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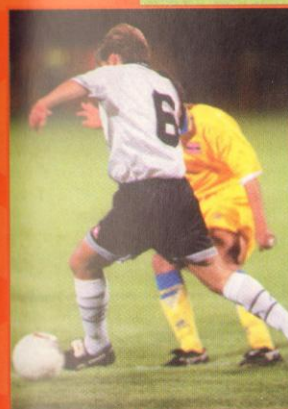
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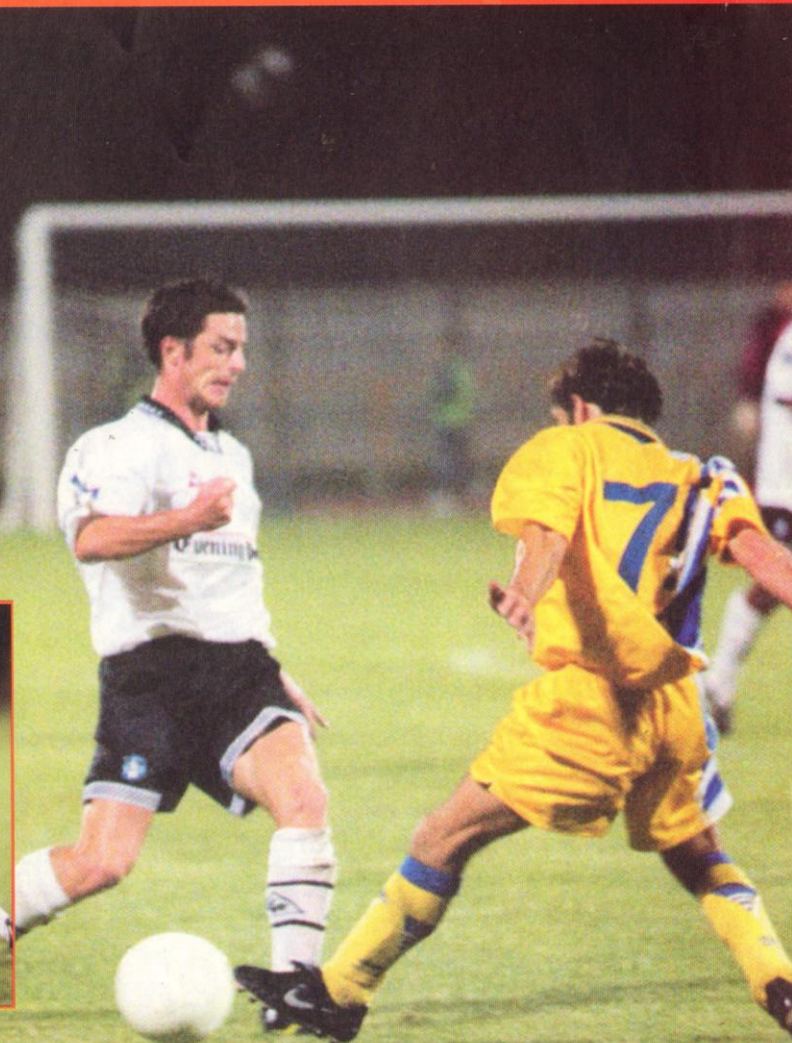


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Welcome to the Vetch Croeso i'r Vetch

Tonight sees us play our first home game in the F.A.W. Invitation Cup, a new competition which is just getting off the ground.



At this stage of the competition, we are all feeling our way, but as one of the League clubs, the spotlight is focussed on ourselves, and regardless of the fact that however well you do, you are guaranteed a quarter final place, we must be as professional as we can.

With our League start a disappointment to us all, these games give me a chance to try a few things, and also give some of the 'fringe' players a chance to have a game. This is particularly important this season with the reserves not competing in the Football Combination and with no league to play in.

Having said that we have to be careful, as there are some banana skins to overcome in this group, and we can take nothing for granted. If you don't pay due respect to these sides, then they can cause an upset, and we have already seen that in the other group with Newtown getting a 2-2 draw with Wrexham.

We have made a good start to this competition with away wins at Conwy United and Barry Town, and points in this group section bring financial rewards for the Club, as does further success in the future stages. That, of course, is important to us, and whilst there are some who feel that this competition distracts us from our Football League programme and aspirations, I would say that it can help. Winning becomes a habit, and that is a good habit. Right now, we need to get the winning habit.

Having said that, tonight's game with Barry will be a good test for us. Their success in Europe proves that they are a good side, and we found it extremely tough at their place earlier this month. I would hope, however, that playing at a higher level should give us the edge this evening. But as I have said, they could prove to be a banana skin if we are not right.

Enjoy the game, and to the Swans fans may I ask once again that you give your encouragement to the lads. It really does help, and we are most grateful for that kind of support. Let's hear you again this evening.

Jan Molby

Last season saw Barry Town turn a few heads with some excellent displays in their games in Europe, and created history in what was only their second campaign on that stage.

Under the guidance of Chairman Paula O'Halloran and new player/coach Gary Barnett, Barry have improved on their efforts of the 1993-94 season, becoming the first League of Wales side to progress beyond the opening round of any European club competition.

They achieved this with a memorable win over in the UEFA Cup Preliminary Round over Latvian Championship runners-up FC Dinaburg. They won 2-1 in Latvia, after a goalless draw at Jenner Park.

And producing one of the great results for Welsh soccer, they ousted the Hungarian runners-up Budapest Vasutas in the qualifying round. Trailing 3-1 after the away leg, the Dragons translated their pre-match confidence into a 3-1 victory on the night - and a memorable 4-2 win on penalties in the shoot-out.



