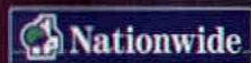


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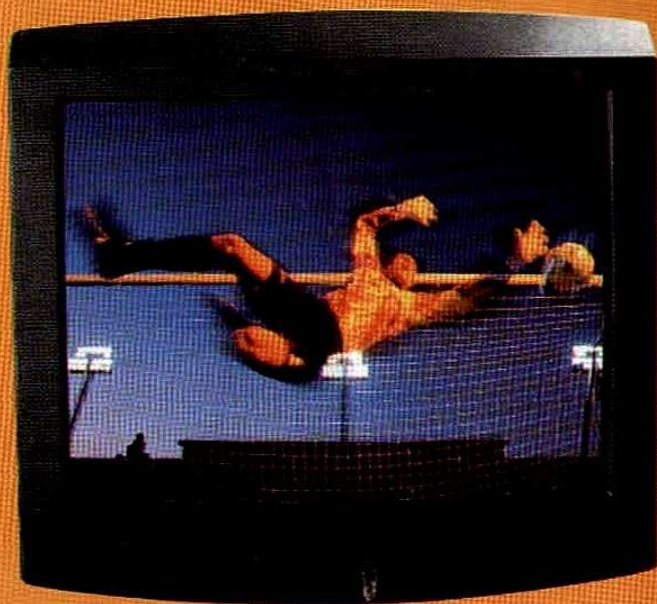
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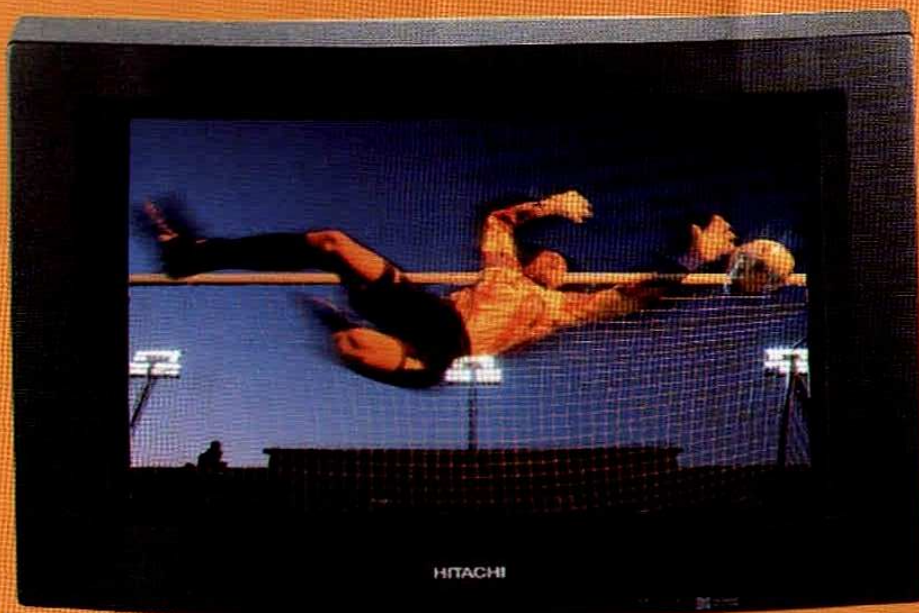
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# the chairman's welcome

**Before a ball is kicked in a football campaign we tend to believe that almost anything is possible. How ironic then that last week's start of the season was greeted with a devastating report on the health of our league, showing 80% of clubs are loss-making.**

The dream of Premiership football is costing our league dearly, with two Division One clubs recently close to collapse. We at Swindon have been among the first to realise that you cannot spend millions on players without gambling with the very existence of the club. To best serve the ambitions we have on the pitch you **MUST** get a grip on the business realities off it. This is what we believe we have achieved. Today, as we tackle our first home league match, we are much better equipped to deal with these realities. With a better base we can now move forward and redirect our energies to our customers - the supporters. We have passed a vital threshold of confidence in our business, although to secure the next 2 season and to invest for the future we still need to raise another £2 million. What we must now do is refocus more directly on the needs of the fan.

I believe we have control of our costs which today, whilst now reduced to a minimal level, still outstrip our income and I expect this to continue for the next



2 years. We have captured investment partly by demonstrating our genuine ability to reduce costs and slow the trend in our debt. Around 3 years ago our share-capital was approximately £100,000; today it is more like £4m, with the bulk coming in the last share issue. We must always remember that a potential investor will only invest if they see a profit or some other benefit. No one will volunteer to board a leaky ship - not even Honda.

Now we have to steel ourselves for the challenge of increasing our income. This involves recasting the club in a far more user-friendly way, and opening up channels of profitability that benefit the

fans. We must break down the barriers and be more accessible and responsive to our supporters' demands, in a way that improves the business and ultimately boosts our chances on the pitch.

How is this to be done? Well, we have simply got to own a fully-developed, fully-utilised stadium. A stadium should be a badge of honour for the fan and for the town, **especially one campaigning for city-status**. It should also house the infrastructure to be self-sufficient and profit-making. If you own your ground you have a asset with which you can secure your investments, so you can go ahead and improve the stadium's facilities and image. Without ownership you are limited in your ability to make changes, although we have already made an impressive start.

Over the summer large renovation work has been completed in the Arkells Stand concourse to give the fans better refreshment and toilet facilities. A new gym has been created so our players can warm-up before matches; and terrific work has been undertaken to give them self-contained pitches and training facilities at Swindon Supermarine. Similarly, extensive work carried out on all our conferencing suites last year has greatly improved their revenue capacity. The new Winners Lounge will soon be complemented by a complete overhaul of the adjacent Family Room, including a brand new restaurant; and the Study Support Centre will soon become profit-



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some of the improvements made at the County Ground during the summer



**The new purpose built gym to aid training and pre-match warm-ups...**



**The Study Support Centre has been a great success and is due for expansion.**



**Alongside the Winners Lounge we are developing restaurant...**

...making and then extended into the Arkells Stand. On top of this, we have created new, modern workplaces for our administration and coaching staff. This is a creditable start, but there is a long way to go. We are currently working on several projects that will both give the fans a better deal and benefit the Club. We want to revamp the refreshment facilities in the Town End to make it more attractive. Part of this is to obtain a drinks licence for this and the rest of the stadium, which we are currently working on. Another long-term plan is to redevelop the current Superstore from a facility that becomes profitable just on matchdays (only around 25 of these each year!) to one, such as a pub or a gymnasium, that may be earning all year round.

You may ask of course where all this leaves the football side of the Club. Firstly, you do not need to spend vast sums to win. Compare Watford and Bradford with Bristol and QPR, or look at the unfulfilled millions of Wolves and Manchester City and you will begin to get an idea of what can be achieved and risked. Long-term it makes far more sense to invest in a youth policy and pick up experienced talent where you can justify the cost along the way. Jim Quinn has so far spent just £10,000 on bringing in 4 promising faces into the first team - Griffin, Davies, Grazioli and Williams. He has further strengthened the squad with 8 new professionals from last year's youth ranks, whom we also hope will break through to the first team. This must be the way forward in creating a sustainable supply of talent.

To the coaching staff we are delighted to welcome on board Jimmy Shoulder who comes with the highest of credentials in youth development and coaching, and who has the knowledge to expand and improve the structures already in place to nurture our youths. His appointment comes after us being able to secure Alan McDonald's vast experience on to our coaching staff.

In the course of our bid to strengthen the Club as a business we have had to make tough decisions that sometimes might not appear to have been in the interests of the fan. You must believe me however, that the alternative would have been the demise of the Club as we know it. Now many of these difficult issues have been addressed I am confident that the structure is correct. Outside of this, operational mistakes have been made, most obviously the giving of the Town End to away fans last season. These mistakes notwithstanding, I believe we have arrived at a point where we can look forward to a very optimistic period where we can make positive strides for the fans. This is why I have asked you all to write in to me through the Evening Advertiser, to ask me questions or make your points - I pledge to answer every one personally.

The business of football and what happens on the pitch are linked, but not how people have traditionally thought. Spending money you haven't got is a gamble, one that many clubs are clearly losing badly (in our league a combined £52m was lost last year). Instead, you need a solid base from which you can

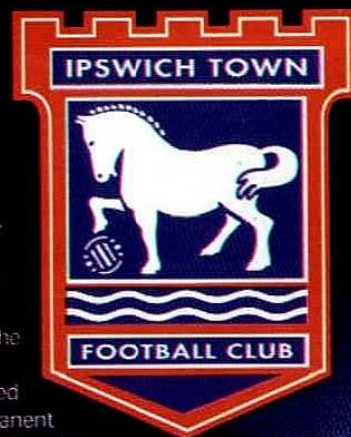
move on to generate a healthy future and at least guarantee you a fighting chance. As this season got underway Deloitte & Touche expressed their hope that the "realisation that a sustainable future depends on building a business - a football business - will encourage investment outside the first team squad." In other words, you must fund a strategy - not fund the dream. This is exactly our plan. We will of course continue to invest in our first team where possible. Beyond that, though, it is crucial that, on the one hand, we fund a strong youth set-up and, on the other, we focus our decisions and policies according to the needs of our fans. Only that way can we continue to have our dreams at all.

As we embark on another campaign let's hope we can enjoy the season and make as much progress on the pitch as off it. I would like to wish all the best to our players and thank all of you for your support, especially those who have taken the trouble to write in with your comments.

**Rikki Hunt  
Chairman**



# today's visitors



This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Ipswich Town Football Club to the County Ground for this Nationwide League match. We hope you all enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

One of the most consistent sides of the last four seasons, Ipswich have gone agonisingly close to promotion to the top flight three times - and this term they are hoping to complete the job automatically with a second place finish. Last season they were pushed into the Play-Off lottery by Bradford City on the last day.

In 1996/97, 1997/98 and 1998/99 the Blues fell at the Play-Off Semi-Final stage, so the players, supporters and staff will be keen to avoid a similar 'disappointment' this time around.

Deservedly famed for the quality of their passing game, Ipswich can also boast one of the country's tightest defences to the credit of England's Richard Wright and the men in front of him.

When you add to that a midfield boasting the talents of Jermaine Wright and Rep Ireland 'B' international Matt Holland, the attacking skills of David Johnson and James Scowcroft it is easy to see why Ipswich are looked upon as one of the favourites again this term.

Cash flow problems necessitated the early close-season sale of Keiron Dyer (to Newcastle United, £6M). But manager George Burley has invested wisely, bringing in midfielder Jermaine Wright (from Crewe £500,000).

The latest loanee to be plying his trade at Portman Road is Sheffield Wed midfielder Jim Magilton - although the Northern Ireland international had hoped to make his stay permanent prior to last Thursday's Transfer Deadline Day.

Just as encouraging for Ipswich fans has been the club's continued success at youth level, from where a further two players made their way onto the first-team scene last season, following in the footsteps of such names as Richard Wright, Kieron Dyer and James Scowcroft.

Titus Bramble, a 17-year-old central defender who is coolness personified on the ball, and fellow teenager Richard Logan - a striker - both point to Ipswich's future being in good hands.

When the Blues visited The County Ground back in April the match finished in a 6-0 win to Ipswich.

Swindon will be hoping to reverse that result this afternoon and knock the Suffolk Promotion Express off its tracks.





# david johnson



birthplace	Jamaica	
date of birth	15.08.76	
height	5ft 7	
weight	12st	
position	forward	
previous club records		
club	games	goals
Man Utd	-	-
Bury	31	20



An amazing 20 goals in only 31 League appearances shows you the impact Johnno made at Portman Road in his debut season at the club.

The England schoolboy international grew up at Old Trafford in the same junior side as David Beckham, Gary Neville, but moved to Bury in 1995. A £1million move to Ipswich in 1997 sparked an avalanche of goals

# james scowcroft

birthplace	Bury	
date of birth	15.11.75	
height	6ft 2ins	
weight	12st 2lbs	
position	forward	
previous club records		
club	games	goals
Ipswich (from Youth)	95	17



Came through the youth ranks to stake his first team place in the 1995/96 season.

James has now cemented his place in the senior side with a string of outstanding displays. A regular in the England Under-21 side. James holds the ball up well and also scores his fair share of goals. His partnership with David Johnson is one of the most effective in the First Division.





# the players

Richard Wright	
date of birth	05.11.77
height	6ft 2
weight	13st 7lbs
position	goalkeeper

Very highly rated youngster who progressed through the ranks at Town to become first choice in the 1995-96 season. Made his league debut in the 2-0 win over Coventry in May 6, 1995. Capped by England at youth team level and was called up to the full squad for experience during Terry Venables' reign.

Mark Venus	
date of birth	06.03.67
height	6ft 1
weight	12st 12lbs
position	defender

Made his league debut for his hometown club in the 1984/85 season before being snapped up by Leicester. Spent three seasons at Filbert Street before heading to Wolves in 1987. He clocked up 27 appearances for the Molineux club before returning to Ipswich in a deal that saw Steve Sedgley go the other way.



Richard Wright

Fabian Wilnis	
date of birth	23.08.70
height	5ft 10
weight	12st 7lbs
position	defender

Joined Ipswich Town in January '99 for a fee of £200,000 from the Dutch team De Graafschap. Fabian is a right fullback who likes to attack and is a good tackler. He has previously spent all of his playing career in Holland but has now signed a three and a half-year contract with the Blues.

Titus Bramble	
date of birth	31.07.81
height	6ft 1
weight	13st 10lbs
position	defender

Talented young central defender who made his league debut at Sheffield United on 20th December 1998. Locally born product of the successful youth team now in his second season with the Town. Has made regular appearances at youth and reserve level.

