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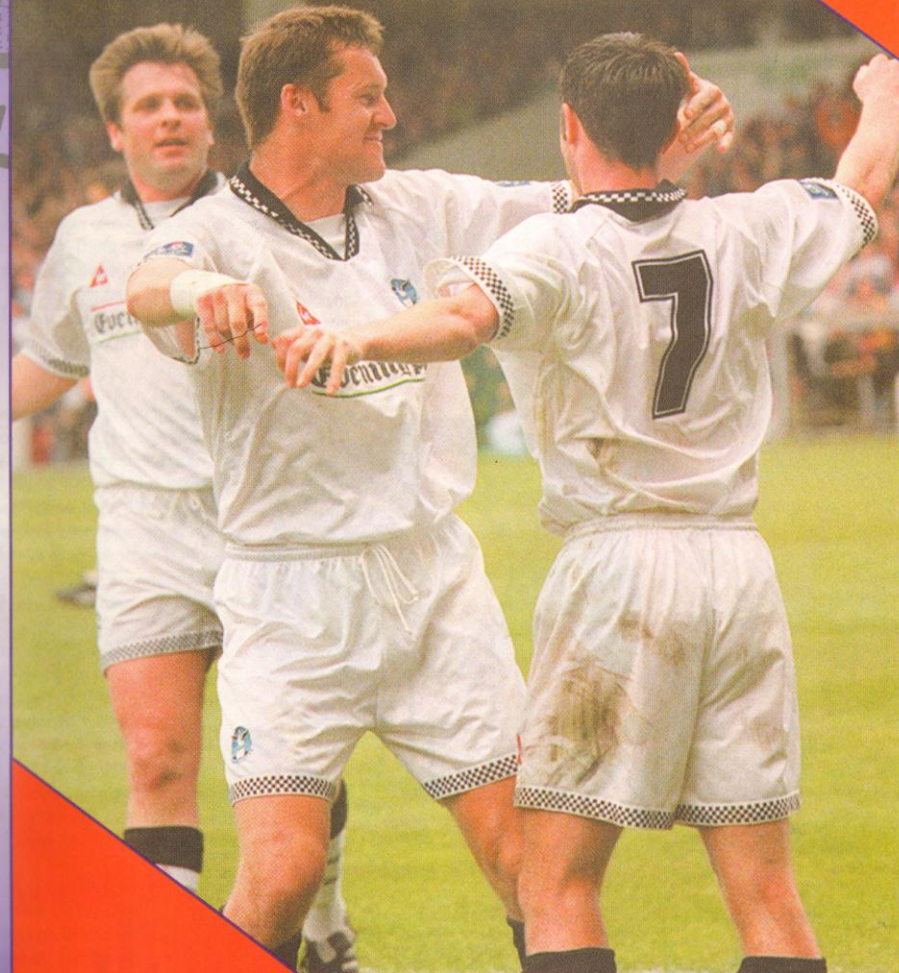
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Our draw at Chester on Sunday means that we've got to half-time in this Play-off semi-final - but there is still hard work lying ahead and the ninety minutes this evening are likely to be fascinating.

I have always said that this tie would be a close run affair, and the first leg proved that. There were not many chances in the game, although I felt we had the best early on, and it was a physical game. Unfortunately a swirling wind did not help either sides' cause.

It was obviously pleasing to come away from the Deva Stadium with a draw, and the key to the game as far as I was concerned was the clean sheet that we kept. Of late, our defenders have taken stick, but they didn't let us down when it mattered most, and I have known all along that they can defend.

Perhaps the only disappointment was that we couldn't score an 'away goal', but as I have said there were few chances in the game. It just means that we must be on our guard this evening, and we will be looking to our defenders to do as good a job at the Vetch this evening as they did at Chester on Sunday.

Nothing can be taken for granted, however. Of course, we hope that we can go on to win the tie and get to Wembley, but Chester are a capable outfit, and they have demonstrated that they can score goals away from home.

Just recently, they scored five at Exeter, and so we will certainly have to be on our guard this evening. We must, therefore concentrate, and



continue from where we left off on Sunday.

This tie is still very much alive, make no mistake about that, but I feel that with the combination of our home crowd and stiff defence, we can see the job through.

It was great to see 1,700 of our fans at the Deva Stadium on Sunday getting behind the team and lending their encouragement. Those, and the considerably more Swans' fans here this evening, have a further part to play tonight.

It promises to be an exciting night with a Cup-tie atmosphere, and I am sure it is going to be close encounter. Patience is going to play a part. Indeed it may be one of those games, so close is it to call, that we have to endure extra-time to settle things.

One thing is for sure, please try to enjoy the occasion, get behind the lads as you have all season - and let's hope that our dreams will be living on after tonight's game.

Whatever happens, thank you for your support this season. I can assure you that the lads do appreciate it!

Jan Molby

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CHESTER CITY

After finishing in eighth place and just missing out on the Play-offs at the end of last season, Chester kept their nerve after a few hiccups over the Easter period to cement a place in the top seven, finishing a point and a place below the Swans.

STAR MAN

Name:
Ronnie Sinclair

Position:
Goalkeeper

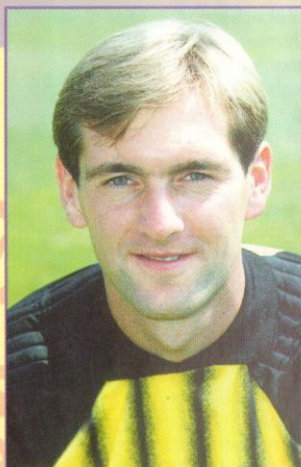
Date of Birth:
19.11.64

Career Update:

The Stirling-born 'keeper was capped by Scotland at Schoolboy level and joined Nottingham Forest as an apprentice. Further capped at Youth level, Ronnie had four seasons at the City Ground without making a first team appearance for them, although he did make his League bow whilst on loan to Wrexham.

Further loan spells to Derby, Sheffield United and Leeds United led to a permanent move to Leeds, but still his opportunities were limited. Whilst at Elland Road, he was loaned to Halifax Town, and in two spells there, made fourteen appearances.

In 1989, he joined Bristol City, and made forty-four appearances in his first two seasons there, but during the 1991-92 season, he failed to figure. He went on loan to Walsall, but was then sold to Stoke City for a nominal fee. He stayed there for five seasons, and chalked up eighty League outings. He joined Chester on a free transfer at the start of the season and has been first choice.



Manager Kevin Ratcliffe's side has continued to progress in this, the former Everton and Wales defender's second full season in charge.

There is a fair sprinkling of other former Evertonians in the Chester ranks, and a good mixture of youth and experience.

All season, they have been a difficult side to break down, and defensively they have been strong. Goals have not always been plentiful, although their win at Exeter on the penultimate Saturday of the season demonstrated they could be dangerous up front as they netted five against the Devon club.

