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# FIFA GUIDELINES

## - Understanding the Laws of the Game.



In this the fourth and final article in the series, Ken Ridden of the Football Association explains the new instructions to referees this season.

### TACKLING - FAIR AND FOUL.

The British style of hard, fair, competitive tackling is something expected and enjoyed in our matches. It was, therefore, with some concern that we read of statements made by some leading International figures, prior to the World Cup final games, that any tackles (or, worse still, any attempted tackles) made from behind an opponent, would in future result in not only a direct free-kick, but also a dismissal from the field. Visions of red cards for previously accepted fair tackles caused consternation in many National Associations.

Fortunately, the early statements had been either rash or exaggerated and the mandatory instructions given to the referees (and announced to team managers before a ball had been kicked) proved to be less draconian and were acknowledged by most in football to be, indeed, constructive and welcome.

Violent unfair tackles from behind (or, indeed from any direction) have prematurely ended the careers of a number of top players and those savage attacks aimed at the achilles region, with little or no real attempt made to play the ball, do, of course, require the ultimate immediate sanction of the red card. Fair Play must continue to be encouraged and foul, violent play which can easily shatter the life of a professional player, must be eradicated!

The strong action urged (no, required) by FIFA is welcomed for the protection and welfare of players under threat of unfair violent tackles and serves, hopefully, to be firm and effective deterrent to this type of excessive foul play, so that few red cards need, in practice, be displayed. Early season signs, however, are that a few players have still put at risk the safety of

fellow professionals by challenging in a violent unfair unacceptable manner and red cards have been produced. The sooner individuals acknowledge the dangerous nature of these foul tackles, the sooner the red card can be relegated to in-pocket status and remain there, as planned, merely as a strong deterrent to those thinking about such transgressions.

But, back to fair competitive tackles and the sliding tackle in particular. Here, there is less difficulty, provided players slide in with one or both legs and make direct contact with the ball.

Occasionally, if the challenge is deemed to be over-vigorous and seen to be dangerous by the referee, an indirect free-kick (only) is awarded. However, essentially, the fair, lateral, sliding tackle is quite permissible and remains part of the skillful defenders repertoire.

Law XII has always required referees to estimate a players true intention in making any tackle; not an easy task by any means. To help in adjudicating on sliding tackles, made from the side of an opponent, the new mandatory instructions given to referees by FIFA, guide that if a player making a tackle trips an opponent, instead of making first contact with the ball, the referee must award a direct free-kick (for intentional tripping) and caution the tackler (yellow card) for Ugentlemanly Conduct. At first glance, a caution (yellow card) may appear harsh in these circumstances, but FIFA's view is that the tackler knows the risk involved (ball or man) and if he makes direct contact the man this is clearly unfair, against the spirit of the game and the concept of Fair Play and hence, must be punished appropriately as Ugentlemanly Conduct.



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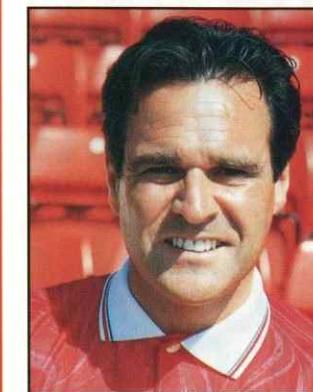
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### FROM THE TOP With ANDY ROWLAND



We return to The County Ground soon after Wednesday's draw with Burnley and welcome David Pleat, John Moore and everybody from Luton Town for today's game.

David Pleat has, of course, been subject to much speculation in recent weeks

being linked with virtually every job vacancy on the go but he has shown where his loyalty lies and is staying at Kenilworth Road - much to the delight of the Hatters faithful.

Unfortunately, we did not manage to take all three points against Burnley but the lads showed a committed team performance especially in view of the events at the start of the week.

We are looking forward to this afternoon's game and can hopefully gain three more points which will allow us to climb maybe five or six places up the table.

Sadly Carl Tiler has received a bad knock on his ankle and is very doubtful for the starting line-up. He showed a lot of character on Wednesday with the type of spirit needed to battle for points. Saying that, we are not far off being a very good side and hopefully results will confirm my belief.

From the players point of view we as always look to you, the supporters, for vocal encouragement and it's always great to hear from you cheering through thick and thin. It really is appreciated.

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This afternoon sees our second game of the week as we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town Football Club to The County Ground for today's Endsleigh League fixture.

## Endsleigh League

Next Saturday we travel to meet Southend United at Roots Hall in the Endsleigh League kicking off at 3.00pm before our next home League game which is against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 10 December also kicking off at 3.00pm. Our Kid-A-Quid scheme is again in operation in the Town End whereby an adult can buy up to two juvenile tickets in that stand for just £1 each. Bookings for Kid-A-Quid must be made in advance of the day of the game.

## Avon Insurance Combination

The Reserves are in action themselves against Luton Town next Wednesday afternoon when they meet the Hatters second string at Hitchin Town Football Club kicking off at 2.00pm. Our next home game is on Monday 5 December against Bristol Rovers with the usual 7.30pm kick off. The home game with Millwall has been brought forward twenty four hours and will now be played at The County Ground on Tuesday 20 December.

## Coca-Cola Cup

Derby County are the visitors to The County Ground next Wednesday evening in our Coca-Cola Cup fourth round tie which kicks off at 7.45pm. The game is not all ticket but booking in advance is advised to save queuing on the night. If the game results in a draw the replay is at The Baseball Ground, Derby on Wednesday 21 December (7.45pm). The draw for the 5th round is live on GMTV next Thursday morning at 7.20am.

## FA Cup Draw

While we are in action at Roots Hall next Saturday, the second round games of the FA Cup are being played. The draw for third round, the stage we enter will be made on Saturday night live after 'Match of the Day-The Road To Wembley'.

## Youths In Cup Action

The Youth Team face Derby County at The Baseball Ground this coming Monday evening in their Midland Youth Cup second round tie kicking off at 7.00pm. They then meet Portsmouth twice in a week in two other Cup competitions. Fratton Park is the venue for their F.A. Youth Cup second round tie against Pompey on Wednesday 7 December (7.00pm) and the two sides meet here at The County Ground on Tuesday 13 December this time in their Southern Junior Floodlit Cup quarter final tie kicking off at 7.30pm. (Should the F.A. Youth Cup tie result in a draw this date will be used for the replay).

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# LUTON TOWN *By* JOHN NOLAN

**Three more points from last Saturday's comprehensive 2-0 home win over Portsmouth kept Luton Town in touch with the play-off contenders in the First Division.**

It is a situation that most Luton fans would have dismissed as impossible had you tested their feelings in mid-September for the Hatters could claim just one win from their opening seven League games.

On the opening day of the campaign a 1-1 home draw with West Bromwich Albion did not seem disastrous until that scoreline was seen in the context of Albion's subsequent form; but the failure to beat Fulham in two attempts in the Coca-Cola Cup, both ties ended 1-1 with the Cottagers squeezing through on penalties - gave cause for concern at Kenilworth Road.

Aaron Skelton made his full League debut in that game with West Brom, but then lost the midfield role to Scott Houghton (now at Walsall), who in turn was replaced by Des Linton, a former Leicester City man who was a regular at right back last season.

Eventually this problem position was successfully filled by the experienced Gary Waddock in mid-September and further changes had been made in defence where Mitchell Thomas settled in nicely in place of 21 year-old David Greene results began to improve markedly.

A measure of the Hatter's capabilities was seen at Watford where David Pleat's men overwhelmed the Hornets with a 4-2 victory. It was then 0-0 at Millwall before a disappointing setback with a 1-0 home defeat from Bristol City. But Stoke were unbeaten 2-1 away: Middlesbrough trounced 5-1, and Sheffield United 3-1 as Luton strung their results together to haul in nine points.

There was still a touch of inconsistency however with successive home defeats handed out by Barnsley (0-1) and Grimsby Town (1-2). But Luton are now unbeaten in their last three games which have seen them stylishly outplay Wolves 3-2 at Molineux, grab a point in a goal-less draw at Oldham and roll out their sweet-passing football to destroy Portsmouth 2-0.



# LUTON TOWN ABC



**FRED BARBER** - Goalkeeper. Joined the Hatters from Peterborough United in August 1994 for £15,000, having previously enjoyed spells with Darlington, Everton (did not play in the first team), Walsall, Peterborough, Chester, Blackpool, Colchester and Chesterfield. Made his League debut for Darlington in a 3-1 win over Stockport County in March 1983. Born: Ferryhill 26-8-63.

