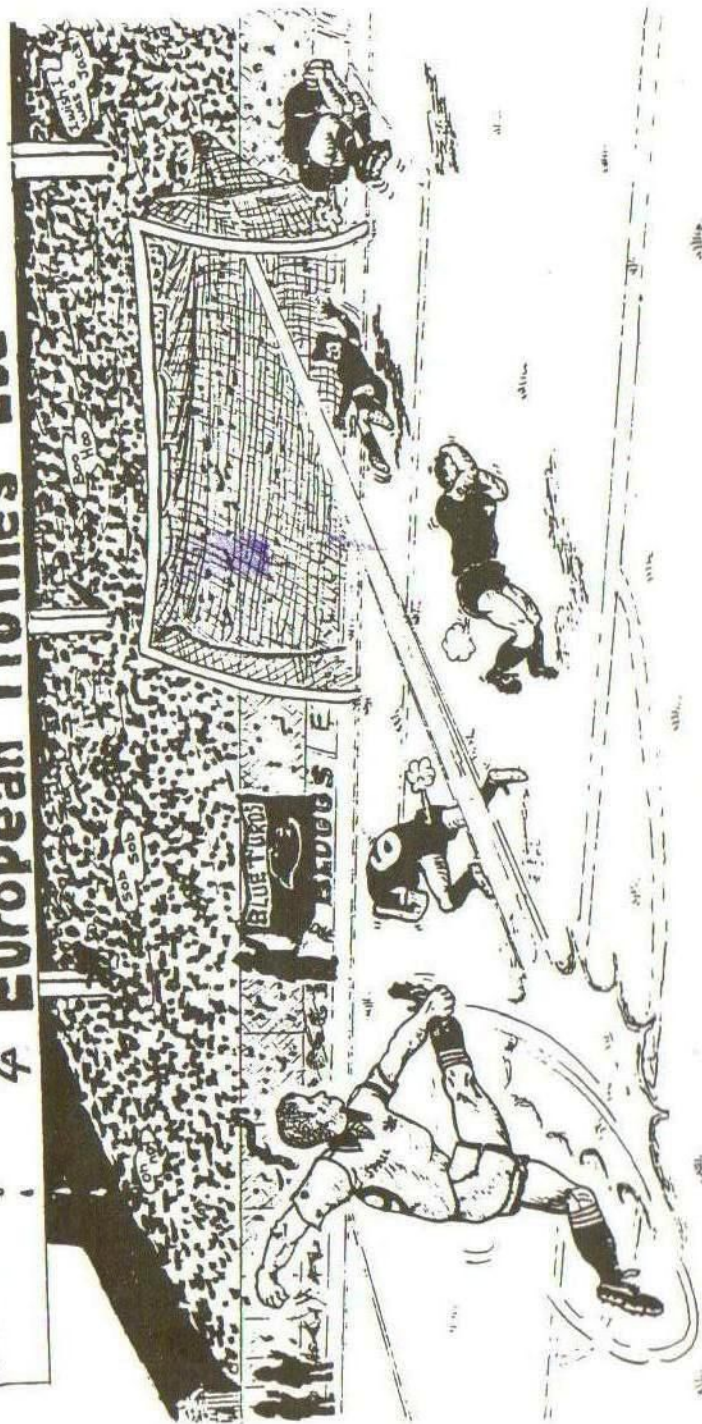


# 4 European Profiles Ltd



'You're not singing anymore!', 16-11-91

## Swimming in Swansea Bay



Issue 1

a swansea city fanzine

50p





SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY is an independent fanzine with no affiliation to Swansea City Football Club or any of the Supporters' Clubs.

### CONTENTS

3	Editorial
5	Alan Davies
6	Ninian Nonsense 1
7	It's a funny old game
8	Floating bits
9	Shirts
10	Ninian Nonsense 2
11	Jacks on loan
14	Ninian Nonsense 3
15	John Williams
16	Competition
17	Advertisement feature
18	Ninian Nonsense 4
19	Andrew Legg
20	Roger of the Month
21	Letters
22	Ninian Nonsense 5
23	Availability of Swimming in Swansea Bay
24	Scum only sing when they're winning - 16/11/91

### DISCLAIMER:

All articles and letters published in SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY are the views of the individual contributors (unless otherwise stated) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors.

### PLEASE NOTE:

It is the editors' intention to allow freedom of speech, more often than not. It is the choice of the individual to purchase, or not to purchase, this literary slag heap.

### CONTRIBUTORS:

The Newport Jacks

ISSUE 1 - SPRING 1992

### SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY - EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of the brand new Swansea City fanzine 'Swimming in Swansea Bay'. In this little publication, we hope to bring you news, views and maybe even exclusives relating to the Swans. It will feature serious articles and other bits and pieces (with a sense of humour not too far away) at all times.

In the first editorial, we make a passionate plea to our chairman, Mr Doug Sharpe, to spell out the exact financial situation of the club. We have no wish to jump in with the knife and criticise, we would just like to see the facts.

After all, it was Mr Sharpe who saved the club in the mid-eighties. If it wasn't for his survival package, we would probably be subjected to the same standard of soccer seen in Newport these days and that's very sad. Visitors to the Vetch since those dark days have included Liverpool, Tottenham, Monaco, Panathinaikos and of course our friends from Cardiff. Newport haven't been so fortunate!!

On the other hand, life goes on and Mr Sharpe can't rest on his laurels and keep saying "I saved the Swans". Supporters pay good money when going through the turnstiles and the last thing we want to see is rubbish. Hopefully the money we spend at the ground can be used to strengthen the side so that we'll see some decent players representing the club.