Matt Holland	
date of birth	11.03.74
height	5ft 10
weight	11st 10lbs
position	midfielder

Highly rated young utility player who is a good passer of the ball and signed for Ipswich for a fee of £800,000 at the end of July '97. He was previously Bournemouth skipper and had been the club's Player of the Year for 1995/96.

Manuel Thetis	
date of birth	05.11.71
height	6ft 3
weight	14st 13lbs
position	defender

Manuel signed a three-year contract to the end of season 2000/2001 from Spanish club Seville for a cut-price £50,000. A commanding central defender and former France under-21 who initially struggled to get to grips with the pace of the English game and picked up several yellow and red cards last season.

Jim Magilton	
date of birth	06.05.69
height	6ft
weight	14st
position	midfielder

Enjoyed a successful loan period last season and joined from Sheffield Wednesday soon after in a £675,000 deal. Magilton is an established Northern Ireland international with good passing and shooting skills and bags of top flight experience. Began his career with Liverpool and also had spells with Oxford United and Southampton before moving to Hilborough in 1997.

Marco Holster	
date of birth	04.12.71
height	5ft 7
weight	10st 11lbs
position	Midfield

Talented midfield who joined Town in the summer as a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. Holster is the latest in a long line of Dutchmen to arrive at Portman Road.





Mick Stockwell	
date of birth	14.02.65
height	5ft 8
weight	11st 7lbs
position	midfielder

Versatile performer who has played in defence, midfield and even upfront as an emergency striker. Joined the club in 1981 after having trials as a youngster at Leyton Orient. Voted Supporters' Player of the Year in 1992/93 and was rewarded with a well-deserved testimonial in 1993/94. He was one of Town's most consistent performers last season.

Jermaine Wright	
date of birth	21.10.75
height	5ft 9
weight	11st 9
position	midfielder

This talented midfielder signed for Crewe in 1998 for £25,000. This summer, Ipswich paid £3.5million pounds for his services and is charged with the responsibility of filling the void left by the exit of Kieron Dyer to Newcastle. A former England Youth international who is comfortable in a central midfield role or can be pushed wider to patrol down the flanks.

Richard Naylor	
date of birth	28.02.77
height	6ft
weight	13st 7lbs
position	Forward

Another who graduated through the youth ranks at Portman Road and he made his debut in the 1996/97 season. This energetic, hard-working forward is a real handful for opposition defenders, however, he is third in the pecking order at Portman Road behind Scowcroft and Johnson.

# george burley

**Himself a product of the famous Ipswich youth set-up, and now its keenest promoter, George Burley was born in Cumnock, Ayrshire on June 3rd, 1956.**

He joined Ipswich as an apprentice in 1972 and made his senior debut the following year against Manchester United at Old Trafford, when he was responsible for marking the legendary George Best.

He was an integral part of the Ipswich Town side that became a European force in the game in the late 1970s and early 80s, tasting FA Cup glory in 1978 when The Blues beat Arsenal 1-0. Unfortunately, injury robbed him of a place in Town's other major success of that period, a UEFA Cup Final triumph over AZ67 Alkmaar in 1981.

In total, this polished attacking left-back made more than 500 appearances for the club as well as picking up 11 caps for Scotland at full level.

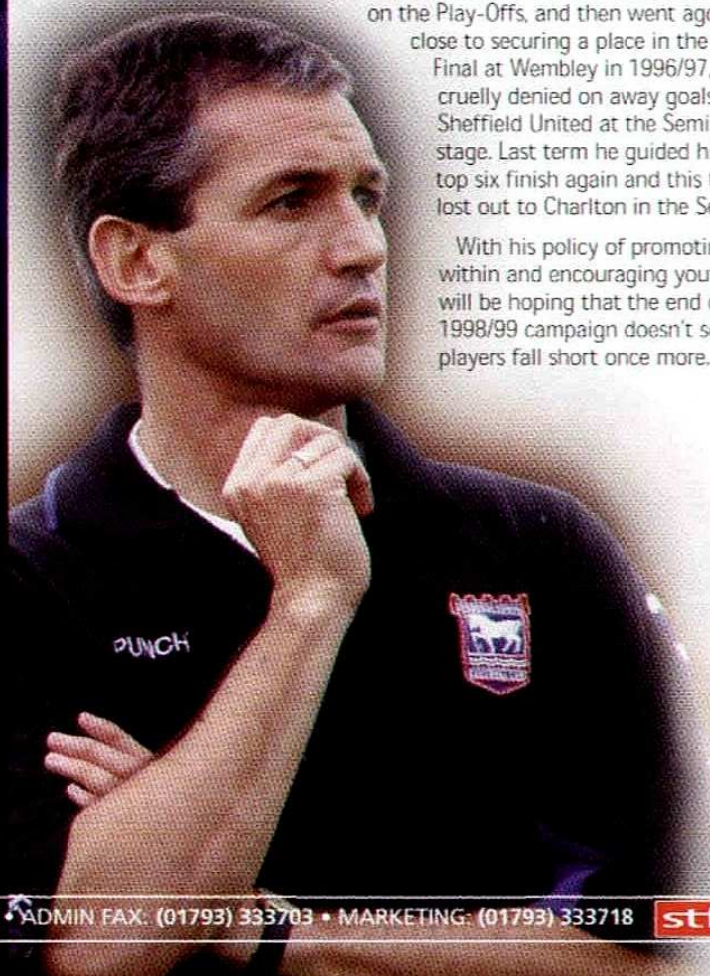
In 1985, he headed north to Sunderland, a move that started a mini-tour of Britain. George came South again to join Gillingham, then packed his bags and set off for Scotland and Motherwell in 1989.

In 1990 he was appointed player/manager of Ayr United, three years later he moved to Falkirk as a player then became player/coach back at Motherwell.

But a year on, he was on his way across the border again - this time to Colchester to become player/manager in June 1994. A fine start at Layer Road soon brought him to the attention of Ipswich Town once more, and he resigned at Colchester on December 24th, 1994 before being appointed Portman Road boss four days later. The circle was complete.

Under the chairmanship of David Sheepshanks, he has built an entertaining young team at Portman Road that topped the divisional goalcharts in the 1995/96 season, just missing out on the Play-Offs, and then went agonisingly close to securing a place in the Play-Off Final at Wembley in 1996/97, only to be cruelly denied on away goals by Sheffield United at the Semi-Final stage. Last term he guided his side to a top six finish again and this time they lost out to Charlton in the Semi-Finals.

With his policy of promoting from within and encouraging youth, Burley will be hoping that the end of the 1998/99 campaign doesn't see his players fall short once more.





# jim quinn's comment

**Welcome to the County Ground for today's match against Ipswich Town. Today marks the start of our league campaign at the County Ground. As you are aware we are on Sky today, and we are hoping for a good show.**

As far as the game on Tuesday is concerned it's obvious that we must play a hell of a lot better than we did. I had a long chat with the players the day after and sorted the problems out. I think the players' pride's have been hurt because they realise they let a lot of people down on Tuesday including themselves. I can assure you they will want to put the record straight today.

Today's game is of great interest because it will tell me how we will cope

in this division; if we put on a good performance against one of the best teams in this league then that will give the whole club a great boost for the coming games.

Ipswich narrowly missed out again last year, they will be hoping to go one better this term. I wish George Burley and his staff the best for the season except our two fixtures with them.

I have set a target of 10 points out of 15 for this month which I don't think is unrealistic and it certainly gives us a mark which we can all try to achieve. If we have targets to achieve it will go a long way to getting to that target of 50 as soon as possible.

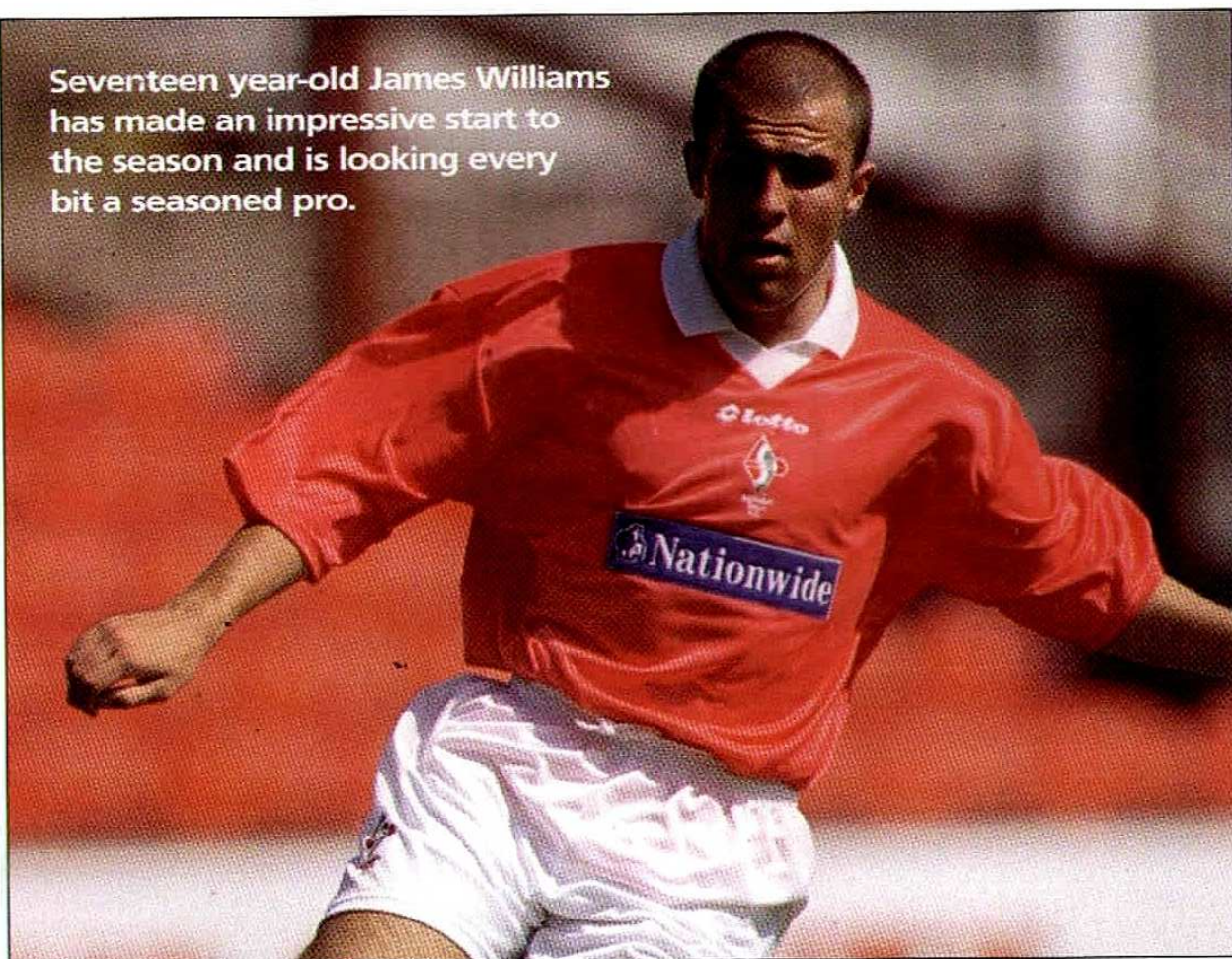
Hard work is the motto today, we must work hard against a fine Ipswich



side to get the right result. A warm welcome also for my old (fat) mate Jim Magilton and to you the supporters. Remember we can't achieve anything without your valued support.

Enjoy the match.

**Seventeen year-old James Williams has made an impressive start to the season and is looking every bit a seasoned pro.**





# TURNING BACK the clock

## 1978 - Jimmy Allan

Welcome to our A to Z of former Swindon Town players. This week in the first of our new series we take a look back at former Town goalkeeper Jimmy Allan.

When a red haired, raw boned young keeper from Brora Rangers travelled south at the invitation of Town manager, Fred Ford, it was to be the starting point for a long and successful career.

Jimmy Allan impressed during his trial period and was to go on to make more first team appearances than any other Swindon keeper except Sam Burton and Fraser Digby.

He made his first team debut in 1971 against Queens Park Rangers on the same day as the present Arkell's Stand was opened. Despite the presence of Rodney Marsh in the Rangers team Jim kept a clean sheet and under the headline "Jimmy Allan makes dream debut", Dave Russell, the Football Pink reporter, described how Jimmy made some fine saves. Jimmy made only six more appearances during the season and the presence of some experienced keepers like Peter Downsbrough and Jim Barron meant it was several seasons before he became a fixture in the side.

At the end of January 1974, Jimmy made history by becoming the first

professional player in the country to refuse to play on a Sunday. The Miners strike meant that electricity was only available in some areas on certain days and consequently Swindon were forced to switch their home game with Bolton to a Sunday. Les Allen the Town manager said "Jimmy told me it would be against his religious beliefs to play on a Sunday and I respect his views."

It was not until the 1976/7 season that Jimmy really established himself making 43 League appearances. He also took part in a good Cup run which included a 7-0 victory over Bromley and a 5-0 demolition of a Fulham side containing Bobby Moore, Rodney Marsh and George Best. Jimmy again experienced the joys and disappointments of Cup football when he was in the Town team that defeated Arsenal in the League Cup of 1979-80 to earn a place in the semi-final. At Molineux a disallowed goal and a dreadful challenge by Jimmy's opposite number, a foul that would have brought a red card today denied Jimmy a Wembley appearance. Sadly, it was when he had established himself, missing only four games in as many seasons that a broken left arm sustained in a match at the



County Ground against Rochdale meant he would never fully straighten his arm. It was exactly thirteen years to the day since the start of Jimmy's career and at 29 as a goalkeeper he could have expected his best years to be ahead of him.

