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- A Word from Webb -

Good evening supporters and welcome back to Plainmoor to the very early stages of a fresh season. The start itself wasn't much to write home about from Scunthorpe last Saturday, where we opened the campaign on a rather dismal note. Nevertheless I hope we are not going to be judged on the strength of one result or that people don't believe there will be any improvement on last season when, of course, we finished bottom of the Fourth Division.

I believe there have been on-the-field improvements and that our pre-season win over Bristol City, rather than the Scunthorpe set-back, is the more indicative of what I believe we are capable of this season.

Off the field, too, we are looking to improvements, particularly in the attitude of some people when they go to soccer matches. The hooligan element have really tarnished the name of English football, yet moves are afoot to tackle the problem this season.

One scheme, especially, which has our backing here at Plainmoor is the idea of Birmingham City Manager Ron Saunders. He has launched a Save our Society campaign with the full backing of the police, which claims to combat muggings, sexual attacks, drug-taking and hooliganism. Fortunately all those social diseases are not as prolific down here as they are in Saunders' Midlands area, but they do exist and we at Torquay United want to help the campaign. That's why you'll see on our soccer shirts in the very near future the letters S.O.S.

We haven't been able to negotiate a shirt sponsorship deal this season, and so we feel a plug for Ron Saunders' Save our Society is the next best thing.

Enjoy the game.





SWINDON TOWN

Both Swindon and ourselves will be hoping for better luck in this season's Milk Cup than at the corresponding time last season for as we were going down to Plymouth they were going out to Bristol Rovers despite winning the away leg at Eastville. We have of course been quite successful in our games against them in recent seasons with a Football League double two seasons ago, four points last season and a Freight Rover Trophy win on penalties after two drawn games in that competition earlier this year.

Founded in 1881, Swindon were original members of Division Three in 1920. This of course became Division Three (South) a year later and they stayed there throughout its existence until the reorganisation in 1958. Then after five seasons in the newly constituted Division Three they won promotion to Division Two for the first time at the end of 1962-63. Their first spell there lasted just two seasons, but then came a highwater mark in the history of the club with players such as Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Don Rogers wearing their colours and they climbed back up again in 1969. What's more in that remarkable 1968-69 season they also beat Arsenal in extra time in the League Cup final at Wembley.

As members of Division Two they won the Anglo-Italian Trophy in 1970 and they stayed up until 1974. Then after near misses for both promotion and relegation they slipped into Division Four for the first time in 1982. They have not had too much luck since then, their final positions in the last two seasons being fifteenth and eighth respectively.

LAST SEASON

Last season despite losing at home to Hereford, ourselves and Port Vale in the first couple of months and then crashing out of the F.A. Cup to Dagenham they did not lose again at the County Ground for the rest of the season. Their form was particularly good after Lou Macari's reappointment as manager just a few days after being dismissed and at the end of the season they must have been regretting the points dropped earlier.

They kicked off last Saturday with a home game against Wrexham when it was expected that new signings **David Moss** (back with his original club after a spell with Luton) and **Colin Calderwood** the former Mansfield defender, would be in their team.

HERE TODAY

Striker **Gary Nelson** has now moved to Plymouth, but **Peter Coyne**, a one-time Manchester United junior who arrived via Crewe last season, and ex-Portsmouth and Peterborough man **Leigh Barnard** will probably be in quest of goals today with support from **Mike Graham** (from Bolton in 1981) and possibly Lou Macari himself in midfield. In defence **Andy Rowland** is a converted attacker while **Nigel Gray** has had a wealth of experience with Charlton and Orient and in goal **Scott Endersby**, a one-time Ipswich junior, is in his third season since moving from Tranmere.

TORQUAY UNITED v SWINDON

Season	Home	Away	Division	Season	Home	Away	Division
1947-48	1-1	2-2	3 (South)	1957-58	2-2	1-3	3 (South)
1948-49	3-1	1-1	3 (South)	1960-61	1-1	1-3	3
1949-50	1-0	2-1	3 (South)	1961-62	3-0	1-0	3
1950-51	1-0	1-2	3 (South)	1966-67	1-0	0-0	3
1951-52	9-0	1-2	3 (South)	1967-68	1-1	0-1	3
1951-52	1-1	3-3	FAC (1)	1968-69	0-1	1-2	3
1951-52	Ashtn Gt	1-3	FAC (1)	1968-69	—	1-2	FLC (1)
1952-53	3-1	0-2	3 (South)	1979-80	3-3	2-3	FAC (2)
1953-54	2-1	1-6	3 (South)	1982-83	1-1	1-2	4
1954-55	1-1	0-0	3 (South)	1983-84	1-0	3-2	4
1955-56	4-0	1-2	3 (South)	1984-85	0-0	3-1	4
1956-57	7-0	2-1	3 (South)	1984-85	1-1	0-0	FRT (1)

TOTAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
HOME	32	20	8	4	69	31
AWAY	32	6	7	19	34	66
TOTAL	64	26	15	23	103	97

LAST SEASON AT PLAINMOOR

Tuesday 26th February 1985 (Division Four) Attendance 1,163

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UNITED: Allen, Pugh S, Dawkins, Jarvis, Compton, Impey, Dougherty, Walsh, Sims, Loram (Best), Hall.

Welcome to Plainmoor



SWINDON TEAM: (Back row l to r): Mark Hughes, Peter Lango, Andy Wollen, Charlie Henry, Colin Gordon, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey. (Third Row): John Trollope, Brian Wade, Leigh Barnard, Mark Gardiner, Scott Endersby, John Findlay, Alan Churchward, Derek Hall, Andy Rowland, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist). (Second row): Sean Prowse, Peter Coyne, Sheldon Lee, Lou Macari (Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Martin Davidson, Mark Hughes. (Front Row): Gary Gillette, Nick Hughes, David Law.

He Served Us Both **BRIAN HUGHES**

Brian was born in Ludgershall and made his debut for Swindon in a Second Round Milk Cup tie in Lincoln on August 27, 1980. In this his first season he went on to make 22 first team appearances for the 'Robins', followed by a further 37 the following season when they were unfortunately relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. At the end of the 1982-83 season Hughes was released and became a United player when Bruce Rioch signed the lanky midfielder player in the face of strong competition from other clubs.

Although only at Plainmoor for this one campaign, Hughes was one of United's more consistent performers during a difficult period which saw Bruce Rioch and Alan Slough leave the club and David Webb taking over.

Hughes scored on his debut at Halifax and also scored in both games against his old club during the 1983-84 campaign.

WITH SWINDON

Appearances	Goals
League 70	5
Milk Cup 6	0
F.A. Cup 4	0

Debut: 27.8.80 v Lincoln (away) M.Cup drew 1-1
Team: Jimmy Allan, Russell Lewis, David Peach, Chris Kamara, Andy Rollings, Roy Walsh, Ian Miller, Brian Hughes, Alan Mayes, Roy Carter, Roy Greenwood.

WITH UNITED

Appearances	Goals
League 38	6
Milk Cup 4	0
F.A. Cup 0	0
Associate Milk Cup 1	0

Debut: 27.8.83 v Halifax (away) drew 2-2
Team: John Turner, Jeremy Collins, Jimmy Holmes, John Impey, Brian Little, David Carr, Brian Hughes, Roy Carter, Roy Bishop, John Sims, Colin Anderson.

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Plainmoor's Past

5 YEARS AGO

Crewe Alexandra 0 Torquay United 1

Simple, ruthless and effective — that was the new face that Torquay United put on to the Fourth Division at Crewe on Saturday. And, if they repeat this sort of performance on their travels this season, they'll quickly lose last season's reputation as a soft touch away from home. Centre-half Richard Bourne was United's hero at the heart of a defence which repelled everything that an improved and eager Crewe attack could throw at it. And striker Les Lawrence confirmed his bright early-season form with the 59th minute goal which clinched both points.

United: O'Keefe, Jones, Bourne, Hayes, Pethard, Bowker, Twitchin, Weston (Wilson 63 mins), Fell, Cooper, Lawrence. Attendance 2,962.

10 YEARS AGO

Torquay United 1 Workington 0

If Torquay United win promotion this season, they can look back on results like these as the ones which took them up. As Manager Malcolm Musgrove said, 'If we weren't going to turn in a top-class performance, it was very important to win the first match.' Just about everything was against United producing the flowing football of which they are capable. It poured with rain most of the night — yet 2,552 braved the elements — and Workington, weakened by injuries and suspension, came with four men in midfield and did their best to stop Torquay playing. They did a pretty good job of it, too, and only a 52nd minute penalty by Phil Sandercock separated the teams.

