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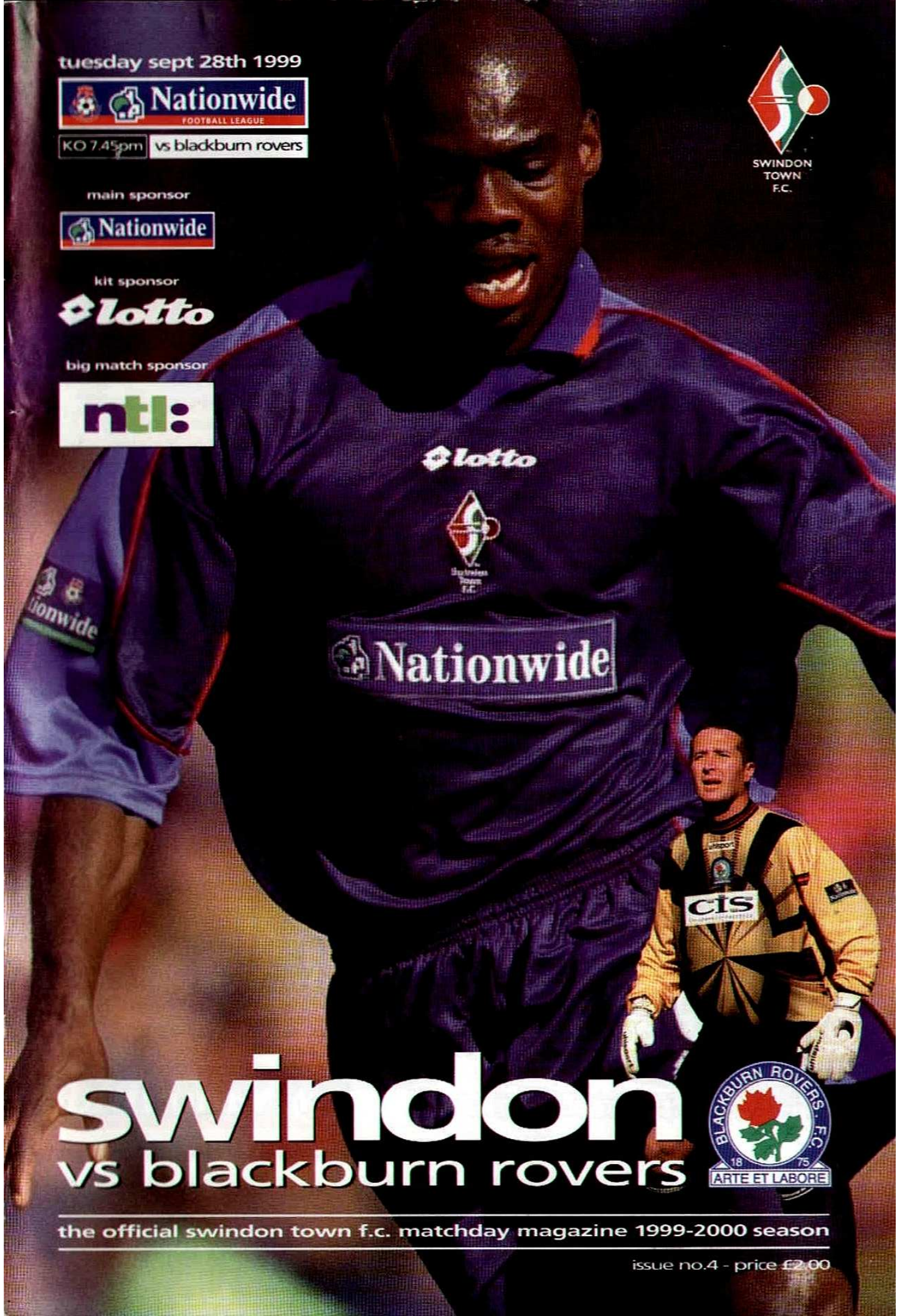
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editor's welcome

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Good evening to you all and welcome to the County Ground for tonight's League match against Blackburn Rovers.



A good home draw against Nottingham Forest was followed by a disappointing loss away at Crewe. This programme went to print before Saturday's match

with Port Vale, so hopefully three more points are in the bag by now.

Swindon's performances have been on the up, as has the morale, the points may not have been flooding in but I think we can all be positive that it's only a matter of time. If one or two decisions had gone our way, and we'd had a little more luck in front of goal, I believe we would be six points better off and be sitting comfortably in mid-table. All we can do now is get behind them as we have been doing in recent weeks.

This league is very tough and every game will be difficult, but I think we can safely say that Blackburn are one of the biggest clubs in the First Division. They were Premiership Champions four seasons ago, have a millionaire chairman and a squad worth tens of millions of pounds. Needless to say, they are quite

dissimilar to Swindon yet we find ourselves in the First Division and only trailing them by three points. They have had a difficult time in recent years and a quick turnover of managers has not helped to bring stability to the club. They are among the favourites to win this division but have had a slow start and are finding life in Division One a bit tougher than expected.



They have already added to their squad this season, picking up Egil Ostenstad, Steve Harkness and more recently Per Frandsen from Bolton Wanderers.

Their attacking options seem endless; they boast the forward talents of Kevin Gallagher, Nathan Blake, Ashley Ward and Ostenstad. However, it was their lack of firepower last season that condemned them to relegation. This season they will not make the same mistakes and have quickly off-loaded big-money flop Kevin Davies back to Southampton.

When it all comes to an end in May you can bet that Blackburn will be there or thereabouts. They have already shown the rest of the First Division teams that they are not invincible and are vulnerable in this league.

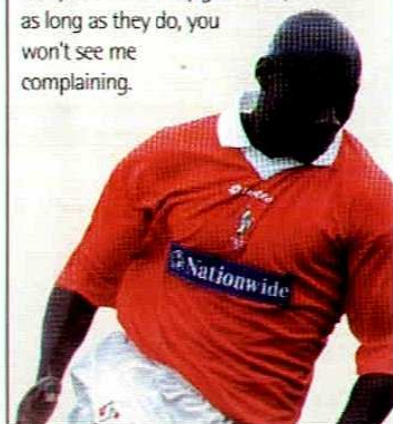
Swindon Town would like to welcome Brian Kidd and his players, plus all the supporters, directors and staff who have

travelled down from Blackburn. It will be another big crowd today and should be a cracking game, so let's cheer on the lads and hope for a Swindon home win.

off the mark!

I was pleased to get my first goal of the season against Crewe, the first one is always the best.

I have been playing in midfield and although I always want to score goals, there isn't the same pressure as when you play in attack. Now I have been pushed up front the onus is for me to get goals and hopefully there are a lot more to come. I managed to get my head to it at the far post and I think that the fans were surprised to see it go in. But I have scored a few with my head before! I don't really care how they go in and, as long as they do, you won't see me complaining.



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jim quinn's comment

Welcome to tonight's game with Blackburn Rovers, yet another of my old clubs. I hope after a good result against Port Vale, we can show one of the big boys in our League that we aren't a bad side.

I can't thank you enough for your support against Nottingham Forest, the atmosphere was electric, that's why we want to continue with the new ticket prices in the Town end. It was like the old days.

The Crewe game was disappointing because we played so well; the main point is that we remain positive because our overall play is very good.

Once we start taking the chances we have, then I can see us getting into a good position in the League. I hope by the time you read these programme notes that we have signed young Andy Williams, who I think has made a great start with us. Andy is a clever player and although he is quiet he's very confident in his ability. I'm sure you'll give him a great welcome tonight in what I hope will be a long career with Swindon Town F.C.

I would like to welcome Brian Kidd and his staff, players and directors from Blackburn.

Enjoy the game



Andy Williams making a great start for Swindon.

today's visitors

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

Not many people this time last year would have predicted this League fixture this season. Blackburn Rovers have become one of the bigger clubs in the country since multi-millionaire, Jack Walker, invested so heavily in the club in the early nineties. With Kenny Dalglish in charge they gained promotion from the First Division in 1992 and from that point it only took the Lancashire side three seasons to win the Premiership title. It was one of the most thrilling climaxes to a season in recent memory and despite Blackburn losing at Anfield, Manchester United could not take all three points against West Ham and Dalglish's side lifted the trophy.

However, Blackburn have not had the best of times since their title-winning season and a series of high profile managers and big-money buys have not brought success. Dalglish left, Ray Harford stepped up from

assistant manager and failed, Sven Goran Eriksson was lined up for the job but chose Lazio instead. Following that snub, former Swiss coach Roy Hodgson, was given the job and he also failed to deliver the success that Rovers fans now expect.

Towards the end of last season Alex Ferguson's assistant at Old Trafford, Brian Kidd, replaced Roy Hodgson. However, it was too late to stop the slide into Division One. The club has also seen a fair amount of changes in its playing staff. Kevin Davies, Stephan Henchoz, Martin Dahlin and Chris Sutton left in the summer and made way for Egil Ostenstad, Simon Grayson and Steve Harkness. The squad is full of talented and high-profile players and they are now coming to terms with life in the First Division and, despite an unsteady start, Brian Kidd's side are certain to feature in the promotion race as the 1999/2000 season comes to its climax in May.



matt jansen



birthplace	Carlisle	
date of birth	24.11.70	
height	5ft 11in	
weight	13st 3lb	
position	midfield	
previous club records		
club	games	goals
Carlisle	42	10
Crystal Palace	27(4)	10



A classy England under 21 striker whose path first crossed Brian Kidd's whilst on trial at Manchester United.

Bagged 10 goals in 42 starts for his hometown club before moving to Palace where he continued to be noticed - not least by Kidd. Kidd made a £4m beeline for Matt in January 1999 and the youngster replied with a superb strike on his debut against Spurs. He has started well this season and already has a couple of goals under his belt from his midfield role.

birthplace	Haugesund	
date of birth	02.01.72	
height	5ft 11	
weight	13st 0	
position	forward	
club records		
club	games	goals
Southampton	93	27
Vikings	128	54



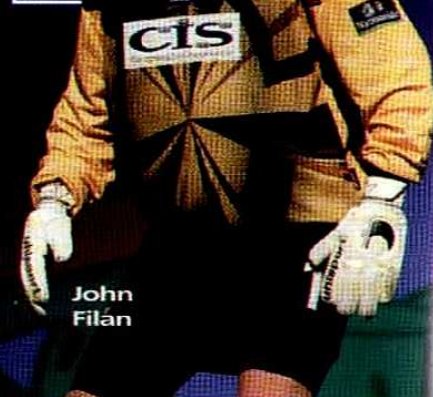
egil ostenstad

Established Norwegian international who arrived at Ewood Park in exchange for record-signing Kevin Davies.

Scored 54 goals in 128 games for Vikings of Norway before moving to The Dell where he bagged 27 goals in 93 appearances. Egil is a born predator who likes to prowl the area in search of any loose balls. He is equally effective using his pace running onto balls played over the top. He was the subject of much transfer interest before his move to Ewood Park.



the players



John Filán

John Filán	
date of birth	08.02.70
height	6ft 2
weight	12st 2
position	goalkeeper

Signed from Coventry City as cover for Tim Flowers following the departure of Shay Given. Spent two years at Highfield Road after joining from Cambridge United for £350,000. Awarded last season's Player of the Year trophy after some outstanding performances which kept Tim Flowers out of the first team.

Simon Grayson	
date of birth	16.12.69
height	6ft
weight	13st 7
position	defender

Simon is mainly a right-sided defender but is a skilful utility player capable of filling a variety of roles. Signed from Aston Villa for £750,000, Simon kicked off his career at Leeds before moving on to Leicester City where he was named player-of-the-year two seasons ago.

Jeff Kenna	
date of birth	28.08.70
height	5ft 11
weight	12st 3
position	defender

A speedy defender capable of playing in both full back positions, Jeff arrived at Ewood Park in March 1995 from Southampton and quickly established himself as a regular first-teamer. Represented Eire at youth, under 21 & 'B' levels and has since been capped many times at senior level.

Callum Davidson	
date of birth	25.06.76
height	5ft 10
weight	12st 7
position	defender

Signed for Rovers for a seven figure fee in February 1998 after being identified as one of the most promising Scottish youngsters in the game. A regular in the Scotland under 21 side he has recently established himself in his country's senior side.

Craig Short	
date of birth	25.06.68
height	6ft 1
weight	11st 10
position	defender

An experienced central defender, Craig started football life at Scarborough before moving to Notts County. Derby paid £2.5m to secure his services in 1992 before a similar fee took him to Everton three years later. A consistent and steady performer, Craig has more than 400 senior appearances to his name.

Darren Peacock	
date of birth	03.02.68
height	6ft 2
weight	12st 12
position	defender

Experienced central defender signed on a free transfer from Newcastle in the summer of 1998 under the Bosman ruling. Kicked-off his career with stints at Newport and Hereford before making his name at OPR where he played around 130 games. A fee of £2.7m took him to St James' Park in 1994.

Keith Gillespie	
date of birth	18.02.75
height	5ft 10
weight	11st 3
position	midfielder

Manager Brian Kidd made a beeline for Keith soon after his appointment and secured his services in a £2.3m deal. The two first met at Manchester United where Keith made his Premiership debut before moving to Newcastle for £2m. Capped by Northern Ireland at various levels.

Jason Wilcox	
date of birth	15.07.71
height	6ft
weight	11st 0
position	midfield

Home-grown Jason is a product of the Ewood youth development system who made his senior debut in 1990, aged 18. Has represented England at B and full levels and is regarded as one of the top left-sided players in the country. An anchor man of the 1995 Premiership-winning squad, Jason is now into his 10th season with Rovers.