Bravery was probably the one word that best described Jimmy's goalkeeping. He was very quick off his line and sometimes too quick as his big heart led him to try to make up for deficiencies in front of him only to be stranded out of goal. His career did not coincide with the most successful period in the club's history but he still managed 108 clean sheets in 371 League appearances. Jimmy's loyalty was rewarded with a testimonial against Chelsea and he now lives in Devon with his wife and three children working for a box manufacturing firm.



## competition TIME

**Q:** How many first team appearances did goalkeeper Fraser Digby make in the Swindon Town colours?

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## newcastle out of toon



Ruud Gullit's summer spending spree has not lifted the gloom over Tyneside.

Last weekend saw his new look squad lose 1-0 at St. James Park to Aston Villa. If the defeat wasn't bad enough, the red mist descended on Gullit as his captain. Alan Shearer, was shown a red card for what looked like an innocuous incident. Two days later while the Dutchman was still fuming over the one match ban the England captain is likely to receive the Magpies were shown up on the Monday night match, losing to Spurs 3-1.

Gullit has gambled over £30 million in his spell with the Magpies and while his new squad might need time to gel, the Toon Army are restless and if results do not come soon, the dissatisfaction since the departure of Keegan may gather strength.

## leeds in for huck

Leeds have partly solved their striker crisis by signing Coventry's Darren Huckerby for £4 million - with the promise of another forward to come.

United chairman Peter Risdale and manger David O'Leary have moved swiftly to help fill the void created by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's £12 million transfer to Atletico Madrid last week. Huckerby, who has already finalised personal terms, will complete the deal - which rises to £5.5 million relating to 'add-ons' upon completion of a medical later this week.



## keane stalling



Manchester United's Roy Keane is still stalling over signing a new contract for the European Champions'.

Everybody at Old Trafford is desperate for the club captain to sign the new deal to stave-off interest from Italy. Both Inter Milan and Juventus are among a host of clubs monitoring the situation. If Keane does fail to sign a new contract, then it is possible that the Red Devil's will sell him sooner rather than later because he could leave the club next summer on a free transfer. The fee involved for the influential midfielder is likely to top the £20 million

mark and it is reported that United might use the cash to tempt the Brazilian, Rivaldo away from Barcelona.

## jeffers wants out

Teenage striker Francis Jeffers could spend another game in solitary confinement as Everton bid to build on their encouraging start to the season, but Goodison legend Graeme Sharp has urged the youngster to patch up his differences with the Toffees.

The shadow of the transfer row still hangs over the club. The player claims his transfer request was not motivated by money, amid rumours that he was not made aware of a bid for him from Arsenal last week, something which he should have been informed of in accordance with his contract.

But Smith, is confident the will keep Jeffers after the two have reconciled any differences there may have been between them and the young striker made a late appearance for the Toffees as a late substitute in Wednesday night's defeat at Aston Villa.



## Sutton out of luck

The biggest domestic transfer this summer was the sale of Chris Sutton from Blackburn to Chelsea. After the 1995 Premiership Champion's were relegated at the end of last season question marks over Sutton's future at the club, especially as he had a relegation release clause in his contract. Chelsea came up with the fee of £10 million that was necessary to fulfil the necessities of the buy-out clause and the deal was done.

Since his arrival he has had to deal with the heavy price tag securely fastened around his neck, very similar to the £5.5 million tag which took him to Rovers in the first place. For Sutton, goals have not been easy to come by in Chelsea's build-up to this season and in Chelsea's 4-0 victory over Sunderland in the opening Premiership game last weekend, Sutton drew a blank after missing two great chances. If the pressure is starting to tell, then Sutton will have to get off the mark soon or risk losing his place to Tore Andre Flo, Michael Forcell and possibly Pierre Luigi Casiraghi.



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# jimmy shoulder it's your call

## introducing town's other summer signing

**I'm a Northeast boy from Durham, I went to school in Sunderland and I signed for my hometown club. I was at Sunderland for about six years in all from 1964 to 1969.**

I only played a handful of first team matches in the First Division, which is now the Premiership. The problem was that I was understudy to Len Ashurst who holds the club record for over 700 appearances.

I was released by the club and went part-time for three years at Scarborough, while I did a degree at Durham University. One of my last games for Scarborough was leading them to the trophy win against Wigan at Wembley.

Later, I went back full-time with Hartlepool and I was half way through my second season when my knee gave out and I had to retire from playing. However, in my late teens I got involved in coaching by a magical bloke by the name of George Wardle. He has

been responsible for introducing coaching to many top-class managers.

By the time I was 21 I had an 'English FA full badge' and by 22, I was staffing courses for the English FA as well. It was something that just happened really. George inspired me and where as a lot of lads would leave training and spend the afternoon in a bowling ally, I would always go back to George's place at Durham Tech. and start doing part-time work on the PE side of things, especially football. It was through his encouragement that I was one of the youngest people to hold a full FA badge. So by time I got to my mid-twenties, I was nearly as well known for my coaching, as I was a professional footballer.

I retired from playing in 1975. I was 28 years old and through my work at the FA, they recommended me for a coaching job in Australia. Within three months of working in a regional directors job, I ended up as the national team manager, attempting to qualify for the 1978 World Cup.

Unfortunately, we didn't qualify, the team in that day were nearly all foreigners, players from various parts of Europe who had emigrated to Australia.

On the coaching side, it was a great experience because it was exposure to different philosophies of coaching, different ways of training people and



**At the moment the building blocks are there at Swindon Town F.C. and it's a question of looking at the good things we have in place and adding to them and then also develop, so if they're adequate or good they can be excellent.**

different approaches to games. I found that people who live in one environment are shaped by that environment.

Fortunately I was able to talk and listen to people, and ask why they do certain things; as an example - the South Americans can't understand why, in English football, we always get the ball wide because it was further away from the goal.

After three years over there I returned to Britain to work with Bill Elliott as his assistant at Sunderland and then at Darlington where I was basically team manager.

Again, into my second year there, I got a call from Australia saying that the Government were establishing the Institute of Sport and they wanted me to develop the football side of things. It was a very exciting challenge so I went back out there in 1981.



## training...

**I'm looking to sit down with players, as well as the coaching staff and talk about different approaches to things. It's working and already I'm starting to get a really positive response.**

What I want to bring to the club I can sum up in two words 'honesty' and 'respect', admittedly respect has got to be earned but, we need to give the same respect to every member of the squad.



I had the best part of seven years there, starting from scratch. We had to build everything including all the training facilities and the development programme, which I think is now second to none in the world.

That set-up plus a lot of work that was done during the 70s, means that you now have a situation where Australia is producing its own footballers, at present there are around 70 playing in top divisions in Europe as a direct result of that programme.

The institute programme has now spawned all across the country and the whole thing has lifted and it has snowballed out of sight.

I came back here in 1989 really to get back into European football and when you're away it's fairly hard to get back into it. I spoke to the late Mick Parry and he got me into the job with the English FA in Wiltshire, which was considering the jobs I'd had, was quite low-key but, it was a foot back in the door.

It was during my first year that I was approached by the Welsh FA to take on the job as technical director. Later I was coach of the national youth teams; Under 16, Under 18, Under 21s and when Terry Yorath was manager of Wales I helped out with the first team as well. Basically I was back onto the international scene in a big way. It was the whole spectrum, from the young up-and-coming lads, right through to Ian Rush, Mark Hughes and Neville Southall. Even Ryan Giggs had a few games for me in the Under 18s before he made his full debut. It was a job that required establishing a programme and building on it. I had nine years there, I probably reached the stage where

My first club had always been Sunderland; it was the result I always looked for with Swindon very close behind because by this time, I had lived there the best part of ten years. I knew a lot of people at the club and it was initially Steve McMahon who invited me in to do a little bit of work last year. Then with this new position being available because of the grants from the Football Association, Jim Quinn asked me if I was interested. I felt I was ready to get back into the club set-up, so the right time to do it was the close season because I had a lot of work to finish with the Welsh FA. It took me about three seconds to get back into the rhythm of club football, even though I've been out of it for twenty years in Britain. I'm loving it

because it's given me the opportunity to get my boots back on get out with the lads. The Welsh job was slowly becoming a car and in the office job that's one of the problems with international football is that you don't have the players every day and you cover a vast amount of distances. Whereas now I'm out everyday, up on the training pitch and I'm enjoying working with all the staff and players.

What I'm looking to do is to work with all the staff at the club, from those involved with the Community Coaches, the coaches who work in the Centre of Excellence programme, right through to the professional staff that work here at the club up to and including the manager. Hopefully to develop a production line for player development, to certainly improve the methods and standard of our coaches right through the club and then work with the senior staff like Mike Walsh and Jim Quinn in looking at, maybe there are some different ways of working with players. Slightly different approaches than those used by traditional coaches.

With being a product of the English football system myself and now approaching my 53rd year involved with it, I've never earned my living any other way than being a professional footballer, or coach. I was brought up in the English football culture but I've always had an enquiring mind. I've always been open to outside influences; if I think I've been doing something, which I think is right and then I look at something which is better, I'd be quite happy to except that. That's something that English football culture does not tend to be, generally speaking we tend to be very defensive and very parochial. We only felt comfortable with something that is familiar. That's what's always happened in the past, so I've got to be fairly open to change to take on new ideas. One of the things that I can bring to the game is that I've been open to so many different experiences. What I can do now is attempt to try and share that. I'm definitely not coming in here to impose anything, I'm looking to sit down with players, as well as the coaching staff and talk about different approaches to things. It's working and already I'm starting to get a really positive response. I do think that one of the things that has been part of the English football culture, is that the first team squad have been sacrosanct. They're over there and the ham and egggers, as we used to be called, the reserves, were kind of accepted because we might come in and out of the first

team but, the kids were always the Skivey's.

What I want to bring to the club I can sum up in two words 'honesty' and 'respect', admittedly respect has got to be earned but, we need to give the same respect to every member of the squad. Not to treat the young players any differently to the senior first team players and try and build the feeling that they are worth something but, if they get that respect, then what they then have to have is responsibility because they go hand in hand. You can bring in Alex Ferguson, Marcello Lippi or Sir Alf Ramsey in and they can't make a player. It is really the responsibility of the player to look after their own game. That's what we're saying if we treat you as individuals rather than as a flock of sheep but, in return you've got to start taking responsibility for your own game. Over the next 12 months I'll be looking at a few devices where we might change certain things but, again only with agreement and maybe we will help the process of getting players through the system. We'll also try to build this philosophy into the football culture so as the players get older and sign pro-forms then they'll already have in built in them.



MARK WALTERS BUILDS UP HIS STRENGTH AND STAMINA

Jimmy Shoulder is looking at ways the club can modify its coaching & training system.



## the editor talks to new boy Giuliano Grazioli...

**Q** Welcome to Swindon Town Football Club, so what do you think of it so far?

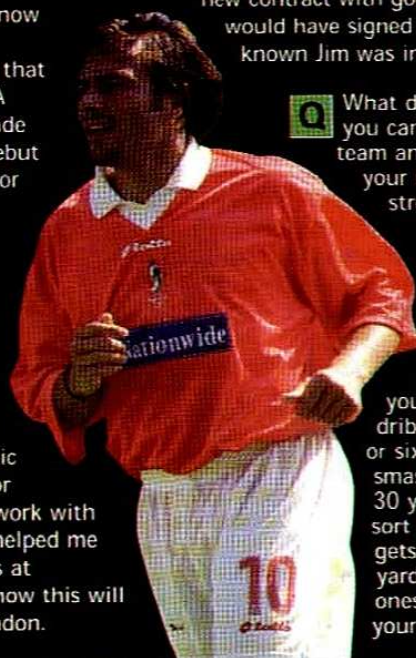
**A** I love it! The lads have made me very welcome and when that happens it's so easy to get involved and to get involved I've had to get my hair cut but that's the price you pay, but seriously, I really enjoying it.

**Q** How did your move to Swindon come about?

**A** I was delighted to get a call from him asking me if I was going to sign my contract, I wasn't so he said he wants me out here, and then I couldn't believe. I was looking ahead to playing against the lower teams such as Hartlepool and now I will be playing at the County Ground week-in week-out and travel to places like Ewood Park, it's a dream come true.

**Q** You've got fond memories of Swindon, what do you want to say about that?

**A** Well fond memories for me, I don't know about anyone else. Everybody remembers that goal I scored in the FA Cup, but I actually made my Football League debut on my 21st birthday for Peterborough at the County Ground when Swindon were in Division Two. It's strange how Swindon has always been involved in my career, so as soon as he asked me to sign I said yes. It's a fantastic opportunity to play for Swindon and also to work with Jim Quinn again. He helped me so much when he was at Peterborough and I know this will continue here at Swindon.



