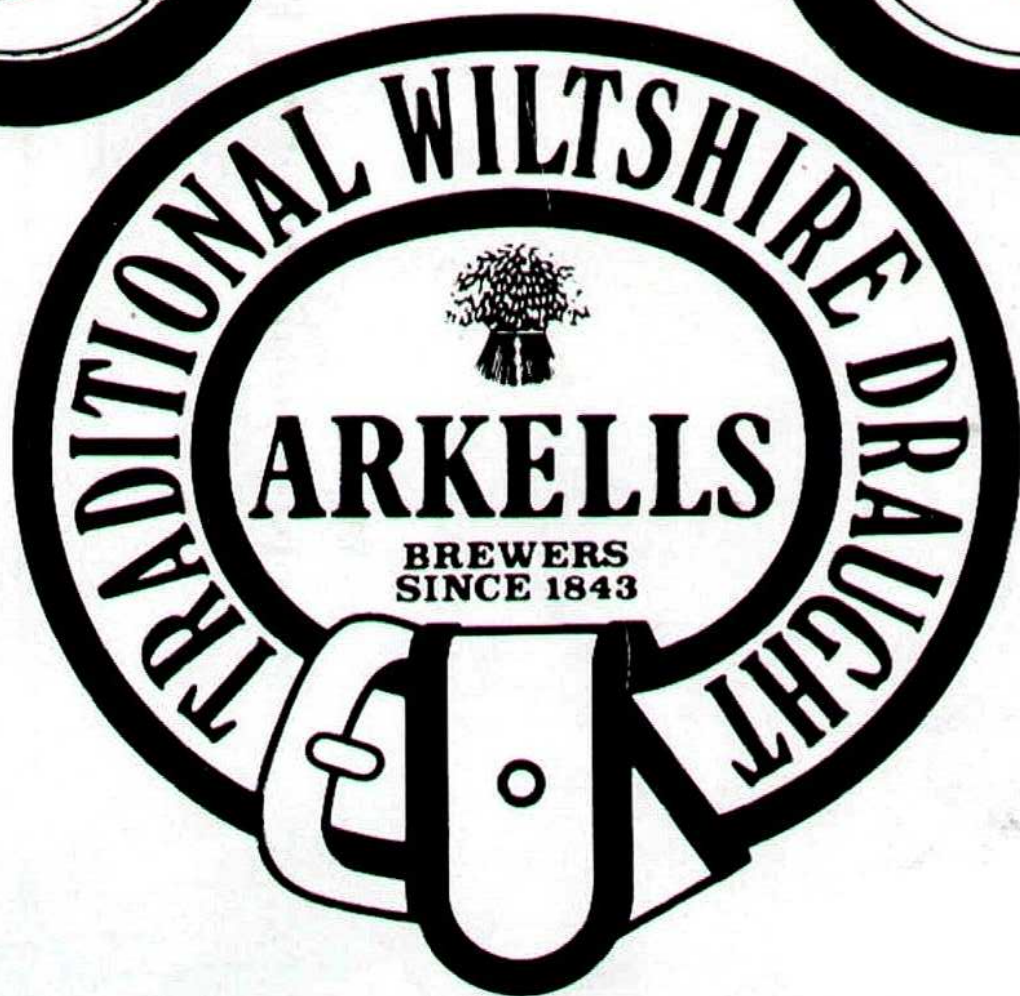


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## Chairman's Chatter

On your behalf may I thank the players who once again provided us with an evening to remember by disposing of First Division giants Sheffield Wednesday in the Third Round of the Milk Cup. No one who witnessed the match could not say that we did not deserve to do so.



Although the draw for the

Fourth Round did not favour us with a home tie we still remain optimistic of further progress and hope as many of you as possible will travel to Ipswich.

Apart from the Milk Cup we must not forget that we face an afternoon of further cup excitement when we face our West Country rivals Bristol City in the First Round of the F.A. Cup.

The Ashton Gate Club will provide as stern a test of character from our players as Sunderland or Sheffield Wednesday did. The mere fact that we are near rivals and the pre-warning of our Milk Cup exploits this season will have provided City with the necessary incentive that they may have required to do well here at the County Ground. In terms of local honour I urge all of you who have been participants in our Milk Cup success to equally support the players in the F.A. Cup also.

May I pay tribute to the behaviour exemplified by our supporters in times of increased attendance. Not only have you been a credit to the club but more importantly to yourself. In present day society we are often the victims of the mindless minority who wish to habitate our stadiums. To date we have not witnessed such behaviour this season, therefore may I urge you all to extend that behaviour throughout this season of increasing excitement.

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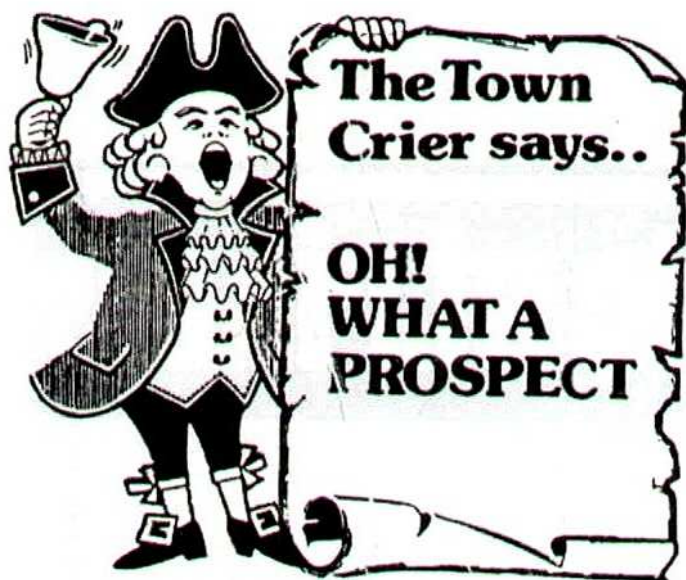


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Monday October 28th seemed to be a day for whetting the appetites of West Country sports enthusiasts. The announcement that we were drawn at home to Bristol set the pulse racing throughout Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset. As if that was not enough it was then announced that Gloucester had been drawn at home to Bristol in Rugby's equivalent of the F.A. Cup, the John Player.

