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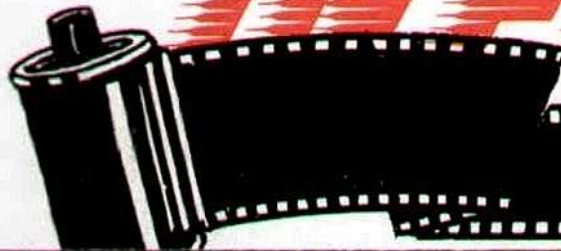
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Third Division Promotion
Play-Off, Semi Final — 1st Leg
Thursday, May 14th, 1987
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Pictures by Frank Orrell

York City 0



TOP LEFT: Latics players applaud the fans from the stand after the last home game of the season against York - will there be more celebrations to come?

BOTTOM LEFT: David Hamilton's header sails into the net for our third goal against York.

TOP RIGHT: Paul Jewell sees his shot smothered by York goalkeeper Smallwood.

BOTTOM RIGHT: David Lowe slots home goal number two.



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THE introduction of the new play-off system for promotion and relegation has provided in our case an exciting epilogue to a wonderful season. After completing the normal league programme of 46 matches we have again finished in fourth position as we did last season. Our points total of 85 has exceeded last season's total by two points. Unlike last season, however, we now have the additional attraction of two important games against Swindon Town and a possible two more against Sunderland or Gillingham. The reward is promotion to the Second Division is sufficient guarantee of all-out effort by all the teams involved.

When we won 3-2 against Swindon here on the 28th March they were lying third in the League with 66 points while we were seventh with 54 points and a game in hand. In the last twelve games we have a better record than Swindon and our final 85 points are only two short of their total. Out of the last 15 games, we have won ten and lost only one (against Bournemouth 0-2). Our win at Brentford last Saturday shows that we are still in form. We have scored 83 goals in the League this season, which is more than any other club in all four divisions except Northampton. We have easily the best record of any Third or Fourth Division club this season in the F.A. Cup, with excellent wins against Hull City and Norwich City to our credit.

We now hope to establish what for us would be the best record of all — the first winners of promotion from the Third Division under the new play-off rules. Our boys are standing up well to the heavy programme of the past few weeks and we know they will make another supreme effort in tonight's game and again at Swindon on Sunday. We ask you to give them the maximum encouragement in these vitally important games. Get behind them and show them how much you appreciate their achievements in this record-breaking season. The Second Division is very close.

VIEWPOINT

Individual views in this programme do not necessarily reflect the views of Wigan Athletic Football Club.

A T H L E T

AN

Ray Mathias

I would like to start my notes with a special mention for the players, throughout the season they have responded magnificently their attitude, and dedication shown in games has been first class. These attributes have contributed greatly to the form they have shown in both home and away games and great character was needed in the latter part of the season when the majority of our games were away from home against opposition that were fighting desperately to gain the points to keep them in the promotion hunt or to get out of the relegation zone.

Another great achievement was finishing the highest goalscorers in our division and in fact only Northampton of the fourth division bettered our total throughout the four leagues. Something else to note was we bettered our overall points of last season by one and it is interesting that eighty five points was enough to gain Derby County instant promotion last season, and I believe this proves that the third division standard is consistent from season to season.

Tonight I would like to welcome Swindon Town once again to Springfield Park to what must be regarded as yet another big step in the history of Wigan Athletic, we have surpassed many things this season but everybody must be aware of the importance of this game for to go through these play offs would give us the reward of promotion for this has certainly been our main aim from the start of the season.



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3rd DIVISION SCENE



WELL the season's over for some — and probably just beginning for others.

Bournemouth reached the Second Division for the first time in their history when the players, bought by the money received for the sale of Colin Clarke to Southampton, won them the Third Division Championship in style.

More than 11,000 people saw goals from Aylott and Richards defeat Rotherham to bring them the title at Dean Court, even though Middlesbrough pushed them all the way with a 2-0 victory at Doncaster.

There was a crisis at Belle Vue only hours before the game when safety officials closed the Doncaster stand because of serious subsidence.

The crowd was cut from 11,000 to 4,000 and police warned all those without tickets: "Stay away".

Incidentally, talking about Middlesbrough, when Latics played at Ayresome Park last week but one, the crowd of nearly 19,000 bought a staggering 13,000 programmes.

At 60 pence each that works out at a handy little £7,800 — from programme sales alone.

And that from a club that almost died at the start of the season.

Swindon, Wigan and Gillingham contest the play-offs with Sunderland to decide who goes up — or stays up — with Bournemouth and Middlesbrough.

