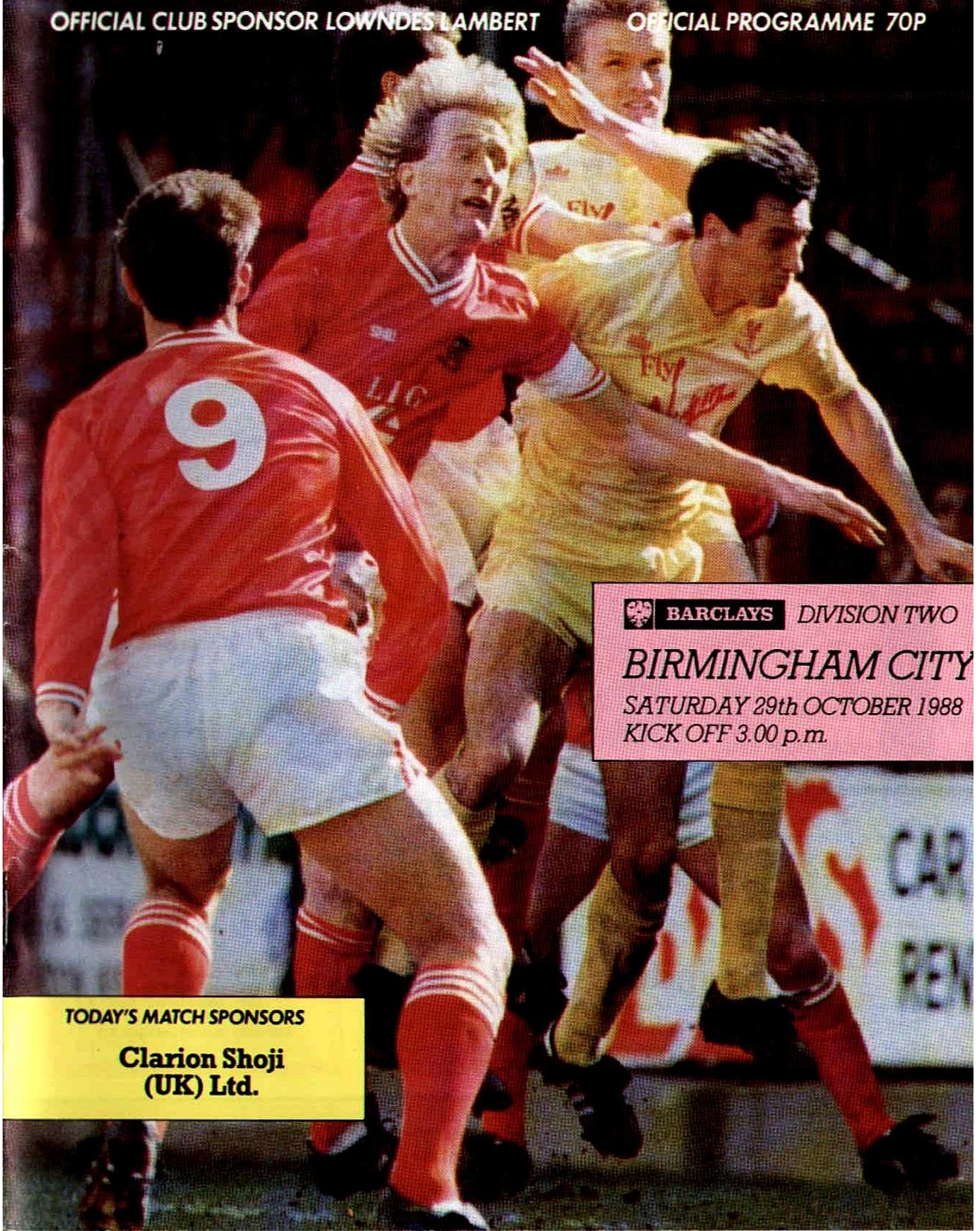


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NOT AN 'OWL'!

I will not dwell too long on the various reports linking me with Clubs in the First Division. I was approached by the Sheffield Wednesday Chairman. I paid them the respect of considering their offer and respectfully declined his invitation.

My family and I enjoy living in this part of the country and all of those factors added up in my final decision. It is not just my decision, but one that I have to make taking into consideration their welfare as well. I am as ambitious as you all are in your line of work, but there are often different periods of life when what is right one day is wrong the next and so on. Suffice to say I am not seeking any vacancy. Offers are made to me, I have to be courteous, listen and consider.

SUNDERLAND ...

