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Jim Quinn looks back at our last two matches and ahead to tonight's game

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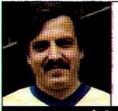
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Good evening and welcome to tonight's Divísion One fixture against Huddersfield Town.

Once again, due to print deadlines for this evening fixture, a lot of this matchday magazine will not feature our away trip to Nottingham Forest on Saturday, sorry about that.

Instead I'm afraid we'll have to reflect on the previous meeting against Crewe Alexandra. It was our fifth home defeat in a row which is making it harder and harder to bear and, although it was a much-improved performance than the Birmingham match, another defeat is still hard to swallow.

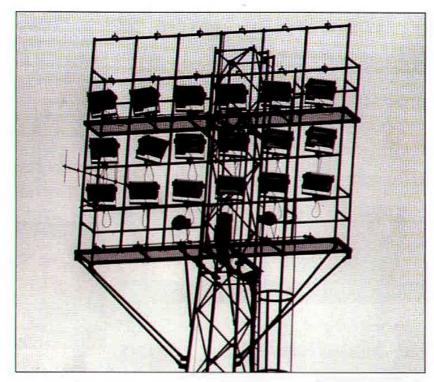
For those of you who remember our last home win, it came on a Tuesday night under the floodlights, hence the picture, against Port Vale as did the win against Blackburn Rovers, so we should be looking forward to tonight's match in eager anticipation. However, the opposition will not come much tougher than Huddersfield Town. They are a team on the up both on and off the pitch. Big money, a high-profile manager, a strong squad and a fantastic stadium. They have everything but Premiership status. The Terriers will have to put that right sooner rather than later because this Division can snag you up if you're not careful - as Birmingham, Wolves and Bolton have found out. -

Jim Quinn and his squad had a difficult time last week as the heavy rain in Swindon meant that normal training was interrupted, as was the reserve match against Colchester United. Due to the weather, a practice match against Southampton was hastily arranged so the squad could get some extra match practice. The match finished 0-0 but Frank Talia returned to action and Graz played a part so hopefully he may return to strengthen the squad later this month.

Swindon Town would like to welcome Steve Bruce and all the players, staff and supporters of Huddersfield Town who have travelled down from Yorkshire.

I hope tonight's performance will give us all something to cheer about, a couple of goals, a point or even three would go a long way and bring a smile to everyone's face.

Enjoy the match.



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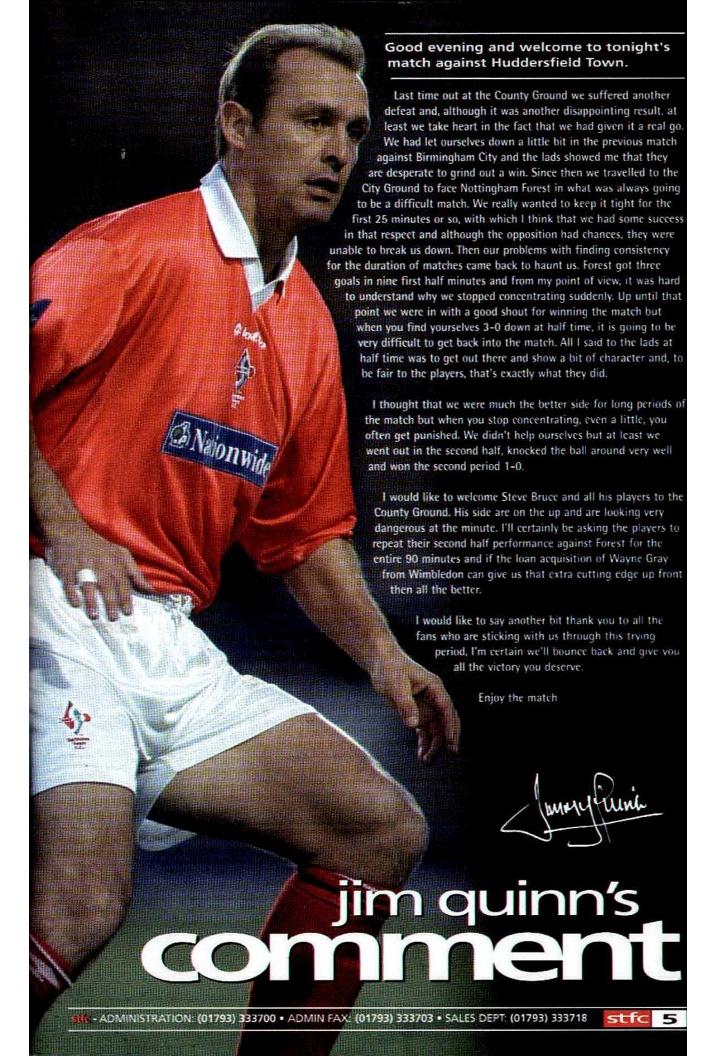
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visitors

The stakes are higher than ever in Division One this season.

Huddersfield Town have joined the nouveau riche clubs of the First Division and aim to fully realise their glorious heritage and stake a claim amongst the nation's elite in the third millennium.

Having created one of the most aesthetically pleasing, futuristic stadia in Britain four years ago, Huddersfield's new owner Barry Rubery now demands a team to match these palatial surrounds and has enlisted former Manchester United captain Steve Bruce to round up a team capable of challenging for the top. He's certainly been a busy bee during his first season in charge and has wasted no time in spending Rubery's cash.

Clyde Wijnhard was snapped up from Leeds United for what appears to be a bargain £750,000, Kenny Irons has left Tranmere after his best-ever season on the Wirral, Georgi Donis has followed his old boss from Bramall Lane to the McAlpine, whilst Scott Sellars and Dean Gorre have arrived to add Premiership and Dutch title experience to the Terriers midfield.

The ingredients look good so far but only in the next couple of months will the Yorkshire faithful discover

whether Bruce is heading in the right direction. Last season's incumbent, Peter Jackson, almost did it without the need for such resources. Having taken over the reins with Huddersfield bottom of the table in



November 1997, he had taken them to the very top of the table within 12 months before a loss of form saw the Terriers slide down the table to finish in a disappointing 10th position.

Rubery decided that in the best interests of the club, Jackson had to go — he reckoned that the former favourite couldn't take them any further and perhaps only a big name could attract the right kind of players to the McAlpine. Now with half a new team, many tip Huddersfield for at least the play-offs whilst some have gone far enough to suggest that they could be a good outside tip for a top two place.

They will have to come a long way from last year to reach those dizzy heights, especially with a higher echelon of Division One teams that simply ooze cash to overcome, but with more money available to Bruce if needed.

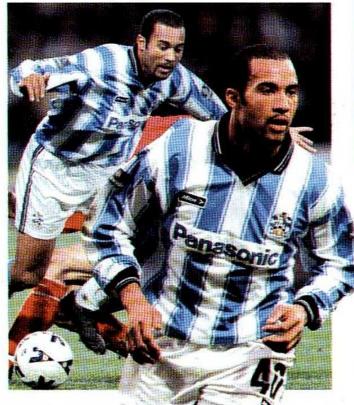
Huddersfield Town FC



Back row - left to right: Jamie Horsley, Georgios Donis, Wayne Allison, Kevin Gray, Chris Lucketti, Lee Richardson, Delroy Faccy,
Damien Brennan, Ryan Crossley, Paul Scott, Danny Schofield, Thomas Heary, Robert Atkinson.

Middle row - left to right: Dave Buckby, Gerry Murphy, John Dechan, Simon Baldry, David Beresford, Rob Edwards, Grant Johnson, Paul Cuss, Nico Vaesen, Jon Dyson, Darren Edmondson, Chris Beech, Paul Dalton, Steve Jenkins, Michael Senior, Terry Dolan, John Dickens, Robin Wray, Front row - left to right: Kenny Irons, Jamie Vincent, Scott Sellars, Marcus Stewart, Clyde Wijnhard, Barry Ruberry, Steve Bruce, Ian Ayre, Barry Horne, Trevor Cherry, Dwayne Mattis, Craig Armstrong, Ben Thornley.

dean **gorre**



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Dean joined Huddersfield from Ajax in September for a fee of £350,000.

A midfielder, aged 29, he has had previous experience in Holland with Gronigen, Feyenoord and Dordrecht. Gorre has produced the best form in his career since switching to a free role behind the front two in Bruce's new-look 3-4-1-2 formation. And if he maintains the kind of form he has shown against Manchester City and Norwich in the last couple of games, that play-off dream is far from dead and buried.

Gorre was Town's Man of the Match in both matches, demonstrating the qualities that earned him a place in the Ajax starting line-up in some of last season's Champions League games.

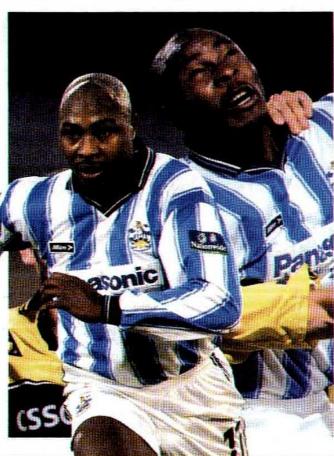
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Clyde Wijnhard dropped down a division to secure first-team football and moved to Huddersfield from neighbouring Leeds for what has turned out to be a bargain £750,000.

He scored four goals in 11 starts for Leeds and has now gone on to prove that he is a formidable striker. A powerful frontman who leads the line very well, he turned out to be the perfect foil for the now-departed Marcus Stewart.

He will now have to form a similar partnership with new £300,000 signing Martin Smith and the Dutch forward will be looking to improve on his 15 goals so farthis season.

dyde wijnhard



players



Supporters Player of the Year for 98/99, Nico has been an inspiration since his move from Belgian club Enderecht Aals. A tall and athletic stopper, he has just signed a new three-year contract.



A Welsh international and converted winger, now at Huddersfield for four seasons. Last season's club captain, he defends well and has a powerful shot from distance when allowed to get forward.



Jamie Vincent
date of birth 01.01.79
height 5ft 11ins
weight 11st 6 lbs
position defender

Signed towards the end of 1998/99 from Bournemouth, a promising attacking full back with an abundance of skill and ability.

Earned himself a place in the 1999 Division Two PFA select XI.

Craig Armstrong				
date of b	oirth	23.05.75		
height 5ft 11ins				
weight 12st 4lbs				
position defender defender				

At the McAlpine since his E750,000 move from Nottingham Forest in February, he quickly became a firm favourite with the fans by courtesy of some powerful and skillful displays.

Chris Lucketti			
date of	birth	28.09.71	
height	ght 5ft 8ins		
weight 12st 4lbs			
position defender			

One of the success stories of last season's disappointing season for Bury, the Shakers' captain was snapped up by Steve Bruce in June following their relegation to the Second Division.