Gillingham sneaked in thanks to their home win over relegation threatened Bolton while Notts County and Bristol City could only manage last match draws.

Notts County drew at York while Bristol City drew at home to Swindon, in front of nearly 20,000 fans.

Needing a win to go through, Bristol City missed a second half penalty and it condemned them to another season in the Third Division.

An interesting fact here though. Had Bristol City won and got through the first stages of the play-offs, they would have played the first leg of the final stage on Friday, May 22nd, just two days before their Freight Rover Final at Wembley, and the second leg on Monday, May 25th — the day after the Wembley final!

At the bottom, Newport, Darlington and Carlisle are all relegated, which means that all the Welsh clubs are in the Fourth Division together for the first time in their history.

Bolton will battle it out to stay in the Third Division, along with Fourth Division play off candidates Wolves, Colchester and Aldershot.

Bolton face Aldershot over two legs and then face the winners of the Wolves-Colchester matches.

There's one thing, this football season certainly won't be going out with a whimper.

TODAY LEAGUE - DIVISION THREE (Final table)

	HOME			Goals		AWAY			Goals		Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Bournemouth	46	19	3	1	44	14	10	7	6	32	26	97
Midsbro	46	16	5	2	38	11	12	5	6	29	19	94
Swindon	46	14	5	4	37	19	11	7	5	40	28	87
Wigan	46	15	5	3	47	26	10	5	8	36	34	85
Gillingham	46	16	5	2	42	14	7	4	12	23	34	78
Bristol C	46	14	6	3	42	15	7	8	8	21	21	77
Notts Co	46	14	6	3	52	24	7	7	9	25	32	76
Walsall	46	16	4	3	50	27	6	5	12	30	40	75
Blackpool	46	11	7	5	35	20	5	9	9	39	39	64
Mansfd	46	9	9	5	30	23	6	7	10	22	32	61
Brentford	46	9	7	7	39	32	6	8	9	25	34	60
Port Vale	46	8	6	9	43	36	7	6	10	33	34	57
Doncaster	46	11	8	4	32	19	3	7	13	24	43	57
Rothrhm	46	10	6	7	29	23	5	6	12	19	34	57
Chester	46	7	9	7	32	28	6	8	9	29	31	56
Bury	46	9	7	7	30	26	5	6	12	24	34	55
Chstrfd	46	11	5	7	36	33	2	10	11	20	36	54
Fulham	46	8	8	7	35	41	4	9	10	24	36	53
Bristol R	46	7	8	8	26	29	6	4	13	23	46	51
York City	46	11	8	4	34	29	1	5	17	21	50	49
Bolton	46	8	5	10	29	26	2	10	11	17	32	45
Carlisle	46	7	5	11	26	35	3	3	17	13	43	38
Darlington	46	6	10	7	25	28	1	6	16	20	49	37
Newport	46	4	9	10	26	34	4	4	15	23	52	37

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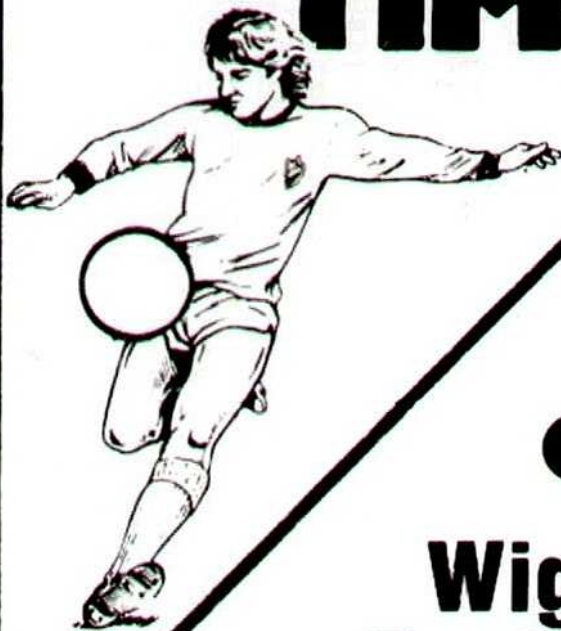
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GOOD evening and welcome to all the fans who have travelled up from Swindon. It is crucial that all supporters, both young and old, get right behind the Latics tonight and show how they can lift the team to victory.

It is always sad to see a team leave the League, especially Lincoln City with whom we had two good matches last season. Sad as it may seem but if Southport had not left the League, Wigan would not be challenging for a place in Division two next season.