There are ten letters in the name above and if the home team had taken all their chances we could well have lost by such a scoreline. It rarely happens ... but of course it could.

We were poor, there is no excuse. A one-off result? The players know the answer, it happened in the F.A. Cup last season at Newcastle and the North East has not been a happy hunting ground for Swindon Town in the last ten months.

This afternoon we have the opportunity to make up for conceding four goals after an eight match unbeaten run. The field of play is the response. I expect my players to wipe that defeat aside and respond in style. One result, win or lose, in forty-six does not make

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

or break a season. That is the way in which we should view a setback or a victory.

A SCOT AND CRICKET

Cricket in Scotland is almost unheard of but I had no hesitation in helping Gloucestershire player Andy Brassington with his benefit year.

Sport is varied and we often take an interest in each others game. I profess to know little about cricket, but I will always help a sportsman when I can. People were kind to me when it was my testimonial year at Manchester United. We all help each other, so can I ask you all to keep in mind Andy's match against Swindon Town at Fairford on Sunday November 20th. Keith Cooper, the Swindon-based referee, will be in charge and Keith is travelling up from Torquay on the day of the game to officiate. Come along and enjoy a good family day out with the kids. Lots of autographs and the Frank Bruno look-a-like David Lawrence. He really does resemble big Frank. See you there?

NUTS IN OCTOBER? ..

FILBERT'S AT LEICESTER ...

I missed the match at Filbert Street due to a scouting mission and from a distance, also from the reports I received, it was quite obvious dubious decisions were responsible for us losing a three goal lead.

Before this game I felt we needed to strengthen our squad of players. The unfortunate dismissals of Steve Foley and Tommy Jones now make that possibility a must. We shall be without both players in our midfield section with several tough matches lying ahead.

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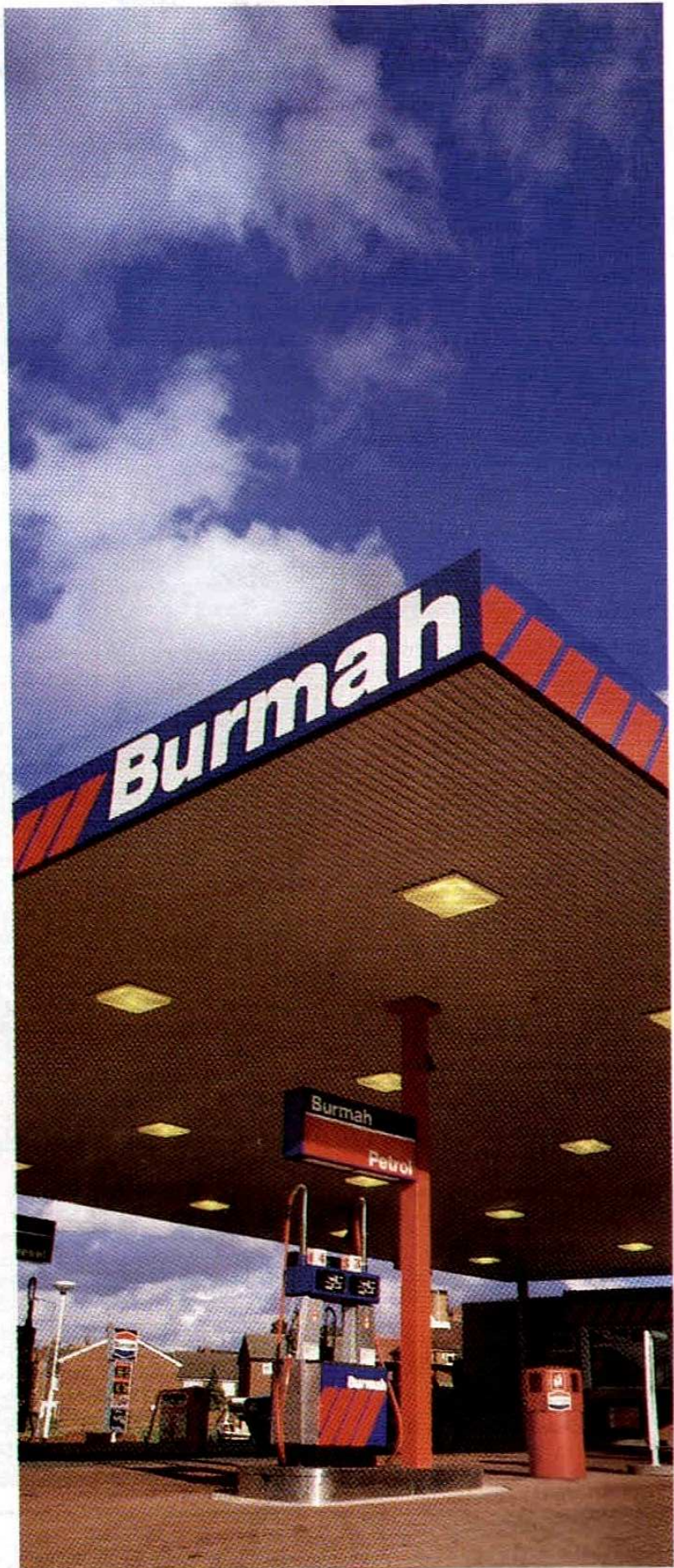
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SOMETHING 'FISHY'