**JOHN HARTSON** - Striker. A prolific scorer at Youth and Reserve Team levels John made a sensational entry into the big-time when he scored and had a goal disallowed, on his full debut against Nottingham Forest in August 1993. Finished the 1993-94 season with seven goals. Has been capped by Wales at Youth and Under-21 levels. Born: Swansea 5-4-75.

**CERI HUGHES** - Midfield. Welsh International whose career has been blighted by injuries. Made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990 and has been capped by his country at Youth, Under-21 and full levels. Born: Rhondda Valley 26-2-71



**CERI HUGHES**

**JULIAN JAMES** - Defender. The regular left-back last season he has played in the number two role this campaign. Worked his way up from the Trainee ranks and has captained the Hatters on occasions. Was introduced to First Division football five seasons ago and has been capped by England at Under-21 level. Born: Tring 22-3-70.

**MARVIN JOHNSON** - Defender. Made his League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and very quickly established himself as a regular. Can play anywhere across the back-line and this season has operated at left-back. Born: Wembley 29-10-68.

**DWIGHT MARSHALL** - Striker. Arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth Argyle for £150,000. Big strong target man, he netted 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side last season. Argyle signed the Jamaican striker from Grays Athletic in 1991. Born: Jamaica 3-10-65.

**SCOTT OAKES** - Forward. An excellent talent who has developed excitingly since coming under David Pleat's supervision in 1991. Made his debut for the Hatters at Norwich in October 1991 and such was his progress that he was capped by England at Under-21 level. Was the Hatters leading scorer in 1993-94 with 13 goals, including a hat-trick against West Ham in the sixth round of the FA Cup. Born: Leicester 5-8-72.

**TREVOR PEAKE** - Central Defender. A stalwart performer and captain of the team. Trevor came into League football with Lincoln City, who signed him from Nuneaton Borough in 1979. Made his League bow vs Peterborough (18-8-79), and in 1983 was snapped up by First Division Coventry City. During eight years with the Sky Blues Trevor won an FA Cup winner's medal in 1987. Joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991 and has been an inspirational leader. Born: Nuneaton 6-7-57.



**JULIAN JAMES**

**DAVID PREECE** - Midfield. Made his debut for Walsall against Chester in January 1981 and was a regular in the side until Luton invested £150,000 to secure his services in 1984. All-action midfielder who wears his heart on his sleeve he has shared in some of Luton's greatest moments such as the League Cup Finals 1988 and '89. Capped three times by England at "B" level he has topped 300 League appearances for Luton this season. Born: Bridgnorth 28-5-63.

# LUTON TOWN ABC



**JUERGEN SOMMER** - Goalkeeper. Many felt the USA would have achieved more in the World Cup Finals of 1994 had Juergen been in their goal. He was in the squad but did not make his International debut until September 1994, when he played against England at Wembley. Joined Luton in the summer of 1991 from Indiana University but had to wait until August 1993 to make his Luton bow against Watford. Now ensconced as first choice. Born: New York 27-2-69.

**PAUL TELFER** - Midfield. Worked his way up from trainee, making his senior debut at Everton towards the close of the 1990-91 season. Has been a regular on the right of midfield for the past two seasons and has represented Scotland at Under-21 and "B" levels. Scored eight goals last season. Can play at right-back. Born: Edinburgh 21-10-71.

**MITCHELL THOMAS** - Defender. Stylish defender now in his second spell at the club where he was discovered. Had made over 100 appearances for Luton before following David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur in 1986, and played in the 1987 FA Cup Final for them. In August 1991 the England Under-21 International was transferred to West Ham for £500,000 but after a good first season he was troubled by injuries returned to the Hatters on loan in 1993-94 before a free transfer was agreed. Born: Luton 2-10-64.

**TONY THORPE** - Midfield. Made an instant impact when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United in an FA Cup fourth round tie last season. Tony had started his career with Leicester City but did not make the senior side and joined Luton in the summer of 1992. Born: Leicester 10-4-74.

**GARY WADDOCK** - Midfield. Hard grafting midfielder who played six games for Swindon on loan from QPR in season 1991-92. Served his apprenticeship at Loftus Road and made 203 League appearances before moving abroad to Charleroi. Returned to England and Millwall where he added another 58 League games to his record before re-signing for QPR in 1991. Made his Luton debut v Burnley 10-9-94. Born: Kingsbury 17-3-62.



**DAVID PREECE**

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SWINDON TOWN v LUTON TOWN  
- HEAD TO HEAD

### LEAGUE MEETINGS (46)

Swindon Town 14 Wins Luton Town 18 Wins 14 Draws  
Swindon Town 70 Goals Luton Town 80 Goals

Swindon Town at Home - Wins 12 Losses 3 Draws 8  
Swindon Town at Home - Goals for 46 Goals against 23

### CUP GAMES (7)

1981/82	Away	1-2	L	FA Cup 3
1979/80	Away	2-0	W	FA Cup 3
1967/68	Home	3-2	W	FA Cup 2
1962/63	Away	2-0	W	FA Cup 3
1951/52	Away	1-3	L	FA Cup 5
1937/38	Away	1-2	L	FA Cup 4
1931/32	Home	0-5	L	FA Cup 1

### CUP MEETINGS (7)

Swindon Town 3 Wins Luton Town 4 Wins 0 Draws  
Swindon Town 10 Goals Luton Town 14 Goals

### OVERALL MEETINGS (53)

Swindon Town 17 Wins Luton Town 22 Wins 14 Draws  
Swindon Town 80 Goals Luton Town 94 Goals

## THE MAN IN CHARGE



Manager **David Pleat**

**David Pleat is one of the most wanted manager's in the business recently turning down approaches from both Tottenham and Aston Villa.**

Had managed the Spurs before of course, taking control in 1986 and leading them to the FA Cup Final. But his reign ended in controversy and in December 1987 he was appointed manager of Leicester City, where he remained until January 1991.

It was with home-town Nottingham Forest that he starred as a highly talented professional, after gaining English Schools and Youth honours, and made six League appearances before switching to Luton Town in the mid-sixties.

David played 70 League games for the Hatters - one of his familiar tricks as a winger was to dummy by moving his foot over the ball as if to play it on the run but not make contact - before a broken leg kept him out.

Continued his career with Shrewsbury Town (12 League games): Exeter City (69 League outings) and Peterborough United where his playing career was terminated by a back injury in 1971 after 28 League games.

Always a keen student of tactics, and a contributor of probing magazine articles, he took up coaching and started on the managerial ladder at hard-up Nuneaton Borough. In 1975 he rejoined Luton as reserve team coach and three seasons later succeeded Harry Haslam as manager.

After his sojourns with Spurs and Leicester David returned to Luton again in the summer of 1991 and once more demonstrated his managerial enterprise by turning an ailing club into FA Cup semi-finalists in 1994.

## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Striker **Kerry Dixon**

**Kerry joined Luton on October 1993 after five-month loan-spell from Southampton and found a new lease of life back in his home town.**

Started his career with Chesham United then as a part-time professional with Spurs, playing mostly in the South East Counties League in 1978-79, but they let him go and drifted back into non-League circles with Southern League Dunstable.

It was Reading who gave him his break and he made his League debut v Walsall in August 1980. Scored his first League goal at Brentford later that month and finished his first season as leading scorer with 13 goals.

Scored 51 goals in 116 appearances before joining Chelsea in 1983 for £175,000. Proved an outstanding striker setting scoring records from the start with 34 in his first season with the Blues - the best return for Chelsea in 21 years - and added another 36 in the following campaign.

In all he netted 147 goals in 335 League appearances for Chelsea and scored in his first game for England Under-21 in Finland in 1985. Made West Germany and the USA (in Los Angeles). Claimed eight England caps as a member of the 1986 World Cup squad.

Strongly built, he is difficult to shake off the ball and his finishing in front of goal is lethal. In July 1992 Southampton paid £575,000 for his services but he failed to settle at the Dell and when David Pleat showed an interest Kerry jumped at the chance.

Always the perfect gentleman, he settled in well and scored 10 goals for Luton last season. Born: 24-7-61.



## ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE PREVIEW

**There was no doubt which was the "Match of the Day" last weekend - Sunday's top of the table battle at Ayresome Park between Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough and Graham Taylor's Wolverhampton Wanderers a classic encounter between the top two teams in the division. But what of this week?**

Wolves again are involved in a Sunday fixture, their home game with Derby County being screened live in the Midlands. There have been rumours that star striker Steve Bull, (Andy Mutch's former partner at Molineux), does not see eye to eye with manager Graham Taylor and having bought Paul Stewart from Liverpool intends pairing him with David Kelly as the Wolves spearhead. If Bull becomes available it will spark a scramble for his signature.

While the men from Molineux will be keyed up to maintain their Championship push the game is of just as much importance to Derby County, whose manager, Roy McFarland has been under pressure of late.

The Rams have spent big but are yet to deliver in terms of results and last week's 2-0 home win over Port Vale couldn't have come soon enough for the manager. It was only their fourth home win in nine games and their first at the Baseball Ground since September.

Two-goal England Under-21 striker Tommy Johnson brought the smiles back but can he do the same again this week. On paper Wolves look certs but then you would have put your shirt on them beating Luton on their own patch and they lost and it is this uncertainty in our game that Derby are putting their hopes on.

Talking of Luton they have also been a thorn in Middlesbrough's side this season and Bryan Robson will be looking to make sure his team don't come unstuck again at Charlton this afternoon. Boro's away record of three wins, two draws and three defeats with eight goals for and ten against is not that impressive.

Charlton were one-up at Tranmere last week through Nelson but were pegged back by a 69th minute equaliser from Malkin; but to be honest their home form of three wins, three draws and three defeats suggests inconsistency too. Even so 'Boro have not been finding the net too readily themselves and with Bolivian International Jaime Moreno seemingly having problems settling into life in the North-East their striking formation remains unsettled. Could be a draw this one.

Portsmouth - beaten 2-0 at Luton - are only a shadow of their former selves. With just two wins at Fratton Park, where they desperately scored only nine goals in just eight games, Jim Smith will be desperately looking for three points today against Sunderland.

Another giant with a dodgy home record is Oldham Athletic now feeling the loss of manager Joe Royle to Everton. The Latics crashed 3-1 at West Brom on Saturday, a nightmare start for new boss Graeme Sharp. It is just one win in eight matches for sliding Oldham who take on Bristol City at Boundary Park.

Watford v Stoke is an interesting one. Andy Hessonthalter scored inside 37 seconds at Sunderland last week and Watford never looked in trouble as they cruised to a 3-1 win and Glenn Roeder confirmed this win maintained their dream of making the Play-Offs.

Stoke, 3-0 winners over Grimsby Town, are now back under the control of Lou Macari who will be looking to add bite to a team that has scored but four goals away from home this season.

It is usually black or white for Port Vale at home - they have drawn just once in eight games - but the omens suggest they should beat Millwall this afternoon. The Lions are in disarray following last week's £1.3 million sale of Jon Goodman and Kenny Cunningham to Wimbledon. The fans responded by staying away for last week's 1-0 home defeat by Barnsley.

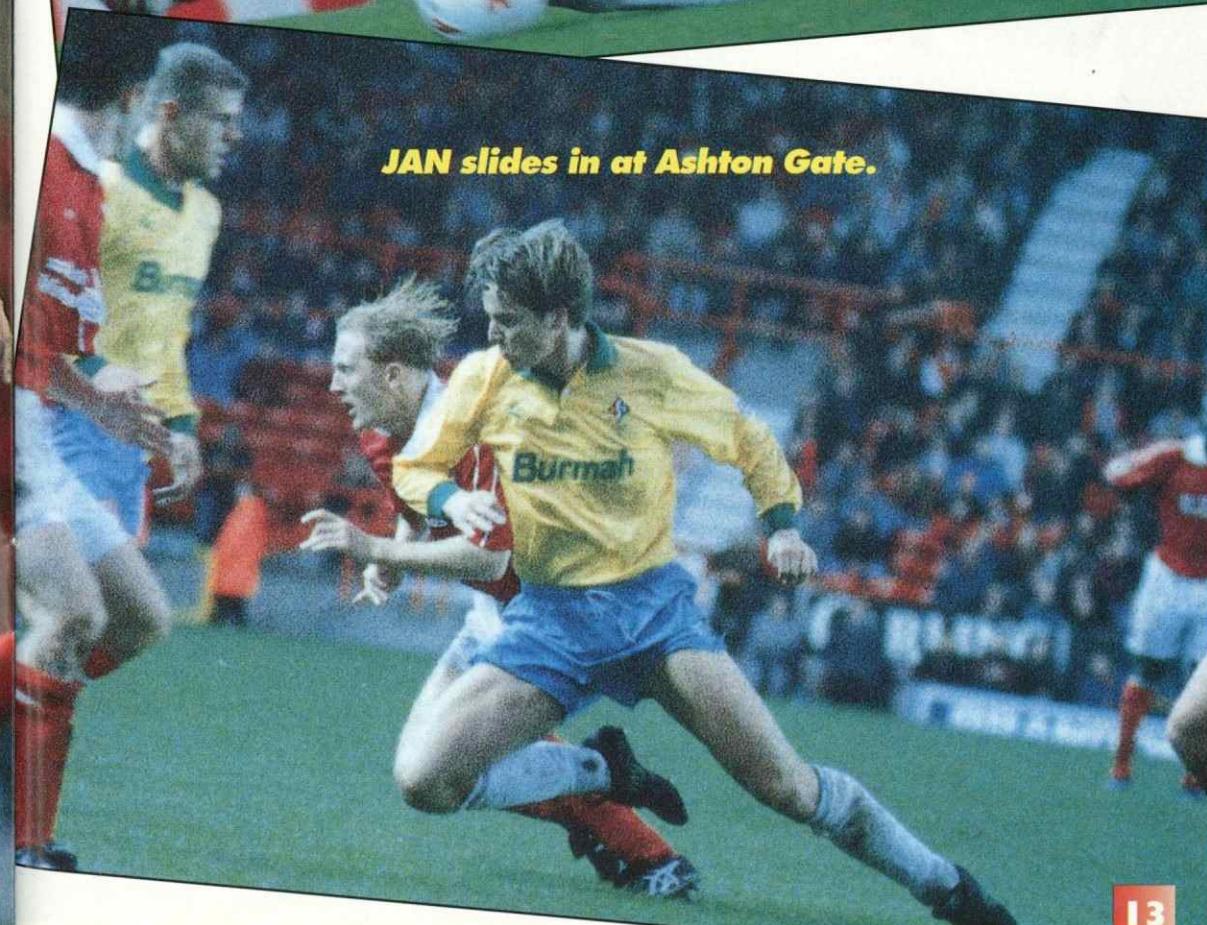
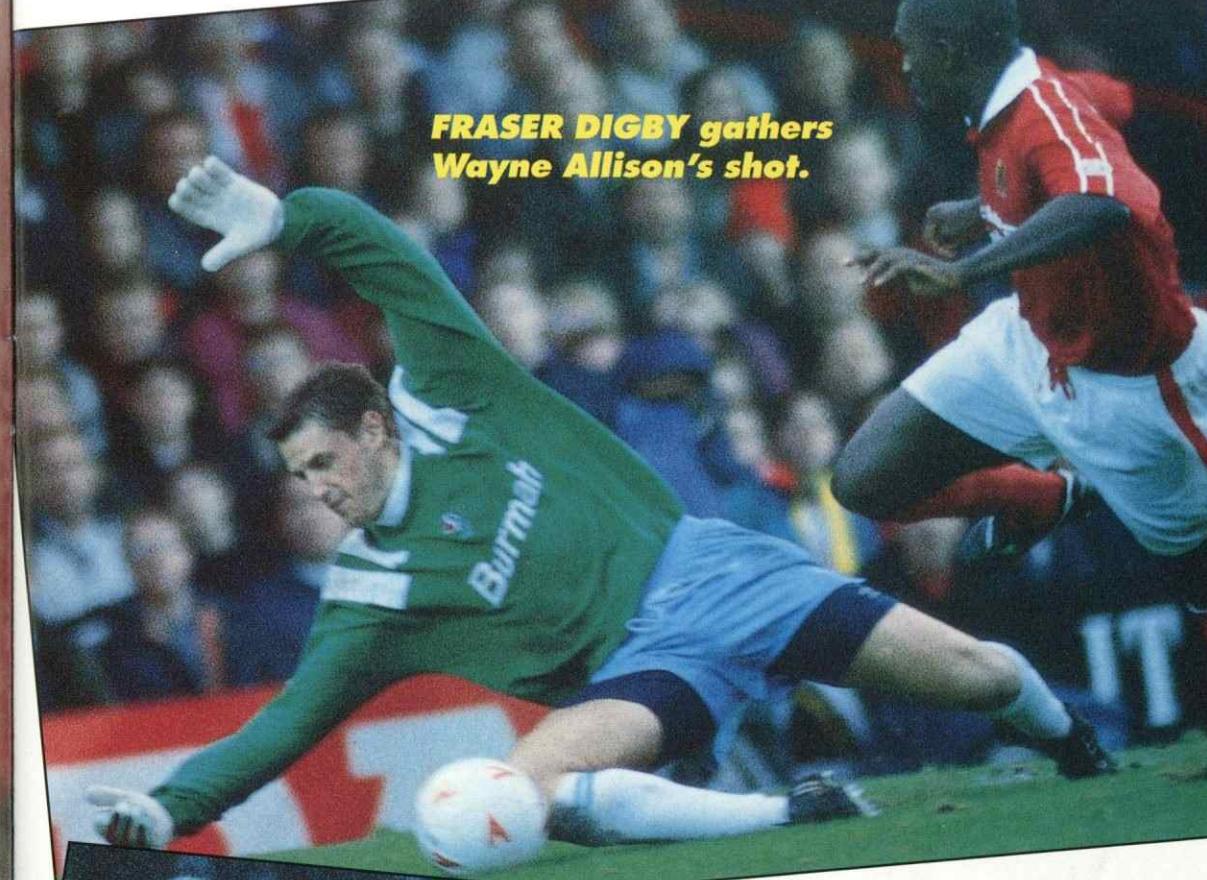