Over the Easter holiday, the Swans won the League encounter 2-1 in a closely fought game, and tonight's game is unlikely to be any different.

Manager Ratcliffe acknowledges that reaching the Play-offs signalled that the hard work was about to begin as Chester looked to regain the Second Division status lost two seasons ago.

The goalless draw at the Deva Stadium on Sunday sets up a potentially interesting and exciting evening, and of course, the respective managers will be renewing a rivalry that once saw them contesting Merseyside derbies.

This evening's game may be a fair few miles from the Anfields and Goodison Parks of this world, but it's a fair bet that there will be a tremendous atmosphere inside the Vetch Field this evening.

GOALKEEPERS

First choice has been Scot **Ronnie Sinclair**, (see Star Man) who was signed from Stoke City at the beginning of the season.

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His deputy was also signed last August. **Chris Knowles** arrived from Peterborough United after impressing in the pre-season games.

DEFENDERS

At right-back, former Sheffield United player **Ross Davidson** has been the man in possession. A defender who likes to get forward, he originally joined City on loan, making the move a permanent one last March.

On the other flank, the solid **Iain Jenkins** is a very popular figure with the fans, and is happily back to full fitness after missing much of last term through injury. He was signed from Everton three seasons ago, and can also play in the centre of the defence.

The speedy **Spencer Whelan** also came from Merseyside, but from the red part, having been an apprentice at Liverpool. In his mid-twenties, he has already chalked up more than 150 League appearances for the Club.

He has been partnered by **Julian Alsford**, who was signed on a free transfer from Watford in August 1994. He is a good solid defender.

The Team Captain, the vastly experienced **Peter Jackson** is a most consistent performer. He was signed from Huddersfield during the 1994-95 season, and has also played at Bradford City and Newcastle United.

Another former Evertonian, **Matt Woods** looks to have a good future in the game. He has been on the bench in recent times and is a central defender, while **Dave Rogers** came from Tranmere Rovers at the start of last season and can play at the back or midfield, and likes to get forward.

MIDFIELD

Player coach **Gary Shelton** is a vastly experienced midfielder, and has been at the club for three seasons. Nottingham-born, he was an apprentice at Walsall, and has also played for Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Oxford United and Bristol City, and has now made over 400 League appearances.

Shaun Reid has figured regularly in the middle of the park. He was signed from Bury, and the 31-year-old has played all of his football in the lower divisions, having also had spells at Rochdale, twice, and York.

Back Row: (l to r)
Kevin Noteman, Andy Milner, Chris Knowles, Nick Richardson, Ronnie Sinclair, Roger Preece, Dave Rogers.

Middle Row: (l to r)
Dave Fogg, Greg Brown, Julian Alsford, Dave Flitcroft, Matt Woods, Spencer Whelan, John Murphy, Stuart Walker.

Front Row: (l to r)
Iain Jenkins, Stuart Rimmer, Peter Jackson, Gary Shelton, Kevin Ratcliffe (Manager), Chris Priest, Ross Davidson, Neil Fisher.

Components



MEET THE MANAGER KEVIN RATCLIFFE

Appointed in April 1995, Kevin is now bringing to bear some of the experience picked up from a distinguished playing career at the highest level in our domestic game and on the international scene.

Kevin played for Wales at all levels, winning 59 full caps, as well as enjoying a most successful time at Everton where he graduated through the ranks to play in the great Goodison sides of the eighties when they won the Championship twice.

A defender with pace, he spent fourteen seasons with Everton, and after leaving Merseyside, had spells at Dundee, returning briefly to Everton, Cardiff City, Nottingham Forest, Derby County, before joining City in the 1994-95 season.

Last Meeting

Swansea City 2 Chester City 1

SEASON 1996-97
Played at: Vetch Field
31st March 1997

Swansea Scorers: Torpey, Molby

Chester Scorer: Milner

Teams:

SWANS: Freestone, Thomas, Hills, Willer, Edwards, S. Jones, Brayson, Penney, Torpey, Molby, Coates.

Subs: Ampadu for Willer, Brown and Jenkins (not used).

Chester City: Sinclair, Davidson, Jenkins, Reid, Whelan, Alsford, Flitcroft, Priest, McDonald, Milner, Aiston

Subs: Woods, Jones, Rimmer

Attendance: 6,284

He has been joined by loan signing **Sam Aiston**. A former Newcastle trainee, he made fourteen appearances in the Sunderland side last season, while another former Everton man, **Chris Priest**, provides the creativity in this department. A skilful player, he initially had a loan spell with the Club, before making the move permanent during the 1994-95 season. Chris gets his fair share of goals, and last season was joint top scorer with thirteen goals.

Now in his fourth season with the Club, **David Flitcroft** was signed from Preston North End in December 1993. He plays in a wide role for City to good effect, and has figured regularly after missing part of last season with a knee injury.

Free transfer signing **Neil Fisher** is a newcomer this season, having previously been at Bolton Wanderers, and **Nick Richardson** was signed for a £40,000 fee from Bury last term. Another creative player with an eye for goal, he has also had spells at Halifax and Cardiff City.

The experienced **Roger Preece** missed all last season through injury. He has been at the Club since August 1990 when he was signed on a free transfer from Wrexham. He can also operate at full-back.

Youngster **Greg Brown** made his League bow last season against

Cardiff City, and is a good passer of the ball. He is a player of whom City have great hopes.

Forwards

Plenty of experience up front, too, with **Stuart Rimmer** and **Andy Milner** filling the striking positions.

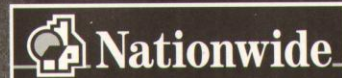
Rimmer is the Club's record scorer, having scored over 140 League goals, and is now in his second spell with the City. He has also played for Walsall, Notts County, Watford and Barnsley, and made his 300th League appearance for City twelve months ago.

Milner has ended up as leading goalscorer this term. A hard-worker up front, he has never been a prolific scorer, but is a provider as well as a taker of chances.

Youngster **John Murphy** has come through the ranks with City. The former trainee uses his height well, and is still improving. The twenty-year-old was used mainly as a substitute last season, and that is a role that he has filled this term too, but he certainly looks to have a good future in the game.

Chester can also look to **Kevin Noteman**, although he has not figured of late. Another experienced player, he has had spells at Leeds, where he was a trainee, Doncaster and Mansfield.

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Kris O'Leary



Swan in the *Spotlight*

PERSONAL FACT FILE:

Name:
Kristian O'Leary

Date of Birth:
30th August 1977

Birthplace:
Port Talbot

Family:
Single

Appearance Record

Total Appearances:
16 (4 as sub)

Appearances this Season:
15 (4 as sub) -
0 goals

Total Goals scored:
0

CAREER UPDATE:

Another of the 'young kids on the block' Kris has made further progress this season following a first team breakthrough last term.

