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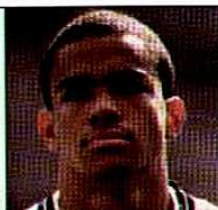
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editor's welcome

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Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the County Ground for today's match against Nottingham Forest.

In the home match against West Brom, the team were exceptional in the first half and it looked as though there were more goals to come and all three points were in the bag. The Town moved the ball around quickly and effectively, Mark Walters put the finishing touch to a great move and went in one up at the break, though it could well have been more if it wasn't for some fine saves by Baggies' keeper Alan Miller. It was a different story in the second half and West Brom snatched two goals from the very few clear-cut chances they created.

Although it was a disappointing result I think the lads did enough to show that they are well capable of playing some great football and it won't be long before we get that elusive home win.

Two days later we travelled up to Grimsby and unfortunately lost again by a single goal. All the possession and pressure we exerted didn't produce a goal and Grimsby took all three points with a goal from the penalty spot.

Nottingham Forest have made an uncertain start to their current campaign after being tipped to lead the division

from the front, including changes in the boardroom and a new manager in the shape of former England star, David Platt.



The latest addition to his squad is the loan signing of Ian Wright. Although he is in the twilight of his career he still knows where the goal is and will

always put 'bums on seats'. He is one of the games' biggest characters and is certain to solve Forests' lack of firepower up front. He netted on his debut, but then missed from the penalty spot. Wright's last visit to the County Ground is not one that Swindon fans will want to remember - he chipped Fraser Digby from 35-yards in Arsenal's 4-0 win in the Premier League.



Swindon Town would like to welcome David Platt and his players, plus all the supporters, directors and staff who travelled down from the Midlands.

Let's hope we get a big crowd today to cheer on the lads to a County Ground win! The Bank Holiday weekend did not go to plan and the Town went down twice at the hands of West Bromwich Albion and Grimsby Town respectively.

loan signings



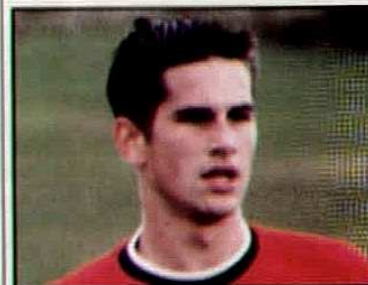
Andrew Williams

club Southampton

date of birth 08.10.77

height 5ft 10

position defender



Paul Thirwell

club Sunderland

date of birth 13.02.79

height 5ft 11

position midfielder



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jim quinn's comment

After two disappointing results against West Brom and Grimsby we today look forward to entertaining Nottingham Forest along with Mr Ian Wright who is on loan there.

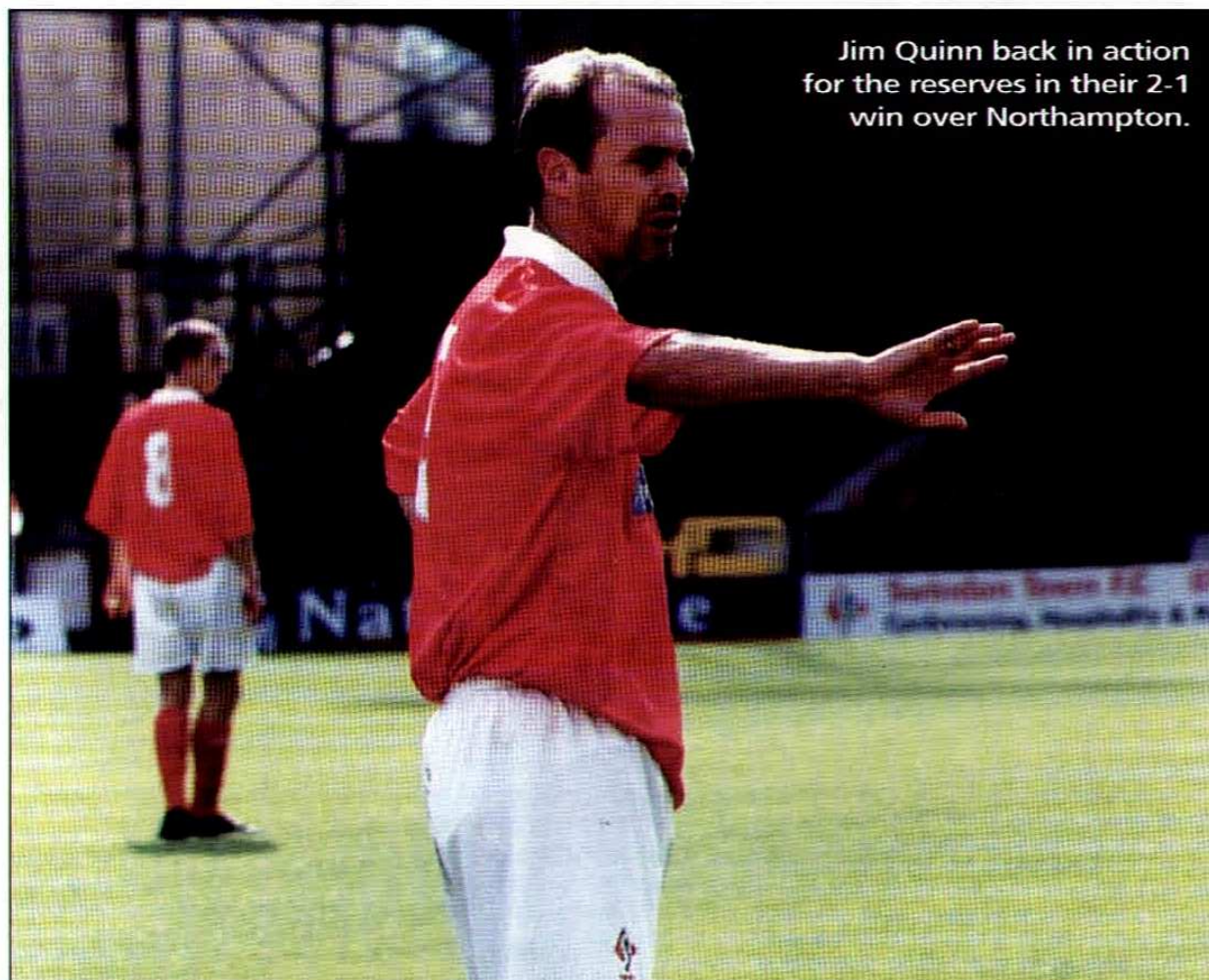
It's a great opportunity to bounce back against a fancied side in our division.

Forest have got off to a steady start and even though we haven't got the right results we have shown signs that we are getting there. We will need to show a lot of character today and hopefully, with the support from you the fans, we will show we can mix it with the best.

I always write these notes early in the week, so I'm hoping that by the time the game comes around we will have one or two players on loan to bolster the squad. The first half against West Brom was a different class from every position and we will need to produce the same over the full 90 minutes to get a good result. I'm sure the lads are itching to get out there and prove they can last the pace.

I would like to welcome David Platt, his team and Directors to the County Ground today.

Enjoy the game and remember, we need your support.



Jim Quinn back in action for the reserves in their 2-1 win over Northampton.

today's visitors

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

Nottingham Forest have had their fair share of problems in the last twelve months. This time last season they were in a massive dispute with want-away striker Pierre van Hooijdonk. His undoubted firepower was never effectively replaced and Forest dropped into the relegation places early on and didn't recover adding weight to Hooijdonk's argument that they did not add to the squad sufficiently to keep them in the Premiership.

The then manager, Dave Bassett, was sacked and Ron Atkinson was drafted in to perform a relegation magic act and secure their place in the top-flight. However, it was too little too late and Forest were relegated bottom of the pile. Despite 'Big Ron's' best efforts it was not enough to satisfy the Forest fans and board, his short-term contract was not renewed. The search for the new man to sit in the Forest hot seat was the subject of much scrutiny, as it was a drawn out experience including a much publicised boardroom dispute and the subsequent resignation of Chairman, Irvin Scholar.

The man chosen to resurrect Nottingham's fortunes was David Platt, the ex-Aston Villa, Bari, Juventus, Sampdoria, Arsenal and England international star. There is no doubt that Platt has the playing experience to gain the respect of the players and he also spent several months of his playing retirement studying various coaching techniques around the world. His short spell in charge at Sampdoria was not a happy one, but it will have given him vital experience that will help the Forest cause.

This season Forest have got off to a good start and although the wins have not come with the regularity the Forest fans expected, the performances have been solid. Platt has brought in several star names and cheaply too. He secured the services of Moreno Mannini, one of Platt's colleagues at Sampdoria who is an experienced defender. Also, Ian Wright is on-loan from West Ham to bolster the front-line and after two goals in two games, Platt will be keen to keep him for the rest of the season.

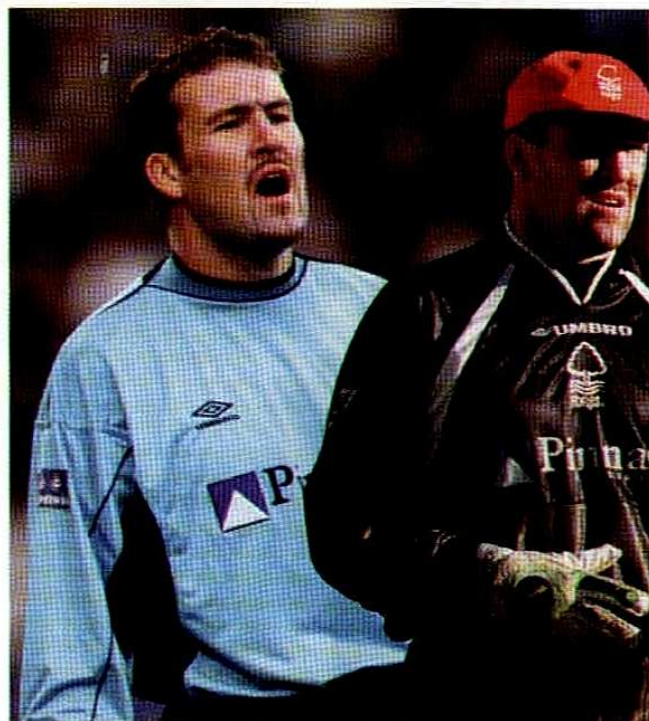


Nottingham Forest



BACK ROW: (left to right): Gareth Edds, Kevin Doyle, David Freeman, Jon Olav Hjelde, Salvatore Matrecano, Riccardo Scimeca, Steve Guinan, Andy Gray, Nigel Quashie, Kevin Dawson, Chris Doig. **MIDDLE ROW:** (left to right): John Haselden (Physiotherapist), Liam O'Kane (First Team Coach), Steve Wigley (Reserve Team Coach), Terry Farndale (Kit Manager), Richard Hodgson, Bernard Allou, Mark Crossley, Dave Beasant, Mark Goodlad, Carlos Merino, Richard Cooper, Dennis Booth (Assistant Manager), George Cooper (Assistant Physiotherapist), Mark James (Masseur), Howard Broughton (Masseur). **FRONT ROW:** (left to right): Moreno Mannini, Jesper Mattsson, Marlon Harewood, Matthieu Louis-Jean, Ian Woan, Chris Bart-Williams, David Platt (Player-Manager), Steve Chettle, Dougie Freedman, Steve Melton, Alan Rogers, John Burns, Thierry Bonalair.

mark crossley



birthplace	Barnsley
date of birth	16.06.69
height	6ft
weight	16st
position	goalkeeper

previous club records

club	games	goals
Man Utd	(loan)	-
Millwall	(loan)	-



He put two years of frustration behind him last season as he recaptured the No.1 spot from Dave Beasant.

The Welsh international lost his place in the spotlight in 1997 because of a back injury. He regained full fitness in the closing stages of the 1997/98 campaign, but found his route to the Forest first team blocked by Beasant. Patiently waited for his opportunity, which eventually came his way in February when he was recalled for the trip to Charlton. He saved a penalty that day and went on to enhance his reputation as a spot-kick expert by saving three more before the season came to an end.

birthplace	Woolwich
date of birth	13.11.63
height	5ft 10
weight	11st 8
position	forward

club records

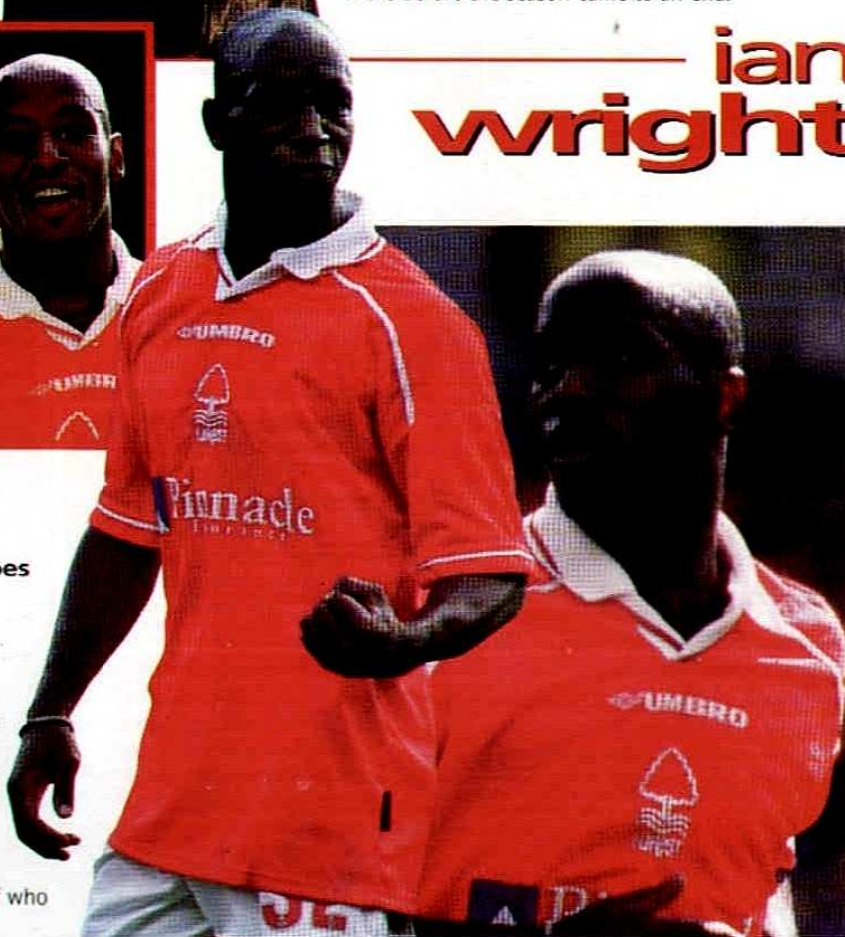
club	games	goals
West Ham	24(2)	9
Arsenal	280(9)	185
Crystal P.	206(19)	89



ian wright

Hollywood must wait to welcome Ian Wright, for the foreseeable future he is determined to do what he does best - score goals!

