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The Gaffer

John Hollins' notes are sponsored by Anthony O'Connell

Tonight's game with Swindon Town comes hot on the heels of Saturday's victory over Stoke, a result that lifted us into 13th in the Second Division. We now have fourteen points, which leaves us six points behind the nearest play-off side. That's where we want to be - at the top end of the table challenging for the honours and we know that if continue to play as we did on Saturday, that six point gap can be overcome.

Last weekend saw us introduce two new players to you - David Romo and Giovanni Savarese. David was here a few weeks ago for a short trial and I really liked what I saw - a quality midfielder who can improve us in that area and also push forward to get a few goals himself. Giovanni on the other hand is someone I have watched for a little while. He is a seasoned Venezuelan international who has always scored goals at a high standard. I always promised that any signings I made would be players who could improve the squad. I have not allowed myself to be rushed and I am delighted with these acquisitions.

The Stoke game gave you a chance to see both signings in action - and I'm sure you went home happy with what you saw. With two goals on his debut, Giovanni obviously grabbed the headlines. He perhaps tried too hard to get his first but, once it came, he relaxed and his confidence grew - so much so that he said after the game that he felt he should have scored more!

David was superb also but for me it was the way that the whole team performed that was most pleasing. The new boys brought so much more out of those around them, leading to some very notable performances. I don't want to start picking out individuals because that would be unfair but, as a team, I would say that was our best game for a long time.

I don't want to be a killjoy but football has taught me that, when you have one great day like that, it is important that you do not get too carried away. Saturday's success was pleasing and hopefully it's the start of a bit of a run, but, if we do not build on it tonight, we are almost back where we started. I am therefore looking for us to pick up where we left off and send Swindon back home across the Severn Bridge having enjoyed their visit but not having taken anything from it.

'The Robins' will be disappointed by their start to the season since, after their opening ten fixtures, they find themselves in 19th place in the table.

Their weekend game at Oldham saw them go down to defeat but, as I have said many times before, a team's previous results mean nothing. There are no easy fixtures and, unless we are on the top of our game, we cannot expect to come away with the points.

Tonight is our third successive league game here at the Vetch and, in each of the previous two, you have given us tremendous vocal support. This was particularly the case on Saturday when, despite incessant rain all day, you turned up in large numbers and made yourselves heard.

It's appreciated!

"John"

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Week In Week Out

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Various local charities have benefited from donations received eg. Singleton Hospital Paediatric Ward, Swansea F.C. Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre for underprivileged children, Bobby Moore Fund for Imperial Cancer Research, Evening Post Singleton Hospital Caancer Appeal and this year Meningitis Research Foundation to name but a few.

Steve is indebted to Swansea City Football Club for giving him the opportunity to represent them in the Football League Challenge section of the Flora London Marathon and not forgetting of course everyone who has been so kind and generous with their sponsorship donations.



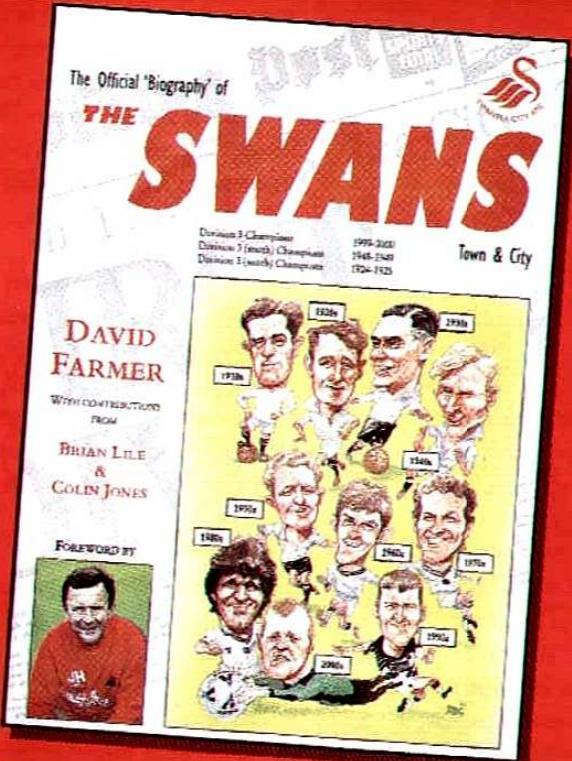
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Injuries Explained

with Richard Evans, Club Physiotherapist

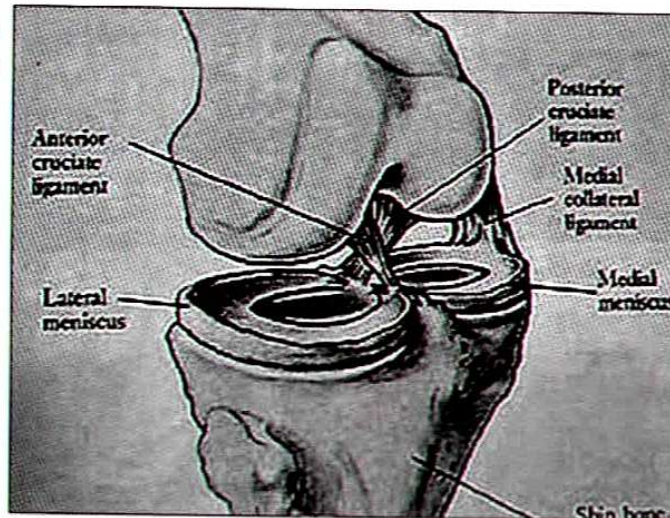
Tonight we look at meniscus injuries of the knee joint which is common in such contact sports as soccer, rugby, basketball etc.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF INJURIES TO THE MENISCUS?

The meniscus stabilise the knee joint throughout its range of movement and contribute to the limitation of flexion and extension, they also serve as shock absorbers during weight-bearing. The meniscus are easily injured by the force of rotating the knee while bearing weight. A partial or total tear of a meniscus may occur when a player quickly twists or rotates the upper leg while the football boot stays in the ground (for example, when dribbling a around an opponent or in landing and turning to tackle).

What Are the Symptoms of meniscus Injury?

Generally, when players injure a meniscus, they feel some pain, particularly when the knee is straightened. The pain may be mild, and the player may continue activity. Severe pain may occur if a fragment of the meniscus catches between the femur and tibia. Swelling may occur soon after injury if blood vessels are disrupted, or swelling may occur several hours later if the joint fills with fluid produced by the joint lining as a result of inflammation. If the synovium (joint capsule) is injured, it may become inflamed and produce fluid to protect itself. This causes swelling of the knee. Sometimes, an injury that occurred in the past but was not treated becomes painful months or years later, particularly if the knee is injured a second



time. After any injury the knee may click, lock, or feel weak. Symptoms of meniscus injury may disappear on their own but frequently, symptoms persist or return and require treatment.

How Is Meniscus Injury Diagnosed?

The examination may include a test in which the doctor flexes (bends) the leg then rotates the leg outward and inward while extending it. Pain or an audible click suggests a meniscus tear. An MRI test may be recommended to confirm the diagnosis. Occasionally, the doctor may use arthroscopy to help diagnose and treat a meniscus tear.

How Is an Injured Meniscus Treated?

If the tear is minor and the pain and other symptoms go away, the doctor may recommend a muscle-strengthening program. If the tear to a meniscus is more extensive, the doctor may perform either Arthroscopic surgery or "open surgery" to see the extent of injury and to repair the tear. The doctor can suture (sew) the meniscus back in place if the patient is relatively young, the injury is in an area with a good

blood supply, and the ligaments are intact. Most young players are able to return to soccer with meniscus-preserving repair.

If the person is elderly or the tear is in an area with a poor blood supply, the doctor may cut off a small portion of the meniscus to even the surface. In some cases, the doctor removes the entire meniscus. However, degenerative changes, such as osteoarthritis, are more likely to develop in the knee if the meniscus is removed.

Regardless of the form of surgery, rehabilitation usually includes walking, bending the legs, and doing exercises that stretch and build up the leg muscles. The best results of treatment for meniscus injury are obtained in people who do not show articular cartilage changes and who have an intact anterior cruciate ligament.

How Can People Prevent Knee Problems?

Some knee problems, such as those resulting from an accident, cannot be foreseen or prevented. However, a person can prevent

many knee problems by following these suggestions:

- First warm up by walking or riding a stationary bicycle, then do stretches before exercising or participating in sports. Stretching the muscles in the front of the thigh (quadriceps) and back of the thigh (hamstrings) reduces tension on the tendons and relieves pressure on the knee during activity.
- Strengthen the leg muscles by doing specific exercises (for example, by walking up stairs or hills, or by riding a stationary bicycle). A supervised workout with weights is another pathway to strengthening leg muscles that benefit the knee.
- Avoid sudden changes in the intensity of exercise. Increase the force or duration of activity gradually.
- Wear shoes that both fit properly and are in good condition to help maintain balance and leg alignment when walking or running. Knee problems may be caused by flat feet or overpronated feet (feet that roll inward). People can often reduce some these problems by wearing special shoe inserts (orthosis). Maintain appropriate weight to reduce stress on the knee. Obesity increases the risk of degenerative (wearing) conditions such as osteoarthritis of the knee.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the players!

Cheers Rich



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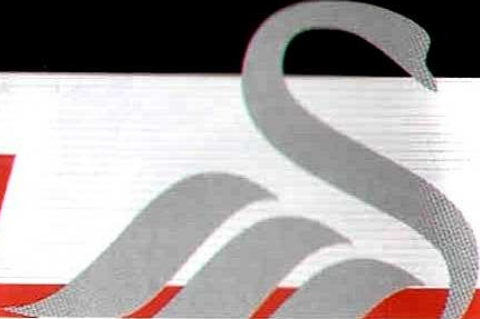
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Action Replay

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Giovanni Savarese got his Swansea City career off to a dream start by scoring the two goals that gave his side a deserved victory over highly-rated Stoke. The Venezuelan international announced his arrival by finding the net in the 59th and 74th minutes, creating an advantage that 'The Potters', despite late pressure, could not overcome.

Savarese had been introduced to the Swansea supporters just twenty-four hours earlier, together with Frenchman David Romo who also started the match. In fact, with Nick Cusack ruled out by injury and Martin Thomas suspended, the side showed five changes from Swansea's last league match.

Heavy rain made for difficult conditions but John Hollins' side needed less than a minute to create their first scoring opportunity. From a free-kick on the right, Romo delivered the ball onto Jason Smith's head and the Swansea defender glanced his effort wide of the goal protected by Carl Muggleton.

It proved to be a relatively quiet first period for the Stoke 'keeper with Roger Freestone at the other end having the only two shots to save. The first was on the quarter of an hour mark when he pushed away a Peter Thome 20-yard shot and, with ten first half minutes remaining and from the same distance, Freestone held Graham Kavanagh's attempt at the second attempt.

