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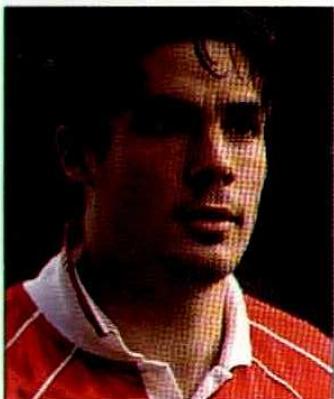
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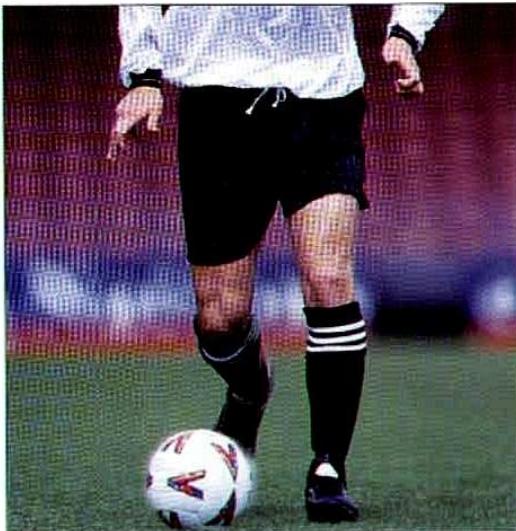
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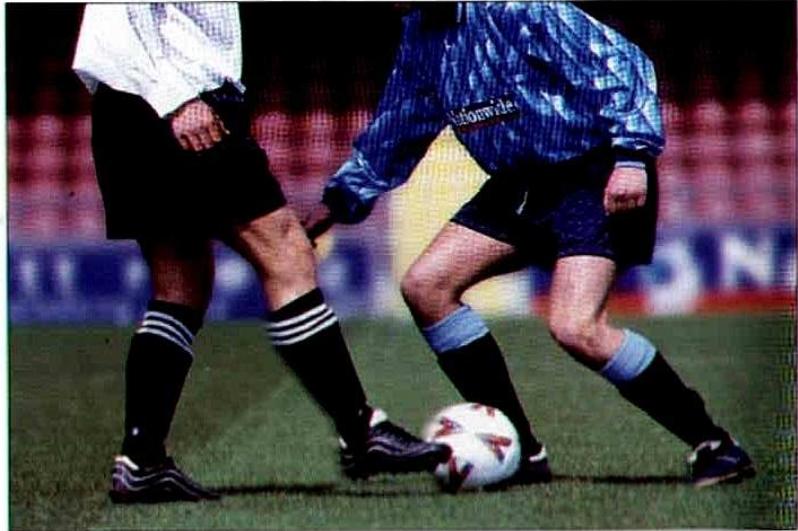
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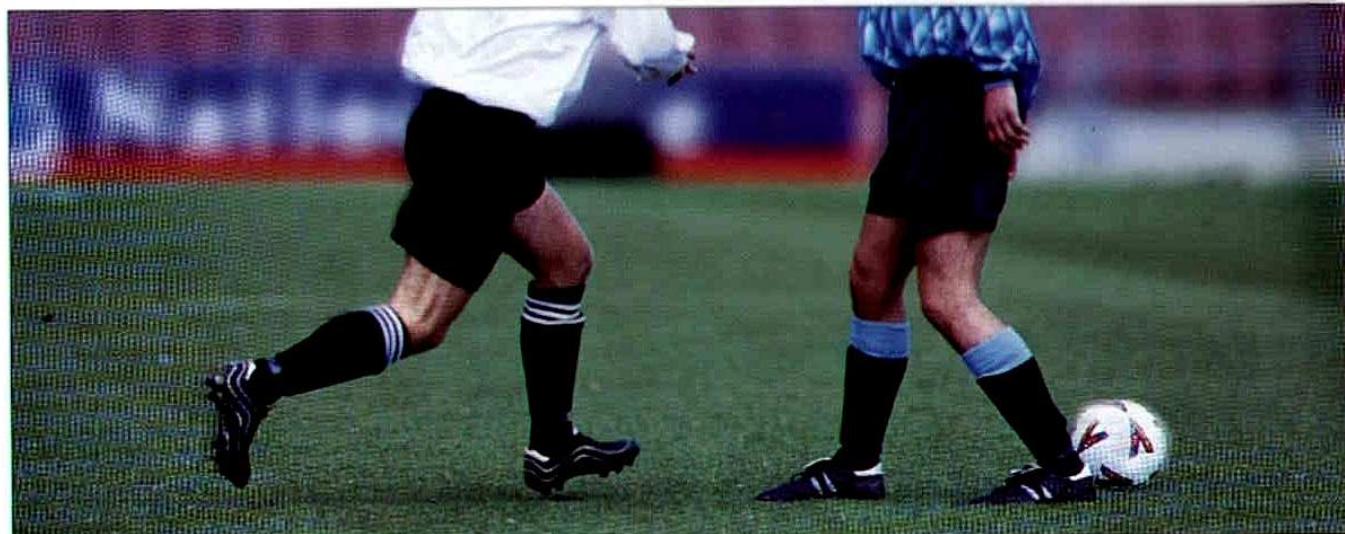
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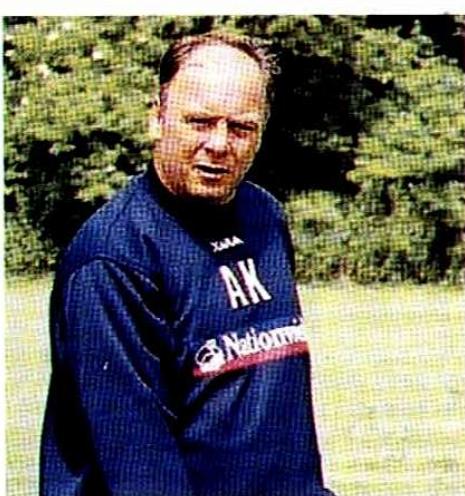
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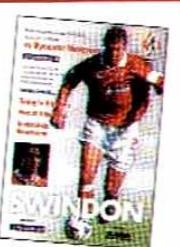
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A Warm Welcome:

Long Live the King

'Andy King's Red and White Army' they chanted from the visitors' end at Meadow Lane - a sure sign that the King is dead - Long Live The King!

Despite the 3-2 reverse at the hands of County, anyone who had made the effort to get up to Nottingham for last weekend's game would have come away with their head held high - strong in the belief that Swindon Town FC was back on track.

It was of course disappointing to lose the game but everyone afterwards said how well we played and how we deserved something from the game. The mood in the camp before Tuesday's home game against Cambridge United was both confident and nervous.

Everyone knew what was expected of them and they didn't disappoint. Young Danny Invincible is on fire at the moment with four goals in two games and is really enjoying his new role in a new formation. What was disappointing was the attendance - one of the lowest seen here at the County ground for many, many years. I know that events of the past ten days have not been very savoury and the results on the field have been very disappointing but I would again like to make a plea to all loyal supporters to stick with us as we battle our way through some tough times.

Together we will get through this and we will come out stronger because of it. If you have a relative or a friend who has stopped coming to Town because of poor results ask them to show their support when we need it most by turning out for our game against Wrexham on Tuesday evening. Andy and Malcolm really do deserve our support and it's imperative we see this through together. One of the most pleasing things to come out of the past couple of weeks is the level of



support for our 'stand firm' policy over the movement of managers. Clubs like Swindon should not allow the so-called 'big' clubs of the Premier League to walk all over them whenever they feel like it. We are standing firm for what we believe are legally, morally and contractually our rights, and I would like to personally thank all those who have taken time to either write or 'phone with messages of support. The local media have been especially supportive and shows how strong our relationship has grown. I can assure you all that this club is in safe hands and we will be striving to rebuild after this hiccup. The season is still only a few months old and there is plenty to play for.

This afternoon we welcome Wycombe Wanderers to the County Ground. Wycombe, under manager Lawrie Sanchez, have had a reasonable start to the season and will bring a large and noisy support with them. Lets make sure we shout louder.

Welcome to the players, directors and supporters of The Chairboys, enjoy the afternoon and our hospitality - but as always, there's only one winner... Come On You Reds!

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

Swindon Shorts

NSPCC Match a Resounding Success



Last Sunday saw the long-awaited return of the Swindon Town 'dream team' of 1993 in the NSPCC Charity match at a blustery County Ground.

In appalling conditions the promotion heroes and array of celebrities that made the effort to support the charity event, did their best in warming the 2000 supporters. Nearly all of

Hoddle's side made it on the day with the exception of Dave Mitchell, John Moncur and David Kerslake.

The Swindon team proved to be too strong for Jess Conrad's showbiz XI, despite the introduction of Sky Sports's Tim Lovejoy, BBC's Angus Deayton and former Watford striker Luther Blisset. The Showbiz XI could do little to stop the Town side strolling to an early lead. Even John Gorman impressed when he came on in the second half, as did Fraser Digby on the left wing, whilst Eddie Murray deputised in goal. The score ended 8-3, but more importantly was the amount of money raised on the day which will go to the NSPCC's Full Stop campaign and the great deal of fun that was had by all.

Boss Pleased with Cup Draw

Caretaker manager Andy King is not thinking as far ahead as Swindon's FA Cup first round clash against Dr Martens Premier Division side Ilkeston.

The Robins were paired with the Derbyshire outfit in the draw at the weekend and will be relieved to have been given a home tie, but King knows that there are many things to be sorted out before November 18. He said: "It's obviously a good draw in that we're at home. That's the first thing you're after. Our home form has not been good this season, but we'd have to fancy our chances against a non-league side at the County Ground. But I don't know if I'll be in charge then. A new manager could well arrive in the meantime so I'm just taking it a game at a time. We'll think about Ilkeston next month."



Arkells Stand Damage

On behalf of Swindon Town FC, may I personally apologise to any of our customers who had to move at short notice from regular seats in the Arkells Stand for our home game against Cambridge United on Tuesday evening.

The storms of the weekend caused some structural damage to the Town End part of the Arkells Stand on Sunday evening and, because of the risk of falling debris, we reluctantly had to close a major section of the stand for urgent repairs.

At one stage, after discussions with the Borough Council, we were worried that the entire Arkells Stand may have had to be closed, but this proved not to be the case.

All ticket holders with seats in this area were asked to move across the stand to a more safer area for this match. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this caused and we hope the situation is now rectified.





Good afternoon and welcome to today's clash with Wycombe Wanderers.

We really needed a result at home to Cambridge on Tuesday night and, thankfully, the lads responded and we got it. We were all delighted with the performance, although I have to admit that it wasn't as good as the one against Notts County on the previous Saturday except in two respects; we scored goals and, obviously, we won the match.

We carried on from where we left off at County, creating chances and people getting in the right positions to convert them. It's something we haven't done consistently this season but the signs are there now that we can cause teams problems at the back. I won't single anyone out because although everyone is talking about Danny Invincible's

performance, the players around him gave him the opportunities to grab the headlines. All I will say is that he has improved tremendously since he's been playing through the middle.

Defensively we were in charge of the game. The three at the back are getting used to each other and at 3-1 up I don't expect any team I'm in charge of to lose in the last fifteen minutes. We have to start learning to be ruthless and how to win games. This is a learning curve for both the players and myself. We're getting used to each other and at the moment it's going well. The ideas are different, the application is different and, in terms of Tuesday night, the result was different. That worked and Saturday was OK but we need to take it further. All I'm asking of the players is that they work the way that I want them to and give me

maximum commitment and effort. So far they have done that - and more - which is excellent and we'll take it on from there.

Having said all that, I'm a man that says it as he sees it. I won't lie to the players, fans or the media because they all know better than that and I've said to the players that the performance against Cambridge still wasn't good enough. In Colin Todd they had a hard taskmaster, but in me they have an even harder one.

"I'm not the worst football manager in the world and neither am I as good as, say, the great Bill Shankly..."

As far as my position here at the club is concerned I would love the job on a permanent basis. At the moment it feels like I'm playing a game of hangman. I'm in the noose and the chair's wobbling, but I haven't fallen off yet and I'm holding on. It feels great to be in this situation again.

The feelings have come flooding back and I know I'm alive again. As a Scout, under who I believe to be the best manager in the country, Peter Reid, it was difficult to muster these kind of emotions. In the space of three days, Saturday to Tuesday night, I have experienced the full range of emotions and at the moment I'm loving every minute of it. Having said that I am aware that things could be different after today's game and although I hope I'm not, I could be depressed again. That was a good start to three

successive home games and now that we've taken three points, I won't be happy unless we take all nine. It's ambitious but that's the kind of person I am. Plus I hope that more fans turn out to watch us now we've given them a reason to come. I was disappointed with the attendance on Tuesday night and I took it as a reflection on me, that no one believed in me. The lads are giving people a reason to come - we're passing well, creating and scoring goals and hopefully we can continue to win matches.

I know Colin Todd is a well-respected manager and rightly so, people believed in him. I just hope the fans will believe in me and give us a chance. I have no doubt in my ability nor that of the players. I'm, confident in two respects - I'm not the worst football manager in the world and neither am I as good as,

say, the great Bill Shankly but, as any football manager has to be, I'm confident in my own ability.

As far as my position goes I just hope that it is resolved as quickly as possible, not only for myself but the club as a whole. It's a difficult time to be in a state of uncertainty and some difficult decisions have to be made.

I hope you enjoy today's match and we can continue our good run of form with another home win.

Andy King

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Chairboys' to the right and scored in sky

Where

3	5
12	9
0	3

How

4	2
5	1
0	2
1	2
0	0
5	10



Games Scored In	4
1	1
1	3
2	1
0	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

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

1 (2pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	2 (4pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0pts)
2	Number of points gained	4

SCORING SEQUENCES

Consecutive Games Scored

1	2 Games	1
0	3 Games	0
2 games	Maximum Scoring Run	2 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2	2 Games	1
1	3 Games	0
1	4 Games	1

9 games Maximum Dry Spell 4 games

Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS						
Opposition Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	2	1				
1	1	1	1			
2	2	1	1			
3	2	1	1			
4	1					
5						
6						
7						

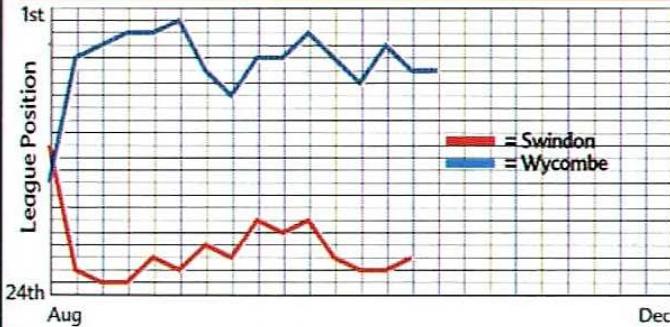
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Swindon have won 1 game 1-0

Chairboys' Results

WYCOMBE GOALS						
Opposition Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	3	2	1			
1	2	1	1			
2	2	1	1			
3	3					
4	4					
5	5					
6	6					
7	7					

eg. Wycombe have won 3 games 3-1
and drawn 3 games 0-0

Seasonal Progress Comparison

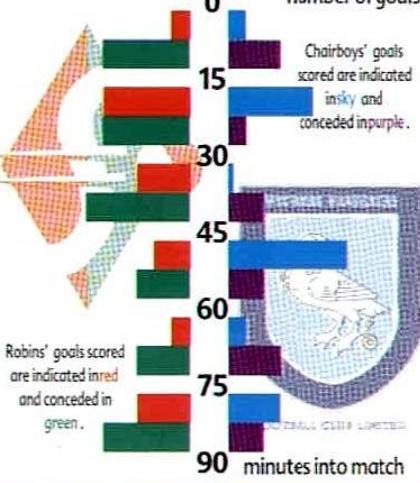


Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

When goals scored & conceded

10 8 6 4 2 0 0 2 4 6 8 10
number of goals



Face2Face

Last Season

At The County Ground...n/a

At Adams Park...n/a

This Season

Robins' Season records:

Home Win 3-1 Cambridge

Away Win 1-0 Bristol City

3-2 Luton

Home Defeat 1-4 Walsall

Away Defeat 0-3 Port Vale

0-3 Bournemouth

Consec. Wins...0

Consec. Defeats...3

Chairboys' Season records:

Home Win 4 games by 2 goals

Away Win 2-1 Millwall

1-0 Port Vale

Home Defeat 1-2 Bristol City

0-1 Bristol Rovers

Away Defeat 0-2 Reading

0-2 Oldham

Consec. Wins...3

Consec. Defeats...2

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

90 mins All Goals for 85 mins

70 mins Home Goals For 51 mins

120 mins Away Goals For 240 mins

50 mins All Goals Against 111 mins

48 mins Home Goals Against 103 mins

51 mins Away Goals Against 120 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

Robins : LWSWL DLLW

F 13 A 18 Pts 11

Chairboys : LLWWWLWDL

F 10 A 10 Pts 13

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

Wycombe's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

Div	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	Conf	2	-	West	34
91/92	Conf	1	-	Scott	22
92/93	Conf	2	-	Scott	26
93/94	3	3	2	Scott	10
94/95	2	3	1	Garner/Regis	9
95/96	2	1	2	De Souza	18
96/97	2	3	2	Carroll	9
97/98	2	1	1	Stallard	17
98/99	2	2	2	Devine	9
99/00	2	2	2	Devine	23
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	17	15	13		
	11	9	7		
	9	7	5		
	5	3	1		

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Wycombe Wanderers Football Club 2000/2001



Front Row: Terry Evans (YTP), Dave Jones (CP), Martyn Lee, Ben Townsend, Dannie Bulman, Terry Gibson (AM), Lawrie Sanchez (M), Jermaine McSporran, Michael Simpson, Chris Vinnicombe, Gary Goodchild (YTM), Adrian Cole (YDO)

Middle Row: Mark Rogers, Roger Johnson, Paul McCarthy, Keith Ryan, Martin Taylor, Mark Westhead, Mark Osborn, Jamie Bates, Matt Brady, Danny Senda, Peter Holsgrove.

