD	H
SUN 7th FEB	Oxford United Res	A
SUN 28TH FEB	BUSHEY RANGERS	H
SUN 7th MAR	Risborough Rovers	A

## NEXT HOME GAMES

**South West Combination League**  
**Sunday 6th Sept 98**  
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**Southern Region League Northern Division**  
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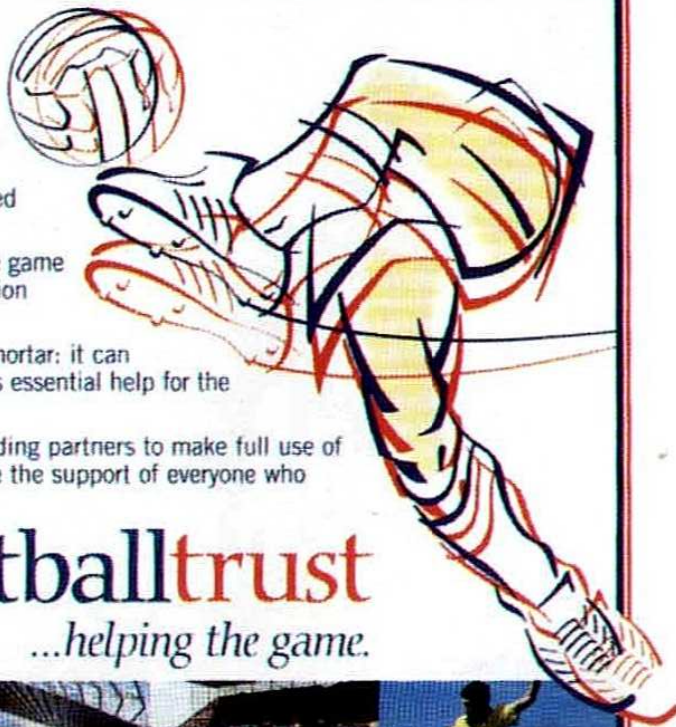
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## Reid is Top Man

Sunderland manager Peter Reid is the Nationwide manager of the month for August.



After the agony of the play-off final defeat by Charlton, Reid has guided the Weariders back to the top

of the First Division with four league wins which has taken them into the second round of the Worthington Cup.



# 1

## NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

### New Deal For Dreyer

Bradford City defender John Dreyer has marked his return from injury by signing a new one year contract.



Meanwhile, Bradford midfielder Jamie Lawrence is expected to be out of action for at least six weeks after injuring his knee.

### Wolves Want Robbie

Wolves are bracing themselves for a battle to keep teenage striker Robbie Keane.



Arsenal have watched the £5m rated Republic of Ireland international three times now.

They head a host of Premiership clubs showing an interest in the 18-year old striker, who played a key role in Wolves final position in the Division One campaign of last year.

### Boo Boss is Rover & Out

Tranmere are still looking for their first win -and are now looking for a Chairman as well.



Frank Corfe resigned after 11 years on the board after fans booed him during a half-time presentation. Since resigning Corfe has asked £7million for his 80% shareholding in the club.

### Sunderland Face International Injuries

England under 21 stars Michael Bridges and Darren Williams, who both play for Sunderland, are injured.



Bridges has an ankle problem while Williams has suffered a groin strain. This means they will both miss the opening qualifier for the U21's European Championship's against Sweden in Sundsvall.

## Noades Criticises Goldberg

Former Crystal Palace Chairman Ron Noades has claimed that the deal he agreed with Mark Goldberg to sell the club was "stupid".



Noades argues that Goldberg had the money up front to buy the Selhurst Park club but now doesn't have the finance to buy the freehold to the ground.

On the pitch Palace have had an indifferent start to the season with a win, two draws and a loss making up their five league points. Considering they have brought in the likes of Austin from Spurs and Amasalem from Baitar Jerusalem and kept quality players such as Neil Shipperley and Paul Warhurst one might have expected a better start. But the season is young and with Digby getting his chance in goal, who knows what the season could hold for them.