Other squad members: Allan Flettis, Jason McAteer, Garry Flitcroft, Ashley Ward, Damien Duff, Alan Kelly, Marlon Broomes, Billy McKinlay, Damien Johnson, Jim Corbett, Christian Dailly, David McNamee, Burton O'Brien, James Thomas, David Dunn, Martin Taylor, Wayne Gill, Steve Harkness,

Lee Carsley	
date of birth	28.02.74
height	5ft9
weight	11st
position	midfielder

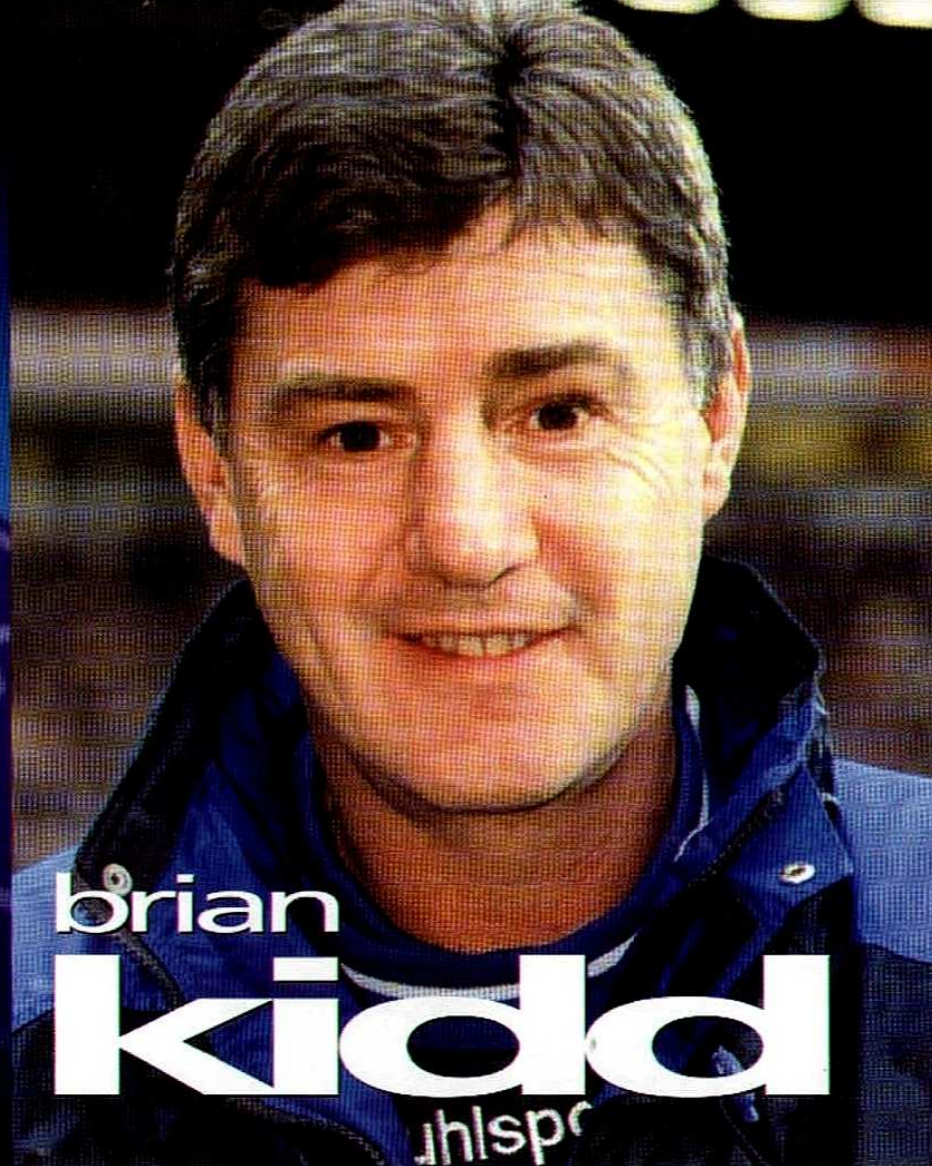
A former Rams trainee and youth team captain Lee played more than 120 matches for Derby County. Now an established member of the Republic of Ireland side, he made his international debut in October 1997 aged 23. Signed a four year deal with Rovers worth £4m in March 1999.

Kevin Gallacher	
date of birth	23.11.66
height	5ft 11
weight	11st 3
position	forward

Former Dundee United and Coventry striker, Kevin arrived at Ewood Park in 1993 in a £1.75m deal. An established Scotland international, he featured in the 1998 world cup in France but was hampered by injury last season. A hard-working, versatile frontman, Kevin can play on either wing or as a centre-forward.

Nathan Blake	
date of birth	27.01.72
height	5ft 11
weight	13st 12
position	Forward

An ex-Chelsea apprentice, Nathan returned to his hometown club where he figured in more than 130 games. Joined Sheffield United in February 1994 for £300,000 before moving to Bolton in December 1995 for £1.5m. Capped by Wales at youth, under 21 and senior levels.



Brian Kidd first signed schoolboy forms with Manchester United in 1963 and made his way up through the ranks and made his league debut in a 3-1 defeat at Everton in 1967.

He went on to make 264 appearances for the Red Devils scoring 70 goals before leaving in 1974 to join Arsenal. After his playing career ended he first became manager of Barrow before becoming assistant to Lou Macari at Swindon in 1985. A brief spell in charge at Preston North End followed before Alex Ferguson brought him back to United as junior coach and director of the school of excellence. In 1991 Brian stepped up to become Ferguson's assistant following Archie Knox's decision to join Walter Smith at Rangers. His partnership with Alex Ferguson brought success back to Old Trafford and in 1993 United ended their 26-year wait to lift the title. This partnership helped spur United to four

championships in five years and Ferguson constantly rejected inquiries about his assistant's availability, especially from Manchester City and Everton. However, last season Kidd decided it was time for him to spread his wings and saw Ewood Park as the ideal place for him to achieve success on his own. The new appointment gave Rovers' fans a glimmer of hope, but due to a horrendous injury crisis, Kidd was forced to play reserve and youth players. Despite the excellent acquisitions of Matt Jansen, Ashley Ward and Lee Carsley, it was too-little too-late to save Rovers from their fate.

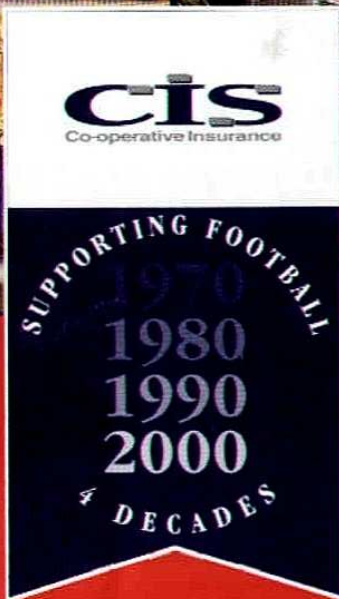
Brian swooped to sign Egil Olsen just days into the start of the new season in a deal that saw Kevin Davies move back to his former club. There is no doubt that this year's campaign will test the true pedigree of Kidd's managerial skills and anything less than promotion for the 1995 Premiership champions will be seen as failure.



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Competition was running high for our first football mania quiz night, which was held in the Winners Lounge on Monday 13th September.

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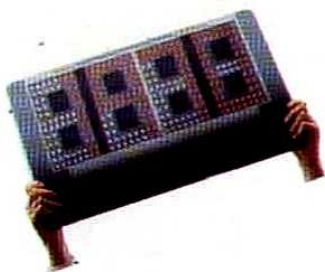
Hosted by Steve Saul of C.A. Solutions, and with ten rounds of gruelling football questions, this proved to be a challenging and brain taxing affair - yet somehow the 'Stratton Village Idiots' managed to win on the night and proved their worth! Congratulations!

Due to the popularity of this event we have decided to hold another - but this time it will be a more general quiz night (naturally there will be a football and general sport round!)

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Last week I made fairly significant progress, I've been doing some heavy running and ball work, so I'm hoping in the next week or so I can get back into full training.

I'm not going to get too carried away because I'm still feeling a little stiffness after doing some really heavy sessions.

I have been feeling frustrated at being out of the side, I hate watching the lads play because I'm desperate to join in. You have to be philosophical and know that it is part and parcel of being a professional footballer. All you can do is knuckle down and hopefully get yourself fit as soon as possible and get back in the side. I haven't really set a target of when I might get back into action - I haven't even looked at the fixtures. If you set yourself too many targets you can find yourself trying to do too much too soon.

I thought I might have a bit more free time to go fishing, but the physios have us in all day, working hard in the gym and when I'm finished in the afternoons I'm too tired to do anything else! I have been able to use my lunch hours to finish a computer course I started towards the end of last season. It took time to get back into it after the summer, and although I was disappointed to pick up the injury, it did give me the opportunity to go over to the Study Centre for a couple of hours each day and get it finished.

Hopefully I can get back into training next week and then start worrying about a reserve match because I'll still need to get match fit before I can be part of any first team plans.

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gooden

reserve news

with Alan McDonald



In the first half against Barnet the lads put in a superb performance, looking extremely solid and knocked the ball about tremendously well.

Some of the passing movement and flowing moves were great to watch, in what were difficult conditions due to the rain.

Mark Walters has notched a first half hat-trick, in two of which he showed a fantastic amount of ability to curl the ball into the far corner of the net with his left foot. We went into the break 3-1 up and looked good value for it.

In the second half we looked as if we stayed in the blocks and were a different team. We stuttered along and conceded two sloppy goals that got them right back in the match. We are a football club and we like to play good football, which is why it was especially disappointing after we had played so well in the first half. It was a shame we didn't carry on where we left off and win the game emphatically. Obviously the opposition came out for the second half fired up because I think they got a bit of a roasting at the break, but we have to learn how to deal with that and become mentally stronger.

Mark had the opportunity to take his personal tally to four but unfortunately, at the time, the pressure was off and he blasted it wide. We won the game with a bit of quick thinking

from a corner and Steve Cowe finished extremely well to get our fourth goal.

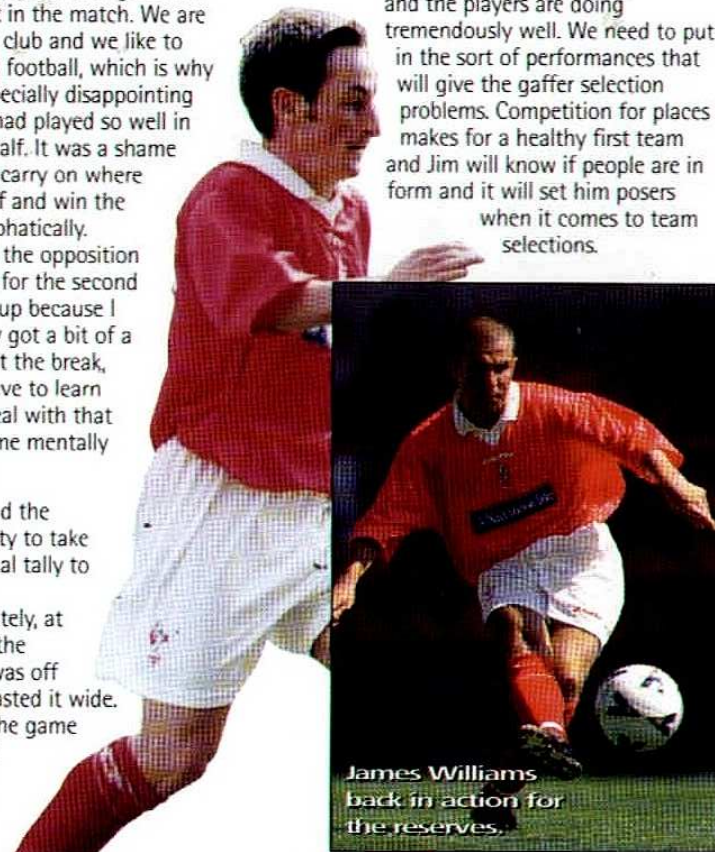
Byron Glasgow competed in his first game in five months and he admitted that he was a bit disappointed with his performance, but I think he's got to be patient because he has only been back in training for a short while. He did show good pieces of skill in patches but it is still rusty.

He came off feeling absolutely shattered and suffering from cramp, so you can't read too much into his performance.

It was also James Williams' first 90 minutes for a while and he came through it without any problems from his hamstring injury. He's a tough lad, is hungry for the game and put in a very good performance.

That was good news because we are conscious of the fact that we don't lose sight of what we are trying to achieve in the reserves. We want to bring the younger lads through, developing them as quickly as possible with as much as attention as we can with the aim of getting them into the first team.

The reserve team is going very well and the players are doing tremendously well. We need to put in the sort of performances that will give the gaffer selection problems. Competition for places makes for a healthy first team and Jim will know if people are in form and it will set him posers when it comes to team selections.



James Williams back in action for the reserves.



A first half hat-trick for Walters.

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Wed Aug 18	Cambridge Utd	4-0
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wed sept 22	BARNET	4-3
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WED OCT 13	LEYTON ORIENT	2.00PM
WED OCT 27	FULHAM	2.00PM
Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	2.00pm
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Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	7.30pm
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focus on the youths

with Tom Jones



In our Youth Alliance fixture against Exeter the 'A' team went two goals in front in what was on the whole, a good performance.

