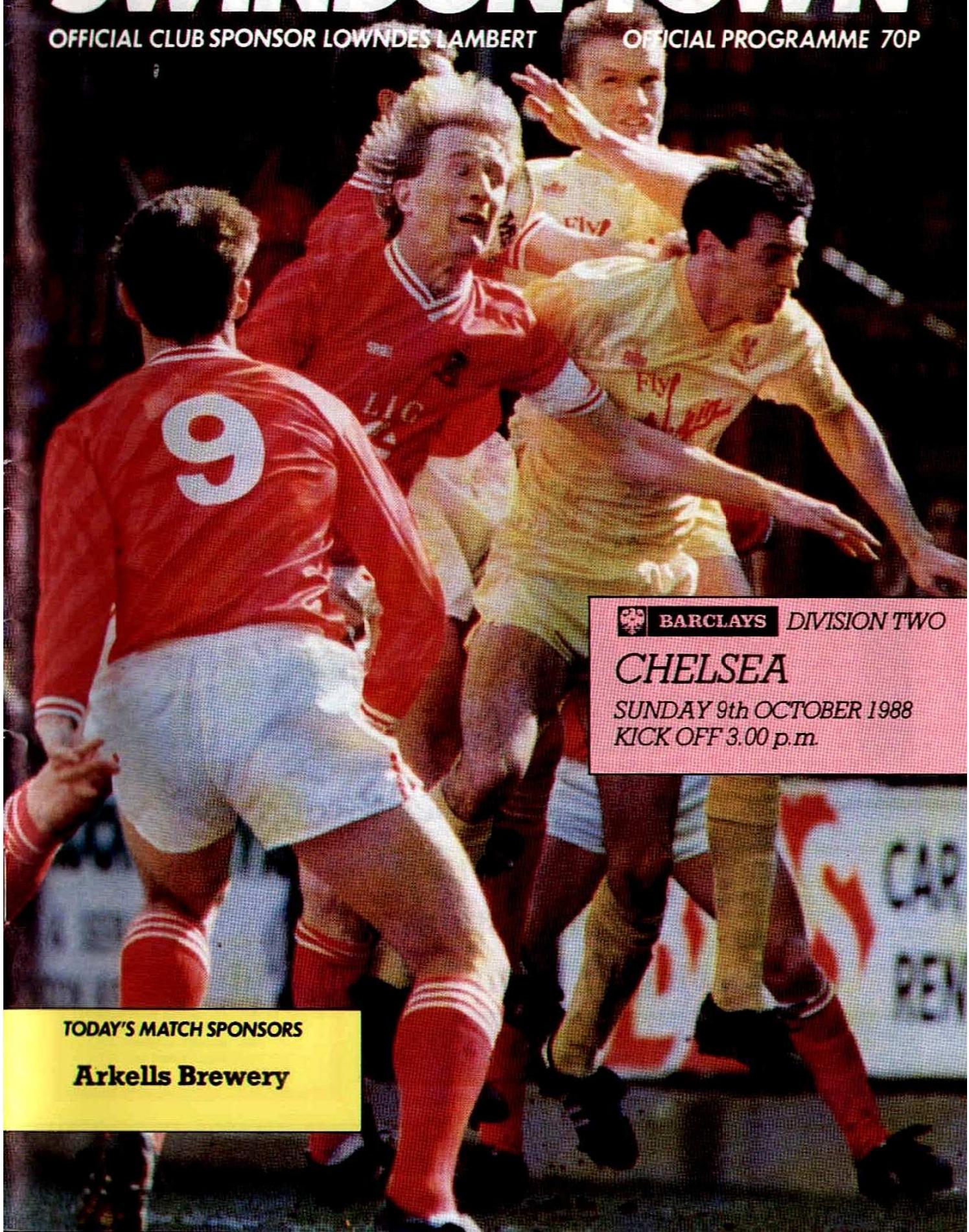


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THE MANAGER'S VIEW

BY

Lou Macari

AT LAST

It is always pleasing when you are able to secure the signature of a player that you have been trailing for months.

I wrote in my programme notes of the Bournemouth match that I hoped to clinch the signing of a player from Scotland.

Although the actual signing was a few hours later than I had anticipated, I eventually secured the signature of **Tom Jones** around lunch-time before our last home League game with Brighton at the County Ground.

RECENT RESULTS ... ONE GOOD

Despite being at the ground to sign the former Aberdeen player I did not see the Brighton game because I wanted to run the rule over Crystal Palace who were playing at Portsmouth that day.

Few can grumble about a convincing scoreline and I was already on my way back to Swindon when I called the ground on my car telephone to hear the result. Imagine my satisfaction when Joanne in our reception told me we had three more points in the bag. A good days work all round.

... ANOTHER SET BACK

It would be unrealistic to suggest that we do not have a mountain to climb at Crystal Palace next Wednesday night. Mountains are inevitably climbed and I believe we will do this at Selhurst Park and overcome the 2-1 deficit we face from the first leg of our Littlewoods Cup tie.

We were lacking zip in our County Ground match, but real Swindon Town fire and thunder will put that right. We did not produce that in the first leg and we were punished. Mind you, not without a controversial decision to help Palace. We missed chances and that is what we have to

do next week, put them away. I am confident that we shall make Thursday's draw.

AND BACK ON THE RIGHT ROAD ...

The thousand plus supporters who travelled to Watford last week must have been highly delighted with our 3-2 win.

I certainly was and it was the perfect comeback following the disappointment of the Crystal Palace match. The lads were tremendous and you will rarely see more spectacular goals than those scored by **Duncan Shearer** and **Tom Jones**.

I KNOW IT IS DISAPPOINTING, BUT ...

No player likes to be omitted from the team, most players do not like to be substituted, but a Manager is failing his duty if he does not pick his team from a squad.

There has been more than one occasion this season when players have not wanted to fight for a place in the team, but to be guaranteed a first team position. I, or no Manager that I am aware of can do that. Reputations, size of fee are no guarantee. I will pick the best team for Swindon Town Football Club. Everyone at the County Ground has a point to prove, each day, each match. The lesson is clear, competition is healthy.

THE LOCAL DERBY AT OXFORD ...

At Oxford we took a point to make it four from the six available from our last two matches, both away from the County Ground.

Both Clubs had been relegated from the First Division last season. Looking at past results between ourselves and Oxford United a draw was perhaps predictable. **Tim Parkin's** equaliser was just reward. Thanks for your support at both matches, keep it up today.

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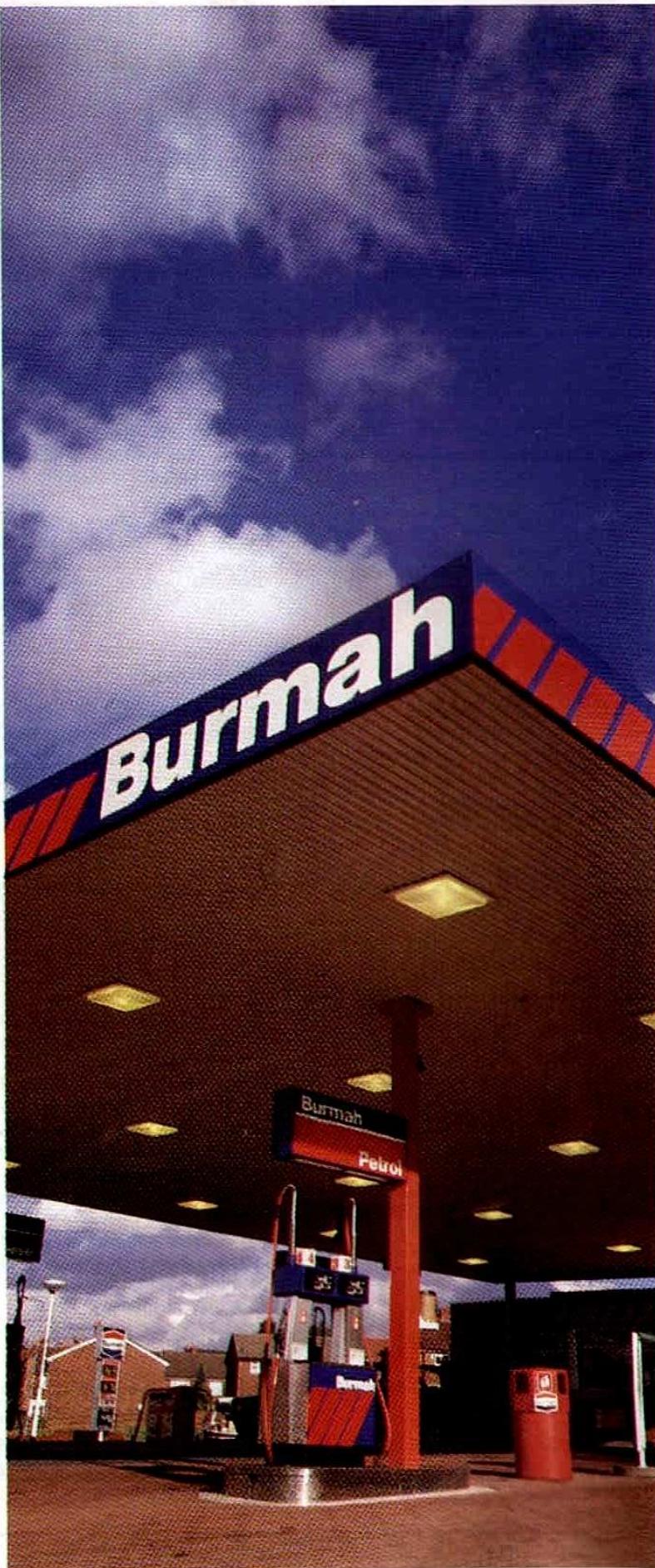
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OFF NOTE

One more 'green, green grass of home' comment and I think I'll scream! The arrival of Tom Jones from Aberdeen seems to have sent Swindon pun crazy.