Back Row: (l to r) Phil Johnson, Cohen Griffith, Gary Lloyd, Gareth Knott, Dean Huggins, Dave O'Gorman, Terry Good.

Middle Row: (l to r) Darren Ryan, Craig Evans, Mark Ovendale, Chris Pike, Colin Loss, Dave Norman, Ian French.

Front Row: (l to r) Richie Jones, Terry Moore (Physio), Gary Barnett (Player-Coach), Paula O'Halloran (Chairman), Chris Aust, Andrew York.

Drawn against Aberdeen in the First Round, the Dragons again did themselves proud, and after losing the away leg, again 3-1, they produced a performance of courage and commitment to gain a 3-3 second leg draw against the side who not long ago lifted the European Cup Winners Cup.

They went on to win the League of Wales and the Welsh Cup, and they were able to play in Europe again this season, with new Swans strikers **Tony Bird** and **David O'Gorman** taking part prior to their moves to the Vetch Field.

This season they have made a good start in League of Wales, and just prior to the Swans visit to Jenner Park put ten goals past Total Net Solutions, who as Llansantffraid experienced glory themselves the season before last.

The club are ambitious, and last season, took the decision to go full-time professional.

BARRY TOWN

Various improvements have been made to their Jenner Park ground, and they will now be hoping after their success in Europe, that there will be more European nights to be had. Tonight, however, minds must be concentrated on avenging a 3-2 defeat by the Swans a fortnight ago.

GOALKEEPERS

Mark Ovendale: A big confident goalkeeper, he has been a real find for the Dragons. Born in Leicester, he was signed from Northampton in the summer of 1995, and marked his first season by creating a League of Wales record of 1,072 minutes without conceding a goal. Last season, he was the only ever-present player in Barry's successful defence of the League of Wales title.



Chris Pike

player, Gary operates as a left-back or central defender. One of the Club's longest-serving players, he has been a regular in the team since leaving his home town club of Llanelli. He has improved

dramatically over the last two seasons, so much so that it was strongly rumoured that Bobby Gould was close to calling him into the Welsh squad last season.

Todd Lumsden: A recent signing, nineteen-year-old Todd plays as a centre back and was signed from Oxford United.

Andrew York: Wholehearted and efficient central defender, Andrew was made captain midway through last season. A

tower of strength last term, he was the only regular outfield player not to find the net during that campaign.

DEFENDERS

Terry Evans: Signed from near neighbours Cardiff City, the former Welsh Under-21 international soon settled into the Barry set up with some strong displays at right wing back. He missed a high proportion of games last season through injury, but returned late on to contribute towards the Club's success which brought them three trophies.

Phil Johnson: Signed in the 1996 close season after spells with Tranmere and Stockport, he became the team's utility man during the season, though his excellent attacking displays from the right wing back position, when he covered for Evans, are well remembered. A defender with a happy knack of scoring important goals, and an important member of the squad.

Gary Lloyd: A very skilful left-footed

MIDFIELD

Craig Evans: A battling player, Craig remained a part-timer last year when the team went professional, largely due to his commitments at nearby RAF St Athan. He joined Barry from Ebbw Vale, and his debut came in that memorable UEFA Cup game with Dinaburg at Jenner Park. It got better for him, however, as he wrote himself into the history books with the winner in the return leg in Latvia.

Dean Huggins: One of two locals in the squad, Dean returned to Barry from Bristol City to be thrust straight into European action when he played on the left side of midfield in that dramatic victory over Hungarians Vasutas. A gifted player, he suffered a serious groin problem which required surgery. Happily he is now back in action.

Gareth Knott: "Knotty" was signed from

Welcome Barry Town

Ebbw Vale last season. On Tottenham's books, Gareth was snapped up by the Dragons, and after a hesitant start, became a regular in the left wing back position. A fine crosser of the ball, with good control, he is a popular player with the supporters.

Neil Matthews: Hailing from Blaenrhondda, Neil is another newcomer, but this eighteen-year-old is definitely a prospect for the future.

Darren Ryan: Oswestry-born Darren was the find of last season, and a major player in the team's success. A quick and tricky wide man, his ability to convert chances from midfield into goals was a real asset. Previously played League football with Shrewsbury Town, Stockport County, Rochdale and Chester City.

Danny Carter: A vastly experienced player, Danny was signed earlier this month from Peterborough United. Hackney-born, Danny began his Football League career with Leyton Orient, and made 188 League appearances at Brisbane Road,



MEET THE MANAGER GARY BARNETT

The Club's highly popular Player/Coach, Gary led the team to an unprecedented treble last season.

'Barney' joined the Dragons from Leyton Orient in 1995, and soon impressed home fans with his skill and industry. Born in Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, his former League clubs also include Coventry City, Oxford United, Fulham and Huddersfield Town. He was an apprentice at Highfield Road, but it was with Huddersfield and Fulham that he enjoyed his most successful times. In two spells at Huddersfield he made over 100 League appearances, while at Fulham, he appeared 180 times in the League.

scoring twenty-two goals. He moved to London Road in the 1995-96 season and was a regular in the side at first. Last season, however, in a relegation season for "The Posh", he made only seven first team appearances, four of them as a substitute. He will be a useful acquisition.

FORWARDS

Eifion Williams: Another recent signing, and Barry will look to him to continue his goal-scoring exploits. He was signed from League of Wales rivals Caernarvon, where last term he finished as the second highest scorer in the League.