It is the round ball that is our game, although the Town players have been seen with the oval version in training! The prospect of a nerve tingling Saturday afternoon against the Ashton Gate Club in the most illustrious of all football's competitions will be welcomed with fever pitch excitement. It will be the first meeting between the two clubs in the F.A. Cup.

What of City this season? Although widely predicted to be one of the fore-runners in the Third Division promotion race, they have struggled to find consistency. Despite the addition of Keith Waugh from Sheffield United in goal, the aggression of Brian Williams in defence and the height of former Cambridge United central defender David Moyes. The brief introduction of our former midfield player Gary Emmanuel and the re-introduction to League soccer of David Tong, none of which has yet brought the consistency that Manager Terry Cooper was seeking.

Yet, let no one be under any false illusions, the Ashton Gate Club are capable of producing the most fluent brand of soccer that can be witnessed in Division

Three. Whatever problems they have encountered, will be put to rest in the steely atmosphere that will be generated here at the County Ground.

While we wait with baited breath for the excitement that only the F.A. Cup can bring. The anticipation will be no less within the confines of Ashton Gate and it's supporting rural areas. One can almost anticipate the relish with which former Town players Howard Pritchard and Brian Williams will look forward to November 16th.

The Ashton Gate Club regained some composure at home following defeat in their first two matches when they lost 3-2 to Walsall and then 2-1 to Gillingham. Since August they have defeated Wigan Athletic (1-0), Blackpool (2-1), Darlington (1-0) and Wolves by 3-0.

While in away matches their only success was at struggling Cardiff City in a 3-1 win. They have suffered heavy defeats at Bournemouth (0-5), Notts County (0-4) and at Bury (3-6). They also lost 2-0 at Rotherham and have shared the points in 1-1 draws at York City and Newport County.

Another heavy away defeat came when they visited Hereford United in the First Leg of the First Round in the Milk Cup losing 5-1. They gained a little self respect in the Second Leg at Ashton Gate winning 2-0. It should not be forgotten that we conceded four goals on our visit to Edgar Street earlier this season, so no clear guideline there.

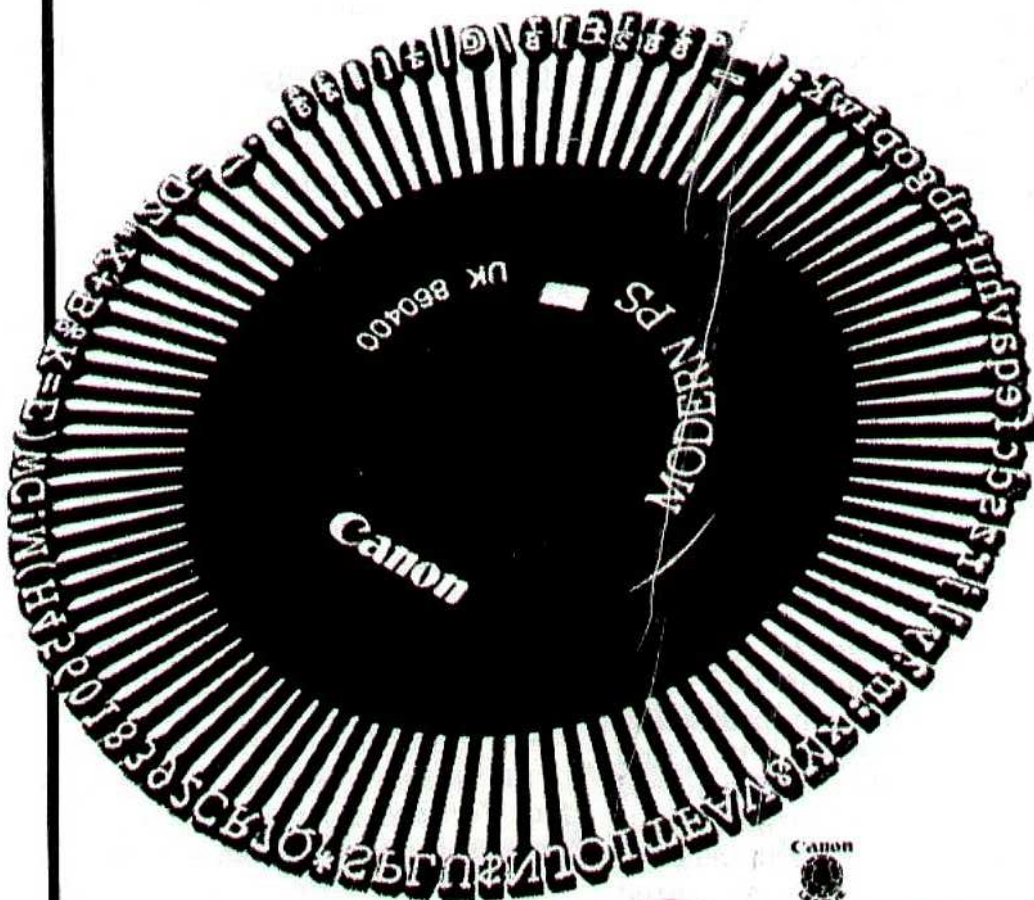
What of Lou Macari, he witnessed the City debacle at Hereford and will no doubt be paying further attention to the Ashton Gate Club before the F.A. Cup tie.

It will be a day that Chris Ramsey will look forward to, for Chris was rejected by the Ashton Gate Club without a League opportunity. Their loss, our gain, via Brighton of course. Former Darlington striker Alan Walsh is Bristol City's leading goalscorer with six goals, while Steve Neville and Howard Pritchard has scored four goals each. Both Glynn Riley and Steve Johnson have struggled with their form this season. Having only scored twice before last Saturday's match at Doncaster and this evening's encounter at Lincoln.



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By Doug Buswell

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Dinner will be on Monday 16th December when our main speaker will be JACKIE CHARLTON. The former Leeds Utd., and England International who also managed Middlesborough, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle.

