

The 1990s

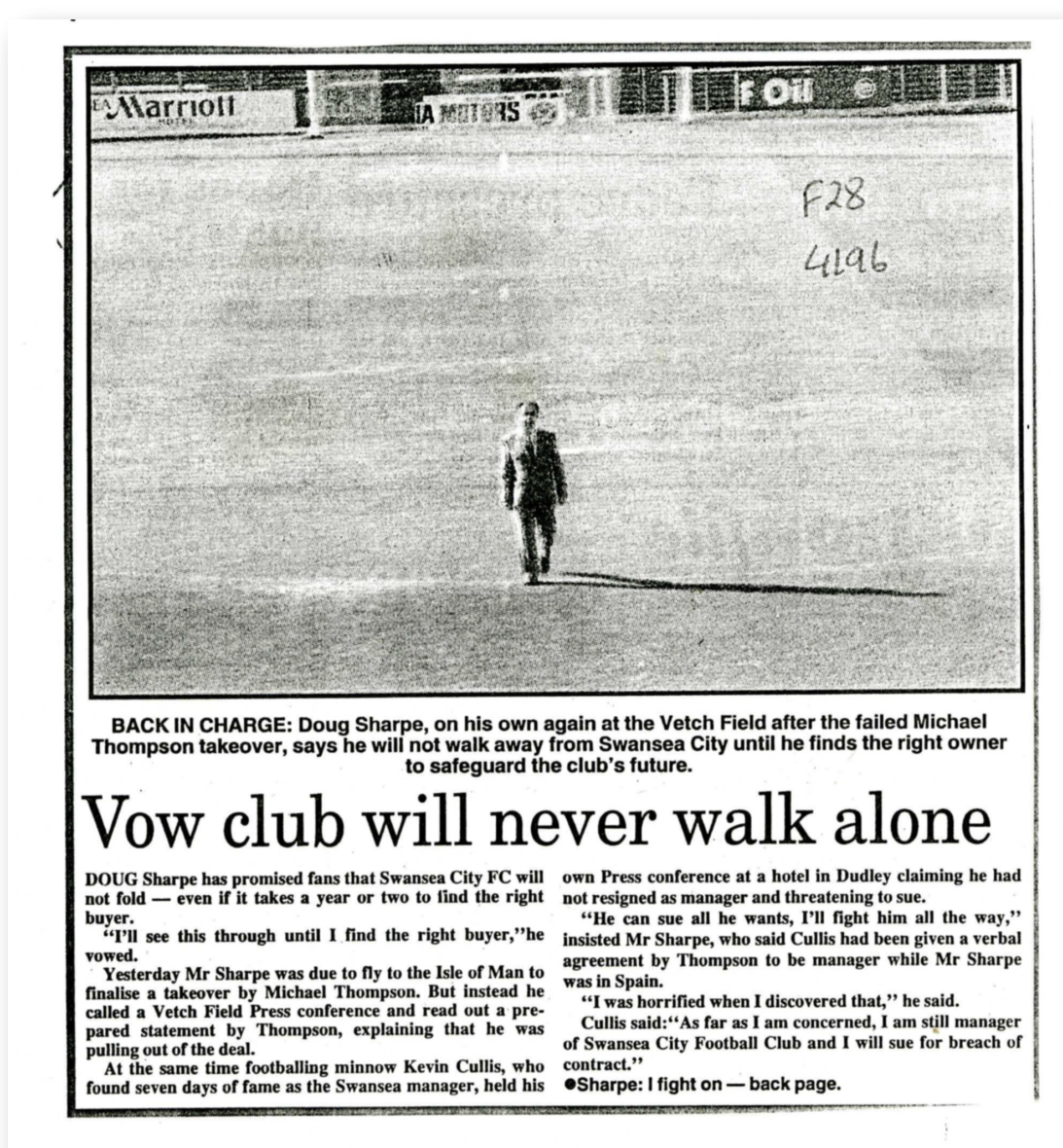
The 1990s started brightly for Swansea Town. In 1990 a big home crowd saw the Swans hold Liverpool to a home draw in the FA Cup, they won the Welsh Cup a year later and in 1994 made it to Wembley for the first time. This was the final of the FA Trophy, and Swansea came through on penalties to beat Huddersfield. It was a real high point for the fans, after so many years of low achievement.

Despite new Danish player-manager Jan Molby the Swans were relegated to the lowest division in 1996. The 'Great Dane' took the team to the play-off final in 1997, narrowly losing to Northampton Town on their second visit to Wembley. Chairman Doug Sharpe finally sold the club to Silver Shield Group PLC, who came in with grand plans to move to a new stadium.

After much change, the club found some stability under manager John Hollins, who took the team to another playoff semi-final in 1999. The following year Hollins secured promotion. The final point came away at Rotherham, a match marred by the death of Swans supporter Terry Coles. Despite this bad omen, there was real cause for optimism at the opening of the new millennium.



Team tribute to Terry Coles.
Teyngred tim i Terry Coles.



February 1996 - Doug Sharpe returns to the Vetch Field.
Chwefror 1996 - Dychwelyd Doug Sharp i Cae y Vetch.



Jan Molby.

Y 1990au



24th April 1994 - Autoglass Trophy, MacFarlane and Cornforth.
24 Ebrill 1994 - Trophy Autoglass, MacFarlane a Cornforth.

Dechreuodd y 1990au yn dda i Dref Abertawe. Ym 1990, gwelodd torf gartref fawr y Swans yn dal Lerpwl i gêm gyfartal yng Nghwpan yr FA, roeddent wedi ennill Cwpan Cymru flwyddyn yn ddiweddarach ac ym 1994, roeddent wedi cyrraedd Wembley am y tro cyntaf. Dyma oedd rownd derfynol Tlws yr FA, ac enillodd Abertawe trwy giciau o'r smotyn i guro Huddersfield. Roedd yn uchafbwynt go iawn i'r cefnogwyr, ar ôl cynifer o flynyddoedd o dangyflawni.

Er gwaethaf penodi Jan Molby, rheolwr-chwaraewr Danaidd newydd, cafodd y Swans eu diraddio i'r adran isaf ym 1996. Aeth y 'Great Dane' â'r tîm i rownd derfynol y gemau ail gyfle ym 1997, gan golli mewn gêm agos yn erbyn Tref Northampton ar eu hail ymweliad â Wembley. Yn y diwedd, gwerthodd Doug Sharpe, y cadeirydd, y clwb i Silver Shield Group PLC, a gyflwynodd gynlluniau mawr i symud i stadiwm newydd.

Ar ôl llawer o newidiadau, cafodd y clwb ryw faint o sefydlogrwydd o dan y rheolwr John Hollins, a aeth â'r tîm i gêm gynderfynol ail gyfle arall ym 1999. Y flwyddyn ganlynol, sicrhodd Hollins ddychafiad i'r tîm. Cafwyd y pwynt olaf mewn gêm oddi cartref yn Rotherham, a oedd yn gêm a ddifethwyd gan farwolaeth Terry Coles, un o gefnogwyr y Swans. Er hyn, roedd achos da dros fod yn optimistaidd ar ddechrau'r mileniwm newydd.

