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FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

Once again we are in the fortunate situation of being able to turn our attention from League action to Cup football. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we renew acquaintances with Aldershot F.C. They are welcome visitors to the County Ground, this evening, for this Southern Area Semi-Final of the Freight Rover Trophy Competition.

Aldershot, have shown by their F.A. Cup exploits this season, with the defeat of First Division Oxford United, and the fact that it took Second Division, Barnsley, two matches to dispose of the Fourth Division club, that they can certainly raise their game to a level above their current league status. Nobody should underestimate the threat that they will pose this evening, they are as near to Wembley as ourselves and will be keen to emphasise their position as underdogs.

The financial implication, is as clear to Aldershot Football Club of further progress in this competition, as to Swindon Town. We were very pleased with the attendance of 5,735 in our Quarter Final match with Hereford United. Perhaps we can surpass that figure this evening, our progress certainly warrants the same attendance, that we are able to see as an average, at our league matches here at the County Ground.

I am also pleased to confirm, that the membership card system introduced for our North Stand this season, is now at a higher level than the number of seats available for each match. My advice to you all, is simply do not hesitate to wait twenty-four or forty-eight hours before a particular match if you wish to ensure that you obtain a seat of your choice or a seat of any description!

This fact does not deter you from still



seeking membership of the North Stand if you so desire, or for the Shrivenham Road family enclosure. On many occasions these areas have not been filled to capacity. Very often people will select which match they wish to attend or at some matches occupy another section of the ground. A considerable number only attend when the match is of high significance.

We are now moving toward the final third of the season, where fortunes can fluctuate rapidly and the play off system initiated this season ensures interest for many more clubs than they would have experienced in past seasons. So many of the matches to come here at the County Ground, will be of high profile, so please take heed of my earlier remark of purchasing a ticket in advance, if you so wish

Brian Alder

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We are now approaching the stage of the Freight Rover Competition where the financial takings from matches make the Trophy a worthwhile exercise. The gross receipts from a two match Southern Area Final tie, would be a tempting proposition for any club and it is that factor, along with a possible Wembley appearance, that is an insurance that this evening you will see a keenly fought affair.

To some extent there is a myth surrounding the receipts taken from Cup encounters. As York City found in their admirable exploits during the last two or three seasons it is the visits to Anfield to meet Liverpool that bring clubs from the lower echelons of the 'Today' Football league their most lucrative gain.

A visit to White Hart Lane to meet mighty Tottenham Hotspur brings massive receipts. The profit from our F.A. Cup matches with Farnborough Town, Enfield, Fulham and Leeds United were minimal compared with four matches in the Littlewood Challenge Cup with two-leg affairs with Torquay United and Southampton.

If we are fortunate to reach Wembley in the Freight Rover Competition we as a club will gross more receipts than our exploits in the F.A. Cup or Littlewoods Challenge Cup this season! Now the worth of this competition can be seen to the lower division clubs. The only provision is that you have to make considerable progress to make this clear cut profit. One match at Tottenham Hotspur for instance in the F.A. Cup would easily surpass four or five indifferent draws in any other competition.

It really does depend upon who you are drawn to meet in a Cup competition that determines the bank balance a club is able to present. Obviously a percentage of receipts taken from any Cup competition is divided between both participating clubs while a smaller percentage is taken by the ruling body.

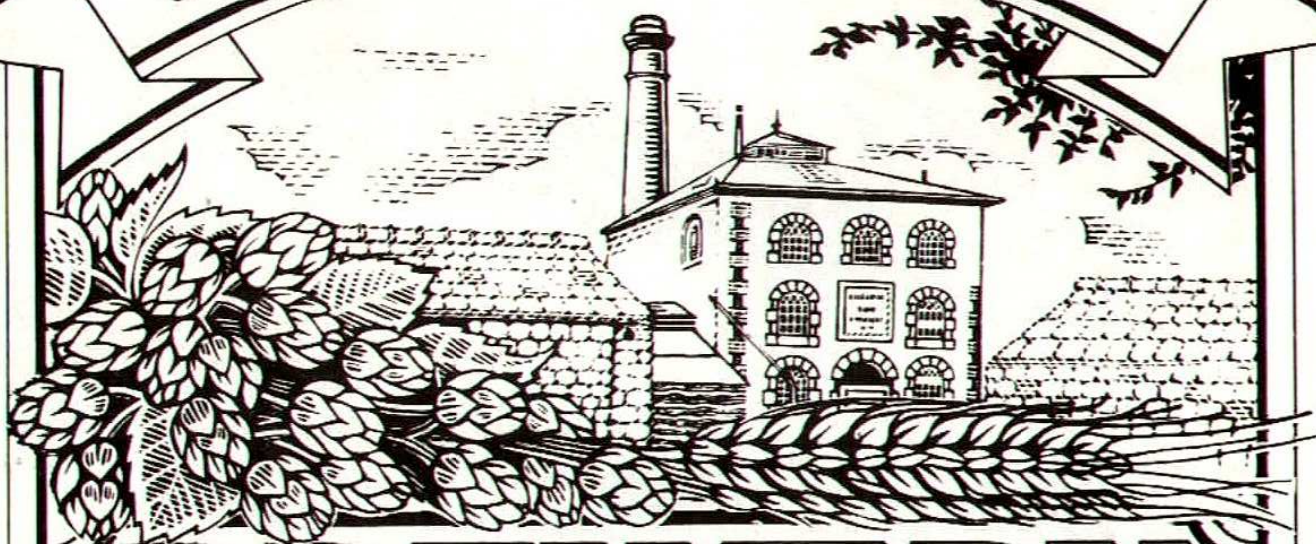
League matches are totally different, the home club keeps its own receipts, so it pays to be successful! It was not so long ago that a percentage went to the visiting league club.

The balance from our League matches with Notts County, Bristol Rovers and Brentford were more than we took as our percentage of the Leeds United F.A. Cup tie!

Cup competitions are a means of extra revenue and any sensible administration would budget for a First Round exit. Everything thereafter comes as a pleasant surprise. Swindon Town Football Club may have due cause to be grateful to the Freight Rover Competition this season? In the meantime Keep Cheering.

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This evening we all hope that we shall take another step along the road to Wembley by reaching the Southern Area final of the Freight Rover Trophy. To achieve that aim we must ensure that Aldershot are beaten here at the County Ground in this Semi-Final tie.

I have stated in earlier rounds, not only of this competition, but also in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup and the F.A. Cup, that you can only make superior league status apply if you approach each match with the right frame of mind. I make no apologies by stating again that factor will go more toward settling tonights match than any words I can utter to my players.

Aldershot have proven with their F.A. Cup games against Oxford United and Barnsley that they tend to raise their game for the one off situations. Their 4-1 defeat of promotion chasing Swansea City recently emphasised their ability to bother any team of pretention. My players have been warned of any complacency, they now have too much to lose, being so close to Wembley. Get behind the players tonight, they will need your support.

I would now like to dwell on a section of the Club that few of you rarely see. The young lads who make up our quota of trainees and young professionals.

I have been personally very disappointed in the standard and attitude many of them have shown this season. When I was a young lad it was an honour to belong to a professional soccer club. Swindon Town have been somewhat handicapped in recent years by the fact that we have not been able to take lads from outside a thirty mile radius. When Kenny Allen and his wife Brenda left the Club Hostel to return to Torquay they left a void that we hope to fill shortly. It is important that we get the base right before extending our operation in this respect. John Trollope who spends many hours in a remorseless search for young talent has to be given more scope to enlarge his operational area. The young lads currently in the first year of their trainee course must buckle down to making the most of an opportunity afforded to very few. John recently held a series of matches during the schools half-term period. A great majority of those in attendance would

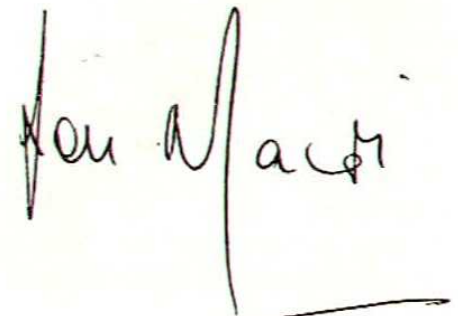
give anything to be given a start with a Football League club. Each trainee is given one day to attend a course at Oxford Technical College along with their counterparts from Oxford United. Some obviously fare better than others but it does provide an opportunity to choose an alternative way of life.

Sadly todays youth seem to have little purpose of life even when they are offered an opportunity. Recently this has been made clear to many of the trainees here at the County Ground. One lad decided to leave, best of luck to him if he found the professional game alien to his personal wishes. Always better to be a realist. Those that remain at the County Ground are now under close scrutiny to their futures. Whichever path they choose it is up to them. Life in any walk has its just rewards if you work hard to find them, nothing comes easily in life.