Ken Monkou

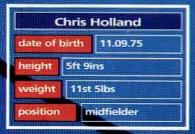
date of birth 29,11.64

height 6ft 3ins

weight 14st 4lbs

position defender

Ken Monkou joined Huddersfield from Southampton on a three-month contract in the summer of '99. Strong in the air and in the tackle, Monkou brings a wealth of experience to the McAlpine. His leadership qualities and ability to organise will prove vital to the Terriers.



Holland signed for Town in February 2000 from promotion rivals Birmingham for a fee of £150,000. Holland joined the Blues in Autumn '96, being forced out at St. James' Park as their glut of international stars meant he had made only two first team starts for the Magpies in over two years.

	Kenn	y Irons	
date of	birth	09.11.69	
height	5ft 9ins		
weight	11st		
position midfielder			

For years the name Kenny Irons was synonymous with the prosaic, never-say-die attitude of Tranmere Rovers. Steve Bruce may shop around for some flair players to trick their way out of trouble but if you were to pick a man to stand beside you in the trenches of Division One, Irons is your man.



	Scott	Sellars	
date of	birth	12.11.65	
height	6ft		
weight	11st 9lbs		
position midfielder			

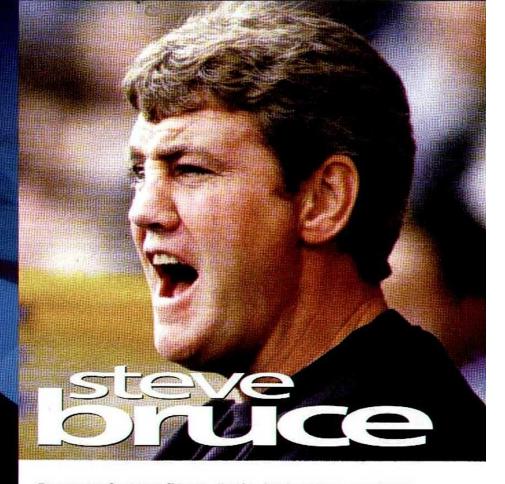
A hugely experienced midfielder who joined Huddersfield Town this summer. He began his career at Leeds before moving to Blackburn, Leeds again, Newcastle and finally Bolton from whom he joined the Terriers.



Having learned his trade at Manchester United alongside such luminaries as Paul Scholes and David Beckham, injury took him out of the reckoning and in August 1998 he joined Town for £275,000.

	Marti	n Smith	
date of	birth	13.11.74	
height	5ft 1	1ins	
weight 12st 3lbs			
position	f	orward	

Martin Smith joined Huddersfield just days after Marcus Stewart's controversial sale to Ipswich Town for a bargain £300,000 from neighbours Sheffield United. A versatile player with an eye for goal, Smith will add an extra dimension to the Town attack.



For many famous figures in the high octane world of professional football, the most difficult transition is from top class player to top class manager.

Many, such as George Graham and Martin O'Neill disappear off the radar for some time before reappearing as wiser and more learned men. Others like David Platt for example jump straight in at the deep end and invariably drown. Steve Bruce has trodden a more central path, swapping a Division One captaincy for a Division One manager's role and looking and acting the part as if he had been doing it all his life. His first job at Sheffield United may have ended in acrimony but with his reputation unsullied, he has turned his attentions to an altogether more ambitious club, Huddersfield Town, and with the money of Barry Rubery to spend, he can combine his not inconsiderable motivational skills with some ambitious wheeling and dealing - a manager's dream. He just seems cut out for this kind of role and, although no-one can know for sure if he will make a success of it, Steve Bruce has had the look of a manager in waiting for some time now. A bold captain ready to make the final push.

Bruce made a name for himself originally at Norwich City, partnering an equally young and impressive Dave Watson at the heart of the Canaries defence. Their rock-solid partnership took the Norfolk Club to the League Cup in 1985, the Second Division Title in 1986 and fifth place in the old First Division in 1987. By then the sniffers were out and, at the end of that campaign, Bruce was off to Old Trafford. The rest as they say is history. Some fallow seasons were followed by the most bounteous of crops as United swept up League titles, FA Cups and the Cup Winner's Cup during his spell in the North West. When he eventually left the club in 1997, he headed south to Birmingham City where he captained the side with distinction but unfortunately without success. Sheffield United also offered Bruce a considerable learning experience. A lack of funds and the constant pruning of a competent squad left him exasperated and desperate for a new challenge. Enter Barry Rubery, Huddersfield Town and the small matter of £12million spending money. Now the test begins.

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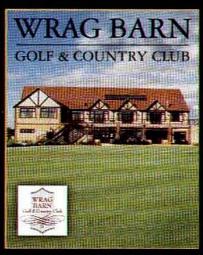
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By Matt Reeder, Sports Editor.

ANOTHER tough week in the world of Swindon Town Football Club.

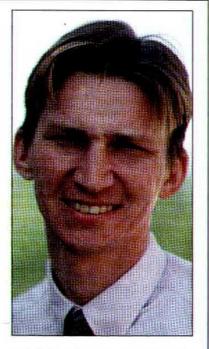
Like a nightmare in which you cannot wake, this season just keeps on going wrong at every turn. When you actually sit back and think about everything which has blown up this season it is very difficult to stop yourself from beating yourself over the head with a wet fish!

Supporters of Jim Quinn's men have only seen them win three times this season. One of those was away and the other two were midweck games. If you are a fan who can only make it to Saturday home games then you have yet to see the team win a match this season! The fans who have endured one of the worst runs in the club's history have travelled home, head bowed, only to have their other halves say 'It's only a game' - the worst thing anyone can say to a supporter after the team has lost. And those who work with Oxford, Reading or Bristol fans have

had the ultimate in bad seasons as they fend off the mickey-taking.

Things have not been easy for anyone. Even us reporters have had a tough time of it, it is not easy trying to find a new angle on the same old story every week. However, there may just be a shaft of light at the end of the tunnel. At least I hope there is.

The fight for survival is almost up and while there is still hope, it does seem likely that Town will be in Division Two next season. And maybe, just maybe, that would not be a bad thing. It would give us the chance to re-build, the chance to win a couple of games, improve morale and build up the confidence levels. It is much easier to support a winning team and the fans would come flooding back to the County Ground to support them. Investors would be more willing to back a side winning in Division Two than losing in Division One and, as long as Jim Quinn is given the time to build a side, there is



more chance that this club can re-build for a brighter future.

Nobody wants to see Swindon Town relegated and I would love it if they pulled off a miracle and achieved the feat. But it would not be the end of the world if we did

Just think about all those derby games!

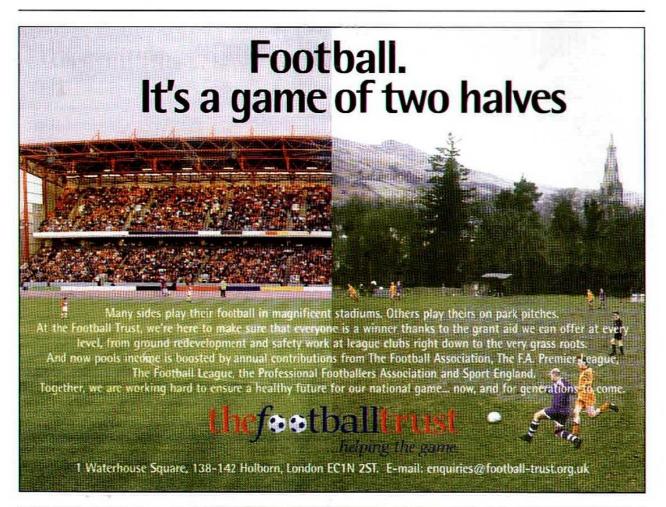
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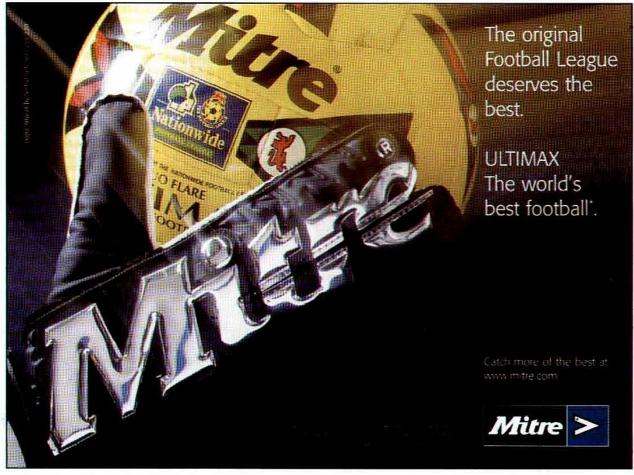
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Steve Cowe avoids Scimeca



Howe lunges at Andy Johnson



Cowe leaps as Quashie slides in



Sol Davis goes down under the rash challenge of David Prutton

match





Last week was a real washout with regards to training at Supermarine. We managed to acquire the use of a gymnasium for one of the days which helped a lot.

The major blow was the fact that the home reserve match against Colchester had to be cancelled because the County Ground was under water, we'd have needed flippers to play football on it!

Jim and myself are still attending our Welsh FA coaching badge which is the highest level of coaching award that the FA do at this moment in time. It is an 18-month course which requires us to attend a session one day a month and also incorporates a three day trip abroad to go and learn about other clubs. There is also a weeks residential course in the summer in Aberystwyth, so all-in-all it does involve a lot of hard work and because it is the highest qualification in coaching you can achieve in Europe at the moment, it is well worth doing.

On Thursday we set-up as training match down at Southampton with the use of their facilities which was a very good workout for the lads and we took many positive aspects from that game. We used the majority of the first team in the match who did give us the chance to work on our shape on the pitch and team play before Saturday's match at Forest. Another positive was that Graz played around 30 minutes, which was encouraging after him being absent for such a long time. He's also joined in what training we have been doing and fingers crossed we might be able to play him in the reserve as quickly as possible. We have a home

reserve match against Wycombe
Wanderers on Wednesday 8th March and
if Giuliano feels ready to play then he can.
We have got quite a few games left to
play so hopefully he can get a few games
under his belt and get him back in
contention for the first team without any
repercussions of his injury.



On Friday we managed to train at the County Ground which was still a little wet so it was a fairly difficult week for us in preparation for the match against Nottingham Forest. Forest have had a bit of a rollercoaster season themselves and they've also been vulnerable at home so hopefully we can keep it tight early on, frustrate them and get something out of the game.

