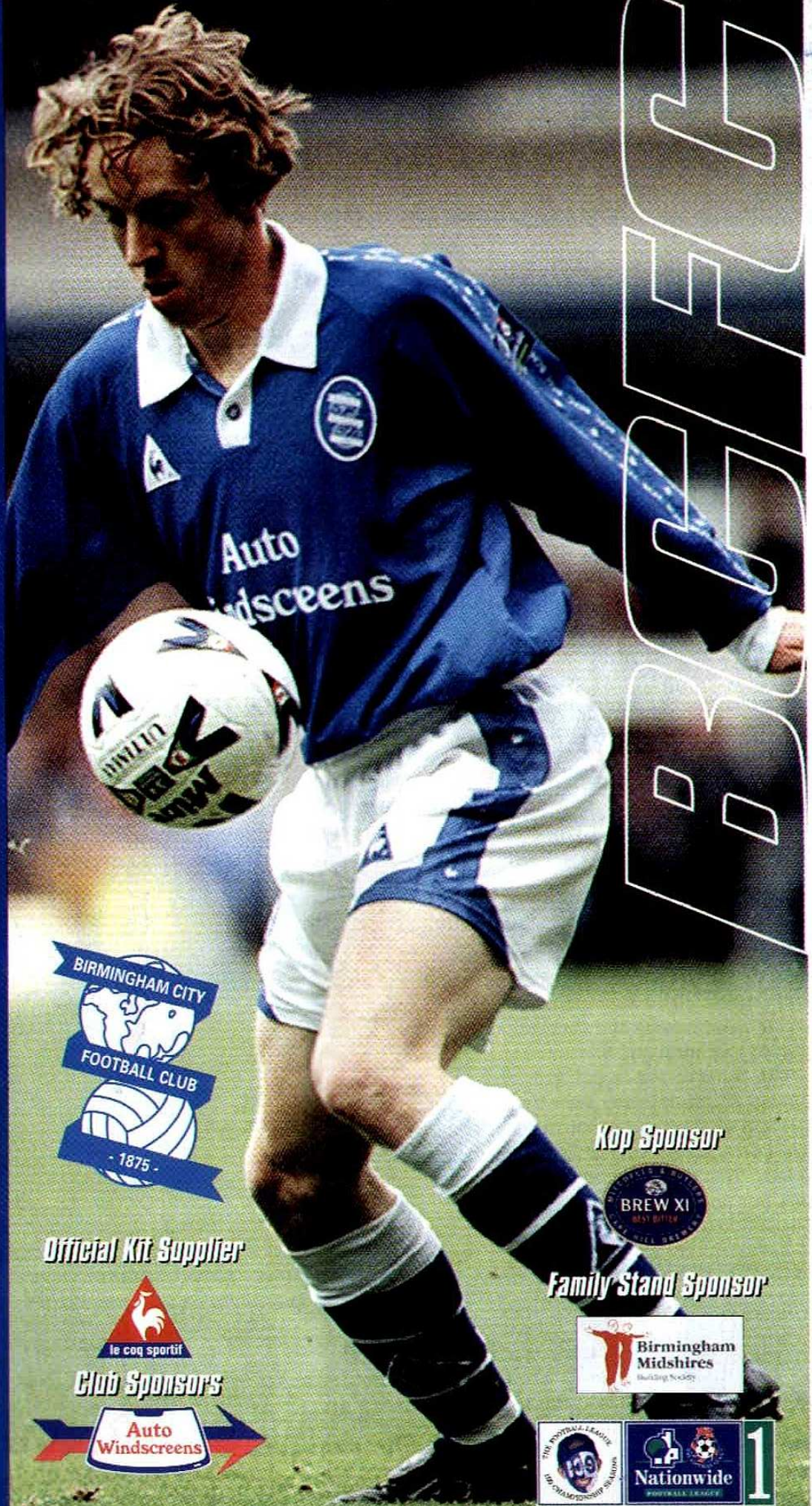


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## Welcome

And especially welcome back to all those fans who witnessed our storming win on Saturday. You represented our biggest attendance of the campaign so far.

With just three days separating these most recent home games, it can only be a matter of time before clubs start offering overnight accommodation in the stands.

Tonight our visitors are Swindon Town, complete with new manager Jimmy Quinn. We offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and fans of our opponents tonight.

## Cup night approaches

Next up at St. Andrews is our big Worthington Cup clash with the Premiership's toughest side Wimbledon. It's the kind of tie players and fans alike look forward to as we get the chance to test ourselves against strong top flight opposition.

Remember, once the Worthington Cup reaches this stage it is straight knock out. There are no replays and games will be decided by penalties if tied after extra time, so we need a large and vocal support to help through.

The third round match will be played on Wednesday 28th October and kicks off at 7.45pm. Tickets are currently on sale at Match B prices. This game is likely to be a sell out so it is advisable to purchase tickets quickly.

## In the community

Our blossoming Community department under the guidance of Dean Holtham has started special coaching sessions with local junior teams.

The first club to benefit from this is Pheonix Rangers U-9's who we now fully expect to sweep the board in all local competitions and to produce the Blues first team for many years to come.

Also set up for a November start are Dean's evening minicentres. More details will appear in forthcoming programmes.

For further details of the exploits of Blues' Community Department, give them a call on 0121 772 0101 extension 1211.

Dean's half term soccer centres have now been confirmed. Details are on page 17 and if you went to one of the summer camps, you

might well be pictured on page 16 of today's programme.

## Tales of birthdays past

We've been asked to offer belated birthday wishes to one of our Executive Suite members, Roy Curley. For some reason, we don't know how old Roy is, but all his friends and the staff at St. Andrews wish him all the best for the now departed big day.

## Photo returns

We are always grateful for photographs supporters send in for inclusion in the programme. Wherever possible, we include them as per the wishes of the fans.

We would point out, however, that because of the number we receive, we do need a stamped addressed envelope if fans want photographs returned.



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# NEWS

## Attention season ticket holders

As everyone here tonight will be aware, people who bought tickets for the game against Crewe Alexandra automatically received a ticket for tonight's visit of Swindon Town.

In order to reward season ticket holders who obviously could not benefit from this offer, all season ticket holders can claim £5 off any purchase at the club shops.

All you have to do is take Voucher U into either the Cattell Road Superstore or The Blues Collection in Dale End in the City Centre. Remember, you may only use one voucher per transaction and you have until **Saturday 24th October 1998** to claim your discount.

## Buy drink

One of the things season ticket holders may wish to use their voucher on is one of the fine wines and champagne which are now adorned with the club crest. These are available only at the Cattell Road Superstore on **NON MATCH DAYS**.

Meanwhile, the stores are now gearing up for the Christmas rush. Although we make every effort to ensure that we have enough stock to cope with demand, the size of that demand means it pays to get your presents early to avoid any disappointment.



## Blues Bonanza

Yet another lucky winner in our £1,000 Blues Bonanza draw picked up her bumper cheque at half time in the Crewe game. Our winner, Debbie Smith, is pictured below being hassled by Beau Brummie.

Martin Grainger (above) picked out the latest winner also during the Crewe match. Don't forget to buy your Blues Bonanza ticket to stand a chance of scooping £1,000.



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Without wishing to tempt fate, we find ourselves in an unusual position. As everyone will know, injuries play a major part in football to the extent that it's unusual to have a fully fit squad. Yet, with Paul Furlong now back in the fold, we currently only have Bryan Hughes in the treatment room. That fact is even more astounding when you consider that we have over 40 players at the club.

Even Bryan is making good progress. All being well, he should be fit to play in the reserves next week which puts his recovery about two weeks ahead of schedule. For all this we should thank our medical team of Neil McDiarmid and John Pryce. They do an excellent job for me, and not just in terms of physiotherapy and treatment. They are extremely good in the realm of rehabilitation too. When players come back to me I know they'll be in good condition.

Talking about players coming back, it was good to see Paul Furlong score on Saturday. Having been out for nine weeks, he is not yet 100%. Only playing regularly can get a player to peak condition. But he's getting fitter and for him to come back the way he has is down to the medical people. It took Paul longer to recover than many people thought it would, and Neil McDiarmid received a number of letters asking why Paul wasn't back. It was certainly important to have him back, but Neil was placed under unfair pressure.

Now that Paul is over his injury, it was great to see him score in his first home game this season. That goal clinched our victory over Crewe and helped extend our unbeaten run to four games. It was good to get that victory, and even better to score three goals. A look at the League table shows that it is not easy to win in this Division. Sunderland and Bolton may be unbeaten this season, but each have already drawn six games!

The results we've achieved so far in this campaign have certainly caught the attention of people outside Birmingham. I was at the West Brom-Sunderland game on Sunday and everyone was saying how consistent we've been. That was quite ironic really as in Saturday's programme I was saying the opposite. Of course, you set your own standards and I see the team more often than those people who were so generous in their praise. But when you look at our record of just 7 defeats in 41 games, it does make very good reading.

Our record this season has put us into third place although, because of the disparity in the number of games played, the table has a somewhat distorted look. Regardless of that, it's far too early to make any realistic predictions, and as I've already mentioned, there are so many drawn games in this Division that a win can make a major difference. One advantage we gain in having played more games than most is that we are likely to have a less congested fixture list later on when injuries and the pressure that the late season brings can play havoc with teams.

Our matches are coming thick and fast now, and we face another tough test tonight. One thing which has caught my attention is that there have been two managerial changes this season, and our next two games are against the clubs which have appointed new people. Often teams improve in the immediate aftermath of a new appointment although hopefully that won't be the case when we play them. That said, I would like to wish Jimmy Quinn and Gerry Francis all the best in their new jobs.

Finally, I'd like to return to Saturday. It was great to win, particularly in front of a near full house. It's always satisfying to us when we can reward such a big crowd with a win. We expect a similar sized attendance tonight and hopefully we can achieve the same result.

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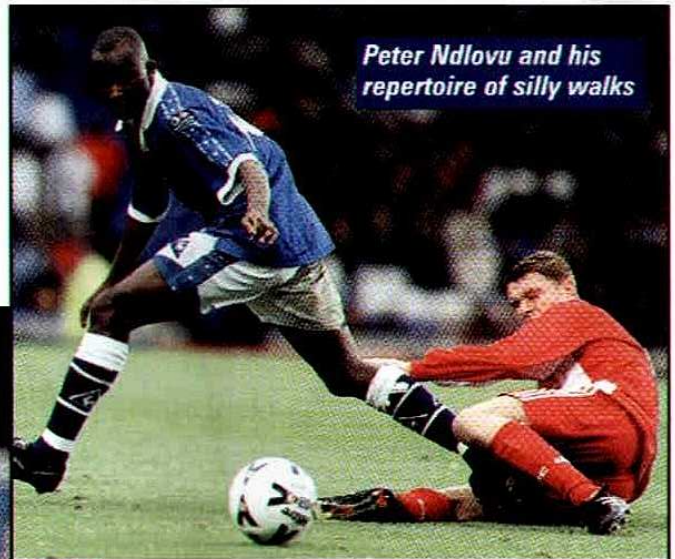
against Crewe

# action

**Bumper crowd sees goals galore**

**Blues 3 Crewe Alexandra 1**

In front of the biggest crowd of the season, Blues destroyed Crewe with a triple blast on Saturday. Here is a taster of the action, for the fuller picture, turn to pages 44 & 45.

