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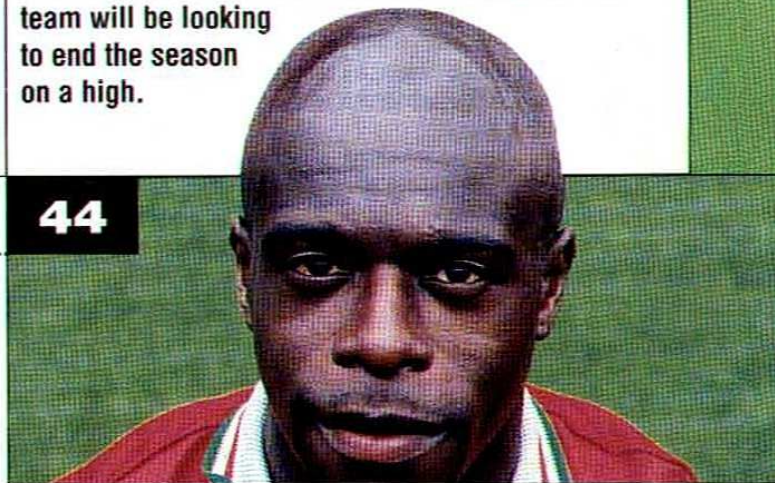
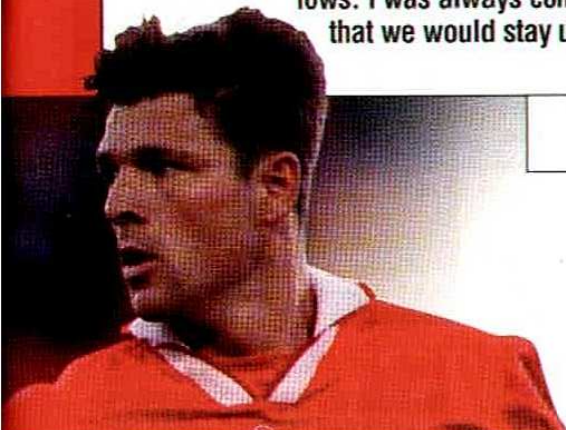
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Welcome to the county ground



Good afternoon and a warm welcome for today's match against Barnsley.

This will be our final home match of the 1998/99 season.

The last time we were here at the County Ground, Swindon made sure of their place in the First Division with a much-needed win against Grimsby. We picked up our first win of the year at home and in the process guaranteed another year in the First Division. It was a terrific day at the County Ground and the Town players gave us a professional performance and a resounding result. The two goals were supported by another clean sheet and it is promising for next season that we are not conceding too many goals. Iffy added to his tally and he, like the rest of us, will be hoping that he can reach a total of at least 21 for the season this afternoon.

Since then we have travelled to Norwich City and were desperately unlucky not to come away from Carrow Road with at least one point. Our away form in recent weeks has been superb and against Norwich we looked like we could take all three points. Unfortunately, it was not to be, but hopefully we can finish the season with another win this afternoon.

Swindon Town would like to thank the fans for all their tremendous support throughout the season. The fans have been there through thick and thin in a difficult year. Jim Quinn and the team will be working extremely hard between now and the start of next season and are

eager, as you are, to have a more successful campaign next season.

Today we welcome Barnsley in what will be Swindon's fourth meeting with them this season. An impressive away win in the League was closely followed by a draw at home in the FA Cup Third Round. In the replay at Oakwell, Swindon went down 3-1 and Barnsley went onto the quarter-final.

However, this season the Tykes have struggled to recapture the form they showed at the end of last season. After a disastrous start to their Premiership campaign last season, Barnsley won the admiration of football neutrals everywhere as they regrouped and made a bold bid to stay in the top flight. In the end it was too little, too late, but the attacking and stylish brand of football they produced towards the end of last season marked them out as one of the favourites for an immediate return to the Premiership. However, this season the Tykes have not reproduced the form that earned them so many admirers and they are currently coming to terms with the relative disappointment of mid-table security. An impressive FA Cup run saw them go out to a spectacular goal from David Ginola in the quarter-finals.

We would like to welcome the players, supporters, directors and staff who have travelled down from Barnsley.

We would also like to welcome Chris Taylor (pictured top right). Chris joins the Centre of Excellence and is one of our brightest hopes: he will be at the club until he is 19 years of age. We hope he enjoys

his time with Swindon Town. He will be signing on the pitch before kick-off, joined by Jim Quinn, Phil Cannon and Tom Jones.



Safety Announcement:

We would like to remind supporters not to run onto the pitch at the end of today's game. This will ensure the safety of players, fans, and officials and also maintain the condition of the pitch. Groundsman Jem Fox will be starting work immediately on the pitch to get it ready for next season. The club has made a significant financial investment in this area and would be grateful if over-eager supporters would respect this request. We are sure that you would also like to thank Jem Fox and all his staff for the hard work they have done this season. The pitch has been one of the best in the Division this season and he is determined to produce a better surface for the next campaign.

Again, a big thank you to all you fans for your support throughout this season and we're already looking forward to seeing you all back here next season. Have a great summer!

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Jim QUINN

gives his view...

Hello and welcome to the County Ground for our last game of the season against Barnsley.

This season has certainly been hard work and I've had my share of highs and lows. I was always confident that we would stay up; when I came here we were second from bottom, so I think we've done pretty well. We know we're not one of the biggest teams in this League and most spend more money than we do, but we try harder and stick together and achieve more in that way, and I include the fans in that. Next season we want to do well in this League and start making the big teams wary of us.

Last time we were here at the County Ground it was terrific to get the win we needed. Although we were confident that we had already got enough points to stay up, it was nice to get the win and make absolutely sure. It was our first win at home this year and it was a long time

coming, so everybody really wanted to give the fans something back after the tremendous backing and support they have given us all season. I don't think it was a classic by any means, but we got the win we needed. George was magnificent and was involved in everything positive we created, especially in the first half. The lads pulled together and put in the performance I expect, scoring enough goals early on and making sure that we didn't give away any silly goals at the back. We didn't and that was a credit to all their hard work - the lads' attitude has been spot on, it has been down to them and they've crossed that threshold of safety. It certainly gives us a nice platform to look forward to next season.

The games at home have certainly been entertaining, with goals galore, but usually not enough goals for ourselves. In recent weeks things have really been on the up, and our good performances have earned the points that have often eluded us.

This was not the case for our away game with Norwich. Even though we are safe I was desperately disappointed to lose the game. I thought, like on so many other occasions, that we did enough to win it. We struggled to make our chances count and in the end that was our undoing. We should have had two or three goals before half time and the game should have been over, but we let them back in and when they scored the winner I was devastated. It wasn't the way I wanted to finish the season away from home because our form has been so good.

However, it gave me a chance to develop some of the young lads. It was important that we bring them on at the right time. It's good because we're not desperate for points anymore and we can bring them into the side without heaping unnecessary pressure on them. Paul McAreavey, James Williams, Frazer McHugh and Sam Campagna have come on tremendously and have stood out from the rest. I'm hoping that they will kick on and reach another level next season, because you can always improve.

I would also like to thank Brian Borrows because his contribution has been immense, certainly since I arrived. He's one of the best professionals I have worked with; he gets on with his job and helps everyone around him. He is a great professional and I hope he stays in the game and I'll certainly help him if I can - I would have absolutely no hesitation recommending him to clubs that need coaches, or even a manager. He has been a great ambassador for the club and I wish him all the best for the future.

On a separate note, I feel desperately sorry for Philippe because he has to have another operation, but I'm sure he has got the character to come back from this setback.

This is our fourth meeting with Barnsley this season and at the moment the score is tied after a win-a-piece and a draw. Hopefully, we can all enjoy today and see out the season in style with a win. It really would be nice to finish off with another win and take the series!

Even though nothing is on the line today, it will be a hard game because no-one wants to lose a game and Barnsley are a much better team than their League position suggests. This time last year they were fighting for their lives in the Premiership and nearly stayed up, so they will be hard to break down.

Again, I would like to thank the fans for all the support and good wishes we have received all season, you have been tremendous. I hope we will reward all your efforts next season and have a real go at the play-offs.

I would like to extend my condolences to Lou Macari and his family following the tragic death of his son Jonathan. I hold Lou in great regard, he was fantastic with me when I played here, and things like this really put the game in perspective.

Enjoy the match, Jim.

Today's visitors **BARNLSLEY**



This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Barnsley Football Club to the County Ground for this final Nationwide League match of the 1998/99 campaign.

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

After a disastrous start to life in the Premiership last season, Barnsley won the admiration of football neutrals everywhere as they regrouped and made a bold bid to stay in the top flight.

In the end it was too little, too late, but the Tykes fight for survival, and the open, attacking style of their football, marked them out as among the favourites to be battling it out for the promotion places in Division One this season.

But the campaign has not mapped out that way for the Oakwell club, who opened with a sequence of just one win in their opening six games of 1998/99 and come to the County Ground today lying in a disappointing 14th spot in the League table.

Bright spots have come along, such as a 4-0 hammering of Crystal Palace, but until the double signing of Bruce Dyer and Craig Hignett it looked like being a long, cold winter for Barnsley. However, the arrival of those two £800,000 stars has sparked a mini-revival at Oakwell, and successive impressive victories announced the team's intention of making up for lost time.

First the Tykes travelled to Sunderland, inflicting on the Wearsiders a first home defeat in more than a year, and then at the end of November, erstwhile Division One leaders Huddersfield were humbled 7-1 at Oakwell.

But it proved a false dawn, and a further series of unconvincing displays - including a morale-sapping 11 game run without a victory - led to the departure from the manager's office of the likeable Scotsman, John Hendrie, replaced - in the short term at least - by former first-team coach Eric Hirst. Rumours abound of former England midfielder Carlton Palmer being lined up for the job on a full-time basis, but the club refuse to confirm or deny this.

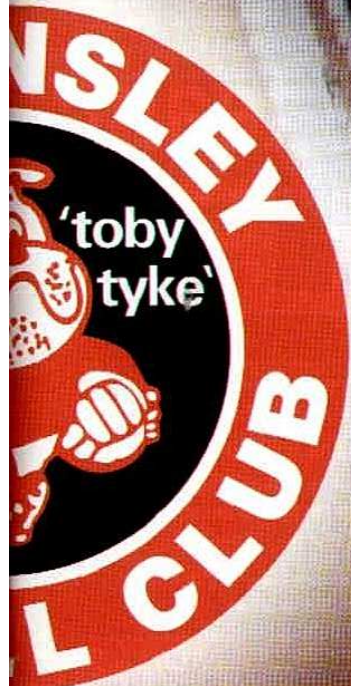
Swindon have already enjoyed a 3-1 win over the Tykes this season, at Oakwell back in mid-December, and Hirst and his players will be keen to gain revenge for that reverse this afternoon.

But in general, the end of a forgettable season cannot come quickly enough for the Tykes and their loyal supporters, who will be hoping that the 1999/2000 campaign can bring a welcome change in fortune.

Central Defender:
ARJAN DE ZEEUW

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The team

BARNESLEY

TONY BULLOCK

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **18.02.72**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Leek Town**

A late arrival into League football in 1996, having previously played for Northwich Victoria and Leek Town. Tony made his debut early this season and has missed just a handful of games since.

LARS LEESE

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **18.08.69**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **6ft 5in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bayer Leverkusen**

Giant German keeper who has spent much of his Tykes' career in the shadow of David Watson. Played nine Premiership games for Barnsley last season, including starring in their historic 1-0 win at Liverpool, having signed for £250,000 in July 1997.

DAVID WATSON

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **10.11.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

A local boy who joined the club straight from school, David has represented England at Youth and U21

levels. A superb shot-stopper, a kidney injury sidelined him for a spell last season but he returned strongly to reclaim his place.

MATTY APPLEBY

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **16.04.72**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Darlington**

A ball-playing sweeper who can also operate anywhere across the backline or in midfield, Matty is the elder brother of Richie Appleby, who has had spells at Newcastle, Darlington, Ipswich and Swansea. Played an integral part in the club's promotion of 1996/97, but only figured fitfully in the top flight. A £200,000 signing in July 1996.

DARREN BARNARD

POSITION: **Wing-back**

BORN: **30.11.71**

AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bristol City**

An England Schoolboy and Wales Full international, Darren recently turned down the opportunity of a transfer to Premiership Southampton which would have seen Carlton Palmer move in the opposite direction. A hard-working left-sided wing-back, this former Chelsea man, who cost the Tykes £750,000, loves to push forward.

NICKY EADEN

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **12.12.72**

AGE: **26**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Another home-grown star, Nicky fulfilled a lifelong ambition when he signed for the Tykes in June 1991, having just completed his 'A' levels at

school. A tough-tackling player, he can operate as an orthodox right-back or at wing-back.

SCOTT JONES

POSITION: **Defender**

BORN: **01.05.75**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Versatile defender who spent a chunk of last season on loan at Notts County and Mansfield, almost joining the Stags permanently after the clubs agreed a deal. But he remained at Barnsley and got his chance following a rash of injuries. Scored twice as the Tykes beat Man Utd in an FA Cup Fifth Round replay, thus ensuring his popularity in the Oakwell stands.

CHRIS MORGAN

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **13.02.78**

AGE: **21**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

One of several youngsters to have come through the ranks at Oakwell, Chris broke into the first-team last season and proved a big success in trying circumstances. An aggressive tackler who is also strong in the air, he is a bright prospect.

ADRIAN MOSES

POSITION: **Defender**

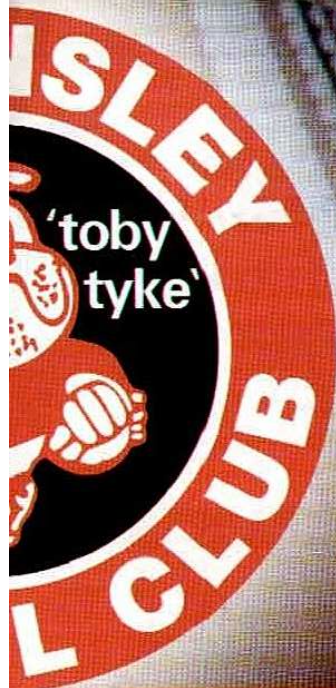
BORN: **04.05.75**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Another young defender who has progressed through the Tykes' excellent youth system. An England U21 international, he is a solid tackler with good pace who reads the game well. A year in the Premiership has improved his game, and he is now an accomplished man-marker.



The team

BARNESLEY

ARJAN DE ZEEUW

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **16.04.70**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Telstar, Holland**

Moved to Oakwell for £250,000 in November 1995 and was so impressive that he won the Barnsley 'Player of the Year' award in his first season at the club. A classy and cultured central defender, he was out of action with a groin injury for a chunk of last season but has featured heavily again this time around.

CLAYTON BLACKMORE

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **23.09.64**

AGE: **34**

HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Middlesbrough**

Vastly experienced Welsh international who arrived on a free from Middlesbrough in February 1999. Won a host of honours with Man Utd in the early 1990s and is equally comfortable playing in central defence or midfield. An excellent passer of the ball, he also works hard in the centre of the park.

MARTIN BULLOCK

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **05.03.75**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **5ft 5in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Eastwood T.**

A pacey and exciting winger or attacking midfielder. Martin loves to run at defences, creating chances with his skilful dribbling and astute passing. Signed for £15,000 from non-League football in September 1993.

CRAIG HIGNETT

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **12.01.70**

AGE: **29**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Aberdeen**

A Division One title winner with Middlesbrough in 1995, goalscoring midfielder Craig has certainly made a big impression at Oakwell. Snapped up for £800,000 after a brief spell in the Scottish Premier League, he made his debut in the Tykes' 7-1 drubbing of Huddersfield on November 21st last year, scoring twice and missing a penalty. A skilful and hard-working player, he also has a powerful shot and is the club's current top scorer with nine goals to his credit.