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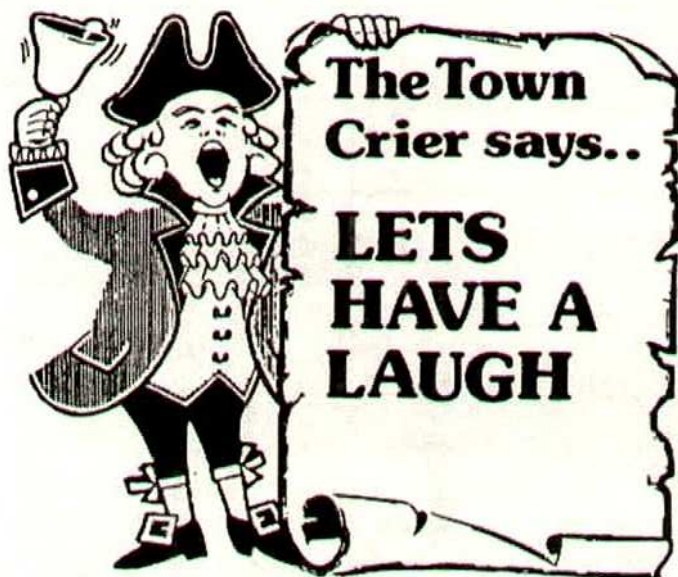


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There are no prizes if you have heard any of the following, but it helps to show that soccer is a game to be enjoyed and it has it's lighter moments.

A book could be written of the jokes and humour associated with the late Bill Shankly and his Scottish good humour. Any Liverpool supporter will tell you of the time when a hairdresser asked Bill if he wanted anything off the top. Quick as a flash came the reply, 'Aye Everton!'.

Somewhere up there Bill must have been pulling his hair out in handfuls last season as Howard Kendall took Everton to League and Cup Honours.

Did you know that there are no photographic records of the earliest England Internationals? At the first, in 1872 players refused to say whether they would buy prints or not, so the photographer refused to take any pictures! At the second they all pulled faces, so no prints were ever made!

No names mentioned but there was a classic example last season where a Swindon Town player shouted at the Referee, 'You know nothing about the game, Ref!' He was promptly told, 'Maybe, but that is what comes from watching players like you'. Sorry.....

During the 1927 Cup Final, Arsenal's goalkeeper Dan Lewis was very unfortunate and kept dropping more than the fair amount of shots that came his way. After the match he blamed that on the grease in his new jersey. Even to this day Arsenal wash all their keepers new jerseys before they are worn.

Back in the fifties a centre half was faced with the task of outwitting the fleetfooted Preston forward Tom Finney. As Tom sailed past him, he shouted, 'Off side', 'Play on' said the ref. 'You must be blind!' retorted the frustrated player. 'What did you say?' enquired the ref very slowly 'Aha!' Deaf as well as blind!' came the reply.

A man walked into a doctors surgery (no not Dr. J. Nicholas) and the doctor says, 'Now then what's the matter with you?'. 'Well I've got a bad back, doctor' replies the man. 'That's nothing' said the doctor, 'My team's got two!'.

Jimmy Rooney who was a Scot, was not allowed to celebrate his hundredth appearance for Australia by captaining the team, as the Team Manager Rudi Gutendorf, a German, thought it was wrong for a foreigner to be a captain!.

Why is it that all goalkeepers, are regarded to be mad? It was a question once asked of a famous England keeper, hardly surprising he answered, 'When you think that they spend most of their time watching some of the idiots in front of them trying to play football'.

A story that relates to one of football's finest centre forwards of the 1930's is when Everton's Dixie Dean who was said to be walking down a street in Liverpool and coming in the opposite direction was Liverpool goalie Elisha Scott. He spotted Dixie and shouted to him. Dixie nodded his head. Elisha's immediate reaction was to dive sideways into the gutter to save the goal!

At the turn of the century, there were sheep grazing on the Morton pitch at Cappielow Park. One was adopted by centre forward, Tommy Gracie, it was christened Toby and for many years he acted as the team mascot.

Unfortunately fun and soccer don't go together so much in the modern day and most tales refer to a bygone age. Although you can be sure that in sixty years from now they will be telling tales of the eighties. Some of you may be around then and relating stories of the present day.



# Backtrack

BY MIKE SKINNER

Our meetings with Cambridge United have been very limited to date. In fact, tonight sees only their second visit to the County Ground! The first occasion was for a Third Division match on April 4th 1978, a game that the Town needed to win to stay in with a (slight) chance of promotion. However, with United in second place, it was always going to be a struggle, and it was no real surprise that it ended goal-less. Swindon started well with Chris Guthrie shooting wide from a David Moss nod-on, and Ray McHale had his powerful shot well saved by 'keeper Malcolm Webster. But this opening zest soon disappeared as United began to exert themselves on the game.

And, having contained the home side in the first-half, United came out for the second looking for the win. But with our defence holding strong we gradually began to force our way back into the game. With Moss and David Cunningham inspiring from the wings in the last 20 minutes, McHale came close with an 8 yard shot that came off the underside of the bar before bouncing out. John McLaughlin followed up with a powerful drive, only to see Webster smother it. At the other end Tom Finney came close for United, but with only Jimmy Allan to beat he shot over. All in all it was a poor game, and although the Town still have a mathematical chance of promotion, it would hardly be deserved if this performance was anything to go by. Swindon:- Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, Trollope, Carter, Prophett, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham. Cambridge:- Webster, Howard, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Sweetzer, Streete, Spriggs, Morgan, (Adams), Finney, Biley. Attendance:- 6,774.

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The away game the previous September saw us go down by five goals to two when Floyd Streete (2), Tom Finney, Alan Biley and Peter Silvester netted for the home side. David Moss and a Ray McHale penalty reduced the arrears, but to no

avail, with 4,423 in attendance.

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Some three years earlier, on August 6th 1974, we travelled to the Abbey Stadium as part of our build up to the 1974-75 campaign, but again with little joy. Going under 2-0, Swindon never managed to get to grips with the United midfield, and were lucky not to lose by more. Defending for most of the game, Jimmy Barron made some vital saves, namely from Dave Lill, Pat Kane and Kevin Tully. One attempt, from Gordon Howell, did get past Barron, but luckily came back out off the post.