Next Monday sees the 'Junior Latics' Player of the Season awards. As you may recall the voting took place two months ago but with the F.A. Cup run and now the 'Play offs', Monday is the first opportunity to get all the players together for the presentation.

Enjoy tonight's game and I hope to see as many of you as possible at Swindon on Sunday.

Dave Cadman
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Amongst her many hobbies she lists watching football as her favourite. Her favourite player here at Springfield Park is Barry Knowles.



FOOTBALL SECTION

May I first of all wish Ray Mathias and the players the best of luck in the Play-offs and congratulate them all on a fantastic season.

The end of season has arrived, and what a season it has been for us.

Our U.11s won their Lennox Cup Final against Grappenhall Sports 8-1 with Steve Hilton getting 4 goals. A match to remember.

Our U.12s won their Lennox Cup Final against Birchwood 4-2 and also beat Garswood 4-2 to clinch the League Championship as well. A great double.

Our U.13s finished runners-up in the League Championship. A long hard season going right to the last match. Only lost 2 League matches all season. Well done.

Our U.14s had a very good season. Won the League Championship. Only lost one match. Seven of the boys played for the Warrington Inter League team that won the Liverpool County Inter League Cup 3-0 against South Merseyside.

Our U.16s finished runners-up in the Cup and League with several of the boys playing for the Wigan League team.

Any boys that would like to join Wigan Junior Latics Football Section are welcome. Early in June we will be holding trials for the Under 11s of next year.

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We would like to thank everyone, particularly the managing director Arther Ashworth, for their tremendous support this season.

Commercially, the outcome of the Play-offs, if we win promotion will mean a real shake-up in thinking and attitudes in the Commercial Department.

In my two years at Wigan we have made progress, but it will seem as nothing compared with what would happen if we take advantage of the opportunities that will come our way as a Second Division club.

You only have to look at the teams that will be visiting Springfield Park and who they will be replacing to see what I mean, substitute Manchester City for Bury, Aston Villa for Walsall, Sheffield United for Rotherham, and the picture becomes clearer. Another very important factor is the fact that the Second Division is made up in the main Northern clubs.

Draw a line from Birmingham and look at the clubs north of it, Aston Villa, Birmingham, Barnsley, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford City, Huddersfield Town, Hull City, Leeds United, Manchester City, Oldham Athletic, Sheffield United, Shrewsbury Town, Stoke City, West Brom.

- Some of these games are not only mouth watering for the fans but also for our sponsors. Add to that the fact that our national press concentrate on the top two divisions and you can see the many opportunities that could come our way by playing big clubs and being in the national press every week.

- All I can do is hope and pray that the lads make it, but whatever happens, it really has been a remarkable season and one in which everyone at the club can take a great deal of pride in.

UPDATE OF THE CLUB RECORD

Derek at Smiths Bookshop tells us that the "Come on your Latics" record has been bought by people in West Germany, Holland and France. Ray Dorsett who sang lead vocal is currently on tour in France and has included the song in his show.

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	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
HOME	207	122	43	42	356	200
AWAY	207	58	67	82	245	310
TOTAL	414	180	110	124	601	510

Number of different sides played against now totals 60. League Doubles: For 41 Against 24.

APPEARANCES 86/87

	League	L'woods Cup	FA Cup	Freight R'ver	Total
Max Poss:	46	2	6	3	57
Adkins	8	-	1	-	9
Beesley	38 (1)	2	2	2	44 (1)
Butler	35 (1)	2	2 (1)	1	40 (2)
Campbell	33 (2)	-	5	3	41 (2)
Cook	26 (1)	1	3 (1)	2	32 (2)
Cribley	45	2	6	2	55
Griffiths	30 (1)	2	4	3	39 (1)
Hamilton	39 (2)	2	5	1	47 (2)
Hilditch	21 (7)	-	4	1	26 (7)
Holden	11	-	4	3	18
Houston	16 (1)	1 (1)	2	-	19 (2)
Jewell	38 (1)	1 (1)	6	3	48 (2)
Knowles	38 (1)	2	6	3	49 (1)
Lowe	45	2	5	3	55
Lowey	1 (2)	1	-	-	2 (2)
Thompson	42 (1)	2	6	3	53 (1)
Tunks	38	2	5	3	48
Whitehead	2	-	-	-	2