Crystal Palace handed him his first opportunity to shine but it was Arsenal who benefited most from his lightning pace, eye for goal, killer instinct and, of course, remarkable skill. He scored more than 180 goals for the North London giants before making a £750,000 switch to West Ham in July last year. He's in the twilight of his career but David Platt had no doubts of who to turn to bolster his front-line.



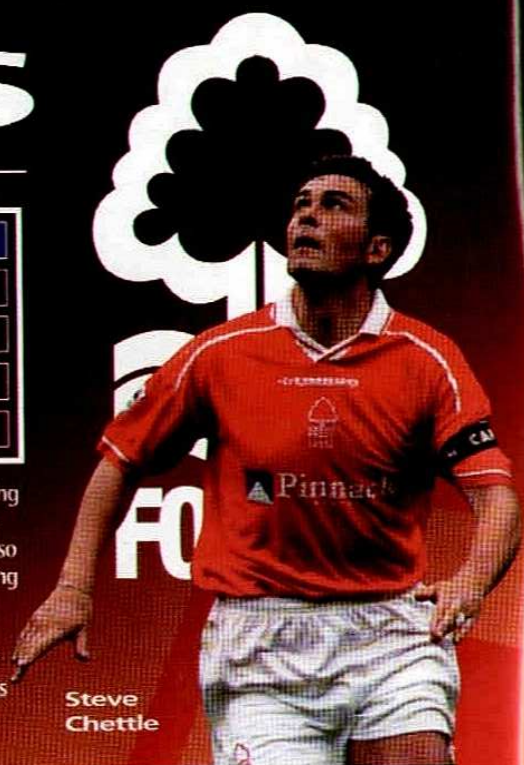
the players

Alan Rogers	
date of birth	03.01.77
height	5ft 10
weight	11st 8
position	defender

Proved to be such a success last season that he was voted 'Player of the Year' by the club's supporters. Regarded primarily as a left-back when he joined Forest from Tranmere in 1997 in a deal worth £2m. He contributed four goals last season - including strikes against Manchester Utd and Leeds Utd.

Steve Chettle	
date of birth	27.09.68
height	6ft 1
weight	13st 3
position	defender

Forest's captain and the longest serving player at the club. He enjoyed a well-earned testimonial last season and also re-wrote the record books by becoming only the sixth man to chalk up more than 500 appearances at Forest. He supported Forest as a boy and it was a dream come true when he made his 1st senior appearance for the club.



Steve Chettle

Moreno Mannini	
date of birth	15.08.62
height	6ft 1
weight	13st
position	defender

David Platt returned to his former club Sampdoria to secure the services of this experienced central defender. He's held in the highest regard by Platt, who called him "the shrewdest defender I've ever had the pleasure to play with" in his autobiography.

Jon Olav Hjedle	
date of birth	30.07.72
height	6ft 2
weight	13st 7
position	defender

His second season in English football was once again punctuated by a string of injury setbacks. The Norwegian defender showed glimpses of the kind of form that earned him a switch to Forest from Rosenborg in 1997.

Matthieu Louis-Jean	
date of birth	22.01.76
height	5ft 8
weight	11st 8
position	defender

He joined Forest on a season's loan in 1998, but did enough to earn a permanent switch to the City Ground from Le Harve. A talented right-sided defender, he made a handful of appearances in the first half of the season, but really made his mark under Ron Atkinson.

Nigel Quashie	
date of birth	20.06.78
height	5ft 9
weight	11st 10
position	midfielder

The England 'B' international will be looking to really make his mark this season having had his progress in the first team at the City Ground disrupted by injury. A classy midfielder, he made just 19 appearances following his £2.5m move from Queens Park Rangers.

Thierry Bonalair	
date of birth	14.06.66
height	5ft 9
weight	10st 8
position	midfielder

He is one of the most versatile performers on the staff at the City Ground. The Frenchman has largely operated as a right-back or wing-back since joining Forest, but that's certainly not the limit of his abilities. Has given excellent service since arriving in Nottingham in 1997 and he signed a new one-year contract in the summer.

Gianluca Petrachi	
date of birth	14.01.69
height	5ft 9
weight	11st 5
position	midfield

A highly versatile performer, he can operate anywhere in midfield and up front. However, David Platt has earmarked him for a role on the right side of midfield. Very highly regarded in his native Italy, no less than 10 Serie A clubs were reported to be interested in securing his services during the summer.

**Chris Bart-Williams**

date of birth 16.06.74

height 5ft11

weight 11st 6

position midfielder

The stylish midfielder's progress was disrupted somewhat by fitness problems last season. As a result, he only made 23 starts, but still weighed-in with a number of excellent performances. Only 25, he's been involved in first team football for almost a decade. Can operate in midfield and has also played up front.

Bernard Allou

date of birth 19.06.75

height 5ft11

weight 11st 8

position forward

He must still be regarded as something of an unknown quantity having only made two brief substitute appearances last season following his free transfer to the City Ground. A pacey right-winger he played for Paris St. Germain in his native France where, as a youngster, he was regarded as real hot property.

Dougie Freedman

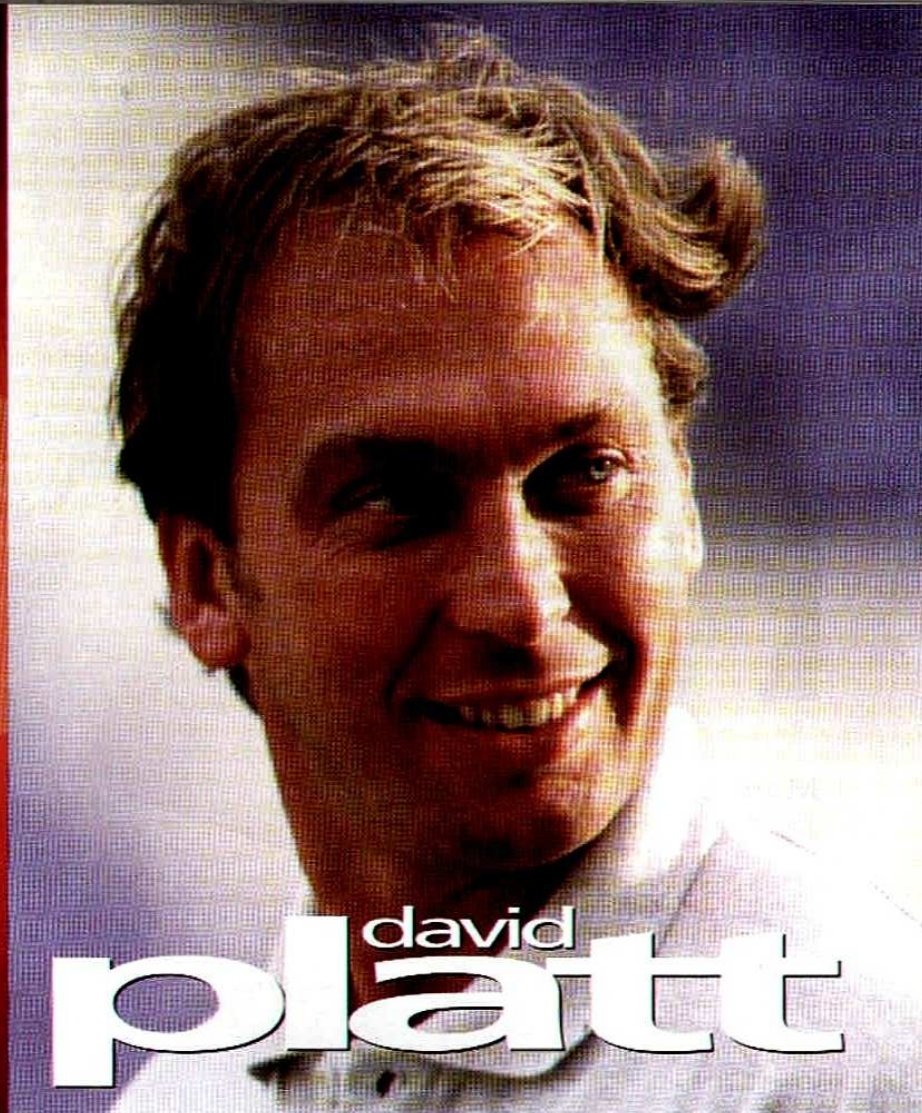
date of birth 21.01.74

height 5ft 9

weight 11st 2

position forward

Topped Forest's scoring charts with 12 goals last season and was one of the few success stories of the 1998/99 campaign. He took time to establish himself as one of the club's principal strikers following his arrival from Wolves. He eventually earned his place and made his mark in the Premiership.

**david
platt**

As the new millennium approaches, the 33 year-old is still at the forefront of the soccer scene as the new man at the City Ground helm.

Not only did he enjoy great success as an international footballer but he also made his mark in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of Italy's Serie A with Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria.

Now he's looking to taste glory in the world of management and is as determined as ever to succeed.

It hasn't always been easy for Platt however. As a youngster he experienced bitter disappointment when he was released by Manchester United.

Crewe offered him the chance to rise to prominence and after doing just that at Gresty Road, he clinched a move to Aston Villa - and a springboard to super stardom!

Before long he was firmly established as an England international and proved to be a key figure in the 1990 World Cup campaign as Bobby Robson's men reached the semi-finals.

He also re-wrote the England record

books, scoring 27 goals in 62 international appearances - the highest ever return by an England midfielder.

Italian football, which so often in the past has proved too much for star British names to cope with, presented few problems for the hard-running and stylish star.

And after calling time on his 'Italian job' as a player, he returned to England to join Arsenal and played a significant part in their 1998 'double' success.

Determined to go out on a high, he announced his retirement from playing at that point and decided to concentrate all his efforts on coaching.

He toured the world studying coaching methods, became involved with England's youth squads and also returned to one of his former clubs, Sampdoria, to take over as "Overall Supervisor."

However, his return to Italy became embroiled in 'red-tape' and only lasted seven weeks.

But having had his appetite whetted by that particular experience, he jumped at the chance of succeeding Ron Atkinson at the City Ground.

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I was in the first team squad at Southampton a couple of years ago. I was a regular for the season that I broke into the side, and last season I only made a few substitute appearances.

I haven't had as many opportunities in the first team this season because quite a few players have been brought in. My contract is up at the end of this season, so I need to get games under my belt and start thinking of my future. I need to show other clubs what I have to offer and hope they will take me on. I hope Swindon are interested, and if not I hope that I will do enough to show other clubs if they are watching.

I have played regularly with the Welsh under 21 team and I have known Jimmy Shoulder for quite some time because he's been heavily involved with the Welsh set up and manager of the under 21s. I've also had two full caps for Wales and been on the bench twice as well, although I didn't get on. I made my full international debut against Brazil in South America, which was a fantastic experience and, as debuts go, it doesn't get a lot better than that.

I think that Jimmy Shoulder was aware of my situation at Southampton and I believe that he recommended me to Jimmy Quinn. I'm not sure what happened after that, but I got a call from the Southampton boss, Dave Jones, and I arrived here on Tuesday.

Primarily, I play as a wide player, usually on the left-hand side although I am naturally right footed. It has just worked out that I feel more comfortable on the left. I'm confident with my left foot and I don't see it as a problem.

I hope that I can play well for Swindon and that it is a good experience for me. I'll certainly try my hardest and try to be part of a successful side.

andy williams

dub news

first team

On Tuesday morning Jim Quinn secured the services of two Premiership players on a months loan.

They are both up-and-coming players and are highly regarded at their respective clubs and they are the result of intensive scouting to bolster the squad for the coming months.



Andrew Williams (left) is a 20-year-old player who can operate in either left-back or wing-back role. He has joined the club from Southampton on a months loan with the possibility of maintaining his services for a further two months.

The second loan player to join us is Paul Thirwell who has made the trip south from Sunderland to join Jim Quinn's squad. He is a talented midfielder, he can also extend his stay and will certainly strengthen the squad.

They are young players and both have earned valuable Premiership experience with their clubs and are likely to figure in today's squad.



Meanwhile, Ricky Culbertson (left) has joined his hometown club, Ballymena on a three-month loan deal. Obviously, that is good news for him and Swindon Town. He will get some valuable experience at a good competitive level and hopefully it will help his progress into the first team.



Paul Thirwell will be joining us on a month's loan from Sunderland.



Jim Quinn takes a rest in the second half.

reserves with Alan McDonald

The reserves deservedly beat Northampton Town on the 1st of this month. In the first half the lads did ok, but went behind early on and still trailed at the half time break.

The 'gaffer' filled-in at centre-half and used his experience to help those around him and despite their goal, the positive point from the first half was that, even though we went behind the players did not drop their heads and kept on pushing for the equaliser. We made some changes at half time and brought on young Kevin Halliday at left-back. In the second half I thought we were excellent, we passed the ball really well and got a greater amount of end product. We came back and got two goals and were

extremely good value for the win.

We had a reasonably inexperienced side with quite a few first-year lads coming in like Luke Kitchen, Kevin Halliday, Craig McRobie and also James Williams. I thought they deserved some credit for their performances and a good win.

Also, it was nice to see both forwards getting on the score sheet, Charlie Griffin got the first and Steve Cowe got the winner. It's good for their confidence, even though Charlie's goal wasn't exactly orthodox, because sometimes it is a thankful task chasing down back-passes, but Charlie went into a 'no win' situation and it ricocheted off him and he got a goal for his endeavours.

Steve's on the other hand was a well worked move, a good cross and a well-taken finish. It was totally different but they both count and we were happy with the result.