**Steve Bull - out of favour at Wolves.**

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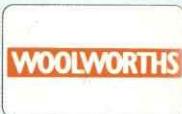
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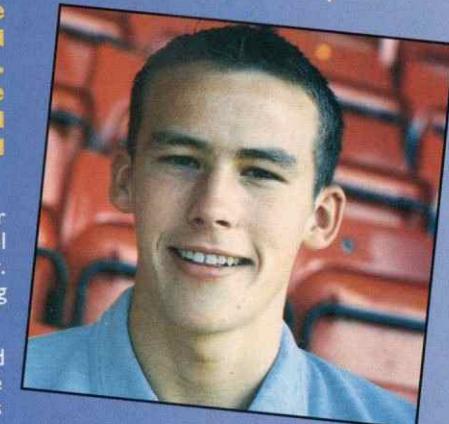
The Menham family are 34 year old John, confined to a wheelchair with cerebral palsy and father John and mother Jean. They will receive a cheque for £100 before this afternoon's game from Mr. John Carter of Carter & Son (Faringdon) Ltd - a leading NISA/TODAY member.

John has been taken by his father to all 92 League grounds and attends all home and away games as well as our home Reserve and Youth Team fixtures. He is of course known to all players and admin staff at The County Ground.

As mother Jean says "We very much appreciate the honour for our son's sake. He absolutely adores Swindon Town Football Club and even watches the players train whenever he can - even they treat him as part of the club".

Many congratulations to John on his achievement and thanks to his family for their dedicated support.

Finally a big welcome to our Saturday Team Club participants from Ashton Keynes led by Peter May and those from Chiseldon County Primary School who are our guests for today's game.



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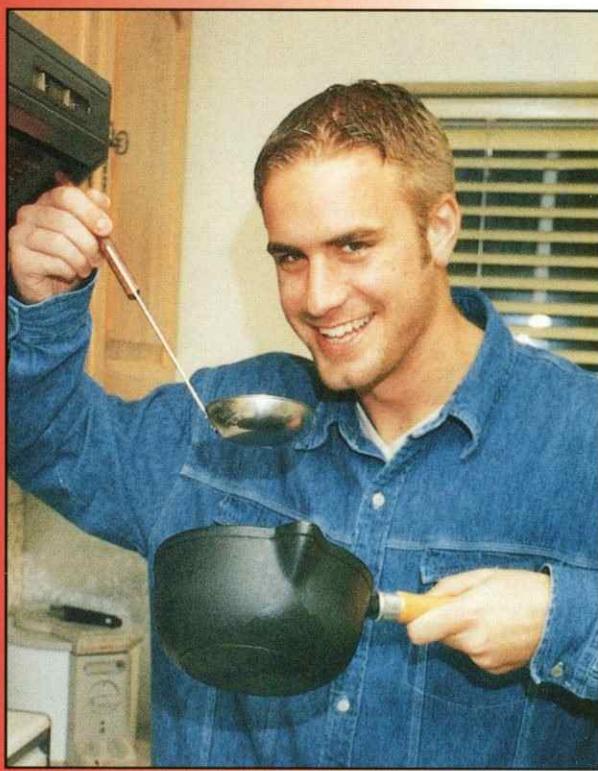
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## Chef Thomson tests his culinary skills!

**This is an exciting time for young Andy Thomson who has broken into the first-team defence this season. Team effort is an important part of Andy's life for he not only needs it on the field but at home as well.**

This most eligible bachelor shares rented accommodation at Freshbrook, in West Swindon, with three other Town hopefuls, Stuart James, Marcus Phillips and Chris Hamon.

Says Andy "We are in a four bedoomed detached house and it works well really. We do get on pretty well together surprisingly even at work.

"My parents still live at Stratton, where I was brought up since I was eight, and they have been wonderful to me. There was no trouble at home it was just that I felt I needed my independence.

"There's not a lot to say about the house. As we rent it we can't redecorate it to our own taste or anything like that. I suppose people would say it is a bit of a mess because we are not the tidiest of people. But we have a cleaning lady who comes in three times a week to spruce the place up a bit.

"Chris, who is the oldest, has the biggest bedroom. I have the second largest, maybe because nobody wanted to argue with me as I am the biggest. There's not a lot you can say about it or do to it obviously so I don't know what characterises it as mine.

"Marcus and I take it in turns to do the cooking as we are usually the only two who eat there. Stuart eats round the cleaners house - she provides meals if we need them - and Chris is always round his girlfriends place.

"We all do our own individual shopping and have our own shelves for our food which is all pretty basic. Pasta, chicken and spaghetti are the main ingredients but we are trying to be a little more adventurous in our culinary experiments.

"Being athletes we are of course conscious of the importance of our intake. We do try and eat food for energy. I have to be careful also because I am always being nagged to keep my weight down, so I have to watch what I eat.

"As far as relaxing goes we have some computer games. The golf is the most popular and we take bets on who will win. It is usually me so they won't let me put any money on anymore.

"I quite like golf and have the odd round with Marcus. I have been playing for six years or so now but it is a game you really need to practice regularly to get anywhere; the odd game once a month is not enough to improve your game.

"We all belong to the De Vere Leisure Club as well of course and I find an hour in the pool good relaxation.

"There aren't usually any arguments over what programme to watch on television. Marcus just sits there with the remote control, just flicking it from channel to channel, so generally we watch what he likes!

"We do have a lot of spare time but after a hard training session in the morning you don't feel like doing anything too energetic in the afternoons like squash and so on.

"I never have the urge to get away from it all and go off on my own. I prefer company and don't like it when I'm in the house on my own. If I had a bad game I find it helps to sit with your mates and talk it over. I'd rather have their advice than bottle it all up inside.

"There are a couple of friends from school who I still keep in touch with and regularly go and visit so I can get away from the football environment.

"We did get some complaints from one or two of the neighbours about the state of the grass at the front of the house. We had to agree it was a mess and needed sorting out so now we pay a gardener to keep it trim. But when it comes to handyman I am totally useless.

"I've never been very practical at all. As to what I would do if I wasn't a footballer I have not got a clue. I achieved quite good grades at school and could have gone on to college but I have never really thought about any other job or even what I would like to do.