'The Swans' returned after the interval clearly more determined to get at their visitors. Midfielders Romo and Lee Jenkins continued to encourage forward play with


their accurate passing and tough tackling and, on 59 minutes, reward came. Jason Price was allowed two attempts to cross from the right and, when the ball reached the six-yard box, there was Savarese to head home.

The new-boy's second came after Steve Watkin dispossessed a Stoke defender on the edge of the area. After Muggleton had saved his shot, Savarese stepped up to show how it was done by poking the ball into the net.

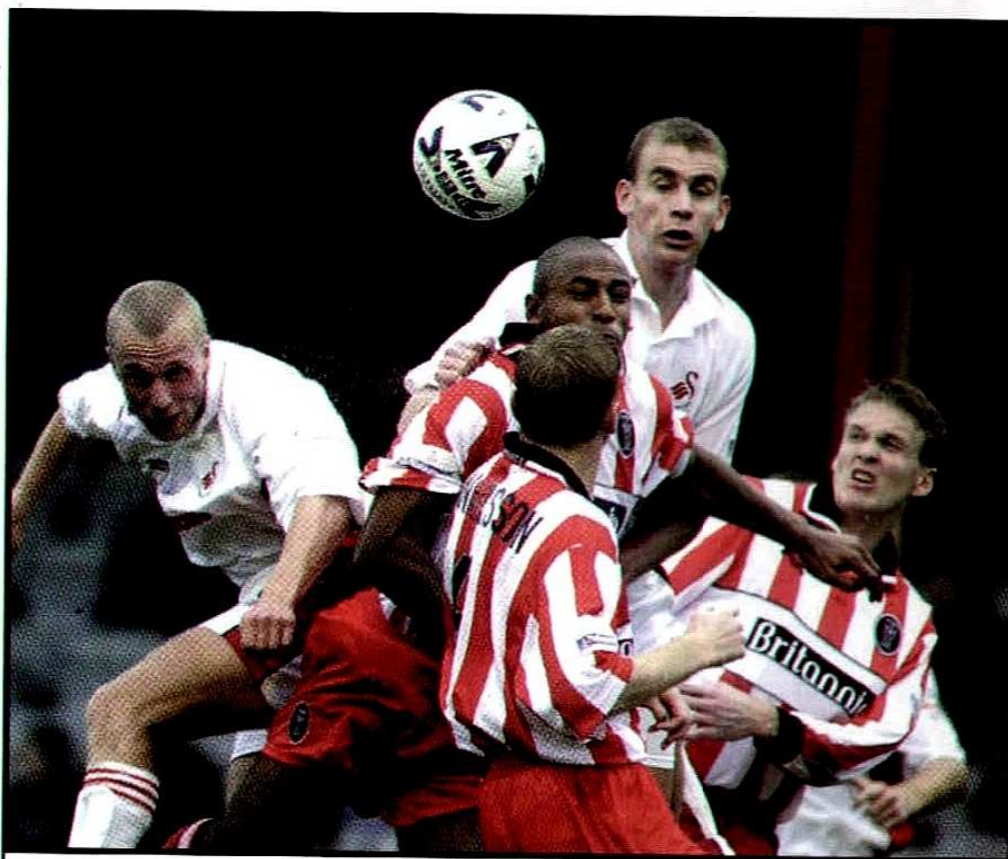
Clearly enjoying the occasion and growing in confidence the more it went on, Savarese could've completed his hatrick with ten minutes remaining. Again it was Romo who played the role

of provider, whipping in a cross from the right that the afternoon's main man, free of his marker, glanced wide.

That miss gave Stoke some hope and they threw everyone forward in search of a reward that they may have got but for some superb Roger Freestone saves. The Welsh-international tipped Bjarni Gudjonsson's 20-yard drive over for a corner, dived to his right to push Kavanagh's shot out for a corner and saw Kyle Lightbourne's low drive whistle past his post. Lightbourne did head a Kavanagh corner in with minutes on the clock but the home defence held firm to ensure it was nothing more than a consolation.



SWANSEA:
 Freestone, Howard, Smith, Bound, Savarese, Watkin, Coates, Roberts, Price, Jenkins, Romo
 Unused Subs: Jones (J), Jones (S), O'Leary, Mutton, Casey
GOALS: Savarese (59 and 74 mins)
ATTENDANCE: 6,498

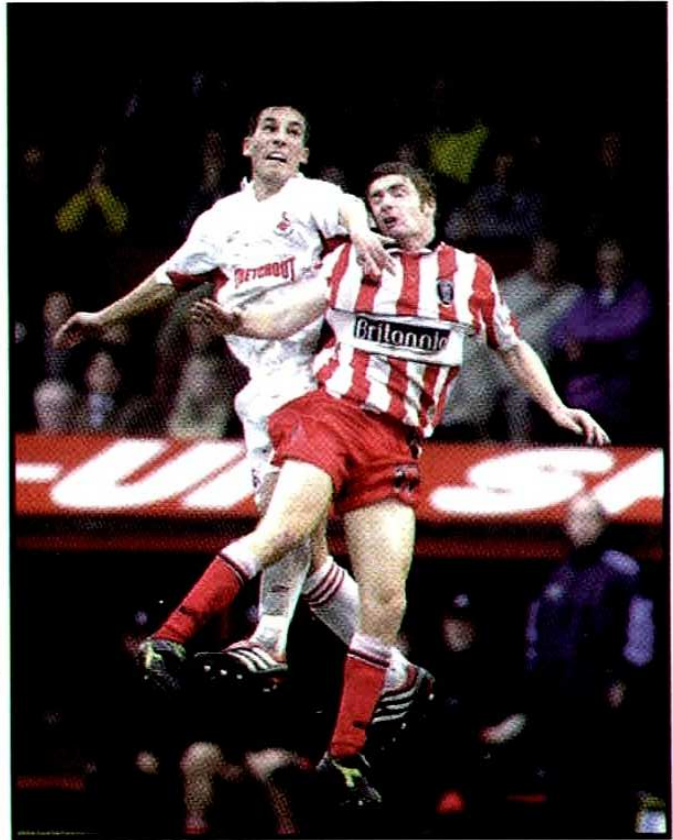


Head tennis can get rough

Savarese An Instant Hit



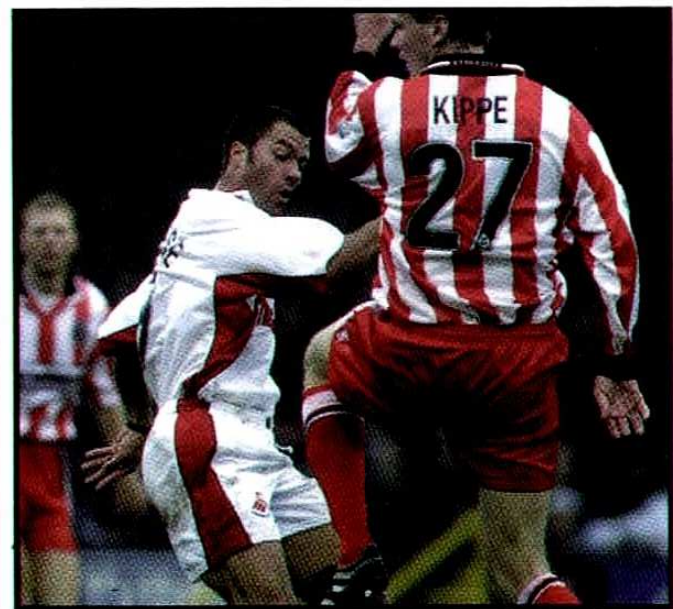
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Bournemouth	2	3	10	12	3	3	4	9	5	3	4	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	26	33	24	21	11	53
Brentford	4	4	5	9	2	3	4	6	3	4	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	13	21	03	32	12	45
Bristol City	4	2	4	4	0	3	6	1	0	3	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	21	20	21	02	21	04
Bristol Rovers	3	3	10	8	4	0	11	6	0	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	30	22	50	32	22	25
Bury	6	4	5	6	2	1	6	7	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	02	32	22	30	44
Cambridge	3	3	15	3	1	3	10	3	5	0	2	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	12	42	22	41	50	32
Colchester	3	3	5	11	2	0	6	7	1	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	12	34	02	31	11
Luton	4	4	5	15	1	1	4	10	2	2	3	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	32	03	14	22	16	33
Millwall	10	1	11	7	2	0	11	3	4	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	30	51	13	33	81
Northampton	2	3	7	3	2	1	5	4	2	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	02	11	30	12	31	31
Notts County	3	5	10	12	0	3	7	12	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	24	24	32	04	55
Oldham	6	9	5	12	1	4	4	12	3	7	3	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	16	12	33	13	33	38
Oxford	1	7	4	18	4	3	7	17	0	3	1	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	24	16	14	01	17	46
Peterborough	0	9	12	5	0	3	6	8	3	3	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	00	32	21	15	21	48
Port Vale	5	6	6	10	1	1	6	8	2	4	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	21	24	12	10	47	23
Reading	9	4	15	6	2	1	10	5	10	1	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	52	33	21	81	31	53
Rotherham	6	6	9	8	2	3	6	7	2	4	6	5	1	0	2	0	0	1	52	22	22	43	23	25
Stoke	7	4	8	5	1	0	5	1	4	2	6	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	11	41	10	22	11	74
Swansea	3	2	6	8	1	1	6	6	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	01	12	20	32	21	25
Swindon	2	4	7	14	0	0	3	8	2	5	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	03	54	12	03	13	23
Walsall	11	4	12	5	1	2	11	6	2	2	10	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	51	41	34	13	60	52
Wigan	6	4	8	6	2	1	9	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	52	04	21	32	00	62
Wrexham	3	9	11	7	4	2	12	8	0	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	31	02	23	12	86
Wycombe	4	4	7	3	2	1	9	5	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	11	41	01	42	11	32

Average Goals Per Game

Club	For	HmF	AwF	Agf	HmA	AwA
Bournemouth	1.25	1.17	1.33	1.50	1.00	2.00
Brentford	1.10	1.17	1.00	1.60	1.50	1.75
Bristol City	0.80	1.00	0.60	0.90	1.60	0.20
Bristol Rovers	1.70	1.00	2.17	1.10	1.25	1.00
Bury	1.08	1.17	1.00	0.92	0.67	1.17
Cambridge	1.90	2.17	1.50	0.90	1.00	0.75
Colchester	0.83	0.83	0.83	1.17	1.17	1.17
Luton	0.83	0.50	1.17	1.67	1.17	2.17
Millwall	2.30	2.17	2.50	0.80	0.50	1.25
Northampton	1.10	1.50	0.83	0.70	0.75	0.67
Notts County	1.08	1.33	0.83	1.67	1.83	1.50
Oldham	1.00	1.17	0.83	2.08	1.50	2.67
Oxford	0.75	0.83	0.67	2.33	1.33	3.33
Peterborough	1.00	1.17	0.83	1.42	1.50	1.33
Port Vale	1.09	1.67	0.40	1.55	0.67	2.60
Reading	2.17	3.50	0.83	0.92	0.67	1.17
Rotherham	1.42	1.50	1.33	1.42	1.50	1.33
Stoke	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.90	0.40	1.40
Swansea	1.00	1.20	0.80	1.10	1.00	1.20
Swindon	0.90	1.25	0.67	1.80	1.75	1.83
Walsall	2.00	2.33	1.67	0.92	1.00	0.83
Wigan	1.45	1.80	1.17	1.00	0.80	1.17
Wrexham	1.80	1.00	2.60	1.80	2.00	1.60
Wycombe	1.08	1.67	0.50	0.67	0.67	0.67