This is now our fourth season in Division Three since our promotion in May 1988 and apart from a brief flirtation with the top of the table during the first half of 1988/89 we haven't even once been close to the play-offs when the final ball of the season has been kicked. Support has been dwindling in that time and we have been near to relegation on more than one occasion. The patience of the fans is being tried and many are unhappy with the situation. A lot of long-term die hard supporters are turning their backs on the club and not bothering to turn up anymore:

1988/89	4,958
1989/90	4,223
1990/91	3,665
1991/92	3,217 (to date)

### Average Home League Attendance

Just look at the transfer situation since the end of last season. Over half a million pounds has been accrued with the sale of Coleman to Crystal Palace in the summer followed by this season's sales of Connor to Bristol City and Bracey to Halifax Town. During this same period, several new faces have been brought into the first team at a cost of just over £100,000. Considering the financial constraints he has been placed under, Frank Burrows has done a marvellous job this season. When he arrived last March, he inherited Yorath's side, but this term has put together his own very capable but inconsistent team, spending next to nothing in the process.



Shrewd purchases have included Freestone, Ford, Agboola, Williams and fit-again Cornforth, while youngsters like Chapple, Bowen and Jenkins have been blooded. Some of the 'deadwood' (I've heard that term before somewhere!!) that was already here have either been sold or dropped (or joined the Police force). The remaining players (i.e. Gilligan, Harris, Walker, Coughlin and Legg - maybe Raynor) have all played their part in some better performances of late, not forgetting the loan signings of Brazil, Purnell and Beauchamp.

DOUGIE



not so much SHARPE, as Well Rounded!

This is good management, but Burrows and the fans know that we are still short of quality players. At least two more class players are needed to form the basis of a sound squad.

With only about a dozen or so league games to go it must be done NOW Mr Sharpe. Already, we've been knocked out of the Welsh Cup by a far inferior club!! Even if the transfer ban (enforced on the club because of the Paul Miller situation) does continue, we must at least sign a few players on loan with the possibility of a permanent deal at the end? Signings MUST be made!!

A play-off place is still possible, but realistically the chance has been missed. Avoiding relegation could turn out to be the main challenge by the end of the season if results go against us.

Next year HAS to be the year we improve. We are now classed as a 'basement' Third Division club which isn't very flattering. We were actually installed as favourites for the drop last August which isn't a very good image for the club. The City of Swansea deserves better, MUCH better!!

As stated earlier Mr Sharpe, the fans have been very loyal up until now, but how long will it last? Crowds will soon be diving below the 2,000 mark. This would be nothing short of disastrous as, potentially, we must be one of the biggest clubs in the division. It hurts to say it, but at least Rick Wright seems to be creating an atmosphere of optimism and hope at Ninian Park, even though we all know it's a load of hype!!

The Second Division must be a target. Whether the new Premier League is a long-term goal is another matter, but money must be spent. The proposed North Stand is an important and expensive project but the playing side must not be forgotten and money must be spent. If you care about the club Mr Sharpe, listen to the fans for once and please reply to us and put forward your point of view. The editors of this fanzine will give you all the space you require. Now's your chance to address the public of Swansea.

## ALAN DAVIES

The first page in this fanzine must be put aside to pay our respects to Swans' midfielder Alan Davies following his recent tragic death. Everything that can be said already has been said in the media by Doug Sharpe, Terry Yorath, his playing friends at the club and many more football personalities, although Frank Burrows was understandably too upset to make any comment.

At this time, everyone's thoughts must be with his family. It will take a long time for them to come to terms with this tragedy and it'll probably be with them for the rest of their lives.

Alan had a successful playing career which included representing his country eleven times and winning an F.A.Cup winners medal in 1983 for Manchester United. Ray Wilkins even said that he was the star of the final. All Jacks will have their own memories of Alan. He was a very skilful player who, on his day, could control the whole game. He could certainly find the net as he scored many goals over the years.



One goal which stands out for me was his effort from a free-kick against Cardiff City on Boxing Day 1988. As one of many who was still outside the ground ten minutes after kick-off, it was a little frustrating to enter the ground and find ourselves two goals down to the old enemy. Things seemed lost, but after winning a free-kick just outside the penalty area, Alan stood next to the ball and swerved in a perfect shot with the outside of his right foot which hit the top corner of the net, giving the keeper no chance. This brought us back into the game which we eventually drew 2-2.

That single incident just shows the footballing ability he possessed. Terry Yorath summed it all up by saying:  
"Alan was the most creative Welsh player I have ever worked with".

One final and sad comment must go to that dickhead from Cardiff, Mr Rick Wright. He was quoted in the press as saying that the Swansea-Cardiff Welsh Cup Quarter-Final game should have gone ahead on the original date, despite Alan's death 24 hours earlier. The players had only been told the devastating news of their team-mate only 10 hours before kick-off and were obviously too shocked and distraught to even contemplate playing that evening. So next time you even think of saying something moronic like that to the media again Rick, just shut your gob and keep it to yourself - and that's putting it politely!!



## NINIAN NONSENSE I

There's nothing a soccer-loving Jack likes to see more than our blue neighbours down the M4 making fools of themselves yet again in one way or another. In this new regular article, I will be hunting out stories from the streets and alley-ways of Scum City showing what a farce Cardiff City AFC and their fans really are, and why they are truly a second-rate club in South Wales.

Here are a few to start off:

A huge Ninian Park crowd of over 8,000 (the biggest since the Jacks visited in April 1990 NOTE: Scum 0 Jacks 2) witnessed a thrilling affair on New Years Day when crack-Kent outfit Maidstone United hammered the Blue Shits 5-0 (Very Sad!). The reason the crowd was so large was the fact that women and children were let into the ground free of charge to celebrate the opening of the new seated enclosure. The other 500 fans on the Bob Bank only had to pay £3 each.