Kris was another who joined the Swans at an early age and came through the ranks at the Vetch Field. He made his debut on the 30th March 1996 against high-riding Bradford City in a Swans side that were battling against relegation - and whilst he was still in the trainee ranks.

Kris did not figure in the side again, but produced a series of consistent performances in the reserves, and there was little doubting that he would be challenging for a first team place this season once he had signed professional forms.

At the start of this season, he was soon taking his place in the side, and manager Jan Molby knows that he can rely on the young central defender as cover for his more experienced defenders.

Kris has won Welsh international honours at Youth level, and this season was called into the Welsh Under 21 squad. There is no doubting his talent, and he is definitely 'one for the future'.

He has continued to perform well in the reserves, and the management team know that he is keen to succeed, and is pressing for inclusion. He has been patient - and he is ready and waiting.....

Where did you go on holiday last summer?
Didn't go away

What is your favourite meal?
Chinese

Who did you support as a youngster?
Manchester United

What is your favourite car?
BMW M3

Who is the best dressed and worst dressed player at the club?
*Best: Carl Higgs
Worst: Linton Brown*

How do you relax after training?
Watch television or sleep

Best moment of your career?
Making my debut at Bradford last season and playing for Wales

What are your ambitions in football?
To play as long as possible

Who has been your toughest opponent?
They are all tough

What is your most prized possession?
My Welsh caps

What would you have been if not a footballer?
I would have joined the R.A.F.

Kris O'Leary

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Past Times

Today we continue the series of articles by Colin Jones detailing the history of the Swans season by season.

Season 1987/88

(Part 2)

Following the Welsh Cup defeat against Merthyr, the Swans manager Terry Yorath paid £35,000 for former Swans' favourite Robbie James, bringing him back to the Vetch Field from Leicester City.

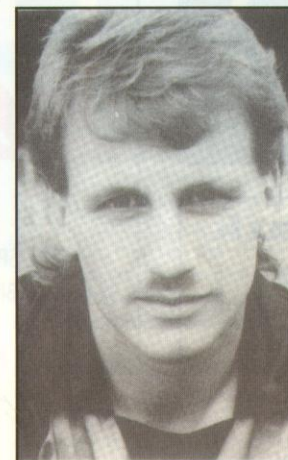
His presence in the Swans side propelled the Club into the top ten for the first time during the season as League results became more consistent, with the Swans becoming a difficult side to break down.

Tragic news arose in February when the Club's highly talented 23-year-old goalkeeper **Michael Hughes** was forced to retire from professional football following a brain abnormality.

Using the loan system, Yorath borrowed the inexperienced **Peter Guthrie** from Spurs. He had been a record non-league signing from Weymouth a few weeks prior to joining the Swans, but had still to make an appearance in the Football League. Despite a nervous couple of games, by the end of the season Guthrie had proved himself to be an astute capture.

Home games were proving to be very difficult for the Swans to gather points, but on their travels, they had no problems. By the end of the season, the Swans had broken the record of away wins of ten set in the 1920-21 season.

As transfer deadline day approached, there were numerous rumours regarding the possible sale of Melville or Pascoe to top clubs. A £70,000 offer



Michael Hughes

from Sunderland, who themselves were going for promotion from the Third Division, secured the services of Pascoe, a player who, up to his departure, was top goalscorer for the Swans with thirteen goals. For a nominal £5,000 fee, Crewe's **Peter Bodak** joined the Swans on deadline day.

Despite home defeats by Rochdale and Tranmere, the Swans sneaked into the last Play-off place after winning the last game of the season against Darlington at the Vetch Field. **Ian Love** and **Sean McCarthy** had returned to the first team after long periods on the sidelines, and their presence up front offset the loss of Pascoe.

The Swans also had the problem for the Play-offs of finding a goalkeeper for the first team, as Peter Guthrie's three-month loan transfer had expired. Special dispensation was received from the Football League to enable him to play in the Play-off games, as the Club had no other goalkeeper on their books.

In an unconvincing season, the Swans had entered the Play-offs through the back door, but with all to play for, felt confident of securing the fourth promotion place. Rotherham United had

found themselves in 21st place in the Third Division, and were drawn against the Swans, the first leg being at the Vetch Field.

Sean McCarthy, returning to full fitness, scored both Swans goals in a 2-1 aggregate win, setting the Club up for the challenge of Torquay United in the Final, again over two legs. In only his second full season as a professional, McCarthy had had a niggling time with pelvic and hamstring problems, making just 27 League appearances, ten as substitute.

Following a 2-1 first leg home win against Torquay, the Swans battled through atrocious conditions at a waterlogged Plainmoor to secure a 3-3 second leg draw, and gain promotion to the Third Division. A tense first half saw the Swans stroll into a 2-0 lead through goals by **Raynor** and **McCarthy**, but in a six-minute spell, the home side had equalised through two goals from their experienced defender **Jim McNichol**. On the stroke of half-time, **Alan Davies** made light work of the slippery conditions underfoot, to stroke the ball into the net and put the Swans 3-2 ahead.

Despite an equalising goal by Caldwell, the Swans hung on for an aggregate victory with Guthrie producing some sterling saves, coupled with safe handling in the treacherous conditions. Included in the Torquay side as a substitute was a young **Lee Sharpe**, who after the game was to sign for Manchester United.

In a topsy turvy season, the Swans had returned to the Third Division after two seasons in the Fourth, with average gates during the season of 4,501. Following the transfer of Pascoe, **Joe Allon** was next top scorer with twelve League goals, with **Sean McCarthy** netting eight.

Honours also came **Terry Yorath's** way when he was appointed the Welsh International Team Manager on a caretaker basis.

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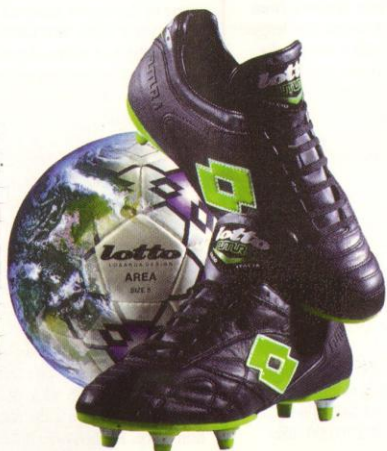
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Nationwide League Division Three

Round-Up

Only The Start

Wigan's 2-0 home victory over Mansfield clinched the Third Division Championship for the Latics, and there is a feeling in the camp that they can make further progress.

Goalkeeper **Lee Butler**, an ever-present this season said after his side's first-ever League Championship campaign: "With Chairman **Dave Whelan's** backing, there is no reason why this club cannot live with any in the Second Division, and then the First Division to reach the Premiership. I don't know whether I will be part of the set-up, but I believe that the club can go all the way with him."