League Table (STFC results up to 23.02.00)

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Peterborough	16	7	4	5	31	19	25
Bristol City	12	7	4	1	23	13	25
Cambridge	16	7	4	6	32	27	25
Fulham	14	7	3	4	22	15	24
Portsmouth	12	7	2	3	20	14	23
Bournemouth	13	6	3	4	19	21	21
Norwich	15	4	6	5	21	17	18
Leyton Orient	15	5	3	7	21	33	18
Gillingham	12	5	1	6	15	21	16
Oxford	16	4	3	9	25	35	15
Bristol Rovers	12	3	5	4	17	15	14
Brighton	10	4	1	5	17	18	13
Luton	16	3	4	9	16	27	13
Colchester	14	3	4	7	16	31	13
Northampton	13	3	3	7	16	24	12
Southend	15	3	1	11	19	39	10
Wycombe	10	2	-1-	7	11	23	7
Barnet	13	1	3	9	14	24	6



Reserve League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Wed Aug 18	Cambridge Utd	4-0
WED SEPT 1	NORTHAMPTON T	2-1
Wed Sept 8	Luton Town	1-0
Wed sept 22	BARNET	4-3
Tue Oct 05	Millwall	2-0
WED OCT 13	LEYTON ORIENT	1-0
WED OCT 27	FULHAM	2-2
Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	4-4
WED NOV 17	PORTSMOUTH	2-1
Wed Dec 08	Oxford United	2-0
Tue Dec 13	Q.P.R.	2-2
Wed Jan 12	Brighton & H.A.	0-1
WED Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH	1-2
Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	Lost
WED FEB 09	NORWICH CITY	0-4
TUE FEB 29	COLCHESTER UTD	P
WED MAR 08	WYCOMBE W.	2.00PM
WED MAR 15	PETERB'RO UTD	2.00PM
Wed Mar 29	Southend United	7.45pm
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The big news from the Youth team this week is that Alan Young has been called up to the full England Under16 international squad to play in Luxembourg this week.

He was on standby for a couple of days and got the all important phone call last Thursday evening. He quickly packed his bags and joined up with the rest of the squad at the Holiday Inn in Maidenhead ready to fly out on the Friday. It has all stemmed from his good performance for the FA England Youth fixture two weeks ago. He did ever so well and has got his reward.

The A side are now playing in another League section against sides from the South East area. We're playing against the likes of Gillingham, Southend, Barnet as well as a local derby against Cirencester Academy.

We did expect the Gillingham match to be very tough because after playing them in previous years we know that they're a very physical side. The lads had a poor start conceding a goal after about five minutes but they showed great attitude to turn it around. We pushed forward and two goals by Paul McAreavey and another from Kevin Halliday put us 3-1 up inside 25 minutes. The lads continued to push forward in the second half and should have improved on their winning margin but instead gave away a sloppy goal from a corner. It did make life slightly difficult for us towards the end but over the course of the match, we were the better side and deserved to win 3-2.

Due to the recent lack of reserve team games Paul McAreavey was available to play for us and played very well. We're happy to give the younger pro's matches with the A side because it keeps them match fit and helps the other lads.

The B side are playing in a round-robin tournament and had a good win against Bristol Rovers also deserved to win after going 1-0 down to another early goal. They turned it around and won the match 2-1. It was a remarkable achievement because we



had eight Under 15's playing in the side in what is and Under 18 league.

It's been a learning process for all the lads this season because we have fielded a predominantly young side throughout the season and it has been a bit of a culture shock for many of them. They've been doing very well and since Christmas we have had some very good results, probably because they're getting more used to it and working harder to compete.





The week before last was half-term week which is obviously a very busy time for us.

We had one team of under 9's and two of 10's and 11's playing matches away in Cardiff. Everybody looks forward to these matches because it is a great day out as well.

They were all very exciting games, we won some and lost some but that's not too important because it's good to get all the lads together in a different class.

I would like to give a special mention to one of our Under 11's, Danny Baker, who won one of the local 'Skills Challenge' in Chippenham. His prize is to go to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United v Liverpool and also compete in another 'Skills Challenge'. It will be a great experience for him and it gives Manchester United a chance to look at other kids – creative scouting is the best way to describe it, I think!

One of the provisos was that he wears Swindon Town kit

when he competes in the 'Skills Challenge' so I wish him well in that.

Last Saturday, at half time in the home fixture, our boys played against a side from London called Hawks Juniors. Their team included two lads from Arsenal, two from Charlton and two lads from Millwall. It was a great spectacle finishing 0-0 and I believe the crowd enjoyed it as well. I would like to thank Mike Spearman for inviting Hawks Juniors down to play us and thank them for giving us the game.

The big buzz around the Country Ground though was the inclusion of Alan Young in the England under-16's squad to play in Luxembourg. It shows all our lads what, with a bit of hard work and application, you can achieve here at Swindon. We put Alan forward for the trials and it was up to him to go, he did and is now being very successful.

Sir Stanley Matthews

The funeral of football legend Sir Stanley Matthews took place last Friday. Here we take a look back at the life and times of the 'First Gentleman of Football'.

Stanley Matthews was born, the son of a barber, on February 1st 1915 in the Potteries town of Hanley, near Stoke-on-Trent. He made his debut for his beloved Stoke City on March 19th 1932 and played the final game of his career for them on the 6th February 1965, a remarkable career spanning 33 seasons in which he made 697 league appearances and scored 72 league goals.

Matthews quickly established a regular place in the Stoke side that was to win the second division title in 1933. As word spread of the attractive, attacking football being played by the Potters, the crowds began to flock to The Victoria Ground and a crowd of over 50,000 attended their league fixture against Arsenal in March 1937. The first season after WW2 saw Stoke City needing to win at Sheffield United to clinch the league title. However, they lost 2-1, the crown went to Liverpool and in May 1947 Matthews was transferred to Blackpool for £11,500. Between 1947 and 1961 he made 379 league appearances for Blackpool and scored 17 league goals before moving back to Stoke in October 1964, at the age of 46, for a fee of £2,500. He made a further 59 league appearances before retiring at the age of 50 in 1965.

At his peak, Matthews was without doubt the finest right winger in world football. He was universally feared by opposing left-backs as he approached them, jinking one way and feinting the other before accelerating past them to deliver

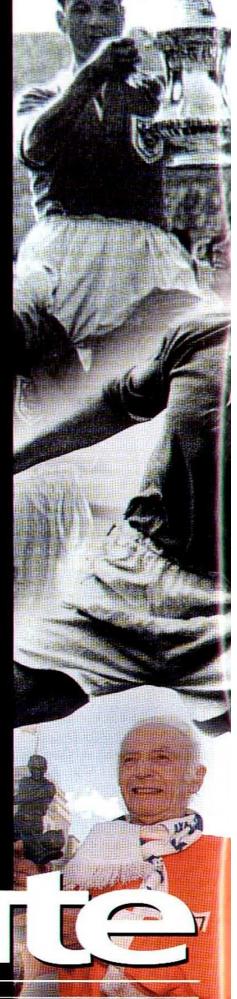
crosses with pin-point accuracy. His acceleration over the first ten yards from a standing start was breath-taking and many defences had absolutely no way of coping with him.

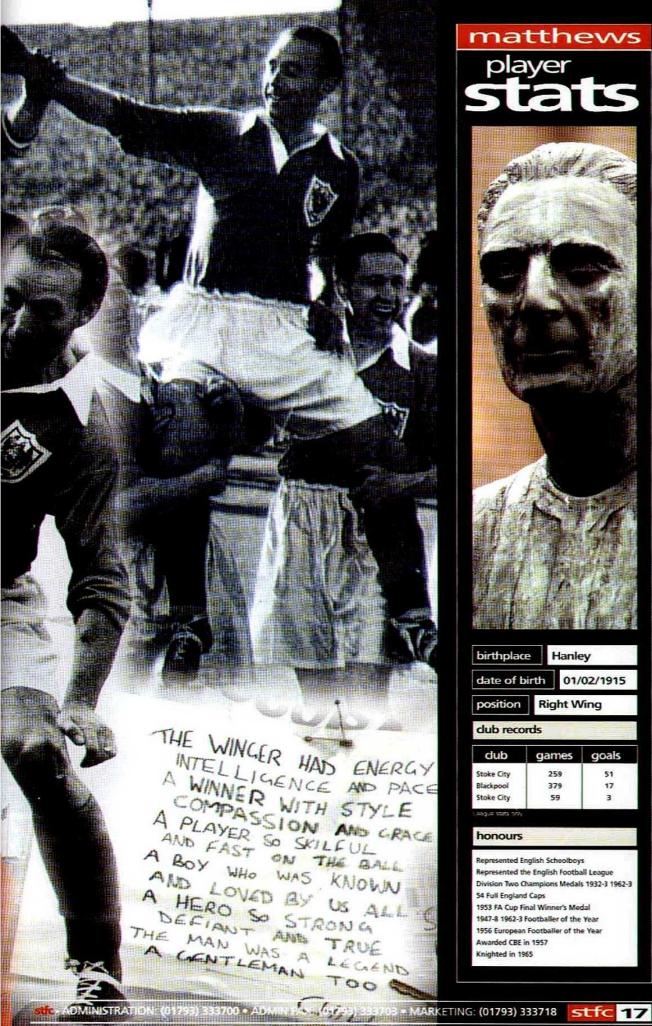
Prior to the historic FA Cup Final between Stoke and Bolton in 1953. Matthews had been in two losing sides at Wembley. His exploits in the 'Matthews Final' became the stuff of football legend although he is on record as saying "Why the Matthews final? - Stan Mortenson scored a hat-trick, why not the Mortenson Final?" - typical of the modesty of the great man.

He made 54 senior appearances for England, his final cap being earned against Denmark on 15th May 1957 at the age of 42. He was the first ever winner of the Football Writers 'Footballer of the Year' award in 1962-63 (winning it again in 1962-63). He was the first recipient of the 'European Footballer of the Year' award in 1956. Throughout his playing career he was never once booked or - heaven forbid - sent off and in 1965, became the first serving player to be knighted, having received a CBE in 1957.

In his home town of Hanley stands a statue of its favourite son which bears the following inscription: 'His name is symbolic of the beauty of the game, his fame timeless and international, his sportsmanship and modesty universally acclaimed. A magical player, of the people, for the people' - a truly fitting epitaph for a truly great man and the role-model for any aspiring footballer - or any man in any role of life for that matter.

