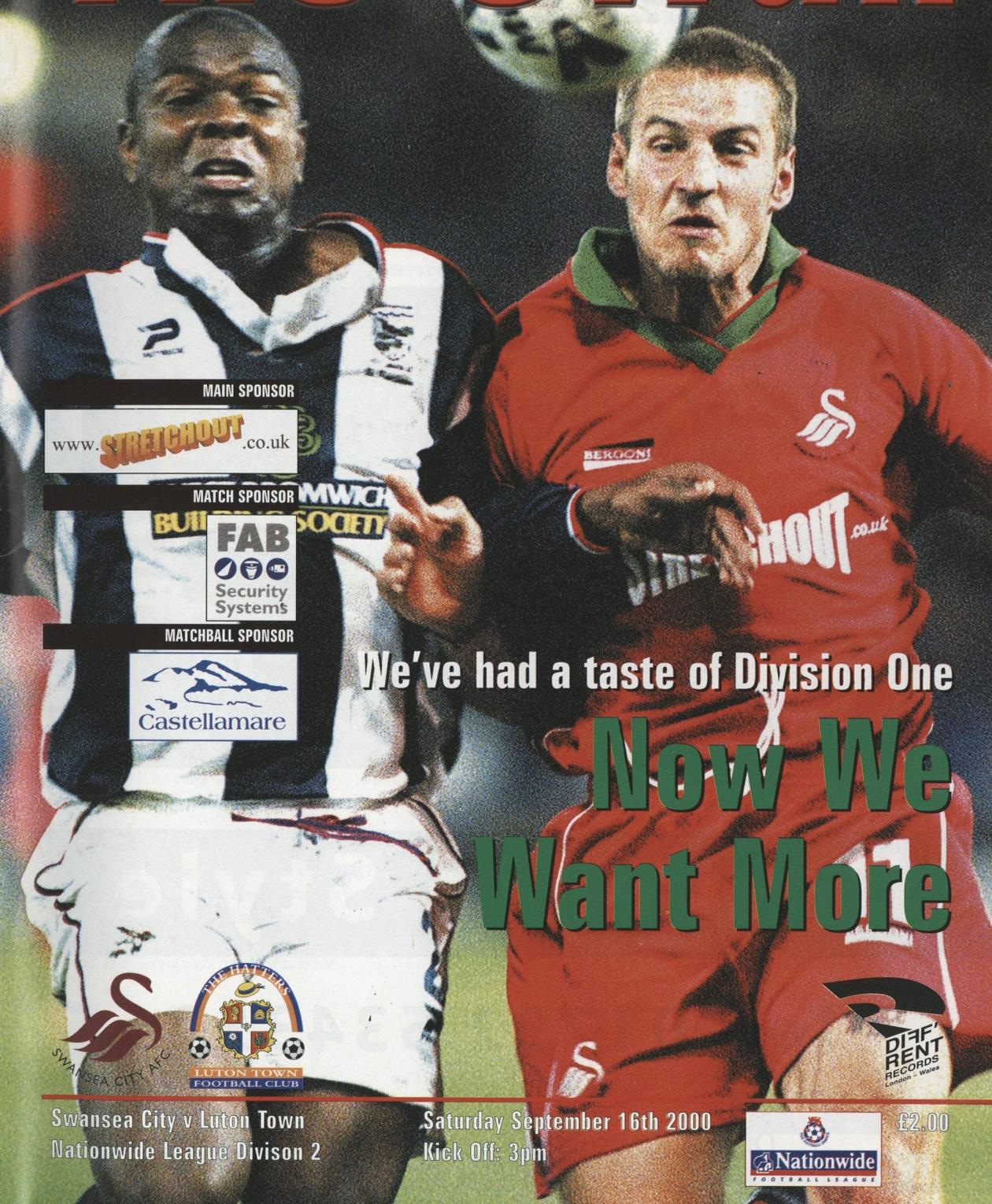


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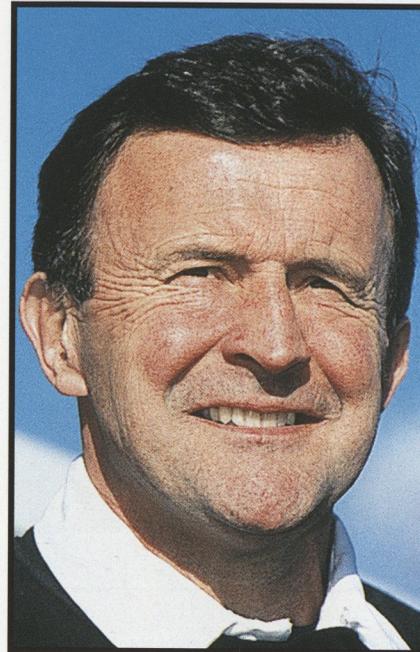
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# The Gaffer

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It's three weeks since we last played here at The Vetch and, having played four away matches since then, it's nice to be back at home. Today we welcome Luton Town to South Wales - a side who, like ourselves, are looking to improve on their current Second Division position. They are currently 19th in the table, two points below us, having picked up their latest point in their midweek home draw with high-flying Walsall.

Our four recent away fixtures have given us a mixed bag of results. The three league games have seen us earn two wins and a defeat, whilst our visit to West Brom brought an end to our Worthington Cup involvement for another year. Any defeat is disappointing but I think we can take great heart out of the way we competed with the First Division 'Baggies' - particularly up at The Hawthorns where we changed our formation to counter theirs and gave them a real run for their money. Despite their 88th minute winner, the tie was a good education for the players.

Last Saturday saw us go down to a single goal defeat at Millwall. Overall I felt we were worthy of at least a point from the match - maybe we didn't do enough to win it but, having worked so hard for ninety minutes, we should've left 'The Den' with a share of the spoils. Unfortunately, right on the stroke of full-time they found the net. It was a good cross and, when you get a good delivery like that, there's very little you can do if someone gets on the end of it.

On Tuesday at Notts County it was our turn to produce the quality with a stunning goal from Martin Thomas. I had a feeling before the match that he would score - and I told him so! It was a nice way for him to mark his 27th birthday and a great reward for those of you who made the trip up. Given the fuel shortages I honestly expected to see just a handful of you in attendance. As it was, there was about a hundred 'Jacks' there and your support helped spur us on to our fourth clean sheet of the season.

Since my last notes we have extended the contract of defender Jason Smith to keep him here at the Vetch until 2003. I'm delighted to have been able to do this - it gives Jason a reward for his achievements and security for his future and it gives us a quality defender who will get better and better as his time here goes on.

I am also looking to bring new faces into the club and, as I have said before, a goal scorer heads the list. My search is an on-going thing - it's not something I think, "Oh, I'll do that next week", it is something I am continually looking for - but he must be the right one!

After a draw and a defeat here this season, we are now looking to get some wins under our belt. We are starting to move in the right direction but we are not where I want us to be. We need to get climbing the table and, to do so we want three points today.

"John"

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The Chooseday Group

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## DUKE'S CASH

The Open Award Centre of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme based at the Vetch Field, Swansea was recently awarded £7,500 by the Age Concern Millennium Awards in Wales. Reg Pike, Advisor for Swansea of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award attended the re-launch at the Age Concern Cymru stand at the National Eisteddfod recently held in Llanelli. Next meeting at the Open Award centre, Vetch Field is on ???, via Gate 2.

## WORLD CUP SWANS

Mixed fortunes for the four man contingent from the Vetch Field who played in World Cup Football

qualifying games recently in Belarus and the Caribbean. Walter Boyd played a big part in setting up both goals in Jamaica's 2-0 win over St. Vincent and the Grenadines, while Goalkeeper Roger Freestone was a non-playing substitute for Wales against Belarus in Minsk. In the U-21 International the day before, Stuart Roberts earned himself his sixth U-21 cap, coming on as a

second half substitute, while Lee Jenkins was a late withdrawal from the squad after picking up an injury in training.

## READING TICKETS

Reading have forwarded 1,000 South Stand Tickets for the match with the Swans on September 23rd priced, Adults £12, Juniors/OAP's £7. Supporters purchasing tickets on the day of the



Reg Pike attends Age Concern Cymru Stand re-launch

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## TRAINEE HACKS

Verity Grent(left) and Lillian Parkes. Two aspiring young Journalists from Crynant snapped during their interview with John Hollins MBE in his office.

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# Tom Kiley Remembered

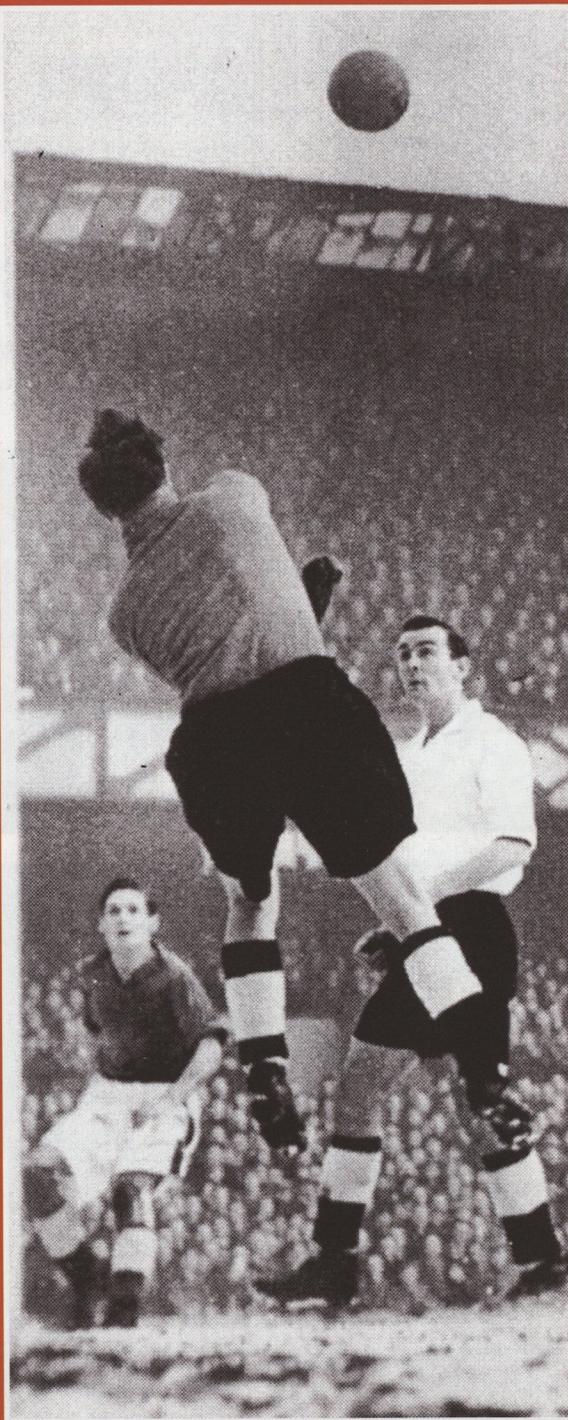
Remembering Tom Kiley who died last week

Tom Kiely was a Swansea Schoolboy of note, who was signed by Arsenal on leaving school, when he and Bobby Daniel (brother of Ray) went to Highbury. They were there a couple of weeks when wat was declared and the boys came home. On being demobbed from the RAF, Tom came to the Vetch and signed for the Swans. At that time he was reserve to Reg Weston but, in due course, as a result of his cool, classy play, he made the first team berth his own.