There is always something fishy in the air at Grimsby, but quite what hangs in the North East's atmosphere is unclear. Whatever it is, it seems to do our players no good at all. Full of hope and anticipation we travelled to Newcastle in January in the F.A. Cup. Five unchallenged goals later we were out of the cup and miles from home. Last Saturday at Sunderland we were lucky to get nought again, as the Wearsiders carried on where their Tynesiders had left off. There is little else to be said, other than to hope that the 'Town' can pick themselves back up today.

A SORRY STATE

The past couple of weeks have been dominated by upheaval and speculation amongst football's most powerful men.

Aside from the fact that managerial contracts are being ripped up right, left and centre, a revolution has taken place amongst the League's leaders.

The influence of Phillip Carter as League President has been removed following his behaviour in the pre-season TV talks. The Everton Chairman's comments on his departure from the League's management committee just about sum up the reasons why he had to go in the first place.

According to Carter, the Second Division has joined forces with seven or eight First Division Clubs to form a "very strong rump in the middle of the League", hardly the view of someone with football's future as a whole in mind. Perhaps the 'rump' is fed up with being sat on by the fat and greedy big five, who only seem concerned with looking after number one!

BOB OR DON?

It comes as no surprise to see the tabloids tearing into Bobby Robson again following the dismal 0-0 draw against Sweden.

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

As a great admirer of the attacking Ipswich side built by Robson in the late seventies, criticism doesn't come easy to me. Relative lack of success is not the problem so far as I am concerned, but the uninspiring tactics and style of the current England set-up make them seem like early eighties Arsenal in white shirts. Which brings us to Don Howe who is more like to be responsible for creating the present side that fears losing more than it wants to win.

The right players are more often than not selected, but England still manage to play unattractive, unimaginative Euro-football, which doesn't of course come naturally. If the Republic of Ireland can successfully play International football the English League way, why can't we? Is it really going to need the ball squirming under Peter Shilton in the Poland game before we do something this time?

LINKED WITH EVERY JOB

Another Manager under pressure to leave his job has been our own Lou Macari, linked with just about every managerial vacancy going, perhaps the England job is next?

With our recent run of results, it is obvious that we need stability at the County Ground. Knocked out of the Cup by Crystal Palace, a disappointing home draw against Leeds and an away thrashing at Roker Park are not the ingredients of an easy time ahead.

PRISONERS AND THE DASHING DANE

At least the 'Town' haven't got the problems of two of the First Division giants, Liverpool and Spurs. The Merseysiders have entered an injury prone and bad result spell, with their 'take no prisoners' attitude to be tested in six weeks when the dashing Dane is released from jail.

'EL TEL'

Spurs, on the other hand, have suffered from two lots of unsuccessful rebuilding work, Terry Venables on the squad and the builders of the ground, two points lost without kicking a ball - nothing new in that for Spurs you might think!

WINNING TRAIL

Against Birmingham this afternoon we have the opportunity to get back on the winning trail and build up to a Christmas period that establishes us as promotion contenders.

CAPTAIN 'BOB' SAILING OFF COURSE?

A final note to cackle on up to and beyond the final whistle - how can Maxwell Oxford have convinced Derby Maxwell that Dean Saunders was worth a million? Surely they were negotiating on a bad phone line and misheard the Welshman's name as Diego Maradona and thought he was a bargain!

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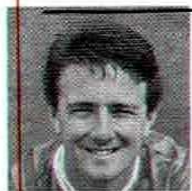
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Clarion already supplies audio equipment to many of Britain's leading car makers and importers, including Jaguar, Lotus, Mazda, Nissan, Range Rover and Rolls Royce. The output from the new factory, though, will go to Peugeot Talbot, who has just announced that it will be fitting Clarion units to all its cars in the UK from next summer.