I hope that the powers-that-be grant me my wish and name the new stadium at Wembley the 'Sir Stanley Matthews Stadium'.





matthews

player



birthplace

Hanley

date of birth

01/02/1915

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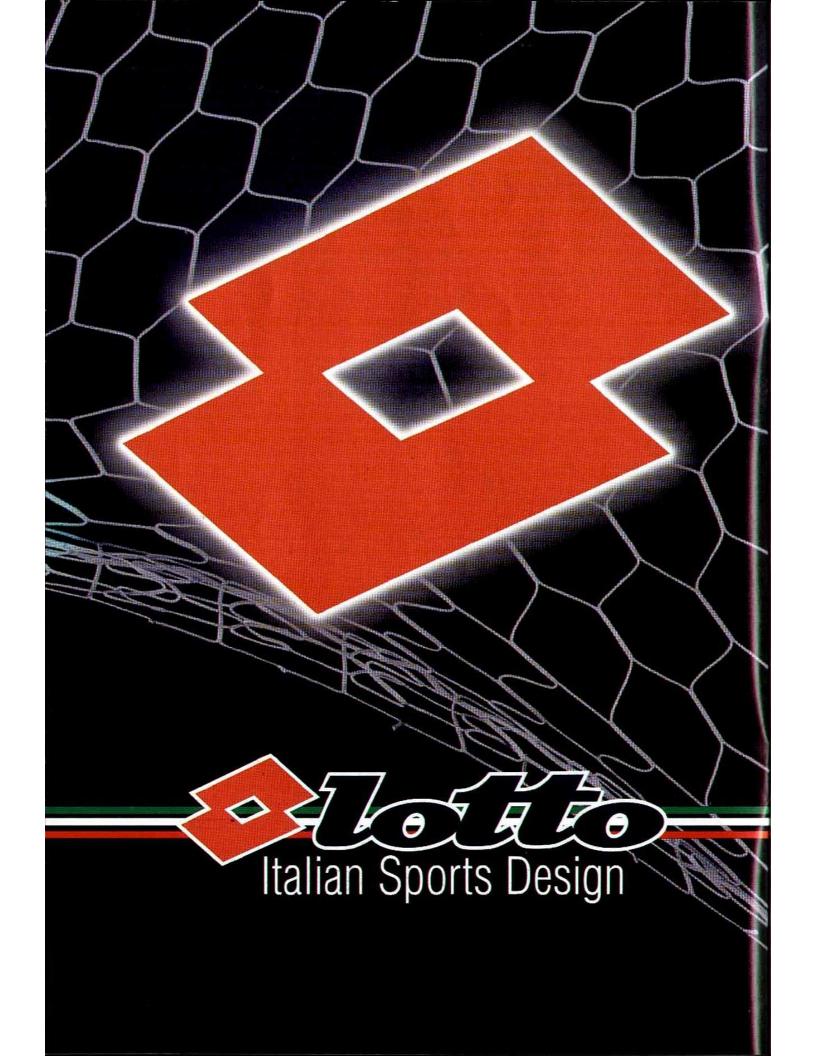
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Blackpool	379	17
Stoke City	59	3

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Membership of our recently launched 50/50 draw is growing match by match and the second winner was Bill Birnie, congratulations Bill. Listen out tonight at half time for the latest winner.

Open to all supporters at a cost of around 50p per week it is an ideal way to help us generate funds without costing a fortune. Remember the more fans who participate, the greater the prize.

A reminder for fans going to Charlton, if you wish to travel with the Vale & West Oxon Group and possibly take part in a match on the morning against Charlton's Maidstone Supporters Group then please contact Roger Bunce on 01865 820499.

Like all at the Football Club we now need to start planning for next season and after such a difficult period we need to begin to focus on

what our membership want the Supporters Club to achieve in the coming months and into the new season. We do need as many views as possible and, just as importantly, we would like to hear from individuals who are able to assist and help with our activities. The more help we get, the more we can do. Please write to us C/O County Ground or call in at the away travel office on matchdays.

A number of supporters have contacted us recently enquiring if they *can stand in the local elections in May to ensure that the Football Club receive a positive airing in any discussions that are held with the council. We have already written to the local authority for nomination forms and have also requested a meeting with them on behalf of our supporters. We wish to find out for ourselves whether there already exists a political will to help the Football Club, not only through its present difficulties but also in the immediate future. Should any other supporter wish to declare an interest in relation to the elections, please contact us immediately. The petition collected in recent months should have been delivered to the council offices today.

Finally, a huge note of thanks to Les Sollis who arranged to do a sponsored walk on behalf of our millennium appeal and has so far raised around £100. Les, a regular both home and away deserves great credit for his initiative- are there more supporters who can match his effort in some way?

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with clive maguire and jon holloway

A warm welcome to you all for tonight's fixture versus Huddersfield Town.

Most of you may have seen the Evening Advertiser this week with great pictures of some youngsters from our half-term coaching course. The three days were a great success with the icing on the cake being the final presentations on the pitch. Many thanks to our chairman Mr Cliff Puffett for a attending the award ceremony.

Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain last week, we had to postpone our scheduled schools' finals on the pitch on the 29th February. The reserve game also fell to the weather. The Primary Schools and Under 12's girls' finals have now been re-arranged for Wednesday 8th March. The Primary Schools final is 4.00pm and

the girls kick-off is at 4.30pm. Again, if anyone would

like to spectate please feel free to come along. It maybe worth phoning up on 01793 421303 just to check that it definitely on!

finally, a quick 'plug' for our Birthday Celebrations package. Please have a look at the following and give us a call if you are interested.

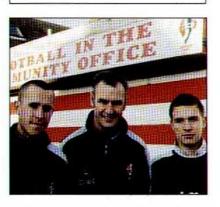
Best Wishes, Clive, Jon and Luke.





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Party information:

Our parties take place here at the County Ground, Monday to Thursday from 4.00pm - 7.00pm. They are available for children between the ages of 4 and 13 years. We take a minimum of ten and a maximum of 20 children per party.

To book your party, please call or write to:

Luke Sharps STFC Community Office County Ground Swindon SN1 2ED

A minimum deposit of £40 is needed to



secure your booking (unfortunately we do not accept credit cards). Full payment is required 7 days prior to the party. Please contact Luke Sharps on 01793 421 303 before sending off your form to ensure the date you require is available.

Please make cheques payable to Swindon Town Football Club Community Office.

Please note that all aspects of parties may be subject to change.



The Norwich match has been changed from a Tucsday to a Wednesday. Any Robins wanting tickets for this night game ONLY should contact Richard Dunstan, Tel no: 01993 703110. Reciprocal tickets are available whether you are travelling by car or coach. 'Lucky Mascot': If any Robin has the full football kit and wishes to enter the draw to be 'Away Mascot' ring George Chadwick on 01672 520679.

We are having a Disco in the 'Winners Lounge' on Friday 17th March at 7.30pm. So come on Robins, let's have a great evening. Bring all your friends along too and

We have four away family trips booked for you at the moment, they are:

Wednesday - March 22nd 2000 - Norwich City Saturday - March 25th 2000 - Portsmouth

Saturday - April 8th 2000 - QPR

Monday - April 24th 2000 - Stockport County

Mums and Dads - the bar will be open! The cost as usual will be 50p for 15-year-olds and under and £1 for adults. Good fun and raffle prizes throughout the evening so make a date to come along.

Unfortunately, our next away trip is a night match, so we'll forgive you if you miss this one. However, the Portsmouth trip is always a good one so let's make a really extra special effort and see if we can fill the coach this time! Remember we always like to have a lucky Mascot on these visits, so who knows, it could be your lucky day. Don't forget, to book your seat on the Robins' coach PLEASE contact Annie or Paul, S.A.S. Travel - see Away Travel in this matchday programme for information BUT REMEMBER they must have your booking at least one week before the match is played.

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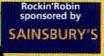
tonight's lucky mascots



Liam Moss

Liam celebrated his 9th birthday last week and is enjoying his day here with us at the County Ground. Liam attends Cirencester County Juniors but spends most of his time thinking about football. He lives for the game and plays for his local side where he is the top

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Sam Yates

Today's away mascot, Sam is 8-years-old and attends St. Bernadettes in Farnborough. Sam enjoys drawing, playing tennis and football. Her favourite Terriers' players are Nico Vaesen and Ben Thornley.



R's & JR's contacts: Fran Brearley - 01993 213015. Richard Dunstan - 01993 703110. Julie Page - 01793 763345.

Kevin Hall - 01793 539457/333757. Kim Young - 01993 212645. George/Brenda Chadwick - 01672 520679. For any further details.

Here at the County Ground we offer a number of corporate hospitality packages to suit all occasions. For matchdays we offer the following:

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- Behind the scenes tour (weekends only)
- Licensed Bar facility
- · Complimentary Matchday Magazine
- . Seats in the Executive Box
- Cover endorsement and editorial in the Matchday Magazine.
- Endorsement of sponsorship over the PA system
- Presentation of autographed football by 'Man of the Match'
- · Half Time refreshments

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В	Silver	£780.00	Ш
C	Bronze	£680.00	

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- Seats in the Executive Box
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- Behind the scenes tour (weekends only)
- An opportunity to vote for your 'Man of the Match'
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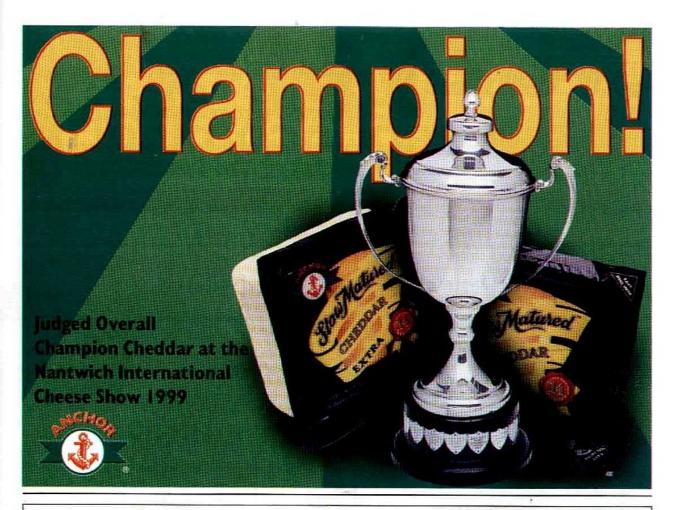
Prices based on 40 guests

Α	Gold	£4150.00	
В	Silver	£3500.00	
C	Bronze	£3100.00	

If you would like to book a table and discuss a suitable fixture.

Then please contact our Marketing Department on 01793 333 718





news from the treatment





Gareth Davies continues to feel a bit sore around the back of his knee which I think is a touch of tendonitis, so we're working hard on him but tonight's match may be a bit too early for him.

It's a difficult one to call but I'm always hopeful that he'll be ready to play. We'll do a bit of running in the next couple of days and see how we go.