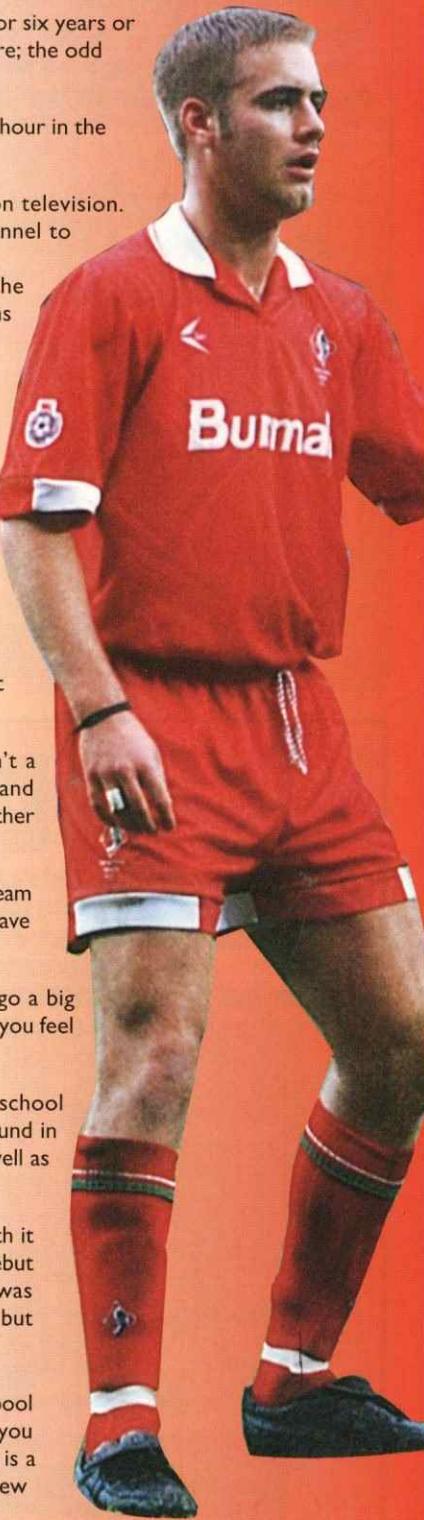
"At the moment things are going well. I have played 20 games for the first team this season and I wouldn't have believed that possible last summer. The lads have been brilliant. They give you so much encouragement out on the field.

"People now recognise me in the street which is nice. It gives the old ego a big boost. When youngsters come up and ask you for your autograph it makes you feel good.

"I have always loved playing. Was never one for watching, so when my school mates used to come down and watch Town play I would be splashing around in the mud on some outlandish park pitch. I played Saturday and Sunday as well as midweek.

"In those days I played in midfield but I would not attempt to get away with it now. The back-line is my limit. The highlight of my career has to be my debut against Leeds United last season. It was nerve-racking but enjoyable. I was taken off at half-time because John said he wanted to change the system but what a great day that was for me.

"As a kid I used to idolise Glenn Hoddle and as I grew up supporting Liverpool Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson were big favourites of mine. But when you are out there yourself you have to be your own man and now that there is a change of management we all have to work hard to try and impress the new boss we are worth a place.



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# BENNO

Ascoli's 3-1 victory over us has terminated our Anglo Italian Cup interests, for this season at least, for we needed a win to stand any chance of reaching the Wembley Final.

Still, it has been an interesting exercise and it is always rewarding to be involved in such competitions. It gives you a fresh view on the game.

Swindon Town has a proud record as pioneers and our recent excursions abroad remind one of a really special adventure the Club embarked on in May 1912.

Town were participating in the Southern League in those days but that did not blunt the management's ambitions as this trip to South America illustrates.

It had not been a bad season for the Club having finished fourth in the Southern League and were semi-finalists in the F.A. Cup. However this was marred by an injury to Harold Fleming which kept him out of action for ten months.

Before the party sailed from Liverpool, William Pickford, the Vice-President of the FA, warned our genial and popular manager Sam Allen, that from what he knew of the Argentine people he thought two teams should be taken out - one to play football and the other to attend all the many banquets. Never a truer word had been spoken claimed Sam on his return.

Their first sight of South America was when ship docked at Pernambuco, where pineapples were 10p a dozen and oranges 5p a hundred.

While walking in Rio de Janeiro wondering how they could make themselves sufficiently understood to change English currency into Argentinean someone shouted: "What cheer, Jack Walker and Archie Brown!".

They turned and looked into the face of young Fox, son of Alfred George Fox, who worked in the brass-shop of the Great Western Railway works at Swindon...Fox junior helped them sort out their money and took them on a wonderful sightseeing tour.

Then it was back on board for the sail to Montevideo where the team were given the reception of their lives.

The first match at Buenos Aires was against "The North of Argentine," and resulted in a 2-2 draw before 19,000 fans. Town made an impression on their hosts who wined and dined them at every opportunity.

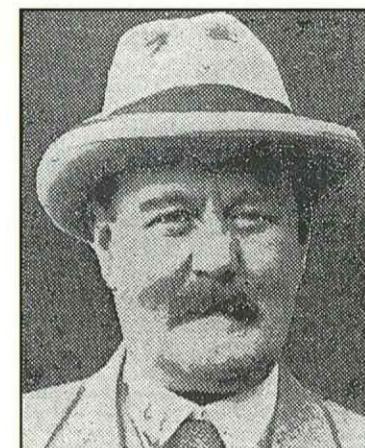
The party were also the guests of Senor Pereyra, a very wealthy man who lived on a ranch some 30 miles from Buenos Aires. During their stay guns were supplied to Skiller, Brown and Kennedy, who each bagged a hare as a trophy.

The lads had what they described as "the biggest time of their lives," and Sam Allen remarked: "It was at the etceteras that we had to stop. In front of each man were six glasses, one for water and the others for sherry, port, claret, champagne and liqueurs respectively, with a waiter at the back of you refilling each time you took a sip of anything."

Thankfully the "etceteras" didn't seem to affect their form for Town were unbeaten in eight keenly contested games, six of which were won against; San Isidro 4-1, Argentine South 2-0, Rosario 3-1, The Students 4-0, Uruguayan League 3-0 and Argentine Born 1-0. The match against the Argentine League finished 2-2.

The spectators took Town to their hearts and two who really caught their affections were Silto and Kennedy, who was so commanding in the air with his heading that they nicknamed him "India-rubber-neck."

That was a truly successful tour for not only did Swindon Town leave behind a very pleasant impression of English football on all the clubs they encountered but the £8,000 taken in gate receipts made it a profitable adventure as well.



**Sam Allen**



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# MARKETING NEWS With Phil Alexander

A warm welcome to this afternoon's fixture from the Marketing Department.

## COMMITMENTS PLAY IN TOWN AID FINALE.

Town Aid '94 will officially draw to a close on Sunday 11th December 1994 when stars from 'The Commitments' will play Swindon's Link Centre, with all proceeds going to Swindon Town FC. The concert has been organised by Andy Cotton, the bands Manager, who lives in Swindon and is an avid 'Town' fan. This is an event not to be missed by any Swindon Town or Commitments Fan. Ticket numbers are limited and are now on sale from the Link Centre, Swindon Town Football Club or any of the Evening Advertiser offices, only £11 in advance or £13 on the door.

## TODAY'S LUCKY MASCOT

Todays mascot is Sam Westwood from Blackbird Leys in Oxford. Sam celebrated his ninth birthday last Tuesday, happy belated birthday from Swindon Town. He currently attends Pegasus First School and enjoys football, swimming and watching Swindon Town. His favourite player is Jan Aage Fjortoft.

## JUNIOR ROBINS.

Football Training - There will be no training session on the following dates due to the Christmas holidays:

Wednesday 21st December 1994  
Wednesday 28th December 1994  
Wednesday 4th January 1995

On Wednesday 21st December the Junior Robins are going to the Wyvern Theatre to see 'Jimmy Cricket' starring as 'Dick Whittington'. Places are limited so please return your booking form as soon as possible to save disappointment.

Tickets are also on sale now for the Junior Robins Members Disco taking place at the County Ground on Wednesday 4th January 1995.