In due course, Tom became the king-pin of a wonderful side which included nine Welsh internationals, the majority of whom, like Tom were locally born. Most of these players were teenagers or in their early twenties and Tom became a father figure to them all. He was their totem. With Tom in charge at the back, exciting players like Harry Griffiths, Terry Medwin, Len and Ivor Allchurch, Cliff Jones and Mel Charles could keep their minds firmly on attacking – or so it seemed.

Such was the success of this combination that when the Swans beat Liverpool 2-1 at the Vetch in November 1955, the Swans (and Tom) were top of the old Second Division. The First beckoned. During the following week, however, Tom injured a knee in training and, as entrenched in the annals of Swansea folk lore, without Tom or an adequate replacement the chance of playing in the top flight was missed. Tom Kiley worked hard to get back to fitness but his career was cut short when, following a Vetch match against Middlesbrough – when he kept a tight rein on a player called Brian Clough – he was forced to retire.

In all, Tom played over 150 first team matches for the Swans, was dedicated to the town and the club and was a gentleman in manner and looks.



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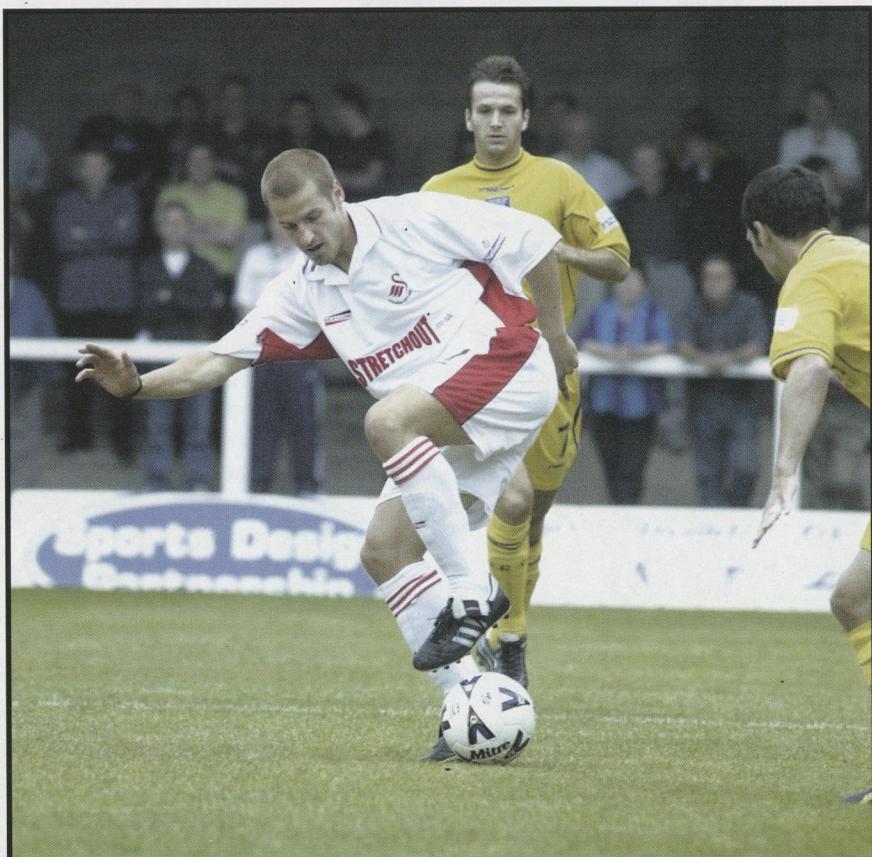
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# Action Replay

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With both sides coming into this match having failed to score in their three previous fixtures, the feeling was that something had to give. Unfortunately for John Hollins' men, it was the silky skills of Lomana Tresor Lua Lua that broke United's scoring duck whilst, at the other end, Swansea rarely threatened to break theirs. Whilst being the first Vetch Field defeat in 23 matches, there was no hiding the fact that this was a very poor performance.

It all started so optimistically with Swansea controlling the game's opening 14 minutes and Colchester 'keeper Simon Brown being kept on his toes by Steve Watkin and Steve Jones efforts that were just wide. However, once Swansea fell behind, they never again looked likely to win. The opening goal came as a result of good work in the penalty area by Jason Dozell. The former Ipswich and Tottenham striker's eye for goal saw him try a shot after his good movement presented a chance. His effort deflected into the path of Lua Lua and he beat Roger Freestone from relatively close range. On 26 minutes, Swansea nearly created an equaliser for themselves. Nick Cusack's determination in the centre of the field saw the ball played forward to Tommy Mutton. He quickly laid it off for Watkin who raced to the penalty area and forced Brown down to make a good save. Mutton's place alongside Watkin was at the expense of Jamaican Walter Boyd who, having missed the season's opener with a freak foot injury, was forced to sit this one out as the



Jonathan Coates goes all Brazilian

problem had re-occurred, thankfully to a lesser degree, in Friday's training. The second half saw John Hollins adjust the formation as his side chased the game. Firstly he replaced Michael Howard with Martin Thomas to take on a 3-5-2 approach and, not long after, the introduction of wingers Ryan Casey and Stuart Roberts gave the team an even more attacking stance. Nevertheless, it was "The U's" who continued to have the better of the chances. On 61 minutes Lua Lua chipped Freestone only to see his effort bounce back

off the crossbar and, nine minutes later, the woodwork again saved the Swans when Tony Lock curled a shot against the upright. Given their greater threat it was no surprise that Colchester grabbed a second goal. Lua Lua made his own space and, 22 yards from goal he curled a terrific shot into the bottom corner of the net. It was a strike that had everyone in the ground applauding - the large crowd may not have appreciated what the goal meant to their team, but they were appreciative enough of the skills that created it.

### SWANSEA:

Freestone, Jones (S), Howard (Thomas 51), Cusack, Smith, Bound, Watkin, Coates (Casey 57), Mutton (Roberts 66), Price, Jenkins

Unused Subs: Phillips, Jones (J)

BOOKINGS: Price (40, foul)

### ATTENDANCE:

6,247



# At Least It Wasn't Another 0-0!



Lee Jenkins is at full stretch

After going their previous four matches without finding the opponents net, Swansea City struck twice to take the points from a Peterborough side that came into the match in second place in the table.

Matthew Bound's first half penalty set The Swans on their way and, once Jason Price doubled the advantage, there was little chance of a 'Posh' comeback. Manager John Hollins made two changes from Saturday's woeful performance against Colchester, selecting Martin Thomas and Walter Boyd who, despite playing his part in this

success, was clearly feeling the effects of playing with his foot still stitched up. To accommodate these changes, Lee Jenkins and Tommy Mutton were named amongst the substitutes. Peterborough enjoyed the better of the early chances - though Roger Freestone was only called into action by long range shots. Ritchie Hanlon was behind these - his first from 22 yards being pushed away by Freestone for a corner kick. On 30 minutes, Hanlon's second effort was more spectacular as he hit a 35-yard freekick towards the top corner of the net. Again Freestone was stretched, but another fine save saw Hanlon's drive out for another corner. Within minutes, Swansea were ahead. Steve Watkin went down in the penalty area under Adam Drury's challenge and referee Andy Hall pointed to the spot - Matthew Bound stepping up to smash the kick past 'keeper Mark Tyler. Swansea's previous league goal had also been scored by Bound - the penalty that, back in May, had won them the Championship at Rotherham.

Just after half-time, with the confidence clearly returning to John Hollins' front men, the advantage was extended. Boyd created space on the left-hand side of the penalty area and drilled in a low cross that Price directed into the net. Home manager Barry Fry responded to that goal with a double substitution but, despite the changes, his side could find no way back. In defence Swansea were outstanding, particularly Bound, Freestone and Jason Smith who, between them,

ensured any crosses into the danger area were quickly dealt with. Others played their part too - ensuring that opportunity to cross was kept to a minimum. With Peterborough committed to attack, The Swans almost capitalised on the space left at the back. In a copy of the move that brought their second goal, Watkin found himself in space on the left and crossed low to the near post. This time, Martin Thomas was just beaten to the ball by a home defender. It didn't matter too much though - the damage had already been done and, for the second successive season, Swansea City returned from London Road with all three points.



Nick Cusack breaks free of the crowd

### SWANSEA:

Freestone, Jones (S), Howard, Cusack, Smith, Bound, Thomas, Watkin, Coates, Price, Boyd

Unused Subs: Jones (J), Mutton, Roberts, Casey, Jenkins

GOALS: Bound (pen, 38), Price (47)

### BOOKINGS:

Jones (80, foul)

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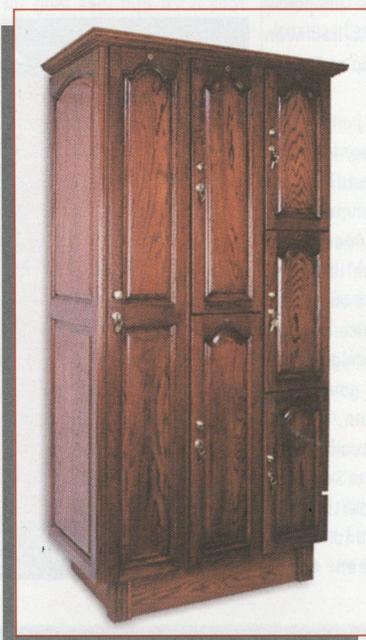
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# Injuries Explained

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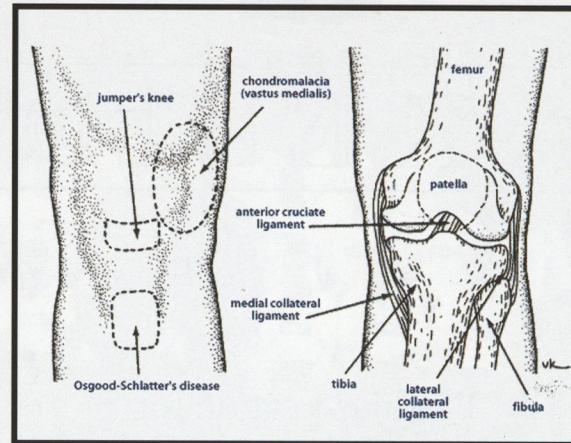
This week we start a series of articles on knee injuries one of the most common injuries in soccer. Firstly we look at Osgood-Schlatter's disease as I have seen so many young boys especially from the Centre of excellence with this condition.

## OSGOOD-SCHLATTER'S DISEASE WHAT IS IT?

It sounds worse than what actually is. It's not really a disease, but rather a form of tendonitis (tendon inflammation) at the other end of the patellar tendon, where it goes into the shinbone (see picture). You can easily locate the spot. Simply run your fingers up the shinbone toward your knee. When you come to a small lump a couple of inches below the kneecap, you've found the place!