Unfortunately Exeter scored two late goals to earn a draw at Supermarine. I was a little bit disappointed in that when we had our good spells and dominated possession we didn't kill the game off - we let Exeter off the hook. We had enough chances to put the game beyond them, then in the final ten minutes we conceded two sloppy goals and it changed the whole direction of the match.

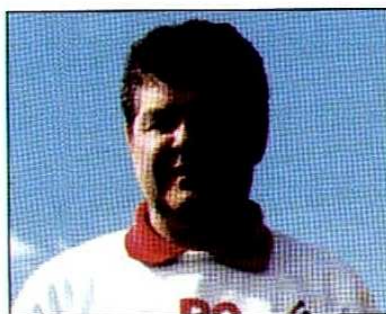
There were a lot of good individual performances; Kevin Halliday was outstanding at left-back, he got forward well and delivered good crosses. Danny Jeffrey did well up front along with Les Bishop and Ian McSherry had a neat and tidy game in midfield.

It is part of the learning curve and we must be more professional and ruthless in these types of matches. If you take it too easy, a sudden mistake or a good piece of play from the opposition will cost you points.

In the South West Counties fixture the 'B' team came up against a very strong Bournemouth outfit. The scoreline left a few of the lads shell-shocked, especially the younger players because we only fielded one second year boy, the rest were Under16s. The 7-0 defeat was resounding but we didn't read too much into it because Bournemouth had a much older team. They withdrew from the Allied Youth League feeling it would be too strong and therefore fielded their

full-time youth team in this competition. They will probably be the strongest side in this League as a consequence.

The lads can still learn a lot from a fixture like this, it doesn't matter what the score is because we will still look at individual performances and strength of character. Whether you're winning 7-0 or losing by that margin, it's down to personal pride.



centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

We have just signed a very promising 8-year-old called Tyler Weir from Gloucester, who we first knew about three months ago and we brought him in for a trial.

In the meantime Coventry City set up trials in Gloucester but we knew that it would be too much for a young lad to travel to Coventry on a regular basis. We complained to the Football League and Premier League and his signing for Coventry was rejected. We spoke to his parents and the fact that we were only forty minutes away was a big help. He has joined us and he absolutely loves it. I think our personal approach with both the lad and his parents go a long way to reassuring both parties that they're doing the right thing. After following his recent progress, I think he will become a star. We also picked up three more young players from the same area. The fact that Coventry tried to sign all three demonstrates the length clubs will go to, to get young players. I know the rules about travelling distance for kids and they certainly do, but they try to bend the rules and it's not good for the game. If everyone sticks to the rules, especially the bigger clubs, then the development of young players will run more smoothly. Going back to Little Tyler, he was going to school at 8.30am and then travelling an hour and a half to Coventry and getting home at 8.30pm. For a child of 8-years of age it's a 12-hour day, not forgetting he has homework to do. I don't think it's fair on the kids and I think that it is ethically wrong for clubs to do this, especially when there are Centres of Excellence locally.

We have had quite a few fixtures in recent weeks, at the start of September the Under12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s played matches against West Bromwich Albion. It was a new fixture for us, because West Brom don't have an Academy we can still play them. The games were of a good standard, probably the

best being the Under14s who were involved in a very exciting game, both teams technically playing well and it was end-to-end stuff.

The following week we played Plymouth Argyle which is a long journey for the players and coaches. It's a long day and I would like to thank everyone, including the parents, for all the hard work they put in. We entertained two Plymouth sides here in Swindon with 8 v 8 matches for the Under12s and 13s. I watched the Under13 game, which I thought was fantastic to watch. The entertainment value was first class. The standards of both teams was excellent and the 8 v 8 format gives them the opportunity to improve technically and their touch is getting better all time.

We also, for the first time, entertained Cheltenham who have just entered the Football League. They are getting their Centre of Excellence off the ground, obviously it will take a number of years before they begin to get the quality and standard of player they need. I went there myself and we were all well looked after and I wish them all the luck for future. I watched the Under15s games and it was hard fought messy match in torrential rain. It wasn't the best of games and both sides were evenly matched. I think we have a lot of work to do in that age group and we need to improve.

The Under 12s played Swansea at Supermarine and the coaches reported that it was tremendous game. We were delighted that Swansea made the long journey to give their kids a game.

the editor talks with Frank Talia...

Q How did you come to join Blackburn before moving to Swindon?

A I was playing in Australia in the Under-21 side and I decided to try my luck with a few English clubs having some trials. Fortunately Blackburn offered me a deal, so I was more than happy to stay there and fight for a place. At the time they were a rising club and it was their first season in the Premier League. Alan Shearer had just signed from Southampton and he was up front with Mike Newell, they had a very good squad and Kenny Dalglish was in charge.

Q What was he like to play under?

A Dalglish was a world-renowned player in his day and an excellent manager, so it was a very valuable experience for me. I learned a lot of my trade there because they had a fantastic goalkeeping coach combined with great facilities and a high standard of professionalism.

Q You didn't get in the side, did you look elsewhere?

A Yes, I was a young lad and still learning my trade. They had huge aspirations and the financial backing to buy a proven England international goalkeeper in Tim Flowers, so I never really got a chance. Swindon came in for me and I was very happy to join the club. I feel it was a very good move for me at the right time.

Q Can you recall your Football League debut?

A Yes, it was for Hartlepool against Leyton Orient whilst I was on loan from Blackburn. I think I managed to keep a clean sheet in what I think was a 0-0 draw.

Q I take it you haven't scored a goal, so what is your best save or memorable moment?

A No I haven't scored a goal yet, I think I'll leave that for Jimmy! Well, every save is a good save but I really enjoyed playing in the cup match against Manchester United at Old Trafford. It was fantastic to play in that stadium in front of a massive crowd.

Q You must be looking forward to playing against your old team in what will be one of the biggest games of the season?

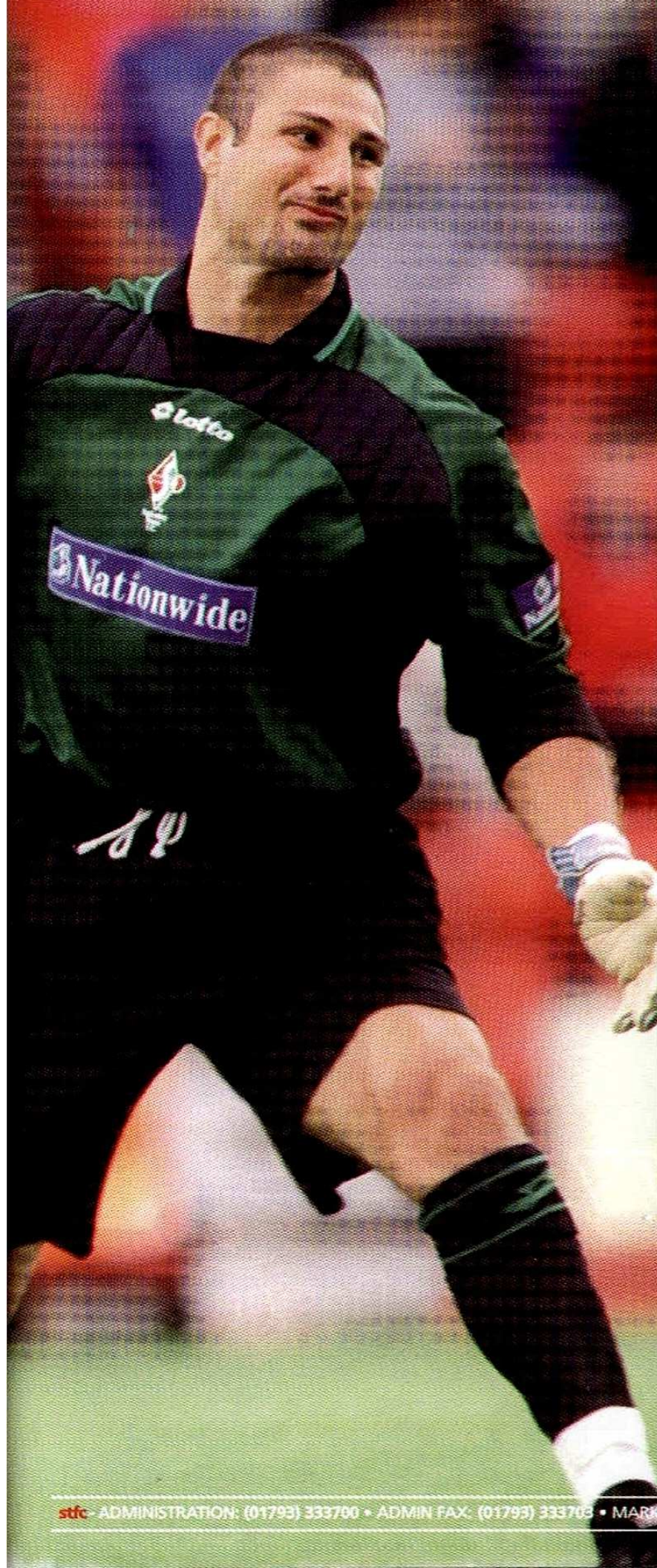
A Yes, but I believe that every game you play in this league is special because it is such a competitive league now. It's probably an equivalent to the old First Division before it turned into the Premier League; the standard of football is superb.

Q In such a competitive league how do you rate Swindon's chances?

A Basically, I think we need to improve all over the pitch because we can all do a little bit more. The aim is always to improve whether you're at the top or bottom of the league. We need to keep our concentration for 90 minutes. We are all guilty of making mistakes, so we need to work hard, keep our focus and I'm sure we can do well.



talia talks



talia

player stats



birthplace **Melbourne**

date of birth **20.07.72**

height **6ft 1ins**

weight **13st 6lb**

position **goalkeeper**

previous club records

club	games	goals
Blackburn R	-	-
Hartlepool	(loan)	-
-	-	-

getting personal..

favourite film

delirious & pulp fiction

favourite tv show

friends

favourite band/musician

not fussy!

favourite sporting event

world cup

favourite footballer

david ginola (at the moment)

favourite food

pasta

favourite drink

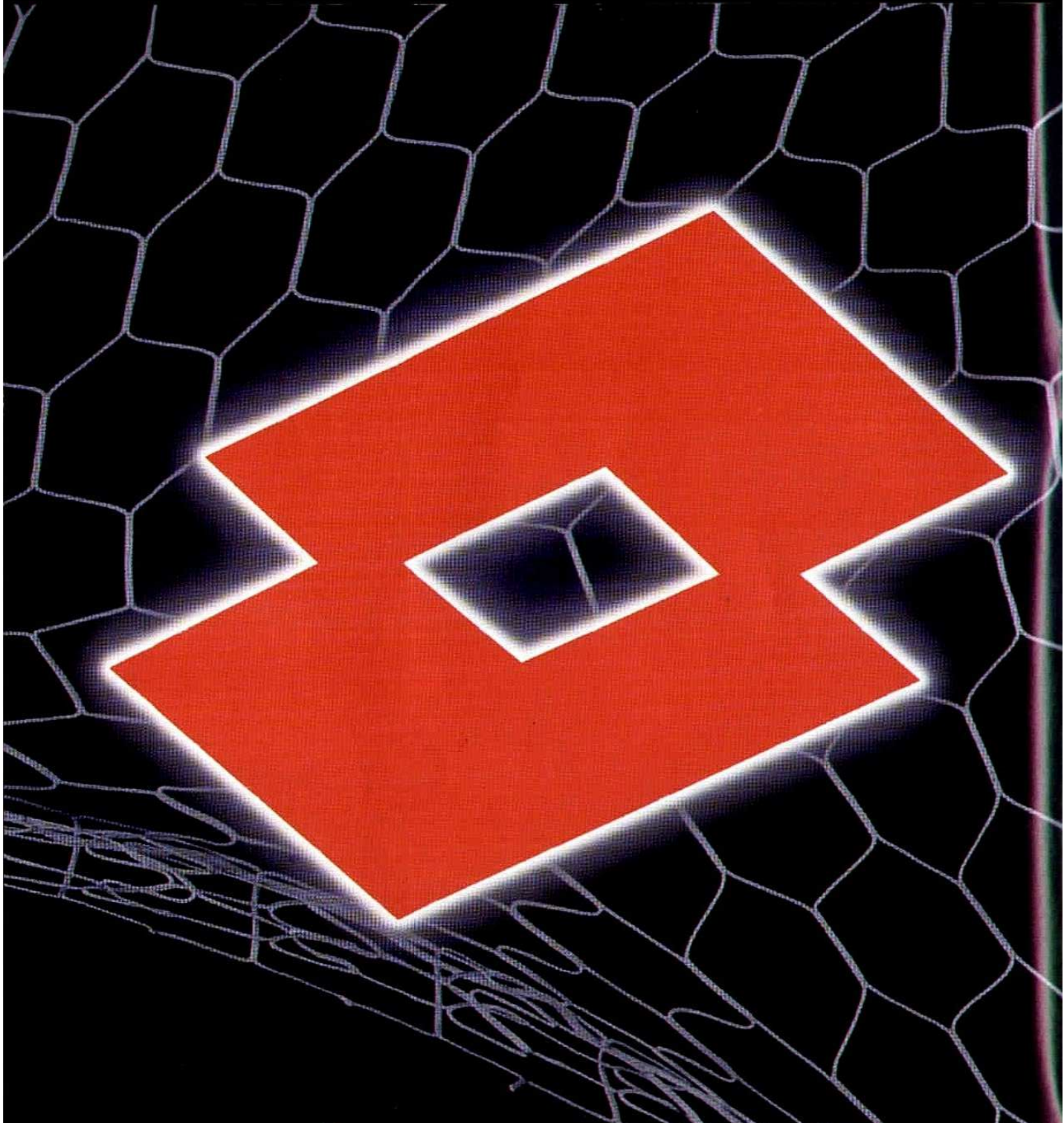
australian red wine

favourite hobbies

all sports

favourite colour

red



Italian Sports Design



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Please note a change will occur in the hours of attendance of committee members at the information point on weekend matchdays.