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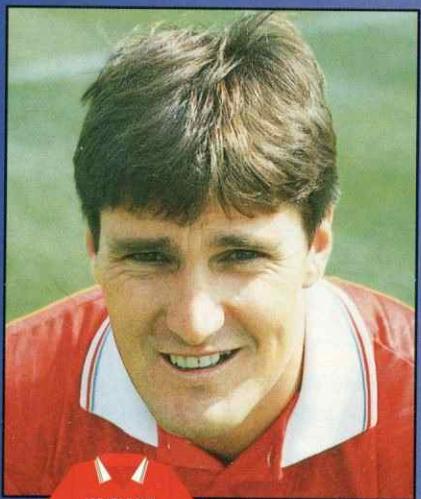


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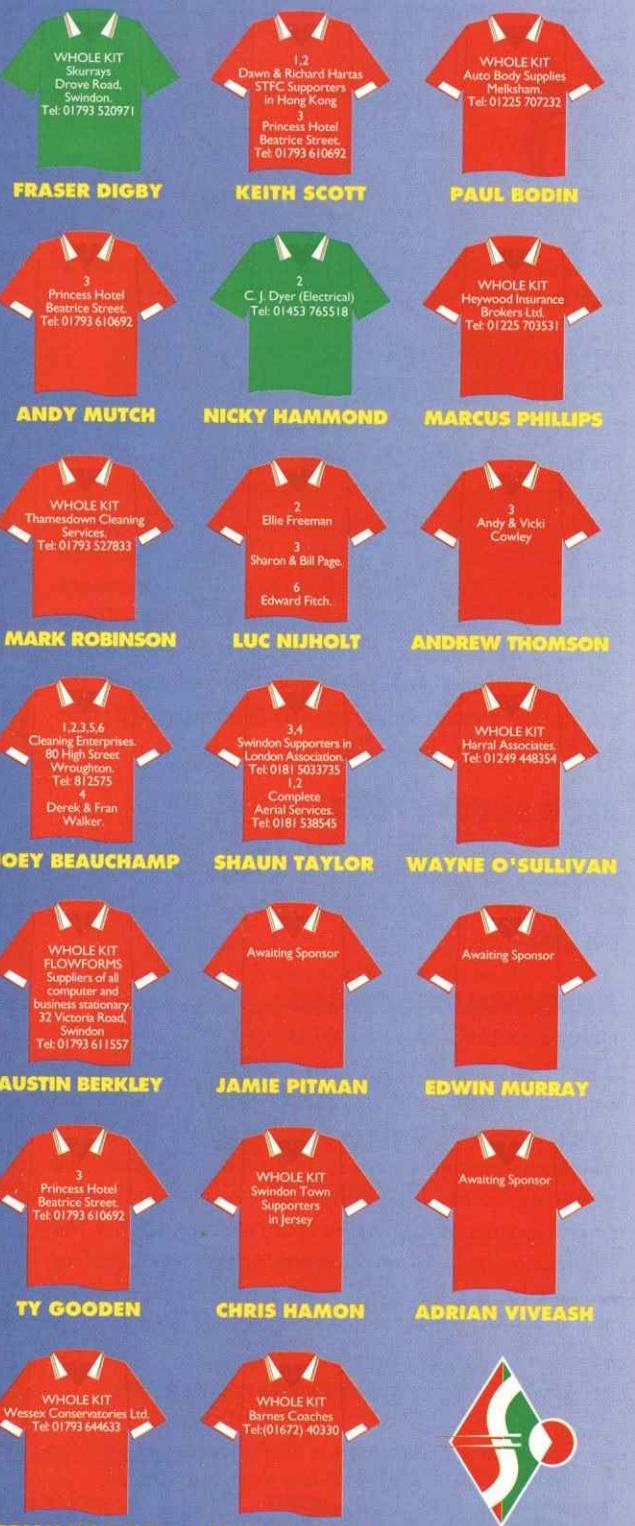
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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Brian Williams

By **PAUL PLOWMAN**

During 1979/80, Third Division Swindon Played no less than 63 games including Cup ties, battling their way to the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and the Fourth Round of the F.A.Cup. Brian Williams missed just three. Although he was normally seen at left-back in the latter stages of his career, Brian will be remembered here as a left-winger.

Luton fans would not want to remember him at all! In the Third Round of the F.A.Cup that season, Town were clinging to a 1-0 lead at Kenilworth Road when Brian finished them off with a killer blow nine minutes from the end. The other scorer was Andy Rowland, a former teammate at Bury.

Brian remains the youngest player to appear in a League game for Bury, members of the football League for 100 years. His debut came in March 1972, at just 16 years and four months. Brian had been spotted playing for Salford Boys and had offers from a number of clubs. "I went training with Manchester United, but there were 50 other lads there. At Bury there were only six apprentices so I had a much better chance with the smaller club", he explained. "Blackpool came in for me too, but I had already signed for Bury".

He helped them to promotion from the Fourth Division in 1984, when Bobby Smith took over from Allen Brown as manager at Gigg Lane. Brian impressed in a League Cup tie at Queens Park Rangers in September 1976 and joined the Loftus Road club in the following summer. But he was given few chances in London and Mr Smith wasted little time in signing Brian, after taking over at the County Ground in the 1978 close season.

Brian's all-action style soon earned him the nickname 'animal', which despite its connotations became a term of endearment to Town fans. "I was only a little fellow and had to look after myself! I enjoyed some great times there," he added. Those great times had begun with a debut against his old club Bury, when another ex-teammate Ian Miller hit the winner in a 2-1 victory.

But the success of 1979/80 was a hard act to follow - and five straight defeats at the start of the following season soon led to the sacking of Bobby Smith. Brian had fallen out with the manager and was not included in the side until after his departure, in October. And at the end of the season, the new boss John Trollope let Brian go to Bristol Rovers in exchange for Gary Emmanuel.

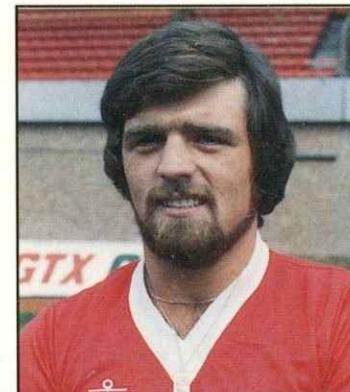
Rovers had just suffered the drop from Division Two, while Swindon were about to drop into Division Four. Brian soon found himself in new surroundings too, being switched to the left-back position. But he had little difficulty in adjusting and in 1983/84 grabbed twelve goals by way of a bonus.

Terry Cooper had instigated the switch at Eastville and signing Brian for Bristol City on a free transfer in 1985. "It was hard following Terry, who was a good left-back for

England, said Brian "and I didn't make things easy for myself getting sent off twice in the first six months!", he continued.

"But Terry made me captain and we got to Wembley twice in the Freight Rover Trophy. It was great leading the boys out there".

In 1987, Brian joined Shrewsbury and became Youth Team coach there two years later. He now lives in the Shropshire town and, at 39, continues to play for a local Sunday League club. He was forced out at Gay Meadow when Asa Hartford was sacked in 1991 and assisted Alvechurch until his old boss Bobby Smith - then assistant-manager at Hereford - recommended him for the post of Football in the Community Officer at Edgar Street.



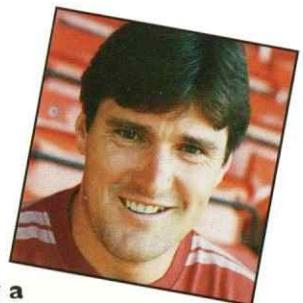
**Brian Williams**

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# REVIEW

*With*  
Ross MacLaren



## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION 1

Tue 16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A	2-1
Wed 31 Aug	Watford	A	0-1
Sat 03 Sep	Arsenal	A	0-0
Wed 14 Sep	Norwich City	A	0-7
Wed 28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	7-3
Mon 03 Oct	Bristol City	A	1-8
Mon 10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H	1-1
Mon 17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Mon 24 Oct	NORWICH CITY	H	2-2
Mon 31 Oct	LUTON TOWN	H	1-2
Wed 02 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1
Fri 11 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-1
Wed 23 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Mon 05 Dec	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
Wed 14 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	
Tue 20 Dec	MILLWALL	H	
Wed 04 Jan	PORTSMOUTH	H	
Wed 11 Jan	WIMBLEDON	H	
Wed 18 Jan	Q.P.R.	H	
Wed 25 Jan	WATFORD	H	
Wed 01 Feb	CHELSEA	H	
Tue 07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A	
Wed 15 Feb	Oxford United	A	
Wed 22 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 27 Feb	Chelsea	A	
Mon 06 Mar	Millwall	A	
Mon 13 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed 15 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue 21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		
Mon 03 Apr	Portsmouth	A	
Wed 12 Apr	Southampton	A	
Tue 18 Apr	West Ham United	A	
Wed 26 Apr	ARSENAL	H	
Tue 02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Tue 09 May	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	

