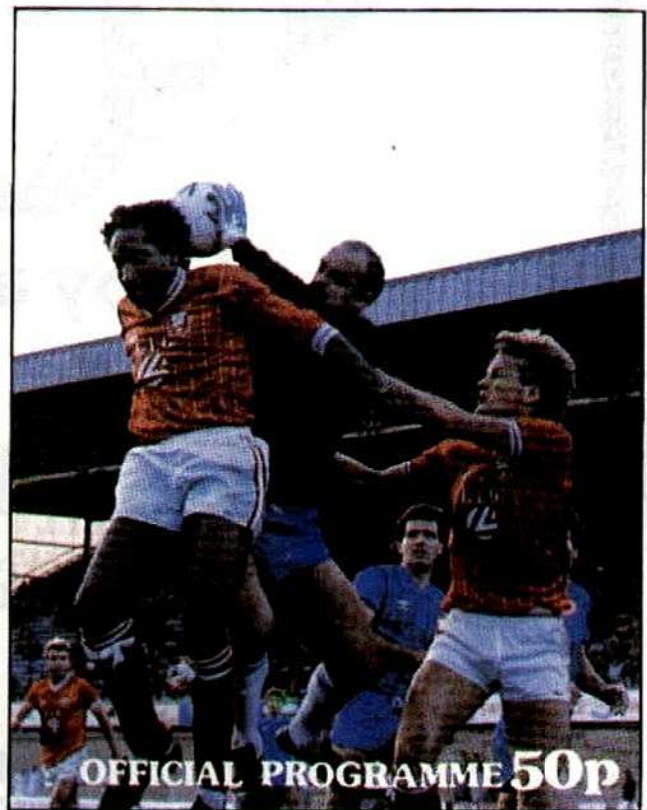
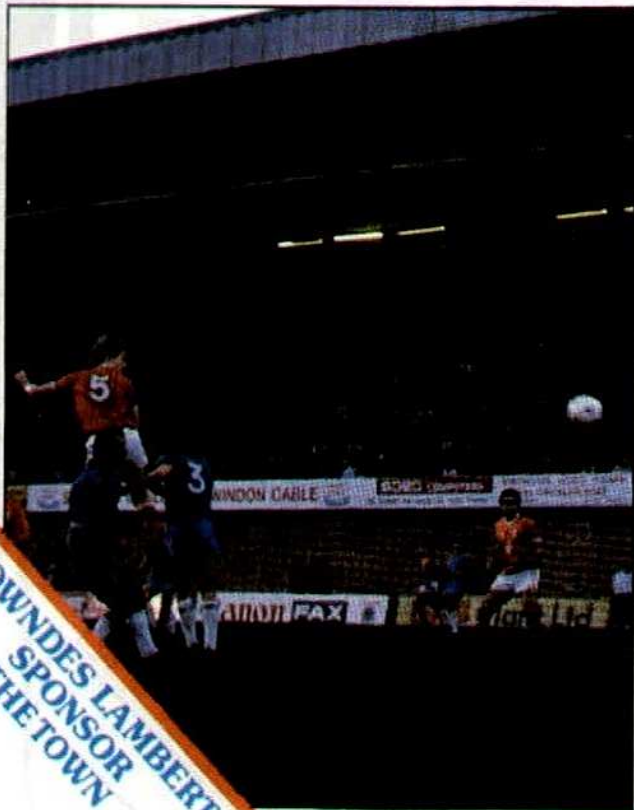
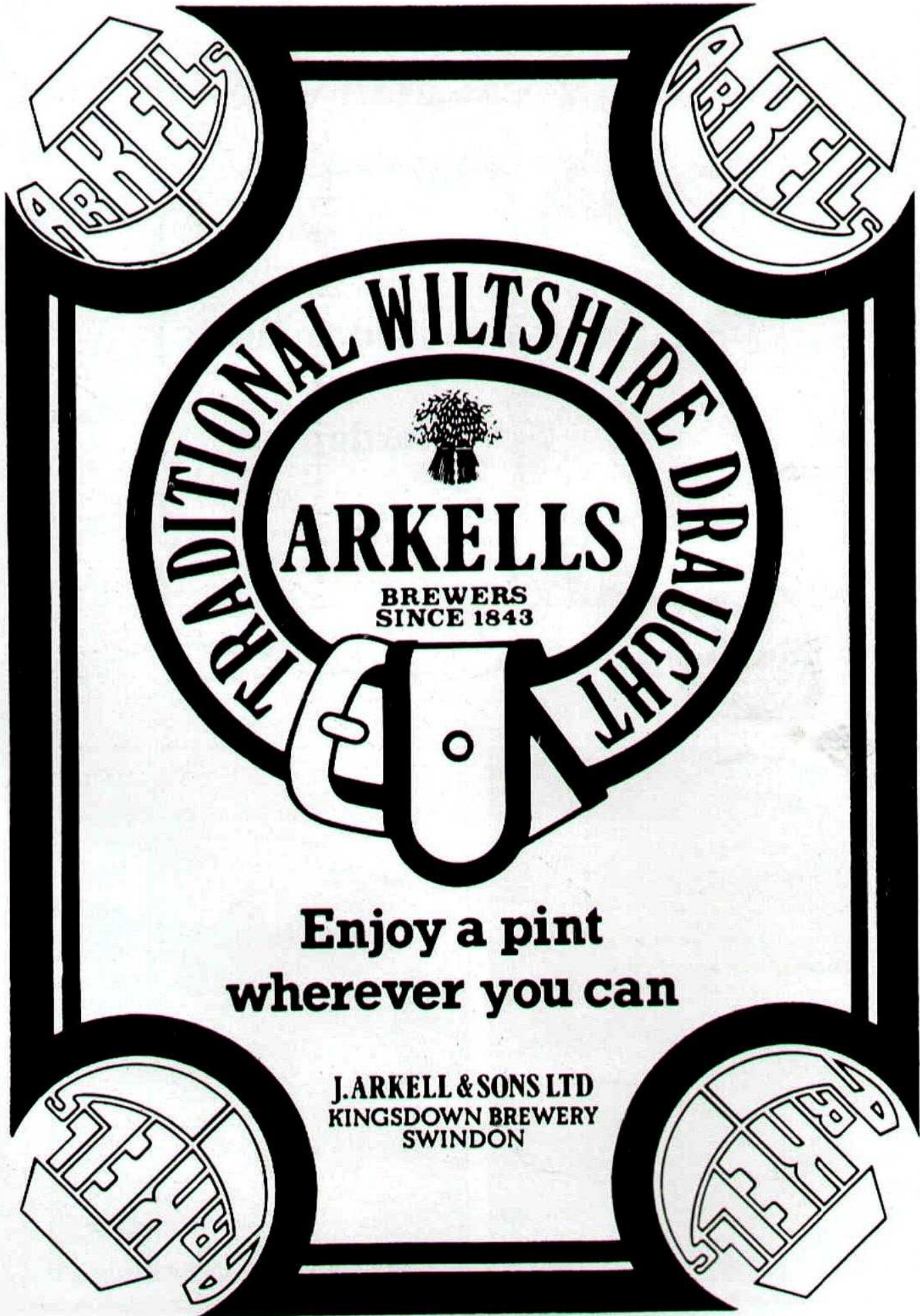


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Chairman's Chatter

This evening we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Hartlepool United for our re-arranged League fixture, which was due to have been played on Sunday March 2nd.