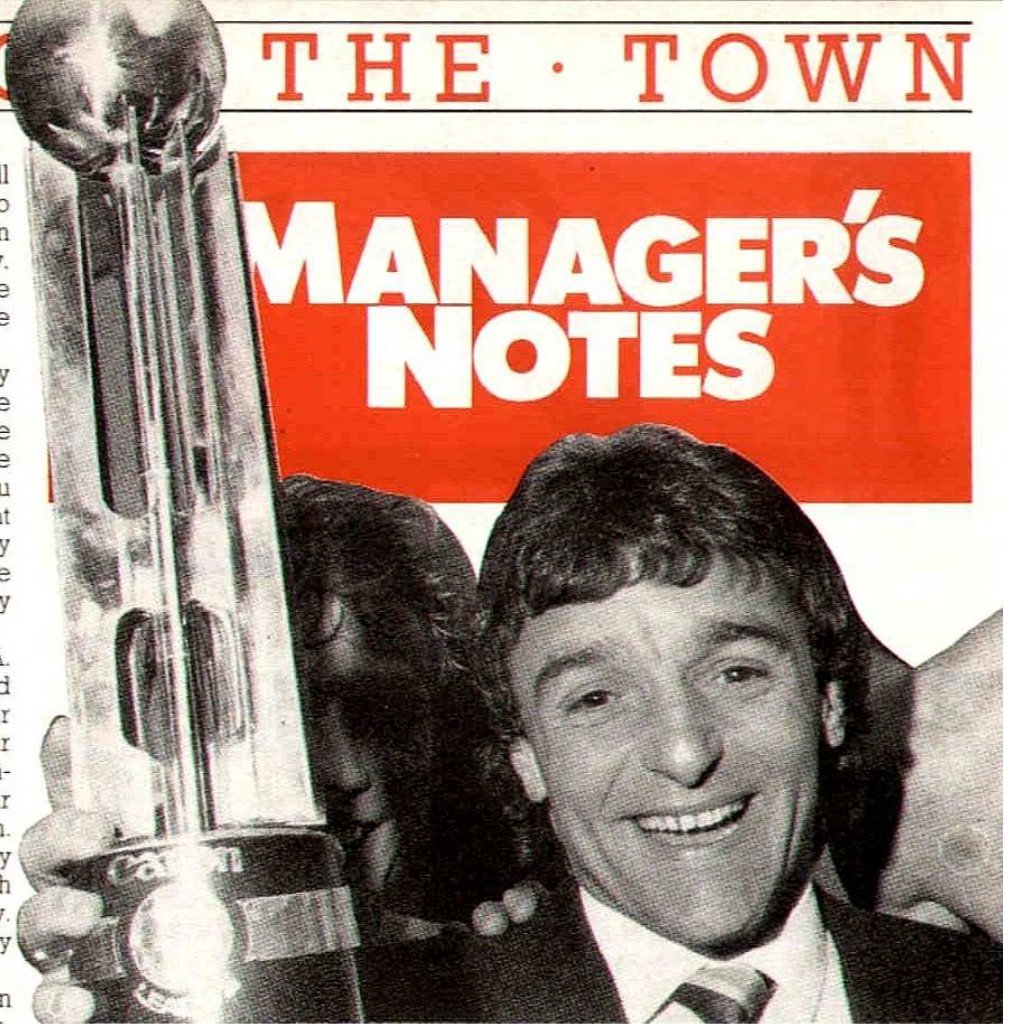
I recently had a disappointment, in that I lost a player I had been pursuing in the transfer market for a period of

months. The player with a First Division club, first attracted my attention last October and I have made regular checks on the player since. Two weeks ago I had virtually set up a deal with his manager that he would be moving to the County Ground. Amazingly within hours I found that he had moved to another club on loan! Some you win and some you lose and I was willing to pay a fee!

Lets make sure this is one we win tonight!



John W. Mason



MANAGER'S NOTES

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FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY

Four intriguing Semi-finals are in prospect for the South and North of England for the Freight Rover Trophy. Obviously we are all hoping that we shall make the Southern Area Final against the winners of the Bristol City and Gillingham confrontation at Ashton Gate.

Taking each tie in turn, it is interesting to attempt to analyse the outcome. Everyone of the Third Division survivors wanted to face Aldershot at home, that was meant as no disrespect to the Fourth Division club but based purely on current status. The draw dictated that we were to be that particular club.

Aldershot have hit the high spots on occasions this season defeating Oxford United in the F.A. Cup and then ten days ago producing a marvellous display of attacking football to defeat promotion chasing Swansea City. It was the Recreation clubs first home League win this year and Swansea's first defeat in nine matches

as Aldershot ran riot.

Full back Paul Friar scored his first league goal for the Shots in the fifth minute and a cracking 12-yard drive by Bobby Barnes nineteen minutes later made it 2-0.

Swansea City had no answer to the impressive Bobby Barnes who was making his return to the team after missing two matches through injury. Bobby set up Tommy Langley to lob Aldershots third goal in the 39th minute.

Martin Foyle headed his 14th goal of the season for Aldershot in the 69th minute before Swansea City grabbed a consolation effort two minutes from time. The three most influential players in the Aldershot line up are former West Ham winger Bobby Barnes who produces that flair and skill so reminiscent of his Upton Park days. Andy King, who has a wealth of experience behind him at the highest level orchestrates the midfield section, while Mar-

tin Foyles goals tally marks him as the man to watch in front of goal. It would come as a major surprise if Aldershot made the Southern Area Final but surprises are what Cup football is about.

The Bristol City and Gillingham tie will be a hard fought affair. Both clubs met at this stage of the competition last season with City running out comfortable victors with a clear three goal margin. Steve Neville, Alan Walsh from the penalty spot and Glyn Riley were their marksman in front of a crowd of 5,707. The Ashton Gate Club may well be forced to extra time on this occasion.

In the Northern Section, Middlesbrough entertain Mansfield Town at Ayresome Park. It is difficult to envisage 'Boro losing on their own ground and yet Mansfield Town have a good record in the Freight Rover Trophy. It would be surprising if the Ayresome Park Clubs defenders allowed the Mansfield attack much leeway.

The local derby affair between Wrexham and Chester City will be a close encounter. Wrexham have a fine tradition of European soccer behind them while Chester City have rarely hit the headlines in Knock-out competitions. They have developed a difficult to defeat look in recent months and they may well just see off Wrexham in their Semi-Final confrontation.

In the first year of Freight Rovers involvement with a competition formerly named as the Associate Members Cup, all four Semi-final ties ended with the away club as the victor!

Mansfield Town, who included Town skipper Colin Calderwood

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in their line-up, won 2-1 at Bolton before a crowd of 6,706. Wigan Athletic defeated Lincoln City 3-1 in front of a mere 1,782 spectators at Sincil Bank.

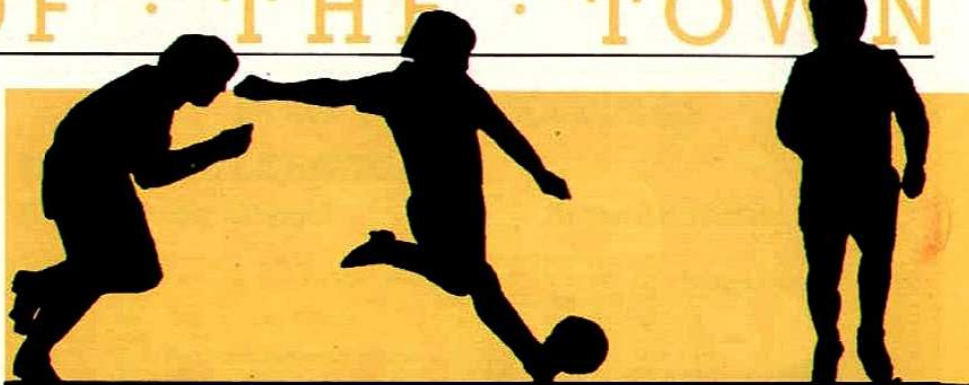
Brentford won by the odd goal of five at Bournemouth where the 4,657 present saw Town midfield player Chris Kamara notch the Griffin Park Clubs third goal.

Newport County won the remaining Southern Area Semi-final that season, winning 4-2 on penalties at Orient. After the score had finished level at 1-1. Former Town midfield player Gary Emmanuel was in the Welsh clubs line-up that evening.

Both Northern Area Semi finals amazingly saw the away team take the honours last season. Bolton Wanderers having a clear cut 3-0 winning margin at Darlington. Wigan Athletic once again came up trumps on their visit to Port Vale winning by 2-1.

In the Southern section, Hereford United made progress after extra time winning 5-4 on penalties. Full time had seen both teams goalless. Bristol City as previously mentioned had a comfortable win against Gillingham.

It is difficult to imagine any club within this short distance of a Wembley appearance not fighting to the death. The number of away wins recorded at this stage of the competition is foreboding for any club who imagines home advantage is the final factor. Swindon Town, Bristol City, Middlesbrough and Chester City are the choice for the last four places, but somewhere the odds are that one of these predictions will be wrong. It is up to Lou Macari and his players to ensure we are not that statistic.



OUR LAST MEETING

By Michael Scott

The penultimate away appearance of Swindon Town in Division 4 last season was heralded with a fanfare as they took to the pitch at the Recreation Ground, Aldershot on Tuesday 22nd April.

