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# Welcome to the County Ground

## Hello and welcome to the County Ground for today's game against Oxford United.

We have had many fierce battles with the "dons" over the year and we're sure this fixture will be no different.

We face Oxford on the back of a thriller against Bristol City on Saturday. A good 3-2 win was just what we needed- the excitement of the day seemed to wake everyone up and tonight we can capitalise on this.

Saturday's game was about heroes and the whole team played well. But Scott Leitch and Frank Talia stand above the all others with their displays. Frank crashed into Akimbiyi when City scored their first goal and suffered a nasty knock to the face. With blood streaming out of his nose and no keeper on the bench he carried on regardless and pulled off a string of saves to keep us in the game.

It was a similar story for Leitch. Barely back from injury he stepped into a tempestuous derby game and took control of the midfield. As well as that, he was instrumental in getting the fans to make some noise. He showed true Swindon spirit.

Back to tonight and if we can carry over the same atmosphere from the weekend- it'll be some game.

Our near neighbours Oxford United have always relied on resilience and hard work to keep their heads above

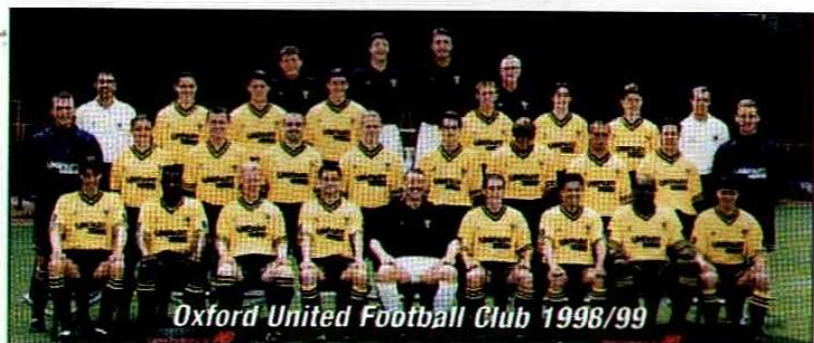
water. Last November the club were within hours of being wound up and only the sale of Bobby Ford to Sheffield United kept them afloat. But with the appointment of Malcolm Shotton, a fans favourite from the 80's, has insured some consistency on the pitch.

Oxford have had to sell the likes of Nigel Jemson and Darren Purse but finished well last season to maintain a respectable mid-table finish. Working on a shoe-string budget Shotton is determined to avoid selling his main asset- winger and ex-Swindon player Joey Beauchamp. He is valued at around £2 million and, despite the problems of re-location that surround him, Premiership clubs continue to show interest in the 27 year old.

New players for Oxford include Spurs midfielder Danny Hill, midfielder/ striker Dean Windass of Aberdeen and Southend striker Andy Thompson.

Back at the County Ground we would like to remind all supporters that reserve games are now free for all. Our next reserve home game sees us take on Luton Town on Wednesday 23rd September, kick-off 7.15pm. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a good match and watch an interesting combination of first team players and the Town's promising youngsters.

With both Swindon and Oxford searching for more points today's game can really kick start the season. So lets get behind the team and show Oxford what we can do.



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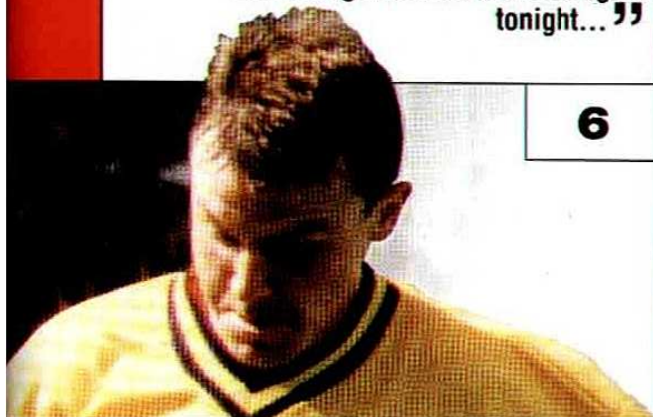


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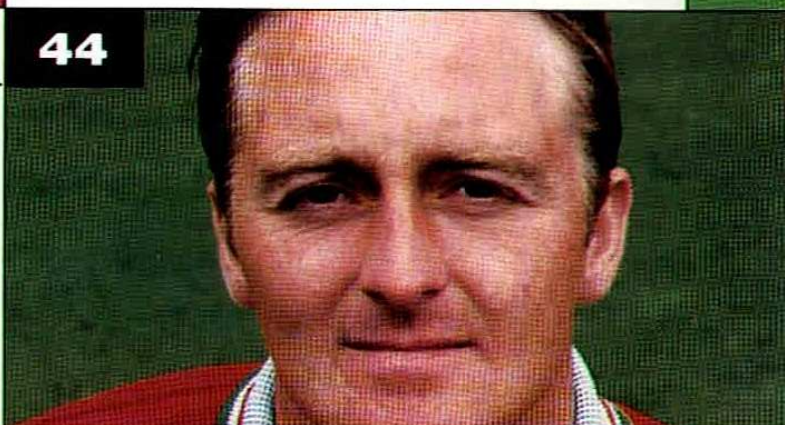
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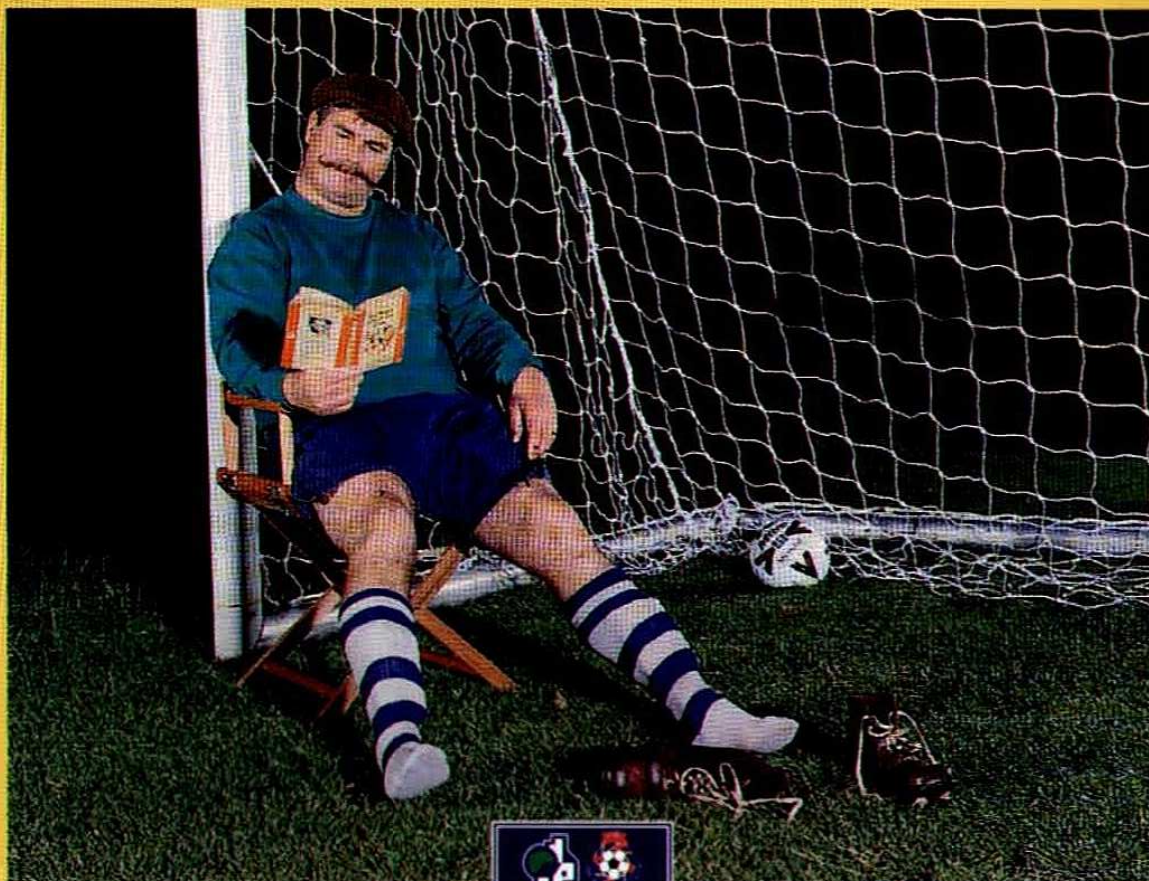
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Steve McMahon's view  
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PORTSMOUTH  
Sat 12th Sept 1998



"If we get the right result today a win against Pompey could take us up the table.

It'll be a tough clash, but we'll be ready for it".

# Manager STEVE McMAHON

We won't ever forget that football is a game of blood, sweat and tears, especially after last Saturday afternoon.

Three early goals were the highlights of our game on Saturday and showed that when we get a little bit of luck we can beat teams. Now we have our first win and three good goals under our belt we can kick start the season and start looking up the table rather than down.

Looking closer at Saturday's game you have to say it was a real rollercoaster with 3 goals in 10 minutes and then Bristol pulling two back in the second half - for any of you with a nervous disposition I apologise but I guarantee that I was as nervous as anybody for the last 10 minutes

We started brightly and carved out the three goals and for the rest of the half it was reasonably even between both sides. In the second half Bristol really came at us and forced us to defend deeper.

After their first goal we knew it was always going to be a difficult last half hour and being down to nine men didn't help but you have to admire the spirit and grit of those players left on the park.

Overall, I would have to say that

performance was no better or no worse than our games against Wolves, Sunderland or Sheffield United. But when you get the rub of the green it can turn things round.

Special mention has to go to Scott Leitch. The day before the game we were not even sure whether he was going to be fit enough to play but typical Leitch he worked his socks off and made himself fit for the game. In the centre of midfield he made a real difference with his penetrating passing and tireless work rate.

Of course we also have to give Frank Talia a pat on the back. He took a nasty knock to the head when Bristol scored their first goal. But he carried on regardless with blood streaming down his face.

As well as the players, a big hand in Saturday's game has to go to you the fans. Never have I heard the whole stadium make so much noise when we were up against it. This made a big difference to the lads and I know they appreciate it - more of the same please.

Today we face our other local rivals, Oxford United. We welcome Malcolm Shotton, his side, officials and fans of Oxford. They've proved themselves a good First Division outfit and will be tough competition today.

But if you give us support like Saturday the team feel like they can beat anybody.



"Three early goals were the highlights of our game on Saturday and showed that when we get a little bit of luck we can beat teams"



# Tonight's visitors

# OXFORD UNITED

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**This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of our friends and neighbours from Oxford United 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. As far as problems go, Oxford could certainly be said to have had their fair share in recent years. First, and perhaps most high profile, was the arrival of the late Robert Maxwell on an apparent white charger back in the late 1980s, set to save the club and turn it into a super power, even if it meant merging with Reading in the process. But forget white charger, it was more depth charger as

the ebullient Czech businessman blew a hole in the club's ambition by selling off the best players to Derby County, where his son, Ian, was a Director.

The Maxwell era came and went - along with many of the club's stars - and crisis has come calling on a regular basis ever since. The seemingly perennial boardroom battles continue, the club still has to sell to stay afloat and last season they came within a matter of hours of being wound-up, only the last minute £400,000 sale of Bobby Ford to Sheffield United keeping the circling creditors at bay for a while longer.

It could all have been so different, with persistent rumours circulating last season that Juventus were about to forge a link with United which would have secured the club's future off the pitch, as well as providing a string of young Serie A hopefuls to ply their trade on loan at the Manor Ground.

It was an almost surreal thought, and in the end the Italian giants reportedly signed a deal with Crystal Palace instead. Mind you, for all the positive affect it had at Selhurst Park, Oxford should maybe be counting their blessings.

On the pitch some degree of consistency seemed to have been achieved following the appointment as manager last season of Malcolm Shotton, although at the time of writing the 1998/99 campaign has thus far failed to produce a single win in the League. Traditionally operating on a tight budget, United have managed to cling on to their prize asset - the £2m rated former Swindon winger Joey Beauchamp - as well as bringing in three new faces during the summer months. Former Spurs midfielder Danny Hill, utility man Dean Windass and striker Andy Thomson have all been added to the squad as Shotton bids to ensure enough quality in his side to avoid any chance of a relegation dog-fight. The long-term future of the club, though, like so many others is still far from clear. The half-built new stadium at Minchery Farm on the outskirts of the city seems unlikely to be completed in the foreseeable future, leaving United to battle on at the unsuitable and crumbling Manor Ground.