Chris Pike: Now in his second spell with the Club, he rejoined Barry from Gillingham in 1995. Having scored twice on his debut in a 13-0 win over Milford United in January 1985, he was soon snapped up by Fulham, where he began a successful Football League career. Best known in this area for his time with his home town club Cardiff City, he has the most experience of European football of all the squad members. Surprisingly skilful for a tall player, Chris established a profitable partnership with **Tony Bird** before Bird's transfer to the Swans.

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FACT FILE

Signed earlier this month on a trial basis, defender Paul will be hoping that he can do enough to persuade manager Jan Molby to make the signing a permanent one.

Paul's career started in his native Northern Ireland with Cliftonville, and it was as an eighteen-year-old that he joined Grimsby Town in 1984 for a £4,000 fee.

In his twelve seasons at Blundell Park, he operated mainly at full-back, but could also play at the heart of the defence, and made nearly 250 League appearances for the Club.

He enjoyed successful times there as he experienced two successive promotion seasons in 1989-90 and 1990-91 under the management of Alan Buckley as the Mariners went from Division Four to Division Two.

When Buckley left the Mariners in 1994 for West Bromwich Albion, one of his first signings at The Hawthorns was Paul, but the move didn't really work out, and he made only thirty-nine League appearances there in three seasons.

Paul has been capped by Northern Ireland at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-23 levels, and he was captain of the Youth side. Although he has been included in the full international squad on three or four occasions, he has yet to win a cap, but is still hoping that he might 'cross the white line'. First team football can only enhance those hopes.

Name:
Paul Agnew

Date of Birth:
15th August 1965

Birthplace:
Lisburn, Northern Ireland

Family:
Separated with two children Olivia and Ruairi

How do you relax after training?
Entertain the kids or occasionally have small bet

What is your favourite meal?
Steak and chips

Where did you go on holiday last summer?
Benidorm

Best moments of your career so far?
Being a professional and my two promotions with Grimsby two years in succession.

What is your most prized possession?
My two kids Olivia (6) and Ruairi (2).

Who did you support as a youngster?
Glasgow Celtic

What would you have been if not a footballer?
No idea, but I would probably still be in Northern Ireland.

Paul Agnew

SWANS MASCOT



Our Mascot for the Scunthorpe game was JAMIE MILLS, and he is pictured left with the two captains and the Match Officials. Jamie had a great day with a guided tour of the Vetch Field, as well as meeting Jan Molby and the players.

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Past Times

This evening we take a look at the Swans' overall League record from the time the Club entered the Football League until the end of last season.

As far as we are aware, this data has not been presented in this form before, so "The Swan" can claim another 'first'.

For those who enjoy such things, the total column of the table below will be of interest. When we played at Brentford on the 23rd March 1996, we were playing our 3000th match in English League competition.

Keen statisticians should note that this total included six Play-off games - which, of course, are part of the Club's

League programme, and ought to be included in our reckoning.

It should be noted, too, that three further games were played at the beginning of the aborted 1939-40 campaign. However, these were erased from the record and, as such, we can ignore them. In addition, we can ignore the so-called "Victory" season (1945-46) - of blessed memory - for that was played in a hybrid League without the usual constraints of promotion and relegation.

As will be seen from the table below, in general modern football produces fewer goals per game than the competitions us oldies fondly remember. Modern coaches will say that this is because of superior tactics; wrinklies will disagree, but that be as it may. Nonetheless, not surprisingly, every coach is

looking to improve on his team's 'Goals For' performance. And Jan Molby is no different in that respect. So it might be of some interest to consider the matter here.

One of the features of the seasons in our history when we scored goals freely, is the number of players who were hitting the net.

In the 1995-96 season, when Steve Torpey led the way in the League with fifteen goals, Carl Heggs was the next on the list with only five goals. At the end of the campaign in which we scored 90 goals, our goal-scoring list read: Des Palmer (19), Harry Griffiths (17), Mel Charles (12), Len Allchurch (10) and Cliff Jones (9). We were scoring from all over the park - difficult to defend against.

It seems to me that whilst there is far less space on the pitch these days, one of the factors which can influence the participation of others in scoring is their desire to put the ball in the net and their confidence in their ability to contribute.

C'mon lads, get your names on the scoring list!

SWANS OVERALL LEAGUE STATISTICS 1920-1997

Period	P	W	D	L	F	A	Average Goals	
							F	A
1920/30	420	178	111	131	651	548	1.55	1.30
1930/39	378	125	84	169	493	627	1.30	1.66
1946/50	168	73	36	59	265	218	1.58	1.30
1950/60	420	154	86	180	754	834	1.80	1.90
1960/70	440	151	116	173	667	747	1.52	1.70
1970/80	456	182	106	168	623	593	1.37	1.30
1980/90	448	147	111	190	526	654	1.17	1.46
1990/97	327	116	85	126	391	428	1.19	1.31
Totals	3057	1126	735	1196	4370	4649		

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Division 3 Round-Up

Hope sprung eternal for the remaining Third Division sides remaining in the Second Round of the Coca Cola Cup, and whilst Leyton Orient and Hull are still in the competition by virtue of their second leg ties being played tonight, none of the hopefuls made it through.

Gulls Crash

After coming within a whisker of a first leg win at Ipswich, Torquay must have been hopeful that they could complete a shock victory at Plainmoor.

However, the First Division side grabbed an early advantage, and never looked back, winning 3-0 on the night and 4-1 on aggregate. In truth, the Gulls never got a look in, and were well beaten.