A guard of honour by players from the home club added to the sense of occasion which made a welcome change from the unbearable tension which lasted throughout the championship clinching game at Mansfield the previous Saturday. For the first twenty minutes at Aldershot, Swindon played like the runaway champions they were. A goal from Colin Gordon after only 4 minutes followed a neat exchange with Bryan Wade and set the "Town" on their way to an impressive, if at times unsteady, away victory. Gordon was set free again in the 23rd minute to heighten the carnival atmosphere on the terrace as he shot home to put Swindon two up. The champions third goal was one of the most memorable of the whole campaign, Wade pushed the ball down the line to Hockaday whose high centre found Charlie Henry right up against the far post and somehow able to squeeze a header into the net. Moments later though, the element of unreality about the whole proceedings came to the surface with Aldershot's opening goal. A mix up on the bye line let Bobby Barnes in to score and brought "Town" keeper Kenny Allen loping up the pitch in pursuit of the Referee. Ken felt that the ball had gone out of play and wanted to make his point. Luckily Chris Kamara executed a perfect rugby tackle to midfield before any damage could be done. A mere six minutes into the

second half, the Shots pegged the champions back further with a goal from McMenemy after Shrubbs had put him through. As usual though the "Town" had something in reserve and surged back at the home side. A free kick in the 66th minute by Chris Kamara was met with a looping header by David Cole to set the seal on a fine away win and a truly entertaining game. If Aldershot had seen that game as a chance to avenge their 4-1 defeat at the County Ground on Easter Monday March 31st they were obviously disappointed. In that encounter nothing went right for the Shots, a goal by Dave Bamber after 20 minutes was quickly followed by a tragic injury to their keeper David Coles who sustained a broken leg in his fruitless attempt to prevent Charlie Henry from netting the "Town"s second. Moments later Aldershot striker Bobby Barnes was on his way to the dressing room following his sending off for a brutal tackle. Further goals from Gordon and Bamber separated by a Fielder effort for the visitors completed the scoring on a day when a great deal of sympathy had to be directed towards the visitors.

Particularly their replacement goalkeeper who had to endure not only an on slaughter from the "Town" Strikers but also the "Town" End chants of "We love you shortie".

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by Dave Eaton

OUR VISITORS



ALDERSHOT



Back Row: L to R
 John Anderson (Trainer), Andy King, Mike Ring, Martin Foyle, Tony Lange, Darren Anderson, Colin Smith, Tommy Langley,
 Len Walker (Team Manager), Ian Gillard (Coach)
 Front Row: L to R
 Barry Blankley, Glen Burvill, Paul Shrubbs, Ian McDonald, Colin Fielder, Paul Friar, Giorgio Mazzon,
 Inset L to R
 Bobby Barnes, David Coles, Gary Johnson.

To reach the last four - the Area Semi-Finals of the Southern Section of the Freight Rover Trophy, Aldershot pulled off an incredible, nail-biting victory over third division Fulham in the last round.

In front of 2571 fans at the Recreation Ground, Bobby Barnes scored in the second-half with Chris Pike replying for the London club to send the tie into extra-time.

With neither team able to add to the score-line in the additional thirty-minutes the match went into a penalty shoot out.

An eternity and twenty-eight, yes twenty-eight!! penalties later the Fourth Division club emerged as victors by 11 penalties to 10 - one of them being scored by goalkeeper Tony Lange.

The victory was all the sweeter as Fulham had knocked the 'Shots' out of the Littlewoods Cup at the beginning of the season.

In the earlier stages of the Freight Rover, Aldershot drew at Peterborough 3-3 and then won at home 4-2 against Colchester to reach the 1st round proper. And then sent promotion seeking Swansea packing out of the competition 2-0 with goals from Paul Friar and Colin Fielder.

This season has also seen Aldershot enjoy a run in the F.A. Cup and perform a giant-killing feat after beating Torquay (1-0) and Colchester (3-2) at home, the shots were paired against 1st Division Oxford in the Third Round.

Goals from Glen Burvill, Colin Smith and Bobby Barnes gave them a famous victory and yet another home tie, this time against Second Division Barnsley.

After drawing 1-1 at the Recreation Ground, Aldershot were finally beaten in the replay 3-0.

In the league, to date Aldershot are placed in mid-table with 39 points from 30 games.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Ground: Recreation Ground

Capacity: Was 14,000, recently greatly reduced owing to safety standards.

Record Attendance: 19,138 v Carlisle Utd., F.A. Cup 4th round replay, 28th January 1970.

Record Receipts: £21,275.30 v Norwich C., Milk Cup 3rd round, 6th November 1984.

Founded: 1926, turned professional a year later.

Honours: Football League: Division 3 - best season 8th, 1973-74. Division 4 - promoted 1972-73. F.A. Cup - best season, 5th round 1932-33. 5th round replay 1978-79. Football League Cup - best season. 3rd round replay 1984-85.

Most League Appearances: Murray Brodie, 461, 1964-83.

Most League Goals: Jack Howarth, 171, 1965-71 and 1972-77.

Record Victory: 8-1 v Gateshead, Division 4, 13th September 1958.

Record Defeat: 0-9 Bristol City, Division 3(S), 25th December 1946.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £100,000 from Shrewsbury for John Dungworth, November 1979.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £54,000 to Portsmouth for Colin Garwood, February 1980.

Colours: Red and blue striped shirts; blue shorts, red stockings.

Change Colours: All white with red & blue trimmings.

Nickname: "The Shots"

Len Walker (manager)

Second spell as manager having been appointed originally in April 1981. Also a former Aldershot player who established a record (since broken) of 450 League appearances. A defender, he played for Middlesbrough (as an amateur), Spennymore United and made his League debut for Newcastle United in midfield. Went to Darlington as coach on leaving Aldershot and later became their manager.

Ian Gillard (coach)

A close season signing in 1982 from Queen's Park Rangers after 484 senior appearances in League, Cup and European football mostly at full-back. Won three full England caps in 1975 at left-back and is a former Under-23 international. Hammersmith born, joined QPR from school making his League debut in November 1968 at 18.

Bobby Barnes (forward)

Signed from West Ham United towards the end of last season and scored eight goals in 14 outings. Was a member of the Hammers FA Youth Cup winning side in 1981 and made his League debut the same season. Also had a spell on loan to Scunthorpe United. England Youth cap.

Glen Burvill (midfield)

Returned to Aldershot last summer after 15 months with Reading including a spell on loan to Fulham. Originally with West Ham United first as an apprentice, turning professional in September 1980. A colleague of Barnes in the 1981 Youth Cup winning team.

POST WAR MEETINGS



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At the County Ground

22.12.1945	W2-0	Emery, Thomas	9,000
07.09.1946	W7-0	Williams 2, Stephens W 4, Lucas	16,622
03.01.1948	W1-0	Paterson	13,883
25.08.1948	W3-1	Dawson, Jones, Williams	18,366
03.09.1949	W2-1	Jones 2	15,599
26.03.1951	W4-0	Bain, Oweh, Hudson pen, Millar	10,249
14.04.1952	D1-1	Millar	8,664
13.09.1952	W3-2	Owen, Millar, Rydler	10,410
26.08.1953	W3-1	Betteridge, Owen 2	14,964
11.09.1954	W1-0	Hunter	9,949
21.09.1955	D1-1	Owen	4,293
18.08.1956	L1-2	Edwards pen.	10,966
18.01.1958	W3-0	Darcy, Richards, Micklewright	11,612
17.09.1974	W3-2	Moss pen., Eastoe, Jenkins	5,733
10.02.1976	W8-3	Syrett, Dixon, Anderson 2, Stroud, Moss	7,335
04.04.1983	W2-0	Batty, Baillie	3,495
07.04.1984	L0-2		2,836
24.11.1984	W2-1	Mayes, Macari	2,680
31.03.1986	W4-1	Bamber 2, Henry, Gordon	8,437

At the Recreation Ground

04.01.1947	L0-2		5,000
30.08.1947	D2-2	Maguire, Bain	7,241
01.09.1948	W2-1	Jones 2	5,824
31.12.1949	D0-0		7,500
23.03.1951	W1-0	Hudson	8,971
11.04.1952	L0-4		8,028
24.01.1953	D2-2	own goal, Bain	5,780
02.09.1953	L0-1		7,348
22.01.1955	D0-0		4,346
28.04.1956	D1-1	Owen	3,972
15.12.1956	D2-2	Edwards 2	3,044
14.09.1957	L1-2	Micklewright	5,164
12.02.1975	W1-0	Eastoe	4,538
14.04.1976	W1-0	Dixon	4,226
27.12.1982	D1-1	Lewis	5,087
27.09.1983	L1-2	Mayes	2,644
20.04.1986	W1-0	Gordon	2,981
22.04.1986	W4-2	Gordon 2, Henry, Cole	3,723

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

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F.A. CUP

20.12.1947	W2-0	Jones 2	19,700
15.11.1958	W5-0	Edwards, Darcy 3, Kelly	12,316
08.01.1983	W7-0	Pritchard 3, Rowland 3, Barry	7,187

13.12.1947	D0-0		12,108
25.01.1964	W2-1	Roberts, Atkins	16,000
30.01.1979	L1-2	Rowland	10,913

*Statistics supplied by Paul Plowman

Martin Foyle (forward)

Has recovered from a back injury which caused him to miss half of last season. Signed from Southampton in July 1984 and scored 15 League goals in his first season. Introduced into League soccer by the Saints in 1982-83 and made 12 appearances scoring once against Manchester United.

Paul Friar (defender)

Another close season capture after trials with Gillingham and Southend United. Previously with Charlton Athletic, he spent the last few months of 1985-86 on loan to Northampton Town. Began as an apprentice with Leicester City and has also played for Rotherham United and Motherwell (on loan).