**Q** Can you give me a brief history of your career so far?

**A** I was with a very successful youth side from the age of about 11 to 16 years of age and most of those lads turned pro and I was left behind, I think because I was a late developer; I was quite small and I wasn't strong enough. I went to a non-League club called Wembley and I managed to get into their first team at the age of about 16 to 17, I scored loads and loads of goals, which attracted attention from League clubs and I signed for Peterborough. I was there a couple of years, I went on loan a couple of times to the likes of Yeovil and Woking and then I signed for Stevenage. That's when everything got going really - the goal here and the goal up at Newcastle. I was only there six months and then Barry Fry took me back to Peterborough due to a clause in the contract and I did well for Peterborough that year, I was top goalscorer, I scored 15 goals in 20 starts, so I was very happy with that. Peterborough offered me a new contract with good terms and I would have signed it if I hadn't known Jim was interested in me.

**Q** What do you think you can bring to the team and what are your main strengths?

**A** I'd say that I'm just an out-and-out goalscorer, I don't think you'll see me dribble around five or six players and smash one in from 30 yards, I'm the sort of player who gets the little two yard tap-ins, the ones that come off your shoulder or



your knees. I'm probably not going to stand out from the rest of the team like the likes of George Ndah, Ty Gooden and Iffy Onuora. But I work hard and I always give 100%, closing down players and do all the little things that can make a difference.

**Q** How do you think your form has been in the pre-season?

**A** Well, I was very happy with my first three minutes! I couldn't believe it but, I haven't scored since and being a goalscorer - I want to score goals all the time. I've still been working hard and playing well and the gaffer seems to be happy with me, so that's the main thing really because he picks the team. I'm not going to let it get to me because I'm still creating things and helping the team.

**Q** How's the mood among the squad?

**A** It's been excellent. We had a great tour to Northern Ireland and played very well over there. In all three games we've got a good little system together, which is working well and we had a really good laugh as well. There was a good bit of bonding going on, it was to get away and a few of the lads lost their hair, but that's all part of getting prepared for the new season.

# grazioli talks



grazioli

## player stats



birthplace London

date of birth 23.03.75

height 5ft 11ins

weight 12st

position forward

### previous club records

club	games	goals
Peterb'ro	23 (starts)	17
Stevenage	14 (starts)	9
Yeovil (loan)	13 (starts)	19

## getting personal..

favourite film

goodfellas

favourite tv show

only fools & horses

favourite band/musician

madonna

favourite sporting event

the world cup

favourite footballer

diego maradona

favourite food

pasta

favourite drink

jack daniels & coke

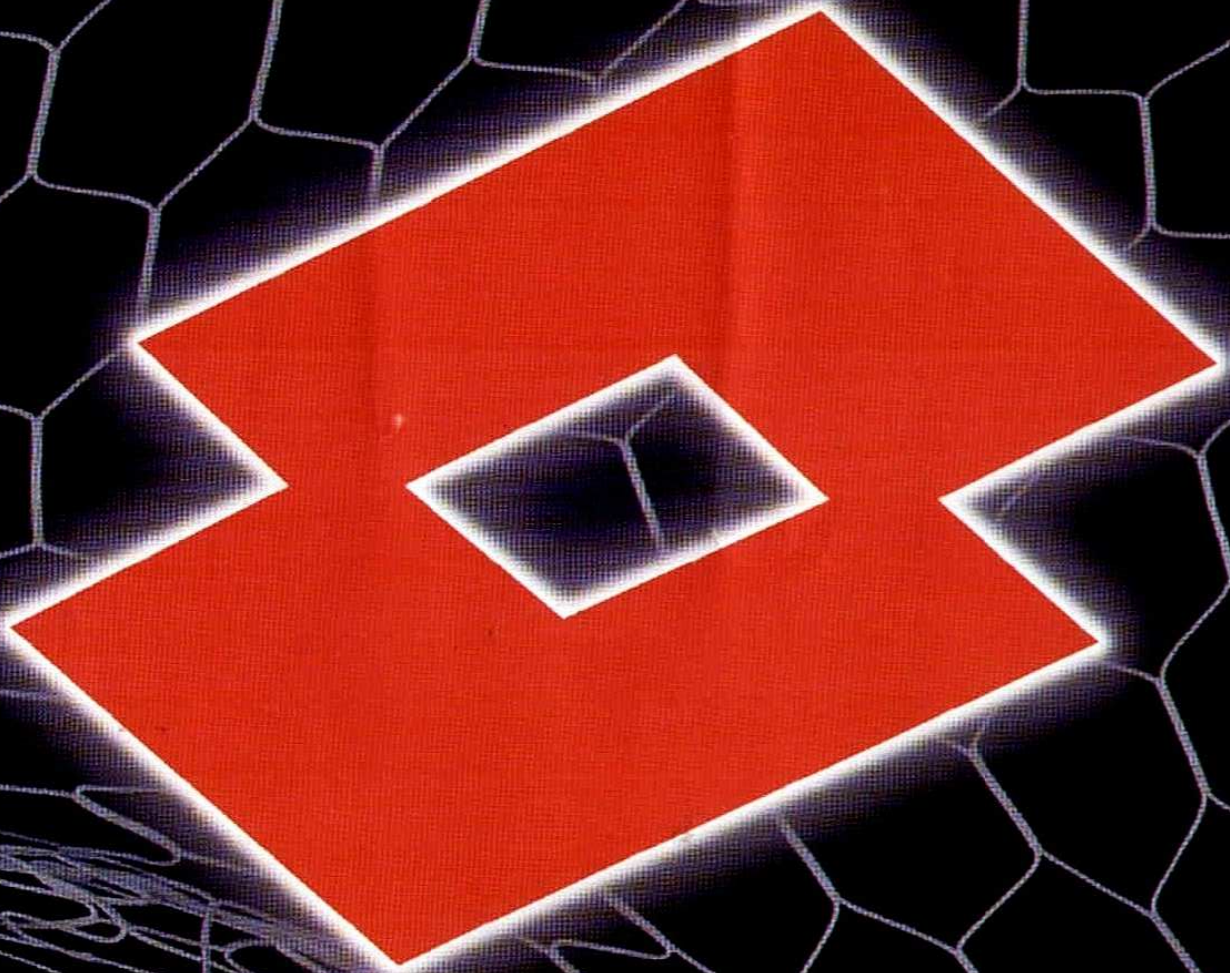
favourite hobbies

snooker & golf

favourite colour

black





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**A warm welcome  
to all supporters and as we enter this new  
season we can all look forward with  
renewed optimism.**

Thank you to all supporters who have already enrolled for membership of the Supporters' Club which was launched last season. Many of you may recall that our official launch date coincided with a heavy home defeat. This perhaps, took the wind out of our sails a little, but even so, by the end of the season we had around 300 members registered. Our first target this season is to push this number into four figures and we will let you know just as soon as we reach the thousand mark.

There are a number of benefits available to our membership and although these may not be doubled up with any offers already given to season ticket holders, there are benefits which are unique to all, such as discounted away travel and affiliation

to the National Association of Supporters' Clubs. Plus non-season ticket holders additionally have access to ticket priority behind season ticket holders.

Season ticket holders are entitled to membership at no cost and all they have to do is complete an application form, other costs are detailed below.

We have a number of ideas, which we hope to pursue this season and the committee is happy to listen to any supporter who feels that they are able to contribute in any way with ideas or assisting with our organisation. We are particularly looking for someone who would be willing to act as a general secretary, to work closely with the Chairman, Michael Wilks.

Please collect application forms from the Ticket Office, Information Centre, Winners' Lounge and Away Travel on matchdays.

Please write to us C/O Swindon Town F.C., County Ground.

**Printed below is an application form for use  
by prospective members. Supporters may  
photocopy it if they do not wish to remove it  
from the programme.**

**swindon town fc**



**membership form**

**1) Single Application**

Name:..... Address:.....

**2) Couple/Family Application (must have same place of residence)**

Names:.....

**Cost:** Adult - £5 ☐ Concessions (senior citizens, disabled, under 18's) - £2  
(please specify in boxes how many adults and concessions are applying)

**PLEASE TICK WHICH SECTION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN: (one box only)**

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Disabled Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Satellite Group.....		General Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Please specify which)					

Are you      a) a season ticket holder      Yes/No (delete as applicable)  
                 b) a Wiltshire Sound Gold Club member      Yes/No (delete as applicable)

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The Membership Secretary, Swindon Town Supporters Club, County Ground Swindon Wiltshire, SN1 2ED

(Cheques or Postal Orders made payable to STFC supporters Club)

(Cash payments on matchday only, through SAS Travel/Information Point)

No fee payable for season ticket holders: Please quote stand....., row ....., seat No. ....

Your personal details will be held by the Swindon Town Club, within current Data Protection Law and you consent that this information may be passed to other businesses or groups. If you do not wish to give the above consent, or wish to exercise your rights to a copy of the information held, please write to Swindon Town Supporters Club, c/o County Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2ED. Full club rules available on request.



# in the community

with clive maguire and jon holloway



Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the new season, which seems to have come around quicker than ever. Jon and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Jim and all the lads the very best for the forth coming season.

I have been extremely busy during the past few months, and at present, we are half way through our summer coaching courses. Since we last spoke, at the start of May plenty has happened. The Whitsun Course was a huge success here at the club, with a fantastic 170 people turning up for a great three days of coaching.

After the course we ran our ever-popular school coaching fun days, where we had twelve schools come down to the club in June. They had an opportunity to participate in a coaching session and also to have a look behind the scenes, and everybody went away with a bag full of Swindon Town F.C. goodies. The weather was extremely hot and the 400 plus local children who took part did brilliantly to keep going under such hot conditions. Jon and I have been delighted to receive so many letters from the children saying how they enjoyed the visit.

Our first course of the summer took place on the 26th, 27th and 28th July with 160 up-and-coming young stars attending the course. We would like to thank Roy Arnold and everybody at the G.W.R. British Rail Sports Ground for allowing us to use their excellent facility for the three days.

Our second week saw us on our travels to Marlborough and Chippenham. Jon ran the proceedings at Chippenham whilst I attended the Marlborough course. We had just over 40 at each venue and a good time was had by all.

This week has seen us back here at the club, whilst our remaining two weeks we are back at Marlborough and off to Wroughton, finishing off with our last course back here at the County Ground.

For details of any of the courses mentioned, please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01793 421 303

Finally you may have read the programme notes from Jon a few weeks ago, announcing that he got married back in May. It was a great honour for me to be Jon's Best Man on his big day. It was an even greater honour looking after him on his Stag Weekend in Hamburg. Pictured here are all the lads who attended and all contributed to make the weekend a huge success.

A special welcome to Mark Batterham, who is here today with his mum and dad to watch his first ever professional match. We hope you enjoy your day with us.

Until next time all the best and keep cheering

Clive and Jon



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**Welcome to today's game, let's hope this is the start of a very exciting season.**

We hope you attended the Open Day last Sunday. It was a pity about the weather but, we all hope you had a great day. It was great to meet everyone who came up to the Junior Robin's stall. With the new season underway, we hope you have all renewed your Junior Robins Membership. If you have not then why don't you pick up a form from the Superstore or Information Centre, this season it's only £2 to join, unless you're a season ticket holder, then it's FREE! We are busy organising our Away Trips for the season.

**We have also organised three more discos on the following dates:**

**Tuesday 14th September**

**Tuesday 12th October**

**Tuesday 9th November**

**We hope these discos are going to be a big success like the first one last Thursday.**

If anyone has any ideas of things we could possibly organise, please contact us on the phone number below or write to us **CO Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, Swindon. SN1 2ED**

## jointoday

**Join STFC's Junior Robins and Robins club today!**

**Jr's - 0 to 10 Yrs, R's - 11 to 16 yrs**

**What's in it for you:**

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**Football Courses** - Jr's and R's receive discount on football courses held in the school breaks organised by the Community Office.

**Football Training** - Exclusive to members. Jr's and R's receive training Monday evenings at the Oasis.

**Be a Swindon Town Mascot** - 10% discount on Mascot Packages. This is one not to be missed by all ages.

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## today's mascots



Callum McKenzie is celebrating his 8th birthday tomorrow and attends Wanborough Primary School. His hobbies include football, rugby, cricket and golf. His favourite Swindon player is George Ndah.



Elliott & Alfie Watson, Elliott is five years old and goes to St. Peters School in Gloucester. His younger brother Alfie is 3 years old and they both enjoy playing football. This is a special day for the boys because their father is here on holiday from Australia.



every season a whole host of lucky people get the chance to lead the team out as a swindon town mascot. This year it could be your turn, or you may even want to make someone else's dream come true.... we are still taking bookings for 1999/2000 so don't delay!

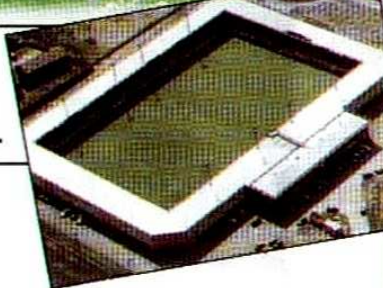
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# away day review vs



**Jon Swaby, who is a Season Ticket Holder in the Arkell's Stand, gives us the fans verdict on his trip to Walsall....**



Despite the fact that we didn't score, it was reassuring to see that we didn't concede any either. We had a few chances but as time went on it did look like it might end up as a 0-0 draw. The lads worked hard and got a sound draw against a team that were definitely fired up for a season in a new division. In the end, I think the fans that watched were satisfied with a point but knew that it was a performance we can build on.

It was a typical captain's performance by Scott Leitch, he was committed to every ball and fought until the final whistle. I think he just shaded it for my 'Man of the Match'; I thought James Williams put in a superb display for a 17 year old who is new to the professional game.

I was especially pleased to see so many fans travelling away. There is still a special atmosphere between the fans that travel away, which is different to the mood at the County Ground. There was around 700 Swindon fans there and the support we all gave was tremendous.