SOARING: But the Bluebirds nosedived 5-0

The day was such a success with free sweets for Eddie May's Barmy Army and as you can see from the picture above, they were also given free inflatable Blue Turds. Don't they look happy?

There has been a lot of activity in leisure centres throughout the city of Cardiff lately. Since Blue Turd fans feared they were going to get knocked out of the Welsh Cup by the Jacks, the swimming pools have been full to the rim with Scum Boys. A spokesman for Cardiff City Council Leisure Department said yesterday:

"Both Eastern Leisure Centre in Rumney and Western Leisure Centre in trouble-free Ely have been booked night after night by Cardiff City Supporters' Club members ready for the visit to Swansea. Apparently, they're getting ready for another night of SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY."

Whatever happened to the following superstars of tomorrow:

Paul Wheeler, Jason Gummer, Cameron Toshack and Morris Scott.

If YOU know which circus acts these lads have joined, drop a line to us at the fanzine, but if you don't really give a shit, don't bother writing.

## IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME

They say that football is a funny old game (well Saint and Greavsie do anyway) and that statement was justified on Saturday 25th January. Wrexham had a superb result at West Ham in the F.A.Cup and even the Blue Turds scored four. Newport AFC scored a last-minute winner at home to Nuneaton and both Merthyr and Barry remained unbeaten (because they didn't play!).

The biggest turnaround had to be at The Hawthorns. It had to be seen to be believed. We started the game well with some neat football but fell behind to two Graham 'Grecian 2 million' Roberts goals, one a 30-yard rocket and the other a penalty. The Swans went off at half-time to the chant of "What a load of rubbish" by irate travelling Jacks.

The watching Everton team couldn't have been too impressed with our second half performance when we could have gone five or six down, but for the erratic finishing of Gary Bannister and other Albion players. Ex-Albion favourite Cyrille Regis, who was also in the stand watching the game, must have been wishing that he was playing against our leaky defence (which normally isn't too bad).

Raynor was replaced by Chalmers - Judith is so slow - and Thornber replaced the late Alan Davies. Steve had said to the 'Gaffer' (Frankie), which must be the quote of the year, "Stick me on and I'll get you a goal". Considering he had only scored 1 league goal in the previous six seasons with Halifax and the Swans, he must obviously be a bit of an optimist! The sound of the Anti-Doug songs and "Andrew Legg is a homosexual" were still ringing round The Hawthorns when Thornber struck his first. The rest is history. In the last 13 minutes, a 2-0 deficit was turned into a 3-2 win with Steve getting a hat-trick, but a lot of the credit must go to Johnny Williams who was involved in all three goals, the last of which was scored at about 4.50 pm.

(The Everton players were so shell-shocked at our comeback that they lost the day after in their F.A.Cup clash with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge).

What made this day even crazier was the fact that over a thousand Albion fans stayed behind until six o'clock to demonstrate about the Chairman and the Board of Directors. Manager Bobby Gould was forced onto the pitch by the Board to address the fans who were still on the terraces. A microphone was distributed to the angry fans who questioned Gould about the running of the club. He is now known as 'Kilroy' in the dressing room because of his interviewing techniques (and as the name of the Chairman is John Silk, they make a good partnership - Kilroy Silk!!).

The situation at West Brom is similar to ours in that they sold striker Don Goodman to Sunderland for £900,000, but as expected in these days of money-grabbing directors, most of this hadn't been ploughed back into strengthening the playing side. Considering the way they played against the Swans (apart from the closing 13 minutes) and as they were 3rd in the table at the time, a lot of onlookers thought that the fans were too impatient and spoilt as it was a freak result. With hindsight, their action was really well timed, as a few days later they bought striker Bob Taylor from Bristol City for around £300,000 who then scored the first goal in their 2-0 win over promotion rivals Brentford the following Saturday. At the time of writing, the Baggies had reached pole position in the division. Perhaps this may be a message to Jacks in future games.



## FLOATING BITS



## SHIRTS

QUESTION - When is a Jack not a Jack?

ANSWER - When he/she wears a football shirt not depicting the Swans badge.

It has come to the notice of many Jacks that when shirts are worn on the North Bank, or on any other part of the Vetch, many are not of the white, yellow or black/white hooped variety. The colours of Spurs, Arsenal, Leeds, Rangers, Celtic and many other top sides have been spotted on the Bank over a period of time.

To show your loyalty to the club, and to also put much needed money into the club, it is important that a Swansea City shirt is worn, whether it be the present Spall design or perhaps an Adidas, Partick, Hummel or Admiral from previous seasons. If you decide to wear the Bukta shirt from the late seventies, then make sure it's been washed before you leave the house!



Can you imagine walking onto the Stretford End at Old Trafford and seeing some United fans wearing the grotesque Liverpool shirt or spotting Chelsea fans wearing Tottenham shirts, etc. It's just not done is it? We are after all a professional football club and if we are to think of ourselves as loyal Jacks then a Swans shirt must be donned. So next time you see anyone standing on the Bank wearing any shirt other than a Swans top (Wales is obviously acceptable), have a quiet word with them.

On the subject of football shirts, did anyone see Brighton appearing on 'Match of the Day' last month. They dazzled millions of viewers with their all-pink kit. Who the hell had the distinction of designing that disgusting kit, probably Jeff Banks from the 'Clothes Show'!! Did Brighton wear it for a bet? Tell us if you know (Was it also Brighton who used to advertise 'NOBO' on their shirts?). Jacks will have recognised former Swans striker Bryan Wade turning out for the Seagulls. Rumour has it that he's been snapped up by Kay's catalogue to model their clothes!!