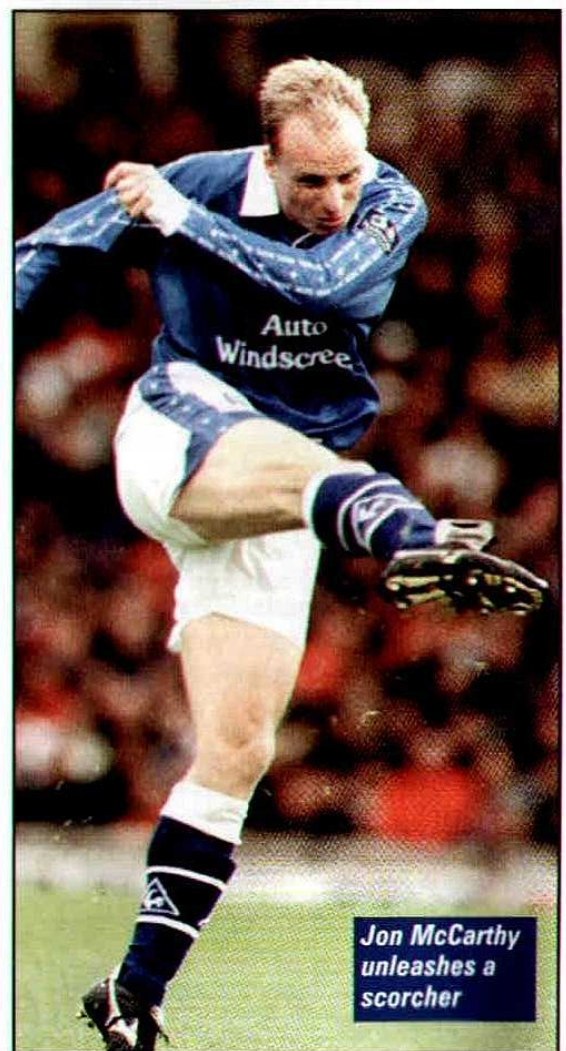


Peter Ndlovu and his repertoire of silly walks



Marsden & Kearton in synchronised pushing shock

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Jon McCarthy unleashes a scorcher

# st. andrews office talk

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Our photo's show Scott Danter (top) and David Squires, both of whom have been mascots this season. David led the team out on his thirteenth birthday which utterly disproves the 'unlucky 13' myth.

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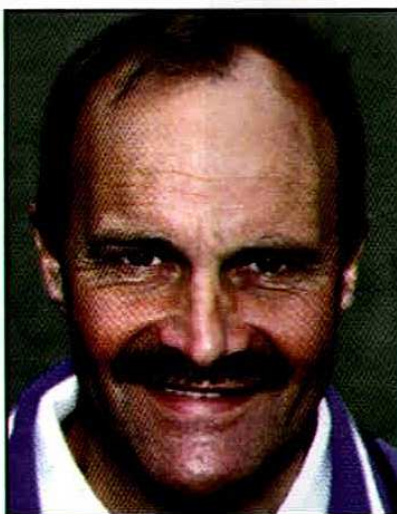
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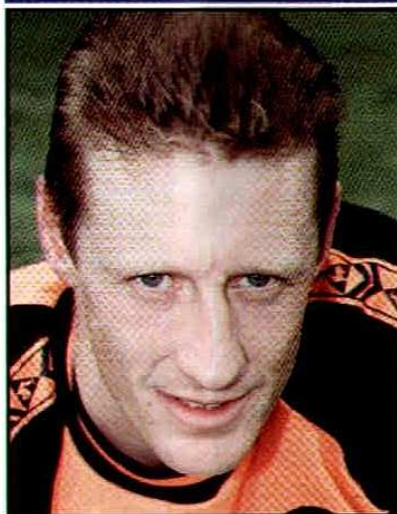
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# today's visitors



**The man from Down  
Under Frank Talia**

## Swindon Town



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*Today's visitors are that most dangerous of animals; a team with a new manager. A new era has begun at a club that's seen more than its fair share of dawns in recent times.*

The nineties have proved to be a bit of a roller coaster ride for Swindon Town. During this decade, they have played in three different divisions, and are now breaking in their fifth manager.

The County Ground dug out, though, has housed a World Cup winner and provided dress rehearsal space for the current England managerial team. It's not hard to say, then, that things can be both good and bad at the Wiltshire club, but definitely never boring.

The nineties began in the old division two under the leadership of Ossie Ardiles. Things were pretty stable at the club then with them not really threatening to continue the rise which began in 1986 with the Fourth Division title, and continued a year later with further promotion.

Ossie left in 1991 to be replaced by another great player, Glenn Hoddle; some of you may have heard of him! He was only with the Robins for two years before heading off to bigger things at Chelsea, but Glenn's reign took Town to unprecedented heights.

In his last match in charge, Swindon won one of the most tense and exciting Play-off Finals in history, overcoming Leicester in a stormer of a match. But the Premiership had to be conquered without their great leader.

Instead, John Gorman stepped up from Assistant Manager to take the reigns. Sadly, like so many before and since, the top flight proved a stage too far and the club came straight back down again.



## Free falling

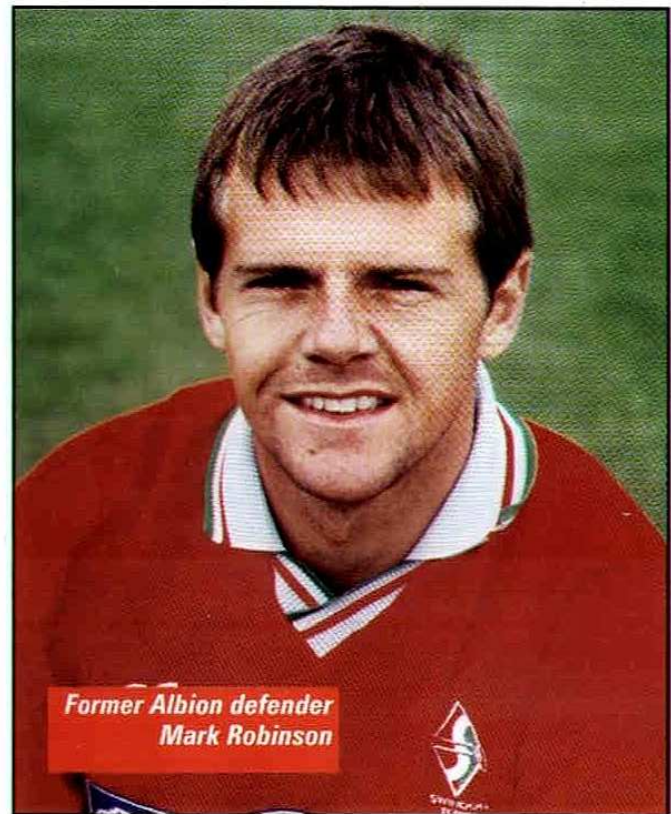
Gorman stayed for just three months of Swindon's first season back in Division One before bowing out. Steve McMahon took over but the club was on the slide. The season ended with a second successive relegation and the Premiership adventure suddenly seemed an eternity away.

But McMahon was nothing if not determined. They bounced back immediately by taking the Second Division title in 1996. As quickly as they had plummeted, Swindon looked to be racing up the other wall of the abyss.

Having enjoyed relative stability back at this level, last season began with a bang and for a brief moment in November 1997 they sat proudly atop the Division. It didn't last. They won just four of their remaining 29 League games and suffered the indignity of bowing out to Stevenage Borough in the Cup. Fortunately, however, their early season successes ensured they never reached the relegation zone.

Swindon's fall from grace last season was so sudden, but in keeping with the club's recent history. For most of history the club has resided in what is now Division Two but, once woken, it has trampolined through football.

With a stuttering start made to this campaign, Steve McMahon departed with former Reading boss Jimmy Quinn taking over this month. In his first game in charge, league leaders Huddersfield were trounced 3-0, which tends to suggest that the roller coaster is hurtling as rapidly as ever.



## The Inheritance

Jimmy Quinn takes over a squad which includes its fair share of quality members. Although there is the odd youngster knocking around the County Ground, there is a wealth of battle hardened experience in the Robins' ranks.

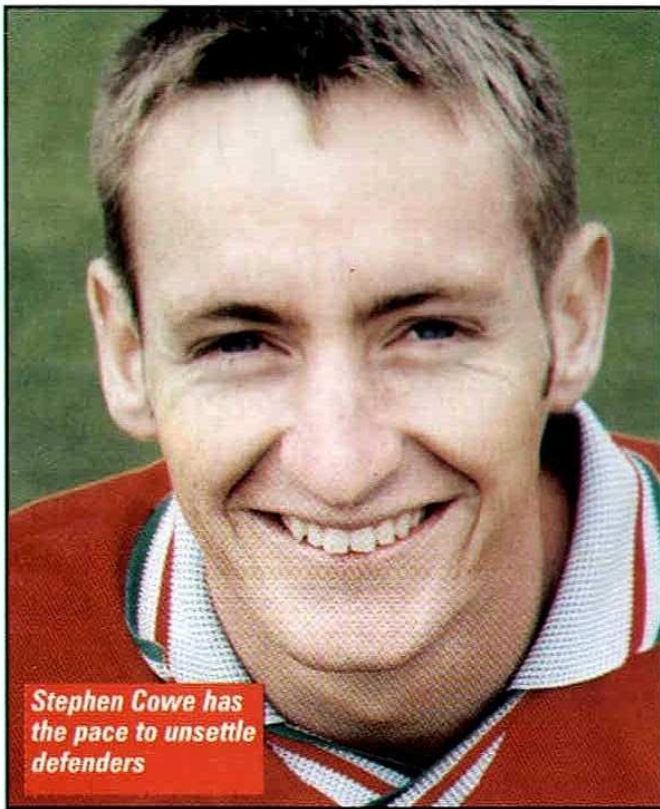
Yet the oldest 'keeper at the club is Frank Talia who was 26 in the summer. A former Australian U-21 player, he signed for Blackburn in 1992. Unable to break into the first team, he joined Swindon three years later following a period on loan at the club.

Coveting the number one shirt are 25 year old Jimmy Glass and 20 year olds Steve Mildenhall. Glass is a former Crystal Palace trainee who moved on a free from Bournemouth in the summer. He played at Wembley last season in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield.

Mildenhall is a local lad who has risen through the ranks and made five appearances last season. He actually came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/7.

In defence - and sometimes, thanks to his versatility, midfield - is another summer free mover. Gareth Hall made his name at Chelsea where he came close to 150 League appearances. He then moved to Sunderland from where he arrived in the close season.

The defensive squad is, to say the least, enormous and possesses a fair amount of top flight experience. To begin with there is former Albion and Barnsley man, Mark Robison who cost a then club record £600,000 to bring in from Newcastle in 1994.



**Stephen Cowe has the pace to unsettle defenders**

Also at the back is former Wimbledon giant, Alan Reeves. Then there is Alan McDonald who spent his entire career at QPR before joining Swindon twelve months ago. David Kerslake, who is in his second spell at the County Ground, played at Leeds, Tottenham and Ipswich in between.

A name which will be familiar in these parts is Brian Borrows who played for both Everton and Coventry before making over 400 appearances in the sky blue of Coventry. He recommended another Coventry player, Adam Willis, who had a particularly good pre-season.

Added to all that is the youth and talent of Sol Davis. This left sided wing back figured a couple of times last season and was given his first professional contract in the summer.

It's a similar story in midfield where there's a good deal of talent kicking about, not least in the form of Mark Walters. He starred, of course, in the Villa team which deteriorated rapidly during the mid-eighties. From there he moved to Rangers where he was studiously ignored by us lot south of the border. A spell at Anfield was followed, via loans to Stoke and Wolves, by a contract at Southampton from where Swindon signed him in July 1996.

One player who should stir memories in Blues fans is Darren Bullock. He scored against us on his Swindon debut in February 1997. A less familiar name is Phillippe Cuervo. This talented Frenchman signed in the summer on a free from Sochaux.

One for the future is Robin Hulbert who last season

took the unusual course of a loan period at Newcastle to get him used to training with Premiership players. Another with Premiership experience is former Tottenham lad Kevin Watson.

Back after injury is Ty Gooden. He has real attacking qualities be they down the flank or through the middle. Lee Collins has also been a treatment room regular in his time. He joined Town from Albion Rovers for a bargain £15,000 in 1995.

Scotland also provided Swindon with Scott Leich. He had previously played for Motherwell, Dunfermline and Hearts before starring in the Second Division Championship campaign. He too cost Steve McMahon just £15,000.