Today, though, is derby day and all thoughts will be where they belong - on the game itself. May the best team win.

Midfielder-  
Joey Beauchamp



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# The team OXFORD UNITED

## ELLIOTT JACKSON

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**  
BORN: **27.08.77**  
AGE: **21**  
HEIGHT: **6ft**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A good shot-stopper who is also comfortable with crosses, Swindon-born Elliott had two spells in the first-team last season, when first choice Phil Whitehead was sidelined. Unfortunately for him, United took Arjan van Heusden on loan from Port Vale, and Jackson didn't get the run he was anticipating.

## PHIL WHITEHEAD

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**  
BORN: **17.12.69**  
HEIGHT: **6ft 3in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Barnsley**

Popular keeper who suffered two months out of action with a knee injury last season, but has bounced back to reclaim his position as first choice between the sticks for Oxford. Commands his area well and possesses a powerful kick. Oxford paid £75,000 for his services in November 1993.

## STEVE DAVIS

POSITION: **Central Defender**  
BORN: **26.07.65**  
AGE: **33**  
HEIGHT: **6ft**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Barnsley**

Followed manager Malcolm Shotton from Barnsley to the Manor last

season, initially for a loan spell in February, and then in a £75,000 transfer. Powerful in the air and strong in the tackle, he is a danger at both ends of the field.

## PHIL GILCHRIST

POSITION: **Central Defender**  
BORN: **25.08.73**  
AGE: **25**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Hartlepool Utd**

A back injury may have sidelined him for an early part of 1997/98, but Phil remained a tower of strength at the back for Oxford last season. Also a threat going forward, he scored the winner in last April's 'derby' match against Swindon at the Manor. Has a powerful long-throw, which is often used to aim for Kevin Francis in the penalty area.

## MICKEY LEWIS

POSITION: **Defender**  
BORN: **15.02.65**  
AGE: **33**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Derby County**

Combining the duties of playing with those of Youth team coach, Mickey is a committed and consistent defender who has played more than 300 senior games for United since joining in a part-exchange deal in the summer of 1988.

## SIMON MARSH

POSITION: **Defender**  
BORN: **29.01.77**  
AGE: **21**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Skilful left-back whose good form in 1997/98 earned him a call up to Peter Taylor's England U21 squad for the summer tournament in Toulon.

## PHIL WHELAN

POSITION: **Central Defender**  
BORN: **07.03.72**  
AGE: **26**  
HEIGHT: **6ft 4in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Middlesbrough**

An England U21 international who began his career at Ipswich Town, Phil has now recovered from the broken leg he sustained early in his Oxford career last season, following his £150,000 transfer from the Riverside Stadium. A strong and composed central defender who can also play at full-back.

## MARTIN GRAY

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **17.08.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sunderland**

Hard-working central midfielder who is one of a number of ex-Sunderland players signed by former United boss Denis Smith. Has now fully recovered from a knee injury which blighted the early part of last season for him.

## DANNY HILL

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **01.10.74**  
AGE: **23**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Tottenham**

Skilful midfield schemer who was released from Spurs during the summer and quickly snapped up by John Ward. An England U21 international, he had a successful spell on loan at Cardiff City last season before a back injury incurred while moving furniture at home put an end to a longer deal.



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# The team OXFORD UNITED

## MATT MURPHY

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **20.08.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Corby Town**

An attacking midfield player, Matt cost Oxford a mere £20,000 when he joined from non-League football in February 1993. He was unable to hold down a regular first-team place last season and had a period on loan with Scunthorpe.

## CHRISTOPHE REMY

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **06.08.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Auxerre**

French U21 international Christophe originally came to England on the invitation of Derby County - but was snapped up by Denis Smith after impressing in a short trial for United. A fine attacking wing-back and previous 'double' winner in France, a back injury sidelined him for a spell last season.

## DAVID SMITH

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **26.12.70**  
AGE: **28**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Norwich City**

Midfield anchorman who doubled his career League goal tally when he netted the winner against Ipswich Town last season. He is a hard-

working player who links defence, midfield and attack together and has now played more than 220 games for the club.

## NICKY BANGER

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **25.02.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Oldham**

A quick and clever striker who causes tremendous problems around the box, creating chances for others. Began with Southampton, and made more than 50 senior appearances for the Saints before moving to Boundary Park. Oxford signed him on a free transfer in July 1997.

## JOEY BEAUCHAMP

POSITION: **Winger**  
BORN: **13.03.71**  
AGE: **27**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Swindon Town**

Having begun his professional life at the Manor Ground, Joey's career has gone full circle. Oxford-born and bred, this gifted and free-scoring winger had a turbulent 15 months in the mid-1990s as he moved first to West Ham (£1m) in June 1994 and then here to the County Ground (£850,000) before returning to Oxford in October 1995. Top scored with 19 goals last season.

## JAMIE COOK

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **02.08.79**  
AGE: **19**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 6in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Hard-working left-sided winger who made his senior debut last season, having come up through the

ranks at the Manor to sign professional in July 1997.

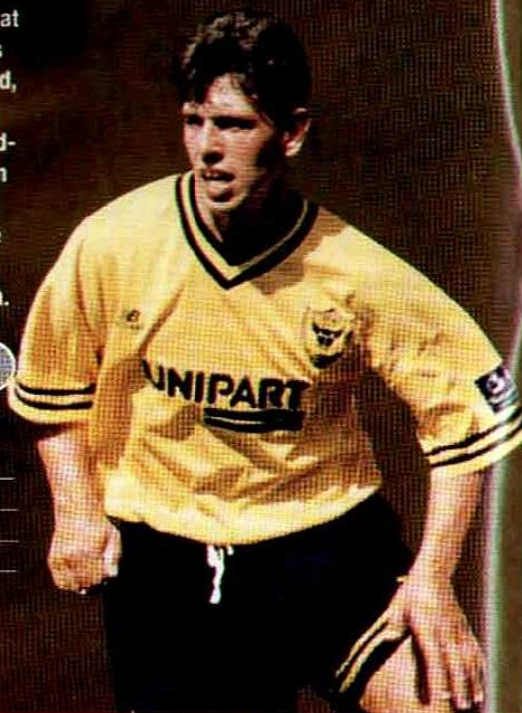
## KEVIN FRANCIS

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **06.02.67**  
AGE: **31**  
HEIGHT: **6ft 7in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **B'ham City**

Giant front-man who made a dramatic impact at the Manor after moving to Oxford in February 1998 as part of the deal which took defender Darren Purse to St. Andrews, scoring five times in his first eight games. He also won international recognition from St. Kitts and Nevis, with his first cap also signalling his first visit to the Caribbean Islands. Not surprisingly excellent in the air, but also has a good touch on the ground.

### Other squad members include:

LES ROBINSON, BRIAN WILSTERMAN, PAUL POWELL  
ROBERT FOLLAND, ANDY THOMSON,  
DEAN WINDASS, ANDREW ROSE, ANTHONY WRIGHT,  
SIMON WEATHERSTONE.





# The manager

# MALCOLM SHOTTON



**A former playing hero at Oxford, Malcolm Shotton returned to the club as manager in succession to Denis Smith in January 1998.**

A hugely competitive and respected player, he quickly engineered an impressive turnaround in fortunes, with back-to-back victories against Portsmouth and eventual Champions Nottingham Forest providing the impetus for what had looked at one stage an unlikely escape from relegation.

Indeed, so successful was Shotton's appointment that United swapped 21st spot in December for an eventual 12th place finish in the First Division table.

Born in Newcastle in 1957, Shotton's career began as an apprentice with Leicester City, where he managed just one non-playing substitute's appearance before being released at the end of 1977/78 and drifting into

non-League football with Atherstone and Nuneaton Borough.

He stepped back into the League with Oxford in May 1980 and went on to form a fearsome defensive partnership with Gary Briggs and, under the management of Jim Smith - now Derby - he captained the side to consecutive title successes in the old Third and Second Divisions, as well as steering the U's to victory in the Milk Cup Final at Wembley in April 1986.

Having racked up an impressive 336 senior appearances for Oxford, Malcolm was sold to Portsmouth a year after that victory and also went on to play for Barnsley, Hull City, Huddersfield, Ayr United and Barnsley once more before his playing days finally came to an end.

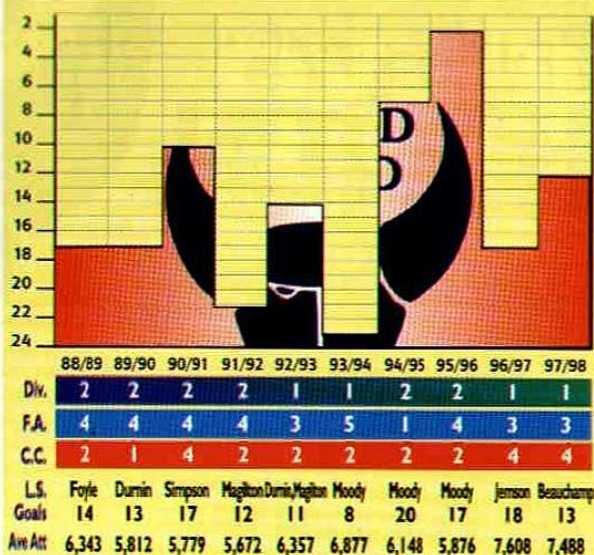
When caretaker boss Malcolm Crosby decided in January that he would prefer to remain as first-team coach, it was to Malcolm that the Oxford board turned for their new manager.

So far he has proved a wise and popular choice.





## Oxford United's last ten years - the full record



## When Oxford have scored goals... and conceded them



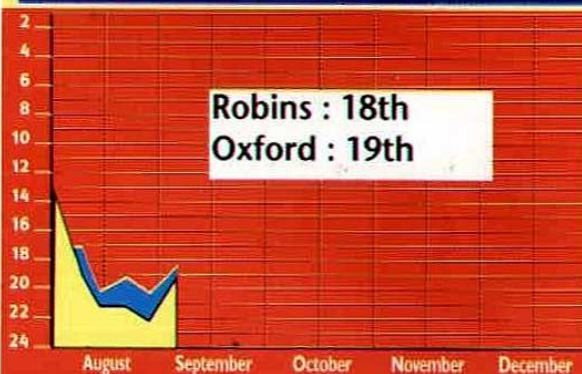
### OXFORD'S OFFENDERS

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| Marsh     | 3 |
| Windass   | 3 |
| Gilchrist | 2 |
| Robinson  | 2 |
| Beauchamp | 1 |
| Davis     | 1 |
| Gray      | 1 |
| Murphy    | 1 |
| Powell    | 1 |
| Smith     | 1 |
| Whelan    | 1 |

### ROBINS' ROGUES

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Bullock | 3 |
| Walters | 2 |
| Borrows | 1 |
| Gooden  | 1 |
| Hulbert | 1 |
| Kerlake | 1 |
| Ndahi   | 1 |
| Reeves  | 1 |

## League Positions throughout the season



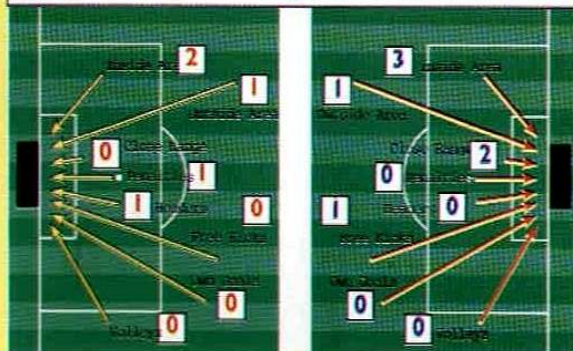
## When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



