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Welcome to the County Ground

**Unless you've just come
back from a fortnight's holiday
you won't need to be reminded
of the upheaval that has
surrounded the club of late.**

Steve McMahon has resigned and we are currently searching for a new manager. Not the best preparation for any game, but the boys on the park seem to be coping well with the current state of limbo.

Sky TV Cameras were out to scrutinise any slip up at Tranmere but we played well and were robbed of the three points by some refereeing decisions. Sky Sports' close-up instant replay showed this. George Ndah took his chance well but was clearly aggrieved by the decision.

Days later, it really was a patched up side that faced promotion chasers Bolton Wanderers. Players missing included Gareth Hall, David Kerslake, Scott Lietch, Iffy Onuora, Chris Hay and George Ndah.

But the lads that made it to the Reebok Stadium played well, battled hard and showed that Swindon are no 'walk-overs'.

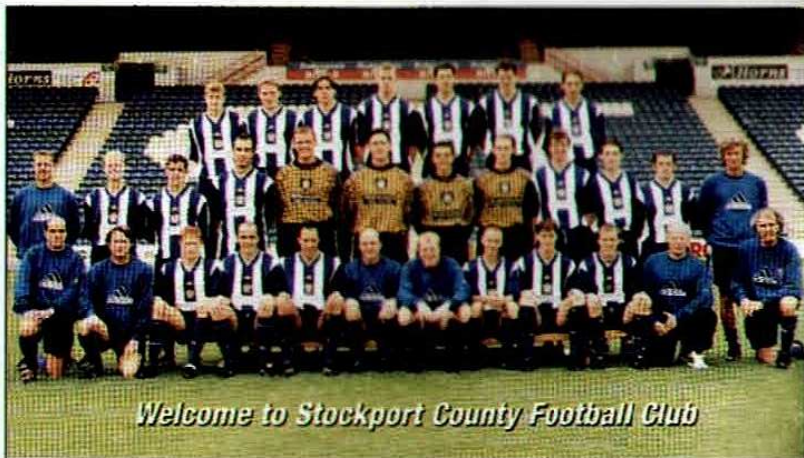
In the Q&A session with Gareth Hall this week, he described how the next

few games are vital. He couldn't be more right about that! We need some home wins to get the fans going after the obvious uncertainty that follows a manager leaving.

Today we face Stockport County and we welcome their players, officials and supporters. Stockport are currently progressing on their five year plan to establish themselves in the Premiership. Investment off the pitch and some astute buys by Gary Megson are all part of this scheme. This shows that last year's League position on the verge of the play-offs was not a one-off but something they'll be looking to improve on.

But with Mike Walsh in the caretaker hot seat the players will be doing all they can to secure the three points. So let's put the last few weeks behind us and sing out for Swindon Town.

We would like to remind fans that all reserve games at the County Ground are now "FREE FOR ALL". This is any football fanatic's chance to get that extra dose of live action while waiting for Saturday's first team game. An added bonus is that the Swindon side usually has an interesting mix of youth players and older pro's. The next reserve game at the County Ground sees us face local rivals Oxford United on Wednesday 14th October 1998, kick-off is 7.15pm.



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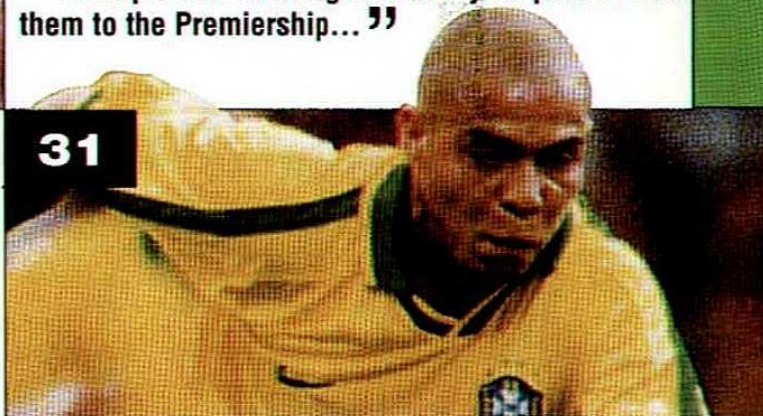


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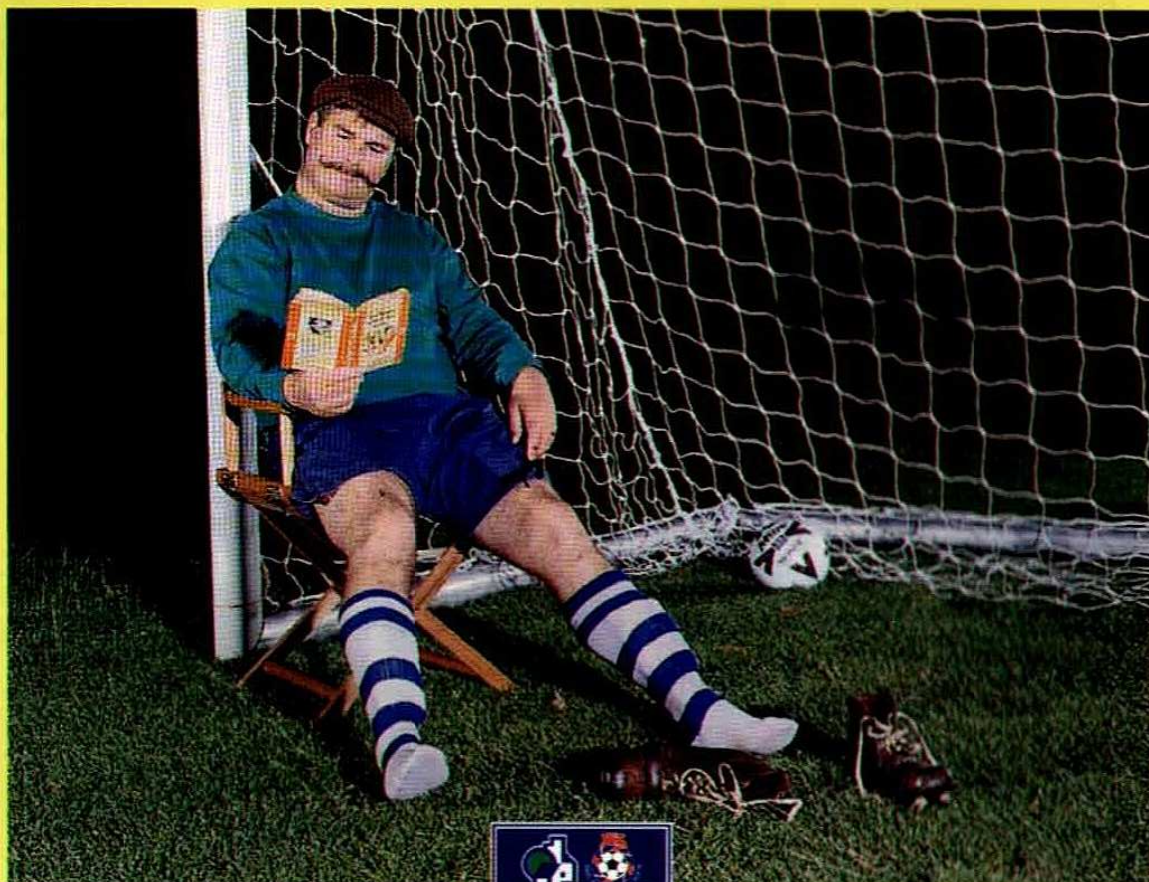
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Mike WALSH REPORTS

These are never the circumstances one wants be writing programme notes in, but we have a tough job ahead of us with Steve McMahon gone and we have to do the best we can.

And I think this is what the players have shown over the last two difficult games. Only days after the gaffer resigned we were facing Tranmere in front of Sky Sports' cameras.

What they beamed across the country was a solid performance from Swindon that should have ended with us taking the three points. We had to settle for one point but showed people we can play some attractive football.

Against Bolton Wanderers we came up against one of the best outfits in the First Division. The intimidating Reebok Stadium combined with the quality of their players make it a hard place to travel to, as their unbeaten home record suggests.

Because of injuries to half our first-team squad I had to field a side with the likes of Cuervo playing out of position as a striker. But the whole side battled well and took the game to the bitter end with Iffy scoring a goal in the last ten minutes.

Looking closer at that game I feel there are plenty of positive things to glean from it. I felt that for most of the game our defending was tight and frustrated the multiple attacks of Bolton.

Talia was on top form and made a string of fine saves,

denying Frandsen and Blake on a number of occasions.

Mark Robinson ran his heart out down the right and kept their attackers quiet while Gooden did the same on the other side.

The whole team did their bit, but special praise has to go to Iffy Onuora for coming off the bench and scoring when not fully fit. He headed in a good goal from a Sol Davis cross. Bolton tried to claim it didn't cross the line, but the linesman (perhaps Russian!) adjudged it a perfectly good goal.

The injuries to Hall and Kerslake have meant that Adam Willis has had the chance to prove himself at the back. He has shown some good touches and played well against both Bolton and Tranmere. We don't have the squad resources of a big club so it is great to have a player of Adam's quality to step into the first team.

"We don't have the squad resources of a big club so it is great to have a player of Adam's quality to step into the first team"

Today we face Stockport County. I'd like to welcome Gary Megson and his side for what will no doubt be a tough game. They have a good squad of players with experienced lads like Brett Angell up front and hard working midfield players Kevin Cooper and Chris Byrne.

Megson will be looking to mount another play-off bid so we can expect no favours from the Manchester club.

We'll need all the support we can get today, the players want to hear plenty of noise as they go for the win. So, as Walters' and George's regular goal celebration suggests, let's raise the roof for Swindon Town.

NEXT MATCH

Mike Walsh's view
(HOME)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
Fri 9th October 1998



Huddersfield are flying at the top, so we'll be looking to bring them back down to earth and take the points.

Today's visitors

STOCKPORT



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

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

After the fairytale that was 1996/97, when County enjoyed a dazzling cup run as well as promotion to the Football League's top division for the first time in their history, it seemed impossible that this small, unfashionable club could scale such heights again.

The task looked still more unlikely when inspirational manager Dave Jones flew the coop - heading for the Premiership with Southampton - taking with him two of the side's leading lights in the shape of goalkeeper Paul Jones - no relation - and defender Lee Todd.

But nothing was able to shake the belief that new boss Gary Megson instilled in his players. Not the series of injuries that rocked the club until it was in danger of capsizing, nor the departures in mid-season of striker Alun Armstrong and playmaker Chris Marsden.

To their enormous credit, County rose above it all to display a tremendous team spirit and will-to-win that led them to an eighth place finish, within touching distance of the Play-Offs.

And as Manchester City pressed the self-destruct and launched themselves unceremoniously into Division Two, it was Stockport - and not their Maine Road cousins - who basked in the glory of being Manchester's 'second club'.

Much of the credit for that success must be laid at the feet - and head - of striker Brett Angell, whose 23 goals kept the season on track. His experience will again be vital in 1998/99 and he has started this campaign where he left off the last - scoring goals.

A burst of four goals in two games at the beginning of the season - two each v Wolves and Grimsby - showed that he is still on track as he helped County to a run of just one defeat in their opening six games, including hard-earned draws with Barnsley and Crystal Palace.

Behind the scenes, the Hatters have been investing off the field, while manager Megson continues to trawl around the lower divisions looking for bargains to improve his squad. It's all part of an ambitious plan to put the Edgley Park club into the Premiership, and after the advances of the last couple of years it would take a brave man or woman to bet against it happening.

**Forward -
Brett Angell**



The team STOCKPORT

IAN GRAY

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 25.02.75
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 6ft 2in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Rochdale

Promising young keeper who moved to County in a £200,000 deal in July 1997, having impressed with Rochdale the previous season. A groin injury, coupled with the good form of Eric Nixon, kept him on the sub's bench for all but three games in 1997/98.

CARLO NASH

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 13.09.73
AGE: 25
HEIGHT: 6ft 5in
PREVIOUS CLUB: C.Palace

A close season arrival from Palace, former male model Carlo has quickly established himself as County's number one - having not played a single Premiership match in 1997/98. Signed on a free transfer, he played a big part in Palace's promotion of the previous campaign.

ERIC NIXON

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 04.10.62
AGE: 35
HEIGHT: 6ft 4in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Tranmere R.

Originally signed as back-up in August 1997, the hugely experienced Nixon quickly broke into the County first-team and remained there throughout the campaign. By turns brilliant and infuriating, in 1986/87 he played in all four divisions in a single season, starting with Man City and going on loan to Wolves, Bradford, Southampton and Carlisle.

SEAN CONNELLY

POSITION: Defender
BORN: 26.06.70
AGE: 28
HEIGHT: 5ft 10in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Hallam

Consistent right-sided full-back or wing-back who was voted County's 'Player of the Year' for their first ever Division One season last year. A qualified physiotherapist, he is a target for several Premier clubs and has been valued at more than £1m by manager Gary Megson.

TONY DINNING

POSITION: Central Defender
BORN: 12.04.75
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 6ft 2in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Newcastle Utd

Back to his best after suffering a broken leg at Sunderland in March. A tough-tackling stopper with a powerful shot, he can also play in midfield. Regarded as Stockport's most-improved player last season.

MICHAEL FLYNN

POSITION: Defender
BORN: 23.02.69
AGE: 29
HEIGHT: 6ft
PREVIOUS CLUB: Preston N.E.

Even a broken foot failed to keep the club captain down for long last season, when he notched up 34 League games. Formerly a club record signing - £126,000 in March 1993 - he began with Oldham and also played for Norwich City.

JIM GANNON

POSITION: Central Defender
BORN: 07.09.68
AGE: 30
HEIGHT: 6ft 2in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Sheffield Utd

Another player to have suffered broken bones last season, a training ground injury prematurely ending his season in March. County's longest serving player he is generally employed just in front of the back four. Having begun his career with Dundalk, he was offered the opportunity of returning to Ireland during the summer of 1997, to play part-time and join an accountancy business - but turned it down to play with County in Division One.

MARTIN MCINTOSH

POSITION: Central Defender
BORN: 19.03.71
AGE: 27
HEIGHT: 6ft 3in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Hamilton A.

Snapped up for what proved to be a bargain £80,000 in August 1997, Martin was the find of the season for the Hatters. Powerful and strong in the air, he is also an excellent passer of the ball and was rewarded for his impressive performances in the First Division with a call-up to the Scotland 'B' squad last term. Was a trainee with Tottenham.