How they lined up:

Glass, Williams, Culbertson, Willis, Quinn, Kitchen, Mills, Hulbert, Griffin, Cowe, McHugh.
Subs: McRobie, Flanagan, Halliday, Jeffrey, Cleverley

focus on the youths

with Tom Jones



The 'A' team drew 0-0 with Cirencester in the Allied Youth League and the 'B' team went down 1-0 away to Plymouth in the Southwest Counties League.

Against Cirencester I thought that we played extremely well, but unfortunately were unable to put the ball in the back of the net. There were some decent performances from the lads, but we didn't take the chances we had. I don't believe we conceded a shot to Cirencester and that shows how in control of the match we were. Unfortunately, in the final third we were unable to make the telling pass or finish that would have certainly sealed the points.

On the defensive side of things, we didn't look like we were under any

undue pressure and were nice and tight across the back. I was happy with the way we controlled the ball and played it out from the back.

I would have been more disappointed if we hadn't created any chances, but we created enough to go into double figures. I thought that we must surely score any minute but it never came.

I was especially pleased with the performances of David Radcliffe at centre-half and we also had a young under-16 player at right-back, Lee Sparrow on trial for us, who did ever so well. We'll have another look at him because he played three years above himself and played very well.

The game against Plymouth was very similar. We played well, controlled the match and created a lot of chances, but couldn't find that killer instinct and they crept in a goal in the last five minutes. That's the cruel reality of football, but we can learn from that and we know that if you don't convert your chances in your good spells then you are liable to get caught out and end up on the losing side.



Tom Jones coaches from the sidelines.

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the editor talks with Bobby Howe...

Q How did you make your way through the ranks in your time at Forest?

A I signed when I was 14-years-old when Cloughie was in charge and then I signed professional forms on my 17th birthday. I played for the youth team and reserves for about four years before I made my senior debut under Frank Clarke. I had quite a few games at that point, and I was enjoying myself because it is a big club.

Q What do you remember about your debut?

A I think it was on TV, that's about it really. I know we were winning when I went on, I played up front with Stan Collymore and ended up getting beaten!

Q Where did you score your best ever goal?

A It was probably one of the first goals I scored at Nottingham Forest. It was a 25-yard volley and it flew in the top corner, it flew past Chris Woods when he was playing for Sheffield Wednesday. The next goal I scored was almost exactly the same but it was with my left foot. But I'd love a tap-in on Saturday!

Q What is the most exciting game you've ever played in?

A I've played in a few big games against the likes of Manchester United and a few European games; they are probably the ones that stand out in my mind. I enjoyed a European match in Lyon, we had won the first leg at home 1-0 and held out away from home 0-0 and went through to the next round.

Q How do you think your career has changed since you moved here from Forest?

A Well it's definitely changed for the better; I'm playing more games that is for sure. I was getting very frustrated not playing in the first team at Forest and so I was delighted to get the opportunity to show what I could do here at Swindon.

Q How do you see their situation now?

A At the moment, as a club, I think they have spiralled downwards a bit. It's nowhere near to how it was when I was there and I think we've got a really good chance of beating them.

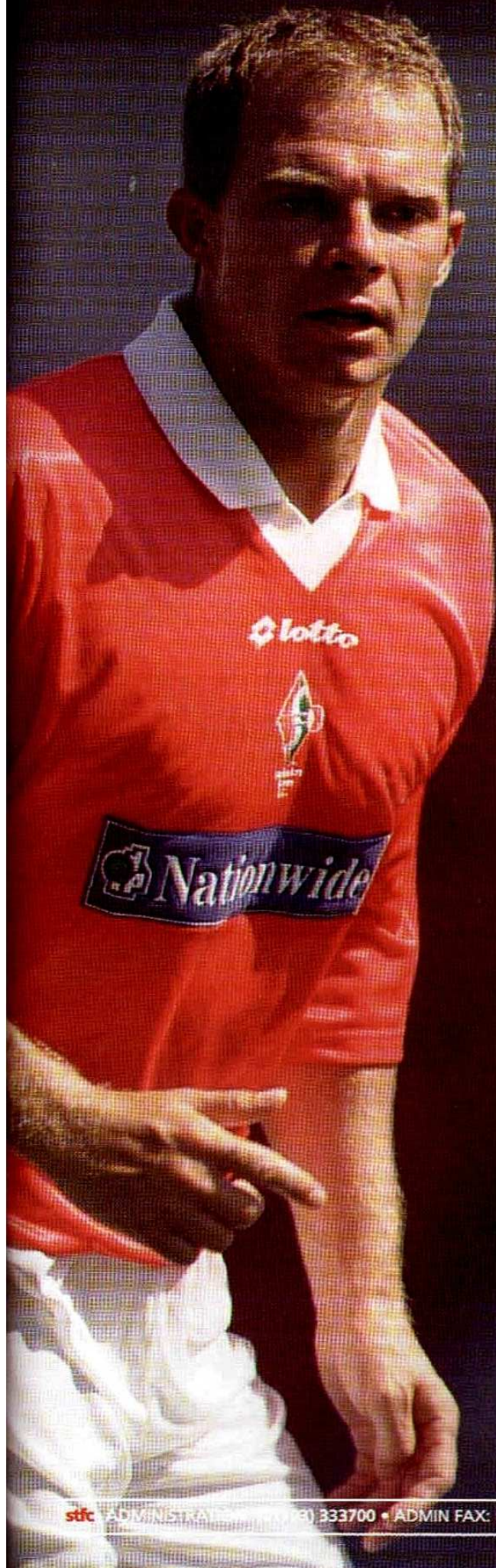
Q Did they lose the structure when Cloughie left?

A Yes, I think so. Maybe because of the amount of foreign players they have there now - they have a lot of French and Italians - and the players that had been there for long periods have moved on.

Q If selected, would you like to show them what they are missing?

A Yes, it would be brilliant to get a goal or get the winner! I just hope that we can play well for 90 minutes and get the result and three points we need. We do seem to perform well against the bigger clubs in this division, so I hope we can continue that this weekend. Unfortunately, at the moment, we do seem to be playing our best football away from home and that isn't fair on the fans. The home fans do need to see the best of us and we know that 45 minutes against West Brom isn't enough.

howe talks



howe player stats



birthplace **Annistford**

date of birth **06.12.73**

height **5ft 7ins**

weight **10st 4lb**

position **midfielder**

previous club records

club	games	goals
Forest	9 (8)	2
Ipswich (loan)	3 (1)	0
-	-	-

getting personal..

favourite film

scarface

favourite tv show

only fools & horses

favourite band/musician

the verve

favourite sporting event

the ryder cup

favourite footballer

diego maradonna

favourite food

pasta

favourite drink

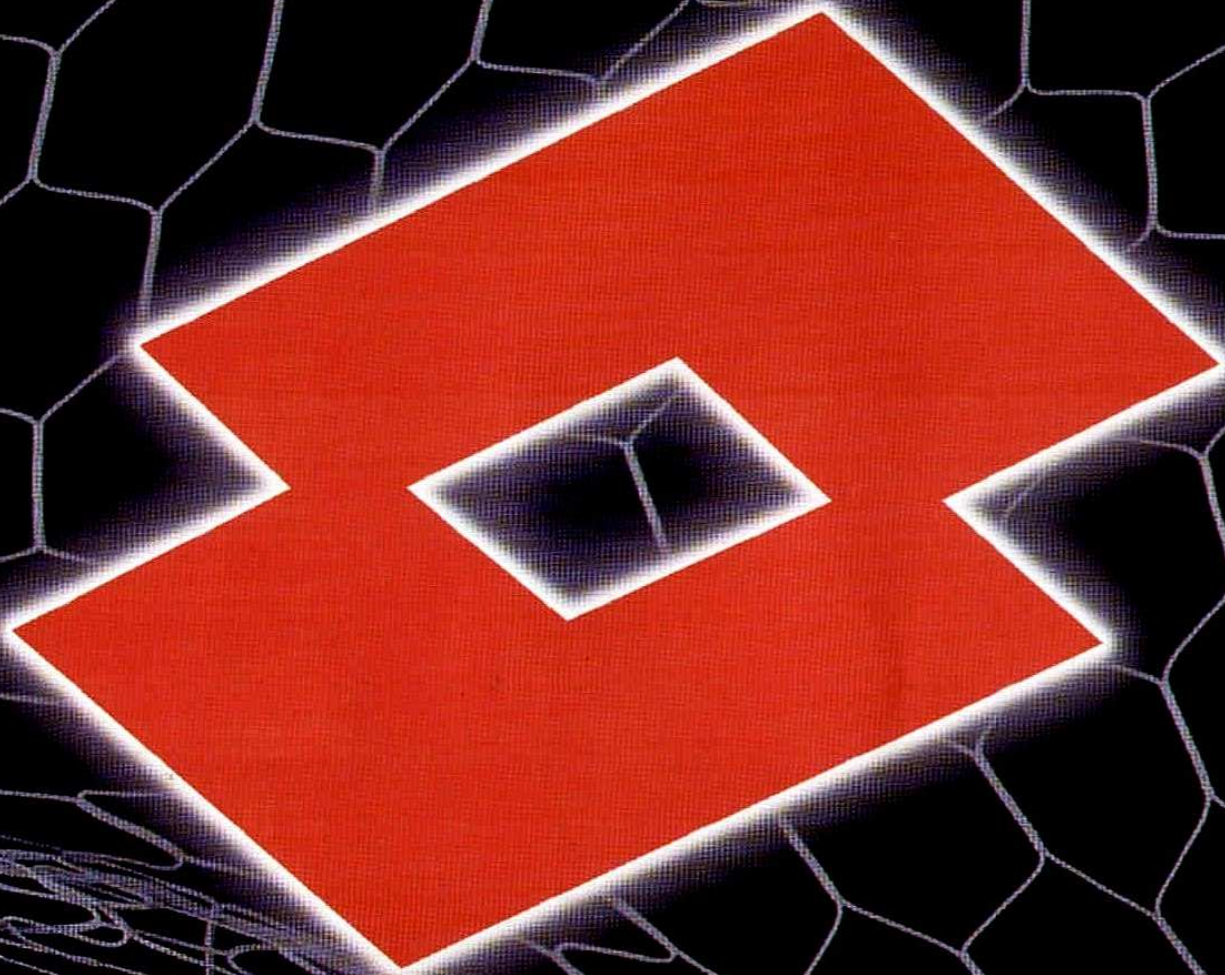
guinness

favourite hobbies

golf

favourite colour

red



Italian Sports Design



There is no doubt that the coming weeks will be a testing time in and around the Football Club and rather than be critical we must look forward positively in such a way that any criticism can be constructive in nature, not destructive.

Whether the Football Club is successful or not depends on a number of issues all integrated with one another and Directors, staff, supporters and players all have their part to play. What is important is that everyone pulls in the same direction as the chances of success are more likely if everyone adopts this approach.

The Supporters' Club was set up with a view of looking after Supporters needs and giving value for money. Despite the present trying times we now have over 700 members enrolled and, having achieved this in just four months, it is testimony to the interest and commitment shown by followers of the Town.

The Supporters' Club is not all-inclusive and we must endeavour to work alongside everyone at the Club in a positive way whilst at the same time be ready to raise and debate issues which concern supporters. We are delighted that the club has taken the initiative to review the pricing structure in order to attract more fans and, with the significant changes that will take place in the game in the next few years, we must all strive to maintain the Club's First Division future.

An update on The Vale and West Oxon group is that they raised £300 last season, which went towards the cost of away travel for the youth team. They have already had a 'resurrection' evening (Birmingham Easter Monday 1993!) including a quiz. Up and coming on the 12th October is a question and answer session at Hanney Legion at 7.30pm and Blackpool weekend 29th-31st coinciding, quite naturally, with the Town's match at the Reebok against Bolton Wanderers.

Please contact Roger Bunce for more information on 01865 820499.

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.

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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)

Red Army <input type="checkbox"/>	Junior Robins <input type="checkbox"/>	Away travellers <input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled Group <input type="checkbox"/>	Satellite Group..... <input type="checkbox"/>	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)

PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

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(Cheques or Postal Orders made payable to STFC supporters Club)
(Cash payments on matchday only, through SAS Travel/Information Point)

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in the community

with clive maguire and jon holloway



Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's home game against Nottingham Forest.

Jon and I would like to extend a warm community office welcome to our first Saturday Team Club visitors of the season who are from Frome Town Boys Football Club. Gary Smart has again done an excellent job in organising his club's trip today, bringing along a coach party of 53 people. Let's hope they bring us good luck and cheer us on for our first home victory of the season.

Our second special group here with us today is Daniel Ivory and his friends from Marlborough. Daniel is celebrating his 8th birthday with us today and we hope you have a great day and all witness us winning all three points.

We expect all you kids out there are 'over the moon' about being back at school! Jon and I have been hard at work setting up our local after-school coaching clubs. If any of you think your school may want to set up a coaching club, please get one of your teachers to phone us to see what we can organise.

Our birthday party project has been extremely busy over the past few months, with us hosting parties three times a week for the lucky birthday boy or girl and all their friends. We can take between 10 and 20 children for each party and we offer three packages ranging from Gold, Silver and Bronze. If anybody is interested please contact us on 01793 421 303 for further details.

A quick reminder to all you up-and-coming stars that our October half term course is already starting to fill up quickly. The course is on the 26th, 27th and 28th October 1999, and application forms can be found in main reception in the Arkells' Stand, alternatively, give us a call on the usual number.

Jon and I would like to wish Gary Peart and his Stratton under-9s team all the very best for the forthcoming season. Here they are seen wearing their new kit sponsored by James Upton Print and you may recognise our very own Paul McAreavey and Ty Gooden seen here with the lads on the pitch.



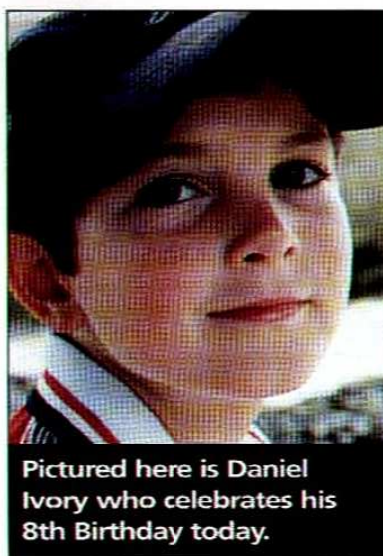
Until the next time,

Best Wishes

Clive and Jon.



clive and jon



Pictured here is Daniel Ivory who celebrates his 8th Birthday today.



