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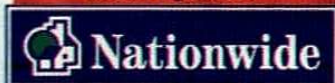
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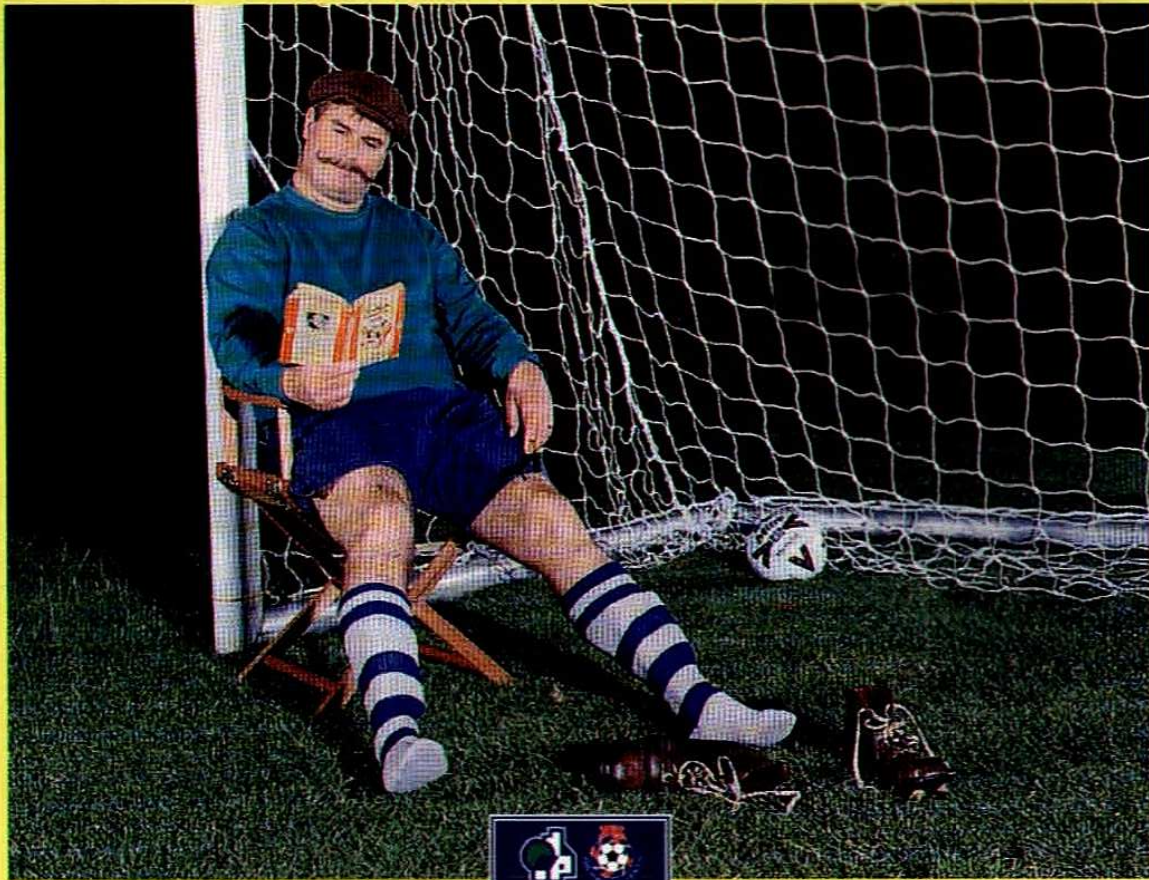
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# Welcome to the county ground...

**Those of you who were here for the last 1st team match, versus Sheffield United, might feel a little short changed if today's game is anything less than a stupendous 90 minutes of football.**

The individual efforts of the players were widely admired, whilst the commitment to the cause shown by the whole team was probably the best all season, particularly when we went down to 10 men. Put together it was one of those rousing performances which warms up the crowd on a Saturday afternoon, the like of which has in all truthfulness been in short supply over past seasons. I only hope that the added spark we saw then will attract the lost supporters missed by us all.

Nothing will tempt them back more than the kind of goals we witnessed from the boot of George Ndah against Sheffield. George hit the back of the net and the headlines with that goal, which he described as the best in his career. It seems to me that George has maybe ran into his purple patch, especially after he bagged the winning goal against Port Vale a week later. I can only imagine what a dream ticket he would make with Iffy

Onuora if they can maintain their partnership and stay clear of the treatment table for any length of time. Of the 39 goals scored by the Town this campaign 25 of them have been bagged by this pair, with a further 8 by Mark Walters. All three of these players have missed matches through injury, suspension or because they have been dropped, making these figures all the more impressive.

While the first team haven't moved forward in the cup our youth team have been progressing nicely in their version of the competition called The Times FA Youth Cup. After beating Premiership giants Leeds United at Elland Road they held Everton to a draw at Goodison Park in the next round. This means the game will be replayed on Tuesday 2nd February 1999

at the County Ground. Kick-off is 7.00pm and entrance costs £3 for adults £1 for children. It promises to be a great night of football, why not come down and support "Quinn's Babes".

With the FA Cup out of our minds it is back to the First Division today for our clash with Bury. Our opponents are currently in 19th position and must fear relegation. You only have to glance at the League table to see the reason for their current position, they have the lowest number of goals scored in Division One, with 26 scored.

But being so close to relegation can concentrate the mind so Town will have to be on top of their game come 3.00pm. We can do our bit and continue the terrific support that has brought the County Ground to life of late.



**Pictured here are the Mascots from Sheffield United fixture.**

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# Jim Quinn

## gives his view...

**Hello and welcome back to the County Ground for today's match against Bury.**

It seems like ages ago that we last played at the County Ground against Sheffield United, and who could forget George Ndah's wonder goal that gave us the lead in the first half.

Since then it has been a period of ups and downs for Swindon Town. After a draw with the Blades we travelled to Port Vale and picked up three valuable points, thanks to another well taken goal by George.

It wasn't our best performance of the season, but we worked very hard and frustrated the home side. You must not forget that conditions were blizzard like and this often means that flowing football just isn't possible.

When you get conditions like these it is just a case of rolling your sleeves up and battling away. I couldn't see what was going on at some points, the snow was falling so thick, but the players equipped themselves well and defended terrific.

The week before we gave away some sloppy goals against Sheffield United, we have been working hard in training this week, there were no free headers in our box, and we got the reward for our efforts in three points.

**"Unfortunately we couldn't repeat this against Barnsley. Looking back at the game I felt Craig Hignett was the difference between the two sides."**

It is all down to concentration for me. The lads need to concentrate for 90 minutes of the game and if they can do that they will get the rewards they deserve.

Frank Talia has pulled off a number of good saves and done his job well, the defence was brilliant and the midfield worked very hard with Bobby Howe once again putting in a brilliant display.

Unfortunately we couldn't repeat this against Barnsley. Looking back at the game I felt Craig Hignett was the difference between the two sides. They played very well as a team and sometimes you have to hold your hands up and give other teams a bit of credit.

We were all disappointed, because it was a great opportunity for some of our lads to progress to the later rounds of the FA Cup but that was not to be.

I know some of the players' felt they let the side down, but the whole team has been terrific for me over the last few weeks. We mustn't mope about it, these things happen, and we are going to have the odd game where we don't perform.

Now we have to look back to the League as we face Bury today. They are a side at the wrong end of Division One, but there is no such thing as an easy game and I've emphasised to the players that I want to see the same level of concentration that we showed against Port Vale.

We have been working hard over the last week to boost fitness and strength for the run into the end of the season. We will need this extra strength today because Bury are a physical side with a number of big six footers. But if we can match this and play our game we'll do all right.

The support of the fans has been exceptional over recent weeks.

We need this to continue until the end of the season as we try to push our way up the table.

**NEXT MATCH**

**(AWAY) SUNDERLAND**

**Sat 6th Feb 1999**



**They don't come much bigger than this and Sunderland will be looking for three points but I'm sure we capable of causing them a few upsets.**

# Today's visitors

# BURY



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

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

The Shakers come to Wiltshire hoping to improve on their 17th place of last season, achieved mainly thanks to a nine-match unbeaten run at the turn of the year which dragged them clear of danger. At present, they are sitting in 19th spot boasting an impressive home record, but having so far failed to win a single game away from Gigg Lane in 1998/99.

Goalscoring was the Shakers' big problem last term - especially after the departure of hot-shot David Johnson to Ipswich Town in November 1997 - and new manager Neil Warnock moved to address that situation with the signing of prolific Frenchman Laurent D'Jaffo from Ayr United. It has proved a good bit of business, with D'Jaffo netting seven in the League so far to be comfortably the side's leading scorer.

The highly-rated duo of Chris Locketti and Dean Kiely are said to be targets for Premiership scouts, and Warnock has so far resisted all attempts to capture his prize assets. But he will have to fight hard to keep the nucleus of his impressive defence together throughout the remainder of the season.

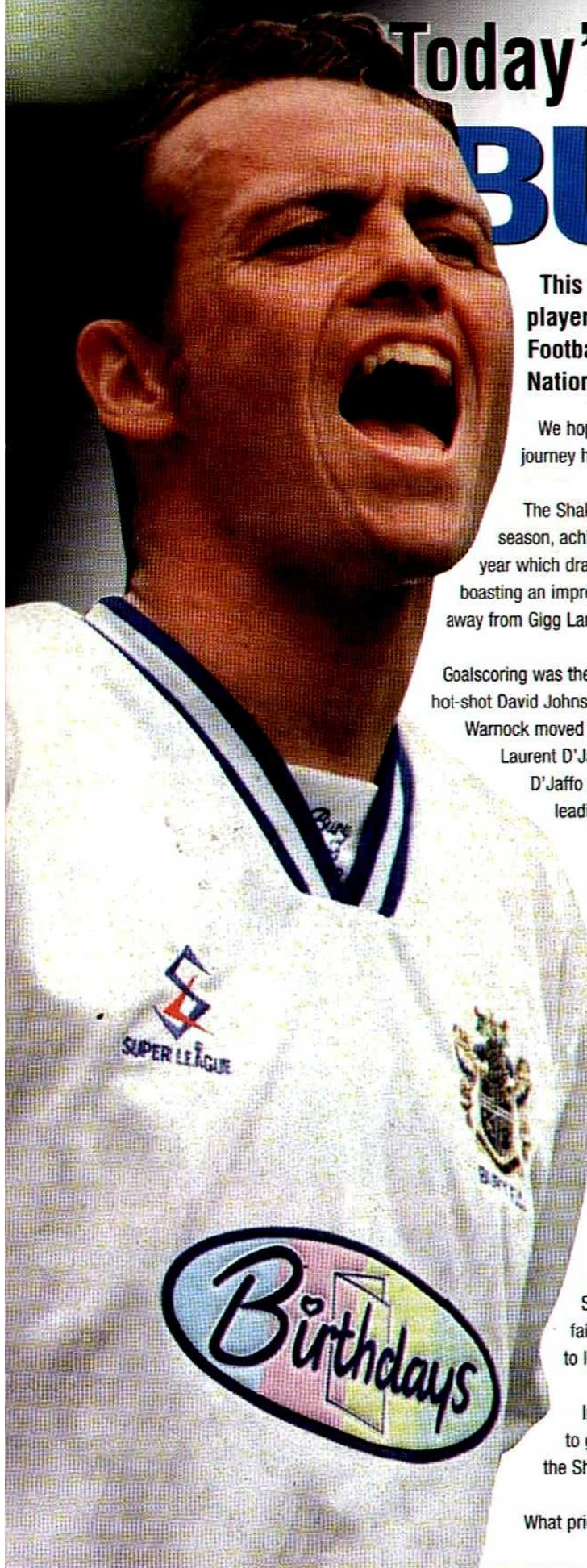
A splendid start to the current campaign saw the Shakers lose just once in the opening nine games, and included in that run was a 3-0 win over Swindon at Gigg Lane in late August.

But that bright start was immediately overshadowed by four defeats and a draw in their next five matches, and Bury have continued struggle ever since.

There has been the occasional shaft of light - such as wins over Oxford, Grimsby and West Brom, and a creditable 3-3 draw with Sheffield United - but Bury come into this afternoon's match having failed to win in their last six League outings, and they must be starting to look anxiously over their shoulders at the drop zone.

In the corresponding fixture last season, the Robins won 3-1 thanks to goals from Chris Hay (2) and Ty Gooden. Tony Battersby replied for the Shakers.

What price a repeat performance this afternoon?





# The team

# BURY

## DEAN KIELY

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **10.10.70**

AGE: **28**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **York City**

Ever-present for the Shakers last season - he's missed just one game this term - Dean also earned a call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad. Began as a trainee with West Brom and Coventry, and also had a spell on loan at Ipswich before moving to Bury from York for £125,000 in August 1996.

## DEAN BARRICK

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **30.09.69**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Preston NE**

Experienced full-back who began with Sheffield Wednesday and has also had spells with Rotherham and Cambridge. Strong in the tackle, he likes to overlap and scored his only goal of the season so far in the 3-0 win over Swindon at Gigg Lane in late August. A free transfer in the summer of 1998.

## CHRIS BILLY

POSITION: **Wing-back**

BORN: **02.01.73**

AGE: **26**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Plymouth A.**

Plymouth's Player of the Year in 1996/97, and again highly consistent last term, Chris was released by the Home Park club during the summer

after his contract expired. A right-sided wing-back with good skills and a willingness to push forward, Bury won the race for his signature in September.

## JOHN FOSTER

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **19.09.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Carlisle Utd**

An England Schoolboys international, John began his career with Man City, but was unable to establish himself at Maine Road and moved to Carlisle United in March 1998. Versatile enough to play anywhere across the back four, he is a solid tackler with good distribution skills.

## CHRIS LUCKETTI

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **21.09.71**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Halifax Town**

A commanding and inspirational central defender and Bury captain, he was one of very few defenders to avoid suspension last season thanks to his immaculate timing in the tackle. Player of the Year at Gigg Lane for three consecutive seasons, he is repeatedly linked with moves to bigger clubs and has proved an absolute bargain at £50,000. Ever-present again so far in 1998/99.