The team STOCKPORT

COLIN WOODTHORPE

POSITION: **Defender**
BORN: **13.01.69**
AGE: **29**
HEIGHT: **6ft**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Aberdeen**

Happy playing at left-back or in the midfield, calf and back injuries restricted Colin's appearances last season. Megson paid £200,000 for his former Norwich team-mate in July 1997, hoping his experience would help County's first season in the Nationwide's top flight.

TOM BENNETT

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: **12.12.69**
AGE: **28**
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Wolves**

Yet another broken leg victim from last season, Tom endured an horrific double fracture in the match at Birmingham City in January and has yet to return to first-team action. A skilful playmaker, he was enjoying a tremendous 1997/98 up to that point, and was being tipped as a possible Scottish 'B' cap.

CHRIS BYRNE

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: **09.02.75**
AGE: **23**
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sunderland**

Talented midfielder of whom great things are expected and who has been

ever-present this season at the time of writing. Snapped up from Macclesfield by Peter Reid at Sunderland, Chris became homesick and was delighted to return to the Manchester area when Gary Megson offered £200,000 for him in November 1997.

PAUL COOK

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: **22.06.67**
AGE: **31**
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Tranmere R.**

County broke their club transfer record to take former Norwich, Wolves and Coventry midfielder Cook to Edgley Park for a fee of £250,000 in October 1997. An ankle injury and a fractured skull kept him out of contention for chunks of last season, but when in the side he impressed with his skilful left-sided displays. Dead-ball expert.

WAYNE PHILLIPS

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: **15.12.70**
AGE: **27**
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Wrexham**

Hard-working Welsh 'B' international who was signed for £200,000 in February 1998, primarily as cover for the injured Tom Bennett. Covers an enormous amount of ground during a match.

BRETT ANGELL

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: **20.08.68**
AGE: **30**
HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sunderland**

Currently in his second spell at Edgley Park, Brett top scored with 23

goals last season and built up a tremendous partnership with Alun Armstrong (nw Middlesbrough). Previously with Portsmouth, Derby, Southend, Everton and West Brom, this experienced target man is again leading the goal charts this season.

KEVIN COOPER

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: **08.02.75**
AGE: **23**
HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Derby County**

Signed for £150,000 in 1997, this diminutive winger earned his move after impressing Gary Megson in a pre-season trial match, having previously been courted by the Hatters' former manager, Dave Jones. A tricky player who pops up with some spectacular goals from the left flank.

IAN MOORE

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: **26.08.76**
AGE: **22**
HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Nott'm Forest**

Stuck behind Pierre van Hooijdonk and Kevin Campbell in Forest's pecking order last season, England U21 cap Ian smashed County's transfer record when he moved to Edgley Park for £800,000 in July 1998. A strong and intelligent striker, he was invited to train with the Full England squad prior to Euro 96.

Other squad members include: David Fish (goalkeeper), Sean Mannion (midfield), Francis Vaughan (midfield), James Flood (forward), Simon Travis (Defender), Graham Branch (Forward), Stephen Grant (Forward).

The manager **GARY MEGSON**

Following the shock departure of Dave Jones to Southampton in July 1997, it was something of surprise when newly-promoted Stockport moved swiftly to appoint the former Norwich and Blackpool boss Gary Megson to the Edgeley Park hot-seat.

Although he was widely seen as quite a scholar of the game, Megson had suffered a brief and troubled spell in charge at Carrow Road - scene of some of his finest playing achievements - before really starting to make a managerial name for himself in the hot-seat at Blackpool.

But despite what must have felt like a never-ending series of blows last season - as injury after injury decimated his plans - Megson instilled a tremendous team spirit and will-to-survive in his troops as they soared to a magnificent eighth place finish in the First Division.

During a high-level playing career the 38-year-old former midfielder

turned out for Plymouth, Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Nottingham Forest, Newcastle, Manchester City and Norwich.

He was appointed manager at Blackpool in July 1996 and, after a shaky start, led the Seaside to a superb run of results in mid-season which culminated in the club narrowly missing out on a Play-Off place in 1996/97.

When Dave Jones, the man who led County on their own remarkable 1996/97 campaign, decided to step up to the Premiership after negotiating the club's rise to Division One it was Megson who was offered the unenviable task of following in a legend's footsteps.

His job was made all the harder by Jones' subsequent poaching of two of the club's leading stars from the promotion team - goalkeeper Paul Jones and defender Lee Todd - but he has done a remarkable job at the helm at Edgeley Park, keeping his unfashionable side on the brink of the Play-Off places for the whole of the 1997/98 campaign.



Stockport County's last ten years - the full record



Div	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
F.A.	1	1	1	2	3	4	1	3	4	4
Lg.C.	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	SF	2
L.S.	Wyde	Angel	Widdowson	Gibson	Francis	Francis	Armstrong	Armstrong	Angel	Angel
Goals	12	23	15	16	28	28	14	13	15	18
Ave.Ast	2,783	3,870	3,463	4,916	5,504	5,094	4,526	5,903	6,424	8,323

When Stockport have scored goals... and conceded them



COUNTY CAUTIONS		ROBINS' ROGUES	
Byrne3	Angel1	Bullock4	Davis1
Flynn3		Reeves3	
Connelly2		Walters3	
Cook2		Kerlake2	
Dinning2		Ndiah2	
McLainsh2		Borrows1	
Woodthorpe2		Gooden1	
Angel1		Halbert1	
Moore1		Leitch1	
Nash C1		Davis1	

League Positions throughout the season



Last 6 League Results ..		
Huddersfield Town	H	1-1
West Bromwich Alb.	H	2-2
Queens Park Rangers	A	0-2
Crewe Alexandra	H	1-1
Birmingham City	A	0-2
Grimsby Town	H	2-0

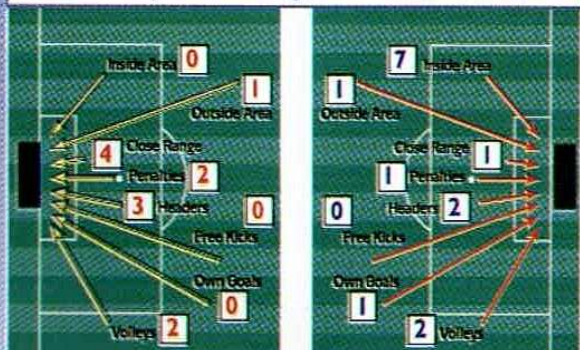
When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for Stockport this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Apps Gls								
Brett Angel	F	11	4	30	6'2"	13'10"	Sunderland	
Chris Byrne	M	11	2	23	5'9"	10'02"	Sunderland	
Mike Flynn	D	11	1	29	6'0"	11'02"	Preston	
Ian Moore	F	11	1	22	5'11"	12'02"	Forest	Eng U21
Carlo Nash	G	11		25	6'5"	14'01"	Palace	
Colin Woodthorpe	D	10		29	5'11"	11'08"	Aberdeen	
Sean Connelly	D	9		28	5'10"	11'10"		
Martin McIntosh	D	9	1	27	6'3"	12'05"	Hamilton	Scotland B
Tony Dinning	D	8(2)	2	23	6'0"	12'00"	Newcastle	
Kevin Cooper	M	8(1)		23	5'7"	10'07"	Derby	
Paul Cook	M	8(1)		31	5'11"	11'00"	Tranmere	
Jim Gannon	D	5(3)		30	6'2"	13'00"	Sheff Utd	
Aaron Wilbraham	F	3(6)		18	6'3"	12'04"		
Graham Branch	F	3(3)	1	26	6'2"	12'02"	Tranmere	
Wayne Phillips	M	2(2)		27	5'10"	11'00"	Wrexham	Wales B
Paal Alsaker	M	1		26	5'9"	10'10"	Flora Talinn	
Simon Travis	M	(1)		21	5'7"	10'00"	Torquay	
Martin Nash	M			22	5'11"	12'03"	Vancouver	Canada

How County have scored goals... and conceded them



Robins v Stockport

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Swindon Town	2	1	3	11	14	7	LDLLWW
Stockport County	1	3	2	6	8	6	DDLWLW

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How Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



PAGES from the past...

LES ALLEN WRITES, OCTOBER 1973...

Earlier this season we were top of Division Two but I said this was not realistic and that we would know more of the team's true ability by October.

Two defeats in Nottingham and one here at the County Ground have left us in a mid table position which I feel is a much better reflection of the team's present standard. We are determined to hold on to our young players and to bring them on and develop them here. While we are doing that we must accept the fact that we will lose some matches. Richard Legg's goal in the game against Millwall gave us a great start but against the much more experienced Millwall side we failed to build on this start and ended up going down 3-1.

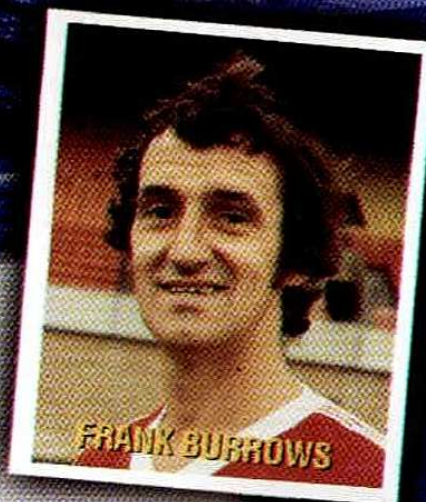
While the youngsters are gaining experience it is vital we hold on to our more experienced players. I am pleased to report that we have managed to persuade Frank Burrows and John Trollope to sign new contracts. The Government's prices and incomes policy, which limits increases for people doing the same job to 4% plus £1, had made it difficult and was the reason we were forced to agree to Peter Noble's move to Burnley. We have got it in the cases of Frank and John by giving them additional duties on the coaching side. Sadly, the dispute with Peter Downsbrough is no nearer resolution. I would be the first to admit that his return to the team last season was a major factor in saving us from relegation but the club cannot allow itself to be held to ransom. This loan period at Brighton was successful but Albion refused to meet the £5,000 fee which we feel was a reasonable one for a keeper of Peter's experience. I am told Peter is now working on a building site in Halifax. This seems a shocking waste but it is entirely his own choice.

Today, one of my predecessors here at the County Ground, Dave Mackay, brings his Forest team who beat us 2-0 recently. With players like Duncan McKenzie and Martin O'Neill in their line up we shall have to be on top form to take the points. We can take heart from the fact that in our match at Forest we had plenty of the play and only an outstanding display by Jim Barron prevented us scoring.

I have received a number of letters about comments I

am supposed to have made in the press about individual players performances. Without going into details, the press have not always accurately reported my comments and I can assure you that any criticism of individual players will be kept to the privacy of the dressing room.

As we only have an 8 page program I have been asked to include in my column the fact that, in order to overcome the lack of refreshment facilities in the South Stand, stewards in this area will be taking orders before the game and will bring them to your seat at half time. A warming cup of tea for 5p and a cheese roll to chew on for 8p, delivered to your seat - sounds like excellent value to me.



FRANK BURROWS

Quiz question:

Swindon's leading League scorer in the 1973/74 season scored only 8 League goals for the Town. Who was he?

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Last game's question

What was the result of the match between Swindon and Watford later in the 1968/69 season and what did the two clubs have in common that year?

Answer...

1-0 to Watford and both sides won promotion.

compiled by Dick Mattick

MIKE WALSH'S

weekly diary...September

Monday 21st

Little did we know what was in store this week, and despite a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Watford the mood on Monday was quite good.

The players were in today and worked hard out at the Supermarine training grounds. It was obvious that simple defensive errors cost us on Saturday so we had a long look at what went wrong and how to rectify it.

Tuesday 22nd

This was the day the gaffer told me about his resignation.

It was upsetting, but after the events of last Saturday I can fully understand his decision.

Back to the training pitch and it was business as usual. With the Watford game out of their system the players worked very hard on topping up their fitness. We took them on a long run followed by short sprints and some ball work.

Wednesday 23rd

Today is my wedding anniversary and with the gaffer not announcing his resignation until tomorrow I had a spare 24 hours.

So after months of planning, myself and the wife decided to go to Paris for the day.

But in football you should always expect the unexpected. Within hours of arriving in France I received a call telling me that the club had to bring the big announcement forward a day due to press speculation. Even in the romantic city of Paris the duties of management soon catch up with you! It all meant the gaffer was leaving a day early, so I knew I would have to caretaker manage the first team. It was a case of getting back to Swindon ASAP.

Thursday 24th

As the dust starts to settle we find ourselves a day away from the Tranmere game which will be shown live on Sky Sports.

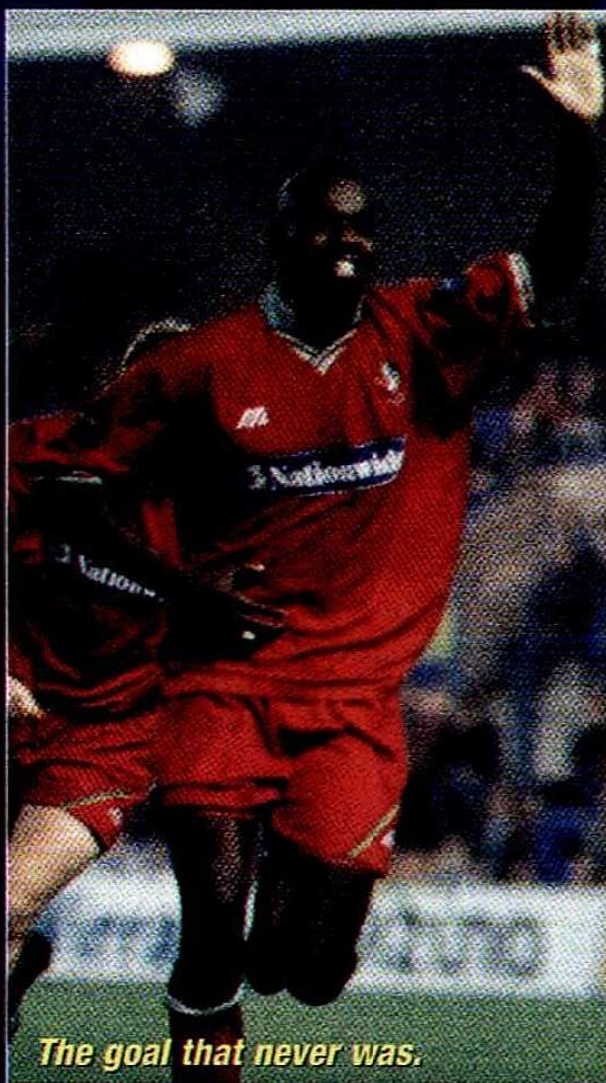
We badly need to pick up some away points and show the viewing public that we can play good football so it was back to work.