After losing striker Dave Smith with a twisted ankle, Cambridge's pressure finally paid off in the 29th minute when a 30 yard shot from Ray Sealey had Barron beaten all the way. Swindon, though, were making little impression up front, their best chances coming in the second-half when Ray Clarke headed over, and Wilf Dixon shot wide. In fact the Town didn't have a single shot on the target during the whole of the 90 minutes! David Cassidy got United's second with just a few minutes remaining, leaving Town manager Danny Williams with a few problems to solve, with just over a week left before the start of the League season.

Swindon:- Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Stroud, Moss, McGovern, Eastoe, Clarke, McLean.

Cambridge:- G. Smith, O'Donnell, Sealey, Green, Eades, Lill, Kane, Howell, Cassidy, D. Smith, Tully. Subs - Akers, Shinton, Lennard.

Attendance:- 866.

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Up, Up And Away.....

Aggregate attendances continue to soar at the County Ground...Obviously the vouchers at the Stockport League match made the difference...But it is still pleasant to record that following our 1-0 win...We were 5,140 up on the corresponding first six matches...of last season.



# BIRTHDAY BOYS



October and November are popular months with Town players for Birthday celebrations. With Leigh Barnard and Jamie Reynolds both celebrating in October. While the month of November is more than popular with Dave Hockaday, Peter Coyne and Andy Wollen.



**JAMIE REYNOLDS**

The England Youth International was eighteen years old on October 27th.



**DAVE HOCKADAY**

The Town midfield player will reach his twenty-eighth birthday on Saturday next November 9th.



**ANDY WOLLEN**

The Town Reserve Team central defender will celebrate his nineteenth birthday on Thursday November 4th.



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# Junior Robins

By D. Mattick

The last three weeks have been very exciting ones: the team has had a good run in the League and there has been the excitement of the Cup ties. Interest in Swindon Town has increased and this has been reflected in our membership numbers. Last season the Junior Robins Club was set up in October but membership did not reach 170 until April. This season we have passed that figure already and new applications are still coming in. Despite this there are still some schools where we have no members at all. If you teach at such a school and feel you could recruit some members please get in touch and I will be happy to supply you with membership forms and arrange for a party from your school to be guests of the Club at one of our League fixtures.

When the Junior Robins were set up the first member to enrol was Huw Davies of Colebrook School. He has certainly been living up to his title of Junior Robin No.1 by winning the Under 10 category in the Marlborough 4 Kilometre Race. Could he be a midfield dynamo in the making?

Congratulations are also due to Toby and Adam Sylvester, Darayl Jones, Ian Ward and Paul Wells. Removing empty oil cans, old mattresses and other rubbish is not a glamorous job but it is one that is vital if we are going to have a ground to be proud of. Despite the problems of a wasps nest these lads made a good start on removing an eye-sore from the County Ground.

I hope those people who are familiar with the arrangements for Junior Robins will forgive me if I go over the regulations relating to the admission of members to matches:

1. All members of the Junior Robins can purchase a seat in the stand for just 50p per match at all League games. These tickets can be obtained from the match day ticket office.

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standing areas.

3. Admission of Junior Robins to Cup matches varies. Due to the regulations governing Milk and F.A. Cup matches it is not always possible to sell tickets at less than the full price. We will certainly do our best to make sure members who regularly attend our games do not miss out.

I am sure all Junior Robins would wish me to congratulate Mr. Stephenson on his appointment as Managing Director. His son Christian was one of our earliest members and we wish Christian and his dad the best of luck for the future.

Finally do not forget we have a meeting on Monday at 6.00 p.m. with another Round of the Leeds Permanent Penalty Prize Competition starting at 5.00 p.m.

Dick Mattick

Organiser Junior Robins

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Remember?.....

Our former Assistant Manager Des Anderson who was with the Club in the seventies along with Dave Mackay...Des is now the cheery publican of a Leicestershire watering hole...Des told a funny and true story of Brian Clough recently...It went like this...

BAWLED OUT FOR A CUP OF TEA! Brian rang the dressing room from his office for a cup of team...An apprentice answered...The conversation was alleged to have gone like this...CLOUGH: 'Hey young man, bring me a cup of tea!'. LAD: 'B....cks'. CLOUGH: 'Do you know who you're talking to?'. LAD: 'Yes, do you?'. CLOUGH: 'No'. LAD: 'Well b....cks again'. Click...Rumour has it by the time Clough reached the end of the long corridor the dressing room was empty!.





# Seen and Heard



## H.G.V.....

Remember how Brian Williams passed his Heavy Goods Vehicle Test while with Bristol Rovers...Now another former Town player...Howard Pritchard...Has done likewise...Of course both Howard and Brian are now team mates...Across the City at Ashton Gate...The Bristol Club rejected a £5,000 bid for Howard a fortnight ago...From Wolves.

## On The Move.....

Still playing...Is former Town winger Chris Porter...Who has now linked up with Somerset Senior League Club...Chard Town.

## Still Watching Cheltenham.....

Back again watching the Gola League Club was Town Chief Scout Bert Head...for their recent match with Kettering Town...Remember Lou Macari and John Trollope were present...When the Gola Club met Weymouth recently.

## On And On.....

Why not watch our South East Counties League team...In action for home matches...At Shrivenham Road...Unbeaten...They deserve your support...Saturday mornings...Here are the forthcoming fixtures...November 23rd...Oxford United...30th...Luton Town...December 14th...Bristol Rovers...While in the two cup competitions the lads have not been blessed with the best of luck...In the Midland Youth Cup they have been drawn away to West Bromwich Albion...And in the F.A. Youth Cup...away to Swansea City...Come and support these lads...John Trollope...Terry Wollen...and Eddie Buckley have done a great job with these young boys...They deserve your support.

## At Vale Park Park.....

Joe Fagan...former Liverpool team manager...Along with a Southampton scout...Both interested in the player on view...Whispers were that Joe was watching Port Vale's Robbie Earle...While

Southampton were watching...A Town player again...Tommy Booth was running the rule over Port Vale...For Preston...the Deepdale Club were due to meet Vale the following Saturday.