Comebacks

- Won From 2 Down
Walsall.....x1
- Won From 1 Down
Cambridge, Walsall,
Wrexham, Wycombe..x2
Brentford, Stoke,
Swindon.....x1
- Drawn From 2 Down
Bournemouth, Reading,
Northampton, Luton..x1
- Drawn From 2 Up
Bolton, Crewe,
Gillingham.....x1
- Lost From 2 Up
Bristol City, Bristol Rovers,
Stoke, Wrexham.....x1
- Lost From 1 Up
Bournemouth, Luton,
Oxford.....x2
Bristol City, Millwall,
Notts County, Oldham,
Rotherham.....x1

Form Guide - The Last 6 Games

Club	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	Sequence
Cambridge	4	1	1	16	7	13	9	DWLLWW
Reading	4	1	1	16	4	13	12	WLWWDW
Millwall	4	1	1	15	3	13	12	LDWWWW
Rotherham	4	1	1	10	5	13	5	WWDLWW
Northampton	4	1	1	8	4	13	4	WWLLDW
Walsall	3	3	0	9	2	12	7	DDWWWD
Stoke	3	2	1	11	4	11	7	WWDDWL
Swindon	3	1	2	8	9	10	-1	WLWDWL
Wigan	2	4	0	8	6	10	2	WDWDDD
Bury	3	1	2	5	5	10	0	DLWWWL
Swansea	3	0	3	8	9	9	-1	LWLLWW
Brentford	2	3	1	7	9	9	-2	DLDDWW
Wycombe	3	0	3	6	5	9	1	LLWWWL
Wrexham	2	2	2	10	11	8	-1	LDLWDW
Bristol Rovers	2	2	2	7	5	8	-2	WDWDL
Bristol City	1	4	1	5	5	7	0	LDDWDD
Peterborough	2	0	4	4	8	6	-4	LWLLWL
Oldham	1	2	3	12	5	-9	-9	LDDLLW
Port Vale	1	1	4	4	11	4	-7	LDLLLW
Bournemouth	0	3	3	8	11	3	-3	DDLLDL
Oxford	1	0	5	5	16	3	-11	LWLLLL
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Chris Hay 10 goals

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BART GRIEMINK

Born: Holland, 29/3/72

The 6 ft 4 Dutch goalkeeper played second fiddle to England Under 21 international Mark Tyler at Peterborough for the past couple of seasons. After only making 44 league appearances for The Posh he decided it was time for a new challenge when his contract expired during the summer. Bart spent a two-month loan period with Town last season and impressed in difficult circumstances. His arrival plus the appointment of former Aston Villa hero Nigel Spink as goalkeeping coach should go a long way to ease Town's goalkeeping problems after Frank Talia, Jimmy Glass and Alan Flanagan left the club.

STEVE MILDENHALL

Born: Swindon, 13.5.78.

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his fourth year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play

as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. 'Mildy' made 6 (2 as substitute) appearances for Town last season. He spent most of the season in the reserves earning praise for his resolute performances, however, he was rarely relied upon to make the step up to the first team.

MARK ROBINSON

Born: Rochdale, 21.11.68.

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Mark is now the Town's longest serving player since Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994. He has been a consistent and versatile performer ever since, however, he could face competition from new signing Juan Cobian for the right-back slot this season.

GARETH DAVIES

Born: Hereford, 11.12.73

Was signed on a free transfer in March 1999, Gareth made the short trip down fans, he did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is an infectious character but is well known for his commitment and aggressive style. However, Town fans only caught glimpses of him in action due to several injuries, mainly a problematic knee injury, wrecking his last campaign only making 16 starts in all. He should make a return to full fitness in the coming weeks.

ADAM WILLIS

Born: Nuneaton, 21/9/76

Released by the Sky Blues after failing to make the grade in the Premiership. Adam was called into action from the reserves towards the end of last season to cover for injuries and suspensions. Adam worked very hard in the gym after training to improve his physical presence and it paid off. His confident displays earned him a place in the starting line-up on merit



Swindon Town

and he was rewarded with a new contract under Colin Todd after being previously told that he could leave the club.

ALAN REEVES

BORN: Birkenhead, 19.11.67

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale. Excellent header of the ball, 32-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces, scoring 2 goals in 24 appearances last season. Despite being linked with several clubs in the summer, Reeves is working hard to command a first team place under new manager Colin Todd.

SOL DAVIS

Born: Cheltenham 4.9.79

Left-sided fullback back who was offered his first professional contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a



Adam Willis

Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Last season Sol made over 25 appearances for Town in both the fullback and wingback positions and his commitment was exemplified by some very tough tackling.

JAMES WILLIAMS

Born: Liverpool 15.07.82

James, still only 18, burst onto the scene towards the end of the 1998/99 season. He was duly rewarded with the number 32 shirt at the start of last season and the young defender/midfielder became a very useful asset to the dwindling squad. James can be called upon to play in a variety of positions and although he made an impact on the first team his form dropped. He will be hoping for more consistent performances in the new campaign.

JUAN COBIAN

Born: Buenos Aires, Argentina 11/9/75

Juan Cobian joined Aberdeen from Sheffield Wednesday on a free transfer in November '99. Cobian, a ram-paging right-sided defender, made a promising start to 1998-99 with the Owls having joined the club for a nominal fee during the 1998 close season. This summer he moved, again on a free transfer, to the County Ground despite offers from a number of clubs. His attacking style will be very much in demand in Colin Todd's new-look side.

KIM HEISELBERG

Born: 21/09/77, Denmark

An attacking left-sided fullback, Kim Heiselberg is another player to join the Swindon ranks on a free transfer in July. He returned from Denmark this summer for his second spell in

English football after spending one year on Wearside with Sunderland. Signed by the Black Cats in 1998 for £125,000 he failed to hold down a regular first team place and returned to his native Denmark. A technical player that likes to pass the ball and get into dangerous forward positions

ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN

Born: 4/09/79, Holland

Central defender whose composure on the ball will make him a vital asset to Todd's team. Looks to set up attacks from the back with his sweet left foot. Agile and solid.

MARKO TUOMELA

Defender Marko Tuomela has joined the Town on a three-month loan deal (10-09-00) from Tromso. Tuomela has played 16 times for Finland, regularly lining up alongside Liverpool captain Sami Hyypia. The 28-year-old centre back watched the win over Bristol City at Ashton Gate and then got his first taste of the action in the second half of Tuesday's match at Bournemouth. Manager Colin Todd is hoping that Tuomela will add steel to his defence and wants opposing strikers to feel intimidated by his size and strength.

ANDY WILLIAMS

Born: Bristol, 8.10.77

Andy moved from Southampton in October 1999 in a £65,000 deal after an impressive loan spell at the County Ground. Andy is an extremely versatile player and has taken on a variety of defensive and midfield duties. Formerly a regular Welsh Under-21 international he became a strong candidate for Player of the Season last term which showed how well he settled into the side.

FRAZER MCHUGH

Born: Nottingham, 14/7/81

Made his impression in the first team last season but failed to hold down a regular place. This season will be his second as a pro and he will want to step up his claim for a regular start under Colin Todd. A hard-working and tenacious midfielder who can hit a hard tackle as well as an accurate pass, this could well be the year that he breaks through.

BOBBY HOWE

BORN: 6.11.73. Annisford,

Stephen, who likes to be known as Bobby, is an attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. Bobby's confidence suffered last season and fell out of favour in the first team. However, after being told he could leave the club he has worked hard to re-establish himself in the side.



Danny Invincible



Giuliano Grazioli

MATTHEW HEWLETT

Born: 25.02.76, Bristol

An attacking midfielder that signed for Town on a free transfer in July 2000. A hot prospect at local rivals Bristol City in 1998/99. At the time a succession of injuries meant that he missed most of the season and failed to live up to his potential. A fresh start may be just the challenge he needs and there will be no better place to impress and improve his performances than at the County Ground this season. If he can find his form he may just be the attacking spark the Town midfield is so dearly missing.

DAVID DUKE

Born: Inverness, 7/11/78

Another young player with a great deal of potential. A left-sided midfielder, he was unable to command a first-team start at Premiership Sunderland after joining them in June '97 from Redby. Impressed new boss Colin Todd in several pre-season friendlies and signed on a free transfer in July.

KEITH O'HALLORAN

Born Dublin, 10-11-1975

He made six starts for Middlesbrough where he came through the youth ranks before joining St Johnstone in March '97 for £50,000. Keith went on to make over 60 appearances for the Saints but relished the opportunity of proving himself in England after a very successful period at McDiarmid Park. Despite being offered a new contract north of the border, he chose to join Swindon's new era under Colin Todd. The Town fans will be delighted to see a natural right-sided midfielder at the club after it became a huge problem position last campaign.

DANIEL INVINCIBILE

Midfielder

Born: 31/03/79, Australia

Colin Todd believes that midfielder Danny Invincible can become a real star after completing a deal to sign the Australian on a free transfer in July. Todd moved swiftly to tie up a deal for Invincible after spotting the 20-year-old playing for West Ham in a trial match. The former Marconi Stallions star scored on his Town debut in a 1-1 draw against West Brom at the Hawthorns. Invincible, a former Australian under-20's star, plays predominantly on the right hand side of midfield, possess blistering pace and his arrival at the County Ground will increase the number of options available to Todd.

MARK ROBERTSON

Born: 06-04-77, Sydney, Australia

Mark teamed up with fellow countryman Danny Invincible after leaving Burnley for Town on a free transfer. The young Aussie had only made one appearance for the Clarets during his time there and had been on trial with Colin Todd's side for some weeks before putting pen to paper at the end of last month. A predominantly right-sided attacking player he will add much-needed strength in depth in the midfield.

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

Born: 23.03.75

Signed in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd. Giuliano's previous visit to the County Ground was in 1997 with Stevenage Town in the FA Cup 3rd round. His winning goal dumped Swindon out and handed Stevenage a money-making 4th round tie against Newcastle Utd. Missed most of last season through injury, but when he did play he was the shining light in a very dull season for Swindon. Following the departures of fellow strikers Chris Hay and Iffy Onuora, 'Graz' established himself as the Town's main threat. If he stays fit, he will be a handful for opposing defences this season.