## THE YOUNG PLAYER

Osgood-Schlatter's disease affects only people who are growing; it typically develops in girls between the ages of 8 and 13 and in boys between 10 and 15 at the beginning of their growth spurt. The condition most commonly affects young people who participate in jumping and cutting sports, such as basketball, gym-



nastics, rugby and of course soccer.

The reason for this being a young people's problem is interesting: when bones grow they don't just stretch like elastic; rather, they expand at certain spots near the upper and lower ends of bones, called growth centres. It is in these centres that new bone is made, pushing out to lengthen and thicken the existing bone to enable us to grow into adults. Once we've finished growing, the growth centres close down. It just so happens that the patellar tendon connects to the shinbone at just this spot (a growth centre). Which means that

the tendon encounters forming bone, bone that is not yet as hard and resilient as it will become.

Normally, if a tendon pulls away from the bone the tendon tears, not the bone. But when a tendon strains against a growth centre, it can pull away pieces of the soft, forming bone instead. And that's exactly what happens in Osgood-Schlatter's disease: the tendon pulls against the forming bone and actually tears away small pieces of it.

## GRADES OF OSGOOD-SCHLATTER'S DISEASE

1. Pain after activity that resolves within 24 hours.

2. Pain during and after activity that does not limit activity and resolves within 24 hours.
3. Constant pain that limits sports and daily activity.

## THE TREATMENT

Because the tendon is so near the skin, often it will get red and swollen, and very, very tender. Treat it with ice for twenty minutes after exercise, and rest. You must strengthen your quadriceps, especially so because people who are growing very quickly often have tight muscles. The bones grow faster than the muscles can stretch; they just can't keep up. So the quadriceps muscles of people with Osgood-Schlatter's disease are often tight. Or more likely it's vice versa: tight quadriceps muscles can lead to Osgood-Schlatter's disease. It's important to start nice, long, gentle, sustained quad stretching exercises.

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**NATHAN ABBEY**

Born Islington, 11/7/78

The goalkeeper has battled defiantly to keep his career going at Kenilworth Road. He has risen through the ranks having joined as a YTS after being spotted in local schoolboy football. But a succession of good keepers left Nathan as a near permanent understudy. He nearly accepted a free transfer move to Holland in the summer of 1999, but decided to stay on, and was rewarded with the No. 1 shirt after the sale of Kelvin Davis.

**JAMES AYRES**

Born Luton, 18/9/80

A commanding centre half, James Ayres joined his home town club as a YTS in 1996, and two years later skipped Luton's youth team to the Championship of the South East Counties League. Last season saw him play for non-league side Stevenage Borough on loan.

**EMMERSON BOYCE**

Born Aylesbury, 24/9/79

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS in 1995, and made the breakthrough to the league squad last season after occasional appearances following a debut in the AWS in January 1999.

**FRIEDRICH BREITENFELDER**

Born Vienna, 16/6/80

The lanky midfielder was one of many who presented themselves for trials at Kenilworth Road in the close season. After impressing in trial matches he was offered a contract. Starting with Rapid Vienne as a 15 year old schoolboy, he made appearances for Casino Bregenz and FC M St. Polten.

**DEAN BRENNAN**

Born Dublin, 17/6/80

After many years of penny pinching caused by continual trading losses, Luton had only 19 full time professionals on the books when Ricky Hill became manager, and he moved swiftly to strengthen the club at all levels. Capable of playing in attack or in midfield, Dean was signed on a free transfer from Sheff. Wednesday.

**TOMMY CARTER**

Born Bermuda, 9/7/77

Capped twice by his country while still a student, the nimble striker put education before his football ambitions, which was why he was 23 years old when he arrived at Luton at the start of this season to ask for a trial. He began his football career at the Academia de Tahuichi in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, before deciding to try his luck in Europe. In pre-season games, Luton boss Ricky Hill saw enough to offer him a short term contract.



# Luton Town



## STUART FRASER

**Born Edinburgh, 9/1/80**

Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team who was given his league debut against Carlisle United in the final day of the 1997/98 season, and within a year has established himself as a regular member of the first team squad.

## LIAM GEORGE

**Born Luton, 2/2/79**

Full of pace and nimble footwork, the striker came through the ranks after joining Luton as a schoolboy, becoming a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European Youth Championship Final in the summer of 1998. After recovering from a broken leg in 1997, he returned in triumph to complete his first full campaign in the league last season in which he was the club's leading goalscorer, also progressing to his country's U-21 squad.

## PETER HOLMES

**Born. Bishop Auckland, 18/11/80**

As well as being under Ricky Hill in the youth squad at Hillsborough, Peter moved to Luton as one of Hill's first signings. He is a product of the F.A.'s School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. Following relegation from the Premiership, and a cut back in playing staff, Hill took full advantage, snapping him up for a nominal fee.

## MARVIN JOHNSON

**Born Wembley, 29/10/68**

Longest serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is arguably the most popular member of the



Adam Locke

playing staff with his colleagues and with the fans. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury, the defender is in his 13th season as a first team regular at Luton, his only club.

## TRESOR KANDOL

**Born Banga, Zaire, 30/8/81**

Kandol is a lanky striker who became a YTS boy at Luton after being spotted in schoolboy football in London. He made his first team debut in the AWS against Walsall in January 1999, making his league debut a month later, and has been on the fringe of the first team ever since.

## ADAM LOCKE

**Born Croydon, 20/8/70**

Well travelled in football terms, the midfielder joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City to add experience to a predominantly young squad in the summer of 1999. A former YTS at Crystal Palace, he had previously made appearances for Southend, Colchester United, and Bristol City

before becoming a regular with Luton last season.

## GAVIN MCGOWAN

**Born Blackheath, 16/1/76**

A defender fighting for a Premiership place against very stiff competition at Arsenal, McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first two were loan deals, in March 1997, and at the start of the 1997/98 season. With Luton being unable to afford the transfer fee the player returned to Highbury.

## PAUL MCLAREN

**Born High Wycombe, 17/11/76**

The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered professional terms while still only 17. Forceful, and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular in the first team.

## MARK OVENDALE

**Born Leicester, 22/11/73**

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road early last summer enabled Hill to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years. With continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been unable to buy players, while selling talent worth more than £3M. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available. The new manager moved swiftly to secure 26 year old goalkeeper Owendale from Bournemouth for a substantial fee. Previously with Wisbech,

Northampton Town and Barry Town, he was immediately given the No. 1 shirt in Luton' squad numbers for this season.

## ANDRE SCARLETT

**Born Brent, London, 11/1/80**

The then 18 year old made an unforgettable league debut in October 1998. Because of injuries the winger was on the subs' bench against Oldham, and was sent on with 20 minutes to go, with the scores at 0-0. He helped set up one goal, and then netted the clincher in a 2-0 victory.

## MATTHEW SPRING

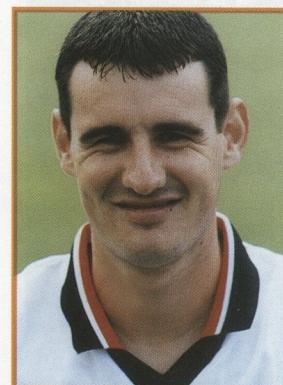
**Born Harlow, 17/11/79**

A competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton Town side that reached the FA Youth Cup Semi-Finals in 1997, and after a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in the club's Second Division side.

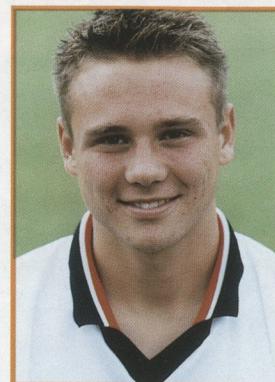
## MARK STEIN

**Born South Africa, 28/1/66**

Nearly 20 years after joining Luton as a schoolboy, the striker returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer to help out his old playing



Matthew Spring



Matthew Taylor

pal, new manager Ricky Hill. The two are the only men now at Luton who were members of the team which won the club's only major trophy, the League Cup in 1988. Brother of Brian, another noted Luton striker, Mark had four years at Luton before enjoying a career as a popular goalscorer at QPR, Stoke City, Chelsea, and Bournemouth. He was poised to join Swansea in the summer, but rapidly agreed to come home when the call came from his old mate Hill.

## MATTHEW TAYLOR

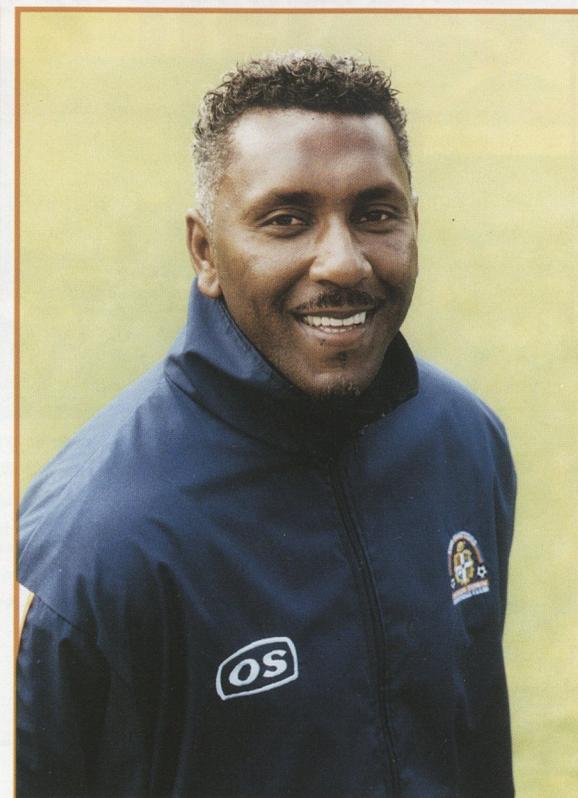
**Born Oxford, 27/11/81**

While the club was in receivership in the summer of 1999, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through their ranks, and wing back Matthew, though still only 17, was given his chance, and immediately settled to become a regular in the team.

## JULIAN WATTS

**Born Sheffield, 17/3/71**

Keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Bristol City, the reliable defender played a major part in Luton's



Ricky Hill

recovery from receivership last season, after joining in a free transfer. Rotherham United gave the defender his first taste of football, and he has also played for Sheff. Wednesday and Leicester City before going to Ashton Gate in 1998.

## RICKY HILL

**Manager**

In a summer of immense change at Kenilworth Road, a long time fans' favourite returned as the choice of the new Board of Directors to become a manager for the first time. The former Luton star had undergone his apprenticeship in management with coaching appointments in this country and in the USA, where he was player/coach of the year while assisting Rodney Marsh at

Tampa Bay in the early 90's. Capped three times for England, Hill made 507 appearances for Luton, scoring 65 goals. After ending his playing career in the USA, Hill returned to England to become a coach at Sheff. Wednesday in 1996, and after three years joined Tottenham Hotspur in the same capacity.