UNITED: Lee, Parker, Kruse, Stocks, Sandercock, Myers, Chatterley, Twitchin, Kennedy, Provan, Brown.

15 YEARS AGO

Injuries to goalkeeper Andy Donnelly and central defender, John Benson, could bring about defensive changes for Torquay United's opening Third Division home game against relegated Preston North End on Saturday (3.0). Donnelly received a thigh injury when he collided with a Bournemouth forward in last night's 1-1 draw with Bournemouth, so Mike Mahoney stands by to make his United debut. Meanwhile United have quite a few problems to iron out following last night's Plainmoor cup-tie. Many supporters were already wending their way home, convinced that all was lost, when Cliff Jackson gratefully accepted an unexpected chance to earn United a replay at Dean Court next Wednesday. TORQUAY: Donnelly, Glozier, Kitchener, Lucas, Edwards, Benson, Cave, Welsh, Rudge, Mitchinson, Jackson. Sub. Smyth.



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Date	Opponents	Ground	K.O.
PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES			
AUGUST 1985			
FRI 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	7.30
MON 12	BRISTOL CITY	H	7.30
LEAGUE MATCHES			
AUGUST			
Sat 17	Scunthorpe United	A	3.00
TUE 20	SWINDON TOWN	H	7.30
	MILK CUP 1 (1L)		
SAT 24	ROCHDALE	H	3.00
Mon 26	Swindon Town	A	3.00
SAT 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3.00
SEPTEMBER			
Tue 3	Swindon Town	A	7.30
Sat 7	MILK CUP 1 (2L)		
SAT 14	Preston North End	A	3.00
Wed 18	CHESTER	H	3.00
SAT 21	Peterborough United	A	7.30
Sat 28	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3.00
	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00
OCTOBER			
TUE 1	HALIFAX TOWN	H	7.30
SAT 5	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	3.00
Sat 12	Hereford United	A	3.00
SAT 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3.00
Tue 22	Burnley	A	7.30
Sat 26	Mansfield Town	A	3.00
NOVEMBER			
SAT 2	ORIENT	H	3.00
TUE 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	7.30
Sat 9	Tranmere Rovers	A	3.00
Sat 16	(F.A. Cup Round 1)		
SAT 23	WREXHAM	H	3.00
Sat 30	Port Vale	A	3.00

Date	Opponents	Ground	K.O.
DECEMBER			
Sat 7	(F.A. Cup Round 2)		
SAT 14	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3.00
Sat 21	Rochdale	A	3.00
THU 26	EXETER CITY	H	11.00
SAT 28	SWINDON TOWN	H	3.00
JANUARY			
WED 1	ALDERSHOT	H	3.00
Sat 4	Orient	A	3.00
	(F.A. Cup Round 3)		
Sat 11	Colchester United	A	11.30
SAT 18	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	3.00
Sat 25	Chester	A	3.00
	(F.A. Cup Round 4)		
FEBRUARY			
SAT 1	PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00
TUE 4	BURNLEY	H	7.30
Sat 8	Northampton Town	A	3.00
SAT 15	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	3.00
	(F.A. CUP ROUND 5)		
Sat 22	Hartlepool United	A	3.00
MARCH			
SAT 1	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	3.00
Tue 4	Halifax Town	A	7.30
Sat 8	Stockport County	A	3.00
	(F.A. Cup Round 6)		
SAT 15	HEREFORD UNITED	H	3.00
SAT 22	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	3.00
Sat 29	Aldershot	A	3.00
Mon 31	Exeter City	A	11.00
APRIL			
Sat 5	Southend United	A	3.00
	(F.A. Cup Semi-Final)		
SAT 12	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3.00
Sat 19	Wrexham	A	3.00
SAT 26	PORT VALE	H	3.00
MAY			
Sat 3	Cambridge United	A	3.00

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Ten years ago Jim Blyth and Phil Parkes (not to be confused with the West Ham player of the same name) were on opposing sides in Division One when Coventry met Wolves. Now Wolves are playing in Division Three and are fielding their fourth regular goalkeeper since Phil. Coventry are just about holding their own in Division One with their third regular goalkeeper since Jim, but both Phil and Jim are still very much part of the Midland soccer scene, with Redditch in the Southern League and Nuneaton in the Gola League respectively.