Substitutions in brackets

GOALSCORERS 86/87

	League	L'woods Cup	FA Cup	Freight R'ver	Total
Campbell	16	-	4	-	20
Lowe	16	-	2	1	19
Jewell	9	-	4	2	15
Thompson	9 (1 pen)	-	3	-	12 (1 pen)
Cribley	8 pens	1 pen	-	1 pen	10 pens
Hilditch	8	-	-	-	8
Cook	4	-	-	1	5
Houston	4	-	-	-	4
Griffiths	3	-	1	-	4
Hamilton	3	-	-	-	3
Knowles	1	-	-	1	2
Holden	1	-	-	-	1
Own Goal	1	-	-	-	1
Total	83	1	14	6	104

COMPARISON WITH LAST SEASON

Season	PL	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A	Pts	Pos.
85/86	46	17	4	2	54 - 17	6	10	7	28 - 31	83	4th
86/87	46	15	5	3	47 - 26	10	5	8	36 - 34	85	4th

HOME ATTENDANCES

Season	Highest	Lowest	Average
85/86	9,485 v. Plymouth	2,871 v. Brentford	4,353 (100,137)
86/87	6,857 v. Blackpool	2,163 v. Newport	3,397 (78,141)

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SWINDON Town won their first Football League title last season as they swept to the Fourth Division Championship under the astute guidance of their Team Manager - Lou Macari, the former Scotland, Glasgow Celtic and Manchester United star.

In compiling a Football League record of 102 points, Swindon Town passed several previously existing Club records with consummate ease.

Naturally the exploits of last season attracted several of the leading clubs to take a definite interest in the immediate future of the diminutive Scot, who had become one of the brightest and most promising young managers in the Football League.

The summer months were spent dissuading Coventry City, Leicester City and Glasgow Celtic from adding Lou Macari to their staff. While overtures were received from all three clubs along with more than a little interest from Spain, it was eventually a compromise that decided the immediate destiny of the popular Scot.

After being offered the position of Assistant Manager with Glasgow Celtic, Lou Macari finally settled for remaining as manager of Swindon Town. While his decision to stay at the County Ground caused disappointment at Parkhead, the home of his former club, Glasgow Celtic, he renewed his links with the Scottish champions by accepting scouting duties, with emphasis placed on the South of England.

Although interest was centred around the future of Lou Macari, he did not neglect his duties at the County Ground. In preparation for a return to Third Division soccer — Lou Macari strengthened his record breaking squad with four signings of merit. Former Watford and Grimsby Town Jimmy Gilligan returned south for a fee of £31,500 while the payment on Central Defender Tim Parkin, from Bristol Rovers and the highly promising Martin Ling* from Exeter City were decided by a July sitting of the Football League Tribunal.

Swindon Town had to pay £27,500 for Tim Parkin, while Exeter City were the recipients of



Back row (left to right): Mark Gardiner, Steve V Kenny Allen, David Bamber, Charlie Henry, Davi
row: Middle of row Andy Rowlands. Front row: Dave Hockaday, Andy Rowland (Player/Coach), I
Manager), John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Peter

£25,000 for Martin Ling. Former Bristol Rovers Striker, Steve White also moved to the County Ground on a free transfer after scoring sixteen goals last season for the former Eastville Club.

DAVE HOCKADAY (Defender): Born 9.11.57. The versatile former Blackpool player who moved to the County Ground from the Bloomfield Road Club in the close Season of 1983, proved a revelation in the Full Back hole he fulfilled in the second half of last season. Dave made 34 appearances and three substitute appearances in the Towns championship winning line-up of last season.

CHRIS RAMSEY (Defender): Born 28.4.62. The former Bristol City and Brighton Full Back joined the County Ground staff on loan initially. Lou Macari secured his permanent transfer in December 1984. Chris who suffered an unfortunate injury while appearing in the 1983 Brighton v. Manchester United F.A. Cup final at Wembley, made up for the disappointment of collecting a losers medal by collecting a Fourth Division Championship medal with Swindon Town last season. Chris missed only three League matches last season as Swindon

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nite, Jimmy Gilligan, Chris Kamara, Tim Parkin, Cole, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey. Middle lan McLoughlin, Mark Hughes, Jamie Reynolds,evin Morris (Physiotherapist), Lou Macari (Team oyne, Martin Ling, Leigh Barnard, Bryan Wade.

collected their first League title.

TIM PARKIN (Defender): Born 31.12.57. Joined the County Ground staff from Bristol Rovers in July for a Football League Tribunal fee of £27,500. The tall commanding Central Defender had made 219 League appearances for Rovers, Tim moved to the Bristol Club from Malmö (Sweden) in August 1986. Rated at £50,000 by Bristol Rovers prior to his move to Swindon, Tim had been 'Player of the Year' in successive seasons with the former Eastville Club. He originally made his Football League debut with Blackburn Rovers for whom he made 13 League appearances.