Orient's Task

Orient Chairman **Barry Hearn** described his side's tie with Premiership side Bolton Wanderers as the biggest games in years for the Club, but the O's couldn't make home advantage count in the first leg, and start tonight's second leg 3-1 down.

Palace Accolade

It's been a tough baptism of fire for Hull City's new manager **Mark Hateley**, and whilst his side have found it difficult to score this season (with one notable exception), they were able to find a goal against their Premiership opponents Crystal Palace in their first leg

match at Boothferry park and take a 1-0 lead to Selhurst Park.

After that victory, however, Hull slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Rochdale, but nearly salvaged a point when they were awarded a late free kick under the new six-second rule for goalkeepers holding the ball.

Massed defence cleared the ball, but Rochdale manager **Graham Barrow** described the decision by referee **Mike Pike** as: "the worst I have seen this season."

Not Enough

Early pacesetters Notts County were in with a chance of providing a shock at Prenton Park against Tranmere Rovers, although when they arrived in Birkenhead, no one gave them much chance after going down 2-0 in the first leg.

However, a fighting performance brought them a 1-0 victory and some glory even though they lost 2-1 on aggregate.

Hard Work

The multi-million talent assembled by **Bryan Robson** at Middlesbrough didn't have it all their own way either, and took a tenuous 1-0 lead to Underhill.

A crowd almost double their usual League attendance saw the Bees fight hard, but in the end, there was no substitute for class, and 'Boro went through.

Posh Payne

Excuse the pun, but Peterborough United's hopes

of a Second Round upset probably disappeared with the first minute dismissal of **Derek Payne**.

Goalless after the first leg, **Barry Fry's** side went into the game on the back of some excellent League form, but the Division Three leaders, who have been scoring freely, were unable to find the net, and Reading, beaten 6-0 three days earlier at Tranmere, got home 2-0.

Iron Will

No shock at Glanford Park either, as Premiership Everton squeezed home against Scunthorpe, and **Brian Laws'** men will have to live up to their "Iron" nickname to rescue the tie at Goodison Park tomorrow.

No Linger-ing

Orient have signed midfielder **Paul Linger** on a free transfer from Charlton Athletic. The 22-year-old had been at Charlton Athletic for five seasons, but had been out of action since last April with a broken leg.

No Justice

Spare a thought for former Fulham boss **Mickey Adams**. Last season, he and his side were riding high at the top of the Third Division, and ultimately won promotion to the Second Division automatically.

They've made a half decent start this term but he's been made a victim of **Kevin Keegan's** arrival along with **Ray Wilkins**. Who was it who said football is a funny game?

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Tues	12 Reading CCC1 (1)	A	0-2	4,829	-	Freestone	Price	Moreira	Edwards	Walker	Coates	Ampadu	Lacey	O'Gorman	Bird	Puttnam	Chapple	Jones G†	Chapple
Sat	23 Scunthorpe United	H	2-0	4,895	-	Freestone	Price	Hills 1	Walker	Edwards	Coates	Jones G*	O'Gorman†	Bird 1	Ampadu	Puttnam	Chapple*	Appleby†	Jenkins
Tues	26 Reading CCC1 (2)	H	1-1	3,333	-	Freestone	Price	Moreira*	Walker	Edwards	Coates 1	Appleby	O'Gorman	Bird	Ampadu	Puttnam	Chapple	Jones G	Harris*
Sat	30 Hull City	A	4-7	5,198	12	Freestone	Price 1	Hills	Walker	Edwards	Coates 1	Appleby	O'Gorman	Bird 1	Ampadu	Puttnam	Chapple	Jones G	Harris
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Tues	9 Darlington	A	2-3	2,150	9	Freestone	Price	Hills	Walker	O'Leary	Coates	Appleby	O'Gorman 1	Bird 1	Ampadu	Jenkins	Chapple	Jones G	Harris
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Sat	20 Cambridge United	H																	
Fri	26 Torquay United	A																	
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Appleby	6+1	0	1+1	0	7+2	0
Bird	8	5	2	0	10	5
Chapple	1+1	0	0	0	1+1	0
Coates	7+1	1	2	1	9+1	2
Edwards	5	0	2	0	7	0
Freestone	7	0	2	0	9	0
Harris	0+3	0	0+1	0	0+4	0
Hills	7	1	0	0	7	1
Jenkins	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jones G	1+2	0	0+1	0	1+3	0
Jones L	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lacey	1	0	1	0	2	0
Moreira	1	0	2	0	3	0
O'Gorman	8	2	2	0	10	2
O'Leary	3	0	0	0	3	0
Price	8	1	2	0	10	1
Puttnam	4	0	2	0	6	0
Walker	8	0	2	0	10	0
Own Goals	-	1	-	0	-	1

Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Attendances

7,412 Hull City v Notts County 16/8/97
1,098 Doncaster v Leyton Orient 2/9/97

Highest Aggregate Scores

Hull City 7 Swansea City 4 30/8/97

Biggest Home Win

Peterborough United 5 Barnet 1 7/9/97

Biggest Away Win

Doncaster 0 Peterborough United 5 16/8/97

Consecutive Wins

Exeter 4

Games Unbeaten

Exeter, Peterborough 7

Consecutive Defeats

Doncaster Rovers 5

Games without a Win

Brighton, Doncaster Rovers 8

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION THREE

1997/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	8	3	0	1	9	2	2	2	0	11	5	17
Notts Co.	8	3	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	7	3	17
Exeter City	8	2	2	0	6	3	3	0	1	5	3	17
Scunthorpe Utd	8	3	1	0	5	2	2	0	2	3	4	16
Cambridge Utd	8	3	0	1	11	8	1	2	1	3	2	14
Macclesfield	8	4	0	0	10	2	0	2	2	2	5	14
Colchester	8	3	1	0	7	3	1	1	2	5	8	14
Scarborough	8	3	1	0	6	3	1	1	2	5	6	14
Barnet	8	2	0	2	5	4	2	1	1	8	9	13
Chester City	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	3	5	8	13
Lincoln	8	2	1	1	5	5	2	0	2	5	6	13
Cardiff City	8	1	2	1	5	6	2	1	1	4	3	12
Leyton O	8	2	0	2	3	3	2	0	4	5	2	12
Hartlepool Utd	8	2	2	0	7	3	0	3	1	4	5	11
Mansfield T	8	2	1	1	8	4	1	0	3	2	4	10
Torquay Utd	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	0	3	3	8	10
Rotherham	8	2	1	1	9	7	0	2	2	3	6	9
SWANSEA C	8	3	0	1	5	1	0	0	4	6	15	9
Rochdale	8	3	0	1	7	3	0	0	4	2	7	9
Shrewsbury	8	2	0	2	5	5	0	1	3	5	9	7
Darlington	8	1	2	1	6	6	0	1	3	2	5	6
Hull City	8	1	1	2	7	9	0	0	4	1	7	4
Brighton	8	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	4	2	9	3
Doncaster	8	0	1	3	1	10	0	2	2	3	7	3

Up to and including games played 20th September 1997

Leading Scorers (Division 3)

8. Carruthers (Peterborough Utd)
7. Bennett (Chester City).
6. Quinn (Peterborough Utd).
5. Bird (Swansea), Cullen (Hartlepool).
4. Kyd (Cambridge), Taylor (Cambridge), Roberts (Darlington), Eyre (Scunthorpe), Rowbotham (Exeter).
3. Charley (Barnet), Devine (Barnet), Butler (Cambridge), Abrahams (Colchester), Flack (Exeter), Darby (Hull), Griffiths (Orient), Landon (Macclesfield), Christie (Mansfield), Redmile (Notts Co.), Painter (Rochdale), Evans (Shrewsbury).

Average Gates (Division 3)

Peterborough	6,334	Cambridge	2,992
Hull City	5,888	Darlington	2,837
Notts County	5,399	Macclesfield	2,738
Swansea City	4,771	Shrewsbury	2,665
Cardiff City	4,423	Torquay Utd	2,568
Leyton Orient	4,389	Scarborough	2,505
Exeter City	3,824	Chester City	2,442
Rotherham	3,509	Rochdale	2,130
Mansfield	3,233	Hartlepool	2,099
Lincoln City	3,213	Barnet	1,979
Scunthorpe	3,123	Brighton	1,910
Colchester	3,020	Doncaster	1,365

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1. Who play at Somerset Park?

2. Who did Barry beat in last-season's UEFA Cup competition?

3. Who knocked them out of the competition?

4. Who won last season's Cup Winners Cup competition?

5. How much did Liverpool pay Inter Milan to sign Paul Ince at the start of this season?

6. Which German striker scored two goals in the Euro '96 Final at Wembley?

7. Who play at Fratton Park?

8. Who is the manager of Plymouth Argyle?

9. Which was the first English club to win the European Cup?

10. Which English player made his 1000th appearance last season, and with whom was he playing when he achieved the feat?

Who Am I?

Clue 1: Born Belfast 18.11.59

Clue 2: Started career with Swindon Town

Clue 3: Has won 46 full caps for Northern Ireland

Clue 4: A prolific goalscorer, I had scored 185 League goals by the start of this season.

Clue 5: Managed Reading jointly for a time, and am now scoring for Peterborough regularly

Who Am I? Jimmy Quinn

10. Peter Shilton, Leyton Orient.
9. Manchester United.
8. Mick Jones.
7. Portsmouth.
6. Oliver Bierhoff.
5. £4.2 million.
4. Barcelona.
3. Aberdeen.
2. Budapest Vasutas.
1. Ayr United.

Answers

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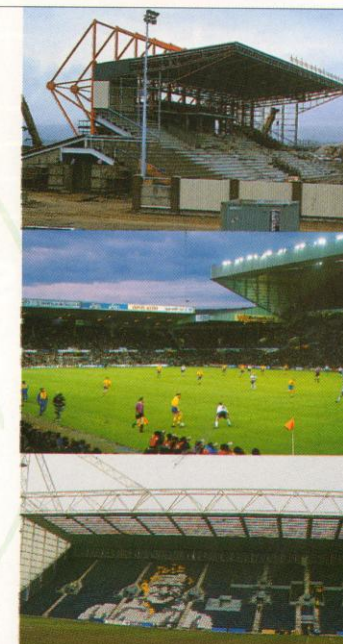
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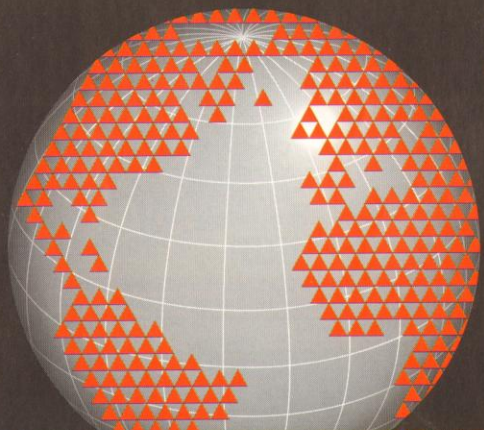


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Barry - A Success Story

The Dragons rewrote the history books despite two off-field tragedies involving the deaths of long-time chairman Neil O'Halloran after a long illness and midfielder player Mattie Holtham in a motorway accident on a Saturday trip back from a game at Rhyl.