Now that we are entering the final period of the season, I would like to make a special appeal to all of you. Although it may appear that we have promotion almost in our grasp, I am sure that you will appreciate that there are still many matches and points to be won and lost. We will probably find that several of our opponents will be lifted by the fact that they are playing the Fourth Division leaders, so therefore your patience and support will be a vital factor as we enter our last twelve League fixtures.

We all hope that Third Division football will return to the County Ground next season and having come so near at this stage of the season to promotion, we must ensure that we all pull together to overcome the final hurdle. Our players appreciate the support that you have given them this season both home and away, so may I ask you all to continue your magnificent support and roar Swindon Town into the Third Division.

May I also appeal to all of you to try and enter the ground as early as possible at our remaining home matches and so alleviate any congestion at the turnstiles. Our final matches of the season will undoubtedly see increased attendance and that automatically increases the pressure on those operating the turnstiles. Thank you for reading this column and I hope you will heed my request for your anticipated co-operation.

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Who will be Next in Line?

The impending departure of the Football League sponsors Canon, instigated a Sunday newspaper to reveal that many of the country's leading clubs, have in fact lost money during the three year partnership with Canon. Some League clubs also reveal that their profit from the £3 million deal has been as little as £20 a week.

With Manchester United, the biggest club in the country finding that they were £100.00 a week down on the deal in the 1984-85 season. While Watford who just about managed to break even would have been £80 a week worse off if they had not won the Family Section Award!

Wimbledon of the Second Division reported a profit of approximately £4,000 in the same period which is the equivalent of 150 extra spectators through the turnstiles. In the lower division Preston North End were grateful to clear around £1,200.

At Old Trafford, two advertising bill boards which normally bring the Club £17,500 per season were used by Canon who also received free match tickets which could have been sold for £945.00. Their loss would have been more considerable but they claimed exemption from the clause governing programme advertising by inserting their own sponsors - Sharp. Who of course are close competitors of Canon.

Everton as League Champions and top goalscorers were the major winners from last season's Canon deal. Even then, only the bonus prizes prevented them losing money. The deal with Canon stipulates that in return for their fee to each club that Canon were entitled to two advertising bill boards in prime sites plus a full page of advertising in each issue of the club programme and ten complimentary tickets at each home game.

What did the League sponsors gain from football? Their turnover rose from £80 million a year to £140 million. Their staff increased by almost fifty per cent while net profits rose by twenty-per cent.

Public awareness of Canon rose by nineteen per cent with Canon becoming a household name. Obviously there is as much to be gained, if not more, by the sponsor as by the clubs. Any future sponsorship will be looked at more realistically by the Football League in the future.

League Secretary Graham Kelly was reported as saying, 'The information illustrates perfectly the great difficulty in administering a central sponsorship which came into being after many clubs had executed their own agreements'. He added, 'To overcome the situation we will have to seek a major company for a deal over a period of at least three years for a price up to £5 million'.

While the Football League will be keen to find a new sponsor to replace Canon, they will probably have learnt a great deal from this venture. With sponsors ever keen to be associated with the National game, it is highly probable that a major company will come forward to replace Canon. The fact that television is now in harness with soccer will more than likely determine that.

Televised soccer offers tremendous coverage for any likely candidate but Football League chiefs will have to safeguard the interests of it's members.

A breakdown of the figures involved of three clubs who face varying circumstances in the divisions and locality they play in, show the following:-

	MAN	UTD	WATFORD	DERBY COUNTY
Fee from Canon (1984-85)	£13,500	£13,500	£4,000	
Extra Prize Money	None	£5,000	None	
COST OF CANON				
Two advertising Boards	£17,500	£10,000	£1,000	
Ten Complimentary Tickets each game	£945.00			
Programme Advertising each game and tickets	None	£8,500	£2,000	
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Commercial Comment

By Doug Buswell

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Tonights **MATCH BALL** has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of The Belle Vue Hotel, Swindon.

Our **MASCOT** this evening is Darren Gale of Grange Drive, Swindon. Darren is 8 years old, a Junior Robin and a Peter Coyne fan.

We require lottery ticket sellers in most areas.

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n The Ball

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6th Sep Northampton Town	Simon Bayliss of North Brickhill, Bedfordshire.
21st Sep Preston N.E.	Bampton Bros of Swindon
1st Oct Exeter City	Mr. Pat Morris of The Jacobs Ladder
5th Oct Rochdale	Mr. Arthur Done
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2nd Nov Tranmere Rovers	Mr. Godwin, Wagon and Horses of Wootton Bassett.
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23rd Nov Mansfield Town	Mr. Dick Packer of The Clifton Hotel, Swindon.
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22nd Dec Hereford Town	Mr. R. Warren and Family of Lambourn
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15th Feb Crewe Alex	Mr. J. Tremlin, Coped Hill Service Station.
2nd Mar Hartlepool Utd	Mr. Ellis of The Belle Vue, Swindon.
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Sean Prowse

FULL NAME: Sean Prowse
BIRTHPLACE: Swindon
BIRTHDATE: 10th May 1968
HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins
WEIGHT: 10st 5lb
MARRIED: No
PREVIOUS LEAGUE
CLUB(S): None
LEAGUE RECORD: Nil
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:
Sun
PLAYERS MOST ADMI-
RED: Glen Hoddle, Bryan
Robson.
FAVOURITE OTHER
TEAM: Tottenham Hotspur
FOOTBALL HERO: Kevin
Keegan

FAVOURITE OTHER
SPORTS: Snooker, Golf.
BEST TEAM EVER SEEN:
Brazil 1970 (World Cup)
BIGGEST
DISAPPOINTMENT:
Getting knocked out of this
year's F.A. Youth Cup
FAVOURITE AWAY
GROUND: Watford
LIKES AND DISLIKES:
Music - bad games
FAVOURITE SINGERS:
Phil Collins, Madonna,
George Benson.
FAVOURITE ACTOR:
George Cole



FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:
Minder, Soul Train, Young
Ones, Match of the Day.
FAVOURITE FOOD AND
DRINK: Chips and any type
of pies/black currant and
lemonade.
AMBITION: To become a
professional footballer when
my contract runs out and do
well for my Club.
FAVOURITE HOBBY:
Snooker and watching
television.