## Who's played for Oxford this season...

| Player             | Pos | Lge  | Lge | Age | Ht  | Weight | Prev. Club    | Int.       |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------------|------------|
| Apps Gls           |     |      |     |     |     |        |               |            |
| Phil Gilchrist     | D   | 6    |     | 25  | 60  | 1303   | Hartlepool    |            |
| Martin Gray        | M   | 6    |     | 27  | 59  | 1105   | Sunderland    |            |
| Matt Murphy        | F   | 6    | 1   | 27  | 60  | 1201   |               |            |
| Les Robinson       | D   | 6    |     | 31  | 59  | 1208   | Doncaster     |            |
| Phil Whitehead     | G   | 6    |     | 28  | 63  | 1511   | Barnsley      |            |
| Dean Windass       | F   | 6    | 3   | 29  | 59  | 1203   | Aberdeen      |            |
| Simon Marsh        | D   | 5(1) | 1   | 21  | 60  | 1200   |               | Eng U21    |
| Joey Beauchamp     | M   | 5    |     | 27  | 510 | 1211   | Swindon       |            |
| Paul Powell        | M   | 4(2) |     | 20  | 58  | 1103   |               | Eng U21    |
| Nicky Banger       | F   | 3(2) |     | 27  | 58  | 1111   | Oldham        |            |
| Phil Whelan        | D   | 3(1) |     | 26  | 64  | 1403   | Middlesbrough | Eng U21    |
| Steve Davis        | D   | 3    |     | 33  | 61  | 1306   | Barnsley      | Eng Yth    |
| Jamie Cook         | F   | 2(1) |     | 19  | 510 | 1009   |               |            |
| Danny Hill         | M   | 1(4) |     | 23  | 59  | 1112   | Tottenham     | Eng U21    |
| Andy Thomson       | F   | 1(3) |     | 27  | 510 | 1012   | Southend      |            |
| Simon Weatherstone | F   | 1(2) |     | 18  | 510 | 1201   |               |            |
| David Smith        | M   | 1(1) |     | 27  | 510 | 1211   | Norwich       |            |
| Christophe Remy    | D   | 1    |     | 27  | 59  | 1201   | Auxerre       | France U21 |
| Andrew Rose        | D   |      |     | 20  | 59  | 1003   |               |            |
| Brian Wilsterman   | D   |      |     | 31  | 61  | 1309   | Beerschot     |            |

## How The U's have scored goals... and conceded them

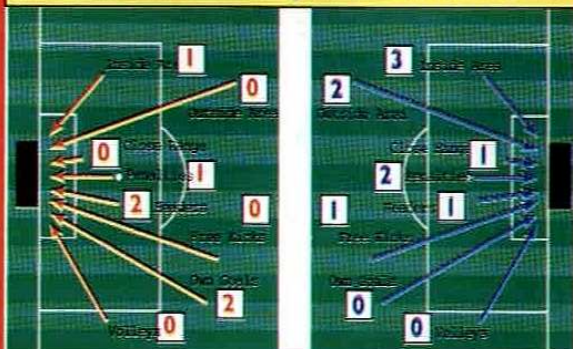


# Robins v The U's

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| Swindon Town  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 5   | WLDL DL  |
| Oxford United | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7  | 5   | WDELLD   |

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## How Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them





# PAGES from the past...

## FRED FORD WRITES, SEPTEMBER 1969...

If I had any doubts about moving to Swindon they were dispelled by our mid week victory over A S Roma in the League Cup Winners Cup.

I feel it was immensely unfair that Swindon were denied entry into the Inter Cities Fairs Cup simply because we were not in the top Division. We defeated three clubs from the top flight to win the League Cup and in my opinion putting conditions on entry only serves to devalue a competition. The fact that we have defeated the Italian League Cup winners by an impressive aggregate of 5-2 shows how good a side we have here at Swindon. Hopefully, if the Council give the go ahead for the new £220,000 North Stand we will have a stadium fit for Division One.

I know there were some mutterings about increasing the price of tickets to 4 shillings but I am sure everyone who saw us defeat the Italians 4-0 will regard the money as well spent. Arthur Horsfield showed the wisdom of my predecessor Danny Williams in signing him from Newcastle in May with a splendid hat trick while Don Rogers goal left me thinking television would be wise to come to Swindon more often as this lad Rogers produces a Goal of the Month every week. Before turning to today's match, a word of praise for Micky Blick who had to come into the team for the injured Frank Burrows. Along with Stan Harland at the heart of our defence he had an excellent game.

I have little doubt that Oxford will raise their game for today's derby match and that Ken Skeen will be especially anxious to get on the score sheet against his old club. Players like Maurice Kyle and Ron Atkinson have been with the club since their Southern League days, giving them a wealth of experience, while we shall have to be on top form to find a way past Jim Barron in their goal. Ken Summers their manager believes he has the scheme to shut out Rogers but should be aware that we are

no one man team. I felt when I spent five months here coaching after being sacked by Bristol City there was a good set up here and early season results seem to show I was right not to dash into the transfer market to buy for the sake of buying.

Finally a word about Keith Morgan. Keith who captained Swindon when they first won promotion to Division Two was released by the club at the end of last season and has taken up the job of player coach at Clanfield. We wish him well.

### Quiz question:

Which former Swindon goalkeeper make over 600 appearances for the Leicestershire County Cricket team?

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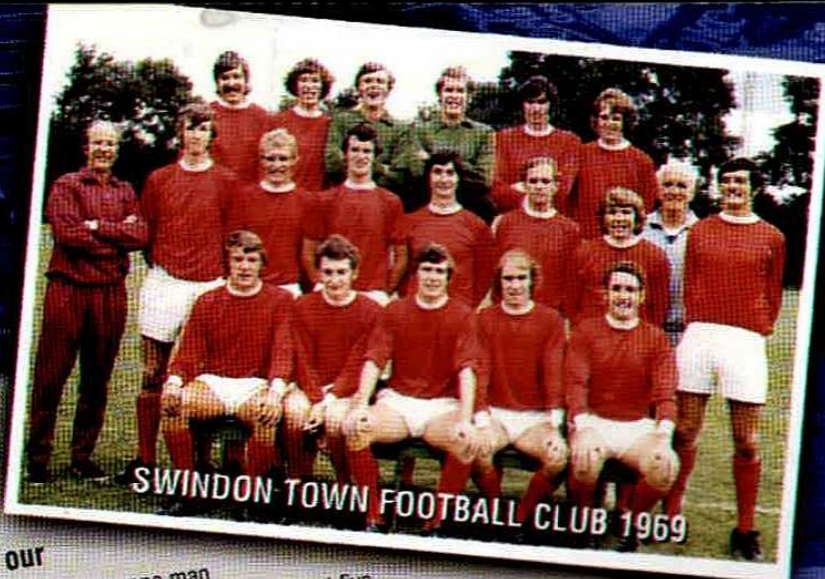
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### Last game's question

What is the highest number of goals ever scored away from home in a league Match?

### Answer...

7 against Watford in 1951!



compiled by Dick Mattick



# MIKE WALSH'S weekly diary...August

## Monday 24th

Next weekend sees us face Port Vale and Bury in quick succession.

Two tough teams, with plenty about them. With this in mind we had to be careful how we structured training this week to make sure the players were not burned out. The last thing we need is a squad of tired lads taking to the park on a Saturday afternoon.

They have been playing two games a week recently and this can have it's wear and tear on the players- with injuries and strains. Our Physio's interestingly told me that as we hit November we'll be moving into the the period of the season when players pick up the most injuries and the Treatment Room looks like a scene from "Casualty". We don't have the biggest squad in the First Division so we must keep an eye on the care of the players. After Saturday's tough match against Wolves we went through a light session today.

## Tuesday 25th

With the players more refreshed we used today for some functional work with half the pitch.

We played five attackers against five defenders with myself and the gaffer looking closely at keeping the defence tight. We then had a bit of fun with the Youth Team. With five first team players in defence we gave five of the youngsters twenty chances to score a goal from open play attacks. We put a bet on with the kids that they wouldn't score one goal. They youth players did well, but luckily for us (and our wallets!) they didn't convert a single chance.

## Wednesday 26th

Had the players over to Supermarine for a good workout today.

With less emphasis on the ball we concentrated on running. We started with light jogging and stretches, then moved up to striding and finished off with sprints and shuttles.

In the evening we stayed behind and watched the reserves play Fulham. We started quite brightly, but as the game wore on it slipped away from us. The final score was a disappointing 4-1 to Keegan's men.

## Thursday 27th

It doesn't take a genius to realise we've been creating, but not taking chances, so we also worked on some good old fashioned shooting practice.

What was very heartening for myself and the gaffer was that once we finished training quite a few of the lads stayed behind to do some extra work. It is a testament to the squad that, with a few poor results, they dig in and work their guts out. In the afternoon the coaching staff used free time to go over video footage of Port Vale in action.

## Friday 28th

A light session in the morning to reiterate to the squad what we've worked on all week and then it was back to the club.

The squad and coaching staff enjoy there pre-match meal of chicken and pasta then go home for a relaxing afternoon and an early night.

## Saturday 29nd

The day arrived and we felt confident that we would do well.

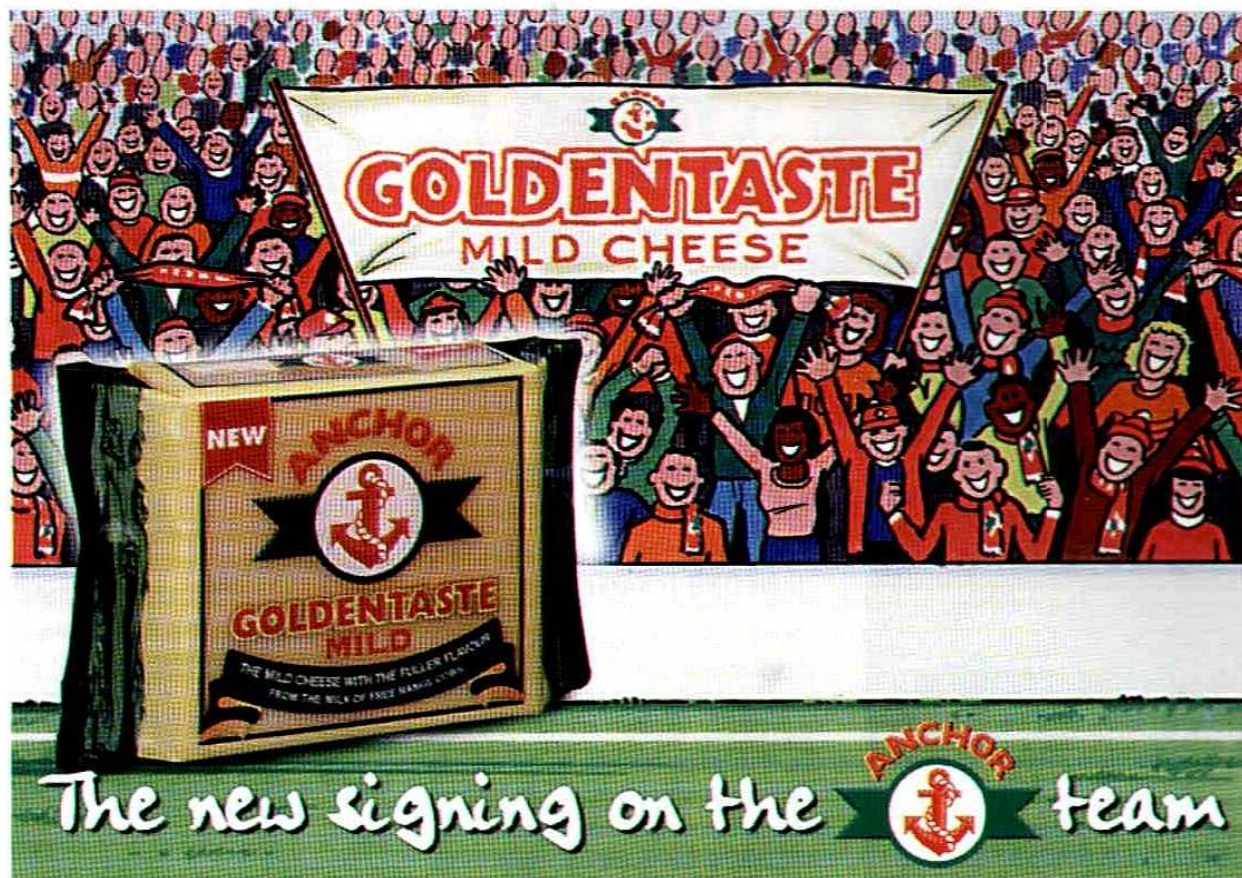
The first half seemed to support that. Despite going one down we created a barrel load of chances. We started like world beaters with Gooden hitting the woodwork and two other chances in the first ten minutes alone.

But we couldn't find the back of the net apart from Gareth Hall's deflected strike that brought the game back to 1-1. Despite picking up the point we felt that we lost two, it was a game we should have won. We looked good throughout the game and ended the 90 minutes the stronger outfit.