In both League and Cup, Tom has shown so far to be just the player we wanted to add depth to our midfield.

His substitutes performance against Palace heralded his arrival in fine style, with his winner at Watford ensuring him favourite status already.

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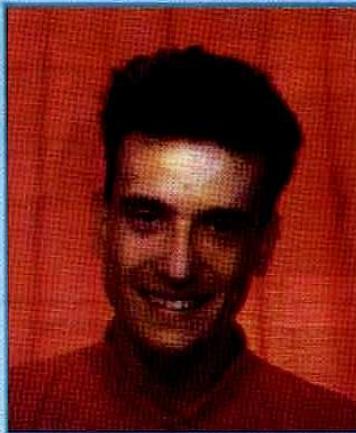
Both of those games brought disbelief on the terraces, the Palace game for some incredible refereeing and the Watford match bringing a result far better than expected.

Duncan Shearer's first goal for the 'Town' came in circumstances which just about summed the Palace game up, as their keeper applauded the Scotsman's effort all the way into the net!

More dubious goalkeeping just before half-time, brought Palace back into the game just as we seemed to be getting on top. Consistency and ability amongst match officials is a subject that seems likely to crop up throughout the season, the Palace game bringing a decision that it would be hard to top in incompetence. A clear off side decision given by a linesman brought great confusion as the referee acknowledged his flag and then played the advantage rule with the penalised Palace side in posession. This obviously gave a whole new meaning to 'advantage' as the Eagles glided through our bewildered defence to score what proved to be the winner. Is confidence in match officials really too much to ask for?

There was more pleasant disbelief at Watford last Saturday, as we toyed with the 'Hornets' before

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

slicing them in two with a stunning attacking performance.

Even some more poor officiating and over zealous use of the yellow card couldn't stop three vital points coming our way in the most rewarding win of our spell back in the Second Division.

This time around there was no doubting Duncan Shearer's fire-power, as his 16th minute effort looped over Coton's head to open the scoring. Typically though, Watford drew level within a minute whilst the celebrations were still going strong. The man who launched a thousand puns was on hand with some brilliant work to set the 'Town' up for a deserved interval lead through Bobby Barnes. Even another equaliser in the second half could not stop Tom Jones as he fired in a superb winner to make the M25 almost tolerable on the way back to Wiltshire.

SETTLED IN BUT DROPPED THREE DAYS LATER

A final couple of comments about the trip to Watford though, Dave Bamber seems to have settled in well at Vicarage Road but on the day struggled to produce the goods as he tried to prove just that little bit too much to his old fans, a lot of whom must have very short memories. Dave was left out of the 'Hornets' line-up at home to Oldham three days later.

PETTY POLICEMEN

Watford's much publicised family atmosphere doesn't seem to have reached the local constabulary, with their petty attitude in removing 'Town' flags draped over their posh new stand and transporting their owners to the terrace. Aren't there more important problems to be sorted out than supporters being harassed for displaying their allegiance?

REMEMBER THE 'SIMOD'

This afternoon's opponents Chelsea, arrive for their first ever League game at the County Ground hoping to avenge last season's 4-0 Simod Cup thrashing by the 'Town', half that margin would do today as we attempt to strengthen our position amongst the top sides in the Division. Their supporters will also get the chance to see the side fashioned by the Assistant Manager they never got, perhaps they'll realise just what they missed out on.

PALACE, BILLY, BUT NEITHER WILL BE EASY

An uphill struggle is in prospect midweek when we attempt to claw our way back into the Littlewoods Cup at Selhurst Park, a fighting performance like the one at Watford could yet see us through to the Third Round.

Our next League action should prove as hard as this afternoon's game with Leeds United the visitors. Billy Bremner has become the first major managerial casualty of the season, but his departure won't make our task any easier.

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BRIAN HILLIER



WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND TOM

This is the first public opportunity I have had to officially welcome our new midfield player, Tom Jones, to the Club.

What a busy time it was for all of us when Lou Macari made his move for the former Aberdeen player on the eve of the recent Brighton match here at the County Ground. I collected Tom from Cheltenham on the morning of the match. The deal was settled within an hour of negotiation. Lou wanted the player registered in time for the Littlewoods Cup match with Crystal Palace.

REGISTERING ON A MATCHDAY

The registration of players is often an ordeal and with the Littlewoods Cup **the player must be signed forty-eight hours prior to end of a match**. So, we had to register Tom by 9.25 p.m. on Sunday evening. Plenty of time you may imagine! With Aberdeen having no facsimile facility, and all the various bodies closed down, the Football League, the Football Association and the equivalent authorities in Scotland also, there was a real headache in prospect. With a match the same afternoon it was a problem for our administration staff.

A TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Our Club Secretary, Dave King, and his staff had not only the problem of dealing with the numerous problems of a match, but how to overcome the Aberdeen quandry.

At 1.25 p.m. contact had been made with the Aberdeen Secretary who agreed to send the required forms by the facsimile of a local businessman. At 2.15 p.m. they were received at the County Ground. Copies were countersigned and returned. The first part was complete.

The next problem, the Football League. They are closed at the weekend. It was then a situation of trying to contact the Registration Secretary. Unfortunately he had recently moved house, not once, but twice. A call to

the home of the Assistant League Secretary, David Dent, was made but he did not have his new telephone number at hand. He promised to ring our Secretary Dave King back if he could find the number. In the meantime calls were made to various people connected with the F.A. and Football League but with no success.

At 2.40 p.m. David Dent rang back with Mike Foster's new telephone number. Contact was made with Mike and he agreed to go to the Football League offices to receive the required forms when they were completed at our end.

At 3.10 p.m. they were faxed to the Football League, a call was made to Mike's home, but lo and behold, he had taken his children to the local baths. He was not due to return to 5.00 p.m.

At 5.00 p.m. our Secretary, Dave King, made contact again and then he had to wait for a telephone call at his home at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday evening to confirm everything was in order. The call came that evening and our administration staff had beaten the deadline with twenty four hours to spare. They had done well in trying circumstances.

ATTENDANCES AND RECEIPTS

With our recent excursion into Cup action I would like to explain to you the variation in the system for each competition and a little about our computerised turnstile system.

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WELCOME CHELSEA

I would like to welcome the Chelsea Directors and their Officials to the County Ground this afternoon and extend a warm welcome to their supporters.

The Chelsea Chairman, Ken Bates, is facing a difficult struggle to keep football at Stamford Bridge, but knowing Ken he will not give up without a tremendous fight. That is typical of the Chelsea Chairman who has kept the London Club afloat in several turbulent seasons.

DISAPPOINTING

Despite the weather, the attendance at our last home match with Brighton was disappointing. Bristol City in the Third Division and Burnley in the Fourth Division had higher attendances on that day.

Of the 6,585 spectators (including Brighton supporters) probably nearly fifty percent came from the country areas. Surely we should expect a higher turn out for Second Division soccer in one of the fastest growing populations within the Common Market. Today's attendance will probably be a further boost in the eyes of those who advocate Sunday soccer. Watch today's attendance with interest.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

TRANSFERS

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Imre Varadi rejoined **Sheffield Wednesday** last week in a swap deal which took **Carl Bradshaw** to **Manchester City**.

Varadi played for Everton, both Sheffield Clubs, Newcastle United and West Bromwich Albion before joining City where he scored 17 League goals last season.

"This is a dream move for me," said Imre. "It's great to be back with a Club in the First Division."

Stoke City also moved into the transfer market last week when they signed **Mark Higgins** from **Bury** for £150,000. The defender quit Everton three years ago when specialists told him he would never play again because of a pelvic injury. Mark joined Bury two years ago.

WE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED

Having remained scoreless on eleven of our thirteen previous League matches at **Vicarage Road** it should have come as no real surprise that we would one day hit the jackpot against **Watford** on their own pitch. Unbeaten and without conceding a goal at home this season, those goals by **Duncan Shearer**, **Bobby Barnes** and **Tom Jones** put a dent in that record in a thrilling encounter. The goals by **Duncan Shearer** and **Tom Jones** will live long in the memory.

BILLY? NO... KEVIN!

Brighton's 2-1 win over a Manager-less **Leeds United** last week meant that every Club in the League now has at least one point. Who scored the winner for Brighton? A man called Bremner - **Kevin Bremner**. Former Swindon Town winger **Garry Nelson** had earlier equalised **Ian Baird's** first half effort for the Elland Road Club.

NO FUTURE?... NOT ACCORDING TO TOMMY!

Walsall defender **Andy Dorman** has been placed on the transfer list at his own request. Dorman, 27, who joined Walsall from **Motherwell** for £17,000 two years ago asked for a move after being left out of the Midland Clubs recent Littlewoods Cup tie against

Liverpool at Anfield recently. Manager **Tommy Coakey** said: "He thinks he has no future at the Club, but he has played in eight of our nine games this season and recently signed a new, two year contract." A day later he was recalled to Walsall's team.

LET ME OUT OF HERE!

When **Birmingham City** slumped to their sixth defeat from their seventh League match against **Barnsley** by 5-3 at **St. Andrews** last week, their poor keeper **Tony Godden** endured a personal nightmare, booed by the St. Andrews supporters after being blamed for two of Barnsley's five - a tally which doubled their total for the season, incidentally.

Tony dashed off at the end through the centre exit, away from the corner tunnel where Blues dejected troops walked off to an angry reception from supporters.

Birmingham City have now won only four times from 34 League matches since **Barnsley** were at **St. Andrews** in November last year.

IPSWICH WATCHING AS WELL

Hamilton Academicals winger **Paul Mc-**

Donald has been watched by several leading English Clubs this season. Now **Ipswich Town** have joined Nottingham Forest and Coventry City in watching the 20-year old playing in the Scottish Premier Division.

QUOTE...UNQUOTE...QUOTE

Alan Ball following **Portsmouth's** 2-1 defeat at **Bradford City** last week: "I thought Bradford were poor. There was a game there to be won."