In future committee members will be in the information point between 1.30pm and 2.45pm for collection of membership cards, enrolling new members and to answer any questions. We have found little demand after matches and this will cease for the time being.

May we remind all of our members who are not season ticket holders that they are entitled to a 10% discount on all goods (not sale goods) in the club shop - an ideal way to gain an immediate benefit and also to cover the cost of your membership. Season ticket members have a different discount structure with the club under the season ticket scheme.

What a difference to the atmosphere at the Forest game with many Town supporters again populating the Town End. No doubt there

was more than just a coincidence that we saw an improved display on the field - we are sure both went hand in hand.

Today should see a repeat performance with the second part of the ticket offer being in place. The Town End 2 for 1 price offer has also been extended from tonight's game to the Bolton match and we hope that even more supporters will take up the option.

It was good to see the improved attendance and this clearly helps both players and the club. We would like to set our members a simple challenge, that by whatever means possible (legal of course!) they bring a friend, colleague, relation, son or daughter to the match against Bolton and if everyone achieves this simple aim, we should increase the attendance by around 1000. Help us to generate further support for the Town with very little effort. (Or maybe not! - if you have an anecdotal tale of how you met the challenge, let us know, we will be happy to publish the story.)

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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Names:.....

Cost: Adult - £5 Concessions (senior citizens, disabled, under 18's) - £2
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PLEASE TICK WHICH SECTION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN: (one box only)

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

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in the community

with Clive Maguire and Jon Holloway



Good evening everybody and welcome to tonight's home game against Blackburn Rovers.

Now everyone is back at school we have been extremely busy setting up our popular after-school coaching clubs. We had a tremendous turnout at Wanborough School with 50 up-and-coming young stars being put through their paces. This week has seen us re-start out at our rural schools such as Aldbourne and Broad Hinton, again with great numbers of kids participating. Our last Saturday Team club turned out to be a huge success with Frome Town Boys FC having a great day with us and I am sure you would agree they witnessed and excellent game against Nottingham Forest, a game we surely should have won.

Our next Saturday Team Club visitors for the Bolton match are Carterton Rangers and Hardwick Rangers (pictured below).



If any of you wish to come along for an action-packed day with us, please get your team or club managers to give us a call on 01793 421 303.

The October half term is fast approaching so please get your application in a.s.a.p. as places are limited. The dates for your diaries are Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th October. Applications can be found at main reception along the Arkells' Stand or alternatively, give us a call on the office number.

Luke Sharps has finally returned to work having now had his plastercast removed from his broken left ankle. Luke has been in plaster for over two months, so Jon and I will make sure we get him back to full fitness and back into the swing of things.

As you know, Luke runs our very popular Birthday Parties here at the club, so please do not hesitate contacting him if you are interested in celebrating your birthday with us.

Until the next time, best wishes
Clive and Jon.



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

By popular demand we have decided to change the date of our next disco to **Sunday 24th October**, to coincide with the school half term. Admission to the disco will be 50p per person and all proceeds will go towards our Christmas Disco. Our disco on **9th November** is also cancelled and is going to be re-arranged for the Christmas holiday period.

We have received replies from the following clubs, **Blackburn, Stockport, Bolton and Portsmouth** in regards to our reciprocal visits; we will let you know the dates and the costs in the near future.

If anyone hasn't yet got their membership cards, you may pick them up from the Supporters' Club representative, who will be in the Information Centre on matchdays between **1.30pm and 2.45pm**

The training sessions at the Oasis are very popular, so for any of you who haven't attended yet, it is not too late to join. Come along to the Oasis outdoor pitches on **Monday evenings at 5pm**. The cost is **£2 per person**.

Also, don't forget the new date for the disco and we do hope to see you all there along with your friends and family.

If anyone requires further information about the Junior Robins or has any ideas of things we could possibly organise then please contact Kevin on **01793 333757** or write to us **C/O Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED**

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 Dunstan on **0993 703 110**.

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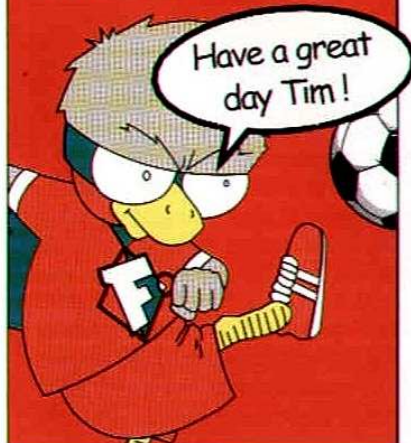
Football Training - exclusive to members. Jr's and R's receive training Monday evenings at the Oasis.

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

tonight's Home mascot

Today we welcome our home mascot **Tim Hall** who's father **Kevin** runs the Junior Robins & the R's!

Tim is looking forward to leading his favourite team out tonight, when he will meet some of his heroes from the Swindon Town squad.



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every season a whole host of lucky people get the chance to lead the team out as Swindon Town mascots. 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**

On the Monday morning following the Forest match we came in and had our usual post-match chat.

walsh's world

with Mike Walsh

Everyone was very pleased with the way we had played and were disappointed not to have won the game. As far as training goes, the lads worked on their sharpness in some small-sided games and we finished off with an intensive shooting session.

We are aware that as a team we are not scoring enough goals and especially getting enough shots on goal. Tuesday we had another session working in and around the box and looking at how we can create more chances for ourselves and making sure we put them away.

We didn't have a reserve team match on the Wednesday so we took the opportunity to play a training match on the pitch. It gave the two new lads (Andy Williams and Paul Thirwell) the chance to get more match fitness and gain greater experience of playing with their teammates.



On Thursday the players did a weights session working on strength and stamina and on the Friday we travelled up to Crewe, training as soon as we got there, mainly forwards versus defenders. Then the players had time to eat early and get in a good nights rest before the Saturday match.

Against Crewe we felt that for the second week running we had dominated possession - probably more so than we did against Forest. We were pleased to see some of the work we had done in the week working in the match, getting the ball into the danger areas and goalscoring positions. Unfortunately, we were not able to take enough of those chances and we paid for it. In one of these rare chances of the second half they got a penalty and we couldn't respond after that, despite a couple of good, long-range efforts, especially from Wally.

We were happy with the performances of the two loan signings. Paul looks more settled in every game he plays and Andy Williams carried on his good form. Generally, we are happy with the way the players are playing and it's important we recognise that we did play well and were unlucky in the game.

news from the treatment room

with Dick Mackey & Dave Moore



Philippe is celebrating after he got the all-clear from the specialist. After 10 months out with a broken ankle and four operations, he can now start to do some running, kicking footballs and looking to get match fit and return to the side.



Graz at the moment (Monday 20th) is doing lots of explosive work for his hamstring and he's coming on very well but it's just the last bit of functional work where we're having one or two problems. There is always a natural reluctance to work on these hamstrings when they are still feeling a little bit sore. It is frustrating for him and us because otherwise, he looks good. I still believe that it will be around three or four days of quality work and then we must be absolutely sure that his explosive facility is right. It is the twisting and turning movements, running to get the ball, stretching and kicking that use the hamstring to its extreme. Really, at the moment it is too early to tell if he will be fit for the up-and-coming games, we have to wait until everybody is satisfied he is ready to return.



James Williams did not have the same degree of hamstring injury as Graz and he's been doing a bit of sprinting with a view to returning to full training this week.



Scott Leitch continues to have problems with his biceps tendon (hamstring muscle). The muscle seems to be OK but he is feeling a good deal of discomfort behind his knee. We had been doing some intensive work on it but he felt the problem again and is now resting it.



Lee Collins is making progress, albeit slowly, but he is getting better and he's walking which is a good start. Unfortunately, he is still a good week away from doing anything more ambitious than that.

Ty, has been doing really well and we hope to have him back training next week.



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8
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Mark Robinson 02



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Newcastle United
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
8
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Gareth Hall 03



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Sunderland
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8
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Scott Leitch 04



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Hearts (Scotland)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
2
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 06/10/69

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**John Young
Engineering**

Gareth Davies 05



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Reading
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
6
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Alan McDonald -



Playing Position
Coach
Signed From
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0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 12/10/63

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Bobby Howe 07



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Nottingham Forest
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6(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 06/11/73

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Wantage**

George Ndah 08



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
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8
99/00 1999 Goals
1
D.O.B. 23/12/74

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Iffy Onuora 09



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Gillingham
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8
99/00 1999 Goals
1
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Giuliano Grazioli 10



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Peterborough Utd.
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
4
99/00 1999 Goals
2
D.O.B. 23/03/75

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Ty Gooden 11



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Wycombe Wanderers
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
6
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 23/10/72

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Alan Reeves 12



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Wimbledon
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
6
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 19/11/67

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Jimmy Glass 13



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
AFC Bournemouth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 01/08/73

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Mark Walters 14



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Southampton
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
6(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
2
D.O.B. 02/06/64

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Chris Hay 15



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Celtic (Scotland)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
2(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Lee Collins 16



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Albion Rovers (Scot)
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0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Jim Quinn **Manager**



Playing Position
Manager
Signed From
Peterborough United
D.O.B. 18/12/59

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Playing Position
Assistant Manager
Signed From
Bury
D.O.B. 20/06/56

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Steve Cowe **17**



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Aston Villa
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

Steve Mildenhall **18**



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/05/78

Adam Willis **19**



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

Charlie Griffin **20**



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Chippenham Town
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
(6)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Sol Davis **21**



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

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

Philippe Cuervo **23**



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Sochaux (France)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/08/69

Sam Campagna **24**



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
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Frazer McHugh **25**



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

Nicky Burke **26**



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

Jamie Mills **27**



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

Ricky Culbertson **28**



Playing Position
Defender
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Playing Position
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Alun Hughes **31**



Playing Position
Midfielder
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James Williams **32**



Playing Position
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(left) A Forest player gets his foot in as he attempts to stop Ndah's forward run.



Former Forest man Bobby Howe keeps the opposition guessing.



Frazer McHugh holds up possession in the middle of the park.



Another forward run by George is carefully monitored.



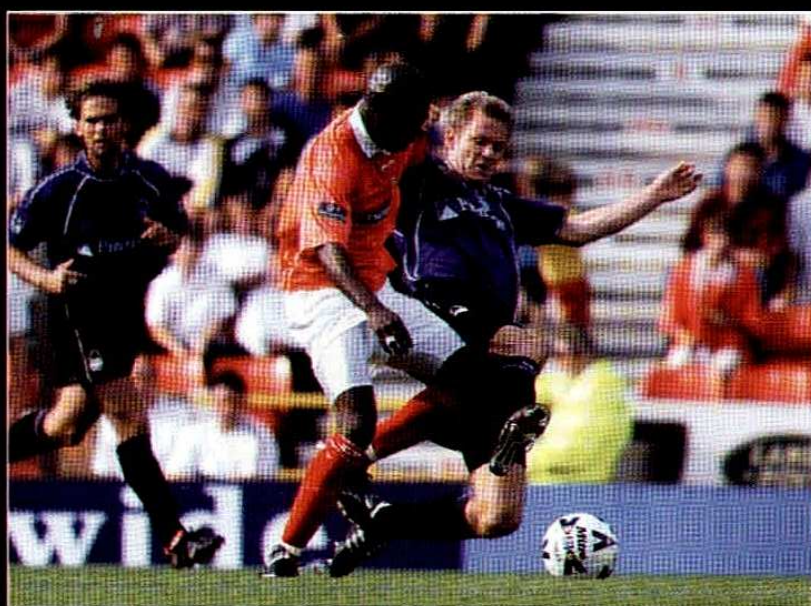
Date: Saturday 11th September
Pitch: Good
Weather: Windy
Attendance: 8,203
Referee: C. Foy (Good)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Frank Talia, Mark Robinson, Gareth Hall, Gareth Davies, Alan Reeves, Andy Williams, Paul Thirlwell, Bobby Howe, Frazer McHugh, George Ndah, ffy Onuora.

Substitutes:
Charlie Griffin (for Onuora, 85)

Shots on target: Town 3, Forest 7
Shots off target: Town 11, Forest 2
Free Kicks: Town 21, Forest 17
Caught Offside: Town 4, Forest 7
Corners: Town 5, Forest 2
Town Bookings: Davies, Robinson.



This time the Forest defender gets their first.



Loan signing, Paul Thirlwell battles for the ball.

It was a fantastic game that only lacked one thing....goals! To anyone watching the video printer, it might have looked like a bore draw, but the County Ground fans witnessed a thrilling encounter, both sides going forward at will and looking to snatch all three points.

Swindon had the lion's share of possession and chances, although the stats will show, most were off target. George Ndah and then Charlie Griffin went closest and nearly won it, denied by the post and Mark Crossley respectively. Forest could have gone in front when, in the first half, an Ian Wright shot was cleared off the line.