COLIN CALDERWOOD (Central Defender): Born 20.1.65. Without doubt Colin proved to be Lou Macari's outstanding signing as he built his championship winning team in the Summer of 1985. The former Mansfield Town Defender attracted a lot of attention from First Division clubs last season with his brilliant displays. Stranraer born, Colin, was the only Swindon Town player to make the 46 League appearances as Swindon collected their first ever League Championship

title. Colin rightfully won the 'Player of the Year' award in his first season with the Club.

CHRIS KAMARA (Midfield): Born 25.12.57. Chris rejoined the Club for a second spell in August 1985 from Brentford for a £12,500 transfer fee. Absent through injury in the first half of last Season the former Portsmouth apprentice made 19 League appearances and one as substitute, scoring one League goal. Chris is one of the few players in the Football League to have played for two League Clubs in different spells — Portsmouth and Swindon. Chris made 183 First team appearances in his first spell with the Club.

DAVE BAMBER (Striker): Born 1.2.59. Joined the Club from Portsmouth for a fee of £15,000 in March 1986 after an initial period on loan. Previously with Blackpool, Walsall and Coventry City, he brought a dimension to the team in the final matches leading to the Fourth Division Championship that had perhaps been lacking following Peter Coyne's early season injury. The fact that he scored nine goals in the latter part of last season contributed greatly to the Clubs championship title.

PETER COYNE (Midfield/Striker): Born 13.11.58. The former Manchester United, Crewe Alexandra and Hyde United striker was in brilliant form in the first half of last season, as he quickly swept into the lead as the Clubs leading goalscorer at the end of the October. A stomach injury curtailed his season from then on as Peter struggled to regain form and fitness. Peter scored eleven goals from his 30 League appearances and one as substitute in last Season's title win.

BRYAN WADE (Striker): Born 25.6.63. Bryan made a successful entry into League soccer last Season from Southern League Trowbridge Town. To have finished with a championship medal in his first season of full-time soccer was beyond the former Bath City and Trowbridge Town's strikers wildest dreams. Bryan's ten League goals from his 31 League appearances, and three as substitute had a significant part in the Town's first ever championship title win.

SPRINGFIELD SCENE

Congratulations to Barry Knowles, who was voted Player of the Year by you — the supporters — this season.

Barry won a close poll and was presented with the trophy at an excellent evening in the Supporters' Club on Monday night.

Skipper Alex Cribley deservedly won the Players Player of the Year and ever improving Paul Beesley was voted Young Player of the Year.

In fact, the award is a double for "Knowsley" because he's also won the Wigan Observer Trophy for coming top of the average markings in the newspaper's match reports home and away throughout the season.

Barry will be presented with that award by Wigan Observer Editor Mr. Bill Anderton before the kick off tonight.

As you know, the return leg of tonight's match at the County Ground, Swindon, on Sunday, will be all ticket.

TICKET DETAILS - SWINDON TOWN

Sunday, 17th May 1987

Thursday 14th May: The ticket office will be open after the match with Swindon Town until 10 p.m. Stand Seats, Stand Season Holders will have first chance of buying the few seats that are available.

Ground Tickets will be on sale to the general public after the match until 10 p.m.

Friday 15th May: Remaining tickets will be on sale until 7 p.m.

Saturday 16th May: Any remaining tickets will be on sale from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Monday 18th May: Ticket details for the Final will be released.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Those of your supporters who are travelling to Swindon for the second leg of the play-off's may be interested to know that the Swindon Programme Fair will be held that day. I would be most grateful, therefore, if you could find some space in your programme to give the event a mention. Full details are as follows:-

THE 9th ANNUAL SWINDON TOWN PROGRAMME FAIR

on SUNDAY 17th MAY 1987 from 10.30 a.m. in THE ATHLETIC'S CLUB (In the Main Stand) County Ground, Swindon — Admission 30p.

Many of the country's leading dealers will be in attendance, and I'm sure there will be several items of interest to the collectors amongst your supporters. The event is being organised by Swindon Town Supporters' Club.

I hope this information will prove to be of some use.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Skinner (Fair organiser)

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THE end of season play-offs are here and it's a warm welcome to our friends from Wiltshire — Swindon Town.

The game here a short while ago was a good advert for the game and providing the score is in Wigan's favour, I won't be too upset!

The new rulings of play-offs and relegation to the Vauxhall Conference have provided excellent talking material recently.

Firstly Burnley, who, after losing at Crewe sent a telex to the Football League asking for help. I like Burnley and when I'm not covering Latics games I usually end up at Turf Moor, but I believe the plea for special attention was wrong.