SEAN McCLARE

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **12.01.78**

AGE: **21**

HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Yet another home-grown star for the Tykes, Sean has established himself as a regular in the first-team this season, and has chipped in with three goals for good measure.

KEVIN RICHARDSON

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **04.12.62**

AGE: **36**

HEIGHT: **5ft 7in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Southampton**

A hugely experienced competitor who has won everything the English game

has to offer in a career which has taken in Everton, Watford, Arsenal, Real Sociedad (Spain), Aston Villa, Coventry, Southampton and England. Became one of John Hendrie's first signings for Barnsley when he joined on a free in July 1998, and he has played his football outside the top flight for the first time ever this season.

DARREN SHERIDAN

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **08.12.67**

AGE: **31**

HEIGHT: **5ft 5in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Winsford Utd**

The brother of former Republic of Ireland international John Sheridan, Darren is - not surprisingly - an accomplished passer of the ball. A bubbly character, he was released by Leeds as a youngster, and came into professional football late when he moved to the Tykes from HFS Loans League club Winsford for just £10,000 in August 1993.

BRUCE DYER

POSITION: **Forward**

BORN: **13.04.75**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **C.Palace**

A fast and aggressive front man whose November 1998 arrival gave the Tykes some much-needed options up front. Three goals in his first two games for Barnsley endeared him to the Oakwell faithful, and his raw energy and commitment are beyond doubt. An England U21 international.

Other squad members include:

Mike Sheron (forward), Paul Bagshaw (forward), Andy Gregory (defender), Ales Krizan (defender), Peter Markstedt (defender), Ronbin Van Der Laan (midfield), Georgi Hristov (forward), Michael Turner (forward).

the ones to WATCH

CLINT MARCELLE

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 28.02.66

AGE: 30

HEIGHT: 5ft 4in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Felgueiras

Recommended to Barnsley by former England boss, Bobby Robson, Clint is an established international with Trinidad and Tobago, for whom he plays alongside Man Utd's Dwight Yorke. Mainly used as a substitute in the Premiership, Clint's pace and attacking instincts from deep make him a real handful for defenders.

ERIC TINKLER

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 30.07.70

AGE: 28

HEIGHT: 6ft 2in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Cagliari, Italy

A South African international, although he missed out on France 98, who is imposing in the air and was signed for £650,000 to strengthen Barnsley's midfield for last season's assault on the Premiership. Unfortunately, a sciatic nerve injury caused him to miss a chunk of the campaign.



Clint Marcelle

the manager

ERIC WINSTANLEY

Following the departure of John Hendrie from the Barnsley hot-seat recently, it was to his assistant, first-team coach Eric Winstanley, that the Oakwell board turned to see out the season.

A former England Youth international, Winstanley has got Barnsley in his blood, and his current spell as Caretaker-Manager is his third shot at the job in that capacity.

A product of the Oakwell youth system, Barnsley-born Winstanley signed professional with the club in May 1962 and went on to complete more than 400 League games for them, scoring 35 goals from his central defensive position.

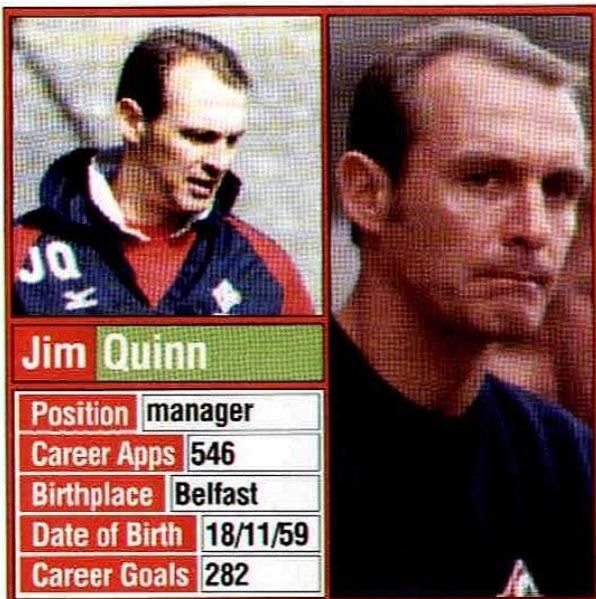
In August 1973 he departed for a 100-game spell with Chesterfield, but soon returned to his spiritual home at Oakwell in a coaching capacity.

In the intervening years, Winstanley has operated as youth coach, first-team coach and chief coach at the club, as well as his regular stints in the manager's office.

After the roller-coaster ride of the past couple of seasons - the glory of promotion, Danny Wilson's departure to Sheff Wed, relegation from the Premiership and the disappointing 1998/99 season back in Division One - the Oakwell board were happy to let the experienced Winstanley step in and help steady the ship.

QUINN VS WINSTANLEY

HEAD 2 HEAD





Jim Quinn	
Position	manager
Career Apps	546
Birthplace	Belfast
Date of Birth	18/11/59
Career Goals	282

This Town favourite has a wealth of experience playing for the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, West Ham, and picking up 48 caps for Northern Ireland.

During his time as a player at Swindon he scored 51 goals in 141 appearances and went on to score 94 goals for Reading. Jim also enjoyed a successful period in management with Reading and took them to a Play-Off Final, where they were narrowly beaten by Bolton for a place in the top-flight. Earlier this season Jim moved from Peterborough Utd following the departure of former manager, Steve McMahon. Since his arrival, Swindon have experienced mixed fortunes and, after a successful honeymoon period, Swindon's progress in Division One started to slide nearer to the relegation places. After a recent good run of performances, Jim Quinn's side have secured their place in the First Division and are now looking to finish the season on a high and look to the future.

A former England Youth international, Winstanley has got Barnsley in his blood, and his current spell as Caretaker-Manager is his third shot at the job in that capacity.

He took charge following the sudden departure of John Hendrie from the Barnsley hot-seat. Eric Winstanley was Hendrie's assistant, as well as the first-team coach. Winstanley was born in Barnsley and came up through the ranks via the Oakwell youth system. Having signed professional with Barnsley in May 1962, he went on to complete more than 400 League games and score 35 goals. Barnsley have ridden a real roller-coaster over the past two seasons. They tasted the glory of promotion, and then suffered the severe blows of Danny Wilson's departure to Sheff Wed, relegation from the Premiership and the disappointing 1998/99 season back in Division One. Not an easy time for any club and it could be that Winstanley will be able to steer them into quieter waters.

Eric Winstanley	
Position	caretaker-manager
Appearances	400+
Goals	35

Close UP

Both Eric and Jim have enjoyed successful playing careers with their respective teams and have now embarked on managerial careers, they will hope to continue this trend.

They are both relatively new to management, although perhaps Jim is the more experienced due to his spell with Reading. They now have time to reflect on many things, such as whether the system played has been successful, if certain positions have brought the best out of players

and what positives they can take away from the season.

When the final whistle goes at the end of today's match, the players will have earned a break and a rest from football. However it will probably mean the opposite for the two managers; the hard work then begins, assessing the squad and looking ahead to next season. Some players' contracts are up, new players will be brought in, some will retire and some will move on.

Barnsley will have to decide whether Eric Winstanley will take charge of team affairs next season, the

Barnsley board will assess his performance at the end of this campaign and also see who applies for the post.

Jim has not been able to go out and spend three quarters of a million pounds on players and has had to manage the team on a tight budget. He has brought in Gareth Davies on a free and Charlie Griffiths for a nominal fee to bolster the squad. He already knows that Brian Borrows is retiring, which will help overall in the reduction of players' wages for the millennium season.

PAGES from the past...

LOU MACARI WRITES MAY 1986...

Our last away match at Halifax saw us give another good performance and produce a 3-1 win to put one over on my old Manchester United colleague Paddy Rouche.

It was a personal triumph for Charlie Henry, who scored a hat-trick. He is an example of what can be achieved by a player with the right attitude. Phil Baker, who managed the Swindon Boys team, of which Charlie was a member, recalled that he only just made the squad but came on so much during the season that he wondered how he could ever have thought of leaving him out.

Travelling back from Halifax after our victory on Friday my mind went back to another coach trip home. This was the one from Hereford, early in the season, when we lost 4-1 and our record read Played 2, Lost 2, Points 0. Who would have thought that by the end of the season we would not only have won the Fourth Division championship but come to the last game of the season with a chance to set a record by getting 102 points. I was very critical of my players early in the season. I felt some of them did not realise how lucky they were to be paid to play a game they enjoyed. To be fair they have responded magnificently and every member of the squad is worthy of praise. One person who has hardly had a mention during this successful season is John Trollope, my Assistant Manager. The job of an assistant is to assist and that is just what John has done. His ideas of fitness and dedication are very close to my own and I know that he is 100% behind me.

Much has been said about the possibility of my going to Coventry as manager. I have had no approach from the club but I am a creature of impulse. I have never asked for a contract at Swindon so am free to leave if I want. Sometimes the thought

of managing in Spain or Italy has appealed to me. Their lifestyles are different and their players know that football provides them with a life of luxury. That said, I am very happy in Swindon and unless there was a vacancy at Old Trafford or Parkhead it would take a lot to attract me away.

Looking ahead I would be deluding myself and everyone else if I did not say that it will get tougher for some players who are here to keep their places in the Third Division. We still have a job to do today though. Clive King informs me that if we win today we will beat York City's record of 101 points in a season and we would also equal Lincoln City's record of 32 wins in a season.



Quiz question:

Swindon did set a record of 102 points in the 1985/86 season. Only one player played in all 46 League matches that season. Who was he?

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In the match with Newcastle mentioned last match, which Swindon player made his 200th consecutive appearance?

Answer... John Trollope

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Mike Walsh's weekly diary...April

Monday 26th

We came in on the Monday and tried to keep things short and sharp, which we think has paid off over the last few weeks.

It has certainly showed in the results we have been getting. We did some sprint work and worked a little bit on skills. We finished off the session with a game of head tennis, which is another skill game that everyone enjoys, probably because we try and make it competitive. So we do get some end product out of the game as well as keeping spirits up.

Tuesday 27th

We went over to the BR training ground and because we've had some very wet weather over the last couple of weeks conditions were not that great.

Because of the conditions we didn't do that much ball work, it was mainly short sprints and three sets of 'doggies', which are up to 25-yard interval running and back. We did get the balls out towards the end of the session and had some small-sided games in and around the penalty area. We had Frank in goal, so he got plenty of shot stopping practice. It is a very intensive

workout so they're not on for long periods; we have to swap them around constantly. We finished off the training session with some more 'doggies'.

In the afternoon we went and watched the Reserves play against Portsmouth here at the County Ground. They played well on the day and it was a very competitive match, not the sort of game you expect at this stage of the season, but thankfully we won 2-1 and finished off the season on something of a better streak. The Reserves have mirrored the first team and have put a string of good results together. They have been unbeaten for quite a few games.

Wednesday 28th

All the players had the day off and were told to have a good rest. The players that had been involved in the Reserve game were asked to do their own warm down in the morning.

Thursday 29th

Everybody came in and we decided it would be a good opportunity to use the pitch. At the moment it is the best surface that we can go on and we've only the one game against Barnsley left.

We had a full-scale game on the pitch, but not for too long a spell and we were quite pleased with the passing.

We finished with some crosses and some finishing for the strikers. Mark Walters took that session, just to give him a little step in to the coaching side of things.

Friday 30th

We travelled up to Norwich in the morning; we've changed our routine since Jim's been here.

We used to train in the mornings and then travel up to away games but now we travel first and train when we get there, which I think the players appreciate. It breaks the day up and it also gets them tired for when they have to turn in an early night after an evening meal at six o'clock

The main thing is that we are still working hard because there are still two games to go and we want to finish the season on a high. In recent weeks training has been a lot sharper and we do not have to be as intense. The short-sided games have been keeping the players in tune for the run of games we've had, and also the players have been more relaxed and better able to focus on the job at hand.



Football ROUND-UP

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



Dave Norris

First Team

The first home victory of the year has confirmed to everyone in the club the way our fortunes have improved over the past two months.

The 6-0 home defeat by Ipswich has proved to be the shot in the arm we required, just as it has been the peak of an anti-climatic week for Ipswich Town.

After a nervous couple of weeks in March, we are now well-placed to plan for next season. In fact, with the revolving door facing certain players plus an

injection of young blood from the youths, we can look forward to Jim Quinn's first full season with an air of optimism.

Plans for our pre-season programme were this week all but finalised. For those fans that like to follow the team's movements throughout the summer we hope to have the details out to press in the coming week - once the players are informed themselves. One date that has been confirmed is the start of the 1999-2000 season, Sat 7th August. This year the Premier League begins their campaign on the same day, unlike this season.

Youths

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This week Jim Quinn stated publicly his ambitions for the Club's youth policy.

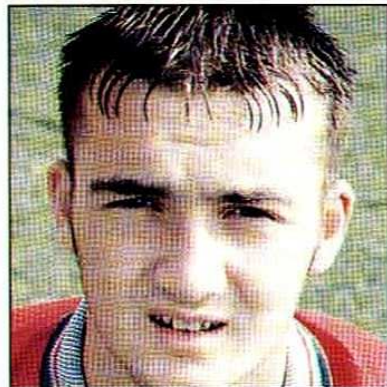
With the Chairman hoping Quinn can lay foundations for stability and growth over five or more years, the manager is focusing on those youngsters who have the desire and ambition to make Swindon successful well into their 20s.

Four of this year's YTs have already made their first team debuts. Next season we welcome 13 new (mostly local) lads



into our new Scholarship programme to take their place, our largest-ever number (see team photograph below).

Feeding into that programme, we currently have over 120 players, some as young as eight, in our Centre of Excellence scheme. This is increasingly going to be the source of our first team players over the Quinn years.



Paul McAreevey (pictured above) was the latest YT to make an appearance in the first team, against Norwich City last Saturday, although his debut was in the corresponding fixture last year. Paul continues a very successful end of season with a cap for Northern Ireland against Eire in Dublin. Paul caught the eye of the manager during the last few reserve games, and is now set up to be one of our brightest hopes for next season.



Top Left to Right: Phil Cannon, Kevin Halliday, Luke Kitchen, Chris Collins, Steve Purcell, Bryan Smith, Josh Thomas, Les Bishop, Tom Jones. Bottom: Phil Scarlett, Nathan Edwards, Paul Anderson, Adam Collier, Alan Young, Paul Reed.

Reserves



The format for the reserves next year is now certain to change.

The current Avon Insurance Combination faces a haemorrhage of clubs, following the Premier League's decision to establish its own reserve association. It now looks likely that the Football League will step in and set up a quasi-national Reserve League, though the actual format is still under discussion.

This is also the case for the main youth league, the South East Counties.

Part of the problem for clubs such as Swindon is the exclusivity policies competitions are now adopting. Non-Premier clubs will not be allowed to play the reserve teams of those in the Premiership (except, it now seems, for those recently relegated from there). And Centre of Excellence clubs, like ours, cannot play against those who have established an Academy. On the receiving end of these changes is coach Alan McDonald and Youth Team Manager Tom Jones. At this moment, both would like to focus on the achievements of this season rather than the uncertainty of next.

Alan wanted to express his gratitude for those involved in his first season as a coach: "It's been a tremendous experience, you know. The attitude of the players has been first class and I've enjoyed every minute working with them. I'd also like to thank all the fans who have turned out to support the reserves this season. We've had some great turn-outs, and that's helped the lads, especially the younger ones. We've had some tremendous performances, and the highlight for me is the 1-0 win against Arsenal, which was a terrific result."

Centre of Excellence



Also looking back on an eventful season are all those involved in our Centre of Excellence.

This week sees the end of coaching there, and it seems a shame to shut it down that just as the weather is getting better. As with the reserve and youth leagues, the Centre could change next year. This would involve stopping games from November until March and then prolonging the season into the summer months (a frighteningly logical suggestion!). This would enable our youngster to play on good pitches instead of muddy bogs, which is often the case during the winter. As it happens, our players still have some time to go, with the Milk Cup Tournament in Northern Ireland in July.

