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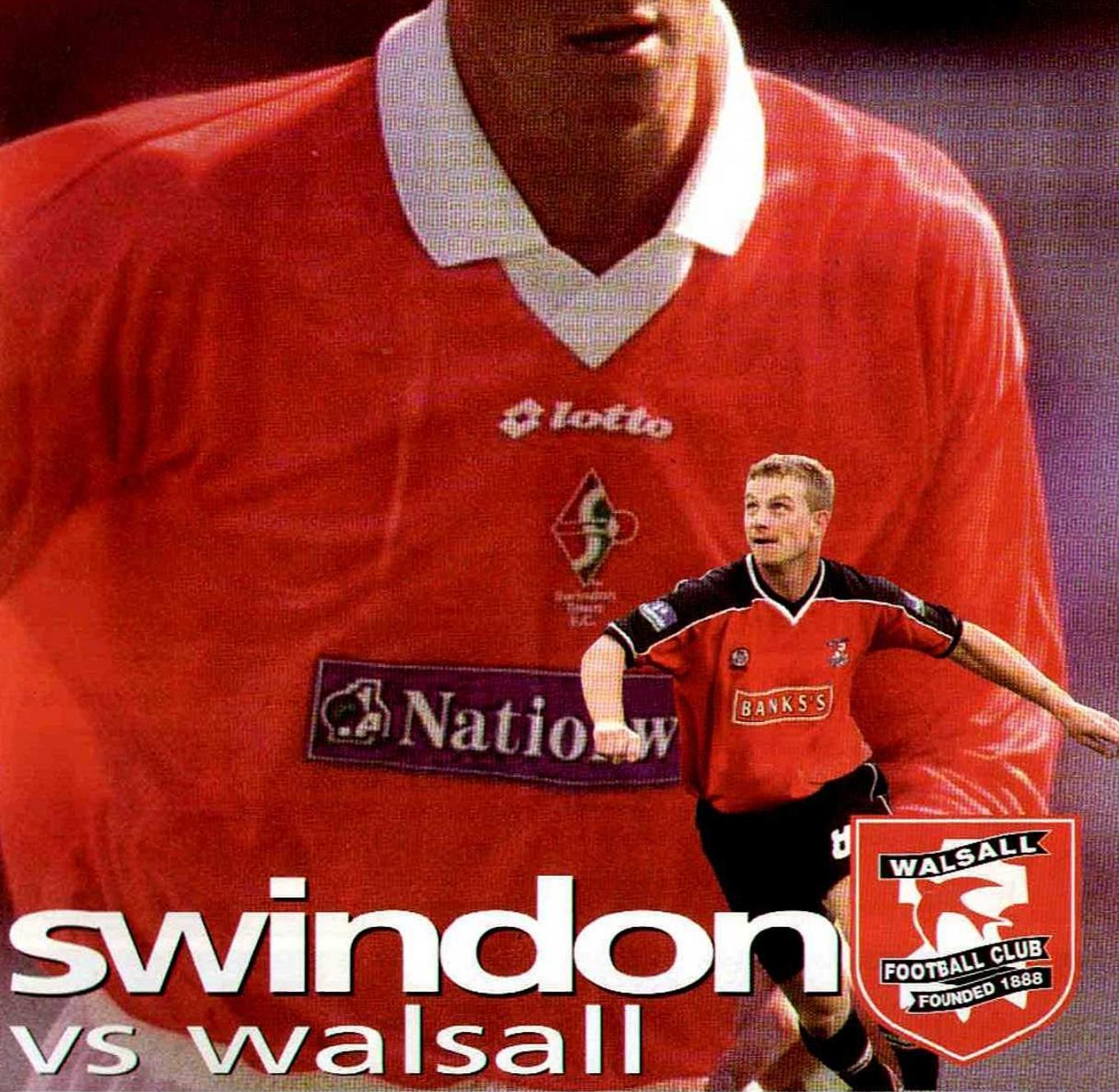


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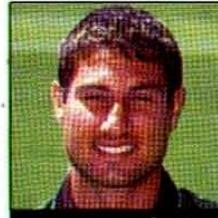
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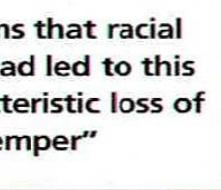
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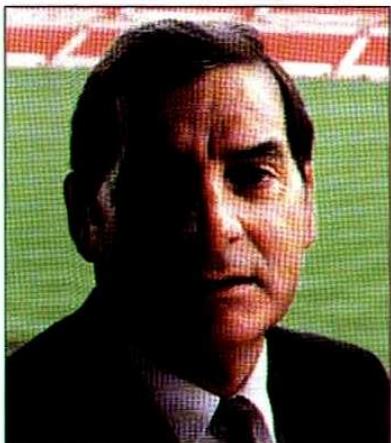
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Welcome to today's game against Walsall.

Hello Everyone

Firstly let me thank all of you who took up my offer of a gift share and went on to purchase more shares, the response from you was wonderful and, at the time of writing these notes, the level of new shares bought by fans was in excess of £100,000. I have been able to add this to the additional amount bought by the Board which shows an overall improvement of some £350,000 worth of shares: - well done!

Incidentally if there are anymore of you who have not taken up the offer there is still time - also we have an easy payment scheme available.

Whilst I am overjoyed by your help I would not want you to think that we are anywhere near out of the woods. It still remains a constant day-by-day battle to keep the club alive.

On to more jovial topics, since this will be my last opportunity before the festive season gets in to full swing, on behalf of the Board, Management, Staff and Players I want to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

I won't pretend to you that I am a highly religious person since I know that I do not go to the church as often as I would like to. But Christmas for me is a time for reflection on the year gone by when I think of the mistakes I made and the wrongs I have done. The lessons I have learned along the way are, to keep it simple; it is much easier to smile than frown, to give and not take and generally to treat people as you want them to treat you. Not only do you feel better for it but you become quite simply a better person!

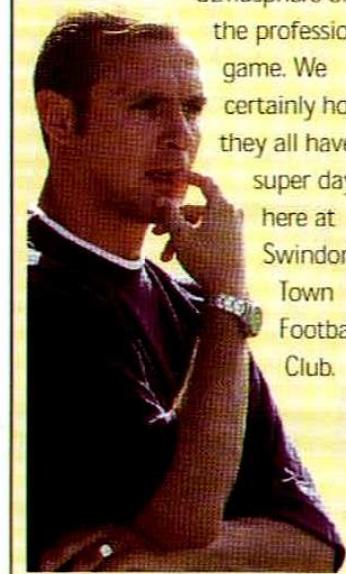
Have yourselves a wonderful time.

Speak to you soon.

welcome young fans

Today we are really pleased to welcome the children from both RAF Fairford and Kempsford Primary School, many of who are attending their first match. Both the school and the base have their own football clubs for the children which are very well supported. Today is a tremendous opportunity for the children to come along and soak up the

atmosphere of the professional game. We certainly hope they all have a super day here at Swindon Town Football Club.



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Welcome to today's game with Walsall. I've been happy with our progress in recent weeks and, although the wins have been hard to come by, we have shown we are more than capable of turning things around.

In our last home game against Charlton we were very pleased with our performance and I thought we were very unlucky especially in front of goal. We hit the post and then the crossbar, the opposition headed the ball off the line - we did just about everything but hit the back of the net. It was obvious that everyone thought we deserved more because the fans were tremendous for the entire 90 minutes and applauded the final whistle at the end.

The away trip to Birmingham was quite a different story as we rode our luck at times but we worked hard and deserved some space and time on the ball. It paid off in the end as we snatched a very late equaliser which gave us a real lift going into the busy holiday period which is fast approaching. We all know what we've got to do and the attitude to get it sorted is there. We want to pick up wins at home and keep battling hard for points away from home.

I would like to welcome Roy Givens and his players to the County Ground. At the moment both sides are in it, might not be the prettiest game in the world - because of what's at stake.

I would like to sincerely wish all of you a very happy Christmas and I hope to see you all back here on Boxing Day because you have been magnificent all season and we really do need your support.

Thanks for your support.



jim quinn's comment

today's visitors

It took Mohammed Al Fayed's millions to help Fulham clinch a place in the First Division this season, but Walsall only needed a paltry £30,000 to follow the same route as the Cottagers.

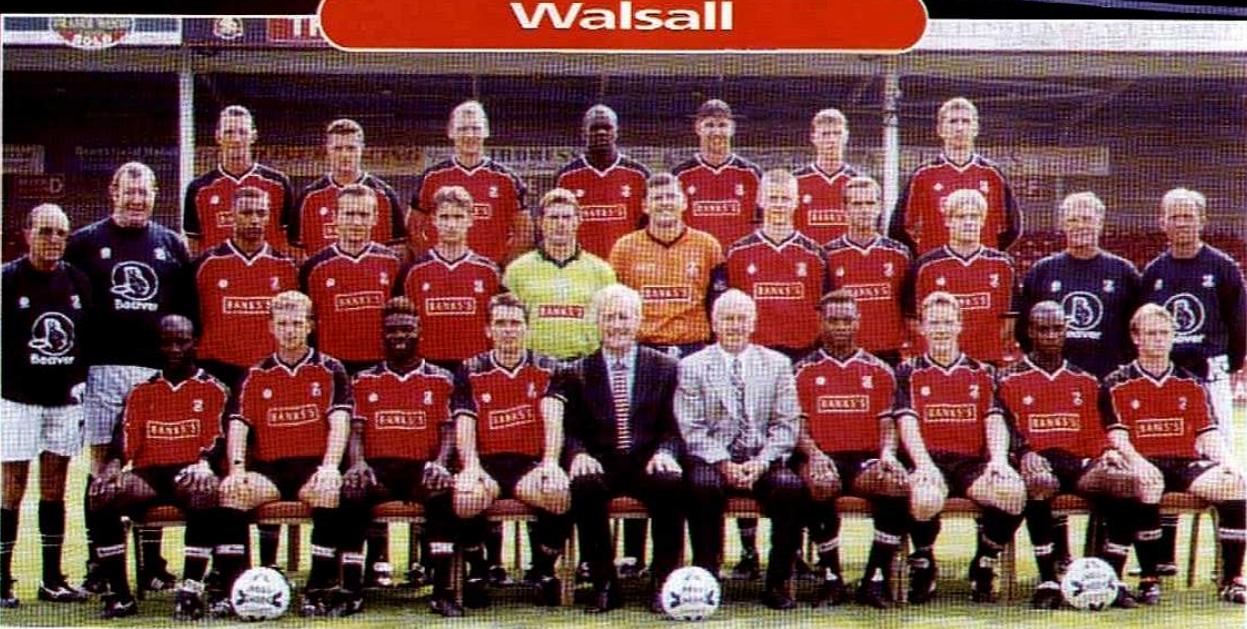
That's how much Ray Graydon spent last season in strengthening the squad he inherited when he took over the top job at the Bescot Stadium in May 1998. Instead of running up further debts, boss Graydon relied largely on free transfer acquisitions, as well as the existing players at the club. He did so with startling results as The Saddlers clinched the runners-up spot in the Division Two title race, having begun the season as many people's favourites to suffer relegation to the basement of the Football League.

Graydon's men finished 14 points adrift of Al Fayed's powerful Fulham line-up but five clear of their closest challengers Manchester City - a remarkable achievement that the Walsall boss can be justifiably proud of.

Their first season back in this tier for 10 years has naturally been tough with so many teams able to rely on finances that the saddlers can only dream of. But

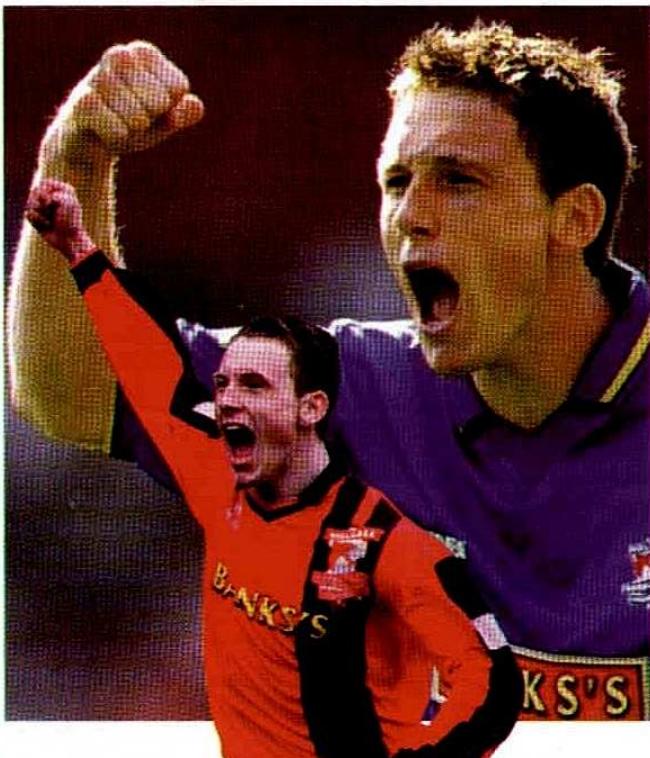
even if this season does end in glorious failure and Walsall do return from whence they came (by no means a certainty of course) they can take enormous pride in the three league victories secured so far this season. It is often said by the most loyal of fans that success is of secondary importance to getting one over on local rivals. If that is the case in the West Midlands then Walsall can dine out on this campaign for years to come! Birmingham, West Brom and Wolves have all been beaten in glorious style, handing this little club the local bragging rights thus far. It is almost as if they are capable of raising their game to a new level when the big local bullies are in town and on each occasion, they have had no answer to Ray Graydon's team.

Of course the trick now is to transfer this local passion to a national stage and if they can reproduce this form against the rest of the division they have every chance of staying up. It will be tough, very tough, but this is a team with spirit in abundance and anyone who dares to take them lightly could be in for a surprise.



Back row - left to right: Richard Green, Chris Marsh, Andy Rammell, Michael Ricketts, Ian Roper, Matthew Gadsby, Tony Barras
Centre row - left to right: Tom Bradley (Physio), Mick Kearns (Goalkeeper Coach), Dion Scott, Darko Mavrik, Gabor Bukran, James Walker, Carl Emberson, Siggi Eijolsson, Adrain Viveash, Bjarni Larusson, Bill Jones (Youth Development Officer), Mick Halsall (Youth Team Manager).
Front row - left to right: John Keister, Mark Robins, Tony Daley, Neil Pointon, Paul Taylor (Director of Football), Ray Graydon (Team Manager), Jason Brissett, Darren Wrack, Alfie Carter, Dean Keates.

darren wrack



birthplace	Cleethorpes	
date of birth	05.05.76	
height	5ft 9ins	
weight	12st 2lb	
position	midfielder	
previous club records		
club	games	goals
Derby Co.	4(27)	1
Grimsby T.	5(9)	1
Shrewsbury T.	4(1)	0



If any player epitomises the spirit and purpose of Walsall, it is Darren Wrack.