Andy King (midfield)

Close season signing from Luton Town and a player twice transferred in his career for more than £400,000. Originally with Luton he had two spells with Everton and also played for QPR and West Bromwich Albion. After a season in Dutch football with SC Cambuur he came back to play for Wolves. Former England Under-21 international.

Tony Lange (goalkeeper)

Had a spell on loan to Aldershot early last season and was signed this summer from Charlton Athletic. Developed from apprenticeship at The Valley and made his League bow in 1983-84. Appeared in four of Charlton's promotion games last term.

Tommy Langley (forward)

Back permanently with Aldershot after a spell on loan two seasons ago. Spent last season in Hong Kong with South China, scoring 12 goals for the champions. Previously with Chelsea, QPR, Crystal Palace, AEK Athens, Coventry

City and Wolves. Honours include England schools, youth, Under-21 and 'B' international caps.

Ian McDonald (midfield)

Much travelled player who arrived at Aldershot in 1981-82. Began his career with Barrow, and later played for Workington before being snapped up by Liverpool where he was a Central League regular for two seasons. Loaned to Colchester United he subsequently played for Mansfield Town and York City.

Giorgio Mazzoni (defender)

Born in Cheshunt, he joined Tottenham as a professional in April 1979. Made his First Division debut as substitute against Birmingham City in January 1981 and played one full game against Sunderland the following month. Fourth season with Aldershot.

Mike Ring (forward)

Joined Brighton from school and turned professional after his apprenticeship. Made 5 league appearances for the Seagulls. Spent the last two seasons with Hull City and also had a spell on loan to Bolton Wanderers towards the end of 1985-86. Close season signing by Aldershot.

Colin Smith (defender)

The central defender was on the books of Nottingham Forest at first but made his League bow with Norwich City in 1982-83. After a stint in Hong Kong with the Sea Bee club he joined Cardiff City and signed for Aldershot mid-way through 1984-85.

Steve Wignall (defender)

Experienced defender signed from Brentford for whom he made 28 league appearances last season. Previous clubs Doncaster (130 app.) and Colchester (281 app.).

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PENALTY REF!

**by Chris Kirkland
(Part 1)**

A study of the goalscorers in the Today league will reveal that some goals were scored as a result of a penalty being awarded. In the game between Notts. Forest and West Ham both goals were scored from penalties and in the Freight Rover Trophy fixture between Swindon Town and Bournemouth the Town equalised in the last two minutes of extra time by Peter Coyne scoring from a penalty awarded for a deliberate trip on Peter by a Bournemouth defender.

There are many occasions in the course of a match when both players and spectators feel that the referee should have given a penalty – in the recent F.A. Cup tie with Leeds Utd most Swindon supporters and players were certain that a Leeds Utd player had handled the ball. The referee disagreed with the claims and no penalty was awarded much to the crowd's displeasure. The two most common offences which are punished by referees giving a penalty are handball and tripping.

In my many years of refereeing I have rarely given penalties for players committing some of the *nine* penal offences such as *jumping at an opponent* and *striking an opponent* or *when a player charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner* or *should a player charge an opponent from behind unless the opponent is obstructing*, although when they happened I have awarded a penalty!

In practice I have found that the remaining 5 offences are the most common in the awarding of penalties – a player who intentionally –

kicks or attempts to kick an opponent

trips an opponent

holds an opponent

pushes an opponent or

handles the ball that is strikes, carries or propels the ball with his hand or arm (this does NOT apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area).

For a penalty kick to be awarded a player of the defending side must **INTENTIONALLY** commit one of the above **NINE** offences against an opponent within his own penalty-area. The ball does not have to be in the penalty area for the kick to be awarded just as long as the offence was committed by the defender in the penalty area and the ball was in **PLAY**.

There is one exception to the award of penalty-kicks – since 27th June 1970 F.I.F.A. the governing body of football decided that the practice of drawing lots to determine which two teams in a drawn match should proceed to a later stage of a knock-out competition or receive a trophy be discontinued and be replaced by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark. Spectators at the Freight Rover Trophy game between Swindon and Bournemouth will remember the Town going through 4-2 on penalties whilst the Town's next opponents in this competition Aldershot won 11-10 on penalties against Fulham!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WITH · COLIN CALDERWOOD

Following our tremendous win against Middlesbrough we went one better, in my opinion, last Tuesday when we defeated York City on their own ground. Remember this is the ground where mighty Arsenal had been beaten and Liverpool had been forced to re-plays in the F.A. Cup.

Also this season they had defeated Middlesbrough 3-1 and Gillingham 2-1. To show how worthy our 3-0 success was, I must remind you that, A.F.C. Bournemouth had been defeated 2-0! Wigan Athletic had only managed a draw at Bootham Crescent. 'The Gaffer' had watched them in action, the previous week and told us that if we got an early goal they may crumble. We did just that and when we scored our second goal they virtually crumbled.

There was no doubting the spectacular goal that Jimmy Quinn scored in the first half, it was a goal and a half. Yet I thought our third goal in which Jimmy crossed for Dave Bamber to score was really our best goal. The build up and cross was beautifully worked.

'The Gaffer', had also warned us about their midfield players being useful but he thought that their two strikers were being over estimated by some people.

Tonight gives us the chance to move a step nearer to Wembley. We must be on our guard against Aldershot and be very wary of the talent of Bobby Barnes for he has been getting some good write-ups in the newspapers recently.

Most of the lads were sorry to see Phil King go back to Torquay United.



Phil had settled well with the club and was definitely a talented player, being naturally left footed he gave our defence a good balance. He was good for the dressing room also, a cheerful lad was Phil. He did his part in our wins over Middlesbrough and York City.

One other point that 'The Gaffer' emphasised to us before our trip to York City was the fact that several of the clubs were facing one another that evening in the promotion race. Bournemouth beat Middlesbrough 3-1 while Bristol City did the same at home to Blackpool. With Gillingham losing 1-0 at Chesterfield we were able to steal a match on other clubs.

We have now put ourselves in the situation where we now have to take advantage of the next months fixtures for our end of season fixtures are tough matches against teams like Notts. County, Gillingham and Bristol City. If we can get ourselves clear of these teams the pressure will be less on ourselves.

On behalf of the lads here at the County Ground may I appeal to you to give us as much support as you can, both home and away, to the end of the season. Together we can

reach Wembley and also gain promotion to the Second Division.

Tonights match, as I have stated before, is very important to the club generally, for the finance to be gained is considerable. Aldershot will come here well prepared for this match but so will we for if everything as gone to plan 'The Gaffer' was arranging to take us on another of his 'Take-aways', following last Saturdays match with Darlington.

We shall have spent the weekend on some windswept R.A.F. or Army camp living a spartan existence aimed at toughening our physical and mental attitude. 'Rambo' as been longing for another of these weekends he loves them, it must be bliss for him to get away from the scurry of life in London.

To be honest, life is not so bad, the food is very good and the facilities for sport are excellent. We very often play a friendly match against the base team. For us it is a gentle exercise and also good public relations.

Jimmy Gilligan returned from his months loan with Newport County last week and was immediately on the mark with two goals in our Reserve team match at Oxford United in our 5-4 win. Almost like a cricket match with a scoreline like that! Wadey also scored two goals. Chris Ramsey continued his comeback in this match while 'Joner' also had a run out against his former club. Do you want to go to Wembley? Of course you do, so help us to get there, by getting right behind us as soon as the whistle blows, you can make things happen rather than wait for them to.

If you can make the journey to Chesterfield on Friday evening please do so. Your vocal support is much appreciated and gives a tremendous lift. Every match is vital for us now and we shall be giving everything we have to make this another season to remember.

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ENGLISH PARSONS ARE ON THE BALL!

Although I am a parson myself, I must admit that it came as something of a surprise to be upon opening the very first Football Programme I saw for the current season, to discover a full page portrait of a most distinguished looking, becas-socked Victorian cleric adorning Barnsley's match-day magazine. The reason for the appearance of the worthy Rev Tiverton Preedy in The Tykes' programme was that Barnsley were beginning a club history to celebrate their club's centenary and naturally they wanted to include a picture of their founder.

Football's Church Origins

Now, although the fact that Barnsley were founded by a clergyman may seem odd to Football fans of the late 1980's, the truth of the matter is that about twenty per cent of current Football League clubs actually owe their origins in some way to the Church. Some, like *Barnsley* or *Swindon Town* were founded by an individual parson; others began as Church clubs as did *Southampton*, who were formerly and originally *Southampton St. Mary's*, while *Bournemouth* were first of all *Boscombe St. Johns*. *Blackpool* began as *Blackpool St. Johns*, *Queens Park Rangers* as 'St. Jude's FC', *Fulham* as *Fulham St. Andrews* and *Bolton* as *Christ Church Football Club*.

The strongly Church-based beginnings of many of our Football League clubs are also to be seen in some of the badges and insignia which adorn their letterheadings and players' chests even today: *Preston North End* have always carried two distinctively Christian symbols in their club motif - the Cross and a lamb with a halo - whereas the centrepiece of *Tranmere Rovers'* badge is a Bishop's pastoral staff.

Football Parsons

To modern Football supporters it is difficult to imagine amateur sportsmen, let alone parsons, competing with the best of their contemporary players, but to be sure they did just that at least until the 1930's in soccer (and much later in other sports) - and among them was the occasional clergyman with real Footballing prowess. The *Rev H.H. Stewart* was a member of the famous Wanderers FA Cup winning side of 1873, but the best single example of such a parson known to me (though I'd be pleased and interested to learn of others), is the *Rev Kenneth*

LOOKING

Back



by Town Chaplain; Nigel Sands.