Director Phil Cannon says all the coaches and players involved in the Centre deserve terrific credit: "All of them have worked so hard during the season.

"It's a lot of commitment from the coaches, who need very understanding wives.

"I would like to thank the players themselves for their effort and commitment throughout the season. They still have their tours to look forward to and I'm sure they'll all enjoy them. Until next season, all the best!"

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Having secured our First Division future, all fans can now celebrate the fact that by the time we play today's game we might be the only team within a 50-mile radius providing its supporters with football at this level.

A joy which can be shared everywhere, including the workplace where, at times, during this topsy-turvy season, life has not always been easy.

We can now look forward to next season with a renewed enthusiasm but cannot rest on our laurels, as everything can be quickly overtaken when the new season starts unless everyone from the Board, through management, players, staff and, of course, the supporters all play their respective parts.

The S.T.F.C SUPPORTERS CLUB

The supporters' club, which was launched this year on 3rd April, has taken a number of steps to bring forward collective benefits for supporters, ticket priority for 'all ticket' matches being just one of them. We could of course be drawn against Premier League opposition at the County Ground next season and this will provide a chance to use this privilege.

However, there are a large number of supporters who we have not reached for membership and we can only encourage them to join. The cost is just £5 for adults and £2 for

concessions. Season ticket holders can join for no extra cost, but we do need a completed application form. Application forms only take a minute to complete and can be collected from the information point, Winners lounge, away travel office or the ticket office.

The larger our membership the more chance there is for it to be a success. If there are any issues which you would like us to consider, address or action please write to us C/O County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. If you have any ideas on how we can move forward, or if you can help or assist in any way then we would also be delighted to hear from you.

Do have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back here in August supporting the Town in the millennium season.

the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



So we're safe for another season, and I'm sure confidence is running high that our performance and final position next year will be much improved.

Today it's a game of pride and maybe a chance for some of the newer faces to impress Jim Quinn. Also this afternoon we'll be presenting a few awards,

including for the first time the BBC Wiltshire Sound Player of the Season, as voted by members of the sports' team at your favourite radio station! Here are a few thoughts from the judging panel ahead of the awards ceremony - you'll see there isn't much in it!

Murray Collins: As I speak to the players nearly every day, my nominations are based on their skill at the microphone.

As manager, Jim Quinn is great to talk to. Gareth Davies, Frank Talia, Wally and Iffy are all good value and always there to 'give me a quote'. Jimmy Glass is always a laugh, but, for his willingness to talk as well as his great play, my vote goes to George Ndah.

Kieran Holden: It is a tricky one, Iffy or George is the question for my player of the season. The pair netted a brace each in our 4-1 humiliation of the unmentionable arch rivals

from up the A420, and as far as I'm concerned that's worthy of a knighthood! Surely that September night counts as one of the best of the season. Iffy's 19 goals make him a clear candidate along with his unselfish running and commitment, but Mr Ndah has shown a certain touch of class up front and more recently has been bearing down on defenders from a deeper role in midfield. The pair have certainly managed to 'raise the roof' with their goals and THAT celebration. But to pick just one name - it'll have to be George.

Stuart Morse: There's nothing better than when I get the chance to shout out a goalscorer's name here at the County Ground....and his name is perfect for a big shout! Iffy deserves a vote for allowing us to play THAT song! But my vote goes to George N-daaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

Shaun Hodgetts: It could be - Iffy Onuora for using our catchphrase "where the action is" during a post-match interview! Kevin Watson for his memorable conversation with impressionist Alistair McGowan - the day Alan Hansen met Alan Hansen! Scott Leitch for complimenting me on my radio ability at the Open Day. All are contenders. But my nomination is George Ndah - we're still trying to find the words to describe his goal against Sheffield United. We just said "wow"!

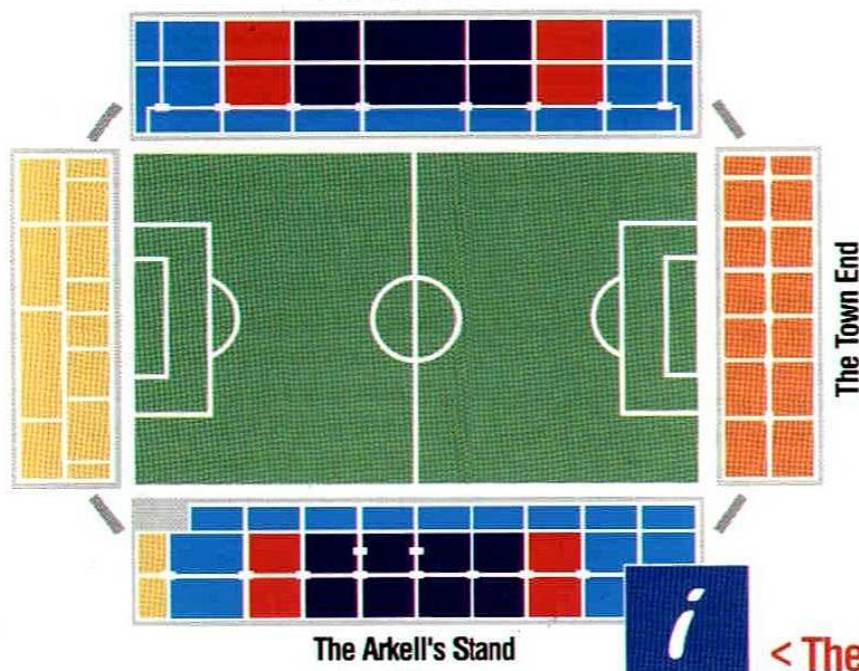
We'll find out the decision this afternoon.

Thanks for your support and all your letters and calls this season. Enjoy the summer!

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The South Stand



The Town End

The Information Centre is based on the end of the Arkell's Stand (see graphic) and is now the official site where people can leave or pick up messages from fellow fans, family and friends.

There will be no unnecessary PA announcements and, therefore, if you are expecting any messages, you can visit the Information Centre during the match day. It can also be used as a meeting place, as well as being the place to check for any lost property. If you are unsure about something please do not hesitate to ask one of our friendly staff.

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the TREATMENT room

with Physio's Dave Moore & Dick Mackey



Gareth Davies suffered a pulled left hamstring in the game against Crystal Palace, which has kept him sidelined for a while.

He's making a good recovery and is jogging quite well at the moment. He can run at quite a good pace as well, so we'll be looking to step it up as the days roll by, and eventually we'll start to put some strength work into it.



Philippe had some fairly bad news from the specialist and he has had another operation. There was a problem with the way the pin had set in his leg and I feel desperately sorry for him. His attitude has been tremendous and now we will have to wait until his leg can be put through its paces again.

It will probably be pre-season before we can start working with him again and get the recovery under way. It is a shame because things were looking up for him and the news from the specialist was not the sort we were hoping for. But that's how it goes sometimes and it's just one of those things that you have to accept.



David Kerslake has recovered from his ankle injury and is in full training. The problem is that he is not match fit or sharp, so he will probably sit it out for the rest of this season and try to stay injury free throughout the off-season



Scott Leitch will have his leg brace taken off next week because he is now able to walk without it and there is slightly less discomfort.

The way things are now I don't have the pressure to rush people back into action and we can rest the players that are borderline fit. Ty Gooden has been suffering with a muscle strain in his stomach, but has shown real determination and commitment, playing through the pain. He can now sit out the last games and have a good rest.

Gareth will be the same. He will probably come up a few days short as far as the Barnsley game is concerned but it won't affect things too much.

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Community NEWS

with Clive Maguire & Jon Holloway



Cirencester Town Youth are our Team club visitors today. Many thanks to Rachel Edwards for organising today's event; let's hope they witness a home win to end the season on a high note.

With the season ending many people say to Jon and I, "I expect you're going away on holiday now." However summer is undoubtedly the busiest time of the year for us. We run all of our major courses during this time and also invite local schools into the ground from June to the end of July.

As soon as this project has finished, we are move onto our summer courses of six solid weeks of coaching. So, while players may be sunning themselves, Jon and I are hard at work here at the club.

A special date for your diary is the "Get Active Day" on the 22nd

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's final fixture of the season.

September 1999. This is being organised for the third year running by 'Lifestyles' in conjunction with Swindon Borough Council. The idea of the day is to get as many people as possible participating in a sporting activity. This year Danny Robinson and Fran Pound are focusing their activities on the British Heart Foundation.

Danny informs us that 680 people in the Swindon area alone die of some form of heart disease annually. If any of you would like to participate on the day, please telephone Fran or Danny on (01793) 617782.

A quick reminder to all of you about our Whitsun course on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd June. As you already know, places are limited, so please can you get your applications as soon as possible from the Information Centre or main reception. Failing that, give us a ring on (01793) 421 303.

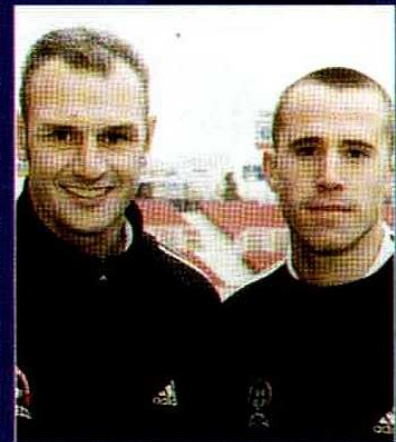
Jon and I were pleased to support the Prospect Foundation Appeal, "Get Your Kit Off" week. Thanks to everyone who brought in clothes in the special bags, and we will keep you posted next season on how much was raised.

Finally, many thanks go to the Under-13 girls from Greendown School, who represented us so gallantly in the regional six-a-side finals at Cardiff. It didn't stop raining all day, the girls played with great spirit and determination, and were unlucky not to reach the semi-final.

Special thanks to Clive Harding from Greendown for organising the team.

Have a great summer everybody, thanks for all your support and see you all next season.

Clive and Jon



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Hi kids and welcome to the last game of the season against Barnsley.

Looking back over the months we have seen some incredible scenes here at the County Ground, with some fine performances from the lads on the pitch.

Let's hope next season is even better.

END OF SEASON BASH

This year's end of season party will be a



SWIMMING AND DISCO PARTY at the Oasis Leisure Centre on Friday May 14th 1999.

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the Club Shop or from Alan Layzell on 01793 537226.

It will be a great party and membership for next season will be available on the night at a cost of only £2!!

MATCHDAY MASCOTS

Today we are luck enough to have three great mascots to support the team. Here's a run down of who they are:

DANIEL LOWE

Daniel is eight years old and attends Preshute Primary School in Marlborough.

His favourite player is Chris Hay and his hobbies include skiing and playing the keyboard. Daniel and his family are Season Ticket Holders in the Arkell's Stand, so we hope they have a great day out.



LUKE AYLETT

Luke Aylett is 10 years old and attends St Sampsons in Cricklade, where he enjoys playing football.

Luke plays in goal for Cricklade U10's and lists Frank Talia and Chris Hay as his favourite players. He has clearly set his sights high because one day Luke hopes to be Swindon Town's goalkeeper - good luck Luke!

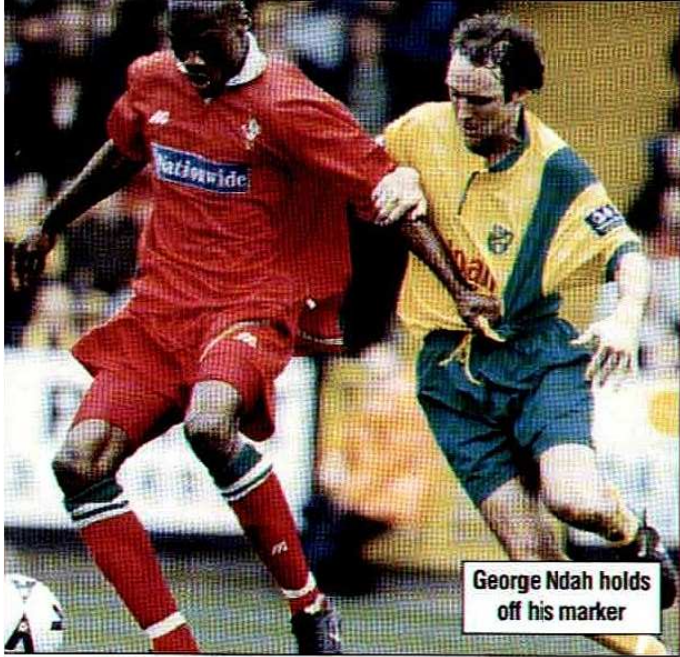


GEORGIE NEWLAND

Georgie is 11 years old and goes to St. Margaret's School in Calne.

Her interests include drama, saxophone and, of course, Swindon Town Football Club. Her favourite player is Ty Gooden. Have a great day at Swindon Town Georgie!





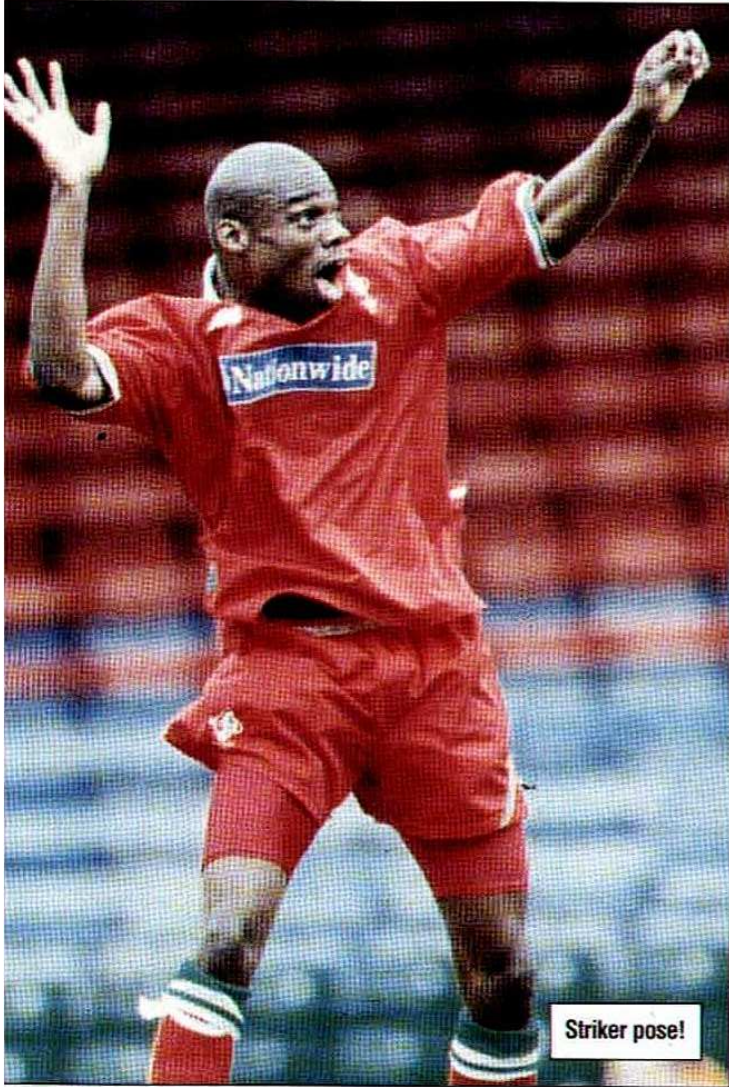
George Ndah holds off his marker



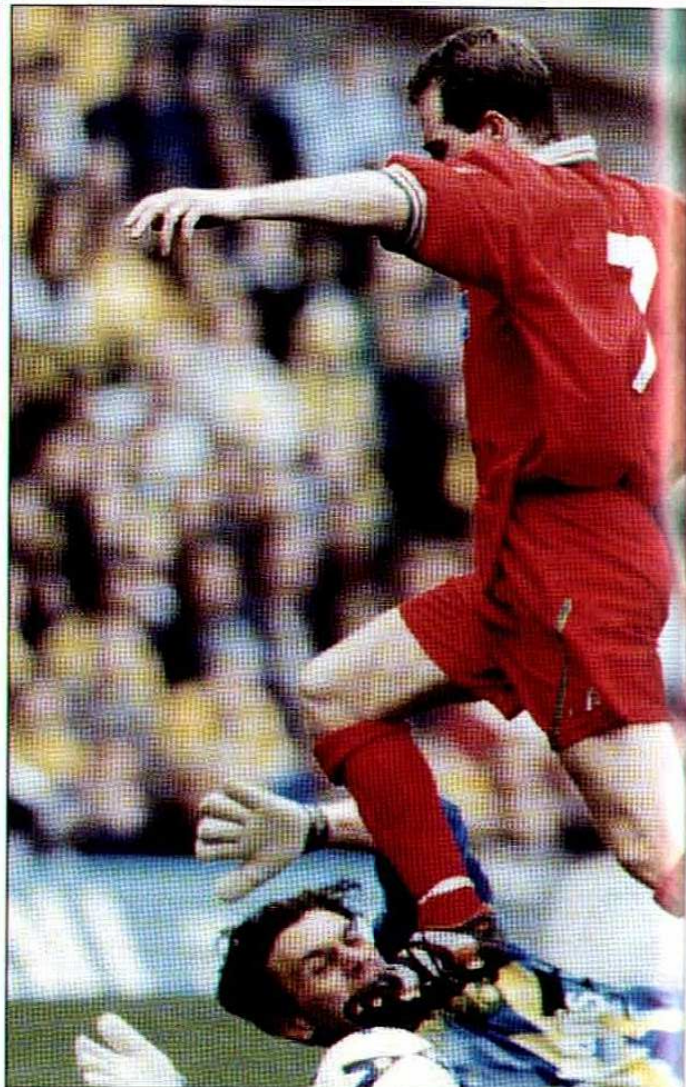
Town's top man Gareth Hall battles with Norwich forward



