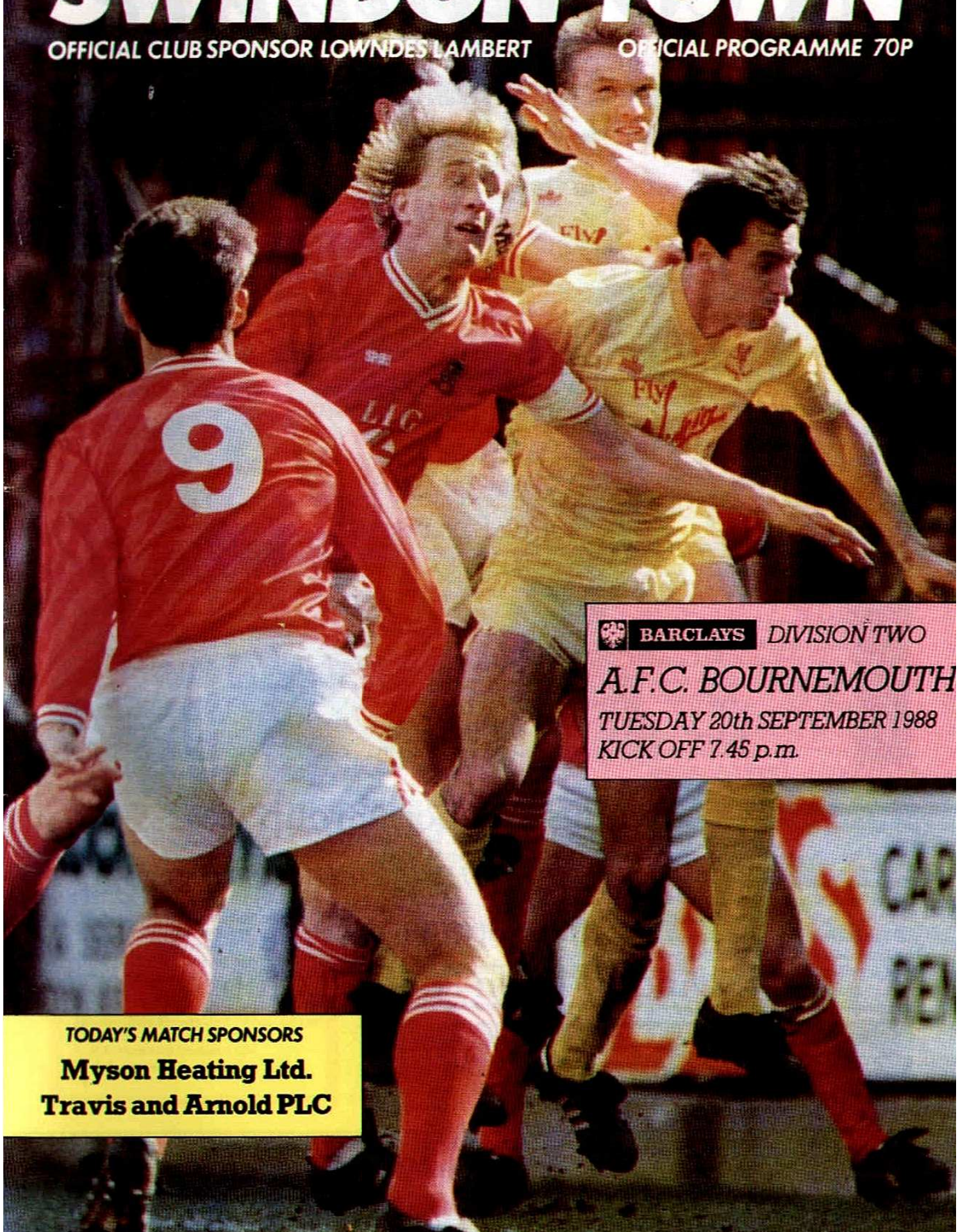


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ENCOURAGING

Although I missed our first home match of the season against Portsmouth I received good reports on our performance which came as a morale booster for all of us. It is not easy to take points from teams who have made an immediate impact upon the early positions in the League table.

The reports I received were that we created the majority of the chances and made most of the running.

THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR SQUAD

It is no secret that we need to strengthen our squad of players and I have been actively engaged in trying to achieve that aim.

Along with 'Chic' Bates I travelled to Manchester to cover the Central League match between the two Manchester Clubs. Two players were noted and will remain an option.

ANOTHER 'SCOT' WHO IS NOT TARTAN!

One player I have been trying to bring to the County Ground for a number of months from a Scottish Premier Division Club is an Englishman!

Perhaps, by the time you are reading this column you will be aware of the player being a recent signing if all goes well in negotiation.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE!
With the departure of several players during the summer other players

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

have the opportunity to clinch a regular place.

Competition is good for everyone but several of my players were unable to secure a regular spot in the team last season.

Two examples were **Steve White** and **Paul Bodin**. Both players have been given early season games and in Steve's case he responded by scoring in our first two away matches of the season. Paul has also found himself in our midfield section from the first whistle. Both players have been afforded this early season chance to impress and prove that they are the players who should be regarded as first choice.

PETER STILL ON A WEEK-TO-WEEK CONTRACT

Peter Coyne is still on a week-to-week contract after rejecting our offer to him.

Only Macclesfield of the Northern Premier League were interested in his immediate future and therefore Peter remains on a weekly contract with the Club. He is the only player to have rejected terms from the list of players who were out of contract with us at the end of last season.

THE FIRST

We are still seeking our first win of the season after our failure to win last Saturday.

Tonight we will be seeking our first League win of the new season and you can all help by getting behind the team from the first whistle. It is a record that we do not want to extend.

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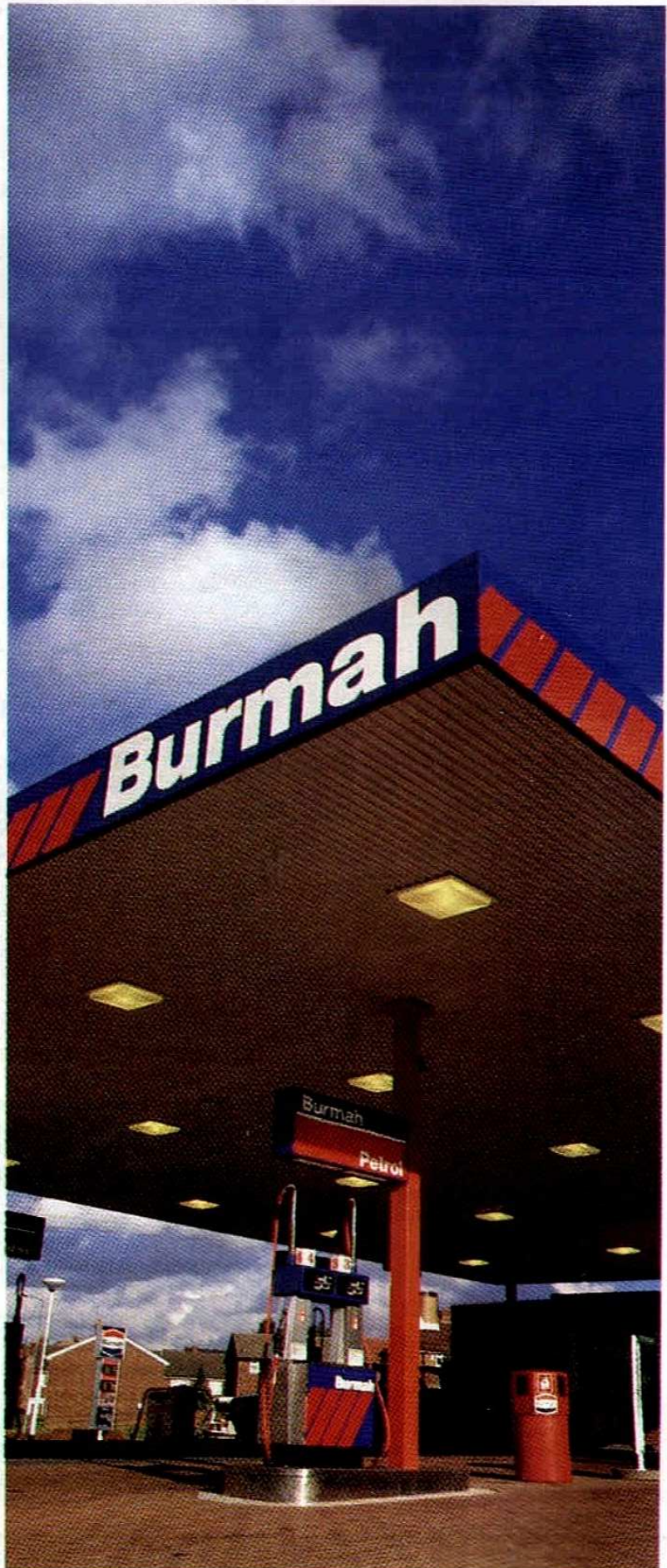
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THOSE MISSED CHANCES

The empty, eerie slopes of Stratton Bank, the land where time stood still, coupled with a storming 'Town' performance finally chilled Portsmouth into some sort of submission in our first home game of the season.