### Nationwide league Division one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.TS.
SUNDERLAND	5	4	1	0	13	2	13
WOLVES	5	4	1	0	9	2	13
BURY	5	3	2	0	5	0	11
WEST BROM	5	3	1	1	12	8	10
BIRMINGHAM	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
NORWICH	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
WATFORD	5	3	0	2	8	8	9
GRIMSBY	5	2	2	1	6	3	8
SHEFF UTD	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
HUDDERFIELD	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
BOLTON	4	1	3	0	8	6	6
PORTSMOUTH	5	1	3	1	8	6	6
CREWE	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
STOCKPORT	5	1	3	1	6	7	6
BARNLEY	5	1	3	1	5	6	6
IPSWICH	5	1	3	1	3	2	6
CRYSTAL PALACE	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
BRADFORD	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
BRISTOL CITY	5	0	3	2	6	10	3
SWINDON	5	0	2	3	3	8	2
QPR	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
OXFORD	5	0	2	3	2	7	2
TRANMERE	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
PORT VALE	5	0	1	4	2	11	1



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I'm learning with every game that I play and the experience will prove invaluable.

We've been working hard in training to maintain the levels of fitness built up over pre-season while also looking at tightening our defence. The training is hard going but I know I've got to keep at it if I'm going to deliver on my potential.

As well as this, I've been working hard on putting on a bit of weight. As one of the smaller players I've been spending plenty of time in the gym increasing my muscle capacity.

Today we face local rivals Bristol City. Although it has been a number of years since we last played them, derby games always have an added edge to them. Both ourselves and Bristol City have had a problem conceding silly goals so you should see plenty today.

After this we face our other local rivals Oxford United. Two tough games, but there

can be no better way to kick start the season than by beating these two sides.



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**Q: What is your footballing background?**

A: It was a pretty standard really progression really. I was at Motherwell as a schoolboy and it was here I learnt my trade as a player in their youth set-up. This is the point at which you find out whether you'll make the grade and be a success. I was then lucky enough to be signed as a pro for Motherwell and I ended up playing there for three years.



**Q: What was your next move?**

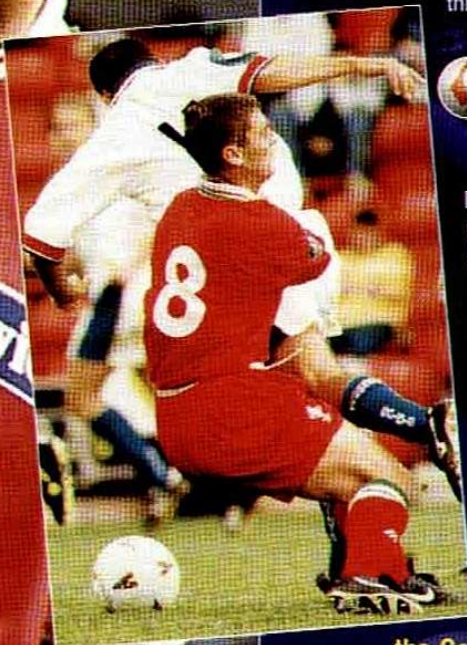
A: After that it was on to Dunfermline where I enjoyed three successful seasons, although it was often a case of "so near yet so far". We had some great cup runs, getting to the semi's twice and making it to the final a year later when we were beaten by Aberdeen.



**Q: But it wasn't long before you were at**

**the County Ground. Was leaving Scotland a hard transition?**

A: No it wasn't because I was on loan for a few games first and I really enjoyed that, so when the manager said we want you permanently I was delighted with the move. The squad at Swindon has always been a great bunch of lads, and I'm quite outgoing anyway, so I soon fit in.







**Q: How does Scottish football compare to the First Division?**

A: I think the bottom half of the Scottish Premier would sit in the mid table of Division One. They you have the likes of Celtic and Rangers that would do quite well in the Premier so it's a mixed bag.

One of the main differences between the two countries is that in Scotland you're playing the same five or six teams every week. Nine times out of ten you can bet that I'd be playing with old friends and players you know. It doesn't matter who I play I always want to win, but it does get boring. I needed a change from this which is why I moved to Swindon. In a big League with so many other sides it was nice to face new players and meet the new challenges that this Division have to offer.



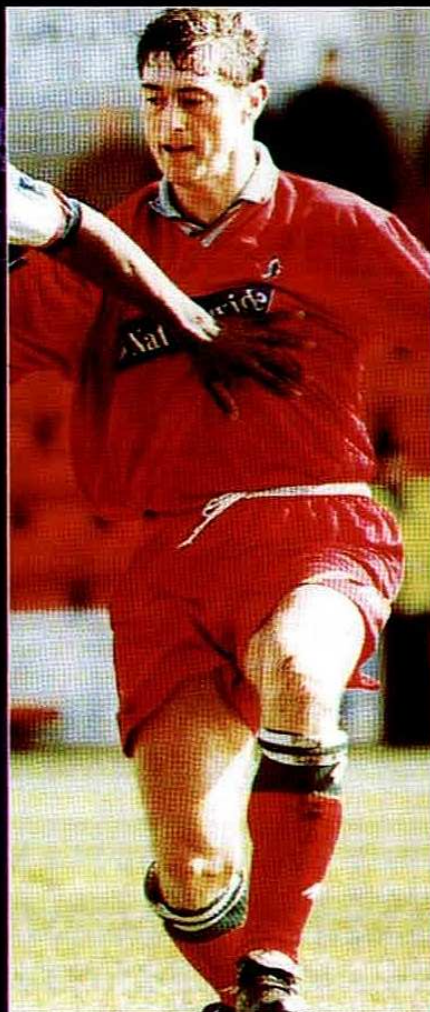
**Q: Playing against the likes of Sunderland was certainly a challenge.**