Chelsea Manager **Bobby Campbell** delighted with the 2-1 win over **Leicester City** compared 17-year old debutant **David Lee** to the young **Liam Brady**: "Like Brady, David is special - a footballer who will play anywhere."

Our own **Lou Macari** on **Watford** following our 3-2 win at **Vicarage Road**: "They'll go up - Elton John's got enough money."

West Bromwich Albion Manager **Ron Atkinson** on **Ipswich Town** following the **Portman Road** Club's 2-1 win at **The Hawthorns**: "Full marks to my side for their spirit and great credit to Ipswich - they look a great side."

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1946-47	C. Wayman (Newcastle United)	30	1967-68	J. Hickton (Middlesbrough)	24
1947-48	E. Quigley (Sheff. Wed.)	23	1968-69	J. Toshack (Middlesbrough)	22
1948-49	C. Wayman (Southampton)	32	1969-70	J. Hickton (Middlesbrough)	24
1949-50	T. Briggs (Grimsby Town)	35	1970-71	J. Hickton (Middlesbrough)	25
1950-51	J. McCormack (Barnsley)	33	1971-72	R. Latchford (Birmingham City)	23
1951-52	D. Dooley (Sheff. Wed.)	46	1972-73	D. Givens (Q.P.R.)	23
1952-53	A. Rowley (Leicester City)	39	1973-74	D. McKenzie (Notts Forest)	26
1953-54	J. Charles (Leeds United)	42	1974-75	B. Little (Aston Villa)	20
1954-55	T. Briggs (Blackburn Rovers)	33	1975-76	D. Hale (Charlton Athletic)	28
1955-56	W. Gardiner (Leicester City)	34	1976-77	M. Walsh (Blackpool)	26
1956-57	A. Rowley (Leicester City)	44	1977-78	R. Hatton (Blackpool)	22
1957-58	T. Johnston (Leyton Orient, inc. 8 for Blackburn Rovers)	43	1978-79	B. Robson (West Ham)	24
1958-59	B. Clough (Middlesbrough)	42	1979-80	C. Allen (Q.P.R.)	28
1959-60	B. Clough (Middlesbrough)	39	1980-81	D. Cross (West Ham)	22
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1961-62	R. Hunt (Liverpool)	41	1982-83	G. Lineker (Leicester City)	26
1962-63	R. Tambling (Chelsea)	35	1983-84	K. Dixon (Chelsea)	28
1963-64	R. Saunders (Portsmouth)	33	1984-85	J. Aldridge (Oxford United)	30
1964-65	G. O'Brien (Southampton)	34	1985-86	K. Drinkell (Norwich City)	22
1965-66	M. Chivers (Southampton)	30	1986-87	M. Quinn (Portsmouth)	22
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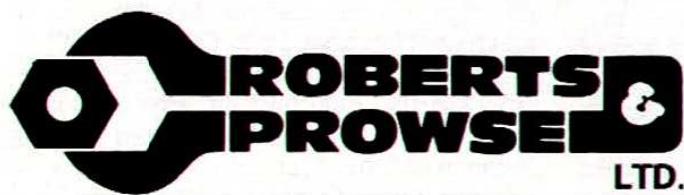


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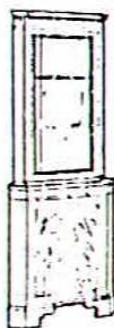
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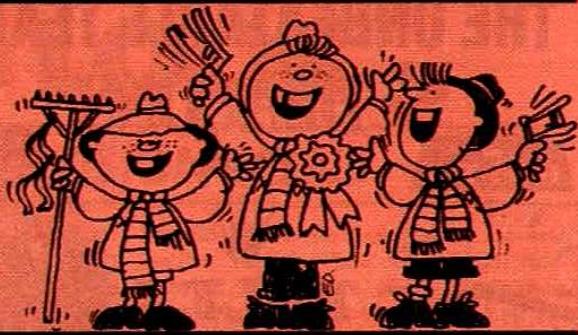
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WATFORD

Besides the excellent result, there were two pleasing features I noted on our recent visit to Watford. Firstly, the large number of children armed with balloons which lent the day a party atmosphere and would, I feel sure, have given someone not used to attending football matches a totally different image to that portrayed in the media. Certainly Watford seem to be ensuring they have plenty of supporters in the years to come. Secondly, there was a total lack of fencing around the pitch ensuring an unimpeded view for all. Safety regulations do sometimes seem to force us to build grounds fit for hooligans but not for anyone who just wants to come and see a good

game of football. This has certainly not been the case at Watford.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be on Monday 7th November when our old friend, Chris Kirkland, will be joining us and will be aided by some of the players in talking about the off side law and other points on the laws of the game.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthday congratulations for the first half of October go to: Emerson Dudley of Kingsdown, 15 on the 5th, Martin Fairchild of Hreod Parkway on the 6th, Christopher Johnson of Drove Junior, 10 on the 8th and Kevin Cottrell of Covingham Junior, 9 on the 16th.

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the eight Swindon players hidden in the wordsearch below?

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OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Leeds United remain the enigma of the Second Division. Each season the Elland Road Club are expected to return to the First Division. On paper they certainly appear to have a strong enough squad of players and with past tradition it almost appears a formality. In reality it counts for very little and United continue to baffle.

The Elland Road Manager **Billy Bremner** was recently dismissed after increasing pressure to find a winning line-up when he was expected to provide promotion for the Elland Road faithful this season.

Early season results certainly do not inspire any great confidence that this can be achieved. Leeds United were held to a 1-1 draw at home by visiting **Oxford United**. Both goals came in the first half with Martin Foyle putting the visitors ahead before **Glyn Snodin** equalised. A week later United received a comprehensive thrashing at Fratton

Park by **Portsmouth** who scored four goals without a reply. Leeds United returned to Elland Road on **September 7th** and were again held to a 1-1 draw, this time by **Manchester City**. The Maine Road Club took the lead through a **Neil McNab** penalty, eleven minutes from time. Newcomer **Noel Blake** saved the United blushes with an equaliser two minutes from the final whistle.

A week later United were held to a scoreless draw by **A.F.C. Bournemouth** in a dog struggle at **Dean Court**. On **Wednesday September 21st** United gained their first win of the season in a 2-0 win against Yorkshire rivals **Barnsley**.

Todays visitors, **Chelsea** gained their first League win of the season when they visited Elland Road on Saturday September 24th, it was not only their first win of the season, but their only win for 52 years at **Elland Road**. The first goal came when Noel Blakes' header rebounded off **John Bumstead** into the net in the 17th minute. **Gordon Durie** put Chelsea further ahead six minutes later.

The **Littlewoods Challenge Cup** offered United a brief respite with a 2-1 win at

Peterborough United although it signalled the end of **Billy Bremner's** managerial reign at **Elland Road**. Only hours later, despite taking a first half lead through **Ian Baird**, United provided **Brighton** with their first points of the season when they lost 2-1 at the **Goldstone Ground**.

The two close season signings from **Portsmouth** of **Vince Hilaire** and **Noel Blake** have so far failed to lift the gloom at Elland Road this season.

We have only met **Leeds United** twice in League fixtures at the **County Ground**. We drew 2-2 on January 19th 1964, due to a brace of goals from **Bill Atkins**. Last season we lost 2-1 with **Jimmy Quinn** on the mark for the Town, while **Ian Baird** scored twice for the visitors.

The line-ups on **April 20th, 1988**, were: **Swindon Town**: Digby, Hockaday, King, Calderwood, Parkin, Gittens, Bamber, Barnes, Quinn, Barnard, O'Regan.

Leeds United: Day, Haddock, Adams, Stiles, Swan, Rennie, Batty, Sheridan, Baird, Taylor, Snodin.

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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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CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

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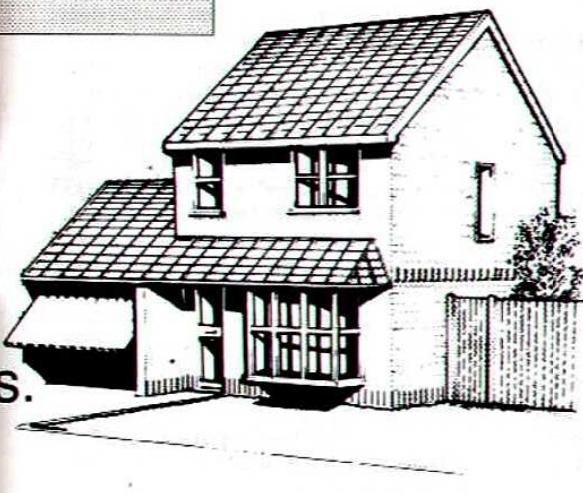


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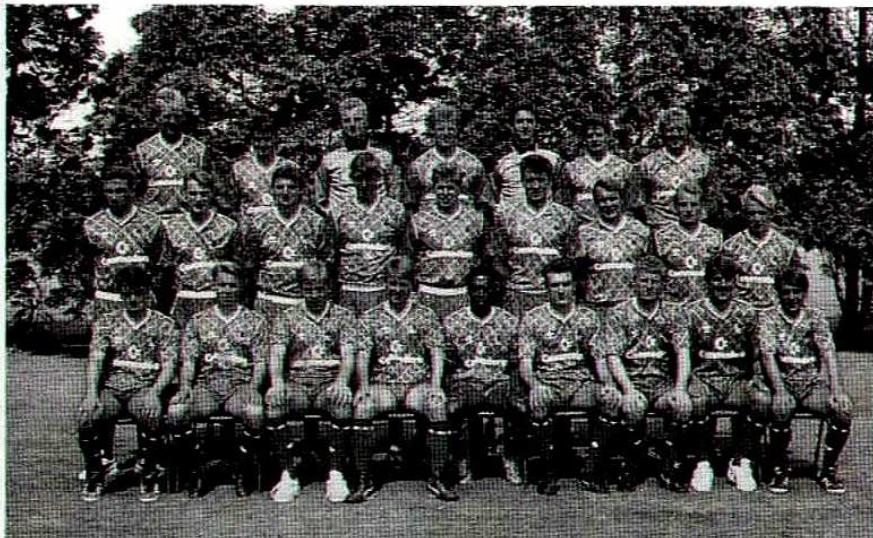
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Middle Row: Jason Cundy, Stephen Beatty, Colin Pates, David Lee, Micky Bodley, Joe McLaughlin, Darren Wood, John Bumstead, Billy Dodds.
Back Row: Steve Wicks, Steve Clarke, Roger Freestone, Gordon Durie, Kevin Hitchcock, John Coady, Kerry Dixon.