## CHRIS RAMSEY

**Assistant Manager**

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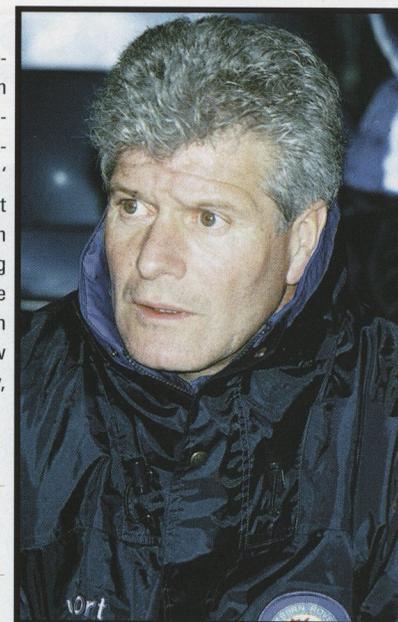
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# Yesterday's Heroes

Leigh Edwards traces former favourites

## PHIL BOERSMA

Midfielder Phil Boersma was an experienced member of Swansea City's 1978/79 promotion winning squad. A former Liverpool apprentice, he signed professional for his hometown club in September 1968 and made his first class debut in a League Cup tie against Manchester City a year later. He was loaned to Wrexham in March 1970 and helped to clinch promotion that season, then featured in Liverpool's 1972/73 League Championship and UEFA 'double' success. Sold to Middlesbrough prior to joining Luton Town for £35,000 in August 1977, he netted eight goals in 36 Second Division for today's visitors before re-uniting with John Toshack and several ex-Reds at Swansea in September in September 1978. Scoring once in 18 league outings until a serious ankle injury ended his playing career, he joined the club's coaching staff and remained at the Vetch until becoming Lincoln City coach in March 1984. He was then Doncaster Rovers Physio before linking up with Souness again as Glasgow Rangers' coach in July 1986 and has since worked alongside him at Liverpool, Galatasary, Southampton, Torino, Benfica and now Blackburn.

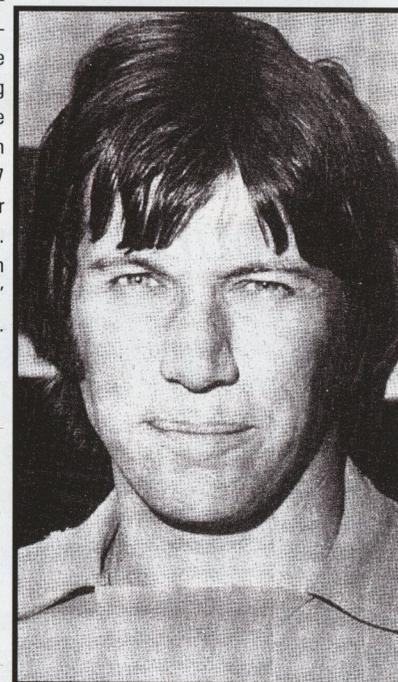


Phil Boersman in the dugout

	L	FAC	LC	T
Luton Town 1977/78	35(8)	3	1(1)	39(9)
Luton Town 1978/79	1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36(8)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1(1)</b>	<b>40(9)</b>
Swansea City 1978/79	18(1)	1	1	20 (1)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 (1)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20 (1)</b>

## KEITH BARBER

Brave goalkeeper Keith Barber was an important figure in Swansea City's 1977/78 promotion success. Born in Luton, he had trials with his hometown club before impressing with Dunstable Town and signed professional for Luton Town in April 1971. He was given his league debut in that month's 2-2 draw at home to Sheff. Wednesday and contested their goalkeeping slot with Graham Horn during the 1973/74 promotion campaign. Ever present in 1975/76, he made 146 league appearances for today's visitors until a serious injury at Notts. County in November 1976 saw him displaced by Milija Aleksic. He moved to Swansea City in July 1977 and played 42 Fourth Division games while at the Vetch, loaned to Cardiff City in September 1978 for whom he made his final league appearance in that month's 7-1 annihilation at Luton. Following a spell with Bridgend Town, he became mine-host at the 'Rose and Crown' pub in Harpenden. Now living in Newmarket where he ran 'The Mount' and 'Marquis of Granby' pubs, for the past ten years he has worked on the starting stalls at Newmarket Race Course. His eldest son Paul is goalkeeper for Dr. Martens League New boys Histon.



Kieth Barber

	L	FAC	LC	T
Luton Town 1970/71	3			3
Luton Town 1971/72	18			18
Luton Town 1972/73	33	3	3	39
Luton Town 1973/74	5		3	8
Luton Town 1974/75	26		2	28
Luton Town 1975/76	42	2	1	45
Luton Town 1976/77	15		1	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>157</b>
Swansea City 1977/78	42	5	2	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>

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### OPEN DAY

The Open Day was a big success and Major Reg Pike was kept very busy with plenty of behind the scene tours. Pictured below are the group of supporters who took part in the Thirteenth tour of the day. It was nice to see that young and not so old supporters had a good day at the Vetch Field.

### WANT TO PLAY DAY

The want to play day was a big success with all the children having a great day's coaching which included Zinedine Zidane keep ups, Harry Kewell dribbling skills, David Beckham shooting and Del Piero penalties. All the children received an Adidas football and water bottle free of charge.

A big thank you to Kristian James and Lyndon Gregson for presenting the certificates on the day. Pictured below are the children who took part on the day.



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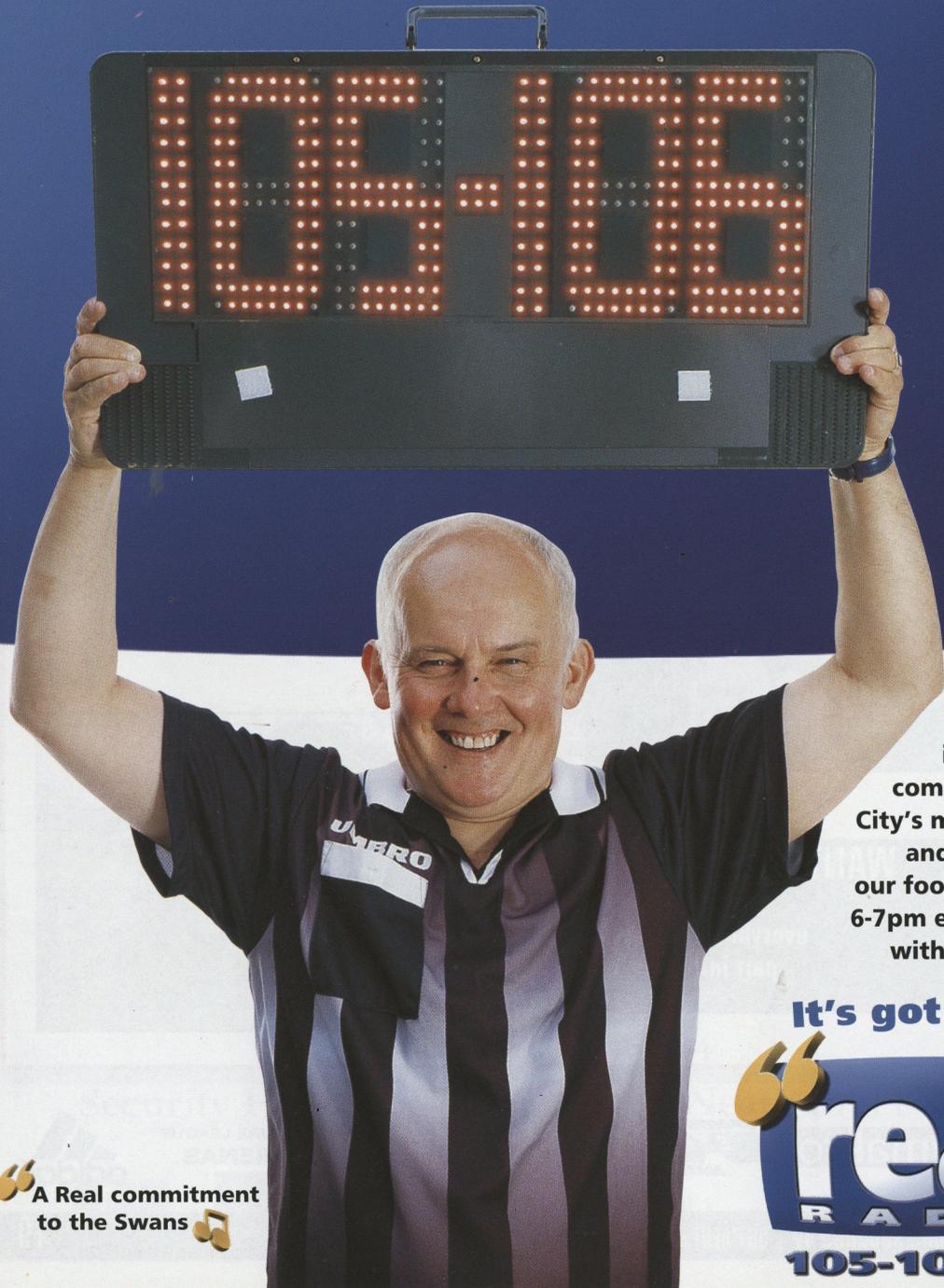


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# Centre of Excellence

With Steve Rees

Today is a very special day for our U-9's Centre of Excellence squad who are taking part in the pre-match activities. The U-9's are as follows, Nathan Asprey, Ryan Batley, Nicky Bevan, Daniel Burgess, Adam Clear, Rory Edwards, Adam Evans, Anthony Finselbach, Mathew Hughes, Thomas Jones, Joel Kabia, Adam Kurt, Lee Lucas, Sam Mears, Ricky Newman, Geraint Rees, James Secke, Kristian Smith, Robert Spenciff and Dewi Williams. I know from conversations I have had with parents, all of the youngsters have been looking forward to the pre-match activity for weeks. It must be great for any youngster to play on the same pitch as their heroes and I know the youngsters will enjoy the experience. Last weekend saw our Centre of Excellence structure play our first games, unfortunately the U-12's did not have a fixture.

The U-13 's under the guidance of Garry Williams and Dai Morgan, played our counterparts from Cheltenham at the Elba, both Gary and Dai thought it was a very encour-

aging start to the season. Gary said " It was a good allround performance and in the heat the boys coped very well". Our goalscorers were Lewis Powell(2), and Steve McNabney. Both Gary, Dai and all the squad are looking forward to the new season.

The U-14's under the guidance of Nigel Rees and Huw Preece, also played Cheltenham at the Elba. Huw said "It was a superb allround performance with the defence doing a great job, everybody put the effort in that is expected". Both Nigel and Huw were delighted. Our goalscorers were Chad Bond(2), Steven Evans and Richard Thomas.

The U-15's were away to Cheltenham under the guidance of Glennie Davies and Micky Evans. Both coaches thought it took us a while to settle down, and during this period our U-15's were under pressure from the Cheltenham side conceding a well taken goal. Greg Evans kept the young Swans in the game by

pulling off some excellent saves. In the second half the young Swans started to dominate with Rob Cunnah and Mark Pritchard leading by example. Both Rob and Mark continually threatened the Cheltenham goal, and we equalised through their keeper making a mistake under a challenge from Pritchard. Both coaches felt the young Swans showed character to come back after conceding a goal. A special mention goes to Greg Evans, Mathew Roberts and Chris James.