He arrived on a free transfer at the start of last season and went on to play in every game, helping the Saddlers to automatic promotion. He's still only 23 and yet seems to have been around for years having started his career with Derby County in 1994. Opportunities were thin on the ground, and a move to his home-town club Grimsby offered him a chance to start afresh. Even there things didn't go quite to plan and, following a loan move to Shrewsbury, Walsall snapped him for nothing and he hasn't looked back. A lively right-footed winger, he made a huge difference to the Saddlers last season and having endured a stuttering start to his career, seems to have found his spiritual home.

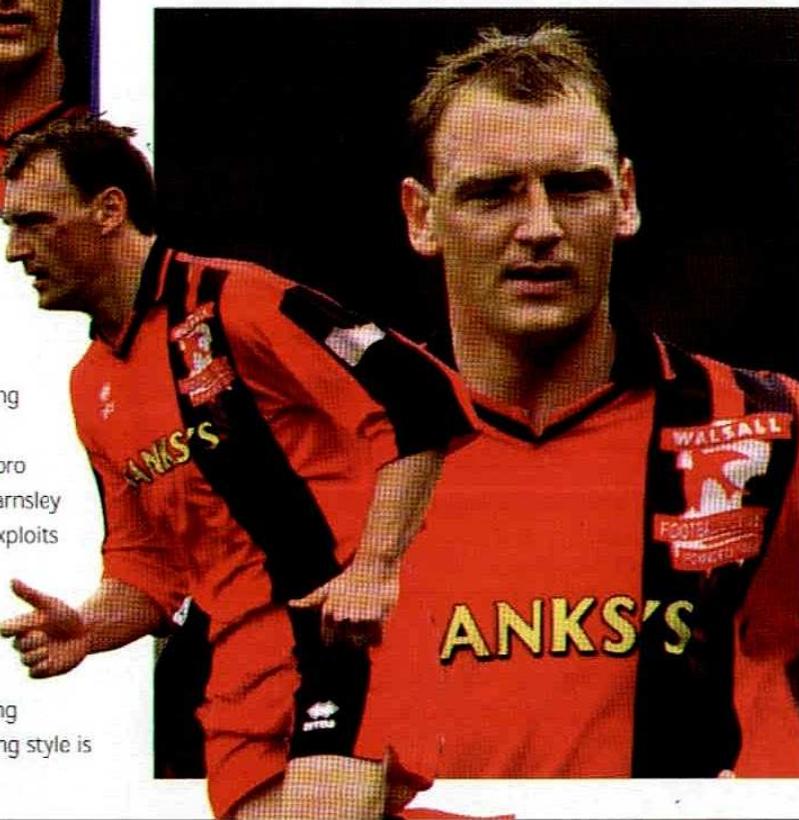
birthplace	Nuneaton	
date of birth	10.02.67	
height	6ft 1in	
weight	14st	
position	forward	
club records		
club	games	goals
Man Utd	0	0
Barnsley	180(40)	50
Southend Utd	55(23)	14



If ever the phrase 'old fashioned centre forward' was invented for one man, that man would be Andy Rammell.

Last season he was 14 stones of goal-scoring muscle and bagged 18 crucial goals towards Walsall's promotion drive. Having begun his pro career at Manchester United, he moved to Barnsley and then Southend where his goal-scoring exploits took off. A cheap move to Walsall followed where Ray Graydon's faith was immediately repaid. There are few more whole-hearted players in football and no-one could ever accuse this player of not giving 100%. Nicknamed Rambo, his uncompromising style is already troubling First Division defences.

andy rammell



the players

James Walker	
date of birth	09.07.73
height	5ft 11ins
weight	12st 13lbs
position	goalkeeper

This talented keeper launched his career at Notts County but without first team opportunities he moved to The Bescot Stadium where he is now firmly established as Walsall's No.1 keeper. One of only two ever-present last season and was crowned 'Player of the Year.'

Chris Marsh	
date of birth	14.01.70
height	5ft 11ins
weight	13st 2lbs
position	defender

The longest-serving player on the staff at The Bescot Stadium having signed professional forms with the club in July 1988. A much-respected figure, he has clocked up more than 350 appearances in a variety of positions and has now settled into a full-back role.

Neil Pointon	
date of birth	28.11.64
height	5ft 10ins
weight	12st 10lbs
position	defender

A vastly experienced defender who lists Manchester City, Everton and Oldham among his former clubs. The 34 year old, who made the right back spot his own last season also skippered Ray Graydon's side on a number of occasions. He signed a new contract during the summer.

Ian Roper	
date of birth	20.06.77
height	6ft 3ins
weight	14st
position	defender

He scooped Walsall's 'Young Player of the Year' award last season after emerging as the most improved performer in Ray Graydon's squad. A no-nonsense operator, he made one of the central defensive spots his own but now faces competition from summer signing Tony Barras.



Adrian Viveash	
date of birth	30.09.69
height	6ft 2ins
weight	12st 13lbs
position	defender

A solid and dependable central defender, his tough tackling, great aerial presence and fighting spirit were important ingredients in Walsall's promotion success. He launched his career as a trainee with Swindon and has also served Reading and Barnsley in loan deals.

Bjarni Larusson	
date of birth	11.03.76
height	5ft 10ins
weight	12st 10lbs
position	midfielder

He joined Walsall during the course of last season on a free transfer from Scottish side Hibs and quickly made his mark by turning in a string of assured midfield performances. Much is expected of the popular Icelander in the First Division this season.

Gabor Bukran	
date of birth	16.11.75
height	5ft 11ins
weight	12st 11lbs
position	midfielder

Hard-working Hungarian snapped up from Spanish side Xeres after impressing during a brief trial at the Bescot. He has already earned under-21 caps in his native country and recently earned his first call-up to the full squad.

Dean Keates	
date of birth	30.06.78
height	5ft 5ins
weight	10st 6lbs
position	midfielder

Diminutive midfield workhorse and one of the main cogs in the promotion wheel last season. Walsall born and bred, he has attracted the attention of top flight scouts having come up through the ranks at the Bescot Stadium. A cult hero with the Walsall faithful.

OTHER SQUAD MEMBERS:

Richard Green, Darko Mavrik, Jason Brissett, Bjarni Larusson, Siggi Eyjolfsson, Carl Emberson, Wayne Thomas, Lee Todd, John Keister, Matthew Gadsby, Alfie Carter, Dion Scott, Tony Barras, Bica, M. Di Giuseppe, P. Miguel Matias, Gino Padula.

Pedro Matias	
date of birth	11.10.73
height	6ft
weight	12st
position	midfielder

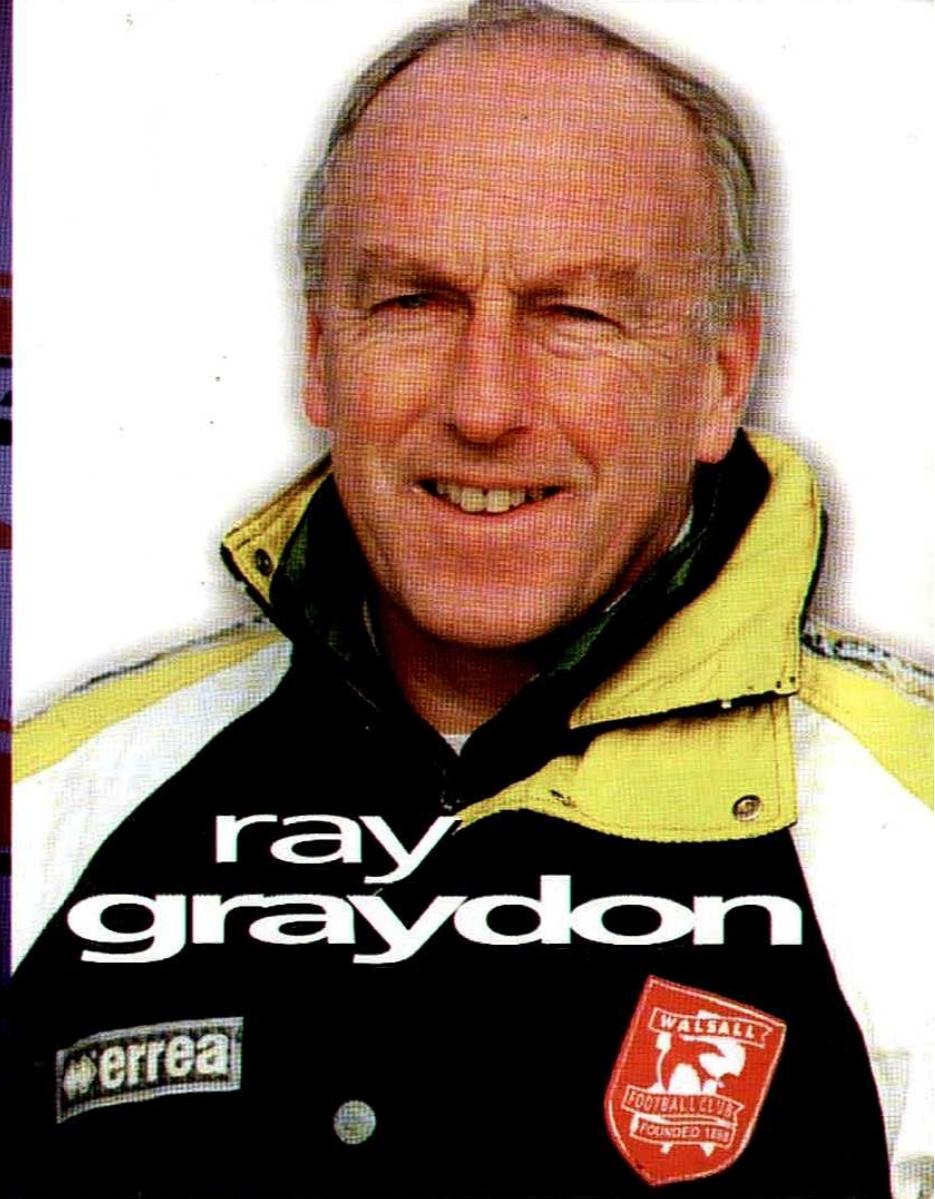
Left-sided Spanish wide man who arrived on trial following a similar spell with Tranmere at the start of the season. Hard-working player who gave good service to Macclesfield Town last season. Began his career with Real Madrid before coming to England.

Mark Robins	
date of birth	22.12.69
height	5ft 7ins
weight	10st 9lb
position	forward

The former Manchester United and England Under-21 striker is looking to make his mark in English football once again after spells in the Spanish and Greek games. Won a host of honours during his time at Old Trafford and has also served Norwich and Leicester.

Michael Ricketts	
date of birth	11.03.76
height	5ft 10ins
weight	12st 10lbs
position	forward

Tall and imposing striker who has come through the ranks at Walsall. Born locally, he made his first team debut on the final day of the 1995/96 season and is looking to establish himself as a first team regular.



Many eyebrows were raised when Ray Graydon was handed the chance to succeed Jan Sorensen in the top job at Walsall at the start of last season.

Despite being a vastly experienced coach, the former Aston Villa star had never previously sampled life in the manager's chair. But he quickly dispelled any doubts over his managerial credentials - in the best possible style. By sticking to his principles of hard work and discipline, Graydon lifted his collection of locally-born players and free transfer signings to promotion to the First Division. What's more, his achievement is all the more remarkable considering the fact that along the way he spent just £30,000 in strengthening his squad.

As a talented winger he launched his career with his home-town club Bristol Rovers but really made his mark with Villa, scoring the winning goal in their 1975 League Cup victory over Norwich City. He also served Villa's West Midlands rivals Coventry and, after a spell in America with Washington Diplomats, he joined Oxford where he not only brought the curtain down on his playing days but also launched his coaching career. Southampton and of course QPR have also benefited from his coaching skills but it's Walsall who are now reaping all the rewards.

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A black and white photograph of Lee Collier, a young man with short hair, wearing a red football shirt with a white collar. The shirt has 'giotto' and a diamond-shaped logo with a stylized 'A' on it. A purple banner across the shirt reads 'A Nationw...'.

express yourself

I had a long injury lay-off at the beginning which was very frustrating because at the end of the day I just wanted to play football but you have to accept these things and get on with it.

It's always hard working to get back to full fitness and then you need to get a few games under your belt before you start feeling like you're back. Once you start playing every week then you can start pushing for a first team place.

I've been playing for the reserves which is good because it's a run-out and it's a successful side at the moment but, to be quite honest, everybody wants to be playing for the first team. I did get on against Birmingham albeit at the end of the game but it was great to be involved in the squad and I was lucky enough to be on the pitch when we got the equaliser. Iffy scored and the boys went mad but unfortunately I was on the half-way line and just waited for them to get back. We did have a celebration planned before the game but with the circumstances the way they were, eight minutes into injury time, everyone went daft!

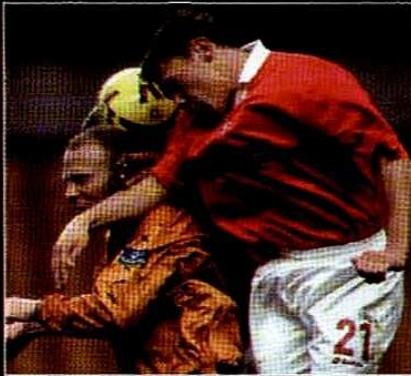
It was a great result for us and now I have to keep working hard and, like everyone else in the club, put myself into contention for a place in the starting line-up.

lee collin

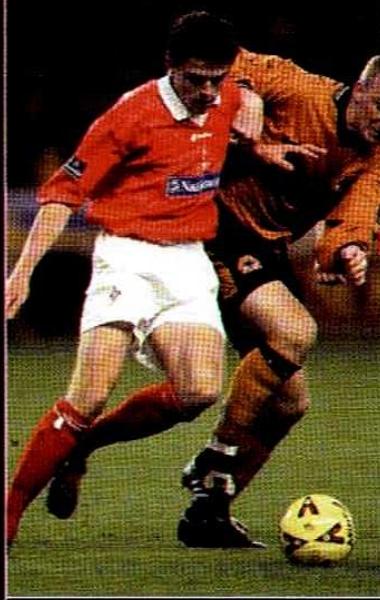
Wolves 1
Swindon Town 1



Talia punches under pressure.