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Agony for Marshall as Iffy sends him the wrong way



Iwan Roberts takes control as Howe and Taylor look on



Howe cries penalty as Marshall sends him crashing to the ground

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4. KEVIN WATSON
5. MARK ROBINSON
6. BRIAN BORROWS
7. BOBBY HOWE
8. GEORGE NDAH
9. IFFY ONUORA
10. CHRIS HAY
11. CRAIG TAYLOR



ON THE BENCH

PAUL MCAREAVEY
(HOWE'S)
SHAYNE BRADLEY
(HAY'S)
JAMES WILLIAMS
(NOT USED)

MAN OF THE MATCH

☆ GARETH HALL ☆



Has been a consistent performer in recent matches and was again in top form against the Canaries. Gareth is linking well with his defensive colleagues and proving very difficult to score against. Hall controlled the defence and was unlucky to concede the two goals. For much of the game the Town defence dominated and should have had more goals as a cushion. This defensive display is a good sign for next season.

MATCH REPORT



Norwich substitute Paul Hughes came off the bench to claim all three points for the Canaries. It was another occasion where Town should have had the game wrapped up in the first half. Chances went begging and, although Swindon did take the lead through a Onuora penalty, they then seemed to release their grip on the game. Norwich scored through Roberts and then came the last minute winner from Hughes.

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Marketing NEWS

with Richard Mackey

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Jan Cheeseman

Today we also welcome back Jan Cheeseman and her guests to the Matchball Suite. Jan has sponsored the last game of the season for a few years now and, as a regular supporter of the club, we wish her party a great afternoon.

Jan also sponsors midfielder Bobby Howe, so let's hope he notches a goal today!

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We would also like to give a warm welcome to Castrol (UK) Ltd, their host Helen McAllister and Industrial Director John Carey.

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Thank you For Your Support

As we have reached the end of another season, I would like to say thank you to all our sponsors. Whether it is corporate hospitality, advertising or conferencing, your backing has been appreciated. I'm sure you will agree it has been a good season.

I, and the rest of the Sales team, will be working hard to ensure that next season is even more successful and I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

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TWENTY FIVE

Ronaldo makes happy return for Brazil against Barcelona

BRAZIL COACH Wanderley Luxemburgo forecast a new era of success for his troubled striker Ronaldo after an outstanding performance.

Ronaldo kept his adoring fans happy with a fantastic display against his former team-mates. It was his first appearance for Brazil since the World Cup defeat by France. He scored the first and set up the second for Brazil against Barcelona in the club's centenary year celebration match.

It was the kind of performance Brazil were looking for from their star man and Luxemburgo was delighted: "Ronaldo was very good in this game," said the Brazilian boss. "He looked in good shape, happy to be back with Brazil. He hadn't played for a while and to return, for a Brazilian, is very important. I'm convinced that from now on everything will go well for him." Ronaldo, who scored 34 goals in his one season at Barcelona, enjoyed a successful first year at Inter Milan only to break down at the World Cup. Since then he has shown only flashes of the form that tormented the world's best defenders as he has struggled to shake off a knee injury.



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FRANCE



Marseille have withdrawn their appeal against a fine and suspensions imposed for a brawl at the end of their UEFA Cup semi-final against Bologna last month.

Players and officials from both teams were involved in a punch-up after the match in Bologna on 20th April ended in a 1-1 draw. UEFA fined Marseille 125,000 Swiss francs and suspended Christophe Dugarry for five matches and Hamada Jambay for four. Bologna face a 150,000 Swiss franc fine and three suspensions. Marseille, who were unavailable for comment, qualified for the final on the 'away goals' rule and will meet Parma of Italy in Moscow on May 12 without five key players. As well as Dugarry and Jambay, they will have to do without Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli, midfielder Peter Luccin and defender William Gallas, who received second bookings in Bologna.

Marseille official Stephane Courbis was also banned from football until 28th April next year after video evidence showed him punching Bologna player Giampiero Maini. Maini was suspended for three matches while team mates Giancarlo Marocchi and Amedeo Mangoni were suspended for four and five matches respectively.

PORTUGAL



Graeme Souness has spoken of his shock at being suspended by Benfica following the club's 1-1 draw with lowly Campomaiorense last Sunday.

Chairman Joao Vale e Azevedo said that Souness, already due to be replaced by Jupp Heynckes at the end of the season, his assistant Phil Boersma and defender Steve Harkness were excused from duty. The three men would also be subjected to an internal club investigation into their conduct, added Vale e Azevedo. There were no further details offered about the suspension or reasons for it. Souness said "After the game, the chairman said that he thought it would probably be best if I called it a day straightaway. The next I heard, through a third party, was that I had been suspended. I met the President this morning and all he said was that it was for me laughing on the touchline. I'm sad it's finished the way it has, but it was a hard job to do. When there's money to spend, it is not easy, but I had no money. The supporters want success yesterday, as the club haven't won the title for five years. When we lost against Boavista, the writing was on the wall."

SCOTLAND



Rangers' coach Dick Advocaat hailed his expensively-assembled team after they clinched the

Scottish Premier League title last Sunday by winning 3-0 away to big rivals Celtic.

The Dutchman, who has laid out £40 million to rebuild his squad after taking over at Rangers last summer, saw his big money buys bear fruit with the derby success which moved his team 10 points clear with just three games remaining.

Advocaat said: "To have won the championship in my first season is very pleasing. We lost the first League game but since the third round of matches we have been at the top, so I think we deserve it." Advocaat added: "There are very happy faces in my dressing room because it is the end of a long season which began with the UEFA Cup qualifying matches on 18th July, and it is a great achievement considering the injuries we had."

GHANA



Ghana has withdrawn its bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals, the president of its football association said on last week.

Alhija Djawulah said that the Ghana Football Association had decided to withdraw the bid after world soccer's governing body FIFA made clear that co-hosting in Africa was not an option at present. "Co-hosting is not an option to be considered until there is more experience with the phenomenon of co-hosting," he said. Ghana was keen to co-host the event with regional neighbours Ivory Coast and Nigeria and South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Cameroon. Djawulah said that Ghana now backed South Africa's bid to host the competition.

NIGERIA



Nigeria has set up a panel to probe the team's poor performance in the World Youth Cup which the country hosted, Abdulummini Aminu, chairman of the Nigerian Football Association, said:

"The eight-member panel is headed by ex-national team captain Segun Odegbami and must submit its report by 27th May," Aminu told reporters. The Nigerians removed youth team coach Tunde Disu after the first round matches and replaced him with national team trainer Dutch Thijs Libregts. Nigeria eventually went out 3-1 to Mali in the quarter-finals and Libregts said his team was short of quality players.

Spain won the tournament by beating Japan 4-0 in the final while Mali took third place with a 1-0 win over Uruguay.



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* Matchdays only – During normal licencing hours

executive season ticket holders

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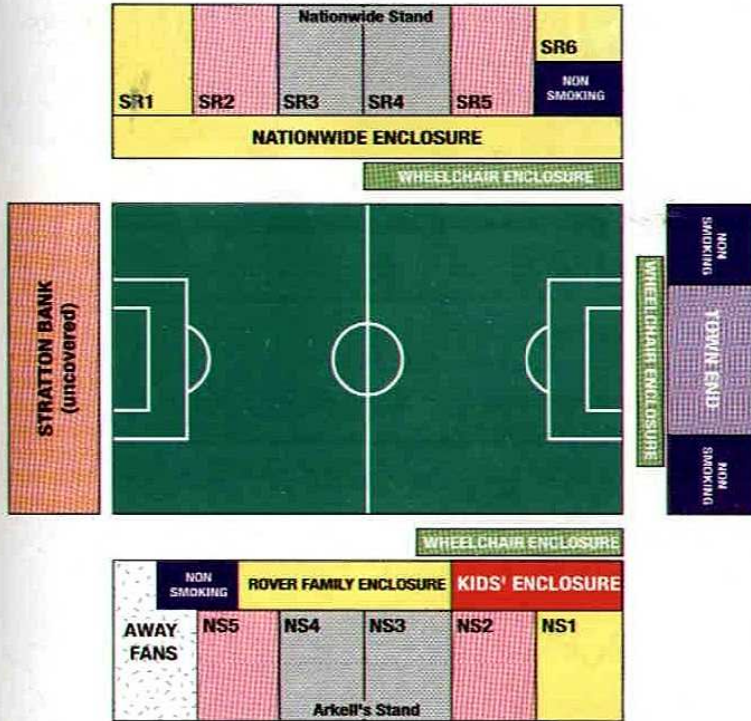
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			TOTAL PRICE	MONTHLY PAYMENT	
STRATTON BANK <small>(SEASON TICKETS NOT AVAILABLE)</small>	ADULT CONS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOWN END	ADULT CONS	£286.00 £143.00	£312.00 £152.00	£39.00 £19.00	£312.00 £152.00
ENCLOSURE	ADULT CONS	£307.00 £179.00	£328.00 £192.00	£41.00 £24.00	£328.00 £192.00
WINGS	ADULT CONS	£307.00 £179.00	£328.00 £192.00	£41.00 £24.00	£328.00 £192.00
INTERMEDIATE	ADULT CONS	£338.00 £187.00	£368.00 £200.00	£46.00 £25.00	£368.00 £200.00
CENTRE	ADULT CONS	£358.00 £198.00	£384.00 £216.00	£48.00 £27.00	£384.00 £216.00
WHEELCHAIR		£100.00	£110.00	£13.75	£110.00
EXECUTIVE MEMBER	ON REQUEST				

Existing season ticket seats will be held until 25 June 99

MATCHDAY PRICES		PRICE PER MATCH	PRICE PER MATCH	PRICE PER MATCH	TOTAL 23 GAMES
		BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	
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WINGS	ADULT CONS	£18.00 £11.00	£15.50 £ 9.50	£11.00 £ 6.00	£359.00 £216.00
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WHEELCHAIR		£5.50	£5.50	£5.50	£126.50
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Game Banding		
Band A	Band B	Band C
10	8	5

each game will be placed into one of three bands - A, B or C.

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- Birth certificate needed and proof of address

(unaccompanied kids)

- £20 fee, which guarantees a place for 23 League games
- JS cards will be issued in the enclosure of the Arkell's Stand
- Pay nothing on the day
- No queuing
- Less than £1 per game
- Birth certificate needed and proof of address
- Dedicated turnstiles will be used each week

pay on the day (accompanied kids)

There will be no limit for accompanied juniors. All advanced tickets issued will be registered against the adult making the purchase. (Using quick address)

- All tickets (pay on the day & matchday) will have the end stub removed and will be stamped 'Free Kids' ('tamper proof' stamps are now in operation!)

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& AFTER THE MATCH



WHAT'S ON at swindon

a look at what's on at the County Ground



RAF DROPPING IN...

An RAF Parachute Display Team will be dropping in at half-time today. Keep your eyes open at around 2.20pm, when the roar of the Hercules plane will be heard and the sky will be filled with people.

ALAN DOES THE MARATHON...

Town fan Alan Sheperd ran the London Marathon on behalf of STFC and raised an amazing £1,000 for "Skills For Living" at Chippenham College.

Alan finished the marathon in 4 hours and 32 minutes, a respectable time considering he pulled a muscle after just two miles! After the run Alan bumped



into ex-Town favourite Chris Kamara, pictured here!

Winners WINNERS LOUNGE LIVE FOOTIE

The Winners Lounge will be showing the FA Cup Final on 22nd May and European Champions League Final, 26th May.

All drinks £1.50 (excluding spirits) from 12midday to 5pm on Saturday and 7pm to 11pm on Wednesday, so it will be well worth coming down and enjoying the atmosphere.

MIKE SPEARMAN & RIKKI HUNT ROADSHOW!

Mike Spearman and Rikki Hunt have recently been meeting satellite supporters' groups of Swindon Town

with the help of the Official Supporters' Club.

These groups are made of fans who live long distances from the County Ground. We have large numbers of supporters from the surrounding regions of Swindon and Mike and Rikki feel it is important to meet these groups and discuss any issues they may have. If your group would like to meet Mike and Rikki please ring Richard Mackey on 01793 532121.

FANS LETTERS...

You can have your say on Swindon Town in the Matchday Magazine. Whatever your views, from footballing issues to what is going on off the pitch, you can air your views.

Send your letters to Swindon Town Programme Editor, PIA, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury RG14 7BB

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During the half-time break at today's game, Swindon Town and Jarvis Hotels will be giving away a superb weekend break, free of charge, to someone in the crowd. It will be completely at random, and you

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If it's your seat, come along with your ticket, to the Reception and pick up your Free Jarvis Weekend Break voucher. It's as simple as that.

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The competition will have a 30 team limit comprising of teams of 3/4. This special event means that your team can, if desired, also include one of the Swindon Town players or Coaches.