The Bari Double-Act!

What good news for both Paul Rideout and Gordon Cowans of Italian First Division Club Bari last week. While Gordon was named by England Team Manager, Bobby Robson for the Full International against Russia this week in Tbilisi. His former Aston Villa team-mate and Swindon Town favourite Paul was named in the England Under-21 International Squad for tomorrow evening's European Championship match with Denmark at Manchester City's Maine Road ground. Paul who had been recalled to the England squad for the recent match in Denmark, had to leave the field with a hamstringing injury after only thirty-five minutes of the Copenhagen International. His performance was enough to satisfy Dave Sexton, the England Under-21 International Manager, that the Bari striker was in impressive form.

Paul has recently been the subject of media speculation both in England and Italy of a proposed £2 million deal between Bari and Torino. The Town Crier has been talking to Paul of his life in Italy, his hopes

and aspiration, which we will be revealing to you in a future issue of the Club matchday programme.

Meanwhile, Swindon send Paul their best wishes and congratulations on his recall to the England team. We are proud that Paul commenced his career here at the County Ground and for every aspiring youngster - Paul has proven to be the act to follow



Paul and his Bari team-mate Gordon Cowans leaving the field after a recent Italian First Division match.



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Below is the forecast of all the Swindon Town Staff on who will gain promotion from Division Four at the end of the season. They asked all the members of the Club who have been connected with the First Team Squad this season.

Without exception they all forecast that Mansfield Town would accompany the Town into the Third Division at the end of the season.

LOU MACARI	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
JOHN TROLLOPE	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
KEVIN MORRIS	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	STOCKPORT COUNTY
ANDY ROWLAND	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
KENNY ALLEN	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
DAVE BAMBER	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	STOCKPORT COUNTY
LEIGH BARNARD	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
COLIN CALDERWOOD	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	PORT VALE
DAVID COLE	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	PORT VALE
PETER COYNE	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
TONY EVANS	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	PORT VALE
MARK GARDINER	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	CHESTER CITY
COLIN GORDON	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	PORT VALE	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
DEREK HALL	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	STOCKPORT COUNTY
CHARLIE HENRY	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	PORT VALE
DAVE HOCKADAY	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
CHRIS KAMARA	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	STOCKPORT COUNTY
DAVID MOSS	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	NORTHAMPTON TOWN
CHRIS RAMSEY	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
PAUL ROBERTS	SWINDON TOWN	MANSFIELD TOWN	CHESTER CITY	NORTHAMPTON TOWN
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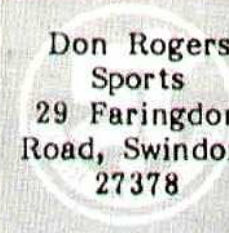
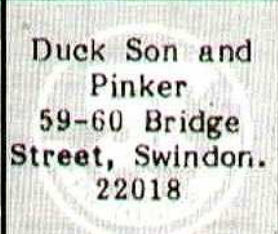
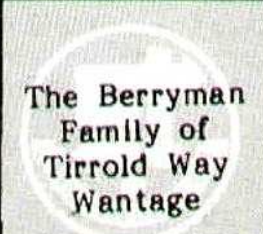


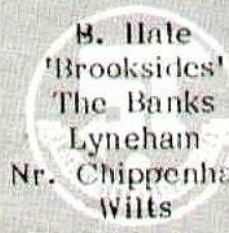
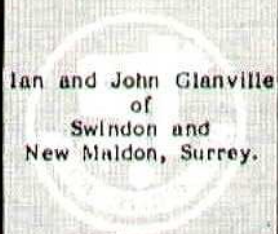
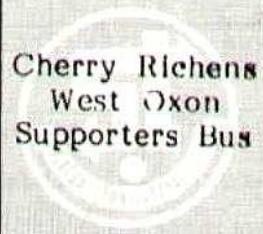
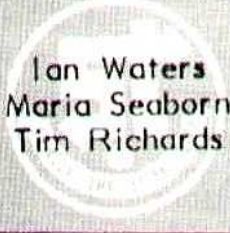
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The Town Crier looks at the Fourth

Have you ever considered how team line-ups change during the course of a season? Team Managers begin the season in August with hopes held high with what they consider to be their strongest line-up apart from injury or suspension. Most ended 1985 with a change of opinion. Below are their first selection and the last that they made as the old year faded away. The number of changes made are indicated in brackets.

AUGUST 17TH

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Cox; Blankley, Gillard, Massey, Smith, Mazzon, Staff, Johnson, Foyle, Ferns, McDonald.	ALDERSHOT (4)	Coles; Blankley, Ferns, Massey, Smith, Coleman, Fielder, Johnson, Butler, Mazzon, McDonald.
Neenan; Palmer, Hampton, Heggarty, Overson, Deakin, Hird, Malley, Taylor, Biggins, Grewcock.	BURNLEY (3)	Neenan; Hird, Heesom, Heggarty, Overson, Deakin, Grewcock, Malley, Taylor, Parker, Hampton.
Hansbury; Osgood, Bennett, Finney, Beattie, Scott, Sinton, Spriggs, Pyle, Comfort, Crown.	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (6)	Hansbury; Clark, Bennett, Lockhart, Beattie, Rayment, Philliben, Spriggs, Cooper, Massey, Comfort.
Butcher, Glenn, Lane, Holden, Gage, Coy, Speight, Graham, Rimmer, Fox, Brett.	CHESTER CITY (5)	Butcher; Glenn, Lane, Holden, Abel, Coy, Kelly, Graham, Richardson, Houghton, Bennett.
Chamberlain; Hedman, Phillips, Reeves, Day, Houston, Groves, Osborne, Bowen, Adcock, Tony English.	COLCHESTER UNITED (2)	Chamberlain; Hedman, Phillips, Osborne, Day, Houston, Groves, Parkinson, Burman, Adcock, Tony English.
Longley; Booth, Pullar, Thomas, Davis, Hart, Platt, Crabbe, Waller, Blissett, Saunders.	CREWE ALEXANDRA (5)	Parkin; Pullar, Johnson, Pemberton, Davies, Hart, Platt, Farrell, Waller, Taylor, Blissett.
Shaw; Kirkup, King, McNichol, McCaffrey, Marker, Ling, Kellow, Morgan, Pratt, Crawford.	EXETER CITY (5)	Shaw; Harrower, Viney, McNichol, McCaffery, Marker, Ling, Jackson, Gale, Keough, Crawford.
Roche; Brown, Ward, Shaw, Kendall, Ayre, Gallagher, Kellock, Lowe, Longhurst, Nicholson.	HALIFAX TOWN (2)	Roche; Brown, Ward, Thornber, Knill, Kendall, Gallagher, Kellock, Lowe, Longhurst, Nicholson.
Blackburn; Nobbs, Kelly, Little, Smith, Linighan, Shoulder, Honour, Newton, Walker, Dixon.	HARTLEPOOL UNITED (3)	Blackburn; Nobbs, Chambers, Hogan, Smith, Linighan, Honour, Shoulder, Dixon, Walker, Robinson.
Rose; Price, Dalziel, Halliday, Gegielski, Pejic, Harvey, Delve, Phillips, Kearns, Butler.	HEREFORD UNITED (3)	Rose; Price, Dalziel, Pejic, Gegielski, Rogerson, Harvey, Delve, Wells, Kearns, Carter.
Hitchcock; Graham, Garner, Lowery, Foster, Pollard, Chamberlain, Whatmore, Cassells, Vinter, Kearney.	MANSFIELD TOWN (2)	Hitchcock; Graham, Logan, Lowery, Foster, Pollard, Chamberlain, Garner, Cassells, Kent, Kearney.
Gleasure; Curtis, Mundee, Dawes, Lewis, Hill, Mann, Benjamin, Reed, Morley, Cavener.	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (5)	Gleasure; Reed, Mundee, Chard, Lewis, Nebbeling, Donald, Benjamin, Schiavi, Morley, Hill.
Wells; Hales, Dickenson, Sussex, Sitton, Cornwell, Godfrey, Brooks, Jones, Castle, Mountford.	ORIENT (3)	Wells; Hales, Dickinson, Sussex, Foster, Cornwell, Sitton, Brooks, Shinnars, Jones, Juryeff.