## STEVE REDMOND

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **02.11.67**

AGE: **31**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Oldham Ath**

An experienced and capable central defender who has played more than

500 senior games during his career with Man City and Oldham before moving to Bury on a free transfer in July 1998. Calm on the ball, with good passing skills.

## CHRIS SWAILES

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **19.10.70**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Ipswich Town**

Solid and dependable stopper who moved to Bury as part of the deal which took striker David Johnson to Portman Road in November 1997. Formerly an Ipswich trainee, he has also played for Peterborough and Doncaster as well as spending time in non-League football. Likes to push forward at dead ball situations.

## DEAN WEST

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **05.12.72**

AGE: **26**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Lincoln City**

After a flying start to 1997/98, right wing-back Dean was forced out of contention with a groin injury which eventually required a hernia operation and complications kept him out for the remainder of the season. Has enjoyed a better time this term, with half a dozen games - and a goal at Huddersfield - under his belt so far.

## PAUL WILLIAMS

POSITION: **Wing-back**

BORN: **11.09.69**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **5ft 7in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Gillingham**

One of several former Plymouth players to have followed Neil Warnock from Home Park to Bury. Pacey and strong in



# The team

# BURY

Now in his second spell with the Shakers, Mark is a tough-tackling ball-winner whose arrival back at Gigg Lane for £125,000 in December 1997, after a six year absence, helped spark the club's revival. Has also played for Blackburn, Preston, Bolton and Southend.

## LAURENT D'JAFFO

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **France**

AGE: **28**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Ayr Utd**

Eleven goals in 22 games for Ayr Utd last season prompted Bury to snap up Laurent when he became available on a free transfer during the summer. Previously with Montpellier - where he won the French League - and Red Star Paris, he has proved a shrewd signing and is so far the Shakers leading scorer this term with seven League strikes to his credit.

## TONY ELLIS

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **20.10.64**

AGE: **34**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Blackpool**

Experienced front-man who moved to Gigg Lane in December 1997 in a deal which took Ian Hughes to Blackpool. A hard-working player, he ended the campaign with six League goals for Bury (16 in total), making him joint top scorer. He has managed two goals in 16 games so far in 1998/99.

## NIGEL JEMSON

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **10.08.69**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Oxford Utd**

Well-travelled striker with a good touch who linked well with Tony Ellis

last season, despite struggling to come to terms with Bury's 'direct' style of play. A former England U21 international, he has also played for Preston, Forest, Bolton, Sheff Wed, Grimsby, Notts Co, Watford and Rotherham and has twice scored winning goals in Wembley Finals (League Cup 1990, Auto Windscreens 96).

## ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **26.09.70**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Oldham Ath**

Signed on a free transfer in November, Adrian is a quick and direct striker who likes to run at defenders through the middle or out wide. A former England Youth international, he began with Walsall and also had spells with Sheff Utd and Plymouth before joining Oldham in March 1998.

## LUTEL JAMES

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **02.06.72**

AGE: **26**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Hyde United**

A former Yorkshire Amateurs player who has also appeared for Scarborough and Guiseley, Lutel joined Bury from Hyde Utd on a free transfer in November. Manchester-born, he made an immediate impression, scoring his first goal for the club on his debut, a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United on November 14th.

*Other squad members include:* Kemasi Avdiu (midfield), Nick Daws (midfield), Tony Rigby (midfield), Andy Preece (forward).

the tackle he initially moved to Gigg Lane on a month's loan, before completing a permanent move for £40,000 in December 1998. Began with Leicester City and has also had spells with Stockport, Coventry, West Brom, Huddersfield, Plymouth and Gillingham.

## ANDY WOODWARD

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **23.09.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Crewe**

Having joined the Shakers on a free in March 1995, Andy finally won a regular place during 1996/97, after a series of injuries and illnesses had laid him low. Consistent and able to perform equally well at right-back or in the centre, he is again a regular this season.

## LENNY JOHNROSE

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **29.11.69**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Hartlepool**

Committed central midfielder with incredible stamina and the ability to score some important goals. Began life as a striker with Blackburn and forms a solid partnership with Nick Daws in the middle for the Shakers.

## MARK PATTERSON

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **24.05.65**

AGE: **33**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sheffield Utd**





# The manager NEIL WARNOCK

**A renowned lower League achiever, Neil Warnock was on a short-list of one when Bury Chairman Terry Robinson went looking for Stan Ternent's Gigg Lane replacement.**

Ternent was the man who had guided Bury from the Third Division to the First in successive seasons, building a great team spirit and a 29-match unbeaten home run in the process - so Warnock knew that he had a job on his hands. But if anyone could be said to relish a challenge, then Warnock is certainly the man.

The 49-year-old, Sheffield-born Warnock enjoyed an 11-year playing career as a winger with Chesterfield, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Scunthorpe, Aldershot, Barnsley, York and Crewe before getting his first taste of management with Northern Premier League club Burton

Albion in 1981. While playing he also qualified as a chiropodist and ran his own practice in Sheffield.

After a quietly impressive start with Burton, who he took on a fairytale trip to the FA Cup Third Round in 1985, Warnock was appointed manager of Scarborough and in his first season he led the club to the GMVC Championship - and into the Football League.

Two seasons later he joined Notts County, guiding them from the old Third Division to the First in successive seasons, before they were relegated in 1992 and Warnock was unceremoniously sacked.

He was appointed as a management consultant by Torquay before successful spells with Huddersfield (promoted to Division One in 1995) and Plymouth (promoted to Division Two in 1996) were followed by appointment at Oldham Athletic in March 1997.



# Alyn Smith's SWINDON TOWN dream team...

Alyn is an artist & designer from Wilton, Salisbury

These are my favourite players: I have no idea if they could all play alongside each other in a team, but the amount of skill on show would be phenomenal!

I had problems in choosing the goalkeeper, but I settled for Frank in the end because at present I feel we have a totally dependable goalkeeper who inspires confidence in the defence in front of him and he is fully committed as a reaction keeper.

I am a Town supporter of over thirty years, so to rekindle the memory of Don Rogers working one wing and David Moss the other is sheer delight! Mark Walters with Glenn Hoddle in midfield is similarly awe-inspiring. Another tough decision was the manager, but the memory of Danny Williams leading the side to Wembley triumph in 69 against all the odds is too incredible to forget!



**Team Manager  
Danny Williams**

**ON THE BENCH: Shaun Taylor, John Moncur, Steve White**



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# PAGES from the past...

## BOBBY SMITH WRITES 1980...

I really could not have believed when I became Swindon manager that I would have seen the team in a League Cup semi-final and then playing Tottenham Hotspur all in a matter of days.

The first Leg of our semi-final match with Wolves provided lots of excitement. A great run by Chris Kamara enabled him to set up Andy Rowland to score from a far post header. Unfortunately, we were not marking quite tightly enough and George Berry's flick header was met by Peter Daniel's to rob us of our advantage.

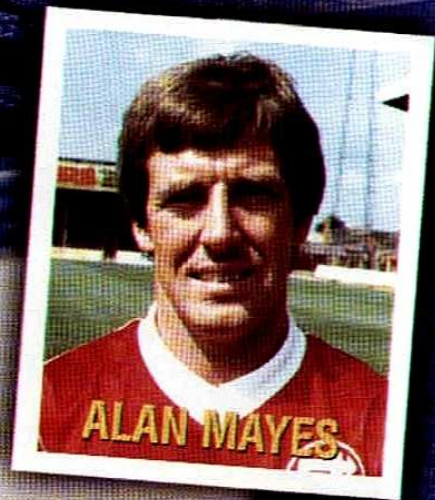
To be honest, I would have settled for a draw which would probably have been a fair result when Alan Mayes fastened on to Andy Rowland header to give us a 2-1 victory it really was the icing on the cake. We did not play as well as we can against Wolves although I certainly could not fault the players effort. Sometimes playing against top class opposition in front of a big crowd players do not always play their natural game. I am hopeful that the one goal advantage will be enough when we go to Molineux on the 12th February especially if we can score again early.

Hopefully the experience of the Wolves match will help us be prepared for the atmosphere today. Glen Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa will provide great entertainment and stiff opposition but Spurs can't be too happy about coming to the County Ground when they remember what we have done to Arsenal, Stoke and Wolves this season and when they know they will be up against the Rowland Mayes partnership which has already produced 44 goals this season. I took the lads away to the Cotswolds this week to get away from all the excitement so that they can relax and concentrate their energies on getting ready for today. Being involved in three competitions is certainly going to put a strain on our resources and one has to feel sympathy for Bob Jefferies trying to sort out all the postponements caused by the bad weather and for the girls in the office trying to keep everyone happy

with the demand for tickets for our cup matches.

On a sadder note it is a pity that 200 police officers will be on duty today. There were four arrests at the Wolves match and a linesman was struck by a con. This sort of behaviour is just not acceptable and costs the club money. Win, lose or draw try to make sure that your conduct is a credit to your team.

Before today's game 24 boys from Swindon school will be showing off their skills under the direction of regional coach David Burnside. It is all part of the English Schools F.A.'s superskills award sponsored by Coca Cola. Anything which develops the ball play of young players can only be good for the game so please show your appreciation of the lads efforts.



### Quiz question:

Which two Swindon managers came to the club from the managerial staff at Bury?

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### Last question

Swindon lost their first ever Premiership match at Bramall Lane against Sheffield United. What was the score and who scored Swindon's goal?

### Answer...

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(John Moncur)

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# Mike Walsh's

## weekly diary...January

### Monday 4th

**Football can be a cruel mistress and after Saturday's game we have another example of how exasperating this game can be.**

We played against Barnsley who showed real grit and determination to frustrate us, and that is what they did. We created a couple of openings but never really tested them enough. Now we have to travel up to Oakwell for a tough replay. After a game like this it is up to the Coaching Staff to get the lads buzzing again. All the squad were in today for a good work out. Despite a muddy pitch we did some sprints and team games and split into two teams for a full size match. To keep the lads concentrating we varied the rules, e.g. two touch, no over head height. A long warm down swiftly followed, with plenty of stretching to ease some tired muscles.

### Tuesday 5th

**Whilst you can always push the players to do more we eased off slightly with the session this morning.**

The Barnsley game was a real battle and the lads appeared a bit weary. Often it takes a few days for the after effects of a game to hit so we varied the session by putting the squad into small teams of three and playing possession games. This keeps the players on their toes while not pushing them too hard.

### Wednesday 6th

**The morning was taken up by a running session.**

It was trainers on and on to the roads for some work to build-up stamina. Once this was out of the way Jim and myself spent some time going over some Sheffield United footage.

### Thursday 7th

**There was only a limited set of players in because of today's reserve match.**

However, after the trip to Crawley Town's ground to play Crystal Palace the game was abandoned. The players were in their kit and warming-up when the ref called it off because of a waterlogged pitch.

So it was back on the coach and another game of cards to pass the time on the way home. It was particularly disappointing to have this game called off because we had a number of recently injured players back in the squad.

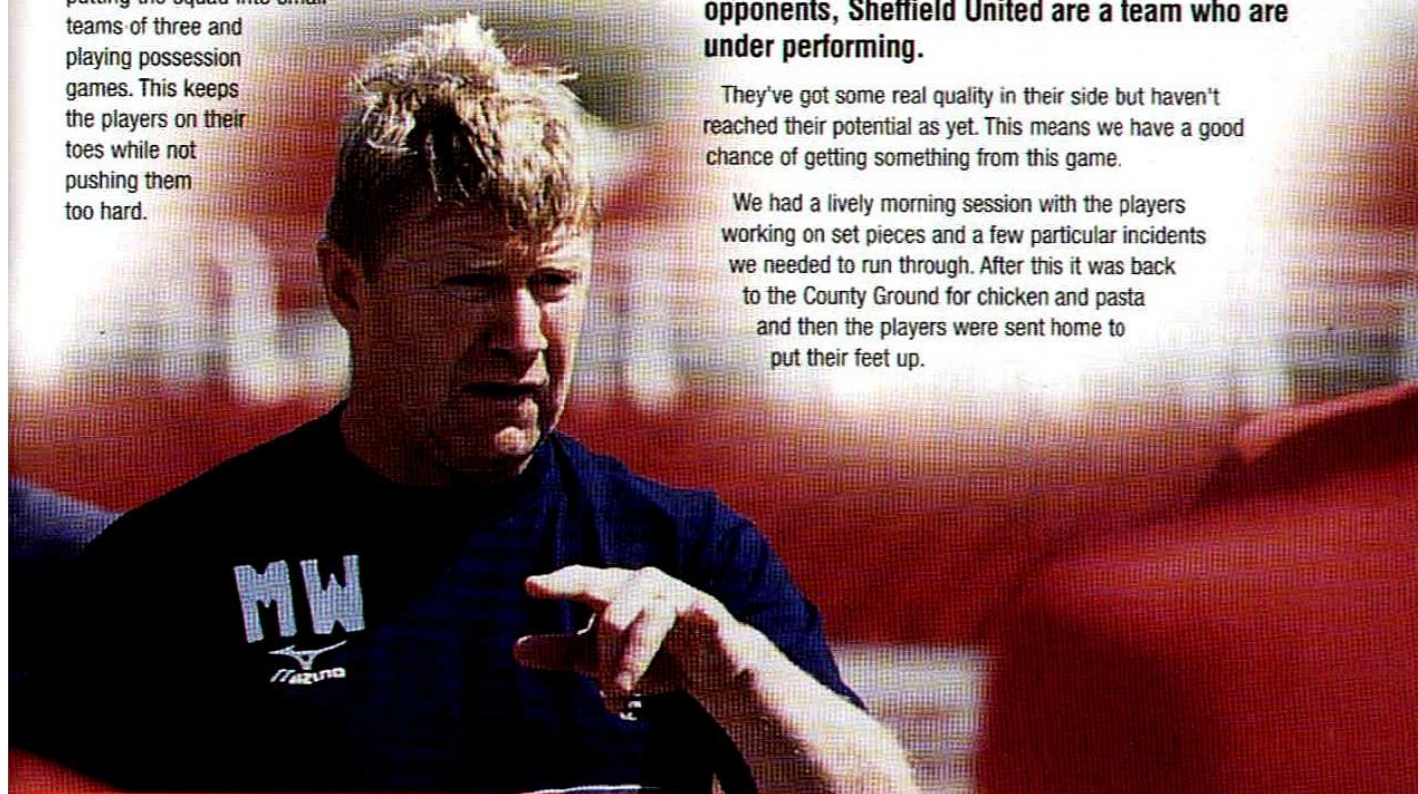
Phil King, David Kerlake, Alan Reeves were all set for their first run out in a while, but they'll have to wait another week.