We had the lads in for a light session to keep them loose and ready for action. Then it was pasta and chicken before getting on the coach for Tranmere.

Friday 25th

There are plenty of reasons why the players are tense today: tonight's game is on TV, we need three points and they want to win it for the gaffer.

It is clear that this will be no ordinary match. Looking back at the encounter at Prenton Park I felt we were very unlucky not to come away with the victory. A perfectly good goal from George Ndah disallowed and Cowe hacked down when he was through on goal. After a week of turmoil the players wanted to put it all behind them with a win, but had to settle for a point. Now we have to lift ourselves up again with a tough away fixture against Bolton only a couple of days away.



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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	A.F.C.	5-0
Wed Sept 16	Wycombe W.	P-P
Wed Sept 23	LUTON TOWN	0-1
Wed Sept 30	LILLINGHAM	W
Wed Oct 07	Watford	A
Wed Oct 14	OXFORD UTD	W
Wed Oct 28	PETERBOROUGH U.	W
Mon Nov 02	Northampton T.	A
Wed Nov 18	BRIGHTON & H.A.	W
Wed Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A
Wed Dec 02	Reading	W
Wed Dec 16	Portsmouth	A
Wed Jan 06	Crystal Palace	A
Wed Jan 13	Sheff Wed	W
Wed Jan 20	Ipswich Town	A
Wed Feb 03	NOTTINGHAM CITY	W
Wed Feb 10	Colchester Utd	A
Wed Feb 24	WEST HAM UTD	W
Wed Mar 10	Tottenham H.	A
Wed Mar 17	Reading	W
Wed Mar 24	Charlton Ath.	A
Wed Mar 31	Chelsea	W
Wed Apr 07	Wimbledon	A
Wed Apr 14	SOUTHAMPTON	W
Wed Apr 21	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A

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LEAGUE 98/99

Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Southampton	5	4	1	0	18	3	13	+15
Luton Town	5	4	1	0	13	5	13	+08
Charlton Athletic	5	4	1	0	10	2	13	+08
Watford	5	4	0	1	15	3	12	+12
Bournemouth	5	4	0	1	11	1	12	+10
A.F.C.	5	3	2	0	11	2	11	+09
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	11	4	10	+07
Peterborough	5	3	0	2	11	6	9	+05
Fulham	5	2	3	0	7	2	7	+05
Millwall	4	2	1	1	8	5	7	+03
Portsmouth	5	2	2	1	8	6	7	+02
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	15	15	7	00
Chelsea	5	2	1	2	7	7	7	00
Brighton & H.A.	5	2	1	2	6	11	7	-05
Cambridge	5	2	1	2	5	10	7	-05
Wimbledon	4	1	2	1	5	8	5	-01
Ipswich Town	5	1	2	2	5	7	5	-02
Barnet	5	1	2	2	10	20	5	-10
West Ham United	4	1	1	2	6	6	4	00
Reading	3	1	1	1	4	5	4	-1
Nottingham City	4	1	1	2	3	4	4	-1
Northampton	4	1	1	2	2	3	4	-1
Reading	5	1	1	3	5	12	4	-06
Colchester	6	1	1	4	4	14	4	-10
Nottingham City	5	1	0	4	6	10	3	-07
Nottingham City	4	1	0	3	5	11	3	-08
Nottingham City	4	1	0	3	2	7	3	-05
Nottingham City	5	0	1	4	2	11	0	-11
Nottingham City	4	0	1	3	2	11	0	-11

RESERVE TEAM ROUND-UP

with Alan McDonald

SWINDON RESERVES 0 LUTON RESERVES 1

This was always going to be a difficult game for the lads. With the Gaffer resigning earlier in the day, the atmosphere at the Club was strange to say the least and we would have preferred the visit of Luton to have been on another day but this was not to be.

With Ross McLaren's departure, Steve McMahon had asked myself and Brian Borrows to step into the breach and manage the reserves in a caretaker role. Our first real managerial challenge saw us field a team consisting of youth and experience with YTS players Sam Campagna, Nick Burke and Fraser McHugh in the starting line up and James Williams, Jason Donlon and Jamie Mills on the subs' bench. Bobby Howe, Kevin Watson, Mark Robinson and Philippe Cuevo added the mix of experience along with Steve Mildenhall playing in goal.

The game started off slowly with the lads taking time to gel together, but fortunately Mildenhall was untested before we pulled together some good runs and a couple of shots on goal.

We were passing the ball well and this paid off, with both Nicky Burke and

Bobby Howe having shots on goal. Unfortunately for us their keeper was on good form and denied both chances.

The second half saw us continue to play the better football. But it was Luton who opened the scoring against the run of play, a good shot on target that had Mildenhall beaten.

Despite concerted pressure from us in the dying moments we couldn't get a goal back.

Good performances came from Sam Campagna and Sol Davis and this finished off a game that we can be pleased with, even though the result went in Luton's favour.

Who knows what will happen with regard to the new Manager, but both Buggy and I thoroughly enjoyed the management role and are looking forward to working with the reserves over the coming weeks.

Team: Mildenhall, Robinson, Davis, Willis, Campagna, Hulbert, Cuervo, Watson, Burke Howe, McHugh. Subs: Donlon, Mills, Williams.

NEXT HOME MATCH

Wednesday 14th
October 1998

vs Oxford Utd

Kick-Off 7.15pm

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YOUTH TEAM REVIEW



Tom Jones Reports:

Saturday 19th September 1998

READING YOUTH 2 SWINDON YOUTH 2

Despite only taking one point, I was delighted with what was our best performance of the season so far.

A tough local derby will always test the players, but I felt that we passed the ball well and were by far the better side.

Right from the outset we dominated the game. We got the ball down and passed it, I don't think Reading had a shot on goal for most of the first half.

Unfortunately, the referee made a dodgy decision that gave the first goal to Reading. We all know that keepers must not be touched on crosses yet James Bittner was pushed into the back of his own net by two players. This gave them a 1-0 lead.

The lads responded well to this bad decision and continued to look creative going forward. And with just over a quarter of the game gone, McAreavey got on the end of a Fraser McHugh pass and slotted it in nicely to bring us back to 1-1.

It wasn't long before we got the lead the lads richly deserved. Again, it was a good little passing move, followed by a blocked shot that Burke turned in from close range. It was good to see his persistence and hard work pay-off during the game.

At halftime we led 2-1. I felt encouraged by what I had seen and basically told the lads to show me more of the same.

We certainly started where we left off. We had a lot of possession and forced their keeper into making a couple of good saves while our keeper had very little to do.

But it was a silly mistake in the 70th minute that meant we had to share the points. Reading played a long ball into the box, Campagna and Bittner both hesitated, and their boy has sneaked in and scored.

This was disappointing because a lot of the teams' good work wasn't reflected in the final score.

In the last ten minutes Reading were camped in their own half. Dix had a good chance to score and Jeffery had a goal disallowed for offside. But that is the way football goes sometimes - you just don't get what you deserve.

It was a good team performance with plenty of decent passing once we got the ball on the deck. Campagna played well in defence while Burke, McAreavey and Mills all turned in good performances in midfield and attack.

Team: Bittner, Anderson, Donlon (Dix 75), Williams, Ratcliffe, Campagna, Mills, McHugh, Burke, Jeffery, McAreavey.
Subs not used: Edwards, McRobie.

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**South East Counties
NEXT HOME MATCH**
**Saturday 10th
October 1998**
LEYTON ORIENT
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	1-1
SAT SEP 12	OXFORD UNITED	0-0
Sat Sep 19	Reading	2-2
SAT SEP 26	WYCOMBE W.	1-2
Sat Oct 03	Gillingham	A
SAT OCT 10	LEYTON ORIENT	A
Sat Oct 17	Portsmouth	A
SAT OCT 24	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A
Sat Oct 31	Colchester United	A
SAT NOV 07	LUTON TOWN	A
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	A
Sat Nov 21	Brentford	A
SAT NOV 28	BURNINGHAM	A
SAT DEC 05	SOUTHERN UNITED	A
SAT DEC 12	BARNET	A
Sat Jan 02	Brighton & H.A.	A
SAT JAN 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
Sat Jan 16	Oxford United	A
SAT JAN 23	READING	A
Sat Jan 30	Wycombe Wndrs.	A
SAT FEB 06	GILLINGHAM	A
Sat Feb 13	leyton Orient	A
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH	A
Sat Feb 27	Cambridge United	A
SAT MAR 05	COLCHESTER UNITED	A
Sat Mar 13	Luton Town	A

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am at the
Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way -
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FIXTURES 98/99

SWEB South West Counties Youth League

Aug 22	Gloucester Town	2-0
AUG 29	CHELTENHAM TOWN	2-0
Sept 05	Plymouth Argyle	5-1
SEPT 12	EXETER CITY	1-4
Sept 19	AFC Newport	2-0
SEPT 26	YEOWIL TOWN	2-1
Oct 03	League Cup - Round 1	
Oct 17	Torquay United	A
OCT 24	BATH CITY	A
Oct 31	Swansea City	A
NOV 07	BADNLEY	A
Nov 14	Bristol Rovers	A
Nov 21	League Cup - Round 2	
NOV 28	CARDIFF CITY	A
Dec 05	Cardiff City	A
DEC 12	CHRENCESTER TOWN	A
Dec 19	Cheltenham Town	A
JAN 05	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A
Jan 16	Exeter City	A
JAN 23	AFC NEWPORT	A
Jan 30	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 13	TORQUAY UNITED	A
Feb 20	Bath City	A
FEB 27	SWANSEA CITY	A
Mar 06	Badnley	A
MAR 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
Mar 20	League Cup - Semi Finals	
Mar 27	League Cup - Final	

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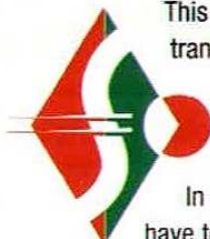
STFC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



We are now in full flight at the Centre of Excellence and are currently operating on two evenings a week.

WITH PHIL CANNON

Last week we started our Monday physical night. This has been set-up to improve the overall fitness levels of the players for the coming season. In the past, this is something we've lacked, but I feel the new session will rectify this.



This concentrates on balance, co-ordination, and the transfer of weight functions, all of which are needed these days to develop our younger players into better footballers.

In the modern game, skill is no longer enough. You have to be able to combine it with high levels of fitness and strength. If we are preparing these players for

professional football then they must fulfil these requirements.

Training in fitness programmes for footballers has changed dramatically over the years. Running up mountains and sand dunes has been replaced by actually working with a ball. If our coaches include a ball in their physical sessions the players don't actually realise how hard they are working. Also included are quick feet exercises.

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The first night actually proved what we are saying about fitness, with some funny coloured faces showing up during

the session. Give the lads a few weeks and I'm sure that both them and us will see the benefits of all their hard work.

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Hello, and welcome back to the County Ground from the Shadow Board to all supporters at today's game against Stockport County.

It was in this fixture last season when we had over 500 school children attend, an exercise we hope to repeat later this year.

As a Shadow Board we are saddened over the events which have led to Steve McMahon leaving the club. Steve McMahon has always supported the Shadow Board and, in particular, always made the effort to attend our Open Forms held around the region. It only seems like yesterday we won the Second Division Championship. How sad it was to witness the events of the Watford game. They only achieve one thing, which is to destroy the club. No football club can have the situation that every time things are not going well there is a pitch demonstration. We do not want the reputation in the football world of being called "*Whingedon Town*."

If you are one of the fans who have stayed away, welcome back! Please stay with us and help build up the club. We need you, the supporter; without you there will be no club. Income through gates and allied activities is what keeps this club going.

The Shadow Board's prime role is to aid the communication between the club and supporters. During the last few months that task has not been easy. We raise all the issues we receive with the club and at times we could be called negative, but those are some of the views we are passing on to the club and this is the best route for those views, rather than the events of the last home game. We have a well defined role to play with

the club and we will build on our past achievements, working closely with Steve Sutherland to ensure you, the supporter, has a voice.

We are always looking for new recruits to join us to keep the Board's structure fresh and positive, so if you are interested contact us at the address at the end of this article.

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

Our address is:

**STFC Shadow Board, Freepost SCE4816,
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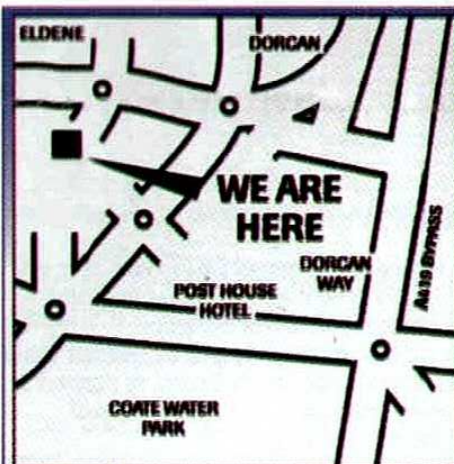
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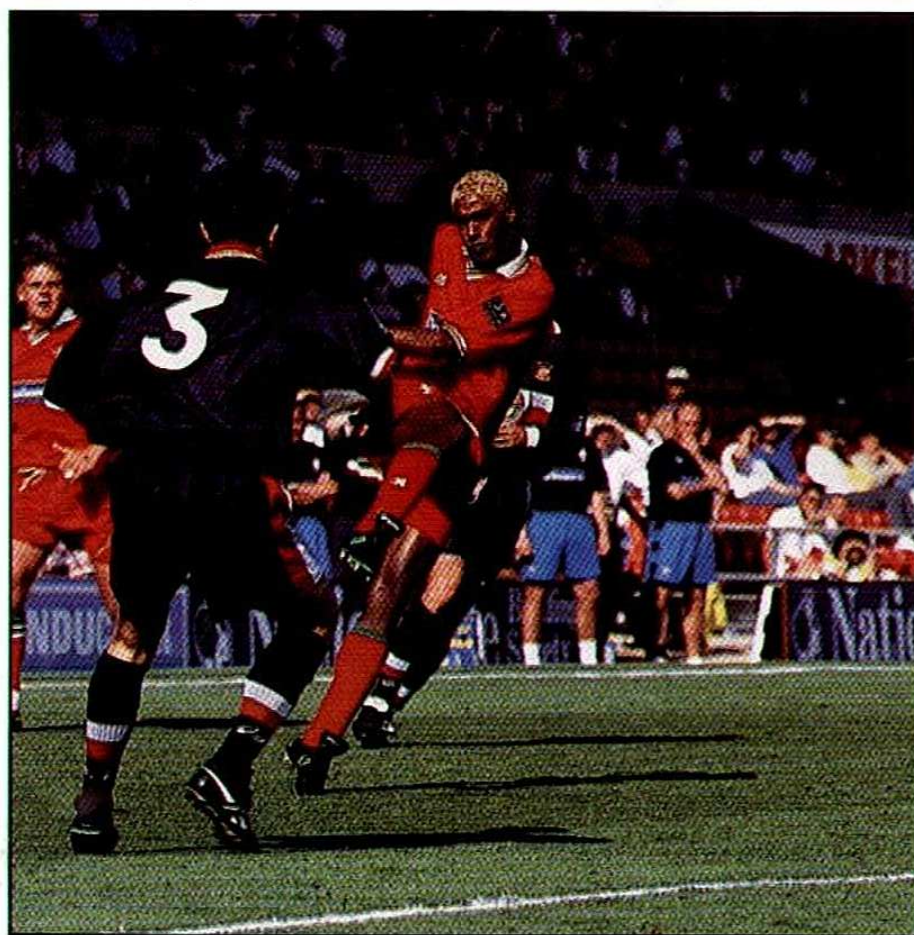
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SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



Hello kids. After my last programme notes, I spoke about Junior Robins not taking their chance of going to their own training sessions.