Phil is now 38 and has been in the game since 1964 when he signed for Wolves as a 17-year-old. He made his first team debut in 1966-67 enjoying one run of five games without conceding a goal towards the end of the season as Wolves moved to promotion from Division Two. Early the next season he was sent off in a First Division game against W.B. Albion for protesting that a Tony Brown goal had been punched into the net, but he did not lose his nerve and went on to become the only Wolves goalkeeper to play in more than 200 league games. His last game — and his 303rd for the club was in 1977-78 when despite a broken finger he helped his side to a 2-1 win at West Ham. Then came a long and successful spell in American soccer before returning two years ago to play for Stourbridge in the Southern League. Now he has moved to Redditch and Phil intends to play his usual giant size (he is around 13 stone and stands 6ft 3ins) part in his side's defence.

Jim is not quite that tall and not quite that heavy. He is still only 31 too and but for back trouble would probably still be playing in Division One. Born in Perth, Scotland, he linked up with Preston as an amateur and was not quite 17 when making his first team debut near the end of 1971-72. Soon after signing professional he moved to Coventry where after three seasons in the shadow of Bill Glazier he became first choice in 1975-76. In the course of the next few seasons he won two Scottish caps and then early in the 1979-80 season he strained his back in a pre-match kick in and had to be substituted before the actual game began. On recovery he was never quite the same again and though he moved to Birmingham and played half of season 1982-83 for them, he then lost his place to up and coming Tony Coton (now with Watford) and was released last season. Now in perhaps the slightly less arduous Gola League he could still have much to give to the game as he lines up with Nuneaton, who are undoubtedly amongst the top dozen clubs outside the Football League.

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A jubilant Kevin Smith after scoring his first goal.



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1888 Onwards

This is the series in which we look at significant landmarks in the history of the game. Although it is entitled '1880 Onwards', since the foundation of the Football League in that year was undoubtedly the most important in the game's history, much had of course been happening before that and in fact balls of one kind or another seem to have been kicked in this country from Roman times. In general it was looked down upon and Shakespeare for instance in 'King Lear' had one character named Kent insulting another named Oswald by referring to him as 'thou base football player'.

It was, however, in a highly disorganised state until just over a century ago and a writer named Montague Sherman towards the end of the last century records that 'Football is undoubtedly the oldest of all the English national sports. For at least six centuries the people have loved the rush and struggle of the rude and manly game and kings with their edicts, divines with their sermons, scholars with their cultured scorn and wits with their ridicule have failed to keep the people from the pastime they enjoyed.'

Many historians would place 1848 therefore as the first major date in the game since that was the year when in a meeting at Cambridge an attempt was made to separate the 'no hands' game of football from the 'hands' game of rugby and though the rules drawn up on this occasion were not universally accepted, a start had been made and there was a further attempt to refine them in 1862. By this time a team had been formed in Sheffield to be followed soon after by the Blackheath Club in Hallamshire and in 1860 by Forest FC and two years later by that famous amateur club the 'Wanderers'.

We are now coming to the first direct links with the modern game for in 1862 Notts County were formed, the oldest of the current Football League clubs and in 1863 the first major attempt to establish lasting order out of chaos in every aspect of the game came with the foundation of the Football Association and these two major dates will be the subject of the next articles in this series.

Gulls Gossip

THEY'RE DISCUSSING IT IN THE PUBS

Never can a football season have begun in the midst of such gloom. Clubs after a summer of struggling to pay wages, to get grounds into shape to comply with safety regulations and in many cases to piece together a team from a relatively short retained list and a few free transfer signings. Ironically vital money from early season ticket sales has been denied to many clubs because of uncertainty as to which grandstand accommodation would be available. One wonders whether the fans who might have bought season tickets in midsummer will actually buy them now that they are available or whether they will wait to see just what the football is like before laying out around £100.

Yet but for that terrible mischance at Bradford City's ground there would not have been all this ground safety activity. It is fascinating to reflect that grounds and stands now officially declared dangerous would have been used without a second thought. The Bradford disaster has not changed the danger level of grounds, but it has certainly changed attitudes to danger levels.

What then is the way forward — Should stands become a thing of the past and spectators all stand round the respective football pitches, thereby avoiding the danger of fire and congested gangways? The way gates have fallen in recent years they could well be down to those of hundreds rather than thousands such as was the norm in the early days of the Football League. Or at the other extreme, should accommodation on grounds consist solely of modern, roomy stands? Coventry tried this experiment and it certainly did nothing for their gates or for the atmosphere of their ground.