Town could not turn their dominance into goals and will look back on it as two points dropped.

match
action

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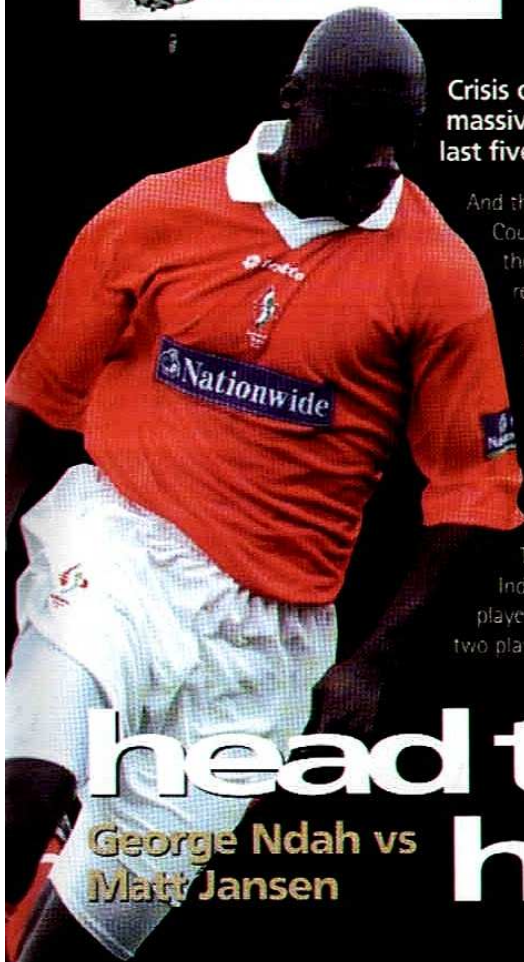


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a brand new feature for this season....
Nationwide Football League Statistics with Carling Opta



Crisis club Crystal Palace have had a massive turnover of players in the last five years or so.

And the two teams meeting today at the County Ground have benefited from the predicament at Selhurst Park in recent times.

Between them, Swindon and Blackburn have picked up two forwards from Palace, in George Ndah and Matt Jansen. And both are proving to be exciting, key figures at their respective new clubs.

The statistics are supplied by Opta Index, official Nationwide Football League player analysts to illustrate which of the two players is having the better season so far.

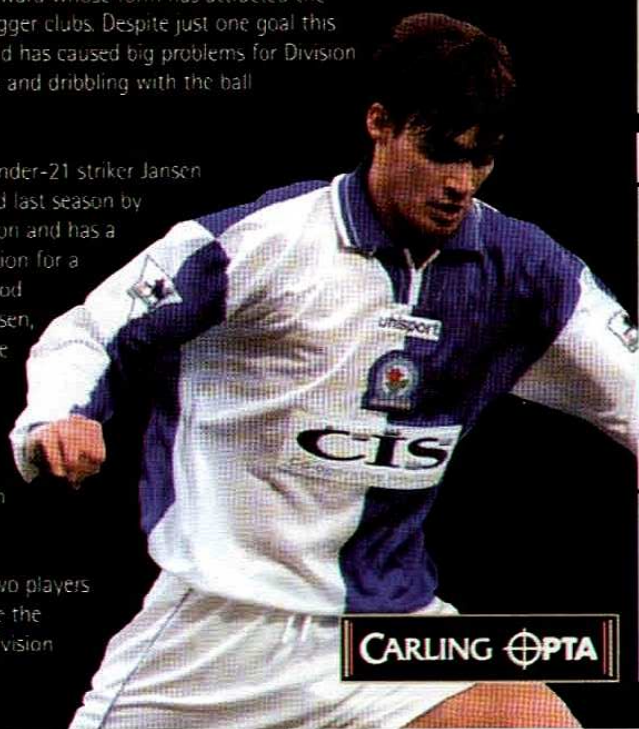
head to head

George Ndah vs Matt Jansen

Ndah, signed from the Eagles for £500,000 in 1997, is a pacy and tricky forward whose form has attracted the attention of several bigger clubs. Despite just one goal this season, the 24-year-old has caused big problems for Division One defences, running and dribbling with the ball on 42 occasions.

Blackburn's England under-21 striker Jansen meanwhile, was signed last season by Brian Kidd for £4 million and has a good deal of competition for a place in attack at Ewood Park. Despite that, Jansen, 21, has also netted one goal but has played just 315 minutes of football, and in that time has completed 100 per cent of his ten dribbles attempted.

The silky skills these two players possess should provide the highlight of today's Division One encounter.



minutes on pitch:
Ndah: 619
Jansen: 315

goal attempts

	Ndah	Jansen
goals	1	1
shots on target	2	3
shots off target	4	4
blocked shots	5	2

passing

	Ndah	Jansen
goal assists	0	0
total passes	202	91
pass completion	68%	60%

crossing

	Ndah	Jansen
total crosses	11	10
cross completion	18%	100%

dribbling

	Ndah	Jansen
dribbles & runs	42	19
dribble completion	69%	58%

defending

	Ndah	Jansen
tackles made	16	5
tackles won	38%	20%
blocks	0	1
clearances	2	3
interceptions	2	1

discipline

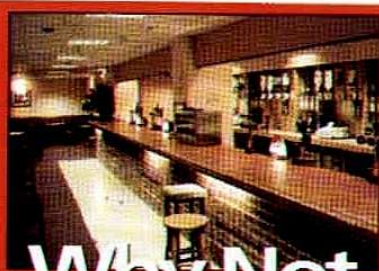
	Ndah	Jansen
fouls	11	3
offside	4	0
yellow cards	0	0
red cards	0	0



On hols in Torquay



Pictured here is Alan Smart showing his colours on holiday in Torquay this August. It looks as though Alan has swapped 'Match of the Day' for 'Catch of the Day'! Thank you for sending this great photo Alan.



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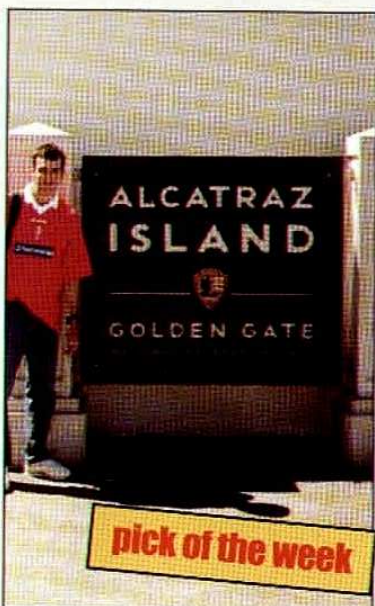
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calling all fans!

this is your chance to get a mention in the proggy....

From match to match, on this page, we will be showing you all the best bits from our bulging mailbag. If you've got anything which you think we should publish then drop us a line (address below).

show yer colours!



pick of the week

The Town Fan of Alcatraz

Paul Edwards from Swindon is pictured above showing his colours on the 'Rock' called Alcatraz. Paul never goes on holiday (or anywhere else for that matter) without his favourite top. We hope you've managed to 'Escape from Alcatraz' to be here tonight to watch the match.

show yer colours!

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James Hewitt has sent another e-mail from his tour of Asia. James is pictured here showing his colours whilst travelling along a river in Vietnam. Nice rug James!



Alyn Smith shows his colours at Baveno, Italy on Lake Maggiore. It looks like you've missed your boat Alyn!

Dazed and confused I wandered the streets, stopping at every pub I saw before once more leaving forlornly, feeling increasingly bewildered.

norman light side!

with Richard Edwards

What was I looking for, an old girlfriend or a lost possession? No, something far more important - a pub that was actually showing the Champions League match between Manchester United and Croatia Zagreb. Could I find one, could I ever, it was like looking for a needle in a haystack. Seven pubs were tried but in stead of seeing the bright lights of Old Trafford I was treated to the not-so-dazzling light emanating from Boothferry Park as Hull tackled the might of Liverpool in the second round of the Worthington Cup.

I don't for one minute believe I was on my own in my quest to track down an establishment showing the match beamed exclusively for subscribers to the OnDigital package. Across the country thousands of sad mugs like me were trawling the streets going in and out of pubs with increasing desperation. I eventually admitted defeat at about 9.15. I was soaking wet - a combination of sweat and precipitation, and set off home hoping to be back by 10.00 to watch the Champions League highlight programme. I prayed that this was still

on ITV and not some other obscure channel like Croatia Plus (only available to those wise enough to subscribe to OnDigital's exclusive volatile Eastern European Countries service). Fortunately it was.

Another OnDigital/Sky Digital/Sky Sports/Digital/Terrestrial/ conundrum arose on Thursday evening with the European games involving West Ham and Tottenham. I knew they were on, but where and when was beyond me. I was getting twitchy at about 7.30 but peering outside and seeing menacing rain clouds I decided not to risk it, on went the television with Ceefax firmly stuck on page 304.

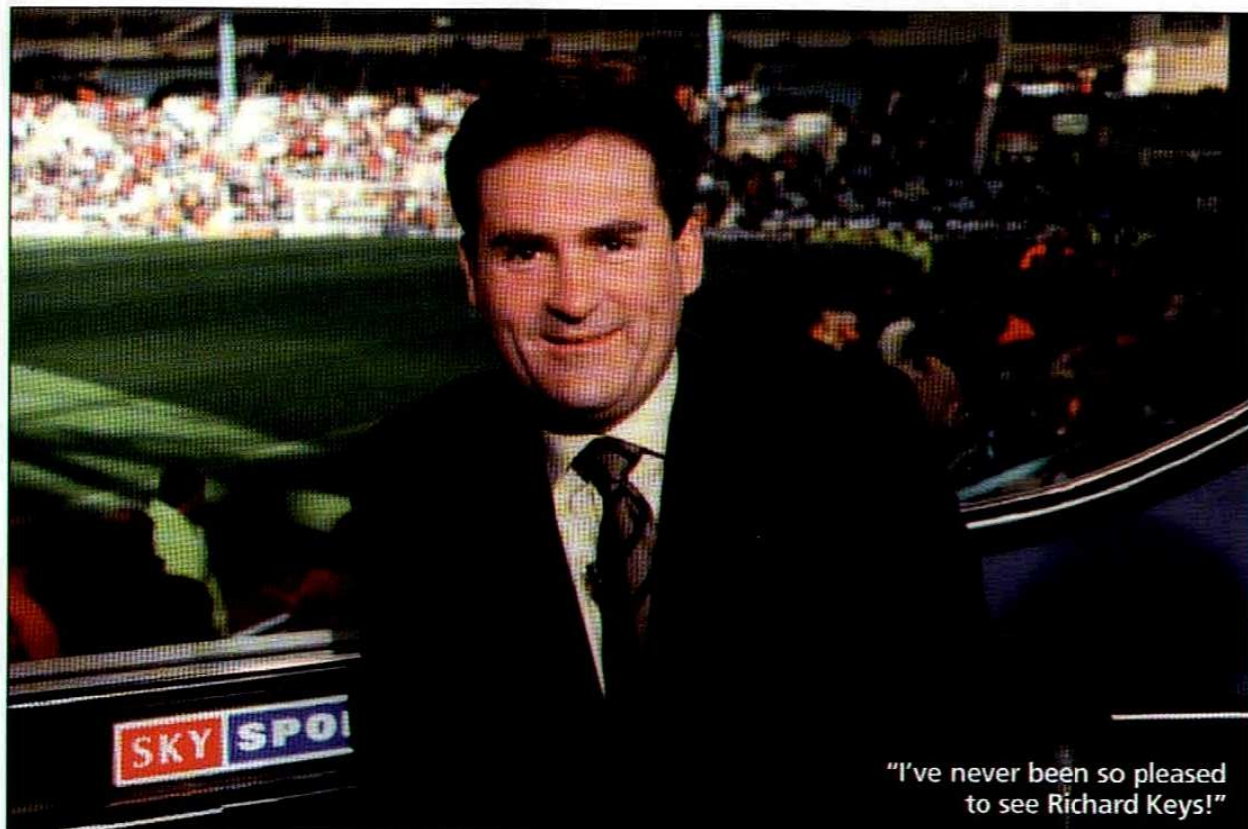
Another farce occurred on Saturday evening with the so-called fight of decade between Oscar De La Hoya and Felix Trinidad. Unfortunately, those eagerly anticipating the fight would require not only the correct technology but also a degree in Television Scheduling to find the channel the fight was screened on. Sky Sports Extra Box Office (only available on Sky Digital) and

only available for a fee of £12.99.

Sunday afternoon was understandably a nervous time as I perched in front of the television and waited for the Premier League clash between Leeds United and Middlesborough. Surely I hadn't got it wrong this time I thought, but still I had to be sure. 3.00 p.m. TV on and I have to admit I've never been so pleased to see Richard Keys!



Searching in the rain!



"I've never been so pleased to see Richard Keys!"



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looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon Town's next two home fixtures. On Saturday we meet Bolton Wanderers. Following that we welcome Stockport County to the County Ground.

Bolton Wanderers



the reason to watch..

The corresponding fixture last season saw a dramatic finish to a thrilling game. Mark Walters scored a stunning free-kick to make it 3-1 to Swindon and we looked home and dry. The game was littered with goalscoring opportunities and Bolton took two late chances to upset the County Ground fans.

the lowdown...