## JUST IN TIME.....

How Lou Macari beat the clock...The emergency caused by the Scott Endersby abdication...sent the Town boss scurrying round the country...unable to clinch the signing of Pat Jennings...Lou travelled to Manchester for a meeting with P.F.A. Secretary Gordon Taylor...Names were exchanged...Phil Harington...of Blackpool...Vince O'Keefe of Blackburn...Dai Davies of Bangor...Jon Hallworth of Ipswich...Back to Swindon...Would Phil Kite of Southampton...Late of Bristol Rovers...Like to appear...Chris Nicholl...the Saints Manager...put the question to the Peter Shilton understudy...A two hour delay...Waiting for his decision...the answer?...No...Contact Ron Saunders...the Birmingham City Chief...Can I borrow Mark Prudhoe?...The St. Andrews supremo promised a decision by noon the following day...it was Saturday...en route for Port Vale...Again no...What next...A friend in need...To the rescue came Frank McLintock...Who released his non-contract 'keeper...Richard Key...Off to Tottenham who enabled the registering of the player...With the Football League...To be completed on their up-to-date technology...It was Sunday...I am sure somewhere...The Rev. Nigel Sands played a part...That we will never know...Silent Night' draws nearer...But silent prayer was the October theme...Amen.

## \*Pleased To Know.....

Nick Coleman has signed a further loan form...for the Town...While Paul Roberts will now be with us for the rest of the season...Both from London...They are thoroughly enjoying their stay with the Town.



# Meet the Town Directors



MR. BOB KEARSEY

Who joined the Swindon Town Board after previously occupying a similar position with Oxford United who were then in the lower echelons of the Football League.

MR. COLIN HOWARD

Is one of the younger members of the Town Board. Colin is particularly interested in trying to assure the country support the Town receive, that they are kept abreast of any development that escapes attention in the rural areas. Living in the 'rustics' has given Colin an insight into a problem often encountered by the genuine 'moonraker!'.



## WHO WAS HE? - AND THANK YOU!

Few players can have made such a dramatic entry into their first appearance for any League Club as 22-year old Richard Key did when he played in last Tuesday evening's Milk Cup tie with Sheffield Wednesday.

Many of you were asking yourself who is he? Well a little information on Richard will help fill that void.

Richard was born in Coventry and joined his home town club from amateur football. He failed to make the Highfield Road Club's first team moving to Exeter City in 1975. After making his League debut in a 1-0 defeat against Torquay United in a 'Devon Derby' match at Plainmoor. The six foot 'keeper quickly established his position in the St. James Park line-up making 109 League appearances in three seasons with the Devon Club.

He moved to Cambridge United in 1979 appearing in one League match at Oldham at the end of the 1978-79 season. It was not until October 11th 1980 that Richard appeared again in the Abbey Stadium line-up. Who were the opponents? Yes, it was

Oldham Athletic. That match signalled the first of thirty consecutive appearances for Richard that season. His appearances were limited to twenty-one during the following two seasons. He spent a two match loan period with Northampton Town in November 1982.

Richard moved to Orient in 1983 making 42 League appearances in the Brisbane Road Club's Third Division campaign of the 83-84 season. After missing only four League matches that season he was surprisingly given a free transfer.

After joining Sunderland last season, he failed to make the Roker Park line-up and Richard was released to appear again for Cambridge United in their bid to avoid relegation, appearing in their final thirteen League matches.

The manager who took Richard to Cambridge originally was the former Abbey Stadium chief John Docherty, who is now assistant to Frank McLintock at Third Division Brentford.

When Lou Macari found himself in dire straits following the walk out by Scott Endersby.....Well you know the rest!



# In Town Tonight

Cambridge United who were relegated from the Third Division last season have been finding that life is just as uncomfortable in the Fourth.

A heavy defeat at Tranmere in their first away match of the season was the fore-runner of a further 6-2 defeat at Wrexham last month. Two 4-1 scorelines inflicted by Port Vale and Colchester United have also sent the Cambridge team back to the Fen Land in disgruntled mood. Their only consolation prior to last Friday evening's match at Stockport was obtained from drawn matches with Halifax (1-1) and Scunthorpe United (0-0).

At home the Abbey Stadium Club have recorded three wins in their last four matches to indicate that they may have begun to stabilise their results at home after suffering early season home defeats to Southend United and Aldershot.

The squad of players available to manager Ken Shellito includes:- Goalkeeper ROGER HANSBURY who is now in his second spell with the club. Roger who began his career with Norwich City spent two years with the Carrow Road Club before moving to Burnley. At the end of last season he was given a free transfer and joined Cambridge United in June. Thirty year old Roger made 78 League appearances for Norwich and eighty three for the Turf Moor Club.

Former Stoke City defender GEOFF SCOTT joined United this summer after being given a free transfer by Northampton Town. After making his League debut for Stoke in October 1977, he stayed with 'The Potteries' Club until February 1980 making 76 League appearances and scoring 3 goals. Geoff then moved to Leicester, after 39 matches for the Filbert Street Club, he moved to Birmingham City. Nineteen League matches and eight months later he moved to Charlton before joining Northampton Town.

Twenty-seven year old STEVE DOWMAN is another former Charlton player who was given a free transfer at the

end of last season. Steve began his career with Colchester United for whom he made 154 League appearances scoring 21 goals. The London born defender joined Wrexham playing 87 League matches for the North Wales Club before returning south to appear in 61 League matches for Charlton.

Since joining United on loan from West Ham, twenty-two year old KEITH McPHERSON has had the joy of scoring his first League goal against Preston and the misery of conceding an own goal to Orient. The former Upton Park apprentice made his League debut in the final match of last season when West Ham lost 3-0 to mighty Liverpool.

England Youth International MICK BENNETT began his career with Bolton Wanderers where he made 65 appearances. Mick joined Wolves at the start of the 1983/84 season moving to United in March 1984. The twenty-two year old defender made 34 League appearances last season.

Newcastle born, 19 year old ANDY SINTON, is a product of United's youth scheme. With over 80 League appearances to his credit Andy made his League debut as a 16 year old against Wolves in November 1982.

Twenty-nine year old STEVE SPRIGGS who has made over 400 first team appearances for United is one of the smallest players in the Canon League at 5' 3". The former Huddersfield apprentice joined United in 1975.