A: Yes, that has been my only game so far this season and it was great to be part of it. After being injured for so long I thought I did okay, more importantly the lads played well as a team. From a personal point of view it was just frustrating to pick up an injury from that game, especially after getting the taste of competitive football again. I suffered a dead leg which has kept me out since Sunderland, but I'm confident I'll be back in the frame shortly.



**Q: How do you view things going for the Town this season?**

A: I think we've just got to start by winning games. We've had a really hard start to the season, but people have seen we've been playing well and a good result today could turn the season around for us. Part of the frustration is that we often play well but don't get the breaks, like a penalty decision, or a bit of luck. What is certain is that we have to kick start the season now.



**Scott Leitch**

**Has your career ever gone pear-shaped?**

Every day when I'm in the Treatment Room.

**Best dressed at Swindon Town?**

George Ndah.

**Worst dressed at Swindon Town?**

Too many to mention!

**Superstitions?**

None

**Your house is on fire, what's the first thing you rescue?**

As long as my family are not in there the house can burn to the ground.





## the swindon fact files

## the key:

FAC = F.A. CUP  
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat Aug 08	Sheffield United A	1-2	15,937	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED AUG 12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1) H	2-1	4,682	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 15	SUNDERLAND H	1-1	10,207	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Aug 18	Wycombe W WC1 (2) A	0-2	2,478	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton W. A	0-1	21,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 29	PORT VALE H	1-1	7,800	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Mon Aug 31	Bury A	0-3	4,513	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 05	BRISTOL CITY* H									
WED SEPT 09	OXFORD UNITED* H									
Sat Sept 12	Portsmouth A									
SAT SEPT 19	WATFORD H									
Fri Sept 25	Tranmere Rovers A									
Tue Sept 29	Bolton Wanderers A									
SAT OCT 03	STOCKPORT COUNTY H									
SAT OCT 10	HUDDERSFIELD T. H									
Sat Oct 17	Ipswich Town A									
Tue Oct 20	Birmingham City A									
SAT OCT 24	W.B.A. H									
SAT OCT 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS H									
Sat Nov 07	Crewe Alexandra A									
Sat Nov 14	Bradford City (FA.C1) A									
SAT NOV 21	CRYSTAL PALACE H									
Sat Nov 28	Grimsby Town A									
SAT DEC 05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2) H									
SAT DEC 12	BRADFORD CITY H									
Sat Dec 19	Barnsley A									
SAT DEC 26	WOLVERHAMPTON W. H									
Mon Dec 28	Bristol City A									
Sat Jan 02	(FA.C3)									
SAT JAN 09	SHEFFIELD UNITED H									
Sat Jan 16	Port Vale A									
Sat Jan 23	(FA.C4)									
SAT JAN 30	BURY H									
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland A									
Sat Feb 13	Oxford Utd (FA.C5) A									
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH H									
Sat Feb 27	Watford A									
WED MAR 03	TRANMERE ROVERS H									
SAT MAR 06	BOLTON W. (FA.C6) H									
Tue Mar 09	Stockport County A									
SAT MAR 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA H									
Sat Mar 20	Queens Park Rangers A									
Sat Mar 27	W.B.A. A									
SAT APR 03	IPSWICH TOWN H									
Mon Apr 05	Huddersfield Town A									
SAT APR 10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF) H									
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A									
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H									
Sat May 01	Norwich City A									
SUN MAY 09	BARNSELY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

### LAST SEASONS TOP SCORERS

CHRIS HAY	14
MARK WALTERS	5
STEVE FINNEY	4
WAYNE ALLSION	3

### LAST SEASONS TOP GATES

SUN 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY VS SUNDERLAND	15,740
SAT 22 <sup>ND</sup> NOV VS MIDDLESBROUGH	15,228
SUN 7 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT VS NOTT'M FOREST	13,051
SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup> FEB VS MANCHESTER CITY	12,280