At any stage, a draw with such front runners has to be viewed as a good result, but the chances we had to win made it a little disappointing. The scoreline even managed to render Alan Ball speechless, or could his voice just not be heard by the human ear?

WELL DONE, STEVE

The return of Steve Foley after suspension, was instrumental in a vastly improved 'Town' performance. Gone was the doormat attitude of the previous week at West Brom, replaced by fire and fight typified by Foley, as he first rattled Pompey's midfield then their post with a tremendous drive, before firing in a well deserved equaliser at the death.

PRAISE BE TO THE CLUB AND HAIL CAESAR!

From a non-playing point of view, the improvements were noticeable too. A new public address system, a lick of paint in the toilets and the much heralded 'Invasion of the Stratton Bankers' all made it a very interesting afternoon off the pitch as well. The major improvements being made to the bank have ousted regulars from their spot, but I'm sure they'll welcome the all new terrace when it is finally completed. Rome wasn't built in a day either and they still haven't wired their scoreboard up yet!

REFEREEING

The problems of the game have returned along with the new season

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

with consistency amongst match officials still as rare as a Kenny Dalglish smile. It may seem premature to criticise referees control of the game after just a handful of fixtures, but the problem needs tackling urgently and no-one seems prepared to do so. As usual, a cautioned player is allowed to walk a thick tightrope for the remainder of the game rather than be sent off for his next offence. If clear policy was made, the game could be a lot better for it.

Players are far from blameless too, with both sides in the Portsmouth game providing a culprit of gesture to the crowd. When will they learn that the smallest incidents in a season are, unfortunately, what the game is judged on.

THE 'CHERRIES' AND STRATTON BANK

Bournemouth provide more south coast opposition tonight, with memories of our crucial Third Division and Freight Rover games

still fresh along with some controversial refereeing decisions one New Years Day.

Quite how the men from Dean Court will deal with defending an empty terrace is hard to say, but if it scared the hard men of Pompey then they have a tough task. The arrival of ex-Saints star Kevin Bond is sure to make Bournemouth's usually tight defence an even tougher nut to crack.

ALICE, PALACE AND WONDERLAND

A week tonight, we begin our campaign in the Littlewoods Cup, with a tough fixture against Steve Coppell's Crystal Palace. This season marks the twentieth anniversary of our success in the League Cup, do Cup wins go in twenty year cycles?

Palace have made an even worse start to the season than us, so hopefully the Second Leg at Selhurst Park will be a better experience than our League game last season. From that match on, everything went wrong for the 'Town' in the League last season, this year we have the chance to lay the foundation for a money spinning and morale boosting Cup run.

THE WONDER OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Talking of cups, the Football League seems to have chosen its centenary to become a knock-out competition, with the play-off system for this season surpassing any of its previous formats in stupidity.

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England won the World Cup in 1966 on English soil and have achieved little else since. We have failed to reach the last four of subsequent World Cups and also the European Championships. Our track record shows that our so called prominence on the International scene came from the 'Friendly Internationals' that were the normal fare during the decades immediately before and after the Second World War.

Quite simply we have no proven pedigree of success in Internationals, at least in a competitive role. With the next World Cup qualifying matches looming on the horizon we have reason to be concerned. To qualify for the finals may be enough, we really cannot expect more. It would be a brave man to believe we will qualify for the later stages with ease, let alone return from Italy in 1990 with the World Cup held aloft.

Realistically we all tend to believe that we should perform to a higher standard than we are capable of attaining. Our players are robbed of European competition following the disaster of the Juventus and Liverpool European Cup Final in the Hysel Stadium in 1985. We simply expect more than we can actually deliver.

THE PORTSMOUTH MATCH GAVE US ALL ENCOURAGEMENT

When I returned from my Cyprus holiday I found a certain degree of pessimism surrounding our match with Portsmouth. The Fratton Park Club had taken nine points from their first three matches and we had yet to record our first win of the season.

Certain aspects do not run to patterns in soccer and the costly Portsmouth team certainly did not look a better team than we did on the day. We had numerous chances to win the match but did not capitalise. It was a match where, in my opinion, Steve Foley had the best match of his career at the County Ground. Steve's shot which hit the post just after the interval would have rated as the goal of the season if it had found the back of the net.

WE ALL HAVE TO BE REALISTIC
It does not require an expert to see how difficult life will be in this seasons Second Division. Most people forecast a highly competitive Division and I am sure that at the end of the season they will have been proved correct.

There are some Clubs who will always be prominent in the championship race but I believe it would be foolish to dismiss what are regarded as some of the lesser Clubs. With respect, Bradford City and Oldham Athletic are probably in this category but both will figure in the final say if they can maintain their early season form.

PALACE... PALACE... PALACE
It would appear that Crystal Palace have to figure prominently in our fortunes this season.

They were due to play at the County Ground on the opening Saturday of the season but due to safety work they were unable to be our first opponents.

Crystal Palace were then drawn to be our opponents in the Second Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup. We will now meet them four times at least this season. We await the Simod Cup and F.A. Cup draws hoping we avoid the London Club in these competitions!

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A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

JIM'S PAINFUL WINNER!!

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Jim, now with **Leicester City**, said, "I tapped their 'keeper on the shoulder after I had scored. The next thing I felt was his boot up my backside. He thought I was taking the mickey. But I wasn't. I just gave Tony Godden a friendly tap."

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Blackburn Manager **Don Mackay** has decided to stay silent after matches through a fear of being trapped by hasty judgement.

CHELSEA UNDER FIRE

Chelsea are quickly learning the harsh facts of life in the Second Division! Manager **Bobby Campbell** says, "People are lifting themselves to play against us. They all want to win against Chelsea."

ROKER ROAR RUNS ON!

When **Sunderland** defeated **York City** in the Littlewoods Cup on September 6th it completed a winning double for Chairman **Bob Murray** whose horse **Roker Roar** won at **Pontefract** earlier the same day. Bob's team started just as quickly as his horse with two goals in the first 25 minutes of their cup-tie.

STEVE IS PLEASED WITH HIS NEW STRIKE FORCE

Watford Manager **Steve Harrison** admitted after his Clubs recent 3-0 win against **Plymouth Argyle** at **Vicarage Road** that his two new strikers **Dave Bamber** and **Paul Wilkinson** could take his side straight back into the First Division.

It is the new Watford strike force that has had Watford fans buzzing.

"It's brilliant here - a First Division Club lying in the Second", said former Town striker, **Dave Bamber**. "There's lots more to come from Paul and me and I'm delighted at what's happened since I came here."

Paul Wilkinson, the £300,000 signing from **Nottingham Forest**, alongside **Bamber** was on the mark in this clear cut win.

"There's a good partnership here if

they stick to their craft" added **Watford** Manager **Steve Harrison**.

ON THE TRANSFER FRONT

Former **England Under-21** hope **Jon Hallworth** who spent a period on loan at the County Ground during the 1984-85 season, is desperate to quit **Ipswich Town**.

Birmingham City utility player **John Trewick** is out in the cold at **St. Andrews**. Manager **Gary Pendrey** is ready to let him go and **Grimsby Town** were the first Club to be interested.

Sunderland boss **Denis Smith** is interested in **Aston Villa** midfielder **Paul Birch**.

A PAY SNUB

Bradford City boss **Terry Dolan** and his number 2 **Stan Ternent** have yet to sign contracts which have been on offer for six months. Both **Terry** and **Stan** almost took the **Valley Parade** Club to promotion last season.

DAVE THE SAVIOUR

Shrewsbury's Town's patient fans must surely want Manager **Ian McNeill** to

hang onto striker **Dave Geddis**.

The former **Ipswich Town**, **Aston Villa** and **Birmingham City** striker, who has asked for a move, saved his team with a late header in their recent 1-1 draw with **West Bromwich Albion**.

MADNESS

Police have been keeping a watch on the home of **Manchester City** Chairman **Peter Swales** according to recent newspaper reports. There has been talk of threats against the City Chief over the last fifteen years from a section of disgruntled fans. If these reports are true then surely football is losing its sanity.

WHERE DID HE GO?

Perry Digweed the **Brighton** goalkeeper failed to turn up at the **Goldstone** Ground for his teams recent match with **A.F.C. Bournemouth** - leaving injured finger victim **John Keely** to answer the S.O.S.

Brighton, who had already handed in the team sheet with **Digweed's** name on it, will probably be punished by the **Football Association**.

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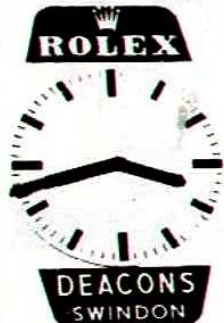
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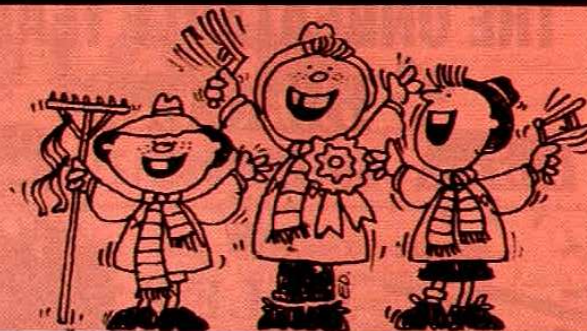
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MEETINGS

Our August meeting saw us joined by skipper Colin Calderwood and new signing Duncan Shearer. An interesting half hour was spent discussing many aspects of the life of a professional footballer. It was interesting to hear Duncan describe the worst part of a footballers life as being pre-season training. He was too polite to add, especially at Swindon, but it was obvious that the hard training would make him even sharper and enable him to add to his goal tally.

