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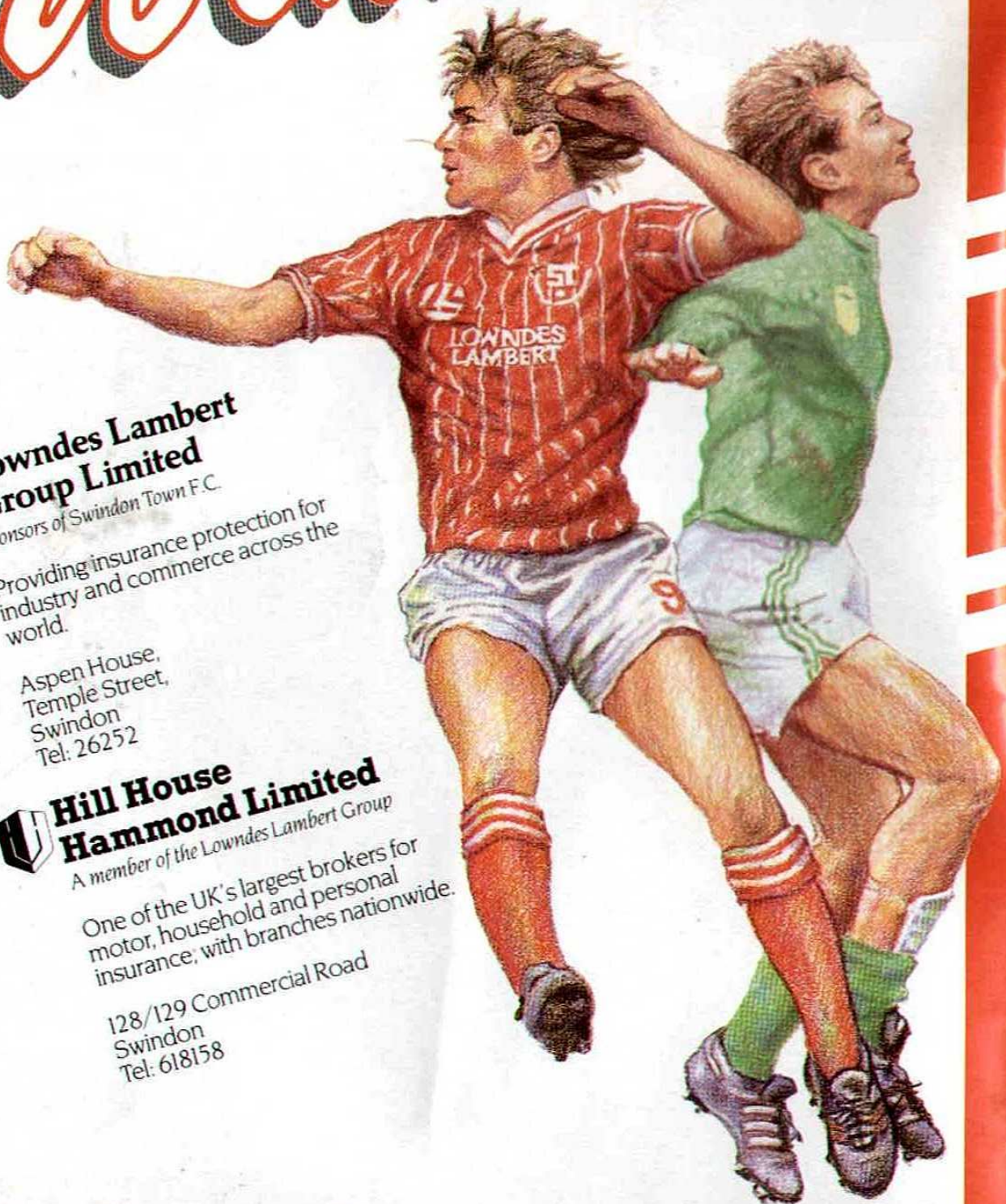
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# COUNTY GROUND

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## FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS AFTERNOONS MATCH WITH WIGAN ATHLETIC. WE WELCOME THE SPRINGFIELD PARK CLUB IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT TODAYS MATCH IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN EITHER CLUBS HISTORY.

Obviously we feel that we have every reason to feel aggrieved at completing the season in third position and not gaining promotion. In seasons previous we would now be contemplating Second Division Soccer here at the County Ground, next August. To have gained 87 points would have been sufficient in past seasons to have seen Swindon Town finish in second place.

Whatever we may now consider to be an injustice we must all admit we entered the season with optimism that we would be able to consolidate in a higher division. The final few weeks came as a disappointment only because we obtained a position above our highest hopes.

All four clubs who have reached the play off stage in the Third Division will enter this final phase of a long season with an equal opportunity.

It has not been possible to write this column with the knowledge of the result of the First leg of our match at Wigan known to me. Therefore I can only hope that we have been able to obtain a favourable result from our visit to the hospitable Northern Club.

Whatever the outcome of this semi-final tie, I would like to pay tribute to Wigan Athletic on their considerable progress in the Football League in a short space of time. Ably led by Ray Mathias who took over the managerial reins from former County Ground player Bryan Hamilton he has made Wigan one of the most resolute clubs in the Division.



I would like to pay a belated compliment to Keith Cooper, our local based referee who has been promoted to the 'Today' Football League Panel of Referees for next season. Keith who has often assisted the Club by officiating at many of our pre-season and friendly matches of previous seasons, will be the first Swindon based referee for many seasons. We are sure that he will make admirable progress and become a well respected member among the fraternity of match officials. Our best wishes are extended to Keith for a successful 1987/88 season. Whatever the outcome of the play-off system please remember that our team have given of their best win or lose.

*Brian All*

# comment

### PLAY-OFFS ARE NOT THE RIGHT ANSWER

We now witness several 'Cup-Finals' before the curtain falls on the 1986-87 season. For the clubs involved the controversial play-off matches to decide promotion and relegation will be every bit as important as yesterdays F.A. Cup Final showpiece at Wembley.

With so much at stake there will be a lot of tension and frankly that is not a good thing. It must be an

unfair system that the fate of any club should be determined by four extra matches right at the end of a season.

After a long, gruelling campaign of 46 matches, it is utterly foolish for any manager to pretend he has had an unlucky season.

For surely eight-and-a-half months of football provides a fair reflection of whether you are a good or bad team. The clubs who win each division usually deserve to do so. If you finish fifth, you are the fifth best team. The same principle applies at the other end of the table. Hopefully the best referees will have been employed for these matches where there is such a big prize at stake.

It is also an unfair system on the various team managers, for they are forced to delay their retained lists until they know which division they will be playing in next season.

It is also an illusion that the play-offs will generate tremendous additional revenue for each club will take 25% from each match. The remaining fifty per cent will be taken by the Football League!

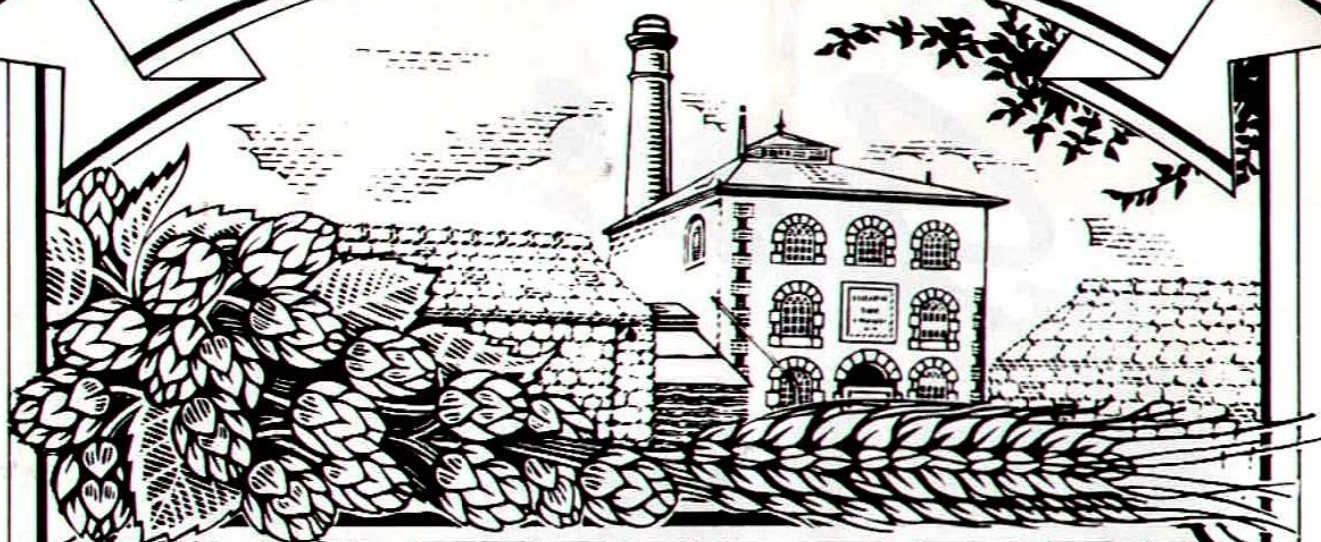
Admittedly the matches will generate tremendous interest at the clubs involved with big crowds anticipated. Of course the one aspect that the overseers of our National game have not envisaged is the possibility of the danger to tradition! If the matches were played in beautiful weather it may inspire talk about summer football. The traditionalists would still prefer the winter months.