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Hello to all of you Junior Robins and welcome to today's game.

We held our first training session at the Oasis on Monday evening and it was nice to see you all there enjoying yourselves. If you didn't attend the first session, it isn't too late to join, so come along to the Oasis (outdoor pitches) on **Monday evening at 5pm.**

We still have some unclaimed prizes from our Open Day/Disco Raffle. Here is the list: **Nos. 71, 99, 20, 166 and 91.** Prizes can be claimed at our next disco on **Tuesday 14th September 1999 in the Winners Lounge at 7.30p.m.**

I hope you have all remembered that this **Tuesday 14th September** is the date for our next disco. Starting at **7.30pm** in the Winners Lounge it is **FREE** admission, so come along and bring all your family and friends and let your hair down.

If any of you Junior Robins in the R's section are interested in being ballboys/girls for the first team matches could you please call Richard Dunston on **01672 703 110.**

We are still waiting for replies from the following clubs in regards to our reciprocal visits, Port Vale, Bolton, Man City, Blackburn, Charlton, Portsmouth and Stockport. So once they confirm we will be able to let you know more about the trips.

If anyone requires further information about the Junior Robins or has any ideas of things that we could possibly organise, then please contact Kevin on **01793 333 757** or write to us c/o Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED

Speak to you soon. Bye for now.

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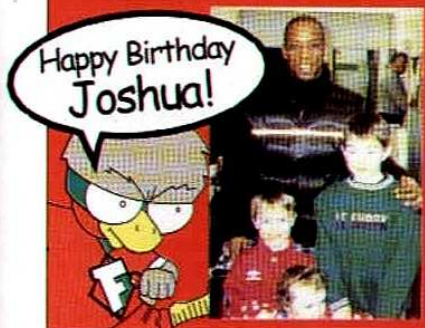
Football Training - Exclusive to members. Jr's and R's receive training Monday evenings at the Oasis.

10% discount on Mascot Packages. This is one not to be missed by all ages.

today's Home mascot

Today we welcome our 'home mascot' Joshua Skeates who is celebrating his 7th birthday today!

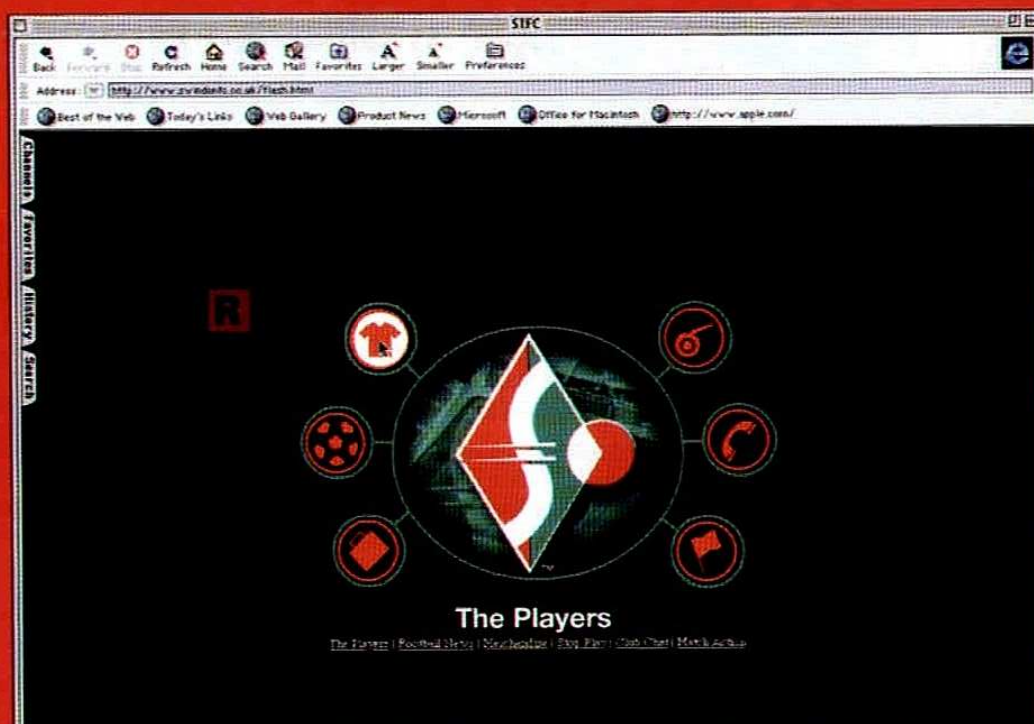
Joshua is pictured below in red with Ian Wright of all people! Joshua lives in Moredon where he attends Moredon Infants School. When he's not watching his favourite Swindon player - Gareth Hall, Joshua enjoys playing football.



be a swindon town mascot

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!

for more information call Samantha Clift on 01793 333718



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matchday programmes

Following the Bank Holiday game with Grimsby, the players had the morning off, but everybody came in and had a usual post-match chat.

walsh's world

with Mike Walsh

The players that were involved on the Monday had a warm-down session and the rest of the squad did a more rigorous session.

We selected a team to play the reserve match against Northampton Town on Wednesday. We were quite pleased with the way we played against Northampton, especially after conceding and early deflected goal. After that they responded well and controlled the game, working the ball well through the middle in what were extremely warm conditions. We deservedly won the match 2-1 and it was nice to see Steve Cowe get on the score-sheet again and he finished it well.

We didn't want to go the full two weeks following the Grimsby game without a match, especially considering we had played so many games in such a short period of time. We understand and backed the reasons why the Blackburn match was postponed, but we didn't want to miss the chance of



getting in some more match practice. After the defeat against Grimsby we decided to work harder on our forward play because we didn't create the amount of chances we would have liked.

We didn't play well against Brentford in the first half, but we got together at half time and decided to change the way we were playing. In the second half we looked like a different team and it was nice to start looking like we can score a few goals, we pulled a

couple of goals back and drew the game 3-3. We put George Ndah back in the front line, he looked very lively after playing for so long in the midfield and got on the score sheet. We might need to use him up front today because Graz is still doubtful, plus we would like to get him a game in the reserves first.

The good thing is that places are up for grabs and the competition for those places is keen, it's healthy for the squad because it keeps everybody on their toes. Furthermore, we are still hoping to get one or two loans in for the Nottingham Forest game.

As far as training goes for today's game, we have a theme that we've adopted this season and that we're happy with. We are going to stick by it because it is structuring in a way that the players know their jobs, we're pleased with the fitness levels, so now it's just a case of going out and getting some good results.

news from the treatment room

with Dick Mackey & Dave Moore



Scott Leitch has actually made quite reasonable progress over the last few weeks.

He's been doing a lot of walking on the treadmill and has followed that with some very light jogging. He's been moving very well this morning (01/09/1999) doing some jogging at a decent pace around the pitch. It's early days yet, but we're pleased and there is no game this weekend so we can work really hard to try and get Scott in contention for the squad, but it's a bit too early to tell. We will be gradually building up the amount of work he does each day and see how we go. The same goes for Graz as well. We really want to get them training because obviously they can't go straight back into a game, but we are hopeful that they will both continue to make good progress.



Lee Collins unfortunately, is not making the kind of progress we think he should be. We've been taking it fairly easy on him and we haven't had the results we expected. So now we need to make sure there is nothing else wrong with his ankle.



Philippe still has another three weeks to wait until he sees the specialist again, to have his ankle x-rayed and checked over. He is now in extremely good spirits and is very anxious to start running. Once we get the go ahead from the specialist, we can start working him quite hard, although in small doses.



Ty Gooden has now had keyhole surgery on his knee because he had some cartilage that needed to be trimmed and he is making great progress. He's been out for around three weeks now and it will be another three weeks before we can start doing some light training again.



Paul McAreavey, has been working very hard since the Wimbledon friendly and we have been running up at Lawns on a regular basis and his knee is a lot better. We hope that he will come through this week and he can start full training in the week preceding the Forest match.



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5.30 - 6.30pm 8 - 11 years
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5.30 - 6.30pm 7 - 8 years

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Monday 5.00 - 6.00pm Junior Robins
(New Time) 5 - 10 years
Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am 5 - 8 years
10.00 - 11.00am 5 - 8 years

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Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 7 - 8 years
Thursday 5.00 - 6.00pm 9 + years

HAYDON (Swindon Borough)

Thursday 4.00 - 5.00pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 7.00pm 9 - 11 years

STRATTON

Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 - 6 years
4.30 - 5.30pm 9 - 11 years
Weds 3.30 - 4.30pm 7 - 8 years
4.30 - 5.30pm 7 - 8 years
Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 - 6 years
(New Time)

MARLBOROUGH

Weds 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 years +
4.00 - 5.00pm 5 - 11 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 11-16 years

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Weds 5.00 - 6.00pm 5 - 6 years
6.00 - 7.00pm 8 - 11 years

For more information about the above courses, please ring the Swindon Town Soccer Centre's Co-ordinator Jimmy Fraser on 01793 644777.

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footballNOW!

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Mark Robinson 02



Playing Position
Defender
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6
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0
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Gareth Hall 03



Playing Position
Defender
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6
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0
D.O.B. 12/03/69

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Scott Leitch 04



Playing Position
Midfielder
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2
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 06/10/69

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Gareth Davies 05



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Reading
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4
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0
D.O.B. 11/12/73

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Alan McDonald 06



Playing Position
Coach
Signed From
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0
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0
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Bobby Howe 07



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Nottingham Forest
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4(1)
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0
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George Ndah 08



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Crystal Palace
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6
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 23/12/74

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Iffy Onuora 09



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Gillingham
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6
99/00 1999 Goals
1
D.O.B. 28/07/67

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Giuliano Grazioli 10



Playing Position
Forward
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4
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2
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Ty Gooden 11



Playing Position
Midfielder
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1
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0
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Alan Reeves 12



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Defender
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4
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0
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Jimmy Glass 13



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
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0
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0
D.O.B. 01/08/73

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Mark Walters 14



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
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6
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2
D.O.B. 02/06/64

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Chris Hay 15



Playing Position
Forward
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2(3)
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Lee Collins 16



Playing Position
Midfielder
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0
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0
D.O.B. 03/02/74

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Jim Quinn**Manager**

Playing Position
Manager
Signed From
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Playing Position
Assistant Manager
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Steve Cowe 17

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

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Steve Mildenhall 18

Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
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0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/05/78

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Adam Willis 19

Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
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99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

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Charlie Griffin 20

Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Chippenhams Town
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
(4)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 25/06/79

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Sol Davis 21

Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
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99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
4
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 04/09/79

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Robin Hulbert 22

Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
3
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 14/03/80

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Philippe Cuervo 23

Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Sochaux (France)
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0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/08/69

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Sam Campagna 24

Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
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0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

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Frazer McHugh 25

Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
1(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

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Nicky Burke 26

Playing Position
Midfielder
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STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
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99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

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Jamie Mills 27

Playing Position
Midfielder
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STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
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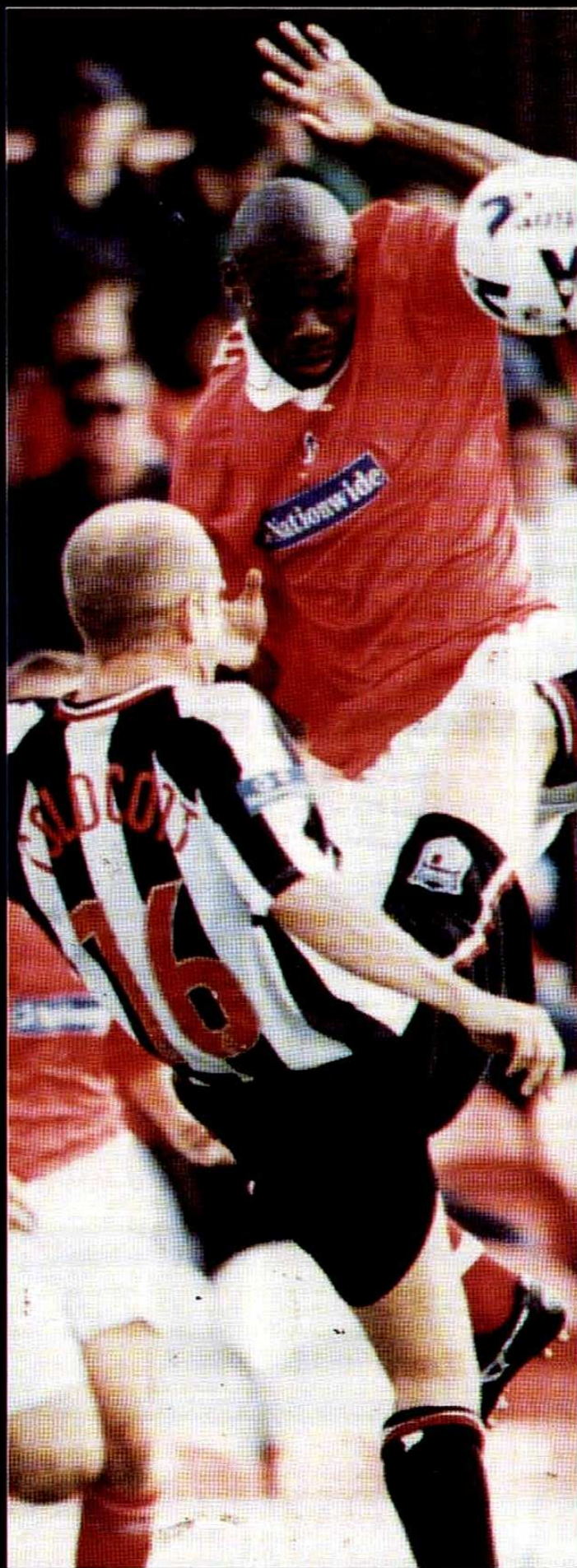
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(left) George leaps to block Stacey Coldicott's clearance.



Chris Hay holds off the persistent Mariners' defence.



George Ndah struggles free from the tight marking of Coldicott.



Frazer McHugh pulls back a Grimsby attack.