Our September guests were Charlie Henry and Dave Hockaday. They captained their respective teams in a hard fought football style quiz game which resulted in a two all draw. Dave obviously felt hard done by with a question on the Yugoslavian League, but the fun and increased knowledge of the participants made it a worthwhile event. Especially notable was the lack of knowledge over the off side law, not I hastened to

add by the players, but by the audience. Some swotting to be done here, if evaluation of linesmens' decisions is to be valid.

FOOTBALLS

Young players under the age of twelve may be interested to note that very reasonably priced Size 4 Spall footballs are now available from Doug Woodman in the Sports Shop. It should always be the aim to make training as close to the real thing as possible, yet it is strange how many young teams that play with Size 4 footballs train with a Size 5. A host of other useful items of clothing and equipment are also available. Old in wisdom, but young at heart, a visit to Doug is always a rewarding and valuable experience and nowhere will you get more friendly honest advice about your football needs.

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go to Alexander Reilly of Holy Rood Junior who was 10 on 2nd September.

Finally can you find the names of our ten Second Division rivals hidden in the word-search below.

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OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Brighton and Hove Albion visit the County Ground for their first League match since 1977 on Saturday next.

During that interim period both Clubs have alternated between the four Divisions of the Football League.

Brighton were runners-up to Sunderland in last seasons Third Division and gained automatic promotion to the Second Division.

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| Sunderland | 46 | 27 | 12 | 7 | 92 | 48 | 93 |
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Following their promotion the **Goldstone Club** have experienced a difficult beginning to their Second Division campaign. Managed by **Barry Lloyd** they faced a difficult away fixture at **Manchester City** last Saturday and it will be interesting to see how they fare against **WEST BROMWICH ALBION** at the **Goldstone ground** tomorrow evening.

Previous to these two fixtures the Sussex Club had been comprehensively beaten 3-1 at home by **Bradford City** and then conceded all three points again at home in a 2-1 defeat to **AFC Bournemouth**. There was no relief in sight in the **Littlewoods Challenge Cup** when they were unceremoniously dumped out of the competition by **Southend United** on a 3-0 aggregate. Former Town player **Martin Ling** being one of the Southend goal scorers.

Brighton shook by the early season reserves stunned the soccer world by paying a record fee of **£330,000** for **Barnet's** central defender **Nicky Blissett** and midfielder player **Robert Codner**. Both of these recent non-League players could be in the Brighton line-up at the County Ground on Saturday.

Reverting to their last visit in a League match it is a nostalgic look back. The teams that lined up at the County Ground on **Tuesday, May 10th 1977** were:

Swindon Town: Allan, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophet, Moss,

McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale, Anderson. Substitute: Taylor.

Brighton & H.A: Steele, Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Cross, Fell, Ward, Mellor, Piper, Wilson.

Substitute: Morgan.

The result was a 2-1 win for the Town whose goalscorers were **David Moss** and **Ray McHale** while **Peter Ward** replied for the visitors. A crowd of **8,536** watched this penultimate match of the season for the visitors.

It was just reward for the Town, for referee **Alan Robinson** of **Waterlooville** had robbed the Town of a surefire win when he abandoned the original match at the County Ground on **New Years Day** when **Swindon Town** were leading 4-0 through goals from **Ray McHale (2), Ken Stroud** and **Dave Syrett**. He left a **12,369** crowd furious with his controversial decision.

Former Swindon Town player **Gary Nelson** will be making a nostalgic visit in the Brighton line-up next Saturday. Why not come along and see how Gary fares against one of his former Clubs.

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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

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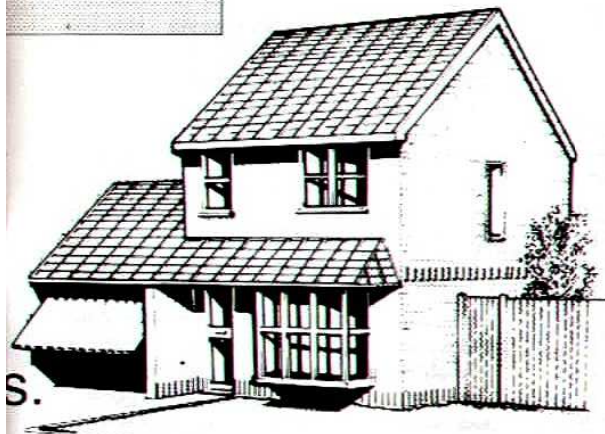
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A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH



by Dave Eaton



Left to Right:

Back Row: Brian Gant (Physiotherapist), Tony Pulis, Adrian Randall, Kevin Bond, Gerry Peyton, Trevor Aylott, John Williams, John Smeulders, Carl Richards, Paul Morrell, Mark Whitlock, Jimmy Gabriel (Assistant Manager).
Front Row: Sean O'Driscoll, David Coleman, Denny Munde, Richard Cooke, Mark Newson (Captain), Harry Redknapp (Manager), Shaun Close, Ian Bishop, Shaun Brooks, David Puckett and Mark O'Connor.

The present day title of A.F.C. Bournemouth was adopted sixteen years ago in 1972, the fourth change of name.

Founded in 1899 as Boscombe St. Johns, the Club quickly dropped the St. Johns tag and became known as Boscombe F.C.

In 1910 they moved from Castlemain Road, Pokesdown to their present headquarters at Dean Court and two years later the Club turned professional.

After a successful time in the Southern League the Cherries were elected to the Football League in 1923 and assumed the title of Bournemouth and Boscombe A.F.C.

From joining the League in 1923, Bournemouth remained a Third Division Club until being relegated to the Fourth for one season in 1970.

Their stay of 47 years is a record for any side as a member of the Third Division. Since then they have had one more spell in the Fourth Division, from 1975 until 1982.

Undoubtedly though, the Clubs finest hour came just over a year ago on May 9th 1987.

A crowd of 11,310 packed into Dean Court to witness Bournemouth's last match of the season against Rotherham.

Needing just one point to clinch the Third Division title the fans went wild when goals from Trevor Aylott and Carl Richards gave them a 2-0 victory. It heralded the Clubs first ever League title and the advent of Second Division football at Dean Court for the first time in their 64 years of Football League membership.

The success had all been achieved by the

shrewd investments of Manager Harry Redknapp. He had sold his starman, Colin Clarke, to Southampton for £400,000. With the proceeds of the sale he completely re-vamped his squad adding strength and experience. His policy had turn up trumps.

Last season in the Second Division Bournemouth made a fine start collecting seven points out of the first nine, but then were dealt a savage blow with the injury to summer signing David Armstrong.

The Cherries struggled for a long period but eventually rallied at the end with three victories out of the last four matches to alleviate fears of relegation and finish in 17th spot.

On the cup front, Bournemouth have enjoyed several giant-killing feats, but their most successful campaign came in the Associate Members Competition. They were the first winner of the competition, now known as the Sherpa Van Trophy, in 1984, defeating Northern Section winners Hull 2-1 to lift the trophy.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Harry Redknapp (Manager). He has become one of the Clubs most popular Managers. As a player, spent much of his career with West Ham United, before joining Bournemouth. He then gained coaching experience with North American Soccer League side Seattle Sounders. London born, is now in his fifth season as Bournemouth Manager, after being put in charge in January 1984. The same month he guided the team to a memorable F.A. Cup victory over Manchester United. Later that season the team won the Associate Members Cup (now Freight Rover Trophy). The highlight of his management career without a doubt was achieving the honour of being the first Manager to take Bournemouth to the Second Division.

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Gerry Peyton (Goalkeeper). A Republic of Ireland international of considerable experience. He joined Bournemouth in July 1986 after ten years with Fulham for whom he made 345 League appearances. Born in Birmingham, he made his League debut with Burnley in 1975 after a short spell at Aston Villa. Was ever-present in his first season with Bournemouth.

Paul Morrell (Full Back). One of the Club's longest serving players. Born locally in Poole, he was signed from Weymouth in 1983. Due to injury he missed a couple of games last season leaving him with a total of 49 appearances. In total for Bournemouth has made over 200 League appearances. Previous to Weymouth, he played for Bath City.

John Williams (Central Defender). Liverpool born, began his career with Tranmere Rovers for whom he made almost 200 senior appearances before joining Port Vale in 1985. In December 1986 joined Bournemouth for £30,000. He has maintained his place in the first team ever since and now recognised as one of the best central defenders outside the First Division. Appeared in 39 League matches last season.