Back Row: Steve Brown, Mo Harkin, Sean Devine, Jason Cousins, Andy Baird, Stewart Castledine, Paul Emblen, Dave Carroll, Alan Beeton, Steve Jones.

The Chairboys...

The Club then went through the longest period in their history without a manager, almost a month before former Wimbledon mid-fielder Lawrie Sanchez was appointed.

He walked into Adams Park just hours before the club were due to play their biggest game of the season, at home to Fulham on Saturday 6th February 1999. With 18 games remaining, it looked a tough job for a man in his first Football League managerial appointment. The team won their first away game of the season at Bristol Rovers at the end of March. It was the beginning of a surge in confidence that carried right to the last game of the season at Lincoln. Roared on by a 2,500 strong support, transported to Lincoln in 30 coaches paid for by the club, the Wanderers

won 1-0 with a goal by Paul Emblen 7 minutes from time to assure Second Division survival. The arrival of Lawrie Sanchez brought a complete turn around in the clubs fortunes both on and off the field as players were released to cut the wage bill and signings made to improve the team. In his first full season in charge Lawrie Sanchez gave the club a new confidence and direction. A good run in the Worthington Cup ended in round Two, falling to a Lee Hughes winner against West Brom. But it was the results in Division Two that saw a big improvement from the previous season, the home form brought better results with the team becoming more difficult to beat and they finished the season in 12th spot with 61 points.



Club FACTS...

Name: Wycombe Wanderers

Nickname: The Blues'

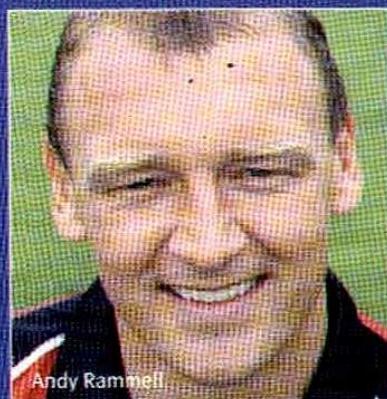
Previous name: Abbey United

Ground: Adams Park

Capacity: 10,000

Highest League Scorer (season):

Sean Devine, 23, 1999-2000



Andy Rammell

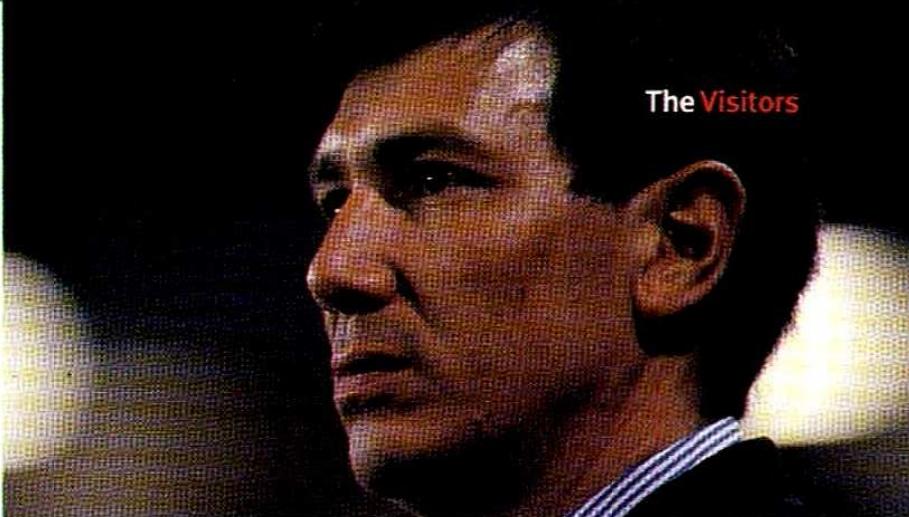
Handy Rammell

Former Wycombe Wanderers striker and Blackburn legend Simon Garner is tipping Blues' new goal ace Andy Rammell to be a big success at Adams Park.

Rambo has hit six goals since arriving from Walsall for £75,000 last month and Garner reckons

Wycombe have got him for a song. He said: "They've got a real bargain. He gives Wycombe a variation to their game. He's good in the air and comfortable on the ground. He's a typical old-fashioned centre forward. He's a big strapping player who holds the ball up well."

Lawrie Sanchez started his career at Reading playing in the Third and Fourth Divisions. He moved to Wimbledon for £30,000 just before Christmas 1984 when Dave Bassett was Manager. In the 10 seasons at Wimbledon he played 317 games and scored 35 goals.



The Wanderer Returns



It's a return to the County Ground for both Lawrie Sanchez and his assistant Terry Gibson. They both played a part in our Premiership season, signed to add vital top-flight experience to the cause. However, they were unable to repeat their Wimbledon form and we all know what happened. Lawrie had a knack of scoring vital goals, he got the winner against Huddersfield that took the Dons into the First Division (now Premiership) and the winner against Liverpool in

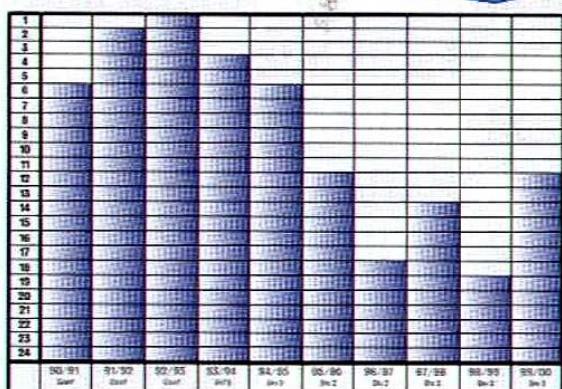
the 1988 F.A.Cup Final. Lawrie left Swindon to join Sligo Rovers as manager and took them into Europe in the Cup Winners' Cup before losing to F C Bruges. Lawrie was enticed back to Wimbledon by Joe Kinnear to manage the Dons reserve side.

He won the Football Combination in his second year in charge. He was appointed first team coach in 1997-98 and appointed manager of Wycombe Wanderers on 5th February 1999.

clubfacts...



Ten year record...



The last four meetings...

Wycombe	2-0	Swindon Town	(L6 CUP)	18-08-1998
Swindon Town	2-1	Wycombe	(L6 CUP)	12-08-1998
Wycombe	1-2	Swindon Town	(DIV 2)	02-03-1996
Swindon Town	1-0	Wycombe	(DIV 2)	26-12-1995

Wycombe Wndrs...

Full time results...

Wycombe	5-0	Burnley	15-04-97	Record win
Wycombe	0-6	Walsall	07-11-95	Record loss

Club honours...

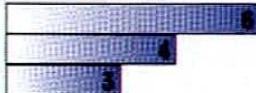
Division 2 6th 1994/95
GM Vauxhall Conference winners 1992-93
FA Trophy Winners 1991-93

Next five fixtures...

Sat Nov 25	Colchester	vs	Wycombe	A
Sat Dec 2	Wycombe	vs	Bournemouth	H
Sat Dec 16	Wigan	vs	Wycombe	A
Sat Dec 23	Wycombe	vs	Swansea	H

Top goalscorer's ...

Rammell
Baird
McSporran, Brown



The Visitors:

Jermaine McSporran

Singed for Wycombe from non-league Oxford City on 5.11.98 on a 3-year contract. Played for Oxford City then moved to Abingdon Town before re-joining Oxford City in 1996.

He played for Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination and scored two goals. He was offered trials at West Ham and attracted lots of attention from Premier and Division One sides.

Made his debut for Wycombe at Northampton Town on 7th November 1998. He finished last season with 12 goals.



Dave Carroll

Has now made over 500 appearances for Wycombe with 96 goals and his 280 appearances in the Football League is a club record.

Can play anywhere in midfield or up front and last season had three games at right back. He is the fifth longest serving player in the club's history and is the club's leading scorer since they joined the Football League with 39 goals.

Won the Official supporters 'Player of the Season' award for 1999-2000.



1 Martin Taylor



Started his career with Mile Oak Rovers and after two seasons joined Derby County, where he made a total of 140 league and cup appearances. Kept 18 clean sheets last season and has now made over 150 appearances, winning the 'Player of the Season' award for 1999-2000.

4 Jason Cousins

Now starting his tenth season at Wycombe. He picked up the 'Supporters Player of the Year' award for the second time in season 98-99, despite missing the final six weeks through injury. Close to making 250 Football League appearances for Wycombe.

5 Paul McCarthy

Joined from Brighton & Hove Albion for £100,000. Started last season in fine form but was side lined with an ankle injury that kept him out for two months. Returned to the side at Preston in January 2000, suffered further niggling injuries right to the end of the season.



6 Jamie Bates



Joined Wycombe from Brentford on a free transfer just before the transfer deadline in March '99. Strong central

defender who played over 500 games for the Bees making his debut in 1986. Can play in any of the defensive positions.

19 Stewart Castledine



Captained the Wimbeldon reserve side to the Avon Insurance Championship, under Lawrie

Sanchez, for the first time in the club's history. Stewart has teamed up once more with Lawrie Sanchez and Terry Gibson having signed a three year contract in July 2000.

28 Michael Simpson



Signed by tribunal from Notts County in January 1997. Made his debut for Wycombe vs Chesterfield on December 14th, 1996. Signed a new 2-year contract in April '99. Had his best season for the club last term with some sterling performances in the centre of midfield.

8 Keith Ryan

A central midfielder who can also play up front. He scored on his debut for Wycombe and should reach the 300 Football League appearances mark for the Club during this season. Played as a makeshift centre forward in a handful of games last season and scored 5 goals.

21 Alan Beeton

A regular towards the end of season 1998-99 and finished really well. Has signed a new two-year contract. Had a season of mixed fortunes after coming back from a viral form of meningitis and an ankle injury, both hindering his chances of a permanent place in the side during 1999-2000.

33 Matt Brady

A 21 year-old wide left-sided player signed on a free from Boreham Wood in December 1999. Started as a YT with Barnet before moving to Boreham Wood. Made his Football League debut from the subs' bench against Chesterfield on 3rd January 2000. Scored in consecutive games at Preston and Wrexham and has a real eye for goal.

17 Mark Rogers

Arrived from Canada in July 1998 and has become a regular fixture in the back four. His displays have been noted by the Canadian Team Manager. Can play defence or mid field. Made his Football League debut at Oldham in November '99 and continued to impress for the remainder of last season.

25 Martyn Lee

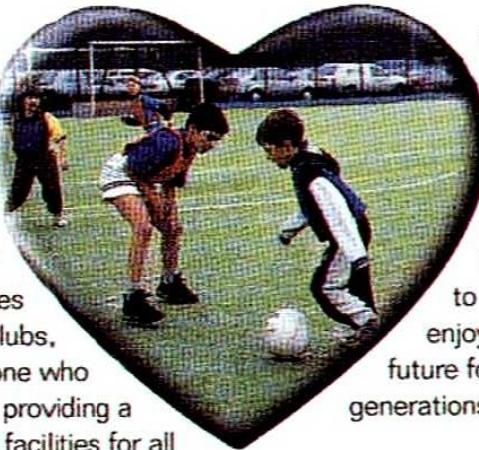
Signed a professional contract in May '99 having been a YT at the club. Diminutive left-sided midfielder who made his Football League debut at Chesterfield on 30th January 1999. Continued to impress in the Avon Combination side and played in the final three Nationwide League games of last season.

Steve Jones

Signed on a three-month loan deal from Bristol City in July 2000. Moved to Bournemouth for £150,000 in 1994 and two seasons later returned to West Ham for £800,000. One year later he was off to Charlton in a £400,000 move and then in the summer of 1998 went to Bristol City for £450,000.

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Swindon Town Football Club would like to welcome the Edwards family. The party of four are joining us today having travelled all the way from Jersey.



Welcome to Today's Mascots

Dad is celebrating his birthday today and both boys are enjoying the day as club mascots.

The connection with Swindon Town Football Club is that their father, Dave, was born at St Margaret Hospital, Swindon, forty-seven years ago today! All three have been ardent supporters from the day they were born, so Mum had no choice but to join in the support too! Jackie would like to wish her husband 'Happy Birthday' and say 'Good Luck' to both Craig and Gary.



Craig Edwards is 15-years-old and goes to Les

Quennevais Secondary School in Jersey. He is due to take his GCSE's next year but is enjoying a deserved rest in Swindon during his half-term break. His hobbies include collecting small model vehicles of all shapes and sizes (he has hundreds), cycling, swimming and kayaking on the sea.



Gary Edwards is aged 12 and in his second year at Les Quennevais Secondary School in Jersey. He enjoys art and design and has entered a total of six junior floats so far in the Jersey Battle of Flowers carnival which takes place each year in

August. His hobbies include computer games, cycling, swimming and kayaking on the sea.

We would also like to welcome **Ben Curtis** who is another of today's special mascots. This is Ben's second time as a Town mascot and we hope he has another great day here with us at the County Ground.

Today's New Zealand Milk Mascot is **Daniel Mendak**. Daniel is 9-years-old and attends Dunstan School, Calne. He is a season ticket holder at the Town and his favourite player is Giuliano Grazioli. He will here with Uncle Ian Hussey, Uncle Martin and Aunt Sharon Woodvine to cheer on the Town.

Not My Words...

Swindon's matchday magazine has received another good write-up in the November issue of 'Programme Monthly & Football Collectables'.

On this season's programme it reads, on page 24: "Town have been 'punching above their weight' programme-wise for some seasons and despite relegation

last summer, they have further improved their already-impressive programme. Beautifully produced and attractively designed, there is a good range of club features and some imaginative non-Swindon general football features, showing that the challenge to fill pages has been met head on."

Not my words, the words of Programme Monthly - Ed.



