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## VICTORIA SCENE

WELCOME to today's visitors, Swindon Town, and their new Manager Lou Macari. We would all like to take this opportunity to offer Lou our best wishes in his new venture. We would also like to welcome our new players to the Vic'. The 'Summer Signings' are now concluded and as promised we shall give you a brief history of each player.

**LES MUTRIE** was signed from Colchester United for a fee of around £2,000. Les began his League career with Carlisle United. He then went on to Northern League Blyth Spartans and after an outstanding three games against Hull City in the 1980/1 F.A. Cup the Tigers paid £30,000 for Les' services. After his spell with Hull, he then moved to the south coast, and after an unhappy time returned to his native North East.

**KEVIN DIXON** was signed from Carlisle United on a free transfer. Kevin's previous clubs include Drybroughs Northern League Tow Law from which Carlisle signed him. After only a limited number of appearances at Brunton Park he was often used as substitute. Showed good touches in the recent friendly against Newcastle, and will prove a good asset to 'Pools.

**BARRY WARDROBE** was signed from Sunderland on a free transfer. A former Wallsend Boys Club player, Barry joined Sunderland as an apprentice in 1979. After loan spells at other clubs he finally joined 'Pools this summer. Another player who has looked good in the pre-season games, and will help strengthen our midfield.

**JOHN BROWNLIE** was signed from neighbours Middlesbrough on a free transfer. 'Jook' was never given a fair chance under Malcolm Allison at Ayresome Park, and his form suffered. He joined boro' from Newcastle United in the summer of 1982, where he was easily the best player at Gallowgate for the previous two seasons. His other clubs include Scottish Premier League Hibernian. John is a former Scottish International.

**BRIAN LIDDLE** was signed from local club Brandon United. Brian was previously employed as a sales representative for a local firm. A strong tackling full back who will fit in well with the 'Pools defence.

The Supporters Association has once gain been busy fund raising during the cloase season. The main event, the fun run, took place in torrential rain which made it very difficult for the 200 hardy souls who took part, and they are congratulated for their efforts.

The Association has assisted in the purchase of new players and have re-furnished the visitors dressing room — which may stop the criticism which the club have received in the past. In order to help the club as they do, the Association require as many active members as possible. If you wish to become part of this established hard working team you can do so by filling in the application forms which are available in the club shop.

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You are all reminded that the 2nd Leg of our Milk Cup 1st Round tie with Derby County will be played here on Wednesday 5th September 1984, kick off 7.30 p.m. Please arrive at the ground a little bit earlier than usual on Wednesday as with the Newcastle game a larger than usual crowd is expected. We hear that many fans didn't get into the ground at the Newcastle game until well past kick off time.

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OPPONENTS	DATE	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Stockport	1984 Aug 25														
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Torquay Utd	Oct 20														
SOUTHEND UTD	Oct 24														
MANSFIELD T.	Oct 27														
Wrexham	Nov 3														
EXETER CITY	Nov 7														
Colchester U.	Nov 9														
FAC 1st Round	Nov 17														
SCUNTHORPE U.	Nov 24														
Aldershot	Dec 1														
FAC 2nd Round	Dec 8														
NORTHAMPTON T.	Dec 15														
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From the four clubs relegated from the third division last season, only Scunthorpe and Southend look like staging a quick return. Exeter and Port Vale do not seem to have the strength in depth to make a serious promotion challenge. 'Pools fans will be able to assess the chances of Port Vale in the very near future as the Potteries club are our hosts in the League game on Saturday 8th September.

Out of the clubs who narrowly missed promotion from the Fourth Division last season, Aldershot, Blackpool, Peterborough, and Colchester again look like being in the top positions next season. Outsiders who may be in with a shout are from Darlington, Tranmere, Hereford, Hartlepool and Port Vale. You may be surprised to see 'Pools listed in the pack of promotion outsiders, but this is a real possibility this season as we have strengthened our playing staff to the extend that all clubs will no longer take us lightly.