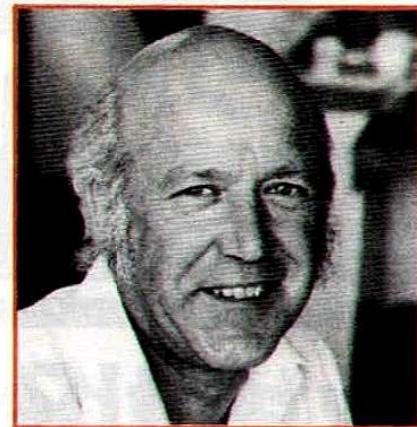
This will be only Chelsea's fourth official visit to the County Ground and their first in the Football League, all three of the previous visits have been in different Cup competitions. Way back in 1921 the Blues were victorious 2-0 in the F.A. Cup, but 42 years later went down 3-0 in the Football League Cup.

The last visit, early in January this year, in the Simod Cup is one that the London side will quickly want to forget. They were tanned 4-0, so tonight many of the players who featured in that side will be here again and looking to redeem themselves.

Chelsea made a promising start last season in Division 1 but then slumped disastrously. On October 31 they were lying in sixth place, but then just one win in the next 26 games saw them plummet to a final 18th place.

This meant having to take part in the controversial play-offs to retain their status in the top flight. Blackburn were easily brushed aside but a 2-0 defeat in the First Leg of the final at Middlesbrough sounded the warning bells.

A 1-0 victory at Stamford Bridge on May 28 was not enough and the Blues were accordingly relegated.



by Dave Eaton

Now a sleeping giant with that impressive Stamford Bridge Stadia, the London side are steeped in tradition.

Elected to the Second Division in 1905 the Club, in their 83 years of League football, have always featured in the top two divisions.

Just once has the First Division title been won, that was in the 1954-55 season and the Second Division title once also, in season 1983-84.

However Chelsea have ended up runners-up in the Second Division on no fewer than five occasions.

It is in Cup competitions that the Blues have excelled. After an epic F.A. Cup final replay Chelsea defeated Leeds United 2-1 in extra time at Old Trafford in 1970 to finally land the Cup for the only time in the Club's history. This compensated for finishing as beaten finalists in both 1914-15 and 1966-67.

Chelsea were also one of the first winners of the Football League Cup, way back in 1964-1965 season, and finished as runners-up in 1971-72.

Their biggest Cup success though, came a year after winning the F.A. Cup. Chelsea reached the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup and were pitted against the mighty Real Madrid. A goal from Peter Osgood cancelled out the effort from Zoco and with the scorelines still at 1-1 after extra time, a replay was needed.

Two days later, in the same Athens Stadium in late May, Chelsea made no mistakes this time, winning 2-1 with goals from John Dempsey and Osgood.

Chelsea have the distinction of being the first holders of the Full Members Cup (Simod Cup).

In an exciting final at Wembley on March 23 1986 they beat Manchester City 5-4 in front of a 68,000 crowd.

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MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Bobby Campbell (Manager). Appointed Manager in May of this year in succession to John Hollins, was previously the assistant. Has previously managed two other League Clubs, namely Fulham and Portsmouth. A former England Youth International, he joined his home town Club Liverpool from Junior League football. Made 14 appearances for the Pool before moving on to Wigan Athletic. Then signed for Portsmouth and ended his playing career at Aldershot.

John Burnstead (Midfielder). Age 29. Long serving midfield player who had made over 300 appearances for Chelsea. Signed professional in December 1976. Born Rotherhithe.

Steve Clarke (Midfielder). Versatile player who was recently selected for the Full Scottish International squad. Signed from St Mirren in January 1987 for £422,000. Made 151 appearances for the Saints and has now notched up over 50 for Chelsea. Born Saltcoats, Ayreshire.

John Coady (Defender). Age 28. Utility player who scored on his debut at QPR in the 1986/87 season. Signed from Shamrock Rovers in December 1986 for £35,000. Born Dublin.

Kerry Dixon (Forward). Age 27. England International who signed from Reading in August 1983 having been an apprentice at Tottenham before moving to Southern League Dunstable. Has made 193 League appearances for Chelsea up to the beginning of this season, scoring 88 goals.

Billy Dodds (Forward). Age 19. Strongly built forward who signed professional in May 1986 and made his debut as substitute at Manchester City during the 1986/87 season. Born New Cumnock, Ayreshire. Spent a period on loan to Partick Thistle making 30 appearances and scored 9 goals.

Tony Dorigo (Defender). Age 22. England Under-21 International signed from Aston Villa in June 1987 for £475,000. Began as an apprentice at Villa park and went on to make 111 League appearances for the Midland Club.

Gordon Durie (Forward). Age 22. Scottish under-21 International who signed from Hibernian in May 1986 for £381,000. Born Paisley, he began his career with East Fife. Up to the start of this season had worn the Chelsea colours in League matches 49 times, scoring 20 goals.

Roger Freestone (Goalkeeper). Age 20. Goalkeeper signed from Newport County in March 1987 for £95,000. Returned from loan to make his first team debut at QPR following injuries to Tony Godden and Eddie Niedzwiecki. Born Newport.

Gareth Hall (Defender). Age 19. Promising youngster who made 10 first team appearances last season. Made his debut coming on as a substitute in the final League game of the previous season at Watford. Born Croydon.



• Kevin McAllister

Kevin Hitchcock (Goalkeeper). Age 25. Goalkeeper signed from Mansfield Town in March 1988. Made 12 League appearances last season for Chelsea. London born his previous Clubs were Nottingham Forest, Mansfield (loan) and Mansfield.

Kevin McAllister (Forward). Age 25. Signed from Falkirk in May 1985 for an initial fee of £34,000. Made 70 appearances for his home town Club before deciding to cross the border and join Chelsea.

Joe McLaughlin (Defender). Age 28. Central defender and Club Captain. Signed from Morton in May 1983 having made over 300 appearances. Former Scottish Under-21 International Born Greenock.

Peter Nicholas (Midfielder). Signed from Aberdeen in August 1988 for £350,000. Made 53 appearances for Aberdeen in 1987/88. Welsh International with 53 caps. Born in Newport. Previous Clubs Crystal Palace (twice), Arsenal and Luton Town.



• Gordon Durie

Colin Pates (Defender). Age 27. Former England Youth International who signed professional in July 1979. Born in Milton he joined Chelsea as an apprentice. Up to start of this season had made 274 League appearances, scoring nine goals.

Clive Wilson (Midfield). Age 26. Left sided player signed from Manchester City in March 1987, although was loaned back to City until the end of that season. Can play at either left back or midfield. He also had a spell on loan to Chester. Born Manchester.

Kevin Wilson (Forward). Age 27. Northern Ireland International signed from Ipswich Town in August 1987. Formerly with Derby County who snapped him up from Banbury United, his home town Club.



• Peter Nicholas

Darren Wood (Defender). Age 24. Although signed as a full back from Middlesbrough, where he started as an apprentice, in September 1984, he is also capable of fulfilling an expert midfield role. Born Scarborough. Has made over 100 League appearances for Chelsea.

Graham Roberts (Defender). Age 29. The big central defender was signed by Spurs from Weymouth in 1980. Made his League debut for Spurs against Stoke in October 1980. The England International went on to make over 200 League appearances for the London side before moving north of the border. Spent two fiery seasons with Rangers before deciding to return south and signed for Chelsea for a fee of £400,000. Born Southampton.

David Lee (Defender). Age 18. A centre back, who signed a professional contract during the summer. Previously a member of the Chelsea Youth team. Made a sensational League debut against Leicester at Stamford Bridge last weekend. He came on as substitute and scored within five minutes and then was involved in the winning goal. Born Bristol.

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SINGING THE 'BLUES'

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground everyone for what should be quite an interesting little old footy match. Visitors Chelsea are, of course, one of the most famous Clubs in British football, it's nice to think that Swindon Town meet them on equal terms.

So greetings to 'The Blues', we trust you won't suffer from them too much following todays game.

THANKS LADS FOR THAT PERFORMANCE

Well, what more can be said about that win at Watford. Personally I think it's one of the best results this Club has achieved under the Management of Lou Macari. The performance was one of great pride to the supporters who were privileged to see it and must have brought great satisfaction to the players. Tom Jones came into the side and looked like he'd been there for years, scoring a quite superb goal. The win also did something else which lightened the hearts of Town fans, it put the Club ahead of United in the League table for the first time in years.

Unfortunately these notes have been written before the trip to the Manor so that may not, at present, be the case, but wasn't it satisfying to see. Well done lads.

I'VE BEEN LET OUT

Now at this juncture, I have to say thank you for the comments regarding the photograph on this

particular page. I have taken note of what many people have said. I will, from now on, wear a brown paper bag over my head - yes I know I should see more of the game from now on - hopefully that should improve my appearance.

SPECTACULAR

The Olympic games have come and gone for another four years, taking with them the usual crop of outstanding performances. But the use of drugs and subsequent disqualification of those who used them tended to mar what otherwise was a superb sporting spectacular.

WELL DONE I.O.C.