Dan Chisholm:



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I'm sure it won't have escaped your attention that it's not only Swindon Town receiving lots of publicity whilst searching for a new manager.

"...when few thought it possible."

I can't help but wonder how a footballing nation like England could become the joke of Europe as no-one seems sufficiently qualified to take on the job.

For a while, we've been talking about the absence of world-class home-grown players. This now appears to have extended to our managers. Is it right that we should appoint a foreign coach like Sven Goran Eriksson? or is it time to accept that we are simply not good enough - a second-rate nation of losers? I'm all in favour of a younger man like Peter Taylor or Steve McClaren being given the role, but is there no-one else?

Our visitors today, arguably, provide the answer. Wycombe Wanderers have always been forward-thinking and

ambitious, having a director like Alan Parry, of course, makes a difference. But they had the foresight to give Martin O'Neill his big break.

Success followed his brief sojourns to Norwich City and Leicester .. and now, I believe he will lead Celtic to the Scottish championship when few thought it possible. What a shame he wasn't approached to do the England job. In my opinion, he's the man to pull it off. Not that he'd take it.

I've been to Adams Park a couple of times in the last year and have been extremely impressed by the set-up. Under Lawrie Sanchez they've made a good start .. including an excellent three-one win over Walsall recently. Keep your eye on Jermaine McSporran - I hope the Swindon defence does.



Lawrie Sanchez

By the way, if Wycombe do get stuck for a striker, they can always call upon Sue Oakley from their ladies team - thirteen goals in six games, including two hat-tricks! Now there's a point, if we can't find the men to do the job in our national side ...

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter

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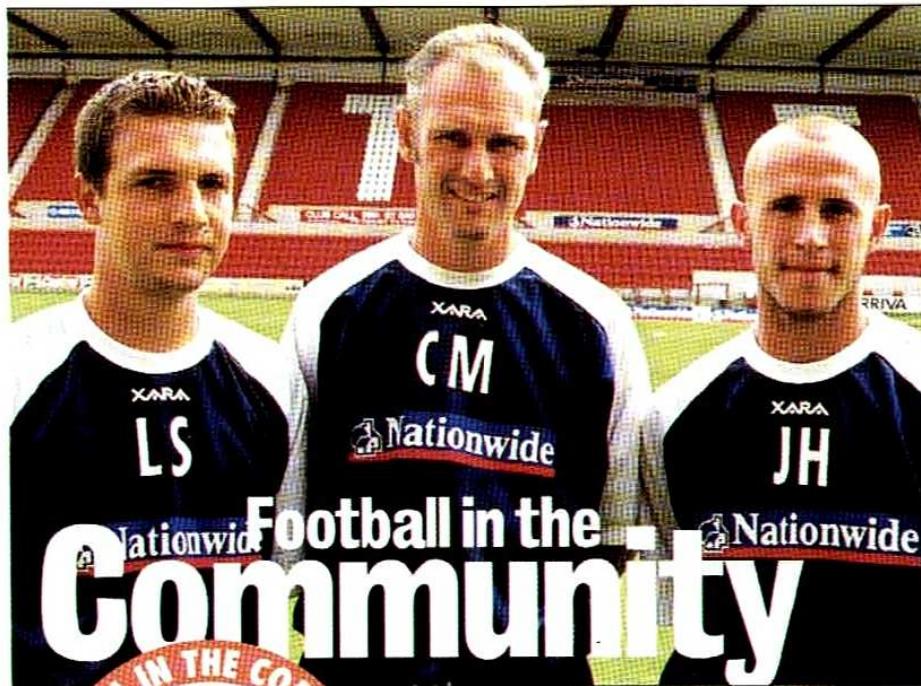
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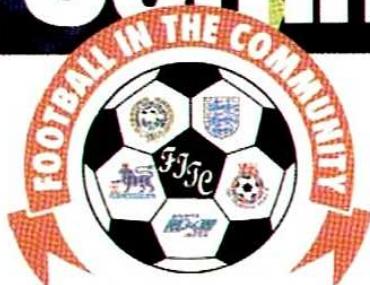
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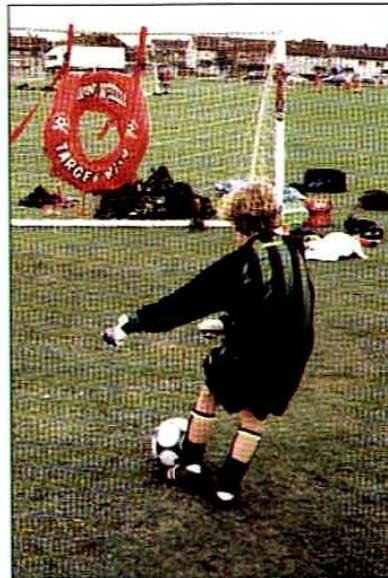
Last week we completed our last course of the year 2000. One hundred plus youngsters braved the elements and three great days were enjoyed by all.

All the kids were delighted to go away with a full 'goodie-bag' and their brand-new STFC lunch boxes for school. Again we must give a very big thank you to all our coaches for doing such a great job. On Friday of last week we coached 40 children for our main sponsors, Nationwide, up at the pavilion. The day consisted of watching the 1st team train on the pitch, a ground tour plus a full day's coaching. The children travelled from as far as Swansea in south Wales and Lancing in Sussex to attend the course and it proved to be another big success. We will certainly be looking to run further days up at Nationwide and the next one is scheduled for February. The next course here at the County Ground is scheduled for February 20th, 21st and 22nd 2001, so please give us a

call for information or, alternatively, collect it from main reception.

If you have a birthday coming up, give Luke Sharps a ring to book your personal party.

Until next time, best wishes,
Clive, Jono and Luke



Swindon's Soccer

I held a meeting at the club last week with the Soccer Centre Coaches.

One of the biggest things to come out of the meeting was the fact that we need to promote the club to the Soccer Centre kids. Following on from our kit discount, we will be giving out 500 free tickets to kids at the Soccer Centres when accompanied by a paying adult. This is for the Stoke City game later this month. Also at this game I am hoping that 16 kids from the Stratton



Centres

Soccer Centre will be playing on the pitch at half time. This will be a great experience for the kids. This is something that the Centre of Excellence do, but I feel it would be a great opportunity for the Soccer Centre Kids. If the groundsman allows us we hope to do the same for the kids at every centre we run.

Enjoy today's game.

Jimmy Fraser  service point

500 Free Tickets to: STFC V Stoke City
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Centre of Excellence

Bad weather put paid to all of the weekend's games.

We were scheduled to play Plymouth Argyle but had to call the games off because the pitches were too waterlogged. This weekend we entertain Exeter City at Allied Dunbar with an 11 o'clock kick off.

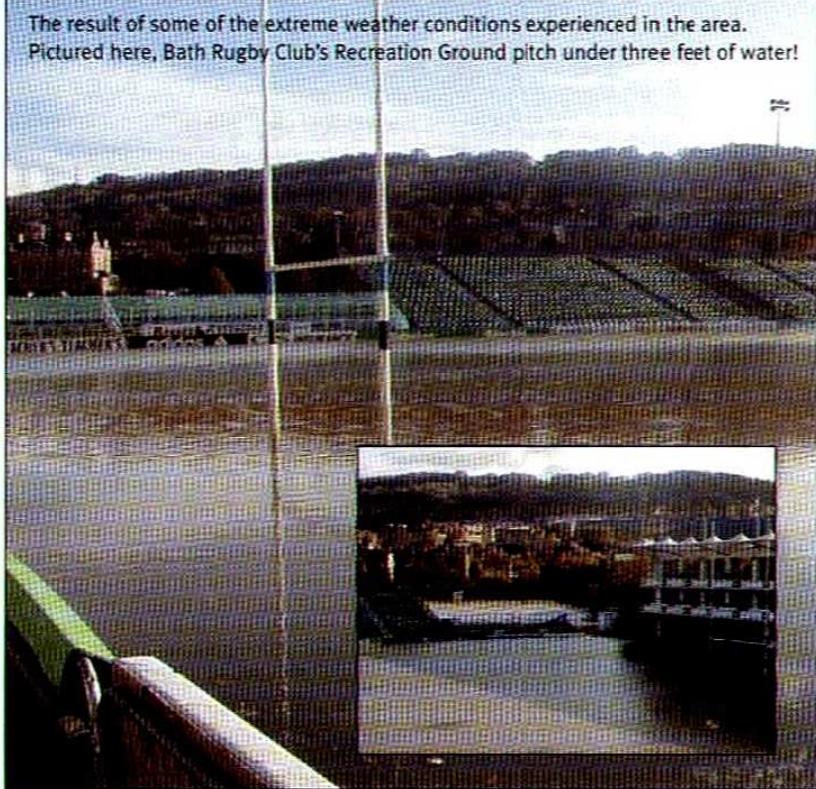
Hopefully, with a change in the weather, everything will go ahead. Anybody who would like to come along are, as always, very welcome. The lads especially appreciate the support.

Phil Cannon
Youth Development Officer



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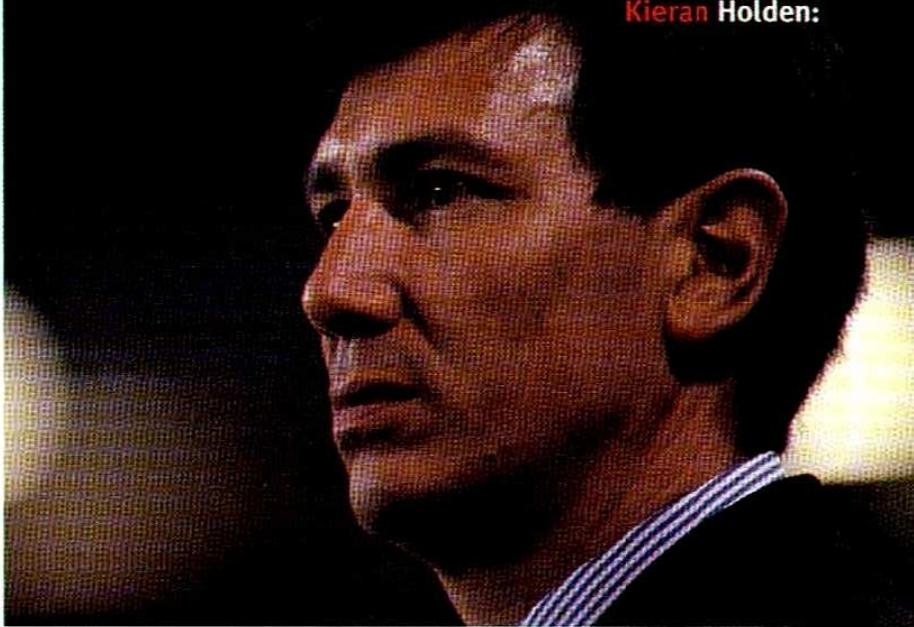
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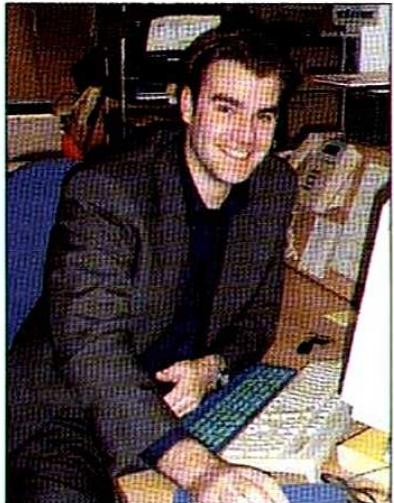
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Who's the King of the Castle and who's the... well you can fill in the rest! I will say no more on THAT subject.



King Infecting The Club With Desire



What a good night at here at the County Ground on Tuesday, a 3-1 win and a much-improved performance from the players who deserve a lot of credit after a very difficult week at the football club. Credit too to Andy King. He has come into a messy situation, grabbed the football issues by the scruff of the neck and got the best out of the players.

The players describe him as bubbly but I don't think that really sums him up. The man is infectious, his desire for the game and his enthusiasm is second to none, and a refreshing change from what we see and hear from so many football

managers in the modern game. Let's not forget the important role Malcolm Crosby is playing in the 'temporary' set up. It seems we now may have a 'marriage made in heaven'. Clearly I'm being swept away with the emotion of seeing Town hit three, but who cares?

Today we welcome Wycombe Wanderers to the County Ground, a team who have never won here - but they've only played here twice so it's hardly a record to boast about. Nonetheless, it is important that it stays that way. In our two meetings here at the County Ground, the Buckinghamshire boys held us to a frustrating, goalless draw on Boxing Day 5 years ago, and they also knocked us out of the Coca Cola Cup a couple of years ago 4-3 on aggregate, so they'll not be complaining about the record they have against us.

Today sees the return of Lawrie Sanchez, he played a few games for us on loan from Wimbledon in 1994, and regrettably he had a wonderful chance to give us a 3-2 win over visiting Manchester United. That was a long time ago, clearly though I am having trouble forgetting about it. The Chairboy's arrival in the Football League 8 years or so ago

developed an interesting reaction from our friends up the A420 and along the M4. Apparently both sets of supporters were cheering Wycombe's half time leads when they were on their way to clinching the Conference, however as soon as they entered the league the reaction completely changed.

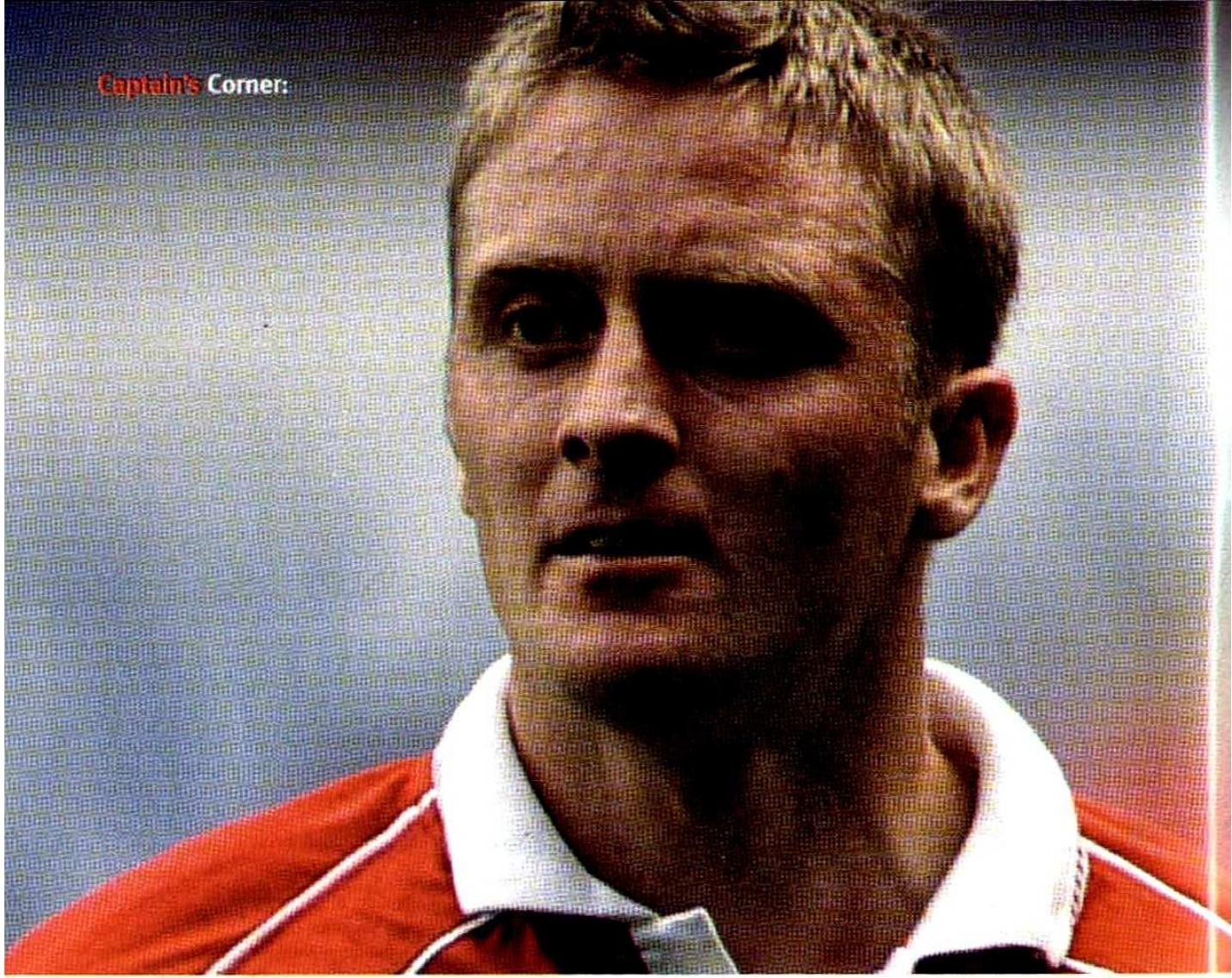
No longer were Reading and Oxford fans looking out for the scores and results of Wycombe as their 'second team', that they have some sort of 'fondness' for. Instead the Adams Park boys had become despised local rivals, and negative scorelines were greeted in the normal style they reserve for us. (We never did that to Cheltenham did we?)