## NINIAN NONSENSE 2

Please, please send us your used stamps and milk bottle tops (preferably gold) so we can feed some more Junior Blue Turds. As you can see from the photograph below, three lucky Blue Turds have just received their vouchers to spend in any Packi Spar shop in Scum City. These three Scummies (another name for Junior Blue Turds) are very lucky as many others have starved to death. The headline says it all - 1,000 poor Scummies in one week alone, what a shame.

All you have to do is send your used stamps to us at Swimming in Swansea Bay and we'll forward them onto the relevant organisation, after keeping them for a few months!!

Just £10,000 worth of stamps and milk bottle tops will give one Junior Blue Turd a voucher and the chance to eat next week. Please Jacks, be kind to these Blue Turds!!



## JACKS ON LOAN

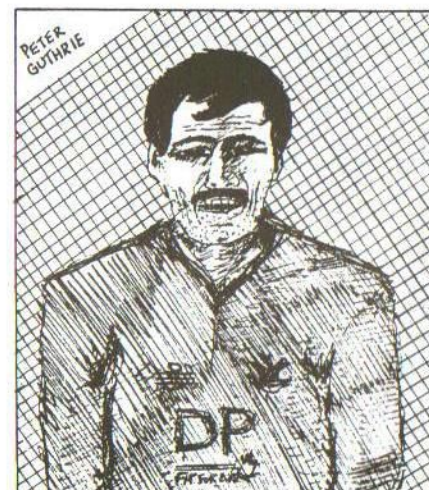
Since that ill-fated and depressing period of the mid-1980's when Dougie bailed the Swans out of financial disaster, we have made full use of the loan system. This obviously suits Dougie as it avoids paying a fat fee to a club plus an even fatter signing-on fee to the player.

Some gems have come and gone, and in some cases they wanted to sign for the club. On the other hand, there have been some players we've been glad to get rid of. Here is a run-down of the loan signings since the re-birth of the Swans in the Summer of '86.

### 1986-87

Pontypool-born LYNDON SIMMONDS was the first to arrive when he came in October to play alongside Sean 'McMiss' McCarthy while Ian Love was injured. He was a very stocky player who made Mark Hughes' legs look like the dancer Wayne Sleep in his tights. PAUL ATKINSON was a capable midfielder with a 'cultured' left-foot. He arrived from his second spell with Oldham Athletic (obviously they didn't rate him) and scored 3 goals in 18 games. His debut was at Ninian Park on Boxing Day and eventually stayed until the end of the season. Signed for Burnley later on. STEVE LOVELL, an exiled Jack by birth, played two games in February. He scored in one and also starred in that famous 1-0 victory over then-invincible Northampton Town. Since then, his strike rate has been phenomenal for Gillingham, scoring 75 league goals in 5 seasons.

### 1987-88



One of the most disastrous loan signings of all time was Geordie 'goalkeeper' PETER GUTHRIE. He was brought to the Vetch from Spurs to replace the unfortunate Michael Hughes who was forced to retire from the game. It was laughable sometimes watching him keep goal as he looked so awkward. He did save us when it mattered down in Torquay with two superb saves in the last 10 minutes that assured us promotion in that vital play-off. After a well-publicised row with Ray Clemence (and never making a single appearance for Tottenham) he moved to (then) non-league Barnet before coming back to the league with AFC Bournemouth. He made 10 appearances for the South Coast club last season but probably won't make many more. Hope the fans at Dean Court had as many laughs and nail-biting moments as we did!!



1988-89

From one extreme to the other. RHYS WILMOT was one of the most popular figures at the Vetch during his stint early in the season. A brilliant keeper who was previously wasting away in the Arsenal reserves (with Jason Ball), he moved onto Plymouth where he was eventually signed on a permanent contract. It seems that every week we read about Rhys playing out of his skin. This was one big cock-up Doug, not to sign him. Another cracking player that came and went before we could say Ray Kennedy (and definitely before Ray could say it) was DEAN HOLDSWORTH. He hadn't really established himself at Watford when he came on loan to us, scoring 1 goal in 5 league games. After leaving the Vetch, he went on loan to Brentford for a few games before moving back to Watford. Brentford saw his talent and snapped him up and he's been hitting the net regularly ever since. May now be in the £1 million bracket.

This was certainly a great season for leaving sound players go as DAVID PUCKETT arrived and scored 3 goals in 8 league games (including one against the Scum). After initially making his name with hometown club Southampton, he has since moved on to Aldershot in the 4th Division, where he has been leading the goalscoring charts. Finally, COLIN WEST, a short but nippy striker, arrived from Chelsea and scored a few goals towards the end of the season. Unfortunately, his stay coincided with the demise of our play-off hopes when we didn't produce one win in the last 12 league games of the season. Was previously on loan to Partick Thistle and I think he returned there for more torture before eventually moving on to Dundee. They are currently battling it out at the top of the 1st Division.

1989-90

Two loan signings greeted the start of this season. GARY COBB played 5 games wide on the right (that guy really hogged the touchline) and went back to Luton. Fulham signed him but they were probably sorry too. JOHN SALAKO was a different story. This was probably the only good thing Ian Evans did during his year-long stay. This baby-faced Nigerian-born striker had gifted feet and starred in Greece (just like John Travolta). Obviously Steve Coppell saw his talent and whisked him back to Crystal Palace. He has since become a full England international and TV presenter but badly injured his knee earlier this season playing for Palace against Leeds. We all wish John a speedy recovery. Yet another goalkeeper arrived in September and was again a Newport lad. ROGER FREESTONE made 14 league appearances and looked a good, solid keeper. He was third choice behind Beasant and Hitchcock at Chelsea and that must have been thrilling (get it - Hitchcock!!).

Swans wanted Roger but Chelsea insisted he was important to the club. What rubbish!! Chelsea have always been full of bullshit - probably that's why they wear blue too. This is only the beginning of the Roger Freestone story.