• John Williams

Mark Newson (Central Defender). A well respected captain and player since his move from Maidstone United in 1985. Whilst with the Kent side he was capped five times by the England Semi-Professional XI. Born in London, he joined his local side Charlton Athletic as an apprentice, but could not break into League football. A rather unfortunate injury kept him out of action mid-way through last season, although he did manage to appear in 29 League games.

Mark Whitlock (Central Defender). Portsmouth born, he started his professional career along the coast with Southampton. Made his Saints League debut in 1982 and went on to make 60 Division 1 appearances. He then spent loan periods with Grimsby and Aldershot before joining Bournemouth in 1986. Only missed one game in his first season with the Club. Last season made 47 appearances.

Ian Bishop (Midfield). Born in Liverpool, he joined Everton in 1980 as a 15 year old apprentice. Two years later signed pro

with the Club on a two year contract. During that time he spent a loan spell of four appearances with Crewe. After returning to Goodison Park made his one League appearance against Manchester United in October 1984. Left Everton for Carlisle United for a fee of £15,000. He made over 135 appearances for the Cumbrians before leaving in August 1988 to join A.F.C. for £35,000.



• Ian Bishop

Tony Pulis (Midfield). Newport born, he started his career with Bristol Rovers in 1976. Five years later he went to Hong Kong to play for Happy Valley, but a year later returned to Rovers. Newport County signed him in 1984 and he then moved on to Bournemouth in the summer of 1986. Last season made 36 appearances scoring two goals.

Sean O'Driscoll (Midfield). One of the Cherries longest serving players. Born in Wolverhampton he first joined non-League Alvechurch. Started his League career with Fulham in 1979. After making over 140 League appearances for the Cottagers and capped 4 times by the Republic of Ireland, he joined Bournemouth in 1984. At the start of this season, he had made over 200 appearances for the Cherries.

Shaun Brooks (Midfield). Son of former Spurs player Johnny Brooks, the Londoner began his career with Crystal Palace. Made his League debut for them in 1980. Three years later he joined Leyton Orient where he was a regular in the first team for four years, making over 140 League appearances. Joined Bournemouth in the summer of 1987 and on his League debut he achieved the distinction of scoring Bournemouth's first ever Second Division goal, the winner at Sheffield United. He went on to score five goals in 33 appearances.

Kevin Bond (Defender). Son of the former Bournemouth Manager John Bond, he began his career as an apprentice at Dean Court. Born June 1968 the six foot defender has served Norwich City (142 League appearances, 12 goals), a spell with North American League side Seattle Sounders and Manchester City (107 League appearances, 10 goals). Has also represented the England 'B' International XI in matches versus Australia and New Zealand. In



• Kevin Bond

September 1984 left Manchester City for Southampton where he was to make in total 140 League appearances. In August 1988 returned to where his career all began by leaving The Dell for Dean Court for a fee of £50,000.

Richard Cooke (Winger). Born Islington, North London, began his career with nearby Tottenham. As expected, competition was tough for first team selection. He did make 11 League matches whilst with Spurs and also achieved England Youth and Under-21 Caps. After a loan spell with Birmingham joined Bournemouth for £30,000 in January 1987, scoring on his League debut at home to Notts County. Last season he appeared in 29 League games, and in all the various Cup matches, scoring a total of 6 goals.

Mark O'Connor (Winger). Although born in Rochdale, he has spent his playing career in the south. Began at Q.P.R. for whom he made 3 appearances. Then a move to Exeter City on loan in the summer of 1983 developed into a whole season when he played 38 times for the Devon side. Having become an established League player, Bristol Rovers signed him for £20,000. In both League and Cup he made almost 100 appearances before joining Bournemouth in 1986 for £25,000. Has made over 100 appearances for the Cherries.

Trevor Aylott (Striker). Born London where he began his varied career with Chelsea (29 League appearances). Moved to Barnsley in 1980 for £60,000 and made 96 League appearances and 20 in the Cup competitions scoring in total 34 goals. He returned to London in 1982 joining Millwall for £150,000. After 32 appearances a £65,000 move took him to Luton Town where, coincidentally, he played the same number of matches. In 1984 he joined Crystal Palace (53 League games), before two years later Bournemouth signed him for £15,000. In his first season with the Club scored 12 goals, then last season was the leading scorer with 11 goals in 49 appearances.

Shaun Close (Striker). Another London born player. He began his career with Tottenham under the Governments Youth Training Scheme and made a couple of first team appearances. Wanting to achieve more League experience he joined Bournemouth in February 1988 after a successful loan period for a fee of £70,000 equalling the Clubs record fee previously set in 1972. In 16 appearances last season he netted six goals.

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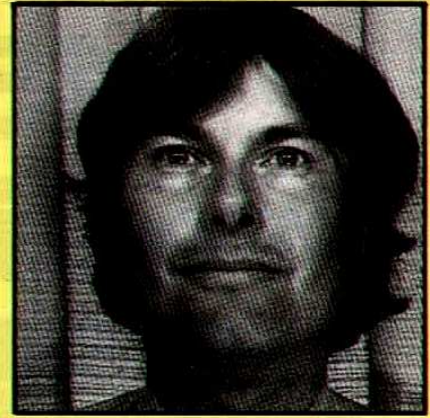


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ANOTHER SOUTH COAST VISIT

Good evening and welcome to the second instalment of Swindon Town versus the South Coast as old friends A.F.C. Bournemouth come visiting the County Ground.

Part one of the saga was, of course, against Portsmouth nine days ago when a 1-1 draw was scant reward for the fine battling Swindon performance. The disappointment of conceding that sloppy early goal meant the Town had to chase the game, but they set about their task in no mean fashion and justice was done when Steve Foley smashed home the equaliser.

It was a goal well deserved by the former Sheffield United midfielder after a non-stop display in very warm conditions.

Another fine performance came from Bobby Barnes who had to endure an awful lot of stick from some pretty uncompromising Pompey challenges. It really is good to see the flying winger get off to such a consistent start to the new campaign.

So let's give the Town a hearty cheer tonight and help them to their first home victory of the season.

TOUTS ON A LOSING STREAK

On a broader front the recent England-Denmark International at Wembley throws up many talking points, leaving aside the result and performance which I'll leave to those more qualified than I. What really causes concern though is the size of support our national

side attracts. Gone are the days when Wembley Internationals were sell-out and it was a rare treat to obtain a ticket. Now it seems the touts can't give the tickets away.

WHY ALWAYS WEMBLEY?

Well I believe now is the time for the 'Wembley only' policy of the Football Association should be looked at and the northern hotbeds of football should be given a chance to show their support for England.

Are the supporters of the Liverpool and Manchester Clubs really more passionate? Would their support lift the side out of that trough they found themselves in during the European Championship? Now indeed is the time to find out.

I would welcome your views on the subject and any others concerning football, please write to me care of the Club, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

G.W.R. AND THE OLYMPICS

The attentions of the sporting media at the present time are not surprisingly centred on South Korea and the Olympic games being held in Seoul. The amount of coverage is substantial and as the games take place every four years I suppose it's justified. But the sheer size of the operation really must be something to behold. Certainly it would put the average G.W.R. Radio Sport outside broadcast to shame and I doubt if one engineer, a commentator and a reporter would be enough to make the tea.

T.V. RIGHTS

The coverage of sport is now big business, that was illustrated perfectly by the goings on in the summer. T.V. companies bid for exclusive rights to show football and the 'Big Clubs' fell over themselves to get a piece of the action. I think it showed the worst possible side of football and the so called super League contenders in particular. They really do not seem to show any concern at all for the Clubs lower down the League ladder.

Perhaps we should allow them to go their own way and play in their own competitions. It would certainly give us the chance to see some decent games on the telly when 'Match of the day' and the like cover matches from the Second Division, or even the Third and horror of horrors, the Fourth.