Those nice people at HMV in Regent Street are filling my box with the latest CD's so if you'd like a request or dedication, old or new, get in touch by phone, fax or in person at the County Ground reception or by email: countyground@email.com

Let's get behind Andy, Malcolm and the Boys today...

Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden
Matchday Announcer



Welcome to today's match against Wycombe Wanderers, I hope we can go from strength-to-strength and get another home win.

Last time out against Cambridge we got what we really wanted, an early goal. We've been chasing matches but this time we went out and for the first fifteen minutes really asserted ourselves on the opposition.

Unfortunately, we let them back into the match just before half-time, another defensive lapse, but apart from that I believe we coped very well as a unit for the entire 90 minutes. Just before the break we had another corner and Danny found some space on the back post to put us 2-1 in front at half time. We came in at half-time in very good spirits and pleased with how we had gone about the first half, especially playing into the blustering wind.

In the second half we had the wind behind us which made it harder for Cambridge to come at us. We were creating chance after chance all night so it wasn't long before we got a third. Keith O'Halloran, who kept running all night, latched onto a ball dropping in their area and lashed it home.

Cambridge introduced another big centre forward and came at us again but, as on Saturday, we defended well as a unit and this time cut out the individual errors. Bart didn't really have that many shots to save all night which showed that, although they put pressure on us, they didn't create any clear-cut chances. It may have something to do with the new formation Andy King has chosen to play. Three at the back with two wing backs gives us the cover when we need it and the wide lads can get forward quickly to support the midfield and forwards.

On the night I think it's fair to say that we could have had a lot more goals. Danny got two but could have had three or four more. He was outstanding on the night and is becoming a big threat for defences. He's still quite raw at the moment and I think he'd agree that he still has a lot to learn. He's had a new lease of life playing through the middle but saying that, he tracked back well to cover their full backs.

We don't want to get too carried away but we've got a lot of confidence that we can take more points from these next two home games. We're still in a bit of a predicament in the League so we need to start picking up points quickly so as not to get bogged down in the relegation zone. We wanted to take at least seven points from these three home games but now we've got the first three, let's go and get all nine.

**the verdict from the win
against Cambridge Utd.**

How they saw it

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Two goals from Danny Invincible and one from Keith O'Halloran helped Swindon to a 3-1 win over Cambridge at the County Ground on Tuesday.

Invincible got his first shortly after he had hit the crossbar. However, Cambridge responded well and equalised through Zeema Abbey. Swindon retook the lead ten minutes before half time. Invincible was the first to react to a corner and slid the ball home with his left foot. O'Halloran made it 3-1 and Invincible nearly completed a hatrick with an overhead kick.

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Wizard of Oz Danny Invincible conjured up a double helping of Halloween magic on Tuesday night to lift everyone's spirits at the County Ground.

The Aussie striker bagged a brace of spectacular volleys and then spooked the Cambridge defence every time he touched the ball in a performance that had the home fans cheering for more. And there is no doubt now that King must be favourite to take on the role permanently. He has injected a sense of belief and passion to players who, only a week ago, were looking jaded and frightened to play the game. King's enthusiasm has touched everyone at the club and, with a bit of technical nous thrown in for good measure, he has transformed the team into a decent-looking unit. Of course, we can't get too carried away with this one victory.

Away www.cambridgeunited.com

Roy McFarland made three changes to the team tonight although there was no place, even on the bench, for Steve Slade.

Zema Abbey was restored to the team at the expense of Slade, Neil Mustoe replaced Alex Russell in midfield and in defence Marc Joseph replaced the out-of-form Andy Duncan. But it wasn't enough to stop Swindon recording their biggest home win of the season on a blustery night in Wiltshire.



Managers' views...



"It was a fantastic result considering there were so many players I'm asking to play out of position. David Duke had to come in and play at wing back for the first time because I haven't got the personnel and depth of squad."

Andy King speaking after his first win in charge of the Robins.



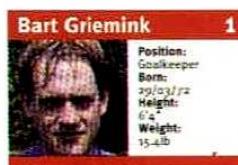
"We entered this game having had a similar run to Swindon, but it was the home side that wanted to win. We went a goal down early but did well to battle our way back into the game. Zema put himself about and did well to finish off a mistake from their defence. Once again we didn't defend and deserved to lose the game."

Roy McFarland after his side were consigned to their fourth consecutive defeat.

Andy King

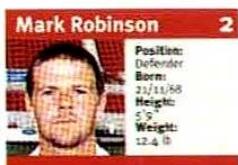
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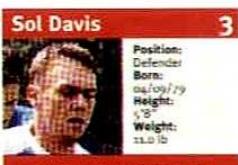
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Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 29/03/72
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 15-4lb



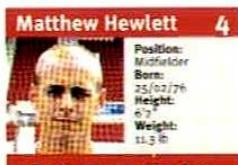
Mark Robinson **2**

Position: Defender
Born: 21/11/58
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12.4lb



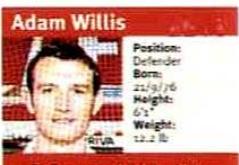
Sol Davis **3**

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Born: 04/09/79
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11.0lb



Matthew Hewlett **4**

Position: Midfielder
Born: 25/02/76
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 13.3lb



Adam Willis **5**

Position: Defender
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Height: 6'1"
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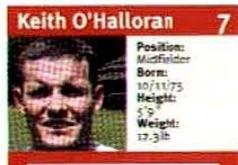
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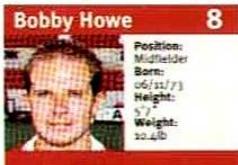


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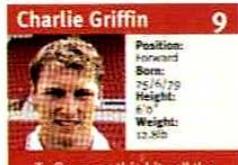
Keith O'Halloran **7**

Position: Midfielder
Born: 10/11/75
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 17.3lb



Bobby Howe **8**

Position: Midfielder
Born: 06/11/73
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10.4lb



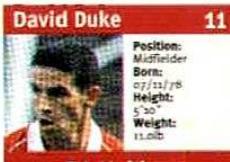
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Position: Forward
Born: 25/01/79
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 12.8lb

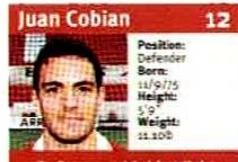


Giuliano Grazioli **10**

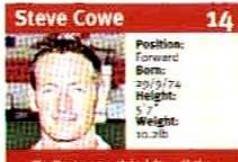
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Born: 23/03/75
Height: 5'11"
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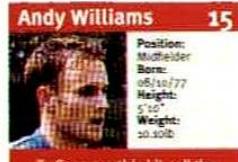
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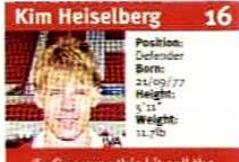
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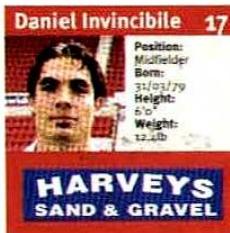
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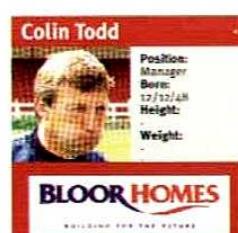
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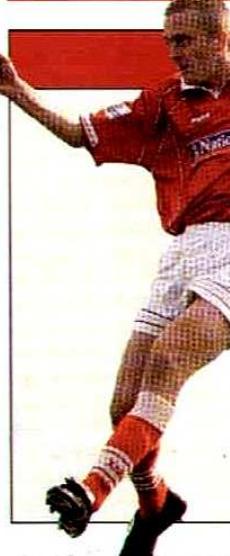


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Height: -
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Height: 6ft 0
Weight: 12.0

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Height: 5ft 9
Weight: 11.09

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Martin Williams

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Marko Tuomela **25**

Position: Defender
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Weight: -

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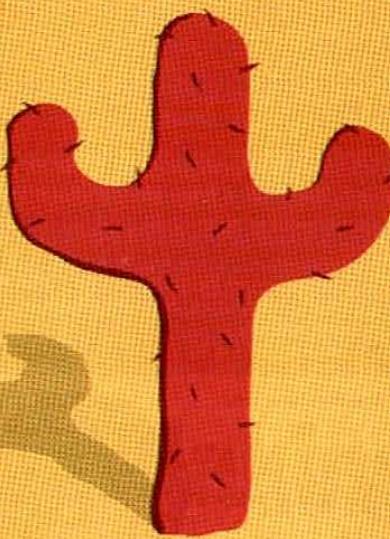


Alan Young **26**

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Weight: -

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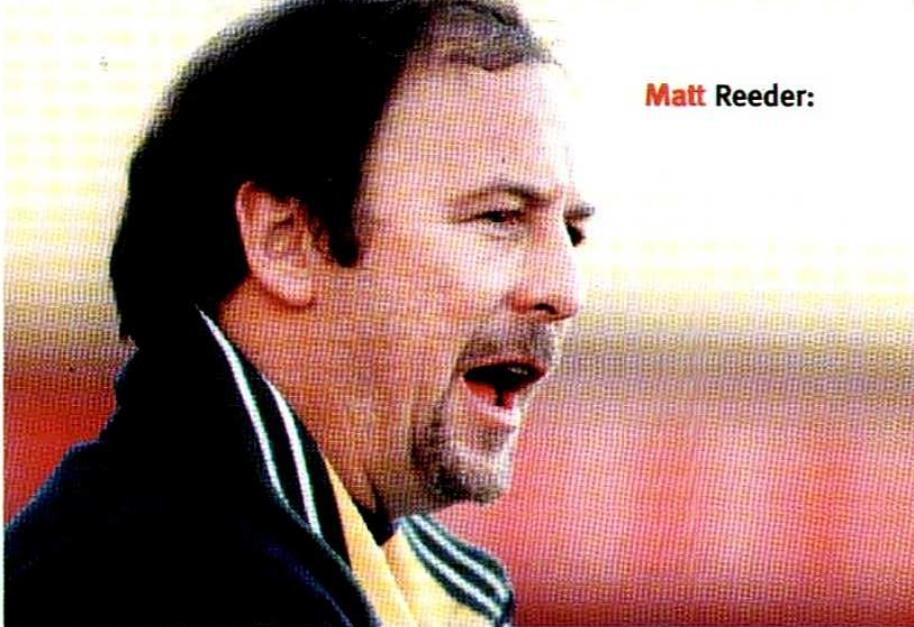
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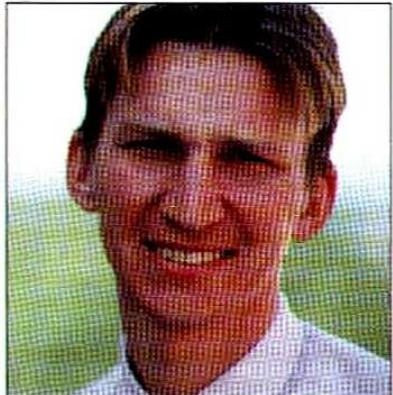
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King Making A Big Impression



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They are all entertainers. They played the game in the right spirit and they looked to give the fans that something extra, that little bit of excitement and 'pazzaz' that made the entrance money worthwhile. Well, after working with him for the last few months I think we can safely add Andy King to this list. Kingy, as he is known to his friends, has settled into his new caretaker role like a duck to water or like Bestie to a glass of whisky. He is quite simply a natural and at the same time a journalist's dream. Now, many of

you might question whether I'm only saying this to curry favour with the man. But I can honestly say that Mr King has made a big impression on everyone since he took the position on a temporary basis. We were all a little surprised when Colin Todd left the club for his position at Derby County.

I know that the wrangle over compensation is ongoing at the time I am writing these notes, but I do hope, for the sake of Swindon Town, that a deal is settled as soon as possible. Town are right to hold out for what they are owed, but after all our off-field problems last season I believe the club needs time to settle down. With any luck Derby will have upped their offer and things will have been sorted, but why do I get the feeling that I am being a little too optimistic here. I am writing these notes after the 3-1 win over Cambridge and, who knows, he might already have been given the job permanently by now.

However, I suspect Mr Brady will make him work for that contract and hope that he can inspire the lads to another couple of wins against Wycombe today and Wrexham on Tuesday. He has certainly done wonders so far. The performance at Notts County took me by surprise a

bit actually. I was expecting the lads to be feeling really down and gloomy, but Andy had other ideas and the boys put in what was possibly their best display of the campaign. The fact they did not even get a point when they deserved all three is still something I have not quite worked out. Tuesday was better result-wise but the performance was not up to the standards required - something that Andy King was quick to admit in his post-match press conference.

I feel he has got through to the players and they want to play for him. Having watched him on the training ground I also feel he has the players' respect. He has played at the highest level and just because he has not had huge success as a manager does not mean he cannot do a good job for us here. We do not need another big name boss. We need someone who knows the job, knows the players and who knows how to get results.

So let's get behind Andy King today and really give the lads a cheer

Enjoy the game...
Come on YOU REDS

Matt Reeder
Sports Editor



We were all delighted with Tuesday night's victory against Cambridge, not just with the three points but with the nature of the performance as well.

It was the perfect way to bounce back from Saturday's defeat at Notts Co. What was most pleasing was the way in which we played, creating a lot of chances and playing good attacking football. On Saturday we had so many chances but didn't take them and then we gave away some sloppy goals at the back. We should really have wrapped up all three points because we dominated the game and we were very disappointed to come away with nothing.

Fortunately on Tuesday we put our chances away. We just tried to play the same kind of game and it paid off. Andy King has come in and made a few changes and we have played with a lot more confidence and conviction. Much has been said

about the events of the last week but we are just interested in going about winning football matches under Andy King. He is a different kind of manager to Colin, he has his own way of doing things and it paid off on Tuesday. Just to have someone new who has a lot of enthusiasm to lift the players is refreshing.

Andy has gone with five at the back, three in midfield and pushed me up front to partner Martin Williams. I was delighted to get two goals at Notts Co but at the end of the day, we didn't get the points so it renders my goals pretty much useless.

On Tuesday we worked hard as a team and took the lead early on. We have been saying all along that if we can take the lead in a game, we will go on to win it. We have been going behind in far too many games and it makes it hard for us to come back, especially as our confidence has not

been too high recently. When you lose game after game the confidence will undoubtedly go down but we all believe in ourselves and in each other. We were adamant that it would only be a matter of time before we clicked. But Tuesday's game was undoubtedly our best performance of the season and it was nice to do it at home in front of the fans. It was a shame that there were not more supporters there last Tuesday but to be honest the noise that came from those that did make it was incredible. I would really like to see more fans here at every game but that will only happen if we put together a nice run. Hopefully this will be the start of that run!