**We asked Jon if he would make notes and give us his marks out of ten for various elements of the day. The results of his research are shown in our 'Out of 10' panel - as you can see all-in-all it was a good day out.**

## out of 10



# coming soon...

## the official swindon town website

### [www.swindonfc.co.uk](http://www.swindonfc.co.uk)

look out for details in forthcoming  
matchday programmes



# walsh's world

**Pre-season was slightly different this year, we cut the time down that the players come in for. In previous years we've done it between five to six weeks.**

This year we kept it to four weeks because we felt there's been a reaction after Christmas where results have deteriorated and one reason behind that is the players were doing too much pre-season. We've tried it and the players certainly look as fit, the work we did at the Army camp worked well and since then we've played friendlies and trained in between them and we don't think it's been detrimental to the players fitness.

The players were given a programme on the 15th June at home, which involved some running exercises, plus a weight programme it looks like the

players did stick to it, so therefore we haven't seen the necessity to bring them in for more than four weeks.

The players seemed to be a lot happier with the new system, we did all the running and it was difficult but, we seemed to do everything with the ball. We paid more attention to heart monitoring, which certainly interested the players and it showed that you can work just as hard with the ball as you can without it.

The pre-season friendlies are designed to get you fit for the season and I think the players looked very fit against Walsall, it's an on-going process and we're looking to build and see a continual improvement.

We had the players in on Sunday after a good workmanlike performance against Walsall. We thought it was ok and we can certainly improve in a few



areas but we looked like a solid unit. We've been up to Supermarine during the week looking ahead to Tuesday's game. Everybody's a lot happier with the facilities at Supermarine. The feeling is that it's more professional and the players know that's their base camp. They report to Supermarine every morning, whereas before we'd come into the County Ground to get showered and changed, some days we went to Supermarine, the BR Club or even the extension out the back. It's a good investment for the club and the facilities will certainly improve over the next couple of years.



## news from the treatment room

with Dick Mackey & Dave Moore

**Philippe's treatment is on going and he's got to see the specialist in September, but he's swimming on a daily basis at the moment. He had a further operation in June to make sure the ankle is absolutely perfect.**

Now everything is ok and that's great news because it has been a real trial for him, so now he needs to take it gently and build up his legs and try to get as much mobility in the ankle as he can. We've got a special regime for him, which has been constructed for him to work on a daily basis.



**Gareth Davies** is another lad that didn't finish with us until the end of June. He had a hamstring strain that we wanted to make sure was right before he left. We got that right but, unfortunately he sprained his ankle in the match against Chippenham. It meant that he missed the tour to Ireland because it was quite a nasty sprain, but he's back running again, a bit of turning and a little bit of kicking. We hope he's going to be fit for the Ipswich game.



**Lee Collins** had a sprained ankle, which was complicated a bit by this poronial tendon, which runs down the side of his leg, he stressed that as well but an x-ray showed there was no problem. He did it in Ireland and he's getting much better now.



**Paul McAreavey** had a direct blow onto his kneecap in the match against Wimbledon and it was what they call a full boggy knee, where you get fluid on it. The knee reacts quite dramatically to these bashes and they swell up. We let the fluid subside on it's own because if you take it away, it can complicate matters. It's a lot better, but he's still a few days away from full training.



**Frazer McHugh** kicked an opponents foot at the bottom of the lad's studs, we thought about doing a precautionary x-ray, but he danced in this morning like a young dear, so it's almost better.



# around the county ground

## christmas party nights...

### Christmas Party Nights at Swindon Town Football Club

Party the night away with our resident DJ, while enjoying superb food and drink. Choose from either the Traditional Carvery menu for £20.00 or Silver Service menu for £25.00. Both packages include disco and party novelties.

- Traditional Carvery Menu  
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- Silver Service Menu  
Home Made Soup

For further details or to book your party please call Carol Salter in the conference department on 01793 333741

## sporting club dinner...

Sporting Club Dinner with special guest Wilf McGuinness & comedian Rod Woodward on Thursday 30th September, 7.30 for 8pm.

Put this date in your diary! Ticket Information and details to follow.

## seventies disco night...

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After last weekend's impressive performance at Walsall - we should have won it, shouldn't we - I'm sure we're able to put three past Ipswich this afternoon. We've one or two changes to our 'County Ground Experience' before kick-off, with some exciting new ideas and tunes to entertain you. And remember you can always write to me at the ground with requests or your own suggestions for the big match build-up.

In the last few days my thoughts have turned to traditions in the football world, and how the great games continues to change. We can 'hear' commentary from our computers; and tune into games being played around the world. Soon we are told we can choose the TV camera angles we want to view from our armchairs, and dial up action replays of the clips we want to see again. A cyber-waitress will serve chilled beers and hotdogs at half-time, and at the press of a button, Manchester United will instantly demoted to Division Two.

But am I alone in not welcoming the technology and the hype that threatens to swallow up my enjoyment of the football season?

I've only just about come to accept that goalkeepers don't have to wear green jerseys any more, and referees aren't always black. Why does there have to be a 'total footballing

experience' when all I really want is Match of the Day on a Saturday night, an accurate write-up in the Sunday afternoon. I want to play in numbers 1 to 11; so I know that the man wearing 9 is a striker (does anyone know where the small red-haired wearing 23 will be on the pitch?)

Matchdays should mean a pint or two before kick-off, a comfortable seat in the chilly north wind, a cup of Bovril and a pie at half-time, and the rest of the evening to reflect on what might have been. I don't want to read about players' private lives, how much they earn, or who they are sleeping with. But, I DO want them wearing shirts with round necks and elasticised cuffs; knee length shorts and socks with hoops!

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**09**



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**11**



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**12**



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**14**



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0  
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**15**



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0  
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Playing Position  
Defender  
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0  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. -

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Playing Position  
Forward  
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0  
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0  
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Midfielder  
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99/00 1999 Goals  
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Midfielder  
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**James Williams 32**

Playing Position  
Defender  
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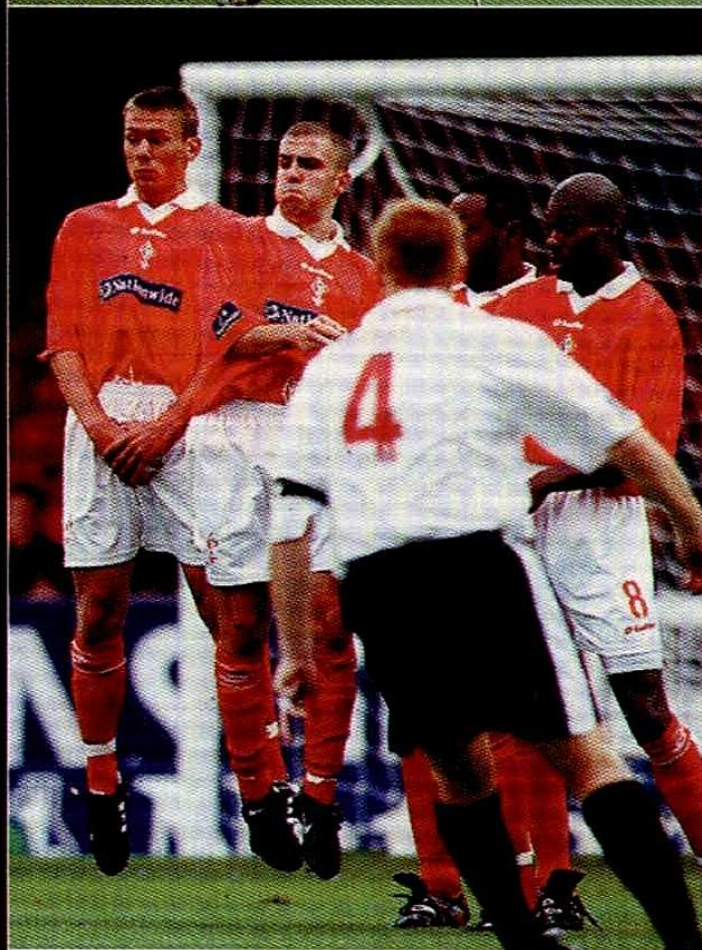




(left) "Take two" - Scott Leitch charges down the free-kick, while the lads in the wall brace themselves for impact



James Williams tangles with an Orient player.



Frank Talia punches through the crowd.



Defender Gareth Hall battles for the ball.





Round One  
First Leg



Swindon Town 0  
Leyton Orient 1

## match facts



Date: Tuesday 11th July

Pitch: Superb

Weather: Mild

Attendance: 3,587

Referee: Peter Dowd (Average)

### HOW THEY LINED UP

Frank Talia, Robin Hulbert, Gareth Hall, James Williams, Mark Robinson, Sol Davis, Scott Leitch, George Ndah, Mark Walters, Giuliano Grazioli, Ify Onuora.

### Substitutes:

Craig Taylor (for Gareth Hall, 55)  
Charlie Griffin (for Giuliano Grazioli, 58)  
Bobby Howe (for Robin Hulbert, 66)  
No other subs were used.



Orients' Martin Ling is surrounded by red shirts.



"Heads I win" - Sol Davies goes in where it hurts.

**Shots on target:** Town 3, Orient 4  
**Shots off target:** Town 7, Orient 9  
**Free Kicks:** Town 22, Orient 21  
**Caught Offside:** Town 9, Orient 5  
**Corners:** Town 5, Orient 6  
**Bookings:** Talia, Robinson.

It was a poor display from a Swindon side that lacked any real enthusiasm for the game. Perhaps, the players felt they would walk all over the Third Division side but, as the match wore on it looked as if the East Londoners were going to stroll away with it. It was former Town star, Martin Ling, who ran the show for the visitors: it was a familiar sight for the Town faithful as Ling manoeuvred his slight frame over every blade of grass. Surprisingly the visitors had to wait until the 77th minute before Ling created the goal which sealed the victory for the O's. Amara Simba cleverly knocked the ball into the path of Ling who crossed for Inglethorpe to guide the ball past the despairing Talia. On the bright side, James Williams again looked strong at the back and Frank Talia made some fine saves to give Town some chance in the return leg.

# match action



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## derrick meets eric!

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Swindon Town's youngest fan, Charlotte Slade, aged 7 weeks. She is already trying on her shirt for size. Her proud dad, Alan, can't wait to take her to cheer on the reds.



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Of course defeat and despondency does not make up the staple diet of every supporter. Those who inhabit Old Trafford, Highbury and Stamford Bridge can reasonably look forward to a season of footballing debauchery, whilst the rest of us are content to live off scraps and leftovers.

For many though the highs that their teams can propel them to and the lows to which they are often subjected is the primary reason for their impassioned following.

The bond between a supporter and fan is a strong one, often unbreakable even in the bleakest times. As Colin Shindler (who should know more than most about disappointment being a Manchester City fan) claims in his book 'Manchester United ruined my Life' -

**"Changing one's Footballing allegiance is as impossible as changing ones religious affiliation."**

Every supporter feels like quitting at times but football isn't smoking it's far more addictive. That's it, I'm never coming to this hole again' is often heard in grounds up and down the country but, they'll return, they know they will, besides what else can you do on a Saturday afternoon except go down the pub and watch the results come in on final score.

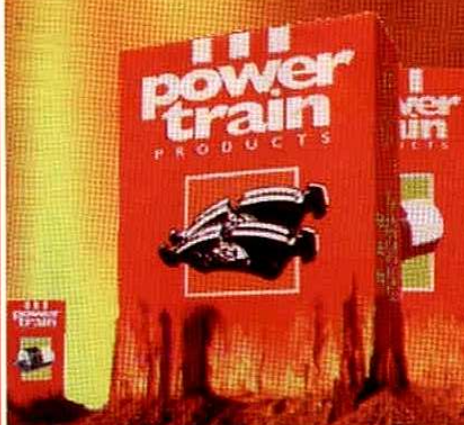
If you're one of the lucky ones and your club finally manages to break the seemingly endless cycle of mediocrity then you can sit in the stands and tell everyone what it was like in the old days when corners were greeted with wild celebrations. You're also entitled to the additional bonus of being able to sing 'Where were you when we were bad!' to the new fan base which miraculously springs up whenever cash is splashed.

So as we cast our jealous glances towards the hierarchy of English football we should console ourselves with the thought that maybe the continual monotony of victory is equal to the persistent despair of failure. We should then thank our lucky stars that the majority of us will never find out.

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# looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon Town's next two away fixtures. Next week we travel to Selhurst Park to meet Crystal Palace. Following that a visit to Leyton Orient in the Cup

## Crystal Palace



### the lowdown...

What a year it has been for the South London club! Mark Goldberg took over from Ron Rhodes and promised a revolution with Premier League aspirations. However, 12 months on the club were on the brink of collapse as the administrators were called in to manage the club's crippling debts. A rescue package was put together by a consortium to maintain the club's survival and ensure they start the 99/00 season.

### the reason to watch...

Last season Swindon went to Selhurst Park to meet a side that had not been beaten for 11 matches. It was an entertaining match despite limited chances at either end. Iffy Onuora slotted home a cross from Man of the Match George Ndah to grab another excellent away win. Hopefully the Town will follow that result swiftly with another win over the troubled club.

### the connection...

Former Swindon keeper, Fraser Digby, made 21 appearances for Palace last season after joining them on a free transfer in Aug98. Plus last season's Player of the Year, George Ndah, began his career at Selhurst Park, making 33 starts before his £500,000 move to Swindon in Nov'97.