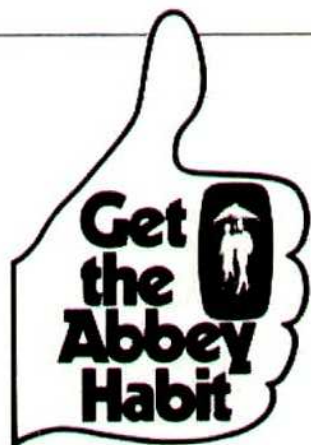
More likely there will be minor changes in most grounds to conform to minimum safety regulations (and one feels sorry for the clubs forced to begin the season with one or more sides of their grounds closed because of changes being made in their structure) and after a time talk of disasters will be forgotten as other controversies of the new season occupy spectators' minds. Let us hope that the quality of the football and the number of goals scored this season will be such that these will be the main topics of conversation and that grounds including those with structural alterations will be packed with fans — all watching in perfect safety and with good humour of course.

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SEASON 1985-86

Welcome back to the new season to all our supporters and let's all hope that this will be a much better one than last.

Introducing Our New Signings



Martin Lambert Kevin Smith Mark Crowe Steve Wright

Torquay United Supporters Club

On behalf of the Supporters' Club committee, welcome to the 1985-86 season. This year we have changed things slightly in that we have separated the supporters and the Social Club and we are now inviting people to join the Supporters Club for the season at a cost of £1. Committee members are going to be selling draw tickets as usual this season and they will also have a supply of membership application forms.

During the summer we have continued our activities on behalf of the club. Events held included jumble sales, a plant sale and ploughman's lunch and cream tea day. Proceeds from this and other events like the two '100 Clubs' will be handed over to the club early this season.

Social Club News

Have you renewed your membership yet?

As you may have noticed, the Social Club is closed on Match Days at present. This is due to new Government Regulations which come into force on the 9th August banning the sale of alcohol on Football Grounds two hours before a match until one hour after the game has finished. Fortunately the new act does allow Clubs to obtain through the courts exemption from this act, but it takes 28 days to go through the red tape, so hopefully the Club will reopen on Match Days in early September.

We all realise and see the problems caused by alcohol not just in football grounds but in the

Future events planned include a further plant sale (the last one raised over £50) and a grand Christmas Sale, so watch this space for more details. We are also pleased to report that we have become affiliated to the National Federation of Supporters Clubs.

Our junior members are also reorganising somewhat this year, in that they will not be meeting on a Friday evening in order not to clash with their Sunday matches. We are also delighted to report that John Sims has agreed to become their President and hopes to attend meetings regularly. We are very grateful to John because it means so much to youngsters to be able to relate directly to one of the players.

There are several ways in which you can help the Supporters Club: 1) Join the Club — only £1 per season; 2) Buy match day raffle tickets — this is our major source of income and we believe we can do better if everyone helps. Our sponsors have come up trumps again, now it's the supporters turn! 3) Support our various events, either by supplying goods for sale or buying on the day; 4) Join the committee in order to help with the work.

Further details from any committee member about any or all of these. Finally a word of thanks to Nigel Tabb who has resigned after two years as secretary. He did a great deal of hard work for us all. Lesley Hotine has taken over the job and we wish her all the best.