Starting their first season as a full-time professional outfit on a less than healthy note, with two wins followed by a similar number of defeats, the team mounted their unstoppable surge towards Championship honours, which was reflected in their record-breaking unbeaten League and Cup run.

Success on the field was matched by a determination to establish the Club as a major force in Welsh football, with a great deal of work undertaken to bring Jenner Park up to international standards. This led to a series of ground improvements, including a new boardroom/hospitality complex, clubhouse, dressing rooms, new floodlights and a second stand to bring seating capacity up to 2,500.

Barry's history, however, dates back to the early 1900s, when a couple of South Wales and Monmouthshire Cup wins were followed by a South Wales League title in 1901-02, but the first notable triumph came

with the Southern League (Welsh Section) Championship in 1920-21.

Barry retained membership of the Southern League for just over 60 years - their highest position was fourth in the 1930s - and during that time, enjoyed the odd high spot in the English F.A. Cup competition.

In the 1962-62 season, they drew Queens Park Rangers from the Third Division in the First Round proper, and after a 1-1 draw at home, they went down 7-0 in the replay.

During its proud history, the Club has had up to 50 internationals on the books, including Swedes, while numerous others have left to pursue successful careers in the English League, probably the most famous 'export' being local boy **Derek Tapscott**, pictured below, who signed for mighty Arsenal in 1953 for £2,750.

In 1982, the Club chose to concentrate resources on the

Welsh League, and in a highly successful spell, took the First Division title for six out of seven seasons, and were runners-up in the other.

It was during this period - in the 1984-85 season - that they enjoyed another solid F.A. Cup run before being beaten 2-1, again in the First Round proper, at home by Third Division Reading.

Six seasons ago, the Club returned for an unproductive spell in the Southern League, renamed the Beazer Homes League, and then marked their return to Welsh Football in 1993 with a first taste of European soccer.

Then, they qualified for the European Cup Winners Cup after a 2-1 win over Cardiff City at the National Stadium in the Final of the Welsh Cup.

Then an Abacus League side, they went out of the Cup Winners Cup competition to Zhalgiris Vilnius of Lithuania 7-0 on aggregate.



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WEST COUNTRY TELEVISION SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE 1997 - 98

LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RESULT
Aug. 23	Cardiff City	A	0-3
Aug. 30	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	7-1
Sept. 6	Cirencester Town	A	P-P
Sept. 13	EXETER CITY	H	5-3
Sept. 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	
Oct. 4	Swindon Town (LC1)	A	
Oct. 11	YEOVIL TOWN	H	
Oct. 18	Swindon Town	A	
Oct. 25	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
Nov. 1	AFC Newport	A	
Nov. 8	BASHLEY	H	
Nov. 15	Bristol City	A	
Nov. 22	League Cup 2		
Nov. 29	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
Dec. 6	Bristol Rovers	A	
Dec. 13	CARDIFF CITY	H	
Jan. 3	Cheltenham Town	A	
Jan. 10	CIRENCESTER	H	
Jan. 17	Exeter City	A	
Jan. 31	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Feb. 7	Yeovil Town	A	
Feb. 14	SWINDON TOWN	H	
Feb. 21	Torquay United	A	
Feb. 28	AFC NEWPORT	H	
Mar. 7	Bashley	A	
Mar. 14	BRISTOL CITY	H	

South West Counties Youth League Table 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Torquay United	3	3	0	0	18	3	9
Cardiff City	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
SWANSEA CITY	3	2	0	1	12	7	6
Yeovil Town	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Newport A.F.C.	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Plymouth Argyle	2	1	1	0	8	1	4
Cirencester	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Exeter City	2	1	0	1	8	5	3
Swindon Town	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Bashley	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Bristol Rovers	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Bristol City	3	0	0	3	3	16	0
Cheltenham Town	3	0	0	3	1	15	0

Tonight's game gives us the opportunity to bring you up to date with the progress of the Youth Team in their games in both the South West Counties League and the MacWhirter National Youth League.

South West Counties League

After our opening 3-0 defeat, a game I have already commented upon, we won convincingly 7-1 in our next game with Cheltenham Town, and should have won equally as well in our next game with Exeter two weeks later.

We won 5-3, but basically we went off the boil once we had gone 4-1 up in the second half. The only danger to ourselves was complacency, and unfortunately we did relax a little, and didn't show the same composure on the ball in the second period. **Carl Mainwaring** scored a hat-trick, his second of the season, and he is playing well at the moment, with **Michael Keegan** and **Stuart Roberts** scoring the others.

The season has been disrupted a little by the postponement of our game with Cirencester, and another cancellation last Saturday with the withdrawal from the League of Hereford United, which left us without a game.

Last Saturday, we were due to play Plymouth Argyle, and this Saturday sees us in action at Swindon in the First Round of the South West Counties Youth Cup.



A recent photo of the Youth Squad taken at Fairwood.

MacWhirter National Youth League

As with last season our young side are likely to find the going a little tough in this League this term, and that was certainly the case when we went down 7-2 to Ton Pentre. **Daniel Barwood** and **Richard Howell** scored our goals. It was a disappointing defeat, but we must accept that our boys of 16 and 17 are going to be outgunned by more senior and physically stronger lads.