Tomorrow all of our sides are in action, except our U-9's. The rest of our structure will be playing our counterparts from Cardiff City. Our U-10's and U-11's, both games are at Fairwood University Playing Fields and K.O. AT 11-00 am. U-12's and U-13's are playing away at University Fieelds, Llanrumney.

U-14's and U-15's are both at Elba Sports Ground, Gower-ton, k.o 11-00 am

I know the young Swans would welcome your support,

so if you can make any game I am sure you would enjoy watching the youngsters in action.

Earlier on today Nigel Evans, Head of Schoolboy Recruitment called a meeting for all of our schoolboy representatives(scouts) just to let them know how we as a club are going to spread our net wider in our search for the standard of player that Swansea City require for our Centre of Excellence. This meeting will be a chance for all the schoolboy representatives to get together and share ideas and get to know each other.

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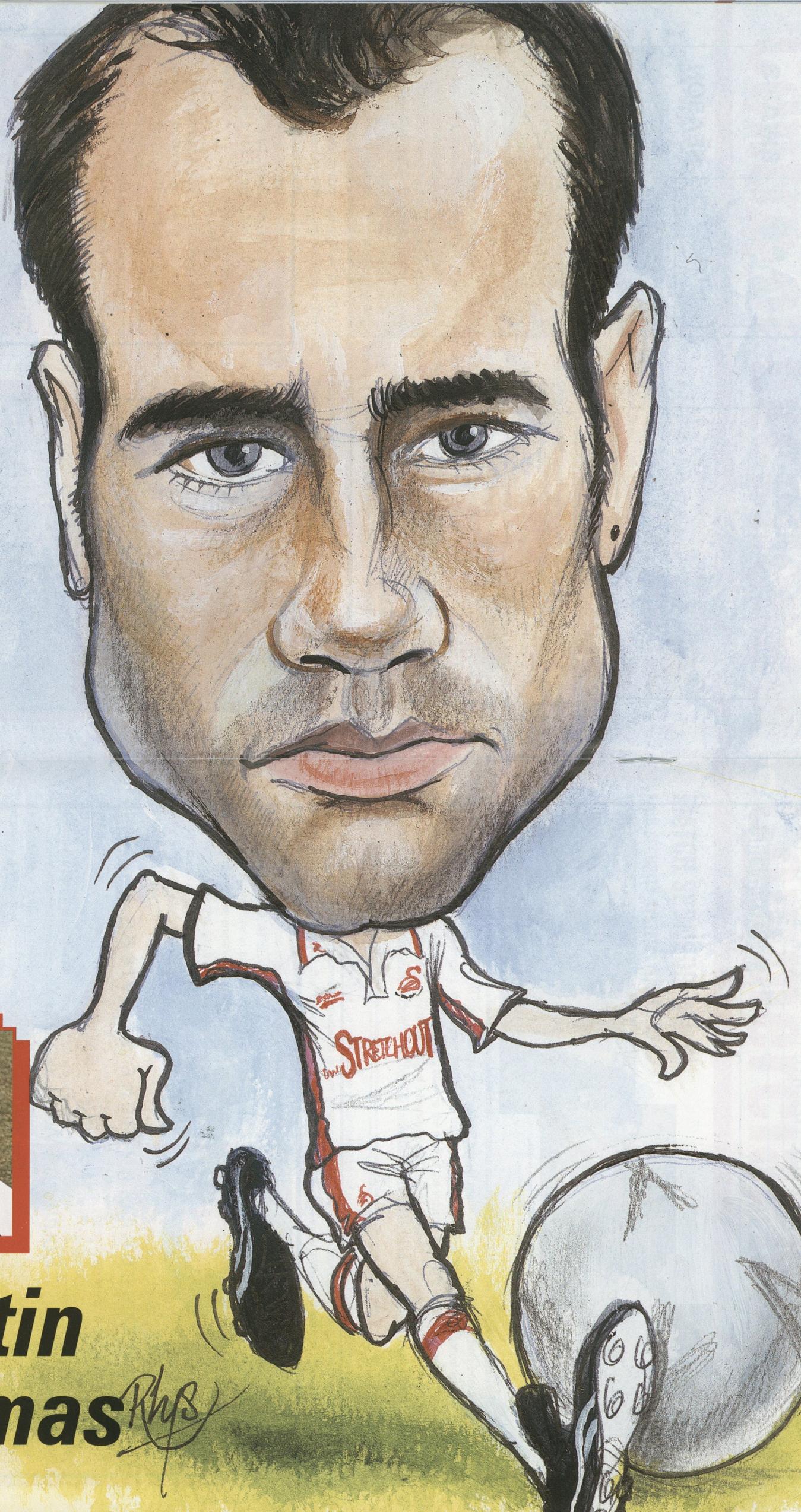
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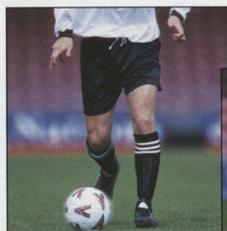
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Age: 7, Date of Birth: 22/9/92  
School: Dunvant Junior  
Favourite Swans: Player, Steve Watkin  
Hobbies: Fishing (with Dad), Karate



Name: Laurence Merrigan, Lives: Sketty  
Age: 8, Date of Birth: 4/9/92  
School: Ffynone House  
Favourite Swans Player: Roger Freestone  
Hobbies: Playing Football



Name: Rees Harris, Lives: Llangyfelach  
Age: 8, Date of Birth: 13/9/92  
School: Llangyfelach Primary  
Favourite Swans Player: Walter Boyd  
Hobbies: Swimming

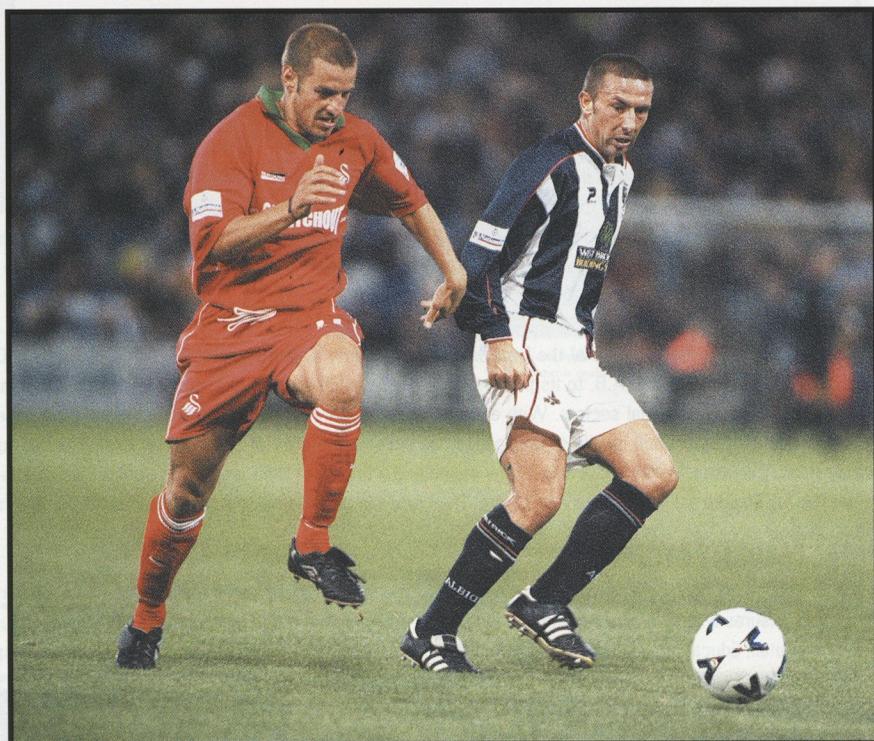
# Action Replay

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Swansea's involvement in this season's Worthington Cup ended when Albion striker Jason Roberts stepped off the bench to score both his side's goals.

His first was quickly cancelled out by Matthew Bound's second penalty of the campaign but, Roberts' second, with just two minutes remaining, left no time for a response. Nevertheless, manager John Hollins can take much pride from the way his side performed not just at The Hawthorns, but also in the goalless first leg at The Vetch. Without regular defenders Steve Jones and Jason Smith it was always likely to be a difficult assignment against the First Division club. However, with an experimental rearguard formation, The Swans limited The Baggies to few first half chances. The closest

to a breakthrough came on 22 minutes when Tony Butler hit the outside of the post from the edge of the penalty area. Whilst their shots at goal were weak, Swansea had their first half moments too with Walter Boyd and Steve Watkin both leading the front line well. Despite having arrived back from Jamaica just a few hours earlier, Boyd was popping up all over the pitch to tease the home defence with his close control. Watkin's role was just as valuable - holding the ball up to provide an essential link between midfield and the Jamaican. Unfortunately, just before the interval Watkin was kicked to the ground and, suffering from the effects, had to be replaced by Tommy Mutton. Ten minutes into the second half, Albion brought Roberts on in place of Ruel Fox - and the



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two million pound summer signing had an immediate effect on the game - though sadly it was a mistake that gave him the tie's first goal. Bound tried to head a long ball back to 'keeper Roger Freestone but didn't get enough power on his pass and Roberts nipped in between the two to score. With 17 minutes remaining Bound made amends for that error by lashing home a penalty after Jason Price had gone down in the area. Albion contested the decision but to no avail - leaving The Swans with a useful away goal that would count double if there were no further goals in either the remaining normal time or 30 minutes extra time. Indeed, extra time

looked to be the way the game was heading, particularly as, with four minutes left, Freestone produced the save of the game to deny Matt Carbon. Neil Clement's freekick from the left gave Carbon the chance to head goalward and it looked a certain winner until Freestone dived full-stretch to his left to push the ball out for a corner kick. There was still time for one last Albion attack. With two minutes left Albion, roared on by their supporters, finally settled the tie. After a scramble to clear the ball from the edge of their six-yard box, Swansea could only watch in disbelief as Roberts found the net. It was a case of so near and yet so far.

## SWANSEA:

Freestone, Howard, Cusack, Bound, Thomas, Watkin (Mutton 45), Coates, O'Leary, Price, Keegan (Roberts 67), Boyd

Unused Subs: Jones (J), Jenkins, Mumford

GOALS: Bound (pen 73)

BOOKINGS: Thomas, Coates

## ATTENDANCE:

11,328

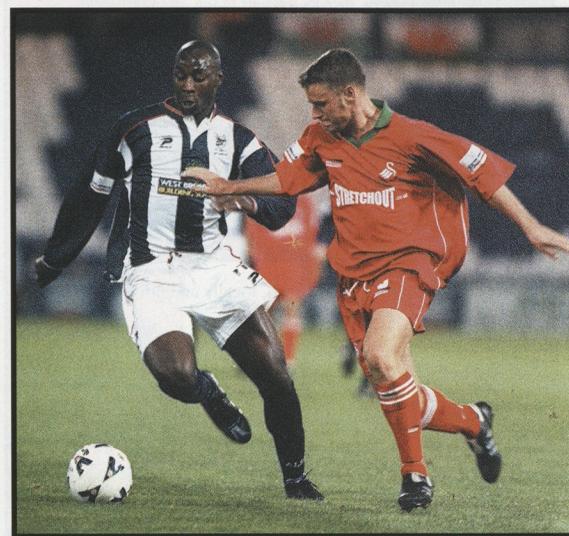


# Swans Bitter With Worthington Exit

A single Neil Harris goal was enough to settle this encounter and send Swansea City home from London with nothing to show from a match that they richly deserved to take at least a point from. Harris' ninetyeth minute winner increased the frustrations of the visiting players, management and supporters who have now seen their side fail to score in four of their opening five league fixtures.