### LAST FOUR GAMES

BURY	A	LOST 3-0
PORT VALE	H	DREW 1-1
WOLVES	A	LOST 1-0
WYCOMBE W.	A	LOST 2-0



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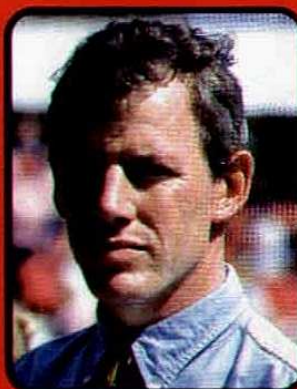
PLAYER IN RED  
DENOTES SCORER

NUMBER IN BRACKETS  
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED ( )

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NDAH	DAVIS (8)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NDAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GODDEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GODDEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NDAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GODDEN	ONDURA(6)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GODDEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GODDEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON

## the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



But on the whole I believe the performance of the Gaffer and the team has been impressive and can only lead to better things. We're playing with style at times, with team-spirit, and once we can improve our finishing - well who knows what might happen.

Swindon Town seems to me to be a business that has weathered a recent recession of sorts, has invested in quality management and consolidated its expenditure. The proverbial green shoots of recovery may be just around the corner!

**It seems everyone is talking about the business of football in Swindon this week.**

Town Chairman Rikki Hunt spoke to more than one hundred fans at the County Ground on Tuesday night, at a special meeting broadcast live on BBC Wiltshire Sound. In it he painted a picture of which many of us never really see or hear about - the financial struggle of many of our top-flight professional football clubs. Profit margins and ledgers are what call the shots.

What grieves the rest of us, of course, is that it's a business that trades on our loyalty and passion, our commitment and support. And that's what makes it a very different business to selling bread or making nuts-and-bolts.

Quite rightly some Town fans are demanding results on the pitch.

Next weekend the Town travel to Portsmouth on Saturday. But there's an interesting Town tie the next day which is worthy of our support. A Swindon Town All Stars Team takes on the might of a Wolves All Stars eleven in a charity match at the Shrivenham Rec. Paul Bodin, 'champagne' Charlie Henry, Kenny Stroud and The Gaffer Steve McMahon will line up in red against the Old Gold of Emlyn Hughes, Willie Carr, Mel Eves and Phil Parkes. The match kicks off at 3pm and raises money for the Tear fund project with street children in South America. A good cause worthy of support.

**Enjoy today's match.  
Yours in sport!  
Jon Gripton**

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# MATCH..... STATS



## the officials

### Referee:

**Mr P. Rejer**

Paul Rejer is 44 and works as a General Manager.

He is married with two children. He became a Football League Linesman in 86/87 and was promoted to referee status in 1994. In his spare time Barry likes music, television and running.

### Assistant Referees:

**Mr B. Elliott**

**Mr K. Pike**

## match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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# TODAY'S TEAMS.....



**SWINDON  
TOWN**



**BRISTOL  
CITY**



JIMMY GLASS

STUART NAYLOR

FRANK TALIA

KEITH WELCH

STEVE MILDENHALL

MICKEY BELL

CRAIG TAYLOR

JIM BRENNAN

MARK ROBINSON

LOUIS CAREY

BRIAN BORROWS

SEAN DYCHE

ALAN McDONALD

ROB EDWARDS

ALAN REEVES

KEVIN LANGAN

ADAM WILLIS

MARK SHAIL

DAVID KERSLAKE

MATT STOWELL

GARETH HALL

SHAUN TAYLOR

TY GOODEN

JULIAN WATTS

SOL DAVIS

TOMMY DOHERTY

DARREN BULLOCK

MATTHEW HEWLETT

BOBBY HOWE

CARL HUTCHINGS

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ADAM LOCKE

KEVIN WATSON

SCOTT MURRAY

ROBIN HULBERT

DWAYNE PLUMMER

SCOTT LEITCH

BRIAN TINNIION

LEE COLLINS

ADE AKINBIYI

MARK WALTERS

SOREN ANDERSEN

GEORGE NDAH

COLIN CRAMB

IFEM ONUORA

GREG GOODRIDGE

CHRIS HAY

TONY THORPE

STEVE COWE

STEVE TORPEY

## NEXT HOME MATCH...

Wed 9th Sept 1998 Nationwide League Div 1

7.45pm kick off VS **OXFORD UTD**

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