Alan Curtis

R.W. Davies of Saundersfoot supports the Swans

Around the Vetch Field

Swans Away

Peterborough United
v
Swansea City
Saturday 4th Oct. 1997
Nationwide League Division Three
Kick-off 3.00pm

FROM SWANSEA

Take the **M4 (South)** to
JUNCTION 24 (A48/A449/A455)
Leave Motorway & at roundabout
take 1st exit A449 (signposted
Monmouth)
In 13.2 miles forward to join A40
In 17.4 miles at roundabout take
first main exit A449
0.5 mile farther at roundabout take
3rd exit to join **Motorway M50**
In 21.8 miles take 1st exit (sign-
posted The Midlands) to join **M5** to
JUNCTION 4a
Branch left (signposted The North
East) join **Motorway M42** to
JUNCTION 7a
Branch left (signposted London M1)
to join **Motorway M6** to end
Leave Motorway (signposted
Felixstowe, Corby) and roundabout
take 2nd exit & at ensuing round-
about take 2nd exit A14
In 30.4 miles branch left (signpos-
ted Peterborough) & at roundabout
take 1st exit A605
In 14.9 miles at roundabout take
2nd exit A1139 to
JUNCTION 4
Branch left (signposted Whittlesey)
& at roundabout take 1st exit
A605 (signposted City Centre)

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

(on right)

The route for the Exeter City game
on the following Saturday, 11th
October, 1997 appeared in last
Saturday's programme. We would
draw your attention to the fact that
the Exeter game may be postponed
due to our international call-ups.

SWANS ON THE INTERNET

In last Saturday's programme, I promised you a sam-
ple of the correspondence received as a result of our
link-up on the Internet. This is a message received from
Jay Humphries in Florida:

JACK OUTPOST 3275 - Gainesville, florida

While my level of passion for the Swans may not be much less than
those loyal Jacks hurling their chants and epithets down to the pitch
from the raucous North Bank, the settings in which we avidly anticipate
another win could not be more different. While the Vetch and its occu-
pants are subjected to cool sunlight, driving rains or freezing ice and
snow, the weather at my venue is delightfully monotonous - dazzling
sunlight, a tropical breeze rattling through the palms and a ready sup-
ply of Jamaican Red Stripe beer close at hand. But despite the disparity
in locales, Gary Martin's Internet homepage brings the latest Swans'
results to me so promptly that at the same moment Jacks are celebrating
or grieving in Swansea's pubs, I am sharing their emotions on a some-
what smaller scale while baking in the Florida sun.

For me, this ability to keep tabs on the Swans from 4,000 miles away
is an incredible gift presented to the club's followers by devoted web-
masters like Gary, Anthill Boy, Stephen Roberts and Anthony
Thomas. In fact, it was through the Internet that I was able to contact
Swansea City F.C. and arrange a trial for my son. I got to meet the
team's former owner up close and personal (an opportunity I'm
sure many Jacks would have wanted to share with me) and, of
course, the several conversations I had with Jan Molby, Alan Curits,
Billy Ayre and Ron Walton were unforgettable. Best of all, a three-
week visit to Swansea gave me plenty of time to wander about the
Vetch soaking up the atmosphere in such huge doses that a year
after my departure, the match reports, combined with my vivid
memories of Swansea make me really feel that I was there during
the match.

Although the leap in technology that puts the Swans at my finger-
tips is nothing short of incredible, I'm convinced that the creators
of SCFC Internet pages are pioneers who have barely scratched
the surface of what will eventually be available to football fans
via the Internet. But no matter what the future brings on the
pitch, the unpaid labours of these cyber-fans will ensure the
Swans will undoubtedly remain in the Premier League
of footballing cyber-space.

In the meantime, give a thought to me the next time you're
hoisting a pint to celebrate a Swans' victory and... by the
way, could you please pass me the sunscreen?

Gary Martin

A reminder that the supporters Internet number is:-
<http://homepages.enterprise.net/gmartin>

Football Association of Wales Invitation Cup

Group A

Team 1 - Swansea City
Team 2 - Barry Town
Team 3 - Bangor City
Team 4 - Conwy United

Group B

Team 1 - Cardiff City
Team 2 - Wrexham
Team 3 - Merthyr Tydfil
Team 4 - Newtown

Teams 1 and 2 in each group are seeded teams

Fixtures Played

Barry Town 3 Bangor City 0
Conwy Utd 0 **Swansea City 2**
Barry Town 2 **Swansea City 3**

Fixture Played

Newtown 2 Wrexham 2

Quarter-Finals (Played to a finish - one match)

League Position at the end of Group matches)

A1 v B4, A2 v B3, B1 v A4 and B2 v A3 (home team named first)

Semi-Finals (played home and away)

Final (played to a finish - one match)

Swans' Remaining Group Matches

Conwy (home) 27th October 1997, Bangor City (away) 25th November 1997,
Bangor City (home) 16th December 1997.

T.V. Pundit

Swans' Youth Team
Coach **ALAN CURTIS** is
H.T.V.'s new soccer ana-
lyst on their 'Sunday
Soccer' programme.

He has already begun his
duties, but says that he has
been looking forward to it. He
has acted in a similar vein in
the past for several Welsh
internationals, but this is his
first real crack at club
analysis. He recognises that
it is a bit different, and that he
will have to be a little diplo-
matic when it comes to the
Swans and Cardiff especially!

And there is another major
difference - he'll have to wear
a collar and tie instead of a
tracksuit! Best of luck Alan.