Which leaves Stephen Howe, who is known to one and all as Bobby. He came through the ranks at Nottingham Forest but found first team opportunities few and far between. Loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich preceded his move to the County Ground where he has shown attacking inclinations from the middle of the park.

### Up Front

Youth rules in attack, with the exception of Iffy Onuora who, at 31, is the elder statesman of the front line. He scored the winner on his debut last season, but then saw the rest of the campaign ruled out by an injury picked up four games later.

Stephen Cowe has found a place at the County Ground after serving his apprenticeship at Villa Park. At only 5' 7" he is no target man, but possesses pace and skill on the ball.

### Who's played for The Robins this season...

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Brian Borrows	D	13		37	5 10	11 12	Coventry	Eng B
Ty Gooden	M	13		25	5 8	12 06	Wycombe	
Alan Reeves	D	13		28	6 0	12 00	Wimbledon	
Mark Walters	M	13	3	34	5 9	11 05	Southampton	England
Darren Bullock	M	12	1	29	5 9	13 04	Huddersfield	
George Ndah	F	12	5	23	6 1	11 04	Palace	
Frank Talia	G	12		26	6 1	13 06	Blackburn	
Gareth Hall	D	10		29	5 8	12 00	Sunderland	Wales
Iffy Onuora	F	9(2)	8	31	6 0	13 01	Gillingham	
David Kerslake	D	7		32	5 9	12 04	Ipswich	Eng U21
Scott Leitch	M	7		29	5 10	12 00	Hearts	
Mark Robinson	D	6(1)		29	5 9	12 04	Newcastle	
Sol Davis	D	4(3)		19	5 7	11 00		
Adam Willis	D	3		22	6 1	12 02	Coventry	
Phillippe Cuervo	M	2(4)		29	5 11	11 03	St Etienne	
Steve Cowe	F	2(1)		24	5 7	10 02	Villa	
Robin Hulbert	M	2(1)		18	-	-		Eng Yth
Chris Hay	F	2		24	6 0	12 05	Celtic	
Jimmy Glass	G	1		25	6 1	13 04	Bournemouth	
Stephen Howe	M	(2)		25	5 7	10 06	Forest	
Craig Taylor	D	(1)		24	6 1	12 03	Exeter	
Kevin Watson	M			24	5 9	12 08	Tottenham	

Another speed merchant is Chris Hay who came down from Celtic in a £330,000 deal just before the start of last season. He was a major reason for Swindon's excellent start last year scoring 13 times in 20 starts before Christmas.

At half a million pounds, George Ndah certainly caught the eye of Steve McMahon. The six foot plus striker from Camberwell had previously played for Crystal Palace and had been capped by England at youth level.

It is up front that Swindon perhaps require further additions to the squad. It is certainly the smallest section of the playing staff. But then perhaps the boss could lace up his boots once more.

### The new man

From that squad, Jimmy Quinn has to pick a side capable of ensuring the roller coaster continues on an upward slope. Town fans will be hoping the manager is as successful off the pitch as he was on it.

Swindon was, in fact, Jimmy's first League club where he made 86 appearances, scoring a fine total of 43 goals along the way.. A further six sides benefited from his services before he moved to Reading where he took up the managerial reigns (jointly) from 1994-97.

After that he became Assistant Manager at Peterborough United where he continued to play, knocking in 20 goals in 42 matches.

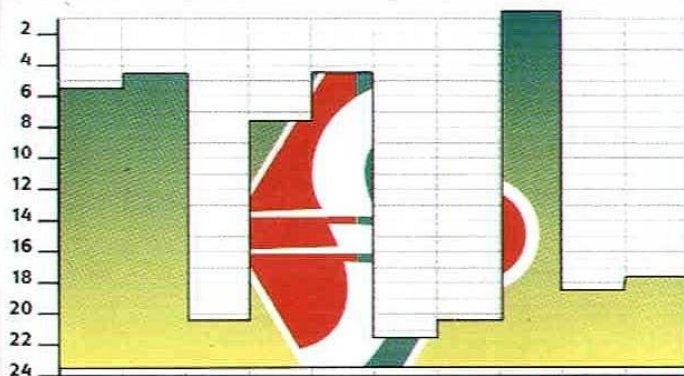
Throughout that career he wore the shirt of Northern Ireland 48 times between 1985 and 1996. He found the net at international level too, bagging twelve goals in that time. Jimmy Quinn certainly knows where the goal is!



Jimmy Quinn is a man with new goals to aim for

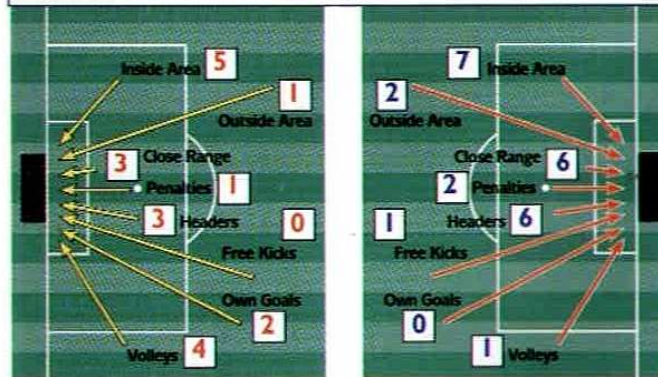
As managerial challenges go, this one is big. Glenn Hoddle took the club to the top flight, but raised expectations with it. It is doubtful that anyone associated with the club would contemplate a return to scraping round the lower divisions. But perhaps stability would make a pleasant change. That said, after the destruction of Huddersfield, the normal optimism which surrounds a new managerial appointee is likely to be amplified greatly.

### Swindon Town's last ten years - the full record



	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98
Div.	2	2	2	2	1	P	1	2	1	1
FA	4	3	4	5	3	3	4	5	3	3
Lg.C.	2	4	3	4	3	3	SF	2	3	1
L.S.	Shearer	Shearer	Shearer	Shearer	Maskell	Fjortoft	Fjortoft	Allison	Allison	Hay
Goals	14	20	22	22	18	12	16	17	11	14
AveAtt	8,692	9,433	9,507	9,871	10,489	15,011	9,408	10,602	9,265	9,505

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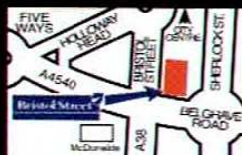


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But help is at hand via the network of Blues Supporters' Clubs across the country. A full list appears below, and if there isn't one near you, how about starting your own.

Four years ago, that's precisely what fans exiled in the North West did, and now the Birmingham City Northern Supporters Club is a haven for Brummie ex-pats. A third of the members are season ticket holders and the Club helps sort out travel arrangements and ticket purchases. They're committed too, even trekking all the way down to Portsmouth on a Tuesday just to see a Blues win.

There's a social side too, which includes the odd match to show that it's not just the first team who can fly high. The proud bunch pictured have just



retained the Bolton-Birmingham Supporters Challenge Cup.

That mouthful of a competition is played for between supporters of the two clubs and the latest fixture, played on the day the 'real' Blues team travelled to the Reebok Stadium ended in a 1-1 draw.

Previous meetings between the two sets of fans have seen honours relatively even with Wanderers winning the first match 2-1 but Blues gaining revenge with an 8-4 cruise in the second contest.

If you'd like to join up with the lads from the frozen North, their contact number is listed below, or you can write to BCNSC care of 36, New Barton Street, Salford, M6 7WN.

If any other supporters' groups would like to contact BCFC or the programme, get in touch with Bob Matthews at St. Andrews or you can e-mail the programme editor on:

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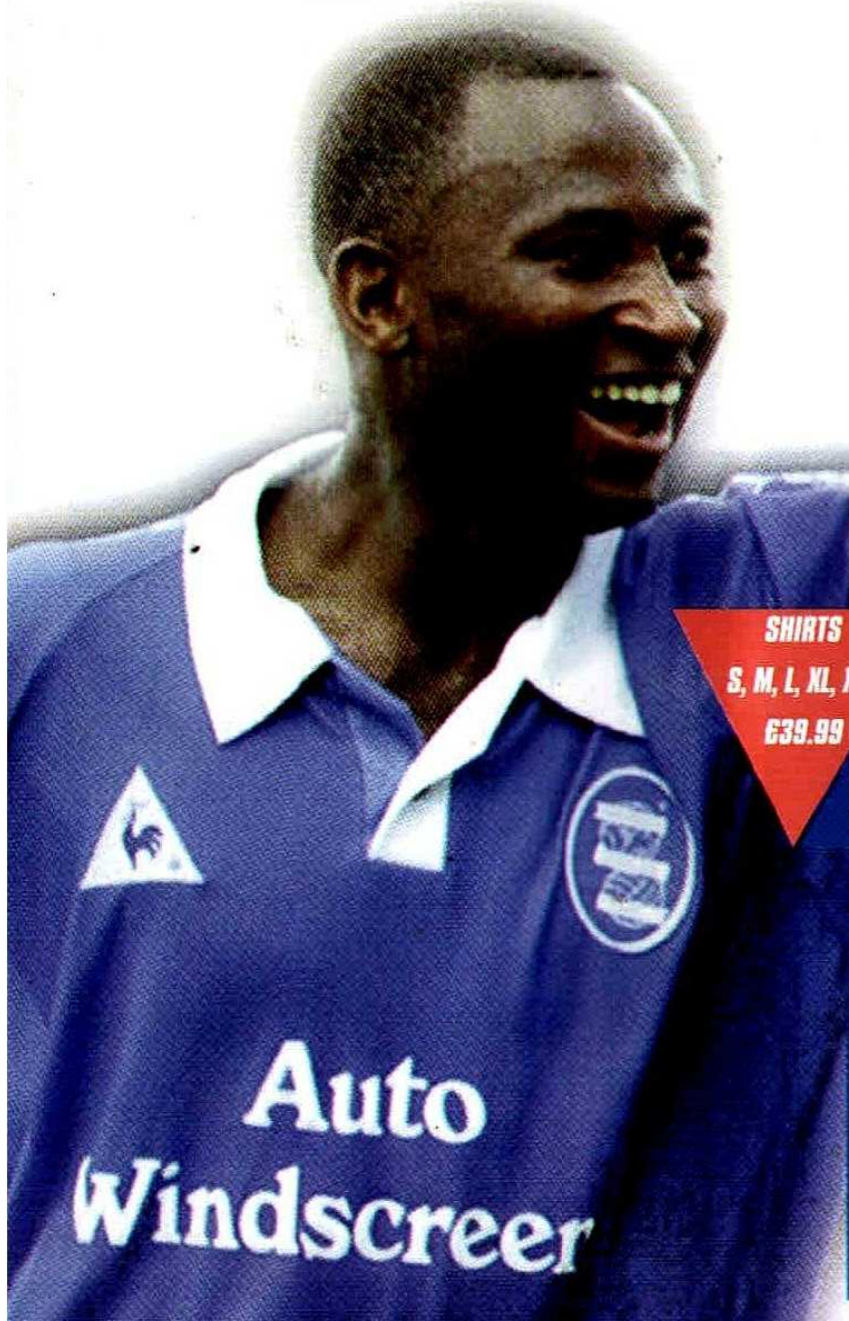
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# kevin poole



## IN AT THE DEEP END

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## KEVIN POOLE FACT FILE

Club	Appearances
Aston Villa	28
Northampton Town (loan)	3
Middlesbrough	34
Hartlepool United (loan)	12
Leicester City	163
<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	<b>4</b>

# SOCCER camps past

On the facing page there are details of how kids from age 5 to 15 can get their fill of football throughout the half term – and, of course, parents can ensure the kids are safe and well looked after.

All within the age range are welcome to the Soccer Camps and we hope to welcome both newcomers to the scheme and some familiar faces from Camps of the past.

Dean Holtham – the Blues' Community Officer – is the man behind the Soccer Camps. Over the summer, he ran quite a few of these which proved a massive hit with youngsters in the region.