I was very fortunate to get onto the score sheet again on Tuesday. Being pushed up front has given me the opportunity to get forward more than when I was in midfield and I feel really good right now.

"I am still getting used to the English game, the pace and the hustle and bustle, not to mention the weather which is a lot colder than that which I was used to in Australia..."

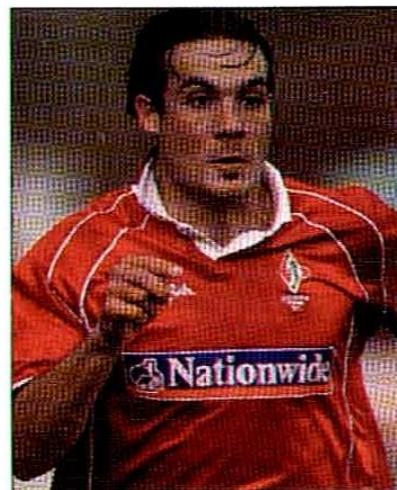
I can't really describe how I've been feeling but I just have a lot of confidence in myself and a belief that I can score. I probably could have had a couple more because I hit the cross bar and had a couple of other chances, but then again, some of the lads might say I was a bit selfish because I could have set them up once or twice. But when you hit a rich vein of form it's hard not to be selfish! You just think that you are going to score more.

I have been fairly pleased with my form so far this season but scoring more goals has been something that I've wanted to improve. I've had quite a few chances so far this season but sometimes it is just luck that goes against you. At the moment I'm quite happy to get on the scoresheet as much as I can, but I will enjoy it while it lasts because it won't last forever! I am still getting used to the English game, the pace and the hustle and

bustle, not to mention the weather which is a lot colder than that which I was used to in Australia! It's taken a little bit of time to adjust but I feel that I'm getting there. Each game I grow in confidence and learn new things and I'm confident that my game will improve.

Today we face Wycombe who are another side that have started the season well, just as Cambridge had done. But we will not fear them, confidence is the highest it's been this season and we are playing well enough to beat anyone. We all know that no one team is good enough to beat everyone and that we will all beat each other, but now is the time to get some back to back victories at home and lift us up the table. I know that we've not started ideally this season but we are more than capable of improving. Our last two performances have proven that we are capable of being so much better

than we've shown already. I honestly believe that there's still so much more to come and that an outside shot at the play-offs is still something we should be striving for. We've seen other clubs string one or two wins together and they have projected themselves up the table, we must aim to do just that.





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No. 9 Lower League club programmes through the Depression.

Just as the dreadful, debilitating economic Depression of the 1930's had little impact on the style and standard of the top club's football programmes, so it appeared to by-pass clubs in the lower divisions of the Football League.

They continued to produce fairly substantial 1d or 2d issues, apparently containing as many advertisements as before, suggesting that programme revenue did not suffer the same fate as the rest of the economy. Indeed, throughout the troubled 30's, club programmes maintained the advances they had made in the 1920's. Unlike today, where far larger crowds and considerably greater commercial "clout" produces a big difference in the standard of programmes issued by England's top clubs, compared to those struggling at the bottom of the League, there was little in the quantity and quality of club programmes to suggest their respective status in the game. It was just as likely to find a 16 page programme in the Third Division North or South as in the First Division, and vice versa with 8 page

issues, or even the folded sheet programmes favoured by such as West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur at the top level, and Mansfield Town further down.

Port Vale, whose pre-war issues are notoriously difficult to obtain today, issued 12 page programmes with cream and red covers; Southport and New Brighton, both no longer in the League, were others to fill 12 pages as did Darlington - another difficult pre-war programme to obtain today. Bristol City in 1938/39 produced as big a programme as had been seen in the country, at 32 large pages, with a team group photograph on the pink cover. There were plenty of advertisements, but City included a grid with every result from the Third Division South that season. Chester City, in the Third Division North in 1934/35, published a 16-large-page programme for 2d, and were one of the few clubs to print precise attendance figures and gate receipts for all their fixtures. To modern eyes, programmes from former League clubs such as Bradford Park Avenue and Gateshead (8 black and white pages for just 1d in

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1937/38) seem from a long-gone era, and none more so than issues from Thames' brief spell in the Third Division South, for 1930/31 and 1931/32. Their programmes were similar in style to those of West Ham - not surprisingly given that they shared the Hammers' long-time printers Hellier & Sons of Barking Road, Plaistow. Their 1d programmes were four large pages (one huge folded sheet) with adverts, half time scoreboard and match details on the front, club notes and league tables on page 2, team lines (in 2-3-5 formation), adverts on page 3 and fixtures / results and more adverts on the back page.



“...One familiar face is Iffy Onuora...”

Ty's a Gooden

Ty Gooden joined the Town from today's visitors Wycombe on a free transfer in 1993.

The one-time Arsenal apprentice had his best season at the club in 1997-98 as a left wing-back, although at times he was used as an attacking midfielder with licence to run at the opposition. Ty was an excellent crosser of the ball and Allison and Onuora often relied on his inswinging left-footed corners. Unfortunately, he was often sidelined by injury and such was his misfortune that he never really had the opportunity to fulfill his potential. Gooden's promising form in 1998 interested a number of clubs and led to speculation that several clubs were eager to sign him, especially as Swindon were struggling in Division One. It was Kent club Gillingham (at that time looking to secure promotion from Division Two) who secured his signature in 1999, a move which Ty admits came out of the blue, "I spoke to Jimmy Quinn because there was a bit of interest in me," he said, "but basically he wasn't interested in letting me go and put a stop to a

couple of things that were in the pipeline. I think it was just a case of Swindon talking about the Iffy deal and the manager here (Gillingham) asked about me. The chairman basically said they needed any money they could get, so an offer was made and they accepted it. I eventually came down on New Years Day, joined in with a bit of training and signed in the afternoon."

He made his debut as a substitute at the Memorial Stadium against Bristol Rovers before playing 90 minutes a week later against Blackpool, in which he made quite an impact - nearly notching his first goal. Ty played the first half against Steve McMahon's side as an orthodox left-winger, before the half-time change of formation saw him adopt a slightly different role. Versatility though seems to be one of his strengths. "At Swindon I played at wing-back, as a left sided midfielder or on the wing," he said. "It doesn't matter really. I've played on the right as well when you can always cut in and swing balls in with your left peg. You don't even have to

beat the man, you just check back out a couple of yards and you can whip in a dangerous ball."

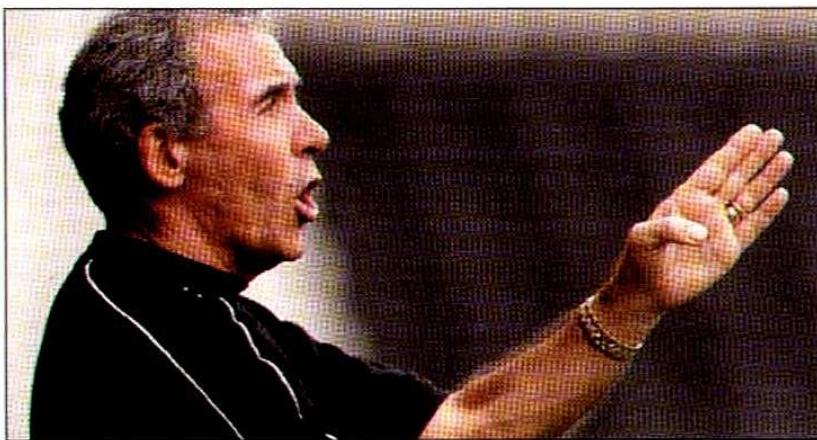
Ty would appear to have enjoyed his time at Priestfield so far, but he says that it helped having some friendly faces to help him settle in. "One familiar face of course is Iffy Onuora who made the move back to Priestfield at the same time, and one of my mates used to play in Southend's youth team with Paul Smith."

Looking back on his days at Swindon, he says that things were not always rosy, "At Swindon we were bottom of the table, getting beaten nearly every week and the financial side wasn't helping either. Normally you get paid before Christmas but we didn't get paid until afterwards which is a big burden, especially on some of the young lads. There were loads of different situations where they were just cutting costs everywhere. But we had some quality players then and we should never have got ourselves into the position we were in."

Thompson Comeback?

Former Town defender Andy Thomson could be returning to action this week.

The Bristol Rovers' skipper has been sidelined since last month after suffering a stress fracture in his foot and was missing his ninth game in a row by sitting out the home clash with Oldham Athletic. "I saw a specialist this week who gave me the all-clear to step things up, with the proviso that if I did start to suffer any pain from the foot I would have to stop and rest for a day or so. The most important thing now will be to build my fitness levels back up, and there's really nothing like playing a game to do that," said the former Town and Pompey defender.

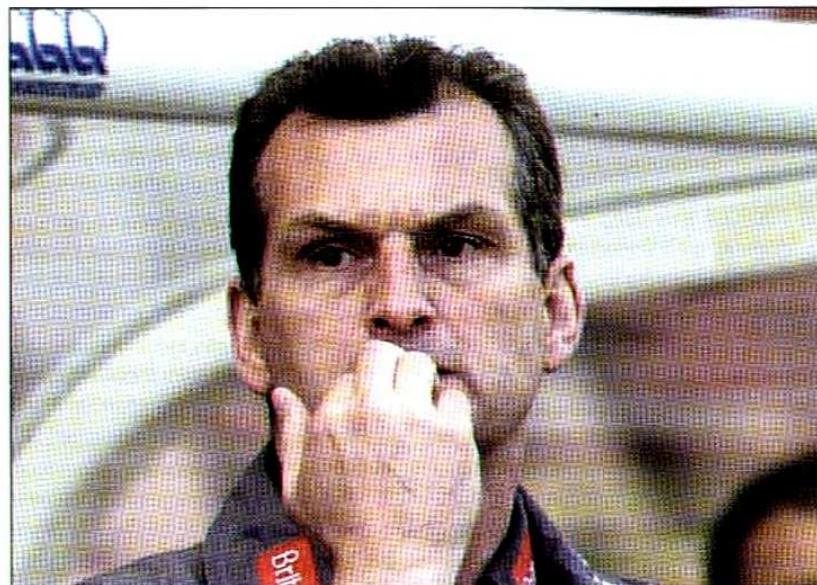


Mag's Recruiting

Despite his side scoring three goals against Town last weekend Notts County boss Jocky Scott says he is being frustrated in his attempts to sign a new striker.

With Mark Stallard suspended, Scott is eagerly scouring the loan market for a temporary solution, but has so far found a new face hard to come by. He said: "Most of the clubs were not

willing to let us have the players we were after on loan but I am hopeful that we can still bring at least one player to the club."



Sent to the Stands

In a similar incident to that which Colin Todd experienced against Millwall,

Stoke City boss Gudjon Thordarson is waiting to hear what punishment he will face after being sent to the stands for confronting the fourth official during the 2-1 victory over Bournemouth.

Thordarson said: "I made a comment about something that happened on the pitch and he didn't appreciate it. It's the first time I've been sent off and I don't know what will happen now."

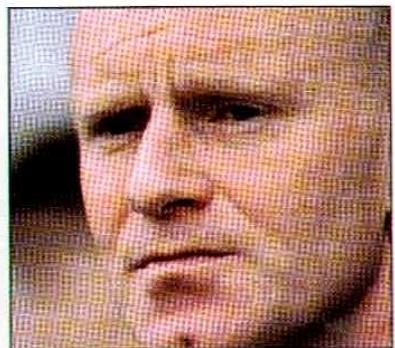


Transfer U-Turn

Cardiff striker Leo Fortune-West is being linked with a return to Rotherham, less than two months after leaving Millmoor in a £300,000 deal.

Fortune-West has not enjoyed a happy start to his Cardiff career after scoring 17 goals for the Millers last season. He initially snubbed the approach by Cardiff because he didn't want to drop a division, although eventually agreeing a three-year deal worth around

£2,000-a-week. Now dropped to the bench a transfer back to the Millers could be on. Ronnie Moore says he would be interested in bringing Fortune-West back to Rotherham but he added: "We would be talking about a loan unless the fee was very favourable."



Ale House Tactics

Oldham's surge up the table continued last weekend with their first away win of the season at Bristol Rovers.

Oldham have totted up three wins since the defeat of Swindon. Boss Andy Ritchie admitted that the torrential downpour led to what the legendary Bill Shankly termed as 'ale house tactics'. "There was some surface water so we decided to abandon our normal approach and concentrate on getting it forward."

Flynn Praise

Tuesday's opponents Wrexham received high praise from their manager Brian Flynn last weekend as he hailed his marvels after they came back from the dead to beat Luton at Kenilworth Road last Saturday.

Wrexham scored four times in the final hour to win a seven-goal thriller, Darren Ferguson netting the vital winner four minutes from time. Flynn said: "Their keeper Nathan Abbey made some magnificent saves but I always felt we'd be OK if we stuck to our football."



Defoe Show

Bournemouth's Jermaine Defoe was the star of the show despite ending up on the losing side last weekend.

The West Ham youngster, currently on loan at Dean Court, scored once and hit the woodwork but could not prevent the Cherries from going down 2-1 to Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium. Bournemouth boss Sean O'Driscoll was full of praise for the 18-year-old: "Jermaine did very well considering it was his debut and he could have marked it with a hat-trick. We dominated the second half and should have got something out of the game, but that's been the story of the season so far."

Good Evans

Walsall's recent run of poor form continued with a defeat at Griffin Park last weekend.

Brentford edged it 2-1 and condemned the now-toppled Division Two leaders to another defeat. Bees' skipper Paul Evans has been struggling to find the target this season but it was his 25-yard belter that rewarded the home side with all three points. Evans, on his form in training admitted, "I was out there for ages and just couldn't get the ball on target,"

FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!



Here are the Edwards family 'Showing Their Colours' whilst ski-ing in La Clusaz, France. They are visiting the County Ground today and have come all the way from Jersey.



Once again, Ken McKenzie from Kintbury is seen 'Showing his Colours', this time on top of the tallest building in the world; the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Send your contributions to us at PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB. We look forward to seeing your stuff!

Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

Here are two of our favourite look-a-likes, send in your suggestions to us at PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Rd, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB...



Dick Mackey



Magnum

Pictured on the left is 70's icon Magnum and our very own Physiotherapist Dick Mackey.



Chris Kamara



Lionel Ritchie

Pictured here (shamefully in the 90's) is pop smooth man Lionel Richie and former town player turned Sky presenter, Chris Kamara.

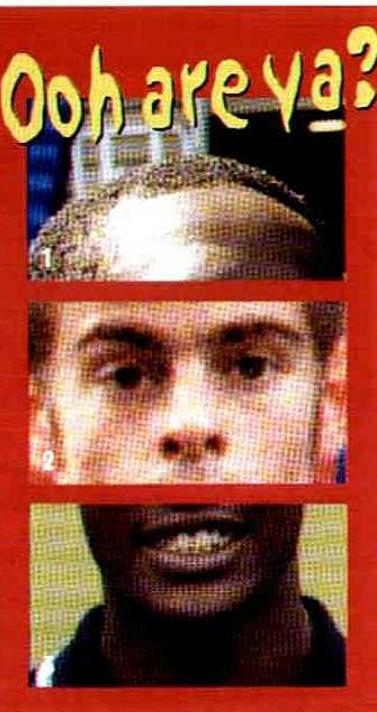
Appeal!!!

As you might have noticed, the Fans page has been severely lacking this season, poor old Ken McKenzie has featured in nearly every issue and we are running out of pictures of the staff here at PIA!