The wide range of Clarion radio/cassettes, CD players, speakers and accessories is currently attracting huge interest on the company's stand at the Birmingham International Motor Show. Closer to home, though, Clarion equipment can be seen and heard at Avonclass in Swindon and other leading 'in-car entertainment' retailers.

TODAY'S MASCOTS

From Birmingham



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Age 6 years
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From Swindon



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THE CHAIRMAN

Speaking

BRIAN HILLIER



This week I am allowing my column to include a message to you all from our good friend Supt. Mike Rogers, who is in charge of police operations on matchdays at the County Ground. Before his message to you all is included I would like to make one or two comments concerning other matters.

You will have read and heard of the final outcome of the E.G.M. of the Football League. Events which occurred during the summer saw both Philip Carter of Everton and David Dein of Arsenal lose their positions on the Management Committee. Events which sullied the name of our national game. Openness is the best policy and if the protagonists had adopted this attitude from the beginning most of the problem would not have arisen.

I would like to welcome all connected with Birmingham City for this afternoon's match. City are experiencing a lean time in their search for points, but their draw at Manchester City last week shows that no Club can treat another lightly in this division. Our result at Sunderland last week was one of the more disappointing of recent seasons and one which we must quickly ensure was strictly a one-off.

The remainder of my column is now devoted to **Supt. Mike Rogers**, and I would like you all to take heed of his message. Thank you all for your attention.

Good afternoon,

I am grateful for this opportunity to

explain the policy of policing that you see at the County Ground. Much is said about whether our presence is necessary or desirable and there is a multitude of opinion about that.

My aim is to make the County Ground safe for anyone to come and enjoy football.

Hooliganism in football is not as unique as is so often made out. Most of society realise it is simply the desire for violence and an unbridled contempt for decent standards and law enforcement.

The overall strategy is one of containment which is preventative and entails active police supervision with the segregation of opposing fans. This has been achieved but the cost is regular and sometimes means a massive police presence. It follows that because they are protected by the police one of the consequences of containment is that rival groups tend to be corralled together so that they can demonstrate their allegiance and aggression, particularly with obscene or racial chantings and ritual taunting.

Since the introduction of CCTV most of the violence is outside the ground and often stems from behaviour demonstrated on the terraces. We cannot expect other than trouble if 'contained' supporters are allowed to scream hostilities at each other week in and week out without check.

policing, particularly on terraces near to the visitors. What has to be understood is that behaviour not acceptable

in the town centre is not acceptable in the County Ground.

The Criminal Law under the Public Order Act and the Ground Regulations allow me to charge and to put before a Magistrates Court or eject offenders. The message is quite clear - behave or risk arrest. It can only be provocative if vulgar gestures are shown to rival supporters. The courts have backed up that view with heavy fines and exclusion orders. Take time out and look at the Ground Regulations - non compliance may result in ejection. In addition to policemen being positive on the terraces I will also use CCTV to build up evidence of unacceptable behaviour and continue to enforce better standards on the terracing.

It is my view that we can only start to make progress by excluding the hooligan element from the ground so as to encourage family support back to football. In that way police presence and costs may ultimately be reduced.

To the vast majority of supporters this message is purely academic - it is directed at the small minority of hooligans who constantly spoil it for the rest.

I am not suggesting anyone should not support the players on the field - quite the reverse - please put your energy into supporting the team rather than the taunting of visiting supporters.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

FIVE YEARS AT THE TOP

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A pity Harry's team were in such benevolent mood, for they presented the Gay Meadow Club with their first win of the season! Alan Irvine netted the only goal of the match following sloppy defensive play.

ALBION LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF ANFIELD?

Despite the loss of **Ron Atkinson** and **Colin Addison** to **Athletico Madrid** the caretaker incumbent **Brian Talbot** was quick off the mark. Brian sold full back **Dean Burrows** to **Liverpool** for **£500,000** and then took striker **John Durnin** on a months loan on deadline day. The 22-year-old Anfield striker attracted the attention of Lou Macari at one stage last season. Brian finished off a good weeks work by then cracking home his second goal in three games when his goal gave Albion a **1-0** victory over visiting **Bradford City**.

Jubilant Albion fans gave the Club Directors their decision as to who should succeed 'El Ron' when they chanted Brians name. Brian is the peoples as well as the players choice as Manager.

SNOOZING... Z... Z... Z...!