The stance of the International Olympic Committee in banning those found guilty is to be congratulated, the false winning at sporting events is never to be tolerated. If it is allowed then what is the point of competing? If an athlete or team is beaten on the day by the better opponent then there is no disgrace, but to cheat is unworthy. Let us hope the Seoul Olympics saw a watershed in sport and those who continue to win unfairly are vanquished.

SPORTING HEROES FOR ALL TIMES

The pluses though far outweighed the minuses and I particularly enjoyed the performances of the British hockey teams, Malcolm Cooper, Mark Rowland in the

steeplechase and rowers Holmes and Redgrave. Yes it was a great sporting fortnight.

GWR ON THE WAY UP!

Something that's also given me great pleasure in the past two weeks has been the upsurge in form of the GWR football team. A first win of the season over our great rivals the Swindon Travellers and a superb draw with SW Transport, the League leaders, has lifted the radio men up the division eight table. We became the first side to take a point off the Transport team and as Player-Manager I was chuffed to little whatsis with the result. So do I change a winning team or not, stay tuned for further developments.

THEY MUST NOT SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY

The big talking point in football circles recently was Paul Davis, of Arsenal, clash with Alan Cokerill of Southampton and formerly of Swindon Town.

Davis has now been sentenced and suspended for nine games. The football authorities have, like the I.O.C., made a stand over a subject that, unfortunately, is becoming more and more frequent, violence on the field. Let's hope the severity of the punishment will deter those who wish to take the law into their own hands and that we see an end to such incidents.

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The results of our South East Counties League team have been giving our Youth team Manager, John Trollope, increasing pleasure.

They stretched their unbeaten run to five matches with a 2-0 win when they visited AFC Bournemouth on Saturday, September 24th.

John had this to say in his report on another fine victory. "We started this game with a different formation in an attempt to reduce the number of goals we have been conceding in previous matches. The system worked quite well and we were rarely in danger. We took the lead when Alex Graham, Liam Dixon and Paul Hunt combined down the left for **Mark Lea** to head home his first goal of the season.

We were now well on top and we increased our lead when from a pre-planned corner taken by Nicky Summerbee the ball was touched on by Gavin Sandrey for **Paul Trollope** to head home. This was also Paul's first goal of the season.

"In the second half we lost control for a period but we survived and kept our unbeaten record and second place position in the League," concluded John.

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Morgan, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt and Dixon. **Substitutes:** Hammersley (For Summerbee in 77th min.), Walker.

Arsenal were given a terrific struggle when they just managed to retain their unbeaten record in the 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match at the County Ground on Wednesday, September 28th. The League leaders overcoming a gallant Town team effort winning 2-1.

Town Coach Andy Rowland was pleased with the Town's performance in his report of the match.

"We gave an excellent first half performance without being able to turn our chances into goals. All we had to show for numerous attempts on goal was a first half goal taken on the volley by **Paul Bodin**.

"After the restart Arsenal came considerably more into the game and eventually equalised through **Danny Esquillant** midway through the half. With just ten minutes of play remaining the 'Gunners' substitute **Campbell** scored from a Niall Quinn knock-down leaving us regretting the first half chances we had missed."

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Caserly, Barnard, Henry, Simpson,



• **Richard Walker** – scored the only goal of the game in the Allied Counties encounter at Basingstoke.

Tomlinson, T. Jones, Coyne, Bodin and Viveash.

Substitutes: Barnett and Marshall.

Our Youth team retained their unbeaten record in the Allied Counties Football Youth League when they defeated Basingstoke in their away fixture on Wednesday, September 28th.

Town Youth team Manager, John Trollope, in his account of the match said, "we again fielded a mixture of schoolboys and sixteen year olds. We did not hit any sort of rhythm at the start of the match and this continued throughout the match. It was due to our solid defence that we were never in any real danger.

"We only played constructively in flashes and it was from one of these that Alex Graham broke down the left and from his cross **Richard Walker** converted the opportunity for what proved to be the only goal of the game.

The play was patchy throughout the second half with neither team able to show any constructive ideas."

Team: Thompson, Holt, Graham, Quinn, Murray, Payne, Spalding, Fishlock, Grounsell, Walker and Braidwood.

Substitutes: Lea (For Graham in 76th min.), Sawyer (For Holt in 67th min.)

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A SURPRISE

When we were due to play **Brighton and Hove Albion** on **Saturday, September 24th** we were expecting **Noel Butler** to officiate the **Barclays** League fixture... Instead, who walked into the County Ground less than two hours before the match, **Keith Cooper** from **Pontypridd** in **Wales**. Keith had been informed of the change of officials the previous Tuesday. The Football League had forgotten to inform us of the change!

THE LOST CONNECTION

For several seasons there was a strong **Swindon Town** liaison with **Cheltenham Town**. There still is off the field but on the pitch only **Ray Baverstock** remains at **Whaddon Road**.

The departures have seen **Brian Hughes** move to **Gloucester City**, **Martin Blackler** and **Steve Abbeley** join **Wycombe Wanderers** while **Paul Collicutt** is now with **Forest Green Rovers**.

TOP OF THE TABLE

Former Town defender **Russell Lewis** is looking down from exalted heights with **Kettering Town**. They are current leaders of the G.M. Vauxhall League.

ATTENDANCES...

A total of 256 spectators watched our **Southern Junior Floodlit Cup** - First Round match at **The Dell** when we were beaten 2-1 on **September 12th**.

For our 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match with **Arsenal** at the **County Ground** on **Wednesday, September 28th** the attendance was... 56

CUP DRAW

In the **Allied Counties Football Youth League Cup** we have been drawn at home to **Thatcham Town** (this match to be played at Hungerford Town FC) in a Preliminary Round fixture on Monday October 24th, kick-off 7.3 p.m.

The winners of this tie will then play **Ruislip Manor** away, in the First Round of the League Cup.

THE TOM JONES SIGNING

Town Manager **Lou Macari** had made mid-field player **Tom Jones** of **Aberdeen** a target for several months.

The change of Manager at **Pittodrie** had made the former **Weymouth** player available. **Ian Porterfield**, then with Aberdeen, had persuaded former Weymouth Manager **Brian Godfrey** to sell Tom to the Scottish Premier Club for £30,000. Ian eventually departed for Pittodrie and with **Alex Smith** taking over the managerial role it became obvious to Lou that his months long chase may begin to bear fruit.

Lou flew from the town's **Leyland** hotel where they were staying in preparation for the match with **Blackburn Rovers** on **Saturday, September 17th** to take one last look at the Englishman playing north of the border in a reserve team fixture.

In the meantime both **Reading** and **Peterborough United** made bids for the player. Both Clubs offering £20,000 more than Lou's valuation. Events moved quickly with Aberdeen accepting an £80,000 bid. The London Road Club flew Tom south for talks. On Friday, September 23rd the player was locked in talks with **Mick Jones** the 'posh' boss.

The player was situated in a Derby hotel overnight with Peterborough still hoping to persuade the player to move to London Road. Lou would not be thwarted and contacted **Tom** at the hotel. The player was brought to Cheltenham at 10 o'clock the next morning by courtesy of British Rail.

Town Chairman **Brian Hillier** collected Tom from the Lansdown Station and they sped east to reach the County Ground by 11.15 p.m. An hour of negotiation with the player set the move in operation and then it became a race against time for Town Secretary **Dave King** and his administration staff to have the player registered in time for the Littlewoods Cup match with **Crystal Palace** the following Tuesday.

The move was almost completed, meanwhile Lou Macari scrapped his plan to watch the **Football Combination** match between **West Ham United** and **Tottenham Hotspur**.

when two of the player in whom he had an interest were not included in the line-ups. Instead of speeding to London he diverted his attention to the **Portsmouth** and **Crystal Palace** fixture on the South coast. The **Barclays** Second Division fixture ended in a 1-1 draw. All in a days work at the County Ground... Mind you, there was a match as well!

IRONIES...

New signing **Tom Jones** could be linking up with his former Aberdeen boss **Ian Porterfield** again... No, there is no need for Town fans to worry... for Ian will probably be at the **County Ground** today in his capacity as **Chelsea** Assistant Manager.

Ironically **Tom** could have been a Swindon Town player long ago... for former Town Manager **Bert Head**, now the Clubs Scout, highly recommended the former Weymouth player to Lou at the time... Lou was at the time well satisfied with his midfield players at that stage... **Duncan Shearer** was another of Bert's recommendations when the Scot was languishing in the Chelsea reserve team before he moved north to Huddersfield Town... It just goes to prove what a wily campaigner Bert is.

Duncan Shearer and **Chelsea**... **Tom Jones** and **Ian Porterfield**... it only requires **Bryan Godfrey**, now Manager of **Beazer Homes** League **Gloucester City** and **Bert Head** to be present at todays match to complete the scenario... Oh yes, **Chelsea** mid-field player **Peter Nicholas** was a former team-mate at Pittodrie... as was **Willie Falconer** of **Watford** last Saturday!

THOSE AWAY FANS

Brighton and Hove Albion had 854 in support and **Crystal Palace** had 562 with them on the Littlewoods Cup visit and **A.F.C. Bournemouth** brought 854 supporters. These figures take into account those away supporters who not only stood in the Visitors Enclosure but also the North Stand.

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Dear Mr. Buswell,

I must thank you for allowing Vincent to be the mascot for Portsmouth in the match v. Swindon.

He had a great time mainly due on the day to George Chadwick and his daughter, plus the attitude of the Portsmouth players.

To a little boy it was a good example of how the Club he supports at every home game could arrange an extra treat for him, if that is the word. To me it was an example of Club/supporter liaison at its best.

Everyone was great to him. He took a fair amount of teasing from people at the ground who know he usually supports Swindon, but it added to the fun.

I also must mention Andy Rowland, who was so kind to him on the day - Andy being his favourite 'older' player!

Once again our very grateful little boy, plus mum and dad, won't forget it, and our sincere thanks are sent to you.