I'm now happy to say the numbers have gone up for the 5-10 year olds. But, we are below the expected numbers for the 11-16 age group, so all you older Robins who want to enjoy some football should make your way to the Oasis on Monday nights from 5pm to 6pm. The price is only £2.00 a session.



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For those of you kids who are from the Haydon Wick area please take note. I have had a meeting with the Swindon Borough Council this week and hopefully your Soccer Centre at the Haydon Centre will be opening soon. If you want any further information on any of the above you can call me at the club on 01793 644777.

In the meantime enjoy today's game against Stockport County.



Don't forget, if you are a Junior Robin there are special sessions on Monday at the Oasis.

Venues (SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER)

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

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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

Good afternoon everybody!
Jon and I would firstly like to extend a warm welcome to all Swindon and Stockport fans for today's big match.

We would also like to welcome Sue Thomas and her group of over twenty pupils from Crowdys Hill School. Today's visit for them is the icing on the cake after their seven-week coaching programme, which has been run at the school every Friday afternoon by our very own Luke Sharps. Luke has commented that the children have done very well and have been very enthusiastic during the sessions and all have shown great improvement during the course. We have run this project with Crowdys Hill School for several years, with Jonathan Trigg and Terry Connor doing a similar programme when they were doing the job some time ago. Let's hope this arrangement can continue for the future.

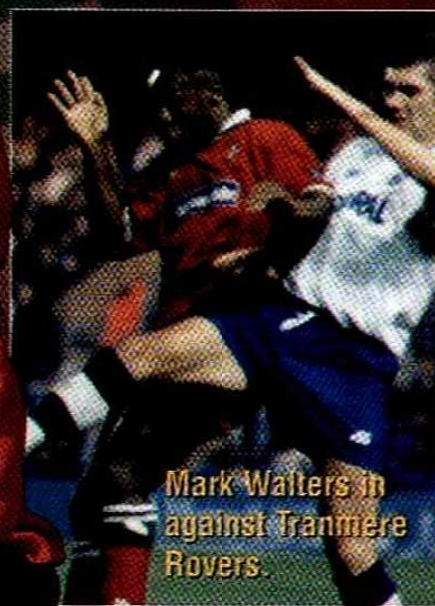
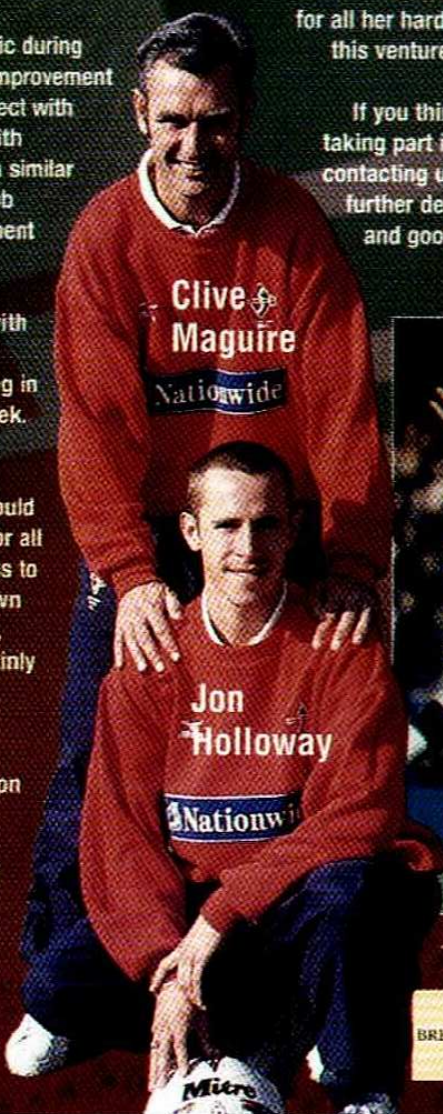
Jon and I have been extremely busy with our after-school clubs in Swindon and surrounding areas, with us now coaching in the region of 200+ youngsters every week. Our coaching programme at Leafy Lane, Corsham, on Monday afternoons have proved to be a great success and we would personally like to thank Tony Harrison for all his hard work and support in enabling us to set up the programme. The facilities down there will be second to none in the area, once they are completed, and they certainly have benefited by accessing the lottery grant system.

Two week's ago we ran a four-afternoon coaching project at Wroughton Junior School, where we coached 400+ pupils who all attended the school. The idea of us doing the four-day programme was

in order for us to promote our penalty shoot-out competition, which we are running at Wroughton School on the 9th Oct 1998.

This is a sponsored event where the children take 10 penalties against a goalkeeper chosen by the STFC Community Office. The winning boy and girl receive a signed football from the first team. The person who collects the most sponsorship money will receive a signed first team shirt and this will be presented in assembly by Jon, myself and a first team player. Jon and I would like to sincerely thank Leigh Woolard for all her hard work and commitment in setting up this venture with us and Wroughton School.

If you think your school may be interested in taking part in the project please don't hesitate in contacting us on the above telephone number for further details. Until next time keep cheering and good luck.



Mark Walters in
against Tranmere
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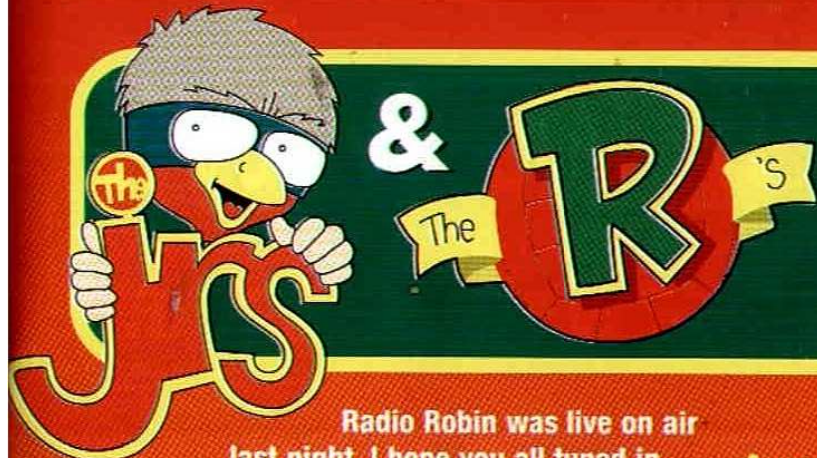
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WITH HELEN MERCER



Radio Robin was live on air last night, I hope you all tuned in. You can hear it again next Saturday, so don't worry if you missed it.

With all the news and views from the physios, Dick and Dave and the interviews, Radio Robin is not to be missed.

Every single one of you that are Jr's or R's are so important to the lads right now. They need your support more than ever so every cheer and wave counts! Make sure they hear you at today's game, shout to raise the roof, let them know you are with them all the way!

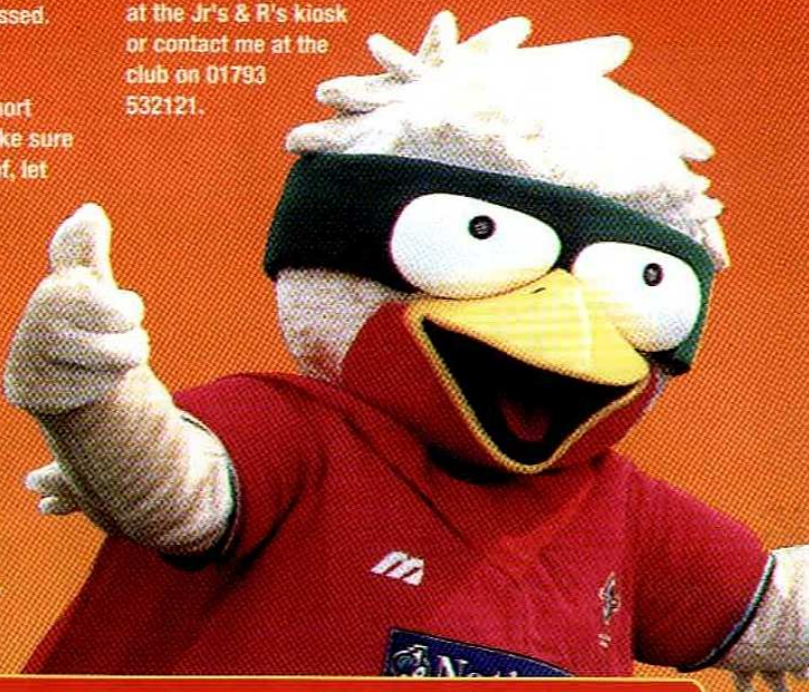
Christmas Panto is Coming!

We have a special treat for all Jr's & R's this Christmas. Instead of us trudging through thick snow and cold winds to watch the Christmas panto, we have bought the Panto to Swindon Town!

The date is Monday 21st December, the time 2.00pm and it only costs £3.50 for Jr's & R's, £ 5.00 for Mum and Dad, and the panto is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. You can book your place either by phone, post or at the Jr's & R's kiosk on a match day.

Away Games

The next away game for the Jr's and R's is the Watford game on Saturday Feb 27th 1999. If you wish to book your place, then please see Brenda at the Jr's & R's kiosk or contact me at the club on 01793 532121.



MATCHDAY MASCOTS



Today's mascot for Swindon Town is **LEE EDGELL**

Lee is 16 today, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEE!!!**

Lee attends Headlands School in Swindon and his hobbies are 'any sport, especially football'. Lee's

favourite player is our very own human tank, Darren Bullock. All the players and staff would like to wish you a very special day at Swindon Town.



Today's mascot for Stockport is **SAM RHODES**

Sam is aged 10 and attends SL Sampsons School. His hobbies are drama, art and football. Sam's favourite Portsmouth players are Brett Angel and Aaron Wilbraham.

Welcome to the County Ground to both of today's Matchday's Mascots.

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

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SWINDON **view**

Friday 25th September 1998 7.45pm kick off

TRANMERE 0 SWINDON 0

With the departure of Steve McMahon we were not sure what to expect from Swindon for the game against League strugglers, Tranmere.

But despite an even first half, the boys in red turned in a good display that deserved a victory.

Sky TV broadcasted the game live on Friday night and showed the country that we can play some quality, entertaining football.

The opening exchanges of the game saw some end-to-end stuff. Tranmere broke through the Swindon defence but Irons' shot was straight down Talia's throat.

Then it was our turn to launch attack after attack. With seven minutes gone Cuervo heads a Robinson cross inches over the bar. Minutes later Ndah manages to snatch a shot from a tight angle but his effort is deflected wide.

This set the pattern for the game, with Swindon charging forward and creating chances to break the deadlock. Ty Gooden was marauding down the left flank and causing Tranmere all sorts of problems.

Then with 22 minutes played, Walters produced a bit of skill that the Sky commentators would be replaying time after time that night. He got himself into the box with the ball at his feet, turned the defender and hit a trademark Walters shot that rebounded off the inside of the Tranmere woodwork.

This chance seemed to wake up the Merseysiders as they started to mount attacks of their own. But Talia was on top form and denied a number of opportunities.

At half time we were confident that Swindon would take the three points, as we were creating by far the better chances.

And it was only minutes into the second half when we thought our predictions proved correct.

Walters floated in a good free kick from the right and George Ndah, with his back to goal, managed to head the ball past Tranmere's keeper. We all jumped up in celebration of a great finish from George, but the referee decided to disallow it.

In a moment of farce, Bullock, who was not interfering with play, standing a good ten yards away from the action was adjudged offside.

George was obviously gutted, but the lads picked themselves up and continued to trouble Tranmere.

With Steve Cowe subbed on for Cuervo we looked increasingly like scoring. On the 76th minute Cowe used his pace to get away from the Tranmere defenders and was one-on-one with the keeper, but Tranmere defender McGreal had other ideas and crudely hacked Cowe down. The ref had little doubt and brandished the red card for the professional foul.

Down to ten men and with ten minutes remaining it is backs against the wall stuff for Tranmere. Gooden works a good move down the left and crosses low and hard. Tranmere fail to clear and a massive goal mouth scramble ensues which sees both sides bundled on the goal line, but still the goal wouldn't come.

We had to settle with a share of the points. We should have won as the players did all they could, but the game unfortunately hinged on a bad refereeing decision.

VIEW FROM TRANMERE ROVERS



Stuck at the bottom of Division One is not the best place for your team.

This meant that a win today was vital, but it wasn't to be. The first 45 minutes were pretty even but as the game wore on Swindon looked the stronger outfit.

It was our midfield maestro Irons who led the attack. He powered his way through Swindon's defence and blasted a shot at the Swindon keeper.