Former **Oxford United** boss **Mark Lawrenson** was mystified before his dismissal with his former teams performance. "I don't know why we couldn't play for 90 minutes. We had to wait for something to happen before we started to play."

The Manor Ground Club drew **1-1** with **Blackburn Rovers** last Saturday. A penalty rescued United after the ever-reliable **Simon Garner** had accepted a gift goal.

David Bardsley took over the role of penalty taker after **Dean Saunder's**

crucial miss for Wales against Finland in the recent World Cup qualifier.

Mark Lawrenson had been pleased with his full backs initiative. "It was very professional of **Bardsley** to take over from **Saunders**. **Gennoe** could have seen **Saunders**' two penalty kicks on television on Wednesday and could have known where he would have placed the ball if he had taken the kick."

The following day **Dean Saunders** moved to **Derby County** for **£ million!**

Mark was dismissed the following day and the former Eire star is probably more mystified than ever!

A PROBLEM ON THE HORIZON FOR SWINDON TOWN?

Winger **Peter Beagrie** is making a name for himself as the man the Second Division cannot cope with.

Peter led Watford's defence a merry dance last week before clinching the points for **Stoke** in a **2-0** win with a brilliant goal. At time, **Peter** appeared to carve paths toward goal almost at will.

Incidentally, his trademark for cele-

brating a goal is an Olympic style of cartwheels followed by a back-flip and a wave to the crowd!

A SPECIALITY ACT!

Leicester City goalkeeper **Paul Cooper's** speciality act has always been penalty saves and it should have been no real surprise when he swooped to stop **John Sheriden's** spot kick two minutes from time at **Elland Road** last Saturday against **Leeds United**.

Paul's heroics spared the blushes of central defender **Steve Walsh** who had handled a cross from **John Stiles**, son of England World Cup hero **'Nobby' Stiles**.

A DUBIOUS PRIVILEGE

Plymouth Argyle supporters had the dubious privilege of being the first away supporters allowed onto the Stamford Bridge terraces this season. They could not have enjoyed it, for Argyle were slammed for four goals right in front of their own fans in the first half as the Home Park Club slid to a **5-0** thrashing. Following the six match ban the Shed was open for the first time too, and the Chelsea fans celebrated in style.

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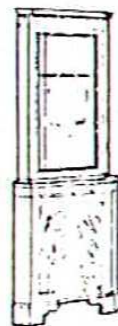
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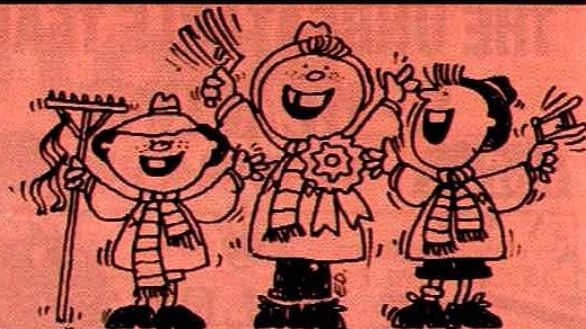
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JUNIOR ROBINS



Saturday 1st October 1988
'Transplant' Swindon Junior Robins
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away to Watford

Following the toss, Swindon Captain Kennedy chose to play against the pronounced sloping pitch. Despite this disadvantage Swindon made several early chances from break-aways but failed to put them away. Watford quickly regrouped after these shocks and scored the first goal midway through the first half. Play was fairly even between the sides but Watford found that slight edge to score twice more before half time.

Swindon started the second half 3 goals down but now had the advantage of the slope. Gilbert continued to play with great authority at the centre of the Swindon defence and, with Joyce, began to change the down the middle approach of the first half to playing wider down the flanks. The reward came

with a good goal from Dudley following a run down the left. Swindon's attack grew in confidence to put Dean Scott through for his first goal and Swindon's second. With 10 minutes left an overhead kick from Dudley left Scott to chase a high bouncing ball at the edge of Watford's penalty area for his second goal. As the goalkeeper approached, Scott's determination left a looping header to find its mark. His efforts resulted in an injury and his place being taken by Stephen Butt.

Swindon continued to apply pressure to the Watford defence for the winning goal. It was with only minutes to go that it looked as though the winner had arrived. A cross from the left was met by Stephen Butt only to see his shot strike the crossbar and fall to safety. At the final whistle both sides had provided a most entertaining and a well fought 3-3 draw.

Swindon Junior Robins had all played their part to a complete team effort and should all be congratulated.

Man of the match - Dean Scott.