Davis and Onuora win in the air.



Carrick fights for posession.



Town players congratulate Iffy on his strike from the penalty spot.

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focus on the youths

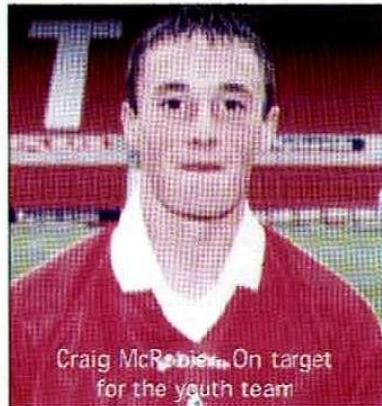


with Tom Jones

We've had a bit of mixed fortune in our last two Cup ties. We won 5-4 against Torquay United in our final game of the round robin cup tournament.

This means that we have now qualified for the next round and will have to wait until January to find out who we meet. In the match itself we were very positive from the outset and powered into a 4-1 lead but then we let it slip which was very disappointing. The lads were cruising at 4-1 and then a little bit of unprofessionalism crept in and for the last 20 minutes of the game our standards dropped. At that stage of the game the match should have been dead and buried but we switched off and let Torquay back in the game at 4-3. The opposition had their tails up and were pushing for the equaliser when

they should have been waiting for the final whistle. Fortunately, we scored again to make it 5-3 and, with 5 minutes left, that should be the end of it and a lesson should have already been learned. However, we conceded again with a couple of minutes left and ended up hanging on for the win. Looking at the game as a whole and on the number of chances we created, if we had scored 10 I don't think Torquay would have argued. We have to learn not to give silly goals away because we did the same down in Torquay in the league when we were 2-0 up and gave away two late goals. We should know by now that if you switch off for a split second the opposition will punish you for it. On the score sheet were Ian McSherry, Alan Young, Craig McRobie (pictured), Lee Martin and James Williams.



Craig McRobie. On target for the youth team

We travelled to White Hart Lane to face Spurs in the FA Youth Cup but unfortunately we lost 3-0. It was a great experience for the boys but on the night we didn't really do enough in terms of attacking their final third and in trying to open them up. We had plenty of possession but didn't get in the right kind of positions where we could cause them problems. We did pass the ball extremely well but unfortunately they were a bit too solid for us at the back and we couldn't break them down.



centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

The Centre of Excellence was involved in a series of matches against Cheltenham Town. The Under-13's and 14's were away and the Under 15's played at home.

The results went pretty well with the Under-13's and 15's both winning 4-1. The under 15's especially played very well which was great because they haven't been performing too well of late but there were much-improved performances from a lot of players.

The only disappointment of the day was that our under-14's, who we would regard as one of our strongest groups, lost 2-1. It was very disappointing to lose to a Centre of Excellence that has only just started up. I'm sure the players realise that they had the majority of the game but they have to beat teams. It was a very bad pitch with gale force winds but they didn't take it into account and it cost them dearly.

We're approaching the turn of the year again and it's always a good time to assess how much you have improved in the last 12 months. We're playing games all over the place and at times it's a problem because I can't be in two places at

once, which can make things difficult. We don't want to miss any games in the area because there are a lot of good quality players out there.

We have improved the scouting network by starting up new centres out in Bampton and Fairford which are rich areas of talent. We try to broaden our scouting network all the time and it's going well.

We are always keen to listen to anyone that feels they know of a young man that may be good enough for us to come and look at. I've had phone calls from managers apologising for ringing and that's not the sort of thing we want. We're always keen to listen to people but they must know what sort of standard we are looking for. They are more than welcome to come and have a look at our set up and then take it from there.

the editor talks with youth player Kevin Halliday...

Q It must have been disappointing to go to White Hart Lane and lose 3-0 in the FA Cup, what did you think of the game?

A It was quite disappointing because we were in a good run of form before the game and we were hoping to do ourselves justice and get a draw. We certainly felt confident enough to do so going into the game but in the end Tottenham showed what a strong team they were and why they are a Premiership club. We found it quite difficult to cope with their strong running and they created good chances to score and took them well.

Q On the brighter side you beat Torquay Utd 5-4 in the Youth League Cup to progress to the next round, how did that feel?

A We did play well early on in the match and were 4-1 up. We were just a little disappointed that we gave away a few late goals and scrapped through 5-4. Saying that, the defence has been quite strong in recent weeks and when we concentrate for the entire 90 minutes we usually do OK.

Q You must have impressed Tom Jones with your performances for him to recommend you for the reserve team, how pleased were you to step up a level?

A I was delighted to get the chance and I'm happy to be there and getting involved with the rest of the squad.

Q How do you see your playing role developing?

A We were playing a 3-5-2 formation and I was playing as a left wing-back but with the recent formation change I now play as an orthodox left-back which I'm much happier with.

Q As a young player, how difficult is it to change the way you play?

A I'm now a lot more focused on my defensive duties and I prefer that. As a wing-back there is a lot to take on board and a variety of different jobs to do which can get confusing. Although I wouldn't mind having a go at left midfield because it is something that I feel I can work on.

Q By the end of this season what do you hope to have achieved?

A I would like to play well in the youth team and hopefully we can go on a run and finish well-placed in the League, as well as progress into the latter rounds of the Cup competition and maybe even get a trip to Wembley. If I continue to do well and get selected for the reserve team that will be a bonus but I'll just wait and see what happens.

halliday talks



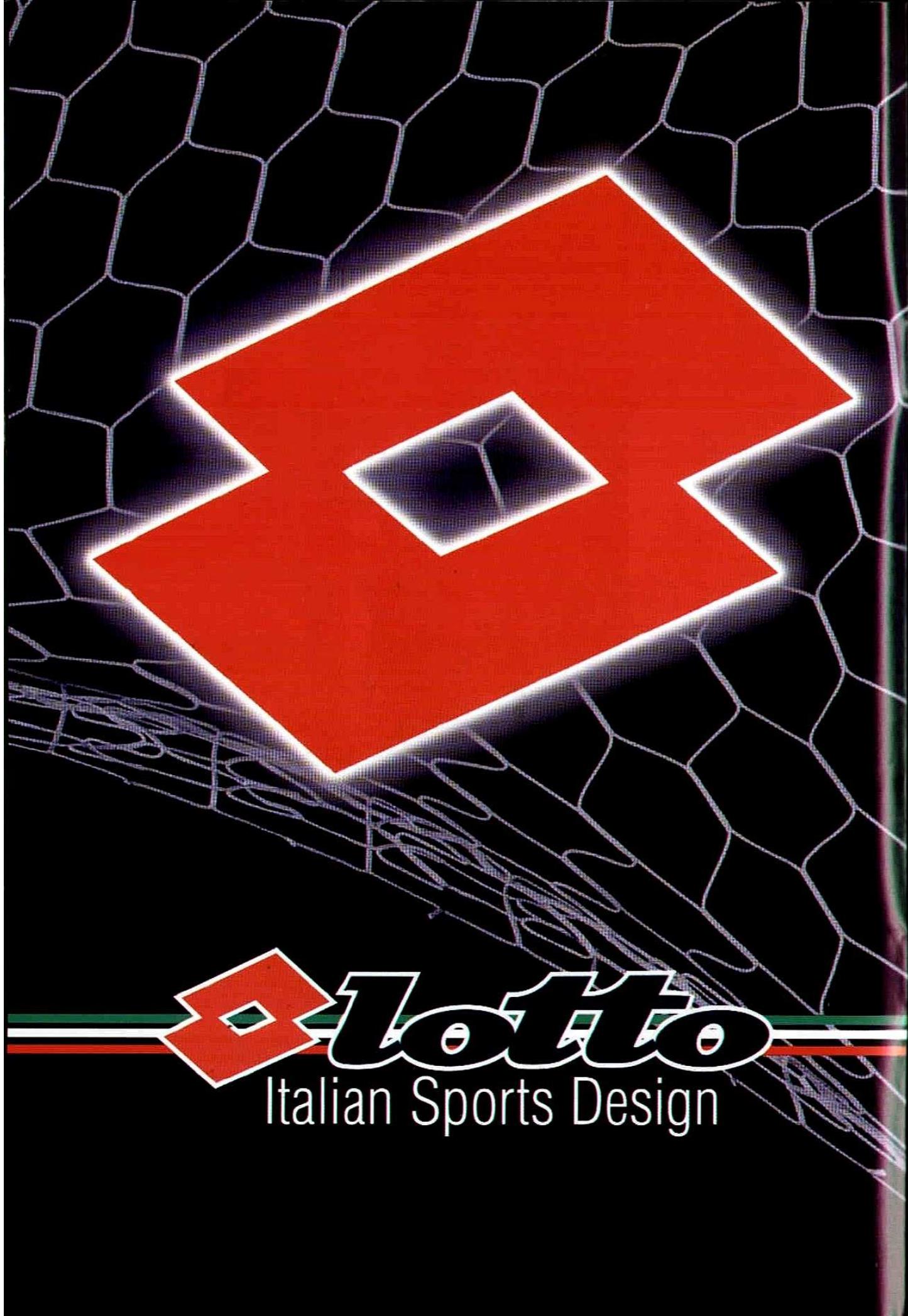
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player
stats



birthplace	Swindon	
date of birth	07.08.83	
height	5ft 10ins	
weight	11st 6lbs	
position	defender	
club records		
dub	games	goals
From Trainee		

getting
personal..

favourite film
Saving Private Ryan
favourite tv show
Father Ted
favourite band/musician
Any dance music
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Pasta
favourite drink
Orange juice
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The S.T.F.C
SUPPORTERS CLUB

Unless we happen to draw next week in the Cup at Charlton this will be our last home match before Christmas and although this may seem a little early we would not wish to miss the opportunity of wishing our members, other supporters and everyone associated with the Football Club our best wishes for the festive season.

There have been an enormous number of changes in and around the Football Club since our formation in April and, despite our lowly league position, a mood of optimism now exists, particularly with respect to the impact that supporters can influence over the fortunes of the Club. It is part of the supporters' club role to make sure that this optimism is captured for the benefit of the Football Club. We have formed and brought in a package of benefits for our members, but now we must turn our attention to the reality that it is hard cash which will really make the difference in the Football Club's progress. Early in the new year we will be seeking to launch fund-raising activities designed to help the Football Club move forward and our usual plea is to anyone not yet involved, but able to, to come forward and

help, either with the organisation or with ideas. Individually or collectively, now is the time to make a difference.

Discounts: Any member can now get up to 50% discount on the hire of a room, including the Winners lounge, for functions, parties etc. on any day of the week after 6p.m. There is also an opportunity for discounts on business conferencing. The rates applicable for this can be obtained from Brian Wood. You should also contact Brian, at the Football Club, for room hire but please don't forget to take your membership card with you.

Membership cards can of course now be collected from our matchday site, within the away travel office. A reminder to disabled travellers is that bookings are now being taken for their first official away trip on the 29th January to West Brom, helpers can be accommodated on the same vehicle. Please speak to the away travel organisers for further details.



Christmas XI

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with Clive Maguire and Jon Holloway



Hello everybody and welcome to today's big game against Walsall.

We've got plenty on today within the Community and without further ado we extend a warm welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors who are Mr Knight and his group from Staverton School Football Club. Our other group here today are from Pewsey who are with Matthew Rushden. Some of you may already have met Matthew as he works on our Funweeks here at the club. Many thanks to both Mr Knight and Matty Rushden for organising their groups for today's visit.

At half-time today we are proud to display our Swindon and District mini-soccer '8-a-side' representative sides, who are taking part in an exhibition game on the pitch with our Centre of Excellence Under-10's. Jon and I are particularly pleased as we are the sponsors of the League and the lads are donning the new kit today, which we collected during the week. A big thank you to the lads at Football Town for supplying the kit at cost price.

We are sure you will agree the lads look very smart. Jon and I would like to wish the lads all the best for the season, along with Dave McKenzie (Under-9's manager) and Mark Smedley (Under-10's manager). Many thanks to Tina Herring for all her hard work in sorting everything out.

Finally, I am afraid I received some sad news last week with the premature death of a very good friend of mine, Stuart Boss. Stuart was a Swindon fan and will be sadly missed by all his friends and family. Our sincere condolences go to Stuart's wife Barbara, his mum and dad and his brothers.

Clive and Jon.



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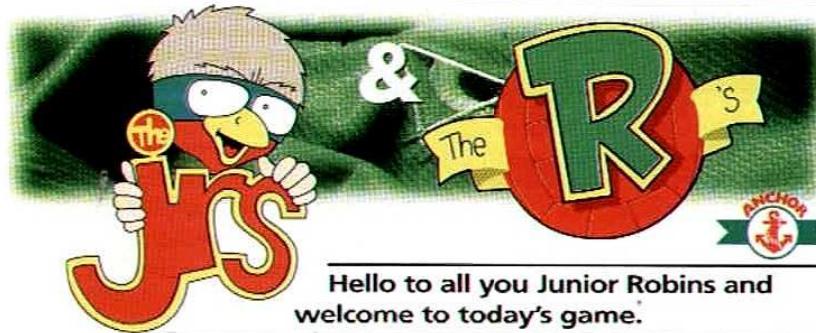
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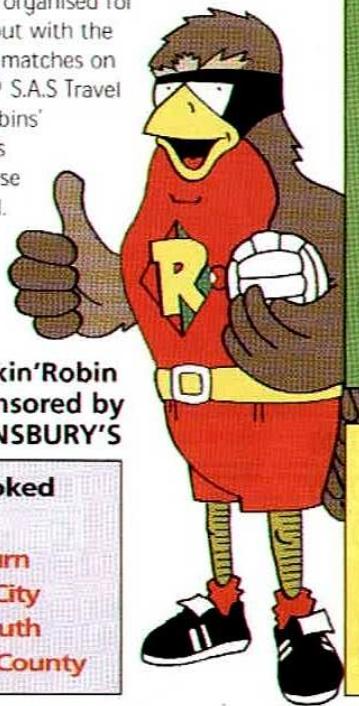


Hello to all you Junior Robins and welcome to today's game.