Fellow midfield player STEVE PYLE is a product of United's youth team. The 22 year old North Shields born player scored an eleven minute, second half, hat-trick in the opening day match with Hartlepool United this season!

Midfield player TOM FINNEY is a Northern Ireland International who entered the Football League with Luton, who signed him from Crusaders for £17,000 in 1973. A year later he moved to Sunderland for £70,000. He moved to United in 1976, after 268 League matches in which he scored 56 goals he joined



# Cambridge United

Brentford for a short spell before returning to Abbey Stadium last season.

ALAN COMFORT is a England Youth International who joined United from Q.P.R. in September 1984 as a loan player before signing full time in October. The former Q.P.R. apprentice made 31 League appearances last season.

Free scoring DAVID CROWN is United's leading marksman this season with 8 goals. The former Brentford winger who figured in an exchange deal with Portsmouth for our injured midfield player Chris Kamara, joined United from Reading this summer. The 27 year old former

Walthamstow player made 88 League appearances for the Elm Park Club scoring 14 goals.

The much travelled STEVE MASSEY was a player who once interested our former manager Ken Beamish. The 27 year old striker joined United from Hull City during the close season. The Abbey Stadium Club is his sixth club. Steve has made the following appearances, Stockport 101 - 20 goals, Bournemouth 97 - 19, Peterborough United 18 - 2, Northampton Town 60 - 26, Hull City 42 - 9. Steve scored twice here at the County Ground in Northampton's 5-1 win on Sunday May 8th 1983.



Back Row: (Left to Right): Patrick Rayment, Roger Hansbury, Dean Greygoose, Keith Branagan, Tom Finney.

Middle Row: (Left to Right): Steven Clark, Keith Lockhart, Mark Cooper, David Moyes, Steve Fallon, Geoff Scott, Andrew Beattie, Steve Massey.

Front Row: (Left to Right): Stephen Pyle, Michael Bennett, Andrew Sinton, Steven Spriggs, Kevin Massey, Alan Comfort, David Crown.



# Action Replay



Mascot Paul Carter seen with Skipper Andy Rowland leading the Team out to face Sheffield Wednesday.



Almost a third goal for the Town - Swindon's Colin Gordon, Bryan Wade and Peter Coyne (on ground) combine to make up a goalmouth scramble in Saturday's win against Tranmere.



# Action Replay



Town striker Colin Gordon gets one in the face against Tranmere last Saturday.



Wednesday goalkeeper Hodge pushes the ball round the post for a corner during Town pressure last Tuesday.



# In Reserve

Keep in touch with the Towns  
Football Combination Team

The Town's Combination team gave a dismal display at the County Ground last Thursday in losing 5-1 to visitors Luton Town.

In the opening five minutes Tony Evans twice set free Mark Gardiner who was unlucky to see his shots blocked. Luton went ahead after 14 minutes when David North scored from close range following an Ashley Grimes cross. It took barely a minute before Mark Gardiner equalised following a bad back pass from Grimes who had turned from hero to villain in sixty seconds! A defensive mix up in the 21st minute between Andy Wollen and Kenny Allen saw North restore Luton's lead. The former Torquay keeper was beaten again four minutes from half time by a twenty-five yard ground shot from Luton's Ricky McEvoy.

The second half saw the Town continue to make little headway and the introduction of Sheldon Lee for the disappointing Mark Payne added little purpose to the Town

attack where the determination of Mark Gardiner was the Town's main hope. Stein added Luton's fourth goal in the seventy-seventh minute with the Town defence in total disarray. An own goal by Charlie Henry capped a poor display by the Town six minutes from time.

While the Combination team face opposition from much larger and powerful clubs the Town had a fair sprinkling of experience in this team with Kenny Allen, Charlie Henry, Paul Roberts, Derek Hall and Tony Evans on view. Without the required composure in attack and defence it is difficult to envisage where the first win of the season will come from.

TEAMS: Swindon: Allen; Davison, Hall, Prowse, Henry, Wollen, Payne, Roberts, Evans, Gardiner, Reynolds. SUB: Sheldon Lee.

Luton Town: Dibble; Johnson, Grimes, McEvoy, Elliot, S. North, Oldfield, Stein, D. North, Daniel, Parker. SUB: Cobb.

# Youth on our side

How unfortunate can you be? Our table topping teenagers recently visited West Bromwich Albion in the Midland Cup. The match played at the Hawthorns on Monday October 28th saw the Town make their exit from the competition losing by the only goal of the match.

The Town gave a good performance in which during a creditable first half display they restricted the home team to three goalscoring attempts. With half time reaching stalemate the Town Juniors pushed forward with vigour in the second half during which they conceded the only goal of the match after Gary Gillete had been injured. Straight from the re-start Albion took advantage of the situation by quickly seizing on a slight hesitancy in the Town team. We missed three opportunities to equalise in a second half

which saw Paul Blakeley give way to illness which had dogged him throughout the match. The Town had a perfectly good goal disallowed when Nicky Hughes who had substituted for the unwell Paul was adjudged to have impeded the Albion goalkeeper. Although to everyone but the referee, it was clearly two of the home team who had collided. With the whole of the Town team pressing hard in the final stages, chances were missed by Jamie Reynolds, Sheldon Lee and Nicky Hughes. In a fine run Sheldon Lee beat three Albion defenders only to see his cross failing to reach a Town player when an opportunity seemed to be there for the taking.

Albion Manager Nobby Stiles although pleased his team had won, conceded that the Town should have clinched a 3-1 scoreline.



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1.5 SCUNTHORPE UNITED F.C.



# PAUL IN ENGLAND COLOURS



The above photograph shows our former striker Paul Rideout in his England Under-21 colour before the match with Rumania in Brasou last April, also included is Ian Cranson the Ipswich Town defender who will be facing the Town in the Milk Cup Fourth Round later this month.

Back Row (Left to Right): Bob Mimms (Everton), Paul Wilkinson (Everton), Paul Rideout (Then Aston Villa), Nick Pickering (Sunderland), David Seaman (Birmingham

City), Ian Cranson (Ipswich Town), Ian Butterworth (Nottingham Forest), Louie Donowa (Norwich City), Tony Adams (Arsenal).