Hard To Bear

Nothing was going to deflate the Fulham fans at the Abbey Stadium, where despite a 1-0 victory, their twelfth on their travels this season, the Londoners failed to lift the title.

More than 4,000 fans made the journey to Cambridge, releasing hundreds of balloons, and turning the occasion into one big party.

Manager **Mickey Adams** was far from bitter after having to settle for runners-up spot: "It is a bit frustrating not to be champions with 87 points, but I want to congratulate Wigan - **John Deehan** has put together a very good team, and they've had a marvellous season."

Missing Out

Lincoln were left to reflect on what might have been after a 2-0 home defeat by Rochdale robbed them of seventh spot.

Starting out the day needing to win and Cardiff to lose at Darlington, they saw the Welshmen crash at Feethams, but goals from **Keith Hill** and **Mark Stuart** ruined their day.

Manager **John Beck** however, was philosophical - and optimistic about the future. "It's about all 46 games. We've now got the basic structure for success and next season we will be going for the Play-offs," he said.

Lowest Ever

A 2-0 home defeat by Scarborough condemned Hull, relegated with the Swans last season, to their lowest ever position in the Football League.

It has been a traumatic season for the Tigers, but there was some consolation for the fans who were informed that the current owners had confirmed that staying at Boothferry Park would be a condition of any deal with a prospective buyer.

Heartbreak...And Joy

It couldn't have been better stage-managed could it? Hereford v Brighton on the last day of the season to see who was relegated.

Brighton, just six points away

from home prior to the game, needed to avoid defeat. Hereford had to win. A whole host of emotions must have been evident throughout the afternoon, but, as they say, it is all history now and Brighton survive, while "The Bulls" nose-dive into the Conference.

For new Chairman **Dick Knight**, Brighton's survival was an early boost for the future. He still has problems - not least where his side will be playing next season, but he still had time to pay tribute to his manager **Steve Gritt**: "When Steve took over, the club looked dead and buried, and he has had to cope in the most trying of circumstances. We were eleven points adrift of the rest. For what he has done, he deserves to be 'Manager of the Year'."

However, Brighton now face a struggle to hold on to Gritt following his success. On the other side, Hereford boss **Graham Turner**, who took his side to the Play-offs last season, resigned.

On Top Of The World!

It's congratulations to Macclesfield, who will be replacing Hereford next season. They finished their season in style with a 4-1 win at Kettering to clinch the Conference Championship, and manager **Sammy McIlroy** was naturally delighted: "I've played in World Cup finals and F.A. Cup Finals at Wembley, but this is my greatest achievement," he said.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As the 1996-97 Nationwide League Division Three season ends with Swansea City in the Play-off Second Leg against Chester City at the Vetch Field, may I take this opportunity to thank all Swansea City supporters and sponsors for thier encouraging support during the season.

With increasing attendances and a final fifth position in the League, it is my hope that your support will carry Jan Molby and his players through to victory at Wembley and promotion to Division Two.

Whatever the result, my best wishes to all our supporters, and I trust that you will give the Club the same generous support in 1997-98.



Doug Sharpe
Chairman

MIDLANDS AVON & GLOUCESTER SWANS

THIS IS IT! After Sunday's game and the excellent support the Swans always take away from home, we are now 90 minutes from Wembley. And don't forget, Swansea City never lose when they play at Wembley.

Thanks

As is customary at this point of the season, thanks once again to Myra and Marlene in the Club Shop, Debbie in the office (thanks), Reg, Tony Jenkins at Diff'rent Records, London, Phil Tottle at P.R.S. and our Fanzine sellers..

Thanks too to all 148 M.A.G.S members, the Gloucester and Cheltenham Swans (32 pints of bitter please landlord), and finally Robin Sharpe for his recent assistance. And lest we forget, Lyn Phillips, South Wales Police for 100% co-operation. Cheers mate.

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Keith Haynes

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Although not an official Supporters Club, the group has been together for many years. During the last three seasons, they have sponsored a player's shirt, and last season two of them sponsored the Blackpool game as a birthday treat for their father.

After the Hartlepool match, they presented their 'Player of the Year' Award, which was won by David Penney, who incidentally, is the player whose shirt the group sponsor this season.

'The Port Talbot and Newport Swans' meet prior to each home game in the back room of The Clarence Public House, which is directly opposite the Club Shop. As well as sponsorship, an away weekend is organised, and in recent seasons, they have taken in York, Darlington and Chesterfield. This season's trip was to Hull, taking in the final away game at Scunthorpe, and apart from the result, a good time was had by all. Savings are collected each home game to finance sponsorships and weekend breaks, and anyone is welcome to join this happy band of supporters.

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To all who have travelled to support the team away from home, a very BIG thank you.

ALL TIED UP



At the last home match with Hartlepool, Jan Molby and striker Dai Thomas both received ties for scoring two goals in a match, and our picture above shows Byron Jenkins of R.D. Howells, Tailors of High Street Swansea, along with his grandson Andrew, presenting the ties to the Swans' pair. Carl Heggs was also due to join the presentation, but was absent after developing a sore throat which caused him to miss the game.

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To be or not to be, Wembley
or not, who knows. Writing
these notes before the
showdown at the Deva
Stadium, a positive stance must
be shown!

Assuming we do the business and reach
Wembley, all hell will break loose,
because being a Bank Holiday weekend,
coaches will be at a premium. Details
later, and in the media.

Whatever happens however, the 1996-
97 season comes to a close with every-
one feeling far more positive than at the
end of last season. Some lovely football,
obvious highs and lows attributable to the
proverbial footballers luck syndrome
(sounds good anyway).

Our trips to far flung outposts have been
enjoyed to the full, though results have
not always been positive, and we as a
Committee must thank all those who trav-
elled away with us for their excellent
behaviour at all times that has given
Swansea City a good name all over the
country.

THANK YOU

As we are in a thank you mode, here we
go: Thanks to **Jan Molby** and staff for
renewing our faith in the Swans.

Thanks to the players, too, for giving
100% most of the time. Thanks to **Myra**
and **Marlene** at the Club Shop for their
valued help during the season, and also
to the office staff. Thanks also to **D**
Coaches and their drivers for their excel-
lent service, and finally thanks to anyone
else not mentioned above who wants to
be thanked!

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8. Who won the Third Division Play-off Final last season?
9. Who play at the McCain Stadium?
10. Who won the Coca Cola Cup this season, and who is their manager?

Who Am I?

- Clue 1:** Born Poplar March 1947
Clue 2: Made 147 appearances for West Ham between 1965 and 1971 - mainly on the wing.
Clue 3: Also played for Brentford, Bournemouth and Norwich.
Clue 4: Has managed two of his former clubs.
Clue 5: Currently at West Ham.