All home games are played at The County Ground, Swindon and kick-off at 7.30pm.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION 1 AS AT 14 NOVEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Charlton Athletic	14	9	2	3	22	12	29
Crystal Palace	14	8	4	2	23	9	28
Southampton	14	8	2	4	33	23	26
Norwich City	14	7	4	3	37	20	25
Queens Park Rangers	14	6	4	4	32	16	22
Tottenham Hotspur	13	6	3	4	20	13	21
Luton Town	14	6	2	0	21	23	20
Arsenal	14	4	7	3	21	21	19
Millwall	13	5	3	5	18	21	18
Chelsea	11	4	5	2	21	14	17
West Ham United	14	5	2	7	21	14	17
Bristol City	13	4	4	5	25	24	16
Watford	13	5	1	7	18	18	16
Portsmouth	16	4	4	8	17	29	16
Ipswich Town	13	3	6	4	17	19	15
Bristol Rovers	14	4	3	7	16	40	15
Wimbledon	13	3	5	5	16	22	14
Oxford United	14	4	2	8	18	28	14
Swindon Town	12	3	3	6	15	27	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	11	2	2	7	21	37	8

With the first team taking a large squad to Italy for the Anglo Italian Cup tie at Ascoli, we were without an Avon Insurance Combination game but were able to play at Cirencester Town in a benefit game for Mark Warriner.

Sometimes you tend to think that these games are not such a good idea when you can pick up unwanted injuries but to the credit of both sides the game was played in the right spirit and our lads went out with a good attitude and played some positive football.

We started the game brightly, passing the ball well and created some good chances. We defended well at the back with Andy Thomson and Edwin Murray outstanding.

Marcus Phillips was another to have a great game and on more than one occasion was able to open up Cirencester's defence with some fine balls over the top.

At the end of the day I think we could well have won four nil with the number of chances we had. But it is the same old story-if you do not take your chances you will not win your games.

However we did keep a clean sheet and that is certainly good for our defence.

### Result:

#### Mark Warriner Benefit Game Cirencester Town 0 Swindon Town 0

**Team:** Hamblin, James, Elsey, Worrall, Thomson, Murray, O'Sullivan, Phillips, Hamon, Waters, Gooden. **Subs:** Fraser, Laidlaw, Jordan, Thorne.

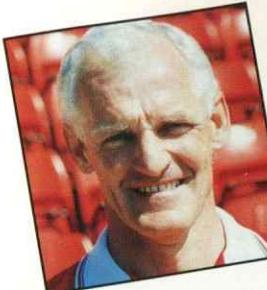


MARCUS PHILLIPS

  
Combination

# YOUTH TEAM IN FOCUS

*With*  
John Trollope



The second round Southern Junior Floodlit Cup tie against local rivals Bristol City at The County Ground gave us a welcome break from the League and also the opportunity to play on the main ground.

This was a hard fought game and we came out victors by three goals to one.

An even opening spell saw both sides create some reasonable openings but neither side could get that final touch.

It was one of the misunderstandings which happen from time to time which gave us the lead when a diagonal ball from Scott Medcroft was turned past his own keeper by a Bristol defender.

This gave us heart and we began to take the upper hand. Our lead was increased when from another Medcroft cross Jonathan Holloway headed in at the far post. This goal should have settled us but within a few minutes another freak goal brought City back into the game. A left wing cross completely fooled Steve Mildenhall and the ball dropped into the far corner.

The rest of the first half was a real dog-fight but we managed to hold onto the single goal lead.

Both sides had their moments in a hard fought second half with Bristol City pushing for the equaliser.

However we managed to hold onto the lead and it was not until the final minute of the tie that we made sure of our place in the quarter final when Mark Jordan crossed for James Fraser to score.

We now have a few interesting weeks coming up Cup-wise when we face Portsmouth in the quarter final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup at The County Ground on Tuesday 13 December having already played them at Fratton Park the previous week in the FA Youth Cup. Next Monday evening we travel to The Baseball Ground as we meet Derby County in the Midland Youth Cup second round.

### Result:

#### Southern Junior Floodlit Cup 2nd Round Swindon Town 3 Bristol City 1

**Scorers:** Holloway, Fraser, o.g

**Team:** Mildenhall, Jordan, Souter, Holloway, Thorne, McCluskey, Harvey, Medcroft, Fraser, Laidlaw, Wimble. **Subs:** Thomas, Pearce, Hamblin.



STEVE MILDENHALL

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AS AT 19 NOVEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxford United	13	8	3	2	31	15	19
Crystal Palace	11	8	2	1	28	11	18
Wimbledon	11	8	1	2	49	18	17
Swindon Town	12	7	1	4	33	18	15
Bristol City	10	6	2	2	23	9	14
Tottenham Hotspur	12	6	1	5	25	19	13
Brentford	12	5	2	5	17	17	12
Southampton	12	3	5	4	16	17	11
Colchester United	12	4	3	5	16	27	11
Luton Town	12	5	0	7	28	21	10
AFC Bournemouth	12	3	4	5	21	35	10
Brighton & H.A.	11	3	3	5	19	34	9
Reading	12	4	1	7	15	32	9
Bristol Rovers	11	0	5	6	11	27	5
Wycombe Wanderers	13	0	3	10	12	44	3

NEXT HOME YOUTH TEAM GAME: SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 1994  
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# MYVIEW

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICER SHANE COOK TALKS TO MARK SHANAHAN



**Thrown in the deep end? You could say that! Jonathan Trigg's move to become the Club Physio has left me running the Community Office at the moment and to be honest it's quite a challenge. It's a strange position to be in as most of my peers at other clubs are ex-pros, former teachers and the like in their 30's or 40's, and here I am at The County Ground running our scheme at the age of 19!**

To be honest, it's great to have a job in football after the disappointment last season when I was told by the club I wasn't being offered a professional contract. I would still like to make it in the game and I've got to show my resilience. I was on schoolboy forms with Bristol City but they knocked me back when I was 16 when they didn't offer me a YT contract.

But I came over to Swindon and did enough to get a Youth Trainee place and had two years learning the

game at South East Counties League level. It was horrible to hear that I wasn't being kept on because it struck home that the club didn't feel that I was good enough.

This season I have been playing for Cheltenham Town in the Beazer Homes Premier Division and we've got a good chance to make it into the Vauxhall Conference. If I can do well there, there's no reason why I can't get back in a League club-I'm certainly still young enough. But for the moment I've still got a pretty hectic schedule here. The job involves a lot of coaching in schools and with local clubs most days and evenings too. We try to cover as wide an area in Wiltshire as possible-so there is a lot of travel involved and no two days are the same.

Aside from coaching there is still a lot of administration to do. I make sure that every letter which comes into the office gets answered and there is a fair amount of organising to do to ensure that ground visits and trips to matches by schools and clubs run smoothly. On the coaching side I get helped out by the younger pros and since Jonathan left even Secretary Jon Pollard has put his coaching skills to good use.

Another new scheme instigated this season is the 'Learning Through Football' scheme whereby youngsters from local schools join us at the club on Tuesday's and receive football related (but not coaching) tuition from our Educational Officer Barbara Moody and then on the following two Thursday's Jon and I visit their school for coaching and maybe a game of football. This gives youngsters an insight into the club they have never had a chance to do before and the scheme is such a success that we are now booked well into next season!

Obviously I know the players at the Club and it makes my job so much easier. It's a little bitter-sweet though, as I see them coming in every day to do the job that I had set my heart on. But as I said before, I've got a career in football, and as far as I'm concerned it's the best industry to work in.