Those who dreamt up this scheme will probably be lazing in the garden or sunbathing in Cannes, St. Tropez or Bermuda.

Remember the idea was for the first division to be reduced to 20 clubs. A process designed to take place over a period of two years. Not really designed to help Bobby Robson, Andy Roxbrough, Mike England or Billy Bingham. Remember the new league president Philip Carter has already announced he is exploring ideas for a new competition to fill the gap. Well, what did you expect?

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WE HAVE HAD TO FORGET OUR DISAPPOINTMENT IN FINISHING IN THIRD POSITION IN THE LEAGUE TABLE AND CONCENTRATE ON COMPLETING THE JOB AT HAND. WHETHER WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST HALF OF THIS, WILL HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY HOW WELL WE PERFORMED AT WIGAN LAST THURSDAY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE RESULT WE OBTAINED.

Although we feel that we have justifiably earned the right to take our position in the Second Division, it is now history that we are unable to do so. We must make sure that we complete these four matches if possible with maximum effort.

For one of our players the season will be a long way from being complete for it was with great pleasure that we heard of the selection of Fraser Digby for the England squad who will be playing in France during June.

How ironic that Fraser Digby will be in direct competition to Tim Flowers of Southampton. Tim of course spent a months loan period with the Town only recently. It will be interesting to see whether Tim will be regarded as the No. 1 Keeper or Fraser.

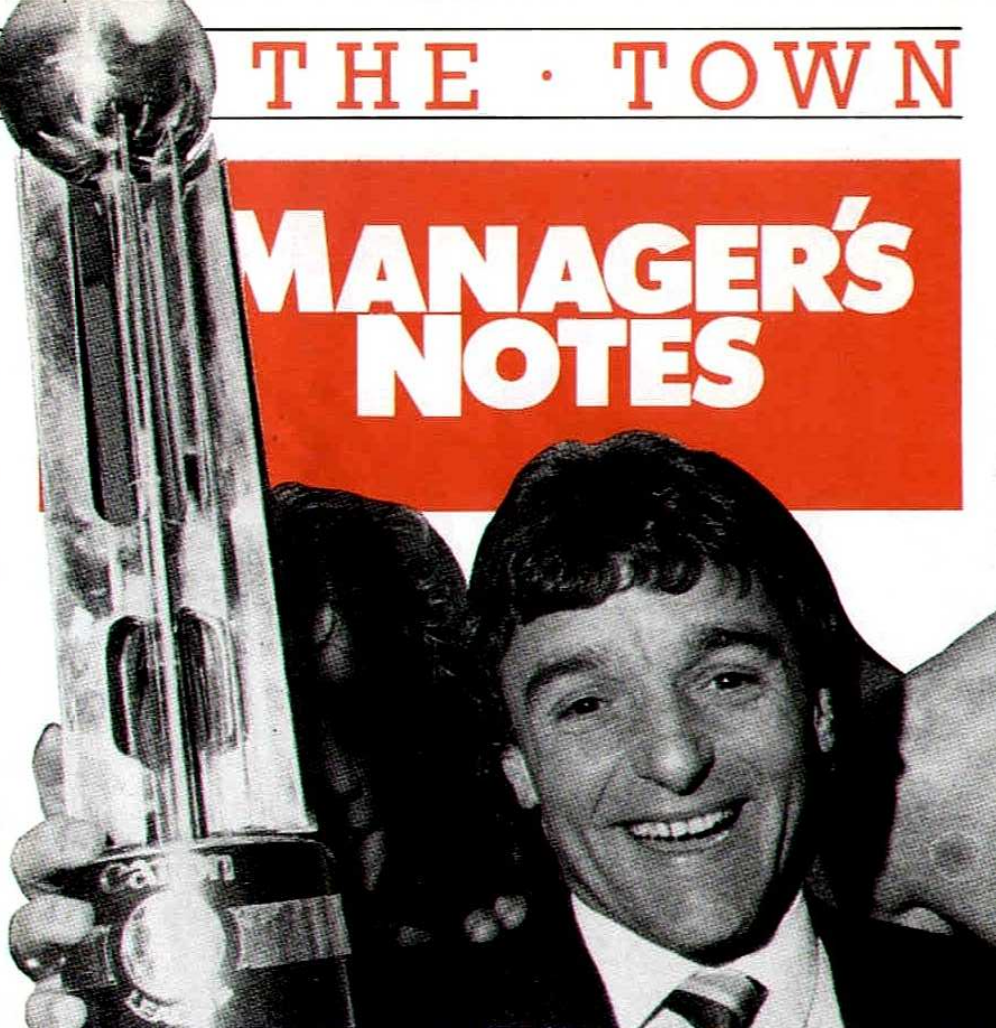
It is a tribute to Fraser that he is included in a squad with several players who look to have a fine future ahead of them.

A look through the rest of the squad will show you the quality travelling to Toulouse. Nigel Gibbs (Watford), Tony Dorigo (Aston Villa), Steve Sedgley (Coventry City), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Gus Caesar (Arsenal), Martin Keown (Aston Villa), David Rocastle (Arsenal), Paul Gascoigne (Newcastle United), Jason Dozzell (Ipswich Town), Gary Porter (Watford), Franz Carr (Nottingham Forest), Martin Hayes (Arsenal), Nigel Clough (Nottingham Forest), Robert Rosario (Norwich City), Robert Simpson (Manchester City).

Although Fraser had planned his holiday with his girl friend at that time, he like all professional players realise that 'affairs of the heart' must come second to their chosen profession, whether at club or INTERNATIONAL level.

DON'T FORGET THAT IF TODAY'S MATCH FINISHES ALL SQUARE AFTER 90 MINUTES, EXTRA TIME WILL BE PLAYED. IF THE SCORES ARE THEN STILL LEVEL THE AWAY GOALS RULE WILL APPLY, FOLLOWED, IF NECESSARY, BY PENALTY KICKS.

Of interest to you all will be the disciplin-



ary manner in which players will be dealt with.

A player SENT FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY for persisting in misconduct after a caution will be SUSPENDED from his Club's next match in the play-off competition.

A player SENT FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY for violent conduct, serious foul play or for using foul or abusive language will be suspended from his club's next 2 MATCHES in the Play-off Competition.

Any Suspensions or part thereof which remain outstanding at the end of the competition must be served at the commencement of the next following season.

So it is important that despite the intensity the play-offs will generate that everyone keeps a cool head or otherwise they could jeopardise their clubs chance of progress.

Without knowing who the officials are for these series of matches it is hoped that they will be some of the most experienced and also some of the fittest. There have been isolated cases this season when one or two referees appeared as if they could have been fitter. Football is

becoming an ever increasing game of pace. Some players are not as fit as they should be and in seasons to come some may find it difficult to stay in the game.

THIS AFTERNOON WE WILL NEED OUR SUPPORTERS TO BE RIGHT BEHIND THE PLAYERS FROM START TO FINISH AND WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, WIN OR LOSE. YOU ARE ALL REPRESENTING SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB. Some of the recent incidents that have been seen on television regarding those who pretend to support Chelsea are not only degrading of our game but also of the standard of life. Football is well rid of these morons.

*Ken Macfarlane*

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## SCENE

# On Three

Oh dear! Swindon Town have completed the season, collected 87 points and yet we failed to collect the prize of promotion to Division Two!

A look at the five previous seasons where the three points rule for a win has applied, show that we have collected more points than any of the teams, with the exception of Hull City, who have finished the season in third place and were rewarded with automatic promotion!