STEVE COWE

Born: Gloucester, 29/9/74

Steve is a nippy, darting forward with good vision and very quick feet. Rarely called upon under former manager Jim Quinn, Steve tried to find another club after he was told he had no future with the Robins. However, Steve was another player that came in from the football wilderness to finish the season strongly and do well enough to warrant a new contract with Colin Todd.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

Born: Bath, 25.6.79

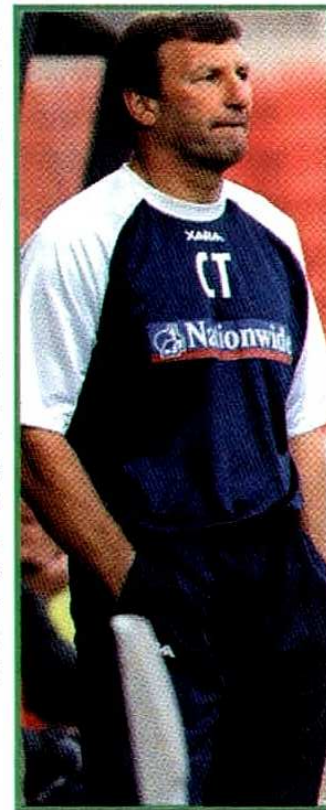
Charlie started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. At 21 years of age he is still a prospect for the future and the coaching staff believe that, with a handful of first team games under his belt, he will be ready to challenge for a regular place in the side.

MARTIN WILLIAMS

Born: 12-7-73, Bath

Left Reading in search of a new challenge. A firm favourite with the

fans at the Madejski, he topped the scoring charts two seasons ago with 11 goals in 31 games until he sustained a knee injury three months from the end of the campaign. His strength and pace will complement both the guile of Giuliano Grazioli and the youthful endeavour of Gary Alexander. His move, which was delayed by another untimely knee injury over the summer, could solve Town's early goalscoring problems.



COLIN TODD

Manager

Replaced Jimmy Quinn as Manager towards the end of last season, but was unable to prevent the club's relegation to the Second Division. Capped 27 times for England as a player, Colin has made league appearances for Sunderland, Derby, Everton, Birmingham, Nottm. Forest, Oxford, Luton, and a period in Canada with Vancouver during his playing career. Prior to being appointed Manager at the County Ground, Colin had a successful time as Manager at Bolton Wanderers.

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JIMMY GILLIGAN


Ex-England Youth International striker Jimmy Gilligan was Swansea City's leading marksman in 1990/91. Signing professional for Watford in August 1981, he starred in their 1981/82 F.A. Youth Cup triumph and scored their first UEFA Cup goal. He was loaned to Lincoln City before being sold to Grimsby Town for £100,000 in July 1985 and joined Swindon Town for £30,000 in June 1986. Featuring in their 1986/87 promotion campaign, he scored five times in 17 Third Division games for today's visitors, and was loaned to Newport County prior to rejoining Lincoln City for £10,000 in March 1987. He joined Cardiff City four months later and was top scorer in their 1987/88 promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph, then moved to Portsmouth for £215,000 in September 1989. Terry Yorath paid £125,000 for him in August 1990 and he netted 23 goals in 62 league outings for Swansea before a serious back injury forced him to retire from professional football. He played non-league for Boreham Wood in March 1993, then played for Stamco. He returned to Watford as community officer in September 1993, becoming youth development officer in November 1995, and is now their Academy assistant director.

	L	FAC	LC	T
Swindon Town 1986/87	17(5)	2(1)	3	22(6)
Total	17(5)	2(1)	3	22(6)
Swansea City 1990/91	37(16)	4(2)	2	43(18)
1991/92	25(7)	3(1)	2(1)	30(9)
Total	62(23)	7(3)	4(1)	73(27)

GARY EMMANUEL

Former Welsh U-23 midfielder Gary Emmanuel was an experienced member of Swansea City's 1987/88 promotion squad. Born locally, the son of ex-Swansea Town full back Len Emmanuel, he represented Swansea Boys in July 1971. He made his First Division debut at Stoke City in January 1975 and helped the 'Blues' to reach the F.A. Cup semi-finals that season, moving to Bristol Rovers for £50,000 in December 1978. Swapped for Swindon Town's Brian Williams in July 1981, he scored eight times in 111 league outings for this evening's opponents before joining Newport County on a free transfer in July 1984. He briefly reunited with Terry Cooper at Bristol City on a non-contract basis prior to joining Swansea in August 1985 and netted five goals in 111 league games while at the Vetch Field. Moving to Merthyr Tydfil in July 1988, he then had a spell with Ton Pentre before becoming Llanelli's player manager, and then played for Haverfordwest County. He has settled locally and is employed as a postman at Llansamlet.

	L	FAC	LC	T
Swindon Town 1981/82	37(2)	2(1)	2	41(3)
1982/83	32(2)	5	2	39(2)
1983/84	42(4)	5	2	49(4)
Total	111(8)	12(1)	6	129(9)
Swansea City 1985/86	40(3)	2		42(3)
1986/87	44(2)	5	4	53(2)
1987/88	27	2		29
Total	111(5)	9	4	124(5)



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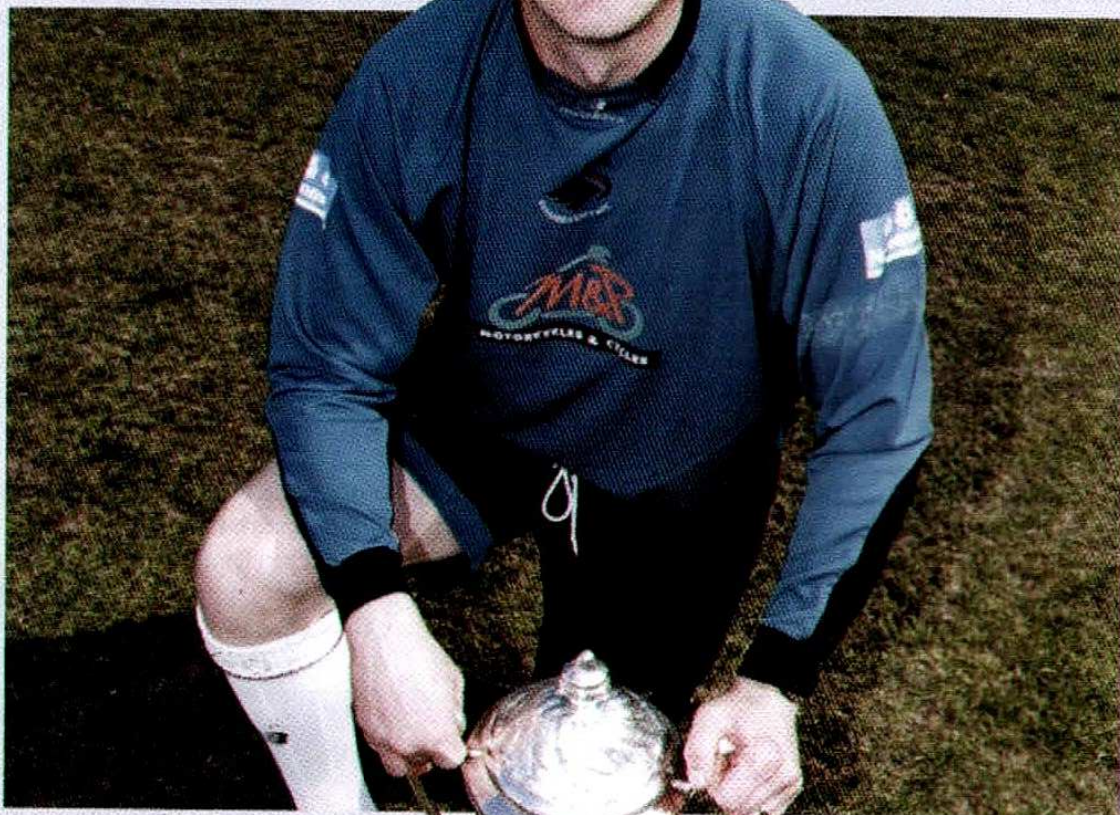
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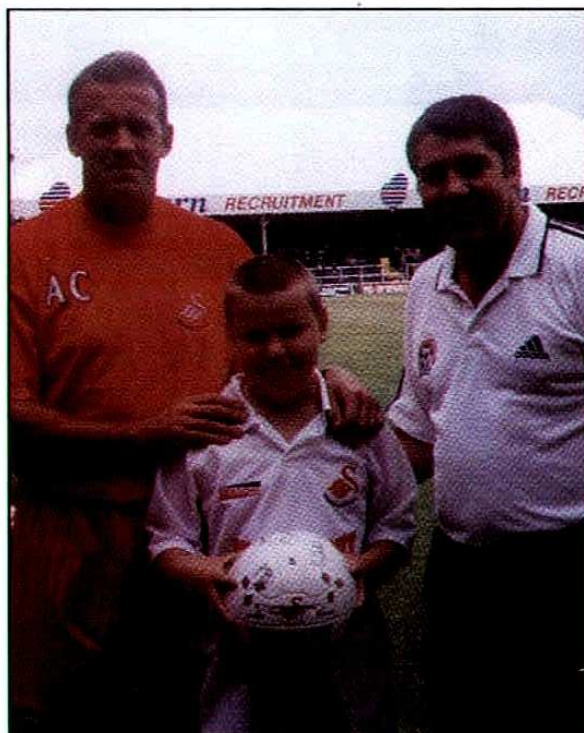
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with Linden Jones

WELCOME

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The Community Programme would like to thank John Hollins, Alan Curtis and all the players for their ongoing support. They give up their spare time to make personal appearances and presentations whenever possible. Pictured are just a few examples.