Front Row: Ian Snodin (Leeds United), Tony Cottey (West Ham United), Paul Allen (Tottenham Hotspur), Paul Parker (Fulham), Simon Barker (Blackburn Rovers), Mark Walter (Aston Villa), Mitchell Thomas (Luton Town).

## OFFICIAL CHAPLAINS TO FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS

Our Chaplain the Reverend Nigel Sands is the only Football League Chaplain with a dual purpose. Representing both Crystal Palace and Swindon Town. If both Clubs were to meet in League soccer I am sure Nigel would be praying for a draw.

What is intriguing is where would his prayers be directed and who would Nigels' Managing Director be answering those prayers in favour of, if both Clubs ever met in Cup Competition? One thing for sure, no doubt Nigel would be praying.




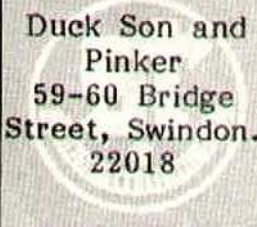
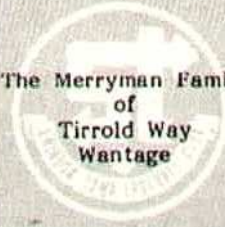


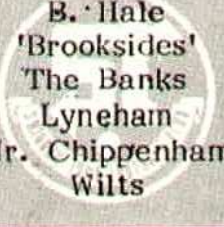
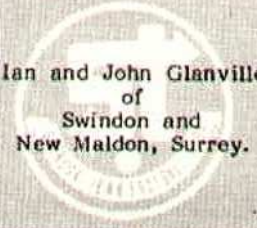

The full list is: Aldershot - Rev Mike Pusey, Oxford United - Rev Michael

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## GENUINE SENTIMENTS

While the cut and thrust of professional soccer often means that the out of favour player and the injured star are taken from the limelight of success. How pleasant it was to see genuine pleasure portrayed by the out of favour Derek Hall and injured Town players Chris Kamara and David Moss following the Sheffield Wednesday Milk Cup-Tie.

All three had felt the tension and nervousness that the 12,110 present that evening experienced. Both Chris and Dave are beginning to pencil in their comeback dates in future Reserve matches.

Both have attended every match when medical advice has allowed and both are more than anxious to return to First Team action.

It is not easy to feel part of the First Team scene when you are in the Reserves or are injured but it was a nice experience to witness genuine appreciation of what their colleagues had achieved.

Both the injured players are set to return to light training shortly. Welcome back lads, the Town supporters will be looking forward to your return.



# Facts & Figures

On Town's Record  
1985/86

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	GOALSCORER	ATTENDANCE
SAT AUG 17	WREXHAM	H	0-1		4,195
TUE AUG 20	Torquay Utd (Milk Cup 1)	A	2-1	Moss, Hockaday	1,266
SAT AUG 24	Hereford Utd	A	1-4	Calderwood	4,049
MON AUG 26	TORQUAY UTD	H	2-1	Coyne, Henry	3,378
FRI AUG 30	Southend Utd	A	0-0		4,037
TUE SEP 3	TORQUAY UTD (Milk Cup 1)	H	2-2	Coyne, Pugh OG	2,846
FRI SEP 6	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3-2	Coyne 3(2 Pens)	3,879
SAT SEP 14	Peterborough Utd	A	0-3		2,946
TUE SEP 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-2		1,699
TUE SEP 24	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	A	3-2	Rowland, Coyne Pen	14,204
SAT SEP 21	PRESTON NORTH END	H	Postponed		
SAT SEP 28	Hartlepool Utd	A	0-1		2,727
TUE OCT 1	EXETER CITY	H	2-1	Gordon, Calderwood	3,118
SAT OCT 5	ROCHDALE	H	4-0	Coyne, Cole, Wade, Hockaday	3,086
TUE OCT 8	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	H	3-1	Rowland, Wade 2	9,111
SAT OCT 12	Burnley	A	2-0	Gordon, Coyne	2,927
SAT OCT 19	Chester City	A	1-0	Gordon	3,109
TUE OCT 22	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-0	Coyne	7,172
SAT OCT 26	Port Vale	A	0-3		5,073
TUE OCT 29	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Milk Cup 3)	H	1-0	Coyne	12,110
SAT NOV 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	Barnard, Wade	4,358
WED NOV 6	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H			
SAT NOV 9	Scunthorpe Utd	A			
SUN NOV 17	BRISTOL CITY (F.A. Cup 1)	H			
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H			
SAT NOV 30	Orient	A			
SAT DEC 7	F.A. Cup 2				
SAT DEC 14	HALIFAX TOWN	H			
SUN DEC 22	HEREFORD UTD	H			
THU DEC 26	Aldershot	A			
SAT DEC 28	Torquay Utd	A			
WED JAN 1	COLCHESTER UTD	H			
SAT JAN 4	Tranmere Rovers	A			
SUN JAN 12	SOUTHEND UTD	H			
SAT JAN 18	Wrexham	A			
SAT JAN 25	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H			
SAT FEB 1	Northampton Town	A			
MON FEB 3	Stockport County	A			
SAT FEB 8	CHESTER CITY	H			
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H			
SAT FEB 22	Preston North End	A			
SUN MAR 2	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H			
WED MAR 5	Exeter City	A			
SAT MAR 8	Rochdale	A			
SAT MAR 15	BURNLEY	H			
SUN MAR 23	PORT VALE	H			
FRI MAR 28	Colchester Utd	A			
MON MAR 31	ALDERSHOT	H			
SAT APR 5	Cambridge Utd	A			
SAT APR 12	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H			
SAT APR 19	Mansfield Town	A			
SUN APR 27	ORIENT	H			
FRI MAY 2	Halifax Town	A			

## WHAT A BIRTHDAY FOR LEIGH!



Last Tuesday was midfield player Leigh Barnard's twenty-seventh birthday. The former Portsmouth apprentice has been in outstanding form during the last month. Our outstanding 1-0 victory over First Division giants Sheffield Wednesday could not have been better timed for the Worsley born player who came to the County Ground on a free transfer in the summer of 1982.