IF YOU SEE IT BUY IT READ IT !

**"NOBODY  
WILL EVER  
KNOW...."**  
A SWANSEA CITY FANZINE  
FROM THE SOUTH EAST

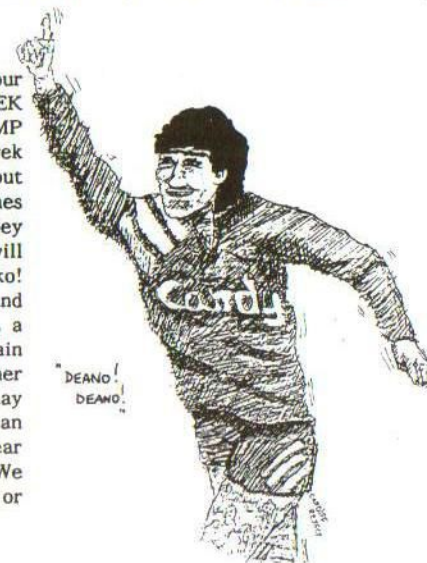
C/O  
219 PORTLAND PLACE  
SOUTH TOTTENHAM  
LONDON  
N15 4S7

1990-91

CHRIS HONOR, a defender from Bristol City played 2 league games during the cold spell of January and February. He made no impact whatsoever apart from everyone realising he was a real poseur. These were his only league games of the season as the Wurzels didn't play him at all. This season, he has been turning out in defence for Scottish Premier side, Airdrie. DAVID PENNEY and PAUL WILLIAMS were the only other loan deals made this season. David arrived from Oxford with a reputation for not scoring goals (3 in 57 league games for the U's and the Rams). In his spell at the Vetch, David netted 3 in 12 games and played some good football both on the right side and the centre of midfield. He was one of the boys and most Jacks would have liked to have seen him sign for the Swans. Paul was a Scouser who had been with Sunderland from school but made only 3 league appearances in 3 seasons. He slotted in well at right-back (anyone would slot in well after replacing David Hough and the afore-mentioned Chris Honor). Penney and Williams played in that great day out at the National Stadium and both were seen chanting 'Jack Army' (during the game as well as after!).

1991-92

Onto the present season and we've seen our fair share of loan players so far. DEREK BRAZIL (Man Utd) and JOEY BEAUCHAMP (Oxford) have both come and gone. Derek badly wanted to sign for the Swans, but terms couldn't be agreed (how many times have we heard that one, Dougie?). Joey definitely made an impact here and will probably turn out to be another John Salako! ROGER FREESTONE came back again and looked so much better this time. He is a class keeper. We had a hell of a bargain when we bought him for £50,000. Another player who performed well during his stay was PHIL PURNELL. A Bristol Rovers man from school (and during school), this 27-year old gave us some width on the pitch. We definitely should have signed either him or Joey.



Just as a conclusion, the Swans are always laughed at for giving away DEAN SAUNDERS (the multi-million pound Jack). But I always look on the bright side and laugh at the Blue Shits. Deano made 4 league appearances on loan for them and they didn't want him either!! "Not good enough" was the quote. They really know their football in Cardiff don't they?

Finally, did you know that JIMMY "When he gets the ball he scores a goal (or three)" GILLIGAN was on loan to Newport County in 1986/87? Not a lot of people know that!!



### NINIAN NONSENSE 3

Swans midfielder Shaun Chapple won the Barclays Young Eagle of the Month for last November (Wales & West), a marvellous choice made by Terry Yorath (his only good decision in his football career, apart from accepting the sack from Dougie!). The South Wales Echo didn't entirely agree with this decision and pointed out he'd only made two appearances during the month. Do these so-called South Wales Echo reporters have any knowledge of football? I suppose they have to endure watching the Blue Shits every week and if they're really lucky, a day out at Barry Town is the prize. Come to the Vetch and see some real football lads!

Word has it that Rick Wright is amending his admission scheme that came into force at the start of the season. For each home game, it will now be £10 if Scum are out of the top seven (all season in other words), and £7.99 if they are in positions 2 - 7. In the impossible situation where they are top of the league, the admission charge will be 20p. This way they'll rake the money in and may then be able to afford Ian Rush's big toe nail. Anyway, a survey was conducted among South Wales Echo readers on Rick's new fabulous idea and 98% of the readers were actually in favour of the changes. The other 2% said they now go to Toys-R-Us on a Saturday afternoon, so it didn't affect them anymore.

One final word on that New Years Day massacre. The following article was produced by the South Wales Echo the night after that BIG defeat and was written by long-suffering, hard-done-by Blue Shit supporter Steve Groves, who lives somewhere on the streets of Scum City:

**LONG-SUFFERING** Cardiff City fan STEVE GROVES took his young son Jim and daughter Ellen to Ninian Park yesterday. How he wishes he hadn't:

SIX-YEAR-OLD Jim looked up at me and said: "Dad, I think I've seen this match on the television."

*He was probably mixing it up with Laurel and Hardy.*

City's pathetic performance was in keeping with a long tradition of pathetic performances regular fans have come to recognise. In some seasons they come more regularly than others.

It was a genuine pity that this season's aberration came when chairman Rick Wright's initiative had put women and children first at Ninian Park. The move had enticed a new generation of recruits to City's blue and white army, away from their sitting room TV screens.

Jim and his sister Ellen, aged eight, were among hundreds of youngsters who needed hurried instructions from parents in the rudiments of soccer, and soccer watching — like why the pasties are never hot but the Oxo always burns your tongue.

For genuine fans, the first visit of their child to their ground is a big occasion.

So I bored mine rigid with the story of how I made my Ninian Park debut on a lovely sunny day in late 1959, earned there on the crossbar of my dad's bike.