"Man of the Match Ty Gooden with a solid performance"





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## 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  | PETERSBOROUGH 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            | A   |
| 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    | 28 | 13 | 02 | 14 | 41 | 38 | 41  | +03 |
| Wimbledon         | 31 | 11 | 08 | 12 | 39 | 37 | 41  | +02 |
| Milwall           | 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 |

# RESERVE TEAM ROUND-UP

## SWINDON RESERVES 0 Q.P.R. RESERVES 5

**A disappointing display from the reserves that saw us fold under the weight of a good QPR reserve side.**

We started well enough with plenty of attacking play. Cuervo was making some good runs in the centre of midfield while the recently rehabilitated Cowe was using his pace well up front. But this didn't do us any favours as QPR quickly took control and the lead. Paul Bruce opened the scoring after two minutes and we never got back in the game.

The London side were passing the ball around well and any time the play broke down for them the experienced Vinnie Jones was there to regain possession. QPR were doing everything right, working hard and pressing the ball - our lads just struggled to cope with this.

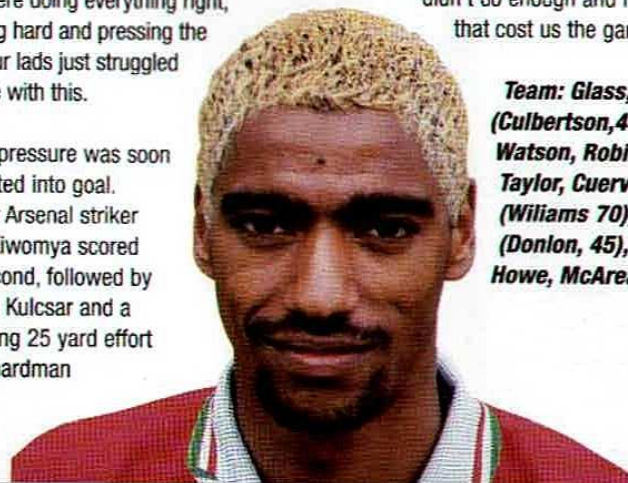
This pressure was soon converted into goal. Former Arsenal striker Chris Kiwomya scored the second, followed by George Kulcsar and a thumping 25 yard effort from hardman Jones.

Yet the second half saw the other side to Vinnie as he got himself and Ricky Culbertson sent off. Jones and Culbertson got in a tangle and the ex-Wimbledon player lashed out at Ricky, but the referee has seen it otherwise and sent them both packing.

A night to forget for Ricky, as it was his reserve team debut. The only positive that can be drawn from the game was the performance of youngster James Williams. He has come on under difficult circumstances and worked very hard down the right flank.

Overall, a below par display from a side that should play better. We had a number of experienced players who didn't do enough and it was this that cost us the game."

**Team: Glass, Peters (Culbertson, 45), Davis, Watson, Robinson, Taylor, Cuervo (Williams 70), McHugh (Donlon, 45), Cowe, Howe, McAreavey.**



## NEXT HOME MATCH

**Wednesday 23rd  
September 1998**

**vs Luton Town**

**Kick-Off 7.15pm**

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# YOUTH TEAM REVIEW



**Tom Jones Reports:**

**Wednesday 29th August 1998**

**SWINDON YOUTH A 1**

**BRIGHTON & H A YOUTH A 0**

Overall delighted with the performance. The first half was especially pleasing due to the way we knocked the ball about.

And we know that Brighton are a useful outfit because they're up at the top of the league.

We started the game with plenty of attacking play. Fraser McHugh was doing well in the centre of midfield linking up with our forwards. McHugh had a great chance to put us one up with a free kick. He bent it round the wall well but it drifted just wide. McAreavey also had the chance to put us one up with a free kick but he was also unlucky - his chance hitting a post.

Northern Ireland international Paul McAreavey scored the only goal of the game. McHugh has done well in midfield and picked out the great run made by McAreavey who slotted it home nicely.

We had other chances to take the game beyond Brighton's grasp but couldn't find the killer touch in front of goal.

As so often in football the break was the turning point of the game. Brighton came out for the second half with the intention of pinning us back and putting us under pressure in midfield. I spoke to their manager after the game and he said he just wanted to hustle us out of the game.

But I was delighted with the way we dealt with this, we did have to sit deeper but the lads defended very well. Brighton pushed one of their left sided midfielder forward more and this stopped Bradley Peters from making the excellent forward

runs he was doing in the first half.

Without any clear chances they tried to make it as difficult for us as possible by pressurising us into making mistakes. As the minutes ticked away they did have one good chance from a free kick but keeper Flanagan made a good save.

The 1-0 victory was well deserved because the team coped with the vastly differing halves showing a bit of versatile. Sam Campagna deserves special praise for his aerial ability in defence, McAreavey also did well so soon after coming back from the UEFA Championships.

**Team: Flanagan, Peters, Halliday, Campagna, Culbertson, McAreavey, Williams, McHugh, Burke, Dix (Jefferies, 71), Donlon. Subs not used: Mills, McRobbie.**

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**South East Counties  
NEXT HOME MATCH**

**Wednesday 12th  
September 1998**

**vs 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.   | 1-0 |
| Sat Sep 05 | Bristol Rovers    | A   |
| SAT SEP 12 | OXFORD UNITED     | H   |
| Sat Sep 19 | Reading           | A   |
| SAT SEP 26 | WYCOMBE WL.       | H   |
| 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 | BARNET            | 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  | CHELTERHAM TOWN          | 2-0 |
| Sept 05 | Plymouth Argyle          | A   |
| SEPT 12 | EXETER CITY              | H   |
| Sept 19 | AFC Newport              | A   |
| SEPT 26 | YEAVIL TOWN              | H   |
| Oct 03  | League Cup - Round 1     |     |
| Oct 17  | Torquay United           | A   |
| OCT 24  | BATH CITY                | N   |
| Oct 31  | Swansea City             | A   |
| NOV 07  | BASHLEY                  | N   |
| Nov 14  | Bristol Rovers           | A   |
| Nov 21  | League Cup - Round 2     |     |
| NOV 28  | CARDIFF CITY             | N   |
| Dec 05  | Cardiff City             | A   |
| DEC 12  | CIRENCESTER TOWN         | H   |
| Dec 19  | Cheltenham Town          | A   |
| JAN 09  | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE          | N   |
| Jan 16  | Exeter City              | A   |
| JAN 23  | AFC NEWPORT              | N   |
| 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           | N   |
| 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.



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But looking back at the last few months it feels as if there has been little or no summer break. I'm not talking about the World Cup Finals but the different tournaments the Centre of Excellence players have been involved with.

We started well with our trip to Northern Ireland where we played in the Milk Cup. Our under 14 side played exceptionally against some tough competition. We played teams such as Blackburn Rovers, Duntalk SBL and Down & Conner YL and qualified for the Northern Bank Plate along sides like Manchester United, Middlesborough and Charlton. We got to the final of this, but were beat by Middlesborough 1-0. But overall I was delighted with the way the lads played.

## WITH PHIL CANNON

In the weeks following on from this we took our under 11's, under 12's and under 13's on a tour to Torbay for the International Totnes Cup.

All Swindon Town teams were successful and came away winners of all age groups. After the excitement of the Milk Cup, the whole week at Torbay was most satisfying. Especially to see the younger groups getting stronger and stronger as the week went on.

You may have read in the local press about Swindon signing Newcastle lad Mark Fenwick. Mark is a North East schoolboy who impressed us all with his performances in Ireland. As a centre-forward, Mark hopes to follow in the footsteps of another Cramlington Juniors striker Alan Shearer.

Mark has certainly aimed his sights high, and why not. At Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence he will receive the right coaching, good facilities and a good standard of players to train with. We wish Mark all the best for his future at Swindon Town.

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**Good evening, the Shadow Board welcomes you to our local derby fixture against Oxford United here at the County Ground today.**

Traditionally a local derby normally attracts a larger attendance than usual and we hope this evening is no exception. We can play our part in making sure we go home with the three points at the end of the game. Let's get behind the players and help lift their confidence by encouraging them with lots of vocal support.

Our information point is already proving to be a valuable asset. Several topics have been raised and through our line of communication we have taken your views back to the Main Board. We have also been able to assist fans with directions and ticket enquiries, making their visit to the County Ground more pleasurable. Our information point is situated at the back of the Rover Stand and is open on matchdays, from 1.30pm for an afternoon kick-off and 6.30pm for an

evening match, until 10 minutes before kick-off.

As well as our information point we have a number of boxes situated around the ground where you can write to us or drop us a line at our FREEPOST address.

We hope you enjoy the game today and return again soon bringing all your friends with you. The club needs your support.

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

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## WITH JIMMY FRASER



**With Swindon's first win comes even more excitement as the Soccer Centres kicked off last week.**

The centres were up and running all over Swindon with girls and boys of all skill levels learning about football and making friends.

I would like to thank all the people who have been involved with organising these courses. We must not forget that for many areas this is the best chance



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kids get to play soccer under the eye of top coaches, so it is a very worthwhile activity.

What was especially pleasing was the large numbers at our new centres- well done kids and keep it up. Don't forget that players like Mark Walters and Geirge Ndah didn't get where they are today without plenty of practice and hard work- so I expect to see all you kids back at the centres playing football over the coming weeks. See you there and enjoy the game!



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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         |

#### RIDGEWAY 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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# COMMUNITY NEWS

We are sure you will agree we all witnessed a real cracker here on Saturday against our local rivals Bristol City.

It was great to see our lads hang on with 9 men and grab our first home win of the season. It certainly wasn't a game for the faint hearted - but it was great to see us net the 3 points.

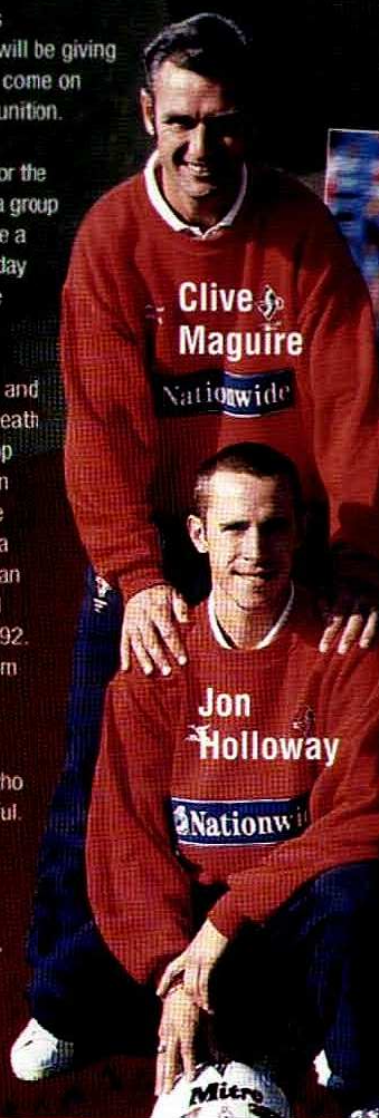
Tonight we welcome our other close neighbours Oxford United. We are sure we are in for another exciting game. Our good friend and counter-part Peter Rhodes Brown (Oxford United Community Officer) will be giving Jon and I plenty of stick if we get beat, so come on lads make sure he doesn't have any ammunition.

Our next Saturday Team club is scheduled for the home game against Watford where we have a group of 50 youngsters in before the game. We have a steady flow of groups coming in for the Saturday games, so if you wish to come along with the group please contact us as soon as possible.

You may remember back in January Jon and I broke the tragic news of the premature death of Simone Kay, the partner of one of our top coaches Paul Scott. As you may have been aware we ran a fund raising project for the Prospect Hospice starting in January with a Race Night here at the Club. We then ran an auction of Premiership shirts, footballs and memorabilia. We raised a staggering £4,992. We are delighted to announce our boss from the PFA Roger Reade who sent a personal cheque to make the total £5,000.

Jon and I would like to thank all of you who supported the appeal and made it successful.

*Until next time, all the best*  
**Clive & Jon**



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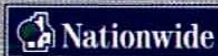


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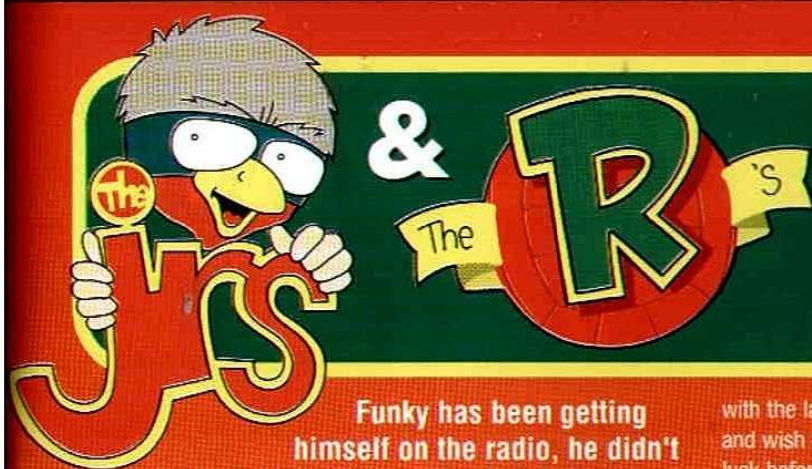


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### **PORTSMOUTH TRIP**

We are off to Portsmouth on Saturday so if you haven't booked your place do it quick!