The Junior Robins Travel Club is on the road again, this time to Stoke City on Saturday November 19th.

Depart County Ground by executive coach 7.30 a.m.

We are playing the Junior 'Potters' at u/10s and 13s football. Please note on artificial pitches. **Trainers - NO FOOTBALL BOOTS.**

Lunch and match ticket by complimentary issue. Cost of coach travel £5.50 each. Please book in plenty of time with Travel Club.

All outstanding photos to John Timms please.

On Saturday 12th November the Junior Robins welcome our friends from Wells City Youth Football Club. The 'Transplant' Juniors will be playing their 11s and 13s at Mannington Recreation Ground.

Any queries regarding the above, can be answered at the next Junior Robins Meeting on Monday 7th November.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Can we repeat our 4-1 win of last season at Hull City next Saturday? A brace of goals from Jimmy Quinn and Dave Bamber saw the Town record their third win in League matches at Boothferry Park. Our record now reads as follows, on our trips to Humberside.

Goals						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
15	3	7	5	11	13	

The Town team that routed the 'Tigers' last season was Hammond, Hockaday, King, McLoughlin, Parkin, Wegerle, Bamber, Gittens, Quinn, Foley, Barnes. Substitutes: Calderwood and Bodin.

Hull City have experienced difficulty in winning matches at Boothferry Park this season. The first of two success came on the first day of the season when they defeated Manchester City 1-0 due to a Keith Edwards second half goal. They have drawn four matches and lost one Barnsley, Walsall and Sunderland have participated in goal-less matches at Boothferry Park this season.

The only defeat that Manager Eddie Gray's team have encountered is the 3-1 reverse they suffered when entertaining League leaders Blackburn Rovers. The prolific goalscorer Keith Edwards was once again the Boothferry Park Clubs lone marksman.

Last Tuesday evening the 'Tigers' resoundingly defeated Chelsea 3-0 at Boothferry Park. Striker Keith Edwards was once again on the mark with two goals, one from the penalty spot. The other goal was scored by Mike Smith.

The task set before us in the Simod Cup is immense. Norwich City are currently leaders of the First Division. We actually dismissed the 'Canaries' from the F.A. Cup last season in a Third Round replay. The two David's at Carrow Road, Stringer and Williams have done a fine job for the East Anglian team.

We have an attractive fixture with Ipswich Town on Saturday November 12th at the County Ground. Widely regarded to be among the promotion contenders at the end of this season, the Portman Road Club have experienced one or two unexpected set-

backs recently. Manager John Duncan's team have lost their last two away fixtures at Crystal Palace (0-2) and Barnsley by a similar scoreline. Previously the East Anglian Club had drawn 1-1 at Stoke, took maximum points from their visit to Leicester City winning by a single goal and then comprehensively handing out a 5-1 defeat to Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow.

This will be their fourteenth visit to the County Ground in League matches and our record against Ipswich Town at home reads as follows:

Goals						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
13	7	1	5	23	15	

It is a positive looking record for both Clubs, decisive results, and last season the Town won 4-2. Our goalscorers were Chris Kamara, Dave Bamber and Jimmy Quinn, along with an own goal.

Our team on December 28th was as follows: Crichton, Hockaday, King, Kamara, Gittens, Calderwood, Bamber, Parkin, Quinn, Foley, Barnes. Substitutes: White and Henry.

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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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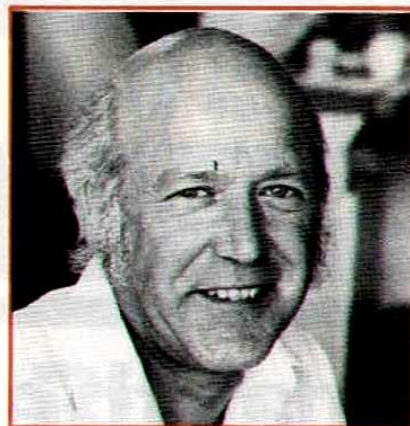
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BIRMINGHAM CITY



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: Steve Wigley, John Frain, Tony Godden, Tony Elliott, Roger Hansbury, Kevin Ashley, Ian Handysides.
Middle Row: Fred Davies, Ian Atkins, Kevin Langley, Vince Overson, Guy Russell, Adrian Bird, John Trewick, Peter Henderson, Tony Brown.
Front Row: Ray Ranson, Colin Robinson, Des Bremner, Garry Pendrey (Manager), Steve Whitton, Brian Roberts, Gary Childs.