I remember nothing of the match except it featured the reserves against a team in white shirts and red shorts who I have always assumed to have been Walsall's reserves.

But everything else about it is still so vivid — the first sight of the pitch, a seat in the grandstand, real men playing and not the kickabouts we used to watch on Ely Race-course.

Now I hope the youngsters who went to the game yesterday will be able to recall similar details about their first visit to Ninian Park.

I doubt whether they will forget the result. I have have gone 32 years without seeing them lose 5-0 at home. I hurriedly tried to explain it wasn't always like that.

But they do not yet have the loyalty to the team, so the result wasn't the only thing. The occasion was more important. It was wonderful to see families at a match like that. And Jim and Ellen do want to go again.

The most difficult part was explaining why so many people were walking out of the ground with 20 minutes of the match to go.

*How could you explain that they were fed up with the real thing, and the screen in the corner of the living room beckoned — with a chance to view another team being humiliated at home, and with a pastie warmed to their taste?*

### JOHN WILLIAMS

The Story of Postman John and his Black and White Kit:-

This young man sets off early in the day and usually gets wherever he's going before anyone else has woken up.

Originally making local deliveries in the West Midlands, this tall gangly youngster has now been posted to a first class address.

John has to clear many obstacles on his deliveries. Goals can only be reached by getting around walls, solid (de)fences and of course, gatekeepers. John has taken his change of address in his stride and he is never happier than when making deliveries for Head Postmaster Frank.

In the short time that John has been at his new address in South Wales, he has delivered some surprise packages, none more surprising than the three little items all delivered to the same address in Bradford last November.

Big John's reward for his hard work is usually a round of applause and a song from anyone fortunate enough to see his skill at delivering 'goal'den packages. He has built up quite a rapport with his supervisor and partner Jimmy to such an extent that they go through their own little ritual when either of them delivers a package into opponents' net.



JOHN on his round

A message to John from the customers on his round at the Vetch - may your round get easier as your deliveries increase and if you come across any Cardiff addresses, make an extra special effort.

#### NOTE:

Back to the serious side of football and a date for all Jacks' diaries. Sunday 12th April sees the Rumbelows Cup Final played at Wembley. This pales into insignificance with the appearance beforehand of John in the Rumbelows Sprint Challenge. Good luck John, we'll all be watching on the box.

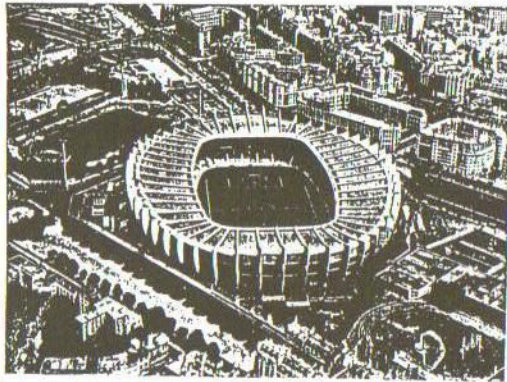
It was strange to see that Cardiff didn't even have one entrant in the preliminary rounds. In their own trials at Ninian Park, rumour has it that Eddie May won the 100 metres with a time of just under 20 seconds. He even contemplated taking part, but sense prevailed in the end.



### COMPETITION

Every issue, there will be a five-question quiz in which you can win some really fantastic prizes! Some questions will be based on 'The Swans' while others will test your knowledge (or lack of it) of football in general. Good Luck.

1. Who was the only British-based player to take part in the recent African Nations Cup in Senegal? What club does he play for and which country did he represent in that tournament?
2. Name the two players who have missed F.A.Cup Final penalties.
3. The Swans played here during the 1980's. What is the name of the ground?



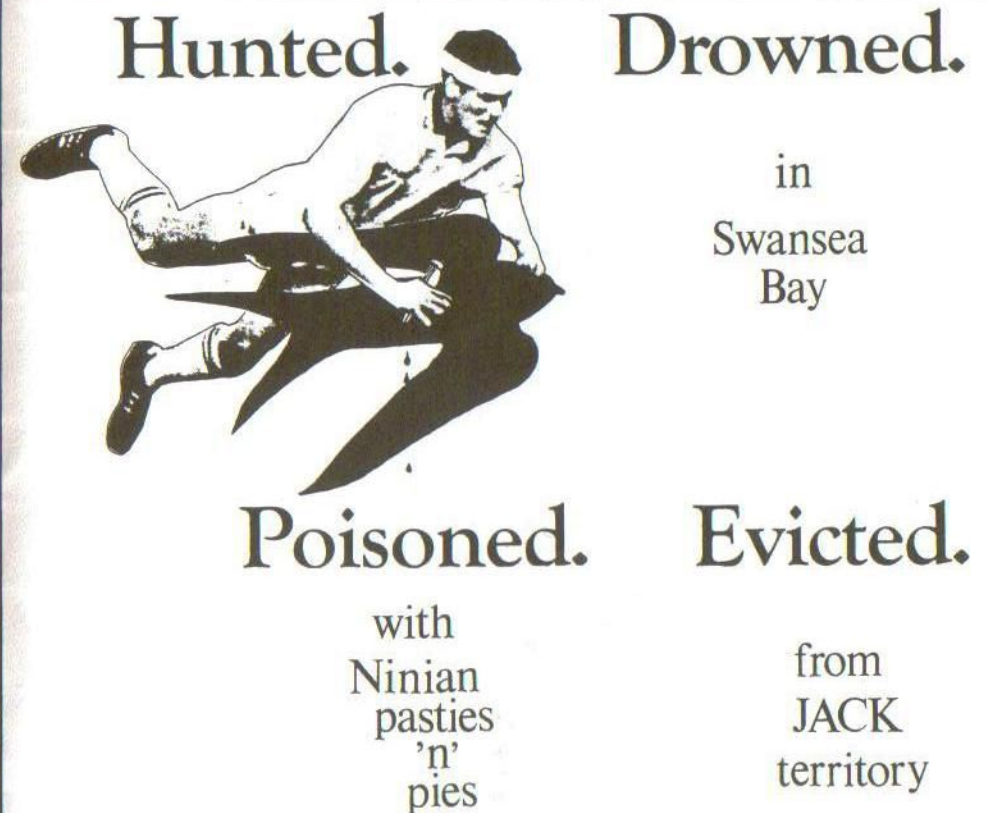
4. Which famous non-league club from the North of England have recently signed a five-figure sponsorship deal with VIZ comics?
5. Which two players scored the Swansea goals in the 2-0 Welsh Cup Final win over Wrexham at the Arms Park last May?