Hunt. *Hunt* was a half-back with superlative heading ability, and a Highgate schoolmaster from the West Midlands, who played for the full England International team twice in 1911 and also won an FA Cup winners medal with the Wolves before the 1st World War. Another supreme example was our own superb *Harold Fleming* of *Swindon Town* and *England* (11 caps between 1909 and 1914) who actually trained for holy orders but suffered a bad break-down and was unable to proceed to ordination. Instances of clerical achievement at Football become more and more rare and I can't bring to mind a single footballing parson after the 2nd World War, but even so there is a current Vicar of a south London parish who played regularly in the League for *Notts County* in 1957-58 and then for *Leeds United* between 1958 and 1961 before he received his call to the Ordained ministry.

Chaplains

Today, with the single exception of the *Rev Reg Smith*, the popular and genial vice-Chariman of *Bury*, the involvement of clergymen at Football League clubs is in the role of *Chaplains*. Somewhere between 20 and 25 clubs (including our own) have appointed a clergyman to serve in this role, and if denominations and length of service vary - *Leeds'* chaplain, the *Rev John Jackson* has been

with the *Elland Road* club for over 25 years and was recently awarded a silver salver by the *Leeds* Board of Directors in appreciation - these men are united in being Football enthusiasts who seen no difference between ministering at a football club or at any other more traditional sphere of Church activity like a hospital or old-folks home.

Christian Content

Finally, it should be recognised that, for all their valued and specialised involvement, clergymen actually make up only a small part of the Christian content in League soccer today.

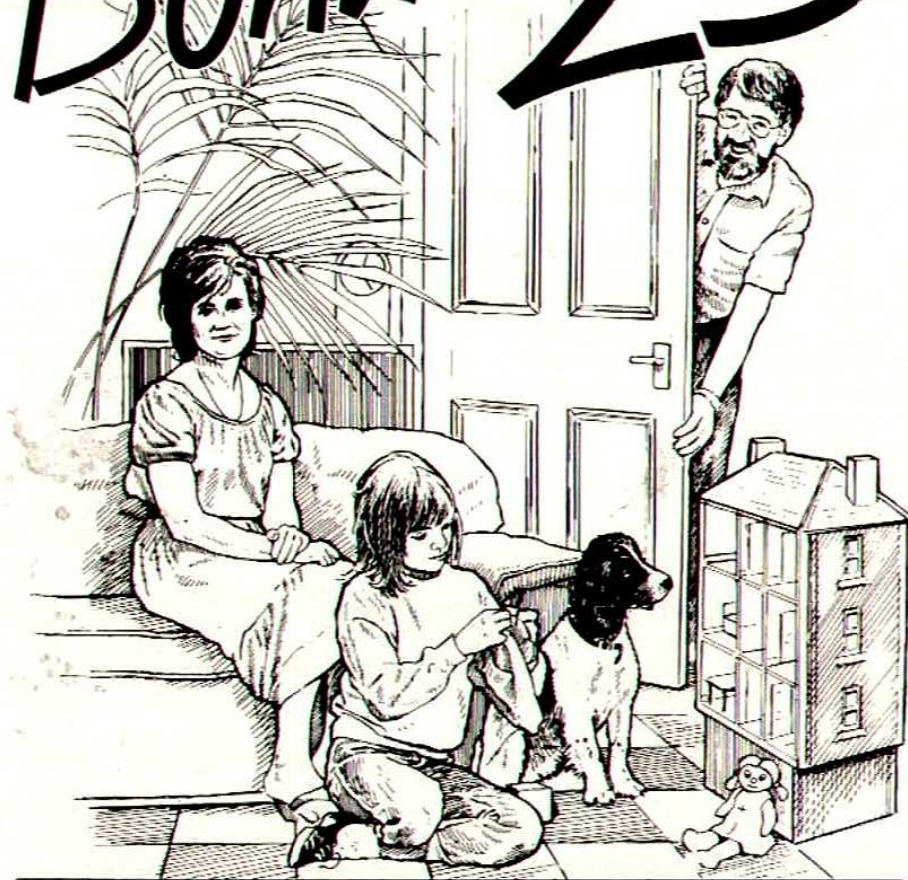
There are many Christian players, officials, and administrators in the game up and down the country, but it is particularly interesting to discover that that fine former *England* full-back, *Jimmy Armfield*, who broadcasts regularly in *BBC Radio 2's* sports programmes, plays as gracefully on the Organ at *St. Peter's Church Blackpool* every Sunday as he did in the *Seasiders'* defence in 568 League games, and that ex-*Bolton* and *Birmingham City* winger, *Gordon Taylor*, now the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, is a sidesman and Church Council member at *St. Leonards*, *Balderstone* in *Blackburn* while also holding office on his deanery and diocesan synods.

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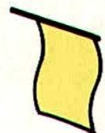
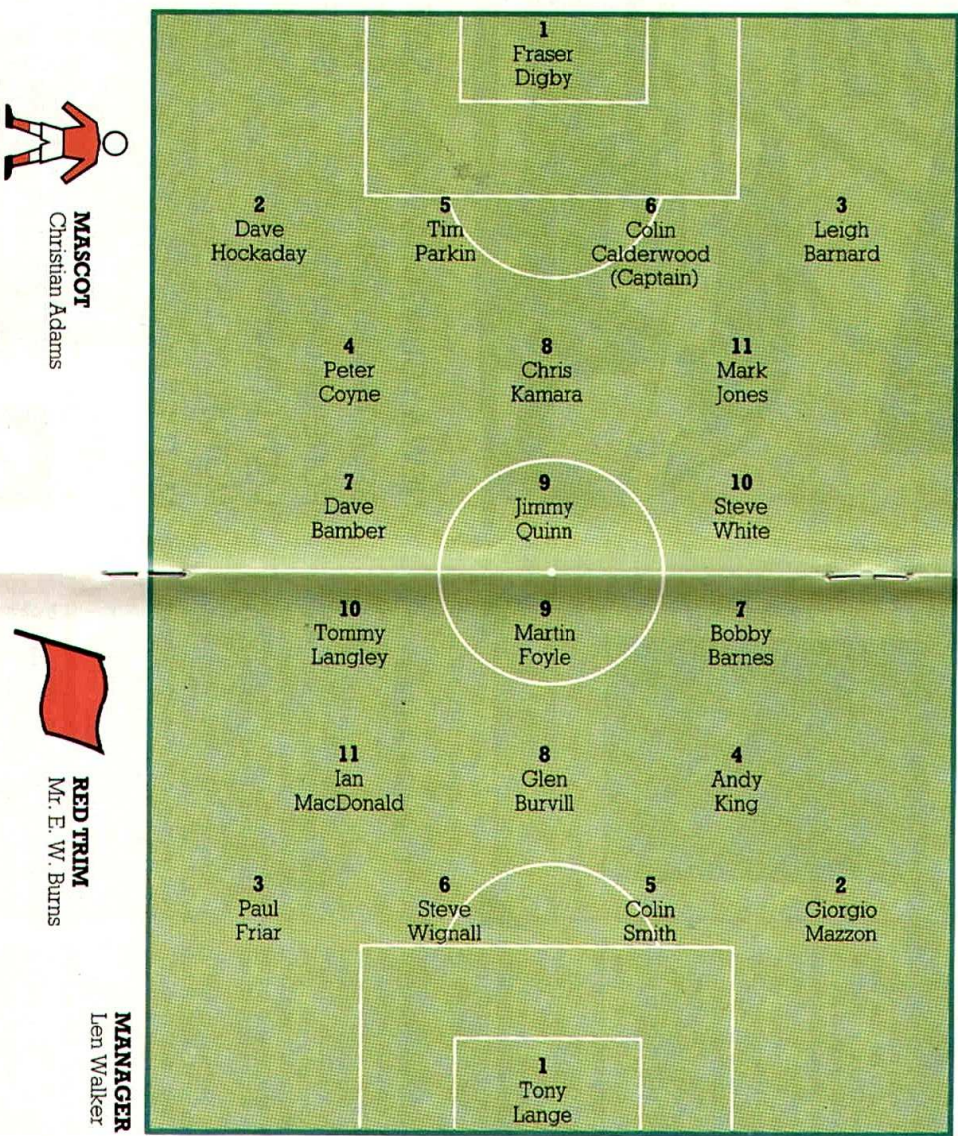
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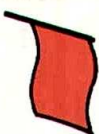


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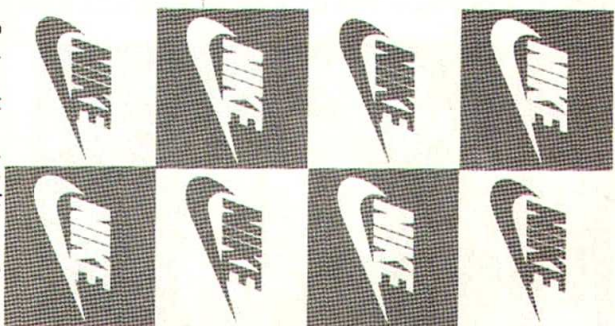
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INTERVIEW



It was almost decision time for Phil King, the on loan full back from Torquay United. Phil would have no control over the outcome but last Wednesday he did have some private thoughts on what he hoped his future would have in store.