Gareth Hall has a calf strain that he picked up in the match against Crewe, which usually takes 7 to 10 days to sort out and I'm afraid that he will not be available for the Forest match and may still be touch-and-go for the home fixture with Huddersfield Town. I'll try my best to get at least one of them fit because, with both of them out, it does leave us a bit stretched in defensive positions.

Graz continues to make good progress in his recovery from his broken foot. He went down to Southampton on Thursday to take part in a practice match and had also joined in full training this week. He's coming along very quickly and he could be available in the

Stephen Mildenhall has recovered from his chest injury and also travelled down to Southampton on Thursday.

coming weeks.

Sam Campagna has a slight hamstring strain but it shouldn't be too much of a problem and we should be able to get him out of the treatment room very quickly.



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If you, someone in your family or a friend want to sell your house now, or in the near future, you can support the Robins by calling into McEwens at 9 Commercial Road or telephoning Tony Smith in 01793 649293 or e-mailing him at tonys@mcewens.co.uk.

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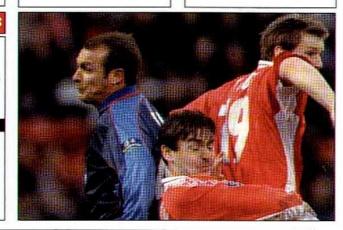
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With Cliris Hay and Clyde Wijnhard in such fine form in front of goal recently you could be forgiven for thinking that this afternoon it is all about strikers.

Not true. Andy Williams and Ben Thornley have toiled away all season on the flanks doing their best to try and create chances for the big men in the forward line.

Thornley has been particularly impressive in a creative role having supplied four goal assists and, despite Andy Williams often having to be on the defensive to stem the flow of opposition attacks, the former Southampton man has supplied an

minutes on pitch: Williams: 2,345 Thornley: 1,448

goal attempts

	Williams	Thorniey
goals	0	1
shots on target (inc goals)	4	5
shots off target	7	14
blocked shots	4	5

passing

	Williams	Thornley
goal assists	1	4
total passes	649	535
pass completion	62%	68%

crossing

	Williams	Thornley
total crosses	74	120
cross completion	28%	31%

dribbling

	Williams	Thornley
dribbles & runs	75	66
dribble completion	80%	86%

defending

	Williams	Thornley
tackles made	41	22
tackles won	56%	59%
blocks	17	7
clearances	90	11
interceptions	16	6

discipline

	Williams	Thornley
fouls	17	10
offside	3	4
yellow cards	2	0
red cards	0	0

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Andy Williams v Ben Thornely

assist and 62 per cent of his passes have been accurate.

Thornley has been given greater licence to attack in Huddersfield's 4–4–2 formation, so he has put in a higher number of crosses despite his fewer minutes on the field of play.

Both players enjoy running with the ball and have impressive dribble completion rates. However, Williams rarely fails to get back to cover the defensive side of the right-flank. He has made 41 tackles and has done well, considering that this is his first season of permanent first team football, to win 56 per cent of those attempts.

It will be an enthralling clash between these two
exciting young players and it is most likely that
Williams' defensive skills will need to be at their best
to halt the threat of Thornley as he aims to supply Martin
Smith and Clyde Wijnhard with the chances required to
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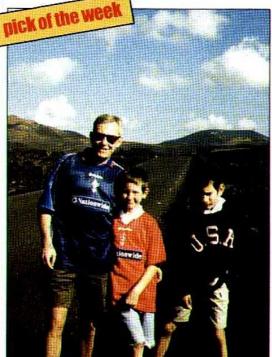




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From match to match, on this page, we will be showing you all the best bits from our bulging mailbag. If you've got anything which you think we should publish then drop us a line (address below).

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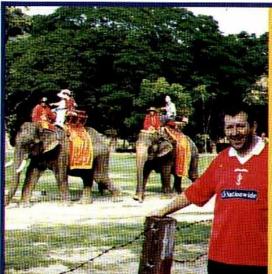


schoolboy Dacker!

Here is a picture of Shaun Moffatt with his two boys David and Sean. They are showing their colours in Lanzarote on New Year's day. Sean Jr. is rather miffed because he did his own packing and forgot his favourite Town shirt.

show yer colours!

Don't forget to send us your top snaps featuring you in your STFC kit - Send them to: STFC Matchday Magazine c/o PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB.



coming up

Matchday magazine regular Ken MacKenzie has yet again sent us another great shot. He is pictured here showing his colours with some elephants who are also wearing red for Swindon Town just north of Bangkok, Thailand.

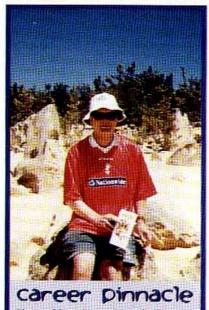
We could do with a couple more defenders!



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.

This is the first bar within the concourse area, and we hope you enjoy the facility. We also hope that we are able to provide similar facilities in other concourse areas of the County Ground in the near future.



Pictured here is Stephen Shailes 'Showing his Colours' sitting on a rock at the Pinnacles Desert at Nambung National Park on the Swan Coastal Plain, 245km north of Perth in Western Australia.



I can picture the scene now, a smoke filled pub somewhere in the heart of Newcastle.

A packed venue with ever necks to watch the television se the World Cup 2002 - England v Germany. The score is 1 with three minutes remaining, suddenly Michael Owen is fouled in the box the referee points to the spot and the cheers ring out. Suddenly a chant of Fowler, Fowler, Fowler rings out around bars across in the country, a silent figure watches proceedings from the shadows of the Simpson's Fruit Machine and the Radio Times Quiz console.

Robbie Fowler steps back and confidently strikes the ball past the hapless German goalkeeper and into a bulging net. The crowd crupts and again cries of Fowler, Fowler, Fowler reverberate like a thunderous tidal wave of noise. The subdued figure emerges from the shadows, Big Mac in hand, no one seems to notice as all eyes are trained on the screen and particular the clock at the top right hand corner, which counting down painfully slowly,

Finally after what has seemed like an eternity the blows for full-time and England have beaten Germa competitive match for the first time since 1966, they d play three times in the last two years and England had lost on each oceasion. Everywhere there were people singing, dancing, shouting and celebrating. Slowly the man from the shadows left the pub to make his way home, he was walking briskly as the five minutes of injury time had made him slightly late. As he looked out over the Tyne he remember the good old days of Euro 96, I was a hero then he thought as he vividly recalled his goals against Switzerland, Holland, Scotland and Germany. A hint of a smile spread across his face but this was quickly replaced by an intense look as he anticipated the evening he had ahead of him.

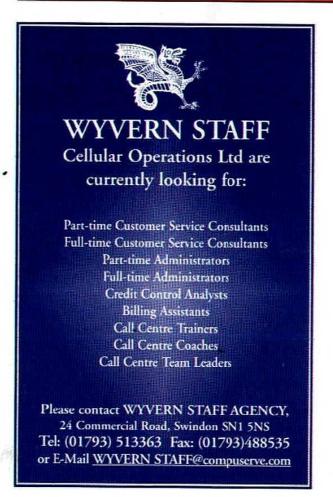
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looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures. On Saturday we travel to The Valley to meet Charlton Ath. then, on the following Saturday, we entertain Wolves.

Charlton Ath.



Swindon's biggest test of the season and although the two sides are poles apart in the league table, the Town players can show that they're not that far apart on the pitch. We could even end their 12-match League winning streak.

the lowdown...

Charlton are emerging as favourites for the First Division title. At the time of writing the Addicks have built a 7-point comfort zone between themselves and second-place Ipswich Town. Alan Curbishley's side extended their 15-match unbeaten run in the League with a 1-0 win over Sheffield United last weekend. Their only defeat in 3 months came in the FA Cup quarter-final tie against Bolton Wanderers. However, it won't bother the Valley faithful if Charlton return to the big time at the first time of asking. If Charlton do gain promotion, construction will start on an extra 6,700 seats in the North Stand at The Valley.

the reason to watch...

The Town met Charlton in the FA Cup at The Valley earlier this season and although we lost 2-1, it was a thoroughly entertaining match, as was the League encounter here at the County Ground. This will be

the last five meetings...

Charlton Athletic 2-1 Swindon Town 11.12.99 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

the player to watch... Andy Hunt has emerged this season as the Addick's main

striker. It was Clive Mendonca and Martin Pringle who were expected to set the First Division alight but it has been Hunt doing all the damage up front. His 18 goals this season have included three hat-tricks - which isn't bad for someone who arrived on a free-transfer back in July 1998. He is a tireless worker for the team which is why so many of the Valley faithful are delighted that, this season, he has been rewarded with an impressive tally of goals.

Wolves

the lowdown...

Wolves have got it together this season and are hovering on the edge of the play-off places. The sale of Robbie Keane gave the club the financial boost needed to improve the squad and give it the strength in depth it needed. Colin Lee is repaying the faith the board showed when he took over from Mark McGhee three-years ago after doing well whilst in temporary charge. Both McGhee and his predecessor, Graham Taylor, saw their managerial reigns flounder on the rocks of the First Division play-offs and Lee is determined not to fail this time.

the reason to watch...

George Ndah is still on the road to recovery but you never know, because of the way that irony works, he could make his return to action against his former club. He was a big favourite here at the County Ground and I know he really enjoyed his time with us. It will be great to welcome him back and see how he gets on....not too well we hope!

the last five meetings...

Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-1 Swindon Town 20.11.99 Swindon Town 1-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 26.12.98 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0 Swindon Town 22.08.98 Swindon Town 0-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 18.03.98 Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-1 Swindon Town 18.10.97

the player to watch...

Colin Lee is soon to have an embarrassment of attacking options when George Ndah regains his fitness. Following the £6m sale of Robbie Keane he has invested the money wisely bringing in forwards Ade Akinbiyi, George Ndah and Michael Branch. The latter most recently in a £500,00 deal from Everton. Branch graduated as a trainee at Everton but never got a foothold in the first team and only scoring 3 goals in 17 starts. Since his arrival at Molineux he has scored five goals in 16 appearances, two of those whilst on-loan, convincing Lee that he was the next piece of the promotion jigsaw.