The first all-correct entry picked out of my 1978 Swansea City bobble-hat will win a 'Swansea City - Europe 1991/92' T-Shirt. Your attempts must be in by May 31st 1992.

Answers will be found in Issue 2.



## RSPB - Join now **ROYAL SOCIETY for PERSECUTION of BLUEBIRDS**



IF YOU CARE, THE RSPB WILL ACT.



IAN Rush wants to finish his brilliant career playing for Cardiff City — and the move could come sooner than expected.

Sources close to the Wales and Liverpool superstar say one of his remaining ambitions is to help a Welsh club in the lower divisions, where he began, attain Second or even First Division status.

Liverpool are certain to offer their prolific scorer a new contract in the summer. But now that he has turned 30, Rush will consider other offers.

"Ian has talked about his dream of ending his playing days with a Welsh club and believes that at present Cardiff City is the one with the most ambition and potential," a close friend of Rush said last night.



RICK WRIGHT: PISSED ?



IAN RUSH: UPSET ?

Rick Wright was pissed as a fart when he announced that Ian Rush would be interested in joining Cardiff City Football Club. He had just left Jacksons night club with his friend Tony when he gave the press that interview.

Apparently, when told of the article in the Western Mail, Ian Rush was understandably very upset and was immediately rushed into hospital for a cartilage operation. Insiders say that he was admitted because of depression on hearing the news.

The so-called close friend of Rushie was still on the loose last night, but police were confident of catching him and returning him to his bed at Pen-y-Fai Mental Institution.

We don't need any reminding of our defeat against the Scum. It was a one-off and although it was very upsetting, we are after all a division above the bastards. That started off a brilliant week for Scum fans everywhere - England also won the following night against France.

I first spotted Andrew Legg playing in Welsh League football for Briton Ferry Athletic. During those days of the mid-eighties, he looked a skilful player who had a very short fuse. Often when running down the left flank he would beat a few men only to be upended by an 18-stone fat defender called Clogger Evans (or something similar) from Pontllanfraith. Obviously upset, young Leggie would retaliate and subsequently get into trouble with referees. Even though you could see he had some talent, it still came as a surprise when Terry Yorath signed him up.

He has made a name for himself as a long throw expert, probably the longest in the league. This has been used to our advantage many times as teams can find it awkward to defend against what is virtually the equivalent of a corner kick. Most of his games have been played on the left side of midfield, but on his debut against Bristol City at Ashton Gate in 1988 Leggie played at left back replacing the injured Chris Coleman. It has since taken a few years to establish himself in the side. Being kept out by a man in his forties must have been embarrassing.



Like Raynor he can be a pain in the arse to opponents and team mates alike by his constant moaning and bickering. On his day he can be a matchwinner but he's just as likely to be lousy the next game. One unhappy Evening Post reader put Leggie in his all-time 'Worst Swans Ever' category, but I would defend him there and describe him as a 'nice player' who needs to be more consistent. He beats men and attacks the byeline more often than he used to, but still needs to practise on his right foot. I'm sure more goals would have been scored if Leggie had two feet.

The last piece of this article is taken up by a message to Leggie. If Jimmy the Skipper offers you the chance to take another penalty - please say NO. You make Chris Waddle look like an expert at the job!!



## ROGER OF THE MONTH

This will be a regular article in which fans will be able to share their grievances with readers of SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY over some very bad refereeing decisions. The best article will be published and the referee will be awarded the Roger of the Month title by this fanzine.

Why is it called Roger of the Month? Well, it's a simple reason. Everyone's favourite ref, Roger Milford of Bristol, has been a guest at the Vetch on many occasions over the last few of years. No one has covered more blades of grass on the Vetch's hallowed turf than Roger (and that's including Mr Raynor himself). We have seen the career of Roger blossom from inexperienced official to F.A.Cup Final referee, the ultimate honour. But at the same time, we've seen some awful decisions from the man together with the progression of his hairdo. The only person to go through more changes with his hair, apart from Elton John, is Simon 'Trendy' Davey.

One other memory I have of Roger Milford is during last season. After an appalling performance at the Vetch (from him and the Swans) during which he had taken a hell of a lot of stick from the North Bank faithful, he came over to the Bank at the end of the game and applauded the fans (a la Raynor again!). I've never seen a referee do that before and I don't think I'm ever likely to again.



ROGER  
THE  
REF!

This month's award - the first of its kind - goes to MR ELLERAY of Harrow on the Hill for his pathetic display during the home game against Bury on 22nd February 1992. The penalty decision was one of the worst I have ever seen and we've seen some bad ones in our time. Not only that, but every contact made between two players was deemed a foul. Luckily for our balding friend, the Swans made a comeback in the 2nd half in which we were actually awarded a penalty ourselves (see Andrew Legg article). The ref had already made his mark by this point and I'm just looking forward to his next appearance down here!! As stated earlier, if you can remember any refereeing incidents involving the Swans or perhaps when a referee had a real stinker of a game, let us know.