Its only £8 for Jr's & R's and £14 for mum and dad. These trips are really good fun and the lads really appreciate the support we give them. So lets go to Portsmouth with heads held high and bring back those 3 points.

### **MASCOT PACKAGES**

If you are a Jr or R you can receive a 10 per cent discount on the Swindon Town Mascot Package, and here is a run down on the day.

When you arrive, George Chadwick will be there to meet you and take you through your special day with the team. Firstly you get to change into the home or away replica Kit, just to make you feel the part. Then George takes you to the home changing rooms where all the lads are starting to arrive for the afternoons game. They will sign your complimentary football personally for you, and you get to have a chat

with the lads and wish them luck before George takes you on a tour of 'behind the scenes'. This is a special privilege as no-one is allowed to look around these areas on a match day.

Then it is out on to the pitch, where mum and dad can take pictures and video your special day, you can warm up with the team and feel what it is like to be out on the pitch with the crowd looking on.

As the minutes tick by and the clock shows 2.55pm you will lead the officials and both teams on to the pitch. The crowd will cheer as John Gripton reads the teams out and you have your photo taken with the captains and officials of the day. Its now time to sit back and watch the game from our special mascot enclosure. This special day can be yours for £150 inc. VAT all you need to do is contact me at the club, on 01793 532121, and I will send you all the details.

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# SWINDON **view**

Saturday 5th September 1998 3.00pm kick off

## SWINDON 3 BRISTOL CITY 2

After our poor start to the season it appears that goals are like buses, you wait around for ages then three come along at once.

That is not to complain, because today the boys in red did the Town proud with an emphatic victory over our local rivals in a gripping 3-2 victory.

As the game kicked off the clouds parted and the sun shone on the County Ground for 15 minutes and during that time we scored three vital goals.

Two minutes into the game it was the surprise recall of Leitch that made the difference. He floated a great pass from midfield out to Ty Gooden. He crossed in to Bullock who was tumbled over by the City defender. The referee didn't hesitate and awarded a penalty. Walters stepped up and converted the chance to the keepers left. A huge cheer of relief raised the roof as the MC announced we were 1-0 up.

This seemed to relax the atmosphere amongst the players as they piled on the pressure. This resulted in a free kick which was floated in from the left and George Ndah was on hand to head home from 5 yards. The keeper got a hand to it but only parried it into his own net.

Two goals up and Bristol couldn't settle at the back and on the 8th minute Swindon punished them for this. Walters whipped in a great low cross which Iffy got on the end of sending the ball inside the keepers left post - a fine move.

After the 3rd goal Bristol seemed to find their feet and began to pass the ball about. The lightning quick pace of Akinbiyi was causing our defence all sorts of problems but Hall and Reeves were doing enough.

More chances came Swindon's way as Ty Gooden worked his way down the left and

powered over a cross but George couldn't quite direct it in, to bag his second goal of the day.

Three goals up and one might assume it was all over. Of course if you're a Swindon fan you will know that things often don't go according to plan and the second half was a real nail biter.

Right from the off Bristol City had re-organised themselves and were coming forward in numbers. Akinbiyi took full advantage of this, pulling a goal back in the 65th minute. This was a double blow as in the ensuing collision Frank Talia took a nasty knock to the head which meant his face was bleeding for the remainder of the game.

Then moments later Bristol were through again, Sol Davis challenged in the box and the referee had adjudged it to be a penalty and Sol Davis was off. Bristol duly tucked away the penalty.

At 3-2 and down to ten men one might of assumed things couldn't get any worse. But they did when the recently substituted Robin Hulbert was sent off for 2 yellow card offenses.

With nine men and ten minutes to go there is little more Swindon could do other than put their backs against the wall and defend, and this they did with all their heart. Bristol fired in cross after cross, shot after shot, but couldn't get through the thin red line of Town players.

Even in the dying seconds George Ndah broke away from his marker and created a great chance for himself but the keeper saved well.

After what seemed like hours the ref blew his whistle and it was all over. Now we can take the great spirit built up today over to Wednesday night for the big clash against Oxford.

# VIEW FROM CITY...



This was a typical derby clash with "end to end" football and plenty of commitment.

The first ten minutes cost us the game with Swindon starting much sharper than ourselves.

It seemed like some kind of nightmare. Ten minutes gone and we were three goals down. It was only after about twenty minutes that we started to knock the ball about and create chances.

After some good build up play Thorpe found himself unmarked in the Swindon box, he turned and shot, but his effort was straight at their keeper.

This was the first sign that we might still get something out of the game and from here we looked a lot more settled.

Akimbiyi suddenly came to life, and the home side were incapable of containing his electric pace. On numerous occasions defenders Reeves and Hall were caught short by the attacking play of the City players.

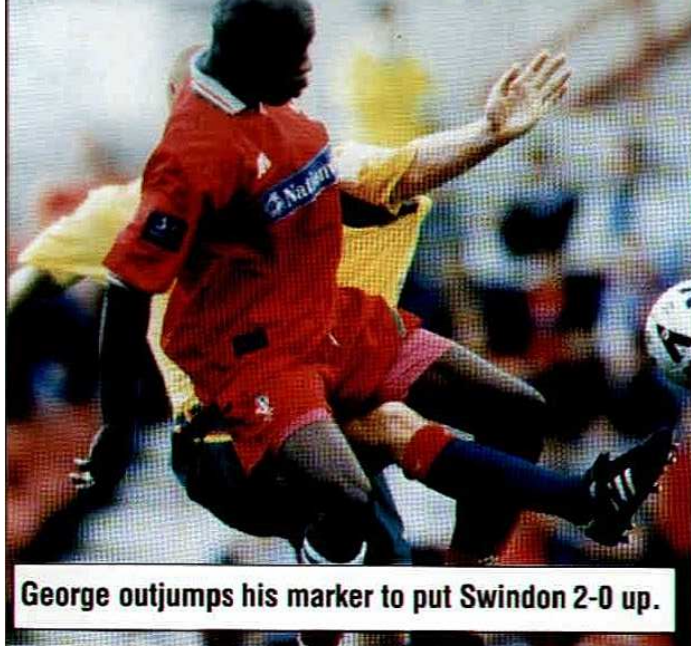
But it was the second half that turned the game around. In the 65th minute a low cross from the left which Akimbiyi crashed in from close range. A great finish from our £1 million man.

This set the crowd on fire as we pushed forward for a second. And in minutes we were through on goal again with Murray powering forward, but the Town defender tripped him in the box and the ref signalled the penalty. Michael Bell stepped up and brought us even closer to a share of the points.

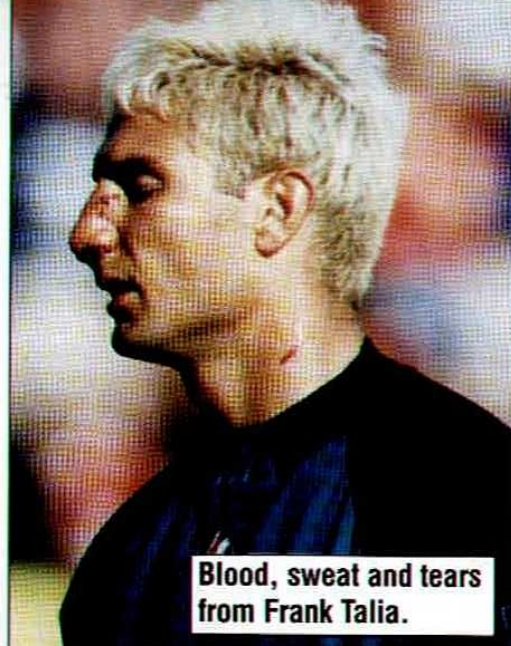
At 3-2 and Swindon down to nine men we knew we could get the all important equaliser. During the last ten minutes we threw everything at Swindon but the kitchen sink. Yet it was to no avail. A great game that we could have won, but we didn't take our chances.







George outjumps his marker to put Swindon 2-0 up.



Blood, sweat and tears from Frank Talia.



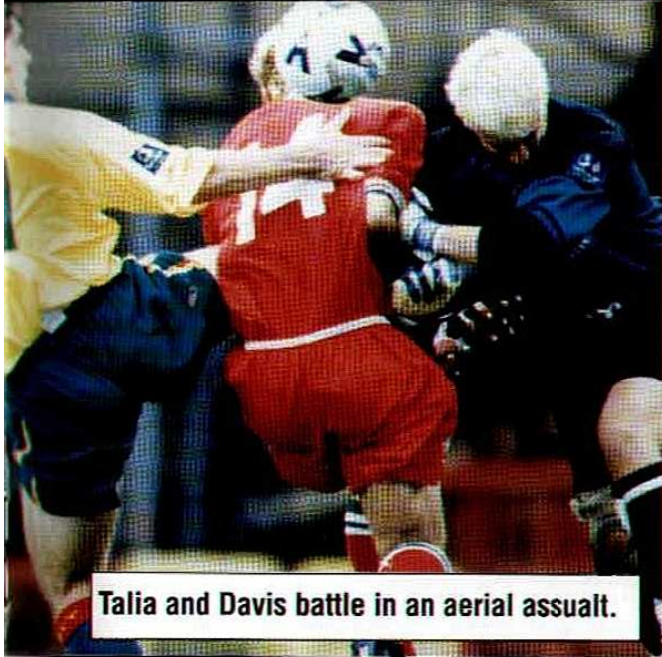
# SWINDON 3 BRISTOL



Lffy is smothered by a Bristol defender.







Talia and Davis battle in an aerial assault.

# CITY 2



The boys in red celebrate a richly deserved win!

## HOW THEY PLAYED

- 1 FRANK TALIA** An assured game with heroics towards the end after a serious knock to the face when City scored their first goal.
- 2 DAVID KERSLAKE** Worked well down the flank and used all his experience during the tense final minutes.
- 3 GARETH HALL** An outstanding performance at the back, his tackles and clearances secured the three points- clearly our man of the match.
- 4 SCOTT LEITCH** Another fine performance, his work rate and passing from midfield has been sorely missed over the last few games.
- 5 ALAN REEVES** Battled for the 90 minutes and was instrumental in maintaining the lead.
- 6 BRIAN BORROWS** Went off in the 22nd minute but defence coped well without him.
- 7 MARK WALTERS** His cool head and measured crosses were often the difference between the two sides.
- 8 GEORGE NDAH** Scored a great header and worked hard right down to the dying seconds.
- 9 IFEM ONUORA** His goal in the first half capped off a great game for the big forward.
- 10 DARREN BULLOCK** Work hard, battled all the way and did well to get Swindon the penalty.
- 11 TY GOODEN** An excellent game for the lad, he was up and down the left wing all day causing City all sorts of problems.  
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- 12 ROBIN HULBERT** (for Scott Leitch, 79)
- 13 STEVE COWE** (not used)
- 14 SOL DAVIS** (for Brian Borrows, 22)

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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 journeys 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

- Match Tickets available when booking coach travel
- All major credit/debit cards accepted
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## 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

## COUNTY GROUND BOOKING OFFICE

(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



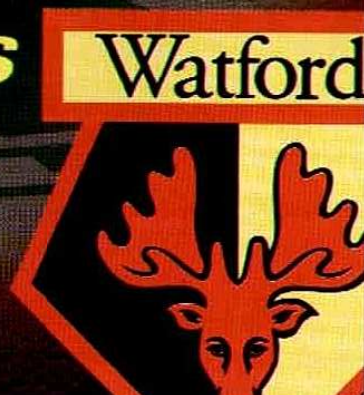
# TICKET NEWS

DON'T MISS THE NEXT HOME MATCH

**SWINDON VS  
WATFORD**

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

This should be a great occasion  
so don't miss out.