The Committee would be very pleased to organise a Christmas Disco for you but we need to know VERY QUICKLY who would be interested in attending. Obviously we need to know the numbers involved and then we will look at a time and a place. The fixtures below are away trips organised for you and your family to travel to and enjoy a day out with the Club. If you are interested in going to any of these matches on the Robins' coach PLEASE contact Annie or Paul, @ S.A.S Travel at least one week prior to the match itself. The Robins' committee would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for his generous donation of £150 towards the cost of these trips, it is of great benefit and is gratefully received. If anyone else would like to give a donation, no matter how small, please contact us on the numbers below. We really need your support.

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Nathan Clarke

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George Cook

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I thought that against Charlton we deserved better than to lose the match which was even more disappointing because, in our position, we need to pick up all three points at home but in no way did it dent the confidence of everybody involved.

I think we hit the bar and post three times against a side that will be right up there at the end of the season and we gave them a real headache. We know we haven't got too many points but we certainly feel that, with the way we have played throughout the season, we deserve more. We're not saying we're the best side in the league but we feel we are much better than our position suggests.

We managed to get one on the night but I thought everybody that watched the match gave the lads a great reception when they left the field because of the effort and determination they showed. Over the coming weeks we're going to have to sustain that level of performance and hope results go our way. We've got a very intensive period coming up with Christmas and New Year.



We did carry on the spirit against Birmingham when we didn't perform as well as we have been of late but again, we could not question the commitment and desire, which is very pleasing from a coaching point of view. We found ourselves 1-0 down at half time so we knew we had to take the game to them which I felt we did very well, albeit without over-troubling their goalkeeper. It was the willingness of the players to get forward which was great and we need to keep doing that. Obviously we were delighted to score an equaliser in the last minute, as any team would be, but I can honestly say that amongst the players and staff we were not overjoyed about the way we had played because we know we can play better, as we did against Charlton, but we got no reward for that. It just



shows how football is unpredictable and can change from match to match. We're now looking to push on and get a good result against Walsall.

We're pleased with the way the 4-4-2 formation has worked for us and, for the last 20 minutes or so against Birmingham, it gave us the option to change to 4-3-3 to push for that equaliser, but the key to it all is that the defenders defend well - and they've been doing that.

news from the treatment room

with Dick Mackey & Dave Moore



Ty Gooden is now back in full training so it's great to get him out of the treatment room and available for team selection.

Gareth Davies will hopefully train with the youngsters today (Wed 1st). He's had two days of hard work, running, movement and some kicking yesterday. We haven't had too much reaction so we are optimistic. We'll see how he is later in the week because it's been hanging around quite a bit but hopefully we can get him back in full training come the end of the week.



Philippe Cuervo had his hardest working week last week as he's been in training with the youngsters along with Gareth. He's had a little bit of reaction but that's to be expected and every couple of days he gets a bit of swelling on his ankle. We have to keep taking it steady with him but after the trauma he's had it's again to be expected which we were warned about by the specialist. We're really starting

to push him on now and he is football training albeit with the youngsters and working very hard. It's now just a question of when we can put him in with the bigger lads so to speak. We have to be absolutely sure that he's confident in himself from a psychological point of view which means that he's comfortable making tackles etc and I don't think that's too far away.



Graz goes to see the specialist today (Wed 1st). He's had his clips out and the scar is nice and clean. I'll have to talk with him after that about where we go, with the acquiescence of the consultant, and when we can get him in the water. Obviously the sooner we get his foot moving the better. However, we do have to be careful because the healing process is slow. His injury is at an extremity of the body which does not heal quickly, so we need to know that is right before we kick him on. It won't be weight-bearing exercises for a while but we're certainly looking to get him in the water.





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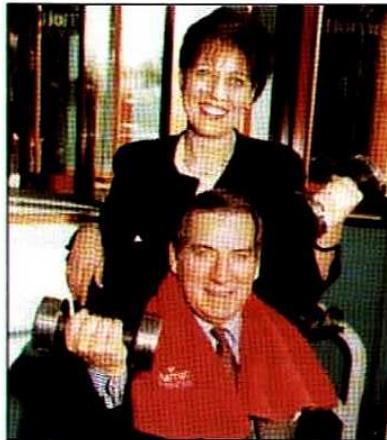
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After the formalities everyone toured the new facilities in the company of Swindon Marriott's General Manager Eva Duyndam and Catherine Bryant, the Leisure Club Manager. Another 600 people attended the opening day, taking in the air-conditioned aerobics studio, fully-equipped fitness rooms

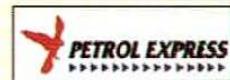


and 4-screen cardio-theatre gym entertainment facility. "At last my husband and I will be able to train together", said one lady. "Until now, whenever I had some spare time, there always seemed to be football on the television!" The beauty treatments' appointments book was immediately filled up for the weekend.

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02



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19
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0
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04



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Midfielder
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0
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05



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0
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07



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
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18(2)
99/00 1999 Goals
1
D.O.B. 06/11/73

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Alan McDonald

00



Playing Position
Assistant Coach
Signed From
QPR
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0
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0
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Iffy Onuora

09



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Forward
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15(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
4
D.O.B. 28/07/67

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Giuliano Grazioli

10



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Forward
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3
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Ty Gooden

11



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5(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Alan Reeves

12



Playing Position
Defender
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19
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0
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Jimmy Glass

13



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
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7
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0
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Chris Hay

15



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Forward
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11(5)
99/00 1999 Goals
3
D.O.B. 28/08/74

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16



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Midfielder
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2(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
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Jim Quinn**40****Manager**

Playing Position
Manager
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0(4)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 18/12/59

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Playing Position
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Steve Cowe **17**

Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Aston Villa
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0(1)
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(5)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

Charlie Griffin **20**

Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Chippenham Town
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
(8)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 25/06/79

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Sol Davis **21**

Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
11
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(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
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Philippe Cuervo **23**

Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
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Nicky Burke **26**

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

Jamie Mills **27**

Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
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Ricky Culbertson **28**

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Paul McAreavey **30**

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

Dick Mackey

STFC Physiotherapist
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STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
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99/00 1999 Goals
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James Williams **32**

Playing Position
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Signed From
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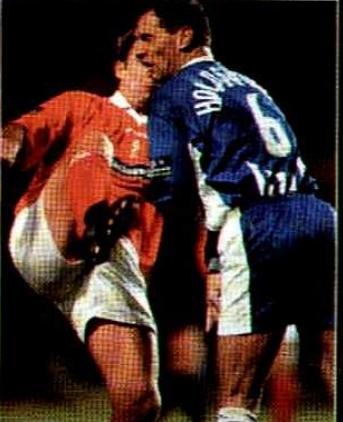
Jim Quinn shows strength to beat David Holdsworth in the air



Scott Leitch laying injured before he was stretchered off.



Mark Robinson battles for the ball against Allan Johnston.



Ouch!!! 'Quinny' goes in hard.





Date: Saturday 27th November

Pitch: Average

Weather: Windy

Attendance: 22,620

Referee: T Leake (Average)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Frank Talia, Mark Robinson, Gareth Hall, Sol Davis, Alan Reeves, Andy Williams, Scott Leitch, Bobby Howe, Chris Hay, Iffy Onuora, Michael Carrick.

Substitutes:

Jim Quinn (for Howe, 46)

Lee Collins (for Leitch, 90)

Charlie Griffin (for Hay, 83)

Shots on target: Birmingham 7, Town 3

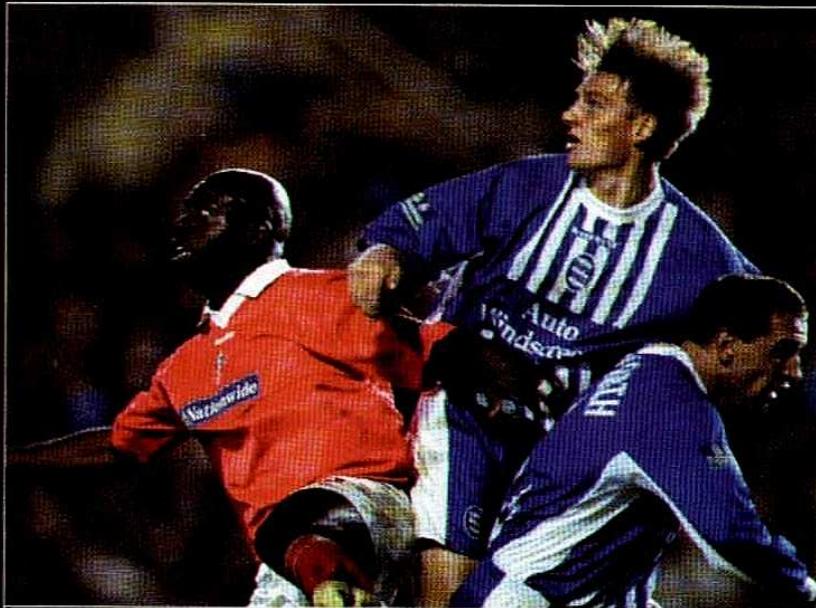
Shots off target: Birmingham 6, Town 4

Free Kicks: Birmingham 14, Town 4

Caught Offside: Birmingham 3, Town 3

Corners: Birmingham 9, Town 4

Town Bookings: Reeves, 75. Onuora, 77.



Iffy shows great determination against two Birmingham players.



Town players jubilantly celebrate their last gasp equaliser.

In a match that was not for the football purists the Town battled hard and made it difficult for the Blues to put the game out of reach and Onuora took advantage. An injury time equaliser by Iffy earned Swindon a point and the luck that they so richly deserve.

Birmingham probably shaded this encounter on points after creating the majority of goal-scoring chances and deservedly took the lead when Martin Grainger headed past Frank Talia on 26 minutes. Just after half time Frank Talia produced a fine save denying Allan Johnston from long range. However, Birmingham could not make their chances count.

Sol Davis curled in a free kick that Alan Reeves nodded into the path of Iffy Onuora who stooped to head the ball wide of Kevin Poole.

A mixture of good defending, poor finishing and a fine save by Frank Talia meant that it was a frustrating day for Trevor Francis' side and for a change it was the Town that levelled the scores late in the game.

match action

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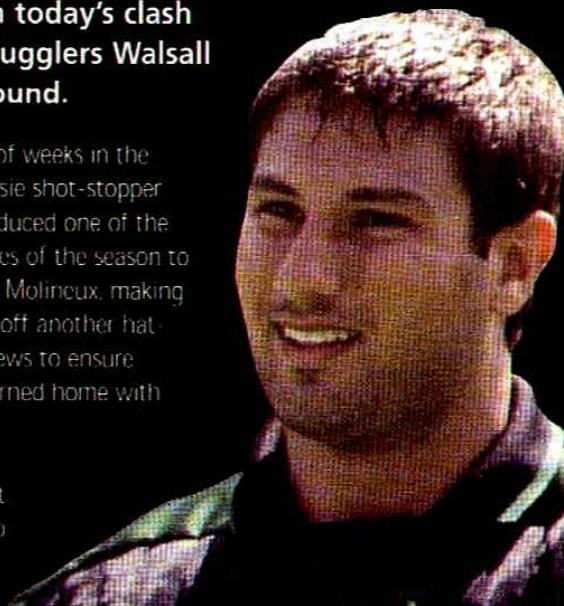
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lotto
Italian Sports Design

Frank Talia and James Walker will play important roles in today's clash against fellow strugglers Walsall at the County Ground.

It's been a good couple of weeks in the Midlands for Town's Aussie shot-stopper Frank Talia. First, he produced one of the goalkeeping performances of the season to earn Swindon a point at Molineux, making 11 saves, then he pulled off another hat-trick of stops at St Andrews to ensure Jimmy Quinn's men returned home with another precious point.

Today the Robins face yet another Birmingham club and Talia goes head-to-head with one



head to head

Frank Talia v James Walker

of the division's in-form goalkeepers. Jimmy Walker. Only Crewe's overworked Jason Kearton has made more saves this season than Walker. He's pulled off 85 stops already, including 41 from shots and headers inside the penalty area. That means he has kept out more than three-quarters of all shots on target.

Talia can't quite match that, but he has still made almost a half century of saves and kept three clean sheets. The Australian has also proved more efficient with his distribution, conceding possession far less than his Walsall counterpart. On the downside, he hasn't always been particularly assured when coming for crosses, dropping the ball three times.

Having said that, he's much more likely to catch the ball than punch it, whereas Walker has been more inclined to use his fists, which can sometimes cause his supporters to panic!

Both men will be keen to add to their slightly disappointing tally of clean sheets this afternoon - but recent results suggest a 0-0 draw is most unlikely!

minutes on pitch:

Talia: 1,170

Walker: 1,767

overall

	Talia	Walker
goals conceded	20	27
clean sheets	3	5

saves

	Talia	Walker
inside box	24	41
outside box	24	44
% shots saved	71%	76%

catches

	Talia	Walker
punches	15	21
catches	24	25
dropped catches	3	1
catch success rate %	89%	96%

kicks

	Talia	Walker
total long kicks	415	605
kicking success rate %	45%	43%

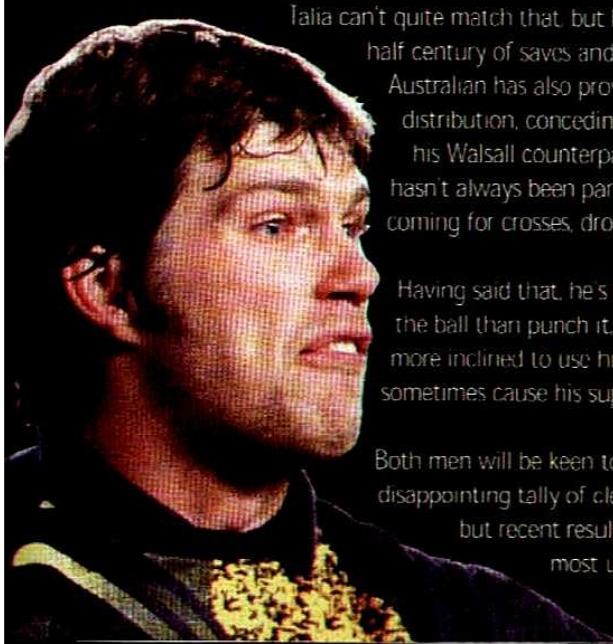
throws/short kicks

	Talia	Walker
total throwshort kicks	92	81
success rate	93%	73%

discipline

	Talia	Walker
yellow cards	15	21
red cards	24	25

Statistics supplied by Carling Opta





Why Not Visit the Harold Fleming bar...

The newly-opened bar in the Arkells' Stand is a non-smoking area and open to any Arkells' Stand ticket holder before and after home games. Children under the age of 18 are permitted, provided they are accompanied by an adult.