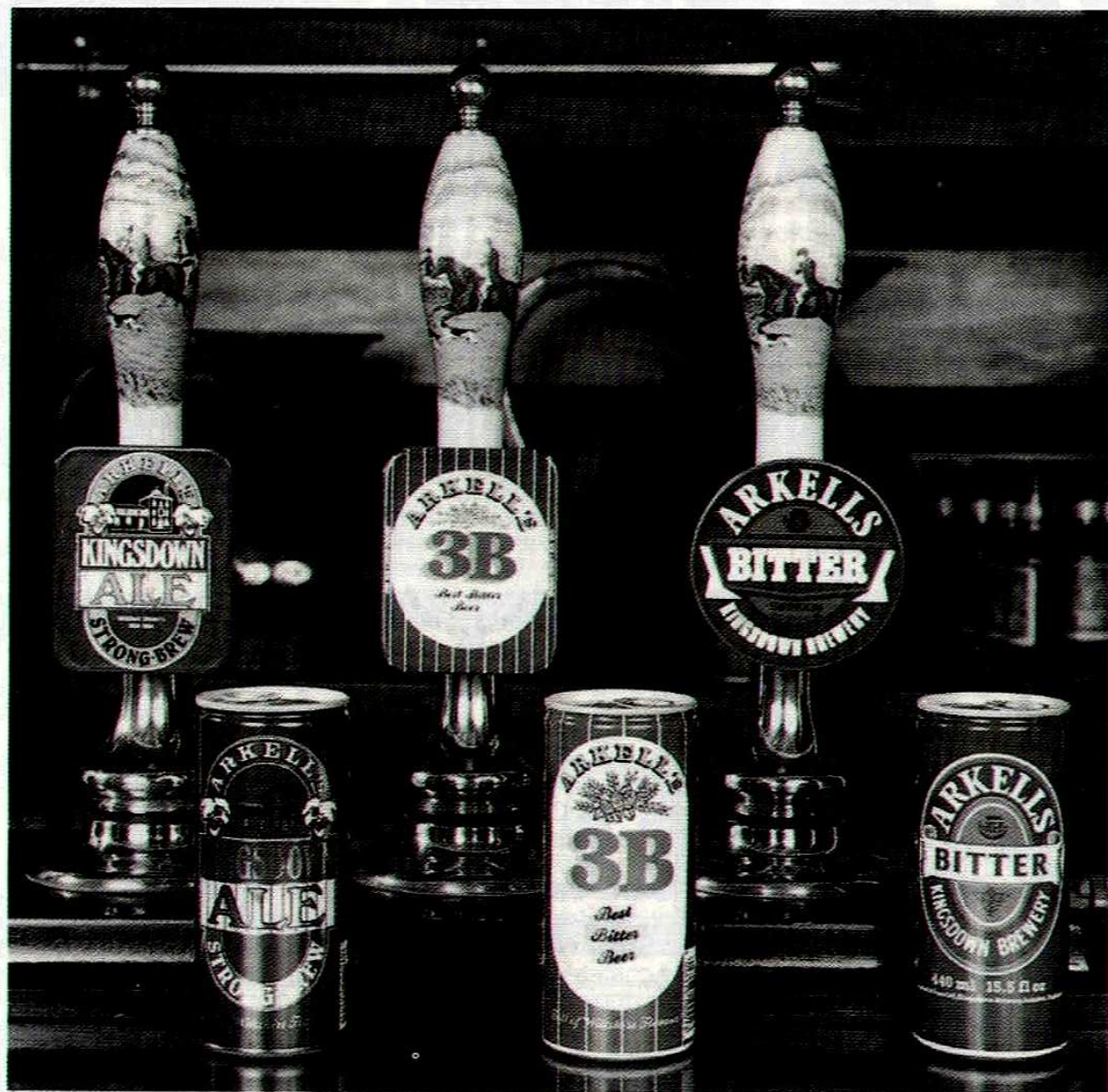
POLITICS UGH!

But I digress from the subject of the Olympics, a real festival of sport. Those of who enjoy them can feast on the action for the next two weeks and marvel at the athletic prowess of those taking part. Wouldn't it be nice to hear only of the sport and not of the political wranglings that now surround major sporting events. A touch naive of course but we can always hope.

And let's hope we see another fine encounter this evening between Swindon Town and Bournemouth, once again let's enjoy an exciting peaceful game of football.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

"A POOR DISPLAY" - ANDY

Town Coach - Andy Rowland was left seething by the performances of the Town's Combination team in their first 'Ovenden Papers' match of this season against **Ipswich Town** at **Portman Road** on **Tuesday September 6th**.

Andy's report of this 5-1 opening match defeat was "we were off to a poor start when Ipswich took an early lead, **Johnson** scoring in the fifth minute. Despite this early setback we drew level when **Oxbrow** conceded an own goal to put us level. Unfortunately this only seemed to spur Ipswich to greater efforts and by half time they had taken a 3-1 lead with further goals from **Woods** and a **Kinomya** penalty.

Our misery continued in the second half with **Mayes** and **Woods** with his second goal completing the scoring for Ipswich against a lack-lustre Town side."

Andy Rowlands concluded "Some of the players simply did not perform to their capabilities."

Team: Hammond, Barnett, Marshall, Foley, Young, Casserley, Barnard, Coyne, Henry, Simpson, Viveash.
Substitutes: Tomlinson and Hunt.

A GOOD TEAM PERFORMANCE

Coach Andy Rowland's report of the Reserve team's performance in a 1-1 draw at **Kenilworth Road** against **Luton Town** on **Saturday September 10th** was, "We took our first point with a good team performance. Despite having only four first team squad members, we played together and fully deserved our point. Although the first half remained goal-less we created the better chances with both **Paul Hunt** and **Peter Coyne** going close.

Luton Town took the lead ten minutes into the second half when **Farrell** looking yards offside beat **Nicky Hammond** from close range. We kept plugging away, equalised in the 80th minute, when **Paul Hunt** headed home from **Neil Tomlinson's** cross. The last ten minutes were a case of survival with **Nicky Hammond** making two splendid



● **Paul Hunt** - Our lone Combination goalscorer.

saves to ensure we kept a point."

Team: Hammond, Barnes, Casserly, Coyne, Young, Henry, Tomlinson, Barnard, Simpson, Hunt, Viveash.

Substitutes: Marshall for Henry after 45 mins. Rowland for Barnard after 45 mins.

'ANOTHER IMPROVED PERFORMANCE'

Town Youth team Manager - John Trollope was pleased with the Town's performance at **Colchester** on **Saturday September 10th**.

"With Colchester United making the early running they soon put us under pressure", reported John.

"Colchester United were a confident team. We survived the early pressure without conceding a goal and gradually came into the game as half time approached. Play began to flow from end to end.

We continued in the same vein in the Second half and in the 54th minute a ball returned into the United penalty area by **Lee Spalding** was won by **Nicky Summerbee** who shrugged off a challenge by a Colchester defender to put the Town ahead.

We were playing some good football

at this stage and we went further ahead when **Paul Trollope** and **Tony Hammersley** broke up an attack to send full back **Alex Graham** clear, the defender crossed a good ball to **Nicky Summerbee** who scored his second goal of the game.

Disaster hit the Town when they conceded a penalty five minutes from time and the Town youth's had to fight hard to retain their lead."

John concluded by saying "After surviving early pressure we worked hard and we obtained a good away win with another improved performance.

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Spalding, Sandrey, Quinn, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Walker, Morgan.

Substitutes: Graham (for Walker in 46th min.) Holt (for Spalding in 79th min.)

NICKY LEADS THE WAY

Nicky Summerbee is our leading goalscorer in South East Counties League matches with five goals to his credit.

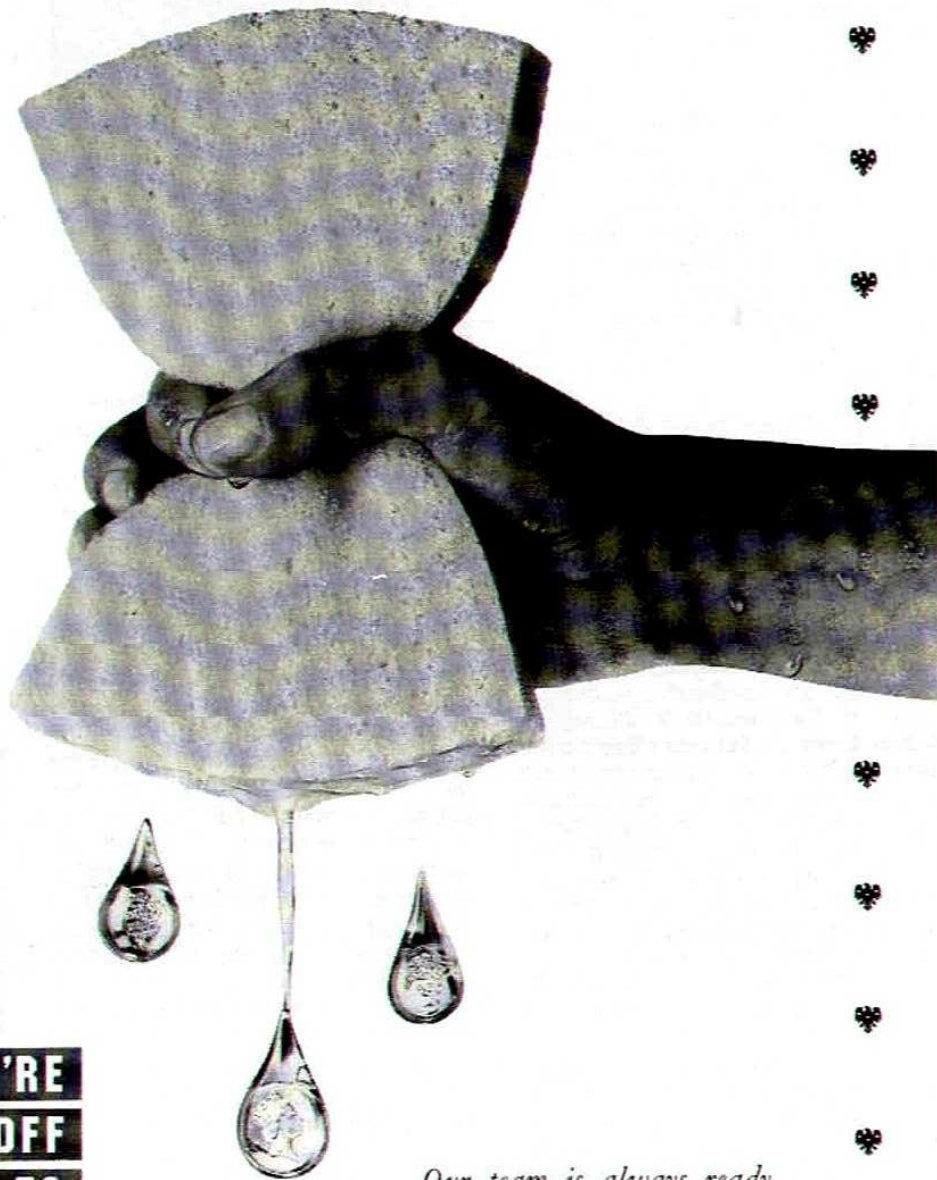
Also on the mark in Youth matches - **Tony Hammersley** and **Richard Morgan** 2 each, **Paul Hunt** one, and an own goal complete the tally.