### Friday 8th

**There is no doubt about it, tomorrow's opponents, Sheffield United are a team who are under performing.**

They've got some real quality in their side but haven't reached their potential as yet. This means we have a good chance of getting something from this game.

We had a lively morning session with the players working on set pieces and a few particular incidents we needed to run through. After this it was back to the County Ground for chicken and pasta and then the players were sent home to put their feet up.



# Football round-up

**Dave Norris brings you all the latest football news...**

## First Team Latest

**Between the lotteries of weather, injuries and refereeing decisions its been a period of chop and change for the 1st team.**

Poor conditions have threatened to call off several matches at the County Ground this season but it was at Oakwell that they finally put pay to a game. For both trips to Barnsley the squad had travelled up on the Monday and been given a fierce workout by Jim Quinn, mainly involving sprints, one-touch and, of course, penalty practice. Of course when the Barnsley game was replayed we all know what happened and we must now focus on the League and a hard earned away win against Port Vale.

At least last Saturday's lay-off offered some rest to the players, who often play under fatigue this time in the season, half way through a campaign and slogging away in mud-patch pitches. This break gave us all a chance to reflect on recent games, especially George Ndah's spectacular scissor kick goal that was almost out-done by an audacious 40-yard effort from Scott Leitch. Despite hitting the bar, Scott's shot was a signal that he had returned with vengeance after serving his 3

match suspension. Those who know him in the Club had seen the frustration he'd been working through in training, fit but unable to play in the 1st team. His form since then has been a massive boost to Jim Quinn's plans for the rest of the season.

Leitch's suspensions have been quickly followed by Darren Bullock's, and now Mark Robinson and Brian Borrowes. Both the manager and the chairman have behind the scenes made it clear to the players that the Club cannot afford the kind of avoidable bookings which have gone on to rule out players in this way.

A shock omission from the team for other reasons has been Mark Walters. Quinn called Mark in to his office a fortnight ago to talk things over, after signs of stress appeared to be creeping into his game.



**"At least last Saturday's lay-off offered some rest to the players, who often play under fatigue this time in the season"**



This culminated in the manager offering some time off, and after a week Wally made a welcome return to the squad in the 2nd replay at Barnsley. He knows that he has no time to waste in recapturing the no. 7 shirt from Bobby Howe, who has been putting in a series of stunning displays at the heart of midfield.

Bobby had shown that kind of form when he was scouted by Steve McMahon, but it has been Jim Quinn who seems to have gotten the best out of him at Swindon.



## Youth Team News

### A dramatic last minute goal from Danny Jeffery has secured a 4th Round Youth Cup Replay at the County Ground against Everton.

Everton, last year's winner of the cup, scored with ten minutes to go but Town's youngsters didn't let their heads drop, and they battled back to find an equaliser in the 86th minute. It was a well-balanced game with both sides creating some good chances, but Town will be delighted with the replay. "It's an old cliché, but we're over the moon" said youth team manager Tom Jones.

"To come to a massive club like Everton, who are ranked as one of the top youth clubs, and get a result like this is a testament to the lads and the hard work they've put in. "When you face the big clubs you can often freeze and not play your best but I felt we matched them for most of the game, and took the game to them. Now we have a home replay to look forward to, and I'm hoping we can get plenty of support."

17 year-old goalscorer Danny Jeffery is a first year YT who Swindon signed from

West Ham. He said: "This was one of the biggest games of my life, so to score was a bit special. Fraser has swung in a corner from the right which they've headed out Donlon struck it back into the box and I was in the right place to finish of the chance from close range." More drama has followed the game, two of Town's key players Paul McAreavey and Ricky Culbertson may have to miss the replay due to Northern Ireland international duties.



Swindon Town have pleaded their case with the Northern Irish FA and local radio Wiltshire Sound have launched an campaign by getting Town supporters to fax the governing body in Belfast. It is hoped the two players can still make

the replay. The replay is scheduled for the Tuesday 2nd February 1999, kick-off is 7.00pm at the County Ground. Entrance is £3 for adults £1 for concessions.

## Centre Of Excellence

**Phil Cannon, Centre of Excellence Director, is reaching an important stage in the season.**

Phil plays that vital role in all football clubs of nursing through the young talent, the crop of which may be offered the chance to perform at YT level. Phil was behind the signing of most of our current youths and at this time of the year faces the painfully difficult process of finalising his intake for next season.

"To get to the level of the youths you have to have something about you," he says. "We watch and coach the kids from 7 or 8 until 15, so by the time they might play in the youth league they are virtually veterans! They've all got some talent, but not all of them have the application. If a lad really wants to make it he will work hard and have a good idea of what is expected of him in order to gain a place at STFC."

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# the **GRIPTON** factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound

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103.6, 104.3 & 103.5 FM



**Haven't Iffy and George been on great form in the last few weeks?**

I can't remember a more exciting time here at the County Ground all season - right from the ref's whistle at 3pm through to full time it's been edge off the seat stuff in

all weathers with the chance of a goal at any time.

But for another year the magical lure of the twin towers at Wembley have escaped us, although next season we may have double the reason to celebrate. That's because our chairman Rikki Hunt has been on great form recently too - you may have heard him on BBC Wiltshire Sound's 'Talk of the Town' show or read his comments in the Adver. On the radio he was talking to our sports editor Shaun Hodgetts about giving value for money to season ticket holders, and further boosting the 'County Ground experience'. Arguing his case as effectively as ever, he mentioned a number of ideas being kicked around in the corridors of power at the moment. And my ears really pricked up when I heard him utter the magic words 'free tickets if we get to Wembley'!

Amidst the boardroom boss's ongoing thoughts of improvements at the County Ground - which include a restaurant I'm pleased to say - were ideas on how to draw in more season ticket holders and reward them for their loyalty. There'll always be an argument from some sections simply for cheaper prices - but I was interested to hear Mr Hunt say there were better rewards than that being considered. Why, he asked, could we not think about allowing a season ticket holder to bring a guest to the ground to enjoy a match on certain days; how about special matches featuring guest teams for season ticket holders only; and why not think about allowing all season ticket holders to travel with the Town to Wembley for free, if we make it. It's only an idea at this stage, but even so it's something to keep our fingers crossed for next year!

And talking of singing. I thought the atmosphere at the County Ground was superb at our last home match - especially the communal singing of Iffy Iffy I. We'll be playing it again this afternoon, no doubt. I'm still having to explain the Showaddwaddy track however! It's Ndah The Moon of Love of course!

And remember that if you have any ideas for songs or tunes that we can play here for the 'County Ground experience' please drop me a line:

Jon Gripton, BBC Wiltshire Sound, P O Box 1234, Swindon.

*Enjoy the match - and let us hear you singing!*



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# the official **S.T.F.C.** **SUPPORTERS' CLUB**

The notes this week start with the news, hot off the press, that within the umbrella of the Official Supporters Club we will have a significant impact on the running and operation of the Junior Robins.

We have already agreed with the Football Club on the transfer of responsibility and see this change as another important step towards bringing all supporters together within a focal point. Clearly, it is still vital to ensure a link is maintained with the Football Club with the JR's and we are delighted that Helen Mercer will continue to liaise and co-ordinate activities continuing the sterling work she has done in recent years.

It is the intention that all of the activities that take place at present should continue and if parents wish to discuss any potential issues surrounding the change, or ideas for the future, then please speak to Kevin Hall, who is well known in Junior Robins circles.

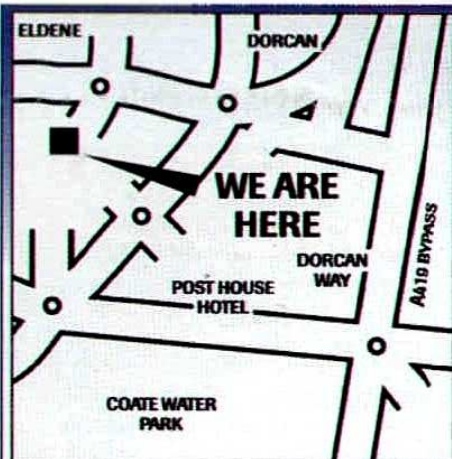
Kevin is confident that he will have sufficient support to plan a structure very shortly but additional help is always welcome and any parents wishing to have an involvement should contact Kevin.

**For those unaware activities include:**

Trips to away matches including opportunity to be the mascot. Opportunity to be a ball boy or ball girl at home matches. Chance to improve their soccer skills at the dedicated training evening on Monday evenings organised through the Soccer Centres. For partygoers there are discos and parties at various times. Trips to places of interest such as Wembley Stadium.

There is great news on Satellite Groups with the announcement that Patrick Richings, a regular away traveller is establishing a Group in Gloucester and surrounding area. Any supporters wishing to be involved in that area should contact Patrick during the evenings on **01452 610918**.

For further information on the Official S.T.F.C. Supporters Club please write to our co-ordinator **David Taylor c/o S.T.F.C.** - further news on our launch shortly!



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DAVE MOORE AND DICK MACKEY'S

# TREATMENT ROOM

**The last few weeks have been as eventful as every in the Treatment Room.**

We have been working hard to get all injured players back in training and maintain fitness for those still unable to play.

Being a physio is not just about treating an injury but making sure fitness is maintained while the player is out of action. If a player has a damaged arm, then we work on the two legs and the good arm with fitness and strength work. By doing this the player can step straight back into training without suffering from a drop in fitness.

We have been lucky of late, to have minimised the injured with only the odd knock and strain. **Mark Robinson** has been suffering from an ankle strain. But we've worked with him closely to strengthen the joint and slowly build up his weight bearing capabilities and he should be back to full fitness by the time you read these words. Unfortunately he's suspended for today's game and so won't be able to play an active role. Which is of course what all pro's want to do.

It never rains but it pours is the phrase that can best describe **Philippe Cuervo's** last week. He broke his leg at the end of last year and was supposed to have the pins taken out of his leg over the last week, but poor **Philippe** has had the flu. The Frenchman has a great personality and we're sure he'll come through this okay. Once the screws are out of his leg we can start getting him mobile again and back on the road to recovery.

More progress is being made with **Lee Collins**. He's back kicking a ball and looks sharper and fitter every day. He has been working with his strength as well. He is now throwing a medicine ball about and pushing some weights. We don't like to put a time scale on him, but he's not far off now.

## THANKYOU

We would like to thank The Link Centre for the use of their swimming facilities.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's fixture against Bury.

I'm sure you're all as disappointed as us with the 3-1 defeat at Barnsley in the FA Cup but now we can concentrate on the important issue of the League.

Today we'd like to extend a warm Community Office welcome to our Saturday team club visitors from South Cerney who are here with Jill Scott and Jackie Crosby who again have done a great job in organising today's visit with their group. Joining them today are the Devizes 3rd Cub Group who have come along with Mike Midcalf. We hope you all have a good day with us and bring us luck for the 3 points in today's game.

Our special guest of honour is Dale Welland, a 13 year old local lad who is here today with his close friend John Hand. They have enjoyed a special morning in meeting some of the injured players and a tour of the Ground and a look behind the scenes here at the Club on a match day.

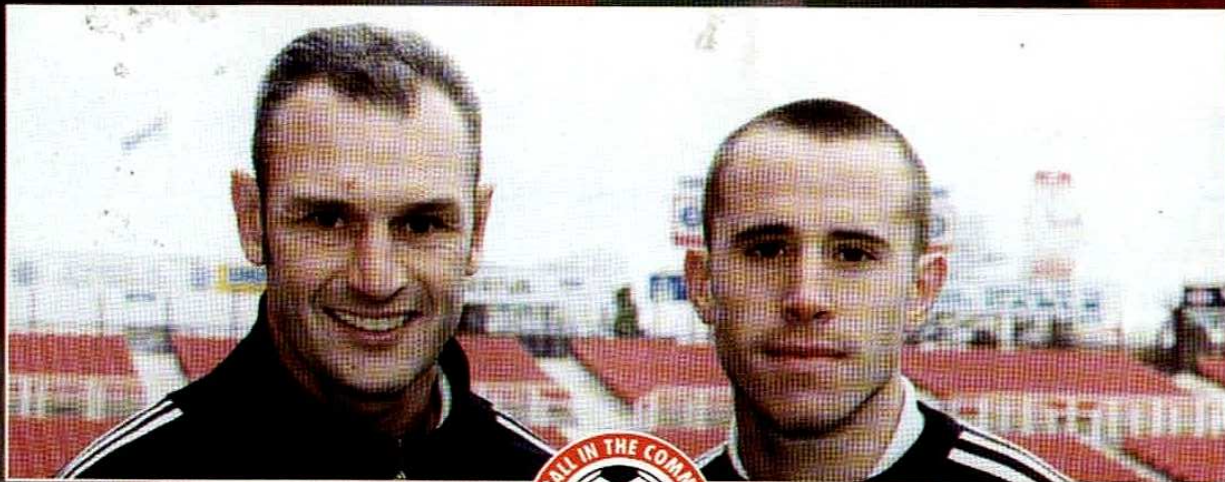
As most of you are aware now our main sponsors on a national scale within the Community Office are Wagon Wheels. We are annually asked to support competitions run by our main sponsors and 2 big competitions running presently are our "Design a Mothers Day Card" and the "Prime Ministers Press Gang" competitions. These are

aimed at local primary school children with the winners going on to national level to compete against other children the same age right throughout the country. Jon and I have been busy delivering all the information to the local schools with the deadline for all entries being 5th February. We will be endeavouring to collect in all the entries over the next few days. So good luck to all of you who have taken part this year.