Taking each season in order since the three points system was introduced show the following:-

Fulham collected 78 points in 1981-82.

Huddersfield Town collected 78 points in 1982-83.

Sheffield United finished with 83 points in 1983-84.

Hull City accumulated 87 points in 1984-85.

While Derby County who are bound for First Division football next season finished with 84 points at the conclusion of the 1985-86 season.

To make matters even worse we have obtained more points than Carlisle United when they completed the 1981/82 season in SECOND position. We also surpassed the 86 points collected by Cardiff City 1982/83.

All of this after the disappointing start we made to the season. A glance at the League table after the initial matches of the season showed that we were struggling to make an impact after our Fourth Division Championship success the previous season.

### Swindon's surge

Swindon's position at the bottom of Division Three following matches on Saturday, Oct 11...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Darlington	9	3	1	5	9	16	10
Port Vale	9	2	3	4	12	14	9
Wigan	8	3	0	5	12	15	9
Bury	9	2	3	4	11	14	9
SWINDON	7	2	2	3	10	13	8
Bolton	9	2	1	6	14	17	7
Chester	8	1	4	3	7	12	7
Carlisle	7	1	3	3	7	13	6
Rotherham	9	1	2	6	5	13	5
Walsall	8	1	2	5	10	20	5

SWINDON'S position at the top of Division Three six months later...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	42	26	9	7	68	38	87
Middlesbrough	40	23	9	8	57	29	78
SWINDON	39	22	8	9	67	42	74
Notts County	41	20	12	9	70	46	72
Wigan	39	22	6	11	71	53	72
Bristol City	40	19	11	10	56	31	68
Gillingham	39	20	7	12	58	41	67
Walsall	39	18	7	14	67	60	61
Blackpool	41	15	14	12	69	50	59

The improvement thereafter was most creditable and the same tribute must be paid to our opponents today. Wigan Athletic. Also the efforts of Walsall can be bracketed with both clubs. Whatever feelings we have of not gaining

automatic promotion it is only fair and charitable to emphasise that our opponents this afternoon, Wigan Athletic, have once again finished in fourth position while Gillingham have emulated their efforts by repeating their final position of last season, fifth!

The leading final positions for 1985-86 season were:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	46	29	7	10	67	51	94
Plymouth Argyle	46	26	9	11	88	53	87
Derby County	46	23	15	8	80	41	84
Wigan Athletic	46	23	14	9	82	48	83
Gillingham	46	22	13	11	81	54	79

The 1-1 draw that we achieved at Bristol City last Saturday before a crowd of 19,201, the highest that City have recorded for five years, enabled Gillingham to qualify for the play-offs. Their opponents are Second Division Sunderland.

Trevor Morgan probably made local history by becoming the only player to score for both Bristol clubs during the course of the same season against Swindon Town. Trevor of course scored both of Rovers goals in their 2-1 triumph at the County Ground last November.

Those who have travelled to away matches this season have had value for money, just five defeats in league encounters! You have also seen Swindon Town score more goals on opponents territory than any other club in the Division - 40. Only Middlesbrough with 12 away wins did better than the Town with eleven to their credit.

The final league table reveals all:-

HOME	DIVISION 3		Goals
	Goals	AWAY	
Bournemouth	46	19	3 1 44 14 10 7 6 32 26...97
Middlesbrough	46	18	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 26 32...76
Walsall	46	16	4 3 50 27 6 5 12 30 42...75
Blackpool	46	11	7 5 35 20 5 9 9 39 39...64
Mansfield	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
Rotherham	46	10	6 7 29 23 5 6 12 19 34...57
Chester	46	7	9 7 32 26 6 8 9 29 31...56
Bury	46	9	7 7 30 26 5 6 12 24 34...55
Chesham	46	11	5 7 36 33 2 10 11 20 36...54
Fulham	46	8	8 7 38 41 4 9 10 24 38...53
Bristol F	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
Derlington	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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This is not the first occasion we have been involved in a play off system, for interestingly in the old Southern league days Swindon were involved three times in play off matches or Test matches as they were then known. Whereas today Swindon are playing to try and gain promotion in these three matches were playing to avoid relegation. Unlike the present system of home and away matches these fixtures are played on neutral grounds.

In 1895 Swindon crashed five one at Caversham to New Brompton and seemed doomed to the Southern League Division Two. However the league's First Division was extended by two Clubs the following season. Swindon Town were elected largely due to the excellent rail links the G.W.R. provided to so many other places in the League.

The farcical nature that these Test matches could descent to was shown in 1901 at Elm Park. Swindon played Brentford. After ninety minutes the score remained nil nil. Extra time was played but bad light eventually forced the game to be abandoned without any clear result and Swindon clung on to First Division status once again.

Swindon's last Test match was also at Elm Park. Two goals by Frank Becton and one from Dave Cowan gave Swindon a three one victory over Fulham and insured Swindon of a place in Division One of the Southern League which they maintained until joining the Football League Division Three South on its creation in 1920.

## The Ups and Downs

The play-offs system brought bumper crowds to many games last Saturday with 31 of the 92 league clubs still involved in vital promotion and relegation issues.

So many wanted to watch the Burnley v Orient Fourth Division clash that the game was put back 15 minutes.

The issues settled were:

### DIVISION ONE

Champions: Everton. Relegated: Villa, Man City, Leicester. Play-offs: Charlton.

### DIVISION TWO

Champions: Derby. Promoted: Portsmouth. Play-offs: Oldham, Leeds, Ipswich. Relegated: Brighton, Grimsby. Play-offs: Sunderland.

### DIVISION THREE

Champions: Bournemouth. Promoted: Middlesbrough. Play-offs: Swindon, Wigan, Gillingham. Relegated: Carlisle, Newport, Darlington. Play-offs: Bolton.

### DIVISION FOUR

Champions: Northampton. Promoted: Preston, Southend. Play-offs: Wolves, Colchester, Aldershot. Expelled: Lincoln.



By Michael Scott

**Last Thursday's fixture at Springfield Park will ultimately have more importance to both teams season's, than either league meeting between the club. The remarkable match at Wigan on 18th March however, boosted the Lancashire clubs promotion aspirations from dream into reality.**

A frantic first ten minutes, saw Wigan take a 2-1 lead to welcome the "Town" to Springfield Park for the first time ever.

Without Jimmy Quinn, the victim of a pre match injury, and with both Fraser Digby and Tim Parkin suspended, Lou Macari was forced to reshuffle the side just when it needed changing least.

Chris Ramsey occupied Parkin's centre half slot with loan keeper Tim Flowers deputising for Fraser Digby.

The unfamiliar defensive combination soon fell victim to Wigan pressure as Bobby Campbell dived through an uncertain gathering of Swindon players to head the home side in front.

Swindon's response was fortunately swift, with an equaliser within a minute.

Dave Bamber rose inside the Wigan area to fully capitalise on some suspect goalkeeping from Nigel Adkins.

With Swindon's makeshift defence being split at every opportunity, it was only three minutes before Wigan regained the lead. David Lowe broke clear, and was hauled down just inside the box by Colin Calderwood. Alex Cribley converted the resultant penalty after referee George Tyson had laboured over the fact that Tim Flowers should remain on his line.

The biggest blow of the game for an already depleted "Town" side came in the 25th minute with the loss of David Hockaday. The full back sustained a serious head injury, which brought Bryan Wade into the action and forced Mark Jones back into defence. Despite the seemingly insurmountable problems that faced them, Swindon once again tapped their store of fighting spirit to draw level again two minutes into the second half.

A perfectly flighted ball down the right from Leigh Barnard, found Bryan Wade, whose cross was carried into the net by the swirling wind.

In the 68th minute, Swindon themselves were the victims of the gale, as a poor kick from Flowers held up in the air to fall at the feet of Paul Cook who advanced towards the hesitant "Town" keeper before lifting the ball into the net.

Hopefully the road to Wigan Pier will have been paved with gold this time around and this afternoon will see Swindon Town advance into the next stage of the play offs. One thing that is sure though, if the action this afternoon is half as exciting as the game at Springfield Park in March then today's game promises to be a real classic.