Division Managers Team Changes

Turner; Paris, Pike, Quow, Wile, Holmes, Kowalski, Fuccillo, Gallagher, Kelly, Worrall.	PETERBOROUGH UNITED (3)	Turner; Paris, Pike, Cassidy, Slack, Gage, Kowalski, Fuccillo, Gallagher, Kelly, Worrall.
Arnold; Webb, Bromage, Hunter, Sproson, Williams, Griffiths, Earle, Brown, Johnson, Maguire.	PORT VALE (3)	Pearce; Ebanks, Bromage, Hunter, Sproson, Webb, Williams, Earle, Brown, Bowden, Maguire.
Platt; Jones, McAteer, Atkins, Twentyman, Gray, Keen, Foster, Thomas, Rudge, Brazil.	PRESTON NORTH END (4)	Platt; McNeil, Jones, Atkins, Twentyman, Martin, Reid, Rudge, Thomas, Allatt, Brazil.
Redfern; Johnston, Grant, Reid, Cooke, Hicks, McMahon, Taylor, Moore, Diamond, Heaton.	ROCHDALE (3)	Redfern; Heaton, Grant, McMahon, Cooke, Hicks, Thompson, Taylor, Moore, Seasman, Towner.
Gregory; Russell, Pointon, Lister, Whitehead, Green, Brolly, Cammack, Broddle, Graham, Hill.	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (5)	Gregory; Russell, Longden, Mathews, Whitehead, Money, Barnes, Hawley, Broddle, Lister, Graham.
Stannard; May, Lampard, Clark, Westley, Hatter, Pennyfather, Silkman, Cadette, McDonough, Rogers.	SOUTHFIELD UNITED (3)	Stannard; Stead, Lampard, O'Shea, Westley, Hatter, Pennyfather, Silkman, McDonough, Rogers, Phillips.
Salmon; Evans, Matthewson, Chapman, Sword, Williams, Hodgkinson, Hendrie, Leonard, Diamond, Coyle.	STOCKPORT COUNTY (6)	Salmon; Rutter, Chapman, Lodge, Sword, N. Smith, Hodgkinson, Thorpe, Leonard, P. Smith, Sherlock.
Allen; Ramsey, Roberts, Barnard, Cole, Calderwood, Bamber, Henry, Gordon, Wade, Hockaday.	SWINDON TOWN (6)	Findlay; Ramsey, Barnard, Evans, Rowland, Calderwood, Hockaday, Coyne, Gordon, Hall, Moss.
T. Fowler; Pugh, Dawkins, Dreyer, Compton, Crowe, Crabbe, Walsh, Loram, Durham, Wheeldon.	TORQUAY UNITED (5)	T. Fowler; D. Fowler, Crowe, Wright, Compton, Dawkins, Pugh, Loram, Perry, Lambert, Smith.
Adkins; Mungall, Burgess, Train, Hughes, Williams, Morrissey, Rodaway, Edwards, Robinson, Anderson.	TRANMERE ROVERS (4)	Adkins; Mungall, Burgess, Edwards, Rodaway, McVicker, Miller, Train, Worthington, Clayton, Anderson.
Keen; Salathiel, Comstive, Brignull, Keay, Hencher, Mooney, Horne, Steel, Charles, Gregory.	WREXHAM (5)	Hooper; Salathiel, Cunnington, Williams, Keay, Emery, Muldoon, Horne, Steel, Charles, Gregory.

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The Town Crier sees Hartlep

Hartlepool United are making a brave attempt to emulate the feat of their north-east neighbours Darlington, who gained promotion to the Third Division last season. Whether they will achieve that aim, will probably be finally decided in the final weeks of April or early May. The Victoria Ground Club have gained many admirers this season for their determined and spirited displays. Anything less than full commitment has cost most clubs dearly in their confrontations with the north-east club this season.

The matches between our two clubs in recent seasons have been somewhat physical, with both clubs having suffered from having players dismissed, tonight's vital encounter we hope will be settled on skill. A notable feature of the Victoria Ground Club's record this season is that they have only failed to score in five of their League matches! At home, Hartlepool have scored in each of their eighteen games. This evening we are concerned with United's away record which shows that they have recorded the following wins, Sep 21 - Torquay United (3-1), Oct 12 - Stockport County (3-1), Oct 29 - Exeter City (2-1) and Jan 25 - Rochdale (2-0). They have taken a point on visits to Chester City and Orient (1-1) and also from a goal-less match at Crewe Alexandra.

Their nine away defeats have been at Cambridge United (2-4), Burnley (0-2), Port Vale (0-4), Preston North End (1-2), Southend United (2-3), Scunthorpe United (0-1), Wrexham (0-1), Peterborough United (1-3) and Northampton Town (0-3).

Included in Manager Billy Horner's squad of players who have taken the club to the verge of promotion this season are:- Goalkeeper EDDIE BLACKBURN (28) who started his career with Hull City, for whom he made 68 League appearances. He

followed this by making 76 appearances for York City before joining United. Although seriously injured last season, he has recovered to take over from former Burnley veteran ALAN STEVENSON.