**Grimsby Town 1
Swindon Town 0**



match facts



Date: Monday 30th August
Pitch: Good
Weather: Windy
Attendance: 5,705
Referee: Terry Heilbron (Good)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Frank Talia, Mark Robinson, Gareth Hall, Gareth Davies, Alan Reeves, Sol Davis, Bobby Howe, George Ndah, Mark Walters, Chris Hay, Iffy Onuora.

Substitutes:

Frazer McHugh (for Hay, 56)
Charlie Griffin (for Onuora, 75)
James Williams (for Reeves, 69)



'The usual suspects' - The Town boys line up in the wall.



Bobby Howe feels the extent of another crunching tackle.

Shots on target: Grimsby 4, Town 0
Shots off target: Grimsby 4, Town 7
Free Kicks: Grimsby 14, Town 15
Caught Offside: Grimsby 5, Town 0
Corners: Grimsby 2, Town 5
Town Bookings: Reeves

A blustery day on the East coast knocked Swindon off their stride as they failed to get to grips with a very well marshalled Mariners' defence. The Town were by no means out-played and controlled the play well, keeping possession and pushing forward at every opportunity. All that was lacking was a cutting edge, a goal out of nothing or a deflected shot, but it never came.

The game was settled in the 30th minute when Paul Groves fired in from the spot. Davies had sent Jack Lester tumbling inside the box and the referee had no doubt in pointing to the spot.

Despite the Town's increased effort in the second half they could not register a shot on target and as they pushed forward in search of the equaliser Frank Talia had to be at his best to turn away some late efforts.

match action

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One of David Platt's first actions as Nottingham Forest manager was to shore up a defence that leaked 69 goals as Forest were relegated from the Premiership.

Returning to Sampdoria, his former club, he snapped up experienced 37-year-old veteran Moreno Mannini. Jimmy Quinn made a similar sort of signing for the Robins in June 1998 when Alan Reeves joined the County Ground side from Wimbledon on a free transfer.

With both sides containing dominant forwards capable of changing a game, a great deal of responsibility will be placed on the shoulders of these two old warhorses marshalling their respective side's defence.

head to head

Alan Reeves vs Moreno Mannini

The exclusive Opta Nationwide Football League statistics indicate that both players rarely go forward, with only Reeves attempting two efforts on goal. Reeves's aerial dominance at the back is evident from his 34 clearances, whereas Mannini's experience and ability to read the game have seen him intercept the ball seven times.

Alan Reeves's ability in the air makes up for his lack of pace on the ground, which is evident from his conceding of ten fouls compared to Mannini's one.

Both players should dominate the game, but they will both have to be careful

not to allow one moment's sloppiness to spoil an otherwise faultless performance. Iffy Onuora and Ian Wright are not the sort of players who miss opportunities in front of goal caused by defenders failing to do their duty.

minutes on pitch:

Reeves: 244

Mannini: 240

goal attempts

	Reeves	Mannini
goals	0	0
shots on target	1	0
shots off target	0	0
blocked shots	1	0

passing

	Reeves	Mannini
goal assists	0	0
total passes	93	79
pass completion	78%	84%

crossing

	Reeves	Mannini
total crosses	1	0
cross completion	100%	0%

dribbling

	Reeves	Mannini
dribbles & runs	4	1
dribble completion	100%	100%

defending

	Reeves	Mannini
tackles made	7	9
tackles won	29%	11%
blocks	8	4
clearances	34	23
interceptions	1	7

discipline

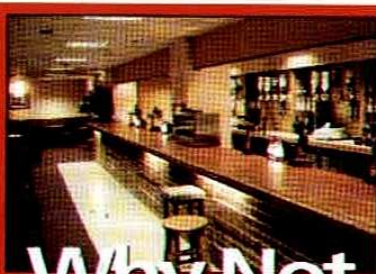
	Reeves	Mannini
fouls	10	1
offside	0	0
yellow cards	1	0
red cards	0	0

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Tour of Norfolk Broad's



Pictured here, from left to right, is Brad Hampson of Grange Drive and Neesta Sutton of Covingham. They are showing their colours on top of their boat whilst on holiday on the Norfolk Broads.



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pick of the week

outside the Opera House

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pictured above showing his colours
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James Hewitt has sent another
email from his tour of Asia. James is
pictured here showing his colours in
front of a 6,000m peak in Nepal.
Keep them coming James!



A fishy story! Young Matt Flash
shows his colours whilst fishing in
Lechlade. **Great catch Flash!**

'Any plans for the weekend' enquired Fredrique, 'nothing really' replied Jean-Claude sheepishly. He looked around and, seeing no-one was in earshot, decided to confide in his fellow postman.

'Well actually I'm off to England for a couple of days'. 'Really, why didn't you say that in the first place how many of you are going'. This could be a real give away thought Jean Claude as he answered 'about eleven'. 'So what you going to do over there, see the sights off Big Ben and those houses of parliament?' Jean-Claude was becoming increasingly agitated as the questions kept coming.

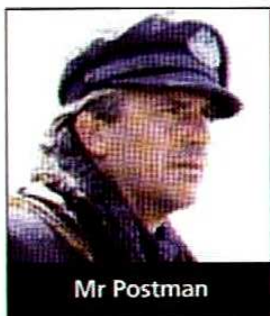
Eventually he decided to come clean, he couldn't keep lying to his friends, family and colleagues, it had gone on long enough. 'Okay, okay' he protested 'I'll tell you what I'm really doing in England'. He took a sharp intake of breath; he looked around to check they were still alone and began talking. 'You see Fredrique I'm not just a postman', Fredrique looked puzzled at this admission, the pair had been friends since their school days and knew each other as well as two men could. After

norman light side! goalie uncovered...

with Richard Edwards

another deep breath he finally came clean 'I'm a goalkeeper Freddie an international goalkeeper'. 'You mean' Fredrique was taken aback and momentarily speechless, 'yes that's right I play for Luxembourg I'm going to England to play at Wembley'.

Jean-Claude felt as if an enormous weight had been lifted off his shoulders.



Mr Postman

Ever since he had first played for the national team he had kept his second profession to himself. He used to lay awake at night and dream he was born in France or Belgium. He did his best of course and there had been some notable successes although admittedly they were few and far between.

He had become fed up of picking the ball out of the net and longed for a time when himself and his fellow teammates (many of whom led a double existence similar to his own) could celebrate a victory. Another of Jean-Claude's recurring dreams involved the draw for the qualifying rounds of the World Cup and the European

Championships. He would be Luxembourg's representative at the draw and would be seen by viewers across the world stroking his enormous beard with increased excitement as Luxembourg were drawn in the same group as San Marino, Lichtenstein and Andorra. Jean-Claude knew this could never happen but it did not stop him enjoying the moment whilst it lasted.

Not only did Jean-Claude feel a huge sense of relief but suddenly things began to make sense to Fredrique as well. The moods, the depression, the sloping off early some Fridays and Wednesdays, he began to understand. At that moment a colleague burst in, 'guys we've been invited to a party on Wednesday, free beer, free food', Fredrique interrupted 'no can do I'm afraid'. 'Why not' came the reply 'prior engagement' responded Fredrique. The man left the room dejectedly leaving Jean-Claude and Fredrique to complete their packing. 'What are you up to on Wednesday then Freddie' asked Jean Claude, Fredrique looked at him quizzically 'what do you think I'm doing Wednesday, I'm coming to watch you of course we might not beat England but I'm pretty sure we can stuff the Swedes!'



Jean-Claude's
secret is out!

A tough new law to stamp out football hooliganism kicks off on Monday. Lord Bassam, new Government minister for combating hooliganism, explains why giving thugs the red card is vital to the game.

Cast your mind back to the beginning of the season and like me you'll remember looking forward to the promise of some quality football and the drama that goes with it - both on and off the pitch!

If your team also put away six goals in their first game then of course you had something extra to smile about - you may have guessed that I'm a Bristol supporter.

Football headlines of the season's first weekend should have reflected this optimism about a season. However, this was not to be.

Thanks to a minority of cowardly and sometimes racist thugs, who obviously see football as no more than an excuse to cause trouble, hooliganism at Cardiff and Reading hijacked the headlines -

its your call

with Lord Bassam

giving football a bad name from day one.

This saddened me - not only professionally as the new minister responsible for combating hooliganism, but personally as a self confessed football nut.

Football is our national game and we should protect it from a destructive minority who give decent football supporters a bad name both at home and abroad. They could risk us losing the chance to host the World Cup and other prestigious competitions.

On Monday a new law comes into force which will make life difficult for the hooligan and help keep football a safe game for everyone to enjoy.

The football (Offences and Disorder) Act will introduce some tough new measures. It will stop convicted soccer thugs from travelling to matches abroad and also crack down on racist or obscene chanting and ticket-touting.

Giving the thugs the red card will

take more than the law. Supporters, clubs, football authorities, local communities the police must also work together to promote safety, eliminate racism and banish hooliganism.

The hooligan must get the clear message that he is not wanted and will not be tolerated.

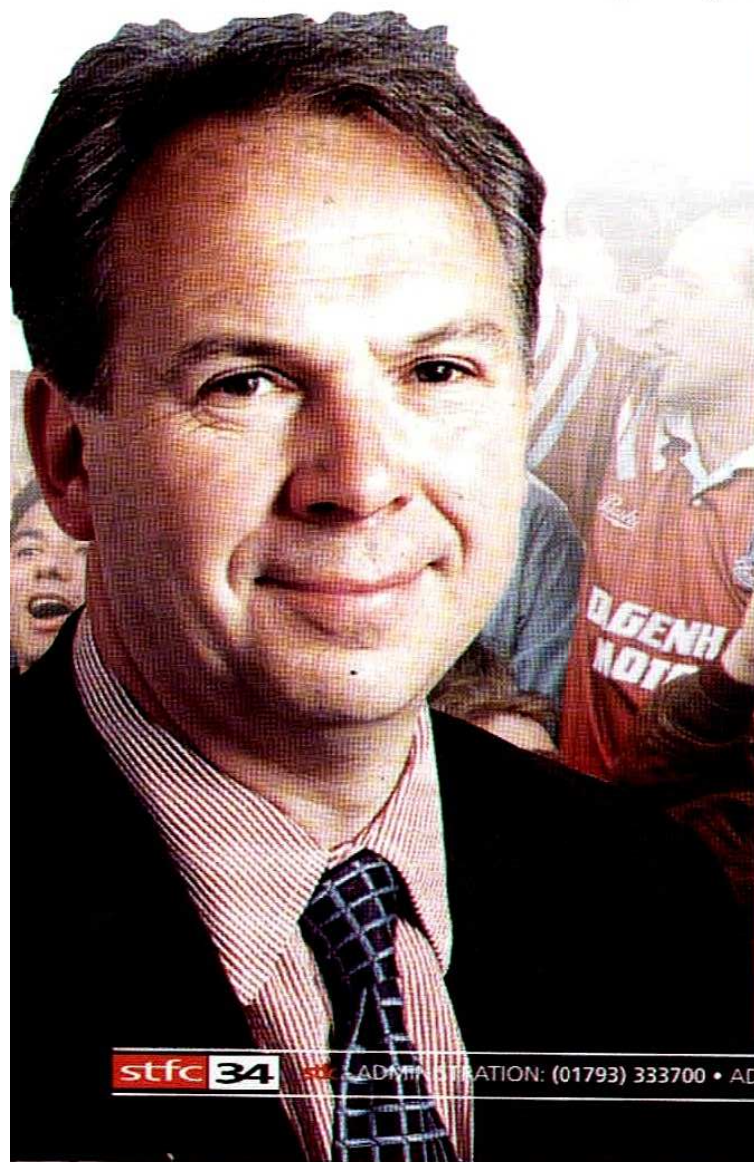
Whether you're reading this article waiting for the game to begin, at half time or on the way home - I'm sure you'll agree that the whole match experience is unique and that we should be able to enjoy it without the fear of violence.

Football is all about pride, passion and commitment but also a sense of teamwork, and fair play. The game is better and stronger for having tackled problems like hooliganism. These tough new measures will help us enjoy our national game all the more. Play your part and help create a fan scene and culture we can all be proud of.

FOUL PLAY - THE FACTS

The Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 will introduce some tough new measures:

- Racist or indecent chanting at football grounds previously required two or more people to be involved. The new law makes it an offence for an individual.
- If you commit a football related offence within 24 hours either before or after a match you run the risk of a banning order.
- If you receive an international ban, you will have to submit your passport to the police before key matches played overseas and report at match times to a specific police station.
- International bans can now last up to a maximum period of ten years and a minimum period of six years.
- Domestic bans - which will prevent you attending all league, cup and international matches in England and Wales - can last for a maximum period of three years and a minimum period of one year.
- You don't have to attend a match to fall foul of the law. If you are at any place principally because of a football match and cause trouble which leads to conviction - you could face a banning order.
- If you breach any condition or requirement of a banning order, you could face up to a six month prison sentence and/or £1000 fine.





looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon Town's next two away fixtures. Next week we travel to Gresty Road to meet Crewe. Following that we visit Vale Park to take on Port Vale.

Crewe Alexandra

the lowdown...

Last season the Railwaymen put on their own version of 'The Great Escape'; bottom and four points adrift in March, Dario Gradi's side fought their way out to safety prior to the last match of the season and condemned Bury to the final relegation place. Dario Gradi led the club to promotion in 1997 via the play-offs, but last season's escape from relegation ranks highly in his list of achievements. He must take credit for his belief in continuing to play attractive football despite the club's predicament.

the reason to watch...

In our two meetings it was somewhat of a reversal of fortunes, with both sides recording an away win. Crewe's win at the County Ground was achieved while they were on their hot-streak towards

the end of last season. A goal scored by Chris Hay was not enough as Gradi's men pulled-off a 2-1 victory.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-2 Crewe 13.03.99
Crewe 0-2 Swindon Town 07.11.98
Crewe 2-0 Swindon Town 11.01.98
Swindon Town 2-1 Crewe 09.08.97
Crewe 0-2 Swindon Town 08.04.96

the player to watch...

After work permit problems hampered his move from Torquay Utd, Dario Gradi finally landed him for £650,000. The St Vincent international was an instant hit on his arrival scoring twice on his debut. Jack is extremely quick and direct. His control is superb and he possesses a powerful shot and is surprisingly good in the air. He is a firm favourite with the Crewe fans after scoring 11 times last season.