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by Dave Eaton

## OUR VISITORS



## WIGAN ATHLETIC



Back Row:	Roy Tunks (Assistant Manager)	Barry Knowles	Paul Beesley	John Lowey	Nigel Adkins	Mark Schofield	Chris Thompson	Paul Cook	David Bingham (Physio)
Middle Row:	David Hamilton	Graham Houston	John Butler	Ray Mathias (Manager)	Alex Cribley	Ian Griffins	Paul Jewell		
Front Row:	David Lowe	Jimmy Mitchell							

For the second successive year today's visitors Wigan have finished in fourth place in the Division 3 table. Last season it brought despair, missing out on promotion to the Second Division by just one point. They seemed at one stage certain for promotion but then only three victories and five draws in the last ten games finally ruined that dream.

This season though the fourth placing has given the club a place in the end of season play-offs and still hope of rectifying last year's disappointment. To have reached the play-offs is a fine achievement considering the very poor start to the season made by the Latics.

With the departure of Bryan Hamilton to Leicester City, assistant Ray Mathias took over the reigns. But in the opening fifteen games his side managed just five victories and were knocked out of the Littlewoods cup by Blackburn Rovers.

The beginning of November marked the start of a remarkable league recovery which was supplemented later with a fantastic run in the F.A. Cup.

In the 33 League games since November 1st Wigan have been beaten only three times - at home by Bournemouth and away at Darlington and Bristol Rovers.

It has seen them rise from the basement region to the lofty fourth position.

In the F.A. Cup, Wigan set the whole footballing fraternity talking by reaching the sixth round of the competition.

On the way they defeated Lincoln, Darlington, Gillingham, 1st Division Norwich, & Hull before finally losing out at Springfield Park in front of a crowd of 12,250 to Leeds United 2-0.

Wigan are the last side to be elected to the football league. Following an excellent non-league track record they were justifiably given membership in 1978 at the expense of Southport.

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They quickly consolidated their new found league status and in 1981/82 season gained promotion to the Third Division after finishing in third place behind Sheffield United and Bradford City.

Since then they have gone from strength to strength finishing as stated previously fourth in the last two seasons.

## Meet the Players and Manager

A former assistant at the club, became manager in June 86 when Bryan Hamilton departed for Leicester. Liverpool born Ray, a defender, played over 600 games for Tranmere, 567 of them in the league - his only club which he joined as an apprentice. Was coach and assistant manager at Tranmere before moving to Springfield Park.

### Roy Tunks (goalkeeper)

Born Wuppertal (W. Germany) signed from Preston four seasons ago on a free transfer. Made 277 league appearances for the Deepdale Club. Previous clubs Rotherham, York City (loan), Ipswich (loan), and Newcastle (loan), and has made 48 full appearances this season.

### Alex Cribley (defender)

Born Liverpool. Joined Wigan in 1980 from Liverpool where he gained considerable experience in the Central League side. Over 250 league appearances for Wigan.

### David Lowe (striker)

Born Liverpool. A product of the Latics youth policy. Made his first team debut within two months of moving from the youth team. Joined the club in August 82. A member of the England Youth and under 19s sides. Only missed 2 games this season and scorer of 19 goals.

### Paul Cook (midfielder)

Born Liverpool. Another product of the youth policy. Signed professionally on his 17th birthday and made his league debut against Reading in May 85. Made 13 league appearances last season, 17 full appearances this season.

### John Butler (defender)

Born Liverpool. 24 year old who joined the club from non-league Prescott Cables. Has the distinction of having played in every position on the field including goalkeeper!

### Paul Jewell (striker)

Born Liverpool. An apprentice at Liverpool and a regular in the reserve team. Played six league games on loan to Wigan before signing permanent terms in February 1985.

## HOW WIGAN REACHED THE PLAY-OFFS

Home			Away		
Feb 13	W4-1	Blackpool	L1-5	Sep 20	
Sep 26	W2-1	Bolton W	W2-1	Apr 7	
Apr 14	L0-2	Bournemouth	L1-3	Oct 25	
Dec 13	D1-1	Brentford	W3-2	May 9	
Jan 24	W3-1	Bristol C	L1-2	Sep 6	
Oct 11	W4-3	Bristol R	L0-1	Mar 21	
Apr 17	W1-0	Bury	W3-1	Jan 1	
Nov 1	W2-0	Carlisle U	W2-0	Mar 3	
Dec 26	D2-2	Chester C	W2-1	Apr 20	
Mar 17	D1-1	Chesterfield	L3-4	Oct 21	
Jan 3	D1-1	Darlington	L0-1	Nov 22	
Nov 4	D1-1	Dorchester R	D1-1	Apr 22	
Oct 18	W2-0	Fulham	D2-2	Apr 28	
Nov 29	W3-1	Gillingham	D0-0	May 2	
Apr 25	W3-0	Mansfield T	W5-1	Dec 21	
Aug 30	L0-2	Middlesbrough	D0-0	May 6	
Sep 13	L1-2	Newport Co	W2-1	Mar 31	
Mar 24	W1-0	Notts Co	L0-2	Aug 23	
Apr 4	W2-1	Port Vale	W1-0	Nov 8	
Feb 28	W2-1	Rotherham U	W2-0	Sep 30	
Sep 16	W5-1	Walsall	W3-2	Feb 7	
May 4	W3-2	York C	D1-1	Dec 27	

Oct 5	SWINDON TOWN	3	(Bamber 11, Jones 16, Kamara 28, Campbell 70)	Att 6,450
	Wigan Athletic	1		
Mar 28	Wigan Athletic	3	(Campbell 3, Cribley 7 pen., Cook 66, Bamberg 4, Wade 47)	Att 4,424
	SWINDON TOWN	2		

## WIGANS FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Home	Away	Pts	Final Posn	Avg Home Gate	Top League Scorer
Division Four						
1978/79	46 14 5 4 40-24	7 8 8 23-24	55	6th	6,701	Peter Houghton 13
1979/80	46 13 5 5 42-26	8 8 7 34-35	55	6th	5,905	Peter Houghton 15
1980/81	46 13 4 6 29-16	8 7 11 22-39	47	11th	4,434	Mike Quinn 14
1981/82	46 17 5 1 47-18	9 8 6 33-26	91	3rd	5,839	Less Bradd 19
Division Three						
1982/83	46 10 4 9 35-33	5 5 13 25-39	34	18th	4,439	Eamon O'Keefe 16
1983/84	46 11 5 7 26-18	5 8 10 20-38	61	15th	3,899	David Lowe 8
1984/85	46 12 6 5 36-22	3 8 12 24-42	59	16th	3,264	Steve Johnson 11
1985/86	46 17 4 2 54-17	6 10 7 28-31	83	4th	4,192	Warren Aspinall 21
1986/87	46 15 5 3 47-26	10 5 8 36-34	85	4th	3,397	Bobby Campbell 23

### Barry Knowles (defender)

Born Wigan. Joined the Latics from Northern Premier League Club Barrow in October 1984. 49 full appearances this season.

### Ian Griffiths (winger)

Born Birkenhead. Made 39 appearances this season for Wigan. Formerly with Tranmere, Rochdale and Port Vale. Can play in midfield or attack.

### Christopher Thompson (forward)

Born Walsall. Signed in June 86 from Blackburn Rovers. Made 17 appearances in the Division 2 side last season. An experienced striker who started as an apprentice at Bolton, and had a short period on loan to Lincoln before joining Blackburn in 1983/84 season.

### Nigel Atkins (goalkeeper)

Born Birkenhead. A schoolboy goalkeeper with Liverpool before joining Tranmere as an apprentice. Made 34 league appearances for the 4th Division side last season before joining Wigan in the summer for a fee of £3,000.

### Paul Beesley (central defender)

Born Wigan. Signed from Marine in 84. Made 17 league appearances last season, 33 this.

### David Hamilton (utility player)

Born South Shields. Signed in the summer from Blackburn Rovers for a fee of £16,000. A former apprentice at Sunderland. Signed by Howard Kendall when he was manager at Blackburn. Made a total of 114 league appearances for the Rovers and during that time had a short spell on loan to Cardiff.

### Graham Houston (winger)

Born Gibraltar. Signed in the summer from Preston. Made over 150 appearances for the Deepdale club whom he joined as an amateur.

### Bobby Campbell

Joined Wigan for a fee of £25,000 in October, from Bradford City. Previous clubs Aston Villa, Halifax Town, Sheffield United and Huddersfield Town. Scored at Swindon on his Wigan debut. Top scorer this season with 23 goals (3 for Bradford City).