The Victoria Club's back four is likely to consist of KEITH NOBBS (24) who joined the Club from Bishop Auckland last August. Keith had previous League experience with Halifax Town before entering non-league soccer. He scored his only goal for the club in the 2-1 home win against Aldershot last November. Sunderland born, TONY SMITH (29) is the club captain. United are Tony's fourth League club. Previously, he had been with Newcastle United, Peterborough United and Halifax Town. He has now made nearly 200 League appearances. Tony is partnered in the centre of the defence by DAVID LINIGHAN (21) who spent a trial period with Bristol City earlier this season. The local born defender is now approaching eighty first team appearances with his only League club. The vastly experienced PHIL CHAMBERS made 443 League appearances for Barnsley, his only League club, before joining United this season.

Hartlepool United's midfield section includes the industrious BRIAN HONOUR (22) who was signed from non-league club Peterlee in February last year. He had previously made 100 appearances for Darlington. ROY HOGAN (25), is a product of the Club's youth scheme and has made over 200 League appearances for United. Both players have contributed ten League goals this season between them, Brian scoring six and Roy four.

* The vastly experienced MIKE LESTER (29), who has played over 300 games for Oldham Athletic, Manchester City, Grimsby Town, Barnsley, Exeter City and Bradford City, was signed from Scunthorpe United to add further experience to

1901 Utd arrive in town



United's promotion chase.

Town fans have good reason to recall NIGEL WALKER (26), the former Chester City player who scored a hat trick in our 4-4 draw with the Sealand Road Club last May.

The club's leading goalscorer this season is former Newcastle and Carlisle United striker ALAN SHOULDER (33) who has sixteen League and Cup goals to his credit which include eight goals in his last ten league matches! The Town defence will have to keep an eye out for the diminutive striker who first sprang to prominence in Blyth Spartans famous cup run of 1978. His form was such, that he then scored 36 goals for Newcastle in a hundred League appearances after signing for the Tyneside club, forming a formidable partnership with Peter Withe.

JOHN BORTHWICK with seven League goals is United's second highest goalscorer.

John is enjoying his best season with United, following his recent elevation to a first team place on a more regular basis.

A disappointing feature of this season has been the unavailability of BOB NEWTON (29), now in his second spell with the club. The former Huddersfield Town, Port Vale and Chesterfield striker has been absent through injury for most of the season. With over 100 League goals to his credit, United will be hoping that his absence alongside Alan Shoulder will not prove crucial at the final count.

LEAGUE AND CUP GOALSCORERS:

Alan Shoulder 16, Brian Honour 8, John Borthwick 7, Roy Hogan 5, Kevin Dixon 4, Nigel Walker 3, Paul Dobson, Andy Linighan, Mick Lester, Bob Newton and Tony Smith 2 each, John Golloghy, Keith Nobbs and David Robinson one each.



BACK ROW: Left to Right: Alan Shoulder, Mark Taylor, Paul Dobson, Tom Kelly, Brian Honour, Bob Newton.
2ND ROW: Left to Right: John Bird (Assistant Manager/Coach), Nigel Walker, Roy Hogan, Alan Little, Kevin Dixon, Eddie Blackburn, David Robinson, Alan Stevenson, Paul Proudlock, David Linighan, Ian Howells.
3RD ROW: Left to Right: Malcolm Lancaster (Director), George Lormor (Director), Tony Smith (Captain), John Smart (Chairman), Keith Sanderson (Director), Michael Gough (Director), Billy Horner (Manager), Tommy Johnson (Physio).
FRONT ROW: Left to Right: Kevin Carter, Lee Redhead, Paul Pringle, David Pringle, Andrew Ryan, Graeme Stalford.

Backtrack

BY MIKE SKINNER

Hartlepool's first encounters with the Town will be remembered by their fans as their only season (so far) in the Third Division. It was, of course, 1968-69, a season the Town fans have a couple of reasons to remember as well! Swindon travelled first, visiting the Victoria Ground on August 24th 1968, to play out a goal-less draw. 5,732 were present for a game which John Trollope will no doubt remember, but for the wrong reasons. A broken arm that day kept him out of the side until January 1969, and ended his run of 367 successive League and Cup outings.

Another member of the current staff will also have fond memories of that season. For, in the return match at the County Ground on 4th February 1969, Kenny Allen kept goal for 'The Pool'! Swindon were by then second in the table, whilst the visitors occupied 20th spot, and 18,921 turned out hoping for the Town's tenth home win of the season. However, it ended all square at one-a-piece, Peter Noble being the only one who managed to beat Ken who was then a 17 year old amateur.

Since then the two clubs didn't meet until December 18th 1982, our first season in the Fourth Division. Paul Rideout gave Swindon the lead here with a 42nd minute penalty, and two second-half goals by Andy Rowland wrapped up a fine 3-0 win that took the Town into second spot with 4,118 in attendance. Rideout was also to play an important part in the return game on 23rd April. A goal down through Paul Dobson after three minutes, Swindon managed to claw back with a Rideout penalty in the 36th minute and it was Rideout who got the Town's winner in the 72nd minute, heading home a perfect cross from Leigh Barnard.

Summary of League meetings:-

	P	W	D	L	F-A
HOME	4	3	1	0	9-4
AWAY	5	2	2	1	5-4

Seven months later, on 12th November 1983, Hartlepool were here again, for a real cliff hanger. Swindon's Simon Gibson put the visitors ahead after eight minutes, but

the Town were level sixteen minutes later. A Mike Graham free-kick was headed down by Andy Rowland for Gary Emmanuel to register his second goal of the season. But, twenty minutes into the second-half Phil Ray put 'The Pool' in front for the second time, only for Andy Rowland to equalise with 5 minutes remaining. Then, with the visitors Paul Staff having been dismissed (adding to eight other bookings), Leigh Barnard snatched an injury time winner to send most of the 3,072 home happy. The away game on March 10th was rather quiet by comparison, a Paul Batty goal 22 minutes into the game was enough to bring the three points South.

Last season's game at the Victoria Ground saw the Town again come from behind, to force a 2-2 draw. Andy Rowland and Peter Coyne got the goals, whilst Chris Ramsey was not having the best of days being sent off on his Town debut. For the home game Colin Gordon's 76th minute effort cancelled out a first-half goal by Kevin Dixon, with Peter Coyne snatching the last minute winner. Then, earlier this season, Hartlepool gained their only victory over us so far by winning with the only goal of the game.