Progress has to be made — for too long the Home International Managers have complained that our footballers in the top flight are playing too much football — so two teams are to be lost from Division One — and lower down the leagues I defy anyone to say that play-offs are not an exciting prospect. I only wish they were here last year when out of Derby,

Reading and Plymouth, I think we would have gone up in place of one of them!

Roy Tunks recently sat on a Whitbread's Sporting Night that Red Rose organised and Roy as usual was a great ambassador for the club and answered all questions put to him.

Barry Knowles turned cricketer with Red Rose Celebrity Eleven recently and enjoyed himself so much he's playing for us again.

When the lads were going to Fulham, Barry and I had some cricket practice on the car park — Baz played a straight bat to everything and when I batted we lost the ball on the Commercial Department's roof.

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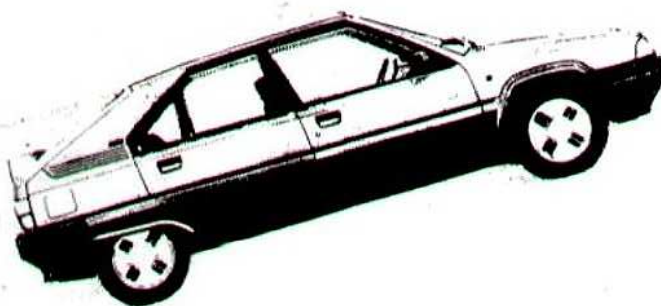
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

On Monday the presentation of the awards for players of the year were made. A good night was had by all. Our special congratulations to Barry Knowles, Paul Beesley, and Alex Cribley on the respective awards.

Enjoy a pint after the match.

Stuart Cooper
CHAIRMAN

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FACTS & FIGURES



AUGUST

23	Sat.	Notts. County	A	0-2	3,533	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Jewell	Hamilton	Lowey	Houston	Griffiths
26	Tue.	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-3	2,368	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Jewell	Thompson	Griffiths	Houston	Cook
30	Sat.	Middlesbrough	H	0-2	2,904	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Beesley	Cribley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Cook	Griffiths	Houston

SEPTEMBER

2	Tue.	Blackburn R.(LC 2nd rd 2nd leg)	A	0-2	2,831	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Houston	Thompson	Cook	Griffiths	Jewell	Mitchell
6	Sat.	Bristol City	A	1-2	6,729	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Cook	Griffiths	Hilditch	
13	Sat.	Newport County	H	1-2	2,163	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Cook	Griffiths	Hilditch*	
16	Tue.	Walsall	H	5-1	2,185	Tunks	Butler	Hilditch	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Cook	Griffiths	Houston	
20	Sat.	Blackpool	A	1-5	4,905	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Hilditch	Griffiths	Cook	
26	Fri.	Bolton Wanderers 7.45pm	H	2-1	4,986	Tunks	Butler	Hilditch	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Houston	Cook	Knowles	
30	Tue.	Rotherham United	A	2-0	2,417	Tunks	Butler	Hilditch	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Houston	Cook	Knowles	

OCTOBER

5	Sun.	Swindon Town 3.00 pm	A	1-3	6,450	Tunks	Butler	Hilditch	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Houston*	Knowles*
11	Sat.	Bristol Rovers	H	4-3	2,438	Tunks	Butler*	Hilditch	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston*	Griffiths	Jewell*
18	Sat.	Fulham	H	2-0	2,495	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Jewell
21	Tue.	Chesterfield	A	3-4	1,804	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Jewell
25	Sat.	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	1-3	4,911	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Lowey

NOVEMBER

1	Sat.	Carlisle United	H	2-0	2,982	Adkins	Butler	Beesley	Hamilton	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Hilditch
4	Tue.	Doncaster Rovers	H	1-1	2,368	Adkins	Butler	Beesley	Hamilton	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Hilditch
8	Sat.	Port Vale	A	1-0	3,289	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Houston	Griffiths	Hilditch
15	Sat.	Lincoln City (FAC 1)	H	3-1	3,547	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Houston	Griffiths	Hilditch
22	Sat.	Darlington	A	0-1	1,612	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Jewell	Houston	Griffiths	
29	Sat.	Gillingham	H	3-1	2,492	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch