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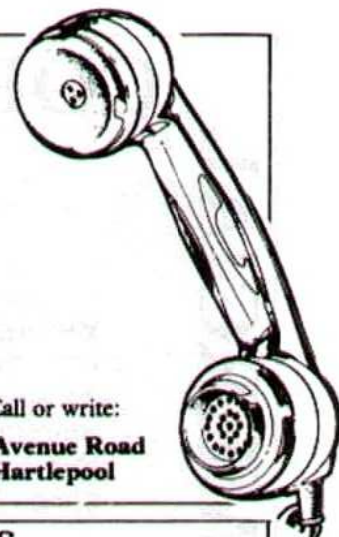
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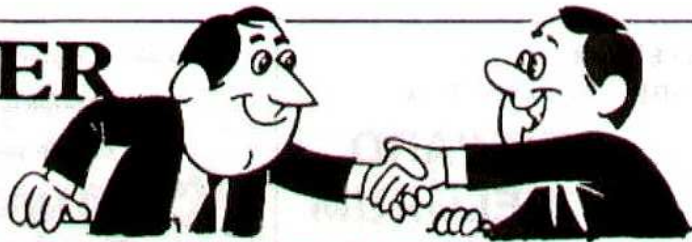
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# FRANK REID'S PHOTO PAGE



*Team Photograph*



*Paul Dobson heads 'Pools second goal in the pre season friendly against Newcastle.*



*David Linnigan out jumps Kevin Dixon to head goalwards. Les Murie stands by.*

# OUR VISITORS

## Some useful information on today's visitors ... Swindon Town

FOUNDED: 1881  
CLUB COLOURS: Red and White  
GROUND: County Ground, County Road, Swindon SN1 1AA  
TELEPHONE NO: 0793-22118  
SEATING CAPACITY: 6,628  
HIGHEST RECORDED ATTENDANCE: 32,000 versus Arsenal,  
F.A. Cup, January 1972.  
NEAREST RAILWAY STATION: Swindon  
NEAREST RECOMMENDED COACH PARKING: Adjacent to ground  
CAR PARKING FACILITIES: Adjacent to ground  
POLICE FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR CROWN CONTROL: Wiltshire County  
NEAREST POLICE STATION: H.Q. Fleming Way, Swindon  
ENTRANCES FOR AWAY CLUB SUPPORTERS: Shrivenham Road, turnstiles  
SECTIONS FOR AWAY CLUB SUPPORTERS: Shrivenham Road Tce (covered)  
GROUND FACILITIES AVAILABLE: Wheelchairs — limited accommodation  
Snackbars around ground  
RECOMMENDED TRUNK ROUTES FROM:  
North — A419/A417/M5 South — A345/A338 East — M4 West — M4  
PITCH SIZE: 114 yds x 72 yds

**Our Editor would like to apologise for the lack of information on the  
opposition. Due to not receiving photographs and pen pics in time.**

Bob Wilkinson writes .....

## SOCCER IN BELGIUM

Today we briefly review the history of Belgian soccer. Since the end of the Second World War Belgian football has been dominated by two clubs, as in Scotland, although some others have merged to challenge for honours these last few seasons.

Anderlecht and Standard Liege are the two dominant clubs in question but strangely they never featured amongst the honours before the war. The Belgian F.A., was founded in 1895, and until the advent of the war, the honours were divided between F.C. Antwerp, Daring Brussels, Racing Club Brussels, F.C. Liege and Union St. Gilloise.

Arguably the most famous of Belgium's clubs is Anderlecht who hold two records. That of 16 League Championships and 5 F.A. Cup wins. They are also their country's only club to have won a European trophy, when in season 1975/6 they defeated West Ham United 4 - 2 to take the European Cup Winners Cup back to Brussels. Indeed they appeared in the final of this competition the following two seasons, losing out to S.V. Hamburg in 1976/7, but whacking W.A.C. Austria 4 - 0 in 1977/8 to again take the European Cup Winners Cup.