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FACTS AND FIGURES WITH THE TOWN CRIER

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	1-0	Henry	5,489
SAT NOV 9	Scunthorpe Utd	A	2-0	Henry, Wade	1,902
SUN NOV 17	BRISTOL CITY (F.A. Cup 1)	H	0-0		10,468
WED NOV 20	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 1 Replay)	A	2-4	Ramsey, Barnard	8,979
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	2-1	Coleman Pen, Wade	4,784
TUE NOV 26	Ipswich Town (Milk Cup 4)	A	1-6	Yallop O.G.	12,083
SAT NOV 30	Orient	A	0-1		3,120
SAT DEC 7	PRESTON NORTH END	H	4-1	Henry 3, Coleman Pen	3,945
SAT DEC 14	HALIFAX TOWN	H	3-2	Coleman 2 Pens, Henry	4,516
SUN DEC 22	HEREFORD UTD	H	1-0	Henry	7,364
THU DEC 26	Aldershot	A	Postponed		
SAT DEC 28	Torquay Utd	A	1-0	Gordon	1,702
WED JAN 1	COLCHESTER UTD	H	2-1	Cole, Wade	8,802
SAT JAN 4	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-3	Gordon	
SUN JAN 12	SOUTHEND UTD	H	2-1	Gordon Pen, Ramsey	7,619
SAT JAN 18	Wrexham	A	1-0	Gordon Pen	1,767
TUE JAN 21	Bristol Rovers (F.R.T.)	A	1-2	Barnard	2,357
SAT JAN 25	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	Postponed		
TUE JAN 28	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 1	Northampton Town	A	1-0	Henry	4,449
MON FEB 3	Stockport County	A	2-0	Henry, Gordon	
THR FEB 6	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 8	CHESTER CITY	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 22	Preston North End	A	3-0	Ramsey, Henry, Coyne	3,361
SUN MAR 2	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H	Postponed		
WED MAR 5	Exeter City	A	3-0	Coyne, Gordon, Ramsey	2,291
SAT MAR 8	Rochdale	A	2-1	Gordon Pen, Henry	1,989
TUE MAR 11	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	1-1	Hockaday	3,692
SAT MAR 15	BURNLEY	H	3-1	Henry, Bamber, Gordon	7,212
SUN MAR 23	PORT VALE	H			
TUE MAR 25	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H			
FRI MAR 28	Colchester Utd	A			
MON MAR 31	ALDERSHOT	H			
SAT APR 5	Cambridge Utd	A			
TUE APR 8	CHESTER CITY	H			
SAT APR 12	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H			
TUE APR 15	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H			
SAT APR 19	Mansfield Town	A			
TUE APR 22	Aldershot	A			
SUN APR 27	ORIENT	H			
FRI MAY 2	Halifax Town	A			

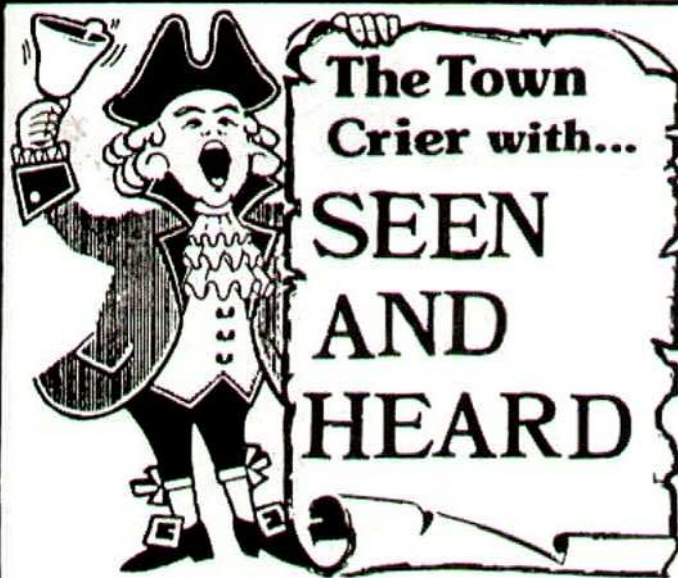
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CREWE ALEXANDRA (H)

WELCOME BACK DAVE - You soon made yourself at home again



Dave Bamber is grounded on his return to the Town team last week - in Swindon's 3-1 win. Lou Macari's £15,000 signing from Portsmouth helped to seal the Town's record breaking 14 successive home wins.



H.R.?.....

With the Cheltenham racing festival so popular with Football League players, including several of the Town staff, it was a relief that they found their way to Prestbury Park...Why?...Well, one group of Irish punters had an unexpected detour as they drove to the Famous Gold Cup course...It seems they mistook the AA H.R. signs indicating a holiday route for horse racing and ended up taking the M4 over the Severn Bridge to Chepstow instead of the M5 to Cheltenham...Apparently they arrived several hours late and missed the first two races but they were quite philosophical about it all...Unfortunately there was no horse scheduled to run by the name of Tick Mick. But no doubt one may well be shortly!

THAT BREAK.....

The sixty-two days between our home match with Southend United on January 12th and our recent home match with Burnley on March 15th, is the longest mid-season break in the Football League history of Swindon Town.

IS THERE HOPE FOR 'SID'?.....

Groundsman Gary Vile was among the scorers for Bristol Rovers reserves in their recent 3-1 Macbar League win over Bournemouth...'Sid' is the club's eighteen year old groundsman...Paul Hunt.

'D.I.Y.'.....

Have you noticed the marked improvements in the Club reception area?...Credit must be given to the Club's Maintenance Officer...Mike Hughes.

'MUM AND DAD'.....

Did you know Kenny Allen and his attractive wife Brenda are now resident hosts in the Club's hostel situated in Shrevenham Road...Brenda is a devoted soccer fan...For she rarely misses any of Ken's matches...A busy lady is Brenda, for not only does she look after Ken and family but also...David Cole and Bryan Wade, the hostel's permanent residents...The hostel is occupied on occasions by the Town's London residents...Chris Ramsey and Paul Roberts...Who stay down from the 'smoke' when required.

THERMAL BLANKET?.....

On the week-end where we lost our money spinning match with Chester City due to the 'freeze'...Near neighbours Bristol Rovers completed their Third Division fixture with Doncaster Rovers due to the thermal blanket pitch covering they have installed...Rovers home match against Doncaster was the only League game in the area to beat the 'big freeze'...And the club put it down to the £10,000 cover...Rovers had the added bonus of making a four figure profit on the match...Having suffered a financial loss on their two previous Eastville encounters...It brought the following comment from Rovers Managing Director, Gordon Bennett...'The blanket did it's job and obviously we're absolutely delighted. At Swindon, Newport and Bath, matches were all called off because of frozen pitches. Yet ours went ahead!'...Gordon added, 'The other thing is that we had a significant increase in our attendance figure because the majority of amateur matches in the area were off!....The thermal blanket was provided by Ashton Vale Company, Kerrypak...The only other club to beat the 'freeze' in our area was Cheltenham Town, who managed to stage their F.A. Trophy fixture with Bishops Cleeve at Waddon Road...Always a debateable point whether matches should be staged in arctic conditions...But full marks for the efforts and food for thought for other football clubs.