You may have read in our last programme notes about our Adidas predator girls under 13 tournament which is scheduled to take place at the end of February. The grand final is scheduled to be played on the County Ground pitch itself. This tournament is to run concurrent with our primary schools 8 a side competition which is running for the 3rd year and is hoped will be as competitive as the last 2 years. Again the final of this tournament is scheduled to be played here on the pitch at the beginning of March. Jon and I would like to wish everybody good luck in taking part.

Until next time, keep cheering and by the way don't forget the 3 day course at half term here at the Club on 16th, 17th and 18th February, forms can be obtained from main reception or simply pick up the phone and give us a ring on 421303 as soon as possible.

**Best wishes**  
**Clive & Jon**



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**I Would like to welcome all the Junior members from Bury to this afternoon's game.**

Today sees the 4th Collectable card for collection. Today its Frank Talia who tells us 'Give a red card to bullies. Pass the word around'. You should have in your collection Alan Reeves, Alan McDonald and Darren Bullock, but don't panic, there will be an opportunity to pick up any cards you may be missing later in the season. So for today, just ask a Police Officer.



Shaun and myself had a wonderful time the other evening on Radio Robin. We called up Shannon Flanagan who is only 4 years old, I had a feeling Shaun was getting a little worried about being upstaged! Shannon was a star and so was her mum, Kim. Shannon normally comes to watch the game with her grandparents so look out for her down on the pitch soon.

Its good to know we have such talent amongst you Jr's and R's, I am sure there are some budding journalists out there who would love to interview our players on Radio Robin. It's the only way to find out all those things no other journalist would dare to ask. Such as 'Does Ty sleep with a teddy bear?' or 'Was the Gaffer bullied at school?' so get those reporters heads into gear and think up around 20 questions then give me a call (always ask mum or dad first) on 01793 532121.

# MATCHDAY MASCOTS

**Allan and David are twins and their birthday was last Monday 25th Jan when they both turned 15.**

They both attend Bradon Forest School but that's where the similarity ends!

David's hobbies are Football, Cricket, Athletics and Computer games and he plays for Moredon U14's in the Cirencester League. David's favourite player is Mark Walters.

Allan's hobbies are Steam trains, Computer games and Rugby and he is a member of the Swindon and Cricklade Railway and he owns a share of a Steam train! Allan's favourite player is George Ndah.



**ALLAN BOTT**



**DAVID BOTT**



## < ROSS MOORE

Ross is 8 years old and his birthday is Tomorrow! Happy Birthday Ross.

Ross attends Wanborough School and his hobbies are Football, golf and Swimming. Ross couldn't decide who his favourite player is so he has chosen three, Mark Walters, Ify, and George Ndah - I am not surprised he couldn't decide.



## < ROSS RUNDLE

Ross won this mascot package at the Stratton Community Leisure Centre in Grange Drive. They held a Christmas Raffle and Ross was the lucky winner. Ross is 7 years old and attends Haydonleigh primary school. His favourite hobby is Football, Ross didn't tell me his favourite player, so I guess that means they are all his favourites! (I couldn't choose either Ross!)



## < THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN

Thomas is the mascot from today's opponents Bury. He is 9 years old tomorrow, so happy birthday Thomas! He attends Radcliffe County Junior School and all his family are from Wiltshire and supporting Swindon Town! Thomas' favourite player is Nick Daws. We hope you have a great day at Swindon Town.

**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% off if you are a member.**

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# Looking ahead

Your essential guide to the next three Swindon games



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 6 FEB**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

**Sunderland are currently enjoying life at the top of Division One.**

With the likes of Lee Clarke, Niall Quinn, Kevin Phillips and ex-Town star Nicky Summerbee, their squad is made up of some of the best players outside the Premiership. After missing out last season in one of the most exciting play-off finals of all time Sunderland must be favourites to rejoin the top flight. Reid will undoubtedly want to avoid this experience again by winning automatic promotion, so we can expect no let up in the Rokerites performance.

## A Reason to Watch

**This is one of the big games of the season.**

A trip to the Stadium of Light is a pleasurable experience in terms of facilities, but when it comes to the football there can

be no more inhospitable place to be. It will be one of our biggest tests yet and will be a good yardstick to judge how far Swindon have come over recent months.

## The Connection

**Current Sunderland favourite Nicky Summerbee signed from Swindon the year we won promotion to the Premier League.**

In addition, Town favourite Gareth Hall was signed from Sunderland at the start of this season.

## Latest Ticket News

**1109 tickets are available for this game.**

Adults are priced at £17.00 and concessions £15.00. Please note that there are no Concession tickets available on the day of the match, these will be priced at £17.00.



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 13 FEB**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

**Oxford are in serious danger of going down this season.**

In an attempt to balance the books they have had to sell a number of their best players at budget prices. This has had a clear impact on the team and they have been struggling to find form and points of late. That said, a local derby always gets the best out of teams and you can forget form. So we have to be careful not to expect an easy game- something we'll never get at the Manor Ground.

## A Reason to Watch

**Oxford's recent financial plight has been well documented and must act as a warning to all small football clubs, but you can guarantee there will be no love lost between these two sides come kick-off.**

These games are always explosive encounters with plenty of

incident. It will be well worth making the short trip to Oxford to give the players that all-important vocal support.

## The Connection

We signed Oxford player Joey Beauchamp from West Ham, but Joey is a player that enjoys the delights of home cooking and promptly returned to his beloved Oxford United a few months later.

## Quinn's Verdict

Oxford will need to win this one if they want to start moving away from the relegation danger zone so this will be a very difficult game. People talk about how difficult it is to get a result at Sunderland, but believe me the Manor Ground is no bed of roses and the players will have to be on their toes for this local derby.

## Latest Ticket News

There are no details of availability and prices on this match as yet.



**HOME**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE**  
**SATURDAY 20 FEB**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

**Portsmouth are another one of those clubs that have faced recent financial problems.**

But this drama off the field seems to have strengthened the resolve of the fans who have backed their club to the hilt. This means the team will be determined to lift their side out of relegation danger and offer the club some chance of salvation.

On the field, they have had to sell forward Aloisi at a bargain basement price which means their side will lack the cutting edge he provided in the final third. This is a game where we should be looking to pick up three points.

## A Reason to Watch

**Both sides need the points badly so it will be a game of 100% commitment.**

Pompey have showed a lot of character in recent games so Town will have to play well.

## The Connection

**Ex-Town players now at Portsmouth include Fitzroy Simpson, Adrian Whitbread and Alan McLoughlin.**

They are also employing our ex-physio Jonathan Trigg.

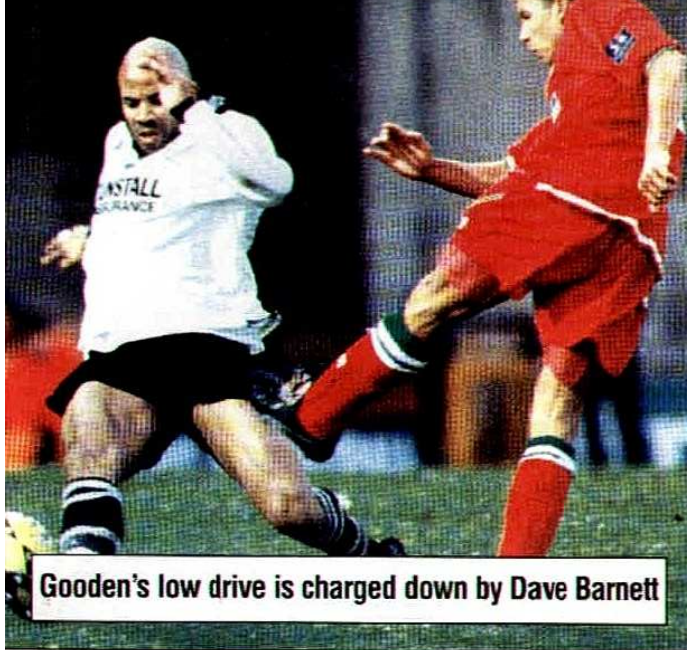
## Quinn's Verdict

**We have been working hard in training to build up fitness and strength for the run-in to the end of the season.**

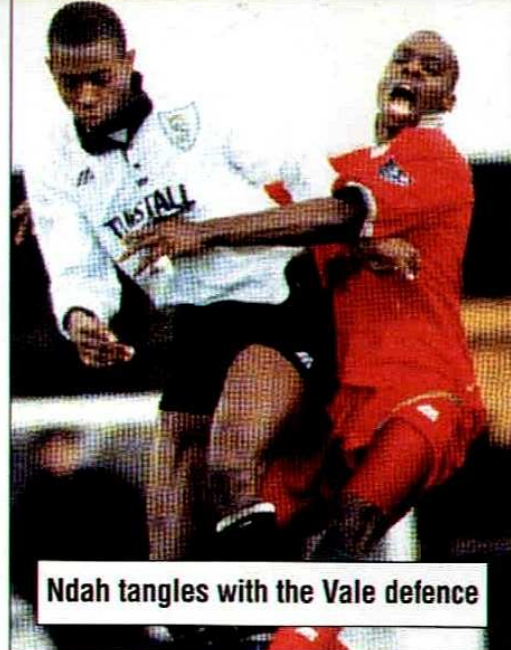
This means I don't want to see us get muscled off the ball, Pompey are a strong side so we'll have to be confident and get the ball on the deck.

## Latest Ticket News

Tickets are now on sale for this match.



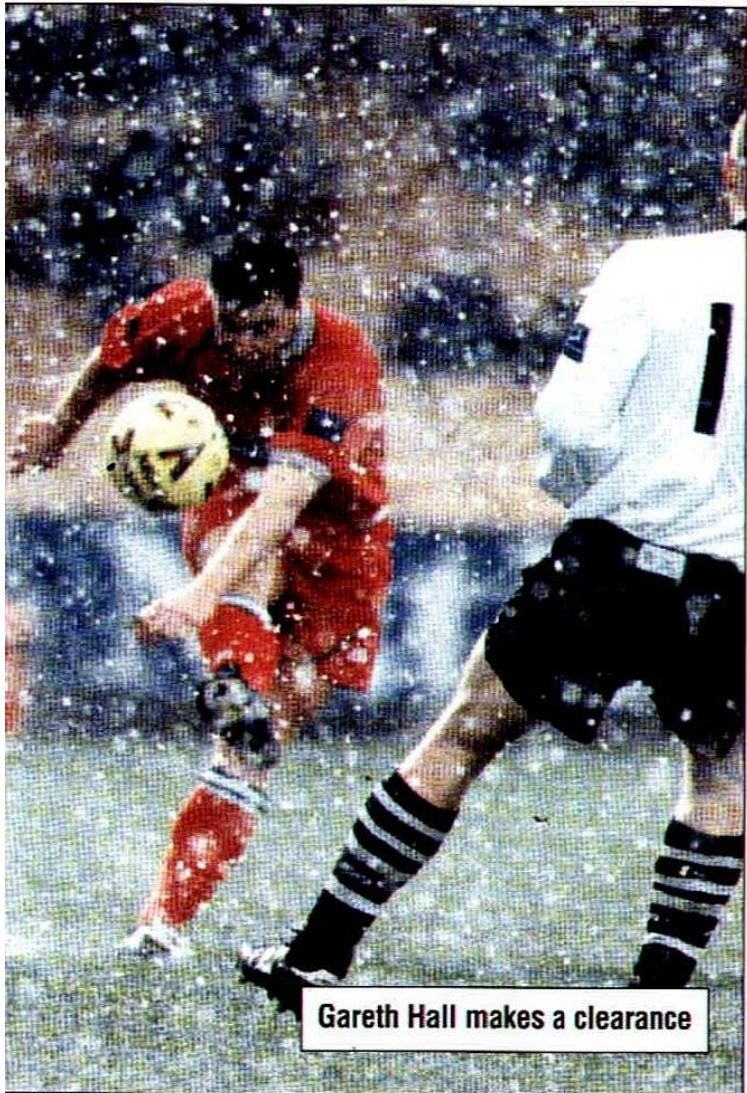
Gooden's low drive is charged down by Dave Barnett