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well done

Dear STFC

Wolverhampton Wanderers FC v Swindon Town FC Sat 20th November

I attended the above fixture as part of my Inspectorate function on behalf of the Football Licensing Authority. You will know that nearly 450 of your fans made the journey to Wolverhampton and I spent a good part of the afternoon in their company in the Jack Harris Stand. It was a pleasure to share the event with a group of fans who were at Molineux Stadium for two reasons only, namely to support their team and enjoy a game of football.

Their conduct before, during and after the game reflected nothing but credit on themselves and your club. Sadly, the only publicity about football fans' behaviour is generally negative.

The positive side of the genuine football fan is rarely reported upon but it should not go unnoticed.

I hope they all had a safe journey home after the game. Best Wishes

Jim Chalmers
FLA Inspectorate

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).

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Dick of the week



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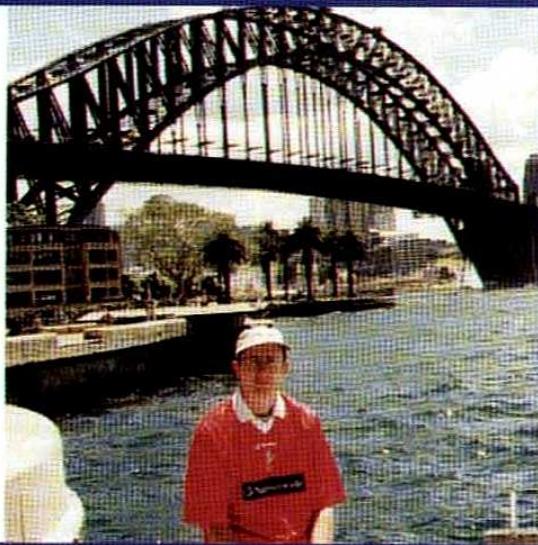
Erin Leighton aged 10 and brother Conor aged 13 are showing their colours at the Pyramids. Their guide in Cairo was called Mustapha Nawagoal (honest)!

Great snap, keep them coming!

bridge over troubled supporter

Kelvin Brewster is showing his colours at Sydney Harbour Bridge just after hearing the Town had drawn at home to Norwich.

It's great to see Town fans Home & Away!





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'If only' must be one of the most commonly-used phrases in all walks of life and was the one that immediately sprang to mind as I walked into the office on Thursday morning.

I had barely been able to contain myself on the tube and for once the journey passed in the blink of an eye as I awaited news from Johannesburg where England were playing South Africa in the first of the five-match test series.

The first thing I did when entering the office (and whisper this quietly if you're ever in the Farringdon area) was to log-on to the cricket website to check progress. It took about five seconds for anticipation to give way to despair. 'If only we'd won the toss and bowled first' I thought as I reclined in my extremely comfy chair and prepared myself for another day of toil. I then began thinking about the concept of luck and the part it has played in my sports-supporting life. Once again the phrase 'If only' was at the forefront of my thoughts.

Most of my life as a supporter of football, cricket and all things sporting has been blighted by near-failure with only the briefest glimpse of success. If I think of the effect many of these near misses had on me I cannot begin to imagine the toll it took on those involved. The most obvious examples are those of Stuart Pearce, Chris Waddle and Gareth Southgate. Watching the World Cup semi-final in Turin I can still vividly recall the disappointment as, first Pearce, then Waddle ballooned their penalties over the bar and then, when the chance of redemption eventually arrived in the shape of Gareth Southgate, the disappointment doubled. Things didn't improve when World Cup 1998 came round. Once again an epic match against Argentina when England, down to ten men and with their backs to the wall, turned in one of the bravest performances of this, or any other, decade only to once again lose out on penalties. Strangely, after this particular performance and another defeat by the cruellest of means, the disappointment was all the more acute although after a decade of unprecedented penalty disappointment, it should have come as no surprise.

So, after another weekend of test cricket disappointment, I found myself feeling extremely deflated. Still, I mused, I could console myself with the thought that this feeling wouldn't match the disappointment I will feel next summer when England get knocked out of the European Championships. In fact I may even go and place a bet this morning (again whisper this quietly in the Farringdon area) on that defeat being by the most unlucky of means - penalties.





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looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures. Next Saturday we travel to Charlton in the FA Cup then, on the following Saturday, we are away to high-flying Man. City.

Charlton



the lowdown...

An away tie against Charlton Athletic would not have been the ideal choice for the Town's 3rd round FA Cup match but that's they way Big Ron and Laurie McMennemy picked them, so off we go. It was only last week that the Addicks walked away from the County Ground with an undeserved three points, so this will be the chance for Town to even things up and hope for a plum home tie in the next round. They're probably re-enforcing the goalposts down at The Valley as we speak!

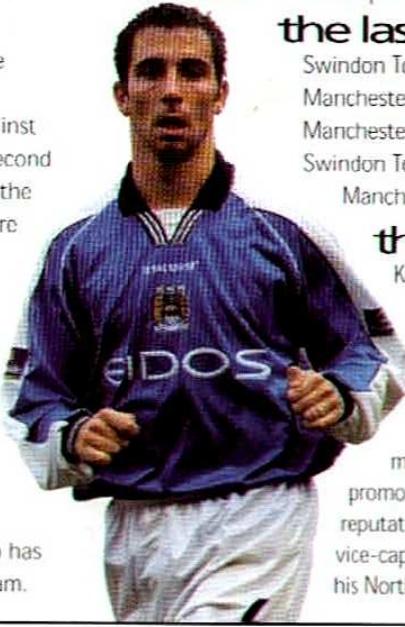


Man City



the lowdown...

Manchester City are on the rampage and, after squeezing through the Division Two play-offs last season against Gillingham, they are on target for a second successive promotion and a return to the bright lights of the Premiership - where many believe they belong. City still maintained crowds of 33,000 while struggling in the Second Division and their loyalty looks as if it may be rewarded with a Division One championship. At the time of writing City are leading the charge, two points clear of their rivals and have bolstered their squad with the recent £1.2 million signing of Bob Taylor who has been scoring goals for fun at Gillingham.



the reason to watch...

It's the Third Round of the FA Cup, the greatest Cup competition in the World (not according to Man Utd though!) and while all the Premiership teams are worrying about potential banana skins, the Town will be working hard to at least force a money making tie back here at the County Ground.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-2 Charlton Athletic 23.11.99

Swindon Town 0-1 Charlton Athletic 04.04.98

Charlton Athletic 3-0 Swindon Town 28.11.97

Swindon Town 1-0 Charlton Athletic 01.03.97

Charlton Athletic 2-0 Swindon Town 07.12.96

the player to watch...

It was pretty obvious from last week's match that the lion's share of Charlton's attacking play goes through Mark Kinsella. He was at the heart of everything good the Addicks produced as he pulled the strings in the middle of the park. If Charlton fail to step up to the Premiership come May, then Kinsella might do it on his own, as he certainly looks more than capable of reproducing that form in the Premiership.

the reason to watch...

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the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-3 Manchester City 21.02.98

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Manchester City 3-0 Swindon Town 22.02.97

Swindon Town 2-0 Manchester City 02.11.96

Manchester City 2-1 Swindon Town 26.02.94

the player to watch...

Kevin Horlock is showing why he was one of the Town fans' favourite players and why he is still the Club's record sale at £1.5 million. For the past few seasons Kevin has had the same effect at Maine Road with his blend of hard running, creative play and those all-important goals from midfield. He is riding high with City in the promotion race and is enhancing his impressive reputation with every game. He also deputises as City's vice-captain, which shows how highly Joe Royle regards his Northern Ireland international midfielder.

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Sun 12th Sept	Bristol City	4-2
Sun 10th Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	3-3
Sun 26th Sept	Southampton	2-0
Sun 3rd Oct	Portsmouth	3-2
Sun 10th Oct	Bristol Rovers FAC1	2-5
Sun 17th Oct	Bath City	14-0
Sun 24th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	
Sun 31st Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-4
Sun 7th Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
Sun 14th Nov	Yeovil Town	1-2
Sun 21st Nov	Cheltenham Town	3-2
Sun 28th Nov	Newport Strikers	1-3
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	-
Sat 18th Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-7
Sat 25th Sept	Trowbridge Town	5-3
Sat 2nd Oct	Yeovil Town	2-2
Sat 9th Oct	Bashley FC	3-0
Sat 16th Oct	Bath City	0-3
Sat 23rd Oct	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City	2-0
Sat 6th Oct	Cardiff City	1-0
Sat 13th Nov	Cirencester	0-1
Sat 20th Nov	Swansea City	A
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	4-2
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

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

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

The cream band indicates all home matches for each of our sides.

The Football League Youth Alliance Season 1999/2000

Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	-
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	2-4
Sat 16th Oct	Cardiff City	2-4
Sat 23rd Oct	Plymouth Argyle (cup)	1-1
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City (cup)	1-1
Sat 6th Nov	Exeter City (cup)	3-0
Sat 20th Nov	Torquay United (cup)	5-4
Wed 24th Nov	Tottenham Hotspur (FA) 0-3	
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	2-3
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	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 14s

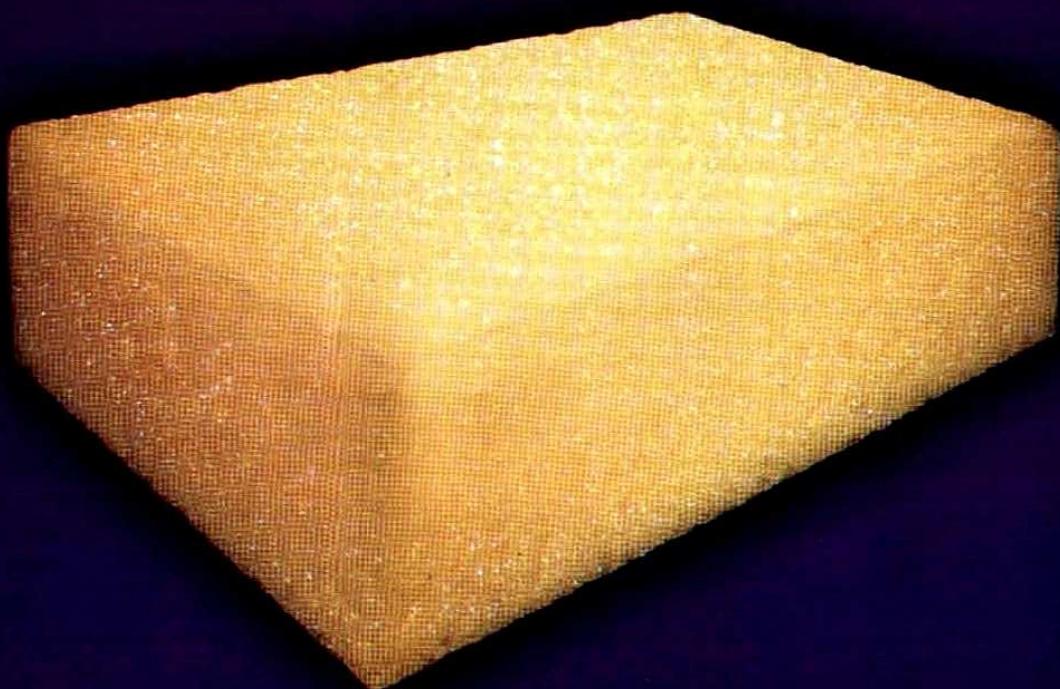
Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
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Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	H
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
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Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 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
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Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	H
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 19 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	H
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	A
Sun 26 Mar	Torquay Utd	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 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	H
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



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away day review vs

The lovely Nicky D regularly travels to watch Swindon and this week gives her verdict on Town's trip to Birmingham



It felt like only the week before that I had made the same journey - hang on a minute, I did! Although my boyfriend still accused me of forgetting how to get there but I shut him up when we pulled up at St. Andrew's prior to the match.

After improving performances I didn't really know what to expect but by half time I was thinking that it was going to be another unbearable day as a Town fan because we didn't have many chances. But when we saw Jim coming on in the second half we knew we would be in for an entertaining 45 minutes - or 50 minutes as it turned out!

Chris Hay, Iffy Onuora and Jim Quinn didn't get many opportunities but the Town did have more of the play than in the first period. I think I was like most of the Town fans there, thinking that it was going to be another day when we would

end up with nothing despite all the hard work and battling qualities we had displayed throughout the match. It looks as if this is the only way we will pick up points this season but then again, teams like Wimbledon have been doing it successfully for years!

However, when the fourth official signalled four minutes of injury time to be played, both the fans and the team surged again and we all went ballistic when Iffy nodded in. It was a great feeling which was filled with irony because it's usually us that have to witness a scrambled equaliser at the other end as the match draws to a close.

Hopefully this will be the sign of things to come...

out of 10

Journey: 7

M5 ok again!

Ground: 7

Still packing them in

Home fans: 8

frustrating afternoon

Away fans 7

Went home happy

Food & Drink: 6

didn't go for that Balti!

Team performance: 7

battled to the end

Man of the Match: 7

Difficult but Frank Talia

Moment of the Day: 10

Iffy's goal of course

Overall Verdict: 8

Not a great game to watch but it's all worth it when something like that happens.

town ladies

by Roger Reeves

The Town ladies secured another win but also suffered a defeat to maintain second place in the South West Combination League.

They moved to the top of the league when they defeated Cheltenham Town 3-2 on the County Ground Extension. Pam Laker curled in a free-kick after three minutes but Cheltenham drew level. Leanne Taylor then raced clear to put the Town ahead at the break. Leanne Taylor increased the Town's lead early in the second although the visitors did pull one back before the final whistle.

The Town then travelled to South Wales to face Newport Strikers and

conceded three goals in the first 25 minutes. They gave a much better display in the second half but could only pull one goal back when Leanne Taylor hooked in Pam Laker's long throw-in. The defeat drops the Town down to second place in the League.

The Town Ladies reserves visited Southern Region League leaders Chesham United and were beaten 7-0. On Sunday the Town start their defence of the 'Ambassador' South West Combination League Cup when they entertain Southampton.

When the sides met in the league, the Town won 2-0. This Cup tie will be played on the County Ground extension and will kick-off at 2.00pm.



JO SHARPE,
long-serving goalkeeper
who has returned to the
first team after injury.

The Town Ladies reserves are also at home and play the return Southern Region League fixture with Chesham United. This match will be played at Ridgeway School, Wroughton and will also kick-off at 2.00pm.