With Steve Watkin and Jason Smith ruled out but Steve Jones fit again, The Swans were put under early pressure by The Lions. Within a minute of the kick-off, Harris forced Roger Freestone into a save - one of a number that the Swansea 'keeper would make throughout the afternoon. Though more clear cut, Millwall's next chance didn't need the 'keeper's intervention. Christophe Kinet crossed from the left and an unmarked Tim Cahill headed over the crossbar from just eight yards out. It took John Hollins' side twenty minutes to break the home side's stranglehold of the game but, once they did, they too were a threat. Walter Boyd's deflected shot forced a goal-line save, as did Matthew Bound's 35-yard free-kick, before Boyd popped up again to drag an effort into the side netting. By the time the match had reached its second half, Swansea were enjoying the majority of the possession and, though Millwall still threatened on the break, the Welsh side looked to have the game under their control. But, as in previous matches, The Swans were not able to find that all-important breakthrough. Amongst the close efforts was one on 49 minutes when a Tommy

Mutton shot spilt from Tony Warner's grasp and Boyd was just beaten to the loose ball. Moments later Jones also went close - heading over from a Jonathan Coates cross from the left. The final fifteen minutes saw both sides push themselves for a victory with Kevin Braniff being the first to think he had got there until Bound cleared his header off the Swansea line. Almost immediately Boyd sent Jason Price racing towards the Millwall penalty area, but the midfielder hesitated and allowed a defender to block the eventual shot. With time up, Freestone made the save of the match to fingertip Kinet's curling effort over the crossbar for a corner but, from the resulting set-piece, Harris won the points. Kinet delivered from the right and, unmarked, Harris headed in his third goal of the season.



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## SWANSEA:

Freestone, Jones (S), Howard, Cusack, Bound, Thomas (Jenkins 74), Coates, O'Leary, Mutton, Price, Boyd (Morgan 90) Subs not used: Jones (J), Phillips, Keegan

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Having had a setback on Saturday with the defeat by Colchester and their young wonder player I envisaged a mass boycott of travellers for our Bank Holiday trip to London Road.

A couple of supporters did miss the coach for their own reasons but with the day set fair and our people still confident we wound our way up the motorways and across country to our tea stop at Kettering which was effectively closed bar some bars and a kebab house which sold something akin to chips etc. A good hour later and we made the short trip onto Peterborough where a few of the crowd were looking forward to visiting the infamous Bridge pub (Swansea fans welcome signs on the walls) which is affectionately known as Jimmys! Unfortunately it was shut for some reason. On arriving at the ground we were



parked up in the main car park as usual. The ground has not changed in the 8 months since our last visit when we had that phenomenal 3-2 win although the new stand with those corporate boxes is still a cracking sight. The Posh vocal support was housed behind one goal opposite our sup-

port which numbered over 400. Basic food facilities kept one from starving...well what can a Kit Kat do apart from keep the pangs away! A few police officers and more stewards kept a low profile and allowed us to enjoy the good atmosphere and hot sunny weather. The game itself has been reported at length elsewhere but

the sighs of relief when Matthew Bound scored from the spot could be heard as far as Swansea, I'm sure. J J's goal was icing on the cake and at the end of the game it was deja vu with Swans fans cheering and Posh fans crying, although cries of "Fry Out" were not heard this time! Having cast our votes on the return journey for

Man of the Match the winner on the coaches was J J. followed by Walter Boyd. Perhaps a forward had to get the plaudits at last. News that our neighbours had achieved a draw from the jaws of victory went down very well and we saw our first goals of the season.



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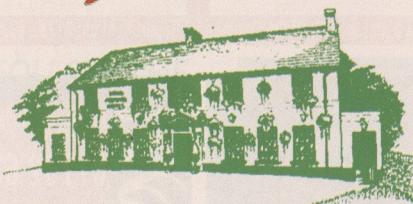
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## Statson2

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### Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth	4,134						
Brentford	5,056						
Bristol City	10,327						
Bristol Rovers	8,046						
Bury	3,532						
Cambridge	3,739						
Colchester	3,647						
Luton	5,839						
Millwall	9,449						
Northampton	6,054						
Notts County	4,993						
Oldham	5,010						
Oxford	5,035						
Peterborough	6,237						
Port Vale	4,147						
Reading	10,698						
Rotherham	4,333						
Stoke	13,528						
Swansea	7,319						
Swindon	6,394						
Walsall	6,262						
Wigan	5,699						
Wrexham	4,194						
Wycombe	5,339						

### League Scorers: the difference their goals made

	Cl	Gls	Gms	GI/Gm	W>L	W:D	D:L	Pts	Run	Dry
Notts County	Stallard	4	7	0.57	0	2	1	5	3	2
Walsall	Angell	3	7	0.43	1	1	0	5	1	3
Millwall	Harris	3	5	0.6	0	2	0	4	3	1
Bury	Bullock	2	6	0.33	0	1	1	3	2	2
Northampton	Forrester	4	6	0.67	0	1	1	3	1	1
Reading	Cureton	5	5	1	0	1	1	3	3	1
Rotherham	Robins	5	7	0.71	0	1	1	3	2	2
Wigan	Haworth	4	6	0.67	1	0	0	3	1	2
Wycombe	Brown	3	7	0.43	0	1	1	3	1	1
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	4	6	0.67	0	0	2	2	2	2
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	3	5	0.6	0	0	2	2	3	1
Colchester	Lua-Lua	2	7	0.29	0	1	0	2	1	4
Peterborough	Green	3	7	0.43	0	0	2	2	2	2
Swansea	Thomas	1	6	0.17	0	1	0	2	1	5
Wrexham	Sam	5	5	1	0	1	0	2	4	1
Brentford	Ingimarsson	1	6	0.17	0	0	1	1	1	5
Cambridge	Youngs	4	7	0.57	0	0	1	1	3	4
Luton	Fotiadis	1	5	0.2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Stoke	Thordarson	2	5	0.4	0	0	1	1	2	3
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	5	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	4
Oldham	Corazzin	2	6	0.33	0	0	0	0	1	3
Oxford	Beauchamp	2	5	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	2
Port Vale	Naylor	3	4	0.75	0	0	0	0	2	1
Swindon	Invincible	1	5	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	2

Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (GI/Gm). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals how many games change from Win to Loss (W:L), Win to Draw (W:D), Draw to Loss (D:L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games.

### Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS	PU	CS	FS	
Bournemouth	19	1	1	Oxford	21	0	3
Brentford	18	3	3	Peterborough	17	1	3
Bristol City	22	1	3	Port Vale	19	2	2
Bristol Rovers	18	1	0	Reading	22	4	2
Bury	20	4	1	Rotherham	18	2	0
Cambridge	18	3	1	Stoke	17	2	2
Colchester	17	3	3	Swansea	18	4	4
Luton	18	2	3	Swindon	20	2	4
Millwall	21	2	1	Walsall	15	2	2
Northampton	17	3	2	Wigan	22	2	2
Notts County	19	3	2	Wrexham	18	0	1
Oldham	19	0	2	Wycombe	16	3	3

PU=Players Used CS=Clean Sheets FS=Games Team Failed to Score

### Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate .....14,532 Stoke v Wycombe  
 Lowest Gate ...2,126 Wrexham v Rotherham  
 Highest Aggregate Score .Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers  
 Biggest Home Win ...Cambridge 6-1 Rotherham  
 .....Reading 5-0 Oldham  
 Biggest Away Win .Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers  
 Wins ..... Walsall 5  
 Games Unbeaten ..... Cambridge, Wycombe 6  
 Defeats ..... Bristol City, Oxford 4  
 Winless Run..... Oldham, Oxford 6  
 Games: ..... 75  
 Home Wins: ..... 27 (36%)  
 Away Wins: ..... 29 (39%)  
 Draws: ..... 19 (25%)  
 1-1 Draws: ..... 10 (13%)  
 0-0 Draws: ..... 7 (9%)  
 Average goals per game: ..... 2.48  
 Yellow cards: ..... 230  
 Red cards: ..... 11

### Division 2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AWAY GOALS	0	7	6	5	4	2	1			
	1	14	10	1	4	1				
	2	4	3	1	2					
	3	2	1	1						
	4	3								
	5									
	6			1						
	7									
	8									

Grid shows the number  
of games ending with  
each results. e.g. 14  
matches have resulted  
in a 1-0 away win

### Referee's Report

	Gam	Red	Yell	Av. Yell
Prosser	3	3	19	6.33
Foy	4	2	21	5.25
Olivier	4	3	20	5.00
Fletcher	4	0	20	5.00
Hill	3	0	14	4.67
Hall	4	4	18	4.50
Dowd	4	5	18	4.50
Alcock	4	3	18	4.50
Mathieson	4	0	18	4.50
Jordan	3	2	13	4.33
Kaye	3	3	12	4.00
Parkes	4	1	16	4.00

### Division 2 Hotshots - Each club's most prolific marksmen

	GS	1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gl	3 Gl	GS	1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gl	3 Gl		
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	3	1	2	1	0	Oxford	Beauchamp	1	0	1	0
Brentford	Ingimarsson	0	1	0	0	0	Peterborough	Green	3	2	3	0
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	1	1	0	0	Port Vale	Naylor	2	2	1	1
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	3	1	3	0	0	Reading	Cureton	3	2	2	0
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Oldham	Corazzin	2	0	2	0	0	Wycombe	Brown	3	2	3	0

GS=Number of Games Scored In; 1st Gl=Games Scored 1st Goal; 1 Gl=Games Scored 1 Goal; 2 Gl=Games Scored 2 Goals; 3 Gl=Games Scored 3 Goals

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# Welsh Football News

The Welsh Football Scene as seen by Gareth M Davies



Mark Hughes is used to winning in Europe

**Wales already on the back foot as 'Sparky's' honeymoon period is over!**

The next two encounters could well be vital to the chances of Wales even coming close to having any realistic hopes of making it through to the final stages of the current World Cup campaign even at this early stage. The initial game in World Cup Qualifying Group 5, proved International Football is certainly a case of 'no hiding place', as Welsh custodian Paul Jones of

Southampton found out to his cost, following the flap leading to the first Belarussian goal, while Craig Bellamy, Coventry City's new £6.5 M signing from Norwich City also tasted the harsh realities at this level following his dismissal, even though protesting his innocence saying there was 'no arm in it' (pardon the pun). A terrific 'hallmark of his game' header by Gary Speed, who was his country's best player alongside Gareth Roberts and Robbie

Savage, came too late to

have any bearing on the result, which puts added pressure on us to get back on track against Norway on October 7th at the Millennium Stadium, and in Poland a few days later. There is nothing that a couple of good results wouldn't put right, (four points would be useful), together with the possibility that the other group members could take points off each other, but a disappointing first game always means we are playing 'catch up' football right from the start of this

## QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT.

**Lack of strength in depth in International Squad**

While no one will dispute that Welsh spirit and commitment was evident throughout, questions will again be asked are we good enough, when even a country like Belarus who are placed below Wales in F.I.F.A.'s World rankings (for what they are worth) show superb technical skills and the ability to keep the ball for long periods without losing possession as Wales do with disturbing regularity. While Gareth Roberts of Tranmere Rovers who was preferred to Barnsley's Darren Bernard continues to develop into a fine left back with a long International future ahead of him, the inclusion of Robert Page in the right sided slot emphasizes the lack of numbers Wales possesses of International pedigree when injuries occur, resulting in the Watford centre half having to cover for a position he does not fill at his club, let alone at International level. The question about players feeling comfortable in their positions comes into the equation once again, with on this particular occasion positional sense or lack of it being the operative words and through no real fault of the player. The actual move up from club to International status is enough of a challenge as it is a culture shock in itself without the added burden of a positional change, but sadly is a cross we have to bear with such limited resources. The news of John Hartson failed (on medical grounds) move to Glasgow Rangers from Wimbledon is disappointing, not only for the lad himself, but

also for the Welsh squad, as there is no doubt a fit and 'up for it' Hartson is an asset to any team.