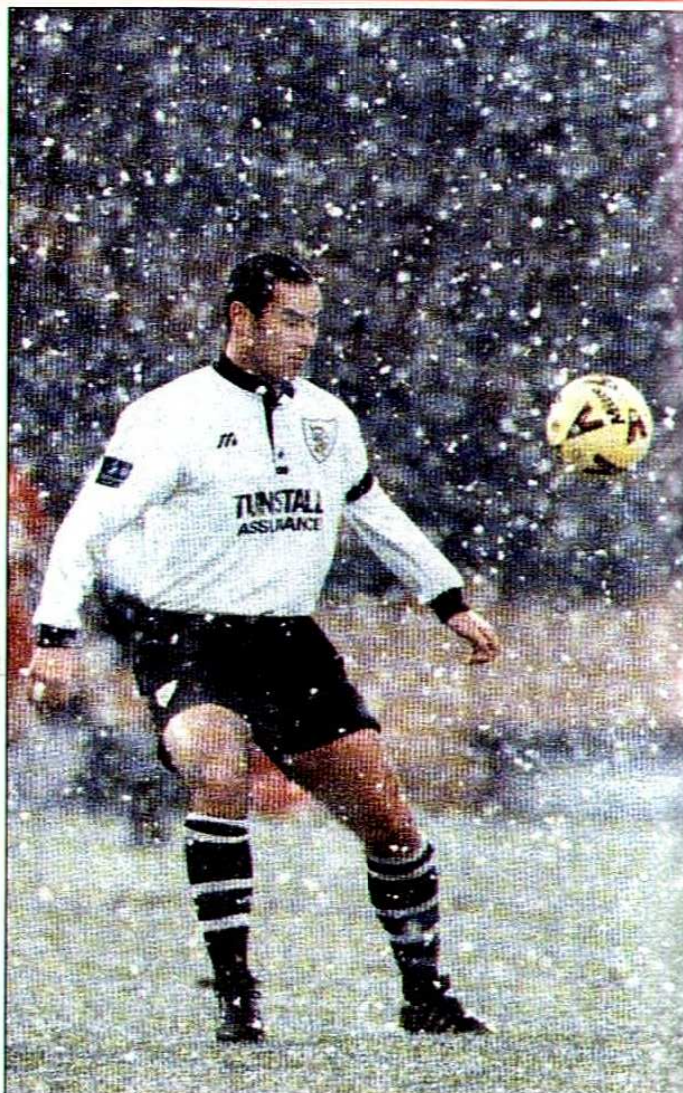
Ndah tangles with the Vale defence



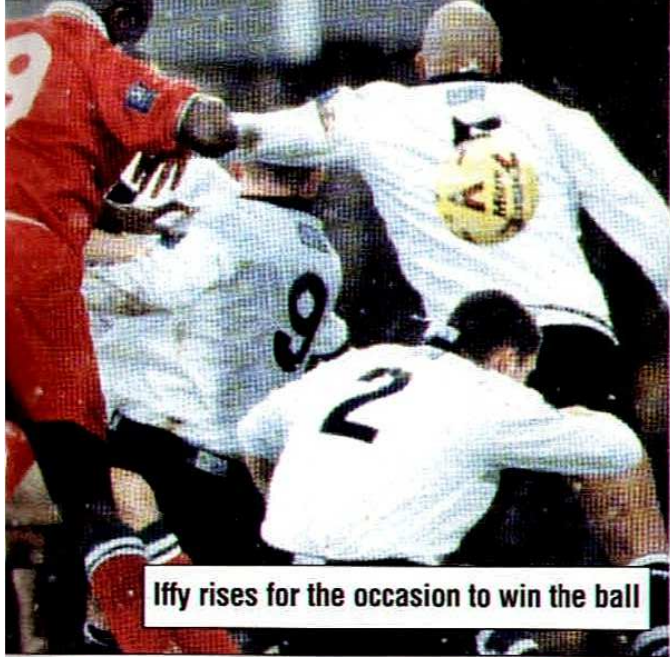
# PORT VALE 0 SWIN



Gareth Hall makes a clearance







Iffy rises for the occasion to win the ball



Spot the ball!

## TEAM LINE UP

- 1 FRANK TALIA
  - 2 MARK ROBINSON
  - 3 GARETH HALL
  - 4 SCOTT LEITCH
  - 5 CRAIG TAYLOR ★
  - 6 BRIAN BORROWS
  - 7 BOBBY HOWE
  - 8 GEORGE NDAH
  - 9 IFFY ONUORA
  - 10 TY GOODEN
  - 11 SOL DAVIS
- 
- 12 STEVE COWE (NOT USED)
  - 13 ROBIN HULBERT (ROBINSON 65)
  - 14 ALAN REEVES (NOT USED)

## MAN OF THE MATCH

### ★ CRAIG TAYLOR ★



Since his return from a loan spell with Plymouth Argyle Craig Taylor has found a new lease of life at the centre of defence. Often it is his last ditch tackle that has kept us in games home and away. But more important has been his aerial ability. Whenever a cross comes over Taylor has been there to head the ball away and frustrate opposition attackers. Long may this continue!

# HANDY HINTS

## The Rough Guide To Away Travel



**Club:** Sunderland

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At the ground

**Away supporters' entrance:**  
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**Bite to eat:**  
The only places near the ground that serves food is the kiosks in the stadium. However, we have no information about the quality of this food.

**Post-match drink:**  
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**If you get there early:**  
Why not try visiting the National Glass Centre at St Peters Campus, Sunderland.

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### OXFORD

**SATURDAY 13 FEB**  
**3.00PM KICK-OFF**

DEPART COUNTY GROUND: 12.30PM  
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### SUNDERLAND

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### OXFORD

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Wednesday Matchdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm

# New Carvery For the...



The recently refurbished  
Winners Lounge will have the  
additional bonus of a carvery on  
matchdays from today.

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***Today's menu will include:***

***Roast Pork with apple sauce meat served with roast  
potatoes and a medley of vegetables £3.95***

***Beef Madras with rice £2.95***

***Hot Roast Pork Rolls £2.50***

***Pasty £2.00***

***Assorted Filled Baguettes £2.00***

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Food will be served from 12.00noon  
Please retain your match day ticket for entrance to the Winners Lounge



# WHAT'S on at swindon



a look at what's on at the County Ground

## WINNERS LOUNGE OPEN ALL WEEK...



STFC's recently refurbished Winners Lounge is now open for business throughout the week.

The Winners Lounge was recently the venue for an evening of Jazz with hundreds of music lovers packing in to "Winners" to enjoy some of the best live musicians around.

Now anyone can enjoy the surroundings and atmosphere of "Winners" as the lounge is now open Monday to Saturday 7-11pm and Sunday, 7-10.30pm. Monday Nights is live Sky Football Night.

## PRIDE PARK VENUE FOR U21 GAME...

Swindon Town's away fixture with Watford on Friday 26th February 1999 is to be televised live by Sky Sports.

Derby County's Pride Park is the venue for the next England U21 international match on February 9 when Peter Taylor's team take on the U21 side of World Champions France.

The game will kick-off at 8.05pm-24hours before the senior England team take on France in a friendly international at Wembley. Tickets are on sale priced £10 adults and £5 concessions. Seats can be booked now on the credit card hotline on 01332 209999.

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## BRISTOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR...

There will be a Programme Fair in Bristol held on Sunday 31st January 1999.

It will take place at the Club House, Bristol Rugby Club, Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue, Filton, 11am-2pm and admission is free. For more information please call 01249 822047.

## NON-SMOKING AREA...

We would like to remind all supporters that there is still a non-smoking area available for those fans wishing to enjoy the game in a smoke free environment.

This is the green area of seats in the Arkell's Stand.

## FA YOUTH CUP REPLAY AT THE COUNTY GROUND...

The Times FA Youth Cup replay is to take place on Tuesday 2nd February 1999. Kick off is 7.00pm with entrance being charged at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Swindon Town's Youth Team did exceptionally well to battle for a draw against Everton at Goodison Park. 17 year old Danny Jeffery scored

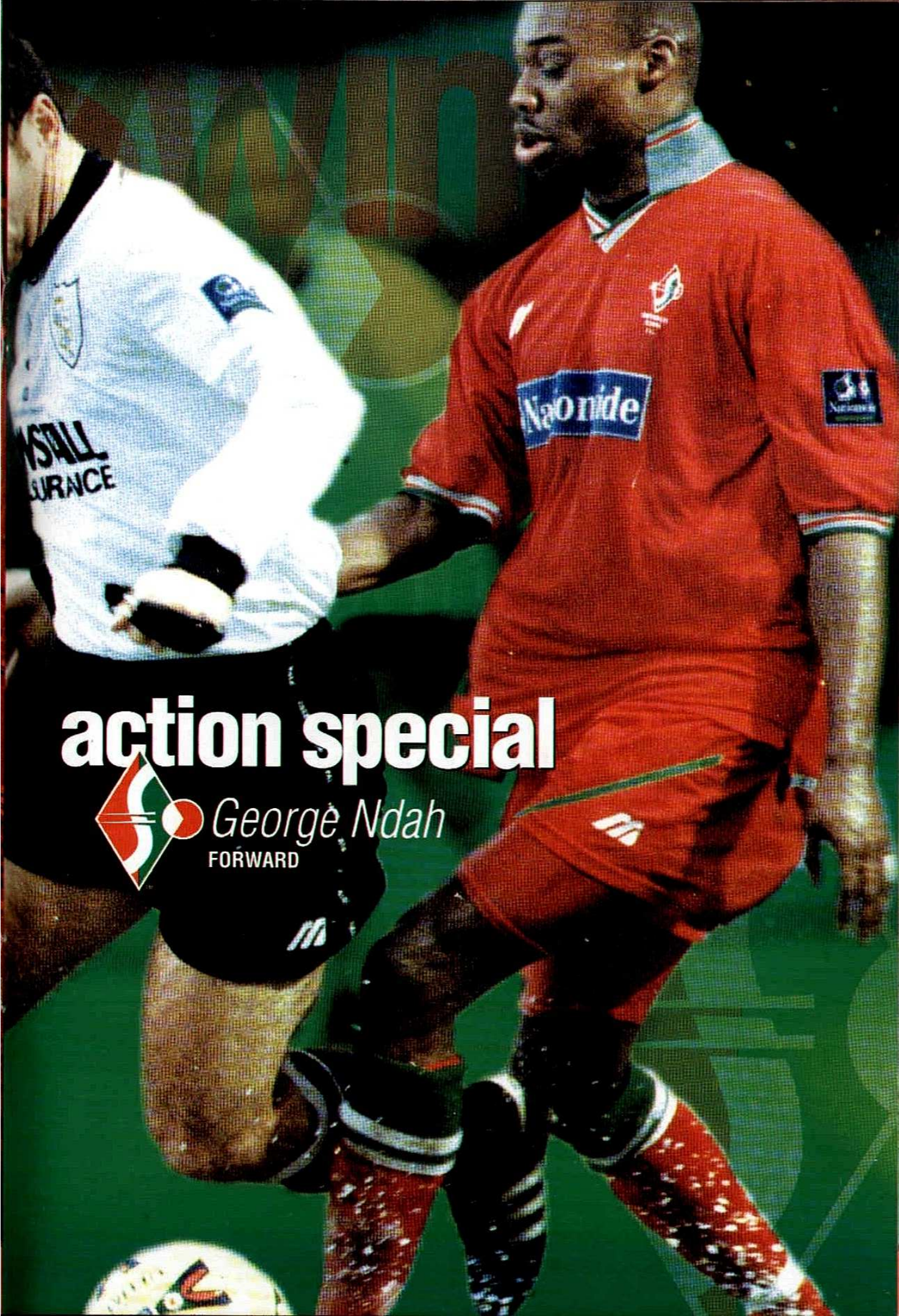
the last gasp equaliser that gave Town another chance at home.

This means that "Quinn's Babes" can continue their FA Cup run. It was only a few weeks ago that the lads travelled to Elland Road to face Leeds United as underdogs. But Frazer McHugh scored in the dying minutes to give Swindon an unexpected victory.

After drawing with Everton, a side that put Manchester United out of the cup, the team believes it can go through to the next round.

The youth team would really be boosted by plenty of home support, so why not come to the County Ground this Tuesday and support our youngsters as they try to cause an FA Cup upset!





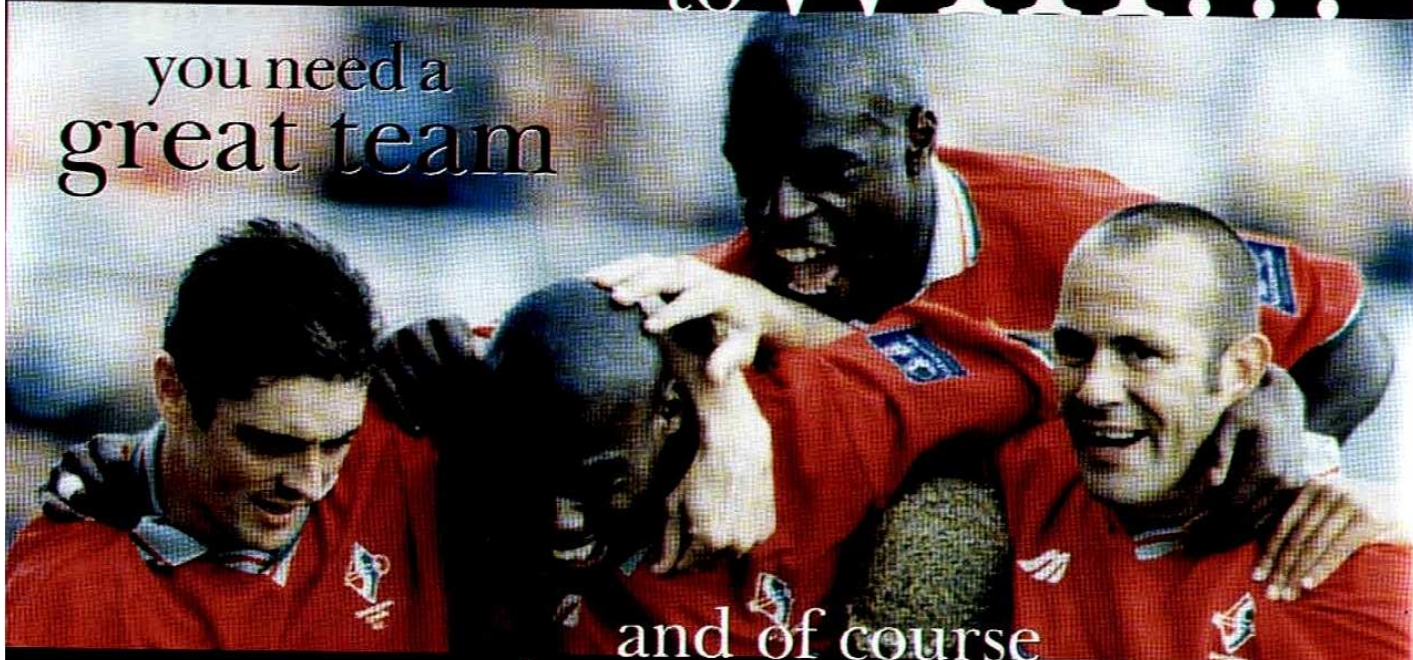
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# all around the world

By Colin Benson

**FRANCE** French football is in uproar over a penalty goal that knocked Marseille out of the League Cup. The tie, against champions Lens, went to a penalty shoot-out. Up stepped Eric Roy for Marseille who blasted his shot onto the underside of the crossbar. The referee ruled it had not crossed the line and Lens won. But the TV images and still photographs show that the ball clearly bounced down over the line and on seeing them the referee agrees it should have been a goal. Marseille are now demanding the result be scrubbed and the game be played again.