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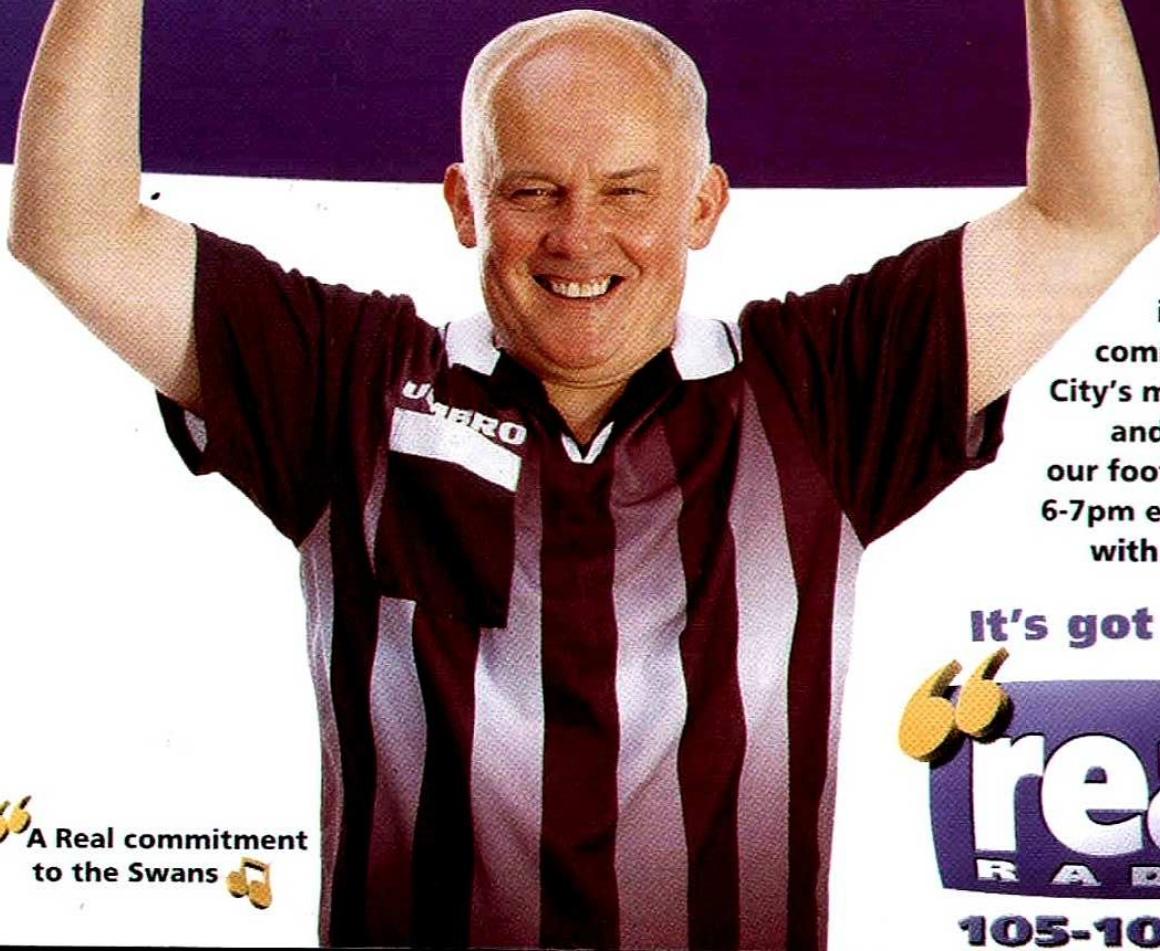
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Youth Development Department is the home of the Millennium Cygnet Club, and Paul Compton has now settled into his post as department head. We all welcome him, and wish him the very best of luck. Paul is very supportive of the Cygnet club and is anxious to develop the support Swansea City get from it's young fans. I know Paul has some exciting ideas for the future, so make sure you are a Cygnet member to benefit from developments.



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I would like to thank all the parents who were at our meeting last Wednesday, 11th October. I thought it was a highly positive meeting and showed that we are all pulling in the right direction. Some very valid points did arise and it will be up to me to put those concerns right.

Also a big thank you to Det. Sgt. Bob Whitter-Jones for giving up his very valuable time to give us a talk about drug awareness. It was very enlightening and also frightening.

As I mentioned to the parents on the night, we have a criteria to meet as set out by the Football League and we are constantly being monitored by a League representative.

Thank you to Swansea Institute of Higher Education for the use of one of their lecture rooms.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE GAMES PROGRAMME

This weekend, weather permitting, we meet Torquay United at age groups U-13, U-14 and U-15. The former will be travelling down to the English Riviera whilst the U-14's and U-15's will be playing at Elba Playing Fields

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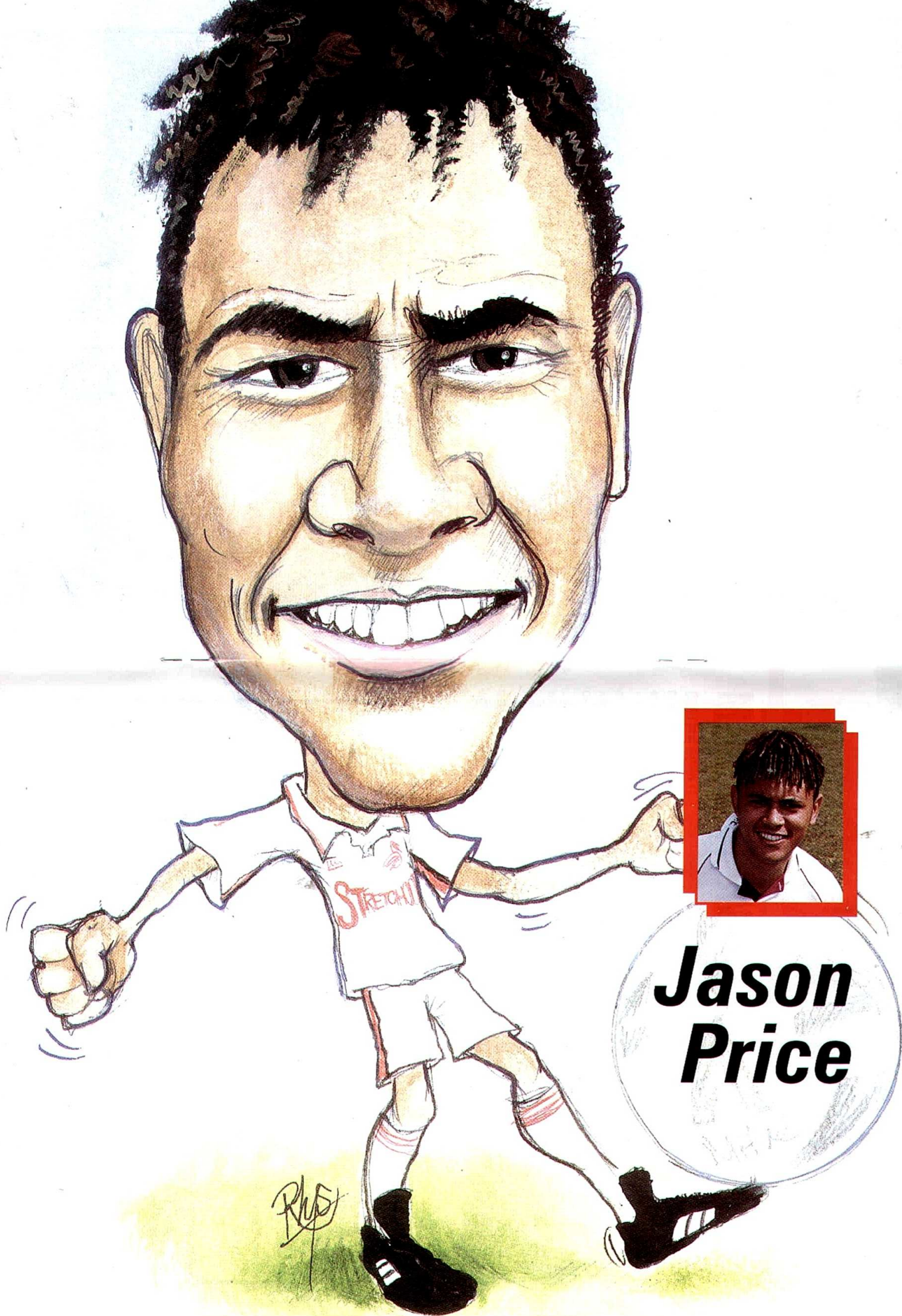
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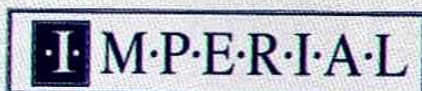
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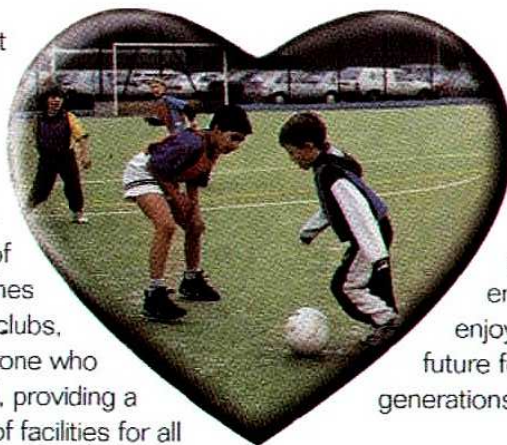
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Lord Steve Bassam of Brighton, Home Office Minister

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Working in partnership, the clubs, the football authorities, government, supporters and the police have achieved a great deal. But no-one is complacent - there may be fewer hooligans now, but they are still with us.

Before Euro 2000 supporters were warned that the Belgian and Dutch police would clamp down hard on any misbehaviour and take tough action against anyone in the vicinity of disorder. Regrettably, a large number of England fans ignored that message and caused or got caught up in trouble in Charleroi and Brussels. The appalling scenes made headlines around the world, brought shame on our nation and came close to getting England thrown out of the competition. Such behaviour will not be tolerated. The Government has acted quickly to bring in tough new legislation.

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■ When England or club teams play abroad the police will prevent known troublemakers from leaving the country, confiscate their passport and ask a court to give them a ban.

Of course, the vast majority of fans have nothing to fear. Contrary to media speculation, no supporter is going to be banned because they have a tattoo or because of how they look. Safeguards are in place to protect the genuine fan and ensure that bans are only imposed where there is strong evidence that they will help to prevent football violence and disorder.

But the message is clear - there is no place in football for thugs or racists. The clubs don't want you, the vast majority of supporters don't want you and the police and courts have new powers to deal with you.