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



**PORTSMOUTH**

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

**AWAY**



**WATFORD**

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

**HOME**



**TRANMERE R.**

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

**AWAY**



**BOLTON WNDRS**

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

**AWAY**

## TICKET OFFICE OPENING

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### MATCHDAY TICKET OFFICE

Saturday (match days)  
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5.30pm - half time

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

**Ticket Office  
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Make sure you book your tickets early  
to avoid disappointment.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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OCTOBER WILL  
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KICK-OFF 7.45PM.  
THIS IS DUE TO AN  
ENGLAND  
FRIENDLY THAT  
TAKES PLACE ON  
THE SATURDAY.**

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# WHAT'S on at swindon



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

## SWINDON TOWN HOME FIXTURE RE-ARRANGED

Swindon Town's home game against Huddersfield Town, that was due to take place on Saturday 10th October, has been rescheduled for Friday 9th October 1998. Kick-off will be 7.45pm.

This decision was made due to the England Vs Bulgaria friendly that takes place at Wembley on the Saturday. Both clubs agreed this could effect attendance figures, so the alternative date was organised and confirmed by the Football League.

## NEXT SPORTING DINNER...

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.

## 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.

## PLAY IT AGAIN JON

With BBC Wiltshire Sound's Jon Gipton on the mic and the new improved sound system, supporters can enjoy a better quality of music before the game and at half-time.

If you have any requests for songs, dedications or just want to mention someone special, please drop a line to Helen Mercer at Swindon Town, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts, SN1 2ED, Tel 01793 532121. **Radio Robin**



## MASCOT PACKAGES

It really doesn't matter how young or old you are, the Swindon Town Mascot experience is something all Swindon fans should encounter at some stage in their life.

You have the opportunity to have your football personally signed by all the players and you can personally wish them luck for the game. Running on to the pitch to warm up with the squad, leading the lads on with the officials just before kick off in your replica Home or Away kit, its a feeling nothing else can match!

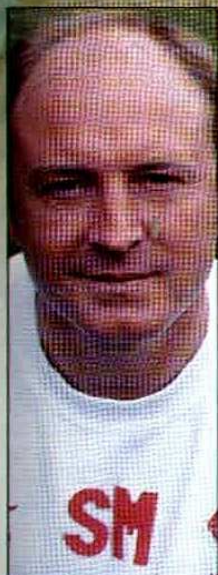
If you want to experience all this and more call Helen Mercer on 01793 532121 and she will send you all the details you need to be a part of the County Ground experience.

## RADIO ROBIN HITS THE AIRWAVES...

Friday 4th September 6.30pm saw the second Radio Robin Show of the season. They are on the first Friday, and to be repeated on the second Saturday of every month.

With interviews, Jr's and R's have the opportunity to interview their favourite player, and regular features such as Dick and Dave in the treatment room. Shaun and Helen called up an unsuspecting Jr on Friday who gave a wonderful rendition of 'Singing out for Swindon' for which he receives a signed football book as his spot prize. The next show is Friday October 2nd at 6.30pm. Any Jr's or R's wishing to take part in Swindon Town's very own radio show can contact Helen at the club or call 01793 532121 for more information.





# Fan Views and LETTERS

**Dear Steve McMahon,**  
After our disappointing start to the season I'm sure that you must have started receiving somewhat unfavourable mail.

So I just thought that I would take this opportunity to redress the balance. I know that unlike some of your predecessors such as Hoddle and Ardiles you don't see Swindon Town as a stepping stone to be deserted at the first opportunity but are entirely committed to the club and will be feeling every bit as frustrated as us fans.

I was going to write a very long letter full of suggestions and advice but realised that you probably don't need that right now, so I'll just stick to wishing you good luck. I hope that you start to get the breaks you deserve and turn things around soon.

**Jason Beham, Swindon**

**Dear Steve McMahon,**  
I don't think you will ever read this letter, but I felt I should write, just to let you know that I'm fully behind you as a manager.

Okay, I'm only a supporter from the age of 6 and I'm now 43 years old.

I admire you as a man of principle, once a fantastic player, and now a very good manager. Don't listen to the boos and the slow handclaps keep doing what you believe in, it will come right. I've never had the pleasure to meet you but I feel that there is nobody else at the Club that loves football more than you.

You have a very tight budget to work to; you know that but many of the supporters feel you can buy when you like, it's rubbish. Anyway Steve, I'll still be there. I travelled to Bury on Saturday, it was disappointing but there is a lot of good in the team.

Please keep at it you have the backing of 98% of the supporters, it's just the minority 2%.

**Tony Cook, Hants**

**Dear Rikki Hunt,**  
Following the poor second half of last season, it appears refreshing to notice that Steve McMahon has found more empathy in his handling and attitude to the players.

There are also signs that the players are now far more committed to the cause.

Perhaps the results of the first three league games do not reflect the effort and commitment put in by the players, but a continuation of, in this vein, will certainly bring about more positive results.

Sheffield United, Sunderland and Wolves? Exciting and inspirational opposition. Now it's Port Vale and Bury. A bit of a come down? Well, not if it was at the end of the season, and promotion, play-offs, or relegation were at stake!

Three points now is just as important as at the end of the season, it's just consistency and motivation that are in question.

I openly admit to being a 'knocker' last season, but it seems to me now that attitudes are changing, and as long as Steve McMahon continues to show empathy and blood and thunder commitment is shown by players, results are not the only concern, and you can be assured that myself and many other supporters will back you to the hilt.

**Stephen P Dash, Faringdon.**





# WINNING WAYS

According to the environmental experts, a motorist is someone compartmentalised between anti-social villains and hardened criminals.

It is nonetheless regrettable that so many car drivers have developed a guilt complex over the issue. Based upon the evidence before me, I find it hard to accept that the future availability of public transport will be sufficiently competent in meeting the demand!

But what purpose does such evidence render to the welfare of a matchday magazine? Let me amplify! At the time of compiling this missive there are 398 supporters who apparently prefer to queue at a bus stop than own a brand new car. This decision is arrived at following our Golden Harvest half-time draws at the Leicester City, Wycombe Wanderers, Sunderland and Port Vale games. It is based upon the fact that of the 671 sold tickets that qualify for our car draw only 273 have been handed in for draw entry. That means 59% of potential owners of a brand new vehicle have decided to forego the privilege for fear of having the finger of scorn directed at them!

Convinced? Neither am I! So having presented "the facts" with the perceptiveness of a government minister (of whatever political persuasion) let us now put them into perspective. We are looking for 398 tickets nestling in wallets, handbags, pockets, etc., that carry the last digit of the cash-winning tickets

at the opening four fixtures. Here's the complete list.....



The winning numbers vs Leicester City were 0104, 1901 and 1704. All other tickets ending with 1 or 4 qualify for the car draw. Against Wycombe Wanderers, numbers 0804, 1426 and 0144 won the cash. Last digits on car draw tickets are therefore 4 and 6. Numbers 0939, 0231 and 1813 emerged at the Sunderland fixture so bring in those other tickets ending with 1, 3 or 9. With the Port Vale game still only a week away tickets are obviously being produced today. But to offset any doubts you may have the three cash-winning numbers were 1120, 0121 and 0184 and the final digits of 0, 1 and 4 are the ones you need to discover. Having now honoured the moral obligation of availing you of this vital information, I look forward to receiving the missing items!

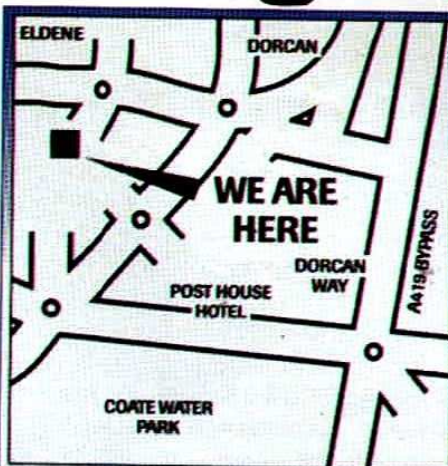
The forthcoming Race Night sponsored by Whichford Hyundai has been diarised for Friday October 16th. It will be held in the Executive Suite. The arrival time is 7.30p.m. for 8p.m. and the net proceeds from this event will be donated to the S.T.F.C. Ground Improvement Fund.



The first of this seasons Quiz Nights takes place on Thursday 29th September.

Questions will be spread across ALL sports on this occasion.

Application forms are now available from the Promotions Office and Reception.



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# all around the world

By Colin Benson

**ARGENTINA** - Jose Luis Chilavert scored his 30th goal for his club side Velez Sarsfield in a 3-0 win over Talleres Cordoba last week. Nothing special about that? Well there is actually for this was the opening game of his fifth season with the club and he is the goalkeeper and you will remember him as Paraguay's colourful captain in France 98.

It was the opening game in the Argentine national championship and he beat Argentina's goalkeeper German Gorgos from the penalty spot. Liverpool made enquiries for this 33 year old custodian but were put off by the asking price.

**DENMARK** - Carlsberg have announced that they will sponsor Euro2000, the finals of which will be staged jointly by Belgium and Holland. Speculation that preparations were not going smoothly after the dropping of Antwerp as a venue have been dismissed and the commitment of the Danish brewers adds stability to the organisers plans.

**ENGLAND** - BskyB's proposed take over of Manchester United is the talking point this week with the £575 million deal, which will be the biggest take-over deal in football history creating calls for Government intervention.

No doubt Alex Ferguson could make use of some of that cash and put it to good purposes but will it be good for football in the long run? There is always danger when a monopoly situation arises and Rupert Murdoch has become the world's most powerful media magnate because of his foresight. He is looking ahead to the inevitable pay-to-view market and intends being a step ahead of the television revolution.

If he is successful in acquiring Man U for BskyB what is to stop him buying say Arsenal or Liverpool through the Sun newspaper and effectively establish a monopoly of the big clubs. It will only further escalate the growing divide between the rich and powerful and clubs like ours and eventually drive the genuine supporters out of the grounds.

This game owes its success to the working class millions. The cloth cap workers who thronged the terraces through thick and thin and football should never forget its roots, never forget it is the people's game - not Rupert Murdoch's

**CHINA** - Chinese international Fan Zhiy and Sun Jihai have been given the all-clear to play for Crystal Palace following



## WORLD FOOTBALL

the issue of work permits. Terry Venables believes they can make it in the Nationwide Football League and that there is a wealth of talent to draw on in Asia. Both players were available for last night's trip to Crewe.

**CYPRUS** - They are still dancing in the streets following last weekend's shock 2-3 victory over Spain in Group 6 of the European Championship. If English fans feel sore about England's defeat in Sweden think

how the Spaniards feel about this embarrassing reversal. Raul put them back in the game in the 72nd minute but Cyprus made it 3-1 five minutes later and though Morientes netted a second for Spain in the 85th minute it was too late.

**FRANCE** - So much for that World Championship crown. It means very little now for the French were a goal down to Iceland and only saved their blushes with a Dugarry equaliser in their Euro qualifying tie.

It is quite often the case that World Champions stumble after the ultimate success. Remembers 1966? Yet after England's wonderful triumph we lost to Scotland at Wembley. Of course the Scots in their usual humble style immediately crowned themselves 'world champions'.

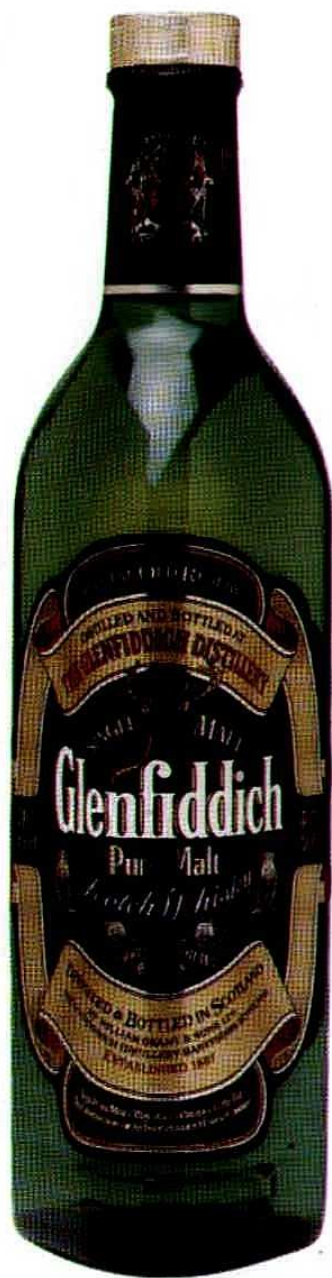
**SCOTLAND** - How about this. Pat Nevin Chelsea's former winger has become the first player-chief executive following some behind the scenes wrangles after he defected from Kilmarnock to join Motherwell.