First Aid Courses

We have recently received
a letter from the St John
Ambulance HQ here in
Swansea giving details of
a Norwich Union spon-
sored 3-Hour First Aid
Course run by the St
John Ambulance, which
will take place for one day
only on **Saturday 1st
November.**

There will be morning and
afternoon courses held at the
Patti Pavilion, and there are
limited spaces available. The
courses cover resuscitation,
bleeding, burns and scalds
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cate of attendance awarded.
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ing should ring the following
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Competition Time

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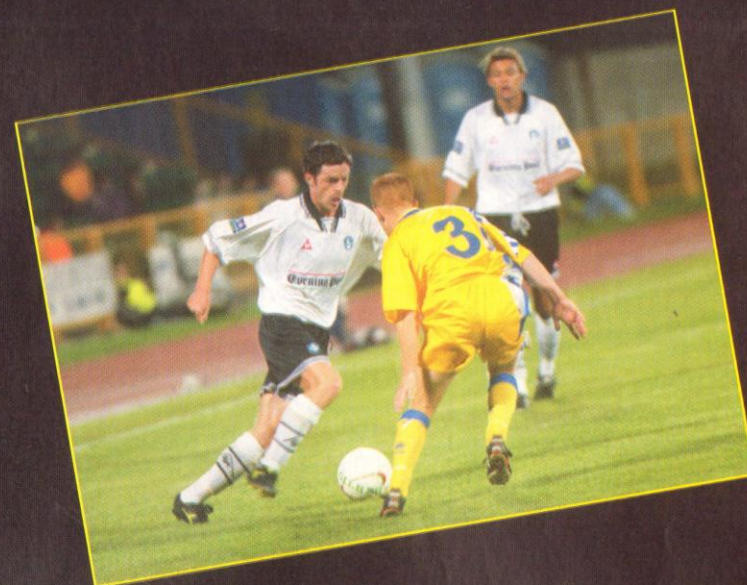
All you have to do is send in
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watching Swansea City F.C."
Entries should be sent to **Dai
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F.C., Vetch Field, Swansea
SA1 3SU** no later than
Monday 13th October, 1997.

Birthday Greetings

Happy 30th birthday to
DEAN LATHAM from all his
mates. (Mind you he looks
older doesn't he!!!).

PHOTO ACTION

Barry Tn 2 The Swans 3



The Swans have to defend in numbers in the 3-2 win at Barry a fortnight ago, while (inset) the boot is on the other foot as the Swans threaten.



WELCOME

This evening we welcome the winners of our "Design A Strip" to the Vetch Field to be presented with their prizes.

The competition was run in two age groups. The Swansea Primary School winner was eight-year-old **Sophie Claire Thomas** from Cwmhydyceirw, while **Philip Beynon**, who is fourteen, from Penyrheol Comprehensive School was our other winner.

Both winners receive family tickets for a home game and Wagon Wheels as prizes, and these prizes will be handed over by one of the players either before the game or at half-time this evening.

My thanks to everyone who entered the competition and to Wagon Wheels for their support.

Linden Jones

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Croeso i'r Vetch.
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and welcome to
the Vetch Field for our
third game in the
Football Association
of Wales Invitation
Cup.

Having won our first two games, 2-0 at Conwy and 3-2 at Barry, the Swans are top of Group A, and we all look forward to a great game with **Tony Bird** and **Dave O'Gorman**, both former Barry players, eager for goals and a victory over their old club.

Like Old Times

It was just like old times last Thursday morning when a plethora of Press and T.V. photographers and correspondents assembled for the Swans' Photocall, including one female journalist **Julie Kissick** from H.T.V., who I feel sure must have been impressed by the Swans turn-out in their new kit.

Steve Jones, **Mark Clode** and **Rob King** from the walking wounded ranks paraded with the professionals under manager **Jan Molby**, and were joined by the full Youth squad and **Alan Curtis**.

All being well, team and individual photographs should prove popular on sale in the Club Shop.

Worth A Visit

And talking of the Club shop, have you visited since it has been renovated? If you haven't, why not pay Myra a visit, and see what we have to offer.

Sponsored Cars

Manager **Jan Molby** and skipper **Keith Walker** were proudly snapped by their new sponsored cars from the **Evening Post** and supplied by **Sovereign Cars**.

A big thank you to both concerns for their support.

Thank You

My thanks once again to **Diff rent Records** who have given a further generous supply of CDs for competition prizes, and while we are on the subject of 'thank you', may I also express my gratitude to **Paul Chambert** for his super article in last Saturday's programme.

Incidentally, there will be further articles from some of South Wales' leading journalists, so look out for those in future issues of "The Swan".

Award Meeting

A reminder that the next meeting of the **Duke of Edinburgh's Open Award Centre** will be held tomorrow, **Wednesday, 1st**

October, 1997 at 6.30pm in the **Hospitality Suite** here at the Vetch Field - the entrance is in Glamorgan Street.

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 23 are welcome to attend, while **Emma Jones** welcomes newcomers in the gymnasium for the Recreation Section.

Linton Returns

Forward **Linton Brown** has returned to the Vetch Field from a loan period with Scarborough. While with 'Boro, he made three appearances, scoring on his first appearance.

And Finally.....

A warm welcome to our visitors from Barry, Directors, players and supporters, alike. My thanks especially go to **Messrs. Aust and Whelan** for their help with the Barry pen pics in the compilation of this programme. Your help was greatly appreciated.

To all Swans fans here this evening, thank you for your continued support, and make yourselves heard again this evening to give the game a real Cup-tie feel.

To everybody, enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Dai Swan