Looking Forward to a Summer Treat BY DAVE KING

With the World Cup Finals of this summer looming ever closer. It is an appropriate stage to look at the inauguration of the first World Cup Tournament and its evolution since.

Uruguay staged the first World Cup Tournament in 1930 in which thirteen countries took part. Only three from Europe however were among those initial participants. It must be remembered that travel was not so convenient in those days. In fact it took a full two week voyage by sea!

Having been awarded the Finals at the F.I.F.A. Congress held in Barcelona in 1929. Uruguay were undoubtedly favourites and they did not disappoint their countrymen, defeating Argentina 4-2 in an exciting Final. The Jules Rimet Trophy designed by a French sculptor named Lafleur, was handed to the host country and their reward was to have the following day proclaimed a National Holiday!

The host country won the Final again in 1934! Italy winning the Final in extra time after forcing Czechoslovakia to concede an eighty-second minute equaliser. Having won the trophy on home soil, the Italians retained the trophy four years later overcoming Hungary 4-2 in the Final in Paris.

The war years intervened and it was not until 1950 when the World Cup, now known officially as the Jules Rimet Trophy, took place for the second time in South America. Again several countries decided not to participate, but this time England decided to compete.

Unbelievably England lost to the United States in the First Round and failed to qualify for the Final Rounds! With a 2-1 victory over Brazil, the World Cup was taken back to Montevideo by Uruguay. It was twenty years since the World Cup had last been in Uruguay. The average crowd at each match of 60,772 is still the best supported Finals ever!

Switzerland was the venue of the 1954 World Cup. It was a shock when Hungary failed to win the trophy. For the famed *Mogyars* were everyone's pre-tournament

favourite. In outstanding form, they had decisively beaten England 6-3 at Wembley the previous November. They were the first foreign side to win on English soil. Hungary proved their point by an even more emphatic 7-1 victory in Budapest in a return fixture.

Having already defeated West Germany 8-3 in one of the group matches. It seemed a mere formality but as we all know the predictable quickly becomes the unpredictable in soccer. Despite a 2-0 lead after eight minutes play. The West Germans hit back to produce a shock 3-2 win.

The 1958 World Cup Finals in Sweden saw the emergence of the phenomenal Pele. Although the goalscoring talent of Juste Fontaine stole the show. For the first time all four British teams qualified for the Finals. The Gothenburg Final was between Sweden and Brazil. South American magic prospered to the extent of a 5-2 win, with the magical Pele just seventeen years of age scoring twice!

Brazil retained the World Cup in 1962 in Chile. With Garrincha the Brazilian winger in outstanding form. The South Americans dispensed of England 3-1 in the Quarter Finals. After England claimed their first World Cup victory outside of the qualifying competition since 1954 by defeating Argentina 3-1 in Rancagua.

England won a controversial Final in 1966 against West Germany 4-2 at Wembley after extra time. With Geoff Hurst becoming the first player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final. The World Cup came to the country where football began for the first and only time.

Probably the World Cup of 1970 in Mexico produced some of the competition's most memorable moments with Pele in superb form and Valdivas bizarre goal for Mexico against El Salvador. Also the eagerly awaited confrontation between Brazil and England in the scorching heat of Guadalajara in which Gordon Banks produced the save of all time to keep out a Pele header. Jairzinho winning the match for the Samba loving Brazilians in the



fifty-ninth minute. Eight hundred million television viewers saw Italy succumb 4-1 to the brilliant Brazilians in the Final!

Holland were a new emergence in world soccer in 1974, with Cruyff an outstanding member of a talented team. Although England had failed to qualify, we were represented in the Final by Jack Taylor who refereed the Munich Final between the host country and Holland. Despite being awarded a second minute penalty, Holland could not prevent the West Germans becoming the fourth host country to win the World Cup with a 2-1 final scoreline.

England again failed to make the World Cup Finals in 1978, after Brazil had beaten Poland 3-1. Argentina had to score at least four goals in their last group match against Peru to reach the Final and hopefully become the fifth host country to prosper. They duly obliged defeating Peru 6-0. The Peruvians were mere sacrificial lambs as Argentina swept onto meet Holland in a Final that went into extra time. Eventual 3-1 winners the Argentinians had a lot to thank the two goal Mario Kempes for.

At last, England made the final stages in 1983 needing to avoid defeat in their last qualifying fixture with Hungary to ensure participation in the Spain Finals. They responded by remaining unbeaten and conceding just a single goal from their five matches. It was a lack of goals, that cost England an eventual Semi-Final place! Considering the host country even failed to defeat Honduras! England's performance was on reflection meritable. Italy took the Trophy against an exhausted West German team who appeared to have expounded their energies in a thrilling Semi-Final with France.

This summer will see England, Scotland and Northern Ireland participate in the Mexico Finals. While it is highly improbable that any of the British teams will win the Trophy at least they will add



spice to a summer of sport.

To help you with a guide to the World Cup marathon you can view on television here are the matches you can see:-

Group Matches (All in British time)

- MAY 31 (7pm) Italy v Bulgaria (BBC)
- JUNE 3 (7pm) Northern Ireland v Algeria (ITV)
- JUNE 3 (11pm) England v Portugal (BBC)
- JUNE 4 (11pm) Scotland v Denmark (ITV)
- JUNE 6 (11pm) England v Morocco (ITV)
- JUNE 7 (7pm) Northern Ireland v Spain (ITV)
- JUNE 8 (7pm) Scotland v West Germany (BBC)
- JUNE 11 (11pm) England v Poland (BBC)
- JUNE 12 (7pm) Northern Ireland v Brazil (BBC)
- JUNE 13 (7pm) Scotland v Uruguay (ITV)

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The Town Crier takes a Mid-Winter Look

A lot has been said and written this season regarding the re-organisation of the Football League. Among the various proposals, was the suggestion of allowing the Gola Clubs to become part of the lower League regionalisation.

While it is inevitable that non-League clubs will be allowed access to the Football League and rightly so. It is nevertheless an interesting fact, that if a survey of attendances of the four divisions of the Football League and the Gola League were held, on what could be termed a typical bleak mid-winters day in the middle of January. The following facts would be determined.

Not one Gola attendance surpassed a Fourth Division attendance, with League leaders Enfield only mustering 801! Admittedly the London Club face stiff opposition with so many counter attractions nearby. The success of this season's F.A. Cup Competition - Altrincham, were one of four clubs who attracted over a thousand spectators but with Manchester close by, success has to be the order of the day for the northern club.

