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# From the Manager's Chair

My welcome is extended to the Directors, officials and supporters of Swindon Town and of course Ken Beamish and his team.

Well, we have nearly reached the halfway stage of the season and after a lean start we have picked up and are situated, at the time of writing, in the middle of the table a few points adrift of the 4th spot in the league. Realising that we have 12 pro's on the books at the moment and injuries have finished the career of Brian Wilson and kept Frank Sheridan and Ray Bishop sidelined for a lengthy period of time, our position is a satisfactory one.

A pleasing area at the club at the moment is the form of our Youth Team. Their standard has improved over the last 6 months and their result at Portsmouth, the 2-2 draw, in the second round of the F.A. Youth Cup reflects great credit on everyone involved within our Youth Team set up. At the time of writing the replay has yet to be played, I do know however that our lads will not be lacking in determination to do well for Torquay United.

With football at Youth level still very much on people's minds, it is pleasing to note that the Football Association are trying to innovate plans to improve and change schoolboy and youth football in this country. Meetings have been held to outline their proposals, one of which is to introduce Football Scholarships for children from the ages of 14, to last for a period of 2 years. These ideas are still very much in the infancy stage but it is a much needed and positive action from the Football Association, it will be interesting to see how things develop.

Many thanks to all of you for coming this afternoon, enjoy the match and we hope to see you back for our New Years Eve match against Rochdale. Don't forget it's another 3.00pm kick off.

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# Welcome to Swindon Town

Swindon come to us today still with an outside chance of a return to Division Two and basking in the glory of a second round F.A. Cup win at Third Division Millwall that has earned them a visit to Carlisle next month.

Founded in 1881 they were one of the leading members of the Southern League before the First World War and whilst still outside the Football League, reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in both 1910 and 1912. They became founder-members of Division Three (South) in 1920 and stayed there throughout its existence, surviving a total of four reelection applications and climbing to fourth place on three occasions. They were allocated to the new Division Three in 1958. climbed to Division Two in 1963, but staved up only two seasons. When they did go up again, however, in 1969, they did so more convincingly, winning the League Cup in the same season for good measure. A season later they were fifth in Division Two and also won the Anglo-Italian Cup. Even so they stayed up for only five seasons and since returning to Division Three in 1974 they have had mixed fortunes.

They just missed promotion in 1974-75, just missed relegation in 1975-76 and then after a number of disappointing seasons were relegated at the end of 1981-82. Needing to win their last game at Newport, they lost narrowly.

Last season a bad spell in the New Year when they won only one game out of nine ultimately cost them the title. In fact they were 15 points short at the end, though finishing in eighth place.

### This Season

In his first full season as Manager former Tranmere and Brighton player Ken Beamish must be extremely pleased with home form to date, only Halifax and Blackburn having taken a point from the County Ground. On their travels, however, the only tangible rewards have come from a win at Stockport and draws as Mansfield and Reading, Ex-Wigan striker Mike Quinn has been scoring freely recently in this his first season and he is likely to be joined up front today by Alan Mayes, now in his second spell with the club since returning from Chelsea, and ex-Blackpool man David Hockaday. Leigh Barnard (ex-Portsmouth and Peterborough) has netted several times from midfield recently where he plays alongside local lad Paul Batt. ex-Birmingham and Bristol Rovers man Gary Emmanuel. In defence we are likely to be seeing Londoner Charlie Henry and Irishborn Colin Baillie on the flanks with Mike Graham (ex-Bolton) and Nigel Gray (ex-Orient) in the centre and former Tranmere man Scott Endersby in goal.

### Pick of the Past

The visit of Swindon Town will stir the memories of our more mature supporters, recalling the 1952 meeting between the two sides when United rattled in nine goals without reply.

This remains United's record win, but the celebrations were tempered somewhat by the fact that the Robins lost goalkeeper Norman Uprichard who was injured in attempting to prevent United's third goal.

Inevitably the goalscoring was led by Sammy Collins who notched a hat-trick, whilst Ernie Edds and Tommy Northcott netted two apiece. The scoring was completed by Ronnie Shaw and Marwood Marchant.

United's line-up on this history making occasion was:

George Webber, Dave Topping, Ralph Calland, Denis Lewis, Eric Webber, Bill Towers, Ron Shaw, Marwood Marchant, Tom Northcott, Sam Collins, Ernie Edds.

Attendance 7.023.

# Post-war Players to have appeared for both Clubs

Tony Hellin, Mike Turner, Cliff Jackson, Roy Carter, Cliff Balsom, John Smith, Tony, Gough, Brian Hughes.

### Most Goals by United Player in single match against Swindon

3 Sam Collins at Plainmoor 8.3.52 (in United's record win) 3 Sam Collins at Plainmoor 9.2.57.

### Last Season at Plainmoor

Wednesday October 20th, 1982 (Division 4)
UNITED 1: (Cooper) — SWINDON 1: Rideout
Attendance 2.979

United: Horn, Doyle, O'Donnell, Wilson, Little Bould, Grapes, Carter, Cooper, Anderson, Gallagher.

Swindon: Allan, Henry, Baddeley, Emanuel, Lewis, Graham, Pritchard, Batty Rideout, Rowland, Barnard.

### Pen Pictures

Dave Hockaday (Forward). Born Sedgefield. Dave's only previous club was Blackpool for whom he made his league debut in September 1976 at Notts County. He went on to make around 140 appearances for Blackpool before joining Swindon in the 1983 close season. Fast and tricky winger.