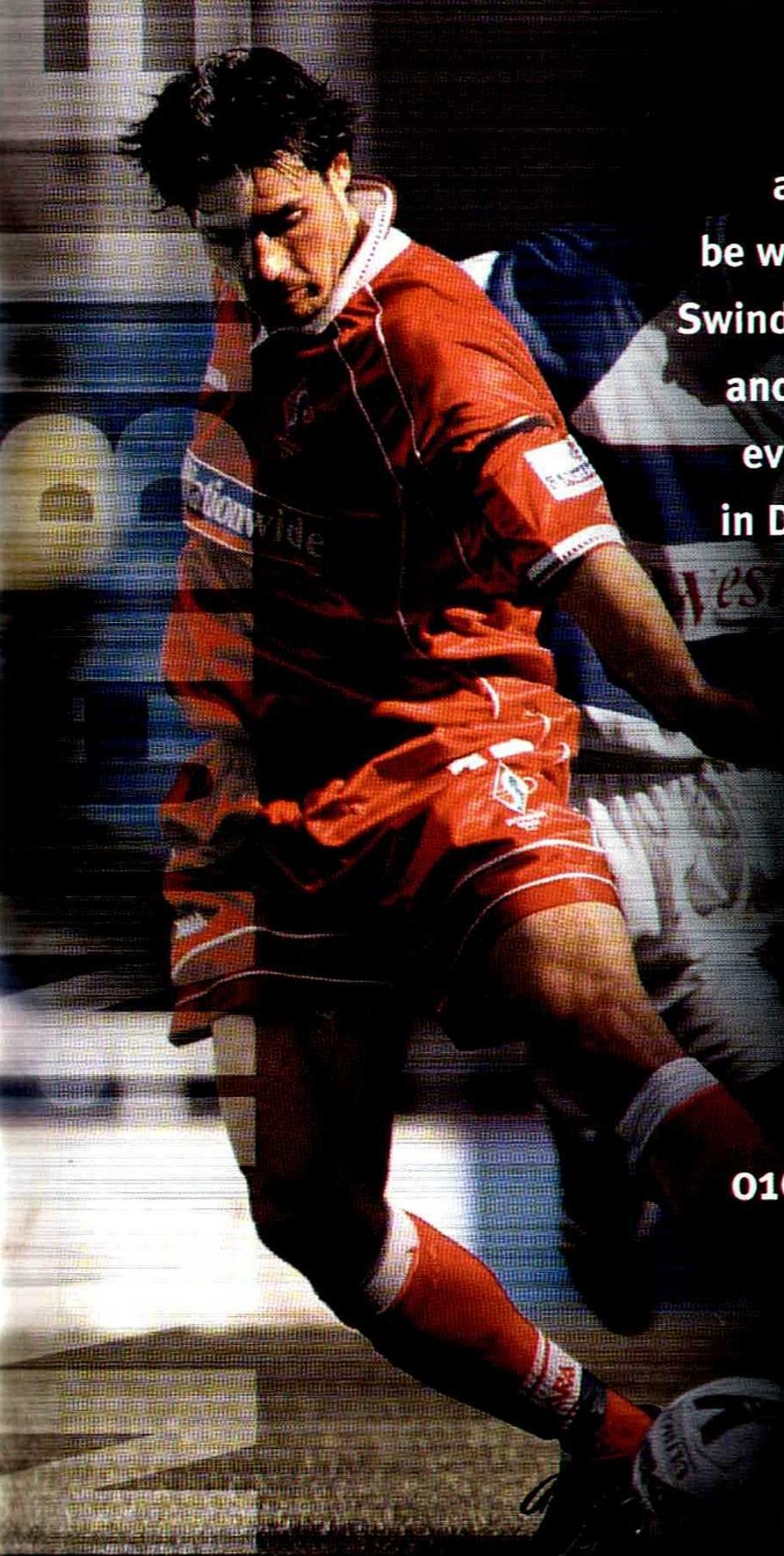
This page is YOUR chance to feature in the programme. Any recollections of meeting Town fans, players, rival fans abroad, funny stories or tales you have to tell. We would like as many fans sending in their pictures of themselves in Swindon kit, whether it be from around the world, on holiday or at the ground. Also we would welcome your ideas on your worst Swindon Town XI or your dream team, any birthdays - THIS IS YOUR PAGE, so remember, anything you would like to see in print, send it in and we will make sure that it goes on your page.



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Town Hoping for Saintly Win

If Town can overcome Wimborne Town in the AXA FA Cup the reward will be a home tie against Southampton.

The game against Wimborne Town last Sunday was postponed because of the waterlogged pitch on the County Ground Extension.

The Town must now play the first round tie against the Dorset County League side tomorrow. Wimborne have already played two preliminary rounds in this year's competition, whereas Town enter it at this stage.

The Dorset side have defeated Swindon Spitfires (4-1) and Hereford United (5-2 aet). Should the Town be successful against Wimborne they will meet Southampton who, like the Town, play in the South West Combination League. The Town's tie tomorrow will be played on the

County Ground Extension and will be an early kick off at 1.00pm in case there is extra time or penalties.

The Town Reserves are also at home and meet Berkshire Sports in a Southern League clash. Both sides, as yet, have 100% records which should lead to an interesting encounter.

The Berkshire side has won all seven of their games scoring 67 goals and conceding seven whereas the Town have won the four that they have played scoring 29 goals and conceding two. The match will be played at St Joseph's School Field, Queens Drive and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Roger Reeves

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
5th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	A
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
1st	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	6-2
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-2
29th	Oct	"AXA" FA Cup 1st	
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
12th	Nov	"AXA" FA Cup 2nd	
19th	Nov	Denham United	H
26th	Nov	Reading	A
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2	H
10th	Dec	Portsmouth	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	H
24th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
31st	Jan	Oxford United	H
7th	Feb	Saltash Pilgrims	A
14th	Feb	Yeovil Town	A
21st	Feb	Southampton	H
28th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
4th	Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
11th	Mar	Reading	H
		Portsmouth	A

South West Combination League Table

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BRISTOL RVS	7	6	1	0	22	2	19
YEOVIL TOWN	8	5	3	0	15	8	18
CHELTENHAM TN	7	5	2	0	17	9	17
SWINDON TOWN	7	4	2	1	23	9	14
PORTSMOUTH	6	4	0	2	11	6	12
BRISTOL CITY	7	2	2	3	14	13	8
SALTASH PMS	6	2	1	3	6	16	7
CLEVEDON TN	6	1	2	3	8	13	5
DENHAM UTD	7	1	1	5	11	18	4
SOUTHAMPTON	5	1	0	4	4	18	3
READING LADIES	7	0	2	5	13	20	2
OXFORD LTD	5	0	0	5	4	16	0



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1996 VS



A cup run, which had just come to an end with a fifth-round defeat at Southampton, left a backlog of fixtures with five out of six games in a row being away from home. Wanderers, under manager Alan Smith, had been experiencing an indifferent period and the manager's comment that they tended to play better against good sides will not be unfamiliar to County Ground fans.

Town Manager Steve McMahon sprung a surprise by dropping Fraser Digby to bring in Frank Talia in the Town goal, but the Australian keeper had little to do in the early stages. Paul Allen had recovered from injury and replaced Lee Collins in the only other change to the Swindon line-up which had lost in the Cup. The day was overcast but the green surroundings of the Wycombe ground and the gathering of Swindon fans behind the goal brightened the atmosphere.

Swindon were caught in the offside trap a number of times before Wayne Allison nodded down to Ty Gooden who drove home a right foot shot from 20-yards to give Town the lead in the 20th minute. It was a storybook return for the Town player who had been allowed to leave Wycombe three years before, being regarded as not good enough.

Peter Thorne headed over when he should have increased the Robins' lead but made amends when he reacted quickly to a knockdown by Allison to steer the ball over Ben Roberts in the Wycombe goal. Kevin Horlock and Jason Drysdale might

When Swindon travelled to Adams Park for their first ever League fixture on that ground they were sitting on top of the table.

have extended Town's lead but at half-time the scoreline remained 2-0. The second half started in much the same way as the first with Town stroking the ball around and looking to be in control. Then came two events in quick succession which turned the game. It changed a foregone conclusion into a pulsating finish.

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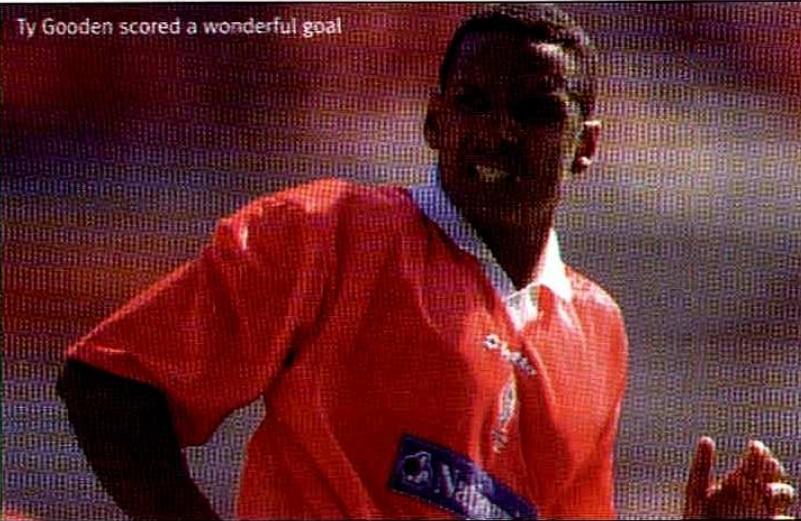
Wayne Allison, whose fearless display earned him John Cross' Man of the Match nomination, looked to be going to make the scoreline 3-0 but Ben Roberts produced a brilliant save. A minute later Dave Farrell's cross was controlled by Dave Carroll

who set up Miguel Desouza who reduced the arrears to a single goal. This made the last half-hour a nerve-wracking period for the 2,000 Swindon fans, not to mention manager Steve McMahon who raged at his team from in front of the bench. A succession of corners rained in on the Swindon goal but Swindon held on to claim the points that left them two points clear at the top of the League. It was a position they would retain at the end of the season which saw them promoted as champions.

Teams:

Swindon: Talia, Culverhouse, Drysdale, Gooden, Seagraves, Taylor, Robinson, Allen, Finney, Allison & Horlock (Collins, 69).
Subs: not used O'Sullivan & Digby.

Wycombe: Roberts, Cousins, Bell, Howard, Evans, Brown, Carroll, Ryan, Desouza, Williams, & Farrell.
Subs: (not used) Patterson, Stapleton & Hardyman.





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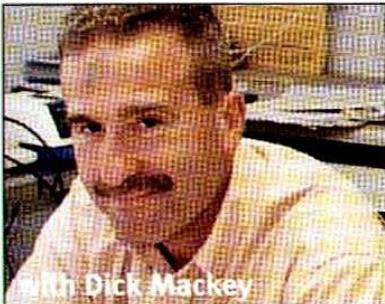
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Gary Alexander is well on his way to a full recovery.

During the week he has been kicking a ball but he found that quite difficult so we reverted to some strengthening exercises, including long runs up to and around Lawns. Furthermore, he's been pushing some heavy weights because we want him as strong as we can get him. Towards the end of the week he was shooting a ball again and found it a lot easier so it seems that we're getting there. We are anxious to get his ankle absolutely right. He's had this injury a couple of times now and we don't

want to get into a chronic situation. We can then get him back into full training, which we are hopeful that he'll be doing next week. Gareth Davies continues to work hard and every day we're getting him closer to football action. At the moment we hope to be getting him involved in football in some form or another by the 15th of this month. We've had no further set-backs and things are going well for Gareth. Matty Hewlett is feeling much better and walking better now. It's difficult to treat him at present because there are only so many things you can do at this stage. He still feels a bit sore which restricts

what he can do but we're getting hold of some new exercises that we've found on the internet.

These things are always very interesting and new ideas and exercises help to keep the interest going. All the new information we use in terms of rehabilitation is always from a trustworthy source. We won't put a player at risk with any crazy ideas we might find. We're always open to fresh of ideas that will help treat an injury as long as it's safe. Apart from those three, the rest of the squad is OK and came through Tuesday night's game injury free.

Plymouth Argyle Turn the Tables

We managed to get our under-19's game against Plymouth Argyle played on Saturday morning albeit in dreadful conditions.

After beating them 4-0 in the FA Youth Cup during the week I was looking forward to the same kind of performance from our lads.

It wasn't a game for the purist, it was a day when sleeves get rolled up and players stand up to be counted. You have to play in whatever conditions arrive on the day so, with the strong wind and driving rain, we should have kept the ball down and passed to the feet. We failed to do so and at the break we were only 1-0 to the better, thanks to a fluke goal by Chris Collins

which their 'keeper misjudged. After 65 minutes a great run from James Williams set up a goal for Mark Fenwick - game over there you say. But it wasn't to be, Plymouth threw bodies up and, playing with the wind, got the ball up quickly and scrapped for the pieces.

Goals from a corner and two defensive errors allowed Plymouth to win the game 3-2. To say I was disappointed would be a big understatement. What I expect from our players at STFC is to prepare

themselves properly for every game and approach every game, whether it's league, cup or a friendly, with exactly the same attitude.

Good habits are essential, so if they get into the reserves or first team they do things automatically in the correct manner. It's all a learning curve for these young players so hopefully they'll take on board what the coaches are trying to teach them to make them better all round.

Phil Cannon

Five of the best:

Giant Killers

With Town being drawn against non-league Ilkestone Town in the FA Cup, we take a look at five of the best giant-killing acts down the years...

5 West Brom
Woking **2**
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The cup run of 1990/91 followed two tremendous seasons for non-league Woking. Having been promoted two seasons in a row, it was a renaissance period for the club.

The cup run that saw them reach the Third round proper featured in one of the most famous periods in the club's history. Woking were given a money-spinning tie away at the Hawthorns to face Brian Talbot's side who, at the time, were struggling at the foot of the old Division Two. Despite going a goal down, the 4,000-strong travelling army were undeterred and, in the first half, were given a lifeline as their side drew level. From that point on the minnows drew confidence from not only scoring a goal, but from the unease that could be felt all around the Hawthorns by the home crowd. They say that the FA Cup breeds

heroes and villains. On this rainy day in the West Midlands it was the turn of a postman by the name of Tim Bazaglo who was unknown to most football fans but, by Sunday he was the name that everyone would be reading about on the back pages.

In a blaze of glory that most players only dream about, Bazaglo scored a second-half hat-trick that not only sent West Brom crashing out of the cup, but also lost Brian Talbot his job and secured the Cards another plumb tie against Everton. They eventually left Goodison Park having lost 1-0.

4 Swindon Town **1**
Stevenage Boro' **2**

In the season of 1997-98, Swindon found themselves struggling at the wrong end of Division One and looking for a cup run to inject some life into their season.

Steve McMahon's Swindon were hoping for a big money spinning tie against one of the nation's finest. Still, Town could be forgiven for thinking that they got lucky drawing non-league Stevenage Borough at home. Yet, if life was that simple, the FA Cup would not be the romantic roller coaster ride of emotions that it is, and Swindon, to their misfortune were to find themselves on the wrong end of a cup shock. Mark Walters put Town ahead early on six minutes; the nine thousand strong crowd expecting a goal rush. Instead Town relinquished the lead just before the half hour from Solomon. Things got worse for the Town. The longer the game went on, the more Borough took control, looking more like the Division One side. Shortly after the hour mark, unknown striker Giuliano Grazioli popped up to send the club ahead. There was no coming back for Swindon, who, for many years have struggled against weaker opposition in cup competitions. Once again, Town were left licking their wounds, and could concentrate on staying up.



3 Sutton United 2 Coventry 1

The highs and lows of the FA Cup could not be made more explicit than Coventry's experiences in 1987. Coventry, led by John Sillett were flying high in Division One and had enjoyed their first FA Cup triumph in a 3-2 win over Spurs in May.