Who Am I? Harry Redknapp

1. Everton, 2. Paul Gascoigne, 3. Bilbao, 4. Rochdale, 5. Oxford Utd, 6. Macclesfield, 7. John Ward, 8. Plymouth Argyle, 9. Scarborough, 10. Leicester City, Martin O'Neill

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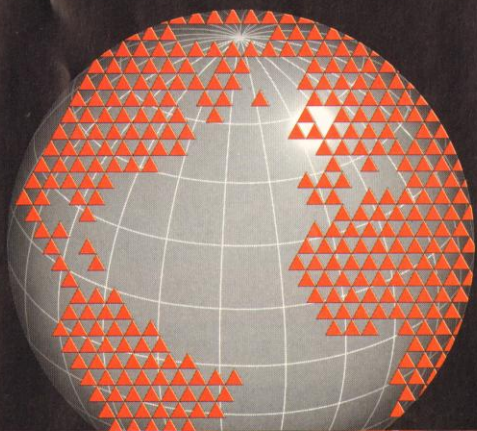
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PLAYING CONNECTION

One of DEREK DRAPER's jobs during his early days on the Swans' groundstaff was to clean the boots of Ivor Allchurch.

And watching the magical style of play from one of the greatest post-war footballers in training, or on the playing field, rubbed off on Draper, as he eventually graduated to the Swans first team after impressive performances for the Reserves and being capped by Wales at Youth level.

His first team debut was against Newcastle United at the Vetch Field on March 16th, 1963, scoring the only goal of the game, and by the end of the season, he had made a further three League appearances against Norwich City, Rotherham United and Southampton.

Before he was twenty years of age, Derek had been nicknamed 'Didi' by the Club's supporters, as they warmed to his attacking and adventurous style of play from the inside forward position.

Twelve months later, in what was his first full season in League football, Derek was involved in the Swans' march to the F.A. Cup semi-finals, beating Barrow, Sheffield United, Stoke City and Liverpool to get there, before losing to



Derek Draper

Preston North End, 2-1 at a rain-sodden Villa Park.

The 1963-64 season saw him make 32 League appearances, scoring three goals, with a further two goals coming in the 4-0 replay win over Sheffield United at the Vetch Field in the F.A. Cup.

His growing maturity in the Swans' Second Division side was recognised during the 1964-65 season, when he was selected to play for the Welsh Under 23 side against England, despite playing in a Swans' side destined for relegation to the Third Division for the first time.

With Ivor Allchurch returning to the Vetch Field at the start of the following season, Derek's opportunity of playing with the man whose boots he had cleaned during his groundstaff days vanished early in the season when he was sidelined with injury, after he had made just three League appearances.

On regaining his fitness, Derek was unable to force his way into a free-scoring Swans side, and prior to transfer deadline day in April 1966, was offered the chance to join Second Division Derby County for a £5,000 fee.

After just twelve months at the Baseball Ground, Derek was transferred to Fourth Division Bradford Park Avenue after making just eight League appearances, scoring one goal.

Despite being a regular in the Bradford side, Derek joined Chester in January 1969 after making 63 League appearances for Bradford, scoring nine goals. Eighteen months later, Park Avenue failed to gain re-election to the Fourth Division.

In eight and a half seasons at Chester, up until his retirement from football in 1978, Derek made a total of 331 League appearances for the Club, scoring 55 goals. He was 77 League appearances short of the Club's record appearance total, held by Ray Gill with 408.

A highly respected player in lower division football, his memories from a long stay with Chester at Sealand Road, as it was then, include a promotion-winning season in 1974-75 and reaching the League Cup semi-finals in the same season, losing to Aston Villa 5-4 on aggregate over two legs.

Colin Jones

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WEEK IN - WEEK OUT

With Dai Swan

Happy days are here again as we look eagerly forward to this evening's game. Since qualifying for these final stages, there have been queues at the Club Shop in William Street with Myra, Marlene and Heather getting no respite!

A sell-out of tickets for last Sunday's game at the Deva Stadium ensured that the Swans would have a big following there, and it is anticipated that there will be another big crowd this evening as we look to make it to the Play-off final at Wembley.

And whilst Wembley and promotion to Division Two are the main topics of conversation, manager **Jan Molby** and his assistant, **Billy Ayre** have been focussed on these two games with Chester.

However, you can feel the determination and resolve as Billy and Jan organise their strategy.

MARATHON MAN

Swans supporter **Steve McLelland** ran

in the Flora London Marathon for the second successive year, taking part in the Football Challenge section to raise funds for charity.

Steve competed in his Swansea City shirt, and finished the course in three hours 44 minutes, taking seventh position among the Division Three runners.

Our hearty congratulations Steve, not only in completing the course again, but also for raising the great sum of £1,500 through sponsorship. This money will be shared between the **Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Unit** and the **Army Cadet Force**.

COMPETITION WINNERS

We have received a record number of entries for our competition set in the Hartlepool programme asking you to estimate the attendance at last Sunday's first leg game at Chester.

Listen out today on **Radio Vetch** for the winners, and don't worry if you don't catch those names, because

we'll notify you in writing anyway.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Open Award Centre attracted three new participants last Wednesday, and they have all signed up with **Linden Jones** and his assistant **Emma Jones** for the Recreational Section of the Award commencing on **Wednesday, 4th June at 6.30p.m.** in the Swans gymnasium. There's room for another two - any volunteers?

THANK YOU

As you read this last edition of The Swan for this season, may I thank everyone for their support this season. Thanks to everyone - the Tea Ladies, Ball Boys, Stewards, Stadium Caterers and Alison, Manager Jan Molby, Billy Ayre and the players, Alan Curtis and Ron Walton, Stadium Manager David Healey and staff, Paul Morgan and in particular, Office Manager Vicky Townsend and staff, with Myra and Marlene in the Club Shop.

AND FINALLY..

To Chairman **Doug Sharpe** and Chief Executive **Robin Sharpe**, plaudits for a free hand with The Swan programme - not forgetting **Phil Tottle**, who has been a pillar of strength, and the **South Wales Evening Post** for their super photographs.

Welcome to everyone from Chester, we hope that you will enjoy the game, win, lose or draw, and to all Swans' supporters, let's hope, with your encouragement the lads will be on their way to **WEMBLEY**.