Itinerary for the Day

MORNING

- Welcome greeting on arrival
- Coffee and Biscuits in the Banbury Suite (served from 8.15am)
- Putting Competition
- Texas Scramble competition over 9 holes (Tee times from 9.30am to 10.30am)

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



LUNCHEON

- (served from 12midday)

AFTERNOON

- 18 hole Stableford competition (Tee times from 9.30am to 10.30am)
- with 'Halfway House' refreshments

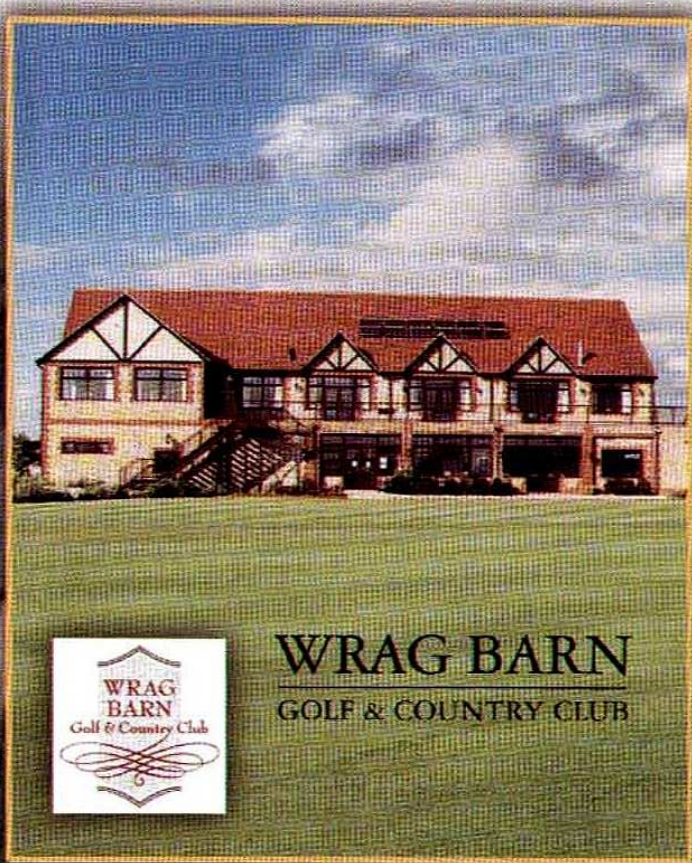
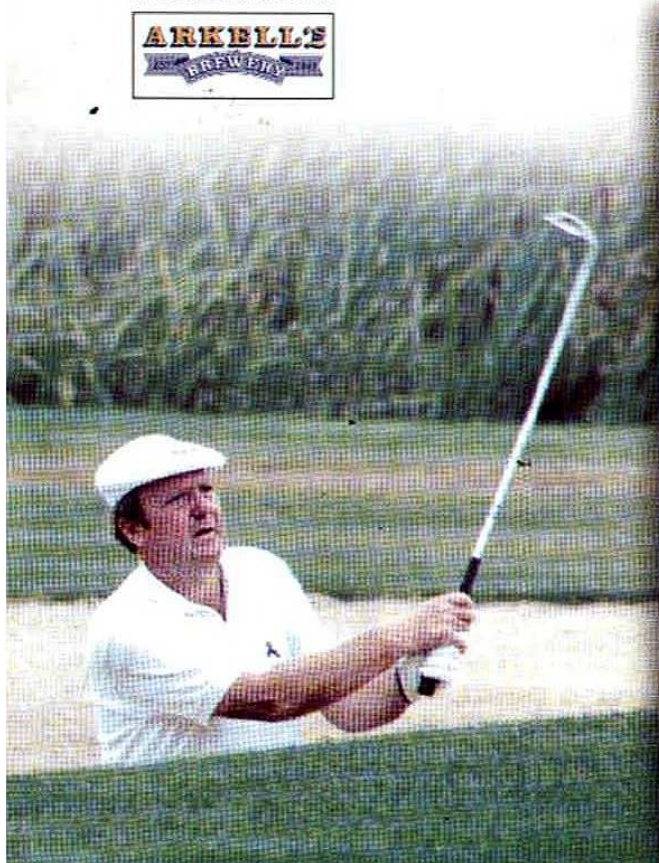
EVENING

- 3 Course Dinner at 7.30pm
- Prize presentation.

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WRAG BARN
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

'ROBINS on crusoe'

Every week we ask a Swindon Player to imagine they are stranded on a remote desert island, with access to only a small selection of life's luxuries. *Today's castaway is Iffy Onuora*



1. A DESERT ISLAND DRINK:

Orange, Pineapple and Budweiser

2. ONE HEALTHY MEAL:

Chicken, Rice and Peas

3. ONE PACKET OF CRISPS:

Plain Walkers

4. ONE CHOCOLATE BAR:

Toblerone, I like them!

5. ONE UNHEALTHY MEAL:

Chicken pie and chips from the Chippy

6. ONE CD:

R Kelly 12 play

7. ONE TV SHOW:

The Simpsons

8. ONE MOVIE:

Pulp Fiction

9. ONE NEWSPAPER OR

MAGAZINE:

FHM magazine

10. ONE CLASSIC MATCH TO

WATCH ON TV:

Brazil V France in the 1986 World Cup.

I think it was 1-1

11. ONE OTHER SPORTSMAN/WOMEN TO WATCH:

Denise Lewis

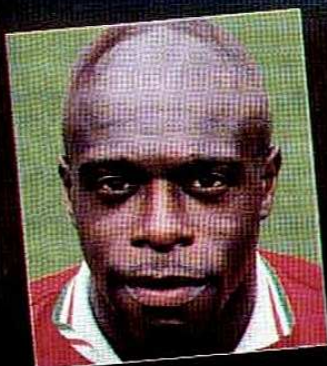
12. ONE SPECIAL PERSON:

My Mum

ANY IDEAS? ...

WHAT FEATURES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN NEXT SEASON'S MATCHDAY MAGAZINE? PLEASE WRITE TO:

'THE STFC EDITOR' THE LITTON, NEWTOWN RD, NEWBURY, BERKS.



Iffy Onuora remembers..

the LAST TIME he...

1. Bought a CD:

I bought a Whitney Houston CD a few weeks ago.

2. Paid to watch a football match:

I can't remember because I always get free tickets.

3. Had a practical joke played on him:

I haven't, I'm far too sharp for that!

4. Bought some designer gear:

None, I can't afford it!

5. Went to see a film:

I went to see 'The Prince of Tides' at the cinema with the kids and absolutely loved it.

6. Bought a car:

I got myself a nice Shogun a couple of months ago.

7. Went to see a concert:

That was a long time ago, probably R-Kelly.

8. Bought a present for somebody:

I got my daughter a birthday present last month.

9. Went on holiday:

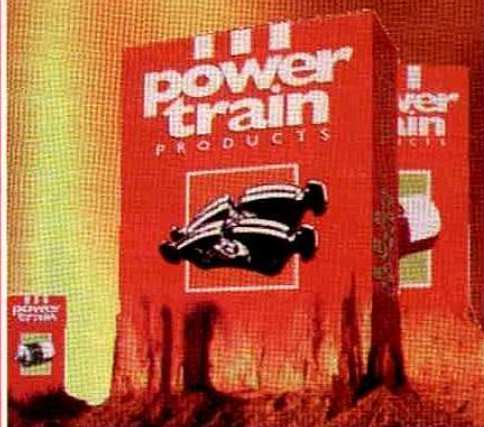
I went to the South of France last summer.

10. Scored a blinding goal:

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Teams OF THE WEEK...

THE EDITOR'S TOP 22: A look at the high flyers in the Premiership and Division One



PREMIERSHIP: as at 1.5.99



- Peter Schmeichel** - A little slump but an outstanding farewell.
- Jaap Stam** - Has been a Colossus at home and in Europe.
- Tony Adams** - Controlled Arsenal's dominant back-line.
- Sol Campbell** - Strength & pace for Spurs and England.
- David Beckham** - A great season under media spotlight.
- Paul Scholes** - England hat-trick to top European goals.
- Emmanuel Petit** - Suspension problems but a different class.
- Roy Keane** - Makes Man Utd tick, unlucky to miss final.
- ★ **David Ginola** - Unbelievable ability and flair.
- Dwight Yorke** - Proved to be a bargain at £12m.
- Nicolas Anelka** - Fantastic pace and is rapidly improving.

Manager: Alex Ferguson

It is still uncertain if his Manchester United squad will win the Premier League, the FA Cup or the European Cup. He has used his squad to it's maximum potential and rested players when they needed it.

DIVISION ONE: as at 1.5.99



- Richard Wright** - Has been almost unbeatable all season.
- Michael Gray** - Put last year's disappointment behind him.
- Darren Moore** - Has made Bradford hard to beat.
- Mark Venus** - Gives Wright the longest throw in the game.
- Gary Rowett** - Scored goals to back up clean sheets.
- ★ **Lee Clark** - No longer the best midfielder outside the Prem.
- Kieron Dyer** - Hopes to play top flight football.
- Stuart McCall** - Has given Bradford invaluable experience.
- Robbie Keane** - A handful for any defence and still young.
- Kevin Phillips** - Will finally get his chance to shine in Prem.
- Lee Hughes** - Strength, power and Div One's top marksman.

Manager: Peter Reid (Sunderland)

Last time, his Sunderland side was relegated in their first season there. This time he has a better squad, stadium and belief. Sunderland will not be returning next season.



THE HOT SHOTS as at 5.5.99



FA PREMIERSHIP	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Yorke (Man Utd)	16	11	27
Owen (Liverpool)	18	5	23
Cole (Man Utd)	16	7	23

THE HOT SHOTS as at 5.5.99



DIVISION ONE	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Hughes (West Brom)	31	1	32
Stewart (Hudd'field)	22	4	26
Mills (Bradford)	23	1	24

show yer' colours!



Send your picture sporting the Swindon Town colours and you may be featured!

Orphans from a shelter in the remote region of Cherkassy in the Ukraine 'show their colours'. Retail manager at STFC, Jackie Kent, visited the area as part of the 'Hope Now' charity to support their work. Why not attend this year's annual Charity Ball at the Chinese Experience!

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Miss A Robin from Westbury writes....

Dear 'Robins'

I was wondering if you could print this poem on that final day for the fans and the lads of Swindon Town.

S is for Season of Red, Green, White, Black and Blue,

W is for Wally for commitment true.

I is for Iffy - what a hatful of goals!

N for Ndah so much heart - so much soul.

D is for Davies our flame-haired brave,

O is for no. 1 and Frank Talia's fine saves.

N is for Name and Swindon Town's that name.

T is for Ty - he's deadly on the flank,

O is for Onward, Bugsy leaving top rank.

W is for Warrior - let Leitch show the way,

N is for Noble and that's for Chris Hay.

R is for 'Robbo' with his northern grit,

O is for Originality, Bobby Howe's sure to fit.

B is for Barmy Army - we've played our part,

I for Identity - Jimmy's given his team heart.

N is for Next cause, next year we'll be stronger,

S is for Supreme - for our team and its wonder.

I would like to hear from anyone who has a spare copy of the team sheets for the following reserve games (all at home):

Reading (2/12); Brentford (13/1); Everton (FA Youth Cup 2/2); Norwich (3/2); West Ham (24/2) and Arsenal (16/3).

Tel: 01793 511884

Donna Webster from Wotton Bassett writes.....

Dear 'Robins'

This is a piece I have written as part of my A-level English Language coursework. It is a profile of Mark Robinson, based on an article from a previous matchday programme, rewritten in the style of Jane Austin.

Extracts: "I developed a desire to position myself within the association at Swindon Town Football Club. I had previously had acquaintances with a number of the sportsmen present at the association, and whenever I had competed against them, they appeared consistent in their display of attractive soccer. Additionally, I discovered that the arrangement of the association was very professional, aiming towards competing successfully and returning to the Premier League. Personally, though, the panorama from my residence is exquisite which creates a pleasant area within which to reside."

"We as an association, have caused our loyal supporters much disappointment. One feels that there is a possibility that we can reach the play-off competition for a potential in the Premier League. On the condition that we persevere and succeed in some games, we will be able to restore our success from previously in the campaign."

Well folks - now you have the chance to let me know what you want to see in 'your' Matchday Magazine....

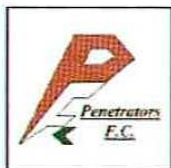
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Looking AHEAD...

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CHARITY MATCH
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This is a Charity match between a select Swindon Town FC XI v Penetrators FC.

It is your chance to see this 'David v Goliath' contest and raise money for the St. John's Ambulance Service. Penetrators FC are a Swindon and District Sunday League side, which is the biggest league in the area. So it will be a great opportunity to see how your local sides fare against a professional outfit. Come along and join in the fun, it should be a terrific day. Jim Quinn, Mike Walsh, Tom Jones and Alan McDonald are confirmed to play.

Wiltshire County Football Association Cup Finals

Tues 11th May: Senior Cup Pewsey Vale v Wotton Bassett Town k.o. 7.30pm

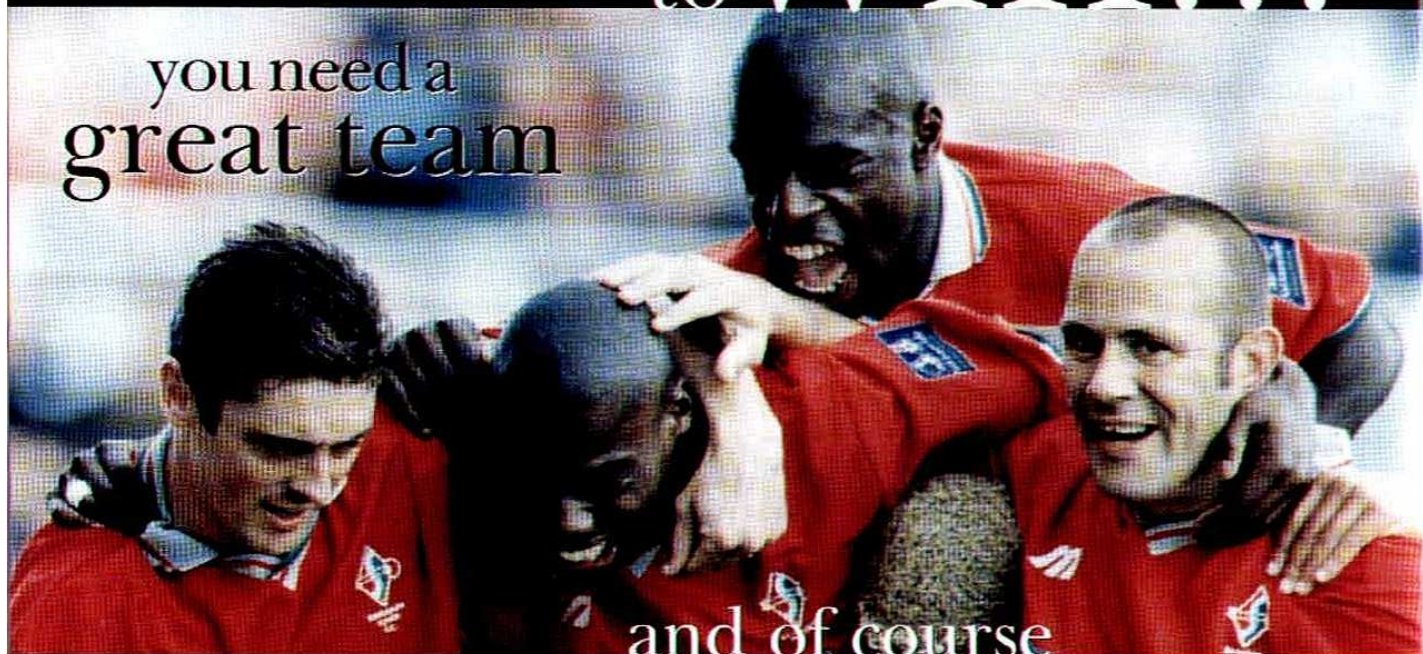
Weds 12th May: Minors Under-13 Highworth Junior v Croft Juniors k.o. 6.15pm

Weds 12th May: Youth Cup Swindon Town v Chippenham Town k.o. 8.00pm

Thurs 13th May: Premier Shield Salisbury v Swindon Supermarine k.o. 7.30pm

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by Manager
**Roger
Reeves**

The Town Ladies kept second spot and must wait for other clubs to finish their fixtures for their final placing.

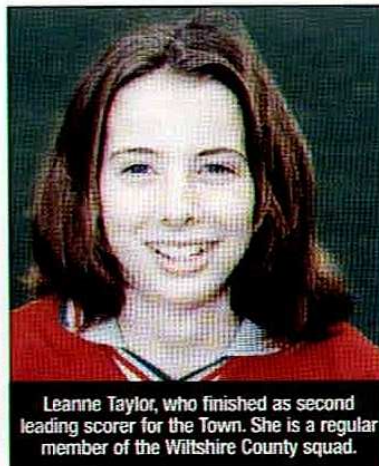
The Town gained a place in the quarter-final of the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup with a comfortable win over Bath City. The Town took control from the start and were soon ahead in a ten goals to three victory. Leanne Taylor and Kim Reeves got hat-tricks, Katie Lemon bagged two goals and goals from Diane George and Nadine Lloyd nudged the score into double figures. Player of the match was youngster Louise Corcoran, playing her first game for the senior team. Two other youngsters, Michele Rich and Gemma Bedry, also featured in the match and put in commendable performances.