Lord Steven Bassam – working to rid us of the remaining hooligans



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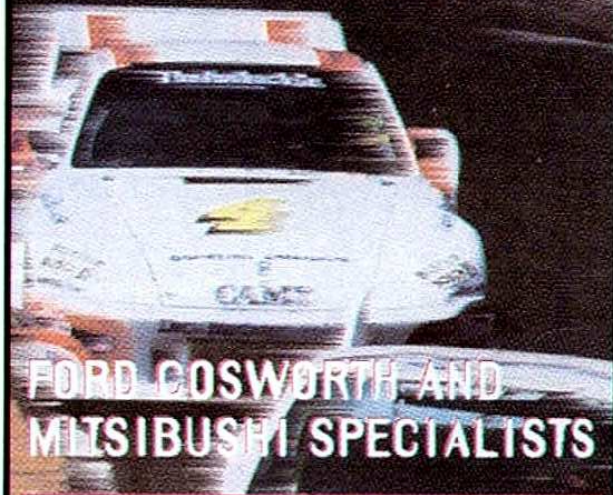
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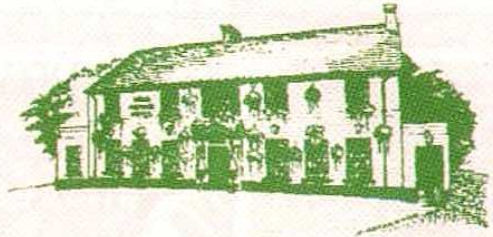
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Head 2 Head Stats

Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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Where



How



Top League Scorers

6 Matthew Bound (Swansea City) vs **24** Martin Williams (Swindon Town)

10 in 10 games	Team Goals	9 in 10 games
1 goals	Ratio per Game	0.9 goals
2 in 10 games	Player's Goals	2 in 7 games
0.2 goals	Ratio per Game	0.29 goals
2	Games Scored In	1
2	Games Scored 1st Goal	0
2	Games Scored 1 Goal	0
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	1
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	0 (0pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	1 (3pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0pts)
0	Number of points gained	3

SCORING SEQUENCES

0	Consecutive Games Scored	0
0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
1 game	Maximum Scoring Run	1 game

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

1	2 Games	0
2	3 Games	2
0	4 Games	0
3 games	Maximum Dry Spell	3 games

Swans' Results

SWANSEA GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	2	1	1	1			

Robins' Results

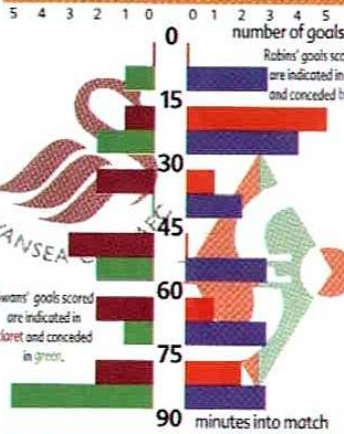
SWINDON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	1	1	1	1		

Shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Swans have won 1 game 4-0. eg. Swindon have lost 2 games 0-3 and won 1 game 3-2

Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

When goals scored & conceded



Face2Face

Last Season

At Vetch Field.....n/a

At County Ground.....n/a

This Season

Swans' Season records:

Home Win.....4-0 Luton

Away Win.....2-0 POSH

Home Defeat.....0-2 Bury

.....0-2 Colchester

Away Defeat...1-5 Reading

Consec. Wins.....2

Consec. Defeats.....2

Robins' Season records:

Home Win.....2-1 Oxford

Away Win...1-0 Bristol City

.....3-2 Luton

Home Defeat...1-4 Walsall

Away Defeat.....0-3 Port Vale

.....0-3 Bourmoueth

Consec. Wins.....0

Consec. Defeats.....3

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

90 mins	All Goals for	100 mins
75 mins	Home Goals For	72 mins
113 mins	Away Goals For	135 mins
82 mins	All Goals Against	50 mins
90 mins	Home Goals Against	51 mins
75 mins	Away Goals Against	49 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Swans : DDLWLWLLW F 10 A 11 Pts 14

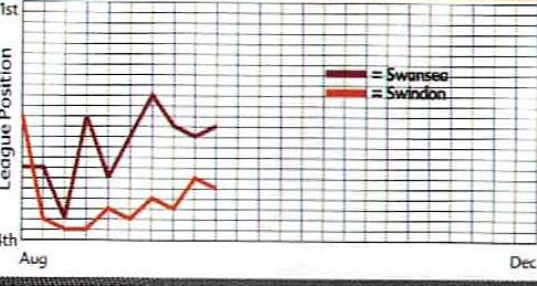
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Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Win, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right.

Swindon Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

Div	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	4	3	Shearer	22 9,507
91/92	2	5	4	Shearer	22 9,871
92/93	1	3	3	Maskell	18 10,489
93/94	P	3	3	Fjortoft	12 15,011
94/95	1	4	SF	Fjortoft	16 9,408
95/96	2	5	2	Allison	17 10,602
96/97	1	3	3	Allison	11 9,265
97/98	1	3	1	Hay	14 9,505
98/99	1	3	1	Onuora	20 8,651
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Welsh Football News

The Welsh Football Scene as seen by Gareth M Davies

F.A.W. TRUST LOSE SHOULDER TO LEAN ON!

The recent 'infighting' between the F.A.W. Trust and its parent body The Football Association of Wales, which saw the latter at odds regarding Welsh U-21 Manager Jimmy Shoulder and Mark Hughes's right hand man Mark Bowen's extra employment at grass roots level with the aforementioned Trust has come to a head.

Shoulder, who has been employed with the Trust as assistant Director in charge of Coaching decided to call it a day following on from the same decision by Bowen a week earlier, who resigned as assistant Director in charge of Youth Development, stating 'Political Pressure' forced his hand. However, Shoulder stressed that although being in accord with Bowen over the matter, it was his decision to return to Australia for a spell to set up a soccer academy in Melbourne which made his mind up, although both are to continue their role with the Wales set up.

Mike Rigg, the National Technical Director was at the time of writing also understood to be contemplating his future role, following the refusal by the Welsh F.A. to grant him permission to travel as assistant to Shoulder for the U-21 match in Belarus, or to take a look at future opponents Norway for manager Hughes. We can do without altercations like this among the corridors of power in Welsh Football, which sadly hardly goes for any length of time without some internal wrangling. It is difficult enough for the players to concentrate on trying to qualify for any major tournament.

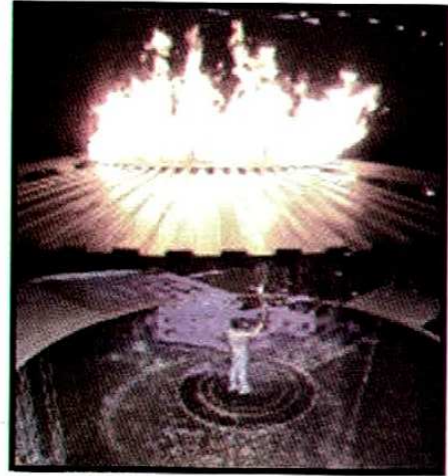
However, a number of Welsh F.A. Council Members seem determined to make things even more difficult, confirming the feelings of many that enough is enough with a call for some young blood and fresh ideas at Welsh F.A. Headquarters, plus a restructuring of the Council. They may have got it right, re the admission prices for the games at the Millennium Stadium, but one swallow does not make a summer. A spell down under in Sydney to observe the superb organizational skills shown by the Australians in the Olympic

Games would have done some of them a power of good, but would it have had any impact? Nevertheless Welsh Football emerges even from the other side of the World, re Darren Campbell's Silver Medal in the 200 Metres. Darren appeared in the League of Wales in the 1994/95 and 1996/97 seasons, scoring twice in 13 appearances after enjoying a spell with the reserves at Newport AFC. Manager Tony Wilcox who was impressed with Campbell during his stay at Cwmbran Stadium as a striker would always find a place for him at the club if he wanted to return, although requiring a few coaching tips if anyone can catch him! Not to be outdone, Welshman Christian Malcolm who was only a few places behind Campbell in the Olympic Final, and surely one for the future, was a member of the Newport Soccer School of Excellence, also a pacy striker. As a youngster he had two spells with Nottm. Forest, with a certain 'Brian Clough' keen to sign him in his time with the Forest youth development squad. However, Christian decided athletics was where his future lay, and no doubt had guessed right.

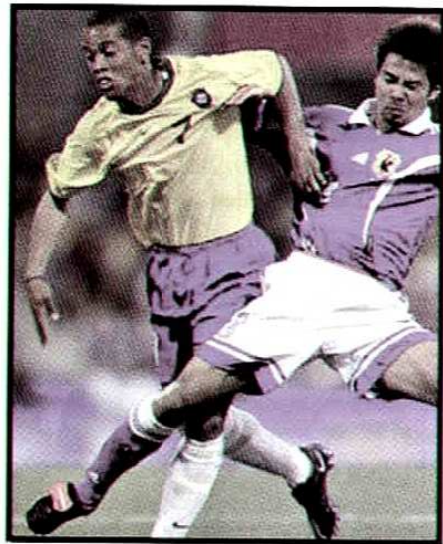
Continuing with the Olympic spirit, Clive Charles the former Hammers Player who made 77 Football League appearances for Cardiff City between 1974 and 1976, and now coach of the U.S.A. Olympic team, only just failed to see his plucky American side win a medal, when a penalty secured a Bronze Medal for Chile in the Third and Fourth Place Final. No doubt former Welsh International David Giles and Phil Dwyer, who were team mates during his spell at Ninian Park would be delighted at his progress with the U.S.A. X1, while another famous son of Wales, Phil Woosnam, himself a former player at Upton Park, and one of the prime pioneers of soccer development in North America, would endorse all the plaudits heaped on the popular character.

FATHER AND SON IN OPPOSITION

Football historians must have had their record books out on Saturday 30th September 2000 when a father and son appeared in goal

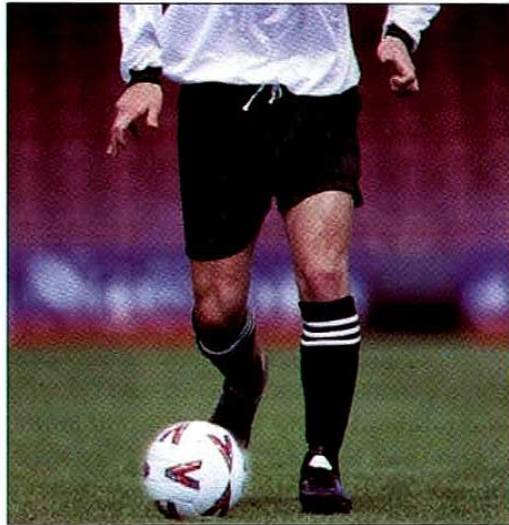


(above) The superbly well organised Sydney 2000 Olympic games – (below) in which we see here Brazil's Ronaldinho & Japan's Tomokazu Myojin fight for possession



at opposite ends of the pitch for the League of Wales match between Cwmbran Town and Barry Town. No doubt a number of firsts were established as the former Spurs, Newport County, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Swans custodian Mark Kendall came out of retirement to help out Cwmbran. The 42-year old Welsh U-21 cap saw his son Lee, himself at 19 a member of the present Wales U-21 squad, and on loan from Crystal Palace, concede three goals with the Dragons, while he kept a clean sheet for the Crows.

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Teams: Swans, Crudgington, Evans W, Smith,
Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Toshack, James R,
Curtis, Waddle (Bartley), Callaghan.

Swindon, Ogden, McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizle-
wood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist, Bates,
Kamara (Williams)

Referee D W Civil

Following a three nil defeat at Shrewsbury three days previously, the Swans, despite losing to Swindon Town at the Vetch Field were still holding third place in the league, within reach of a promotion place. In fact, the defeat by Swindon was the first home defeat for the Swans in eleven months. Throughout the ninety minutes the Swans midfield struggled to gain an

advantage over a young Swindon side, who were superbly marshaled in defence by former Newport County centre half, Steve Aizlewood. Despite playing all the second half with a broken nose, the only time he relaxed his grip on John Toshack came in the sixty fifth minute, when a superb cross from substitute Bartley saw Toshack convert his only chance of the game. By then Swindon were two goals ahead, and in total control of the match. Experienced striker Chic Bates had put the 'Robins' ahead minutes before half-time, with Paul Gilchrist taking advantage of some slack defending by the Swans to tap in the second five minutes after the restart. Over run in mid-field, and being unable to provide the Swans strike force with their usual quality ball, the Swans were still able to set up some chances, but on the day it was the visitors who continued to gain in confidence as the game progressed.