Dai Swan



Steve McLelland (centre) is pictured at the Vetch Field with manager Jan Molby and Lt. Colonel David Jones, Deputy Commandant of the Glamorgan Army Cadet Force.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RESULT
Aug. 26	SWINDON TOWN	H	1-2
Sept. 11	Cardiff City	A	1-1
Oct. 2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
Oct. 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	0-0
Feb. 19	OXFORD UNITED	H	

LEAGUE

Sept. 4	MILLWALL	H	2-3
Sept. 23	Q.P.R.	H	2-1
Oct. 9	West Ham United	A	0-0
Oct. 23	NORWICH CITY	H	2-1
Oct. 30	Wimbledon	A	4-3
Nov. 6	PORTSMOUTH	H	2-0
Nov. 13	Bristol City	A	1-2
Dec. 9	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0-2
Dec. 18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	1-2
Jan. 15	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-2
Jan. 21	Crystal Palace	A	0-6
Feb. 26	Cardiff City	A	2-0
Mar. 19	Brighton & H.A.	A	0-0
Mar. 24	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	4-0
Mar. 26	ARSENAL	H	3-2
Apr. 2	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-1
Apr. 9	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-0
Apr. 14	Luton Town	A	0-0
Apr. 16	SOUTHAMPTON	H	1-1
Apr. 21	Watford	A	2-2
Apr. 28	Chelsea	A	1-1
Apr. 30	SWINDON TOWN	H	1-0

Avon Insurance Combination LEAGUE CUP 1996-97

(as at 27.2.97)

GROUP ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	5	3	2	0	8	4	11
Swindon Town	5	3	1	1	6	4	10
Bristol City	5	2	2	1	9	5	8
Swansea City	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Bristol Rovers	5	1	1	3	8	7	4
Cardiff City	5	0	1	4	1	12	1

We have had a very good end to the season as far as the Reserve side is concerned, and it was pleasing to finish with a win over Swindon Town here.

The 1-0 victory made it six games unbeaten, and in fact, we have suffered only one defeat in our last eleven games, showing once again that we have more than held our own in what has been a strong league. Without dwelling on it, what a pity that we are not to be allowed to play in the Avon Insurance Combination next season.

It has been an education for our youngsters, who have grown in stature through the campaign, and nothing but good has come out of it. Hopefully, there will be an alternative for us next season.

But to our game with Swindon. They fielded a reasonably strong side, but we started brightly, and created a few chances, but were pushed back for a period when Lee Jones was forced into a couple of saves.

We took the lead around about the half hour when trialist **Jamie Harris**, a 17-year-old who plays for Mumbles Rangers, scored from the edge of the box.

From then on, we had more than our fair share of the possession, and pushed forward looking for more goals, and came close to adding to our tally without doing so.

Team: Jones, King, Moreira, Phillips, O'Leary, Price, King, Lacey, Chapple, Harris, Appleby, Bowton.
Subs: Casey (for O'Leary), Mainwaring (for Appleby), McDonald (not used).

Billy Ayre

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	21	14	5	2	43	23	47
Portsmouth	22	14	2	6	40	23	44
Tottenham	22	13	4	5	50	26	43
Ipswich	21	12	4	5	41	18	40
Crystal Palace	22	10	6	6	37	32	36
Arsenal	22	10	5	7	49	30	35
Brighton	22	9	8	5	40	31	35
Swindon	22	9	5	8	37	35	32
Chelsea	21	9	5	7	29	30	32
Luton	20	8	5	7	23	21	29
Q.P.R.	21	8	4	9	35	36	28
Watford	21	7	7	7	25	29	28
Swansea	22	7	7	8	24	33	28
Charlton	21	7	5	9	30	38	26
Bournemouth	22	7	5	10	34	43	26
Bristol City	22	6	5	11	38	37	23
Oxford	22	6	5	11	37	40	23
Southampton	20	6	5	9	31	37	23
Millwall	21	6	4	11	28	37	22
Bristol Rovers	22	6	4	12	22	42	22
West Ham	21	6	3	12	26	42	21
Cardiff	22	4	7	11	17	42	19
Norwich	20	4	6	10	30	41	18

MAY WE THANK ALL THOSE SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED
OUR RESERVE GAMES THIS SEASON. IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED

Youth Team News

May I start by saying that, by the time you read these notes, let's hope we will have had a good result at Chester City in the First leg of the Play-offs, and hope tonight we can reach the Final on May 24th at Wembley, and go on from there and get promoted. Let's give the players all our support tonight. They deserve that for the season.

COMEBACK

In the Hartlepool programme, I mentioned that we would be playing Northampton at Under 15 level, and the game took place ten days ago at the Morfa Stadium.

It was an excellent match, and after being two goals down, we came back to win 3-2, and showed super fighting qualities. On top of that, they played with good skill and passed the ball well. Our scorers were **Grant James**, **Ross Mazurack** and **Grant Thomas**.

Our team was: Mounty, Gregson, K. James, Morgan, Todd, G. James, J. Thomas, Mazurack, Kern, G. Thomas, Clement.
Subs: Pascoe, Trollope, Lawrence, Webb, Michael and Berry.

WELL DONE

Congratulations go to **Lee Jenkins** on his selection for the Welsh Youth squad once again.

Wales have an Under 18 international with Northern Ireland at Wrexham in June, so we wish Lee luck at the end of a season which I am sure he will not forget. Well done Lee!

LONG HAUL BACK

I am pleased to be able to report that one of our Associate Schoolboys, **Martyn Howard** continues to make good progress after sustaining a serious knee injury.

He is working hard with Physio **Mike Davenport** after his operation, but there is still a long way to go before he attains full fitness. The summer is going to be a time of further hard work, but we are looking forward to seeing Martyn back with us in the future.

ENJOYABLE VISIT

Regular readers to this column will recall that we fielded sides against visiting teams from Maryland State and Georgetown University from America. I have recently received a letter **Tim Lewis** on behalf of the **Maryland State Youth Soccer Association**. This is what he wrote:

"I am just dropping a line to say how much both Georgetown University and Maryland State enjoyed their recent games against Swansea City.

The fact that Maryland were able to visit the Chester game on Easter Monday was an added pleasure. The Maryland trip was a great success, and included a 4-2 victory over Chelsea in London.

Once again, I would like to say how professional all aspects of your organisation have been for the American visits to Wales."

ALL THE BEST

I hope I have kept you all informed of all the Youth news at the Club throughout the season, and wish all our supporters the best for the summer ahead. Have a good holiday, and be ready for August 1997 - the start of another rip-roaring season.

Ron Walton

WEST COUNTRY TELEVISION SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE 1996-97

LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RESULT
Aug. 24	Cardiff City	A	1-3
Sept. 7	Cirencester Town	A	2-1
Sept. 14	EXETER CITY	H	6-3
Sept. 21	Hereford United	A	2-0
Sept. 28	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	1-4
Oct. 5	TORQUAY UNITED	H	0-3
Oct. 12	Swindon Town	A	1-1
Oct. 19	AFC Bournemouth	A	3-1
Oct. 26	Bashley	A	3-3
Nov. 2	BRISTOL CITY	H	0-1
Nov. 9	Bristol City	A	7-2
Nov. 23	Cheltenham Town	A	4-3
Nov. 30	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H	1-3
Dec. 7	Exeter City	A	0-3
Jan. 11	Torquay United	A	1-5
Jan. 18	SWINDON TOWN	H	2-3
Jan. 22	CARDIFF CITY	H	2-3
Jan. 25	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	3-3
Feb. 1	BASHLEY	H	2-2
Feb. 8	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3
Feb. 22	HEREFORD UNITED	H	0-4
Mar. 1	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H	3-0

League Cup fixtures will take place between 8th February and the end of April.