## FIRST REAL TEST FOR 'SPARKY'

While these are early days under the charge of manager Mark Hughes there is a general feeling that his first serious test is now upon him with a certain expectancy among the Welsh fans, although there are a number among us who would prefer to see him in the post as a full time boss, and this would no doubt increase if results go against him. The vast majority of us of course want Sparky to be successful, but can he continue to play for Everton and do the Wales job justice, only time will tell.

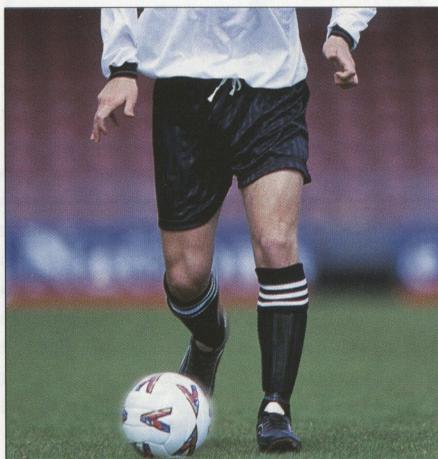
## CULTURE SHOCK FOR U-21'S

The Welsh U-21 team the previous evening hardly did us proud either losing 4-1 with manager Jimmy Shoulder not afraid to make his point. 'It was a lesson learned and a hard one at that. It's best that they learn now and that they are under no illusions what International Football is all about. Nobody goes out to play badly, but I feel that one or two lads had a culture shock'. Two who did not however, were Spurs midfielder Simon Davies and Arsenal defender Rhys Weston who were included with the senior squad at Minsk following their encouraging displays.

Let us hope that the next epistle on Wales's progress will be far more positive, and not 'Déjà vu'.



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## 1980/81 DIVISION TWO

Saturday October 21st 1980 at Kenilworth Road, Luton

Swans drew 2-2,

Att. 8,402

Teams, Luton, Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss

Swans, Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles (James R), Waddle, James L, Charles, Robinson.

Referee. B Daniels

Following a 1-2 reverse at the opening match of the season at Watford, the Swans by the time of their arrival at Kenilworth Road had lost just the one other league match, and started to attain the level of consistency required to make themselves genuine promotion candidates. 90 minutes of end to end action certainly excited both sets of supporters, with the Swans striker Alan Waddle putting the visitors ahead both times, only for Stein and Moss to equalize on each occasion. With the home side struggling at times to break down the visitor's deep lying defence, the pace of Leighton James and David Giles on the counter attack was a constant worry to the 'Hatters.' The Swans open, adventurous style of play brought applause

from Luton's manager David Pleat, rating the Swans the best side they had played during the season. Included in the Luton line-up is their current manager, Ricky Hill, Paul Price, who 5 years later would play for the Swans, and Mark Aizlewood, a regular soccer pundit on BBC Wales.

Monday 27 April 1981 at Vetch Field, Swansea Swans drew 2-2,

Att.21,354

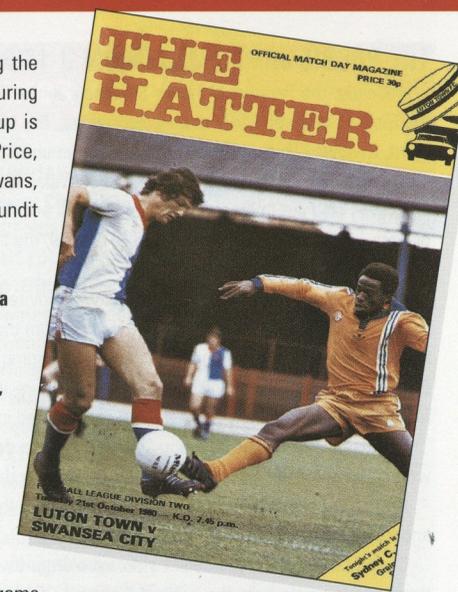
Teams, Swans, Stewart, Evans W, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Stevenson, Lewis, Curtis, James R, James L, Mahoney, Craig (Charles) Luton, Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, West, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss.

In what was the Swans's last home game of the season, both clubs were chasing maximum points in their quest for promotion to the First Division. Following a run of 5 consecutive defeats in January and February, conceding 12 goals, young Dudley Lewis was given his opportunity as partner to Nigel Stevenson in central defence. Despite his lack of experience, his pace in

defence, and reading of the game was one of the reasons for the Swans re-launching their promotion bid, and eventually gaining promotion to the First Division. In front of the second largest crowd of the season, two early goals from Craig and Leighton James during the first twenty two

minutes had placed themselves in a position requiring just a point at Preston in the last match of the season to earn themselves promotion. Luton, knowing that a draw would not be good enough for the third promotion place refused to lie down, and within seven minutes of the Swans second goal, had put themselves back in the game through Ricky Hill. With Antic and Hill controlling the

midfield for the visitors, the Swans defended



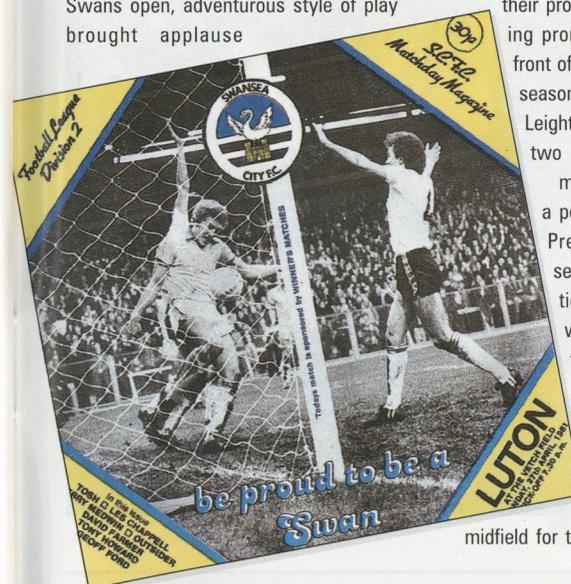
desperately, being continually stretched by the pace of Brian Stein. Within ten minutes of the start of the second half, Hill scored his second goal, curling a shot beyond the diving Stewart in the Swans goal. Desperate defending, and the intervention of a linesman's flag to cancel out what would have been the

visitor's third goal, saw the Swans finish the match all square, knowing that they had to win at Preston in five days time to earn themselves promotion.

Referee, M Newsome

## SUMMARY OF SEASON FOR BOTH CLUBS

A 3-1 win at Deepdale saw the Swans clinch promotion to the First Division for the first time in the club's history. Luton, despite winning their last match of the season against Bolton Wanderers finished in fifth place, two points behind the Swans. Leighton James was top goalscorer for the Swans with 15 league goals, which included two hat-tricks, while for Luton, Brian Stein scored 18 league goals, with David Moss scoring 16. Following their triumph at Preston, the Swans also beat Hereford United over two legs to win the Welsh Cup for the first time since the 1965/66 season



# Junior League 2000/01

## THE ROBBIE JAMES MILLENIUM U-14'S INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Recently, the Paramount Rover Swansea Junior Football League hosted an U-14's International Football Tournament as their contribution to the City of Swansea Millennium Celebrations. The League is indebted to the City and County of Swansea, Staff of the Leisure services Department, Swansea Leisure Centre, Sportlot Community Chest, Swansea Twinning Association, University of Wales, The West Wales Football Association and the The Football Association of Wales for their help and support over the last year in making this tournament possible. A lot of hard work was also put in by sponsors, fundraisers and the league committee members. The tournament was named after one of Swansea's famous players, and a great friend of the Junior League, the late Robbie James, and it was nice to see Robbie's parents not only at the games, but in the pre-match and post match events.

As well as sides from the U.K. teams were invited from as far afield as Poland, Finland and France, and arrived in the city on Easter Sunday. After the formalities and the official welcome from the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Swansea, the teams had a chance to meet and form links and friendships with other team members at a swimming session at the City's Leisure Centre. Despite torrential overnight rain, staff at the King George V playing fields worked tirelessly to ensure the tournament started on schedule. Unfortunately, with worsening weather conditions the format of the tournament needed to be rescheduled into two groups in order to save the playing surface of the pitches for future matches.

Swansea was paired in Group Two with Garde de L'Yvel Loyat from France, KYLFC-86 from Finland, and Whilton from Ireland. Despite the worsening conditions, Swansea scored 12 goals in their group matches to head the table and qualify for the final.

Group One consisted of Leeds AFC from Ireland, the English representatives Chad Mansfield League Select side, Tarowskie Gory from Poland, and the Pembrokeshire league select side.

Chad Mansfield League select side, who were the pre-tournament favourites emerged from the group to play Swansea in the final, and in a tremendous tussle beat the hosts 4-0, and be awarded the 'Robbie James Cup', donated by Mr. Bobby Jones, Chairman of Robbie's last club Llanelli AFC. Despite the atrocious weather conditions, the tournament proved to be a great success, and a credit to the hard work put in by the committee and fundraisers.



Millennium U14's Squad 2000

# Swansea Youth

Since my last notes the U-19's have played two league matches in the Youth Alliance. We travelled to Exeter City and deserved to win the game. We looked really strong and it was no luck when we went in front with a super move through Battista, Jenkins and a great finish from Chris O'Sullivan, From the edge of the box with minutes remaining Exeter scored from a corner and shared the points in a 1-1 draw.

**Team, Mouny, Middleton, Battista, Todd, Healey, Draper, O'Sullivan, Berry, Jenkins D, Williams L, Eames. Subs Hlland, Davies A.**

Last Saturday we entertained Cirencester Academy at the Morfa and in an excellent first half played some superb football going in at half-time 1-0 up through an own goal after pressure from Dean Jenkins. The second half was well below the standard and it was no surprise when the visitors equalized, then go ahead with a great strike from the edge of the box to lead 2-1. Then in the last ten minutes we managed to pull one back through Tino Battista and again share the points 2-2.