### the player to watch...

Simon Rodger is the Eagle's longest serving player and this good all-round midfielder is planning to make up for lost time after a series of injuries kept him out of the game. He works hard on the left side of midfield and creates numerous goalscoring opportunities, as well as scoring a few of his own.



## Leyton Orient



### the lowdown...

Again Swindon will face another team who experienced bitter disappointment in the play-offs last season. However, Leyton Orient actually made it to Wembley before being beaten by Scunthorpe. The O's have the look of a team ready to challenge for automatic promotion this season. Tommy Taylor has developed the side and is putting together a squad full of youth and experience. Boxing promoter and Chairman Barry Hearn is determined to develop the club and take the East London club upwards and onwards. This is the second leg of the Worthington Cup and Leyton Orient will prove to be very difficult to beat, especially considering 'The Connection'.

### the reason to watch...

Swindon have not enjoyed much success in this competition over recent years. Despite a trip to Old Trafford three years ago, the Town have since been knocked out in the first round by Watford and Wycombe respectively. This club

needs a good cup run and will be determined to get over the first hurdle in what can potentially be a lucrative cup campaign.

### the connection...

The O's have a familiar look about them having two former Swindon players on their books. Martin Ling made 153 over 180 appearances for the Robins before he moved to Leyton Orient on a free transfer in July 96. He has since made around 150 appearances for The O's but did not enjoy a Wembley win as he did with Swindon. Also joining him was former Town striker Craig Maskell.

### the player to watch...

Amara Simba signed from Mexican club Leon for an undisclosed fee in Oct'98. He was an instant hit with the fans and enjoyed cult status in his 32 appearances last season. In his first seven months with the O's Simba netted 11 goals and it is thought he will improve on this tally in this, his first full season in the Third Division.





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# jimmy shoulder



**assesses the current set-up of  
the Club's development system...**

**The system we have set-up here is pretty good, certainly in terms of the individual parts. I think what it probably needs is a long-term strategic approach, which is hopefully my area of expertise. When someone asked me about the job, I was quite amused because I've done it on a continent (Australia), then I've done it in a country (Wales) and now I'm doing it at a club.**

It does seem if I'm coming down the scale but in fact, it is very much the same. You have some of the same problems but you've also got different problems as well. It doesn't necessarily mean it's going to be any easier. I think what I'll bring to the system is a strategic approach.

I always like to look long-term and everything that I've ever done is always shaped by where we're looking to end up. I imagine what we'd like to have in an ideal world and then work backward from that, rather than starting from where we are now and trying to work forwards. I'll be looking at a long-term plan, which will always be a long-term plan. We're always looking to develop and evolve. I also take in to account what outside influences might change e.g. the structure of the football league.

At the moment the building blocks are there at Swindon Town F.C. and it's a question of looking at the good things we have in place and adding to them and then also develop, so if they're adequate or good they can be excellent.

There will be two main areas we'll be looking at, one will be coaching education, which I don't think English football culture has paid nearly enough attention to, we've had some good coaches and some not so good coaches enter the game with their FA coaching badge. Now not only do they have to be qualified but they have to be

accredited as well. We want to incorporate continual in service training for all of our coaches, right through to the manager. Also, a philosophy of coaching, in other words, how you would actually go about working with individuals; do you tell them what to do? How do you present ideas to players? basically looking at effective ways of doing that. Hopefully in the longer term, the criteria for being one of Swindon Town's coaches, whether it's with the first team or coaching centres the standard will get higher and higher.

I think that in the past English football clubs, historically, have spent a lot of time, money and energy scouting for players but, haven't done nearly as good of job of coaching and developing youngsters. So I'm going to change the emphasis of that here, so that all the emphasis is that we work with the players we've got and make the best of what we've got. I'm sure we can make a significant improvement in the players, as we ourselves develop our coaching styles and systems.

The second thing is that we want to develop players. Again changes will have to be made, because the old sureties of the past have disappeared. When I was a kid everybody played football in the street, you develop your skills there. Then when you went to school there was always after school teams. The system was in place. Now, the way society has changed over the past ten years has meant that those systems are no longer in place. So what we, as a club, have to do is develop our own systems. Historically football clubs would not go near young players until they were around 14 years of age. We're now saying that we have to start getting our hands kids at five or six years old. We will first give the opportunity to youngsters in Swindon, boys and girls, then the children of the outlying districts. Firstly to give them the opportunity of playing football, then from that we will try to identify the better ones, then stream them into the Excellence programme. I don't think

this is mind boggling or particularly brilliant, it's just basic common sense.

If you then have the right coaches giving the right sort of coaching, then you stand a much better chance of getting a higher quality of players through the system.

The way we have it at the moment is that you have the community side with the people like Clive McGuire, Jon Holloway, Jimmy Fraser and all their coaches as the foundation stones. Then the next step will be Phil Cannon and his Centre of Excellence coaches, followed by what we now call the Scholarship Programme, the young pro's with Tom Jones. We can then start moving the better players in the first team. Most of that is already in place in terms of structure, it's just a matter of approaching it in a more strategic fashion and getting everybody tuned in to what we're trying to achieve here and hopefully Swindon Town F.C. will reap the benefits in the coming years.







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## youth's in focus

**We took the Under11s-12s-13s to the English Riviera International Cup held in Torquay. Teams from Brazil, Holland, USA, Slovakia as well as Torquay Utd and Plymouth Argyle Centre of Excellence.**

After the wet week for the Milk Cup in N. Ireland we were treated to some 85 degree temperatures in Torquay. This was great for the staff, but a killer for the young players.

What we were looking for out of the week, as a whole, was how the players progress from the start of the week to hopefully the finals at the end of the week and how they can take on board the various coaching points outlined for them.

We took large squads in all three age groups, with the emphasis on giving all the players equal playing time. This worked really well as the temperatures saw the players tire very quickly during games.

The preparation for games was exactly the same as for the first team with emphasis on eating the right foods before games, resting and preparing properly.

Getting 54 Under13s to sleep and rest whilst away from home isn't easy, especially in the evenings.

All the age groups played extremely well all week and progressed to their respective finals.

The Under11s played well but lost their final to Torquay Utd. The Under12s won their final in a very exciting manner; with two minutes remaining they trailed Torquay Utd 2-1,

only to score twice in the closing minutes to snatch a 3-2 victory. It was a great game with our players trying to do the right things all game and eventually, that paid off with a fantastic result. Congratulations to all the squad but, especially to Lance Lewis who came on at half-time as a sub and scored a hat-trick.

The Under13s played on a league basis playing five games in five days. The football played by this group was a joy to watch. These lads have been together for three years getting constant coaching at the Centre of Excellence and their performances, both with and without the ball, was first class. The best of these was against a team called SB Frankfurt, which was made up of seven Plymouth Argyle players and two players who are currently on trial at Manchester Utd. The game was played at breath-taking pace with both teams closing each other down very quickly. SB Frankfurt had two great chances in the second half but failed to take them. Then with the score tied at 1-1 we got a free-kick just outside the box. Justin McKay bent the ball around the wall and into the top corner, from then on the Under13s stepped up a gear and went on to win 4-1. They returned home with their winners' medals and trophy completing which was all in all, a very successful week for the players and staff alike.

## success in the cup

**Roger Reeves**

**The Town Ladies finished last season by lifting the "Ambassador" South West Combination League Cup.**

The competition was run after the league programme had finished and the Town got off to a great start with a 10-3 home win over Bath City. A local derby against Oxford United and a 3-1 victory lined the Town up with a trip to the South Coast to face Portsmouth. Again, 3-1 was enough to secure a place in the final.

Cheltenham won through in the other semi-final to meet the Town at Denham. The Gloucestershire side had already completed the double over the Town in the League and also beat them in a Cup Final last season, so were the favourites.



Within nine minutes Pam Laker played the ball into the path of Leanne Taylor who shot low into the net. Kim Reeves added a second when she headed in Pam Laker's corner and Nadine Lloyd out-jumped the Cheltenham defenders following a neat build-up between Leanne Taylor and Holly Ashman. Cheltenham tried to pull the game back but, Town defenders Netti Wyness and Diane George and keeper Jo Sharpe held firm. This is the first time that this

competition has been organised and Swindon Town is the first name on the new trophy.

### The Town's Cup winning squad:

**Back row:** Diane George, Natalia Zarczynski, Clare Wheeler, Pam Laker, Jo Sharpe, Annie Nichols, Max McQue, Kim Reeves.

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Unfortunately, the prices at Palace (£20 and £12) might deter a few from travelling, but we hope more of you will decide to go to the second leg of tonight's tie in East London. Admission prices for this one are £15 and £10 for concessions, with special rates for family groups. This game will be pay on the day - no tickets on sale in advance. Those of you who have purchased away Season Tickets will be able to travel for just £4. On all trips this season we will be offering reductions of up to £1 for those presenting their Supporters' Club membership card when booking. So if you haven't completed your application form yet, please ask at our office.

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## colly not wobbled

Stan Collymore ignored the taunts when he returned to the Midlands with his new club following his three-month loan move to Fulham. The visit to Birmingham City was hardly the prescription to ease Stan Collymore's psychological condition. But Collymore, for a change, showed the maturity and experience not to rise to the bait. The crowd continued to boo as he methodically went about his business on the park. He looked like he may, at last, have found a home that can harness his talents and shield him from the obvious pressures of the modern game.





## platt left flat



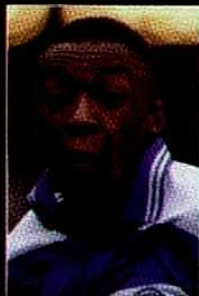
David Platt was welcomed to First Division management with a 3-1 drubbing at the hands of Ipswich Town.

Platt belatedly took charge of Forest after Ron Atkinson's contract wasn't renewed after their relegation at the end of the campaign. His side found themselves trailing 3-0 before Chris Bart-Williams knocked in a consolation penalty on 76 minutes. Platt will be keen to get out of a rut of poor defeats he has suffered since his brief spell in charge of Sampdoria towards the end of last season. Forest are among the favourite to bounce straight back into the Premiership, but on this form, Ipswich look far more likely.

## r's off to flying start

QPR got off to a flyer this last week defeating fancied Huddersfield 3-1 at Loftus Road.

After last season's flirtation with relegation manager, Gerry Francis, is determined to make a better go of it this season. His squad has been strengthened by the emergence of several promising youngsters including Jermaine Darlington, who scored the R's opener on Saturday. Chris Kiwomya has finally settled down and is returning to the form that earned him a move to Arsenal earlier in his career.



## all keane



Robbie Keane gave us another reason why the Republic of Ireland international is so highly rated by the Premiership's top clubs.

His goal after 30 minutes gave perennial also-rans, Wolves, an impressive win at newly promoted Manchester City. A bumper crowd, as there always is at Maine Road, of 32,000 tuned up on Sunday to see Joe Royle's resurgent side struggle to make any impact on a well-marshalled Wolves defence. Keane stole the show like he did so many times last season and after offers from Aston Villa and Leeds and on this form, the 19-year-old Irishman may well be on his way out of the club before long.

## mendonca in form

Clive Mendonca started life back in the First Division in much the same style as he started his Premier League campaign last season.

A hat-trick was confirmed when he put away his second penalty of the game in the 80th minute to make it 3-1. Charlton came out on top in the battle of the newly relegated teams, but it was not all plain sailing. Darren Barnard pulled one back to make it 2-1 at the break. But, the crowd of over 19,000 at the Valley were delighted to get back to winning ways.



## brace for impact

Ambitious Fulham came away happy with a draw on opening day at St. Andrews. Two goals from striker Geoff Horsfield helped the Londoners to a well-earned away point.

Paul Bracewell's men look certain to make an impression on the top half of the First Division this season. No doubt future additions are likely.