DECEMBER

6	Sat.	Darlington (FAC2)	A	5-0	2,552	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Houston	Hilditch	Beesley
13	Sat.	Brentford	H	1-1	2,411	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Beesley	
16	Tue.	Wrexham (FRT)	H	2-2	1,465	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Beesley	Houston
21	Sun.	Mansfield Town 3.00 pm	A	5-0	3,035	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hamilton	
26	Fri.	Chester 12 noon	H	2-2	4,187	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Houston	
27	Sat.	York City	A	1-1	3,237	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Houston	Beesley	

JANUARY '87

1	Thur.	Bury	A	3-1	3,324	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch	
3	Sat.	Darlington	H	1-1	3,154	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook*	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Houston	Griffiths	Hilditch	
19	Mon.	Gillingham (FAC 3)	H	2-1	3,459	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Hilditch	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Beesley	Mitchell
24	Sat.	Bristol City	H	3-1	3,092	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Hilditch	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Beesley	
31	Sat.	Norwich City (FAC 4)	H	1-0	8,095	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Hilditch	Beesley	Lowey

FEBRUARY

3	Tue.	Tranmere Rovers (FRT)	A	3-2	1,217	Tunks	Cribley	Knowles	Cook	Beesley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch	Lowey
7	Sat.	Walsall	A	3-2	6,959	Tunks	Cribley	Knowles	Cook	Beesley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Hilditch	Jewell	Griffiths	Lowey	
10	Tue.	Bury (FRT)	A	3-5pens	1,112	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Beesley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Cook	Schofield
13	Fri.	Blackpool	H	4-1	6,857	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Cook	Cribley*	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Hilditch		
21	Sat.	Hull City (FAC 5)	H	3-0	11,453	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Cook	Beesley
28	Sat.	Rotherham United	H	2-1	3,917	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Holden	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Beesley	

MARCH

3	Tue.	Carlisle United	A	2-0	2,278	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Cook	
7	Sat.	AFC Bournemouth	H(Ab. 61mins)	1-1	3,814	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Butler	Cook
15	Sun.	Leeds Utd (FAC 6)	H	0-2	12,250	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Butler	Cook
17	Tue.	Chesterfield	H	1-1	2,553	Tunks	Hamilton	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Butler	
21	Sat.	Bristol Rovers	A	0-1	2,635	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch	
24	Tue.	Notts County	H	1-0	3,171	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Hilditch	
28	Sat.	Swindon Town	H	3-2	4,424	Adkins	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Hilditch	
31	Tue.	Newport County	A	2-1	1,428	Adkins	Butler	Beesley	Hamilton	Cribley	Whitehead	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Hilditch	

APRIL

4	Sat.	Port Vale	H	2-1	3,567	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Hilditch	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Houston
7	Tue.	Bolton Wanderers	A	2-1	5,321	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Hilditch	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Thompson
14	Tue.	Bournemouth	H	0-2	4,672	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Hilditch	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Thompson
17	G.Fri.	Bury 11.30 am	H	1-0	3,892	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Hilditch
20	Mon.	Chester	A	2-1	3,813	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Hilditch	Jewell	Cook	Campbell
22	Wed.	Doncaster Rovers	A	1-1	1,470	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Houston	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Hilditch	Cook	Griffiths
25	Sat.	Mansfield Town	H	3-0	3,395	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Houston
28	Tue.	Fulham	A	2-2	3,609	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hilditch	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Hamilton

MAY

2	Sat.	Gillingham	A	0-0	5,376	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch
4	Mon.	York City	H	3-0	3,816	Tunks	Butler	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Griffiths	Hilditch
6	Wed.	Middlesbrough	A	0-0	18,523	Tunks	Hilditch	Knowles	Hamilton	Whitehead	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Campbell	Jewell	Cook	Houston
9	Sat.	Brentford	A	3-2	4,235	Tunks	Hilditch	Knowles	Hamilton	Cribley	Beesley	Low	Thompson	Houston	Jewell	Cook	Schofield
14	Thu.	Swindon T.(Play off SF 1st leg)	H														
16	Sat.	F.A.Cup Final															
17	Sun.	Swindon T.(Play off SF 2nd leg)	A														

IN RESERVE

AUGUST

27 Wed. Notts County..... A 3-0

SEPTEMBER

2 Tue. Bolton Wanderers..... H 2-2
 9 Tue. Bradford City..... H 1-5
 17 Wed. Rotherham United..... H 2-0
 24 Wed. Barnsley..... A 1-2

OCTOBER

1 Wed. West Bromwich Albion..... H 2-4
 6 Mon. Stoke City Res.7pm..... A 1-2
 15 Wed. Grimsby Town..... A 1-1
 22 Wed. Huddersfield Town..... H 1-4
 29 Wed. Port Vale..... A 3-0