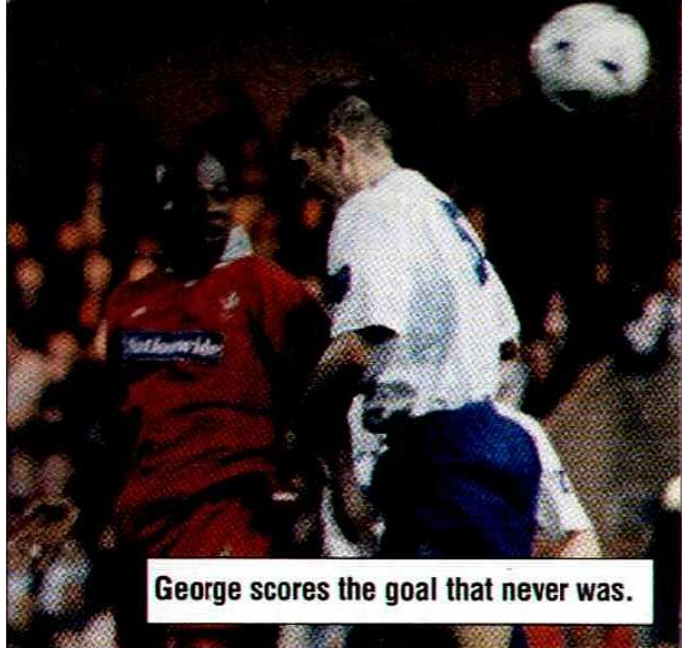
With the departure of Steve Simonsen to Everton there were fears that holes will be left in the Tranmere midfield, but it was youngster Jason Koumas that more than filled the gaps. His passing and attacking play was second to none.

But it was Swindon who created the best chances until Koumas unleashed an amazing 25 yard shot that their keeper did well to parry wide. It was curling into the top right hand corner from the moment it left his boot but it wasn't our night.

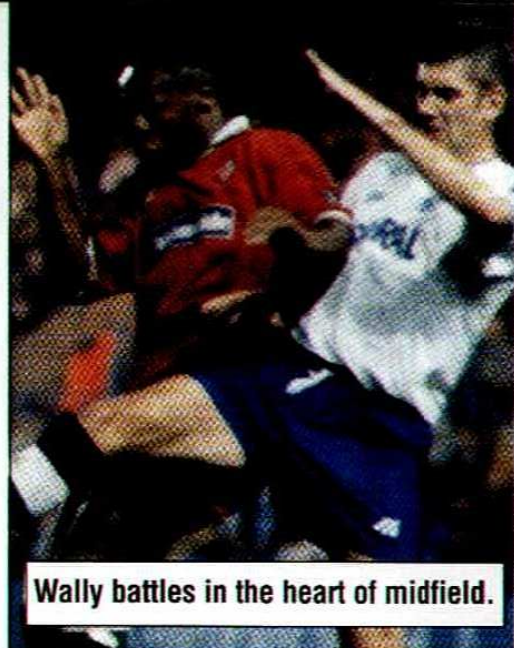
The second half saw things get increasingly difficult for Tranmere. 76 minutes gone and McGreal brings down a Swindon forward. The ref decides it was a professional foul and sends him off. Even as a Tranmere fan you can't argue with the ref's decision.

Swindon now had a player advantage but those left on the field battled well to deny the away team. In the dying minutes, Allen, Hill and Challinor threw themselves in the way of the ball as Swindon scrambled to score.

The lads held out for the draw which is the most we can ask when down to ten men, but we have to start picking up some points at home otherwise the season ahead will be a real struggle.



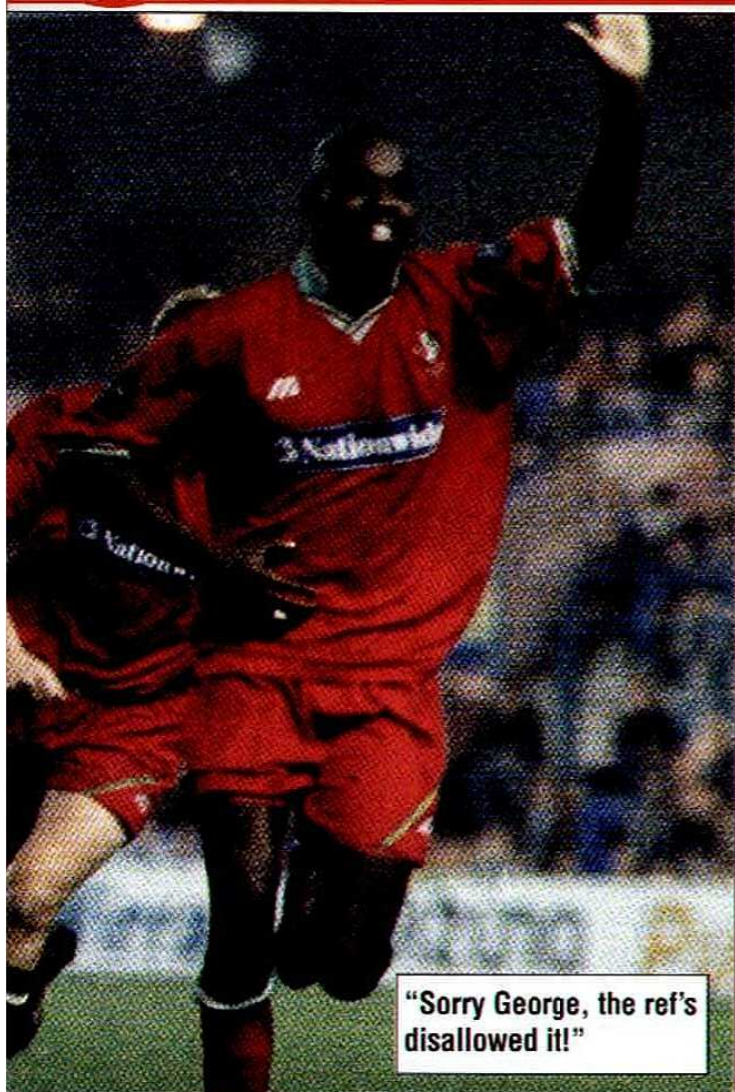
George scores the goal that never was.



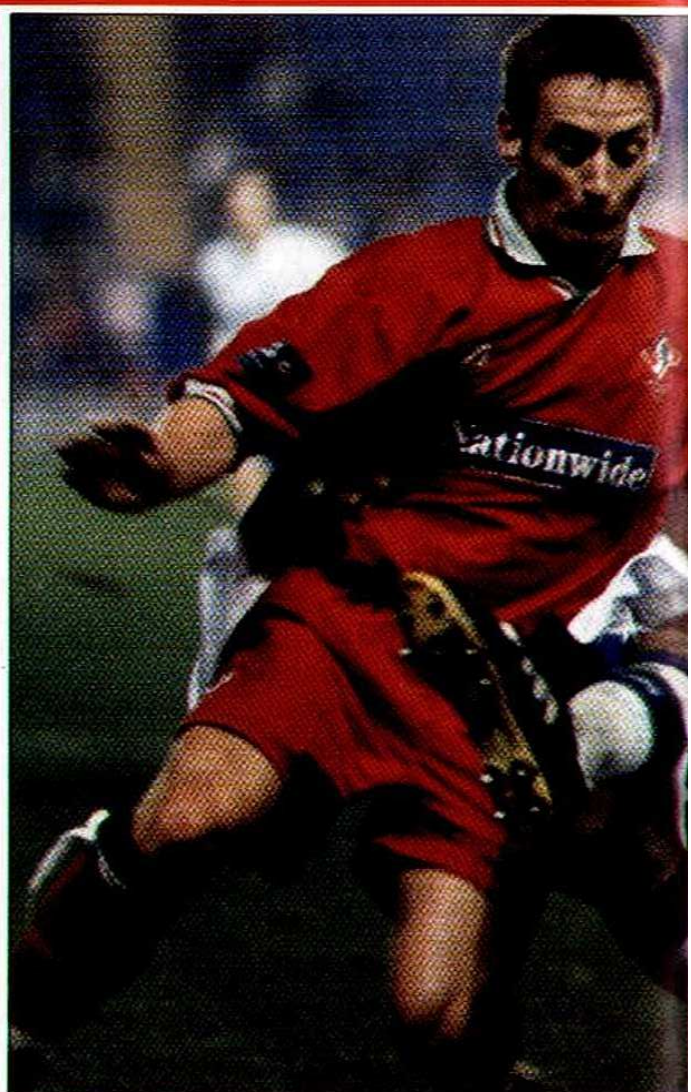
Wally battles in the heart of midfield.

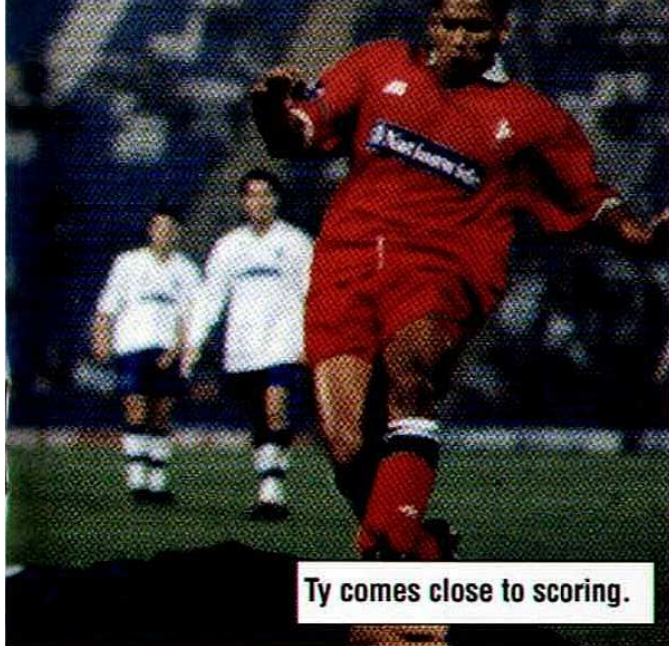


TRANMERE 0 SWIN



"Sorry George, the ref's disallowed it!"





Ty comes close to scoring.



Cowe gets the better of Tranmere's defence.

TEAM LINE UP

- 1 FRANK TALIA
 - 2 MARK ROBINSON
 - 3 ADAM WILLIS
 - 4 SOL DAVIS
 - 5 ALAN REEVES
 - 6 BRIAN BORROWS
 - 7 MARK WALTERS
 - 8 GEORGE NDAH
 - 9 PHILIPPE CUERVO
 - 10 DARREN BULLOCK
 - 11 **TY GOODEN** ★
-
- 12 KEVIN WATSON
 - 13 CRAIG TAYLOR
 - 14 STEVE COWE (FOR CUERVO)

MAN OF THE MATCH

★ TY GOODEN ★



Swindon's best player was Ty Gooden.

He was up and down the left flank all evening showing his defensive and attacking skills. His pace and ability to turn meant he was getting to the by-line and knocking in some fine crosses for Ndah. With Sky TV cameras watching, he must have impressed a few managers throughout the country and increased his market value.

Our next two away days take us to Ipswich and Birmingham - sure to be two exciting trips!



IPSWICH TOWN

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 17 OCT
3.00PM KICK-OFF

Ipswich are looking for promotion back to the top flight but we'll be looking to spoil their party.



BIRMINGHAM

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
TUESDAY 20 OCT
7.45PM KICK-OFF

Birmingham got the season off to a real flyer, but have faltered in their last few games. This away fixture will be tough, but there is no reason why we can't win this one.

COMING SOON...



CREWE

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 7 NOV
3.00PM KICK-OFF

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



BRADFORD

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 14 NOV
3.00PM KICK-OFF

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TRAVEL NEWS

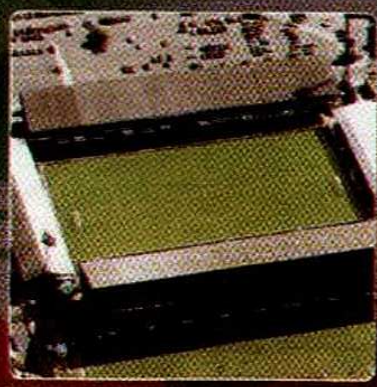


Last season they beat us 2-1 at Portman Road, this season Swindon Town will be looking to return the favour.

HOW TO FIND PORTMAN ROAD

Take the A1214 from the A14/A12 following signs for Ipswich West only. Proceed through Constable Country Hotel traffic lights and at the 2nd set of traffic lights turn right into West End Road. The ground is a 1/4 mile along on the left.

Nearest Railway Station:
Ipswich (5 minutes walk).



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IPSWICH TOWN

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DEPART COUNTY GROUND: 9.30AM

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Under-16 Fare: £11.00

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BIRMINGHAM

TUESDAY 20 OCT
7.45PM KICK-OFF

DEPART COUNTY GROUND: 3.45PM

Adult Fare: £8.00

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TICKET NEWS

DON'T MISS THE NEXT HOME MATCH

SWINDON VS HUDDERSFIELD

FRIDAY 9TH OCT
7.45PM 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.



HUDDERSFIELD

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
FRIDAY 9 OCT
7.45PM KICK-OFF

HOME



IPSWICH TOWN

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 17 OCT
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BIRMINGHAM

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
TUESDAY 20 OCT
7.45PM KICK-OFF

AWAY

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
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3.00PM KICK-OFF

HOME

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WHAT'S on at swindon



a look at what's on at the County Ground

IT'S OFFICIAL - DAVE CLARKE IS A NUTTER...

Town supporter Dave Clarke will soon be appearing on a new Channel 5 series entitled "Club Nutters."

The programme will spend a day with football fans who are totally nuts about their team and go to extraordinary lengths to show their loyalty.

Dave has been supporting Swindon Town for more years than he cares to remember and has more Swindon Town tattoos than he has fingers - the most recent addition being the name Steve McMahon that proudly adorns his forearm.

There is no date set for the programme showing, but who knows - this could put Dave on the road to fame and fortune!!!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY...

On Friday 9th October, players and staff from Swindon Town will be swapping their usual kit for a pair of jeans to raise funds for this year's national Jeans for Genes Day.

Led by Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, the Jeans for Genes Appeal is asking everyone across the UK to wear jeans for the day and give just £1 to help raise £2 million for research into genetic

disorders which affect children. Funds will also help provide support services for affected children and their families. In the UK, one baby in every 30 is born with a genetic disorder or other birth defect. There are over 4,000 recognised genetic disorders, including cystic fibrosis, haemophilia, sickle cell and muscular dystrophy, and funds are needed to enable research projects around the country develop treatments and cures for them.