### Mark Hilditch (midfield)

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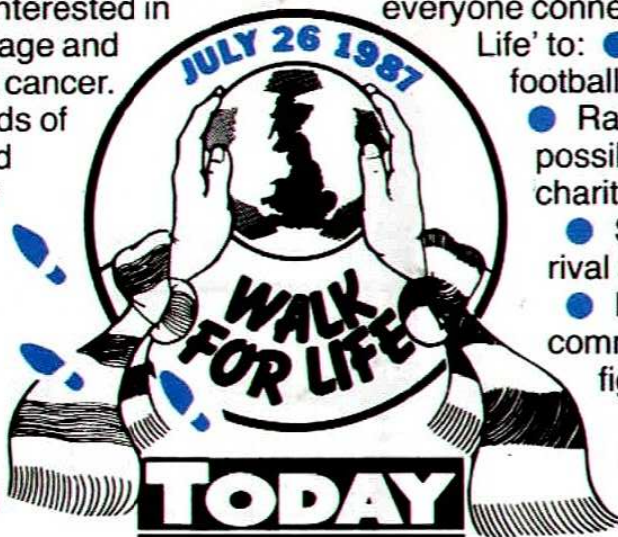
charity matches and club open days.

'Walk For Life' is being backed by the F.A., the P.F.A., 'TODAY' and a growing list of personalities such as Ian Botham, John Conteh, Dennis Waterman and Suzanne Dando.

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# HAT TRICK HEROS

**By Dick Mattick**

Steve White's hat trick against Mansfield set me thinking about some of the other hat tricks I have been lucky enough to see, and which, for a variety of reasons, have stuck in the memory.

The first hat trick that lodged in my memory was one scored in the 1960-61 season. This was the season that Woolen and Trollope became the youngest ever full back pairing to play in the Football League and the team that was to win promotion two seasons later began to take shape. One of the youngsters already established in the team was Bobby Woodruff, a local lad from Highworth. He was making a reputation as a fine wing half soon to become famous for his long throw. He often collected the ball inside his own half and set off on mazy dribbles, which on a good day would end in an unstoppable shot rocketing into the net, on others to the ball being lost and the defence being caught exposed. Perhaps it was this that led Bert Head to try an experiment when regular centre forward "Bronco" Layne was injured. For the home match with Port Vale Woodruff wore the number nine shirt. It could hardly have been a more successful experiment as the Town won six nil and Woodruff netted a hat trick. He was to appear in the forward line on a number of other occasions as a stop gap but never again with the remarkable success he achieved on his maiden outing in the number nine shirt.

The next hat trick to stick in the mind came in the promotion season of 1962-3 during the Easter period which produced a switch back of emotions such as only football can. The Good Friday game was played in brilliant sunshine and when Ernie Hunt netted inside a minute against promotion rivals Peterborough this young Swindon fan was convinced the good times were here to stay. Sadly ninety minutes later Swindon had crashed three two and the bottom seemed to have fallen out of the World. The heavens seemed disappointed for Swindon too as rain cascaded down turning the pitch into a



veritable paddy field for the following day's game with Colchester and threatening to make it a game of chance rather than a football contest. Swindon were well served however by burly John Stevens, making one of only fourteen appearances during the season. It must have been one of the quickest hat tricks on record for his first goal came a minute before half time and he added two more in the first five minutes of the second half as Swindon recorded a resounding six one win to restore their promotion hopes.

Swindon's promotion drive was successful but two years later life in the Second Division was proving extremely tough. It was December and Swindon had still not managed to gain a single away point. They put up a tremendous battle at Northampton who were the League leaders and took a shock lead in 62 minutes through Dennis "Bullets" Brown only to crash to two goals within five minutes late in the game. A fortnight later came the proof that even the darkest of seasons has the occasional hour of sunshine. "Bul-

lets" Brown cashed in on a goalkeeping error after four minutes, finished well from a Rogers' cross after thirty five minutes and then just to show he could do it on his own blasted home a long shot eight minutes into the second half. This hat trick had ended a fourteen month run without an away victory and that night Brown, who had been signed from Chelsea earlier in the season, could have had the freedom of Swindon.

In football you cannot live on past glories and chances missed soon replace goals scored in the memory. Two years later I remember groaning at Bournemouth when I heard Brown was in the team. Why on earth did Danny Williams keep playing midgets like Dennis Brown and Willie Penman? It should come as a salutary warning to all armchair selectors that the slightly built Brown was like quicksilver and scored all four goals in Swindon's victory at Dean Park. Just to rub it in, they were all created by the tricky little Scot, Willie Penman.

Lack of space forces me to leap on down the years. I remember the Summer following Swindon's relegation to the Fourth Division talking to Charlie Henry. Typically he had reported to the County Ground early in order to build himself up to peak fitness for the new season. As this is a family publication I will not use Charlie's exact words but suffice to say he felt it would be a poor show if Swindon did not gain promotion in the following season. Many critics would have agreed with him, but had you suggested it would take Swindon five seasons to gain promotion and that Charlie Henry would be the leading scorer Ladbroke's would probably have taken a second hand Evening Adver to the Duchess of Windsor's jewels against. Three of the goals that brought this unlikely double about came in the rearranged home game with Preston last season. Playing in midfield Charlie had already scored two of the goals that had put Swindon in a three one lead. There were only eleven minutes remaining when Dave Bamber spotted Charlie making a run from deep. Knowing what a great hearted player Charlie Henry is all Swindon fans were willing him to grab this chance of a hat trick, he controlled the pass well and lashed in a shot. For a second it appeared to be going over but struck the underside of the bar and crashed down into the net clearing the way for the headlines of Champagne Charlie. Lets hope that Steve's hat trick will help pave the way for similar celebrations at the end of this season.

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It's been a fine season for Swindon Town Football Club, whatever the outcome of the manufactured play-off system. The progress made by the side during this campaign has been nothing short of startling and we, as supporters, should be rightly proud of what they've achieved.

Perhaps you should never look back in football but on occasions such as this when the team is close to going on to higher things, it might be appropriate to remember the events of a year ago and the emotions they generated.

Of all the Town games I've been over the years, a match on April night against Chester City must rate as one of the most dramatic and downright emotional I have had the pleasure of attending. Before the kick-off Swindon had the disappointment of losing centre forward Colin Gordan with a chest infection and relied on a strike force which included Bryan Wade, Peter Coyne, Charlie Henry and a player who was to be on target twice on the night David Bamber.

Chester included in their line up a player, Steve Johnson, who was well remembered at the County Ground as the man who collided with Jimmy Allen. The collision which ended the popular Scotts career.

Johnson soon made his mark in the game, fouling Chris Kamara straight from the kick off and getting booked for the offence. Then within four minutes of the start Johnson scored to put a damper on the early stages for the large contingent of Town fans in the 12,630 crowd. Swindon tried all they knew for long periods to break down the city defence but had to wait until the 42nd minute to level the score. Leigh Barnard fed Dave Hockaday on the right, the Town full back swung over a cross and there was Dave Bamber to head home the equaliser.

So relief at last for Swindon but it

# LOOKING

# Back



**Vic Morgan of G.W.R. takes a look into the past**

didn't last long as Steve Johnson knocked home the visitors second goal right on the stroke of half time from the penalty spot. Swindon were 2-1 down at the break and the party may be spoiled by the nasty visitors from Chester.

It was my pleasure to be joined for the second half commentary on the game by the chirpy Town midfielder Paul Roberts. Paul proved himself to be an extremely popular character at the County Ground during his brief stay and was an excellent summariser as the nights events unfolded. Dave Hockaday crossed in once again from the right in the 51st minute Dave Bamber applied the finishing touch once more for the equalising goal. Paul and I analysed the score and were certain the Town would soon get another. How soon we didn't know but the answer came within a minute as Bryan Wade stooped at the far post to score and it was I suspect one of the proudest moments of the ex Trowbridge strikers life.

More Town pressure followed as Swindon were roared forward with the wind at their backs, fifteen

minutes later Leigh Barnard drove home the fourth and promotion to Division Three which victory ensured was almost certainly Swindon's. The drama wasn't over though because Peter Coyne had a 79th minute penalty saved by the city keeper. Soon though the final whistle blew and it was the signal for a pitch invasion of the finest kind as Town fans spilled on to salute their heroes. I was at the back of the North Stand trying desperately to broadcast while the tears whelled up inside.