Pat was always a deep thinking lad who was deeply into art and weird music. He is the only player I have ever interviewed who actually wanted to write the piece himself. The former Scotland winger is now 35 and no doubt the new title is seen as a way of overcoming the conflict of interests of the two clubs but I'm sure he will relish taking the responsibility onto his slim shoulders.

**SPAIN** - Barcelona have got the man Alex Ferguson was after. Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert. It cost them a cool £12 million to sign him from AC Milan and goodness knows how much in wages. Mind you Holland's world cup striker won't be able to rub it in when Barcelona shape up to the Old Trafford outfit in the Champions League. He signed too late to qualify and will have to watch from the stands.



# IMPORTANT NEWS for Whisky Drinkers



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# the BUSINESS

WITH MARK HILLIER:  
Corporate Sales Manager



Welcome again to the Corporate side of Swindon Town FC. Firstly, I would like to inform you of our latest sponsorship deal. This is with Newbury based bay networks company Lanbase Plc who have agreed various forms of sponsorship.

One of which you may have noticed is the advertising board to the floodlight pylon between the Arkells and Rover Family Stands. Lanbase Managing Director Keith Berry said: "Lanbase Plc are happy to extend their sponsorship of Swindon Town by placing their second section of perimeter advertising. I have supported the club for many years and remember the likes of Hunt, Woodruff and Summerbee of the early 60's. With our countrywide clients, the TV coverage of our logo has been commented on by customers as far afield as Plymouth and Newcastle.

"Lanbase is one of the largest Network Systems integrators in the UK. We connect PC's and servers together to form Local Area Networks. We have installed some of the largest networks for City Banks, Manufacturer's as well as a host of other commercial organisations".



Tonight I am delighted to welcome all our guests to Swindon Town for our derby clash with Oxford United.

Our Matchday Sponsor is the **Oxford & Gloucester Co-Op**. With stores throughout the region, your local Co-Op is perhaps best qualified to sponsor tonight's game. They provide shopping that is convenient to both sets of fans and they look forward to your continuing support of the local Co-Op.

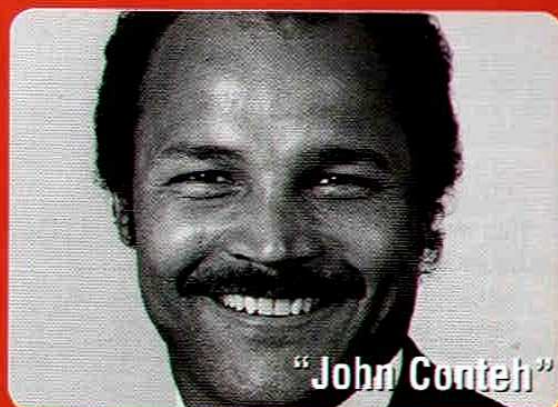
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## Sporting Dinner

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 De Vere Hotel on the 8th October 1998.



"John Conteh"



"the cat"

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.**



DAVE MOORE AND DICK MACKEY'S

# TREATMENT room

**We will shortly be hitting November which, as any physio will tell you, is the period of a season when the most injuries occur. So we will be very busy over the coming months.**

At the moment we are happy to see players back on the pitch. George Ndah is fine now and it was great to see Scott Leitch back in the starting eleven on Saturday.

Lee Collins is still awaiting the operation on his shoulder problem. He has been out of action a while now, but has been working hard to maintain his fitness.

Defensive veteran Alan McDonald continues to make progress. He is recovering his fitness with plenty of strength and stretch work.

Chris Hay, who turned his ankle in training, is back on his feet again after a few days rest. He is now weight bearing with light jogging and is showing no ill effects to this.

The only new injury since Saturday is that of Brian Borrowes. The skipper pulled up 22 minutes into the game against Bristol City complaining of tightness in the back of the leg. On closer inspection it looks like a slight hamstring strain. So there is little he can do but rest and have plenty of hot baths.

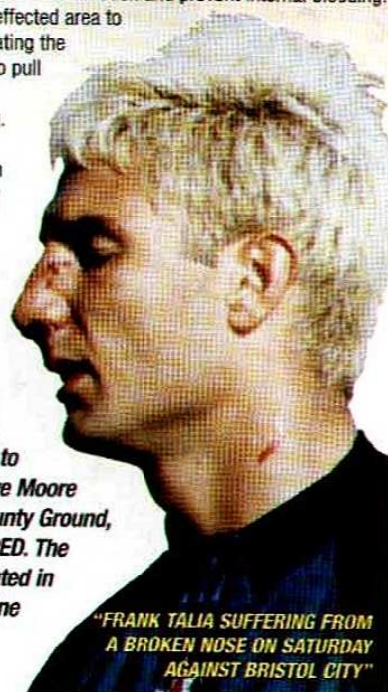
## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

**This week we look at one of the most common injuries in football: the ankle sprain.**

Peter Booth of Newbury writes: "I manage a local football team and I'm constantly battling against large numbers of players who suffer from sprains. What is the best way to aid recovery from this injury?"

Well Peter we know how you feel, but there is no magic solution. The system we use is called I.C.E.R. This stands for Ice, Compression, Elevation and Rest. As soon as the injury is sustained you should apply ice to it. This will slow down inflammation and prevent internal bleeding. Then you compress the effected area to reduce swelling. By elevating the injury you allow gravity to pull back bodily fluids- thus preventing extra swelling. Finally and most importantly, rest. A sprain can be a traumatic injury for your muscles, they need large periods of rest to recover- don't rush it, playing football again to early can put you back to square one.

*If you would like to ask the advice of the Physio's please write to Dick Mackey and Dave Moore at Swindon Town, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts, SN1 2ED. The best letter will be printed in the Matchday Magazine and receive expert advice.*



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## Manchester United Latest

Manchester United, the countries biggest club, have finally confirmed that Rupert Murdoch's BskyB are in talks to buy the club.



But Murdoch is not alone in his pursuit of the club, leisure group ENIC have also been reported to be entering what could turn into a bidding war. The take-over is valued at £565 million and bids could go higher.

The likelihood of the take over has increased with recent FA comments. FA Chairman Keith Wiseman has stood back from the deal stating that the FA is primarily concerned with footballing matters only.

In addition, Man Utd have announced to shareholders plans to increase the capacity from 55,000 to 67,400. The increase of 12,000 seats will cost the club £30million and will take place whether BskyB complete the take over or not.

## Spurs Want Graham

Spurs have shown an interest in Leeds Boss George Graham.



But the deal could cost the London side £6 million in compensation to Leeds. A clause in Graham's contract could mean Spurs have to pay £1million just to speak to the Elland Road Boss.

If Graham left, Spurs may be liable to pay the remainder of his three year contract. The ex-Arsenal manager has said: "I'm not going to give these reports credibility by commenting."

# PREMIERSHIP



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# ROUND-UP

## Magpies Deny Shearer Bid

Newcastle have denied reports that Italian Serie A side Parma have made a £14million bid for Alan Shearer.



This move would re-unite Shearer with old strike partner Faustino Asprilla.

Italian newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport led with the story but Newcastle have stated that the England captain is not for sale.

## Everton Get Protti

Premiership strugglers Everton have secured the loan of Lazio striker Igor Protti.



The 30 year old player has been signed until the end of the season and will be eligible to start their next game against Leeds United.



TONIGHT'S PREMIER FIXTURES

|                |    |               |
|----------------|----|---------------|
| ASTON VILLA    | vs | NEWCASTLE UTD |
| CHELSEA        | vs | ARSENAL       |
| DERBY CO.      | vs | SHEFF WED     |
| LEICESTER CITY | vs | MIDDLESBROUGH |
| LIVERPOOL      | vs | COVENTRY      |
| MAN UTD        | vs | CHARLTON      |
| TOTTENHAM      | vs | BLACKBURN R.  |
| WEST HAM       | vs | WIMBLEDON     |



FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

|               | 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. LEE COLLINS
2. PHILIPPE CUEVO
3. IFFY ONDURA

### MANAGER?

STAN TERNETT  
BURNLEY FC.

### WHO'S KIT

SHIRT:  
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AWAY STRIP

### ODD ONE OUT

THE ODD ONE  
OUT IS ROBERT HENRI  
HE IS THE ONLY ONE  
PICTURED WHO WAS  
NOT PLAYED IN 2004  
FOR SWINDON TOWN

## 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!

Swindon fan Mark Reynolds was taking a few snaps before one of England's France 98 games when he realised that there was something familiar on a flag over the other side of the stadium. Can you spot it? - We get everywhere!

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# SWINDON TOWN Ladies



by Roger Reeves

**The Town Ladies travel to face Bristol Rovers on Sunday in their second league game of the season.**

The two sides have not met previously as the Rovers played in the South Western Regional League last season. This will be a good test for the Town as the Rovers are one of the stronger teams from the South Western League, being pushed into third place on goals scored.

The Town's reserve team are without a fixture because Carterton Town have withdrawn from the Regional League. Unfortunately this league has now been

reduced to eight teams as Aylesbury Stocklake have also resigned.

In the FA Cup the Town have been drawn at home to the winners for the preliminary round tie between Corfe Hills Unites from Dorset and Welsh side Newport. The first round tie will be played on Sunday 27th September.

The Town have had a good build up to the new season with three friendly games. On each occasion the team field a mixed team of senior players and youngsters.

The first match at Watford resulted in a five goals to one win despite the Town having five senior players stuck in a traffic jam on the M25 and not arriving until the final whistle. From Town provided the opposition for the second game and once again the Town won by five goals to one.

In the final build up game the Town played National League side Wimbledon and despite a four two defeat played well and were in no way outplayed by their stronger opponents.



**Swindon Town Ladies - Southern Region League Premier Division Runners-up 1997-98**

## 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 20th Sept 98  
Sherbourne**

### Southern Region League Northern Division

**Sunday 13th Sept 98  
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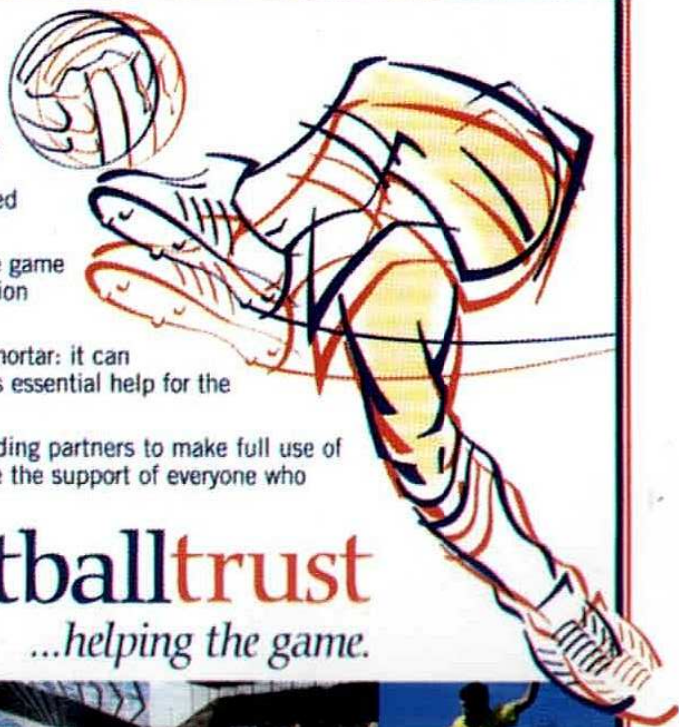
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## Manchester City Failure

Stockport  
Chairman  
Brendan  
Ellwood  
tips Aaron  
Wilbraham to  
be England's next superstar.



Wilbraham made an immediate impact against Grimsby, coming on as a second-half substitute and setting up the opening goal for Brett Angel, who scored the other one as well in the dying seconds.

"I believe we have found a new superstar" said Ellwood. "He has the pace, the height and the strength - and he scores goals."

"I genuinely believe we have a rare talent on our hands, and that won't be much consolation to Manchester City. He was at their school of excellence but they did not offer him a YT contract. Fortunately we did."



# 1

## NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

### An Up-And Coming Star

City manager  
John Ward is  
tipping his  
new £1.2  
million striker  
Ade Akinbiyi to become  
a big star.



Aston Villa and Chelsea were among a number of clubs with representatives at the County Ground who saw Akinbiyi put in a superb display.