On Friday 21st May, the Town are holding a Race Night in the Winners Lounge. Tickets are available from any of the girls or club members. The evening starts at 7.30pm. During the evening there will be the annual presentation of awards to players. Later this evening the Town will entertain Oxford United in the quarter-final of the League Cup. The Town

lost to the "U's" in the home league game this season by the odd goal in five, but won the away fixture by three goals to one. The winners will be away to Portsmouth or Bristol City in the semi-final. The tie will be played on the County Ground extension and will kick off at 6pm.

Finally, may I thank everyone for their interest and support over the past season and I look forward to it continuing in the 1999 to 2000 season.

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Leanne Taylor, who finished as second leading scorer for the Town. She is a regular member of the Wiltshire County squad.

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE (TOP 5)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CARDIFF COUNTY	21	17	1	3	55	17	52
SWINDON TOWN	22	14	1	7	80	35	43
BRISTOL ROVERS	19	12	4	3	61	28	40
CHELTENHAM	20	12	3	5	47	31	39
DENHAM UNITED	21	11	1	9	53	33	34

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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	CHELTENHAM	6-0
Sun 1st Nov	(FAC 2) S Coast Rngers	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 24th Jan	Sherbourne	1-2
SUN 31ST JAN	PORTMOUTH	5-1
Sun 7th Feb	Denham United	3-2
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPITFIRES	7-1
SUN 21ST FEB	DENHAM UNITED	5-2
Sun 28th Feb	Cheltenham	1-4
SUN 7TH MAR	BATH CITY	6-0
Sun 14th Mar	Bristol City	5-1
SUN 28TH MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	3-1
SUN 4TH APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	4-1
SUN 11TH APR	SALTASH PILGRIMS	3-2
Sun 25th APR	(League Cup) BATH CITY	10-3
Sun 9th MAY	(League Cup) OXFORD UTD:H	

swindonSTAT attack.. fixtures & results..

this week we take a brief look at the Ladies results, and future fixtures

Cup Final Fixtures

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Tues 11th May: Senior Cup Pewsey Vale v Wotton Bassett Town k.o. 7.30pm

Weds 12th May: Minors Under13 Highworth Junior v Croft Juniors k.o. 6.15pm

Weds 12th May: Youth Cup Swindon Town v Chippenham Town k.o. 8.00pm

Thurs 13th May: Premier Shield Salisbury v Swindon Supermarine k.o. 7.30pm

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION (LADIES DIVISION)

Sun 15th Nov	Newport Pagnell Utd	2-1
Sun 22nd Nov	Oxford Utd (Res) LC1	4-1
Sun 13th Dec	Risborough Rangers	0-7
Sun 7th Feb	Newport Pagnell Utd	3-0
Sun 21st Feb	Oxford Utd (Res)	3-4
Sun 28th Feb	Oxford Utd (Res)	0-3
Sun 7th Mar	Witney Town	2-2
Sun 21st Mar	Tring Town	2-0
Sun 28th Mar	Chesham United	2-3

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BURLEY BLAMES GOAL DROUGHT

George Burley has blamed a lack of goals for Ipswich's failure to clinch automatic promotion from Division One.



Ipswich have spent most of the season in the second spot behind runaway champions Sunderland and looked comfortable for automatic promotion. But they have faltered under the pressure in recent weeks and allowed rivals Bradford to overtake them.

Ipswich will now have to rely on other results. Even if they beat Sheffield United at Portman Road next Sunday they will be beaten to second place if Bradford win away at Wolves.

Ipswich must hope for a favour from Wolves, who will be aiming to win to keep alive their own hopes of making the play-offs.

Burley is disappointed about their results in the run-in and knows that his side could have clinched automatic promotion weeks ago.

"There is no doubt we haven't been scoring enough," he said.

"But we have a big game on Sunday and hopefully we can take the three points and a place in the Premiership.

"These are big games, and I am looking for my players to come through them. We all sat down and had a good chat after yesterday's defeat at Birmingham and we know what is required."

HOOPS ON EDGE

QPR chairman Chris Wright is demanding his players' total commitment in their bid to keep the club in the First Division.



Last weekend's 2-0 defeat at Port Vale means QPR dangle precariously just one point above the relegation zone, so they must beat Crystal Palace at Loftus Road this weekend to guarantee survival.

Wright said: "This is a club which has been in the top flight of football for the last 30 years. It would feel like the end of the world if we lost on Sunday."



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

TRANSFER REQUEST STUNS BAGGIES

West Bromwich Albion are to hold urgent talks with 32-goal striker Lee Hughes after he shocked the club by handing in a written transfer request.



West Brom made it clear they have no plans to let the 22-year-old leave the Hawthorns. Hughes is the leading scorer in England and one of the country's hottest prospects, but his actions have outlined his desire to play in the Premiership ASAP. However, Hughes is under contract for another three years and Albion's chief executive, John Wile, said: "His request came as a total surprise.

"I have recommended to the board that it should not be granted and I know that the directors are totally in agreement on this issue. I will be talking to Lee and his agent on Tuesday and there is obviously a lot to discuss."

Hughes, is a self-confessed Albion fan who used to watch the team from the stands before making his dream move to the Hawthorns.

He is in his second season as a professional and handed in his request following Albion's 1-0 win over Bury on Saturday.

Valued at anything between £5million and £7million, Hughes signed a new long-term deal last summer.

Albion paid what has turned out to be a bargain £250,000 to sign him from Conference side Kidderminster Harriers in the summer of 1997.

CREWE'S ESCAPE ACT

Crewe boss Dario Gradi was delighted that his side secured their First Division status.



He confessed after Crewe's stand-in striker Colin Little blasted them to a 3-1 victory against Portsmouth.

He said: "I would have played Rodney Jack had he been fit, but this is the beauty of having good players in the club because there's always someone who can come in and do a job.

"It's been another great occasion for us. It was harder this year than the first and it's been a super achievement to avoid relegation when we were so far adrift at one point."

Nationwide Division One Fixtures 09/5/99

BRISTOL CITY	vs	NORWICH
BURY	vs	PORT VALE
HUDDERSFIELD	vs	CREWE
IPSWICH	vs	SHEFF UTD
OXFORD UTD	vs	STOCKPORT
PORTSMOUTH	vs	BOLTON
Q.P.R.	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
SUNDERLAND	vs	BIRMINGHAM
SWINDON	vs	BARNLEY
TRANMERE	vs	WEST BROM
WATFORD	vs	GRIMSBY TOWN
WOLVES	vs	BRADFORD

Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	45	30	12	3	89	27	102
BRADFORD	45	25	9	11	79	45	84
IPSWICH	45	28	8	12	65	31	83
BIRMINGHAM	45	23	12	10	65	35	81
WATFORD	45	20	14	11	64	56	74
BOLTON	45	19	16	10	76	59	73
WOLVES	45	19	16	10	62	40	73
SHEFFIELD UNITED	45	18	13	14	70	62	67
NORWICH	45	15	17	13	62	60	62
GRIMSBY	45	17	10	18	40	51	61
HUDDERSFIELD	45	15	15	15	62	71	60
WEST BROM	45	16	11	18	68	73	59
CRYSTAL PALACE	45	14	16	15	58	65	58
BARNLEY	45	13	17	15	56	55	56
TRANMERE	45	11	20	14	60	60	53
STOCKPORT	45	12	17	16	49	55	53
SWINDON	45	13	11	21	58	75	50
PORTSMOUTH	45	11	14	20	57	71	47
CREWE	45	12	11	22	54	78	47
PORT VALE	45	13	8	24	45	74	47
QPR	45	11	11	23	46	61	44
BURY	45	9	17	19	34	60	44
OXFORD	45	9	14	22	43	71	41
BRISTOL CITY	45	8	15	22	56	80	39

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STFC goals 13
STFC debut 22 November 1997 v Middlesbrough (Division One)



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STFC debut 07 September 1997 v Nott'm Forest (Division One)



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Age 30
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STFC goals 2
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STFC goals -
STFC debut -



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STFC goals 0
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ON THE SPOT

IFFY ONUORA



In the hot-seat this week Iffy Onuora looks back at some of the highlights of his career...

"I saw the keeper off his line and I managed to lift my shot over him."

What would you be doing if you weren't a footballer and why?

I'd have got a job when I finished college and it would probably have been in journalism or something related to that.

What was the first match you went to watch? What do you remember about it?

It would have been a Merseyside Derby when I was a kid. David Fairclough came on as a sub and scored to make it 1-0 and I remember being stood in the Boys' Pen at Anfield with about 50,000 people there. I'm sure the roof nearly came off when they scored, and I think I turned around and started crying because I was so scared!

Who did you support as a boy, and who was your hero?

I supported Everton. They had some good players back then, I think Walshy might even have been there, but I don't want to give my age away! It was probably Duncan McKenzie, who was a great forward.

When was the first time you got paid for playing football?

When I joined Huddersfield after college.

Who are the best players you have played with and against?

Against, I would say Des Walker when he was at the peak of his game before he went to Sampdoria. I can't single out any one player that I have played with.

What do you eat before a match?

The usual.....pasta, chicken and bit of rice, that kind of thing.

What's the best stadium you've ever played in? What's so good about it?

Probably Highbury. It's not the biggest but the pitch is fantastic and there is a lot of tradition there.

What's the best goal you've ever scored and why?

Probably a goal against Notts County a few years ago, because I don't score many from outside the area. I picked the ball up on the half-way line and ran in a kind of diagonal because they forced me wide to the corner of the box. I saw the keeper off his line and I managed to lift my shot over him and in. He was an old mate of mine as well so I could give him stick for it afterwards.

What's the most memorable match you have played in and why?

One of the most memorable was last season when I made my debut for Swindon. Everything that could happen did; Alan McDonald went back to his old club and had to go in goal when Fraser got sent off. Then scoring on my debut made it that bit more special. Even this season against Bristol City, when we had two men sent off after going 3-0 up, and then they pulled back to 3-2 and we dug-in and had to hang on to the whistle. Other games as well when you're on the end of a bad result stick in the memory. I was at Huddersfield in a play-off semi-final and we were five minutes from Wembley - we ended up losing and it sticks in the mind because it was very disappointing.

What do you remember about your debut?

Thinking about it, that could be my best goal too! I'd just signed for Huddersfield, it was a pre-season game and I just came on as sub. The fans didn't know me from Adam, so they gave me a nice ovation to welcome me. I picked up the

ball on the half-way line again, beat about three players and stuck it in the top corner. It was 'Boys Own' stuff and I was an instant hero!

When did you first realise you had what it takes to be a professional footballer?

When I left college. I wasn't sure what I was going to do and then I found out that a few clubs were interested in me.

What is your most embarrassing moment in football?

Every time I miss a sitter probably! But I can't think of any one in particular.

Who do you room with on away trips and what bad habits does he have?

George and me are sticking together on this one! He's a top man and he doesn't have any bad habits. He was very kind about me so I can't stitch him up!

Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with? And why?

Alan McDonald - have you smelt his breath?!

Which four people would you most like to have lunch with and why?

Nelson Mandella, Mohammed Ali, someone nice to look at - Jennifer Aniston, and my mum.

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As the season draws to a close and the teams that have managed to secure promotion of the automatic variety breath a sigh of relief, those who have not been so fortunate begin to sweat and wait for the two, possibly three, games that will eventually decide their fate. The play-offs, as we all know, offer a fantastic opportunity for clubs from the lower divisions to bask in the limelight, but is it the fairest way to settle promotion after a season consisting of up to 46 games?

The history of the play-offs is littered with injustices and it's fiercest critics will point at the abject record of those teams who have gained promotion to the Premiership via this most controversial of avenues. The one exception, of course, is Leicester who, since gaining Premier League status, have gone from strength to strength. However, one only has to look at the case of Charlton to appreciate how big and difficult is the step up from Division One to the Carling Big Time.

There are those who argue that the team that finishes in a place that would have guaranteed promotion in the land before play-offs, after a gruelling season of 46 games, have done enough to take their places at the higher tables of English football. But where's the fun in that? Why not turn the final promotion place into a merry-go-round, one last burst for the finish line, one more big pay day before Murdoch and the great gods of television hibernate for the summer, counting their money and looking forward to the riches that lay ahead.

This is not to belittle the play-offs. Anyone who was privileged to witness the epic battle between Sunderland and Charlton last year will appreciate the drama and entertainment that the play-offs can bring.

No doubt those fans whose sides are involved this year will not be complaining, at least not until a team who finished well below them in the League knocks out their side. So let the entertainment begin and, in the words of Anthea Turner, release those balls!

By Richard Edwards



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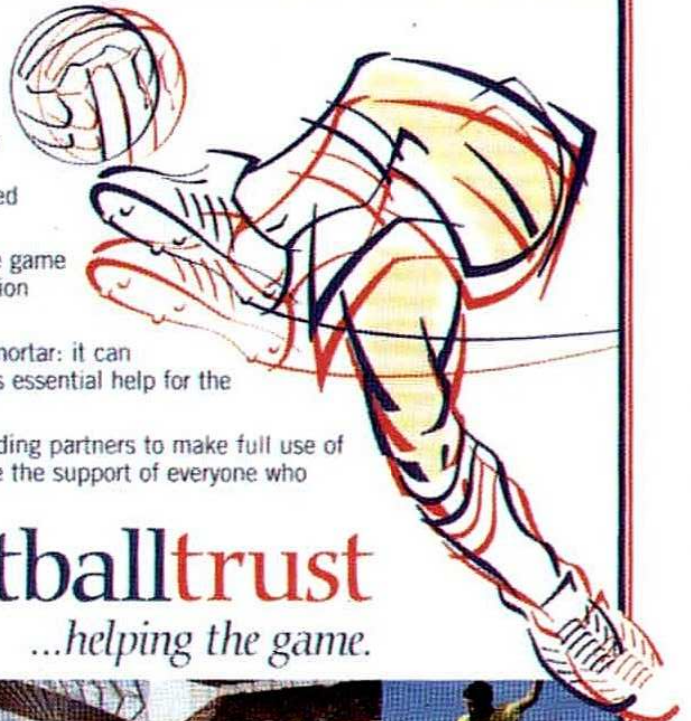
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- 2 In which season has the European Cup first been held?
- 3 Which Spanish team were the first winners of the trophy?
- 4 As the holders they were automatically entered for the following season, when were they eventually knocked out?
- 5 Where was the first European Cup held?
- 6 Can you name the 8 teams that have all retained the trophy?
- 7 Which is the only team to have won the European Cup more often than it's own domestic Championship?
- 8 In 1958/59 two teams from the same city contested the semi-finals. Which clubs?
- 9 In 1967, who became the first British team to win the European Cup?
- 10 Which was the first English team to take part in the European Cup?



Who's missing?

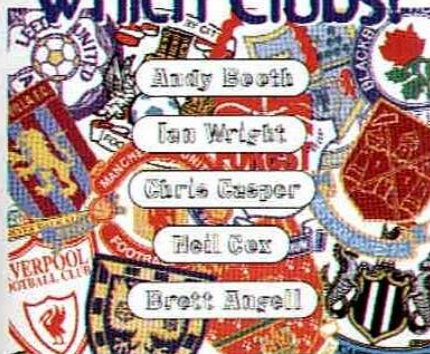
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First Division
1994/95 season



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which year?