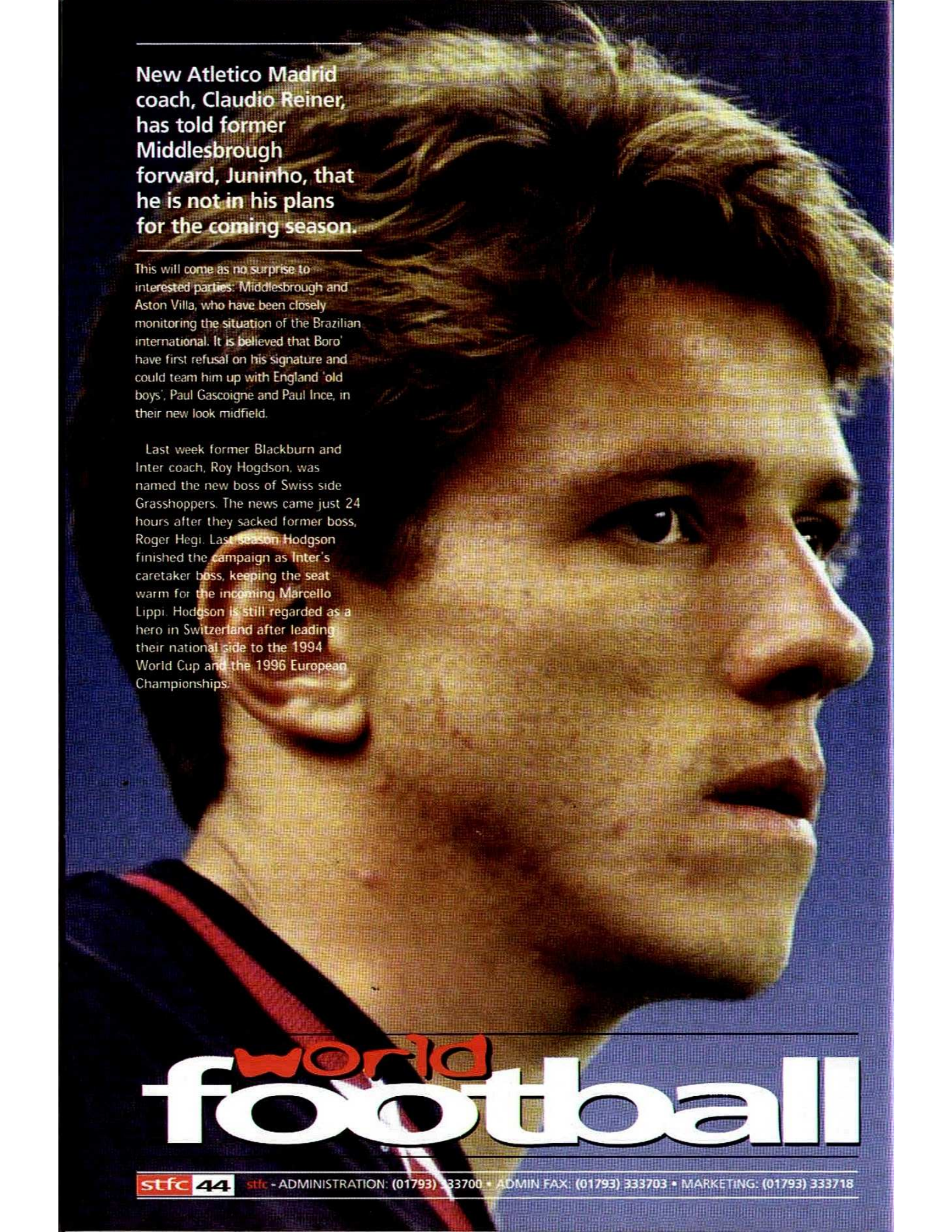


## simon rodger

Palace kick-started their 1999/00 season off with a 1-1 draw courtesy of a Simon Rodger goal. The Eagles of Selhurst looked as though they might be grounded for this campaign as their financial crisis deepened during the summer months. A last ditch attempt to save the club looks as though it has succeeded...for now at least!

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**New Atletico Madrid coach, Claudio Reiner, has told former Middlesbrough forward, Juninho, that he is not in his plans for the coming season.**

This will come as no surprise to interested parties: Middlesbrough and Aston Villa, who have been closely monitoring the situation of the Brazilian international. It is believed that Boro' have first refusal on his signature and could team him up with England 'old boys', Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince, in their new look midfield.

Last week former Blackburn and Inter coach, Roy Hodgson, was named the new boss of Swiss side Grasshoppers. The news came just 24 hours after they sacked former boss, Roger Hagi. Last season Hodgson finished the campaign as Inter's caretaker boss, keeping the seat warm for the incoming Marcello Lippi. Hodgson is still regarded as a hero in Switzerland after leading their national side to the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 European Championships.

# world football



# desperate times for the BBC

Richard Pitts

## what's the story?

**After 30 years service Des Lynam, or simply "Des" as he's known to millions of sports followers, last week became the latest in a long line of major departures from the BBC's once proud, now dwindling, sports department.**

"Des" follows the F.A Cup, live premiership football, and the Ryder cup and test cricket out of the B.B.C door. The fact that the countries most well known and popular anchorman has joined the beeb's direct rival (I.T.V) must particularly grate with the top brass at television house. But what is the future for televised sports coverage on what used to be the home of top level sport?

Des cited his reasons for leaving as a desire for a fresh challenge; he felt he was in danger of turning stale. We can read into this that the whole of the BBC's sports programming has become a poor relation to the likes of the excellent coverage of Sky sports, ITV, and even the strategies and innovations being introduced by Channel 4.

Of course a significant factor in both Lynams departure, and the loss of so many major events, is the huge amount of money involved in sports media and the football industry. The BBC appear reluctant to join the mega bucks bidding, and as a result are being left behind as we enter the digital age.

The ever growing relationship between sport and the media is typified by

this year's expansion of the Champions league, which no doubt Lynam would love to be a part of. UEFA had to react quickly to the threat being posed by the Italian based Media Partners organisation, who were proposing to set up a Breakaway European superleague with a reported prize money pot of around £1 billion. More than ever the television and media companies now call the tune, the game has gone global from a media standpoint, and take-over bids from the likes of BSKYB, Carlton, and Cable-Tel must be viewed with some caution. Football is in danger of being carried away in the whirlwind that is the media-communications business, leaving in its wake the 100 or so years of tradition and history.

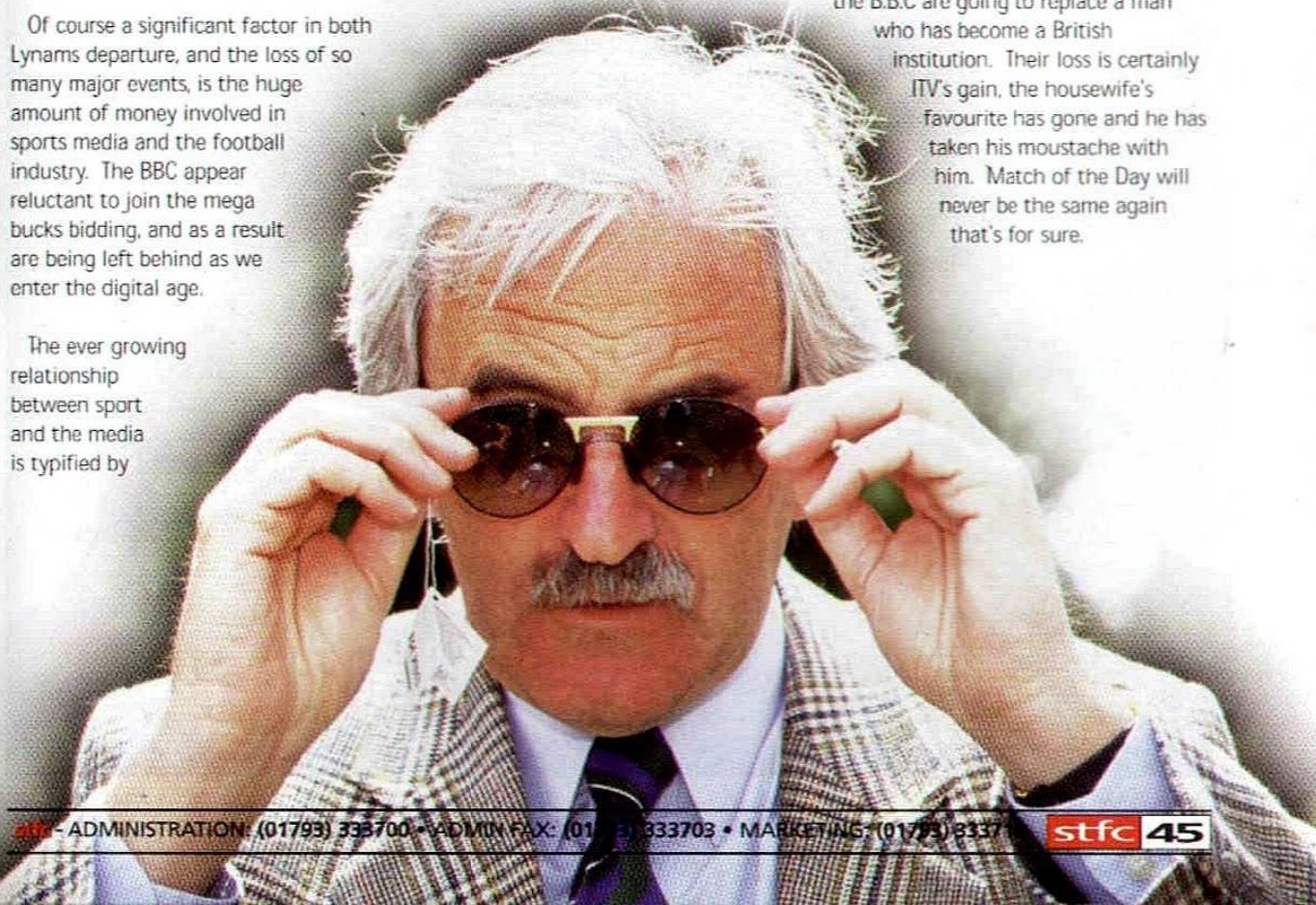
## late news...

News just in... It was also revealed last night (Tuesday) that Cheeky Scot, Ally McCoist, has also left the BBC's floundering Sports Department.

The ex Rangers front man is hoping for greater exposure on ITV's UEFA Champions' League programme.

Of course we have to move with the times, embrace new technology and cash in on the fantastic product that is the game of football. But it would be refreshing if the media moguls who are running the game, could spare a quick thought for the supporters who once the very fibre of our game now seem to be regarded as surplus to requirements.

Moving from the boardroom to the men in front of the camera, with no natural successor in place to fill Des's shoes it will be interesting to see how the B.B.C are going to replace a man who has become a British institution. Their loss is certainly ITV's gain, the housewife's favourite has gone and he has taken his moustache with him. Match of the Day will never be the same again that's for sure.







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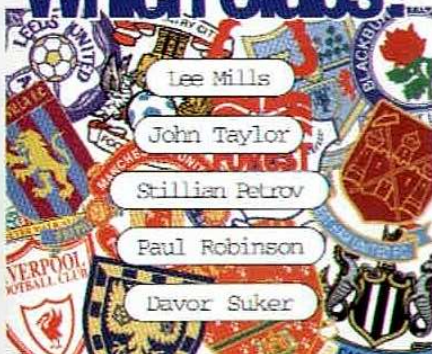


## Where in the World?

- 1 - Ajax
- 2 - Anderlecht
- 3 - Benfica
- 4 - Boca Juniors
- 5 - Castilla
- 6 - Espanol
- 7 - Vasco da Gama
- 8 - Feyenord
- 9 - Real Sociedad
- 10 - Sampdoria



## Which Clubs?



## quick quiz

- 1 Which two internationals moved from Derby County to Liverpool in July 1991 for a combined total of over £5m?
- 2 What sum did Lazio originally offer Tottenham for Paul Gascoigne in 1991?
- 3 How much did they eventually receive for Gascoigne?
- 4 Who was Wimbledon's 1st £1m signing in 1996?
- 5 In 1973 Johan Cruyff was involved in the first £1m transfer, which two clubs were involved?
- 6 When Kevin Keegan left Liverpool in 1977, how much did Hamburg pay for his services?
- 7 How much did Kevin Keegan spend on players in his four years as Newcastle manager?
- 8 At the start of the 1996-97 season, only one British player had been transferred for more than £5m on three occasions, who was he?
- 9 Which Premiership club had three players costing £5m or more on their books at the start of the 1996/97 season?
- 10 Name the first 10 British players to cost £5m or more?



## Who's Badge?



## which year?

- AS Monaco knocked Newcastle Utd out in the quarter final of the UEFA Cup.
- Paris St. Germain knocked Liverpool out of the Cup Winners' Cup in the semi-final.
- Middlesbrough had three points deducted for cancelling a Premiership fixture without sufficient notice.
- Macclesfield Town won the GM Vauxhall Conference to gain entry to the Football League.

**Answers:** Quick Quiz: 1. Mark Wright & Dean Saunders. 2. £1.5m. 3. £5.5m. 4. Ben Thatcher. 5. Ajax and Barcelona. 6. £550,000. 7. £4m. 8. David Platt. 9. Newcastle. 10. Ferdinand and Rapraet. 11. Stan Collymore, Andy Cole, Paul Ince, Les Ferdinand, Paul Gascoigne, David Platt, Nick Barmby, Trevor Steven, Chris Sutton and Alan Shearer. Which Year? 1997. Which Clubs? Lee Mills - Bradford, John Taylor - Charlton, Stilian Petrov - Celtic, Paul Robinson - Newcastle, Davor Suker - Arsenal, Where in the World? 1. Ajax - Amsterdam, 2. Anderlecht - Brussels, 3. Benfica - Lisbon, 4. Boca Juniors - Buenos Aires, 5. Castilla - Madrid, 6. Espanol - Barcelona, 7. Vasco da Gama - Rio de Janeiro, 8. Feyenord - Rotterdam, 9. Real Sociedad - San Sebastian, 10. Sampdoria - Genoa. Who's This? Frank Tallis. Who's Badge? 1. Leicester City, 2. Gillingham, 3. Portsmouth, 4. Tranmere Rovers.





## captain's corner



**Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Ipswich Town.**

It is an honour to play for a club like Swindon, but to be asked to be captain of the club was an even higher honour and I haven't taken on the job lightly.

As most of you know I'm always shouting on the park as much as I can. I try to keep the lads ge'ed up throughout the 90 minutes, so that certainly won't change. The greater responsibility lies off the pitch and the manager wants me to take on more, which I have done and if I can help the manager, players and staff at all, then I am pleased to do so because ultimately it will help Swindon Town F.C..

We went away to Ireland got the lads together for a while. It was really hard work and the manager put us through our paces and in the games we played well. We played against teams that didn't give up for the 90 minutes and worked really hard. It was a tough challenge and it was really what we

needed to get us match fit. You've got to lift the mood, because at times, there is a lull in activities and a little prank here and a little prank there goes a long way to building team morale. Needless to say, I was slightly involved - Graz's hair was a bit too nice, so that had to go!