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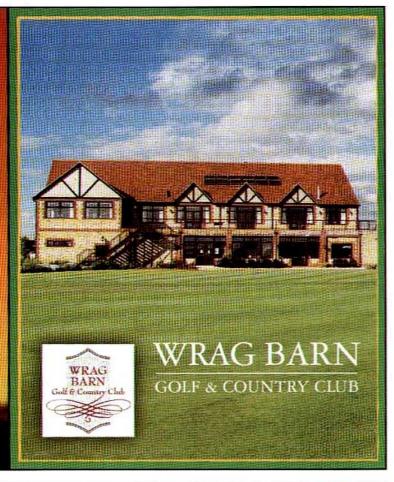
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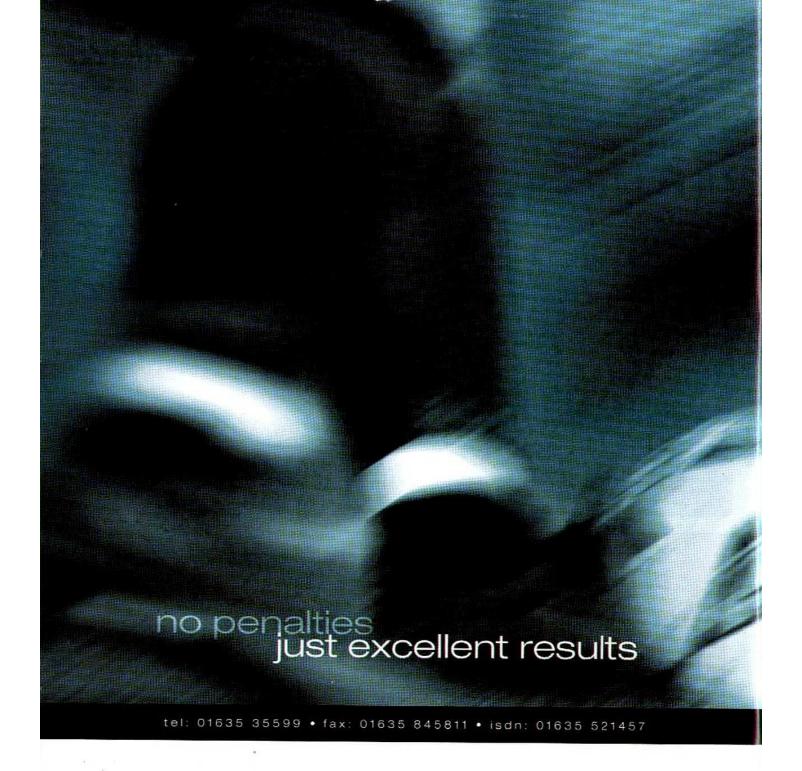
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Swindon Town Football Club present The Millennium Year Swindon Town F.C. will be holding a Millennium Golf Day on Thursday 11th April 2000 at Wrag Barn Golf & Country Club, Highworth. To join in on this unique event, please call the Sales

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swindon town box office

Saturday 11th March - AWAY

Charlton Athletic v Swindon Town

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm. All tickets are pay on the day at Charlton.

Adults £15.00 Senior Citizens £10.00 Juniors £5.00



Saturday 18th March - HOME Swindon Town v Wolves

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm Band A prices apply for this match



Wednesday 22nd March - AWAY

Norwich City v Swillidge Town

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 7.45pm All tickets are pay on the day at Norwich

Adults £14.00 Senior Citizens £8.00 Juniors £8.00



Saturday 25th March - AWAY Portsmouth v Swindon Town

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm 500 seating tickets available in advance.

* please note that this area of the ground is an uncovered section

Adults £13.00 Senior Citizens £6.00 Juniors £6.00



Saturday 1st April - HOME Swindon Town v Man City Nationwide League Division One kick-off 3.00pm

Band A prices apply for this match

We also have tickets on sale now for our remaining three home fixtures:

Swindon Town V Tranmere Band C Swindon Town V Fulham Band A Swindon Town V Barnsley Band B

tovn by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies moved up into third place in the South West Combination League with a 3-1 away win at Cheltenham Town.

Clare Wheeler put the Town ahead with a 35-yard drive that gave the keeper no chance. Midway through the second half, playing with the strong wind and rain in their favour Cheltenham equalised. The Town continued to battle and began to get the upper hand. Seven minutes from time Leanne Taylor took advantage of a mix-up in the home defence to put the Town ahead. Almost on full-time Holly Ashman made an opening for Pam Laker to bag the third. This was the Town's best all-round team performance since the new year,

against a team who are challenging for honours and doubles with the home win earlier this season.

The Town Ladies reserves hit the goal trail against Denham United reserves in the Southern Region League and won by 10-0. Hayley Huckin headed a hat-trick, Michelle Rich and Natalia Zarczynski also bagged hat-tricks and Denise Warburton got the other goal.

On Sunday the Town entertain
Newport Strikers in the South West
Combination League. The Welsh side
beat the Town 3-1 in November and,
having dropped only three points all
season, must fancy their chance of
finishing champions. The match will be
played on the County Ground
Extension and will kick-off at 2.00pm



SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE (TOP 5)

	P	w	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISTOL ROVERS	16	12	2	2	61	8	38
NEWPORT STRIKERS	13	12	0		57	11	36
SWINDON TOWN	18	11	3	4	59	34	35
CHELTENHAM	15	11	1	3	52	21	34
SALTISH PILGRIMS	15	8	3	5	40	27	27

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Welcome to this evening's visitors from Huddersfield Town

On Saturday we're travelling down to The Valley to face the League leaders. Then, following Wolves' visit here, we have two away fixtures in the space of four days. A long trek to Norwich is followed by a trip to the south coast where Town will take on Portsmouth. Look out for details on the trip to Portsmouth in the next matchday magazine or call the travel club on 01793 536 757.

SAT 11TH MAR 3.00 PM Charlton Ath.

Nationwide League Division One

Adults: £15.00 £10.00 O.A.P.'s:

Juniors: £5.00 All pay on day



The Valley

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 10.15AM Depart ERMIN STREET: 10.30AM Depart WEST SWINDON: 10,00AM

Adult Fare: £8.50 Under-15 Fare: £7.50

(*Supporters' Club Members receive a 50p discount on fares)

WED 22ND MAR 7,45 PM Norwich City

Nationwide League Division One

Adults: £14.00 O.A.P.'s: £8.00

Juniors: £8.00 All pay on day



Carrow Road

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 1.45PM Depart ERMIN STREET: 2.00PM Depart WEST SWINDON: 1.30PM

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Club's Home Colours:

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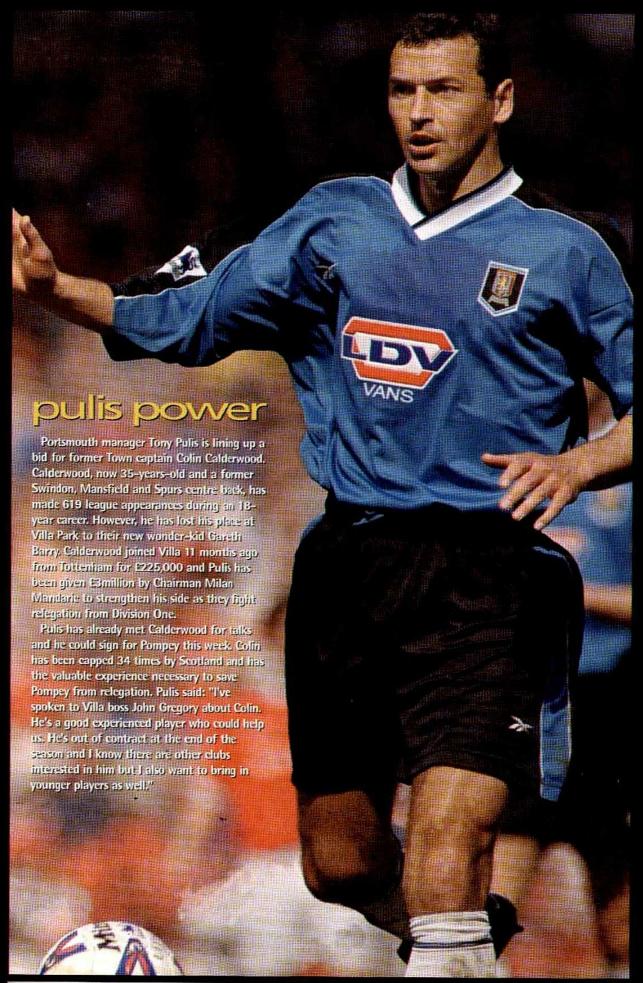
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division one Nationwide

dint westwood?



Trinidad and Tobago international Clint Marcelle has been stunned by the news that his proposed move to West Brom has fallen through because his application for a new work permit was refused. Last week he agreed to join Albion until the end of the season after negotiating his release from Barnsley. This hitch will have Marcelle sweating because he is now a free agent after severing all ties with Barnsley and if it is not resolved he will have to move overseas. The Baggies are hoping that the Department of Employment change their minds and the deal will go ahead.

Martin Bullock could also be on his way out of Oakwell. The 24-year-old winger signed a new contract with

Barnsley last summer but has failed to hold down a regular first team place. He has just returned from a month's loan at Port Vale and Vale boss Brian Horton is keen to extend the deal. Bassett is now in talks with Bullock to determine his intentions - if he wants to leave, or stay and fight for his place.

sharpe fix

Fulham are once again preparing to strengthen their promotion challenge. This time they are eyeing Bradford's Lee Sharpe and a deal in the region of £1 million will take Sharpe to Craven Cottage. Sharpe has only made 10 appearances for the Bantams since joining from Leeds for a knockdown £250,000. Sharpe, 28, could be the spark Paul Bracewell's side needs to make another challenge for the top placings in Division One. At present the Cottagers are seriously lacking goals and the former Manchester United winger could supply the ammunition to fire Fulham into the Premier League.



francis award



Last week the Nationwide Manager of the month for February was announced and Birmingham boss Trevor Francis was this month's worthy recipient. His side won four and drew another in the month of February including a 4-1 win at the County Ground. The only blemish to their record was a 1-1 home draw with promotion rivals Ipswich Town. The Blues ended the month in sixth place and are coming good at the right time, which could mean a second successive play-off season at St Andrew's.

Coppell fears topple

Crystal Palace boss Steve Coppell has revealed fears that unless their supporters can put together a rescue package of around £10 million the club could soon lose their League status.

Palace are now reportedly £20 million in debt and are in danger of failing to fulfil the remainder of this season's fixtures.

However, Coppell's fears have been calmed by the news that Chinese businessman Jerry Lim is ready to sink money into the club. If the deal happens then the noose which has hung around Place's neck since 1998 could be loosened. Also helping out is a newly-formed Crystal Palace supporters trust aiming to raise £10million by asking for £1,000 loans and raising money by charity events and other donations.

Club Administrator Simon Paterson said "The Football League are bending over backwards to help us because they are afraid a domino effect might be started by Palace's demise.