It was quite simply a magical moment, Shaun Hodgetts was on the field surrounded by a sea of red and white trying to describe the scenes as the Town players took their bow in front of the singing masses. A tremendous night and one which I shall always treasure. We now have to endure the nerve tingling play-offs to see if those scenes will be repeated a year later, but whatever is the outcome of those extra matches a simple message to the Swindon Town Players of 1986-87. We the Supporters Salute you.

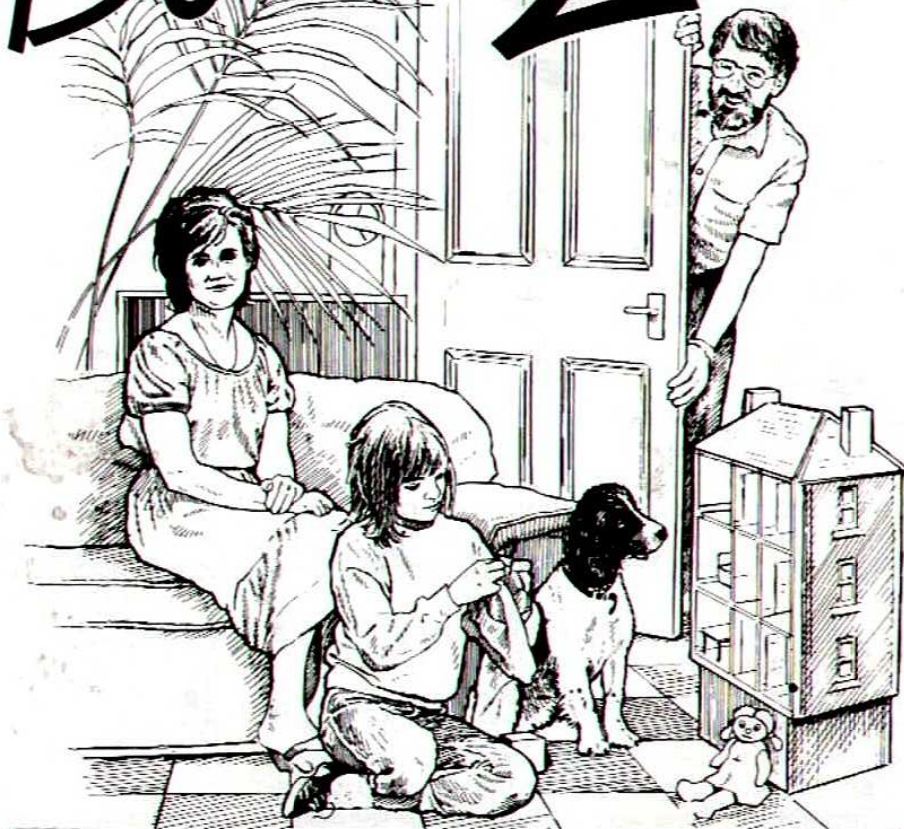
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## Congratulations

### to A.F.C. Bournemouth

Swindon Town Football Club convey their congratulations to Third Division Champions - A.F.C. Bournemouth on their deserved promotion to the Second Division.

Promotion is only the first step in Chairman Rodney Barton's dreams for the Dean Court Club. For if the former Transatlantic yachtsman has his way the South Coast Club will be moving to a £3 million 15,000 capacity new stadium. This will become a reality if the local council grants planning permission in June.

If the A.F.C. Bournemouth Chairman gets his way the stadium will be bursting to the strings of the local symphony orchestra and the thwack of jolly hockey sticks. For Mr Rodney Barton is intent on transforming it into one of the country's leading sports centres.

To remain at Dean Court would mean spending thousands to bring it up to standard. The Bournemouth chairmans bold plans include a new sports hall and an all-weather pitch with a seating capacity for 5,000. This will provide facilities for the community which is bound to appeal to the Council authorities.

With the English Hockey Association looking for new headquarters following their World Cup success, Mr Barton is hoping to provide them with a new home. The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra like to give outdoor concerts and the new stadium could be ideal. With Bournemouth building an International Swimming pool it's easy to see the spin offs particularly if the Commonwealth games came to the area.

Rodney Barton has really revolutionised the club since his civil engineering company, Macbar, took over. At that stage Bournemouth were saddled by heavy debts from building a stand when the new Birmingham

City manager, John Bond, threatened to bring success to the Dean Court club in the early seventies.

How did they reverse the trend? Simply by building 27 houses, with the cheapest costing £85,000 on the site of the ill fated stand and therefore wiped out their overdraft.

Bournemouth sell their lottery tickets round the resorts many hotels and so cash in on the many summer visitors and they receive £2,000 from the local council to promote the resort on their travels round the 'Today' Football League.

The Dean Court Club also lease out their function rooms each summer for language courses and the club organise Coaching courses lasting two hours for local school children.

The Bournemouth Chairmans belief in Harry Redknapp has reaped rewards this season for at many clubs he would have been dismissed after flirting with relegation last season. Instead his faith was rewarded with one of the games brightest young managers leading them to honours.

Bournemouth are convinced that they can hold their own financially in the Second Division. Amazing how a club who began the season with gates of 3,000 finished the season with near full houses!

Now the club with their sixty-four year old League history will be eagerly awaiting their first appearance in the Second Division.

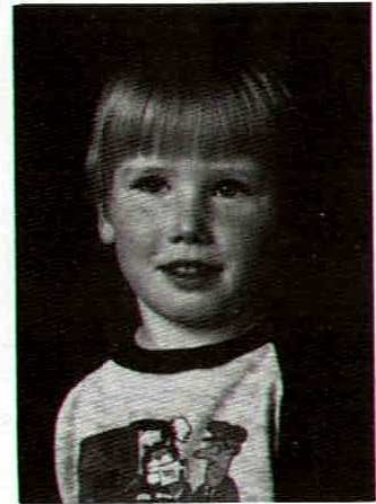
Despite our own immediate disappointment we can still spare a moment to congratulate the Dean Court Club on their merited achievement.

No longer will they be regarded as the sedate South Coast club with no ambition for although many may regard the Bournemouth Chairmans ideas as unorthodox he has transformed the clubs image, his dreams have borne fruition.

A.F.C. Bournemouth have proved over a period of forty-six matches they were the Third Divisions most consistent performers and they earned the accolade of CHAMPIONS.

## MATCH DAY

# Mascot



**Stewart Tait**

Our mascot for today's match is Stewart Tait who is five years of age and lives at Slessor Road, Lyneham. He attends Lyneham County Infants School and his hobby is collecting any kind of Stickers.

He has been to the County Ground several times over the past two seasons and has thoroughly enjoyed himself. His favourite Swindon Town player is Charlie Henry. He had his photograph taken with Charlie last year and it now has pride of place at home. He also likes to watch Ian Rush playing for Liverpool.



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### TEAMS · TEAMS · TEAMS

Strengthened by the inclusion of Chris Kamara and Steve White who had been included in our first team squad at Notts County forty-eight hours previously, our Football Combination team drew 3-3 at Fulham on Thursday April 31st.

The Craven Cottage Club should have been well in control by half-time. After missing several chances and a penalty they had to be content with a solitary goal by Chris Pike.

The Town improved in the second half and it came as no real surprise when Denny Mundeel equalised. It was Chris Pike with his second goal who restored the London clubs lead, the Town were not to be denied and following Fitzroy Simpsons equaliser, Nicky Hughes put the Town ahead with a penalty. The experienced Gordon Davies put Fulham level again in the dying seconds and robbed the Town of full points after the second half improved display.

Our Football Combination

team achieved their finest win of the season on Tuesday May 5th when they trounced leaders Chelsea 5-0 at Stamford Bridge!

It was Jimmy Quinn, left out of our recent first team action who led the way with two well taken goals. After losing his first team spot, Steve White recaptured his goalscoring form by netting in the tenth minute after a fine through ball from Denny Mundeel and beating the ageless Peter Bonetti with ease.

Continuing to dominate play

#### FULHAM v SWINDON TOWN

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**SWINDON TOWN:** CHURCHWARD, RAMSEY, REYNOLDS, GILLETT, HENRY, ROWLAND, TOBIN, KAMARA, MUNDEE, HUGHES, SIMPSON. SUB: WHITE (FOR KAMARA IN 45th MIN).

#### CHELSEA v SWINDON TOWN

**CHELSEA:** BONETTI, CLEE, KENNEDY, BODLEY, D. LEE, McNAUGHT, McALLISTER, MURPHY, WEST, DODDS, Mc GILL. SUB: MILLAR.

**SWINDON TOWN:** CHURCHWARD, RAMSEY, CASSERLY, QUINN, HENRY, TOBIN, MUNDEE, REYNOLDS, WHITE, GILLETT, SIMPSON. SUB: HUGHES.

the Town increased their lead in the twenty sixth minute when Charlie Henry netted from Dean Casserley's free kick.