Below are some of the photos Dean took of his summer exploits. These should give a taster to those who have never been, and hopefully bring back some happy memories for those who have.



Sometimes you just know it's your lucky day – especially when you get the first team all to yourself!



Blues stars of the future? Maybe, but the Camps are about enjoyment first and foremost.



We did think it was Ian Bennett in disguise... but we found Beau Brummie out when he didn't save the pen!



Speaking of pens Darren Purse improves his handwriting by attempting a world record autograph session



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# football in the community



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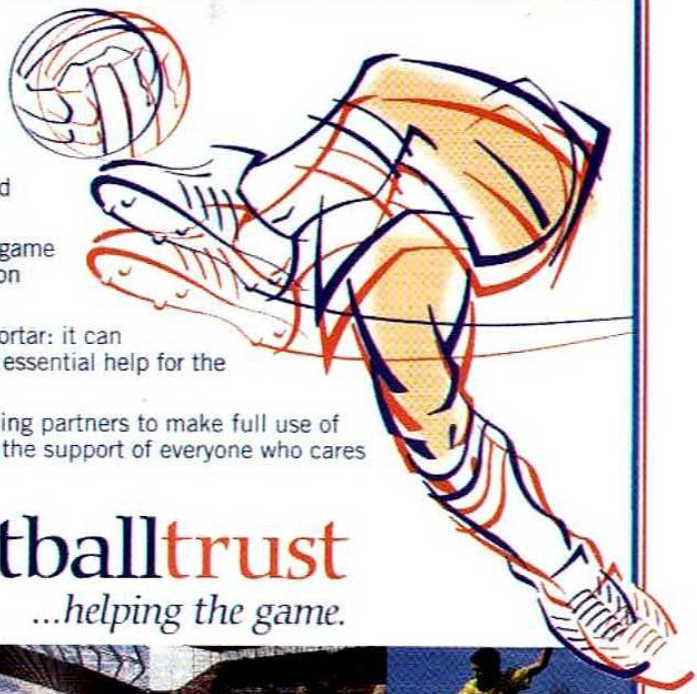
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# view from the stands

*Alan Watton has been feeling a little empty lately. There's been something missing for a little while now, and things just ain't been what they ought to. But all is well now. Paul Furlong is back, and Alan is happier than Dele Adebola after his wonder goal.*

The return to goal scoring ways of Dele Adebola at Watford was more than welcome. The finish was nothing short of sensational. He began his run some thirty yards out and drifted past two defenders before rifling his shot into the bottom corner. Dele now has his strike partner, Paul Furlong, back and is looking twice the player in a wider role. Dele had begun to look lost during the last few games and is a far better player going at defenders rather than with his back to goal.

Paul took up that burden and was himself outstanding at Watford before he tired. His ability to hold up the ball and keep possession is a vital part of our team and this has been badly missed in recent weeks. I counted only one occasion where Paul was dispossessed at Vicarage Road and it was this ability which set up Dele for his masterful strike.

## **Bombs away**

We looked well set for another Portsmouth type performance when for the second week running a fluke effort robbed us of the full reward. Just as Jonno's untimely trip let in Tranmere, so the knee of Gary Rowett poked home an otherwise harmless header. Watford bombarded us in the second half and we stood up well with Darren Purse's aerial power vital to the cause. Graham Taylor's sides are never very pretty and were a good rehearsal for our Wimbledon clash in a week or so.

Paul Furlong's long awaited return could not come soon enough and it is amazing how he has won over the fans after his first season. His return to action in the reserves prompted three times the normal gate and thankfully the first win. He looked in a different league to the poor Leicester defenders and was on the mark after only ten minutes.

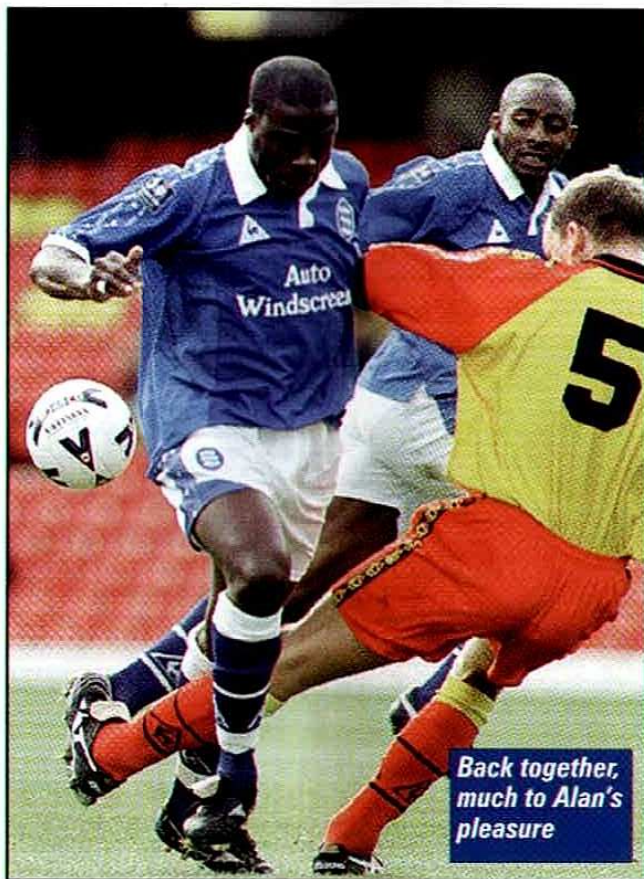
Some players are comfortable on the big stage and Paul never let any doubts the fans may have had worry him. That confidence has served him well and

he is seen in a much more positive light. Others are not so well able to take the pressure that an expectant crowd can bring.

## **Too much pressure**

I can think of players in recent years that have arrived and not coped with the pressure. Consequently, we have never seen their best and as they have struggled, the fans have given them a hard time. This increases the pressure and they struggle even more.

It always amazes me that football fans think they can improve a player's performance by booing him or, worse, hurling abuse at them. Do they think they could do their own job, no matter how expert they may be, with 20,000 people watching them, criticis-



ing their every move?

Players blossom with encouragement. Michael Johnson is a classic case. Jonno's never say die attitude has always endeared him to the fans. Consequently any shortcomings were forgiven. He is now becoming a top class defender and a fixture in the side. He would never have achieved such status in a negative atmosphere. One or two others could do with the same kind of assistance.

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# pigs on the pitch

## Beau Brummie has competition

### Coldseal Pigs out to steal hound dog's thunder

Sorry to do this to our loyal fans – and to Swindon's followers, we can assure you this doesn't always happen – but the Coldseal Pigs are back in town.

If you didn't catch them last time they were in town, there's a picture below to show you what you've missed. And we promise that after tonight you won't forget them in a hurry!

We asked their mysterious leader what exactly they do but the mumbled response wasn't particularly illuminating.

I gather they run around a lot, get into various states with members of the crowd and try to make a monkey out of Beau Brummie.

Our advice is to keep well away and if you see any of the pink ones in public, do not approach them. In fact, run away very quickly. We've had them midly sedated to keep the danger down for tonight.

One thing can now be explained by the presence of the pigs. It's obvious who's responsible for the Coldseal adverts on the radio.

Beau Brummie was unavailable for comment!

## Beau Brummie Update

### Membership Packs Delivered

All Beau Brummie members should now have received the membership packs. Sorry for the delay but hopefully the wait was worth it.

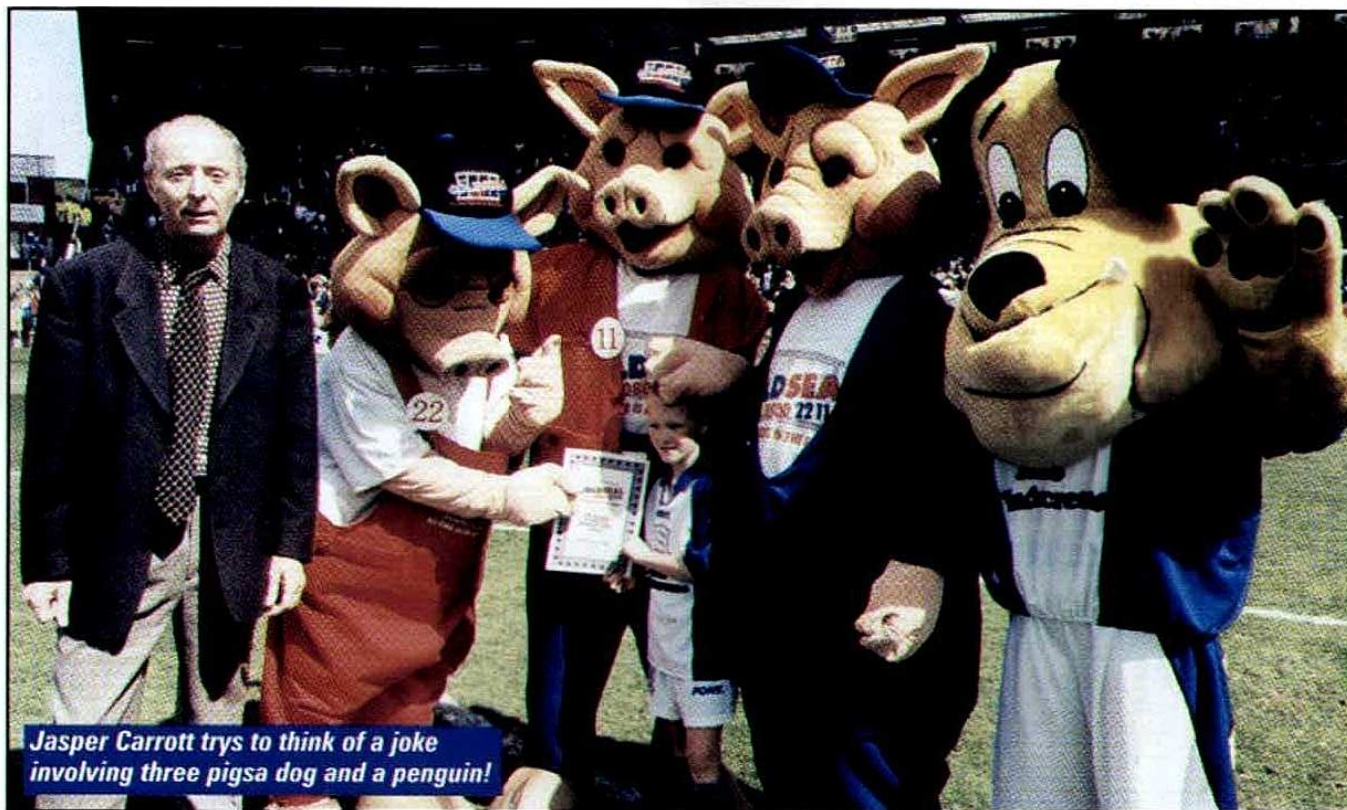
Don't forget that half term week is not just the best time of the month because there's no school. There's also the Blues Fun Day on Thursday 29th October to look forward to.

There will be a host of things to do on the day. The players will be there and no doubt interested in the skills sessions which will be running.

And for the less energetic, Sony Playstation will be in attendance. There's the chance to try out the latest games a zap as many galaxies as your skills will let you.

These events take place in front of the Brew XI Kop and in the Club Superstore in Cattell Road. There'll be plenty of chance to collect autographs and generally go mad in a Blue Paradise.

And, if you want, bring your parents along. Especially for them we'll be opening the Corner Flag. Unless they'd rather go on the Playstation!



Jasper Carrott tries to think of a joke involving three pigs a dog and a penguin!

# Paul Furlong





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# bmw update



## **Dele leads the way**

All has gone quiet on the BMW front, so a reminder may be in order. Way back at the start of the season, Club Sponsors Auto Windscreens offered an amazing incentive to our strikers to shoot Blues into the Premiership Promised Land.

Any player that can beat Trevor Francis' modern day goalscoring record of 27 goals in a season – set 21 years ago – will win the smart set of wheels pictured above.

So how are they faring, and do they need to ask for a pay rise to cover their newly inflated insurance costs? And can any of them match the manager when it comes to finding the net.