## LETTERS

Why not send your letters together with points of view and get it published in our next issue. Personally, I think our away strip should revert back to the TANGERINE colouring that was used in the 1964 F.A.Cup Semi-Final. What do you think? What are your views on the new North Stand which is due to go up soon? If you feel that Ian Evans should never have been allowed to leave Swansea with his moustache intact then drop us a line, or maybe you feel strongly (like all of us) that the Blue Turds should be made to join the proposed League of Wales. If you have views on these and many other subjects concerning the Swans then tell the world through our fanzine.

Write to us now!!



Before our first issue went into print, a resident of Swansea did just that.....

Dear SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY,

As a keen supporter of the Swans for almost twenty years, I feel that I deserve a return for my loyalty for the hundreds (and probably thousands) of pounds that I have paid into the club at the turnstiles and in the club shop as well as the hundreds of hours spent on boneshaker buses and freezing terraces.

I would like to know just how the club is run. Open the doors, open your books and open your hearts to us, the supporters and let us see how Mr Sharpe and the directors actually run 'our' club. A printed fact sheet, or examples of what happens to money as it comes and goes at the club, would prove very interesting to us, the supporters.

If Mr Sharpe and the Board could willingly show us how they manage the club and its money, maybe we can then appreciate the difficulties they face and perhaps even offer constructive criticism or solutions in many cases.

The true supporters of the club will, I am sure, feel that the Board has something to hide if they hold meetings behind closed doors. A football club is more than just team! We're all part of the club and none of us can exist without the other.

Up the Swans!!

M.Allen, Townhill, SWANSEA

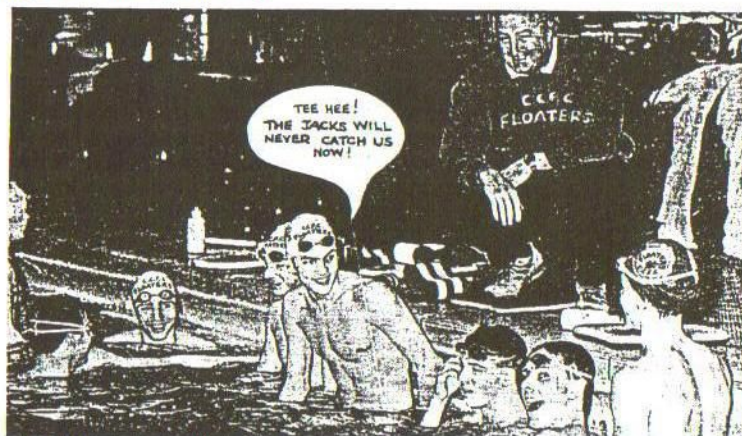


### NINIAN NONSENSE 5

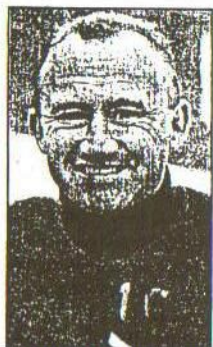
The City of Cardiff Swimming Club has done tremendously well over the last few years having reached the top of British swimming. Members must be Blue Turds and a number of these swimmers come from the Port Talbot area (PVM - Pure Virgin Mob).

They train at the Afan Lido sports centre and often travel up to Cardiff to train with the rest of the Turds (their nickname in swimming circles is 'The Floaters').

They came good in September 1988 when the PVM members swam 50 metres at the Swansea Bay Swimming Trials in record time. There is certainly great potential amongst these lads and we really hope they go all the way (to Illfracombe) in future swimming events at Swansea Bay.



**TAKING A BREATHER:** Dai Vinnit with some of his City Blueturd Floaters at the Wales Empire Pool



**JOHN WILLIAMS: BLOODY OLD.**

John Williams, the oldest man in league football, has signed for Scum. At the age of 57, the stumbling centre-half could give youngsters like Perry, Abrahams and Baddeley the knowledge and know how to become a brilliant Welsh League player. Asked about his age, John said "I'll hobble until I drop" and about his new club said "I've decided this is my last year, so I wanted to get out at the very bottom". Finally, when confronted on his likeness to Scouse comedian Alexei Sayle in both looks and build, he answered with a two-fingered gesture.

### AVAILABILITY OF SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY

This fanzine can be found somewhere on the streets around the Vetch on matchdays or possibly in the nearby pubs (Clarence, Singleton, Garibaldi, Queens, Builders, New Wyndham, etc.) which is more likely.

It can also be purchased in the 'Ninian Park' public house in Cardiff when the Blue Turds are playing at home. Just ask for Jack! (before anyone does, this is a joke)

Other stockists:

The Comix Shoppe, Shoppers Walk Arcade, SWANSEA

Spillers Records, The Hayes, CARDIFF

Newport AFC Club Shop, Somerton Park, NEWPORT

Nostalgia & Comics, Smallbrook Queensway, BIRMINGHAM

Sportspages, Charing Cross Road, LONDON WC2

Although this issue was compiled and produced entirely by the co-editors, we need your articles and letters for future issues.

Please, if you want Swansea City fans to have yet another voice in the world of fanzines and to possibly influence the decisions of the big knobs in the club, then send in your correspondence now. Both 'JACKMAIL' and 'NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW.....' have been read by Jacks and many other fans from all over Great Britain.

Help us make **SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY** a success too!

Issues can also be purchased from our address (below) for the measly price of 50p plus a Stamped Addressed Envelope.(9x6)

SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY  
P.O. BOX 2  
NEWPORT  
GWENT  
NP9 2YF

All cheques payable to **SWIMMING IN SWANSEA BAY**

Next Issue: SUMMER 1992