The circumstances are delicate but Mr Lim is on the telephone daily and, to be honest, all he needs to do is sign the contract. If you asked me to put money down, I would say that within a

fortnight Mr Lim and his associates will be in a position to purchase Crystal Palace Football Club."



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Division

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IPSWICH	33	18	10	5	55	32	64
MAN CITY	32	19	6	7	2	26	63
BARNSLEY	33	17	7	9	63	48	58
BIRMINGHAM	33	15	9	9	50	37	54
HUDDERSFIELD	33	15	8	10	50	36	53
WOLVERHAMPTON	33	14	10	9	47	36	52
FULHAM	33	12	В	8	29	56	49
BLACKBURN	32	15	b	9	39	35	47
BOLTON	35	5	10	Ю	44	35	46
QPR	33	10	14	9	41	38	44
STOCKPORT	33		-	H	37	44	44
NORWICH	32	-	10	-	33	35	43
GRIMSBY	33	2	7	14	37	52	43
SHEFF UTD	33	-	9	B	46	47	42
TRANMERE	31	10	7	14	40	47	37
CRYSTAL PALACE	33	9	10	14	44	53	37
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CREWE	33	8	8	17	32	44	32
WALSALL	33	7	10	16	34	兄	31
PORTSMOUTH	32	7	9	16	35	49	30
PORT VALE	31	6	11	14	33	42	29
SWINDON	33	3	H	19	55	56	50



Rome has a new darling, earlier this season we told you that Roma had just embarked on one of the biggest footballing deals to date.

When they acquired Hidetoshi Nakata in January from Perugia for £10.5million they could have pulled off one of the cheapest deals in history.

The Japanese play-maker has become a sensation in his native Japan and, according to the club, by June 2001 he will have more than repaid his transfer fee with the revenues he will make them off the pitch.

When the 23-year-old joined Perugia two years ago he overnight turned un-fashionable Perugia into one of the most highly publicised teams in Serie A. Perugia sold 50,000 Nakata replica shirts domestically and a further 50,000 world-wide in just 18 months.

So far he is the best player to come out of Japan's J League and Perugia chairman Luciano Gaucci said, "Buying Nakata was the best thing I ever did. In just one year we made back his transfer fee and wages, just through merchandising. That's without counting his contribution on the pitch."

Roma soon found out just how much money their Asian superstar, the only one who plays for a top European club, is worth as two weeks after his transfer they clinched a £17 million, five-year television deal in Japan. Add together all the other marketing avenues available and his transfer fee from Perugia is a mere drop in the ocean.

His website receives 200,000 hits a day. The day he signed for Roma, it crashed under the heavy volume, bringing one of Japan's two main internet servers down with it.

The rest of the European elite must be kicking themselves and regretting another missed opportunity. Not only would be have taken their brand to a country populated by 120 million people but his form in recent matches for Roma has convinced spectators that he also one of the best playmakers in the world. All this for £10.5 million, just think, you could have spent that on Chris





The good old British spirit.

When things are so bad, and prospects so gloomy, at least we all have the ability to smile. All lads together. Like in the trenches of World War One. Or when Gareth Southgate missed that penalty.

We can still crack a joke or two. Corking. And so it comes to Swindon. Our statistician reports that things haven't been this bad since 1902, when I guess all succumbed to the pox. Or the South Stand fell over. Or something like that.

This week everyone seems to be cracking jokes about our beloved boys in red. Comedian Mike McCabe was at Swindon Town's sporting dinner this week. He told how the call came through with his booking while he was sitting on the loo. His wife shouted up to him: It's Swindon Town on

the gripton

By Jon Gripton, breakfast presenter, BBC Wiltshire Sound B B C WILTSHIRE SOUND

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the phone. "Hold on, love" was his reply.
"I can only cope with one load of crap at a time."

Then there was the wag on a national radio phone-in confessing to suffering from agoraphobia. That's a morbid fear of open spaces to you and me. He simply couldn't cope with being outdoors and on his own, in a wide open space, with few people around him. "You'd better steer clear of Swindon Town's Nationwide stand then, I hear crowds are pretty thin there, mate." I had to dash out for a needle and thread. My sides were splitting. Then there was the joker who spotted that tonight's game was on Shrove Tuesday. Paneake Day. The eve of Lent. "Bet they get a battering," he guipped. 'That'll be another toss they lose. Hey, why don't they think of giving up losing for 40 days and nights. That'd make a change." I could have hit him.

Because, as Shankley said, probably after a similar ribbing from someone who wouldn't last five seconds alongside a joker like Jimmy Tarbuck (and that must be bad), "Some people say that football is a matter of life and death, it's not, it's more important than that."

And so the black clouds are gathering as we stare almost certain relegation in the face. I just hope we keep a team and a club spirit. That we don't go down without a fight. And that we re-group in the closed season for the next campaign - when I'm sure we'll bounce straight back into Division One. And then we can all have smiles on our faces. And silence the comedians who just don't get what we're going through.

Enjoy the game.

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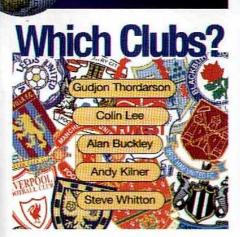
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quick quiz

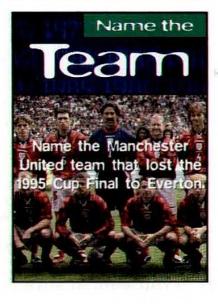
- Who did Watford beat in the 1999 Division 1 play-off final and what was the score?
- Who did Scunthorpe beat in the 1999 Division 3 play-off final and what was the score?
- In what year was the play-off system introduced?
- In what year were the play-off finals first played at Wembley?
- How were the play-off finals decided prior to Wembley?
- 6 What does the acronym FIFA represent?
- What is the largest attendance at a world cup final. Where was it and when?
- Name the four English players to exceed 100 full International caps.
- Who was the first Scottish player to achieve 100 full international caps
- the player?







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Welcome to tonight's match, I hope we can put in a good performance for you.

These notes were written prior to the Forest match so apologies for no report on that. The last time you were here we lost to Crewe Alexandra 0-1. The Gaffer decided to give the younger players a rest and it was up the more experienced players to deliver the goods and, although another home defeat was very hard to take, it was an improved performance than the one against Birmingham City.

We played some good football, tackled hard and put some nice passes together, the problem is, and has been all season, that we were not able to convert all of that into goals. We did try to have a go at them and we reverted back to a 4-4-2 formation, which gives us more attacking options. Their forwards caused us problems and scored 10 minutes after half time. We worked tremendously to get back in the match, especially off the ball and, when we did have it, tried to get the ball wide to Andy Williams and Bobby Howe because we thought we could get at them down the flanks, causing problems with crosses. It nearly worked when Chris crossed the ball for Lee to blast over but when your luck's in,

they rip the back of the net off - but it wasn't to be.

Every week that another win goes begging we are slipping further away from the pack and it's very hard to keep your spirits up in this situation, as I'm sure you fans are well aware. The players know how hard it is to deal with but are certain that over the next couple of months we can provide everyone with a lift. If we can look back and take positives from these matches then it will do us good in the future and the fans can be positive about next season. We're not giving up because it's not in our nature and the fans deserve at least a few more wins this



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Professional advice for the life you don't yet know.

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

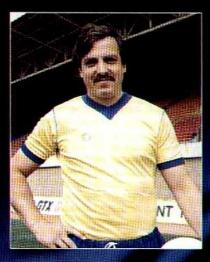
On the 17th November 1962 a quiet lad from the old Somerset mining town of Midsomer Norton made his debut for Swindon in a match which saw them defeat the visitors Southend United by four goals to one. He made only six further appearances that season and the signing of the England Youth international Graham French might have indicated his future at Swindon was not bright, but such were Don's performances that he became a first-team regular while French was consigned to the reserve team. The following season was to see Swindon relegated, but the FA Youth Cup final appearance owed much to the skill of Rogers. In front of a crowd of 17,000 at the County Ground he scored Town's goal in the 1-1 draw and outshone the great George Best.

Back in Division Three in the 196-67 season Don notched 18 League goals and the following season he was Town's top scorer with 24 goals in the League. A further 7 in an FA Cup run which took Swindon to Round Five and included a victory over West Ham United, World Cup stars and all. Many top League clubs began to show an interest in Don but he remained at Swindon finishing top scorer three seasons in a row. The third season saw Swindon lift the League Cup and Don score perhaps his most famous goal, racing from the half-way line to round Bob Wilson and clinch Town's extra-time victory over Arsenal at Wembley.

The 1969-70 season saw

Swindon back in Division Two and reaching the Sixth Round of the FA Cup. This saw Swindon drawn against Leeds United and the respect in which he was held was shown by the fact that the late Don Revie revealed that Leeds United only altered their defensive system to give Paul Reaney a man-marking job against two players - George Best and Don Rogers. The season's end saw Swindon victorious in the Anglo Italian Cup but after this the Club's fortunes went rapidly downhill.

Poor results and increasing financial problems with keeping up payments on the North Stand led to the sale of Rogers to Crystal Palace. Here he was hailed by Geoffrey Green of the Times as a young Lochinvar come out of West as he scored on his debut and starred in the Palace team that thrashed Manchester United 5-1. Don was unfortunate enough to move to Queens Park Rangers just before the manager who had bought him left and found himself something of a misfit.



In March 1976 Swindon were in dire straits; gates were falling, cash was short and the Club was facing the threat of relegation to Division Four. Don returned to provide salvation. An exchange deal for Peter Eastoe brought Town much-needed cash and a legend who brought the crowds back. A goal on his return thrilled the much-increased gate and the corner was turned. Suffering increasingly from the hip problem that was to force his retirement, Don's appearances were limited but his return created the enthusiasm that helped keep Town up. The late Fred Ford once said of Don Rogers "I've got a boy here who scores a goal of the month every week." With any other player such a comment would have been fit for a Coleman-Balls book, with Don it was simply true.

By Dick Mattick

How many goals did Don Rogers score in the League Cup Final?

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Frank Lebocuf has become a transfer target for last week's Champions' League victors Marseille. The French World Cup winner has two years to run on his contract at Stamford Bridge and although he is happy to see out his current deal, Chelsea will probably listen to offers for the 32-year-old. Since Vialli signed Emerson Thome to partner Marcel Desailly, Leboeuf is no longer an automatic choice in the centre of Chelsea's defence which has alerted a host of foreign clubs. Leboeuf said: "Some officials from Marseille approached me and asked if I would be interested in joining them. I told them I had two more years left on my contract and that they should get in louch with the club to see what they had to say."

hughes stays

Arsenal's Stephen Hughes looked as though he was on his way out of Highbury when the London club agreed a E3 million deal with Everton. However, the deal fell apart as Hughes refused the personal terms that the Toffeemen had offered. Hughes had been targeted by Everton boss Walter Smith as a replacement for transfer-listed Don Hutchinson, who is on his way out of the club after also failing to agree a new deal. The Gunners' England Under-21 international returned from talks at Goodison Park and Everton spokesman Alan Myers said: "We had agreed a deal with Arsenal but Stephen Hughes rejected the contract offered, so the deal is dead."