The last three years have seen the fortunes of Birmingham City slump to their lowest ebb.

After being relegated from Division One at the end of the 1985-86 season, the Blues have found life in Division Two extremely tough.

They have come perilously close in the last two seasons to making the drop to the Third for the very first time.

On both occasions they have finished in 19th position just two points away from having to take part in the play-offs to maintain a place in Division Two.

And this season so far all the indications are that it could be another year of struggle for Manager Garry Pendrey, who took over the reigns from the flamboyant John Bond in May of last year.

At the time of penning these notes Birmingham had won only two and drawn one of their opening 11 League games and are currently sat at the foot of the table with Brighton on seven points.

Birmingham were elected to the Football League in 1892 and have, in the past 96 years, regularly fluctuated between the top two divisions.

Four times Birmingham have won the Second Division title and on another five occasions have finished as the runners-up.

Their highest place in Division One, sixth spot, came in the 1955-56 season, the same season as they were beaten in the F.A. Cup final 3-1 by Manchester City. And on their only other appearance at Wembley in the competition, 1931, they were also runners-up.

In the Football League Cup, the Blues were the third name to appear on the trophy as winners. In the two legged final in 1963 they won 3-1 at home and then drew 0-0 at local rivals Aston Villa to lift the cup.

And in the old European Fairs Cup, the Blues twice finished runners-up in 1960 and in the following year.

MEET THE PLAYERS AND MANAGER

Garry Pendrey (Manager). Appointed the Manager of the Blues in May 1987 in succession to John Bond. Garry first joined the St. Andrew's Club as an apprentice 24 years ago. At 20, he was the Blues youngest captain. Later played for West Bromwich, Torquay, Bristol Rovers and Walsall. Had coaching spells at Walsall and Wolverhampton before joining the managerial ranks.

Tony Godden (Goalkeeper). Born Gillingham, Kent. Signed from Chelsea in July 1987. Made 25 appearances last season before injury prevented him playing after early January 1988. Joined Chelsea from West Bromwich Albion after making 327 first team appearances. Had loan spells with Luton Town and Walsall.

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Ray Ranson

Ray Ranson (Fullback). Born St. Helens. Joined 'Blues' in 1984 from Manchester City. Played for England Under-21 team 11 times. Played for Manchester City in the 1981 Cup Final and re-play. Made over 200 appearances for City and has played 133 games for the 'Blues'.

Brian Roberts (Fullback). Born in Manchester. Started his career with Coventry City making 241 appearances for the Sky Blues. After a loan spell with Hereford United joined Birmingham City in March 1984. Has made 142 appearances for the 'Blues'.

Adrian Bird (Defender). Born in Bristol. Former Y.T.S. player - signed contract forms on 1st July 1987. Made first team debut on 29th December 1986 against Millwall away. Has made a total of 12 appearances and been substitute 5 times.

Vince Overson (Defender). Born Kettering. Signed from Burnley in 1986. Former England Youth International, helped Burnley win the Third Division title in 1982. Made 247 appearances for the 'Clarets' and has made 78 appearances for Birmingham City.

Dean Peer (Midfield). Former Y.T.S. player. Born in Stourbridge. Made first team debut on 20th September 1986 against Hull City. Has made 1 first team appearance and been substitute 3 times prior to this season.

John Frain (Midfield). Local lad signed contract forms on 8th July 1985 and made League debut on 12th April 1986 at Newcastle United. Scored the 'Blues' only goal. Has made a total of 19 first team appearances and has been substitute 9 times.

Des Bremner (Midfield). Born Arbichidir, Scotland. Represented Scotland internationally at Schoolboy and Youth level. Won nine

Under-23 caps and one full International cap. Joined 'Blues' from Aston Villa in October 1984. Made 280 appearances for Hibernian, 216 for Aston Villa and 119 for 'Blues' making total career appearances of 615. Won First Division Championship and European Cup Winners Medal with Aston Villa in 1981 and 1982.

Ian Atkins (Midfield). Born in Birmingham. Joined Shrewsbury Town as an apprentice making a total of 314 appearances and scoring 58 goals before his transfer to Sunderland. Made 88 appearances for Sunderland before moving to Everton. Transferred to Ipswich Town for whom he made 76 appearances. Joined the 'Blues' in April 1988 following a month on loan.



Ian Atkins

Martin Thomas (Goalkeeper). The Caerphilly keeper joined Birmingham on loan recently from Newcastle. Began as an apprentice at Bristol Rovers and went on to make 162 appearances. Then, following loan spells at Cardiff, Tottenham, Southend and Newcastle, finally joined Newcastle permanently in season 1983-84. Had a brief four game loan spell with Middlesbrough since then.