- Chelsea, Portsmouth, Oxford and Watford were all relegated from the First Division
- Chelsea were beaten by Middlesbrough in a play-off, who took their place in the League
- Luton Town won the Littlewoods League Cup
- Wimbledon won the FA Cup after being in the League for only 10 years

AWAY TRAVEL



The S.T.F.C.
SUPPORTERS CLUB

TRANSPORTING SWINDON TOWN FANS INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Welcome to this our last League fixture of 1998/99.

That late goal at Norwich spoilt our end of season away form, but not our final day out. Once again we would like to thank all those who have worked tirelessly for us since last August.

Without our team of hostesses, stewards and helpers, we would not be able to offer the level of service our customers have come to expect. We would also like to thank the new Supporters' Club for their help and encouragement and we look forward to what we hope will be a lengthy association.

There are still seats available for Forest Green Rovers' trip to Wembley next Saturday, so please call us if you require coach travel.

It will be only a matter of weeks before we begin planning trips for the 1999/2000 season, but a number of changes will have taken place by then.

We will be moving from our current location off County Road - which is being demolished - to a new office. Details will be announced in the media as soon as they are finalised, along with the new opening times, which we are looking to extend considerably.

We are also waiting for details of the pre-season tour to be finalised - for which we hope to be able to offer a travel package. Look out too for the prices of our Away Season Ticket for next season, which will be on sale from the end of July.

Until then, we wish you an enjoyable summer break.

SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE

Swindon Town F.C. Study Centre is part of a national initiative "Playing for Success" which aims to help children improve their literacy, numeracy and IT skills through the context of football.

Children from eight Swindon schools attend after school sessions four evenings a week for an 11-week programme of work. This term Swindon Town F.C. have set the primary school children the challenge of designing a junior matchday magazine. The 20 children work in four teams of five, and they have interviewed the commercial department, made a database of other clubs' magazines, used the Internet for research and are currently working on an eight-page mock-up to present to the judges at the presentation evening, which is to be held in the Winners Lounge. The children's magazines include interviews with Jimmy Quinn, puzzle pages, jokes and posters of players.

MATCHDAY MAGAZINE CHALLENGE!

THE BRIEF

Your team has been asked by the commercial department at STFC to compete for a contract to design a match-day magazine aimed at young people attending matches at the County Ground.

There is a very important prize for the winning team.

At the end of the 11 weeks an audience of parents, teachers and stadium staff will listen to your presentation. Your work will be judged by an invited panel of experts.

The panel is looking forward to seeing an exhibition of your work, which has the following:

- * Ideas for a junior match-day magazine
- * Market research
- * Advertising ideas
- * A Team logo and slogan
- * A Team presentation

You will be judged on your team's ability to:

- * Work together
- * Produce accurate and attractive work
- * Offer something different and eye catching
- * Do quality research
- * Convince the clients that your ideas will work

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR CHALLENGE

This is an example of the sort of things happening at the Swindon Town Study Centre.

Parents of children attending after-school study support at the centre and staff at the Football Club have already put their names forward for enrolment. If you would like to join the course which starts in September or would like information about the course please contact the Study Centre

Editor's NOTES...

'The Euro Stars' By Daniel Prescott

This year Manchester United have delivered what Alex Ferguson has wanted: a place in the final of the European Cup.

After a tense and dramatic semi-final against Juventus, United booked their place through a goal from Andy Cole in the dying minutes. It will be the first European Cup Final involving a British side since the tragedy in 1985 in the final between Liverpool and Juventus.

Nowadays an English club in a major European Final is a rarity and should be savoured. As we know, this has not always been the case. Throughout the seventies and early eighties, British clubs, and especially Liverpool, were dominant on the continent.

So why have English clubs failed to recapture the European glory they once enjoyed annually? This season Liverpool crashed at the hands of Celta Vigo, who also disposed of Aston Villa in the next round. Arsenal failed dismally in the Champions' League, conceding too many late goals and thus throwing away healthy advantages. Both Leeds and Newcastle fell at the hands of Roma and Partizan Belgrade respectively. Plus Chelsea, in the weakest competition, lost to Real Mallorca in the Cup Winner's Cup semi-final. It's not that we believe English clubs should win everything but while we claim to have the best League in the World, our performances fail to live up to those boasts.

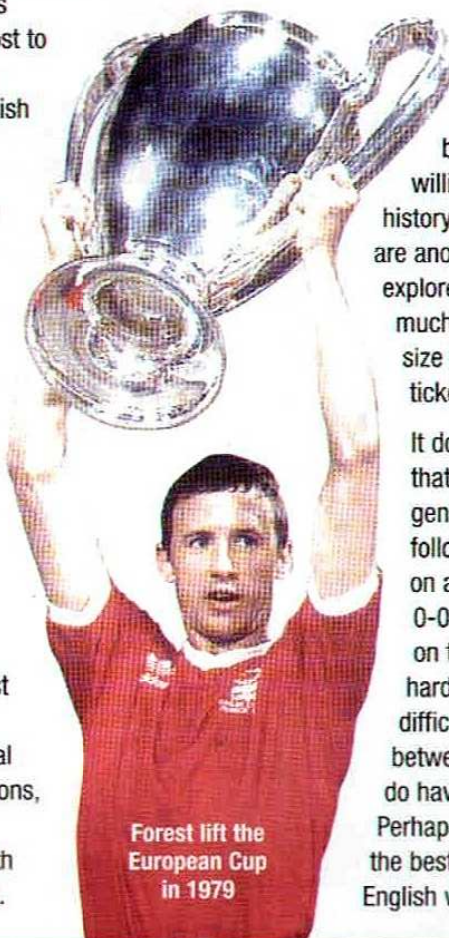
Perhaps British clubs should give a better account of themselves against European sides. On the whole it does seem that English sides surrender advantages and concede too many 'sloppy' goals to really compete at that level. We possess some great strikers but we do not really have the experience and defensive know-how. Arsenal proved this, conceding late goals that took away vital points and that from the best defence the Premiership has to offer. Four Italian sides reached the semi-final stages in the three European competitions, proving it is important to marry the attacking nature of the Premiership with the defensive philosophy of the Serie A.

Ferguson has learned from previous European Cup campaigns that one of the most important aspects of being successful is having strength in depth. In the summer he added more players to his squad and did not sell any quality players. It shows the quality of his side when the likes of Nicky Butt, Phil Neville or Teddy Sheringham do not even make the bench. It is a testament to teams like Manchester United that they command such loyalty and understanding from players who would surely be star players in any other team, players like Ole Gunnar Solskaer, who is fourth in the Premiership goalscoring charts and yet only plays a handful of games.

UEFA announced that clubs contesting the final would be allocated 30,000 tickets each at the 115,000-capacity stadium and a further 30,000 will go to Champions' League sponsors or to the Spanish football federation (RFEF). The remainder of the tickets will be sold to 'neutral supporters' and given to clients and sponsors. This news probably came as an even bigger blow to the Germans, who were probably relying on their tried and tested 'towel system'.

It is inevitable that thousands of these tickets will find their way onto the 'black market' and will be sold well over the odds to those willing to pay any price for a piece of history. Nowadays 'black market' tickets are another route the genuine fans must explore. It is commonplace, indeed so much so that commentators judge the size of an event by the price of the ticket on the 'black market'.

It does seem to be a sign of the times that any big game excludes many genuine fans. Why the fans who have followed their team hundreds of miles on a cold Wednesday night to watch a 0-0 draw at Carlisle have to miss out on the big matches is a point that is hard to swallow. However, it is always difficult for clubs to strike a balance between sponsors and fans because both do have a genuine claim to be there. Perhaps the German towel system may be the best answer but, as per usual, the English will probably get there too late.



Forest lift the European Cup in 1979

Dave Hebden's SWINDON TOWN

DREAM TEAM

I am 22 years old and I have been a Swindon Town supporter for thirteen years.

I have been a season ticket holder for all that time, therefore I have seen various Swindon teams (some good, some bad!). The majority of my Swindon Town 'Dream Team' are from the 1993 Wembley Division 1 play-off final side, which was the most exciting game I have ever seen in my time supporting the Town.

- Digby - 'Mr Dependable'
- Kerslake - Surging overlapping runs
- Bodin - Goalscoring defender
- Calderwood - LEGEND!
- Taylor - 100% commitment
- Hoddle - Need I say more?
- Hazard - Should never have left
- Summerbee - Superb crosser of the ball
- Moncur - Box-to-box action
- Shearer - A brilliant combination of strength and power
- Fjortoft - Viking genius



WHAT DO YOU THINK? Send your 'Dream Teams' to: Daniel Prescott, co. Swindon Town F.C. PIA, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 7BB.



Manager:
Iffy Onuora



Iffy Onuora's CARLING PREMIERSHIP DREAM TEAM

In each programme we will ask one of the Swindon Town experts to give us their dream 11... This week Forward Iffy Onuora gives us his **Premiership Dream Team**.

Nigel Martyn - Vital in Leeds' success

Vegard Heggem - A good all-round player for Liverpool

Sol Campbell - Spurs and England's powerful centre-half

Marcel Desailly - Possess great composure at the back

Ian Harte - Scores plenty of goals and a tough defender

David Beckham - Deadly with free-kicks around the box

Roy Keane - Has been vital difference in Euro campaign

Emmanuel Petit - Terrific season despite injuries

David Ginola - PFA Player of the Year and well deserved

Nicolas Anelka - Young and talented Frenchman

Dwight Yorke - Surely the Player of the Year?

Manager: Iffy Onuora

The most consistent 11 players in the Premiership this season. It would be great to see them play together.

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Iffy ONUORA

We were all so pleased to pick up those vital points against Grimsby.

The pressure was still there and now we're relieved not to be in the dogfight for the last two games. I think we can look at the 50 points and be pleased with that. It is not a bad total for this stage in the season and especially in this League, where results can always go either way no matter who you are playing.

OK, we have made it difficult for ourselves at times, but when you look at the way we have pulled together and got out of the bad spells, I think we can all take heart from that. Recently I think it was the defeat to Ipswich which was the turning point. Getting beaten 6-0 at home made us take a long hard look at ourselves and it also gave us the kick up the backside we needed.

Since then we really turned things around and probably became one of the form sides in the Division.

We have taken away a lot of positives from the good results we have picked up along the way. When you are successful it is a lot easier to examine your performances and be happy with the way you are playing, but sometimes when things are not going so well, you don't really care how you get the results as long as you get them.

Looking back over the season I would say that the bad spell after Christmas was quite damaging. We were all thinking about maybe moving up into the top ten in the table and then all of a sudden we were looking over our shoulder and trying to stay away from the relegation zone. We gradually managed to turn things around and finish off well. There have been some highs and some lows, not all of them on the pitch. The situation with the old manager leaving was a bit unsettling. It is not an excuse but looking at the big picture it did have an effect. I am pleased to say that there seems to be a bit more stability at the club at the moment and the Chairman is working hard to turn things around and try and guarantee some more funds for the club.

I would say that we have shown a great amount of ability, especially in the last few games. Fortunately we have been able to get a goal ahead and have not had to come from behind too much. I was pleased with the

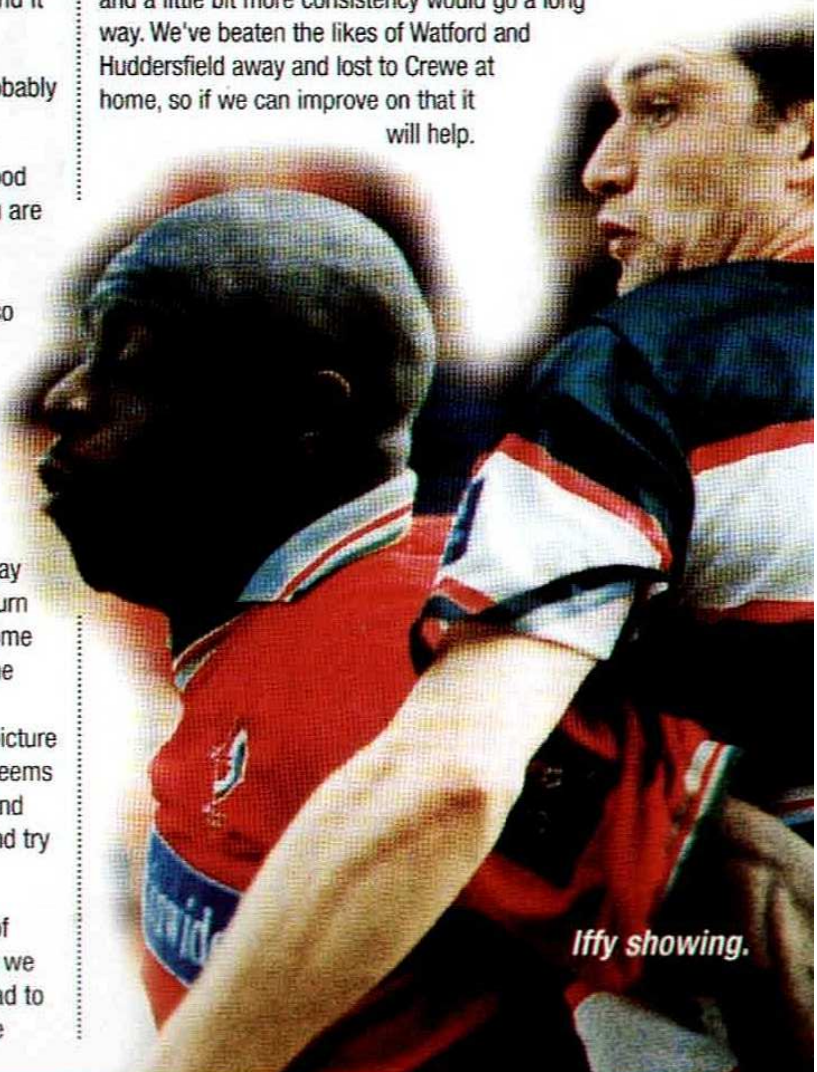
game against Grimsby because we needed to win at home and the style we did it in was great. We scored early in both halves and were then able to control the game and dictate the play.

Looking ahead towards next season, I would like to play in as many games as possible and try and get a few more goals. Hopefully I can lead the line and try and work our way into the top half. A bonus would be a really good cup run, especially for this club, because I think it is vital to

bring in some more money as well as lift the club's profile. If we can finish in the top 12 then I think we can be pleased and anything on top of that will be a bonus. This season we have shown that we are capable of it

and a little bit more consistency would go a long way. We've beaten the likes of Watford and Huddersfield away and lost to Crewe at home, so if we can improve on that it will help.

"I would say that we have shown a great amount of ability, especially in the last few games."



Iffy showing.



PETIT TO CARRY ON IN PAIN

Emmanuel Petit is playing through the pain of knee and ankle injuries to keep Arsenal in the chase for a second consecutive Premiership title.



Petit has been struggling with the injury for some time and is in obvious discomfort, especially against Derby last weekend.

The injuries would have sidelined Petit for weeks at any other point in the season but he will continue on until the Premiership title is decided.

Rest is the only cure for his double injury but he said: "My knee isn't really that good and I am still feeling pain in my ankle, but I will try to play until the end of the season."

"After that we will have a two-month break and I think that will be a good time to recover."

"However, we've got two international games when the season ends so I don't even know when I am going to get to go home. Before the injuries, I was feeling very good about my football but it is always difficult to come back."

Petit has been in fantastic form all season following on from his World Cup win with France.

PREMIERSHIP



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F.A. PREMIERSHIP

ROUND-UP

FERGIE SIGNS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

Alex Ferguson revealed that he has signed a three-year contract with the club.



The news will be welcome to fans who were worried that the most successful manager of the modern era would retire at the end of next season.

The club released a statement which read: "The board of Manchester United plc is delighted to announce that it has reached agreement with Alex Ferguson on a new three-year contract commencing July 1, 1999, until June 30, 2002."

"Mr Ferguson was appointed by the club in November 1986 and has been the most successful manager in English football during the 1990s. The terms of the new contract reflect his success and his importance to Manchester United."