As far as this season's squad goes, most of the lads have been here a few years now so we know each other well and how we play and it's just a matter of who gets picked for the games. I'm sure the boys will do their best every Saturday.

I'm looking forward to today's game against Ipswich, they have turned us over a few times in recent years, especially last season, but that's behind us now and it's a new season. We're looking forward to playing in front of the County Ground fans and hopefully get a win under our belts.

The Football League will again adopt these procedures in all Football League matches including the Worthington Cup and Auto Windscreens Shield competitions for season 99-00.

### Time Allowed will be based on:

- Substitutions, Assessment of injury, Removal of players from the field of play for treatment, Wasting time, Any other causes



...the Fourth Official will hold up the appropriate time allowed board

## it's about time



### Procedure:

Time allowed will be indicated at the end of each half.

The Fourth Official must position himself at the halfway line, two minutes before the expiry of each half, kneel down and establish eye contact with the Referee.

During the remaining two minute period, preferably during a stoppage in play the referee must inform the Fourth Official, either visually or verbally, of the amount of time to be allowed.

The Fourth Official will acknowledge this information and confirm the amount of time allowed to the Referee.

At the expiry of each 45 minute

period and not before, the Fourth Official will hold up the appropriate time allowed board, in a clear and positive manner, to all points of the ground.

Any subsequent injuries, or additional delays, including time wasting, will result in further time being allowed, however, no further communication with the Fourth Official will be necessary.

The Fourth Official must be briefed before the game.

Time allowed will apply in all Football League matches. When necessary this procedure is to be used at the end of extra time periods in Football League Cup competitions.





# express yourself

**It was a disappointing result on Tuesday; I'm not sure what happened really.**

Leyton Orient were a good side. I played against them last season and they've got a strong squad that passes it around well. We struggled to work together as a team and create anything positive.

We've got to get it right for today's game. If we give Ipswich the space that we gave Orient they're going to cause us a lot of problems. The likes of David Johnson, James Scowcroft and Richard Naylor are quality forwards so we've got to tighten up all round and work much harder than we did on Tuesday.

I know the result was bad last season and I played against their Reserves last season and they had a lot of young 16 and 17 year olds and they played us off the park. George Burley is a good coach and he'll have his players ready for another go at promotion. This year they're going to really go for it after the disappointment of recent seasons and they are my favourite for the League.

The last televised game I played in was for Stevenage up at Newcastle and I got a goal, so hopefully that trend will continue. I do need a goal at the moment; I don't care if it's a tap in or if it goes in off my shin. I haven't had a great deal of chances but, I am feeling a bit anxious and I need any kind of goal to settle my nerves. I think I'm rushing a little bit and snatching at things. I was holding the ball up well in the friendlies but, as soon as the season started I got a bit nervous and the boss has told me to relax and take my time. But I know that I'm here for a reason, not just to make up the numbers, he's given me the number 10 shirt to show that he wants me to play. I know I can score goals and today will be the perfect time to do it, so I've got faith in my ability and myself. I'm by no means a seasoned pro, I've only played 23 games for Peterborough, so the lads have had to help me and they've been superb. I've been working hard on the training field and hopefully it will go right for me today.

## giuliano grazioli



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# swindon town open day



**Last Sunday the County Ground opened its doors to welcome all the Swindon Town fans on our annual Open Fun Day.**

Despite the typically appalling weather the Town fans were undeterred as they turned up in their droves. It was a case of trying to shelter from the harsh weather and as a result the squad photos and pitch events were cancelled.

However, the Ladies team and Youth Squad did move out onto the County Ground extension and those who were brave enough wrapped up and witnessed a great display.

The first team soon followed and treated the fans to alight training session after their draw up at Walsall.

Once the players had dried off they greeted the autograph hunters in the warmth of the family room. It was a worthwhile day which embodied the spirit of football fans who always triumph in the face of adversity.



above: Frank Talia meets the Coldwell family from Cirencester.  
top right: Scott Leitch takes a well earned rest from signing autographs



Chris Hay waits in the wings as Charlie Griffin fills up the squad photo with his all-important scribble.



Iffy Onuora had as much fun meeting the fans as they did meeting him.



# MAZ about football

## haircut 2000

**During the summer tour, I read that a shaved head was this years fashion statement for Swindon Town.**

Apparently two newly elevated members of the squad had had their heads shaven as a sort of initiation ceremony. From what I can gather they actually found this quite amusing. I can imagine the look on their mothers' faces when they first laid eyes on their freshly shorn sons displayed quite a different opinion. It will only serve as a reminder of seeing your sons beautiful curls lying on the hairdresser's floor after their first grown up cut, a night of passage that tears at the heartstrings. It's a mum thing trust me.

Why is it whenever you put people into a uniform they strive for individuality? Waitresses' sport lacy handkerchiefs and badges. Airline Pilots fancy moustaches and Footballers do it with haircuts. The prime exponent of this is Gazza, having a smile like a pantomime dame has never stopped him from extending, bleaching and crimping. He has styled himself on everything from the early Roman Empire to Judge Dredd. He's had more styles than the National Trust rural pathway commission.

This is one area of Gazzas profession that he does not walk alone. Even before King Key got the curly perm, star players have been easily spotted by their flowing manes and stylish locks. Last season Swindon players all became bottle blondes which was a bit disconcerting for anyone with my sort of eyesight, too vain to wear my glasses in the stand I would frequently have to wait for the announcement to see who had scored.

At least you don't see the once popular centre parting so beloved of referees and lines men (or referees assistants) these days. Not since officials have been permitted to wear designer impressionist artwork instead of all black (broken up only by the snowy white of the three inches or so of leg between shorts and socks). They all go on the sunbeds and have foil highlights and Tin Tin quiffs.

Another style we are all thankful for the disappearance of is the comb over, so popular with the likes of Bobby Charlton and Swindon sixties star Peter Noble, I guess they just shave their heads to disguise receding hair lines now, which is where I came in.



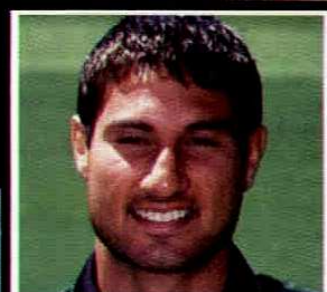
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# frank talia

## aussie born goalkeeper

The loveable shot-stopper from down-under has made a fairly impressive start to the season. Despite some disappointing team results, Frank has proven to be a force to be reckoned with between the sticks.



birthplace Melbourne

date of birth 20.07.72

height 6ft 1ins

weight 13st 6lbs

position goalkeeper

### previous club records

club	games	goals
Blackburn	-	-
Hartlepool (loan)	15	0



# swindon town statistics 1999/2000

## stfc fact-files...

Kick-off times are 3.00pm at weekend fixtures and 7.45pm for mid-week fixtures unless otherwise stated

date	opponents	results
Sat Aug 7	Walsall (A)	
<b>Tue Aug 10</b>	<b>Leyton Orient (WC1)1 (H)</b>	
<b>Sun Aug 15</b>	<b>Ipswich (H)</b>	
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace (A)	
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)2 (A)	
<b>Sat Aug 28</b>	<b>West Brom (H)</b>	
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby (A)	
<b>Sat Sept 4</b>	<b>Blackburn (H)</b>	
<b>Sat Sept 11</b>	<b>Nott'm Forest (H)</b>	
Sat Sept 18	Crewe (A)	
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale (A)	
<b>Sat Oct 2</b>	<b>Bolton (H)</b>	
<b>Sat Oct 9</b>	<b>Stockport (H)</b>	
Sat Oct 16	Fulham (A)	
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley (A)	
<b>Sat Oct 23</b>	<b>Sheff Utd (H)</b>	
<b>Tues Oct 26</b>	<b>Port Vale (H)</b>	
Sat Oct 30	Bolton (A)	
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield (A)	
<b>Sat Nov 13</b>	<b>Norwich (H)</b>	
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton (A)	
<b>Tues Nov 23</b>	<b>Charlton (H)</b>	
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham (A)	
<b>Sat Dec 4</b>	<b>Walsall (H)</b>	
Sat Dec 18	Man City (A)	
<b>Sun Dec 26</b>	<b>Portsmouth (H)</b>	
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere (A)	
<b>Mon Jan 3</b>	<b>QPR (H)</b>	
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich (A)	
<b>Sat Jan 22</b>	<b>Crystal Palace (H)</b>	
Sat Jan 29	West Brom (A)	
<b>Sat Feb 5</b>	<b>Grimsby (H)</b>	
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn (A)	
<b>Sat Feb 19</b>	<b>Birmingham (H)</b>	
<b>Sat Feb 26</b>	<b>Crewe (H)</b>	
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest (A)	
<b>Tues Mar 7</b>	<b>Huddersfield (H)</b>	
Sat Mar 11	Charlton (A)	
<b>Sat Mar 18</b>	<b>Wolverhampton (H)</b>	
Tues Mar 21	Norwich (A)	
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth (A)	
<b>Sat Apr 1</b>	<b>Man City (H)</b>	
Sat Apr 8	QPR (A)	
<b>Sat Apr 15</b>	<b>Tranmere (H)</b>	
<b>Sat Apr 22</b>	<b>Fulham (H)</b>	
Mon Apr 24	Stockport (A)	
<b>Sat Apr 29</b>	<b>Barnsley (H)</b>	
Sun May 7	Sheff Utd (A)	

## the key...

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TALIA

TALIA



HULBERT (2)

HULBERT (3)



HALL

HALL (2)



WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS



ROBINSON

ROBINSON



GOODEN

DAVIS



LEITCH

LEITCH



NDAH

NDAH



WALTERS

WALTERS

### this season's top scorers


### this season's top gates


### last four games






player in **RED**  
denotes scorer

number in brackets  
denotes player replaced ( )



GRAZIOLI (1)

ONUORA

GRIFFIN

TAYLOR

HOWE

GRAZIOLI (1)

ONUORA

GRIFFIN

TAYLOR

HOWE

## nationwide division one

team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Charlton	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
QPR	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Stockport	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Wolverhampton	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Birmingham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fulham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Crewe	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Crystal Palace	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Norwich	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
West Brom	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Blackburn	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bolton	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Port Vale	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Swindon	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Tranmere	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Walsall	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grimsby	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Man City	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Huddersfield	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Nottn Forest	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Sheff Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

## first team appearances

player name:	squad no.s	league apps	cup apps	goals pts	total apps
Frank Talia	1	1	1	-	2
Mark Robinson	2	1	1	-	2
Gareth Hall	3	1	1	-	2
Scott Leitch	4	1	1	-	2
Gareth Davies	5	-	-	-	-
Craig Taylor	6	(1)	(1)	-	(2)
Bobby Howe	7	-	(1)	-	-
George Ndah	8	1	1	-	2
Iffy Onuora	9	1	1	-	2
Giuliano Grazioli	10	1	1	-	2
Ty Gooden	11	1	-	-	1
Alan Reeves	12	-	-	-	-
Jimmy Glass	13	-	-	-	-
Mark Walters	14	1	1	-	2
Chris Hay	15	-	-	-	-
Lee Collins	16	-	-	-	-
Steve Cowe	17	-	-	-	-
Steve Mildenhall	18	-	-	-	-
Adam Willis	19	-	-	-	-
Charlie Griffin	20	(1)	(1)	-	(2)
Sol Davis	21	-	1	-	1
Robin Hulbert	22	1	1	-	2
Philippe Cuervo	23	-	-	-	-
Sam Campagna	24	-	-	-	-
Frazer McHugh	25	-	-	-	-
Nicky Burke	26	-	-	-	-
Jamie Mills	27	-	-	-	-
Ricky Culbertson	28	-	-	-	-
Alan Flanagan	29	-	-	-	-
Paul McAreavey	30	-	-	-	-
Alan Hughes	31	-	-	-	-
James Williams	32	1	1	-	2

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# the squads



1	Frank Talia	Richard Wright	1
2	Mark Robinson	Fabian Wilnis	2
3	Gareth Hall	Jamie Clapham	3
4	Scott Leitch	Manuel Thetis	4
5	Gareth Davies	Tony Mowbray	5
6	Craig Taylor	Mark Venus	6
7	Bobby Howe	Micky Stockwell	7
8	George Ndah	Matt Holland	8
9	Iffy Onuora	David Johnson	9
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Jamie Scowcroft	10
11	Ty Gooden	Jim Magilton	11
12	Alan Reeves	Richard Naylor	12
13	Jimmy Glass	Mike Salmon	13
14	Mark Walters	Jermaine Wright	14
15	Chris Hay	Marco Holster	15
16	Lee Collins	Adam Tanner	16
17	Steve Cowe	Wayne Brown	17
18	Steve Mildenhall	Titus Bramble	18
19	Adam Willis	Neil Midgley	19
20	Charlie Griffin	Richard Logan	20
21	Sol Davis	John Kennedy	21
22	Robin Hulbert	Stuart Niven	22
23	Philippe Cuervo	Sean Friars	23
24	Sam Campagna	John McGreal	24
25	Frazer McHugh	Jonas Axeldahl	32
26	Nicky Burke	Kevin Inglis	
27	Jamie Mills	Chris Keeble	
28	Ricky Culbertson		
29	Alan Flanagan		
30	Paul McAreavey		
31	Alun Hughes		

Jim Quinn

George Burley



## match... stats



### the officials

Referee: Gary Willard  
 Assistant Referees:  
 Mr D.C. Richards & Mr M. Cairns  
 Fourth Official:  
 L.E. Cable

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half-time score

full-time score

today's attendance



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