Hoping for a great season

Best wishes Mr. & Mrs. Fellows
(parents of Vincent)

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Dear Mr King,

Thank you for passing on a copy of the letter from the County Secretary & Solicitor, dated 7th September 1988 and addressed to Mr. Hillier. The contents of this were considered carefully at an emergency meeting of the Lions Club on 9th September and it was reluctantly decided that it would not be prudent to hold the Fireworks Display at the County Ground this year.

Members present asked me to thank you for the co-operation we have received from the Football Club with regard to the proposed event. We sincerely hope it will be possible to hold the display at the County Ground during the next and future years.

It is hoped that there will still be time to hold this year's Firework Display at the Polo Ground and members welcomed your offer to help publicise the event and to sell tickets through your normal sales outlets. We should be grateful if it would be possible to advertise the Display in the match programme prior to the 5th November. We shall be in touch with you again shortly about these matters.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the County Secretary & Solicitor and to the Swindon Police for information.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Jolly
Chairman of the Fireworks Committee
Swindon Lions Club

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Dear Club Secretary,

I am writing to thank you for your generous contribution to our exhibition **100 - nil**, organised to celebrate the centenary of The Football League.

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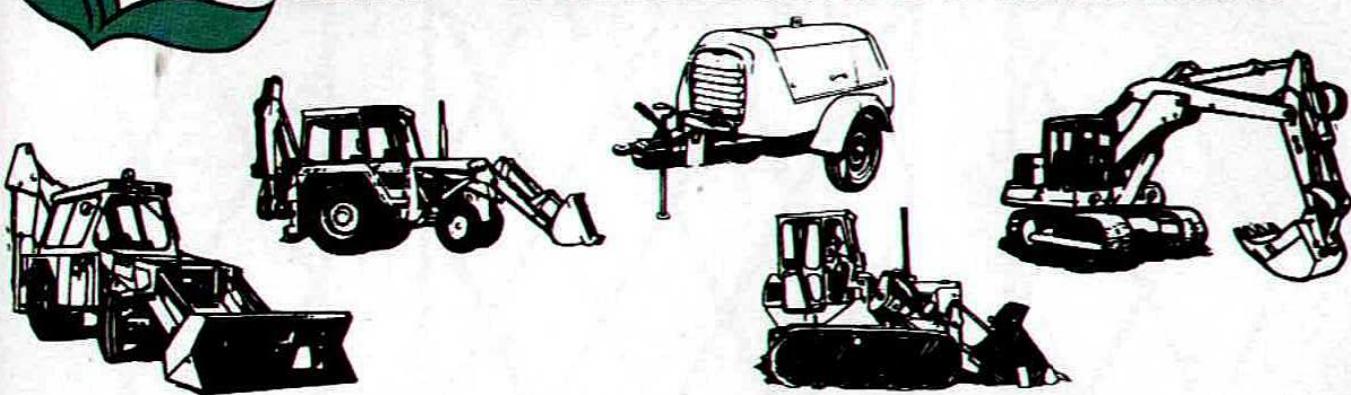
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Yours sincerely,
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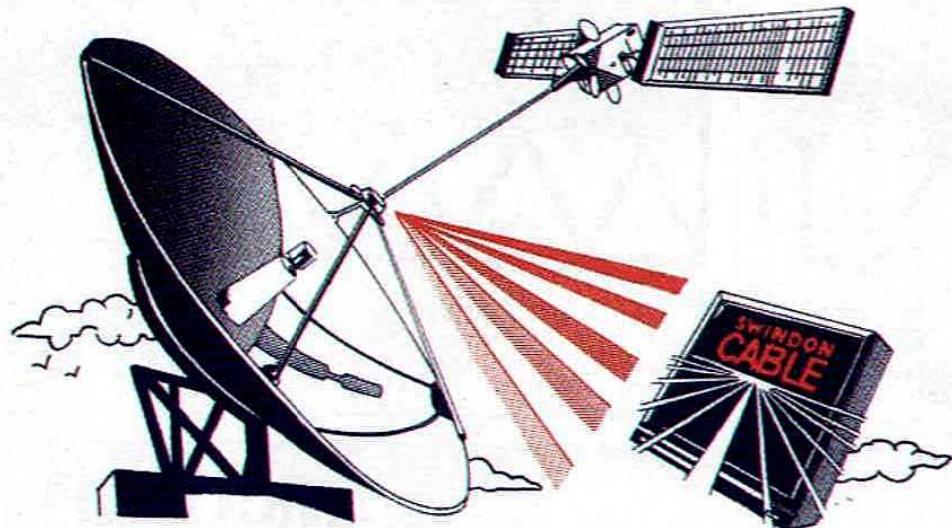


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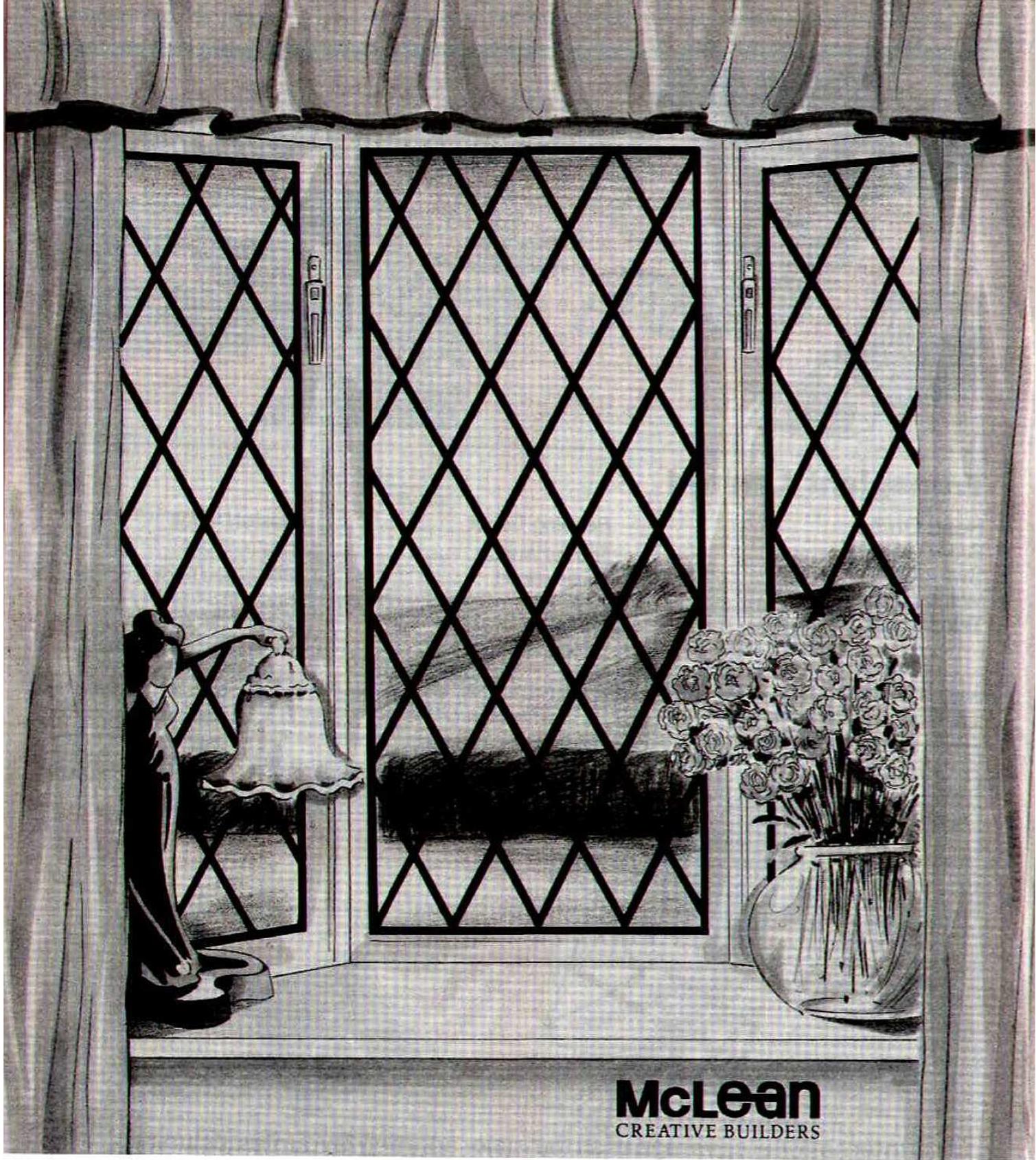
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VIEWPOINT

ALMOST LIKE HOME!

Signing for Swindon Town was almost like a homecoming for me. When you leave the north of Scotland for the south of England it is.

I was born at Aldershot and Swindon is not that far away from my home town. At least, if you compare it with the distance between Aberdeen and Swindon!

STARTING WITH CHELSEA

I hope to play my first full game at home against Chelsea today and our opponents this afternoon will have a special meaning for me.

It was with Chelsea that I began my career. I actually joined the London Club as an apprentice and made my way from their South East Counties League team to make somewhere near thirty appearances in their Reserve team. At the end of my apprenticeship I was offered the chance to sign as a full time professional. At that time I did not consider the offer that was made to me acceptable.

A VENDING MACHINE OPERATOR!

Once I had rejected the terms, I was heading for non-League football and I joined Farnborough Town. As you can imagine the wages were small and to earn a living I became a vending machine engineer.

I spent two and a half happy years with Farnborough before Brian Godfrey who was then Manager of Weymouth persuaded me to sign for him. Obviously the football was of a better standard than I had been used to and League Clubs began to show an interest in me.

OLD TRAFFORD... ALMOST!

Brighton wanted to sign me and see how I played in a couple of matches for them. Aberdeen were interested and I finally agreed to move to Scotland for what I considered a great move from non-League football.

Just after I had given my word to Ian Porterfield who was then the Aberdeen Manager I received a phone call from Manchester United. They wanted me to go there for a period to see how I shaped up. I had given my promise and signed for the Scottish Club.