"I badly want to join Swindon Town and unfortunately I may have little say in what will happen? Phil, born in Bristol, was aware that if he did join the club he would be ineligible for tonight's match, for Phil had already appeared for Torquay United in the Freight Rover Competition this season. "If I eventually come to the County Ground, I am sure I will feel gutted if Swindon Town eventually get to Wembley?"

Phil came to the early attention of Exeter City, his first league club as a young lad, as he explained, 'I was playing for Warmley Rangers, a local Bristol club when I was spotted by Roger Quinton who was in charge of their Youth Operation. I signed Schoolboy forms for them and eventually signed apprenticeship forms for them. Actually I was the only

apprentice that they had on their books at that time although there were three lads there on the Youth Training Scheme.' Phil continued, 'I was lucky really because I turned full time professional at the age of 17, making my league debut against Halifax Town.' Phil thought that Torquay United lacked the facilities that Exeter City had at their disposal. 'I always thought that Colin Appleton was a good mixer with the players. A different type than Stuart Morgan at Torquay, Stuart really is a funny man.'

Phil was surprised at his move to Swindon, 'It came right out of the blue, Stuart phoned me on the Thursday afternoon and stated that I probably would not like a move to Swindon Town, you would probably prefer a move to a First or Second Division club. It's common knowledge now that I came to Swindon though! What were Phil's thoughts on Swindon, 'This is a great club, really going places (Lou Macari intervened at this point to say 'Oh yes, Chesterfield and Mansfield is that what you mean?') Phil laughed, 'You know what I mean, 'His methods are working, although he slags me off regularly and is over concerned about my fitness'.

Phil lives in Torquay with his wife Joanne and their eight month old baby. When asked about his ambitions he was very clear, 'I want to go all the way and play in the First Division and also hopefully play for England.' He added thoughtfully 'Oh and to own a new car.'

Was there really a difference between the Third and Fourth Division? Definitely, the Third Division is a lot faster and the teams are much stronger.' Was there any one player that Phil had been impressed with here at Swindon Town.' 'I have always been impressed with Chris Kamara who I think is a really good player, all the players here are of a good standard and there is not a lot to choose between any of them.'

Sadly for Phil the day was to end in disappointment, the proposed deal with Torquay United and the Town fell through. It was time to return to Devon, there was talk of Bristol City stepping in with an offer of two players on loan but Phil was not keen to move to Ashton Gate, 'They had their chance when I was in Bristol and did not bother.'

Whether Phil will stay at Torquay eventually join Swindon Town or Bristol City we shall have to wait and see. Maybe he really is bound for the First Division.

MATCH DAY

Mascot



Christian Adams

Christian Adams who lives at Akers Way, Swindon, is eleven years of age and attends Moredon Junior School. Peter Coyne is Christian's choice as his favourite Town player. Keen on football he is still fighting for a place in his school team, absolutely mad keen on our national game he plays football every waking hour.

If you happen to pass the estate where he lives, after school hours he can be found kicking a ball about. Weekends are no different Saturday and Sundays he plays at Moredon playing fields.

It does not require too many guesses as to what Christian is doing when is not playing himself! For he is then watching the local league teams that play at Moredon. Liverpool are Christians second choice team.

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Our South East Counties Youth team gained a creditable 4-3 away win at Colchester on Saturday February 28th. It was only their third victory in nine matches and enabled them to complete the double over United having defeated the Layer Road club by the odd goal in five last October.

The Town nearly went ahead after seven minutes when Adrian Viveash missed a golden opportunity following a Paul Hunt cross. The Town remained well on top until the 17th minute when after Adrian Viveash and Paul Hunt combined to set up Nicky Hughes who scored with a low shot.

Colchester equalised in the 30th minute following Richard Morgans inability to clear a long ball from the Colchester defence which allowed Polito to score.

The Town regained the lead in the 42nd minute following a good run by Nigel Packer on the right, when he was brought down outside the Colchester penalty area. From the resultant free kick good work by Peter Lango and Neal Quinn allowed Paul Hunt to bring the interval score to 2-1.

Colchester equalised in the 60th minute when Baker seized on a

half clearance to give Damien Cullen no chance with a 25 yard shot.

More good work by Nigel Packer regained the lead six minutes later when he intercepted a back pass, cut inside and scored with a left footed shot. The Town were to be pegged back once again when Baker scored his second goal for Col-

chester with a volley following a corner.

Three minutes from time Nigel Packer played a ball down the right to Hunt whose cross was converted by Nicky Hughes with a header.

The Town once again gave a vastly improved display and the quality of their play was most encouraging.

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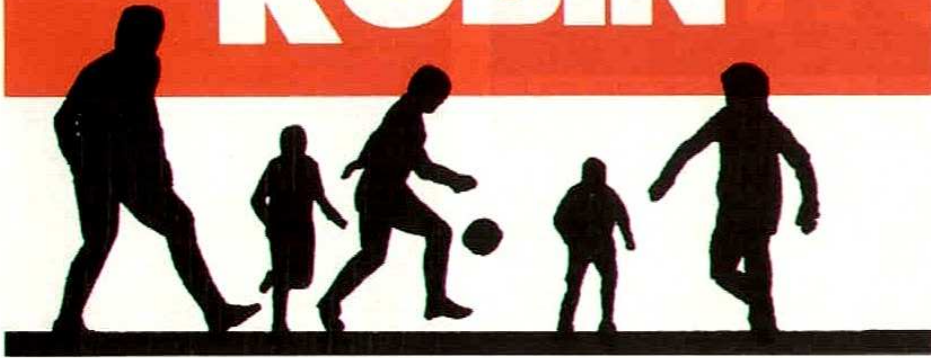
To keep you up to date with our remaining Reserve Team fixtures, these are the dates.

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Wed	Mar	18	Southampton	H
Wed	Mar	25	Tottenham H.	H
Sat	Mar	28	Chelsea	A
Tue	Mar	31	Portsmouth	A
Tue	Apr	7	Reading	H
Tue	Apr	14	Watford	A
Tue	Apr	21	West Ham Utd	H
Sat	Apr	25	Arsenal	A
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This evening's match will be one of special interest and excitement for Junior Robins. The last time Swindon were fortunate enough to get to Wembley the Junior Robins would not have been born. No doubt therefore all Junior Robins are looking forward to the exciting prospect of a possible trip to Wembley. A great deal needs to be done however before the dream becomes a reality and no doubt Aldershot supporters, whose team have already caused one major upset in a Cup Competition this season by defeating Oxford United, will have just the same hopes. Some good vocal support will be essential this evening especially if the lads are up against it. Our hopes of establishing a base room for members in the Old Stand were dashed after Mike Hughes had done a great job in getting the Old Tea Room into a habitable condition. It was found the approach steps and steel work were in too bad a state of repair to make access

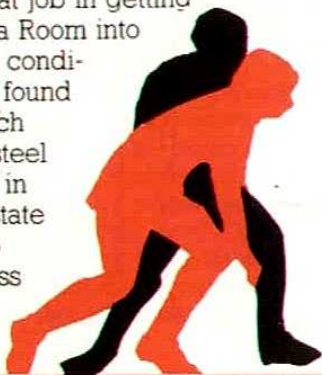
to it safe. Every cloud has a silver lining to it and this certainly proved the case in this instance when Mr Stewart of the Alamo Club volunteered to allow the Junior Robins the use of his facilities. The Alamo Club is one of the groups that now use the old Squash Club area and is devoted to training young members of the Swindon A.C. This in an ideal position underneath the Junior Robins seats and I have no doubt will make an excellent base for our junior supporters. It is another example of how the Club and the Council are working together to make maximum use of the County ground facilities for the benefit of all.

It is often said that one voice that speaks says more than a thousand that remain silent so if you want to make an impact write and make your feelings known regarding the changes I propose to recommend to the Board for the Junior Robins next season. Tickets for Junior Robins will not be available for

individual matches but only as Season Tickets. These will be priced at between ten and fifteen pounds depending on the additional benefits that will be made available to members. This is because with the increased gates we are beginning to find that all seats are sold and also to enable Junior Robins who wish to sit with their parents to sit in any area of the stand. Members will have their name printed on the back of their seats and will be able to purchase that seat for Cup matches.

Entry forms for the Leeds Permanent Building Society Penalty Competition are available from the Club Office but the closing date for entries is Saturday so if you and your friends want to get an entry in you have only got a few days left.

Finally congratulations to the Junior Robins Under 13s team on their victory by seven goals to four over Wroughton. I hope to include a full report on this game in a future programme.



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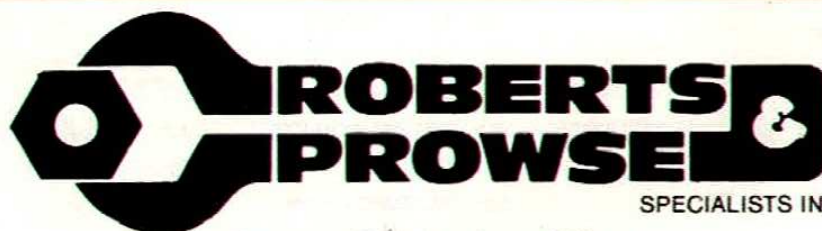


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Winners: 1969
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AROUND *The* CLUB

The County Ground is set for more extensive improvements in conjunction with work required by the Safety Certificate team during the summer months ready for the August re-start. This work will consist of complete refurbishment of the Stratton Bank Area. For the Club to be able to Kick off next August we have to comply with regulations as laid down by Wiltshire County Council.