**Dele Adebola** is out in front. Up to and including our trip to Watford and the big man's wonder goal, he has netted seven times this season with five coming in the League.

His nearest rival is three behind, but must be causing Dele some sleepless nights. **Peter Ndlovu** has had injury to contend with but has still found his name on the score-sheet four times, evenly split between League and Cup.

**Nicky Forster** has had a few supersub appearances which have taken him to three goals. He is joined on that number by *centre back* **Michael Johnson** and the net finding **Chris Marsden**.

But while Jonno is expected to weigh in with his fair share of

strikes thanks to his ability to get on the end of set pieces, another of his defensive counterparts is more surprisingly coming up on the rails.

**Gary Rowett** was meant to be a full back with fantastic defensive qualities. Well, he's that alright, but what is he doing with three goals to his name despite joining after the start of the season? Could he be the dark horse who drives off into the sunset clutching Trevor's record?

Not if **Paul Furlong** has anything to do with it. On the mark at the very start, he is now back to fitness and ready to cause pain to opposing defences. Surely he won't be thinking about the car though!

# a change for

*No one needs reminding of the perilous nature of a job in football management, least of all the managers themselves. Yet despite the distinct lack of security, there is no shortage of takers for each and every vacancy which all too often become available.*

Sometimes, in fact more often than not, a change of manager can prompt an immediate change of fortune. Take today's opponents. They had struggled since the start of the season, a factor which played a part in Steve McMahon's departure.

But no sooner had new boss Jimmy Quinn picked his first ever Swindon XI than League leaders Huddersfield were trounced 3-0 at the County Ground. Now that is one incredibly quick turnaround by anyone's reckoning.

It is unlikely many fans who witnessed that Friday night slaughter began the evening with anything like accurate predictions.

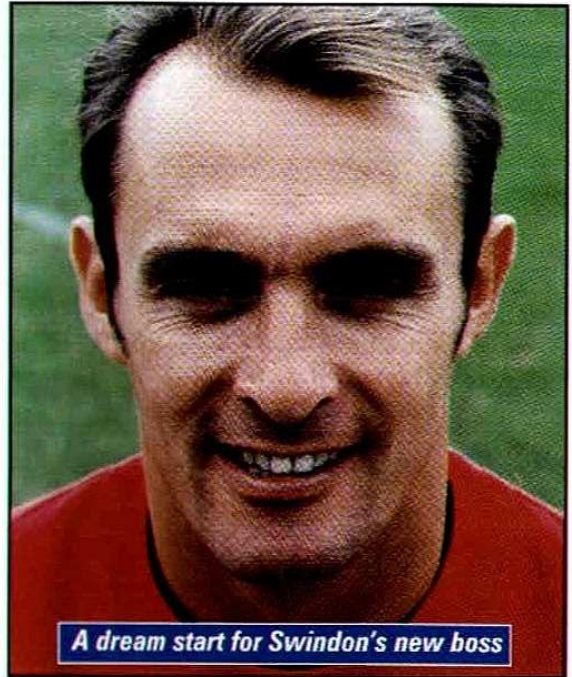
## Breath of fresh air

There's quite a few examples of what might be dubbed 'Quinn Syndrome' kicking about.

Last season's recipient of the miracle worker award was Alan Ball. When he returned to Portsmouth, they were rooted to the bottom of the table and the halfway stage of the campaign had long since gone.

But a brilliant response from the players in Bally's first full month in charge and victories in the final two matches carried Pompey clear of a relegation that had previously seemed certain.

Gordon Strachan had a similar effect at Coventry. He took over from Ron Atkinson some six months before he was due to, with the club apparently cast iron certainties for the drop. They stayed



**A dream start for Swindon's new boss**

up thanks to a last day nail biter, but then it was Coventry... we shouldn't really be surprised.

## The great wake up call

There has to be some reason why a change of manager so often has such an immediate effect on the team's fortunes. The turnaround can occur so quickly that the new boss has barely had time to take a training session.

One argument goes that the players try that bit harder to impress their new gaffer. There's a certain logic to this in that places are up for grabs and no one can be

**Peter Jackson (far left) has transformed Huddersfield while Gordon Strachan continues the escapism**



**Gary Rowett**  
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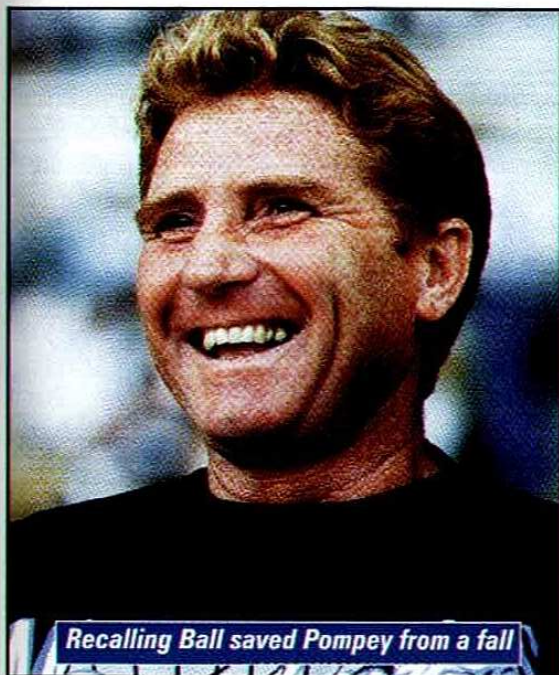


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# the better?



Recalling Ball saved Pompey from a fall

doesn't take much ability to lead a team. Anyone can be a success as a manager, at least in the short term. With that in mind, I've just accepted a post at the San Siro!

### *The Mancunian Curse*

The truth is that there is no definitive reason for this footballing quirk. Evidence of there being no evidence can be found in Manchester of all places. Let's start with the City half. Since they were last in the Premiership in 1996 (yes, it was recently) they have employed three managers. Still the down-

ward trend continues.

In fact, City should have had a glorious decade as they have averaged nearly a boss a year since 1990. No Jimmy Quinn miracles have been forthcoming on Moss Side however.

And even on the more successful side of the great Mancunian divide, instant success is by no means guaranteed. Although Alex Ferguson has enjoyed an incredibly fruitful period in charge at Old Trafford but, despite the hype, it wasn't always so.

His first four years in the job were not happy times. A brief flirtation near the top two years in was sandwiched by under achievement. Indeed, just before Alex won his first trophy with Man U, his team were bottom of the League and the Reds' fans were singing 'Fergie on the Dole'. Very helpful, I'm sure.

But maybe Ferguson's career has shown that a sudden burst of wins is all well and good, but the long-term picture is far far more important.

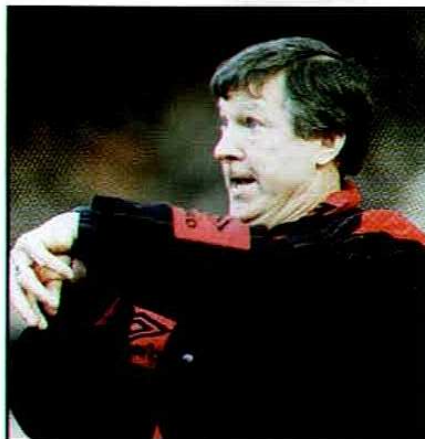
So, with that in mind, maybe Jimmy Quinn will advise his players that it will be better for them in the long run to lose today. Well, you never know!

sure exactly who the incoming regime will rate high enough to keep on the pay roll, let alone actually pick to play.

But I wouldn't think players would be too keen to admit to this. If they can play well for a new manager, then it must follow that – personality clashes aside – they can produce the goods regardless of who's in charge.

Another line of thought is that if a team is doing badly, the departure of the boss replaces an air of gloomy dependency with one of hope and optimism. However, if that's the case it suggests that it

*It looked like time was running out for Fergie, while across town Alan Ball joined an ever growing list*



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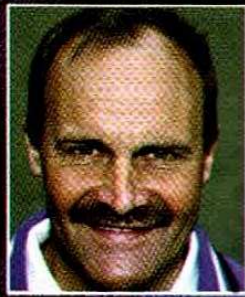
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# MYSTIC MICK



Mystic Mick has been on a bit of a role lately. He's put his abysmal start behind him to take a narrow lead overall. Tonight his knowledge of the lower divisions is tested. Meanwhile, the overall lead is still held by Mickey Gibbitts of Great Barr with a 0.71 average.

Today's opponent is George Holland from Sheldon. He's been a regular at St. Andrews for 20 years and sits in the Paddock.

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Ipswich v Norwich	2-1	2-2
Port Vale v Crewe	1-1	0-2
Portsmouth v Bradford	2-1	0-1
Sheff Utd v Stockport	1-1	2-1
Tranmere v Barnsley	1-1	1-2
West Brom v QPR	1-0	2-0

## SELECTED DIVISION 2 GAMES

Bristol Rovers v Stoke	2-2	0-2
Lincoln v Man City	1-1	1-4
Walsall v Colchester	2-1	2-1
Wigan v Fulham	1-1	1-1
Wycombe v Wrexham	0-0	1-2

## SELECTED DIVISION 3 GAMES

Cardiff v Leyton Orient	2-1	1-2
Exeter v Hull	2-1	3-1
Peterborough v Carlisle	2-1	1-1
Torquay v Darlington	1-1	1-3

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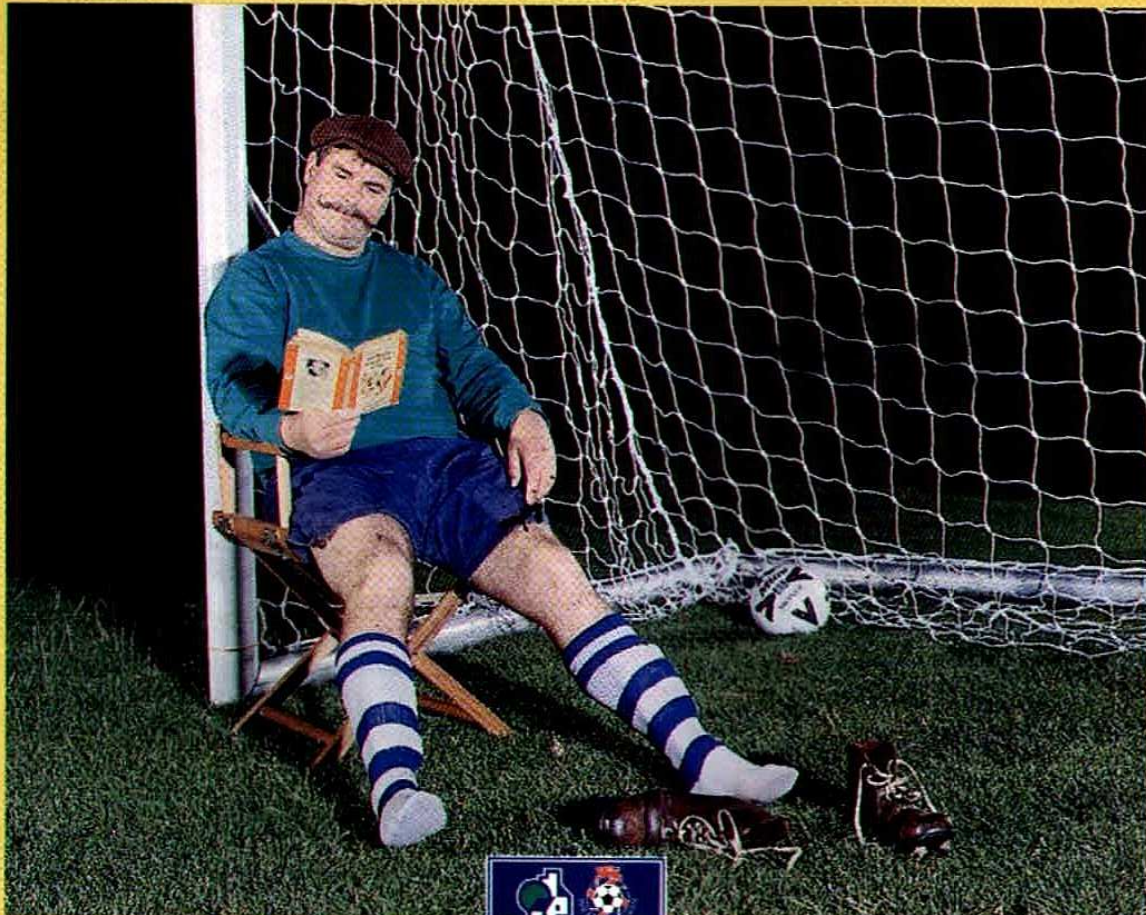
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# terrace teaser



1. Which country defeated Germany for only the second time ever with a 1-0 win in the Euro 2000 qualifiers?
2. Swindon's new manager, Jimmy Quinn, has managed which other Nationwide League side?
3. Which former Blues manager was also manager of Swindon Town in the Seventies?
4. Which former Swindon manager won a World Cup winners medal as a player?
5. Which player scored 2 goals for Scotland after coming on as a substitute against Estonia in a Euro 2000 qualifier this month?
6. Which non-league club have both Blues and Swindon met in the third round of the FA cup in recent years?
7. Which player was captain of the England U-21's against Bulgaria recently and scored the winner from the penalty spot?
8. Which Premiership player scored his first goal for France vs. Russia in the recent Euro 2000 game?