Helen Mercer from Swindon Town said "We are delighted to be participating in this year's Jeans for Genes Appeal, which will help develop treatments for sick children around the country. Not only is the day an important fundraising event, it's also going to be lots of fun too! I hope everyone in Swindon will get behind the cause and help to make a huge difference to so many children's lives."

NIKO WELCOMES HIS MATES...

Danish student Niko Grunfeld, who has been on work experience at the County Ground for the past few months, recently welcomed fellow Danish students to Swindon Town FC.



The students were visiting the UK on a study tour and took the opportunity to look around an English football club. Niko gave the students a tour of the facilities and this was followed by a presentation from Steve Sutherland, STFC's Director of Commercial Activities.

Niko said "The students really enjoyed their visit to the club and were impressed with what they saw. There are a lot of differences between football here and in Denmark and I think the visit has really opened their eyes."

Niko is with us for another month and then plans to spend some time at Manchester United courtesy of his friend Jesper Olsen.

BRING YOUR PARTY TO OUR PARTY...

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

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Our unique concept, which allows you to take space within one big party, has gained wonderful reviews from the people that have experienced it - and whether your 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 01793 - 533212.

Suthers SAYS

"If Sky helps Man Utd become dominant in Europe, wouldn't fans be in 7th heaven?"

So where do you stand regarding the proposed takeover of Manchester United by BSkyB?

Do you share the concerns of those United fans who protested after the announcement was made, or do you wonder why they were so put out at the prospect of Sky owning the Club that they support?

After all, if Sky's millions help United to become invincible in domestic football and the dominant force in Europe wouldn't United fans be in 7th heaven?

I suppose the fear is that perhaps the Manchester United that they love will somehow be tampered with to the point where the identity of the Club gets confused. Perhaps Sky will move the ground, change the colours, put up ticket prices, who knows?

For me though, the issues are much wider. You may be aware of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) investigation into the practice of collective selling of television rights in the FA Premier League, the findings of which will be announced in January 1999.

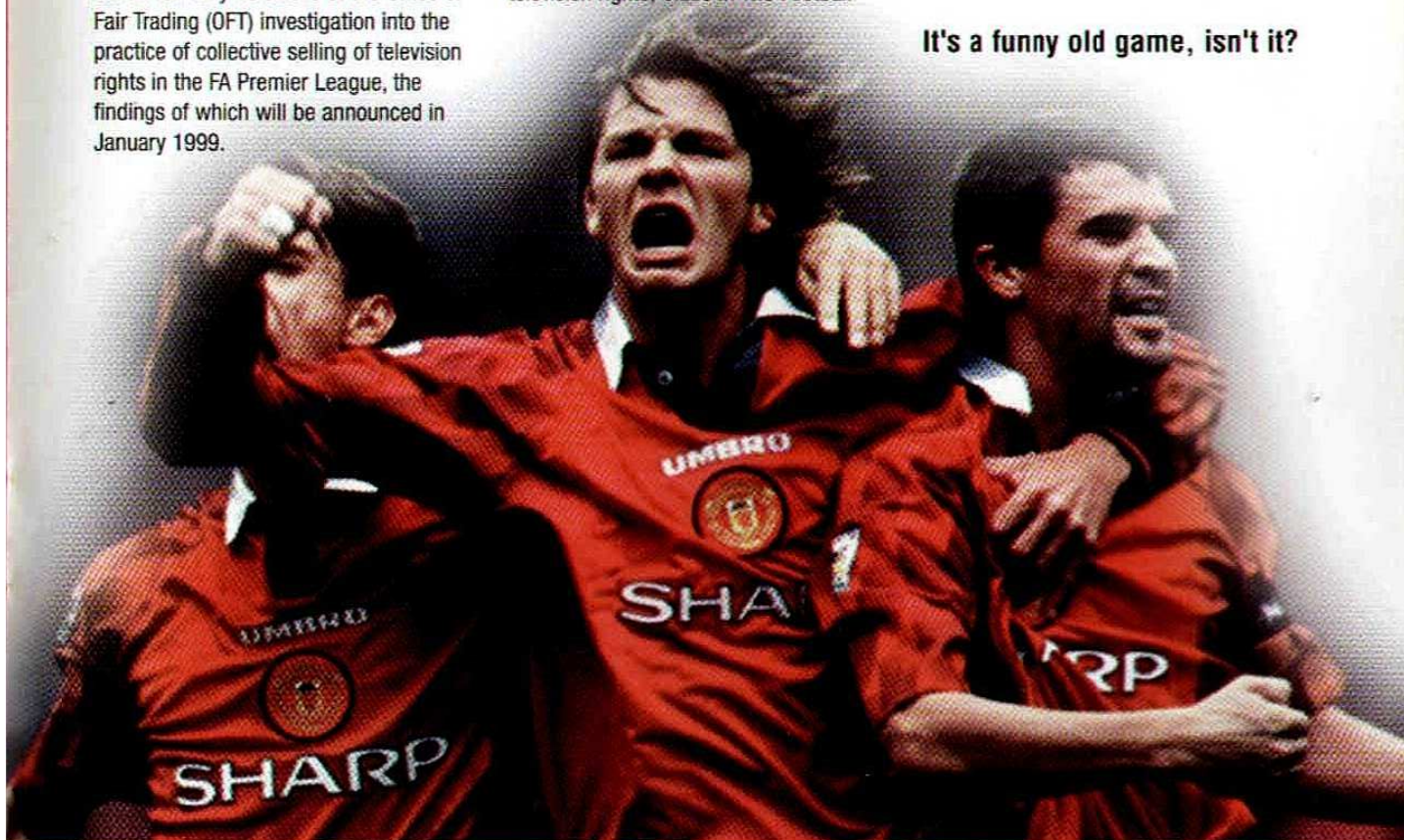
Should the OFT decision be that compulsory collective selling of television rights is restrictive, then the Premier League's contract with BSkyB will be thrown into jeopardy. Should the contract fail, the clubs will be free to negotiate their own individual domestic television contracts, just as those playing in European competitions do already. Clearly, the big Premier League Clubs will see this as an opportunity, which is the fundamental reason, I would suggest, behind Sky's bid. If the OFT case goes against the Premier League, Sky won't be too bothered as they will have the rights to one of, if not the, biggest Club in the world.

I was interviewed by BBC Radio 5 Live on the night the Sky/Manchester United deal was announced. In my interview I made the point that whilst Premier League Clubs in the main would be able to enjoy life after collective selling of television rights, Clubs in The Football

League would certainly be in for a rough ride! If the Premier League deal is deemed illegal then so would The League's and this would put many Clubs in serious jeopardy. The Football League's stance over this matter has been to strongly voice concerns over the Sky/United deal. The League believes, and I support this view, that the deal should be prevented from going through until the OFT case is concluded. Also, the game should be given time to review its regulations, as a conflict of interest would undoubtedly exist should the deal go ahead i.e. the rules currently state that clubs wholly owned by media groups should not take a direct part in television rights negotiations.

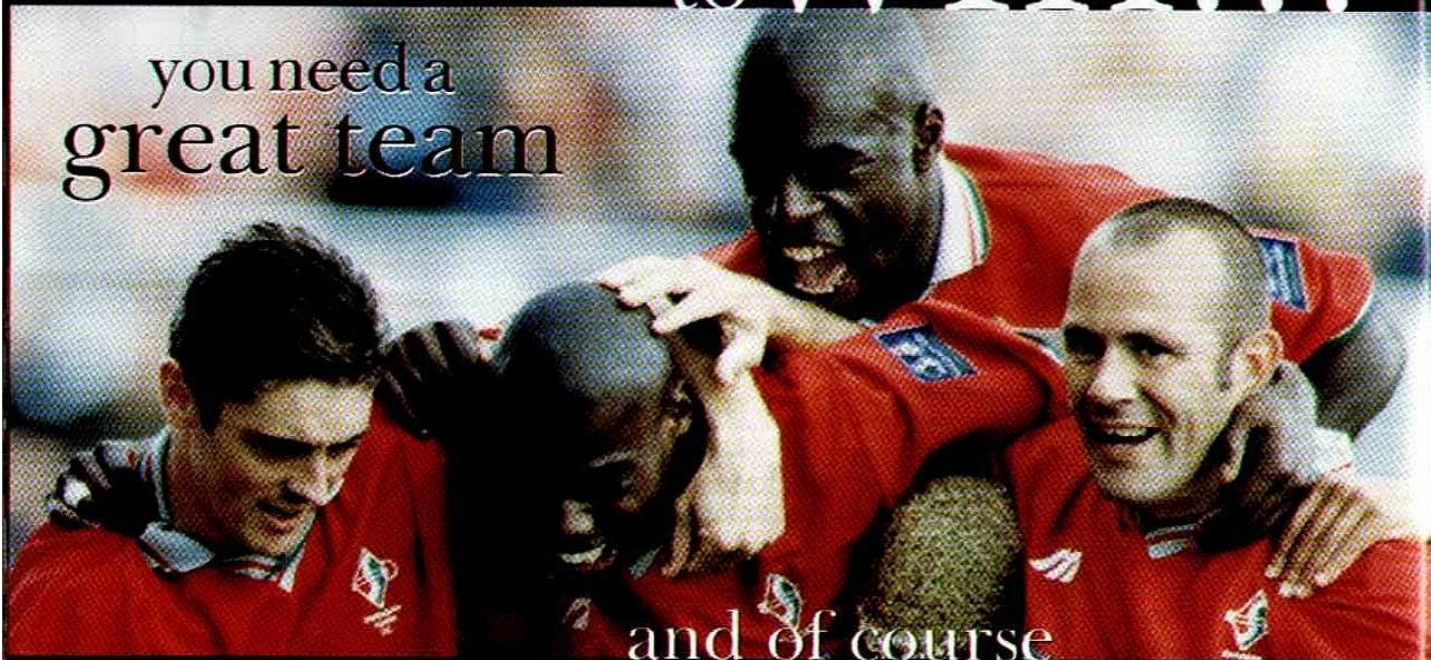
So you see that, far from being just a matter for Manchester United and their army of supporters, this whole issue has the potential to have a massive impact on football in general.

It's a funny old game, isn't it?



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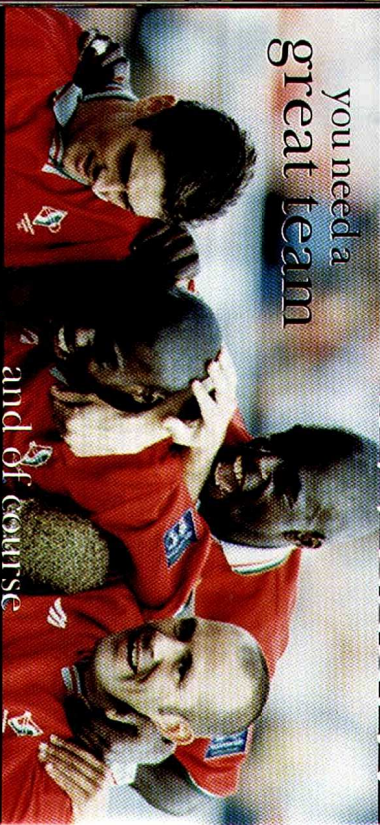
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all around the world

By Colin Benson

BELGIUM: Champions Club Brugge are struggling to hit form. They missed a penalty as they lost 1-0 at home to lovely Lommel.

BRAZIL: The country is still smarting about their failure against France in the World Cup final in Paris. It cost Mario Zagallo his job and now the former national team coach is in further trouble. A lawyer has launched a civil action against him and he now has to appear in court on October 7th. In Rio de Janeiro, to explain why he played Ronaldo in the World Cup final after the player had suffered convulsions.

ENGLAND: Loyalty, or more to the point the lack of it, has been the talking point this week following Tottenham Hotspur's outrageously open poaching of Leeds United manager George Graham. It appeared that Mr. Graham had laid the foundations for his departure from Ellers Road with stories 'leaking' in recent weeks about money not being available to the Leeds boss to sign players and nominees that the club's aspirations did not meet those of his own. It must not be overlooked that it was Leeds United who offered Mr. Graham a well-paid return to the management fold after he had been suspended by the FA after the 'bung' scandal when he was in charge of Arsenal.

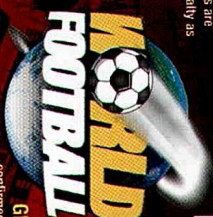
First he wanted away now he doesn't. Former Swindon town favourite Jan Åge Fjørtoft has withdrawn his transfer request. The Barnsley striker has decided to stay at Oakwell and says "I'm not going anywhere".

EUROPE: The fascination with statistics has spread since the World Cup Finals were staged in the USA in 1994 and the latest revelation to land on my desk is the Arsenal Press service preview for the UEFA Champions League. They have classified all the clubs participating by

analysing the major honours won by each club, incorporating domestic and European leagues and cup competition. Thus the most successful club turns out to be Real Madrid with a value factor of 128 AFC, Ajax (v1 97) and FC Barcelona (v1 84) complete the top three.

The top ranking English side is Manchester United with a value factor of 35. Arsenal are five rungs down the ladder in 17th place with a v1 of 28.

Just what all this means I haven't got a clue. Tinkering around with stats is a bit of fun and all very well, but what does it prove? That Real Madrid and Barcelona have a much better chance of winning the Spanish League than



FRANCE: Good news for the French was the return of World Cup winner Zinedine Zidane to the Juventus side in last Saturday's Serie A clash with Parma.

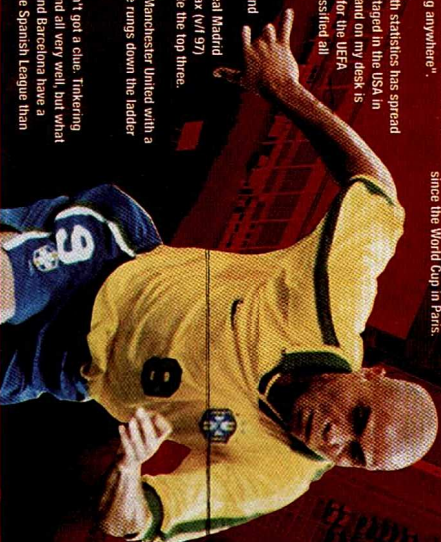
GERMANY: New coach Eric Ribbeck has confirmed that Oliver Bierhoff continues as Germany's captain. The AC Milan striker was given the honour by Bert Vogts before his resignation earlier this month.