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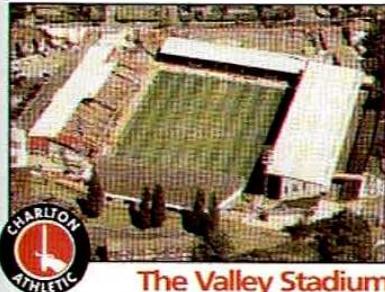
Welcome to today's Division One fixture against Walsall.

Regular away travellers might need to re-schedule their Christmas shopping, with trips coming up on both of the next two Saturday's! Next weekend we look to upset the form book at the Valley in the FA Cup Third Round. Charlton have entered into the Christmas spirit by reducing their normal matchday prices. Two weeks today we travel to maine Road, where seats are again available at just £10, although you will need to take heed of the weather forecast as these are in an uncovered area.

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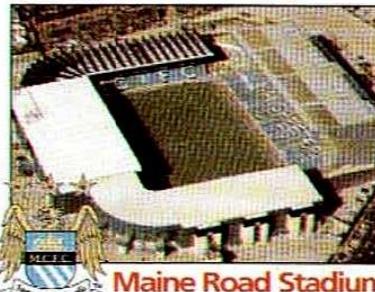


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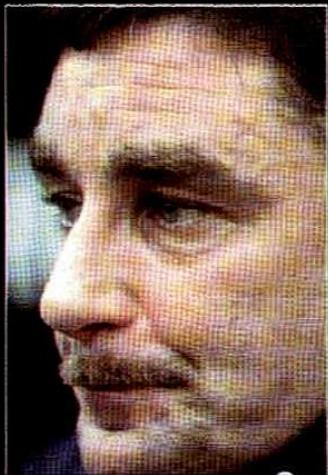
A 51st minute header from Chris Beech gave Huddersfield Town a morale boosting victory at Maine Road last weekend. That win puts the Terriers into second place, only two points behind City in the race for the Division title. City had not lost a game at Maine Road since the opening day and this defeat ended a run of eight consecutive home wins.

The Terriers have also received a further boost by the news that former Swindon Town manager Lou Macari is set to join their backroom staff. After managerial spells with Swindon, Stoke, West Ham and Celtic he is ready to link up with Steve Bruce again - the pair had previously worked together when Bruce was in charge at Sheffield United last season, before he walked out in the summer. Macari has, in the meantime, been working with the media and fulfilling scouting missions for various clubs.

Although it is uncertain in what capacity, the Scot will work behind the scenes at the McAlpine as the Number 2 role is already filled by former Norwich manager John Deehan. His proven track record, especially at Swindon, for spotting untapped talent may mean that Macari could link up with chief scout Jeff Lee as the Terriers may need a squad fit for the Premiership if they are successful in their promotion challenge.

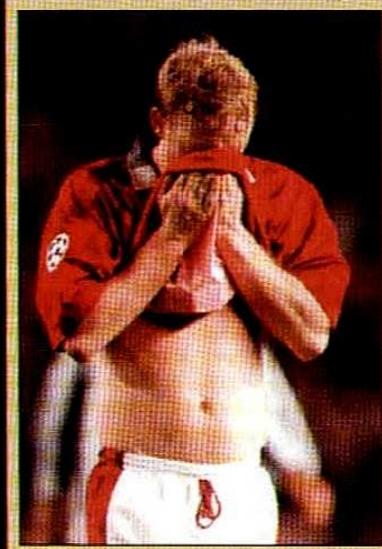


tranmere ravers



John Aldridge's Tranmere side collected their sixth consecutive win at home on Tuesday night. Rovers'

4-0 demolition of Barnsley in the Worthington Cup lined up a clash with Middlebrough and Aldridge was delighted with his team's performance, which capped a very good run in the league. A 1-0 win over Wolves last weekend put Rovers into 12th spot and, at this stage of the season, it might come as a big surprise to those that tipped the Wirral club for relegation. Aldridge himself knows how difficult it will be saying, "We need to keep our feet on the ground, there is still a long way to go in the season."



away may

Back at the Rumour-Mill the big whisper says that Manchester City are ready to make a move for popular Manchester United defender David May. May has already won Premiership

Championships with both Blackburn and United but has found it increasingly difficult to get into Sir Alex Ferguson's first team. He has enjoyed a 'Golden Era' at Old Trafford but could see the possibility of first team action elsewhere as more of an attraction after being part of the club that has won the lot. He now finds himself as one of six central defenders while City are struggling for quality at the back, so May could see the switch as the ideal solution.

a dean slade

Sheffield United caretaker boss Russell Slade was delighted with the battling point his 10 men secured at the Hawthorns.

"It was always going to be a difficult fixture for us because confidence was very low after the Port Vale defeat," said Slade. "I thought we looked sharp and we were always dangerous on the break. I couldn't have asked for more from the lads."

He added: "Obviously I have got the reins until further notice but whether the directors decide to give me the job is up to them. I'm just doing my best for United as I have always done."

Slade revealed afterwards that he had given tickets for the game to Adrian Heath and the former manager, who resigned last week, occupied a seat in the directors' box at The Hawthorns.



bob gets the nod



Bob 'Walks on water' Taylor has secured his £1.5 million move to Manchester City. The 28-year-old striker, who has already bagged 18 goals for Gillingham this season, signed a four-year deal at Maine Road that will make the striking positions hotter than ever with Shaun Goater, Paul Dickov, Gareth Taylor, Danny Allsopp and Lee Peacock competing for a starting berth. As Taylor put pen to paper, Royle announced that Big Bob Taylor had been his number-one target ever since he scored against City in the Play-off final at Wembley. However, Royle has assured all his strikers at the club that they have a part to play in City's promotion challenge. "It's not a case of having a first-choice partnership up front. Because of injuries and the number of games, I'm going to be need more than two strikers," said Royle.

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MAN CITY	20	13	3	4	30	13	42
HUDDERSFIELD	21	12	4	5	38	22	40
CHARLTON	19	12	3	4	36	21	39
IPSWICH	20	10	5	5	34	23	35
BARNESLEY	20	11	2	7	38	32	35
FULHAM	20	8	8	4	24	18	32
BIRMINGHAM	20	8	7	5	32	23	31
BOLTON	20	8	7	5	29	20	31
OPR	20	7	8	5	29	26	29
STOCKPORT	20	7	7	6	23	28	28
WOLVERHAMPTON	19	6	8	5	19	18	26
TRANMERE	21	7	5	9	28	30	26
WEST BROM	19	5	10	4	20	19	25
NORWICH	20	6	7	7	18	25	
GRIMSBY	20	7	4	9	21	32	25
CRYSTAL PALACE	20	6	6	8	28	32	24
BLACKBURN	18	5	8	5	21	18	23
NOTT FOREST	20	5	6	9	23	26	21
PORT VALE	21	5	6	10	26	31	21
PORTSMOUTH	21	5	6	10	25	35	21
SHEFF UTD	20	4	6	10	23	35	18
WALSALL	21	4	6	11	18	33	18
CREWE	19	4	5	10	18	29	17
SWINDON	21	3	7	11	15	33	16

world football

Paraguay's Jose Luis Chilavert scored what is believed to be the first hat-trick by a goalkeeper in the professional game and hopes that it will be the catalyst for his move to the English Premiership.

Chilavert's three penalties during Velez Sarsfield's 6-1 win over Ferro Carril Oeste last Sunday brought his total to 46, scored for his country, Velez and Real Zaragoza.

Chilavert, who nearly signed for Liverpool after the World Cup, isn't happy that he is yet to make the move to England. "These three goals are great because the only thing I still really want to do is take my career to England," he said.

"People always ask me if I am a special player because of all the goals I score but I don't feel special. The type of player I am, on the other hand, is someone who would really fit in with the style of playing in the English Premiership.

"Everyone who writes about me can put the headline on their story that I want to go to England. But while I'm in Argentina, and now that I have scored a hat-trick of penalties, I can say to my enemies that I suppose Martin Palermo will still be your hero because he failed to score three penalties in a game."

Chilavert is well known for his outspoken nature and is never one to shy away from controversy. The 34-year-old who kisses his trademark gold medallion before he takes up his position between the sticks said: "A lot of people try to criticise me for my polemic words but all I do is try to live my life as a good example to everybody."

We will have to wait and see if the flamboyant Paraguayan graces the Premiership but I can't wait to hear Alan Hansen's comments when the big goalie goes up for free-kicks, penalties and corners!

by Daniel
Fylan-Smith

a fan's stfc history

part three

As we approach the Millennium, Daniel Fylan-Smith looks back at the ups and downs of Swindon Town F.C.

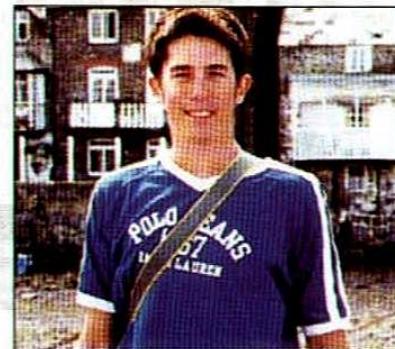
In 1951 the first set of floodlights were installed at the County Ground for the then-princely sum of £350. Bristol City were the Town's first opponents under them and a crowd of over 3,000 saw the Town win 2-1. However, the 1951-52 season saw an inconsistent Town finish 16th in the league. This inconsistency was epitomised by two consecutive games against Watford - the Town won 7-1 at Vicarage Road and, a week later, lost to them 1-0 at the County Ground. Later in the season the Town travelled to Torquay and suffered their worst-ever defeat: 9-0.

The dangers of the principles enshrined in Company Articles of having one vote regardless of the number of shares you owned was illustrated at the start of the 1952-53 season. Boardroom conflict surfaced and several Directors were pilloried for buying only the minimum \$2 worth of shares necessary to qualify. The club lurched through the following seasons achieving only mediocre results whilst its financial plight worsened. In August 1954 ninety per cent of the main grandstand's timbers were found to be rotting and only season ticket holders were allowed access. April 1955 saw the Town managerless with the team being selected by committee. Poor results sent attendances plummeting and in October the A and B sides were disbanded. The Town remained rooted to the bottom of the league table and were forced to apply for re-election and, thankfully, the 'old pals act' came to their rescue. However, in October 1956 the board appointed Bert Head as manager who

immediately set about to stabilise things on the playing side - a task in which he proved mightily successful as the Town finished in fourth place in the 1957-58 season, only three points behind the league champions.

In the early sixties Head introduced a talented group of young players, the majority of them products of the youth teams. These included Ernie Hunt, Bobby Woodruffe, Cliff Jackson, Keith Morgan, Don Rogers, John Trollope and Mike Summerbee. These boys were destined to become heroes and they went on to form the nucleus of the side that won promotion to Division Two in 1963 - after 50 years of trying! The following season started with the Town winning their first six games and topping the table. However, by the end of the season they had slumped to mid-table.

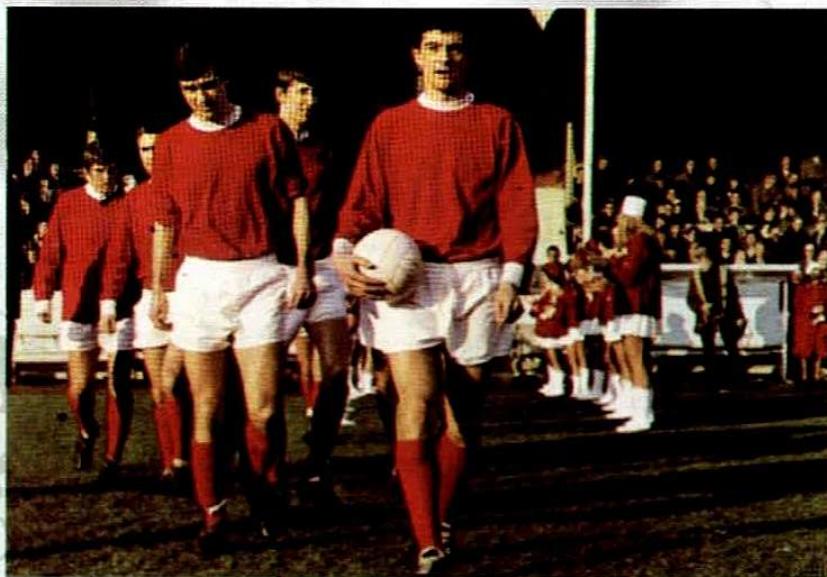
During the mid sixties Ernie Hunt, Bobby Woodruffe and Mike Summerbee were sold, the latter to



Manchester City from where he went on to play for England, and the Club were relegated to Division 3.

Bert Head, like many managers before and since, became a victim of his own success and was sacked as a result of the demotion. He was replaced by Danny Williams, a shrewd Yorkshireman who set about building a new team. He bought players such as Peter Downsborough, Joe Butler, Peter Noble, John Smith, Don Heath, Frank Burrows and Stan Harland at bargain prices and these players, along with the incumbent Roger Smart, Rod Thomas, John Trollope and Don Rogers formed the squad that went on to the Club's greatest achievement in 1969 - victory at Wembley in the League Cup Final, as a Third Division side!

In the next issue we will look back at the Club's progress from their Wembley success against Arsenal to achieving Premiership status in the early 1990's under the management of Glen Hoddle.





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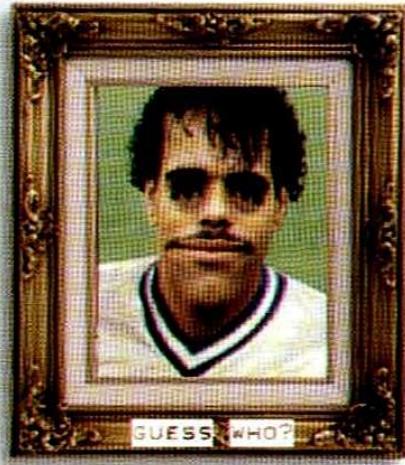


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half-time teasers

You've got 15 minutes starting from.....NOW!



quick quiz

- 1 Which English League team was originally known as Abbey United?
- 2 Which English League team was originally known as Ardwick?
- 3 Which English League team was originally known as Belmont?
- 4 Which English League team was originally known as Boscombe St Johns?
- 5 Which English League team was originally known as Christ Church FC?
- 6 Which English League team was originally known as Dial Square?
- 7 Which English League team was originally known as Headington United?
- 8 Which English League team was originally known as Heaton Norris Rovers?
- 9 Which English League team was originally known as New Bampton?
- 10 Which English League team was originally known as Newton Heath?