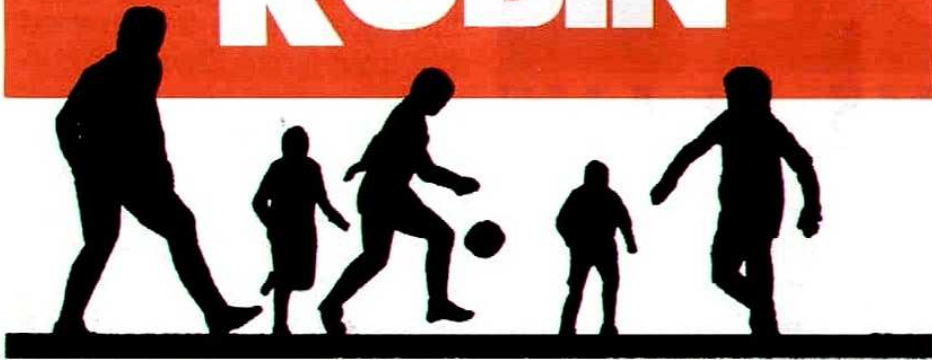
On the stroke of half time Steve Tobin netted the Town's third goal with a fifteen yard shot from Jamie Reynolds corner.

After only two minutes into the second half Jimmy Quinn was brought down in the penalty area and scored himself from the resultant kick. The Irish International completed the scoring when he leapt to head home a centre from Steve White.

A most satisfying win was how reserve team coach Andy Rowland described the Towns outstanding performance. The defeat left the Stamford Bridge Club clinging to the hope that Tottenham Hotspur would slip up in their remaining fixtures.

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Tonight's extra match due to the League Play Off system gives me the opportunity to congratulate Bradon Forest on their victory in the Leeds Permanent Penalty Competition. Along with Church fields they

provided us with an extremely close and exciting match which resulted in an eight seven victory for the Purton side. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Elias and the Leeds permanent Building society for their generosity in providing a



splendid Trophy for the winners and Holdalls to all the finalists. I would also like to thank Mr. Kirkland who did an excellent job in refereeing the event. It might be of interest to some of our older members to know that a new Course for referees is soon to start in the Swindon area. If any of you who are over the age of thirteen are interested in training as a referee this would be a great opportunity for you. Anybody interested in this Course should contact Mr. Peter Jones by telephoning Swindon 20175.

I very much hope these will not be the last set of Junior Robins for this season, however just in case this is the last chance I get to mention it can I mention the "Walk for Life" being held on Sunday 26th July. It is for an extremely good cause and I do hope as many of you as possible will find some way of supporting it. It is a good chance for everyone in football to unite to show what real football supporters are like. Entry forms for anyone who would like to take part are available in the Club Office.

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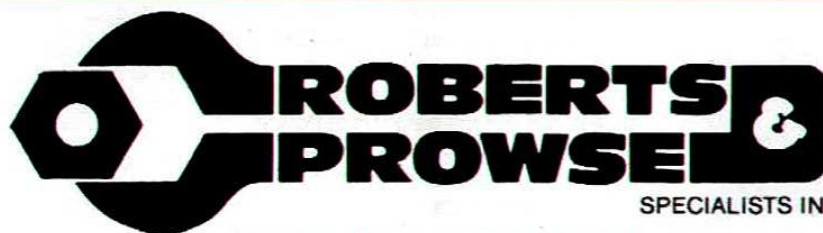


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# AROUND *The* CLUB

Below is an account of the Clubs intent as seen through the eyes of the 'Evening Advertiser'.

### Town to slap bans on thugs

Swindon Town Football Club wants five-year bans on 20 hooligan fans.

The club revealed its new get-tough move today after holding a series of top-level meetings with the police.

The fans are not yet being named, but they have all been arrested or ejected from the County Ground on a number of occasions this season.

Not all the supporters have been convicted of offences, but both the soccer club and the police brand them as "troublemakers".

Town feels compelled to act firmly after being reported to the Football Association on three separate occasions because of trouble at its games this season.

Club secretary Dave King said today: "We have got a hard core of people who cause problems and spoil everything for the rest of our supporters.

"The names of these people are continually coming up for arrests, ejections and mis-behaviour.

"We have got to act against them now because we don't want these people at our matches. They are an embarrassment to the club and drag our name through the mud."

### Prison

Swindon will ask a county court judge to impose the bans on the hooligans by way of an injunction. Breaking such an injunction would mean the threat of going to prison.

Swindon's new stand against the troublemakers has the full backing of police.

Supt. Mike Rogers said: "Not all these people have necessarily been convicted but if you are ejecting people from the

ground because of their behaviour and they come back and take no notice, then I think the club are totally right to take some action."

Swindon Town Travel Club has also given backing to the five-year bans.

Swindon has been reported to the FA after incidents against Bristol City, Alder-shot and Bristol Rovers this season.

The bans will take about one month to go through court.



Paul Mayfield who is the Branch Secretary of the Retford Branch of the Doncaster Rovers Supporters Club sent the Club this compliment.

28th April 1987,

Mr. D. G. King,  
Club Secretary,  
Swindon Town Football Club,  
Swindon,  
Wilts.

Dear Mr King,

On behalf of Doncaster Rovers Supporters Club Retford Branch, may we thank you for your fantastic hospitality and friendliness shown to us on Saturday, 25th April. Could you please pass on our best wishes and thanks from everyone connected with the Retford Branch to all your Supporters, it just goes to show how wrong the Press and Media's opinions of Football Supporters are.

We wish Swindon Town and all its supporters all the best for the future and hope when you get your promotion we can still arrange further Sporting Events between the Supporters. (Although we are now 3-0 up).

Yours in Sport,

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# TALK · OF · THE · TOWN

Do you recall 'The Dutchies' who visited the County Ground at the end of last season they have sent us a copy of their itinerary of a recent visit to England. 'The Dutchies' are long admirers of English soccer.

Monday May 4th: we have the choice between 4 matches:

3.00pm Wrexham	Tranmere Rovers
Liverpool	- Watford
7.30pm Bolton Wanderers	- Doncaster Rovers
Crewe Alexandra	Burnley

Juliet Ellis from Bradford (our representative for the North of England) is joining us on this day.

Tuesday May 5th: after visits to Chester City, Port Vale and perhaps Wolverhampton Wanderers we will travel south to Luton to see Luton Town - Oxford United. After the match we are travelling back to Holland via Dover and Ostend.

As you can see this is quite a hectic programme and we hope that all the clubs we intend to visit make us feel welcome.

The 8 members of the party are: Willem van Ekelburg, Henk van der Sluis, Jan Buitenga, Johannes de Boer, Klaas de Boer, Frits Brouwer, Jaap Bakker and Albert Metz.

We hope also plans to see the match Luxembourg - Ireland on Thursday May 28th with a party of at least six members.

We know that the youth teams of Nottingham Forest, Celtic and Everton are taking part in the Euro Youth Tournament in Groningen during the Whitsun weekend, some of our members are going to visit this tournament and hope to make contact with the leaders of the British teams.

Before we finish this newsletter we like to congratulate Jim McLean and his Dundee United team for their success in reaching the UEFA Cup Final this season.

We are very proud that at least one British team has done the UK and especially Scotland to feel proud again.

We saw the match against Borussia Mönchengladbach on the German T.V. and the magnificent support from the Dundee United fans was a joy to watch. Keep up the good work Dundee United.

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Dear Dave,

Just a short line to thank you for the assistance given to us at our match on Bank Holiday Monday.

Your most efficient stewards were a great asset on the day and helped to ensure that the fabulous number of your travelling supporters were more than adequately supervised.

Perhaps you would be good enough to pass on our thanks to everybody concerned and to your supporters for making it such a pleasant occasion.

Yours Sincerely  
Royce Dickinson, Club Secretary

Only too pleased to be of service.



86 Montague St.,  
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Wilts.

Dear Mr. King,

I really endorse the comments made by Lou Macari in the Swindon v Gillingham programme. I, my son & his friend stand at Stratton Bank and frankly sometimes the atmosphere is really disappointing. My son looks at me in horror when I sing 'Come on you Reds' because there only seems to be me & a few others singing it.