Cup holder's Bayern Munich nearly crashed out of this season's competition, only scraping into the third round on penalties. They beat Second Division Grotowler Fuenrh 4-3 on penalties after extra time.

The other main news from Germany is that they will play the USA in a friendly international.

ITALY: Juventus officials were shocked when only 583 paying customers turned up at the spacious Delle Alpi Stadium for their Italian Cup tie against Ravenna. 'Juve' won 4-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: Savo Milosovic, the former Aston Villa striker, scored for Yugoslavia in a 1-1 draw with Brazil in Sao Luis. It was Brazil's first game since the World Cup in Paris.



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Everyone at Swindon Town is delighted to have this link with Haine & Smith, who have 19 practices in and around Wiltshire including their specialist contact lens centre - Swindon Contact Lenses - in Regent Street. When playing sport, particularly football, contact lenses are usually recommended as the best means of vision correction. These days, contact lenses are extremely comfortable and very easy to use. Haine & Smith offer free trials of contact lenses at all our practices.

Haine & Smith have also supplied the team with the latest designs in PUMA sunspecs. These quality shades look great, as the picture shows, and provide excellent protection from UV rays.

Although Haine & Smith cannot guarantee promotion they hope that their involvement will help the players keep their eye on the ball and they wish Swindon the very best of luck for this season.

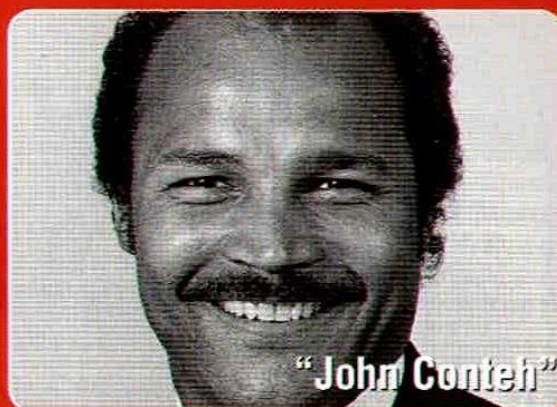


Sporting Dinner

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

A week to go and there are still a few places left for our prestigious dinner taking place at the DeVere Hotel on the 8th October 1998.

Our guest speakers will be **Bob "the cat" Bevan** and



"John Conteh"



"the cat"

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

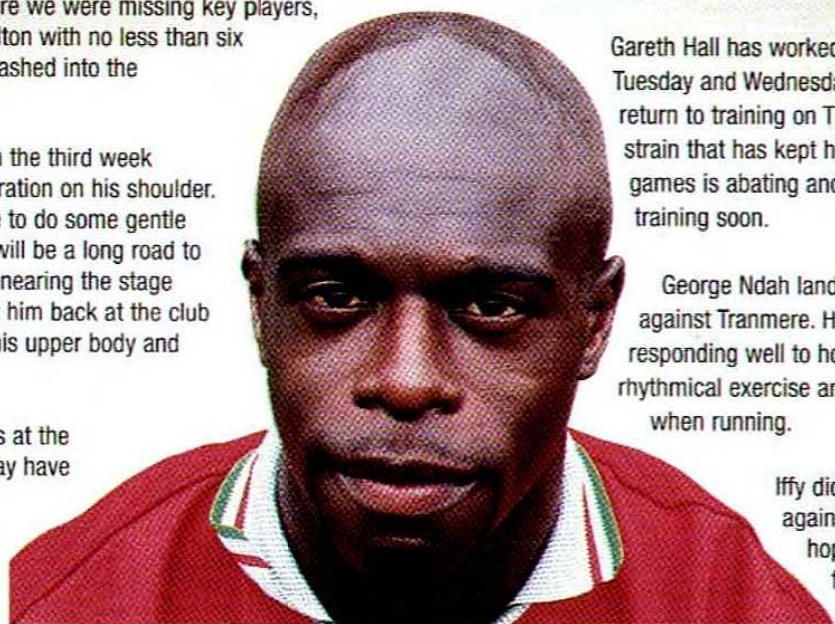
TREATMENT room

The last few weeks have been especially busy for all of us and the two physio's are no exception.

Against Tranmere we were missing key players, and we faced Bolton with no less than six first teamers squashed into the Treatment Room

Lee Collins is in the third week following his operation on his shoulder. He has been able to do some gentle exercises, but it will be a long road to recovery. We are nearing the stage when we can get him back at the club and working on his upper body and general fitness

Eagle-eyed fans at the Watford game may have seen David Kerslake stretch to put a cross in near the end of the first half.



This has caused some discomfort with a lower abdominal strain. We don't want to aggravate the injury so David has been swimming and cycling and at the time of writing is making very good progress.

Gareth Hall has worked hard on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is hopeful of a return to training on Thursday. The groin strain that has kept him out of the last two games is abating and he should be back training soon.

George Ndah landed badly on his arm against Tranmere. His shoulder is responding well to hot baths and gentle rhythmical exercise and he is less restricted when running.

Iffy did well coming on against Bolton and should hopefully be closer to full fitness for today's game.

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Wenger Supports Hodde 'Drugs' Regime

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger has defended the use of the pills and injections used by Glenn Hodde during the World Cup.



Manchester United have demanded an explanation from the FA since Gary Neville was injected during France 98, and other clubs have demonstrated their uneasiness at the methods.

But Premier title holders Arsenal have used the techniques that have been introduced by biochemist Yann Rougier. These involve mineral injections, which are supposed to counter the demands of the modern game.

"It would be foolish to ignore the use of vitamins and minerals to help players cope physically with the demands that are put upon them. These methods are commonplace and accepted in Europe."

Vieira Examined By Police

Wenger and Vieira are awaiting the outcome of a police investigation following a post-match incident in the tunnel after Arsenal's game with Sheffield Wed.



Eyewitnesses say that Vieira gave a two-fingered salute to Wednesday fans and then had to be restrained by police.

Wenger refused to comment on the incident, but warned Vieira that he must control his temper in future games.

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ROUND-UP

Dahlin in Hot Water

After last weekend's serious incident involving Paolo Di Canio, Blackburn forward Martin Dahlin has escaped a lot of media attention for spitting on an Everton player.



The Referee from last week's game has confirmed that he gave Dahlin his marching orders for spitting at Marco Materazzi moments before he flattened the Everton defender with an elbow to the face.

But, unlike Di Canio, he has had the guts to admit that the ref was correct in sending him off. Speaking to reporters after the game he said: "We both went up for the ball and I probably hit him in the face. It wasn't intentional. You always jump with your arms up. But I caught him, so it was a red card."



O'Neill Looking for Forwards

Leicester City boss Martin O'Neill has admitted his side still lacks a proven goalscorer after his sides' 1-1 draw with Wimbledon last weekend.



"That game has epitomised our season" said O'Neill. "We have loads of possession, some great chances then they score 60 seconds after we hit the crossbar."

"We need somebody who has the ability to put the ball in the back of the net. I have funds available and I have made some enquiries."



TODAY'S PREMIER FIXTURES

BLACKBURN	vs	WEST HAM
COVENTRY	vs	ASTON VILLA
DERBY CO	vs	TOTTENHAM
LEEDS	vs	LEICESTER
MIDDLESBROUGH	vs	SHEFF WED
NOTT'M FOREST	vs	CHARLTON
SOUTHAMPTON	vs	MAN UTD
WIMBLEDON	vs	EVERTON

SUNDAY FIXTURES 3.30PM KICK-OFF

ARSENAL vs NEWCASTLE UTD



SUNDAY'S GAME ON TV (4.00PM K-OFF)

LIVERPOOL vs CHELSEA



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DERBY	7	3	3	1	6	3	12
WIMBLEDON	7	3	3	1	11	9	12
WEST HAM	7	3	3	1	7	5	12
NEWCASTLE	7	3	2	2	13	7	11
MAN UTD	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
LEEDS	7	2	5	0	8	4	11
LIVERPOOL	7	3	2	2	12	9	11
CHELSEA	6	3	2	1	10	7	11
ARSENAL	7	2	4	1	6	3	10
SHEFF WED	7	3	0	4	8	5	9
MIDDLESBROUGH	7	2	3	2	8	8	9
TOTTENHAM	7	2	2	3	8	14	8
CHARLTON	7	1	4	2	11	10	7
EVERTON	7	1	4	2	4	5	7
NOTT'M FOREST	7	2	1	4	5	9	7
LEICESTER	7	1	3	3	6	8	6
BLACKBURN	7	1	2	4	5	10	5
COVENTRY	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
SOUTHAMPTON	7	0	1	6	3	18	1





Odd one out...

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

ANSWERS:

WHO AM I?

1. PHILIPPE CUERVO
2. TY GODDEN
3. MARK WALTERS

MANAGER?

BRIAN LITTLE
STONE CITY

WHO'S KIT

SHIRT:
MAN CITY

ODD ONE OUT

THE ODD ONE OUT IS
STEVE COWE, AS HE IS
THE ONLY PLAYER NOT
TO HAVE SCORED THIS
SEASON PLAYING FOR
SWINDON TOWN.

WHO AM I?

Name the three faces from Swindon Town FC.



who's kit ???????



I am the manager of
which team???



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This week it is Danish student Niko Grunfeld who is showing distinctly Danish looking colours! Still, it is red and white so we'll allow him this one!

*Good luck for the future mate! SPELLE PIK!
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SWINDON TOWN Ladies



by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies moved into third place last week with two victories, one at home and the other away.

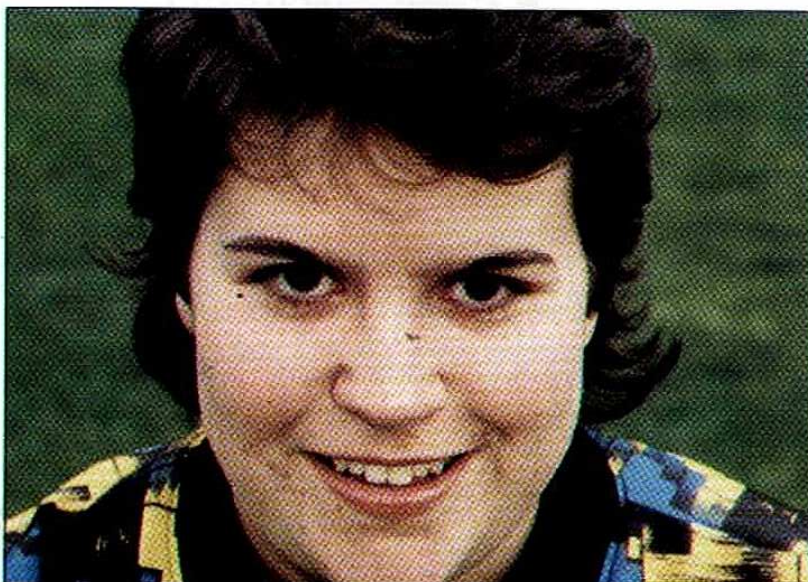
The away game was against Bristol Rovers and Leanne Taylor gave the Town an early lead. Kim Reeves headed a second just before the break but Rovers pulled one back after the restart. Kerie Garwood cracked home Pam Laker's free kick to secure the points. In the home game against Sherbourne we proved too strong for the Dorset team, winning by

seven goals to one. Both Leanne Taylor and Nadine Lloyd completed hat tricks and Kerie Garwood scored the other goal.

Two goals from Katey Lemon gave the Town Reserves a 2-1 away win against Witney Town in the Southern Regional League Northern Division to secure second place.

Tomorrow the Town travel to Portsmouth for a South West Combination League fixture. Last season the Town lost the compliment in the away match winning by the same score line through a late goal from Ashley Wiseman.

The Town Reserves play their first home league fixture tomorrow against Chesham United. The match will be played on the County Ground extension and kick-off is at 2.00 pm.



Jo Sharpe - Swindon Town Ladies 98/99 Season

FIXTURES 98/99

South West Combination League

SUN 6TH SEPT	OXFORD UNITED	2-3
SUN 13TH SEPT	BRISTOL ROVERS	3-1
SUN 20TH SEPT	SHERBOURNE	1-1
SUN 27TH SEPT	(FA Cup R1)	
SUN 4TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	A
SUN 11TH OCT	DENHAM UNITED	H
SUN 18TH OCT	SWINDON SPIRITRES	A
SUN 25TH OCT	CHELTHAM	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	PORTSMOUTH	H
SUN 7TH FEB	DENHAM UNITED	A
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPIRITRES	H
SUN 21ST FEB	CHELTHAM	A
SUN 28TH FEB	BATH CITY	H
SUN 7TH MAR	Bristol City	A
SUN 14TH MAR	SALTASH PILGRIMS	H
SUN 21ST MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	H

FIXTURES 98/99

Southern Region League Northern Division

SUN 6TH SEPT	TRING TOWN	4-4
SUN 13TH SEPT	CARTERTON TOWN	2-1
SUN 20TH SEPT	WITNEY TOWN	A
SUN 4TH OCT	CHESHAM UNITED	H
SUN 11TH OCT	AYLESBURY STOCKLAKE	A
SUN 25TH OCT	NEWPORT P. 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 21ST FEB	BUSHEY RANGERS	H
SUN 28TH FEB	RISBOROUGH ROVERS	A

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South West Combination League

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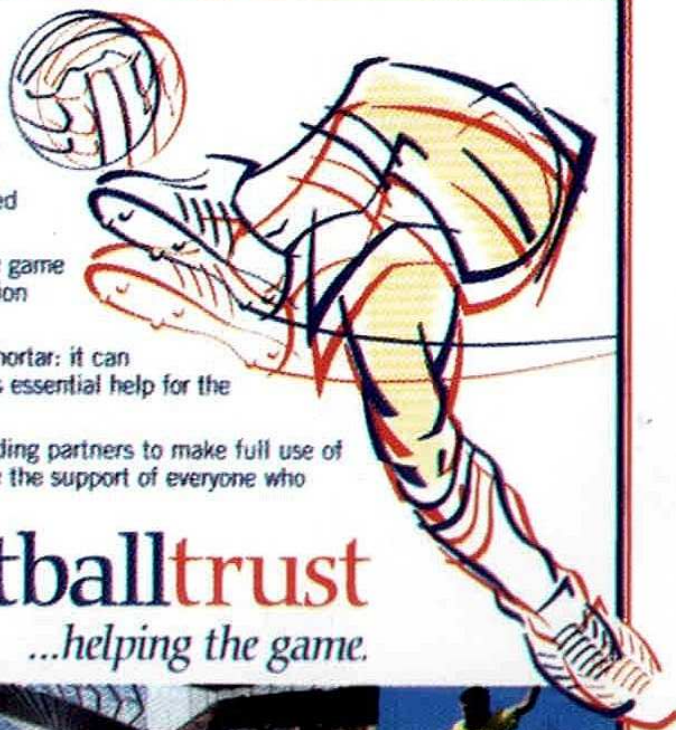
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SERIOUS PERFORMANCE

Bolton Win Top-Of-Table Clash

Colin Todd has promised there is "more to come" after watching his team take high-flying Huddersfield apart at the Reebok Stadium.