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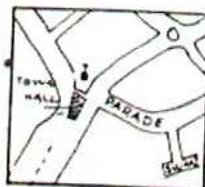
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# HALL OF MEMORIES

KEVIN BADDELEY



Kevin Baddeley joined Swindon Town from Bristol City in 1981. After being given a free transfer by the Ashton Gate Club. Kevin although born in Swindon joined the Bristol Club as an apprentice but apart from one League match against West Ham United in 1981, he failed to make a lasting impression. For the Town he made 95 League appearances before joining Cheltenham Town last season. Kevin is now employed by the Gola Club in their Commercial Department. Appearing in their Gola League team in his accustomed full back position.

COLIN BARRETT

Colin joined Swindon Town from Notts Forest in 1980. The former Manchester City and Notts Forest full back only played three league matches here at the County Ground. A knee injury sustained with Forest still proving troublesome. Colin is now part of the Forest Commercial Department. Once described as one of the most promising full backs in the country, while with the Maine Road Club. His League career came to a halt here at the County Ground.



RAY BAVERSTOCK

Ray a former Town full back is now captain of Gola Club Cheltenham. Swindon born, Ray recently married and still resides in Swindon. One of a promising crop of young players produced through the Club's youth policy. He appeared in 17 League matches for the Town before being released at the completion of the 1983-84 season.



# OH DEAR... NOT SWINDON TOWN



Ipswich Town goalkeeper Paul Cooper looks bewildered as he listens to his local radio station. Despite the advantage of being drawn at home. The East Anglian Club's goalkeeper knows the task the First Division Club face in trying to bring a halt to the Town's progress in the Milk Cup.



# **BAMPTONS**



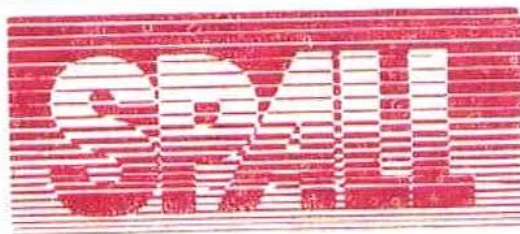
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# Looking Ahead

Following the visit of Bristol City in the F.A. Cup, we have another attractive fixture when we entertain League leaders Mansfield Town here at the County Ground. The Field Mill Club look set to figure prominently in this season's Fourth Division Championship race.

With the Field Mill Manager Ian Greaves now content to stay at Mansfield following West Bromwich's attempt to lure him to the Hawthorns. It will come as no surprise to many that he is likely to lead Mansfield Town to honours this season having achieved similar success with Huddersfield Town in 1970 and Bolton Wanderers in 1978.

With one of the best goalkeepers outside of the First Division in Kevin Hitchcock, the Field Mill defence remains one of the strongest in the Fourth Division. The loss of Colin Calderwood who joined us during the summer has been offset by the elevation of Gary Pollard to partner former Plymouth Argyle and Derby County defender George Foster at the centre of the Mansfield defence. Our former defender Mick Graham is one of three newcomers currently enjoying a new lease of life with 'The Stags'.

Mick has happily settled into a full back position. Another newcomer to the Mansfield team this season is Neville Chamberlain who joined the Nottinghamshire Club from Newport County. While both Mick and Neville were obtained on free transfers, the third of the Mansfield newcomers, Keith Cassells, cost a £15,000 fee when he moved to Field Mill from Brentford. Undefeated at home, only Wrexham and Orient who have figured in 1-1 draws at Field Mill, have left Mansfield with a point! Hereford United who lost 4-0 were not so fortunate, neither were Halifax Town who lost (2-0), along with another defeated club Southend United (3-0) while Colchester United and Exeter City have also left pointless following 2-1 defeats. Mansfield Town have recorded 2-1 victories in away matches at Aldershot and Tranmere

Rovers, also a 3-0 win at Scunthorpe United. Tonight's visitors Cambridge United found the way to breach the Mansfield defence winning 4-2. Both Chester City and Northampton recorded single goal victories, while Port Vale had to be content with a goal-less draw when the Field Mill Club visited Vale Park in August. Neville Chamberlain with 7 goals is 'The Stags' leading goalscorer closely followed by Mick Kearney with 6 while Keith Cassells and Mick Vinter have scored 5 goals each.

We travel to London on the last Saturday of the month to meet Orient who were relegated from the Third Division at the end of last season. Tranmere Rovers and Stockport County have both secured single goal victories at Brisbane Road. While fellow promotion challengers Colchester have also scraped through by a single goal winning 2-1. Port Vale (1-0), Rochdale and Scunthorpe with respective 5-0 and 3-0 defeats have left Brisbane Road pointless. Aldershot with a 1-1 draw and Peterborough United with a 2-2 scoreline have shared the points with the Leyton club. Paul Shinnars with 10 goals is the Brisbane Road Club's leading goalscorer followed by Kevin Godfrey with 6 goals.

Both fixtures are formidable obstacles to overcome in the search for promotion points. Unless we progress into the Second Round of the F.A. Cup we shall be without a fixture on the first Saturday in December. We entertain Halifax Town and Hereford United in successive Canon League fixtures here at the County Ground prior to Christmas.

Whatever the outcome of this season no one can deny that the County Ground has been devoid of anticipation and excitement which the visits of Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday in Milk Cup matches have brought. The imminent visit of Bristol City in the F.A. Cup followed by League leaders Mansfield Town should ensure a further month to remember.





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# TEAM CHECK



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	KENNY ALLEN	1 ROGER HANSBURY	
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2 ANDY LEE	
	NICKY COLEMAN	3 GEOFF SCOTT	
	LEIGH BARNARD	4 MARK HUGHES	
	DAVID COLE	5 TOM FINNEY	
	COLIN CALDERWOOD	6 STEVE DOWMAN	
	PAUL ROBERTS	7 KEITH McPHERSON	
	PETER COYNE	8 ANDY SINTON	
	COLIN GORDON	9 STEVE SPRIGGS	
	BRYAN WADE	10 STEVE MASSEY	
	DAVE HOCKADAY	11 ALAN COMFORT	
	TONY EVANS	12 DAVID CROWN	

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