Port Vale

the lowdown...

Another survivor of last season's relegation 'dog-fight', the valiants are now managed by former Oxford, Manchester City, Huddersfield and Brighton manager, Brian Horton. He was given the task of keeping Vale in the First Division after the surprise sacking of John Rudge. Rudge had been in charge of the perennial strugglers for an astonishing 19 years before his departure, but Vale's presence in the First Division is testament in itself to what a good manager Rudge actually is. An appeals tribunal agreed and awarded Rudge around £270,000, made up of awards for wrongful dismissal and loss of future earnings.

the reason to watch...

The Town have won on their last two visits to Vale Park and are undefeated in the last four meetings between the two sides, so hopefully this will continue. Swindon need to

pick up points against the weaker teams in the League and at the moment, Vale have made a struggling start to the new campaign and have an identical record to Swindon in that respect. With only one win so far, the Valiant's will be desperate for a another home win following their victory over Tranmere and this could mean that this will be a very exciting game.

the last five meetings...

Port Vale 0-1 Swindon Town 16.01.99
Swindon 1-1 Port Vale 29.08.98
Port Vale 0-1 Swindon Town 17.02.98
Swindon Town 4-2 Port Vale 04.10.97
Port Vale 1-0 Swindon Town 22.03.97

the player to watch...

Marcus Bent joined Vale last season after his £375,000 move from Palace. The former Bristol City forward failed to make an impression in his first season with the club and was subsequently transfer listed as part of Brian Horton's summer clear out. However, he did enough during the close season to prove that he is worth his place in the starting line-up and is on a mission to impress the Vale fans. He has started the season well in attack along with Tony Rougier.



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If you have any suggestion as to how we can increase the amount of support in the Town End I would be most interested in your ideas.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Jackie Kent

Retail Sales Manager



the 'chief's' on the move



Tranmere Rovers have used the money from the sale of Kenny Irons to Huddersfield and spent £300,000 on former Swindon striker, Wayne Allison.

The 'Chief' as he is known had a successful period with Huddersfield after his £750,000 move from Swindon in 1997. Furthermore, Tranmere have already been branded 'Britain's dirtiest team'. The team, managed by former Liverpool striker John Aldridge, has had three players sent off in their last four games. After the dismissals of Andy Thompson (Huddersfield), Clinton Hill (Port Vale) and George Santos (Sheffield United) assistant manager Kevin Sheedy has defended the club claiming, "We're top of the table in our League for sendings off and bookings but we're not a dirty team. I think it's just the way the game's going right now."

boost for blades

Sheffield United boss Adrian Heath is happy with his sides recent revival following their 3-1 win over Crystal Palace.

It completed their second win in a week and saw them jump to 10th position in the First Division table. However, the new manager is not getting carried away saying, "The result was good but the performance wasn't and, had Palace had a bit more confidence, we'd have lost. "I don't want any of my players going home thinking we'd played well as invariably when you play like that you lose."



forest on fire



This won't come as good news for Swindon fans, but Walsall manager Ray Graydon believes that Nottingham Forest are 'on fire'.

After his side was demolished 4-1 by David Platt's team he said: "Forest are by far the best team we have played this season."

Forest put in the sort of display that they have threatened to do since their relegation from the Premiership last season. The loan signing of Ian Wright from West Ham has given the whole club a boost, scoring two goals in his first two matches. David Platt also made his debut for the midlands club after returning from retirement and then taking over as manager in the summer.

fuming francis

Birmingham manager Trevor Francis refused to comment last weekend after his side surrendered a two-goal lead against Bolton at the Reebok stadium.

The visiting club found themselves 3-1 up against their promotion rivals at half time, but a free-kick by Per Frandsen reduced the deficit to one and then a 90th minute penalty by Dean Holdsworth rescued a point for the Wanderers and left Trevor Francis speechless. Bolton manager Colin Todd was sympathetic to Birmingham's plight saying "We had to work extra hard to score goals but I can understand why Trevor refused to speak to the media."



lee spree

Wolves have also decided to re-invest the money they received from the £6m sale of Robbie Keane to Coventry. Manager Colin Lee had been tracking Bristol City striker Ade Akinbiyi for a number of weeks and a bid of £3.5m was enough to capture the promising striker. Akinbiyi had been a regular scorer for both Gillingham and, more recently, City and it is his impressive strike rate that attracted Wolves' attention.

BIRMINGHAM	vs	WEST BROM
BLACKBURN	vs	TRANMERE
CHARLTON	vs	BOLTON
GRIMSBY	vs	WALSALL
MAN CITY	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
NORWICH	vs	CREWE
PORT VALE	vs	FULHAM
PORTSMOUTH	vs	IPSWICH
QPR	vs	SHEFF UTD
SWINDON	vs	FOREST
WOLVES	vs	HUDDERSFIELD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IPSWICH	5	4	1	0	16	5	13
BIRMINGHAM	6	3	2	1	15	10	11
MAN CITY	6	3	1	1	8	1	10
BARNLEY	6	3	0	3	15	13	9
WEST BROM	5	2	3	0	6	4	9
STOCKPORT	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
QPR	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
NOTTM FOREST	6	2	2	2	9	8	8
PORTSMOUTH	5	2	2	1	5	7	8
SHEFF UTD	6	2	2	2	9	13	8
HUDDERSFIELD	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
FULHAM	5	1	4	0	5	4	7
PORT VALE	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
CHARLTON	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
WALSALL	6	1	3	2	7	12	6
WOLVES	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
CREWE	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
BOLTON	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
GRIMSBY	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
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SWINDON	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
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away day review vs



Barry Morris regularly travels with the Town and this week he gives us his verdict on his trip to Grimsby Town.....

It was quite a long way to go but because I am a hardened Swindon supporter, I thought it would be worth the trip and my partner thought it would make a nice trip on what are usually boring Bank Holidays. It was an early start and when we got there we took some local advice and sampled some of their local dishes - fish and chips!

The match got under way and it started slowly and unfortunately went down hill from there. Our defence has been looking quite solid away from home and to be fair, this game was no exception. Gareth did concede the penalty and it was rightly given. It was our attacking play that lacked the real bite that was going to get us back in the game. They didn't administer the killer blow and I thought we might snatch an equaliser as we took a few chances near the end. Unluckily it never came and we were left with the

long journey home with only the fish and chips to talk about and who was going to put the rubbish out!

In the end I gave up, as long as she did the dishes. I think I got the better of the deal as I was in bed dreaming of a Swindon victory against Forest before she had got onto the sticky frying pan.

Although this was a disappointing result, it will not deter me from travelling again because even though just a few made the journey, I did feel special and that I was one of the lucky ones who could follow his team through thick and thin.

A good win today, then I'm off to Crewe!

out of 10

Journey: 6

A long way to go!

Ground: 5

About average!

Home Fans: 6

happy with a win

Away Fans: 3

Not many braved the trip

Food & Drink: 9

Fish Pie, Fish & Chips,
Fish Cake and Fish Fingers.

Man of the match: 8

Sol showing that he's
made of solid stuff.

Team Performance: 5

Shame to let the goal slip

Moment of the Day: 8

Not doing the dishes!

Overall Verdict: 7

I do it all over again
tomorrow because they
need our support.

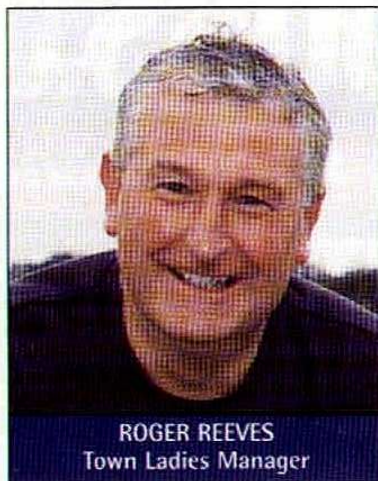
town ladies

by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies made a good start to the new season with both sides winning away from home.

The first team made the short trip to Oxford Utd and won 3-2. In the fourth minute Nadine Lloyd was fouled in the penalty area and Pam Laker made no mistake with the resulting spot-kick. Nadine Lloyd then headed in Leanne Taylor's cross to put the Town two in front. Oxford fought back to score twice in two minutes to put the sides level at half time.

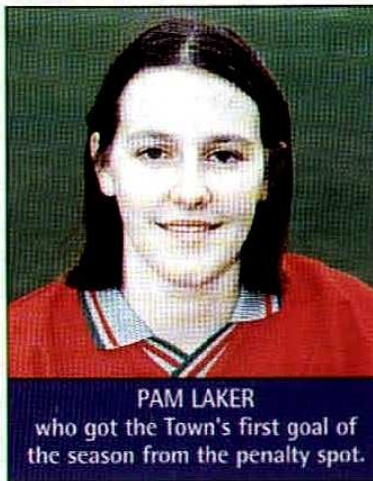
Within five minutes of the restart Kim Reeves headed in Pam Laker's corner to put the Town ahead again. The Town had the better of the second half, but Oxford keeper Anne



ROGER REEVES
Town Ladies Manager

Crane prevented the Town from increasing their lead.

The Town reserves played Tring Town and fought back from 2-0 down to win 5-3. Laura Morgan scored four of the Town's goals and Michelle Rich got the other. Tomorrow both of the Town sides are at home. The first team have a local derby against Bristol City, who drew their opening



PAM LAKER
who got the Town's first goal of the season from the penalty spot.

fixture against Bath City 3-3. Last season the Town completed the double over City. The match will be played on the County Ground extension, kicking-off at 2pm.

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Kick-Off 3.00pm.

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hands up if you've scored three

Alan Shearer dismissed his critics in fine style last weekend. A first half hat-trick proved that the England captain has lost none of his prowess in front of goal. In recent weeks he has had his fair share of bad press, timed to weigh heavily on the Newcastle striker's shoulders in what is the most important time for England's chances of qualification to the European Championships next year. His club may not be having the best of times, but Shearer was in sensational form for his country and showed why Kevin Keegan has stood by England's prized asset.



euro round-up... 2000



england

Three first half goals from Alan Shearer ensured that England cruised to a comfortable victory over group minnows Luxembourg.

Further goals from Steve McManaman (2) and Michael Owen kept England's hopes of qualification for next year's European Championships alive.

sweden

Sweden continued their unbeaten run in the same group, squeezing past Bulgaria 1-0.

Sheffield Wednesday midfielder Nicolas Alexandersson grabbed an all-important goal in the 65th minute. This almost guaranteed Sweden a place in the finals to be held in Holland.



rep of ireland

After their recent impressive victory over Yugoslavia, the Republic of Ireland went down 1-0 to Croatia in Zagreb with a goal by Arsenal's Davor Suker deep into injury time.

Mick McCarthy's men now only have a slim chance of qualification and even though they should beat Malta, the deciding match will be between Yugoslavia and Croatia.

northern ireland

N. Ireland, already out of the running for Euro qualification lost emphatically at home to Turkey.

Three goals in four minutes either side of half time by Arif Erdem sealed the win and put the Turks joint top of Group Three with Germany on 15 points.



wales

Wales, under new manager Mark Hughes recorded their third win in Group One with a 2-1 win over Belarus. Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs grabbed the winner in the 86th minute.

It does not help their chances of qualification for the finals, but it will give the team and manager a much-needed boost after some disastrous results in the competition.

scotland

Scotland are in a similar position to England, last Saturday they also chalked up win number three in their group and still have a chance of qualification if they win their remaining matches.

A 2-1 win over Bosnia-Herzegovina was wrapped up prior to half time when Billy Dodds netted. It now seems likely that Scotland will have to qualify through a play-off match.



Two goal blast for Edgar Davids



Late equaliser by Mbo Mpenza

host nations...

The hosts for next year's championships Holland and Belgium played each other in a warm-up match and, if that result is anything to go by, it will be an extremely exciting championship. It ended 5-5 after both sides once led the match, a hat-trick from Patrick Kluivert and two from Edgar Davids were not enough to beat the Belgium side and they equalised late on with a goal by Mpenza.



world football

Steve McManaman is enjoying life in Madrid following his summer free transfer to the Spanish capital.

One thing that can be said of Spanish football is that the hardest opposition a player will face is the home fans. However two goals in the Bernabeu after two substitute appearances for Real Madrid will go a long way to reassuring their fanatical supporters that the Englishman means business.

After so many of England's exports have failed to make a substantial impact in Europe the early signs for Steve McManaman are very good. His goals came in two second half substitute appearances while he adjusts to the pace of the Spanish football, one in a friendly against Milan and the other against Numancia. Real Madrid coach John Toshak, a fellow Brit, is confident that 'Macca' will be a huge success in the Spanish capital, "he's on his way now" added the Welshman. Toshak is adamant that for the most part of his career that 'Macca' has been wasted in the various roles he has been asked to play. He said "Tactically it has been made clear to him that he has been brought here to play as a right-sided attacking player. I know at Liverpool and with England he has been given other jobs, but his job here will be to give us balance on the right-hand side."

Perhaps now Steve McManaman will realise the potential that many believe he has only shown in glimpses, like Anfield wingers before him such as John Barnes.

However, City neighbours Atletico are not enjoying the same success. In their first two games of the season they have been subjected to two humiliating defeats including a 4-1 thrashing at the hands of Real Sociedad. Furthermore, new £12m signing Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink has already been in the news for the wrong reasons. After his departure from Leeds in the summer, the Dutch striker has been at the centre of dressing-room unrest amid allegations that Hasselbaink's attempts to monopolise set-pieces have created a rift in coach Claudio Ranieri's expensively assembled squad. This will bring a smile to Leeds fans after he left the club under reports that he was motivated by greed and had no interest in remaining within the club's pay structure.

stfc's complete guide to fixtures, results, stats



STFC Ladies South West Combination Season 1999/2000

Sun 5th Sept	Oxford United	3-2
Sun 12th Sept	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 10th Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	A
Sun 26th Sept	Southampton	H
Sun 3rd Oct	Portsmouth	A
Sun 10th Oct	FA Cup 1st Round	
Sun 17th Oct	Bath City	H
Sun 24th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	
Sun 31st Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 7th Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
Sun 14th Nov	Yeovil Town	A
Sun 21st Nov	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 28th Nov	Newport Strikers	A
Sun 5th Dec	Southampton	A
Sun 12th Dec	Denham United	H
Sun 19th Dec	Oxford United	H
Sun 9th Jan	Bristol City	A
Sun 16th Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	H
Sun 23rd Jan	Southampton	A
Sun 30th Jan	Portsmouth	H
Sun 6th Feb	Bath City	A
Sun 13th Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 20th Feb	Yeovil Town	H
Sun 27th Feb	Cheltenham	A
Sun 5th Mar	League Cup Semi-final	
Sun 12th Mar	Newport Strikers	H
Sun 19th Mar	Denham United	A
Sun 30th Apr	League Cup Final	

Swindon Town Ladies (Home) South West Combination matches are played at the County Ground Extension and Kick-Off at 2.00pm.