Much of the same side appeared in the line-up that confronted non-league underdogs Sutton United when the two teams were drawn against each other in the Third Round in January. Nearly 8,000 supporters crammed into the compact ground, many of which expecting a thrashing but turning up to see the favourites in all their glory. Like Woking, Sutton had faced little opposition in the previous rounds; beating Walton, Dagenham and Aylesbury en route to facing the Sky Blues. Sutton started strongly and took an early lead through Matt Hanlan, sending the home support

wild. Coventry replied shortly after much to the disappointment of the crowd, only for part-time player Tony Rains to put the underdogs ahead once more in what was to be the winning goal. John Sillett's side had slipped on the proverbial banana skin and crashed out in dramatic style at the first hurdle. Sutton on the other hand had drawn another big club in Norwich City, also flying high at the time in the old Division One. Unfortunately, Sutton could not repeat the same form on foreign soil, going down 8-0 at Carrow Road in front of over 23,000 supporters.

2 Liverpool 0 Wimbledon 1

When people talk about a giant-killing, one would normally associate a lower division David facing the Premiership goliath.

Yet when Wimbledon made it to the final in 1988 to face a Liverpool side that had won pretty much

everything in the previous decade, there were similar talks of the underdog facing the undoubtedly favourite. The FA Cup final was the pinnacle of an incredible run for Wimbledon who had risen from non-league obscurity to the top flight in fairytale fashion. Liverpool on the other hand had enjoyed getting their hands on every major trophy in a period of dominance that had lasted for most of the '80s.

On the day, nearly half of Wembley was full of blue and yellow. It was that half of Wembley that were celebrating when Lawrie Sanchez headed home a Dennis Wise free kick to give the Dons a surprise 1-0 lead. The scouse army couldn't break down the Crazy Gang's resilient defence but were handed a life-line when the referee awarded them a penalty late in the second half. Wimbledon 'keeper Dave Beasant dived low to his left to win Wimbledon the cup, and also guarantee a place in the record books as the first goalkeeper to save a penalty in an FA Cup final.

Five of the best:

RADFORD

This Week's Winner: Hereford United

1 Hereford
Newcastle

2
1 (AET)

In 1972 Hereford United were regarded as one of the best supported and most successful non-league clubs in the country. Furthermore, this season went down as one of the most memorable in the club's history.

Having made it through the precarious qualifying rounds, Hereford found themselves at St. Jame's Park facing the mighty Newcastle in Round Three. The Geordie faithful were expecting their black and white idols to score a hatful, but at the end of 90 minutes, the score was 2-2 and instead they found themselves facing a potential 'banana skin' of a trip down to Edgar Street.

Newcastle took a 1-0 goal lead through Malcolm McDonald in what looked likely to be the clincher in a ragged game played on a boggy pitch. But minutes later, Ronnie

Radford not only scored an equaliser (to take the game into extra time), but also a second goal that was later to encapsulate the glory and the passion of the FA Cup and be featured on every programme to document an FA Cup campaign.

In extra time Hereford nicked it with a goal from substitute Ricky George which lead to an almighty pitch invasion.

This victory meant that Hereford United became the first non-league club to register a victory over a 1st division side since 1949. The fourth round again saw United draw first division opposition, this time West Ham United were the opponents. After drawing 0-0 in front of a capacity Edgar Street crowd, they finally bowed out of the cup losing 3-1 to the Hammers, with World Cup hero Geoff Hurst scoring a hat trick for the Hammers.



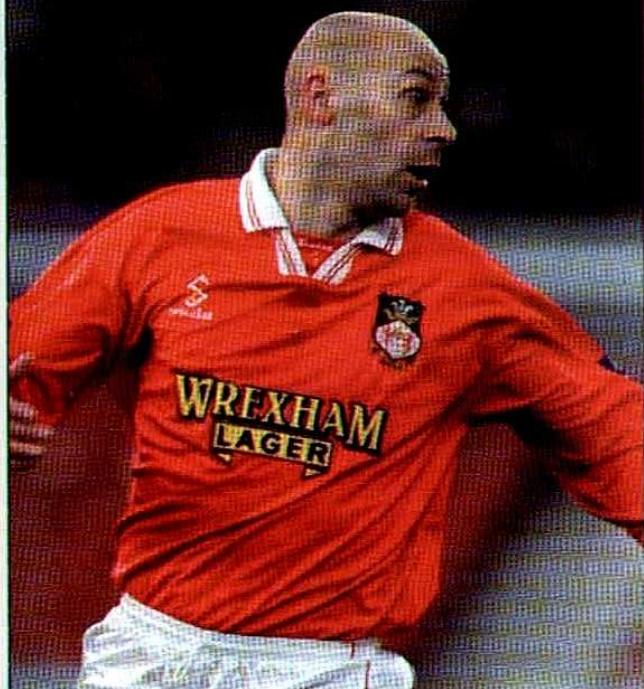
Newcastle's Malcolm McDonald



V Wrexham Football Club

(HOME) Tuesday 7th November 7.45pm

Picture: Kevin Russell



An excellent run of form towards the end of the campaign lifted Wrexham clear of danger and Brian Flynn's side eventually finished in 11th position.

Flynn strengthened his side in the summer by bringing in Trinidadian internationals Hector Sam and Carlos Edwards, but there was a disappointing start to the season as the Robins crashed to a 2-0 home defeat against Bristol City, setting the tone for the Robins' early season as defeat continued to follow victory.

A convincing 3-1 win against Oldham was followed three days later by a 3-1 reverse against Rotherham, and Flynn's side recovered from a home defeat against Walsall to record a 2-1 victory at Bournemouth.

Gaining consistency seems to be the key for the Robins who have failed to build on their successes and, as a result, they are hovering around the middle of the table rather than challenging for a play-off position.



V Peterborough United Football Club

(HOME) Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

Picture: David Farrell



Despite being one of the favourites to go down, Peterborough have managed to hold their own in the middle of the table in Division Two.

After two games this season, Posh found themselves in the play-off positions but they have slipped away since then. Still, for a small club such as themselves, to be where they are is no mean achievement. This season's form has largely been due to the form of Jason Lee who, after several seasons in the football wilderness, has resurrected his career under Barry Fry. Lee was also one of the goalscorers that sank Colchester last week in their 2-1 victory. Leon McKenzie's form has also been instrumental in Posh's promising start, orchestrating things from midfield. Andy Clarke is another player Town will have to keep an eye on, the second player to get on the score sheet in last week's second half win. Posh fans tell us that hard man Dean Hooper and Gareth Jellyman are also players that could cause us problems in the game at London Road.

The Box Office:



Box Office



Up-to-date ticket information for forthcoming matches, home and away.

HOME v Wrexham Football Club Tuesday 7th November 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.
Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - £18

Concessions: £8 - £10

Juniors: £4 - £5



AWAY v Peterborough United Football Club Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at London Road.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £10

Concessions: £5

Juniors: £5



HOME v Ilkeston Town Football Club Saturday 18th November 3.00pm

FA Cup 1st round fixture to be held at the County Ground.
Ticket prices are currently under negotiation.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £tbc

Concessions: £tbc

Juniors: £tbc



HOME v Stoke City Football Club Saturday 25th November 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.
Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - £18

Concessions: £8 - £10

Juniors: £4 - £5



AWAY v Northampton Town Football Club Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at the Sixfields Stadium.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £12

Concessions: £8.50

Juniors: £8.50



FA Cup 2nd Round Saturday 9th December 3.00pm

FA Cup 2nd round fixture. Opponents (if applicable) to be confirmed in the Stoke City Programme.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £tbc

Concessions: £tbc

Juniors: £tbc

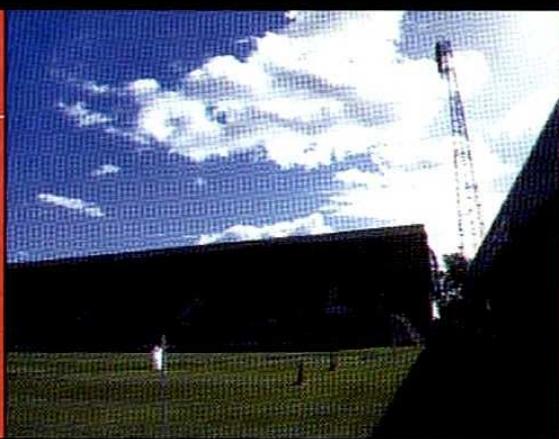


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Away to Posh & Northampton



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Peterborough Utd
Saturday 11th November 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League Division Two Fixture

Travel Information

**Peterborough Utd Football Club,
London Road**

Ground Capacity: 15,675

Club Nickname: The Posh



Adult Fare: £10

U-15 Fare: £9

Supporters' Club

Members receive a £1 discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 10.00

Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 10.15

Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 09.45

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Northampton Town
Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League Division Two Fixture

Travel Information

**Northampton Town Football Club,
Sixfields Stadium**

Ground Capacity: 7,653

Club Nickname: The Cobblers



Adult Fare: £8

U-15 Fare: £7

Supporters' Club

Members receive a 50p discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 11.00

Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 11.15

Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 10.45

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Junior Robins

We were very disappointed with the turn-out for our trip to Notts County.

We have quite a few matches already booked for the JR's so once again for all of you who are thinking of registering and haven't done so yet GET ORGANISED and sign on! For more information please ring George on 01672 520679, or Jackie on 01793 333779.

Brentford January 20th 2001
Wrexham February 4th 2001
Bristol Rovers March 24th 2001
Millwall April 14th 2001
Stoke City 5th May 2001

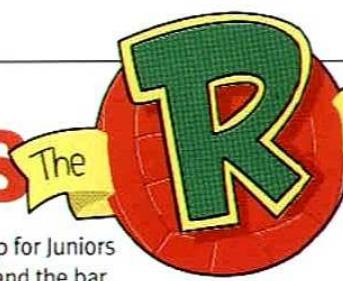
The Christmas Disco is now a FIRM DATE for Wednesday December 20th, so make a date in your diary to come along. The Disco will start

at 7.30 and will cost 50p for Juniors and £1 only for adults (and the bar WILL BE OPEN). More details soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS:

Richie Smith
 will be 10 on the 11th
Jonathan Woodhouse
 will be 12 on the 18th
Shaun Barlow
 will be 9 on the 25th
Darren Priddle
 will also be 9 on the 13th

Robins don't forget - this is your page so if you have any pictures, jokes, poems or stories that would be of interest to other juniors or if it's your birthday/special friend's birthday, send in your request. We will do our very best to put them on this page for you.



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Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club

We have been made aware by our Travel Organisation that they have unfortunately had to disappoint a few fans who had been hoping to travel to some of the recent away games as the coaches booked were already full. Naturally, this is upsetting for all concerned as the aim has to be to ensure we look after as many fans as possible who wish to support the Town on their travels.

It is always difficult to predict exactly how many fans want to travel. With coach hire confirmation required some time in advance of the fixture it would help the organisers tremendously if fans could confirm their intention to travel as early as possible, ideally at least one week in advance of the game. This would ensure that as few fans as possible are ever

disappointed. So the plea must be please, please book early, they do not wish to turn any supporter away. Apologies to anyone affected. Do remember to ask for the discounted fare if you are a supporters' club member and take your membership card when booking.

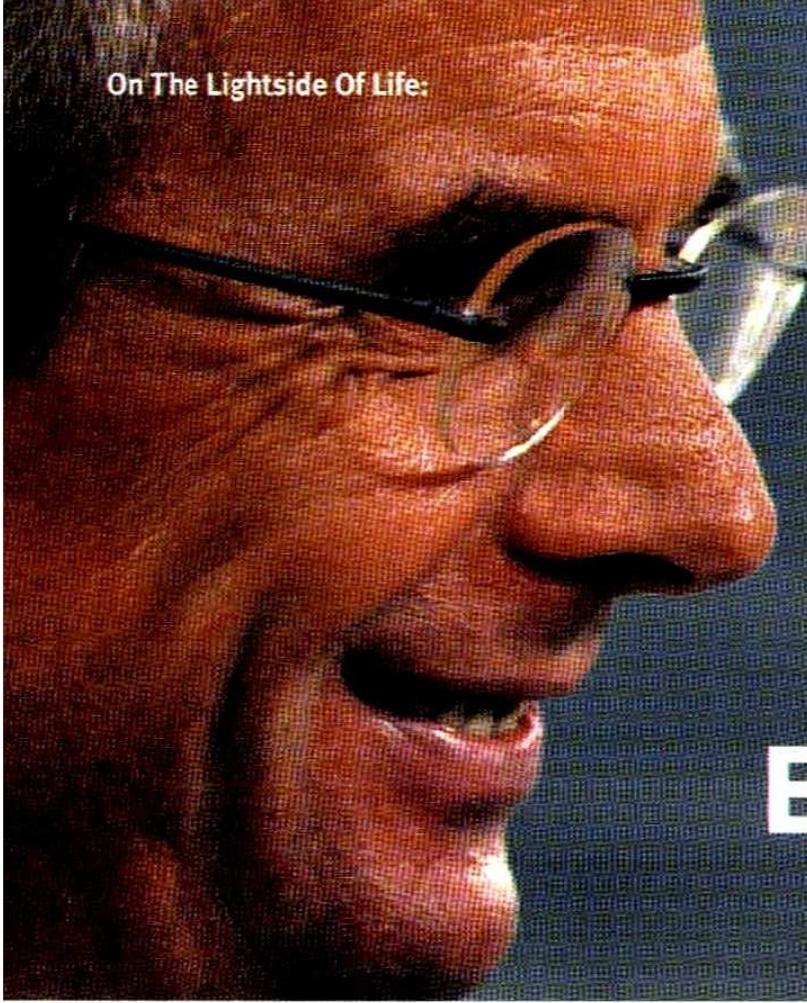
One further problem we have suffered is that we were unable to update our website for a while after 15/10/00 due purely to technical difficulties. We hope that these have now been resolved and that the full spread of information is once again available. Many apologies to supporters who were unable to obtain regular updates and information. Next Monday, 6th November at 7.30pm, there is the next meeting of the disabled group in Winners lounge. At the last meeting

in October, both Juan Cobian and Kim Heislerberg attended and spent around two hours talking to those in attendance.

We know they went down a storm and it is anticipated that there will be further guests on Monday. The meeting is designed for the disabled and their helpers and if you come within that category, please go along. You don't have to be supporters' club members, but you might want to join by the end of the evening.

The disabled group now run their own kiosk for refreshments in the Nationwide stand on matchdays. Details of the winner of the Evening Advertiser sponsored Robins Revival Half Time Draw for the match against Cambridge will appear in the next programme notes.





“...A job Solely for an Englishman?”

First a turnip and now a swede, have the FA taken their obsession with root vegetables too far this time?

Whereas Graham Taylor was only a turnip in a metaphorical sense Sven Goran Erikson is very much the real thing. Success has followed the unassuming Swedish maestro wherever he has gone but can he make a success of a job that has proved the undoing of so many men in the past.