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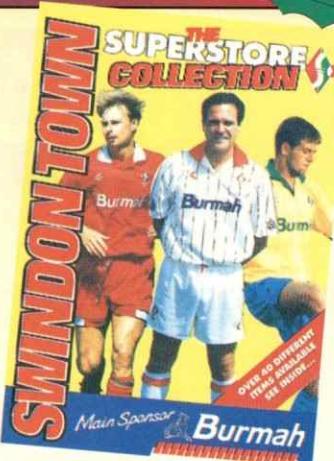
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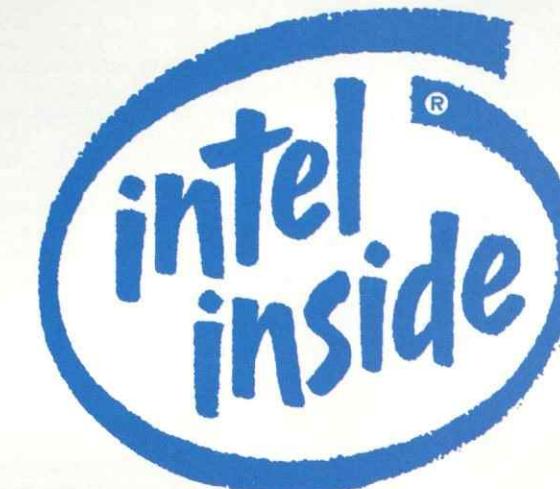
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# SWINDON TOWN STATISTICS



## ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 24 NOVEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	18	7	1	1	22	9	3	3	3	14	11	34
Middlesbrough	17	7	1	1	16	6	3	2	3	8	10	33
Bolton Wanderers	18	6	2	1	17	5	2	3	4	14	17	29
Tranmere Rovers	17	7	2	0	24	10	1	3	4	4	10	29
Reading	17	4	3	1	8	2	4	1	4	12	13	28
Grimsby Town	18	6	2	1	16	7	1	4	4	9	14	27
Watford	18	5	3	1	14	9	2	3	4	7	13	26
Luton Town	18	2	2	5	11	12	5	3	1	15	10	26
Barnsley	17	4	3	1	9	5	3	2	4	7	13	26
Southend United	18	6	1	2	12	7	1	3	5	7	22	25
Charlton Athletic	18	3	3	3	14	12	2	5	2	15	16	23
Sheffield United	18	5	2	2	15	8	1	3	5	8	12	23
Stoke City	17	5	2	2	18	9	1	3	4	4	15	23
Derby County	18	4	3	2	13	8	2	2	5	7	11	23
Burnley	18	2	5	2	12	11	3	3	3	7	10	23
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>
Sunderland	17	1	6	2	8	9	3	3	2	10	7	21
Oldham Athletic	18	4	3	2	13	9	1	2	6	9	16	20
Port Vale	17	4	1	3	13	9	1	4	4	7	13	20
Millwall	18	3	4	2	16	12	1	3	5	7	14	19
Portsmouth	17	2	3	3	9	11	2	4	3	10	12	19
Bristol City	17	3	3	3	8	12	2	1	5	7	11	19
West Bromwich Alb.	18	4	2	2	9	7	0	-4	6	7	18	18
Notts County	17	1	4	3	10	14	1	1	7	8	16	11

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 24 NOVEMBER 1994

	LEAGUE			CUP		TOTAL
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Joey Beauchamp	15(1)	1	8	1	23(1)	2
Austin Berkley	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
Paul Bodin	17	5	6	0	23	5
Fraser Digby	18	0	6(2)	0	24(2)	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	18	10	5(1)	5	23(1)	15
Ty Gooden	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
Cbris Hamon	0(1)	0	0(3)	1	0(4)	1
Nicky Hammond	0(18)	0	2(6)	0	2(24)	0
Kevin Horlock	12(6)	0	5(2)	0	17(8)	0
Brian Kilcline	5(3)	0	6(1)	0	11(4)	0
Stuart James	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Martin Ling	14(2)	1	7(1)	0	21(3)	1
Ross McLaren	2	0	1	0	3	0
Edwin Murray	0(1)	0	0(4)	0	0(5)	0
Andy Mutch	6(10)	0	4(3)	2	10(13)	2
Luc Nijholt	16	0	7	0	23	0
Wayne O'Sullivan	6(4)	0	4(1)	0	10(5)	0
Marcus Phillips	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Mark Robinson	18	0	8	0	26	0
Keith Scott	15(3)	7	8	4	23(3)	11
Shaun Taylor	14	1	4	0	18	1
Carl Tiler	2	0	0	0	2	0
Andrew Thomson	14	0	7(1)	1	21(1)	1
Neil Webb	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0
Adrian Whitbread	1	0	0	0	1	0
Steve White	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

## SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15		
Sun 14 Aug	<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-0</b>	10,549	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	WHITBREAD	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	<b>FJORTOFT I</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>SCOTT o I</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 20 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-3	8,482	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>SCOTT o</b>	<b>BEAUCHAMP o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 24 Aug	<b>ATALANTA A.I.C.(1)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>0-2</b>	5,167	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>WHITE o</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 27 Aug	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-0</b>	9,781	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	<b>LING I</b>	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 31 Aug	<b>WEST BROMWICH ALBION</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>0-0</b>	11,555	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT I</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 03 Sep	Notts County	A	1-0	6,537	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT I</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>KILCLINE</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>
Tue 06 Sep	Venezia A.I.C. (2)	A	0-1	1,250	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>BERKLEY</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN</b>	<b>HAMON o</b>	<b>DIGBY o</b>	
Sun 11 Sep	<b>DERBY COUNTY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-1</b>	9,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT I</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 14 Sep	<b>READING</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-0</b>	11,551	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>KILCLINE</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 21 Sep	<b>CHARLTON ATH. (C.C.C. 2-1)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-3</b>	4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT I</b>	<b>BERKLEY o</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 24 Sep	<b>GRIMSBY TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3-2</b>	8,758	DIGBY	ROBINSON	<b>BODIN 2</b>	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT I</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN o</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Tue 27 Sep	Charlton Athletic (C.C.C. 2-2)	A	4-1*	4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 3</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 01 Oct	Barnsley	A	1-2	3,911	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	<b>TAYLOR I</b>	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>BERKLEY</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 05 Oct	<b>LECCE A.I.C. (3)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3-1</b>	2,375	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>MUTCH 2</b>	<b>BERKLEY</b>	<b>SCOTT I</b>	<b>FJORTOFT o</b>	<b>THOMSON</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 08 Oct	<b>WOLVERHAMPTON W.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3-2</b>	14,446	DIGBY	ROBINSON	<b>BODIN I</b>	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	<b>BEAUCHAMP I</b>	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT I</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 15 Oct	Portsmouth	A	3-4	10,610	DIGBY	ROBINSON	<b>BODIN I</b>	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK o</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 22 Oct	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-2</b>	9,909	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HORLOCK o</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 26 Oct	Brighton & H.A. (C.C.C. 3)	A	1-1	11,382	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	<b>THOMSON I</b>	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>KILCLINE</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 29 Oct	Middlesbrough	A	1-3	17,328	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT I</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>WEBB o</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Tue 01 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	A	0-3	10,046	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>WEBB</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>LING o</b>	<b>MUTCH o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Sat 05 Nov	<b>MILLWALL</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-2</b>	9,311	DIGBY	ROBINSON	<b>BODIN I</b>	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>WEBB</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HAMON I o</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 09 Nov	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; H.A. (C.C.C. 3R)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>4-1</b>	6,584	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	LING	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT 2</b>	<b>WEBB</b>	<b>SCOTT 2</b>	<b>HORLOCK</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Tue 15 Nov	Ascoli A.I.C. (4)	A	1-3	750	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	MacLAREN	THOMSON	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>LING</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>	<b>HAMON I o</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>DIGBY</b>	
Sun 20 Nov	Bristol City	A	2-3	9,086	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	MacLAREN	KILCLINE	TILER	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	<b>FJORTOFT</b>	<b>MUTCH</b>	<b>SCOTT 2</b>	<b>O'SULLIVAN o</b>	<b>MURRAY o</b>	<b>HAMMOND</b>	
Wed 23 Nov	<b>BURNLEY</b>	<b>H</b>																	

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## SWINDON TOWN

1	FRASER DIGBY
2	MARK ROBINSON
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9	JAN AAGE FJORTOFT
10	ANDY MUTCH
11	KEITH SCOTT
12	KEVIN HORLOCK
14	CHRIS HAMON
15	NICKY HAMMOND

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1	JUERGEN SOMMER
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4	GARY WADDOCK
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8	SCOTT OAKES
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11	DWIGHT MARSHALL
12	TONY THORPE
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14	JOHN HARTSON

### TEAM CHANGES


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