Yes, the players do need a crowd urging them on and play the better when they are verbally encouraged.

So, come on Stratton Bank Supporters, give a bit more vocal support (& I don't mean just shouting abuse when they're not playing so well!).

If nothing else it'll stop my son 'dying' of embarrassment every time I open my mouth!

Yours Sincerely  
Sue Reid

## Commercial COLUMN

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, good luck to Lou and the team this afternoon.

With the season coming to an end I would like to convey my thanks to everyone who has assisted the club through our commercial activities, if I had to mention everyone concerned it would need at least four pages of this programme.

To everyone who has sponsored the club in some form or another, whether you advertise with the club or buy or sell lottery tickets then to you all I say thank you most sincerely for your help it has been invaluable.

To George and Beryl Chadwick who voluntarily have looked after the North Stand souvenir kiosk and the match day mascot my thanks also.

To my own staff who work hard for the club with often a lot of unsocial hours, thank you for your support during the last year.

Its now on to next season wheather it be Division II or Division III. Our commercial activities will continue throughout the summer and hopefully you will see some new innovations next season.

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## STANDING VIEW

### FROM · THE · TERRACE

The play off circus finally comes to town this afternoon, with Swindon Town the occupants of the dreaded third place in Division 3.

Hopefully we will do enough in the play offs to bring second division football to the County Ground and not be denied what we should have earned after 46 games - automatic promotion.

We have a maximum of four games to prove our third place, that was achieved through the blood sweat and tears of a whole season, will justice be done?

The danger signs are becoming clear

that we have not seen the last of the play offs. The equation being quoted by the league at the moment seems to be Play offs = Big crowds = Acceptance, which of course is not true. Why should fans of clubs such as Swindon Town, Wolves or Oldham have to endure a mini cup competition to decide their clubs future? The play off controversy will I'm sure rage on, and probably get worse very soon, as justice is most certainly not done. One team with no interest in the Play offs is of course Bristol City, whose nerves and frustrations finally got the better of

them and left BBC West and HTV not knowing what to say or where to look as their promotion and cup double coverage faded rapidly.

Our 1-1 draw at Ashton Gate was a well deserved one and without a shrinking penalty area would have been another fine away win.

Surely we can no longer live in the shadow of the Bristols as we further emphasise our position as the West's premier club, Rovers struggled to stave off relegation for most of the season and City seem destined to maintain their stronghold at the top of the third and dominance of the Freight Rover Trophy without making any progress towards the higher flight.

Hopefully this afternoons game will see us take one step further towards Division Two and participation in the Full Members Cup, what a prospect!

by Michael Scott

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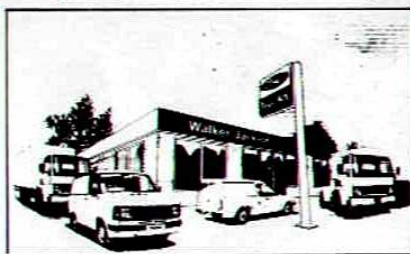
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High stepping Andy Rhodes in the Doncaster goal safely collects from Swindon's Dave Bamber in the 1-1 draw.



A jubilant Colin Calderwood celebrates after scoring the Towns second goal at Meadow Lane against Notts. County.



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## LODGINGS REQUIRED

for some of our forthcoming intake of trainees and also young professionals. Anyone interested in providing suitable accommodation should write in the first instance to:

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Club Secretary/Administration  
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# SWINDON TOWN

## In Focus

Congratulations to our mid-field player Chris Kamara and his wife Ann on the recent birth of their son Ben.

Smiling in the background is Jack, the elder of Chris's sons.



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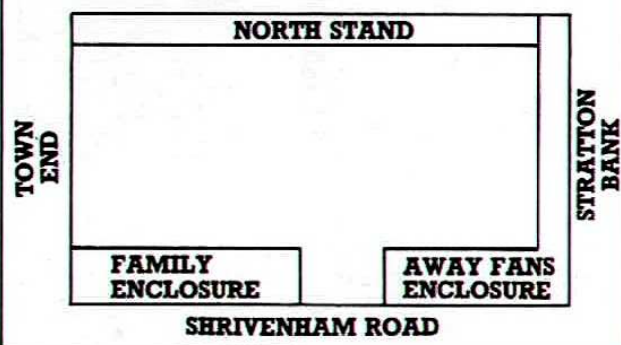
Our 3-0 away win at Carlisle United on Saturday May 2nd meant that we finished with fewer away defeats in a season than ever before in our 66 years as a Football League Club.

The previous best was seven defeats set last season when we won the Fourth Division Championship.

Our win at Carlisle was our 11th away victory of the season - one behind last seasons total.

A TOTAL OF 177,270  
PEOPLE PASSED  
THROUGH THE COUNTY  
GROUND TURNSTILES  
FOR LEAGUE MATCHES.  
THIS CONTRIBUTED AN  
AVERAGE OF 7,707 WHO  
ATTENDED OUR 23  
THIRD DIVISION  
MATCHES.

## COUNTY GROUND PLAN



DATE		OPPONENTS	V		Attn'd	Result
23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A		5,684	2-1
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY	H	L.C.	4,749	3-0
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H		7,350	1-2
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD	A	L.C.	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	L.C.	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	L.C.	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	2-0
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
10.2.87	TUE	ALDERSHOT	H	F.R.T. (7.45 pm)	8,450	2-3
14.3.87	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	A	F.A.C. R.6	3,810	3-1
17.3.87	TUE	PORT VALE	H	(7.45 pm)	7,347	1-0
21.3.87	SAT	FULHAM	H		7,426	2-0
24.3.87	TUE	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	(7.45 pm)	8,110	2-0
28.3.87	SAT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A		4,424	2-3
1.4.87	WED	CHESTER	A	(7.30 pm)	2,626	0-2
3.4.87	FRI	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	(7.45 pm)	8,192	3-0
11.4.87	SAT	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	F.A.C. S.F.	8,196	4-3
18.4.87	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H		14,302	1-1
20.4.87	MON	BRENTFORD	A	(11 a.m.)	7,443	1-1
22.4.87	WED	DARLINGTON	H	(7.45 pm)	7,740	1-0
25.4.87	SAT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H		8,218	1-1
28.4.87	TUE	NOTTS COUNTY	A	(7.30 pm)	6,354	3-2
2.5.87	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	A		2,028	3-0
4.5.87	MON	GILLINGHAM	H	(3.00 pm)	10,287	1-1
6.5.87	WED	WALSALL	H	(7.45 pm)	7,911	0-0
9.5.87	SAT	BRISTOL CITY	A		19,201	1-1
14.5.87	THUR	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	(7.45 pm)		
17.5.87	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	(3.00 pm)		

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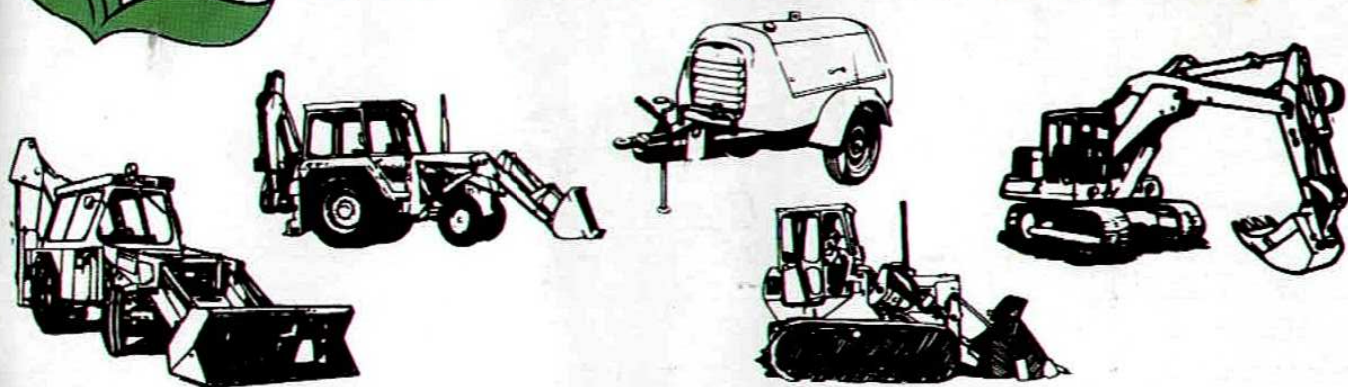
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