PITTODRIE

Aberdeen have an all seating stadium and are one of Scotland's leading Clubs. A Club full of International players and you may imagine somewhat daunting.

Of all the International players that they had on their books the two who impressed me were the two Jims - Bett and Leighton. Jim Bett really impressed me he is a really strong and skillful midfield player. Jim really was as strong as an ox.

No. 5 TOM JONES

I am sure by the end of this season Manchester United and their supporters will have to come to appreciate how good a goalkeeper Jim Leighton is. A brilliant goalkeeper, he will make a big difference to United.

You are probably all aware of Willie Miller and Alex McLeish who have been Scotland central defenders for many seasons. Probably true to say that both of them are past their best in Internationals.

WHAT THE SCOTS THINK OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Players in Scotland are no different to the English, they take a deep interest in our football that is shown on television.

The Scots believe that the game down here is slower, that their players are a lot quicker and down south you get a lot more time on the ball and that they themselves are a lot more aggressive.

THE ENGLISH PLAYERS IN SCOTLAND

Since Glasgow Rangers took the bull by the horns and introduced English players into the Premier Division it has made life a lot easier for those who followed.

These days it seems as though every team has an Englishman in their squad of players. At Aberdeen there were two others besides myself. Gary Hackett now with Stoke City is probably familiar to you. Peter Nicholas who will be lining up for Chelsea today was also at Pittodrie. Peter is of course a Welshman.

MY DAYS WERE NUMBERED ONCE IAN LEFT

When Ian Porterfield decided to quit Aberdeen as Manager my days were really finished at Pittodrie.

When Ian left Alex Smith and Jocky Scott were made Managers to replace him. Alex soon made it clear to me that he intended to play the name players. He felt their presence was more beneficial to the side especially the Internationals. My days were obviously numbered.

SAW LOU A COUPLE OF TIMES

Last season I saw Lou Macri at a couple of Aberdeen's matches but I did not know he was interested in me.

The first time I had any idea was when my name was linked with Swindon Town in a Scottish newspaper. When this season began I was made aware that Peterborough United, Northampton Town and Reading were showing an interest in me.



• Tom Jones

Despite their interest it was Swindon Town who really held my attention once I knew of their interest. I viewed this Club like Wimbledon and Charlton Athletic. If they could reach the First Division why not Swindon Town? I believe this is an up and coming Club.

NOT ENOUGH TIME TO TELL

When I came on for the last twenty minutes of the Littlewoods Cup fixture with Crystal Palace it was not enough time to judge my real feelings of my first game in senior English football.

The next day I played for the reserves, not a good start we lost both games. My first impressions of Swindon? Well, I spent a year in the so called frozen north in Scotland and never had a cold. Two days down here, at a place called Colerne and I caught a cold! How strange. Anyway I hope to move into Swindon and buy a house within the next few weeks and hopefully settle here for quite a while. It really will be like home from home. It will be nice to meet Chelsea today, my five month old baby is named Chelsea, few players will be here that I knew in my days with them probably only Colin Pates and John Burnstead. Of course I shall be meeting again with my old Aberdeen team mate Peter Nicholas.

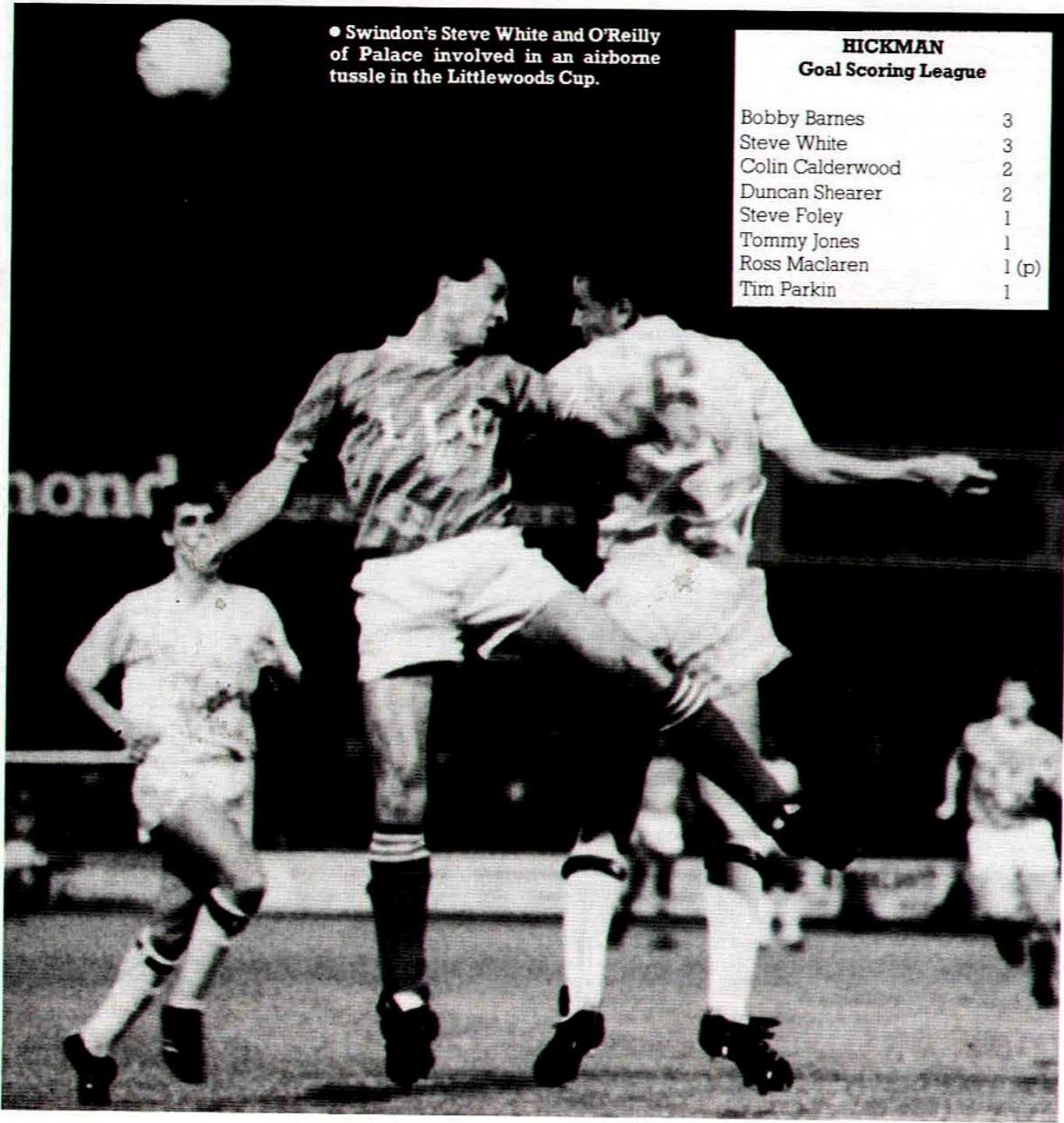
WHAT A START!

I could not have dreamt for a better start in Swindon colours than the one I made in my first full game at Watford last week.

To score the winning goal capped what I regarded as a satisfactory start. I was impressed with the lads I have joined here at Swindon. We battled away and our 3-2 win was against the odds. I believe a lot of people were expecting a defeat, a draw at best. We won and I believe I have joined a good Club and I was pleased with the backing the supporters gave the team, quite impressive all round.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT shots shots shots



• Swindon's Steve White and O'Reilly of Palace involved in an airborne tussle in the Littlewoods Cup.

HICKMAN Goal Scoring League

Bobby Barnes	3
Steve White	3
Colin Calderwood	2
Duncan Shearer	2
Steve Foley	1
Tommy Jones	1
Ross Maclareen	1 (p)
Tim Parkin	1

**SWINDON TOWN'S NEW SIGNING
FROM ABERDEEN -
TOM JONES**

Tom is pictured watching our last home League match with **Brighton & Hove Albion**.

The former **Pittodrie** Club midfield player moved to the **County Ground** on the day of this match - **September 24th** for an **£80,000** fee.

Tom had joined **Aberdeen** from **Weymouth** in **April 1987** for a **£30,000** fee.