Last season was a year of frustration for Bolton, they made a slow start, drawing too many games and looking like they had lost their winning formula. A run of twelve unbeaten games followed and the bright lights of the Premiership were in sight. Then for some reason they sold their best strikers, Nathan Blake to Blackburn and Arnar Gunnlaugsson to Leicester City. Unsurprisingly the goals dried up and Bolton, once again, found themselves drawing games they should have won and the Wanderers stuttered into the play-offs finishing in sixth place. The Wembley defeat to Watford was a huge let-down and they are still in the First Division, breaking their yo-yo relationship with the Premiership in the wrong direction.



the last five meetings...

- Swindon Town 3-3 Bolton Wanderers 06.03.99
- Bolton Wanderers 2-1 Swindon Town 29.09.98
- Bolton Wanderers 7-0 Swindon Town 08.03.97
- Swindon Town 2-2 Bolton Wanderers 22.12.96
- Swindon Town 0-1 Bolton Wanderers 05.04.95

the player to watch...

Dean Holdsworth became the Wanderers record signing when Wimbledon were paid £3.5 million in October 1997. The striker began his career with Watford, having loan spells with Carlisle United, Port Vale, Swansea City and Brentford, helping them win the Third Division championships in 1992 before moving to Wimbledon for £720,000 in July.

Stockport County



the lowdown...

Manager Gary Megson was replaced in the summer by Andy Kilner and, despite his lack of experience in management, he is a firm favourite with the County fans.

Every season that Stockport stay in the First Division is regarded as an achievement by the club because they are mindful of their darker days in the lower divisions. It is a time for renewed optimism at Edgeley Park because a new £7.5m stand is in development and their early season form is promising.

the reason to watch...

Last season the Town didn't pick up a single point against County,

with Swindon being edged in both fixtures. Jim's side will have to dig deep because County are a tough, uncompromising team and are hard to beat. Goals are usually on the menu when these two sides meet, so let's hope the Town can get one over on Andy Kilner's team.

the last five meetings...

- Stockport County 2-1 Swindon Town 09.03.99
- Swindon Town 2-3 Stockport County 03.10.98
- Swindon Town 1-1 Stockport County 21.03.98
- Stockport County 4-2 Swindon Town 15.11.97
- Swindon Town 0-0 Stockport County 04.05.96

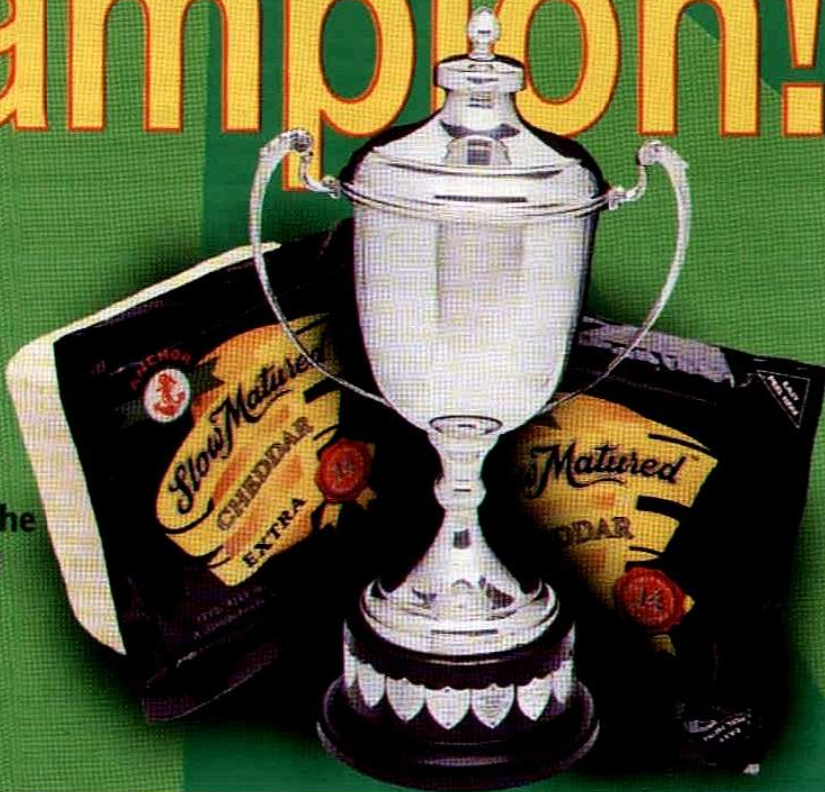
the player to watch...

D'Jaffo started the season as back-up for Brett Angell because the two have a very similar playing style. D'Jaffo is tall, powerful and imposing. However, after a string of good performances, combined with the necessary ingredient of goals, Andy Kilner has promoted him to first choice and, due to the fact that he and Angell are so similar in style, the evidence suggests that D'Jaffo will eventually replace Angell as the forward target. He has impressed the County fans with his level of commitment and his desire to score goals for the unfashionable club, who live in the rather large shadows of their illustrious Lancashire neighbours.



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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 City	4-2
Sun 10th Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	3-3
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	0-7
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	2-2
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	

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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 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	H
Sun 6 Feb	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

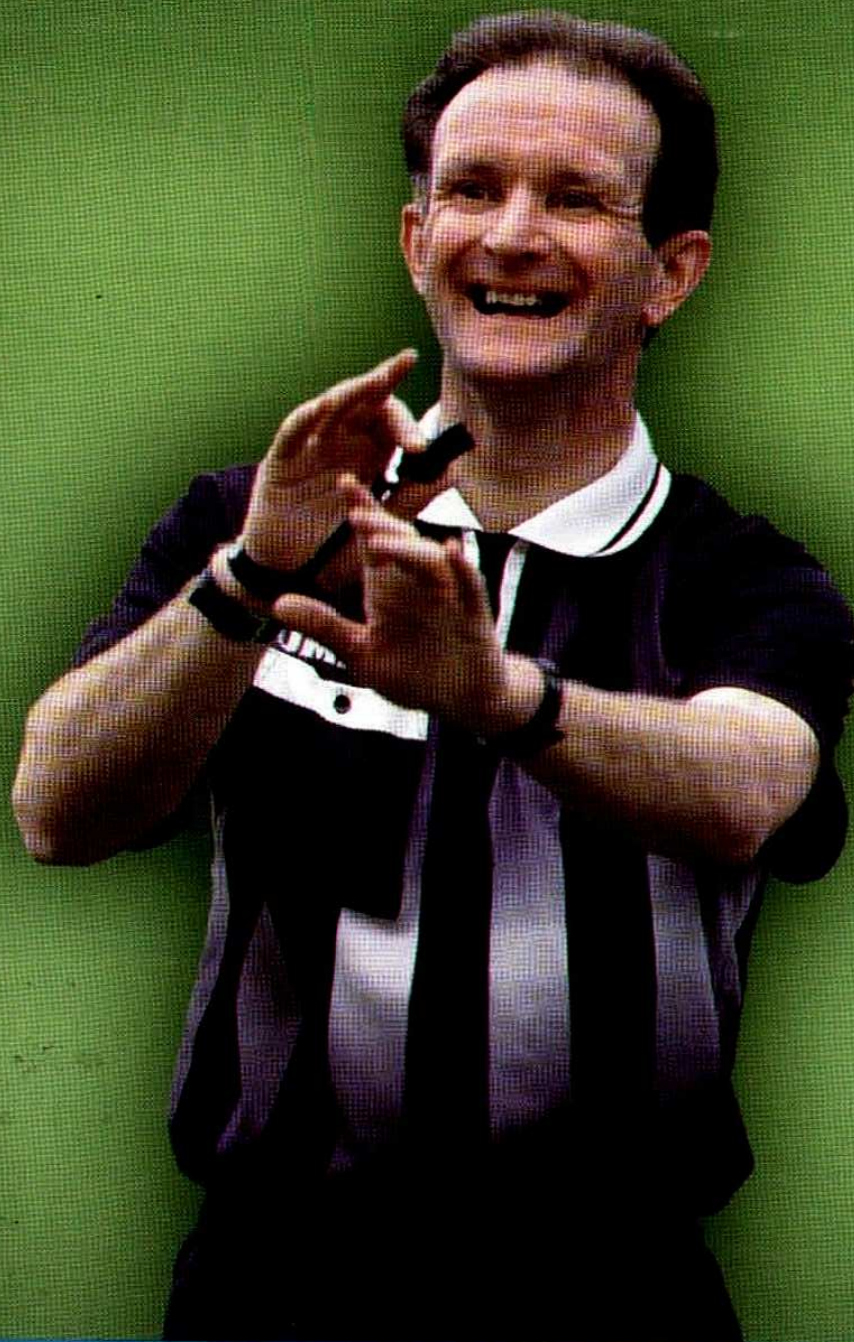
Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	H
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	A
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 23 Jan	Torquay Utd	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	H
Sun 6 Feb	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 5 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 23 Jan	Torquay United	H
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	A
Sun 6 Feb	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 9 Apr	Swansea City	H
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	A

Under 12s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	H
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 5 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 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	A
Sun 6 Feb	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 19 Mar	Exeter City	H
Sun 9 Apr	Swansea City	H
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	A



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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 Crewe Alexandra.....



This was practically an international, being so close to Wales. I thought Gareth Davies would feel more at home but that didn't stop him giving away that dubious penalty!

I made the journey by car but for the sake of tradition, I should have gone by rail - Crewe shares the honour with Swindon of being a 'railway town'.

As suspected the crowd was not staggering but you come to expect it these days when the draw of the bigger clubs is too overwhelming. Still the atmosphere was good as we settled into our seats and the game kicked off.

Crewe started brightly and pressured Frank Talia into some good stops before Street latched on to a loose ball leaving the keeper no chance. They sat back on their goal and Swindon came forward with more purpose and we were unlucky not to go in at the half level after chances were spurned by Thirwell and Davies.

After halftime Mark Walters came on and his ability to create chances had an immediate effect. His cross was met by Ndah and from this point it looked like the points were going one way...Swindon's.

In one of their few attacks of the second half they got the penalty. I think that one of the few people in the ground not to see Davies make contact with the ball was the referee! Crewe went in front and it was too late for Town to respond.

The match was a bit patchy but I think it was a good show from Town and they were unlucky.

I'm going to Port Vale, which is another ground where we don't play too badly, so we could get a result.

out of 10

Journey: 6

Almost Wales

Ground: 5

One nice stand

Home Fans: 6

Knew they were lucky

Away Fans: 6

A good showing

Food & Drink: 6

I had some soup with crewetons!

Man of the match: 8

Andy Williams

Team Performance: 6

Possession lacked finish

Moment of the Day: 8

George's goal

Overall Verdict: 6

Difficult to judge - a good performance but there was no killer blow.

town ladies

by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies are in third place in the South West Combination League after two wins and a draw.

The Town followed up their win at Oxford on the opening day of the season with a 4-2 victory over Bristol City. City took an early lead before Leanne Taylor put the sides level. Holly Ashman gave the Town a lead just before the interval; but City equalised just after the break. Kim Reeves regained the lead for the Town and Georgia Alcock, who had come on as a sub, secured the points almost on time.

The Town made the long trip to Cornwall to face Saltash Pilgrims and despite having a good start went in at the break 1-0 down. Nadine Lloyd



TOWN LADIES 1999/2000 SEASON

equalised early in the second half and Leanne Taylor put the Town ahead. Again Georgia Alcock came on as sub and again found the net. Saltash pulled one back with 15 minutes and very deep into stoppage time grabbed an equaliser.

The Town reserves played Keynsham Town from the South West Region League in a friendly and won 7-5.

Hayley Huckin (2), Hayley Sprules (2), Fiona Baldwin, Samantha Quinn and Kelly Clements found the net for the Town. In the League the Town were beaten 2-1 by Witney Town. Hayley Huckin got the Town's goal.

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give clinton a cigar!

Notwithstanding Crystal Palace's relatively poor start to this season, it doesn't seem to have affected Clinton Morrison. In the Eagles' 3-0 demolition of Grimsby the Palace hit man netted his sixth goal of the season and helped to lift his team off the bottom of the table.

news

sticking together



Dean Holdsworth has urged his Bolton colleagues to pull together and prove that they are still title contenders without the leadership of former manager Colin Todd.

Despite not making the best of starts to the season the Wanderers board sanctioned the sale of, arguably, their best player. Per Frandsen was allowed to leave in a £1.75m deal, which could rise to £2.35m depending on appearances. This decision prompted the resignation of long-term manager Todd who felt that it was not in the club's interests to sell their prized asset, commenting, "I would not have been able to bring anybody in and that was well documented. It was very disappointing and I think the timing of the sale was very poor, but these things happen in football when you least want them to." Bolton now face an uncertain future and are paying the price for losing to Watford in the Division One play-off final last season.

getting kinky

Sheffield United are reported to have launched an audacious bid to sign Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze.

The former Manchester City star has not recaptured the form that prompted his sale to the Dutch giants two seasons ago. Blades boss Adrian Heath is claiming that he is in transfer talks for Kinky, the only stumbling block could be his £5m price tag and wage demands. This will have alerted Manchester City and other interested parties to his availability and the Blades could have a fight their hands. The 25-year-old playmaker has not played for Ajax since December 1998 and does not figure in their future plans, so he could yet realise his long-term ambition of returning to the Premiership.



royle march



Manchester City have continued their fantastic start to the season.