The South West Counties Youth League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	3-1
Sat 28th Aug	Swansea City	3-4
Sat 4th Sept	Plymouth Argyle	0-1
Sat 11th Sept	Newport County	H
Sat 18th Sept	AFC Bournemouth	H
Sat 25th Sept	Trowbridge Town	A
Sat 7th Oct	Yeovil Town	H
Sat 9th Oct	Bashley FC	A
Sat 16th Oct	Bath City	H
Sat 23rd Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sat 6th Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sat 13th Nov	Cirencester	H
Sat 20th Nov	Swansea City	A
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sat 4th Dec	Newport County	A
Sat 11th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 18th Dec	Trowbridge Town	H
Sat 8th Jan	Yeovil Town	A
Sat 15th Jan	Bashley FC	H
Sat 22nd Jan	Bath City	A
Sat 29th Jan	Bristol Rovers	H

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The red band indicates the next home match for each of our sides.

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The Football League Youth Alliance Season 1999/2000



Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	A
Sat 14th Aug	Plymouth Argyle	1-0
Sat 21st Aug	Torquay United	3-4
Sat 28th Aug	Swansea City	1-1
Sat 4th Sept	Cirencester	0-0
Sat 18th Sept	Exeter City	H
Sat 2nd Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 16th Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sat 23rd Oct	Cup Prelim 1	
Sat 30th Oct	Cup Prelim 2	
Sat 6th Nov	Cup Prelim 3	
Sat 13th Nov	Cup Prelim 4	
Sat 20th Nov	Cup Prelim 5	
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat 4th Dec	Torquay United	H
Sat 11th Dec	Swansea City	A
Sat 8th Jan	Exeter City	A
Sat 15th Jan	Cirencester	H
Sat 22nd Jan	Cardiff City	A
Sat 29th Jan	Cup 2	
Sat 5th Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Wed 1st Mar	Cup Quarter Final	
Wed 22nd Mar	Cup Semi Final	
Sun 16th Apr	Cup Final	

Swindon Town's (Home) Football League Youth Alliance matches are played at Supermarine and Kick Off at 11.00am (subject to change without prior notice.)

Swindon Town Centre of Excellence Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Under 15s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	H
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	H
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	A
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	A
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 12 Dec	Swansea City	H
Sun 19 Dec	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	H
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	H
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	A
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	H

Under 14s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	H
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	A
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 12 Dec	Torquay Utd	A
Sun 19 Dec	Swansea City	H
Sun 26 Dec	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	H
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	A
Sun 26 Mar	Torquay Utd	H
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	A
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	H

Under 13s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	H
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	A
Sun 3 Oct	Torquay United	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 12 Dec	Torquay United	H
Sun 19 Dec	Swansea City	A
Sun 26 Dec	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	H
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	A
Sun 26 Mar	Torquay United	A
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	H
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	A

Under 12s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	H
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 12 Dec	Swansea City	A
Sun 19 Dec	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 26 Dec	Cardiff City	H
Sun 02 Jan	Bournemouth	A
Sun 09 Jan	West Brom	A
Sun 16 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 23 Jan	Exeter City	H
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	H
Sun 06 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	H
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 06 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 13 Mar	Exeter City	H
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charity partnership

**Swindon Town F.C. and local
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to provide a way of helping
local charities.**

Swindon Town Chairman, Rikki Hunt
approached the Rotary Club of Swindon to
organise a series of charity collections
before nine home matches this season. The
Swindon Town Rotary Club has brought in
a coalition of local Rotary Clubs to help,
namely: Swindon Old Town, Thamesdown,
North Wiltshire and Wotton Bassett.

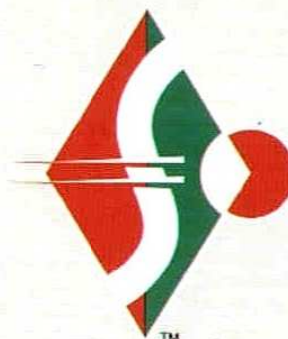
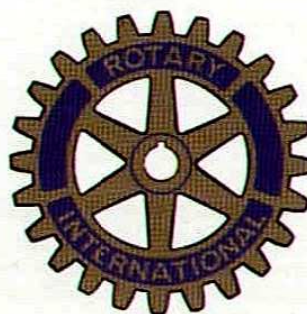
Swindon Town F.C. and especially our Vice
Chairman, Cliff Puffett is actively involved
in this new initiative. The club is promoting
these collections via this magazine as well
as announcements at matches. The Rotary
Clubs will provide ten to twelve collectors
and their chosen charity will try and
provide a similar number.

Starting today we welcome Angela Ruck
who will be collecting for Breakthrough

Breast Cancer in Wiltshire, a Swindon based
charity providing support for local victims
of the disease, raising awareness of the
disease and fund raising for research. Local
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Chairman, who is co-ordinating the
collections, at Kings Arms Hotel, Wood
Street, Swindon.



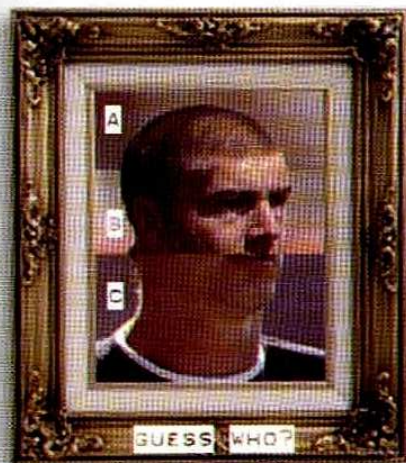
Rikki's new charity partnership



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half-time teasers

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Where in the World? do they come from

- 1 - Ibrahim Ba
- 2 - Sander Westerveld
- 3 - Herman Crespo
- 4 - Dick Advocaat
- 5 - Maurizio Ganz
- 6 - Markus Babbel
- 7 - Patrice Loko
- 8 - Ariel Ortega
- 9 - Freddie Ljunberg
- 10 - Predrag Mijatovic



Which Clubs?



quick quiz

- 1 Which club would you support if you bought 'Kicker conspiracy' and 'Bob Lord's sausage'?
- 2 Which club would you support if you bought 'The hanging sheep' and 'To 'ell and back'?
- 3 Which club would you support if you bought 'Hoof the ball up' and 'Route one'?
- 4 Which club would you support if you bought 'A love supreme' and 'It's the hope I can't stand'?
- 5 Which club would you support if you bought 'A load of cobbolds' and 'Those were the days'?
- 6 Which club would you support if you bought 'Over land and sea' and 'The water in Majorca'?
- 7 Which club would you support if you bought 'The blue and white wizard' and 'War of the monster trucks'?
- 8 Which club would you support if you bought 'Pie muncher' and 'The silence of the lamb'?
- 9 Which club would you support if you bought 'The Mag' and 'The number 9'?
- 10 Which club would you support if you bought 'loadsamoney'?



Eye Eye?



which year?

- Aberdeen beat Real Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup Final
- One of the FA Cup finalists travelled to Wembley in a helicopter
- Liverpool win the League Cup for the third consecutive year
- English clubs five year run of European Cup wins end as Hamburg take the trophy

Answers: Quick Quiz 1. Burnley, 2. Leeds, 3. Wimbledon, 4. Sunderland, 5. Ipswich, 6. West Ham, 7. Sheffield Wed, 8. Preston North End, 9. Newcastle, 10. Blackburn. Which Year? 1963. Which Clubs? Paulo Wanchope - West Ham, Peter Lind - Sheffield Wed, Danny Coyne - Ipswich, Sean Devine - Burnley, Tony Rougier - Port Vale. Where in the World? 1. Ba - Argentina, 2. Westerveld - Holland, 3. Herman Crespo - France, 4. Advocaat - Holland, 5. Ganz - Italy, 6. Babbel - Germany, 7. Loko - France, 8. Ortega - Argentina, 9. Ljunberg - Sweden, 10. Mijatovic - Yugoslavia. Guess Who? a) James Williams, b) Gareth Hall, c) Alan McDonald. Who's This? Scott Letwin, Eye Eye? 1. Jaap Stam, 2. David Platt, 3. Stuart Pearce, 4. Bobby Robson.



A terrific strike by Gareth Hall nearly killed the game off.

captain's corner

with Scott Leitch



Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Nottingham Forest.

As far as my own injury goes, I'm still on the road to recovery and I've been doing some gentle jogging around the pitch. I'm not sure if I'm going to be in contention for the Forest game, but I'll be working hard over the next week to try and progress onto some more intensive training. I've still got a little bit of pain in the tendon in the back of my knee, but that is to be expected after a strain of relative severity and hopefully that will subside over the next few days.

Looking back over our last two games, I thought that in the first half against West Brom we played some of the best football we have played to date. The lads performed magnificently and you could not fault the effort they put in. I could tell that they were desperate to get a win for the fans. We scored a great goal, which was just reward for the style of our play in the first half. I think if we had got the second goal, we would have won it, plus we were unlucky with a couple of fantastic strikes, especially from Gareth Hall. Unfortunately West Brom came out in the second half with a different attitude and got an early goal which lifted their spirits because, until then, their heads were down and they were being played off the park. It was disappointing that they managed to go on and win the game, especially considering the low number of clear-cut chances they created.

I didn't travel to Grimsby on the Monday, but as I understand it the game was evenly balanced until they got the penalty. It is the way football goes sometimes and the decision went against us and they scored from the spot. Unfortunately it was a second defeat in a short space of time, but the lads have to put that behind them now and look to pick-up all three points against Nottingham Forest. We've had a bit of a break now and had time to prepare for what should be a cracking game. Although, I think some of the lads would have preferred to get straight into another game because, in spells, we have been playing some magnificent stuff and hopefully the lads will be flying again today. This is arguably one of our biggest games of the season because Forest are a big club and have aspirations of getting back into the Premiership. I'm sure the fans that were here to see the game against West Brom will know, the side is well-capable of beating teams, especially if we can keep going for the whole 90 minutes because over the first 45 minutes they would have played anybody off the park. However we might have tried to do too much in the first half and kill the game off and I don't think any team could have kept that terrific play going for the entire 90 minutes.

Hopefully it's a big crowd today and everybody gets behind us.

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TURNING BACK the clock

1932 - Harry Cousins

Welcome to our A to Z of former Swindon Town players. This week in our new series we take a look back at former Town player and trainer Harry Cousins.

Few people have served Swindon so long or in so many capacities as Harry Cousins.

Harry's working life began as a pit boy before joining his local club, Chesterfield, where his Football League career began. He made 84 League appearances and won a Division Three North Championship medal with the Spirites before joining Swindon in 1932.

Harry's first season with Town was not a successful one, as the club had to apply for re-election. Only Briggs, Lambie, Quinn (no relation to Jimmy) and Cousins were retained at the end of the season but the decision to retain Harry certainly prove a wise one. In the seven seasons before World War Two, out of a possible 294 League games Harry played in 263. A right half, he modestly said "I could never really play but I worked on my weaknesses and was a very good club man." He was noted for his uncompromising tackling but was not one to boast "I never kicked anyone from behind." Harry's only goal for Swindon came during the 4-2 home victory over Torquay Utd, which ended a run of seven League

games without a win. One wonders what he would have made of the goal celebrations today as he regarded running to shake hands with a team-mate as a waste of energy and likely to lead to a loss of concentration.

When the war ended Harry, along with Bert Davies and Wally Dickenson, was asked to take on responsibility for finding local youngsters and, with off-field activities becoming more of a priority, he ended his playing career at Notts County on the same date on which he played his first League match. In all he made 273 League and 20 FA Cup appearances for Swindon. After a season as reserve team trainer he became trainer to the first team in 1949 and remained in this role until after the League Cup final victory in 1969. His successor, the late Kevin Morris, spoke very highly of Harry saying while he may not have had a great medical knowledge he was very good at making players feel all right. One story, possibly apocryphal tells of how a player limped to the touchline exclaiming "It's no good Harry, I can't go on." There were no subs in those days so, after letting the player stick his foot in a bucket



of icy water, Harry re-laced the players boot more tightly and sent him back into the fray. After the game Harry enquired how it felt. "Aches a bit" came the reply. Harry decided it was best to have a precautionary X-ray, which revealed a broken bone. Not that this would have worried Harry who, during his playing days, had gone through a whole season with a broken bone in his right foot. It was this ability to withstand pain along with his forthright tackling that earned Harry the tag "the iron man".

Even after giving up as a trainer Harry was not finished as he spent six more years at the club before retiring in 1975 after 43 years serving the Town. He died in 1981.

by Dick Mattick



competition TIME

Q. How many League appearances did Harry Cousins make for Swindon Town in the seven seasons before World War Two?

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the new man in toon



Last week Bobby Robson was unveiled as the new Newcastle boss.

A short search finished when the obvious front-runner and Geordie, Robson was charged with reviving the Magpies' fortunes. Ruud Guillit left the north-east club after spending approximately one year in charge and spending £30m in the transfer market. However, the new faces on Tyneside did not gel quickly and results so far this season have been abysmal by the Geordies' standards,

only picking up one point in six Premiership games. Robson, now 66 years of age, has been handed a one-year deal, but will be keen to stay on into the next millennium. The board will also make transfer funds available for Robson to build a squad of his own, the directors having already backed their three previous managers, Kevin Keegan, Kenny Dalglish and Ruud Guillit to the tune of £125m. However, they are keen to stress that it is not a bottomless pit and he may need to sell some high profile names if he wants to bring in new faces of his own. Robson was originally offered the post at Newcastle in 1997 but turned it down in favour of staying at Barcelona.

silvestre awaits the cream

Liverpool are facing a head-to-head battle with Manchester United for the services of young French defender Mickael Silvestre, an under-21 international currently with Inter Milan.