South West Counties Youth League 1996-97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff City	22	15	5	2	58	14	47
Torquay United	21	14	3	4	67	27	45
Plymouth Argyle	20	13	3	4	48	25	42
Hereford United	21	12	6	3	36	17	42
Cirencester	22	11	3	8	40	24	36
Exeter City	22	7	8	7	34	36	29
SWANSEA CITY	22	7	4	11	45	54	25
Swindon Town	21	6	7	8	24	37	25
Bashley	22	5	7	10	35	50	22
Bristol City	21	4	5	12	20	57	17
Bournemouth	21	2	5	14	22	56	11
Cheltenham Town	20	2	4	14	14	45	10

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Date	Opponents	v	F-A	Att	Pos.	G	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
August																			
Sat	17 Rochdale	H	2-1	4,272		Freestone	Appleby	Clode	Molby	Garnett	Jones S	Lacey	Penney 1	Torpey**	Ampadu	Thomas 1*	Chapple*	McDonald	Brown**
Tue	20 Gillingham CCC 1 (1)	H	0-1	2,711		Freestone	Appleby	Clode	Molby	Garnett	Jones S	Lacey**	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu	Thomas*	Chapple*	McDonald	Brown**
Sat	24 Darlington	A	1-4	2,752		Freestone	Appleby+	Clode*	Molby	Garnett	Jones S	Lacey	Penney	Torpey**	Ampadu	Thomas**	Chapple*	McDonald+	Brown 1**
Tue	27 Chester City	A	0-2	1,946	16	Freestone	Appleby*	Clode	Molby	Garnett	Jones S	Lacey**	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu+	Thomas	Chapple*	McDonald+	Brown**
Fri	30 Lincoln City	H	1-2	3,111	21	Freestone	Chapple	O'Leary*	Molby	Garnett	Jones S	Brown**	Penney 1	McDonald+	Ampadu	Thomas	Lacey*	Torpey+	Heggs**
September																			
Tue	3 Gillingham CCC 1 (2)	A	0-2	3,633	-	Freestone	Chapple	O'Leary**	Edwards	Garnett	Jones S	Brown*	Penney	Appleby	Coates	Thomas	Torpey*	Ampadu	Moreira**
Sat	7 Carlisle United	A	1-4	5,114	21	Freestone	Chapple	O'Leary	Lacey	Ampadu	Jones S	Appleby	Penney	Heggs**	Coates	Thomas 1*	Edwards	Torpey*	McDonald**
Tue	10 Hereford United	H	4-0	2,479	16	Freestone	Chapple	Edwards**	Walker	Garnett+	Jones S	Jenkins!	Penney 1	Torpey 1	Coates	Thomas 1	Appleby*	McDonald+	Heggs*
Sat	14 Fulham	H	1-2	3,791	18	Freestone	Chapple*	Edwards	Walker	Garnett	Jones S	Jenkins!	Penney	Torpey	Coates	Thomas 1	Heggs	Appleby*	McDonald+
Sat	21 Doncaster Rovers	A	1-0	1,391	16	Freestone	Ampadu	Edwards	Walker	McGibbon	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney 1	McDonald*	Coates	Thomas	Heggs*	Appleby	Lacey
Sat	28 Hull City	H	0-0	2,961	15	Freestone	Ampadu*	Edwards	Walker	O'Leary	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Heggs	Coates	Thomas	Molby*	Appleby	McDonald
October																			
Tue	1 Leyton Orient	A	0-1	3,536	17	Freestone	Chapple	Lacey	Walker	O'Leary	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Heggs	Molby	Thomas**	McDonald**	Appleby+	Casey+
Fri	5 Colchester United	H	1-1	2,531	18	Freestone	Casey	Lacey	Walker	O'Leary	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby	Thomas	McDonald	Heggs	Chapple
Sat	12 Mansfield Town	A	0-0	2,003	20	Freestone	Chapple	Lacey	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Clode	Penney	Torpey	Coates**	Thomas*	McDonald	Heggs*	Casey**
Tue	15 Hartlepool United	A	1-1	1,310	21	Freestone	Chapple*	Lacey	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Clode	Penney	Torpey 1	Coates**	Casey	O'Leary*	Heggs	Brown**
Sat	19 Scunthorpe United	H	1-1	2,373	22	Freestone	Appleby**	Lacey	Walker	Edwards*	Jones S	Coates	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby	Casey	O'Leary*	Thomas	Brown**
Sat	26 Torquay United	A	0-2	2,755	23	Freestone	Appleby**	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Coates	McDonald*	Brown*	Miles	Thomas**
Tue	29 Wigan Athletic	H	2-1	2,227	18	Freestone	Brown*	Clode 1	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby	Coates	Thomas*	Heggs	McDonald
November																			
Sat	2 Northampton Town	H	1-0	3,335	17	Freestone	Brown*	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby†	Coates	O'Leary†	Heggs*	McDonald
Sat	9 Cambridge United	A	1-2	3,178	19	Freestone	Brown	Clode	Walker*	O'Leary	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	King	Coates†	Phillips†	Heggs†	McDonald
Sat	16 Bristol City (FAC 1)	H	1-1	5,629	-	Freestone	Brown*	Clode	Moreira	O'Leary	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey 1	Ampadu	Coates†	Thomas	King†	O'Leary*
Tue	19 Brighton & H.A.	H	1-0	2,692	14	Freestone	Brown	Clode	Moreira	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney 1	Torpey	Ampadu	Coates	Thomas	King	O'Leary
Sat	23 Scarborough	A	1-0	2,005	14	Freestone	Brown	Clode	Moreira	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu	Coates	Thomas	Heggs	O'Leary
Tue	26 Bristol City (FAC1R)	A	0-1	8,017	-	Freestone	O'Leary	Clode*	Moreira	Edwards	Jones S	Heggs	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu	Coates	Thomas*	McDonald	Phillips
Sat	30 Torquay United	H	2-0	2,889	11	Freestone	O'Leary 1	Moreira†	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey 1	Heggs*	Coates	Thomas*	Clode†	Appleby
December																			
Tue	3 Cardiff City	A	3-1	3,721	6	Freestone	Ampadu 1	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S 1	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Heggs*	Coates	Thomas 1*	Moreira	O'Leary
Sat	21 Exeter City	A	2-1	2,801	6	Freestone	Thomas	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney 2	Torpey	Molby	Coates	King	Moreira	O'Leary
Thur	26 Hereford United	A	1-0	4,204	5	Freestone	Ampadu	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney 1	Torpey	Molby	Coates	King	Moreira	Thomas
Sat	28 Carlisle United	H	0-1	7,318	5	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Molby	Coates	King	Clode	Ampadu
January																			
Wed	8 Wycombe Wanderers (AWS1)	H	1-1*	1,638	-	Freestone	Thomas 1	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brown†	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu	Coates*	King	Clode*	Molby†
Sat	11 Hull City	A	1-1	2,810	6	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Molby	Coates	Chapple	Clode	Ampadu
Tue	14 Barnet	H	3-0	3,570	5	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brown 1	Penney 1	Torpey	Molby**	Ampadu 1†	Coates†	Clode**	Jenkins†
Sat	18 Leyton Orient	H	1-0	3,435	5	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brown	Penney	Torpey	Molby 1	Ampadu*	Coates†	Clode	Jenkins
Tue	21 Bristol City (AWS2)	H	0-1	5,360	-	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins!	Penney	Torpey	Chapple	Coates	King	Clode*	O'Leary
Sat	25 Wigan Athletic	A	2-3	4,058	6	Freestone	Thomas	Clode	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brown	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby*	Coates	King	Moreira	Ampadu*
Tue	28 Doncaster Rovers	H	2-0	3,464	5	Freestone	Moreira	Clode†	Walker	King	Jones S	Brown*	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu 1	Coates 1**	Chapple†	Price*	McDonald**
Fri	31 Cambridge United	H	3-1	5,772	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney 2	Torpey	Molby	Coates*	Brown*	Moreira	McDonald
February																			
Sat	8 Northampton Town	A	2-1	6,178	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney 1	Brown	Molby*	Coates	King	Chapple*	Lacey†
Tue	11 Fulham	A	1-2	4,836	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Brown	Thomas*	Coates 1	Chapple	Clode	Lacey†
Sat	15 Scarborough	H	1-2	3,312	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney 1	Chapple*	Thomas	Coates	Casey	Clode	Brown*
Sat	22 Brighton & H.A.	A	2-3	6,645	4	Freestone	Chapple	Hills	Walker 1	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Thomas*	Coates	Clode	King	Casey*
March																			
Sun	2 Cardiff City	H	0-1	4,443	4	Freestone	Chapple†	Hills	Walker	Edwards*	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Appleby**	Coates	Thomas**	Casey*	Molby†
Sat	8 Exeter City	H	3-0*	3,115	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	O'Leary	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Thomas 2†	Coates*	Chapple†	Casey*	Appleby
Sat	15 Barnet	A	1-0	1,881	4	Freestone	Ampadu 1	Hills	Willer	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Thomas*	Coates	Chapple*	Casey	Appleby
Sat	22 Darlington	H	1-1	4,176	4	Freestone	Ampadu	Hills	Willer	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Molby 1	Coates	Chapple	Price	Appleby
Sat	29 Rochdale	A	3-2	1,884	4	Freestone	Thomas*	Hills	Willer	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey	Molby 2	Coates	Ampadu*	Brown	Jenkins
Mon	31 Chester City	H	2-1	6,284	4	Freestone	Thomas	Hills	Willer*	Edwards	Jones S	Brayson	Penney	Torpey 1	Molby 1	Coates	Ampadu*	Brown	Jenkins
April																			
Sat	5 Lincoln City	A	0-4	3,348	4	Freestone	Thomas	Moreira	O'Leary*	Edwards	Jones S	Ampadu	Penney	Price	Molby	Coates	Chapple	Heggs	Jenkins*
Fri	11 Colchester United	A	1-3	3,162	4	Freestone	Thomas	Ampadu	Willer	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins!	Penney	Torpey	Molby 1	Coates	Chapple	Heggs*	Price
Sat	19 Mansfield Town	H	3-2	4,868	4	Freestone	Thomas	Ampadu	Willer*	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Molby	Coates	Chapple	Heggs 2*	Price
Sat	26 Scunthorpe United	A	0-1	3,130	4	Freestone	Thomas	Ampadu	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Jenkins	Penney	Torpey	Molby*	Coates	Chapple	Heggs*	Price
May																			
Sat	3 Hartlepool United	H	2-2	5,423	5	Jones L	Thomas 1	Moreira	Walker	Willer	Jones S	Appleby	Penney	Torpey	Molby*	Coates	Chapple	Edwards	Ampadu*
Sun	11 Chester City (PO S-F 1)	A	0-0	5,104	-	Freestone	Thomas*	Moreira	Walker	Edwards	Jones S	Appleby	Penney	Torpey	Ampadu	Coates	Chapple	Heggs*	Jenkins
Wed	14 Chester City (PO S-F 2)	H																	