**GERMANY** Shock horror! We are told indignantly by the English press that the Germans have hatched a top secret plot with South Africa which could tear apart England's bid to host the 2006 World Cup. The scoundrels, how dare they...Germany have offered to back South Africa to stage the 2010 World Cup in return for them backing Germany to host the 2006 tournament.

The way it is reported here makes it sound scandalous. But hold on. Didn't the FA negotiate a similar deal with Germany? We asked them to back us to stage Euro 96 and in return we would support their bid for the World Cup 2006. The German Federation played their part but our Association seems to have lost the script.

Jurgen Klinsmann, has retired at the age of 34. He was contemplating resuming his career in the USA but has decided against it. The former Spurs hero and captain of Germany is very upset with his governing body however. He had hoped to stage a charity match as his official farewell but the German Soccer Federation has stopped staging such games for their long-serving internationals.

**ITALY** Lazio chalked up a sixth successive win with a 3-1 victory at Parma last weekend and are now third in Serie A and level with second placed Parma on 32 points. The goals came from a penalty by Chile striker Marcelo Salas and strikes from Roberto Mancini and Christian Vieri.

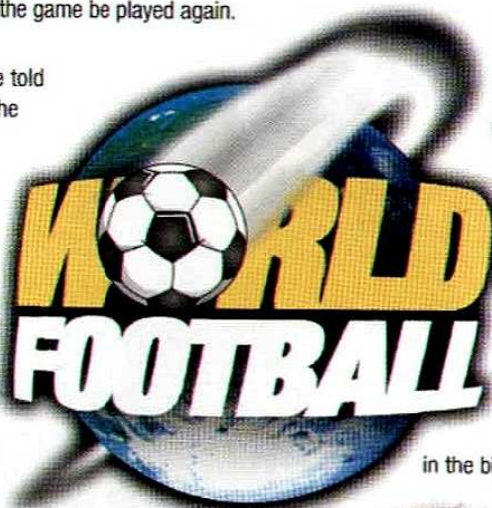
Champions Juventus are struggling in ninth place. They have been sadly short of

goals this season netting just 18 in 17 league matches and have signed French striker Thierry Henry from AS Monaco to try and rectify the problem.

**PORTUGAL** Welsh international striker Dean Saunders shot Benfica to joint top of the League with an 87th minute winner against Estrela Amadora. The Lisbon side now have 39 points, equal to Porto.

**SCOTLAND** The Premiership might be taking a winter break but not Glasgow Rangers. They are in the USA competing for the Millennium Cup where two goals from French striker Stephane Guivarch were not enough in Florida. It finished 2-2 against Brazil's Atletico Mineiro and the Scots then lost on a penalty shoot-out.

**SPAIN** Real Madrid are another big name struggling in domestic football this season. But they were boosted a fortnight ago by a 4-2 victory in the big derby game with Atletico Madrid. The man who sparked the revival was Fernando Morientes who had been relegated to the subs bench after failing to score all season. He came on in the second half and scored twice in 15 minutes. Real are now fourth, level on points with Barcelona (3rd) and three points short of leaders Celta.



**JURGEN KLINSMANN, THE FORMER SPURS HERO AND CAPTAIN OF GERMANY.**



# AXA HELPS LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM

**FA Cup sponsors AXA have come to the aid of Liden Pumas FC by kiting out the whole team in a brand new football strip.**

Club manager Mark Singers was on hand to accept the kit from Mark Walters. The kit donation is part of a nationwide

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new kit brings them good fortune this season." Manager of Liden Pumas FC Mark Singers said "The kit has come at a great time for us and we are extremely grateful to AXA for choosing us. If the lads go out on Sunday looking like a million dollars the chances are they may play like a million dollars too."



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The opening night of the Winners Jazz Club is planned for Sunday 14th February 1999.

This is Valentines night and the Club is planning to feature a varied style of jazz. Entrance to the function will be by ticket only at a cost of £7 but tickets are limited to 200. There will also be a delicious selection of hot and cold bar foods.

To buy tickets at £7 or for more information please contact Ray Butt on 01793 770929 or write to him at 33 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 9NA.



# Marketing NEWS

with Richard Mackey

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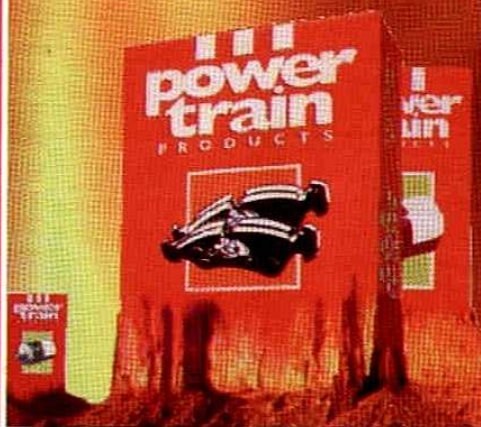
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## HAMMERS CLINCH DOUBLE DEAL

At the time of going to press West Ham has called a news conference at which they are expected to confirm the arrival of Cameroon international Marc-Vivien Foe and Italian Paolo Di Canio.

Defender Foe, who almost joined Manchester United last season before suffering a broken leg, is likely to cost around £3.5m. Striker Di Canio has not played a competitive game since pushing over referee Paul Alcock during Sheffield Wednesday's game with Arsenal last September. He was banned for 11 matches by the Football Association and then returned to Italy, where he has since remained for treatment for stress and depression.

It appears Wednesday are willing to cut their losses by agreeing a fee of around £1.7m with West Ham, a loss of almost £3m on a player they signed from Celtic. Hammers boss Harry Redknapp has cash to spend following the £7.5million sale of John Hartson to Wimbledon but investing in Di Canio still represents a risk. But Redknapp said: "It's important with John's money that I strengthen the team in maybe four areas to have a stronger squad. If I get the players I want, people will say it was money well spent." He is also reported to be interested in signing Liverpool full-back Rob Jones.

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## ROUND-UP

### JUNINHO SET TO QUIT MADRID

Former Middlesbrough star Juninho looks set to return to England from Atletico Madrid after coach Arrigo Sacchi admitted the midfielder does not feature in his first-team plans.

Both Boro and Aston Villa have expressed an interest in signing the Brazilian. And after the 2-1 win which knocked Celta Vigo off the top of the Primera Liga in Spain and lifted Atletico to fourth, Sacchi said: "He (Juninho) does not have his place in the team because he is an attacking midfielder and his place is already occupied by Juan Carlos Valeron. "I must help Juninho, he's a player I rate and appreciate. But I have two great attacking midfielders, Valeron and Juninho, and when I play them together it doesn't work. I have spoken frankly with him and there he understands the situation, we will resolve it one way or another."



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ASTON VILLA	22	12	7	3	34	20	43
MAN UTD	22	11	8	3	49	26	41
ARSENAL	22	10	9	3	23	11	39
LEEDS	22	9	9	4	36	20	36
LIVERPOOL	22	10	5	7	43	26	35
WIMBLEDON	22	9	7	6	29	33	34
WEST HAM	22	9	5	8	25	31	34
MIDDLESBROUGH	22	7	10	5	32	28	31
DERBY CO.	22	7	10	5	22	20	31
TOTTENHAM	22	7	8	7	28	30	29
LEICESTER	22	7	8	7	25	27	29
SHEFF WED	22	7	5	10	25	22	26
NEWCASTLE	22	6	7	9	26	31	25
EVERTON	22	5	9	8	30	24	24
BLACKBURN	22	5	6	11	21	29	21
COVENTRY	22	5	5	12	21	31	20
CHARLTON	22	3	8	11	26	36	17
SOUTHAMPTON	22	4	5	13	20	46	17
NOTT'M FOREST	22	2	7	13	18	41	13

## ROVERS MOVE FOR MCAATEER

Brian Kidd's Blackburn Rovers are hoping to sign Jason McAteer from Liverpool.



Blackburn are hoping to sign Republic of Ireland international Jason McAteer from Liverpool for £4m. The 27-year-old, who can play in midfield or at wing-back, will be Brian Kidd's fourth major signing since taking over at Ewood Park. Chief executive John Williams said: "We have agreed a fee with Liverpool and will now be holding talks with Jason and his representatives."

If there are no hitches, McAteer could sign in time to play against Tottenham on Saturday.

He began his professional career with Bolton after making a name in non-league football with Marine and made more than 100 appearances before moving to Liverpool. Kidd has already spent more than £10million in recruiting Keith Gillespie, Ashley Ward and Matt Jansen.

Sherwood on his way Tim Sherwood's days at Blackburn appear to be numbered after he rejected the club's final contract offer. The Rovers skipper turned down the club's improved terms at a meeting on Tuesday and officials are adamant they will not be putting any more money on the table.

Blackburn chief executive John Williams said: "We had a meeting with Tim last night, but he was unable to agree to our offer. "We wants improved terms, even though our offer is a clear improvement on his existing contract. "It's most disappointing, but we cannot go any further with our offer."

Sherwood, 29, has three-and-a-half years to run on his current deal, but Rovers may be prepared to let him go if the right offer comes in. Williams said: "I can't speculate about what happens next and the position is he is under contract with us." Sherwood had been linked with a move to Tottenham at the start of the season, but he will not face them on Saturday because he is suspended.



## QUICK QUIZ?

1. Which club plays at the Underhill Stadium?
2. Which club plays their home games at Dean Court?
3. Which club plays at Twerton Park?
4. What is the name of Bury's stadium?
5. Which team plays at Ninian Park?
6. Who plays their home games at Brunton Park?
7. Whose Club's ground was the first to go all-seater in England?
8. Which club used to have a stand called the 'Jungle'?
9. Who plays at the Abbey Stadium?
10. Which Scottish Club's ground means 'Hill of Dung'?

ANSWERS: 1. Barnet 2. Bourmouh 3. Bristol Rovers  
4. Preston in 1885 5. Cardiff 6. Cardiff 7. Coventry  
8. Celtic 9. Cambridge 10. Pittodrie (Aberdeen)

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# It's Your Call

## HTV Football Commentator Phil Duffell

**Of all the questions I'm asked about covering football matches, among the most common is: Why doesn't soccer introduce new technology to help referees make the right decisions?**

It's true that match officials are under the microscope like never before with an array of camera angles and the use of super-slow motion replays to highlight any errors made during the course of a game.

It's also true that because of the vast amount of money at the top end of English football, a wrong verdict towards the end of a season can cost clubs millions of pounds.

Given such a weight of responsibility, surely the referee should be afforded every possible assistance in getting the job done correctly?

The solution seems simple...cameras around the ground capture any controversial incident, play is then suspended while an official in the stand studies the replay before delivering his decision via an intercom to the man taking charge in the middle.

Sounds good in theory, but would it work in practice?

Alas, I think not - at least not as well as most people would hope.

The best example to illustrate my misgivings is the "goal" which is disallowed for offside.

As offsides can occur anywhere in the opponents' half, it is unlikely that a camera would be perfectly positioned - dead level with the last defender - to ensure a correct decision.

A further complication is the fact that the all-important pass may have travelled some 50 yards or so - and it's the moment the ball is played that matters - so the pictures may not tell the whole story.

As a commentator, I have the additional benefit of a monitor in front of me - and yet there are many times when the pictures are inconclusive...exactly the problem that would face a fourth official.

Worse still, there's the human factor - even with a selection of camera angles and a clearly defined white line to aid him, the third umpire in the Fifth Ashes Test somehow contrived to give Michael Slater not out, when everyone else could see he was just short of his ground!

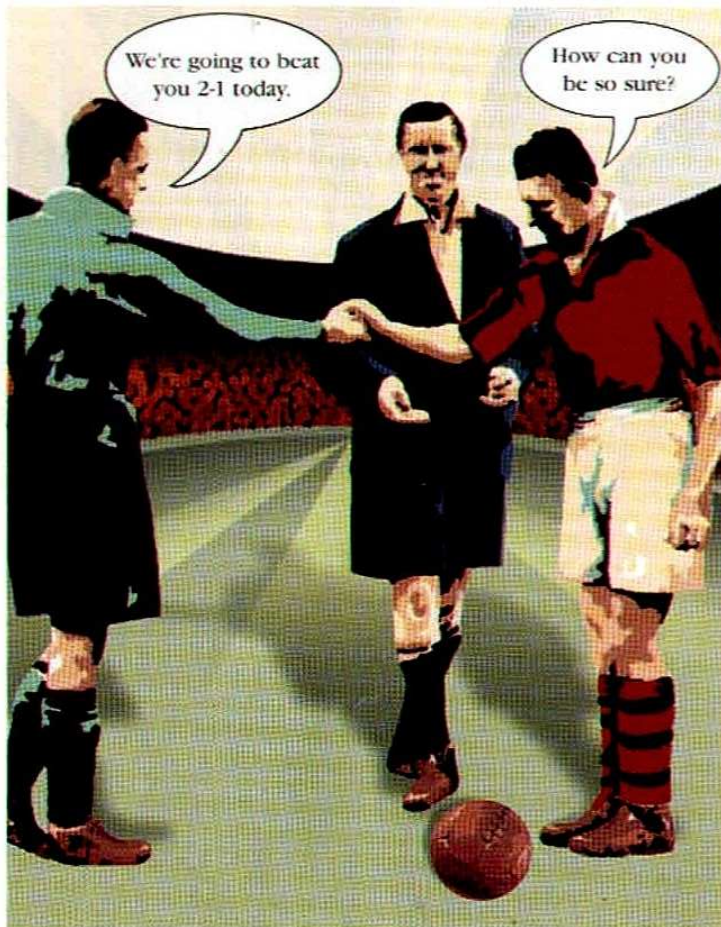
The bottom line is that there is no guarantee of getting the right decision 100 per cent of the time.

So I say let the game continue with the man in the middle - rightly or wrongly - acting as the sole arbiter.

I don't believe referees are making more mistakes than they used to - it's just that errors are more likely to be picked up now with the intense scrutiny of the game.