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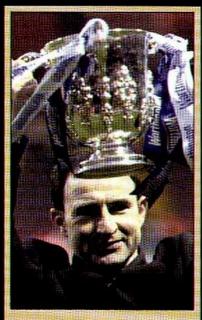
Reports suggesting that Newcastle's Nolberto Solano may make a £5 million move to Spanish giants Real Madrid have been rubbished by the club. Newcastle bosses hold Solano in the highest regard and, although the Peruvian international has previously hinted on his admiration for Madrid, Bobby Robson is in no mood to let him go. "Nolberto is a very important player to us" said Robson. The rumours surfaced after Robson fined the player two weeks wages for aggravating an old injury while on international duty in the Gold Cup.

These reports came only a week after Solano had been linked as a possible replacement for Manchester United's David Beckham if he were to leave the club this summer.

villa vvon nilis

Belgium international Luc Nilis is expected to sign a deal that will take him to Villa Park next season. The 32-year-old will become a free agent this summer when his current contract with Dutch side PSV Eindhoven expires this summer and is available on a 'Bosman' free transfer. He is expected to agree personal terms with Aston Villa boss John Gregory this week. Nilis said: "The reason I am joining Aston Villa is not purely financial, although there is no denying that they have made me a good offer which beat the one from PSV." He has scored 12 goals for PSV this season but has impressed most as a foil for teammate Ruud van Nistelrooy whose tally is 29.

Gregory said: "His age does not concern me. He is 32 going on 27 and he has looked after himself superbly."



O'Neill dincher

Leicester City's top priority this summer is not keeping Emile Heskey at Filbert Street. Far more importantly the club aim to retain the services of manager Martin O'Neill.

Club chairman John Elsom, makes no secret of his priorities. "There is no more important person at this club than Martin O'Neill," he said.

O'Neill victoriously paraded the Worthington League Cup around Wembley Stadium last week and in doing so secured a place in next season's UEFA Cup. O'Neill himself is aware that several clubs are watching his every move and will jump at the chance to offer him a deal during his 'talks window' come the end of this season, O'Neill, under contract to Leicester until 2002, has a written agreement that he is allowed to listen to offers for a one-month period this summer. However, last week's final win has given Leicester the added attraction of European football which some of the bigger clubs may not be able to offer.

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My friends in the North.....Stand!

Before I start rambling on in my usual way, I want to say to all the Swindon fans reading this, I'm really proud of you, you mean such a lot to all the staff at the Club.

You keep on trying to lift the players' spirits and you turn up to every home game. We are kindred spirits and I feel that you are my mates.

One of the great things about football is the friendships you make on the terraces - the private jokes and the comradeship. Before I started going to games with the gang from school, I used to stand in the enclosure by the halfway line with my parents. Our football friends were from Tetbury and we never really knew their proper names, to us they were 'Porker' 'Wizzley' and the others - just a gang of teenagers intent on making each other laugh. I don't remember anybody getting serious or technical about the matches we were watching, it was third division football and if it wasn't entertaining to watch, you entertained those around you with witticism not criticism.

The Stratton Bank then was referred to as the 'Garden' end, not because of any picturesque views, but it was the common practice among those who stood there to discuss lawns and herbaceous borders if there was a break in play. It was almost as if they had taken a break from their gardens to come to watch the Town.

My cheerleader days were about to begin and I can honestly say that the friendships I made with my fellow Swindon Town girls have lasted until the present day - great times and great mates. There were 23 of us, so you always had someone to get out & about with and when we were all out together, well it was the sixties, we had a great side and we thought we would always be like that. The girls broke up around the time we started getting married, my husband didn't want



to watch Swindon - I think he was jealous of it. He once said I loved the club more than him. Well the club is still around and he isn't, so maybe he was right. We moved up North for a

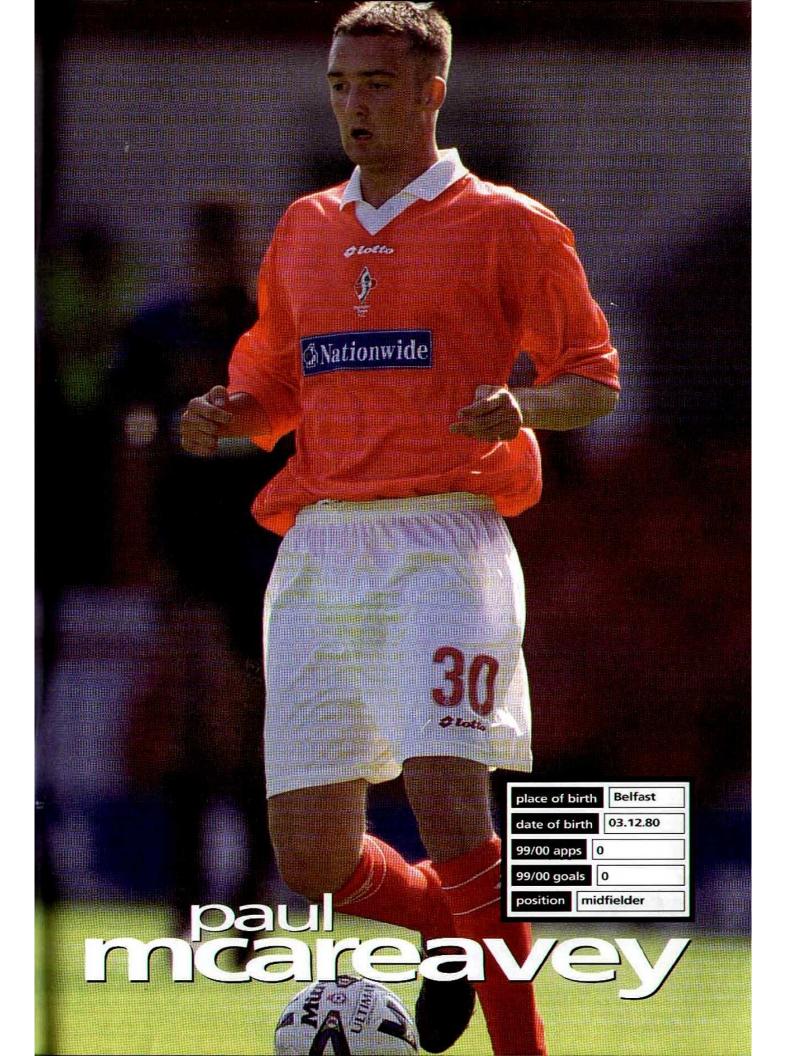
time and I didn't get to see my friends as often and, as a mature married woman, I started to watch from the 'New Stand'. The seats were carefully colour-coded then, big bold blocks of red, yellow and blue. Now they look like handfuls of confetti, miss-matched and old fashioned, but what fun we had sitting huddled together, smartly dressed in winter coats and fur hats, flasks of coffee and those

chewy mints that take your fillings out stored under the seats for sharing at half time.

I still sit in that stand sometimes in the Executive seats, sometimes in the Directors box and I have made a couple of new friends every season. We discuss the club over after-dinner brandy and argue and laugh long into the night, you must all come along sometime, after all we've been friends since I was twelve.......







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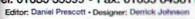
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Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(4)	2	3	6(4)
Ty Gooden		7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	31	2	1	33
Bart Griemink	-	4		-	4
Jimmy Glass		8		-	8
Mark Walters		11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	22(5)	(2)	5	22(7
Lee Collins	16	10(1)	1	-	11(1)
Steve Cowe	17	4(2)	-		4(2)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1(1)	1		2(1)
Adam Willis	19	4(6)	1(1)		5(7)
Charlie Griffin	20	1(11)	(2)		1(13)
Sol Davis	21	19(2)	2(1)		21(3)
Robin Hulbert	22	3(7)	2		5(7)
Philippe Cuervo	23	(3)	-		(3)
Sam Campagna	24	1(2)	-		1(2)
Frazer McHugh	25	9(3)	(1)	* .	9(4)
Nicky Burke	26	-	-		-
Jamie Mills	27		-		
Alan Flanagan	29	- 1			
Paul McAreavey	30	-			
James Williams	32	9(9)	1	-	10(9)
Andy Williams	34	26	1	- 3	27
Jim Quinn	40	1(6)	1	*	2(6)

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GRAZIOU	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS
MAZROLI (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	HULBERT	WILLIAMS	GLASS
RAZIOU (T)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	McHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY(Z)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRIFFIN	McHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN	McHUGH	WILLIS	GLASS
MOAH	ONUORA (1)	GRIFFIN	DAVI5	WILLIAMS	WILLIS	GLASS
MDAH	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
MOAH	WALTERS	J WILLAMS	ONUORA	WILLS	DAVIS	GLASS
HADAH	WALTERS (1)	ONUORA	HULBERT (3)	GRAZIOLI	DAVIS	FLANAGAN
MUCHA	WALTERS	HAY (1)	HULBERT (2)	GOODEN (3)	GRIFFIN	MILDENHALL
HAY (Z)	WALTERS (II)	ROBINSON (1)	GRAZIOU (2)	ONUORA (3)	JWILLIAMS	TALIA
ODEN (1)	NDAR	ONUCRA (1)	J WILLIAMS	HAY	WILLIS	TALIA
HEMM(B)	A WILLIAMS	ONUORA(1)	HAY(2)	GRAZIOU(3)	JWILLIAMS	TALIA
- LIMMS(1)	ONUORA	HOWE	GRAZIOLI	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
MALLAMS	ONUORA(2)	COLUNS	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
WALES.	GRAZIOLI(2)	MCHUGH	ONUORA	HOWE	COWE	TALIA
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MAY	DNUORA(1)	QUINN	HULBERT	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
MAY	ONUORA(1)	QUINN	HULSERT	WILLIS	COLLINS	MILDENHALL
HAY(2)	ONUORA	QUINN	GRIFFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
GUNN	ONUGRA	GOODEN	GRIFFIN	COLLINS.	WILLIS	HULBERT
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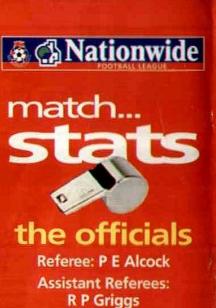




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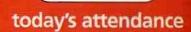


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