**Team, Mouny, Middleton, Battista, Todd, Healey, Draper, Eames, Berry, Jenkins D, Williams L, James K. Subs, Hlland, Davies A, Jones R, Shannon, MacLachlan.**

Our U-17 Youth Alliance lost to local rivals Cardiff City 1-0 at the Morfa and didn't play anywhere near the standard we have set ourselves, going down to the only goal of the game.

**Team, Cole, Davies T, Rowberry, Davis J, Duffy R, Jones R, Whittaker, MacLachlan, Shannon, King, Pritchard, Subs Lewis D, Cunah R, Stevens G**

On Saturday last we entertained Bristol Rovers in the Youth Alliance U-17 at the Morfa and gave a much better performance although we can still improve on a number of things. We led 1-0 at half-time through a Tom Davies header. In the second half we had a 15 minute blitz with Shannon and Dean Lewis giving us a four goal advantage with Rovers pulling one back to 4-1. Swansea had a few more chances and missed a penalty through Robert Shannon blasting over the bar.

**Team, Cole, Davies T, MacLachlan, Duffy, Stevens, Eames, Davis B, Whittaker, Lewis, Shannon, King, Subs Cunah, Surman, James J.**

**Next home match for the Youth is at Morfa on Sat 23 September,**

**k.o.11-00am v Swindon Town, U-19.**

## Youth Team Fixtures 2000/2001

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
<b>UNDER-19</b>		
Sat 19th Aug 2000	TORQUAY UNITED (H)	0-2
Sat 26th Aug	Exeter City (a)	1-1
Sat 2nd Sep 2000	CIRENCESTER (H)	2-2
Sat 16th Sep	BRISTOL ROVERS (H)	
Sat 23rd Sep	SWINDON TOWN (H)	
Sat 30rd Sep	Training Weekend	
Sat 7th Oct 2000	Plymouth Argyle (a)	
Sat 21st Oct	Oxford United (a)	
Sat 28th Oct	CARDIFF CITY (H)	
Sat 11th Nov 2000	Torquay United (a)	
Sat 18th Nov	EXETER CITY (H)	
Sat 25th Nov	Cirencester (a)	
Sat 2nd Dec 2000	Bristol Rovers (a)	
Sat 9th Dec	Training Weekend	
Sat 6th Jan 2001	Training Weekend	
Sat 13th Jan	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (H)	
Sat 20th Jan	Swindon Town (a)	
Sat 3rd Feb 2001	Cardiff City (a)	
Sat 10th Feb	OXFORD UNITED (H)	
<b>UNDER-17</b>		
Sat 19th Aug 2000	Torquay United (a)	2-4
Sat 26th Aug	CARDIFF CITY (H)	0-1
Sat 2nd Sep 2000	BRISTOL ROVERS (H)	4-1
Sat 16th Sep	Cheltenham Town (a)	
Sat 23rd Sep	Swindon Town (a)	
Sat 30rd Sep	Training Weekend	
Sat 7th Oct 2000	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (H)	
Sat 14th Oct	AFC Bournemouth (a)	
Sat 21st Oct	OXFORD UNITED (H)	
Sat 28th Oct	Cirencester (a)	
Sat 4th Nov 2000	EXETER CITY (H)	
Sat 11th Nov	TORQUAY UNITED (H)	
Sat 18th Nov	Cardiff City (a)	
Sat 2nd Dec 2000	CHELTENHAM TOWN (H)	
Sat 9th Dec	Training Weekend	
Sat 16th Dec	Bristol Rovers (a)	
Sat 6th Jan 2001	Training Weekend	
Sat 13th Jan	Plymouth Argyle (a)	
Sat 20th Jan	SWINDON TOWN (H)	
Sat 27th Jan	Oxford United (a)	
Sat 3rd Feb 2001	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (H)	
Sat 10th Feb	Exeter City (a)	
Sat 17th Feb	CIRENCESTER (H)	

# Swans Statistics

## Next Match:

### Div2 v Reading (a) 23/09/2000

2000/2001 Season

Date	Opponents	Res	F-A	Attd	(Away)	Pos	1(Goal)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitutes Used	Referee
Sat Aug 12 2000	<b>Wigan Athletic (H)</b>	0-0	8,301	504	14		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Bound	Smith	Cusack	Thomas	O'Leary	Watkin	Coates	Price	Mutton (6), Jenkins (7), Phillips (10)	D. Gallagher
Sat Aug 19	<b>Brentford (a)</b>	0-0	5,036	948	17		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith	Bound	Watkin	Coates	Price	Jenkins	Boyd	Thomas (8)	P. Jones
Sat Aug 26	<b>Colchester United (H)</b>	0-2	6,247	90	-		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith	Bound	Watkin	Coates	Mutton	Price	Jenkins	Thomas (3), Casey (8), Roberts (9)	P. Rejer
Mon Aug 28	<b>Peterborough United (a)</b>	2-0	6,428	350	-		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Smith	<b>Bound</b>	Thomas	Watkin	Coates	<b>Price</b>	Boyd		A. Hall
TBA	<b>Bristol City (H) P-P</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Sep 9	<b>Millwall (a)</b>	0-1	9,550	525	-		Freestone	S. Jones	Howard	Cusack	Bound	Thomas	Coates	O'Leary	Mutton	Price	Boyd	Jenkins (6), Morgan (11)	A. Butler
Tue Sep 12	<b>Notts County (a)</b>	1-0	3,395	123	-		Freestone	Keegan	Howard	Bound	O'Leary	Cusack	<b>Thomas</b>	Boyd	Mutton	Coates	Price	Jenkins (2), Roberts (8), Morgan (9)	S. Mathieson
Sat Sep 16	<b>Luton Town (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Sep 23	<b>Reading (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Sep 30	<b>Bury (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Oct 7 2000	<b>Northampton Town (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Oct 14	<b>Stoke City (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tue Oct 17	<b>Swindon Town (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Oct 21	<b>Wrexham (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tue Oct 24	<b>Rotherham United (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Oct 28	<b>Port Vale (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Nov 4	<b>Oldham Athletic (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Nov 11	<b>Oxford United (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Nov 25	<b>Cambridge United (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Dec 2	<b>Bristol Rovers (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Dec 16	<b>AFC Bournemouth (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Dec 23	<b>Wycombe Wanderers (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tue Dec 26	<b>Walsall (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Dec 30	<b>Brentford (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Mon Jan 1 2001	<b>Colchester United (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Jan 6	<b>Wigan Athletic (a) or FAC 3</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Jan 13	<b>Peterborough United (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Jan 20	<b>Walsall (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Jan 27	<b>Wycombe Wndrs (H) or FAC 4</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Feb 3 2001	<b>Bristol City (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Feb 10	<b>Millwall (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Feb 17	<b>Luton Town (a) or FAC 5</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tue Feb 20	<b>Notts County (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Feb 24	<b>Reading (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Mar 3 2001	<b>Bury (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Wed Mar 7	<b>Stoke City (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Mar 10	<b>Northampton Town (H) or FAC 6</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Mar 17	<b>Swindon Town (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Mar 24	<b>Wrexham (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Mar 31	<b>AFC Bournemouth (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Apr 7 2001	<b>Bristol Rovers (a) or FAC Semi-Final</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Apr 14	<b>Rotherham United (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Mon Apr 16	<b>Port Vale (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Apr 21	<b>Oldham Athletic (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Apr 28	<b>Oxford United (a)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat May 5 2000	<b>Cambridge United (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

### NEW STATION FOR SWAN'S COVERAGE

"It's got to be Real Radio"-a line that Swans' fans are likely to be hearing over the coming weeks as Real Radio, the new independent station covering the South Wales region, begins its advertising campaign in preparation for going fully operational on 105/106 FM on Tuesday, 3rd October at 8.00pm.

The new station has already begun test transmissions and any Swans fans who were unable to get to the Worthington Cup First Round Second Leg match with West Bromwich Albion, and the Second Division games at Millwall and Notts. County will have had a flavour of what Real Radio is all about when the station carried coverage of those matches.

### EARLY OCTOBER START

Their test period runs up to the end of this month, during which all our games will be similarly covered, and Real Radio are in full swing from Tuesday, 3rd October with news, features, music and of course sport which will be based around Swansea City's activities on match-days, with full live commentary of every game in which we are involved following an exclusive deal signed by the club and Real Radio.

### PHONE-INS

But it's not only match commentary on the Swans which will be featured. Fans may well recognise the personality shown on Real Radio advertising page-former FIFA referee Keith Cooper who is still involved in referee-assessment. Keith will be presenting a nightly football phone-in involving the whole of South Wales, and is looking forward to hearing from our fans. No doubt supporters of other clubs will be phoning in with their own views as well, and as we intend to invite well known football names with South Wales connections into the studio, it promises to be a lively time.

### THIS MONTH'S COVERAGE

So keep an ear on 105/106 FM for Real radio's test transmissions involving Swansea City on the next two Saturday's-September 23rd v Reading(away) and Saturday 30 th v Bury(home) and then listen out for the official opening of Real Radio on Tuesday, 3rd October at 8.00am. From then on, our matchday coverage will include pre-match previews and interviews, live uninterrupted commentary on the whole game, updates on scores throughout the country, post match reports, reaction from players, managers and of course supporters. We're looking forward to being given the best individual radio coverage that we have ever had.

Tue Aug 22 2000	<b>WEST BROM (H) WC 1/1</b>	0-0	4,758	398	-		Freestone	Howard	Smith	Bound	Thomas	Watkin	O'Leary	Roberts	Price	Jenkins	Boyd	Mutton (6), Keegan (8)	C. Foy
Wed Sep 6 2000	<b>West Brom (a) WC 1/2</b>	1-2	11,328	300	-		Freestone	Howard	Cusack	<b>Bound</b>	Thomas	Watkin	Coates	O'Leary	Price	Keegan	Boyd	Mutton (6), Roberts (10)	A. Hall

Sat Nov 18 2000	<b>FAC 1</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sat Dec 9 2000	<b>FAC 2</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

28 Nov 2000	<b>FAW Barry Town (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
12 Dec 2000	<b>FAW Connah's Quay Nomads (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
19 Dec	<b>FAW TNS (H)</b>	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-



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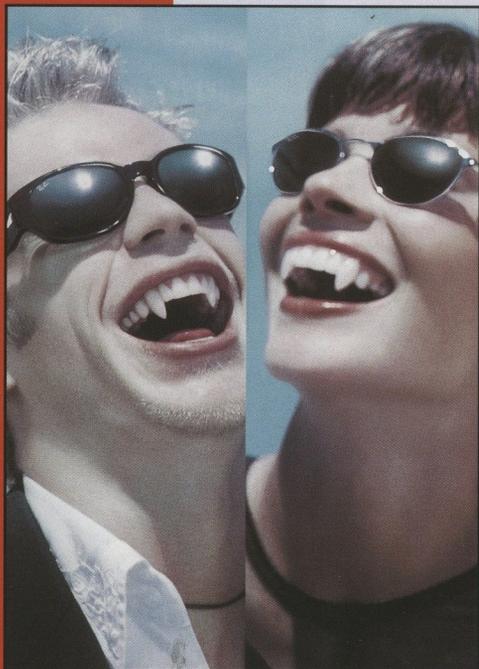


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