Scott Endersby (Goalkeeper). Born Lewisham. Former Ipswich apprentice who moved to Tranmere Rovers for whom he made his league debut against Hereford United in September 1981. Spent two seasons between the posts for Tranmere before joining Swindon in May 1983.

### United v Swindon

Season	Home	Away	Division
1951-52	9-0	1-2	3 (South)
1951-52	1-1	3-3	FAC (1)
1951-52	Ashton Gate (Bristol)	1-3	FAC (1)
1952-53	3-1	0-2	3 (South)
1953-54	2-1	1-6	3 (South)
1954-55	1-1	0-0	3 (South)
1955-56	4-0	1-2	3 (South)
1956-57	7-0	2-1	3 (South)
1957-58	2-2	1-3	3 (South)
1960-61	1-1	1-3	3
1961-62	3-0	1-0	3
1966-67	1-0	0-0	- 3
1967-68	1-1	0-1	3
1968-69	0-1	1-2	3
1968-69	-	1-2	FLC (1)
1979-80	3-3	2-3	FAC (2)
1982-83	1-1	1-2	4



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
HOME	30	19	7	4	68	31
AWAY	30	4	7	19	28	63
TOTAL	60	23	14	23	96	94



Back Row: Mike Graham, Charlie Henry, Scott Endersby, Jimmy Allan, Kevin Baddeley, Leigh Barnard. Middle Row: David Hockaday, Nigel Gray, Paul Richardson, Jimmy Quinn, Andrew Rowland. Front Row: Alan Mayes, Colin Bailie, Ken Beamish (Team Manager), Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty.



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- 1. What was the attendance at the recent home match against Manchester City?
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- 3. How many appearances did Bruce Rioch make for Scotland?

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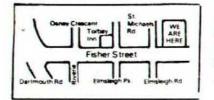
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Alan Slough

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One Christmas back in the early 70's springs to mind. I was playing for Luton at the time and had a hard game against Milwall coming. The night before the game a Christmas party was held at my mother's house. I popped along later and joined in the annual card school. I ate and drank very moderately, only soft drinks, and with a lot of will-power at 10.00 precisely I left and went home to bed. The party went on till the early hours and turned out to be one of the best for years. Needless to say, when I arrived at the ground the next day the playing surface was bone hard through frost and the game was called off. So much for sacrifices!!



# **Lucky Programme**

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- 6. When was George Best voted Footballer of the Year?

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- 6. David CARR
- 7. Steve LENNOX
- 8. Keith CURLE
- 9. Colin BARNES
- 10. John SIMS
- 11. Colin ANDERSON

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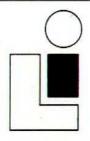
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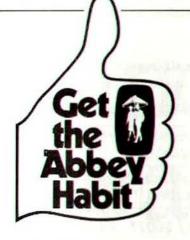
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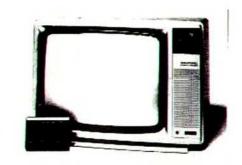
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### MATCH MASCOT — IAN WEEDON

Today's Match Mascot is 13 year old Ian Weedon who lives in Hunsdon Road, Torquay. One of our Junior Supporters, Ian attends Westlands School. His favourite United player is John Turner. Ian's hobbies include football, swimming and cycling. We hope Ian enjoys himself this afternoon.

### YOUTH TEAM

Well, as you probably read in the local press, the Torquay United Youth Team lost at Portsmouth 6-3, after extra time. A creditable performance by our lads, remember it took Pompey 3 games to beat us. The goals at Fratton Park were scored by Mark Loram (2) and Savva Savvas. Youth Team Manager Jimmy Hargreaves has asked me to pass on his thanks to all our supporters who braved awful weather conditions to cheer on the Youth Team, when they played Pompey in the first replay at Plainmoor.

# AWAY TRAVEL WITH TORQUAY UNITED

Once again we are faced with the problem of insufficient numbers. Coaches have been booked for all the away games but these have to be cancelled because we cannot get enough people to fill them. It is up to you the supporter, the facility is there for you to use. Contact Martyn Goulding on Torquay 39349 for all details.

### MATCHBALL RAFFLE

Along with today's Match Ball we are also drawing a **bottle of Whisky**. The supporters club members will be around selling tickets in their normal manner. Remember all proceeds go toward Club Funds.

### TORQUAY UNITED STAFF PARTY

This was held on Thursday December 15th in the Social Club and was a great success. Our thanks go to Tony and Anne Luscombe and Pete Wiley for contributing towards a marvellous evening, their sterling work was appreciated by all who attended.



Pete Wiley, in form on the D.J. Turntable.

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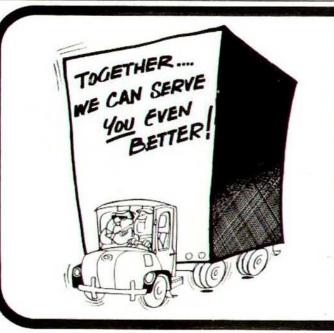
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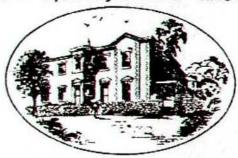
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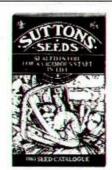
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