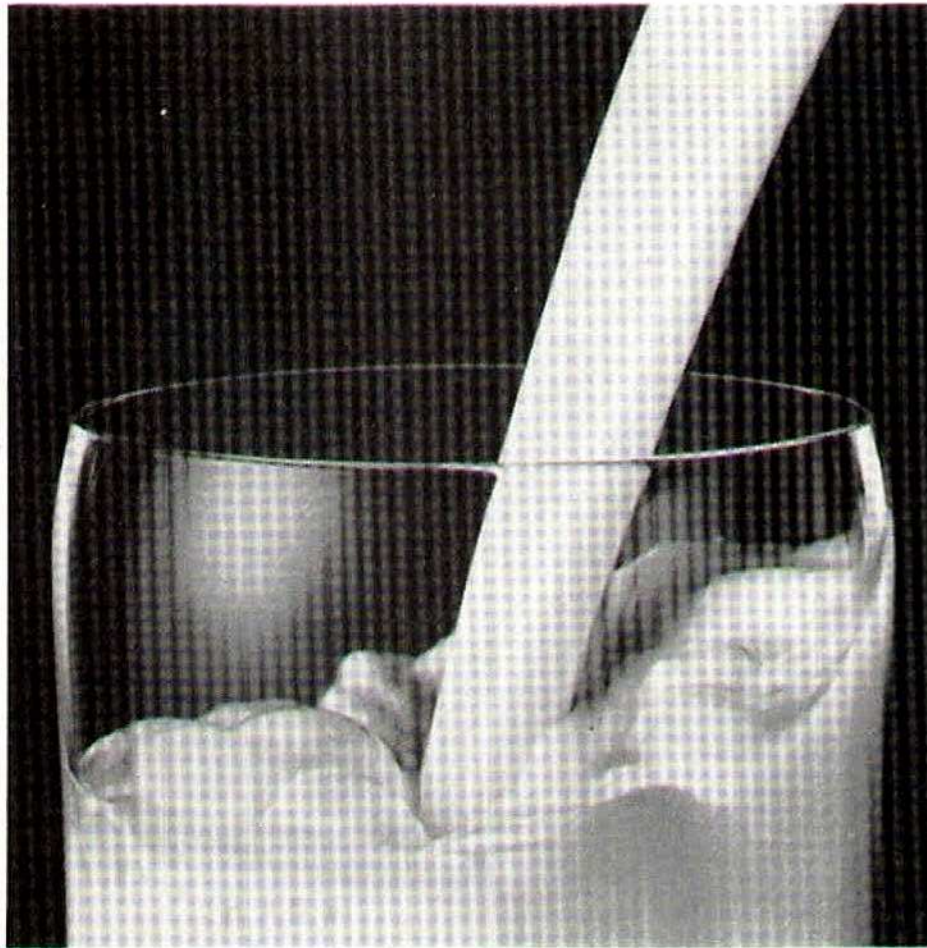
Today's Referee

Ron Groves — RAF Electronics Technician. Married with two teenage sons. Commenced refereeing in Cyprus in 1972, progressing through service leagues, Somerset/Avon leagues and the Football Combination. Interested in all sporting activities, enjoys fishing and gardening. Lined the 1984 FA Cup Sixth round replay, Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday.

Community. Therefore, if we do not get exemption, we shall play our part by answering the strict control on who is served in our Clubs. Incidentally, this new regulation also means the closure of the 200 Club and Directors Bar, so there is certainly no discrimination.

Despite all these problems the Club is still operating successfully other evenings, so pay us a visit and be sure of a warm welcome. A special attraction this Friday is Roger Culville of the Grumbleweeds in Cabaret with a late bar. Our final point to all Programme Collectors — if you wish to be placed on our Subscription List the cost for all Home and Away Programmes is £25 and Home Programmes £15.00.

D. Turner



*Everybody's body
needs bottle*

The Milk Cup
Sponsored by the National Dairy Council

Team Line Up

TORQUAY UNITED

Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, White Socks

1. Tony FOWLER
2. Derek FOWLER
3. Mark CROWE
4. Steve WRIGHT
5. Paul COMPTON
6. Derek DAWKINS
7. Steve PUGH
8. Mark LORAM
9. Micky PERRY
10. Martin LAMBERT
11. Kevin SMITH

Sub.

Team Manager: David Webb

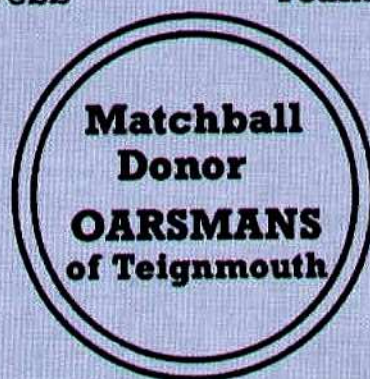
SWINDON TOWN

Red shirts, White shorts, Red socks

1. Jake FINDLAY
2. Chris RAMSEY
3. Leigh BARNARD
4. Tony EVANS
5. Andy ROWLAND
6. Colin CALDERWOOD
7. David HOCKADAY
8. Peter COYNE
9. Colin GORDON
10. Lou MACARI
11. David MOSS

Sub.

Team Manager: Lou Macari



Referee: Ron Groves

Linesmen: A. M. Culderwell — Red Flag : B. L. March — Yellow Flag

Next at Plainmoor

SATURDAY 24th AUGUST 1985

v ROCHDALE

K.O. 3.00pm

Canon League (Division 4)