It is still in debate as to whether further work will be carried out on the ground during the summer months. Extensive alterations to the Shrivenham Road side of the ground will primarily concern the stand itself which in its present state is unsafe for use. It has not yet been decided whether this work will be completed this year or in the Summer of 1988.



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	7th	LUTON TOWN	HOME	11 am	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE
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WEDNESDAY	11th	BRIGHTON & HOVE	HOME	2 pm	FOOTBALL COMBINATION
FRIDAY	13th	CHESTERFIELD	AWAY	7.30 pm	DIVISION 3
SATURDAY	14th	CRYSTAL PALACE	AWAY	11 am	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE
TUESDAY	17th	PORT VALE	HOME	7.45 pm	DIVISION 3
WEDNESDAY	18th	SOUTHAMPTON	HOME	2 pm	FOOTBALL COMBINATION
SATURDAY	21st	FULHAM	HOME	3 pm	DIVISION 3
	21st	LUTON TOWN	AWAY	11 am	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE
TUESDAY	24th	BOLTON WANDERERS	HOME	7.45 pm	DIVISION 3
WEDNESDAY	25th	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	2 pm	FOOTBALL COMBINATION
SATURDAY	28th	WIGAN ATHLETIC	AWAY	3 pm	DIVISION 3
	28th	CHELSEA	AWAY	3 pm	FOOTBALL COMBINATION
	28th	BOURNEMOUTH	HOME	11 am	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

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Lou was busy last week, he travelled to London on the Monday afternoon to watch the Football Combination fixture between Fulham and Queens Park Rangers, the second half of our Football Combination match at Millwall and then he watched the Bristol Rovers Reserves match with Arsenal Reserves at Forest Green in the evening.

A total of 64 people attended the recent British Army versus England Fire Service at the County Ground on Tuesday February 24th. This was a fifty per cent higher attendance than when we played Bristol Rovers in a Football Combination fixture on Wednesday February 11th. Both matches were afternoon Kick offs.



Keeping you up to-date with the principle fixtures that are remaining this season, you may like to make a note of the following.

WED	APR 1	NORTHERN IRELAND v ENGLAND (EC)	AT BELFAST
		BELGIUM v SCOTLAND (EC)	
		WALES v FINLAND (EC)	AT WREXHAM
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SAT	APR 14	F.A. CUP SEMI-FINALS	
SAT	APR 25	F.A. VASE FINAL TIE	AT WEMBLEY STADIUM
TUE	APR 28	TURKEY v ENGLAND (U-21)	
WED	APR 29	TURKEY v ENGLAND (E.C.)	
		NORTHERN IRELAND v YUGOSLAVIA (E.C.)	AT BELFAST
		WALES v CZECHOSLOVAKIA (E.C.)	AT WREXHAM
		REPUBLIC OF IRELAND v BELGIUM (E.C.)	AT DUBLIN
SAT	MAY 9	F.A. TROPHY, FINAL TIE	AT WEMBLEY STADIUM
SAT	MAY 16	F.A. CUP FINAL TIE	AT WEMBLEY STADIUM
TUE	MAY 19	ENGLAND v BRAZIL (ROUS CUP)	
SAT	MAY 23	SCOTLAND v ENGLAND (ROUS CUP)	

For anyone who is interested in the Semi-professional game there is an International match at this level due to be played at Gloucester City Football Club on Tuesday March 17th. Kick off 7.30 pm.
ENGLAND v WALES

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Our Match Ball tonight has been sponsored by our friends from the Disabled enclosure. Our thanks to Mr Fisher and his friends for their generosity.

The Bob Champion Cancer Trust By the time of tonight's game Lou will have ridden "Aldaniti" in the Buckingham Palace to Aintree ride in aid of Cancer research. Any of you who would like to help Lou's sponsorship please send a cheque or cash to the Commercial Office. Please make out all cheques to The Bob Champion Cancer Trust. We hope Lou's with us tonight and none the worse for his ride.

Part time Canvassers Wanted to promote the Clubs fundraising activities in Swindon, Marlborough, Ramsbury, Lambourn, Wantage and other areas. Six hours per week. Basic pay + commission available. For further details contact Dave Cooper on Swindon 642984 ext 32.

Watch out for the Swindon Town Caravan. In an effort to bring the club to you, the supporters during the summer months we shall be visiting a number of areas with our recently purchased caravan. Information on all aspects of the club will be available together with other items such as souvenirs etc. So look out for us and give us a visit.

Autographed Footballs by Lou and the team. 1 pint mugs engraved with the club crest, and teddy bears in the club colours are still available from the Commercial Department.

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STANDING VIEW

FROM · THE · TERRACE

The confidence and flair of our championship season came vividly back into view at York last Tuesday.

From the start the "Town" played enterprising and fluent football much of it involving Jimmy Quinn, giving his best performance since his return to the Club. Jimmy's second goal at Bootham Crescent bore the true hallmark of an international class player as he shot home from thirty yards to put the "Town" fully in control. We will need a similar performance

tonight if we are to reach the Southern final.

Aldershot do not appear strong contenders for promotion this season and will therefore be pinning their hopes for success this season on the Freight Rover Trophy. Swindon Town face a tough task but one which will bring a great reward in the end.

There would appear to be a chance for Swindon to become the last holders of the Trophy as the sale of Freight Rover to

DAF trucks of Holland could well bring a rethink of sponsorship.

There is always the possibility that the competition will undergo yet another name change and become the DAF Trophy though the need to play our earlier match at Brentford made this years competition seem fairly DAFt anyway.

Those who subscribe to the view that the competition is a waste of time will I'm sure still make it to Wembley should we get there. The same people who had no truck with the earlier rounds will re-emerge beneath the twin towers in a ten fold increase on our first match at home to Orient in December. This all assumes that we will get there, only a battling performance and a cup tie atmosphere will ensure that our season continues to rival the remarkable events of our 4th Division title winning campaign.

by Michael Scott

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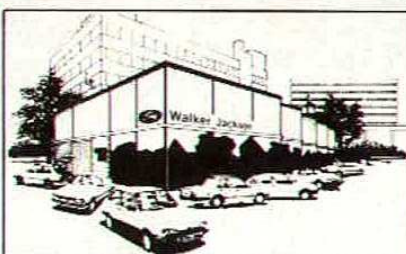


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Steve White (No. 10) scores the only goal of the game last week - settling the match against Middlesbrough in Swindon's favour.

Middlesbrough goalkeeper Stephen Pears falls on his head after colliding with one of his own players in last Saturday's Town win at the County Ground.

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In Focus

Stephen Pears in the Middlesbrough goal collects the ball from the head of Swindon's Dave Bamber in the Town's 1-0 victory.



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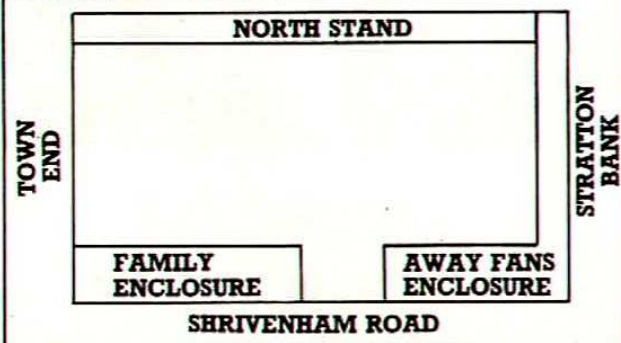
FREIGHT ROVER 1986/87

	Appearances	Goals
DAVE BAMBER	4	3
LEIGH BARNARD	4	-
COLIN CALDERWOOD	4	-
FRASER DIGBY	4	-
STEVE WHITE	4	3
PETER COYNE	3	4
TIM PARKIN	3+s	-
CHRIS KAMARA	3	-
JIMMY QUINN	3+s	1
CHARLIE HENRY	2	-
CHRIS RAMSEY	2	-
DEAN CASSERLEY	1	-
PAUL FRANKLIN	1	-
MARK JONES	1	-
ALAN MCLOUGHLIN	1	-
JAMIE REYNOLDS	1+s	-
BRYAN WADE	0+3s	-
JIMMY GILLIGAN	0+s	-
NICKY HUGHES	0+s	-

WATCH THE DATES FOR CLASHES WITH THE LEADING EIGHT CLUBS IN THE THIRD DIVISION!