● **Nicky Summerbee**



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WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND - JIM

Included in the **AFC Bournemouth** party for this evenings match will be the **Dean Court Club's Assistant Manager - Jimmy Gabriel**. Jim played for **Swindon Town** during the 1973/74 season on loan from, yes, you may have guessed the Club - **AFC Bournemouth!**

Jim only made six appearances for the Town in what was then termed a wing half position. Jim, who will be celebrating his forty-eighth birthday on October 16th, was a **Scottish International** who enjoyed a highly successful playing career with **Everton** and **Southampton** at the top level.

Jim's complete playing career reads as follows when he retired:

| | | Apps | League | | Goals |
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| | | | Sub | | |
| Everton | 1959-66 | 255 | 1 | | 23 |
| Southampton | 1967-71 | 190 | 1 | | 26 |
| Bournemouth | 1972-73 | 53 | - | | 4 |
| Swindon Town (loan) | 1973 | 6 | - | | - |
| Brentford | 1973 | 9 | - | | - |

A LATER KICK OFF

The Town's **Second Round, Second Leg** match with **Crystal Palace** on **Wednesday October 12th** will kick-off at **8 p.m.** The later kick-off time is due to the fact that the Superstore situated behind **Selhurst Park** affects what time Palace and Charlton Athletic can commence their matches.

PORTUGAL TOUR FOR THE 'CHERRIES'

AFC Bournemouth went on a pre-season tour to **Portugal** where they drew with **C.D. Est Amadora 1-1** and

F.C. Barreirense 2-2 defeating **G.D. Estoril Praia 4-0** and losing **1-0** to **C.D. Montigo**.

FRONT COVER

Our front cover of the matchday programme was selected to give prominence to the Club's **Player of the Year - Tim Parkin**. As usual the photograph of the highest standard was snapped by **Dave Evans**.

JOHN'S VERDICT ON SWINDON TOWN

When **Millwall Manager John Docherty** was asked to review **Swindon Town** in

a countdown to the new season he had this to say:

"I thought they were one of the stronger teams in the section last season. A few players have left, Dave Bamber, Jimmy Quinn and Chris Kamara for instance and it will take time to replace them. They will score a lot of goals and perhaps concede a lot, but I believe they will be on the fringes of the play-off scramble. It is important that Lou Macari has decided to stay as Manager, (25-1) for the championship."

JOHN'S THOUGHTS ON AFC BOURNEMOUTH?

"Last season was their first in Division Two after winning promotion and they found life difficult. I cannot see things improving for them this season, (66-1) rank outsiders.

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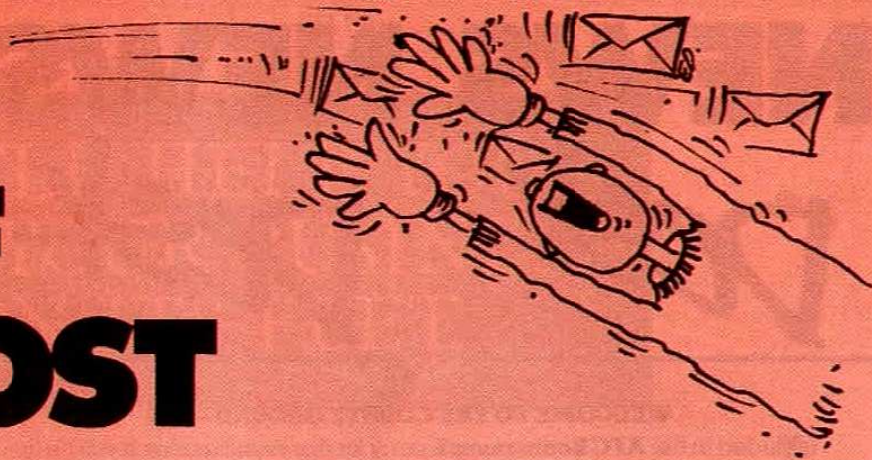
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This season he has decided to follow the fortunes of your Club. He was saying when I was home last, that he would love to have a signed photograph of your team, and I wondered whether this would be at all possible. He would be most grateful.

In case you can help his address is: Mr. David German, 15 Milton Avenue, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon BS23 2UL.

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Yours faithfully,
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Editor: We will be only too pleased to help you.

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We have also decided to raise money for Children in Need whilst trying to set up the record, so of course we are looking for publicity in various forms. What we are asking of all programme editors, is to give the attempt a mention in one of your programmes early in the new season.

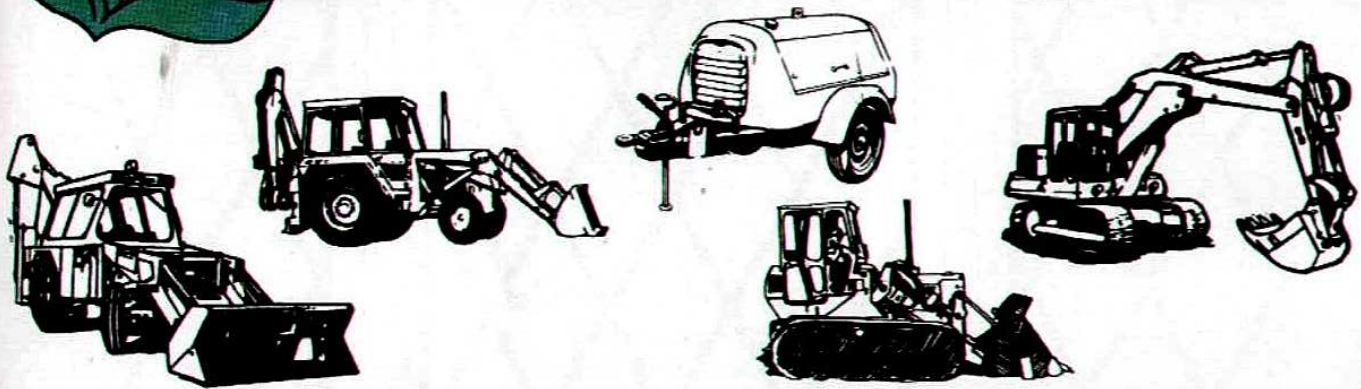
We will of course let you have more specific details when they are finalised, if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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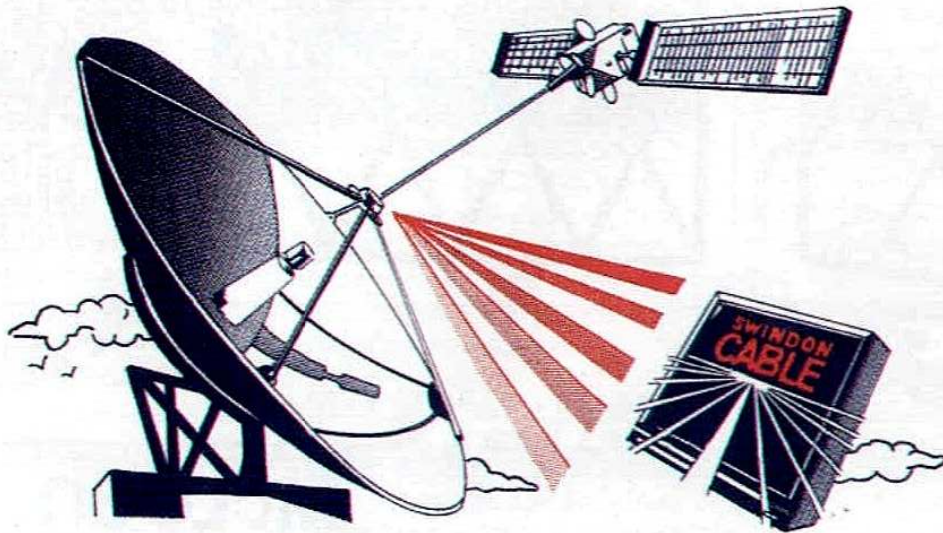