The price would be around £3-4 million and Liverpool believe that a relationship forged between Gerard Houllier and the youngster during the former's days with the French youth side will hold them in good stead. Houllier's reconstruction of the once great Mersey kings continues apace. Inter are of the impression that United are the more likely to table a bid. Middlesbrough though will not be completing the signing of their coveted Frenchman, Ibrahim Ba. AC Milan have been trying to offload the midfielder throughout the summer (must be lovely to feel so wanted) but without success and now, following Ba's about turn they are likely to take a dim view. The Frenchman has insisted he is prepared to listen to offers. Teesside just wasn't his cup of tea though. His reasons have not been made clear but it is hoped he will have been a little more diplomatic than the wife of former 'Boro player Emerson who told a newspaper that she believed Middlesbrough to be a "dark and terrible place". Not an observation for the tourist information brochure then.

International duty



International weeks give the majority of Premiership players and managers the opportunity to enjoy a week or two away from the spotlight whilst a smaller few huff and puff for the name of their country.

This exertion is nothing though when compared to the mental agonies club managers go through as they watch their nearest and dearest players hurl themselves around an international stage. A good break for the clubs? Ask Alex Ferguson. Certainly a man who engenders more respect than

sympathy perhaps but you have to feel for a manager who sees players of the calibre of Roy Keane, Denis Irwin and David Beckham come a cropper. How Jaap Stam (or anyone for that matter) came out unscathed from the 5-5 "friendly" between Holland and Belgium is perhaps his only cause for celebration.



fowler shows his age...

While Gerard Houllier was re-building his squad, Robbie Fowler was re-building his career. The Liverpool hit-man suffered with injuries, suspensions and a tendency to find himself in trouble with the FA. It was not so much his touch in front of goal, but he became disillusioned with life at Anfield, especially when it became apparent that long-time friend and colleague, Steve McManaman was leaving for Madrid. It did look like he may be on his way out of the Merseyside club and reports suggested that Arsenal were lining-up a bid. However, Fowler did a lot of growing up in the summer and has emerged as Liverpool's vice-captain this season and he certainly seems to be accepting the new responsibility admirably. A full England international cap and goals for Liverpool has got Fowler's season off to a flying start.



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SHEFF WED	vs	EVERTON
SUNDERLAND	vs	LEICESTER
WEST HAM	vs	WATFORD
WIMBLEDON	vs	DERBY
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BRADFORD	vs	TOTTENHAM

Play, Play, Play Away!

Two weeks without watching Swindon and I get withdrawal symptoms and I'm sure that friends and family await with dread my phone call suggesting a trip to an away game....

Well you would think at my age that I would be enough of a realist to know that it sometimes rains in Britain on a Saturday! But in my minds eye, my laughing group dressed in the idiom used by footballers 'smart casual' get off to an early sun-kissed start, picking up the football on radio five. We stop for a coffee mid morning and then easily find the ground. Then we take a stroll round pausing at an interesting little bistro to enjoy a delicious lunch with a single glass of wine. Then on to take a direct route to the ground and walk into the exec seats (because the price would seem to indicate the best seats in the house.) Swindon are two nil up at half time, well I did say in my imagination.

But when you enter the strange world of away travel nothing is as it should be. Let's start with the travel arrangements, football grounds do not appear on regular maps. However you can always get directions from the previous weeks programme (taken away by teenage daughter for careful study and filed away in her bedroom never to see the light of day again.) Alternatively try Friday's Evening Advertiser (used to wrap potato peelings Friday night and now soggy and illegible in the dustbin.) So not a very good start there. Then smart casual was a bit of a headache too. Teenage daughter comes dressed for a Kennedy family gathering. Small black dress, dark glasses and a bored expression.



All set for the away day!

My wardrobe does not have much casual wear so I opt for slacks made of the only fabric to crease when you

breathe on it, and a blazer made in a heavier duty version of the same cloth.

Anyone in a town that has a football ground will either be in that ground or totally unaware of the existence of it when stopped for directions. I was once told by a citizen of Bristol when I asked for directions to the stadium "well it's not here." So, we are all now in the area but not parked. It is now that you remember stadiums are either inner city- hours in traffic queues behind elderly vehicles with no gear box and evil exhaust fumes, or countryside-miles from anywhere or anything, parking on a slag heap which can only be approached after long and difficult negotiations with stewards who make the prison guards from the Shaw Shank redemption seem cheerful and accommodating.

By now the idea of lunch at a nice little bistro is a distant memory because even if you were not so late you will never

MAZ about football

see anywhere nice and even if you did they would not be open (open all day every day means open from 1.00pm except on Saturdays in the Birmingham area). By now we are experiencing the feelings that Doctor Who and assistants had when landing in a wilderness outside an alien city. We are from another galaxy, we do not know the rules here.

We will try to find our seats; this is easy, find the darkest, coldest corner of the ground. This will clearly be marked visitors or away fans. We are to coin a phrase made as welcome as a bacon sandwich at a Jewish wedding, we are greeted with the coldness of a witches heart, ushered to our 'seats' (remember the galley slaves in Ben Hur well they were easy chairs in comparison.) We are usually only three or four in number. Me (by now as creased as last years Christmas wrapping paper) teenage daughter's bored expression replaced by ironic sneer and one or two near and dear ones. Trying to hang on to bright smiles but even though we are so few our seats are invariably split by an aisle



Arriving in unknown territory

patrolled by Eva Braun.

But cheer up lads, 0-0 at half time and we can get something to eat at the kiosk. The visitors end kiosk is truly a parallel universe working in reverse to the rest of mankind. The coke is warm but the tea is ice cold. The assistant is new today but the pies have been there several seasons.

So why then oh why are we here because it is still 0-0 at half time and there is a strong feeling, a very strong feeling that we might just nick it despite the white knuckle ride when praying for the final whistle. The comradeship, the songs, the feeling of being let out of school early when filing out of these strongholds are worth it all. It makes you feel like a supporter, not just a fan and makes you value the County Ground's warm welcome and friendly and familiar faces. Watching Swindon might drive you to drink but at least you can always get one. Anyone want to make up a foursome to the next away game?

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NEXT AWAY MATCH
Sat 18th Sept 99

CREWE ALEXANDRA
3.00pm Kick-Off



birthplace	Canvey Island
date of birth	23.10.72
height	5ft 8
weight	12st 6
position	wing-back

fitness trail

Ty has been absent from the side for the most part of the season, but now the skilful defender is back on track and is hoping to start full training again in three weeks time. Ty is now Swindon's longest serving player and is capable of playing in a variety of positions. Hopefully it won't be long before he is raiding down the flanks once more.

statistics

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the key...

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

date	opponents	result	att.
Sat Aug 7	Walsall (A)	0-0	6,437
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1) (H)	0-1	3,587
Sun Aug 15	Ipswich (H)	1-4	6,195
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace (A)	2-1	12,726
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)2 (A)	1-1 (1-2agg)	4,000
Sat Aug 28	West Brom (H)	1-2	6,565
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby (A)	0-1	5,705
Sat Sept 11	Nott'm Forest (H)		
Sat Sept 18	Crewe (A)		
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale (A)		
Tues Sept 28	Blackburn (H)		
Sat Oct 2	Bolton (H)		
Sat Oct 9	Stockport (H)		
Sat Oct 16	Fulham (A)		
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley (A)		
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd (H)		
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale (H)		
Sat Oct 30	Bolton (A)		
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield (A)		
Sat Nov 13	Norwich (H)		
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton (A)		
Tues Nov 23	Charlton (H)		
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham (A)		
Sat Dec 4	Walsall (H)		
Sat Dec 18	Man City (A)		
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth (H)		
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere (A)		
Mon Jan 3	QPR (H)		
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich (A)		
Sat Jan 22	Crystal Palace (H)		
Sat Jan 29	West Brom (A)		
Sat Feb 5	Grimsby (H)		
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn (A)		
Sat Feb 19	Birmingham (H)		
Sat Feb 26	Crewe (H)		
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest (A)		
Tues Mar 7	Huddersfield (H)		
Sat Mar 11	Charlton (A)		
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton (H)		
Tues Mar 21	Norwich (A)		
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth (A)		
Sat Apr 1	Man City (H)		
Sat Apr 8	QPR (A)		
Sat Apr 15	Tranmere (H)		
Sat Apr 22	Fulham (H)		
Mon Apr 24	Stockport (A)		
Sat Apr 29	Barnsley (H)		
Sun May 7	Sheff Utd (A)		

TALIA	HULBERT (2)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	NDAAH	WALTERS	
TALIA	HULBERT (3)	HALL (2)	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LEITCH	NDAAH	WALTERS	
TALIA	HULBERT (3)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON (1)	TAYLOR	MCHUGH	NDAAH	HOWE	
TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	HOWE	WALTERS	REEVES	NDAAH	DAVIS	
TALIA	ROBINSON (2)	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAAH (3)	DAVIS	
TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAAH	DAVIS	
TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAAH	DAVIS (2)	



this season's top scorers

Giuliano Grazioli	2
Mark Walters	2
Iffy Onuora	1

this season's top gates

Sat Aug 28th vs West Brom	6,565
Sun Aug 15th vs Ipswich Town	6,195
Tue Aug 10th vs Leyton Orient	3,587

last four games

Grimsby Town (A)	LOST	0-1
West Brom (H)	LOST	1-2
Leyton Orient (A)	DREW	1-1
Crystal Palace (A)	WON	2-1



front cover photograph...
Mark Robinson

saturday sept 11th 1999



Nationwide
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

KO 3.00pm

vs nott'm forest



player in **RED**
denotes scorer

number in brackets
denotes player replaced()

1	2	3	4	5		
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	GRIFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	GRIFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	HAY	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	HULBERT	WILLIAMS	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY(2)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRIFFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIS	GLASS



division one

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Ipswich	5	4	1	0	16	5	13
Birmingham	6	3	2	1	15	10	11
Man City	6	3	1	1	8	1	10
Barnsley	6	3	0	3	15	13	9
West Brom	5	2	3	0	6	4	9
Stockport	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
QPR	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Nott'm Forest	6	2	2	2	9	8	8
Portsmouth	5	2	2	1	5	7	8
Sheff Utd	6	2	2	2	9	13	8
Huddersfield	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
Fulham	5	1	4	0	5	4	7
Port Vale	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
Charlton	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Walsall	6	1	3	2	7	12	6
Wolves	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Crewe	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
Bolton	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
Grimsby	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
Blackburn	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Swindon	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Tranmere	6	1	1	4	3	9	4
Crystal P	5	1	1	3	7	15	4
Norwich	5	0	2	3	3	7	2

stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	squad number	league apps.	cup apps.	goals all comps.	total apps.
Frank Talia	1	5	2	-	7
Mark Robinson	2	5	2	-	7
Gareth Hall	3	5	2	-	7
Scott Leitch	4	1	1	-	2
Gareth Davies	5	3	1	-	5
Bobby Howe	7	4	1(1)	-	5(1)
George Ndah	8	5	2	-	7
Iffy Onuora	9	5	2	1	7
Giuliano Grazioli	10	3	2	2	5
Ty Gooden	11	1	-	-	1
Alan Reeves	12	3	1	-	4
Jimmy Glass	13	-	-	-	-
Mark Walters	14	4(1)	2	2	6(1)
Chris Hay	15	2(2)	(1)	-	2(3)
Lee Collins	16	-	-	-	-
Steve Cowe	17	-	-	-	-
Steve Mildenhall	18	-	-	-	-
Adam Willis	19	(2)	(1)	-	(3)
Charlie Griffin	20	(3)	(1)	-	(4)
Sol Davis	21	3	2	-	5
Robin Hulbert	22	1	2	-	3
Philippe Cuervo	23	-	-	-	-
Sam Campagna	24	-	-	-	-
Frazer McHugh	25	1(2)	(1)	-	1(3)
Nicky Burke	26	-	-	-	-
Jamie Mills	27	-	-	-	-
Ricky Culbertson	28	-	-	-	-
Alan Flanagan	29	-	-	-	-
Paul McAreavey	30	-	-	-	-
Alun Hughes	31	-	-	-	-
James Williams	32	2(1)	1	-	3(1)

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the squads



1	Frank Talia	Dave Beasant	1
2	Mark Robinson	Matthieu Louis-Jean	2
3	Gareth Hall	Alan Rogers	3
4	Scott Leitch	Nigel Quashie	4
5	Gareth Davies	Steve Chettle	5
7	Bobby Howe	Jon Olav Hjelde	6
8	George Ndah	David Platt	7
9	Iffy Onuora	Riccardo Scimeca	8
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Gianluca Petrachi	9
11	Ty Gooden	Andy Johnson	10
12	Alan Reeves	Chris Bart-Williams	11
13	Jimmy Glass	Mark Crossley	12
14	Mark Walters	Dougie Freedman	14
15	Chris Hay	Moreno Mannini	15
16	Lee Collins	Salvatore Matrecano	16
17	Steve Cowe	Thierry Bonalair	17
18	Steve Mildenhall	Ian Woan	18
19	Adam Willis	John Burns	19
20	Charlie Griffin	Carlton Palmer	20
21	Sol Davis	Steve Guinan	21
22	Robin Hulbert	Richard Cooper	22
23	Philippe Cuervo	Bernard Allou	23
24	Sam Campagna	Christian Edwards	24
25	Frazer McHugh	Jesper Matsson	25
26	Nicky Burke	Steve Melton	26
27	Jamie Mills	Andy Gary	27
28	Ricky Culbertson	Kevin Dawson	28
29	Alan Flanagan	Marlon Harewood	29
30	Paul McAreavey	Carlos Merino	30
31	Alun Hughes	Chris Doig	31
32	James Williams	Ian Wright	32
Jim Quinn		David Platt	

coming soon

Tue 28th September 1999, our next home league game vs

BLACKBURN ROVERS 7.45pm Kick-Off



match...
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the officials

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Mr S.D Hadgood &
Mr R.J. Melinn

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half-time score

full-time score

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