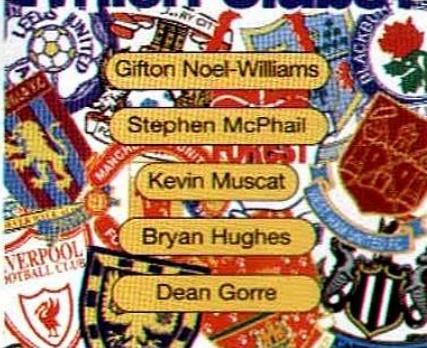
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Where in the **World?** do they come from

- 1 - Cannes
- 2 - Skonto Riga
- 3 - Stromsgodset
- 4 - Santos
- 5 - Dynamo Bucharest
- 6 - Columbus Crew
- 7 - Avispa Fukuoka
- 8 - Sporting Gijon
- 9 - Willem II
- 10 - Shimizu S-Pulse

Which Clubs?



Answers
1. Gifton Noel-Williams
2. Stephen McPhail
3. Kevin Muscat
4. Bryan Hughes
5. Dean Gorre

Answers
1. Liverpool FC
2. Manchester United
3. Newcastle United
4. West Ham United
5. Aston Villa
6. Birmingham City
7. West Bromwich Albion
8. Middlesbrough
9. Nottingham Forest
10. Derby County
11. Birmingham City
12. Wigan Athletic
13. West Bromwich Albion
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Name the Team

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Name the Liverpool side that won the 1984 European Cup Final



captain's corner

with Scott Beitch



I picked up an injury late in the game at Birmingham which meant that I had to be stretchered off the field. I got a bit of a knock on the knee and it did take a few days to settle down but it's fine now and I've trained for most of the week.

It was a hard game at St Andrews and we were very pleased to come home with the point. Unfortunately, when the goal went in I was in the dressing room with their Physio. It was quite funny because he was shattered and I was shouting 'You Beauty'. It was also great for the fans and just reward for the players' efforts because, when we deserve three points, we usually end up with nothing. We're now looking forward to Saturday where it will be very important for us to win the game.

Our away performances have been steady all year and we were happy with both games against Wolves and

Birmingham where we worked very hard. We have to take that forward into the match with Walsall because everybody is very positive and, although we keep saying we should have had a point against Charlton and three against Norwich and Wolves, we have to stick together and be positive to win games. Like every game this season, especially at home, it's a massive six-pointer and we have to stick together and get out of the position we are in. We haven't got the resources of other clubs to go out and strengthen the squad so we have to have that mentality when we go on to the pitch.

For the team with all the answers

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TURNING BACK the clock

Chris Kamara

Welcome to our A to Z of former Swindon Town players. This week we take a look back at Chris Kamara.

Chris Kamara was born in Middlesbrough on Christmas Day in 1957. He began his career with Portsmouth scoring seven goals in 63 appearances. Danny Williams signed him for a fee of around £14,000 prior to the start of the 1977/79 season. "It's a little bit of a gamble signing a lad of 19 but if it comes off he could be a great player" said Danny, who used Chris on the right side of midfield.

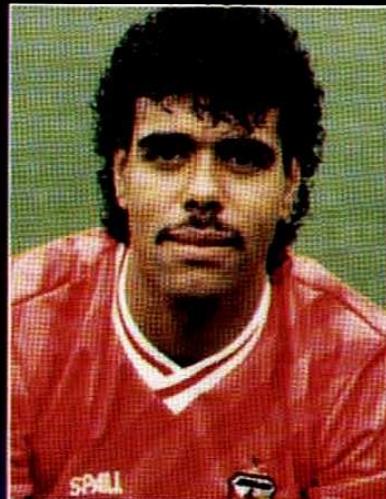
Kamara made his debut in a 3-1 League Cup match at Swansea but his first League game was at Hillsborough a week later. A target for racial abuse from a small section of the Wednesday crowd he gave them the best possible answer by robbing a Sheffield player just outside the box and racing in to beat the keeper from an acute angle. This goal was enough to earn Town a point and was the first of 10 League goals Chris scored during the season during which he also netted twice during a 3-0 home win over Cardiff in the FA Cup Third Round.

During the following season he fell out of favour with new manager Bob Smith and was placed on the transfer list. In November 1979 he re-established a regular first team place and took part in the latter stages of the League Cup run which saw Swindon go down 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves in the semi-final. The start of the 1981/82 season saw Kamara unable to agree a contract with Swindon and he

returned to his old club Portsmouth for a fee of £50,000 after having made 133 full and 14 substitute appearances for Swindon.

Kamara's second spell at Portsmouth was a brief one. He made just 11 appearances before moving to Brentford in an exchange deal. It was from here that he re-signed for Swindon on the opening day of the 1985/86 season for a fee of £12,500. Although the season was to be one of great success for Swindon, Chris failed to hold down a regular place. He did however appear in the match against Chester City which saw Swindon clinch promotion to Division Three. In this match it was a foul on Kamara which led to Steve Johnson of Chester being booked before the ball had left the centre circle, probably the quickest booking in any Town match.

It was in a match at Shrewsbury during the 1986/87 season that the incident which marred Chris



Kamara's second period with the Town took place. As the players left the pitch, Kamara elbowed an opponent, breaking his jaw. He was suspended by Swindon and eventually fined by the Shrewsbury magistrates. Although his long legs would often go sliding into tackles from a distance, Kamara had never been a vicious player and it seems that racial taunts had led to this uncharacteristic loss of temper.

Swindon again won promotion but the close season saw an exodus of stars from the County Ground with Jimmy Quinn and Dave Bamber leaving. Kamara also left, refusing a pay rise and taking up a two-year contract with Stoke City. He retained links with Swindon for a while, running an off-licence in York Road. He has since spent a period as manager of Bradford City and now commentates for radio.

competition TIME

Q: With which club besides Swindon did Chris Kamara have two spells?

If you think you know - send your answers on a postcard to: History Competition, Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2ED.

The first correct entry received will win a great STFC Mystery Prize!

In the last programme we asked
"Who were the opponents when
Tommy Jenkins scored his only goal for Town?"
Answer
Luton Town
Winner
Andrew Hawkes
from Bexley Heath

world football

the Italian job

Like Manchester City, Italian giants Napoli play in sky blue. But the similarities don't end there. Like City Napoli have fallen on hard times in recent years and are currently languishing in the Italian Second Division - Serie B. A period of heavy debt, which saw the once proud club drop out of the top flight, and lose star players such as Gianfranco Zola, contributed heavily with the Thodis when Diego Maradona starred in a Scudetto (league) championship winning side.

Now though help may be at hand. Apparently a British based consortium, poised to take over this great club in a deal believed to be worth around £50 million, believes that with debts now at a mere manageable £2 million, the consortium believe the time is right. The club still attract a crowd of around the 45,000 mark and as the only major club in the region have a large catchment area. The consortium, known as Asbury Sports International has stated that promotion back to Serie A is a priority and will invest transfer funds to aid the task.

pulses racing

Former Tottenham captain Steve Perryman has recently been feted across the other side of the world. He has just led Japanese side Shimizu S Pulse to the J League second stage title and will now lead them into a play off with first stage winners Jubilo Iwata to decide the overall league title. Perryman has been in charge of Shimizu ever since former boss Osie Ardiles joined Croatian Zagreb 12 months ago. Perryman had previously worked under his former Tottenham team mate and part tribute to the former boss by saying: 'how grateful I was to inherit Ardiles' team. Ardiles was present to witness the triumph having been sacked by Zagreb two months back following their premature exit from the UEFA Champions League.

waiting for the metro

Lothar Matthäus has put his decision to join MLS side New York/New Jersey MetroStars on hold. The 36 year old German international was supposed to leave in January but was persuaded to stay at Bayern Munich until March. Now, to the American clubs fury, he is saying he may stay until the end of the season. The lure of the Champions League is clearly too much for him to honour his word and the fact that a few good displays in front of Germany's head coach Jupp Heynckes may increase his chance of playing in Euro 2000 means that New York may have to wait some time before their promised signing materialises.

Buitoni



premier league



news



ced's sky high

Cedric Roussel, Coventry's on-loan Belgium striker is desperate to win a permanent deal at Highfield Road. The Belgium U-21 international was brought in from Ghent until the end of the season. Sky Blues' boss Gordon Strachan needed cover for injured front men Noel Whelan and John Aloisi.

Roussel, who hit the winner against local rivals Aston Villa last week, said: "I want to sign for Coventry. I love this club and the city. The atmosphere at the stadium and the supporters are fantastic."

Sky Blues chairman Bryan Richardson has already talked about his desires to land the Ghent ace on a permanent basis, so the deal will hinge on whether his club will allow the player to leave on a permanent basis.

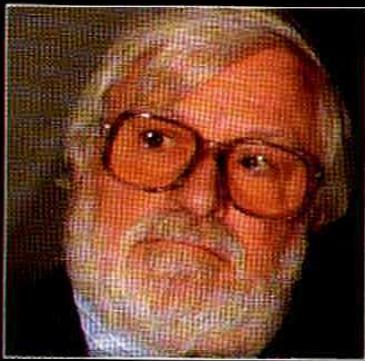
shifting sutton

Chris Sutton is considering a change of position to show Chelsea that he is no big-money misfit. After another barren month in front of goal Gianluca Vialli is fast losing patience with the man he brought in for £10 million last summer. Sutton began his career at Norwich City as a centre half and it may provide the answer to Vialli's impending problems in defence. Frank Leboeuf has been the subject of transfer rumours with one bid of around £10 million reportedly refused. At 29 he's not getting any younger and Vialli may try and recoup the cash he laid out on Sutton five months ago to try again for a goal-getter. Furthermore, Marcel Desailly is 32, and will not go on forever leading to speculation that Sutton will fill in at the back or move on to resurrect his goal-scoring fortunes.



bridge ban

A recent television documentary identified hooligans that have been attending matches at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea chairman Ken Bates acted promptly and banned those involved and also promised to hunt out the remainder that bring disgrace upon the true fans that follow the club. Bates had acted on evidence submitted to the club by the investigative journalist who put the programme together.

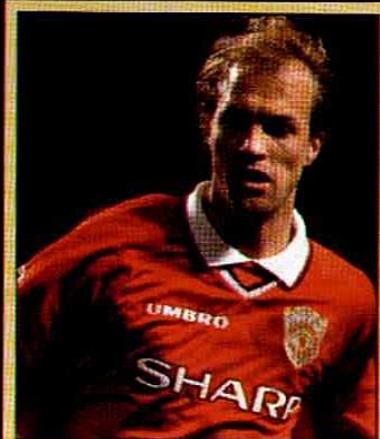


principle back-up

Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier is giving a trial to Monaco goalkeeper Samuel Monin as he seeks cover for Sander Westerveld. The 20 year-old, who is third choice keeper in the principality, has been offered a trial at Anfield with Brad Friedel's time on Merseyside coming to an end.

Norwegian keeper Espen Johnsen will arrive at Anfield on January 3rd for his second trial spell but, in the meantime, Monin will be given a chance to impress.

Monin currently lies behind Fabien Barthez, Tony Silva and Jean-Marie Aubry in the pecking order at Monaco.



jordi oyff!

Jordi Cruyff has finally given up hope of holding down a regular place in the Manchester United line-up and confirmed that he will be leaving the Red Devils in the summer, when his contract expires.

The son of Dutch footballing legend Johan has been at Old Trafford for four seasons and his yet to win over Sir Alex Ferguson in his attempts to claim a regular first team place, despite emphasising that he would fight for his place only five months ago, but his patience could seemingly only stretch so far.

He said "In four seasons here I've only made 48 appearances in the first team - 23 as substitute.

During the past couple of seasons I've just not made enough progress and I can't see my situation changing.

"But I've gained tremendous experience here and I'll leave with happy memories."

Cruyff, who signed for United from Barcelona, is expected to make a return to Spain with early-season pace-setters Rayo Vallecano already in the hunt for his signature.



Premier League
Table 30.11.99

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
1 LEEDS	16	8	2	3	29	19	35
2 MAN UTD	15	10	3	2	35	20	33
3 ARSENAL	16	10	2	4	28	16	32
4 SUNDERLAND	16	9	4	3	27	16	31
5 LEICESTER	16	9	2	5	26	20	29
6 LIVERPOOL	16	8	3	5	20	13	27
7 TOTTENHAM	15	8	2	5	25	20	26
8 CHELSEA	14	7	3	4	20	8	24
9 WEST HAM	15	7	3	5	17	14	24
10 MIDDLESBROUGH	16	7	2	7	20	23	23
11 EVERTON	16	5	6	5	24	22	21
12 COVENTRY	16	5	5	6	23	18	20
13 ASTON VILLA	16	5	4	7	14	18	19
14 WIMBLEDON	16	3	8	5	22	25	17
15 NEWCASTLE	16	4	4	8	27	30	16
16 SOUTHAMPTON	16	4	4	7	20	25	16
17 BRADFORD	15	3	3	9	12	24	12
18 DERBY	16	3	3	10	15	28	12
19 WATFORD	16	3	2	1	8	28	11
20 SHEFF WED	15	1	3	1	9	36	6

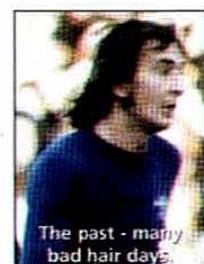
False Memory Syndrome

Following Football - Lesson 3

Despite popular opinion, anglers are not the biggest liars in sport. All they do is manipulate the size of their catches and of the ones that got away. Soccer fans on the other hand stray away from the truth almost as often as a young Pinocchio. I can, of course, categorise the main areas of footballing falsehoods.

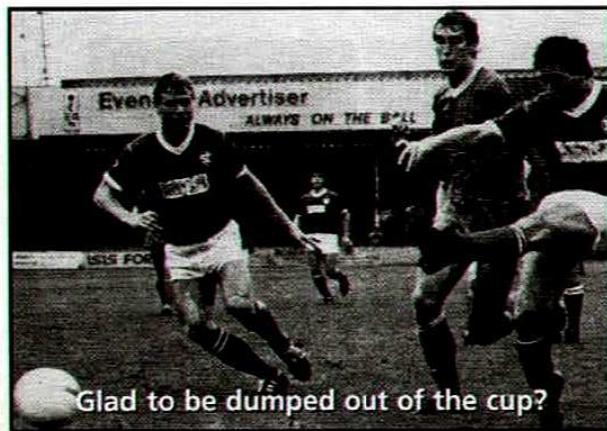
I'll start with the 'Past glories re-visited'. Not only did we all have a better side than today but we had 'characters' in our teams. What this really means is that, when we were younger, we were less critical and we had, as did most football teams, a 'clogger'. A man who took out his teeth before the game and anyone who strayed into his lumbering path during it. Usually older in appearance, balding, grey-skinned, wiry and with a nickname which announced his intentions e.g.: 'Cruncher' Hicks, 'Skinner' Normanton or 'Chopper' Harris. But, despite what your dad says lads, they were not 'characters' they were hit-men and, had they been born in the Argentine instead of Hartlepool, the Sun newspaper would have been baying for the firing squad.