After winning promotion last season from the Second Division no-one could have accurately predicted how they would fare in the 1st Division, especially considering the rollercoaster ride (mostly downwards) they and their fans have endured in recent seasons. City manager Joe Royle assembled a stronger squad whilst in Division Two and they have hit the winning formula that has for so long eluded them. They are one of the biggest clubs in the First Division and a second consecutive promotion year can not be ruled out.

unbeaten baggies

West Brom's in form midfielder Kevin Kilbane continued his hot streak.

The Republic of Ireland international's two superb strikes against Blackburn Rovers earned the Baggies their best start to a season for 46 years. A 2-2 draw saw them stretch their unbeaten start to ten games - beating the nine-match run without defeat they notched up in 1953/54.



rioch rocked

Bruce Rioch's attempts to sign out-of-favour midfielder Mark Draper have been thwarted. Rioch had hoped that Draper could join Norwich on loan with a view to a permanent deal, but the Aston Villa midfielder decided to stay at Villa and fight for his place in the first team. Meanwhile, Gary Croft has left Blackburn Rovers for Ipswich Town in a £800,000 deal. The 25 year-old has been at Ewood Park since 1996 but has struggled to establish himself as a first-team regular in the face of competition from Jeff Kenna, Callum Davidson and Simon Grayson.

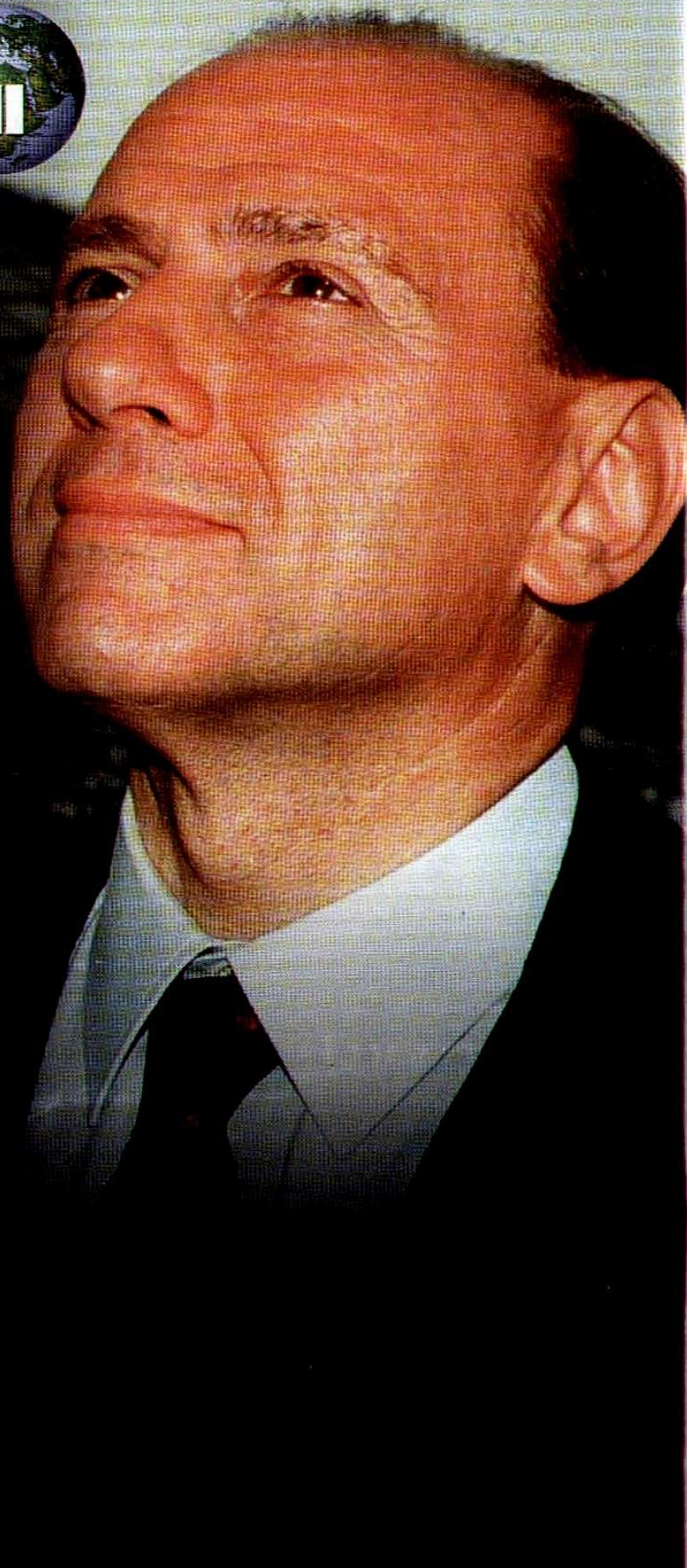
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Ac Milan president Silvio Berlusconi has highlighted the problems with the Champions' League format and called for changes in its structure because he feels it is distorting National Championships.

Last season his team AC Milan snatched the Italian League title, which seemed destined for Lazio. His side did not compete in Europe while Lazio progressed through to, and won the UEFA Cup. This season with the revised structure of the Champions' League, it means that competing teams will play an extraordinary amount of midweek games, therefore giving less successful teams an advantage in the domestic competitions. He is convinced that local rivals Inter Milan hold a considerable advantage this season having failed to secure a berth in European competition. Berlusconi said "I believe we need to change this situation because it creates privileged conditions, it favours those clubs not participating in the Champions' League and falsifies the National League. Last year we had the advantage, this time it is with Inter."

Berlusconi has always been a strong supporter of a full-scale 'European Super League'. He sees this revised Champions' League format as merely another stepping stone towards this end, "I think that this arrangement is only a transitional formula until we arrive at a real and proper European league playing on Wednesdays, with National Championships taking place on Saturdays", he said. Berlusconi is also one of Italy's leading businessmen and predicts that the big clubs that attract big television audiences will be able to create a bottomless pit of television and sponsorship revenue.



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charity partnership



Swindon Town F.C. and local Rotary Clubs have teamed up 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, are 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.

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Marcus Galea,
Lead Clinician Swindon Breast Unit.



Frazer McHugh on the attack against Forest.

captain's corner with Scott Leitch



Unfortunately, my recovery from my hamstring injury is very slow-going; I'll have to wait another week or two before I can do much training.

It's a problem with the head of the tendon, which is causing problems at the back of my knee. It has been very difficult to not be in the side - I think I'm cracking up! It's just because I'd love to get stuck in with the boys. Every game I'm missing is a big game for us; they are all worth three points and that is the main thing.

Against Forest I was disappointed for the boys because I thought we battled well and deserved all three points. I thought we gave them a good stuffing and I don't think that Forest fancied it much. The way we played I think we can look at it as two points dropped.

In the game against Crewe I thought that the lads played magnificently and were extremely unlucky to give away a penalty in the last five minutes. I didn't travel because I was not in the squad but, as I understand it, we had possession of the ball for 75% of the game. We certainly created enough chances to win the game and it's in these sort of matches where we have a really good chance of snatching some vital away points. It is difficult when you are injured because you don't travel to away games or watch those matches, so you have to go on what the boys say about how they got on. I think they were disappointed about the way the game went, looking like they could get all three points, then happy with one and ending up with none.

There is still a really positive buzz around the place because despite the fact we're not picking up the points the way we are playing shows that the points will come. I'm still trying to be part of the squad, along with the rest of the lads that are injured or not in the first team. We all feel we can pull together and take the club forward. We try to work as hard off the pitch as we do on it and that can only help the club.

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TURNING BACK the clock

1965 - Peter **D**ownsborough

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 goalkeeper Peter Downsborough.

Asked to pick an all-time Swindon Greats team few would pick a goalkeeper whose surname did not begin with D.

People whose memory only covers the recent period would opt for Fraser Digby some with longer memories might pick Peter Downsborough. Downsborough became a goalkeeper by a strange quirk of fate. He was playing in a schoolboy match at centre forward when his team's goalkeeper was injured and Peter deputised. So good did he look in his new position that he was retained there.

Peter made his League debut for his native Halifax and went on to make 148 appearances for them before being signed for Swindon by Danny Williams. He made his debut on the opening day of the 1965/66 season and kept a clean sheet against local rivals Oxford United at the County Ground. Peter quickly became a favourite with the fans being a keeper who rarely made mistakes, thus boosting the confidence of the defenders in front of him. Positional sense was his great strength. While other keepers were continually diving about,

Downsborough seemed to draw the ball to him like a magnet.

The one game where he did seem stretched was the 1969 League Cup final. The great sports writer Geoffrey Green wrote of this match "for a quarter of an hour it was Downsborough versus Arsenal and Downsborough won." Despite receiving a terrible buffeting from Arsenal striker Bobby Gould, Downsborough saved his finest performance for Town for the Wembley stage, pulling off a string of fine saves in muddy conditions, which always make life difficult for keepers. Then in the final minute he seemed to have undone all his good work. Forgetting that height and width are more important in clearance kicks than distance, his attempted clearance from outside the area struck the chest of Bobby Gould and rebounded over his head to leave him helpless and Gould ran on to score. Thankfully the slip merely provided a stage for Don Rogers to be the matador who plunged his sword into the heart of Arsenal but it had been Downsborough who blunted their horns.

The beginning of the end of Downsborough's career at Swindon



came in November 1972 when he asked to be placed on the transfer list feeling that long serving players like himself were not being rewarded as well as newcomers. Feeling it was wrong to have dissatisfied players in the team Les Allen dropped him. By February 1973, Swindon had sunk into the relegation positions and a 5-0 defeat at Queens Park Rangers prompted Downsborough's recall. His continued dispute with the club was never allowed to effect his performances and he kept six clean sheets in the remaining 13 games to help Swindon avoid relegation.

During the following close season he moved to Bradford City for whom he went on to make 225 appearances. His final appearance for them was in 1978 when, as so often before, he kept a clean sheet in a 6-0 victory over Crewe Alexandra.

By Dick Mattick



competition **TIME**

Q. How many League appearances did Peter Downsborough make for Bradford City after finishing his career with Swindon Town?

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magpies soar



The cloud looming over St. James' Park was lifted as the Magpies recorded the second biggest win in Premiership history.

Their 8-0 mauling of Sheffield Wednesday was the highest margin of victory since Manchester Utd thrashed Ipswich 9-0 in 1995. Alan Shearer scored five and while this will come as extremely good news for new Newcastle boss, Bobby Robson, it may bring Danny Wilson's career with Wednesday to an end. The Owls

have lost seven out of nine games and have only recorded one point this season, and whilst the Wednesday board have shown patience it is wearing thinner every week.

goal rush

Kevin Phillips' hat-trick for Sunderland against Derby signalled the start of the race for the Premiership's 'golden boot'.

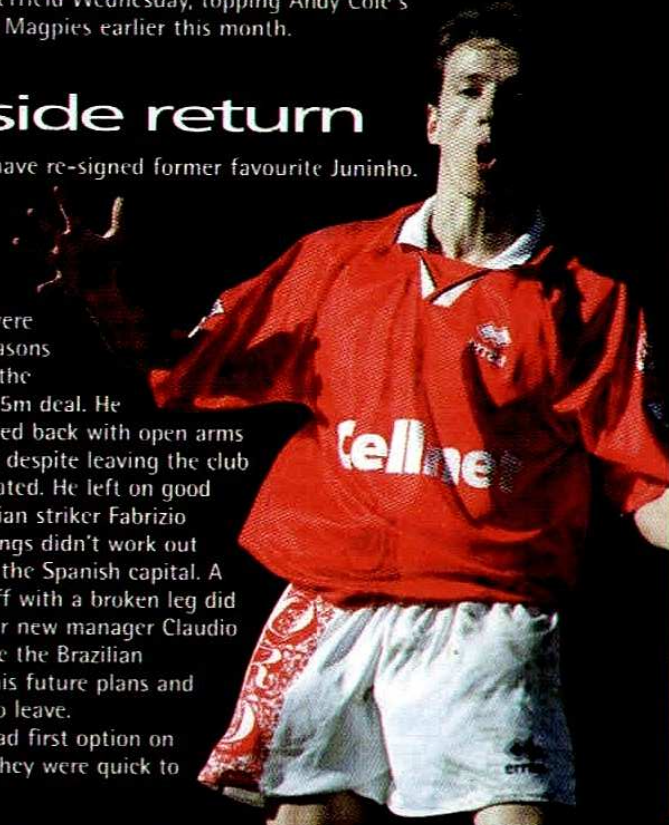
The Sunderland striker netted his eighth goal of the season and staked his claim as one of the League's hot shots and strengthened his England credentials. On the same afternoon a fit Michael Owen started his first game of the season and got straight back into the swing of things. He put all his soccer skills into action scoring twice in Liverpool's draw at Leicester. However, Alan Shearer's response was quick and effective - scoring five in Newcastle's 8-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday, topping Andy Cole's four against the Magpies earlier this month.



riverside return

Middlesbrough have re-signed former favourite Juninho.

The Brazilian forward, who left for Atletico Madrid when Middlesbrough were relegated two seasons ago, returned to the Riverside in a £4.5m deal. He has been welcomed back with open arms by the 'Boro fans despite leaving the club after being relegated. He left on good terms, unlike Italian striker Fabrizio Ravenelli, but things didn't work out well for him in the Spanish capital. A long injury lay-off with a broken leg did not help and their new manager Claudio Reiner did not see the Brazilian international in his future plans and he was allowed to leave. Middlesbrough had first option on his services and they were quick to seal the deal.



walking alone...