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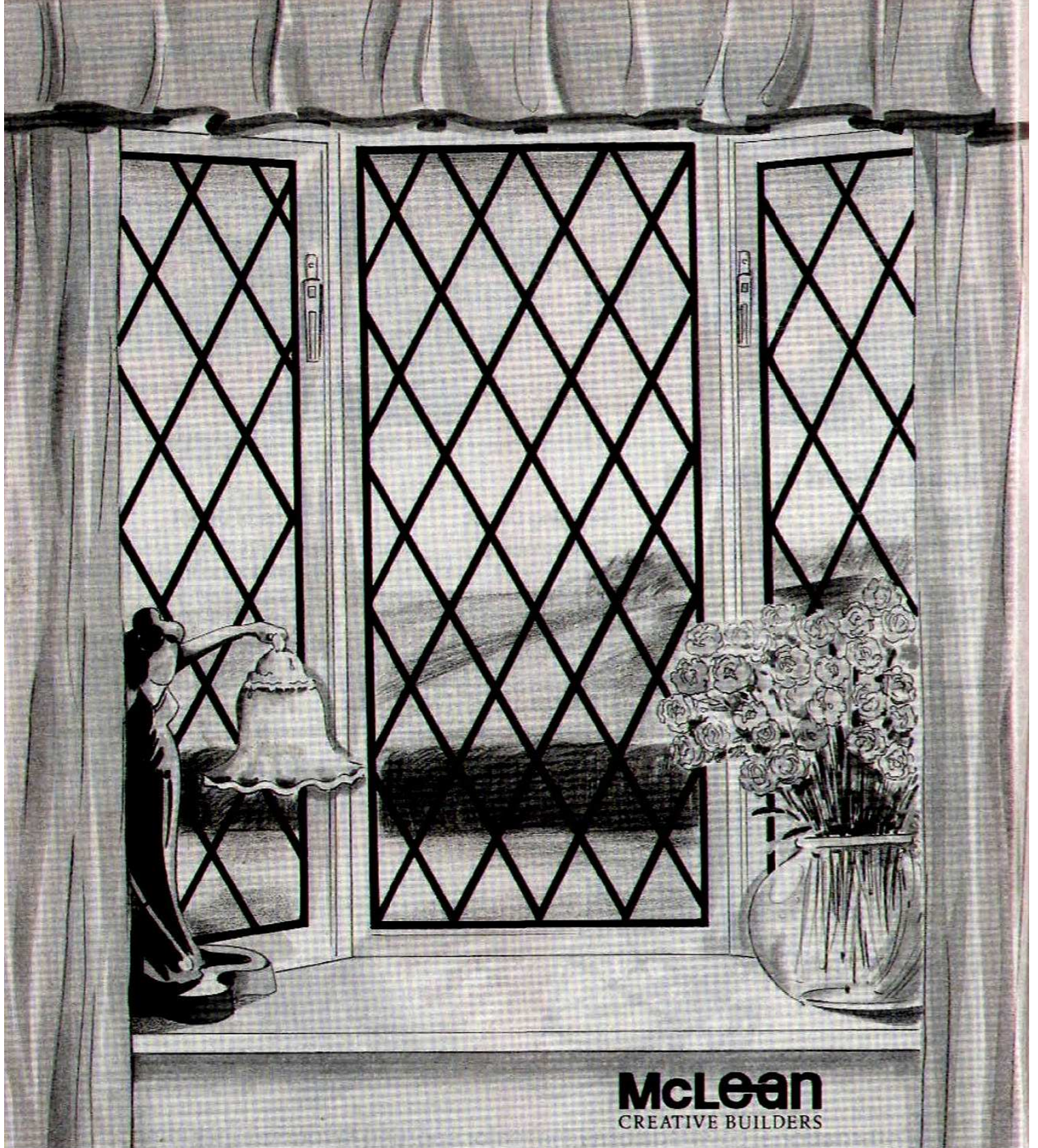
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VIEWPOINT

NO NIGGLING DOUBTS NOW
Following the injury I suffered at Crystal Palace last season I must admit it left me with several niggling doubts about my recovery.

Thankfully I now feel that I am over those self doubts and back to feeling natural in training and playing... for a professional footballer there are always the confidence factors when they have been injured.

OVER AGE!

Unfortunatly I believe I am now over age for a call-up for the England Under-21 team. When I reached 21 years of age last April it put me four months outside the age qualification.

I believe that the rule states that the qualification for inclusion is that you have to be Under-21 on the first day of August. Ah well, it was good while it lasted. Kevin Pressman the Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper is one year younger than me and will still be in contention. Kevin was one of my England rivals.

A BIG GAP

There is a big gap left for players when they leave the Under-21 age group. Unless you reach the Senior International squad you have little chance of representative honours.

For outfield players that is not such a problem. The fact that England manager Bobby Robson included six or seven younger players in his recent squad for the International friendly with Denmark shows the problem is not so highlighted in their position. For a goalkeeper you have to be outstanding to be included.

No. 2 FRASER DIGBY

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A BIG CLUB, BUT...

When I left Manchester United it was a good move for me. I was leaving Old Trafford to perhaps realise any potential that I had.

So I left a big Club and I make no secret that, like every ambitious player, I would like to re-join a really big Club. That does not mean I am looking to leave Swindon Town for I honestly believe this Club has untapped potential.

THE SWEEPER SYSTEM

Last season 'The Gaffer', introduced a sweeper system to help improve our defensive record. This season we have continued with the same format.

In my position it adds a little bit of security and as a goalkeeper I am not relied upon to cover for the defence quite so much, if the 'sweeper' is really doing his job. Before we adopted this system, I was probably having to cover far more of my penalty area.

HELL OF A LOT TO LEARN

I am often asked if I believe I have definite strengths and weaknesses. The answer is that I simply have a lot to learn about all aspects of the game.

I must admit my overall fitness has improved since I joined Swindon Town. I try to work at everything and improve my general game and form.



● Fraser Digby

MOVING SOUTH

Joining Swindon Town after being born in the north and playing in the top half of the country was no problem for me as a goalkeeper.

Keepers do not have the same problems as outfield players, where they have to fit into a style. There are not the same problems.

BUT, OH THOSE HOUSE PRICES! The one problem you immediately notice down here when you move down from the north is the extortionate house prices.

For the first time buyers it is an horrific problem and for players moving down it is a nightmare. A problem that managers must face when they try to sell their Club to northern lads.

Houses are an investment but it is difficult to begin the investment!

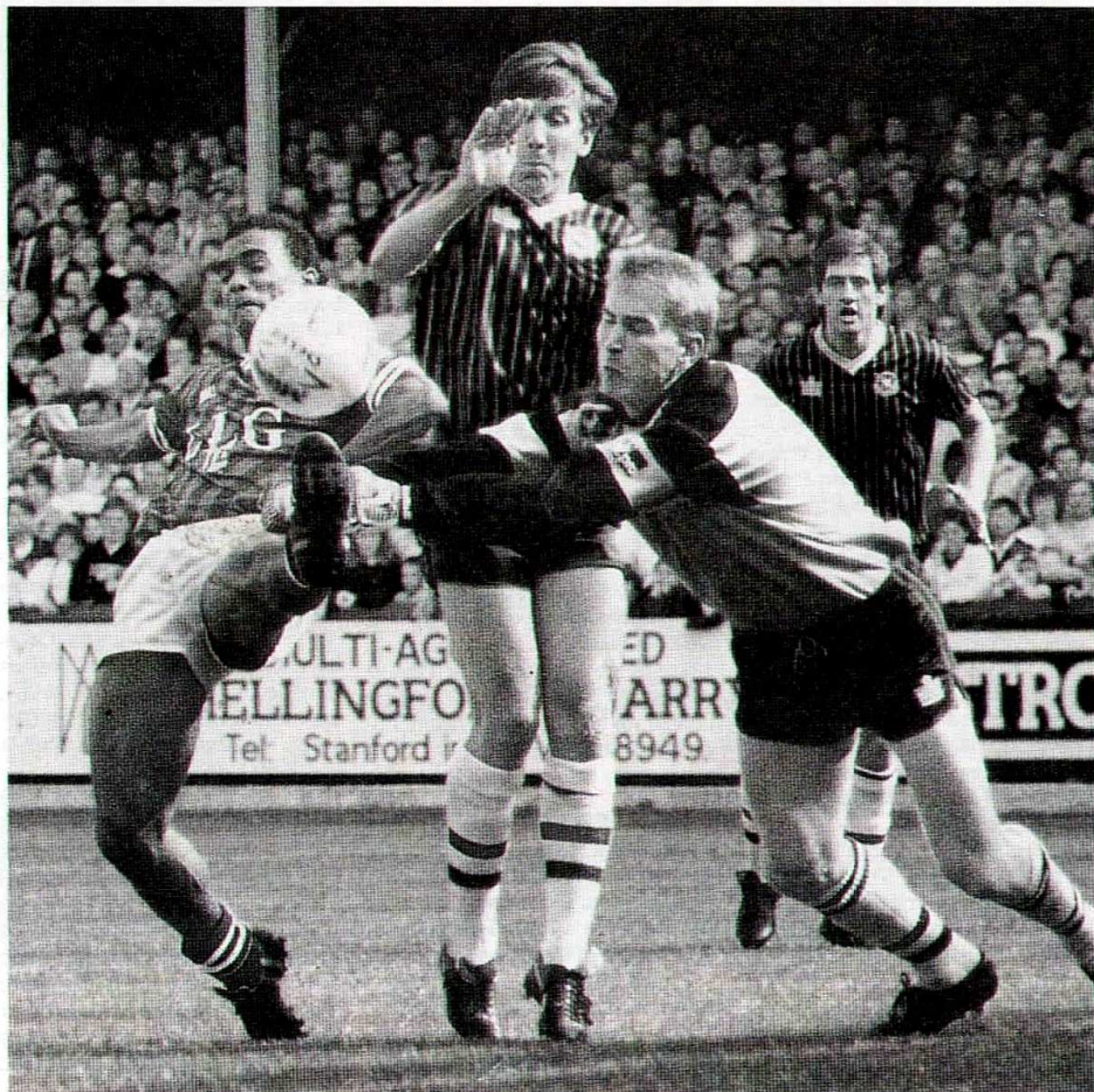
Enjoy tonight's match and watch out for my opposite number tonight - Gerry Peyton of Bournemouth. Gerry is one of the biggest talkers in the game. He is constantly talking to his defenders, not unlike Peter Shilton. Both are full Internationals, maybe, one day I will be lucky enough to join those privileged ranks.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Goals Goals Goals*

● Pompey's Alan Knight fists the ball clear from the foot of Town winger Bobby Barnes.