9. Which current Scottish international is also a chat show host on the BBC?
10. Which father and son were former Swindon players and went on to play for Man City?
11. Which European trophy were Swindon the first winners of?
12. Who did Swindon defeat in the 1993 Play-off Final to reach the Premier League?
13. Which city will host the 1999 UEFA Cup Final?
14. Former Blues and Swindon boss Lou Macari (pictured) is now chief scout with which Division 1 club?
15. Which Scottish Premier League club play their home matches at Rugby Park?

compiled by Anna Watton

**ANSWERS**

1. Turkey 2. Reading 3. Dave Mackay 4. Oscar  
 5. Archie 6. Billy Dodds 7. Stevenage Borough  
 8. Frank Lampard 9. Patrick Vieira 10. Ally McCoist  
 11. Mike 12. Nicky Summerbee 13. Angliotitan  
 14. Trophy 15. Leicester City 16. Moscow 17. Sheffield  
 United 18. Kilmarnock

## Sickasamoonoveraparrot

A vital trick in the modern pundit's/player's/manager's armoury is the ability to say five words where one will do. As with tonight's phrase:

### At this moment in time

#### Origin

The phrase was first used by science club members at a grammar school in Reculver, the chairman of which decided that the word 'now' was unspecific in the time-space continuum.

#### Football link

A manager (who must remain nameless) kept being caught out by the press. He therefore became very careful about *exactly* what he said publicly. To do this, he needed to come up with long winded versions of words and phrases to give him time to think about his actual answer.

#### Did it work?

No. It just became a catchphrase which kept Alistair McGowan and Rory Bremner in material for months.

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# in off the post

## Barry where are you?

Dear Editor

Please can you give us an update on the progress of Barry Austin – Blues biggest fan– last seen in the Portsmouth programme 29th November '97. Has he reached his 'goal' weight. If so he is an inspiration to us all and we will keep on with our own battle and well done to him and Arvel Lowe.

Angela Lunn  
Leicester

**Ed replies: We know not yet, but we'll find out.**

## Spanning the generations

Dear Editor

I enclose a picture (below)spanning three generations of Blues fans. Attending his first match at the pre-season friendly with Manchester United is my son Lee Hinton (aged three) with his grandfather Denis Hinton. Unfortunately, Denis my father has recently been registered blind and therefore this may be the last game he will attend at St. Andrews after watching the Blues for over 50 years.

Simon Hinton  
Tamworth



## Another for the future

Dear Editor

Enclosed are two photographs of our son, Ryan Joe Clarke.

He was born on 12th March 1998 and is definitely going to be a Blue Nose.

The first picture is off him at four weeks old. As you can see he is already following the correct path.

The second picture is of Ryan aged four months, maybe cheering another Blues goal.

He is a true blue like his father and grandfather who are both season ticket holders. It won't be long before he joins them.

We thought you might like to put these pictures in the programme.

Mr & Mrs Clarke  
Bordesley Green

**Ed replies: Living where he does, he doesn't really have much choice about who he supports does he. And, who knows? By the time he takes you up on your offer of a season ticket, he might just grow up thinking Blues have always been in the Premiership.**

**Any more junior Blue Noses out there whose parents feel like sending in a piccy. We're always happy to do our bit to help with the indoctrination. Send them to me at the club.**



**Don't forget you can e:mail us at In off the Post.**

**For the technologically advanced, the address is:**

[blues@pfpublish.force9.co.uk](mailto:blues@pfpublish.force9.co.uk)

Dear Editor,

Pictured is Luke Edwards who was 17 yesterday. Luke is a Season Ticket Holder in the Paddock and prides himself on the fact that he missed NOT ONE home game throughout the whole of last season. Happy Birthday Luke and all the best for the forthcoming two years you will be spending at Solihull Sixth Form College.

RD Edwards, Solihull



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### MATCH B

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Kop	Adults £14.50	Child/OAP £7.50
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Tilton Road	Adults £11.50	Child/OAP £7.50
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Paddock F	Adult/Child or OAP £16	

## AWAYDAYS

**QUEENS PARK RANGERS v  
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**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

**Sunday 25th October 1998  
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## NEXT FIXTURE

**BIRMINGHAM CITY v  
WIMBLEDON**

**WORTHINGTON LEAGUE CUP**

**Wednesday 28th October 1998  
Kick-off 7.45pm**



The straight knock out stage is here and the draw for round  
three has paired Blues with one of the Premiership's toughest  
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## COMING UP

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HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

**Saturday 31st October 1998  
Kick-off 3pm**

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# update from the nationwide league

## **A Message From The Football League's Chief Executive**

**Dear Fellow Supporter,**

As you may be aware through various interviews and comments in the media, I was appointed as The Football League's Chief Executive at the end of last season.

As a supporter who has travelled the length and breadth of the country supporting football outside the top flight all my life, it is a great honour to lead this prestigious and important organisation.

From the start of the season until the beginning of October, I had already seen half of the 72 sides in the Nationwide Football League and by Christmas I aim to have watched all our clubs in action.

Almost 14 million fans - 22% and almost 3 million more than the Premier League - flooded through our turnstiles last season and I am delighted to say that the enduring attraction of the World's Original League Football Competition continues.

Attendances are once again showing an increase and we are on course for the thirteenth consecutive rise in gates. This goes to show that fans all around the country continue to be impressed with the wealth of talent on show every week in our magnificent stadia.

We are currently enjoying our Centenary Championship Season in The Football League and I am delighted to say that every club is embracing these celebrations in the form of special initiatives for their fans and the 'Local Hero' scheme in which I know you have all been involved.

One issue which may have caught your notice in the media over the last few weeks was the coverage of The Football League's 'Pay Per View' experiment.

Although the matter was reported upon accurately in the press, I want to let you know personally what The Football League's position is on this very important issue.

Between Christmas and the end of the season, we plan to use six or seven matches on a pay per view basis. These matches will be selected on the basis of supply not being able to meet demand - for example, large and better supported sides travelling to clubs with smaller capacities.

By 'dipping our toe in the water' not only can we flush out any hidden problems with pay per view but we also give The Football League the best platform for the future.

This initiative is designed to give The Football League as much information as possible on this very important issue for the next time we enter into negotiations on television rights.

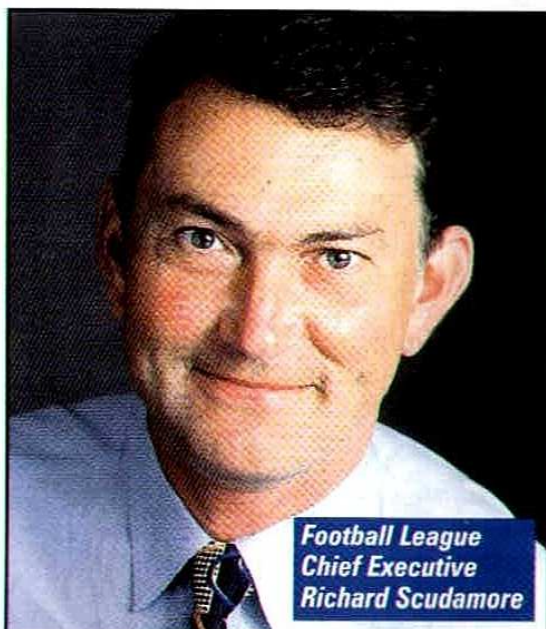
We are embarking on this experiment on behalf of you and your club. We have to be in the best position to secure your club's long term financial future when we enter into our next television agreement.

There will be no dilution of the number or quality of matches that are currently broadcast on Sky and fans will be given the choice of whether they wish to receive these additional matches.

I believe that The Football League, its 72 clubs and their supporters are moving forward together in a very positive direction. We, along with our clubs, are working tirelessly on your behalf and you are obviously enjoying the product that we are putting before you every week.

The Football League becomes more and more attractive because of the principles we hold dear. We are affordable, we are accessible, we are local and we also recognise how important the fans are to our nation's largest league.

This is your league and this is your game. Together we will continue to keep it great!



**Football League  
Chief Executive  
Richard Scudamore**

**Richard Scudamore  
Chief Executive  
The Football League**

# coming up

## Next Visitors

**BLUES v WIMBLEDON**

**WORTHINGTON LEAGUE CUP**

**THIRD ROUND**

**Wednesday 28th October**

**Kick Off 7.45pm**

It's Cup time again at St. Andrews. The two legged affairs are behind us – at least until the semi finals – and it's down to 'no replays' straight knockout.

For our Wednesday night Cup spectacular, the Premiership comes to town in the shape of Wimbledon. Say what you like about the Dons, you can be guaranteed that everyone will have something to say about them.

For a club that didn't play its first match in the Football League until 1977, they have one hell of a track record. A rapid rise through the divisions saw them reach the top in 1986 – when, incidentally, they beat Villa 3-2 in their first home game at the pinnacle.

Since then, they have never even looked like going down. That is despite the fact that nearly every

pundit has tipped them for the drop repeatedly. A sign of Wimbledon's improved status is that no one suggests such things anymore.

Quite right too. Although their greatest moment came at Wembley in 1988 when they beat Liverpool in the FA Cup Final, they have always been more likely contenders for a European place than potential relegation fodder.

Having achieved a reputation for the long ball and a physical style of play, in the last couple of seasons, they have tended to up the attractiveness factor in their play.

This is not surprising when they have players of the calibre of Robbie Earle. He surprised many by choosing to move to Wimbledon when other, bigger clubs wanted him, but the Dons way led him to



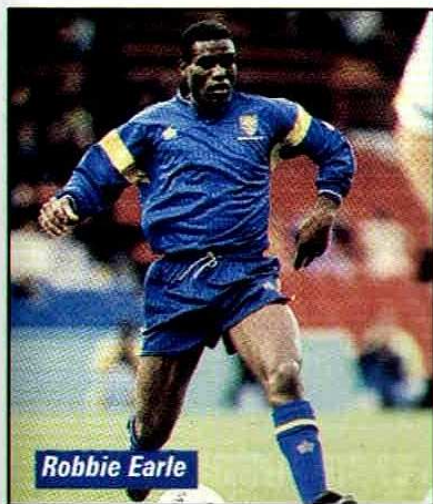
**The big boss man Sam Hammam**

the World Cup with Jamaica and, of course, his nations opening goal in the tournament.

A tough match on the cards? You can bet your house on it, but it should be a classic.