The Anfield exodus is set to continue with the sale of Danny Murphy, Phil Babb and Karlheinz Riedle. Murphy never held down a regular place in the side and will be allowed to leave with Wolves being the likely destination. Phil Babb is out of the side and Derby believe that £850,000 will be enough to acquire his services. Riedle does not figure in Gerard Houllier's plans, the fee is only likely to be £400,000 for the 34-year-old former German international and Fulham might be lining up a bid.



webfight...

Following Derby's 5-0 trashing at the hands of Sunderland, Derby midfielder Lars Bohinen launched a scathing attack on the tactics and team selection of boss Jim Smith. His article was posted on his own website designed to keep Norwegian fans up-to-date with his career and although he did not mention Jim Smith by name, he made his dissatisfaction with being out-of-favour quite clear saying, "Personally, I had to watch the suffering from the bench. We can't get our attacking game going, but we let the two most creative players in the team warm up the plastic chairs".

ITS A FUNNY OLD SPAIN

By now most of you will have returned from your holidays tanned, vowing to join weight watchers and to drink nothing but skimmed water from now on.

However some of you (and you know who you are) will be keeping a guilty secret. You will have taken part in or were a party to shaming your nation in a way that only sporting defeats with no honour can bring (worse than world cup cricket and an Eddie the Eagle sporting highlight.) You have watched or played in an Iberian custom thought up to replace the Spanish Inquisition in terms of its potential for human suffering, degradation and supplication.

The 'waiters Vs tourists' friendly football game. The idea in itself is pure enough but inventing a game and loving it doesn't make every single male tourist with a pair of boots good at it, and I'm sure if it were not for the indignity of completing the insurance claim form it would be statistically responsible for more injuries than a weeks skiing in a pine forest.

For the initiated I will explain more fully. The manager of every family run hotel will trawl the swimming pool and bar areas on the look-out for red faced, overweight and easily-flattered males. His object simple, he seeks revenge for having his sleep disturbed by hearing 'It's coming home' and 'Vindaloo' sung in loud, slurred voices at 4.00am in the bar and having his food called 'greasy' by people who start the day with seven different types of fried foods with a side order of fried bread. The planned revenge will be even sweeter than the array of pink sunburned flesh on view on the third day of his British guest's holiday.

Having selected his victims he will suggest a 'friendly' game of soccer that will give his staff some much needed exercise and promote Anglo-Spanish relations. From the moment the announcement appears on the notice board all is lost. The list of hapless victims grows in direct

proportion to liquor sales and, although locked in the brotherhood of nationality, we are all strangers to each other so football c.v.'s are enhanced and exaggerated and a dream-team selected, based entirely on lies, name dropping and alcohol fumes.

The appointed hour approaches and these are a few factors our brave boys should have taken into account.

MAZ about football

1. *The hotel team has played together all season.*
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Now to give you an idea of how the teams shape up as they run out there is a soccer scene from Bedknobs and Broomsticks.

The Brits look like the Hippos and Elephants and the waiters and staff look like, well quite like Real Madrid really.

The waiters do their warm up of stretches and target practice.

They are generally well focused apart from the odd leer at the female spectators.

The guests have a final long drag on their export extra strength, buy their kids an ice-cream and each one, assured that everybody else is 'practically' an ex pro, wink conspiratorially at each other.

The first half does not go well.

All the British Michael Owens are playing more like David Owen and the visitors goal keeper, picked because of size not skill and looking for all the world like 4 miles of unmade road draped in a florescent circus tent, is as busy as a kebab van outside a health farm and twice as

hot and sweaty.

In the interests of fairness the manager is the referee and his decision making is as fishy as a sea lions lunch box. The linesman is not much better (for some reason there is only ever one) chosen because he was once third official at Wembley which translates to officiating at an under 11 six a side gala at Wembley Sports and Social Club and only then, because as a retired guard from Paddington station, he had his own flag.

The Michael Owen eleven are at least four nil down by half time. After many interventions from a lady on the sidelines with a bucket and sponge, who has been on and off the pitch like a demented circus clown drenching the injured from inside their shorts and holding up two fingers to judge the semi-conscious state of the fallen. The half time team talk among the players still capable of standing turns to dark muttering and the tactics are taken directly from the Vinny Jones video.

I will draw a veil over the second half. With red dust and tempers rising, the visitors haven't exactly got the hang of the Vinny Jones thing either.

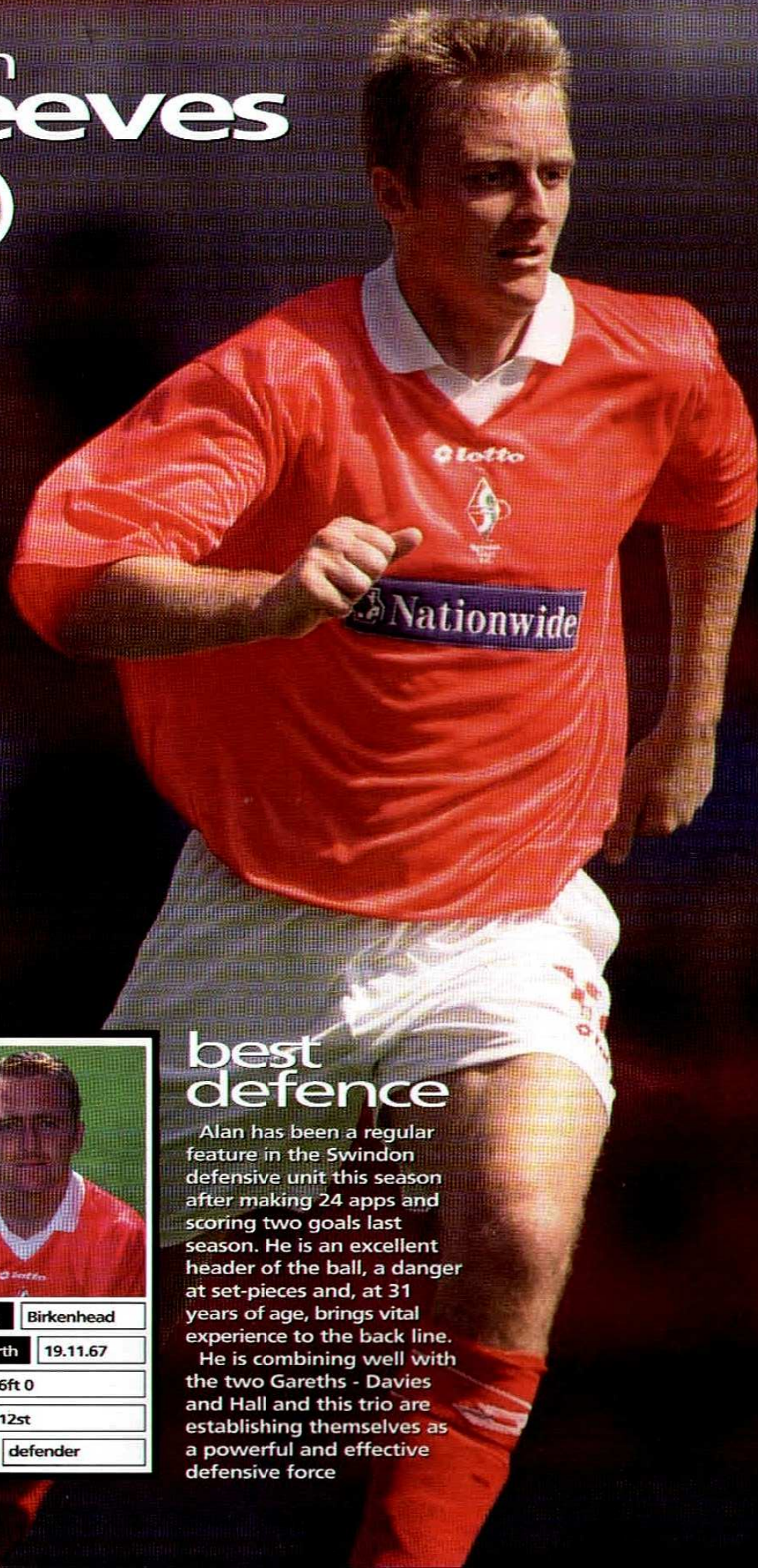
It would appear that to kick someone up in the air you have to catch them first. Maybe they should have taken some water in at the break, the combination of warm lager, hot sun and shock defeat is obvious in all faces as they trudge from the field.

In the bar much later they rally and there is some derisory talk of a replay but really everyone is thankful they can slink off home and never set eyes on each other again.

So for those of you reading this and remembering that tainted holiday, next time pack a surgical appliance in your suitcase, wear it conspicuously at all times and with any luck the hotel manager will leave you in peace, 'truss' me on this. MAZ



alan reeves



birthplace	Birkenhead
date of birth	19.11.67
height	6ft 0
weight	12st
position	defender

best defence

Alan has been a regular feature in the Swindon defensive unit this season after making 24 apps and scoring two goals last season. He is an excellent header of the ball, a danger at set-pieces and, at 31 years of age, brings vital experience to the back line.

He is combining well with the two Gareths - Davies and Hall and this trio are establishing themselves as a powerful and effective defensive force



front cover photograph...
George Ndah

tuesday sept 28th 1999



KO 7.45pm vs Blackburn rovers



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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 (2)	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	
NDAH	ONUORA (1)	GRIFFIN	DAVIS	WILLIAMS	WILLIS	GLASS	
NDAH	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS	

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE		division one						
TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	
Man City	7	5	1	1	11	2	16	
Birmingham	8	4	3	1	17	11	15	
Ipswich	7	4	2	1	17	7	14	
Huddersfield	7	4	1	2	13	7	13	
Fulham	7	3	4	0	8	4	13	
Barnsley	8	4	1	3	19	16	13	
Charlton	5	4	0	1	9	5	12	
Stockport	6	4	0	2	7	5	12	
Portsmouth	7	3	3	1	10	10	12	
West Brom	7	2	5	0	9	7	11	
Nott'm Forest	8	2	4	2	10	9	10	
Blackburn	6	2	2	2	9	7	8	
QPR	6	2	2	2	9	8	8	
Crewe	6	2	2	2	10	11	8	
Sheff Utd	7	2	2	3	10	15	8	
Grimsby	8	2	2	4	6	11	8	
Port Vale	8	2	1	5	9	13	7	
Crystal P	7	2	1	4	11	17	7	
Wolves	6	1	3	2	5	6	6	
Bolton	7	1	3	3	8	10	6	
Walsall	8	1	3	4	7	14	6	
Norwich	7	1	2	4	5	9	5	
Swindon	7	1	2	4	5	10	5	
Tranmere	8	1	1	6	5	15	4	

stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	squad number	league apps.	cup apps.	goals all comps	total apps.
Frank Talia	1	7	2	-	9
Mark Robinson	2	7	2	-	9
Gareth Hall	3	7	2	-	9
Scott Leitch	4	1	1	-	2
Gareth Davies	5	3	1	-	5
Bobby Howe	7	6	1(1)	-	7(1)
George Ndah	8	7	2	1	9
Iffy Onuora	9	7	2	1	9
Giuliano Grazioli	10	3	2	2	5
Ty Gooden	11	1	-	-	1
Alan Reeves	12	5	1	-	6
Jimmy Glass	13	-	-	-	-
Mark Walters	14	4(2)	2	2	6(2)
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	(5)	(1)	-	(6)
Sol Davis	21	3	2	-	5
Robin Hulbert	22	1	2	-	3
Philippe Cuervo	23	-	-	-	-
Sam Campagna	24	-	-	-	-
Frazer McHugh	25	3(2)	(1)	-	3(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)
Andy Williams	-	2	-	-	2
Paul Thirlwell	-	2	-	-	2

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the squads



1	Frank Talia	John Filan	1
2	Mark Robinson	Jeff Kenna	2
3	Gareth Hall	Callum Davidson	3
4	Scott Leitch	Jason McAteer	4
5	Gareth Davies	Darren Peacock	5
7	Bobby Howe	Lee Carsley	6
8	George Ndah	Garry Flitcroft	7
9	Iffy Onuora	Kevin Gallacher	8
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Ashley Ward	9
11	Ty Gooden	Egil Ostenstad	10
12	Alan Reeves	Jason Wilcox	11
13	Jimmy Glass	Damien Duff	12
14	Mark Walters	Alan Kelly	13
15	Chris Hay	Nathan Blake	14
16	Lee Collins	Matt Jansen	15
17	Steve Cowe	Marlon Broomes	16
18	Steve Mildenhall	Billy McKinlay	17
19	Adam Willis	Keith Gillespie	18
20	Charlie Griffin	Damien Johnson	19
21	Sol Davis	Jim Corbett	21
22	Robin Hulbert	Alan Fettis	22
23	Philippe Cuervo	David McNamee	23
24	Sam Campagna	Christian Dailly	24
25	Frazer McHugh	Burton O'Brien	25
26	Nicky Burke	James Thomas	26
27	Jamie Mills	David Dunn	27
28	Ricky Culbertson	Martin Taylor	28
29	Alan Flanagan	Craig Short	29
30	Paul McAreevey	Simon Grayson	31
31	Alun Hughes	Peter Murphy	32
32	James Williams	Steve Harkness	

Jim Quinn

Brian Kidd



match... stats



the officials

Referee: P. Taylor

Assistant Referees:

M.D Dearing & S.L. Gagenn

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half-time score

full-time score

today's attendance



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