While Boston United, who did in fact record the highest gate, currently in arrears of Enfield by thirteen points are unlikely to make any impression on the two leading clubs - Enfield and Altrincham.

Sadly the one non-league club who have consistently produced the highest average gate - Yeovil Town, are now members of the Vauxhall Opel Premier League and do not qualify for immediate consideration. Although the Somerset Club with their famous Huish slope look as though they may gain admittance to the Gola League after just a seasons absence. On the week-end when these attendances were recorded they were trailing leaders Sutton United by three points and looking ominous challengers for the Championship.

Interesting to note that Swindon Town (7,619) recorded the highest attendance in the Third and Fourth Division despite the

counter attraction of the live television screening of the Watford and Liverpool First Division match! It was an attendance even surpassing Carlisle United (2,483), Shrewsbury Town (2,756), Oldham Athletic (3,035) and Millwall (4,611) of the Second Division. Fourth Division attendances at Mansfield Town (3,800), Chester City (3,700 with an 11 a.m. kick off on a Saturday morning), Orient (3,667) and Preston North End (3,184) were higher than those at Carlisle, Shrewsbury and Oldham.

Most significant in the survey was the mere 6,856 who attended the First Division match played in England's second city, where Birmingham City and Ipswich Town were in opposition at St. Andrews. The following day rural Swindon surpassed that total in a Fourth Division fixture! Those interesting facts are derived from this survey on that particular January week-end.

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham C v Ipswich T	6,856
Chelsea v Luton Town	21,102
Coventry C v Aston Villa	10,328
Everton v Q.P.R.	26,015
Leicester C v West Ham	11,359
Man City v Southampton	21,674
Oxford U v Man Utd	13,280
Tottenham H v Notts F	19,043
West Brom A v Newcastle U	9,100
Watford v Liverpool	16,286

DIVISION TWO

Carlisle U v Grimsby T	2,483
Crystal Palace v Charlton	11,523
Huddersfield T v Sheffield U	9,268
Hull City v Bradford City	9,333
Millwall v Stoke City	4,611
Norwich C v Middlesbrough	13,730
Oldham A v Wimbledon	3,035
Portsmouth v Fulham	13,666
Shrewsbury T v Barnsley	2,756
Sunderland v Leeds Utd	15,139

DIVISION THREE

Bolton Wand v Gillingham	5,232
Brentford v Wigan Athletic	4,048
Bristol C v Rotherham U	6,672
Lincoln City v Bury	2,226
Newport C v Plymouth A	2,333
Notts County v Plymouth A	4,953
Reading v Cardiff City	6,784
Swansea C v Blackpool	5,705
York City v Wolves	4,296

DIVISION FOUR

Cambridge U v Hereford U	2,149
Chester C v Tranmere Rov	3,700
Colchester U v Torquay U	2,063
Crewe Alex v Wrexham	1,675
Exeter C v Stockport County	2,161
Mansfield T v Northampton T	3,800
Orient v Hartlepool Utd	3,667
Preston North End v Halifax T	3,184
Rochdale v Port Vale	2,445
Scunthorpe U v Peterborough	1,832
Swindon Town v Southend Utd	7,619

GOLA LEAGUE

Altrincham v Cheltenham T	1,012
Barnet v Weymouth	638
Barrow v Kettering T	497
Boston U v Dartford T	1,226
Dagenham U v Bath City	505
Enfield v Kidderminster	801
Scarborough v Wealdstone	726
Stafford v Nuneaton	1,076
Telford Utd v Runcorn	1,291
Wycombe Wand v Maidstone U	794



Youth On Our Side

Our South East Counties Youth League Team gained a 3-0 home win against Crystal Palace on Saturday March 15th at Shrivenham Road. With Gary Gillette and Gavin Dyke showing up well in the Town's defence, it came as no surprise when Dave Barnett gave the Town the lead in the seventeenth minute after Robert Thorpe had seen his shot blocked. Leading goalscorer Nicky Hughes put the Town further ahead in the thirty-first minute after Sean Prowse's centre was headed back across the penalty area by Robert Thorpe.

Two brilliant saves by Mark O'Dwyer kept the Town in the lead in the second half before a Palace defender sent Nicky Hughes crashing in the penalty area. Nicky scored from the resulting penalty to give the Town a convincing 3-0 scoreline.

TEAM:- Mark O'Dwyer, Colin Hughes, Philip Bell, Robert Thorpe, Gavin Dykes, Gary Gillett, Dave Herbert, Dave Barnett, Nicky Hughes, Sean Prowse and David Law.
SUBSTITUTES:- Jason Rickards and Adrian Viveash.



ABOVE - David Law who along with Dean Casserley has made the most appearances for the Town in the South East Counties League this season.



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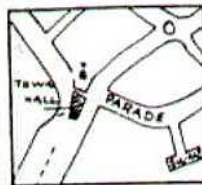
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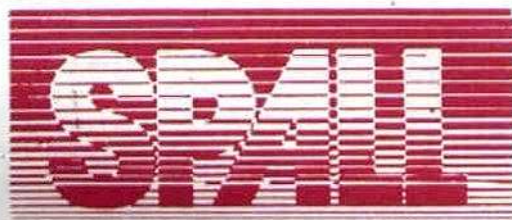
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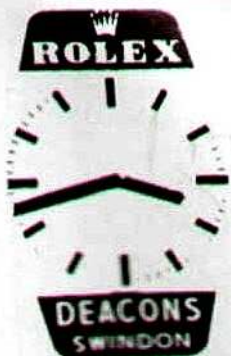
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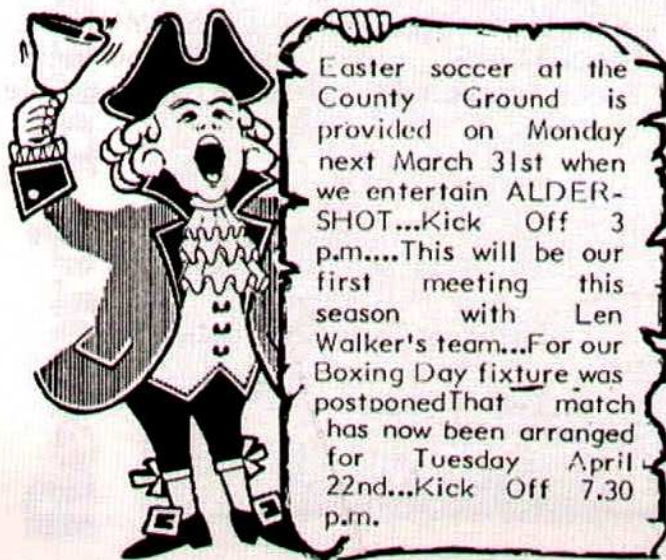
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