It sounds like hearsay I know, but supporters up and down the land would do well to remember that England effectively won the 1966 World Cup with one of the dodgiest decisions in the history of the game.

I'm sorry Geoff, but that shot of yours never crossed the line...and we should all be thankful that there was no extra official armed with incontrovertible video evidence to deny Sir Alf's boys providing this country's finest ever moment in football!



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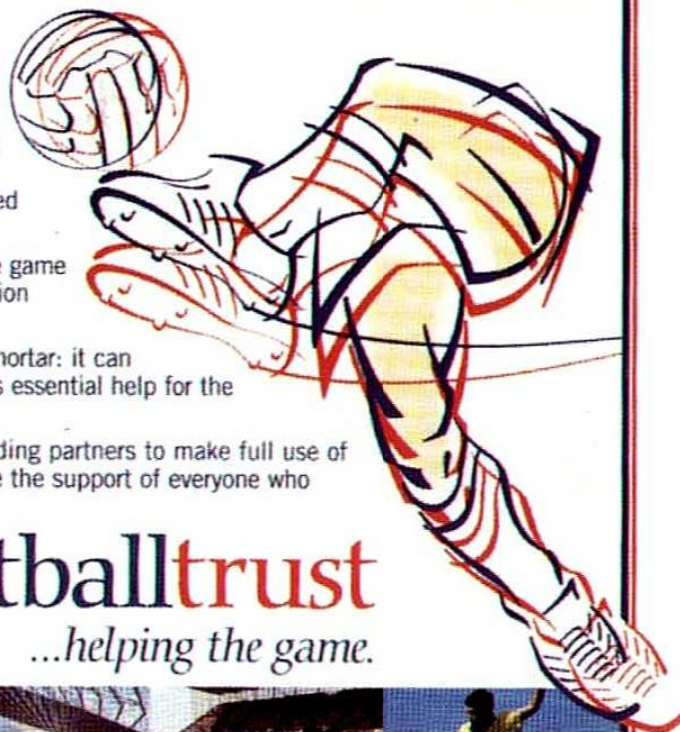
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# SWINDON TOWN Ladies



by Roger Reeves

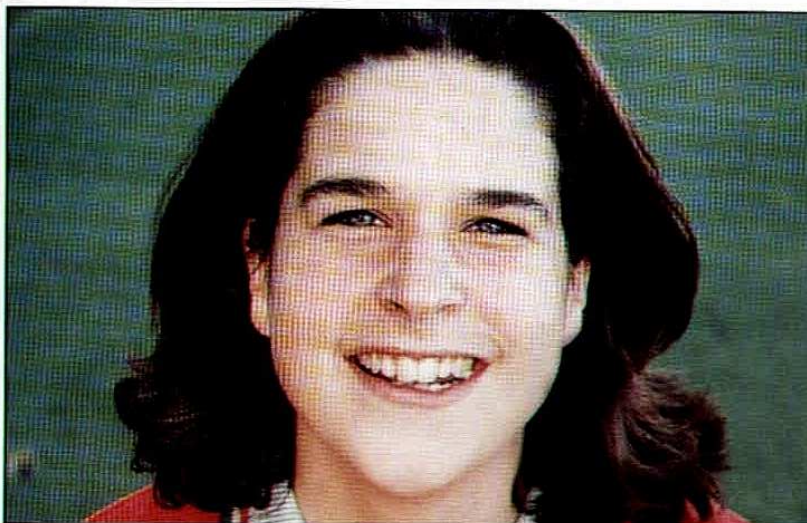
The Town Ladies have not had a league fixture since the end of November and have dropped to fourth place.

A Christmas two week break, cup ties and postponements due to weather, have all contributed to the Town's lack of progress through their league fixtures. The Town reserves have also been out of action for several weeks although they did play a friendly against Alton Town, from the Southern Region Southern Division, and won by four goals to one with two goals from Michele Rich and a goal Hayley Huckin, plus an own goal.

The Town won the Southern Region Five-a-side tournament held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth.

The Town beat Denham United by three goals to one in the final to qualify for the National Finals to be held at the Aston Villa Sports Centre, Birmingham in June. Ten teams took part in the event and the Town topped their group to get through to the final with four straight wins. The Town's squad was Anne Nichols, Leanne Taylor, Holly Ashman, Kim Reeves, Clare Tyson, Clare Wheeler and Adele Taylor. Kim Reeves finished top scorer with ten goals.

Tomorrow both teams play at home. The first team entertain Portsmouth in a South West Combination League match. Games against Pompey have always been close encounters. Last season the Town lost the home game 2-1 but turned the tables in the away fixture winning by the same score. In October the two sides met at the United Services Ground Portsmouth and shared four goals. The Reserves have a home game against Tring Town. In the first game of the season the sides drew four apiece. Both games will be played on the County Ground Extension and kick-off at 2.00pm.



KIM REEVES finished top scorer with ten goals.

## 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	7-1
Sun 27th SEPT	(FAC 1) Newport	2-1
Sun 4th OCT	Portsmouth	2-2
Sun 18th OCT	Swindon Spitfires	6-0
SUN 25TH OCT	CHELLENHAM	6-0
Sun 1st NOV	(FAC 2) S Coast Rangers	4-1
Sun 8th NOV	Bath City	6-1
SUN 15TH NOV	BRISTOL CITY	4-1
Sun 22nd NOV	Saltash Pilgrims	3-4
Sun 29th NOV	Cardiff County	0-1
Sun 13th DEC	(FAC 3) Bristol Rovers	2-4
SUN 17TH JAN	SALTASH PILGRIMS	H
Sun 24th Jan	Sherbourne	A
SUN 31ST JAN	PORTMOUTH	H
Sun 7th Feb	Denham United	A
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
SUN 21ST FEB	DENHAM UNITED	H
Sun 28th Feb	Cheltenham	A
SUN 7TH MAR	BATH CITY	H
Sun 14th Mar	Bristol City	A
SUN 28TH MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	H
SUN 4TH APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sun 18th APR	(League Cup) BATH CITY	H

## FIXTURES 98/99

### Southern Region League Northern Division

Sun 6th Sept	Tring Town	4-4
Sun 20th Sept	Witney Town	2-1
Sun 4th Oct	Risborough Rovers	1-9
SUN 25TH OCT	CHESHAM UNITED	5-3
Sun 1st Nov	Bushey Rangers	POST
SUN 15TH NOV	NEWPORT P. UTD	2-1
Sun 22nd Nov	Oxford Utd (LCR1)	1-4
Sun 29th Nov	Oxford United	POST
SUN 13TH DEC	RISBOROUGH R.	0-7
Sun 10th Jan	Chesham United	POST
SUN 24TH JAN	BUSHEY RANGERS	POST
SUN 31ST JAN	TRING TOWN	H
Sun 7th Feb	Newport Pagnell Utd	A
SUN 28TH FEB	OXFORD UTD	H
SUN 7TH MAR	WITNEY TOWN	H

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## BRUCE WANTS CUP BONUS

Steve Bruce admits that his Sheffield United managerial career is still in its infancy after just six months.



But the Blades player-boss insists that he does not need to dangle any kind of carrot before his players with FA Cup games. Bruce had to bite his nails in the third round replay at Notts County where goals from David Holdsworth and Marcelo in the last five minutes saved the day for the Blades before the Brazilian struck in extra time to seal the game 4-3. But this time around, Bruce doubts there will be any need for pep talks before the game. "There is no bigger incentive for our players than a trip to Arsenal in the fifth round," Bruce said. "Some of the players here have never been near Highbury.

It will be a great opportunity for them to play against the Double winners. "I am very new at managing and have only been doing the job for about six months. You are learning all the time what to expect but I'm enjoying it and that's what counts. "Team talks are much the same for any game so I won't be any different against Cardiff as I am for any other match. "You can never tell and that is why the British public love the intrigue of the FA Cup - that is why we all enjoy watching and playing in it.

"I haven't seen Cardiff for myself but we have had them watched twice by our scout. So we know what they are all about. "The FA Cup is all about shocks and I'm sure on Monday night, unless you were a Chelsea fan, all the nation was rooting for Oxford. "So we are fully aware of what it is all about. "Now Bruce is happy that his side despatched the Bluebirds in the first game to prevent any repeat of the Meadow Lane experience over a week ago and save his players a fixture backlog which could seriously affect their First Division play-off hopes. "Ideally, we could have done with a few more days, but that's part and parcel of football. We are used to playing three games in the space of a week. We just have to focus on our jobs and go for victory."

games a week," Bruce said. "The only difference was that it was a big heavy pitch at Notts County and we played for 120 minutes, not 90. "So it was a bit tiring but I am sure they will have recovered and be up for it against Cardiff."



## NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

### REID HAILS OLD PAL COTTEE

Tony Cottee was praised by Sunderland boss Peter Reid after his double strike against the Mackems took Leicester to the brink of their second League Cup final in three seasons.



Cottee is 33 and a former Everton team-mate of Sunderland manager Peter Reid from a decade ago, but he showed he has lost little of his sharpness in front of goal. Reid admitted: "I know all about Tony from the late 1980s when we were at Everton and he has scored goals all through his career. It was a great finish and gave our keeper no chance. It's difficult to mark him when he's in the mood. He's a top finisher and poacher." Reid rued the lack of finishing power from Niall Quinn and Kevin Phillips, who both squandered inviting first-half opportunities. The Sunderland chief said: "They were terrific chances and you must stick them away against any opposition. "I was told we had 16 shots but it doesn't matter if you have 16 or 36 shots if you don't put the ball in the net. But we're still in it and our goal has given us a lifeline."

## TODD PLAYS DOWN SWAP RUMOURS

Bolton manager Colin Todd has played down reports linking transfer-listed striker Arnar Gunnlaugsson with a swap deal for Sheffield Wednesday's Jon Newsome.



The Owls' defender impressed when on loan at the Reebok Stadium but Todd is in no hurry to let his top scorer go. He said: "Arnar will remain an important part of our promotion push for as long as he is with the club."

### Nationwide Division One Fixtures 30/1/99

BOLTON	vs	NORWICH
CREWE	vs	SHEFF UTD
HUDDERSFIELD	vs	BRISTOL CITY
IPSWICH	vs	PORT VALE
OXFORD	vs	BARNLEY
Q.P.R.	vs	PORTSMOUTH
STOCKPORT	vs	WOLVES
SWINDON	vs	BURY
TRANMERE	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
WATFORD	vs	SUNDERLAND
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STOCKPORT	28	6	12	10	33	37	30
BURY	28	7	9	12	26	38	30
PORTSMOUTH	28	7	8	13	35	44	29
BRISTOL CITY	28	5	10	13	38	55	25
OXFORD	28	6	7	15	29	51	25
PORT VALE	28	7	4	17	29	52	25
CREWE	28	5	6	17	31	58	21

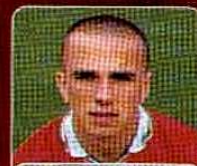
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**This is my 1st year of management and I've loved every minute of it so far.**

To be fair it's a lot more demanding than I'd have imagined. There's a hell of a lot of work involved, especially at youth level. As manager you're in early to finalise preparations, looking after all the players, and I have two different sessions a day for all the YTs. On top of that there's the admin side of it which I've learned so much about, like monitoring the progress of the individual players. This has to be done for all 3 youth teams.

I've got so involved in all the work that I hardly miss playing myself. This is the 1st season since I was a lad that I've not been a pro or semi-pro, but I haven't had that urge to get out there myself. Some managers do, but then I've always been fitter than the gaffer so it doesn't worry

me! I can also show a clean pair of heels to these YTs. They can struggle to keep up with me, and fortunately I've always been that way and looked after myself. I've got nothing to prove - my day as a player has gone, but if I can still have that attitude where I train hard and work on my fitness, hopefully that might spur a few of the young lads on, the fact that I'm still pushing myself as manager.

I've been fortunate to play under a lot of good managers. One very important one for me has got to be Glenn Hoddle. I think he was a shining example, and trained really hard, although some people might not think that. He always had players working very hard in training. He was fortunate enough to have a very good coach in John Gorman, and I picked up a lot of the sessions I do off him. I've been influenced by John and the likes of Colin Lee and they all started off as youth

team managers. You just hope you can bring all that to bear on a game like the FA Youth Cup against Everton. I see where they have a few weaknesses and if we go with our game plan there's no reason why we shouldn't beat them in the replay at the County on Tuesday.