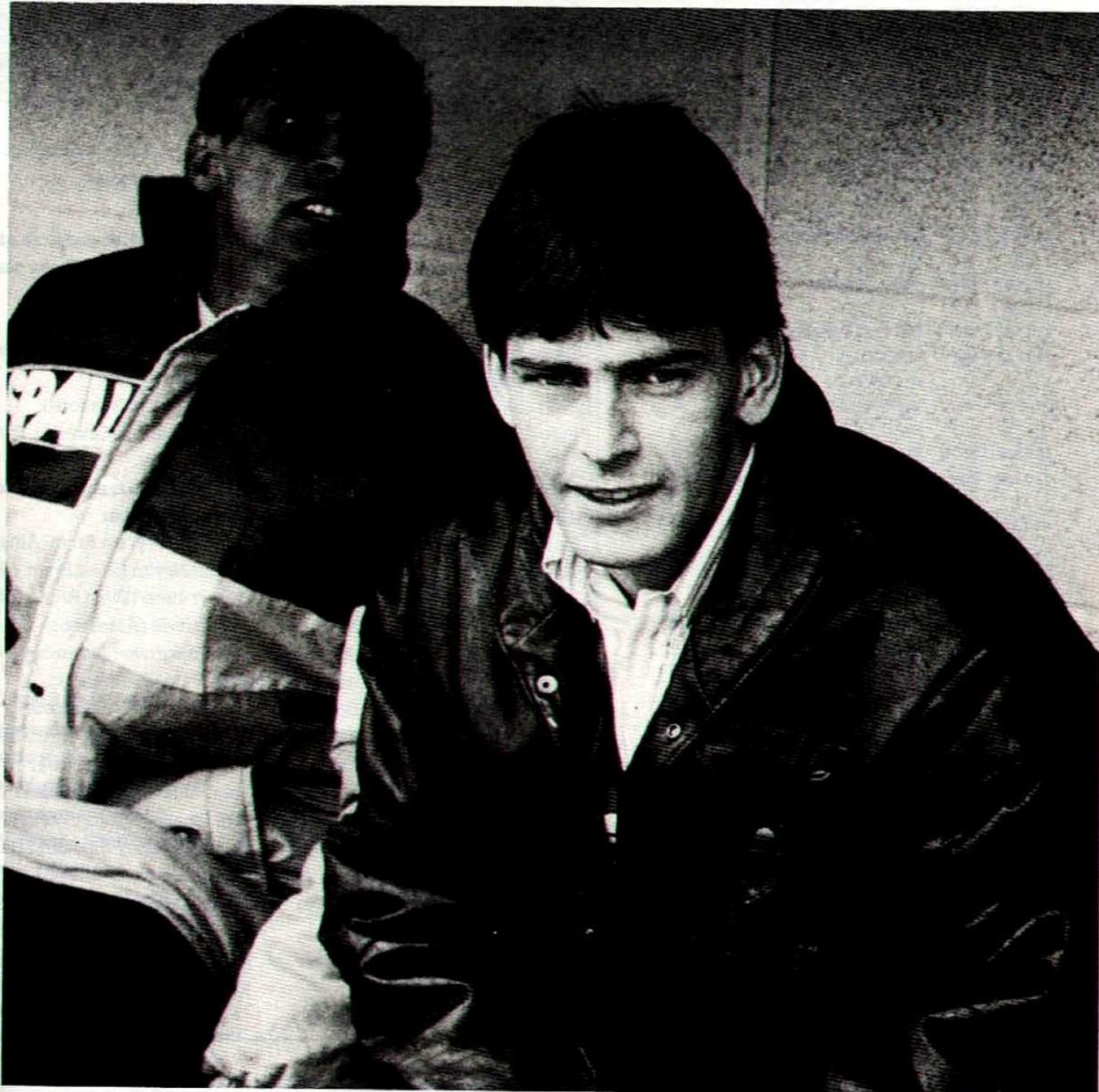
Tom's playing record with the **Scottish Premier League Club** was as follows:

	Scottish Premier League			Scottish Cup			Skol Cup		
	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals
1987-88	14	14	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
1988-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tom had previously played for **Farnborough Town** before he joined GM Vauxhall League Club **Weymouth**.

The three goals that he scored in the

Scottish Premier Division were all scored in away matches, against **Dunfermline Athletic**, **Hearts** and **Dundee United**.



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DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	SWINDON TOWN 1988/89						
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNESLEY	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	Calderwood	Foley
20.9.88	TUE A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,055	3-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	MacLaren (1) (p)	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,585	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	MacLaren	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	MacLaren	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Gittens	Foley
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 (7.45)	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 BARNESLEY	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									

ALL REMAINING 41 PLAYERS

There were 41 players who indicated an unwillingness to sign a contract with their existing Clubs during the summer. These players fall into three different categories. They were:

Signed on a conditional contract, i.e. an annual arrangement which allows players to consider offers from other Clubs:

John Cannon (Wimbledon)	Luther Blissett (Watford)
Billy Gilbert (Portsmouth)	Steve Saunders (Grimsby Town)

Signed on a week to week basis, i.e. a weekly arrangement which allows players to consider offers from other Clubs:

Dave Bennett (Coventry City)	Paul Dyson (West Brom. Albion)
Kevin MacDonald (Liverpool)	Stewart Naylor (West Brom. Albion)
Liam O'Brien (Manchester Utd.)	Gary Robson (West Brom. Albion)
Gary Kelly (Newcastle Utd.)	Glen Burville (Aldershot)
Paul Stephenson (Newcastle Utd.)	Paul Holsgrove (Aldershot)
Hans Segers (Nottingham Forest)	Mike Ring (Aldershot)
Andy Clement (Wimbledon)	Colin Methven (Blackpool)
Simon Tracey (Wimbledon)	Steve Elliott (Bolton Wanderers)
David Puckett (AFC Bournemouth)	Brian Croft (Chester City)
Tony Elliott (Birmingham City)	Craig McKernon (Mansfield Town)
Ian Handysides (Birmingham City)	Paul Smalley (Notts County)
Perry Digweed (Brighton & H.A.)	Mark Dempsey (Sheffield United)
John Burnstead (Chelsea)	Dudley Lewis (Swansea City)
Imre Varadi (Manchester City)	David Hamilton (Wigan Athletic)
Gary Briggs (Oxford United)	Winston White (Colchester Utd.)
Reuben Agboola (Sunderland)	Paul Baker (Hartlepool United)
Frank Gray (Sunderland)	Ken McKenna (Tranmere Rovers)
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SHORT & SWEET

Lawrie and the Roker Roar!

Lawrie McMenemy was asked recently about his 'bad experiences' during a turbulent 20 month spell as Manager of Sunderland. "Hang on a minute, it wasn't all bad", said Lawrie. "The first day was brilliant".

A Day at the 'Flicks'?

Dutch Club Den Haag have opened the first all-soccer cinema in the world. From ten in the morning till ten at night they are screening films of historic and current matches... and they're not charging an entrance fee.

Hiccups All the Way to the Bank!

Spanish Club Logrones give every fan who passes through their turnstiles a free bottle of 1985 vintage Roja. Not surprisingly the Club with a lotto bottle have registered heady gate receipts!

Dance of the Seven Veils!

League Champions Liverpool have been negotiating with Scottish Champions Celtic for a best of British showdown in the Middle Eastern state of Dukai with £100,000 on offer from the organisers.

Is There a 'Doc' in the House?

Today's visitors, Chelsea, signed three players from Queens Park, the Scottish League Club. They were David Cameron, Ken McKenzie and John Bell. All three of these players eventually took degrees as doctors!

Naughty Boys

Mexico are banned from the 1990 World Cup. F.I.F.A. decided to ban the Mexicans for two years from all competitions because some of their F.A. officials fiddled birth dates to allow over-age players to represent Mexico in the World Youth Championship.

What have they in common?

Andy Morris (Chesterfield), Stuart Naylor (West Brom), Ian Ormondroyd (Brad City), Stewart Evans (Plymouth A.) Niall Quinn (Arsenal), Colin Foster (Notts Forest), Craig Forrest (Ipswich Town), Steve Ogrizovic (Coventry City), Paul Malcolm (Doncaster Rovers), Andy Gosney (Portsmouth). These players are 6 foot 4 inches or over!

Wally the Great

Wally Hammond, once a Bristol Rovers player and Gloucestershire cricketer was one of only two players to have captained England in a Test match and also become a Football League pro.

Salad Days

The close season at the County Ground which extended from May 7th to September 11th contrasts with the shortest close season ever which was for only 70 days! The 1946-47 season continued until June 14th due to bad weather. The following season began on August 23rd.

Wakey, Wakey!

All the rounds of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup will be screened 'live' on T.V. a.m.'s 'Good Morning Britain' programme on the Thursday after each round, at approximately 7.30 a.m.

Give us a clue

Showbiz and Chelsea have gone hand in hand at times. Former Chelsea player, and now Tottenham Hotspur Manager, Terry Venables once sang with the Joe Loss Orchestra while Richard Attenborough was once on Chelsea's board of directors!

Top of the pops

Chelsea can claim to have produced a hit single! In 1972 the disc 'Blue is the Colour' reached number 5 in the charts. In fact it remained for twelve weeks in the top forty!

Oh, so quick

Brian Stanton scored one of the fastest hat-tricks ever by a player other than a forward. As a midfielder he netted four goals in Huddersfield Town's 6-3 victory over Bradford City in January 1983, the hat-trick was completed in the space of only six minutes.

Start making plans

Boxing Day morning kick-offs:
D.1 - Charlton v Arsenal (11.30). Shef. Wed v Newcastle Utd. (12 noon). Tottenham Hotspur v Luton (11.30). Wimbledon v Millwall (11.30). D.2 - Chelsea v Ipswich (12 noon). Leicester v A.F.C. Bournemouth (11.30). Shrewsbury v Birmingham C. (11.30). Watford v Portsmouth (12 noon).

The turkey will have to wait!

D.3 - Brentford v Blackpool (11.30). Mansfield v Port Vale (11.30). Preston v Bolton (11.00). Southend Utd. v Northampton T. (11.30). D.4 - Exeter C. v Hereford Utd. (12 noon). Leyton Orient v Tranmere R. (12 noon).

Other December early kick-offs!

D.3 - Northampton Town v Wolves (12 noon). Sunday 18th, D.3 - Aldershot v Brentford (11.30). Wigan Athletic v Notts County (12 noon). Northampton Town v Gillingham (2 p.m.)

At the double

Arthur Milton, the former Gloucestershire cricketer is one of fourteen to have represented England at both cricket and football. Arthur played for Arsenal and Bristol City during his career.

What a record

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club had seven players on their staff in 1966 who were Football League professionals. Dave Smith, Harold Jarman, Bob Etheridge, Arthur Milton, Barry Meyer, Syd Russell and Ron Nicholls.

Not only with the cricket bat

Of those seven players, Dave Smith, Bob Etheridge, Arthur Milton and Ron Nicholls played for Bristol City. Harold Jarman and Barry Meyer for Bristol Rovers and Syd Russell for Brentford.

Tom played for the Blues!

New Swindon signing Tom Jones from Aberdeen, has appeared in Chelsea colours. Tom appeared in the Stamford Bridge Clubs South East Counties League team. One of his team mates in those early days was none other than current Town midfield player - Paul Bodin!

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4. Tommy Jones
5. Tim Parkin
6. Jon Gittens
7. Steve Foley
8. Colin Calderwood
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Steve White
11. Bobby Barnes
12. Charlie Henry
13. Ross Maclaren

CHELSEA

Team Changes

1. Roger Freestone
2. Steve Clarke
3. Tony Dorigo
4. Graham Roberts
5. Colin Pates
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