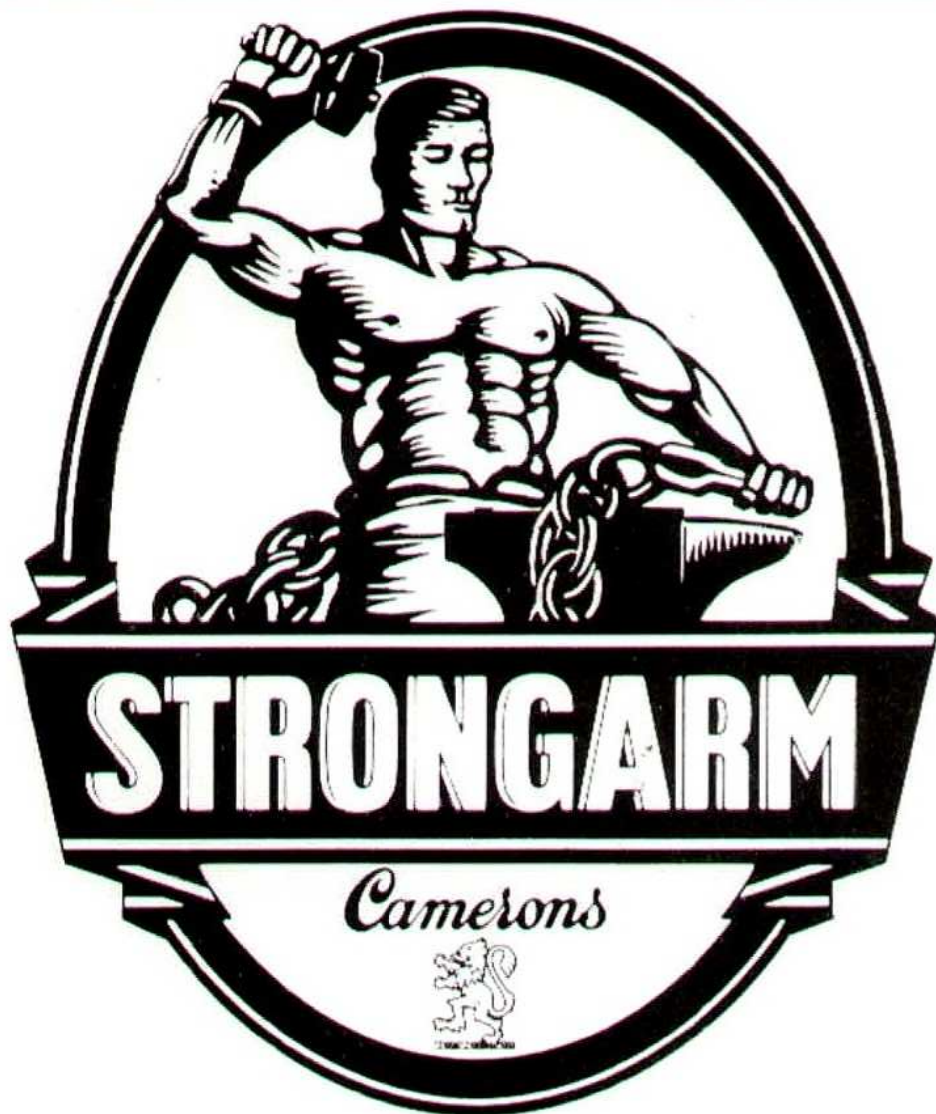
Anderlecht can also boast of two of Belgium's all time greats in Jef Mermans and Paul Van Himst. Jef's record of 37 goals in 30 matches still stands, and his total tally had reached 212 by the time he retired in 1957. Van Himst collected a record 81 caps for Belgium, was voted Footballer of the Year 3 times as well as being the League's top scorer in three seasons.

In 1964 the club had the unusual distinction of having eleven of their players playing for the national team with, surprise surprise, their 'keeper coming out after half time as a substitute to set a rare record in football, certainly by present day standards.

Standard Liege have won the League Championship six times and the F.A. Cup three times including the first since the war in 1954. Between 1956 and 1962 the Belgian Cup was not contested as the top teams deliberately had themselves knocked in the early rounds. They changed their minds in 1963 when a place in the European Cup Winners Cup was up for grabs. This is one reason for the emergence of some of the lesser clubs such as Beveren Waas who won the F.A. Cup in 1977/8, and the League Championship the following season.

Another club to come to prominence in latter years is F.C. Bruges, who twice reached the final of a European Cup trophy only to lose both times to Liverpool. In the 1975/6 UEFA Cup Final they lost 4 - 3 over two legs, and in the 1977/8 European Cup Final at Wembley they lost 1 - 0.

On the national scene Belgium are also emerging as a force having qualified for the finals of the last World Cup, and European Championships.



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HEADLEY	4
SMITH	5
BIRD	6
HOGAN	7
BROWN	8
MUTRIE	9
DIXON	10
DOBSON	11
TAYLOR	12

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