First-half goals from Per Frandsen, Nathan Blake and Arnar Gunnlaugsson did all of the damage in a 3-0 victory that knocked Huddersfield off the top of the table.

"Huddersfield earned the right to be top of the table and we totally outplayed them," Todd declared.

"We passed and moved and created all sorts of problems for them from the word go. Everyone in that first half excelled. It must have been a treat to watch.

This performance was then backed up by a hard-fought win over Swindon. Bolton were 2-0 up with ten minutes remaining when Ifem Onuora pulled one back with a fine header.

Reid Is Calm At The Top

Peter Reid is refusing to get carried away by Sunderland's return to the top of the First Division table.

Reid saw his side gain a 1-1 draw at Portsmouth and said: "We are back on top but it's early days.

"We are hard to beat and I hope we keep churning out results like this," added Reid, who was disappointed by a disallowed Danny Dichio goal.

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1 NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

Sasa Shows His Class

Sasa Curcic came off the bench to strike a priceless blow for Crystal Palace and then insisted: "Now we can turn the corner."

A 1-0 win over Sheffield United last week saw Terry Venables' side, fifth from bottom in the First Division before kick-off, rise three places in the table.

Yugoslav international Curcic, who had played for his country against Brazil in Rio midweek, made a stunning contribution - shooting in a left-footed effort from the edge of the area in the 74th minute. Curcic said: "I came back on Friday from international duty and that is one of the reasons why I was on the bench.

"I was a little bit tired and we decided to leave me on the bench and see how things went.

"I just hope we can keep going, playing as a team and today we may have turned the corner and can keep winning points.

"This is a very hard League but we have a very good team and one of the greatest managers in the world and everybody is expecting us to do well.

"But we have a good dressing room and we have been unlucky with a couple of games this season, gave away a couple of sloppy goals but we just hope this can be the turning point."

QPR Appoint Caretaker

QPR have admitted they seriously considered Vinnie Jones for the position of manager, but the post has gone to Northern Ireland international Iain Dowie who will work as the caretaker manager for the struggling Division One outfit.

Dowie will be in charge for the next two games but the board hope to name a permanent replacement by mid October.

This has all come about since Ray Harford's resignation on Monday. A club statement said: "Ray felt at this difficult time it was in the club's best interests he should step down."

Harford was in control of QPR for nine months and steps down at a time when the London club are struggling at the bottom of the League and have chalked up just one League win.

Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	10	5	5	0	25	7	20
HUDDERSFIELD	11	6	2	3	16	14	20
BOLTON	9	5	4	0	23	14	19
WATFORD	10	6	1	3	16	13	19
BIRMINGHAM	11	6	1	4	13	9	19
NORWICH	9	5	2	2	16	10	17
WOLVES	10	5	2	3	14	9	17
IPSWICH	10	4	4	2	14	7	16
BURY	10	4	4	2	7	3	16
SHEFF UTD	11	4	3	4	16	18	15
WEST BROM	10	4	2	4	19	19	14
BRADFORD	10	4	2	4	16	14	14
PORTSMOUTH	11	3	4	4	17	15	13
BARNLEY	10	3	4	3	14	13	13
GRIMSBY	11	3	4	4	13	13	13
OXFORD	11	3	3	5	16	22	12
STOCKPORT	11	2	6	3	12	15	12
CRYSTAL PALACE	8	3	2	3	8	11	11
CREWE	10	2	3	5	15	20	9
SWINDON	11	2	3	6	14	22	9
QPR	10	2	3	5	9	16	9
BRISTOL CITY	11	1	5	5	17	23	8
PORT VALE	10	2	2	6	7	20	8
TRANMERE	9	0	5	4	4	14	5

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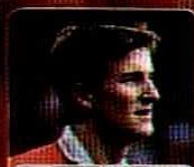


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I'm writing these notes on the team coach, half way up the M5 on the way to Bolton.

It seems a long way up, especially after the Tranmere game and it can be a bit draining on you mentally. Players have their own ways of passing the time, like listening to Walkmans or playing cards, but, after being asked to write the programme notes this time, I thought I'd use the time to collect my few thoughts. For me these past ten days have been some of the longest in football. Calls against the board, a pitch invasion, Steve McMahon's resignation and - in case it's overlooked - three matches. It is a lot to take in.

All the players were just gutted after the Watford game. To lose 4-1 after being in front and coasting was really disappointing. Nobody was able to pinpoint our problems that day. It's happened before that we are in charge of a match and then just lose the plot and to be honest our confidence on the day took a battering.

The gaffer held a meeting with us the following Monday and took us through the game, which straightened a few things out. He showed us a few out-takes from the match on video, which reminded us of a few basics, like keeping shape at the back and movement off the ball.

As it turned out this was the last team-talk the gaffer had with us. Obviously with all the press about him and the Club, the players had a good feeling a while before the official announcement, but it still came as a shock. Of the 27 pro's here only myself and Mark Robinson were here before his appointment as manager, so the players naturally had a strong tie to him. When it comes to your manager leaving like that you just feel strongly for the man and all you can do is wish him the best of luck. Knowing him like we do, all the players reckon he'll be back in football before too long.

Well, after a long, tiring journey we've almost arrived. It's taken me three hours to write this, which might seem a long time

but I'd challenge anyone to do better with the likes of Iffy stealing your pen and Brian Burrows interrupting to keep giving instructions on what to write (you wear the captain's arm-band on the pitch, not on the coach Bugsy!). It's certainly been a long couple of weeks, but now they're past us and we must get on with the job. After the clean sheet last week, our first away victory of the season tomorrow night wouldn't be a bad start.



Ty Gooden

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FORTY THREE



Q. You're currently without a manager - what effect does that have on the squad?

A. It obviously doesn't help the preparation to a game, but we're professional footballers. It is up to us to pull together as a team and make sure we get through the next week or so.

It is also up to the older pro's like myself, Alan Reeves and Brian Borrows to lead the squad and help the youngsters who have probably never experienced anything like this.



Q. You must have seen quite a few managerial changes throughout your career?

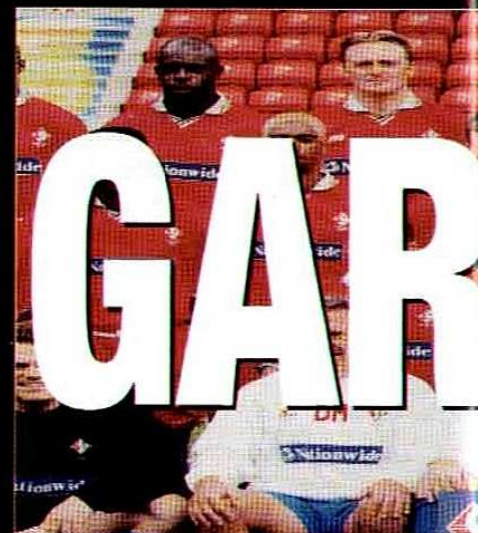
A. Yes, it is all part and parcel of the modern game and you get used to it. I can recall going through four or five managers during my time at Chelsea.



Q. Is that where you began your footballing career?

A. I started at Chelsea as a schoolboy, at the age of 14. I got on well with the other lads and signed as a pro at the age of 17. I played in an excellent youth team, with the likes of Graham Le Saux, Eddie Newton and Frank Sinclair. These names are testament to an excellent youth scheme at Chelsea. When I was younger it was *the* club to be at if you wanted to make it as a player because they have always maintained a policy of trying out younger players in the first team.

I enjoyed nine seasons at the London



club. During that time I played as a right back, centre back and in midfield, so I was a bit of a utility player. I'm now doing the same for Swindon.

Q. What is your preferred position?

A. I think I prefer the midfield role because you can have more of an impact on the game, and it combines defensive and attacking duties.

Q. Why did you leave Chelsea?

A. I wanted regular first team football. The move to Sunderland assured me of this so I was happy to sign for the Rokerites. At that time we were top of the First Division. The next season we won promotion to the Premiership where I enjoyed a regular first team place, playing the best clubs in the country.

Q. Wasn't that the season the BBC cameras filmed for a documentary?

A. Yes, it was quite frustrating to look back at that time. What we lacked was a good centre forward; if we had spent a bit of money that season we could have stayed up in the top flight.

Q. What was Peter Reid like as a manager?

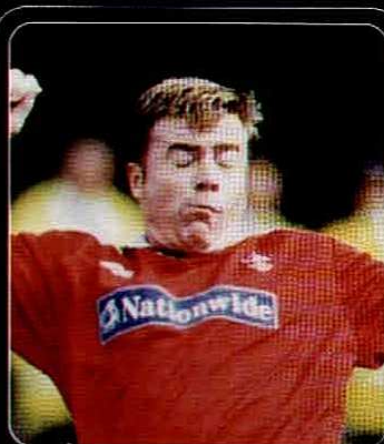
A. He was excellent, always getting the best out of the players and creating a good team spirit, very much like Steve McMahon.

Q. How does your time at Sunderland compare with Swindon?

A. I'm really enjoying things here at the County Ground. The last few weeks have been difficult, but it doesn't change what I think about the club. We have a good squad of players, who have been playing quite well. I think the new manager will have to instil a bit of consistency. We are beating Oxford 4-1 one week then losing to Portsmouth a week later.

Q. But you feel the team can go places?

A. Absolutely. Once we've got over this difficult week it will create a better team spirit and make us a stronger side. What we have to do is start picking up as many points as possible and work our way up the League. What is clear is that the next few games are vital.



Gareth Hall

Has your career ever gone pear shaped?

Yes, playing in the reserves at Sunderland.

Best dressed at Swindon T?

Alan McDonald.

Worst dressed at Swindon T?

George Ndah.

Superstitions?

I have certain shin pads I put on each leg.

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

My wedding video.

Favourite Spice Girl?

Baby Spice.

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

If in doubt, kick it into the stand.

Sum yourself up in three words?

Quiet, Quiet, Quieter.



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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	4-1	8,305	GLASS	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Sept 12	Portsmouth A	2-5	10,105	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 19	WATFORD H	1-4	8,781	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Fri Sept 25	Tranmere Rovers A	0-0	5,501	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Sept 29	Bolton Wanderers A	1-2	16,497	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
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	Watford A									
WED MAR 03	TRANMERE ROVERS H									
SAT MAR 06	BOLTON W. (FA.C6) H									
Tue Mar 09	Stockport County A									
SAT MAR 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA H									
Sat Mar 20	Queens Park Rangers A									
Sat Mar 27	W.B.A. A									
SAT APR 03	IPSWICH TOWN H									
Mon Apr 05	Huddersfield Town A									
SAT APR 10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF) H									
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A									
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H									
Sat May 01	Norwich City A									
SUN MAY 09	BARNSELY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY DNUORA	6
GEORGE NDAH	6
MARK WALTERS	1
GARETH HALL	1
ALAN REEVES	1

LAST SEASON'S TOP GATES

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

LAST FOUR GAMES

BOLTON	A	LOST 2-1
TRANMERE ROVERS	A	DREW 0-0
WATFORD	H	LOST 4-1
PORTSMOUTH	A	LOST 6-2

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NUMBER IN BRACKETS
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NOAH	DAVIS (5)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NOAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NOAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ONDURA(5)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HULBERT(4)	COWE	DAVIS(8)
NOAH (2)	ONDURA (2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON	WILLIS	WATSON
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON(10)	COWE	WILLIS
NOAH	COWE	BULLOCK	GOODEN	TAYLOR	HOWE	WATSON
NOAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(9)
COWE	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HOWE(6)	ONDURA(5)	WATSON

the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



It's a funny old game -
radio I mean!

And events here at the County Ground in the last two weeks have stirred a few memories of days when things didn't turn out exactly the way we'd planned! I'm sure many of you won't need reminding of the fateful Swindon Town outing to Bolton two seasons ago - when we were thrashed 7-0! But how many of you went on to read all about BBC Wiltshire Sound's commentator that day, Stuart Mac? I'm afraid to say that the ref's final whistle brought to a close an afternoon for our Stuart that was just too overwhelming for words. Instead of his usual incisive after-match reaction, our own Macca broke down in tears LIVE ON AIR! His sniffs and sobs could be heard as main presenter Shaun Hodgetts vainly tried to pretend his sidekick was, for once, stuck for words. Next day someone tipped off the tabloids - and our Stuart's 15 minutes of

fame began when we all opened The Sun to find his bubbling face on Page 3!

But the departure of the Gaffer just over a week ago finally allows me to recount a far better story than that of the cry-baby radio man! And it concerns our ex-manager himself, in his first outing as manager before the County Ground experience - a Coca-Cola cup tie against Derby I seem to remember. We played a blinder that day, and ended up 2-1 to the good. But little did the new face before the barmy army faithful know what fate was to become him! BBC Wiltshire Sound is always where the action is, and our man Roger Smith was broadcasting LIVE from the touchline at the final whistle, anxious to be there for the elusive interview first. As Smith tiptoed nervously towards the dugout, microphone in hand stretched out before him like a light-sabre, the Gaffer turned and smiled.

"Steve - great result. What do you think?" asked Smith.

"Great," came McMahon's reply to an audience of thousands. "They played their b***s off!"

*Enjoy the game -
and spare a thought for
our guardians of the
airwaves!*

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MATCH..... STATS



the officials

Referee:
Mr S. Bennett

Steve Bennett is 37, married with a daughter and works as a teacher. He started refereeing in 1984. Steve progressed to become a Football League Linesman in 1992. In 1995 Steve was promoted to Referee's List and he is currently in his 4th season. His hobbies include golf, cricket and computing.

Assistant Referees:

Mr S.C.E. Head
Mr K.R. Ingram

match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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TODAY'S TEAMS.....



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NEXT HOME MATCH...

Fri 9th October 1998

Nationwide League Div 1

7.45pm kick off VS HUDDERSFIELD