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**Robbie Earle**



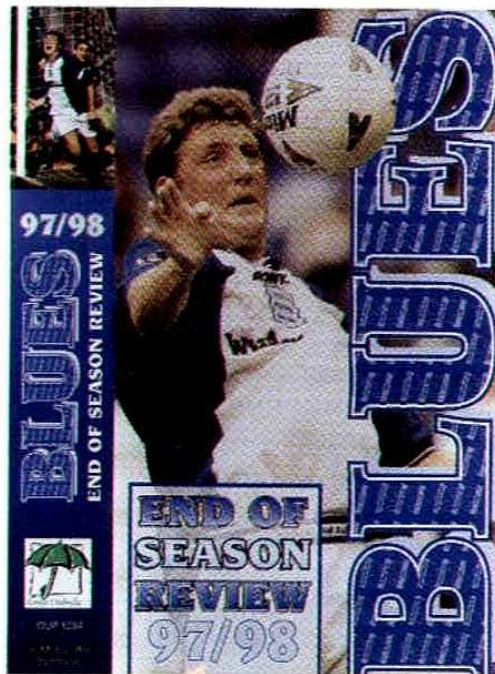
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## THE SEASON'S STATS SO FAR

### PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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Ademola Bankole	2		
Steve Barnes	1	2	
Jonathan Bass	5		
Ian Bennett	1		
Tony Capaldi		1	
James Dyson	7	2	1
Howard Forinton	7	1	5
Nicky Forster	4		
Paul Furlong	2		1
Lee Gardner	3	3	
Jeremy Gill	7		
Martin Grainger	1		
James Haarhoff		3	
Tony Hey	9		
Chris Holland	8		
Bryan Hughes	1		
Andrew Johnson	3	2	1
Asif Malik		1	
Frasier Murray	1		
Kevin Poole	6		
Darren Purse	5		
Simon Rea	7	1	1
Steve Robinson	4		1
Paul Tait	8		1
Darren Wassell	6		

### PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	6	5	1	0	12	2	16
Sunderland	6	4	1	1	13	5	13
Blackburn Rovers	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
Aston Villa	6	3	1	2	12	10	10
BLUES	9	2	4	3	11	11	10
Leicester City	7	2	2	3	8	12	8
Leeds United	6	2	1	3	7	11	7
Liverpool	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Nottingham Forest	6	1	2	3	5	6	5
Derby County	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
Preston North End	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
Everton	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Stoke City	4	1	0	3	4	8	3

### Pontins Central League Fixtures 1998/99

#### August

Wed 12	Notts Forest	0-0	Home
Mon 17	Liverpool	1-3	Home
Mon 24	Sunderland	2-3	Away

#### September

Wed 2	Leeds United	1-1	Home
Thu 17	Man United	2-3	Away
Wed 23	Preston N.E.	1-1	Home
Tue 29	Derby County	0-0	Away

#### October

Wed 7	Leicester City	3-0	Home
Tue 13	Stoke City	1-0	Away
Mon 26	Blackburn R		Away

#### November

Wed 18	Aston Villa		Away
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#### December

Wed 2	Everton		Home
Wed 9	Liverpool		Home
Tue 15	Notts Forest		Away

#### January

Wed 6	Leeds United		Away
Wed 20	Sunderland		Home

#### February

Wed 3	Man United		Home
Mon 15	Preston N.E.		Away
Wed 24	Derby County		Home

#### March

Mon 1	Leicester City		Away
Wed 17	Stoke City		Home
Wed 31	Blackburn R		Home

#### April

Wed 14	Aston Villa		Home
Tue 27	Everton		Away



# blues' uns

**Anyone who has ever had any business at the West Hills training ground will almost certainly have come across the man who makes the place tick. He's a man who is Blues' to the core and simply can't do enough to help people. If there was an award for the nicest man in football, he'd have no shortage of votes.**

**He made an instant impression with your correspondent with his offer of coffee on our first meeting. But setting bias aside, I have yet to meet anyone who has anything but a good word for him.**

**With such a blossoming fan club, it's time to give this man some much deserved good press. So it is our great pleasure to present to the world, Brian Murphy.**

People can be forgiven for saying 'Brian who?'. He is never in the spotlight, but he is an integral part of the Blues' backroom staff. His actual title is 'Training Ground Manager' but his work goes far beyond that vague job description.

When I went to interview him, he was desperately trying to ensure that the showers would be fixed in time for when training finished. In fact, although he'd never say so himself, he is a Godsend to the squad:

"My job is to look after the players' needs. I also make sure the press and visitors to the training ground are looked after."

In that case, he must be one of the most successful men in football as anyone who's enjoyed the Murphy hospitality will confirm.

## **A family affair**

Brian is a rock solid Bluenose. Despite a childhood – and adulthood as well for that matter –

spent entirely in enemy territory, his devotion to this club knows no bounds.

"I've been a fan for 51 years now. My first match was in 1947 when I went to St. Andrews with my Dad. It's a family tradition. My wife and my kids are all Blues fans too."

When it comes to his family, Brian is an incredibly proud man. Two of three children suffer from cystic fibrosis, and Brian has nothing but admiration for the way they, and his wife, have coped with the illness.

"Tony's my eldest and thankfully he's okay. He follows Blues home and away and is really keen on his football.

"Wayne's next. He's 32 and suffers from cystic fibrosis. He gets to matches from Great Yarmouth whenever he can manage to travel to them.

"Then there's Suzanne. She's 28 and is Blues mad. She does tremendously well to come to games. She has to have around three hours of treatment before she can come along. But she loves it. She's even wired up to the internet so she can keep up with what's happening at the club. She probably knows more about what's going on than I do!

"The pressure of living with the disease is great. It can really get to you, but my wife is fantastic. The pressure can be unbearable at times, but she copes so well. She's the strong one.

She likes her football too, but she's a jinx. We either draw or lose whenever she comes to matches so we'll probably have to stop her coming! But she loves the Blues, especially the way the kids are about the club."

## **A lifelong obsession**

If his family are his first love, Birmingham City come a close second for Brian. Even his support for the club is somewhat against the odds:

"I grew up in Erdington. There were only two or three Blues fans at the school. Now I live in Great Barr surrounded by Villa and Albion fans.

"But football and the Blues have always been my thing. I'd turn to the sports pages of the paper even if the third world war started. It's a way of life isn't it?"

Well, there is the small matter of earning a living too. Brian was a one company man, spending 35 years as a toolsetter and doing his bit for the union as well. He put in nine months working voluntarily for the club before he was appointed to his current position two and a half years ago.

## **Between the sticks**

During that time, as well as watching the Blues, doing his job and bringing up a family, he played in goal for the world famous Springfield Star:

"I was useless." Really? "Well, I was okay I suppose. Gil Merrick was my hero. He was absolutely outstanding.

"Ian Bennett is good too. He's the best line 'keeper I've seen. In fact, I'd say he's probably the best shot stopper in the country. Certainly better than me anyway."

I managed to get out of him the name of the worst Blues 'keeper he saw. Although he's finished playing, we'll keep that secret. But Brian says this about him:

"He was worse than me. I remember once he drove his car straight at me. I thought he'd seen

# sung hero

me but still had to get out of the way. When he got out of the car he was wearing a thick pair of glasses. It explained a lot!"

So he's not entirely uncritical about the Blues then. Just most of the time.

## **Where Brian belongs**

Back in the here and now, Brian is happy working for the club he loves. He is even at pains to point out that the players never cause him any problems. "Smashing people" he says of them despite my

attempts to find out some juicy gossip.

"This is like a second home to me and I suppose you could call it my dream job. I've supported this club all my life and to be involved down at the training ground is great for someone like me. I'm a fan so I love being part of things down here.

"My family and the Blues are my life. If I got the sack tomorrow I'd be straight down the ground buying myself a season ticket. I enjoy watching the team that much."

From what I've seen, I don't think he's likely to be buying that season ticket for some time. He'd never say that though. He seems to be under the impression that he's dead lucky to have his job. I guess he may be right, but it's certain that Blues are lucky to have a man like him.

Look at it this way Brian. There's showers to be mended, players to look after, staff who require your help, and a press corps who need you. Who else could do the job as well?



against Crewe

# action

## Crewe crushed by top trio

### Blues 3 Crewe Alexandra 1

Within eight minutes, Blues had gone ahead from a goal which was worth the admission on its own. Peter Ndlovu picked up the ball in his own half. En route to goal he left Crewe defenders in his wake slamming a shot into the net.

But despite Blues' dominance, Crewe were level on the half hour and it took another Martin O'Connor penalty (his third of the season) to put us back in the driving seat at the interval.

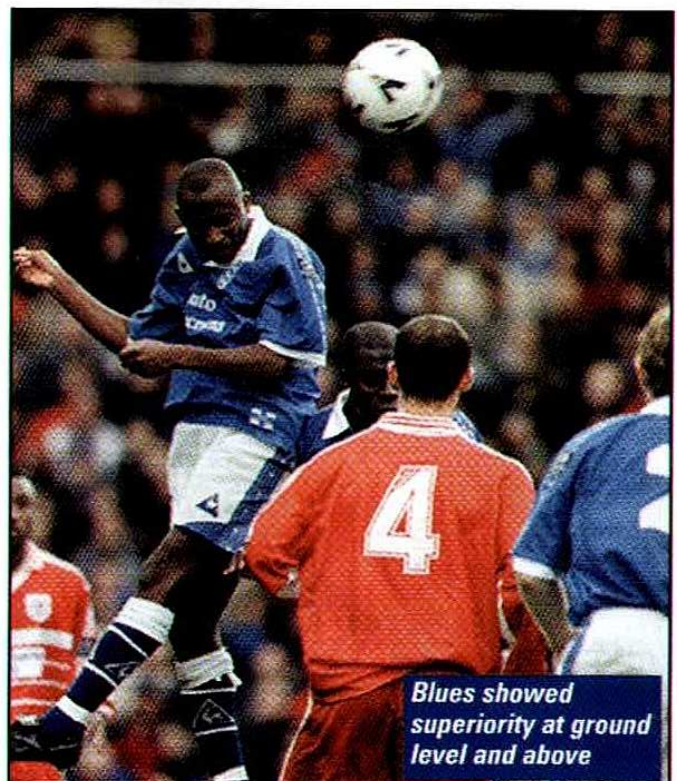
Paul Furlong rounded off his fine home comeback with the decisive strike in the 53rd minute to keep the points at St. Andrews.



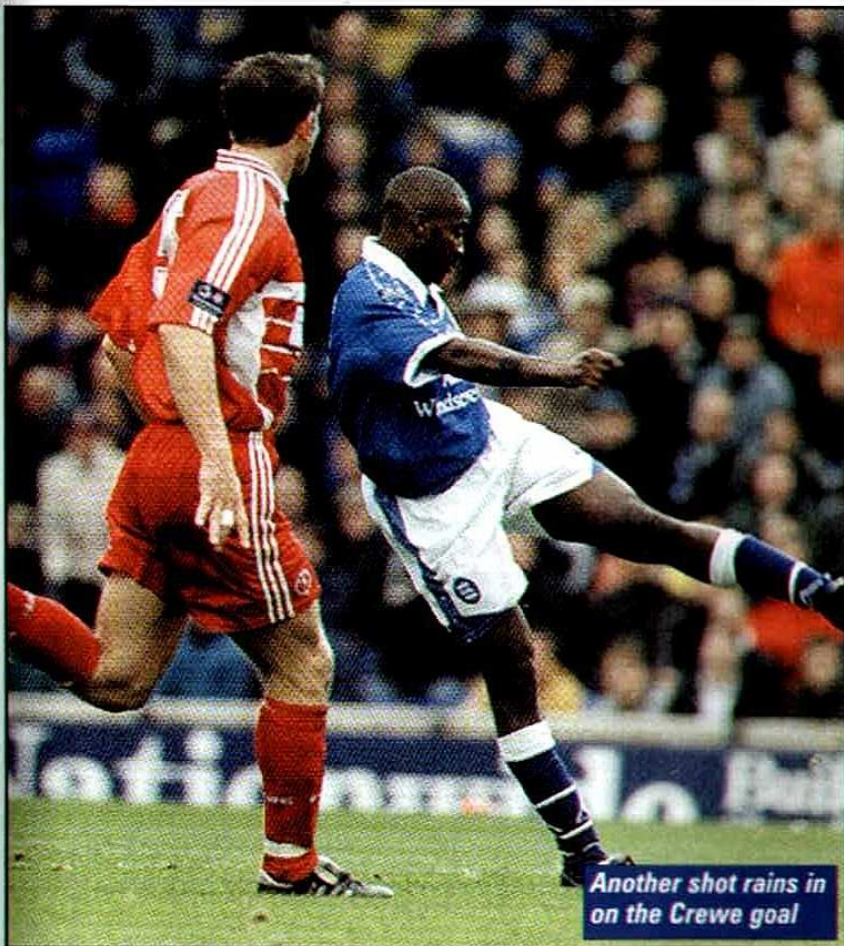
Working a path through a sea of red



Mr. Cool O'Connor strokes home from the spot.