The first and major problem for Erikson will be how the players react to having a foreign coach in charge of the national team. Until now the England job has been just that - a job solely for an Englishman, the change of tack towards a foreign influence is a big change and one that will require some getting used to, particularly for the English public. The second stumbling block faced by the Swede, and also the FA, is when Erikson's influence on the side will begin. Will he shortly be sitting down with Peter Taylor and Steve McLaren to discuss the side that he would like picked for the

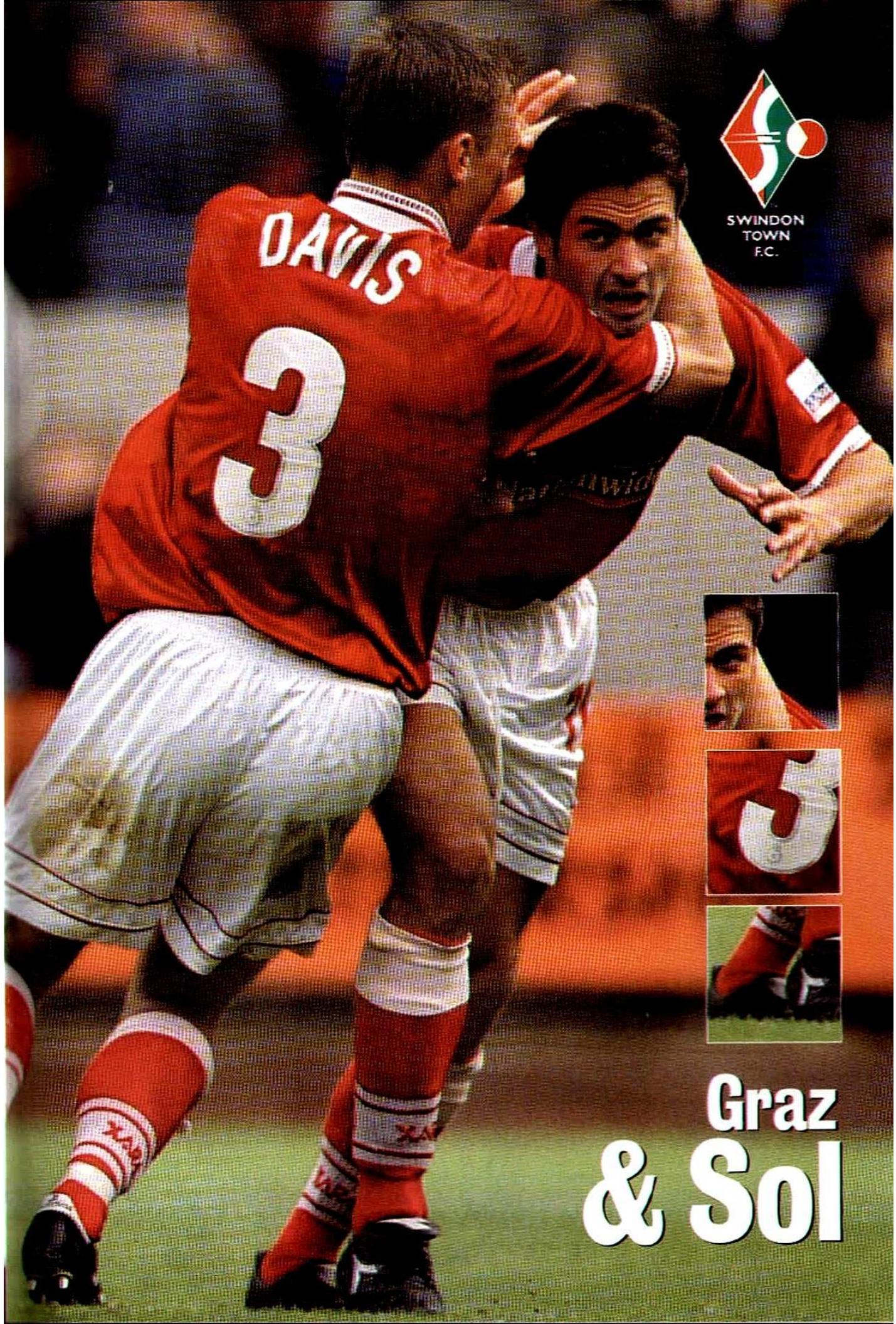
forthcoming friendlies against Italy and Spain and the system he would like to play. Or will he wait until he takes over officially before making his impact felt. Certainly it would appear an onerous task to ask Erikson to combine his current role as Lazio coach with the part-time managership of England until he officially relieves himself of his Lazio duties. How can he hope to pick a side of players he is unfamiliar with and also expect them to play for him in an unfamiliar system?

Who will he bring in as his back room staff? David Platt appears a likely favourite as his assistant, an English influence that would undoubtedly be required if the move is to be successful. All that remains is for the FA to dot the i's and cross the t's but the appointment of England's first foreign coach appears imminent. How he will get on is anyone's guess but hopefully Erikson will be successful enough to keep the root vegetable jibes to a minimum.





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Around the Grounds...

We take a sneak preview at what's going on elsewhere around the grounds in Division Two.

Bournemouth boss Sean O'Driscoll will be hoping that on-loan striker Jermaine Defoe can show some of the form of last week. The 18-year old is on loan from West Ham.		V		Having won three games in a row at home, Posh boss Barry Fry is hoping that his team can make London Rd a fortress. Drewe Broughton has turned down a move to Telford.
Mickey Bell looks set to start as captain again after his superb performance against Wycombe. Boss Danny Wilson may also have 17 year old Otis Thomas at his disposal.		V		Danish defender Henrick Jorgensen could make his debut in today's trip to Bristol City after new injuries to Mark Warren and Nick Fenton.
Preece is agonising over more transfer speculation, this time midfielder Nick Daws is attracting attention from First Division Burnley. Darren Bullock is set to return.		V		Marvin Johnson has backed Luton boss Ricky Hill despite their poor run of form and woeful league position. Ricky Hill has outlined the defence as the problem.
Cambridge could face a new low with Tom Youngs looking doubtful for today's game. The U's are already struggling, entering today's game with four defeats in four.		V		Brentford's preparations for today's game have been interrupted by the doubt about Jason Crowe's future. The star, on loan from Pompey, may leave in the next month.
Steve Whitton is facing an injury crisis up front with Keith Scott looking set to miss the next few games with an ankle injury. Whitton still has Duguid and McGavin at his disposal.		V		Kevin Wilson is urging his players not to rely on their front men for goals. Only three players have scored for Northampton this season including Gabbiadini and Forrester.
Oldham enter today's game on the back of a good run in the league with three wins in four, including their first away win of the season at Bristol Rovers.		V		Boss Hollins is hoping that his side can return to winning ways after a disappointing defeat to Port Vale. The home defeat followed the Swans' best performance of the season.
Mike Ford has declared that he has no interest in the manager's job but urged Joe Kinnear to take a more active role. Ford has declared that Oxford need six new players.		V		Ian Holloway has yet another selection crisis, but of a different kind with Nathan Ellington and Martin Cameron returning from injury. Micky Evans or Danny Allsop could make way.
Port Vale's Matt Carragher is their only injury worry ahead of today's home clash with Millwall after twisting his ankle in the win at Swansea.		V		Mark McGhee has appointed former Charlton boss Steve Gritt as his assistant. McGhee will also be hoping that Sadlier can continue his rich vein of form.
Rotherham boss Ronnie Moore is urging stay away fans to come and boost falling gates. He could be helped though by the rumoured return of Leo Fortune-West.		V		Bruce Rioch has introduced a new trial system whereby he is trying out new players in the reserves. Miller and Hernandez have both played for Wigan's reserves.
Darren Wrack will be hoping to make his comeback to the starting line-up following an aggravated ankle injury which has kept the winger out of the last few games.		V		Following his recent impressive form, Reading striker Jimmy Mcintyre has been given a new contract. Royals' boss Pardew has a choice of Igoe, Cureton, Rougier, Mcintyre and Butler.
Wrexham are on a high following last week's dramatic comeback against Luton Town. Boss Brian Flynn praised stand in skipper Darren Ferguson for his performance.		V		Stoke will receive a major boost when new signing Rikhardur Dadason arrives at the Britannia Stadium this week from Norway, possibly in time for today's game.

Statistics 2000/2001...

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The Key...

FAC = F.A.CUP
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

Fixture and kick-off times are subject to alteration
for television purposes and other league requirements.

Date	Opponents	Result	Attn	Pos
SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H 0-0	7,296	9
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A 0-2	14,134	20
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H 1-1	5,193	-
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H 1-4	5,492	24
MON AUG 28TH	PORT VALE	A 0-3	3,926	24
TUE SEPT 5TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A 2-1	2,825	-
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A 1-0	10,110	21
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A 0-3	3,673	22
TUE SEPT 19TH	TRANMERE WC2 (1)	A 1-1	4,289	-
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A 2-3	4,933	20
TUE SEPT 26TH	TRANMERE WC2 (2)	H 0-1	4,753	-
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H 2-2	4,895	21
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H 2-1	7,975	18
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A 0-1	4,009	19
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A 0-0	6,333	18
SAT OCT 21ST	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 1-3	8,097	21
TUE OCT 24TH	MILLWALL	H 0-2	5,030	20
SAT OCT 28TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A 2-3	4,502	20
TUE OCT 31ST	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 3-1	3,452	19
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H		
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H		
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A		
SAT NOV 18TH	ILKESTON TOWN (FA C1)	H		
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H		
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A		
SAT DEC 9TH	FA CUP 2ND RND			
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H		
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A		
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H		
SAT DEC 30TH	READING	H		
MON JAN 1ST	WALSALL	A		
SAT JAN 6TH	COLCHESTER UTD	A		
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H		
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A		
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H		
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A		
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H		
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A		
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H		
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H		
SAT MAR 3RD	WIGAN ATH.	A		
TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H		
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A		
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H		
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A		
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A		
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H		
SAT APR 14TH	MILLWALL	A		
MON APR 16TH	NOTTS COUNTY	H		
SAT APR 21ST	WYCOMBE W.	A		
SAT APR 28TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H		
SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A		



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Top Scorers 2000/2001...

DANNY INVINCIBLE 6
ALAN REEVES 3
MARTIN WILLIAMS 2
HOWE, DUKE, ALEXANDER, ROBINSON, GRAZ, O'HALLORAN 1

Top Gates 2000/2001...

BRISTOL ROVERS 8,097
OXFORD UNITED 7,975
COLCHESTER UNITED 7,296
WALSALL 5,492

Last Four Matches...

CAMBRIDGE	31ST OCT	H	W	3-1
NOTTS CO	28TH OCT	A	L	2-3
MILLWALL	24TH OCT	H	L	0-2
BRISTOL ROVERS	21ST OCT	H	L	3-1



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VS **WYCOMBE WANDERERS**

PLAYER IN RED
DENOTES SCORER

SYMBOL IN GREY (- +) DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED



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WILLIS	HEWLETT	HOWE	COWE	GEIFFIN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	DUKE	HOWE	GRIFFIN	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT	COWE	A. WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN	ROBISON	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	ALEXANDER	DAVIS	DAVIS	WILLIS	DUKE	MILDENHALL
GRIFFIN	DAVIS	GRAZIOLI	WILLIAMS	COBIAN	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	COWE	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
DAVIS	HEWLETT	GRAZIOLI	ROBERTSON	COBIAN	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
MILDENHALL	M. WILLIAMS	TUOMOLA	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN		MILDENHALL
DAVIS	ALEXANDER	ROBINSON	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	GRAZIOLI	MILDENHALL
HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	ROBINSON	INVINCIBLE	YOUNG	GRAZIOLI	MILDENHALL
TRIMBLE	ROBERTSON	INVINCIBLE	WILLIS	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
WILLIS	INVINCIBLE	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	GRAZIOLI	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
M. WILLIAMS	ALEXANDER	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	ROBERTSON	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
WILLIAMS (S/o)	O'HALLOAN	COWE	REEVES	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
ROBERTSON	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	GRAZIOLI	REEVES	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
ROBERTSON	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	GRAZIOLI	YOUNG	COBIAN	MILDENHALL

Cup 1st Round Draw



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TEAM	PlD	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	GD	PTS	
READING	16	7	1	0	29	8	3	1	4	7	11	17	32	
WALSALL	16	5	3	0	18	7	4	1	3	12	10	13	31	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	15	6	1	0	11	4	2	5	1	9	7	9	30	
ROtherham Utd	16	4	1	3	16	12	5	2	1	10	9	5	30	
Millwall	14	5	1	2	1	7	5	4	11	14	8	18	29	
Wycombe WdRS	16	5	1	2	14	7	2	3	3	3	6	4	25	
Northampton Tn	14	3	2	1	8	5	4	1	3	9	7	5	24	
Stoke City	14	4	2	1	13	5	2	3	2	9	11	6	23	
Bury	16	4	1	3	9	11	3	1	4	6	9	-5	23	
Bristol City	15	2	2	3	11	9	3	4	1	8	5	5	21	
Cambridge Utd	15	4	1	3	15	9	2	2	3	8	11	3	21	
Wrexham	14	2	1	4	6	10	4	2	1	1	8	15	-1	21
P'BOROUGH Utd	16	4	2	2	11	10	2	1	5	7	11	-3	21	
Notts Co	16	2	3	1	2	13	4	0	4	6	10	-5	21	
Brentford	14	4	3	1	10	10	1	3	2	6	11	-5	21	
Bristol Rovers	14	0	4	2	5	8	4	2	2	17	9	5	18	
Colchester Utd	16	3	2	3	9	8	1	3	4	6	11	-4	17	
Port Vale 15	3	3	2	1	3	7	1	1	5	3	14	-5	16	
Swansea City	15	2	3	3	8	8	2	1	4	6	11	-5	16	
Oldham Athletic	15	3	1	3	9	9	1	2	5	8	18	-10	15	
Swindon Town	15	2	2	3	9	13	2	1	5	6	14	-12	15	
Bournemouth	16	1	4	3	7	7	1	3	4	14	16	-2	13	
Luton Town	15	2	1	5	9	12	0	4	3	7	13	-9	11	
Oxford United	16	1	2	5	5	10	0	0	8	8	27	-24	5	

Nationwide  **Appearances** 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.5	LEAGUE APPS.	CUP APPS.	TOTAL APPS.	GOALS ALL COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	15	4	19	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	13(1)	2(1)	15(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	11(1)	3(1)	14(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	-
ADAM WILLIS	5	13	1(1)	14(1)	-
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	4(3)	1	5(3)	-
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	15	4	19	1
BOBBY HOWE	8	8(2)	2	10(2)	1
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	9	(1)	-	(1)	-
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(7)	1(3)	5(10)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	12	4	16	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	2	2	4	-
STEVE COWE	14	1(3)	(1)	1(4)	-
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
KIM HEISELBERG	16	1	1	2	-
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	13(1)	1(1)	14(2)	6
GARY ALEXANDER	18	8	3	11	1
MARK ROBERTSON	19	3(2)	2(1)	5(3)	1
FRAZER McHUGH	20	-	-	-	-
GARETH DAVIES	21	-	-	-	-
ALAN REEVES	22	13(1)	4	17(1)	3
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	-	-	-	-
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	11	3	14	2
MARKO TUOMELA	25	1(1)	2	3(1)	-
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)	-	(1)	-
IAN WOAN	31	2	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

the squads



Swindon Town

The Squad

1	Bart Griemink
2	Mark Robinson
3	Sol Davis
4	Matthew Hewlett
5	Adam Willis
6	Antoine van der Linden
7	Keith O'Halloran
8	Bobby Howe
9	Charlie Griffin
10	Giuliano Grazioli
11	David Duke
12	Juan Cobian
14	Steve Cowe
15	Andy Williams
16	Kim Heiselberg
17	Daniel Invincible
18	Gary Alexander
19	Mark Robertson
20	Frazer McHugh
21	Gareth Davies
22	Alan Reeves
23	Steve Mildenhall
24	Martin Williams
25	Marko Tuomela
26	Alan Young
31	Ian Woan

The Manager

Andy King



Wycombe Wndrs

The Squad

1	Martin Taylor
2	Chris Vinnicombe
3	Jason Cousins
4	Paul McCarthy
5	Jamie Bates
6	Dave Carroll
7	Keith Ryan
8	Andrew Baird
9	Sean Devine
10	Paul Emblen
11	Peter Holsgrave
12	Maurice Harkin
13	Jermaine McSporran
14	Andy Rammell
15	Mark Rogers
16	Ben Townsend
17	Stewart Castledine
18	Alan Beeton
19	Dannie Bulman
20	Martyn Lee
21	Mark Osborn
22	Michael Simpson
23	Danny Senda
24	Steve Brown
25	Matt Brady
26	Roger Johnson
27	Mark Westhead

The Manager

Lawrie Sanchez

Sat Nov 4th 2000
Nationwide League
Division Two



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D. Pugh

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S. J. Dorr

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Match Facts...

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Attendance

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