*Swans won 6-5 on pens

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan Ath	46	17	3	3	53	21	9	6	8	3	31	30	87		
Fulham	46	13	5	5	41	20	12	7	4	31	18	87			
Carlisle	46	16	3	4	41	21	8	9	6	26	23	84			
Northampton T.	46	14	4	5	43	17	6	8	9	24	27	72			
SWANSEA C	46	13	5	5	37	21	8	3	12	25	38	71			
Chester C.	46	11	8	4	30	16	7	8	8	25	27	70			
Cardiff C.	46	11	4	8	30	23	9	5	9	26	31	69			
Colchester Utd.	46	11	9	3	36	23	6	8	9	26	28	68			
Lincoln C.	46	10	8	5	35	25	8	4	11	35	44	66			
Cambridge Utd	46	11	5	7	30	27	7	6	10	23	32	65			
Mansfield T.	46	9	8	6	21	17	7	8	8	26	28	64			
Scarborough	46	9	5	36	31	7	6	10	29	37	63				
Scunthorpe Utd	46	11	3	9	36	33	7	6	10	23	29	63			
Rochdale	46	10	6	7	34	24	4	10	9	24	34	58			
Barnet	46	9	9	5	32	23	5	7	11	14	28	58			
Leyton Orient	46	11	6	6	28	20	4	6	13	22	38	57			
Hull C	46	9	8	6	29	26	4	10	9	15	24	57			
Darlington	46	11	5	7	37	28	3	5	15	27	50	52			
Doncaster R.	46	9	7	7	29	23	5	3	15	23	43	52			
Hartlepool Utd.	46	8	6	9	33	32	6	3	14	20	34	51			
Torquay Utd	46	9	4	10	24	24	4	7	12	22	38	50			
Exeter C	46	6	9	8	25	30	6	3	14	23	43	48			
Brighton & H.A.	46	12	6	5	41	27	1	4	18	12	43	47			
Hereford Utd	46	6	8	9	26	25	5	6	12	24	40	47			
<i>Brighton deducted 2pts for crowd invasion</i>															
Final Table as at 3rd May 1997															