NOVEMBER

5 Wed. Scunthorpe United..... A 3-1
 11 Tue. Preston North End..... A 0-3
 18 Tue. York City..... H 5-1
 26 Wed. Darlington..... A 1-1

DECEMBER

2 Tue. Doncaster Rovers..... H 3-1

JANUARY 1987

6 Tue. Blackpool..... A 1-1
 13 Tue. Notts County..... H P
 21 Wed. Bolton Wanderers..... A P

27 Tue. Bradford City..... A 1-3

FEBRUARY

3 Tue. Barnsley..... H 1-3
 10 Tue. Rotherham United..... A 0-3
 18 Wed. York City..... A 2-2
 23 Mon. Darlington..... H 1-0

MARCH

4 Wed. Huddersfield Town..... A 1-3
 10 Tue. Grimsby Town..... H 2-2
 18 Wed. Stoke City..... H 1-1
 25 Wed. West Bromwich Albion..... A 3-2

APRIL

1 Wed. Scunthorpe United..... H 1-0
 6 Mon. Port Vale..... H 2-1
 15 Wed. Doncaster Rovers..... A 4-0
 27 Mon. Blackpool..... H 2-2
 30 Thu. Bolton Wand'ers..... A 2-2

MAY

7 Thu. Bradford City (7.30)..... A 0-0
 11 Mon. Preston NE (6.30)..... H 1-4
 18 Mon. Notts County (7.00)..... H

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Next season, also, the likes of current Wigan Boys players John Smith will be available for our Youth side so our little conveyor belt of talent is still working. We never shout the odds about our youngsters but all the coaching staff keep their fingers crossed that another talented kid will go all the way in 'The People's Game'.

Meanwhile, England Boys had a triumphant tour over Easter with a 2-1 win over Holland, a 1-1 draw in Belgium and a super 2-0 victory over Italy in a packed stadium in Venice. Nearer to home, our very own Wigan Boys U.15s play here at Springfield Park next Tuesday (K.O. 7 p.m.) in the Final of the G.M. County Cup — it promises to be another exciting schoolboy match.

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Signing Off...

WERE you all absolutely thrilled and delighted that Burnley didn't drop out of the Football League at the weekend?
Of course you were. No-one wants to see clubs drop anywhere and the rule brought in last season that the 92nd place club makes way for the club at the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference is a good thing, even if it does mean that there will be tears and much gnashing of teeth this time every season from now on.

But while thrilled at Burnley's last minute pardon, "Signing Off" does feel a little annoyed at the treatment handed out to the club that did eventually drop out of the League - Lincoln City.

Burnley have the tradition of course. They've been League Champions and graced Wembley and the First Division in their past history, while Lincoln? Well they haven't won much.
But does that warrant the near hysteria in some quarters that's been apparent throughout the last few weeks.
Certain newspapers and individuals have only just fallen short of going the whole hog and saying: "We don't want Burnley to go out. Lincoln, Torquay, Rochdale, Tranmere? Well we're not really bothered about them."

How must poor Lincoln have felt while all this was going on? Radio Two even did their live second half commentary from Turf Moor for Burnley's game with Orient.
There was no mistaking the delight in the commentator's voice at the end and, to really rub Lincoln's nose in the dirt, they even managed to get manager Peter Daniel (a brave man if ever there was one to give an interview when his team had just been kicked out of the League) to say what he thought.

Not surprisingly the man couldn't muster much in the face of things like: "Well, Peter, Burnley are safe (gloat, gloat), how does it feel to be playing in non-league football next season?"
"Signing Off" would like to repeat its delight that Burnley didn't go out of the League. It would also like to express its sadness to Lincoln City.
If Lincoln do manage to climb back next season, courtesy of winning the GM Vauxhall Conference, and then climb through the divisions to do a Wimbledon - and who's to say it won't happen - maybe a two-fingered salute to certain sections wouldn't go amiss.



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(Blue & White)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John Butler
- 3 Barry Knowles
- 4 David Hamilton
- 5 Alex Cribbley
- 6 Paul Beesley
- 7 David Lowe
- 8 Chris Thompson
- 9 Bobby Campbell
- 10 Paul Jewell
- 11 Ian Griffiths
- 12 Mark Hilditch

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(Yellow)

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- 2 Dave Hockaday
- 3 Phil King
- 4 Mark Jones
- 5 Tim Parking
- 6 Colin Calderwood
- 7 Dave Bamber
- 8 Chris Kamara
- 9 Jimmy Quinn
- 10 Peter Coyne
- 11 Steve Berry
- 12 Chris Ramsey