Blues showed superiority at ground level and above



Another shot rains in on the Crewe goal



A goal like Nuddy's deserves a special celebration



Nuddy graciously waits for his team mates to catch up with the celebrations

All photography: Roy Smiljanic

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Opponents		F-A	Attn	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>AUGUST</b>													
Sat	8	Port Vale	2-0	10,465	1=	Bennett	Gill	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Tue	11	Millwall (WC 1/1)	2-0	14,133	-	Bennett	Gill	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sun	16	Crystal Palace	3-1	16,999	1	Bennett	Gill	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Wed	19	Millwall (WC 1/2)	1-1	4,478	-	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sat	22	Sheff Utd	2-0	17,450	2	Bennett	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sat	29	Barnsley	0-0	19,825	4	Bennett	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Mon	31	Bradford	1-2	13,910	5	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>													
Sat	5	Bury	1-0	15,935	3	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	Robinson	O'Connor
Tue	8	Stockport	2-0	16,429	1	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	Robinson	O'Connor
Sat	12	Bolton	1-3	19,637	2	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	Robinson	O'Connor
Tue	15	Macclesfield (WC2/1)	3-0	2,275	-	Bennett	Rowett	Grainger	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sat	19	Grimsby	0-1	17,563	3	Bennett	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Tue	22	Macclesfield (WC2/2)	6-0	3,443	-	Bennett	Rowett	Charlton	Purse	Marsden	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sat	26	Norwich	0-2	16,584	7	Bennett	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Tue	28	Portsmouth	1-0	11,843	5	Poole	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
<b>OCTOBER</b>													
Sat	3	Tranmere	2-2	17,189	4	Poole	Rowett	Charlton	Marsden	Ablett	Johnson M	McCarthy	O'Connor
Sat	10	Watford	1-1	10,096	3	Poole	Rowett	Grainger	Purse	Marsden	Johnson M	Robinson	O'Connor
Sat	17	Crewe	3-1	20,087	2	Poole	Rowett	Charlton	Purse	Ablett	Marsden	Robinson	O'Connor
Tue	20	Swindon											
Sun	25	QPR											
Wed	28	Wimbledon (WC3)											
Sat	31	Huddersfield											
<b>NOVEMBER</b>													
Sat	7	West Brom											
Sat	14	Oxford											
Sun	22	Wolves											
Sat	28	Bristol City											
<b>DECEMBER</b>													
Sat	5	Ipswich											
Sat	12	Oxford											
Sat	19	Sunderland											
Sat	26	Sheffield Utd											
Mon	28	Bury											
<b>JANUARY</b>													
Sat	9	Port Vale											
Sat	16	Barnsley											
Sat	30	Bradford											
<b>FEBRUARY</b>													
Sat	6	Crystal Palace											
Sat	13	Stockport											
Sat	20	Bolton											
Sat	27	Grimsby											
<b>MARCH</b>													
Tue	2	Norwich											
Sat	6	Portsmouth											
Tue	9	Tranmere											
Sat	13	West Brom											
Sat	20	Huddersfield											
Sat	27	QPR											
<b>APRIL</b>													
Sat	3	Crewe											
Mon	5	Watford											
Sat	10	Swindon											
Sat	17	Wolves											
Sat	24	Bristol City											
<b>MAY</b>													
Sat	1	Ipswich											
Sun	8	Sunderland											

Appearances	Subs		Goals and Cautions												
	League		League Cup				FA Cup				Total				
	A	S	A	S	G	C	A	S	G	C	A	S	G	C	
Gary Ablett	13				1	3							16		1
Dele Adebola	14		5	2	3	2							17	7	2
Jon Bass		1												1	
Ian Bennett	10					4							14		
Simon Charlton	10			2	2								12		2
Howard Forinton					1	1							1	1	
Nicky Forster	4	9	2		2	1	1						6	10	3
Paul Furlong	3		2										3		2
Jerry Gill	2				1								3		
Martin Grainger	11	2		2	2	1							13	3	2
Chris Holland		3				4							7		
Bryan Hughes	4		1		1	1							5	1	1
Andrew Johnson		3				2							5		
Michael Johnson	13	1	1	2	4	2							17	1	3
Chris Marsden	14		1	3	4	2	1						18	3	4
Jon McCarthy	10	2		4	4								14	2	4
Peter Ndlovu	9	2	3		3	2							12	4	4
Martin O'Connor	14		3	1	4		1						18	3	2
Kevin Poole		4											4		
Darren Purse	2	8			1	1							3	9	
Simon Rea															
Steve Robinson	5	3		1	2								7	3	1
Gary Rowett	12		1	1	3	2							15	3	1
own goal							1							1	
Matches	14				4								18		

Away matches in red. Goal scorers shown with a ● with number of goals scored. Substitutes used and the player replaced have either a ■ ♦ or ▲ after them. WC=Worthington Cup. FA=FA Cup. 1=Own goal. For FA Cup games, substitutes and players replaced have ▲, ♦, or ♣ after them.

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Furlong ◯	Adebola ◯	Ndiro ◯	Forster ◯	Holland	Grainger ◯		
Forster ◯	Adebola ◯	Ndiro ◯	Grainger ◯	Poolie	Hughes ◯	Rea	Holland ▲
Adebola ◯	Hughes ◯	Ndiro ◯	Grainger ◯	Purse ▲	Forster ◯		
Adebola ◯	Hughes ◯	Ndiro ◯	Forster ◯	Poolie	Purse ◯	Gill	Holland ▲
Adebola ◯	Grainger ◯	Ndiro ◯	Forster ◯	Holland ▲	Purse ◯		
Adebola ◯	Forster ◯	Grainger	Ndiro ◯	Holland	Purse		
Adebola	Forster ◯	Ndiro ◯	Johnson A ◯	Robinson ▲	Purse		
Adebola ◯	Hughes ◯	Forster ◯	Johnson A ◯	Holland ▲	Purse		
Adebola	Hughes ◯	Forster ▲	Johnson A ◯	McCarthy ▲	Purse		
Adebola	Hughes ◯	McCarthy	Forster ◯	Holland ▲	Purse		
Adebola	Forster ◯	Robinson ◯	Holland ◯	Poolie	Purse	Furlong ◯	Johnson A ▲
Adebola	Grainger ◯	Ndiro	Forster ◯	Robinson ▲	Purse		
Furlong	Robinson	Ndiro ◯	Grainger ◯	Poolie	Adebola	Holland ◯	Johnson A ▲
Adebola	Grainger ◯	Ndiro	Forster ◯	Robinson ▲	Purse		
Adebola	Grainger	Ndiro ◯	Forster ◯	Robinson	Purse		
Adebola	Grainger ◯	Ndiro ◯	Forster ◯	Robinson ▲	Purse		
Furlong ◯	Adebola ◯	Charlton	Forster ◯	Bass ▲	Ndiro		
Furlong ◯	Adebola ▲	Ndiro ◯	Forster	McCarthy ▲	Johnson M ◯		

Birmingham City Historical & Collectors Society are kindly supplying the Programme Statistics yet again this season, as well as their regular articles, "Previous Encounters" and "Where are they now?" and all of the historical player and match pictures

## BLUES HISTORICAL SOCIETY SETS PROVISIONAL DATE FOR '1972 PROMOTION SQUAD REUNION'

With the anticipation of a great promotion season coming up, memories turn to probably the best promotion season and squad ever at the club. In 1971/2 they went unbeaten for 18 games. We will be meeting with players like CAMPBELL, BURNS, HATTON, COOPER, HYND, HARLAND and many others including TREVOR FRANCIS and BOB LATCHFORD for what will surely be a fantastic night, which is provisionally set for FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER.

Also we are arranging a get together of those great Blues squads which took the club to 2 EUROPEAN FINALS in 1960 and then 1961. Many of the 1963 squad will be returning, together with some other great names from that era such as WITHERS, GORDON, HOOPER, ORRITT, NEAL, STUBBS and many others.

We will also be having a reunion of those great Blues squads which took the club to 2 EUROPEAN FINALS in 1960 and 1961. Due to ongoing discussions with the club, this meeting cannot be confirmed as yet. However, the famous Programme and Memorabilia Fayre will probably take place at Christmas.

If you would like further details on how to join the Society, to attend these MEMBERS ONLY then please call Ivan Barnsley, Hon. Chairman, Birmingham City Historical & Collectors Society, on 0121-323 4851.

## Nationwide League Division One

up to and including Sunday 18th October 1998

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
Huddersfield	14	6	1	0	14	5	2	1	4	6	12	20	26
Sunderland	12	4	2	0	18	2	2	4	0	10	7	28	24
<b>BLUES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>
Ipswich	12	4	1	1	10	3	2	3	1	8	4	18	22
Bolton	11	4	2	0	13	5	1	4	0	13	12	26	21
Watford	13	3	2	1	6	5	3	0	4	14	16	20	20
Sheff Utd	13	5	1	1	13	9	0	3	3	6	11	19	19
Grimsby	13	3	3	1	12	6	2	1	3	5	8	17	19
Bradford	13	4	2	1	16	8	1	1	4	3	8	19	18
Wolves	12	3	2	1	8	5	2	1	3	6	5	14	18
West Brom	12	3	0	3	14	10	2	2	2	11	13	25	17
Portsmouth	14	3	2	2	11	6	1	3	3	10	13	21	17
Norwich	11	3	2	0	10	5	2	0	4	7	11	17	17
Palace	11	4	1	1	14	6	1	1	3	3	11	17	17
Port Vale	13	3	0	4	6	13	2	2	2	7	9	13	17
Bury	14	4	2	1	8	3	0	3	4	2	9	10	17
Stockport	13	1	4	1	7	7	2	3	2	9	11	16	16
Barnsley	13	2	3	2	11	10	1	3	2	5	8	17	15
Oxford	14	3	2	2	14	8	0	2	5	4	19	18	13
Bristol City	14	1	3	3	13	16	1	3	3	9	12	22	12
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>
Tranmere	12	1	3	2	7	9	1	3	2	4	10	11	12
Crewe	12	2	2	1	9	7	0	2	5	7	16	16	10
QPR	12	1	3	1	4	3	1	0	6	6	17	10	9

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## Birmingham City

1. Kevin Poole	
2. Gary Rowett	
3. Simon Charlton	
4. Chris Marsden	
5. Gary Ablett	
6. Darren Purse	
7. Steve Robinson	
8. Martin O'Connor	
9. Paul Furlong	
10. Dele Adebola	
11. Peter Ndlovu	
12.	
13.	
14.	

## Swindon Town

1. Frank Talia	
2. Mark Robinson	
3. Gareth Hall	
4. Scott Leitch	
5. Adam Willis	
6. Brian Borrows	
7. Mark Walters	
8. George Ndah	
9. Ifem Onuora	
10. Darren Bullock	
11. Ty Gooden	
12.	
13.	
14.	

## Match Officials



Referee: P.S. Danson  
(Blaby)



D.J. Adcock (Long Eaton)  
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A.J. Green (Hinckley)  
Red Flag

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