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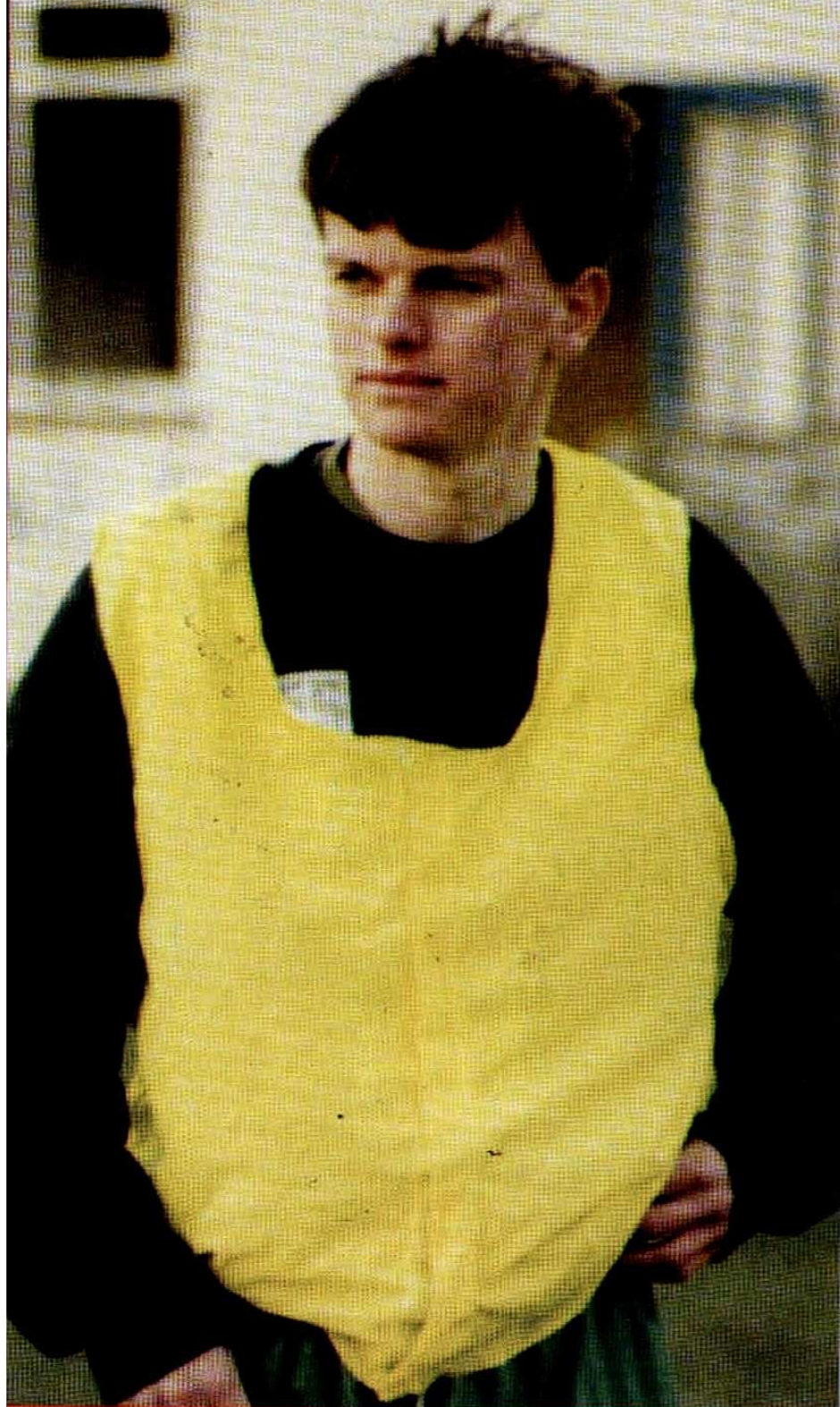
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**FORTY THREE**

# FA YOUTH CUP SPECIAL



**Q.** It's been a bit of bumpy ride for the youths this season, hasn't it?

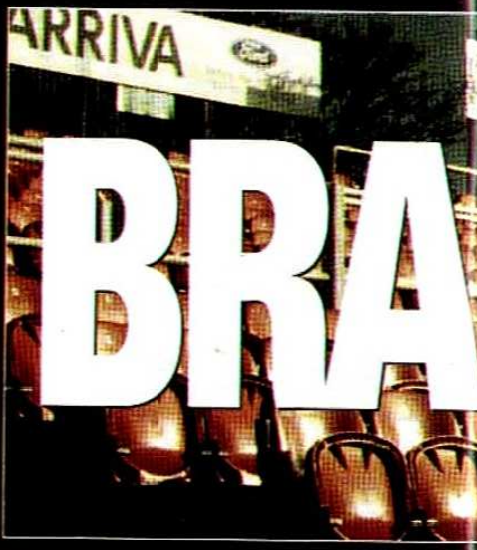
**A.** Oh yeah, it was a very bad start, you know. I don't know how many games it took us to get going, but now it's getting good and we're all enjoying it. We were bottom at one stage, but we've picked up since then and are around the mid-table mark now. We had a few good wins and put a run together.

**Q.** That's parallel to your season, as you had injuries at the start of the season.

**A.** Yeah, there were quite a few injuries about and the manager had to draft in the Under 16s. Now though we've got a side that's been playing week in week out together more or less. I myself was injured for about a month, but now I'm fine again, touch wood.

**Q.** And you've climbed your way into the reserves - how does that feel?

I've been constantly on the fringes of the reserves all season, with a few appearances alongside the 1st teamers. People like David Kerlake have come back from injury now and have pushed me out of it. At the start of the season I was really involved. I played 6 or 7 games on the trot and played quite well. Around 1/2 way through the season I went off a bit, but now I'm getting sharper and have been in the squad for 2 games running after Christmas.



**Q. How have the youths been mixing in with the 1st team this season?**

A. We've been mixing a bit more this season, especially with the pro's who aren't playing in the next game, like Peter Holcroft and Phil King. When you train with the 1st team they're quick to tell you if your head's going down, or whatever. They tell you you're doing alright and encourage you, and sometimes that's what you need, really.

**Q. Who do you look up to either in our 1st team or elsewhere?**

A. In our Club it'd have to be Wally [Mark Walters], Mark Robinson and David Kerslake, 'cause they play in my positions. I haven't really got any idols though. I have never modelled myself on anyone, not even as a kid. To be honest, I never even liked football then - I was more into motorbikes and things like that because my dad was a motorcross rider.

**Q. How would you describe your own style of play?**

A. I like attacking more than defending. I've got quite a bit of pace, so I like to run at people and taking them on. Tom [Jones] said I was a little nippy, aggressive player who likes to stick his foot in.

**Q. You're now the longest-serving Swindon Youth player. How did you reach this standard of football?**

A. I just started playing for the school team, and I just got better. I never really supported any football team until I was 12 years old. I was at Yeovil Centre of Excellence first, then I was spotted by a Swindon scout called Adrian Riderford. He brought me in and I've been here ever since.

**Q. And after all that, this is your big year...**

A. Yeah, this is it, the final year. We have another 5 months on our contract, unless they get rid of me before then! It's a bit nerve-racking 'cause I don't know what to do after. If I was released I'd have to look at finding somewhere at some other Club, which I've never done, so I don't know how to go about it. But I'd love to stay here, so we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

**Q. Have you been told when the decision will be made?**

A. I think it'll be in the next month, so a few of the lads are saying. No one has any idea what they're gonna be told. Hopefully it'll be alright.

**Q. How does being a 2nd year compare to being a fresher?**

A. Hah, you're no longer ordered about by the older YT's, "Do this! Do that!" It's another weight off your shoulders. I think our year has got a good relationship with the 1st years. Quite a few of them are...what's the word I'm looking for...promising - and annoying, especially that Lee Martin! Actually, all the rest are fine, it's just him!



**Bradley Peters**

### FACT FILE

**Did you ever feel your career had gone pear-shaped?**

Well, come back and ask me that in June!

**Best dressed YT?**

Sam Campagna. He likes his clothes, Sam.

**Worst dressed YT?**

Fraser McHugh

**You house is on fire, what is the first material possession you rescue?**

I'd rescue 1st trophy I won when I was about twelve, and it was bigger than me! It was for Player of the Year in the Don Head United team.

**Sum up Bradley Peters in three words?**

Focussed, Versatile, Ambitious



## the swindon fact files

## the key:

FAC = F.A. CUP  
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat Aug 08	Sheffield United A	1-2	15,937	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED AUG 12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1) H	2-1	4,682	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 15	SUNDERLAND H	1-1	10,207	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Aug 18	Wycombe W. WC1 (2) A	0-2	2,478	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton W. A	0-1	21,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 29	PORT VALE H	1-1	7,800	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Mon Aug 31	Bury A	0-3	4,513	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 05	BRISTOL CITY* H	3-2	8,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED SEPT 09	OXFORD UNITED* H	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	2-3	7,961	TALIA	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
FRI OCT 09	HUDDERSFIELD T. H	3-0	8,316	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Oct 17	Ipswich Town A	0-1	13,212	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Oct 20	Birmingham City A	1-1	19,485	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 24	W.B.A. H	2-2	8,967	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS H	3-1	8,500	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 07	Crewe Alexandra A	2-0	4,469	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	HULBERT
Sat Nov 14	Bradford City A	0-3	14,897	TALIA	TAYLOR	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT NOV 21	CRYSTAL PALACE H	2-0	11,718	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 28	Grimsby Town A	0-1	8,657	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2) H	1-1	9,262	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 12	BRADFORD CITY H	1-4	7,447	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Dec 19	Barnsley A	3-1	15,342	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	HULBERT	HOWE
SAT DEC 26	WOLVERHAMPTON W. H	1-0	11,627	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	BORROWS	NDAH
Mon Dec 28	Bristol City A	1-3	16,257	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	NDAH	WALTERS
Sat Jan 02	Barnsley (FA C3) H	0-0	8,016	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	HULBERT	TAYLOR	HOWE	WALTERS
SAT JAN 09	SHEFFIELD UNITED H	2-2	7,583	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Sat Jan 16	Port Vale A	1-0	5,405	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Tue Jan 19	Barnsley (FA C3) Replay A	1-3	10,510	TALIA	HULBERT	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT JAN 23	(FA.C4) H									
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.C5) 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	BARNLSLEY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

### THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	16
GEORGE NDAH	10
MARK WALTERS	9
GARETH HALL	2
DARREN BULLOCK	1

### THIS SEASON'S TOP GATES

SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOV VS CRYSTAL PALACE	11,718
SAT 26 <sup>TH</sup> DEC VS WOLVES	11,627
SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup> AUG VS SUNDERLAND	10,207
SAT 5 <sup>TH</sup> DEC VS NORWICH CITY	9,262

### LAST FOUR GAMES

BARNLSLEY (FA CUP 3 REPLAY) A	LOST 3-1
PORT VALE A	WON 1-0
SHEFFIELD UTD H	DREW 2-2
BARNLSLEY (FA CUP 3) H	DREW 0-0

# FRONT COVER PHOTO... IFFY ONUORA



**PLAYER IN RED DENOTES SCORER**      **NUMBER IN BRACKETS DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED ( )**

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	NDAH	DAVIS (8)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	NDAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NDAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ONUORA(8)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HULBERT(4)	COWE	DAVIS(6)
NDAH (2)	ONUORA (2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON	WILLIS	WATSON
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON(10)	COWE	WILLIS
NDAH	COWE	BULLOCK	GOODEN	TAYLOR	HOWE	WATSON
NDAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(9)
COWE	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HOWE(8)	ONUORA(9)	WATSON
WILLIS	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	BULLOCK	HALL	CUERVO(10)
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WATSON	ONUORA	NDAH	DAVIS	HAY	HULBERT(6)	BULLOCK(2)
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HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(7)	REEVES	WALTERS(4)
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(9)	REEVES	COWE(8)
HAY	NDAH	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE(8)	ONUORA(7)	NOT USED
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NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	COWE	HULBERT(2)	REEVES
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WALTERS(11)	WATSON(7)	COWE(6)

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WEST BROM	29	13	6	10	52	44	45
NORWICH	27	11	9	7	43	37	42
HUDDERSFIELD	28	12	6	10	40	45	42
WOLVES	28	11	8	9	37	28	41
SHEFF UTD	28	10	8	10	42	46	38
BARNLEY	28	9	10	9	37	35	37
CRYSTAL PALACE	28	9	8	11	40	48	35
SWINDON	28	9	7	12	39	45	34
TRANMERE	28	6	13	9	34	40	31
QPR	28	8	7	13	31	38	31
STOCKPORT	28	6	12	10	33	37	30
BURY	28	7	9	12	26	38	30
PORTSMOUTH	28	7	8	13	35	44	29
BRISTOL CITY	28	5	10	13	38	55	25
OXFORD	28	6	7	15	29	51	25
PORT VALE	28	7	4	17	29	52	25
CREWE	28	5	6	17	31	58	21

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 98/99

Player Name:	LEAGUE	W.C.	FAC.	Gls.
	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	
BRIAN BORROWS	26	1	1	0
DARREN BULLOCK	18(5)	1	1	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	0	(1)	0	0
LEE COLLINS	0	0	0	0
STEVE COWE	2(2)	0	(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	2(4)	0	0	0
SOL DAVIS	17(1)	0	1	0
NEALE FENN	3	1	0	0
JIMMY GLASS	1	1	0	0
TY GOODEN	23	1	2	1
GARETH HALL	26	1	2	2
CHRIS HAY	6(5)	1	1	1
BOBBY HOWE	3(2)	0	2	0
ROBIN HULBERT	5(6)	0	2	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	7	0	0	0
SCOTT LEITCH	15(1)	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	0	0	0	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0	0	0	0
GEORGE NDAH	22(1)	0	2	10
IFEM ONUORA	25(2)	1	1(1)	16
ALAN REEVES	16	(1)	0	1
MARK ROBINSON	21(1)	1	1	0
FRANK TALIA	27	1	2	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	6(2)	0	2	0
MARK WALTERS	24(2)	1	1(1)	9
KEVIN WATSON	7(6)	(1)	(1)	0
ADAM WILLIS	9	0	0	0

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# MATCH..... STATS



## the officials

Referee:

**Mr S. Bennett**

Steve is 37 year old teacher who is married with one daughter. He started refereeing in 1984 and progressed to the National Referees List in 1995. His hobbies include golf, cricket and computing.

Assistant Referees:

**Mr P. Armstrong** (red trim)

**Mr B. Baker** (yellow/red)

## match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance

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# TODAY'S TEAMS.....



FRANK TALIA	1	DEAN KIELY
MARK ROBINSON	2	ANDY WOODHOUSE
GARETH HALL	3	PAUL WILLIAMS
ROBIN HULBERT	4	NICK DAWS
CRAIG TAYLOR	5	CHRIS LUCKETTI
BOBBY HOWE	6	DEAN WEST
MARK WALTERS	7	CHRIS SWAILES
CHRIS HAY	8	NIGEL JEMSON
GEORGE NDAH	9	LUTEL JAMES
DARREN BULLOCK	10	LENNIE JOHNROSE
TY GOODEN	11	CHRIS BILLY
STEVE COWE	12	TONY ELLIS
IFEM ONUORA	13	ANDY PREECE
KEVIN WATSON	14	RYAN SOUTER
TEAM MANAGER JIM QUINN		TEAM MANAGER NEIL WARNOCK



This should be a real midfield battle. Leitch is well known for his tackling and passing ability while Johnrose will be looking to get forward and attack.



**NEXT HOME MATCH...**

Sat 20th February 1999

Nationwide League Div One

3.00pm kick off VS **PORTSMOUTH**