Saturday 14th April 1979 at the County
Ground, Swindon

Swans won 1-0

Att. 16,971

Teams, Swindon, Allan, Trollope,
Ford(Bates), McHale, Aizlewood,
Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes,
Hamilton.

Swans, Crudgington, Phillips, Bartley,
Smith, Stevenson, Boersma (Charles
) , Attley, James R, Curtis, Waddle,
Callaghan.

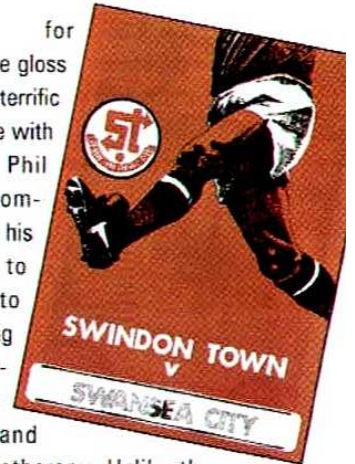
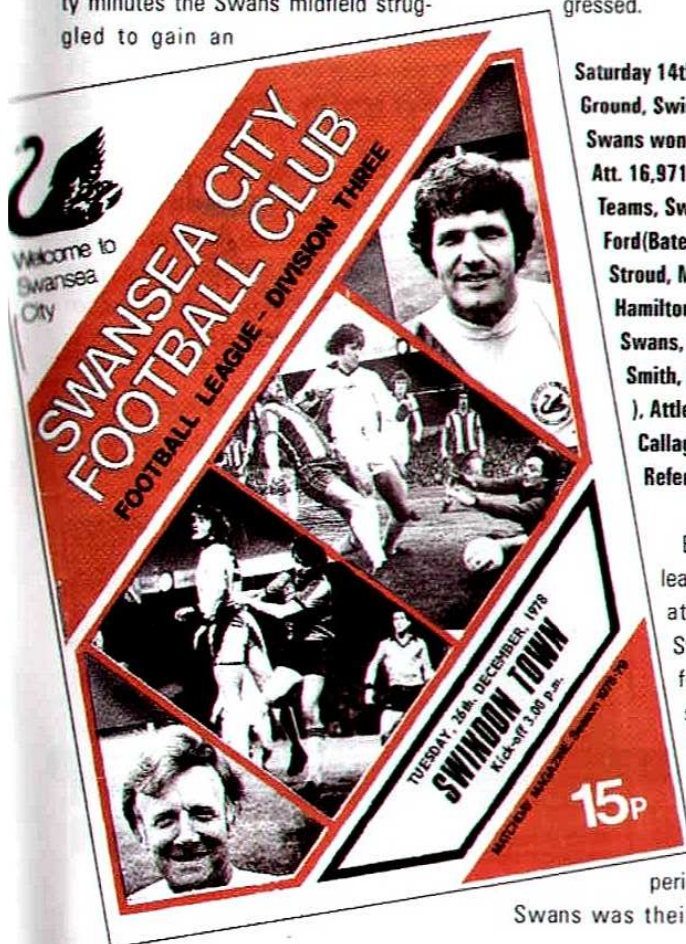
Referee, P G Reeves

By the time the return league match had been played at the County Ground, the Swans had rediscovered their form, and had settled into second place in the league, being unbeaten from the previous six matches. Swindon however, were also enjoying an unbeaten period, and their defeat by the Swans was their first in seven matches.

Unfortunately for Toshack's men, the gloss was taken from a terrific away performance with the injury to Phil Boersma. The compound fracture to his right ankle was to see him forced to give up the playing side, and concentrate in later years to coaching, and eventually physiotherapy. Unlike the Christmas fixture at the Vetch Field, the Swans were in complete control at the County Ground, and not in any danger of relinquishing their grip on the game following Robbie James's superb first half matchwinner. With the defence superbly marshaled by Welsh International Leighton Phillips, and former Liverpool duo Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan in total control of the midfield, the Swans limited the 'Robins' to occasional half chances which rarely extended the Swans keeper Crudgington.

SUMMARY OF SEASON FOR BOTH CLUBS

At the end of the season the Swans had gained their second successive promotion and returned to the Second Division after a period of 14 seasons in the Third and Fourth Divisions. Alan Waddle was top goalscorer with 19 goals, with Robbie James, Alan Curtis, John Toshack and Jeremy Charles all getting into double figures, an achievement last seen at the end of the 1954/55 season. Earlier in the season the Swans beat First Division Tottenham Hotspur in a League Cup replay at White Hart Lane, which for a long time will be remembered for a tackle Tommy Smith made on Ossie Ardiles in the 2-2 draw at the Vetch Field. Swindon Town ended the season in fifth place, just three points behind the Swans. They had four players who ended the season in double figures in the goalscoring charts, with Chic Bates topscorer on 14 goals.



Junior League 2000/01

Reflections from Julie Todd Junior League Media Officer

MURTON ROVERS (DIVISION B SEASON 1999/2000)

Murton's pre-season preparations and their first few league games showed no signs of how the season would develop. This side are notoriously slow starters and usually take until November to get into their stride. However, one positive achievement did happen in the early season., Murton won the Annual Swansea Junior Football League Seven A side Tournament after qualifying from a Round Robin group that included both Penlan and Marquis, two of the stronger teams in this age group.



BACK ROW: (L-R) Mike Bevan (Jt Mgr), Alun Rees (Jt Mgr), Kwasi Ankomah, Patrick Hoare, Dean Pascoe, Phillip Davies, John beech (Club Chairman).
MIDDLE ROW: Matthew Millership, Alastair Verbruggen, Jake Tucker.
FRONT ROW: Philip Whittington, Matthew Rees, Lee Bevan (Capt.), Oliver Houston, Tom Shortman, Matthew Lowe, Ayser Hussein.

The third league group of the season was lost at home to Kingsbridge, 3-1. This proved to be Murton's only loss of the season and had the effect of stirring the team into action. During the three months before Christmas, Murton continued to win league games comfortably. Murton knew their season would be decided after Christmas when they had to combine a difficult league run in with the latter stages of the Knock-out Cup. Murton drew Penlan in the Cup Quarter Final which was the tie of the tournament. No disrespect intended to the other teams but both Penlan and Murton had consistently shown that they were the two strongest teams in this age group. The quarter final tie turned out to be a titanic affair with the first two games ending up as 1-1 draws after extra time. In fact, the first game was saved by Murton in the very last minute when their captain, Lee Bevan smashed in a free kick from the edge of the penalty area. The result of the second replay stunned everybody as Murton ran out winners, 5-0 with their New Year signing, Kwasi Ankomah scoring 4 goals. The league programme required Murton to play their two main rivals, East Side and Kingsbridge as well as difficult games against two improving teams, Morriston and Plough Colts. All these games resulted in comfortable wins for Murton. Most pleasing were the two away games at East Side and Kingsbridge, both won 3-1 and 3-0 respectively. The Murton boy's were now realising that they had the ability to compete with the best.

The Cup semi-final against Marquis also proved to be a tight game which Murton 2-1. Murton had now won their section of the league and were in the cup final. The league Championship Play Off was against Penlan and the Cup Final was against Ynystawe Athletic. Both these games were played at the Vetch Field and proved to be 'the icing on the cake' as far as Murton's season was concerned. Both games were won 2-0 and Murton ended the season as Double Winners.

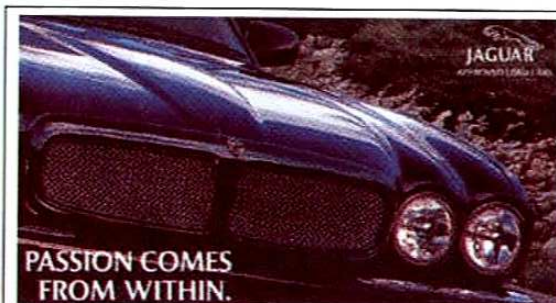
Everyone associated with Murton Rovers are extremely proud of this team's achievements and the boys themselves are determined to keep improving as a team and most importantly, enjoying their football.

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South West Conference U-19 Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bristol Rovers	5	5	0	0	9	2	7	15
Plymouth Argyle	5	4	1	0	7	3	4	13
Oxford United	5	2	2	1	9	4	5	8
Torquay United	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
Swansea City	5	1	2	2	6	8	-2	5
Cardiff City	4	1	1	2	6	5	1	4
Swindon Town	5	1	1	3	3	5	-2	4
Cirencester	6	0	3	3	4	14	-10	3
Exeter City	5	0	2	3	2	6	-4	2

Up to and including 25/09/2000

South West Conference U-19 Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cardiff City	5	4	0	1	18	8	10	12
Torquay United	4	4	0	0	12	5	7	12
Cirencester	5	3	1	1	10	7	3	10
Exeter City	5	2	1	2	10	14	-4	7
Swansea City	4	2	0	2	10	8	2	6
Oxford United	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	2	2	10	14	-4	5
Cheltenham Town	4	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4
AFC Bournemouth	5	1	1	3	6	9	-3	4
Swindon Town	4	1	0	3	10	12	-2	3
Bristol Rovers	4	1	0	3	4	10	-6	3

Up to and including 25/09/2000

Youth Team Fixtures 2000/2001

UNDER-19

	RESULT
Sat 19th Aug 2000	TORQUAY UNITED (H) 0-2
Sat 26th Aug	Exeter City (a) 1-1
Sat 2nd Sep 2000	CIRENCESTER (H) 2-2
Sat 16th Sep	BRISTOL ROVERS (H) 2-3
Sat 23rd Sep	SWINDON TOWN (H) 1-0
Sat 30rd Sep	Training Weekend
Sat 7th Oct 2000	Plymouth Argyle (a) 2-0
Sat 21st Oct	Oxford United (a)
Sat 28th Oct	CARDIFF CITY (H)
Sat 11th Nov 2000	Torquay United (a)
Sat 18th Nov	EXETER CITY (H)
Sat 25th Nov	Cirencester (a)
Sat 2nd Dec 2000	Bristol Rovers (a)
Sat 9th Dec	Training Weekend
Sat 6th Jan 2001	Training Weekend
Sat 13th Jan	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (H)
Sat 20th Jan	Swindon Town (a)
Sat 3rd Feb 2001	Cardiff City (a)
Sat 10th Feb	OXFORD UNITED (H)