Another area where imagination distorts the truth is 'How much better and cheaper it all was in the past'. Then, you could go to football with your mates, have a couple of pints on the way, stand on the terraces, buy a programme, a Bovril, and a pork pie (leftovers of which could be used to feed your dog who entered the ground with you) have a bag of chips on the way home while you waited for the 'Pink' to arrive at the news-stand and still have change out of 7/6 d (but you were only earning £8 per week!). The truth is that many people worked on a Saturday morning during this era, they didn't get a pre-match build-up on local radio or a summary of their team's league on lunchtime TV. They drank two quick, flat, warm pints in a four ale



The past - many bad hair days.

bar in an atmosphere heavy with stale sweat and nicotine and then hurried down to the ground hoping there were enough of the aforesaid pork pies to go round. Nowadays you can have a drink at the ground, choose from hot or cold buffet selections (but you still have to take the pork pie for the dog home with you). No one will stop you and your mates standing up to clap and cheer should you feel the need, you can still get a programme but you don't need to use it as a makeshift funnel for a DIY commode, as you did then, because of a combination of fear of losing your vantage point on the bank (i.e. somewhere where you could see one goal and 25% of the rest of the field) and fear of using the public urinals - the earliest form of 'black hole'. And, furthermore, you can eat your chips with a glass of Riocca in front of the T.V. at home and see the goals within minutes of the end of the match.



Glad to be dumped out of the cup?

Then there are the little fibs we all tell ourselves, and others, such as 'We are glad to be dumped out of the Cup so we can concentrate on the league'. Then there is the ever-popular

'We're playing too well to go down' and the evergreen 'We have a very good team - we just leak goals at the back'. The list of these self-delusions is endless and, in truth, mean exactly the opposite.

'We are not worried about being bottom of league as nothing gets sorted before Christmas'.

MAZ about football

These little white lies are not for supporters alone, they also come from the boards and managements. Here are a few little gems: 'The manager has our full backing', 'I'm not motivated by money alone - there is such a thing as loyalty in my book'. These are usually muttered by a player, or manager, as he clears his locker or desk and, of course the 'I am, at the end of the day, a fan just like everyone else'. (Yes Mr Fayed, or any other league Chairman, of course you are!).

Another twilight zone is that of total delusion, as in the very popular 'I was there when'. This is a similar phenomenon to the one whereby anyone now over 50 and born in Liverpool either went to school with, or was a personal friend of, one (or all) of the Beatles. I have known Swindon supporters to whom an away game at Portsmouth required weeks of intense planning with military precision, but whose recollections of 'those days', over the years gradually mutated into tales of how they, during the same period, travelled extensively across Europe watching British clubs win trophies and England lose World Cups. They saw Jimmy Greaves score his best goals, watched Stanley Matthews finish his career, they drank with Dave Mackie and played bowls with Don Rogers. Maybe I'm too cynical. Maybe they did. After all, supporters were *all* characters then.

MAZ

andy williams

andy caps

Andy Williams has made a great start to his Swindon career and so nearly capped an excellent display against Charlton with a goal. His attacking runs nearly paid off when he latched on to a loose ball and fired a vicious strike towards Dean Kiely's goal. Andy's shot crashed against the upright and rebounded with equal pace. It looks like it's only a matter of time before the young Welshman hits the back of the net in Town colours.



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date of birth	08.010.77
99/00 apps	11
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statistics

1999/2000
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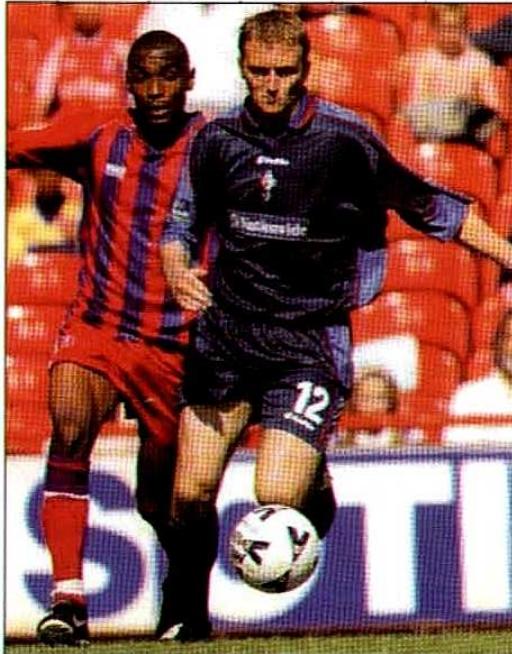
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date	opponents	result	att.
Sat Aug 7	Walsall	(A) 0-0	6,437
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1)	(H) 0-1	3,587
Sun Aug 15	Ipswich	(H) 1-4	6,195
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace	(A) 2-1	12,726
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)	(A) 1-1 (1-2agg)	4,000
Sat Aug 28	West Brom	(H) 1-2	6,565
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby	(A) 0-1	5,705
Sat Sept 11	Nott'm Forest	(H) 0-0	8,203
Sat Sept 18	Crewe	(A) 1-2	5,280
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale	(A) 0-2	4,629
Tues Sept 28	Blackburn	(H) 2-1	7,354
Sat Oct 2	Bolton	(H) 0-4	6,711
Sat Oct 9	Stockport	(H) 1-1	5,318
Sat Oct 16	Fulham	(A) 0-1	13,715
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley	(A) 0-1	12,026
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd	(H) 2-2	5,504
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale	(H) 2-1	5,703
Sat Oct 30	Bolton	(A) 0-2	12,486
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield	(A) 0-4	11,891
Fri Nov 12	Norwich	(H) 0-0	7,405
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton	(A) 1-1	19,917
Tues Nov 23	Charlton	(H) 1-2	6,515
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham	(A) 1-1	22,620
Sat Dec 4	Walsall	(H)	
Sat Dec 11	Charlton (FAC 3)	(A)	
Sat Dec 18	Man. City	(A)	
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth	(H)	
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere	(A)	
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Sat Jan 8	FAC 4		
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich	(A)	
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Sat Jan 29	West Brom	(A)	
Sat Feb 5	Grimsby	(H)	
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn	(A)	
Sat Feb 19	Birmingham	(H)	
Sat Feb 26	Crewe	(H)	
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest	(A)	
Tues Mar 7	Huddersfield	(H)	
Sat Mar 11	Charlton	(A)	
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton	(H)	
Tues Mar 21	Norwich	(A)	
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth	(A)	
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Sat Apr 8	QPR	(A)	
Sat Apr 15	Tranmere	(H)	
Sat Apr 22	Fulham	(H)	
Mon Apr 24	Stockport	(A)	
Sat Apr 29	Barnsley	(H)	
Sun May 7	Sheff Utd	(A)	

the key...

FAC / WC
F.A. CUP - WORTHINGTON CUP

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Iffy Onuora	4
Chris Hay	3
Giuliano Grazioli	2
Mark Walters	2

this season's top gates

Sat Sept 11th vs Nott'm Forest	8,203
Fri Nov 12th vs Norwich City	7,405
Tue Sept 28th vs Blackburn	7,354
Sat Oct 2nd vs Bolton	6,711

last four games

Birmingham City (A)	DREW	1-1
Charlton Athletic (H)	LOST	1-2
Wolves (A)	DREW	1-1
Norwich City (H)	DREW	0-0

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Chris Hay



saturday dec 4th 1999



KO 3.00pm vs walsall



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player in RED denotes scorer	number in brackets denotes player replaced()	1	2	3	4	5
GRAZIOLI (1)	ONUORA	GRAFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOLI (1)	ONUORA	GRAFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	HAY	GLASS
GRAZIOLI	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOLI (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	HULBERT	WILLIAMS	GLASS
GRAZIOLI (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	MC HUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY (2)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRAFFIN	MC HUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIS	GRAFFIN	MC HUGH	WILLIS	GLASS
NOAH	ONUORA (1)	GRAFFIN	DAVIS	WILLIS	WILLIS	GLASS
NOAH	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	GRAFFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NOAH	WALTERS	J WILLIAMS	ONUORA	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NOAH	WALTERS (1)	ONUORA	HULBERT (3)	GRAZIOLI	DAVIS	FLANAGAN
ONUORA	WALTERS	HAY (1)	HULBERT (2)	GOODEN (3)	GRAFFIN	MILDENHALL
HAY (2)	WALTERS (3)	ROBINSON (1)	GRAZIOLI (2)	ONUORA (3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
GOODEN (1)	NOAH	ONUORA (1)	J WILLIAMS	HAY	WILLIS	TALIA
NOAH (3)	A WILLIAMS	ONUORA (1)	HAY (2)	GRAZIOLI (3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
A WILLIAMS (1)	ONUORA	HAY	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA	
A WILLIAMS	ONUORA (2)	COLLINS	GRAZIOLI	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
WILLIS	GRAZIOLI (2)	MC HUGH	ONUORA	HOWE	COWE	TALIA
HOWE (2)	ONUORA	MC HUGH	J WILLIAMS	LEITCH	GRAFFIN	GLASS
HOWE	ONUORA (1)	QUINN	J WILLIAMS	WILLIS	MC HUGH	MILDENHALL
ONUORA (1)	HAY	QUINN	HULBERT	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (1)	QUINN	HULBERT	WILLIS	COLLINS	MILDENHALL
HAY (2)	ONUORA	QUINN	GRAFFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS

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TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Man City	20	13	3	4	30	13	42
2 Huddersfield	21	12	4	5	38	22	40
3 Charlton	20	12	3	5	37	23	39
4 Ipswich	20	10	5	5	34	23	35
5 Barnsley	20	11	2	7	38	32	35
6 Fulham	20	8	8	4	24	18	32
7 QPR	21	8	8	5	32	27	32
8 Birmingham	20	8	7	5	32	23	31
9 Bolton	20	8	7	5	29	20	31
10 Stockport	20	7	7	6	23	28	28
11 Blackburn	19	6	8	5	23	19	26
12 Wolverhampton	19	6	8	5	19	18	26
13 Tranmere	21	7	5	9	28	30	26
14 West Brom	19	5	10	4	20	19	25
15 Norwich	20	6	7	7	17	18	25
16 Grimsby	20	7	4	9	21	32	25
17 Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	28	32	24
18 Nottm Forest	20	5	6	9	23	26	21
19 Port Vale	21	5	6	10	26	31	21
20 Portsmouth	21	5	6	10	25	35	21
21 Sheff Utd	21	4	6	11	24	38	18
22 Walsall	21	4	6	11	18	33	18
23 Crewe	19	4	5	10	18	29	17
24 Swindon	21	3	7	11	15	33	16

stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	squad number	league apps.	cup apps.	goals all comps	total apps.
Frank Talia	1	13	2	-	15
Mark Robinson	2	18(2)	2	-	20(2)
Gareth Hall	3	19	2	-	21
Scott Leitch	4	5(1)	1	-	6(1)
Gareth Davies	5	8	1	-	9
Michael Carrick	6	4	-	-	4
Bobby Howe	7	18(2)	1(1)	1	19(3)
Iffy Onuora	9	12(5)	2	4	14(5)
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(4)	2	3	6(4)
Ty Gooden	11	6(1)	-	-	6(1)
Alan Reeves	12	18	1	-	19
Jimmy Glass	13	8	-	-	8
Mark Walters	14	11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	11(4)	(1)	3	11(5)
Lee Collins	16	2(1)	-	-	2(1)
Steve Cowe	17	0(1)	-	-	0(1)
Steve Mildenhall	18	-	-	-	-
Adam Willis	19	4(5)	(1)	-	4(6)
Charlie Griffin	20	(7)	(1)	-	(7)
Sol Davis	21	11	2	-	14
Robin Hulbert	22	1(3)	2	-	3(3)
Philippe Cuervo	23	-	-	-	-
Sam Campagna	24	-	-	-	-
Frazer McHugh	25	6(2)	(1)	-	6(3)
Nicky Burke	26	-	-	-	-
Jamie Mills	27	-	-	-	-
Ricky Culbertson	28	-	-	-	-
Alan Flanagan	29	-	-	-	-
Paul McAreavey	30	-	-	-	-
Alun Hughes	31	-	-	-	-
James Williams	32	5(6)	1	-	6(6)
Andy Williams	33	14	-	-	14
Jim Quinn	40	(4)	-	-	(4)

the squads



1	Frank Talia	1	James Walker
2	Mark Robinson	2	Chris Marsh
3	Gareth Hall	3	Neil Pointon
4	(c) Scott Leitch	4	Adrian Viveash
5	Gareth Davies	5	Richard Green
6	Michael Carrick	6	Ian Roper
7	Bobby Howe	7	Darren Wrack
9	Iffy Onuora	8	Mark Robins
10	Giuliano Grazioli	9	Andy Rammell
11	Ty Gooden	10	Dean Keates
12	Alan Reeves	12	Darko Mavrik
13	Jimmy Glass		Jason Brissett
15	Chris Hay	15	Bjarni Larusson
16	Lee Collins	16	Siggi Eyjolfsson
17	Steve Cowe	17	Carl Emberson
18	Steve Mildenhall	18	Wayne Thomas
19	Adam Willis		Lee Todd
20	Charlie Griffin	20	John Keister
21	Sol Davis	21	Matthew Gadsby
22	Robin Hulbert	22	Michael Ricketts
23	Philippe Cuervo	23	Alfie Carter
25	Frazer McHugh		Dion Scott
32	James Williams	25	Tony Barras
33	Andy Williams	26	George Bukran
40	Jim Quinn		Pedro Matias
			Bica
			M. Di Giuseppe
			P. Miguel Matias
			Gino Padula



Jim Quinn

Ray Graydon

coming soon

Sunday 26th Dec 1999, our next home league game vs

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match... stats



the officials

Referee: R Pearson

Assistant Referees:

M J North

S W Tincknell

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half-time score

full-time score

today's attendance



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