Ferguson said: "I am delighted that the matter has been settled and that I have a contract which will take me to 60 years of age. My hunger for success remains undiminished and I will be striving to ensure that the next three years are as successful as the last 13 have been."

GULLIT DENIES MOVE FOR SEEDORF

Newcastle boss Ruud Gullit has denied reports that Real Madrid midfielder, Clarence Seedorf, is on the verge of joining his Magpies because of a bust-up with Madrid boss John Toshack.



Gullit has been monitoring his situation and is desperate to add world class players to his squad, but insisted: "I don't know where that story comes from, it's totally out of the blue. It's not true."

"I speak all the time with him because we know each other very well, but I haven't spoken to him about a transfer here to Newcastle, so I have to disappoint a whole lot of people."

"It's not right at all. Maybe he wants to play for us. I have heard some comments from him, but I haven't approached him," he added.

The 23-year-old former Ajax and Sampdoria star reportedly said: "I need respect and I'll work hard for a man who will give that to me."

"I think Gullit will certainly give it. He and I developed a good relationship on a trip to South Africa last year." He is reported to have added: "I have a lot of respect for him. I felt a lack of respect in Madrid for me."



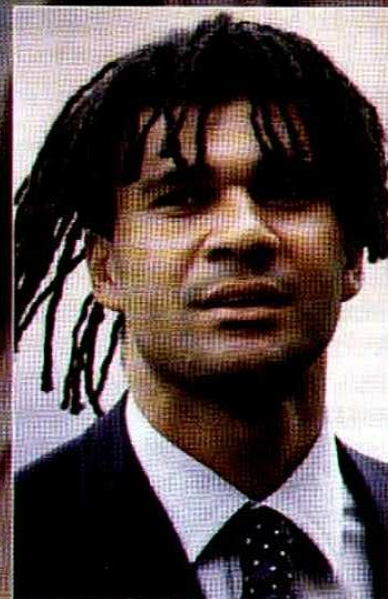
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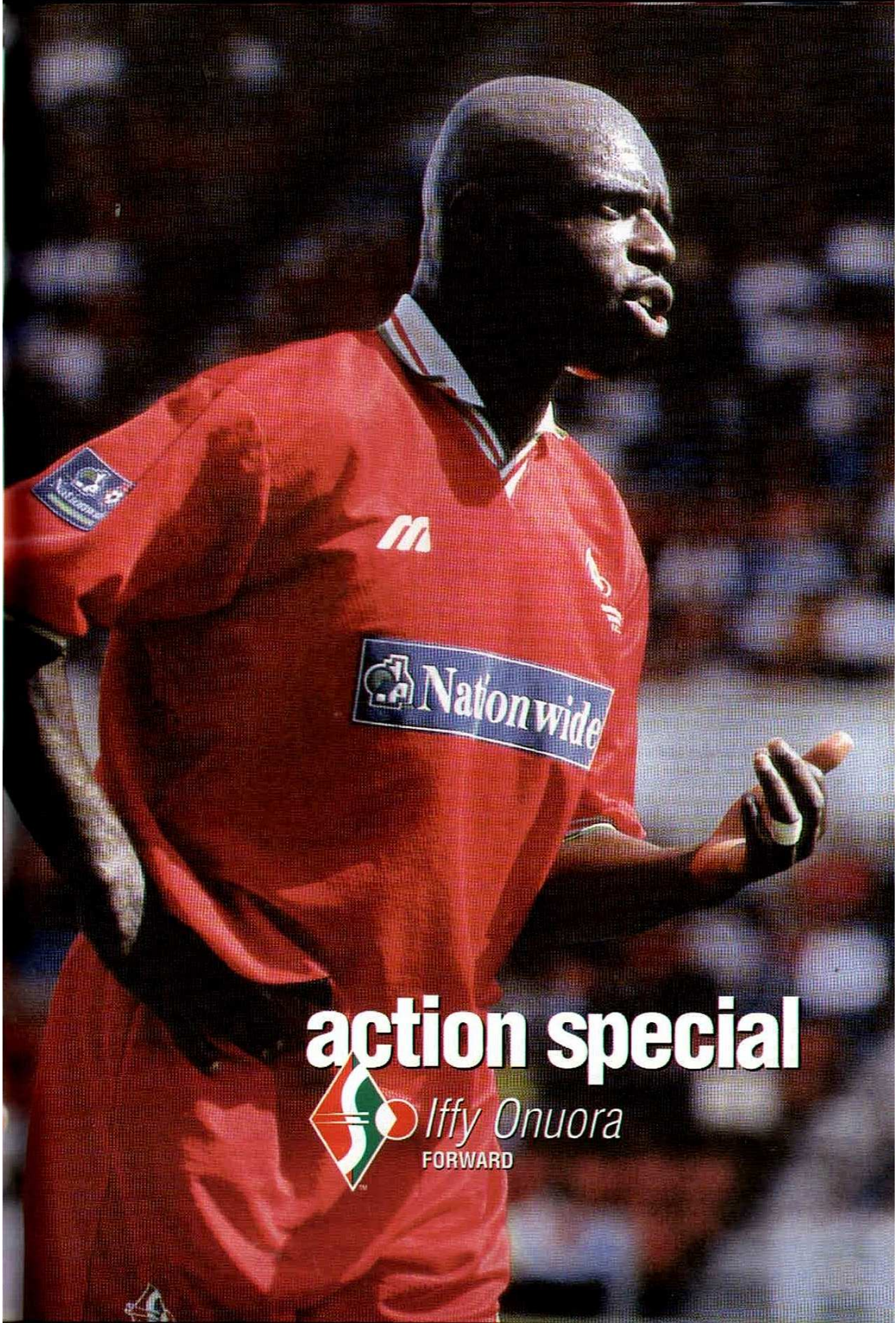
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CHELSEA	36	19	14	3	53	27	71
LEEDS	36	17	12	7	59	32	63
ASTON VILLA	36	15	10	11	48	41	55
WEST HAM	36	15	9	12	42	47	54
LIVERPOOL	36	14	9	13	65	48	51
MIDDLESBORO	36	12	15	9	48	49	51
DERBY CO.	36	13	12	11	39	43	51
TOTTENHAM	36	11	13	12	44	46	46
LEICESTER	36	11	13	12	38	45	46
NEWCASTLE	36	11	12	13	47	51	45
WIMBLEDON	36	10	12	14	40	58	42
SHEFF WED	36	11	8	18	39	42	40
EVERTON	36	10	10	16	36	45	40
COVENTRY	36	11	7	18	37	49	40
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SATURDAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

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Iffy Onuora

FORWARD

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 30	BURY H	1-1 (06)	7,797	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	REEVES	WALTERS
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland A	0-2	41,304	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HOWE	TAYLOR	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Feb 13	Oxford Utd (FA.C5) A	0-2	8,179	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH H	3-3	10,110	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
Fri Feb 26	Walford A	1-0	8,692	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
WED MAR 03	TRANMERE ROVERS H	2-3	5,726	TALIA	COLLINS	REEVES	LEITCH	TAYLOR	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT MAR 05	BOLTON W. (FA.C6) H	3-3	8,392	TALIA	COLLINS	REEVES	LEITCH	DAVIES	BORROWS	HOWE
Tue Mar 09	Stockport County A	1-2	6,098	TALIA	KERSLAKE	REEVES	LEITCH	DAVIES	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT MAR 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA H	1-2	7,434	TALIA	KERSLAKE	REEVES	WALTERS	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
Sat Mar 20	Queens Park Rangers A	0-4	11,184	GLASS	WALTERS	REEVES	LEITCH	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT APR 03	IPSWICH TOWN H	0-6	10,337	GLASS	LINTON	REEVES	TAYLOR	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
Mon Apr 05	Huddersfield Town A	2-1	11,719	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	HULBERT	HOWE
SAT APR 10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF) H	0-1	8,896	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	WATSON	HOWE
Tue Apr 13	W.B.A. A	1-1	9,601	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	TAYLOR	HALL	WATSON	HOWE
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A	1-0	18,660	TALIA	LINTON	DAVIES	HAY	HALL	BORROWS	HOWE
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H	2-0	7,197	TALIA	LINTON	HALL	WALTERS	ROBINSON	BORROWS	HOWE
Sat May 01	Norwich City A	1-2	17,307	TALIA	LINTON	HALL	WATSON	ROBINSON	BORROWS	HOWE
SUN MAY 09	BARNLSLEY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final	Newcastle United vs Manchester United								

THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	20
GEORGE NDAH	13
MARK WALTERS	11
CHRIS HAY	6
BOBBY HOWE	3

THIS SEASON'S TOP GATES

SAT 21 ST NOV VS CRYSTAL PALACE	11,718
SAT 26 TH DEC VS WOLVES	11,627
SAT 3 RD APR VS IPSWICH	10,337
SAT 15 TH AUG VS SUNDERLAND	10,207

LAST FOUR GAMES

NORWICH	A	LOST 2-1
GRIMSBY	H	WON 2-0
CRYSTAL PALACE	A	WON 1-0
WEST BORM	A	DREW 1-1



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NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
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NDAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(9)
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WILLIS	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	BULLOCK	HALL	CUERVO(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	CUERVO	WATSON	WILLIS
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(10)	DAVIS(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(5)	CUERVO
NDAH	ONUORA	LEITCH	GOODEN	HAY(8)	DAVIS	CUERVO
NDAH	ONUORA	LEITCH	GOODEN	WATSON(8)	HULBERT(5)	BULLOCK(10)
HAY	ONUORA(2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON(7)	CAMPAGNA	COWE(8)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	GOODEN	HULBERT(7)	CAMPAGNA	COWE
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	GOODEN	TAYLOR(18)	BULLOCK(8)	NDAH(11)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	NDAH	HOWE(6)	HULBERT(6)	LEITCH(10)
WATSON	ONUORA	FENN	DAVIS	HAY(10)	TAYLOR(3)	BULLOCK(7)
WATSON	ONUORA	NDAH	DAVIS	HAY	HULBERT(6)	BULLOCK(2)
HAY	ONUORA(2)	NDAH	DAVIS	WALTERS(8)	WATSON	BULLOCK(6)
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(7)	REEVES	WALTERS(4)
HAY	ONUORA	BULLOCK	DAVIS	WATSON(9)	REEVES	COWE(8)
HAY	NDAH	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE(6)	ONUORA(7)	NOT USED
HAY	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WALTERS	WATSON	HULBERT
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	COWE	HULBERT(2)	REEVES
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WALTERS(11)	WATSON(7)	COWE(6)
NDAH	ONUORA	GOODEN	DAVIS	WATSON	WILLIS	HAY(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	DAVIS	ROBINSON(11)	GOODEN(3)	GRIFFIN(9)
NDAH	ONUORA	HOWE	GOODEN	ROBINSON(5)	HULBERT(2)	HAY(4)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY(2)	DAVIS	HULBERT(7)	GRIFFIN	GOODEN(11)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE(2)	WALTERS	COLLINS(7)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE(4)	WALTERS	DAVIS
NDAH	WALTERS	HAY	GOODEN	KERSLAKE	HALL(6)	GRIFFIN(8)
NDAH	WALTERS	HAY	GOODEN	HALL(2)	COLLINS(4)	ONUORA(5)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	GRIFFIN(6)	TAYLOR	McHUGH
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	GRIFFIN(10)	LINTON(11)	TAYLOR
DAVIS	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HULBERT(6)	HAY(8)	WALTERS(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(10)	WALTERS(6)	BORROWS
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WALTERS(7)	WILLIAMS
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	HAY(8)	WALTERS(3)	WILLIAMS(6)
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	ROBINSON(3)	WALTERS(4)	WATSON(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	BRADLEY	GOODEN	WATSON(4)	WILLIAMS(2)	HAY(10)
NDAH	ONUORA	HAY	TAYLOR	M'AREAVEY(7)	WILLIAMS	BRADLEY(10)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	45	30	12	3	89	27	102
BRADFORD	45	25	9	11	79	45	84
IPSWICH	45	28	8	12	65	31	83
BIRMINGHAM	45	23	12	10	65	35	81
WATFORD	45	20	14	11	64	56	74
BOLTON	45	19	16	10	76	59	73
WOLVES	45	19	16	10	62	40	73
SHEFFIELD UNITED	45	18	13	14	70	62	67
NORWICH	45	15	17	13	62	60	62
GRIMSBY	45	17	10	18	40	51	61
HUDDERSFIELD	45	15	15	15	62	71	60
WEST BROM	45	16	11	18	68	73	59
CRYSTAL PALACE	45	14	16	15	58	65	58
BARNLEY	45	13	17	15	56	55	56
TRANMERE	45	11	20	14	60	60	53
STOCKPORT	45	12	17	16	49	55	53
SWINDON	45	13	11	21	58	75	50
PORTSMOUTH	45	11	14	20	57	71	47
CREWE	45	12	11	22	54	78	47
PORT VALE	45	13	8	24	45	74	47
QPR	45	11	11	23	46	61	44
BURY	45	9	17	19	34	60	44
OXFORD	45	9	14	22	43	71	41
BRISTOL CITY RELEGATED	45	8	15	22	56	80	39

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 98/99

Player Name:	LEAGUE	W C	FAC	Gls.
	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	
BRIAN BORROWS	39	1	1	0
DARREN BULLOCK	18(5)	1	1	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	0	(1)	0	0
LEE COLLINS	2(2)	0	0	0
STEVE COWE	2(2)	0	(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	2(4)	0	0	0
SOL DAVIS	21(1)	0	1	0
GARETH DAVIES	6	0	0	0
JIMMY GLASS	3	1	0	0
TY GOODEN	36(2)	1	2	1
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	(4)	0	0	0
GARETH HALL	39(2)	1	2	2
CHRIS HAY	16(12)	1	1	6
BOBBY HOWE	19(2)	0	2	3
ROBIN HULBERT	6(9)	0	2	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	12(2)	0	0	0
SCOTT LEITCH	23(1)	0	1	0
ALAN MCDONALD	0	0	0	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0	0	0	0
GEORGE NDAH	38(1)	0	2	13
IFEM ONUORA	40(3)	1	1(1)	20
ALAN REEVES	24	(1)	0	2
MARK ROBINSON	24(4)	1	1	0
FRANK TALIA	40	1	2	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	17(2)	0	2	0
MARK WALTERS	32(7)	1	1(1)	11
KEVIN WATSON	10(8)	(1)	(1)	0
ADAM WILLIS	9	0	0	0

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MATCH..... STATS



the officials

Referee:

Mr E. Wolstenholme

Eddie is 44 years old and works as a Plater, he is married with two children, Paul (17) and Lynsey (13). He Refereed the 1998 Div 1 Play-Off Final.

Assistant Referees:

Mr K. Butler

Mr K. Nind

4th Official:

Mr J. Humphries

match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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TODAY'S TEAMS.....



FRANK TALIA	1	TONY BULLOCK
DES LINTON	2	NICKY EADEN
GARETH HALL	3	SCOTT JONES
KEVIN WATSON	4	KEVIN RICHARDSON
MARK ROBINSON	5	ADRIAN MOSES
BRIAN BORROWS	6	MATTY APPLEBY
BOBBY HOWE	7	MARTIN BULLOCK
GEORGE NDAH	8	CRAIG HIGNETT
IFEM ONUORA	9	MIKE SHERON
CHRIS HAY	10	BRUCE DYER
CRAIG TAYLOR	11	DARREN SHERIDAN
PAUL McAREAVEY	12	CLAYTON BLACKMORE
SHAYNE BRADLEY	13	ERIC TINKLER
JAMES WILLIAMS	14	CLINT MARCELLE
TEAM MANAGER JIM QUINN		TEAM MANAGER ERIC WINSTANLEY



BRIAN BORROWS

Brian will be retiring from professional football at the end of today's match. He would like to go out in style and keep a clean sheet. Appleby will have to be equally sharp for the Tykes.



MATTY APPLEBY

NEXT HOME MATCH...

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