UNDER-17

Sat 19th Aug 2000	Torquay United (a) 2-4
Sat 26th Aug	CARDIFF CITY (H) 0-1
Sat 2nd Sep 2000	BRISTOL ROVERS (H) 4-1
Sat 16th Sep PP	Cheltenham Town (a)
Sat 23rd Sep	Swindon Town (a) 4-2
Sat 30rd Sep	Training Weekend
Sat 7th Oct 2000	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (H) 2-2
Sat 14th Oct	AFC Bournemouth (a)
Sat 21st Oct	OXFORD UNITED (H)
Sat 28th Oct	Cirencester (a)
Sat 4th Nov 2000	EXETER CITY (H)
Sat 11th Nov	TORQUAY UNITED (H)
Sat 18th Nov	Cardiff City (a)
Sat 2nd Dec 2000	CHELTENHAM TOWN (H)
Sat 9th Dec	Training Weekend
Sat 16th Dec	Bristol Rovers (a)
Sat 6th Jan 2001	Training Weekend
Sat 13th Jan	Plymouth Argyle (a)
Sat 20th Jan	SWINDON TOWN (H)
Sat 27th Jan	Oxford United (a)
Sat 3rd Feb 2001	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (H)
Sat 10th Feb	Exeter City (a)
Sat 17th Feb	CIRENCESTER (H)

Swans Statistics

2000/2001 Season

Date	Opponents	Res	F-A	Attd	(Away)	Pts	1(Goal)	2	3	4	5
Sat Aug 12 2000	Wigan Athletic (H)	0-0	8,301	504	14		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Bound	Smith
Sat Aug 19	Brentford (a)	0-0	5,036	948	17		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith
Sat Aug 26	Colchester United (H)	0-2	6,247	90	18		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith
Mon Aug 28	Peterborough United (a)	2-0	6,428	350	16		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith
Sat Sep 9	Millwall (a)	0-1	9,550	525	18		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Bound
Tue Sep 12	Notts County (a)	1-0	3,395	123	14		Freestone	Keegan	Howard	Bound	O'Leary
Sat Sep 16	Luton Town (H)	4-0	6,011	285	11		Freestone	Howard	Cusack	Bound	Thomas
Sat Sep 23	Reading (a)	1-5	11,003	1,105	13		Freestone	Howard	Cusack	Bound	Thomas
Sat Sep 30	Bury (H)	0-2	5,632	113	14		Freestone	Jones	Howard	Bound	O'Leary
Sat Oct 7 2000	Northampton Town (a)	P-P	-	-	-						
Sat Oct 14	Bury (H)	2-1	6,498	tbc	13		Freestone	Price	Smith	Bound	Howard
Tue Oct 17	Swindon Town (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Oct 21	Wrexham (a)	-	-	-	-						
Tue Oct 24	Rotherham United (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Oct 28	Port Vale (H)	-	-	-	-						
Tue Oct 31	Bristol City (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Nov 4 2000	Oldham Athletic (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Nov 11	Oxford United (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge United (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Dec 2 2000	Bristol Rovers (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Dec 16	AFC Bournemouth (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Dec 23	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	-	-	-	-						
Tue Dec 26	Walsall (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Dec 30	Brentford (H)	-	-	-	-						
Mon Jan 1 2001	Colchester United (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Jan 6	Wigan Athletic (a) or FAC 3	-	-	-	-						
Sat Jan 13	Peterborough United (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Jan 20	Walsall (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Jan 27	Wycombe Wndrs (H) or FAC 4	-	-	-	-						
Sat Feb 3 2001	Bristol City (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Feb 10	Millwall (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Feb 17	Luton Town (a) or FAC 5	-	-	-	-						
Tue Feb 20	Notts County (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Feb 24	Reading (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Mar 3 2001	Bury (a)	-	-	-	-						
Wed Mar 7	Stoke City (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Mar 10	Northampton Town (H) or FAC 6	-	-	-	-						
Sat Mar 17	Swindon Town (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Mar 24	Wrexham (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Mar 31	AFC Bournemouth (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Apr 7 2001	Bristol Rovers (a) or FAC Semi-Final	-	-	-	-						
Sat Apr 14	Rotherham United (H)	-	-	-	-						
Mon Apr 16	Port Vale (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Apr 21	Oldham Athletic (H)	-	-	-	-						
Sat Apr 28	Oxford United (a)	-	-	-	-						
Sat May 5 2000	Cambridge United (H)	-	-	-	-						
Tue Aug 22 2000	WEST BROM (H) WC 1/1	0-0	4,758	398	-		Freestone	Howard	Smith	Bound	Thomas
Wed Sep 6 2000	West Brom (a) WC 1/2	1-2	11,328	300	-		Freestone	Howard	Cusack	Bound	Thomas
Sat Nov 18 2000	FAC 1	-	-	-	-						
Sat Dec 9 2000	FAC 2	-	-	-	-						
19 Sep 2000	FAW Connah's Quay Nomads (a)	5-2	275	-	-		Jones J	Jones S	Casey	De Vulgt	Todd
10 Oct 2000	FAW TNS (a)	2-1	tbc	-	-		Jones J	Jones S	Howard	Cusack	Smith
7 Nov 2000	FAW Barry Town (a)										
28 Nov 2000	FAW Barry Town (H)										
12 Dec 2000	FAW Connah's Quay Nomads (H)										
19 Dec	FAW TNS (H)										

Next Match:

Div2 v Wrexham (a) 21/10/2000

6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitutes Used	Referee
Cusack	Thomas	O'Leary	Watkin	Coates	Price	Mutton (6), Jenkins (7), Phillips (10)	D. Gallagher
Bound	Watkin	Coates	Price	Jenkins	Boyd	Thomas (8)	P. Jones
Bound	Watkin	Coates	Mutton	Price	Jenkins	Thomas (3), Casey (8), Roberts (9)	P. Rejer
Bound	Thomas	Watkin	Coates	Price	Boyd		A. Hall
Thomas	Coates	O'Leary	Mutton	Price	Boyd	Jenkins (6), Morgan (11)	A. Butler
Cusack	Thomas	Boyd	Mutton	Coates	Price	Jenkins (2), Roberts (8), Morgan (9)	S. Mathieson
Coates	O'Leary	Price	Phillips	Jenkins	Boyd	Morgan (11), Roberts (6)	D. Pugh
Coates	O'Leary	Price	Phillips	Jenkins	Boyd	Roberts (10), Watkin (11), Morgan (9)	R. Olivier
Cusack	Thomas	Roberts	Watkin	Boyd	Price	Coates (2), Mutton (10), Jenkins (11)	C. Wilkes
Roberts	Jenkins	Romo	Coates	Savarese (2)	Watkin		P. Alcock

Nationwide League Division Two

	Home					Away					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Walsall	12	4	2	0	14	6	4	1	1	10	5	13	27
Reading	12	5	1	0	21	4	2	1	3	5	7	15	23
Bury	12	4	1	1	7	4	3	1	2	6	7	2	23
Millwall	10	4	0	2	13	3	3	1	0	10	5	15	22
Wycombe	12	4	1	1	10	4	2	2	2	3	4	5	21
Cambridge	10	4	0	2	13	6	2	2	0	6	3	10	20
Wigan	11	4	1	0	9	4	1	4	1	7	7	5	20
Rotherham	12	2	1	3	9	9	4	1	1	8	8	0	20
Northampton	10	2	2	0	6	3	3	0	3	5	4	4	17
Stoke	10	2	2	1	8	2	2	2	1	8	7	7	16
Bristol Rovers	10	0	3	1	4	5	3	2	1	13	6	6	14
Wrexham	10	1	0	4	5	10	3	2	0	13	8	0	14
Swansea	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	4	6	-1	14
Peterborough	12	2	2	2	7	9	2	0	4	5	8	-5	14
Brentford	10	2	3	1	7	9	1	2	1	4	7	-5	14
Notts County	12	0	3	3	8	11	3	0	3	5	9	-7	12
Colchester	12	1	2	3	5	7	1	3	2	5	7	-4	11
Port Vale	11	3	1	2	10	4	0	1	4	2	13	-5	11
Swindon	10	1	2	1	5	7	2	0	4	4	11	-9	11
Bristol City	10	0	2	3	5	8	2	2	1	3	1	-1	10
Bournemouth	12	1	3	2	7	6	0	3	3	8	12	-3	9
Oldham	12	2	1	3	7	9	0	2	4	5	16	-13	9
Luton	12	1	1	4	3	7	0	3	3	7	13	-10	7
Oxford	12	1	1	4	5	8	0	0	6	4	20	-19	4

Up to and including Monday 16th October 2000

Watkin	O'Leary	Roberts	Price	Jenkins	Boyd	Mutton (6), Keegan (8)	C. Foy
Watkin	Coates	O'Leary	Price	Keegan	Boyd	Mutton (6), Roberts (10)	A. Hall

Mumford	Roberts 2	Keegan (pen)	Morgan	Gregson	Barwood	Berry	K. Parry
Bound	Keegan	Thomas	Mutton	Phillips	Coates	Price (5), O'Leary (10), Morgan (9)	

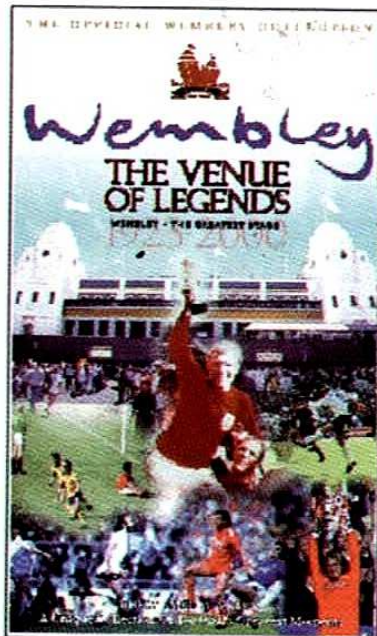
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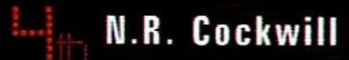
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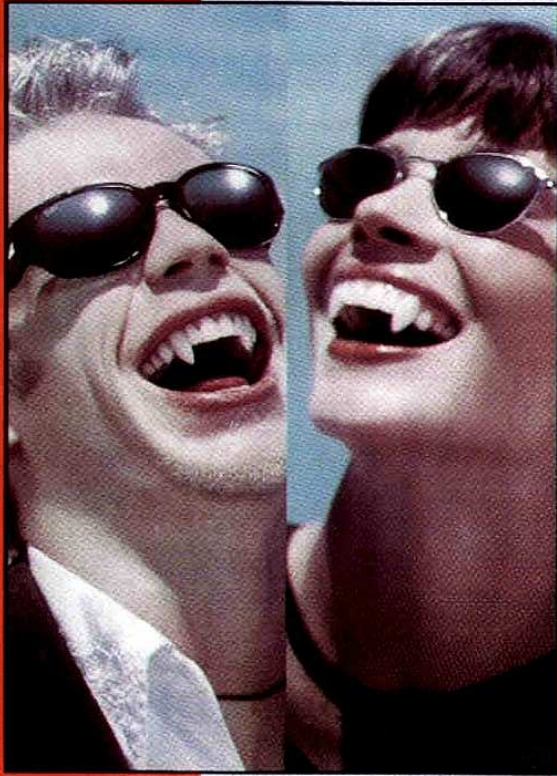
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