Saturday	March 14th	Notts County v Blackpool
Tuesday	March 17th	Middlesbrough v Notts County
Saturday	March 21st	Blackpool v Middlesbrough Gillingham v A.F.C. Bournemouth
Tuesday	March 24th	Wigan Athletic v Notts County Bristol City v Gillingham
Saturday	March 28th	Wigan Athletic v Swindon Town
Saturday	April 11th	Blackpool v Gillingham
Saturday	April 18th	Swindon Town v A.F.C. Bournemouth
Saturday	April 25th	Blackpool v A.F.C. Bournemouth
Saturday	May 2nd	Bristol City v Notts County Gillingham v Wigan Athletic
Monday	May 4th	Swindon Town v Gillingham
Saturday	May 9th	Bristol City v Swindon Town

COUNTY GROUND PLAN



DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attn	Result
23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	5,684	2-1
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY	H LC.	4,749	3-0
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H	7,350	1-2
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD	A LC.	1,100	3-2
6.9.86	SAT	NEWPORT COUNTY	A	3,796	2-2
13.9.86	SAT	CHESTER	H	5,522	1-1
16.9.86	TUE	BLACKPOOL	H	6,622	2-6
23.9.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON	A LC.	10,826	0-3
27.9.86	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	4,055	2-0
30.9.86	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	9,221	0-1
5.10.86	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	6,450	3-1
8.10.86	WED	SOUTHAMPTON	H LC.	9,453	0-0
11.10.86	SAT	FULHAM	A	4,708	2-0
18.10.86	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	H	5,787	2-1
21.10.86	TUE	PORT VALE	A	3,420	4-3
25.10.86	SAT	DARLINGTON	A	1,834	0-0
1.11.86	SAT	YORK CITY	H	6,297	3-1
4.11.86	TUE	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	9,097	1-2
8.11.86	SAT	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	3,908	0-0
15.11.86	SAT	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	H F.A.C. R.1	5,960	4-0
22.11.86	SAT	BURY	A	2,241	2-1
25.11.86	TUE	WALSALL	A	5,807	0-1
29.11.86	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H	6,194	2-0
6.12.86	SAT	ENFIELD	H F.A.C. R.2	6,258	3-0
9.12.86	TUE	ORIENT	H F.R.T.	3,085	3-0
14.12.86	SUN	BRISTOL CITY	H (11.30 a.m.)	7,637	1-2
21.12.86	SUN	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	3,301	2-2
26.12.86	FRI	BRENTFORD	H (3.00 pm)	8,086	2-1
27.12.86	SAT	GILLINGHAM	A	9,994	3-1
1.1.87	THU	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A (3.00 pm)	10,557	0-1
3.1.87	SAT	BURY	H	6,675	1-0
6.1.87	WED	BRENTFORD	A F.R.T.	1,100	2-4
10.1.87	SAT	FULHAM	A F.A.C. R.3	7,077	1-0
25.1.87	SUN	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	6,620	3-0
28.1.87	WED	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H F.R.T.	4,524	2-2
3.2.87	TUE	LEEDS UNITED	H F.A.C. R.4	14,031	1-2
7.2.87	SAT	BLACKPOOL	A	4,839	1-1
10.2.87	TUE	HEREFORD UNITED	H F.R.T. R.2	5,739	4-2
21.2.87	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	3,004	2-1
28.2.87	SAT	MIDDLESBROUGH	H F.A.C. R.5	11,341	1-0
3.3.87	TUE	YORK CITY	A	2,561	3-0
7.3.87	SAT	DARLINGTON	H		
10.2.87	TUE	ALDERSHOT	F.R.T. H (7.45 pm)		
13.3.87	FRI	CHESTERFIELD	A F.A.C. R.6		
17.3.87	TUE	PORT VALE	H (7.45 pm)		
21.3.87	SAT	FULHAM	H		
24.3.87	TUE	BOLTON WANDERERS	H (7.45 pm)		
28.3.87	SAT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A		
1.4.87	WED	CHESTER	A (7.30 pm)		
3.4.87	FRI	MANSFIELD TOWN	H (7.45 pm)		
12.4.87	SUN	BRISTOL ROVERS	A F.A.C. S.F.		
18.4.87	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H		
20.4.87	MON	BRENTFORD	A (11 a.m.)		
25.4.87	SAT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H		
28.4.87	TUE	NOTTS COUNTY	A (7.30 pm)		
2.5.87	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	A		
4.5.87	MON	GILLINGHAM	H		
9.5.87	SAT	BRISTOL CITY	A		

Next match at the County Ground

PORT VALE Division Three

TUE MARCH 17th 1987 KICK OFF 7.45 pm

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Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade	Coyne (2)	Barnard	Ling	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Henry	Wade (1)	Coyne*	Ling*	McLoughlin/Gilligan	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Coyne*	Henry	Bamber	Wade	Barnard	White (1)	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Henry	Wade (1)	Coyne	McLoughlin	Parkin/Ling	
Allen	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade (2)	Coyne*	Ling	Gilligan	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry*	Wade	McLoughlin	Jones	White (1)	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Jones	Ling*	Wade	White	Barnard (2)	Gilligan	
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Jones	Wade	Gilligan	Barnard	Henry/McLoughlin	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan (1)	Wade	Bamber (1)	Barnard	Coyne	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan*	Wade	Bamber	Barnard	Coyne	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara (1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones (1)	Gilligan	White	Bamber (1)	Barnard	Reynolds	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin*	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan	Coyne*	Bamber	Barnard	White/Wade	
Digby	Ramsey	McLoughlin	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber	Jones	Coyne (P)	Gilligan	Barnard	White (1)	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Jones	McLoughlin	Gilligan*	Barnard (1)	White	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones (1)	Calderwood	Kamara (1)	Henry	Bamber	White (1)	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	Wade	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan*	Barnard	McLoughlin	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones (P+1)	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	Wade	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan (1)*	Barnard	Henry	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan	Barnard	Wade	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Wade *(1)	Parkin	Coyne (1)	White *	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	Gardiner/McLoughlin	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Wade (1)	McLoughlin	Franklin	Bamber	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	White	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber	McLoughlin	Wade	Coyne *	Barnard	Gilligan	
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Digby	Henry	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Kamara	White (1)	Reynolds	Barnard	Parkin/Gilligan	
Digby	Henry	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	White (1)	Gilligan*	Barnard	Wade	
Digby	Henry (1)	Barnard	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Kamara	Hockaday	White (1)	Quinn	Bamber	Wade	
Digby	Hockaday	Barnard	Jones (P)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	White (1)	Quinn	Gardiner	Wade	
Digby	Barnard	Hockaday	Jones (P)	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne (1)	Kamara	White	Quinn *	McLoughlin	Gilligan	
Digby	McLoughlin*	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Coyne	Kamara	Quinn	White	Barnard	Gardiner	
Digby	Coyne	Hockaday	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Gardiner (1)	Kamara	Quinn *	White	Barnard	Bamber	
Digby	Coyne (1)	Hockaday	Casserty*	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Ramsey	Quinn	White (1)*	Barnard	Wade/N. Hughes	
Digby	Hockaday	Barnard	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Ramsey	Quinn	White	Bamber (1)	Gilligan/McLoughlin	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin (1)	Calderwood	Coyne	Gardiner*	Quinn (1)	Wade	Barnard	Bamber (1)	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday*	Coyne (2, 1 pen)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Henry	White*	Barnard	Quinn/Wade	
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Wade*	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Kamara	Quinn	Bamber (1)	Barnard*	Coyne/White	
Digby	White	Hockaday	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Kamara	Quinn	Bamber (1)	Barnard*	King	
Digby	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Coyne (1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White (1)	Barnard	Reynolds/White	
Digby	King	Hockaday	Coyne *	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White	Barnard	Wade	
Digby	Hockaday	King	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Quinn	White (1)	Barnard	Jones	
Digby	King	Hockaday	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)*	Kamara	Quinn (2)	White	Barnard	Jones	

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1986-87

						Attendance
DEC 9	ORIENT	Home	3-0	Bamber (2) White		3,085
JAN 6	BRENTFORD	Away	2-4	Coyne, White		1,100
JAN 27	BOURNEMOUTH	Home	2-2 AET	Coyne 2 (1 Pen)		4,524
FEB 10	HEREFORD UNITED	Home	4-2	Coyne, Bamber, Quinn, White		5,739
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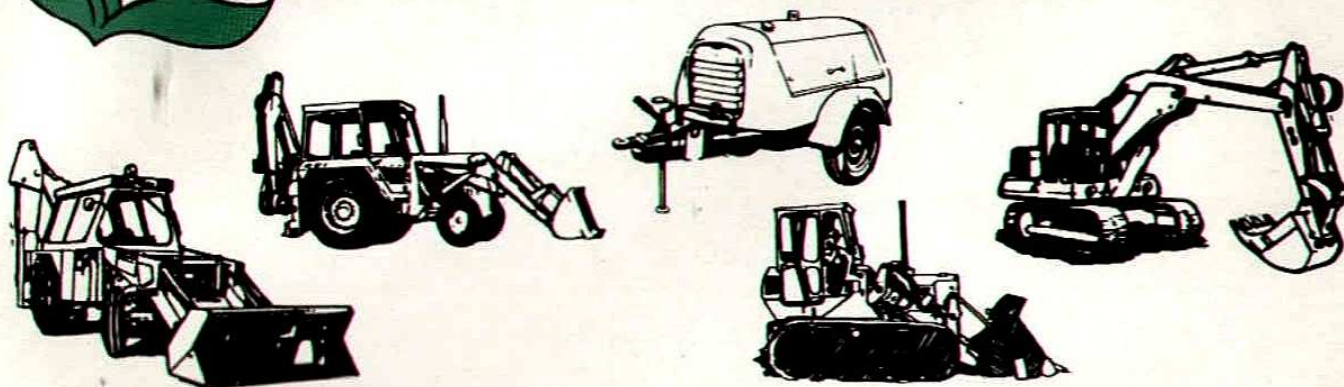
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