### Grobelaar hungry For Action

Bruce  
Grobelaar  
smiled and said  
his one-off  
payment by Bury "wouldn't  
pay off the overdraft".



But the 40-year-old former Liverpool keeper is hoping it may help secure his return to the Football League.

Grobelaar was back in the limelight thanks to Neil Warnock, whose regular keeper, Dean Kiely, was with the Republic of Ireland at Lansdowne Road.

His timing wasn't as sharp as it used to be, but Grobelaar produced a string of very good saves. Grobelaar, who has been playing non-league football added: "I am still hungry and believe I can still contribute something at this level."

### Bruce Is Feeling The Strain

Steve Bruce  
is facing a  
crisis only two  
months into  
his Sheffield United reign.



After reaching last season's play-off, his side were tipped to challenge for promotion.

The Blades do not have any money to spend and at the moment they are struggling with 13 players on the injury list. Bruce said: "We're down to bare bones, but if you've got no money there is nothing you can do about it."

### Johnson To Be Next Owen

Andrew  
Johnson is  
unknown  
outside  
Birmingham -  
But remember  
his name.



The 5ft 4in 17-year old with bleached blond hair looks like any other chancer ready for a night on the town. But his soccer ability separates him from the average teenager.

Andrew Johnson, has already been compared to Michael Owen the Liverpool ace. Johnson said:

"He is my idol and he has provided me with extra inspiration. I think he has done that for a generation of teenagers. I study him all the time on televisions and videos. I watch his touch, his positioning, his runs but most important how he finishes."

### Nationwide league Division one

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| SUNDERLAND     | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 2  | 13   |
| WOLVES         | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9  | 2  | 13   |
| BIRMINGHAM     | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9  | 3  | 13   |
| BURY           | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 1  | 11   |
| WEST BROM      | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 8  | 10   |
| HUDDERFIELD    | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 7  | 10   |
| NORWICH        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8  | 5  | 9    |
| STOCKPORT      | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8  | 7  | 9    |
| WATFORD        | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8  | 8  | 9    |
| GRIMSBY        | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 5  | 8    |
| SHEFF UTD      | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8  | 11 | 7    |
| BOLTON         | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 8  | 6  | 6    |
| PORTSMOUTH     | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8  | 9  | 6    |
| CREWE          | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7  | 8  | 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    |
| SWINDON        | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6  | 10 | 5    |
| OXFORD         | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5  | 7  | 5    |
| BRADFORD       | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 8  | 4    |
| BRISTOL CITY   | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8  | 13 | 3    |
| QPR            | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3  | 9  | 2    |
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## DARREN BULLOCK

**It was great to get that all important win in the League.**

The week before the game the whole squad were focussed on the job we had to do. And despite the fact we hadn't won at this point we were all positive about the game ahead. I thought the way we started the game on Saturday was vital.

This was why it was so important that we got the penalty early on. I can't remember that much about the incident. Letch hit a great pass out to Ty Gooden and he managed to slip it through to me. As I tried to control the ball I felt a contact on my legs and was caught.

The ref didn't hesitate and blew for the spot kick and it was down to Walters to fire it home which he did well.

The next ten minutes was an exact

opposite of what has been happening for us recently. Instead of not taking chances, every time we had an opportunity on goal we fired it in. This was pleasing for the two lads up front, Iffy and George. They have been working so hard in attack but have had little to show for their work - the game against City was pay back, which the two front men richly deserved.

As the game wore on Bristol came back into it and began to string some attacks together but I felt that Reeves and Hall more than handled the pace of Amikbiyi.

In the second half things obviously changed and I think I speak for us all when I say the last ten minutes of that game were moments I will never forget. A keeper with blood coming down his face, two players sent off and a single goal separating us. Alfred Hitchcock

couldn't write a better thriller.

Of course, the rest was history and we now have the three points in the bag, and there would be no better way to build on the win than by adding to it tonight. So I want to here plenty of noise as we go for another win against Oxford. COME ON SWINDON!



**Darren Bullock**

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**Q: Unlike most pro's you didn't join professional football until 21, what were you doing before then?**

A: I did all sorts. I was an apprentice engraver, forklift truck driver, insurance salesman. I hated it all and loved football.



**Q: Did joining football late hinder your career in any way?**

A: Not really. I enjoy football no matter where I'm playing it. I started out playing in the West Cheshire League for a team called Haswell- it's a long way from marking Alan Shearer and playing in the Premiership- but it was an important start. It was here that I was spotted by a scout who gave me a trial at Norwich and I got a years contract. I did okay but the next summer I was on the move again to Chester. After two years with them I then moved on to Rochdale for a couple of season then I was signed by Wimbledon for £300,000 during the 94/95 season.

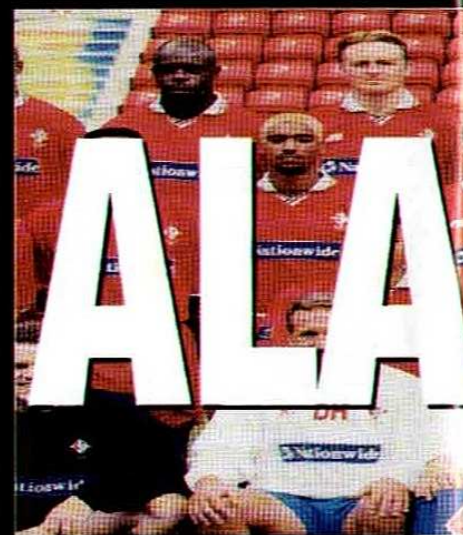


**Q: From Rochdale to the Premiership, that is quite a step.**

A: I know, a signed on a Tuesday and played against Leicester on the Saturday. We had a good side then Vinnie Jones, Warren Barton, Robbie Earle and Andy Thorne.



**Q: Was it true what they said about the "crazy gang" mentality.**





A: Absolutely. We were a complete bunch of lunatics, always playing practical jokes and stuff like that. We always used to say we would have a game won in the tunnel before the match. We played really loud music to intimidate the opposition and then there was the gamesmanship you never heard about. I can remember during my second season with Wimbledon we played Bolton in their first game of the season since being promoted from the First Division. Young Bolton players like Stubbs and McAteer were waiting in the tunnel and we said a few things that you couldn't print that scared the living day lights out of them. It was minutes before their first game in the top flight and we talked them out of it.

**Q: And what do you think of that as a professional, and the obvious question is, would you do it for Swindon?**

A: That kidology is all part and parcel of the game, as a pro you've got to be able to let football talk like that go in one ear and out the other. Everyone does this. If you can't handle it you shouldn't be in the game. And to answer the second part of your question, of course I would use at Swindon. This is my club now and, just like every other pro, I'll use whatever lawful tactic I can do make sure we win as many games as possible.

**Q: I'm sure you get asked this question all the time, but what was it like marking Alan Shearer?**

A: Yes, playing against Shearer was hard work. What sets him apart was that he had

everything, great touch, good skill, strength, good in the air, quick and also very intelligent- you rarely see Shearer look rushed on the ball because he's always one step ahead in his mind. That said, the player I hated playing against most was Ian Wright. He never gave you a minute, always running and making space. I was knackered at the end of games against Arsenal.

**Q: So what happened between then and Swindon?**

A: I picked up an injury and fell back to the subs bench for around forty games. As any player will tell you that's not what you want so I took the move to Swindon.

**Q: And how did you find coming to the to the First Division?**

A: It was really good. You've got a great bunch of lads here at the club that have made me feel very welcome. The standard of football here is very good. At Swindon you have a healthy mix of experienced pro's who have played at the top, or younger lads that will get up there eventually.

**Q: Now you've settled in and got the first win under the belt what's the plan?**

A: We didn't get off to the best of starts but we didn't lose heart because we were playing well. Against Bristol supporters saw us playing well and winning which is vital. If we continue a good run we should be looking for a play-off place and from there anything can happen.



**Alan Reeves**

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

When I didn't get on with the then manager of Chester

**Best dressed at Swindon T?**

Eddie Buckley

**Worst dressed at Swindon T?**

George Ndah

**Superstitions?**

Yes loads. I always put my left foot on the pitch first and always put my right boot on first

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

My collection of magazines and my phone.

**Favourite Spice Girl?**

Old Spice!

**What's the best advice a manager has ever given you?**

Hang your boots up son

**Sum yourself up in three words?**

An absolute hunk.










# THE SEASON SO FAR

# 1998/99

## 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      | 3-2  | 8,537   | TALIA   | KERSLAKE  | HALL  | LEITCH  | REEVES  | BORROWS   | WALTERS |
| 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      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
| FRI  | OCT  | 09 | 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 | Walford                | 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 | BARNLEY                | H      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
| Sat  | May  | 22 | F.A. Cup Final         |        |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |

### LAST SEASONS TOP SCORERS

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| CHRIS HAY     | 14 |
| MARK WALTERS  | 5  |
| STEV 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

|              |   |          |
|--------------|---|----------|
| BRISTOL CITY | H | WON 3-2  |
| BURY         | A | LOST 3-0 |
| PORT VALE    | H | DREW 1-1 |
| WOLVES       | A | LOST 1-0 |



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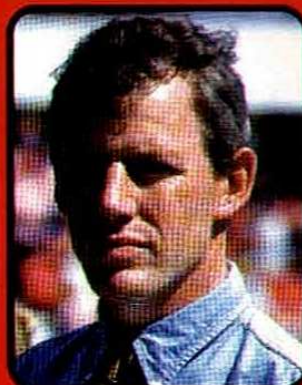


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| HAY  | ONUORA | BULLOCK | NDAH   | KERSLAKE   | WATSON(8)   | TAYLOR     |
| NDAH | ONUORA | BULLOCK | GOODEN | DAVIS      | HAY         | CUERVO(4)  |
| NDAH | ONUORA | BULLOCK | GOODEN | HAY (4)    | CUERVO (11) | GLASS      |
| NDAH | HAY    | BULLOCK | GOODEN | ONUORA(8)  | ROBINSON    | CUERVO (4) |
| NDAH | ONUORA | BULLOCK | GOODEN | HAY        | DAVIS       | CUERVO (9) |
| NDAH | ONUORA | BULLOCK | GOODEN | COWE       | DAVIS(3)    | ROBINSON   |
| NDAH | ONUORA | BULLOCK | GOODEN | HULBERT(4) | COWE        | DAVIS(6)   |

## the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



I thought I'd try my hand at surfing in the last few dying days of summer!

Nothing to do with waxing down my board, baywatch babes and tight lycra though. I went in search of the Red Army on the internet, and came up with some interesting images and information. For those not yet used to the world of on-line, you can find computer area where simple questions give you the most bizarre answers.

For example - did you know that an anagram of Swindon Town FC is: Don's Twin Now!

Or that Steve McMahon becomes: Macho Vest Men?

On another page I simply asked a very helpful computerised butler: "Will Swindon Town win promotion to the Premiership?". His answer - tickets to see Lee Hurst at the Wyvern Theatre have sold out!!

On a more serious note, the Nationwide League's internet

page is impressive - from there you can chart the Town's progress over recent years; look at our rivals standing in the league; find details of how to get to any away match, even look up what their match predictor reckons the next Swindon game's full time score will be - by the way they think we'll win two-nil tonight! Elsewhere you can get pictures of the Town Squad; you can put your name down for a daily 'electronic newspaper' packed full of the latest footballing gossip; and then just when you eyes start getting tired, you can go in search of the best thing in Swindon in a red shirt - Melinda Messenger!

A number of Town fans now have their own pages on the internet too - I can't tell you what one of them does with a picture of Joey Beauchamp! There's lively after-match analysis and comment from the people that matter ... and a friendly tribute to our old friend John Gorman. But none of it beats the buzz of being where the action is here at the County Ground - sometimes in the cold and the wet - sharing the drama and excitement, the thrills and the disappointment - and then talking the game over with friends down the local afterwards. It's been happening for decades - and it's something technology WON'T change!

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

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# MATCH..... STATS



## the officials

**Referee:**  
**Mr K Leach**

Kenneth Leach is 46 and works as a West Midlands Police Officer. He is married with twin boys. He became a Football League referee in 1992. He has refereed cup ties at Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. his hobbies include keep fit and fishing.

**Assistant Referees:**

**Mr K. Buller**  
**Mr R. Gould**

## match facts

**Half-Time Score**

**Full-Time Score**

**Today's Attendance**



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## NEXT HOME MATCH...

**Sat 19th Sept 1998**

**Nationwide League Div 1**

**3.00pm kick off VS WATFORD**