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● A high-stepping Jon Gittens in action during the Town's first home game against Portsmouth.

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

| DATE | OPPONENTS | V | Attnd | Result | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------------|---|----------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 29.8.88 | MON BARNLEY | A | 6,034 | 1-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Maclaren | Parkin | Gittens | McLoughlin |
| 3.9.88 | SAT WEST BROM | A | 7,512 | 1-3 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Maclaren | Parkin | Gittens | Bodin |
| 11.9.88 | SUN PORTSMOUTH | H | 11,443 | 1-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Maclaren | Calderwood | Gittens | Foley (1) |
| 17.9.88 | SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS | A | 7,622 | 0-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Maclaren | Parkin | Gittens | Foley |
| 20.9.88 | TUE A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 24.9.88 | SAT BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 27.9.88 | TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.10.88 | SAT WATFORD | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.10.88 | WED OXFORD UNITED | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 9.10.88 | SUN CHELSEA | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 12.10.88 | WED CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1) | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 16.10.88 | SUN LEEDS UNITED | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 22.10.88 | SAT SUNDERLAND | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 26.10.88 | WED LEICESTER CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 29.10.88 | SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.11.88 | SAT HULL CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 12.11.88 | SAT IPSWICH TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 19.11.88 | SAT STOKE CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 22.11.88 | TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 26.11.88 | SAT WALSALL | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.12.88 | SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.12.88 | SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 17.12.88 | SAT BRADFORD CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 26.12.88 | MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.12.88 | SAT MANCHESTER CITY | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1.89 | MON PORTSMOUTH | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 14.1.89 | SAT BARNLEY | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.1.89 | SAT CRYSTAL PALACE | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.2.89 | SUN OXFORD UNITED | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 11.2.89 | MON CHELSEA | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 18.2.89 | SAT SUNDERLAND | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 25.2.89 | SAT LEEDS UNITED | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.2.89 | TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.3.89 | SAT IPSWICH TOWN | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 11.3.89 | SAT HULL CITY | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 14.3.89 | TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 18.3.89 | SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 25.3.89 | SAT WEST BROM | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 27.3.89 | MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.4.89 | SUN BLACKBURN ROVERS | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.4.89 | TUE BRADFORD CITY (7.45) | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.4.89 | SAT MANCHESTER CITY | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 15.4.89 | SAT WATFORD | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 22.4.89 | SAT BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 29.4.89 | SAT WALSALL | A | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.5.89 | MON SHREWSBURY TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.5.89 | SAT STOKE CITY | H | | | | | | | | | |
| 13.5.89 | SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC | A | | | | | | | | | |

WHAT HAVE THE SECOND DIVISION CLUBS DONE IN 100 YEARS OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCHES?

| Club | Played | Won | Drew |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Barnley | 3320 | 1204 | 834 |
| Birmingham City | 3394 | 1275 | 814 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 3516 | 1366 | 841 |
| A.F.C. Bournemouth | 2586 | 977 | 680 |
| Bradford City | 3192 | 1197 | 804 |
| Brighton and Hove Albion | 2654 | 1076 | 673 |
| Chelsea | 2982 | 1140 | 773 |
| Crystal Palace | 2632 | 960 | 701 |
| Hull City | 3048 | 1193 | 785 |
| Ipswich Town | 1832 | 753 | 440 |
| Leeds United | 2952 | 1202 | 734 |
| Leicester City | 3344 | 1248 | 838 |
| Manchester City | 3394 | 1391 | 804 |
| Oldham Athletic | 3000 | 1122 | 742 |
| Oxford United | 1146 | 398 | 336 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 2648 | 1043 | 674 |
| Portsmouth | 2592 | 967 | 667 |
| Shrewsbury Town | 1714 | 612 | 461 |
| Stoke City | 3208 | 1165 | 770 |
| Sunderland | 3454 | 1431 | 820 |
| Swindon Town | 2684 | 1019 | 685 |
| Walsall | 2896 | 1036 | 679 |
| Watford | 2664 | 1007 | 676 |
| West Bromwich Albion | 3496 | 1381 | 825 |

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* and † Denotes substitute and player substituted.

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| Lost | Goals For | Goals Against |
|------|-----------|---------------|
| 1282 | 4771 | 5042 |
| 1303 | 5091 | 5038 |
| 1309 | 5543 | 5434 |
| 929 | 3625 | 3487 |
| 1191 | 4687 | 4604 |
| 906 | 4021 | 3635 |
| 1069 | 4500 | 4412 |
| 971 | 3757 | 3768 |
| 1070 | 4564 | 4225 |
| 649 | 2795 | 2579 |
| 1016 | 4484 | 4102 |
| 1258 | 5201 | 5260 |
| 1199 | 5684 | 5108 |
| 1136 | 3880 | 4465 |
| 412 | 1454 | 1472 |
| 931 | 4079 | 3745 |
| 958 | 3903 | 3881 |
| 641 | 2397 | 2453 |
| 1273 | 4499 | 4731 |
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Swindon Town - The Record Number of Points

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Father and Son

On the 5th May, 1971, Alec and David Herd were the two inside forwards in the Stockport County team which beat Hartlepool United 2-0.

Scunthorpe United have the Football League's first new ground for 33 years. They are now playing at £2.5 million Glandford Park.

When former Town midfield player Glenn Cockerill's brother John joined Grimsby Town for £21,275 he completed a family double! John, 27, follows Glenn in their fathers footsteps. Ron actually played 300 games for the Blundell Park outfit.

Denny Munde, released by the Town in May 1987 on a free transfer is now on a full time contract with AFC Bournemouth. The Dean Court Club signed the former Swindon Schoolboy and Queens Park Rangers trainee from Salisbury City. Denny is currently on loan to GMVC League team Weymouth.

With the departure of the evergreen Ernie Moss from the League scene this now leaves Keith Edward standing with 209 goals to his credit as the League's leading scorer.

Following in the wake of Keith Edwards is Tommy Tynan of Plymouth Argyle with 202, followed by John Aldridge with 174. Ian Rush entered the English League scene again on 153.

When Oxford United defeated Hull City 1-0 on August 29th

it was their first victory of 1988! Their last success in a League match was a 1-0 win at home to Coventry City last November.

The 4-2-4 formation was pioneered by Brazil in the 1958 World Cup.

In 1966 Sir Alf Ramsey introduced his 'wingless wonders' - a 4-4-2 line-up. England won the World Cup.

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From the 'Today' newspaper of Saturday August 20th 1988

11.00 MATCH OF THE DAY. The dreaded football season rears its ugly head once again as Liverpool and Wimbledon meet in the FA Cup Charity Shield!

Wembley will be unable to attract 100,000 crowds again following the installation of seats in the upper terracing at both ends. The new capacity is 87,000.

Queens Park Rangers, who pioneered plastic surfaces seven years ago are back on grass with a £250,000 cell-system pitch similar to Fulham's.

When Millwall began the season on August 27th they became the 59th Club to play in the First Division since the League was founded with one division in 1888.

The Pools Panel will sit even if only one coupon match is postponed from November through to April.

Barnet recently sold defender Nicky Bissett to Brighton for a non-League record £115,000. Barnet could make £50,000 if Brighton sell Bissett at a profit and he plays for England.

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3. Phil King
4. Ross Maclaren
5. Colin Calderwood
6. Jon Gittens
7. Steve Foley
8. Paul Bodin
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Steve White
11. Bobby Barnes
12. Charlie Henry
14. Peter Coyne

AFC BOURNEMOUTH

Team Changes

1. Gerry Peyton
2. Mark Newson
3. Paul Morrell
4. Kevin Bond
5. John Williams
6. Mark Whitlock
7. Mark O'Connor
8. Shaun Brooks
9. Trevor Aylott
10. Ian Bishop
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