Carl Richards (Striker). Recently joined the 'Blues' from Bournemouth. Born in Jamaica the striker was snapped up by Bournemouth from Enfield for £10,000 during the summer of 1986. In the following two seasons made 63 appearances, scoring 16 goals and helped the Cherries to the Third Division title in 1986-87 season.

Kevin Langley (Midfield). Born St. Helens. Commenced career with Wigan Athletic for whom he made 180 appearances. Transferred to Everton for £100,000, making 21 appearances and scoring three goals prior to his transfer to Manchester City for £150,000.

Joined Birmingham City in March 1988 and has made 7 first team appearances



Steve Wigley

Steve Wigley (Winger). Born Ashton-under-Lyne. Began League career with Nottingham Forest. Made 82 appearances before moving to Sheffield United, where he made a further 27 appearances. Joined 'Blues' in March 1987 and has made 60 appearances.

Gary Childs (Midfield). Birmingham born, commenced his career with West Bromwich Albion before moving to Walsall for whom he made 150 appearances. Signed by 'Blues' in July 1987 and has made 26 first team appearances.

Colin Robinson (Striker). Birmingham Born, began League career at Shrewsbury Town scoring 40 goals in 167 League appearances. Joined 'Blues' in January 1988 but injury curtailed his appearances.

Steve Whitton (Striker). Born East Ham. Started career as an apprentice at Coventry City making 72 appearances, scoring 21 goals. Moved to West Ham United for £175,000 and made 42 appearances scoring 8 goals. Joined the 'Blues' in August 1986 following a period of loan and has made 87 appearances and score 21 goals. Steve is currently out of action due to injury.

Mark Yates (Striker). Local Y.T.S. lad signed contract forms on 18th birthday. Had first team baptism as substitute in last League match of Season 1987-88 against Leeds United when he came on as substitute.

Simon Sturridge (Striker). Another local Y.T.S. lad. Signed contract forms on his 18th birthday. Has yet to make his full League debut, although has made a couple of substitute appearances.

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13.45	Return to Team Camps
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WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground one and all, with a special warm welcome to those of you from the Second City. It's not been the best of seasons so far for Birmingham City, but they'll take comfort, I'm sure, from last term's 2-0 victory here. Can history repeat itself? We'll know come twenty to five.

A POOR WEEKEND

Well, what is there to say about the disappointments of last weekend? It was, to say the least, one of the poorest in sporting terms for this locality for many a long year. There was defeat for Swindon Robins on the speedway track, defeat for the Swindon Wildcats on the ice hockey rink, defeat for Swindon's youth side at Bristol Rovers and, of course, the Town's defeat at Sunderland.

ROKER ROAR

The trip to the North East is always long and tiring. The contrast in the scenery, though, as the coach travels north, always makes it interesting. However, the journey home this time seemed endless following the afternoon's events at Roker Park. The Roker roar was much in evidence in the autumn sunshine as the Wearsiders poured forward. A 4-0 defeat is never easy to take but there was an extra edge to the pained expression of those Town supporters present as they trooped back to their coaches following the game. They felt let down, let's

hope we never see that expression again.

IS IT TRIVIAL PURSUITS?

We've seen, in the past two weeks or so, the first of this seasons Manager merry-go-rounds. The usual speculation in the press and on radio and television has abounded. Which Manager is going to which Club is, without doubt, one of the great national pastimes which would rival Trivial Pursuits if it were marketed by an enterprising businessman. (By the way, if you see it on sale remember who to direct the royalty cheques to!) I have to say I find it downright boring. This Club seems to figure prominently in the headlines due to the present incumbent of the Managers post and his success. It has to be unsettling for players and fans alike but this, of course, is of no consequence for those who write the articles or those Clubs who do their job hunting through the media. I suppose it's a fact of life that it will continue and certain Managers will be linked with just about any vacancy that becomes available, but surely it would be far more dignified if so called 'shortlists' of prospective candidates were kept within board-rooms. yes, I've always been naïve.

OFF WITH HIS HEAD AGAIN

The World Cup qualifiers have come and gone for the moment and yes there was the usual hysterical reaction to England's goalless draw with Sweden at Wembley. Bobby Robson came in

for his usual pasting, goodness knows what the comments would have been had England lost. The Swedes were an extremely accomplished outfit, England made chances against them and could have won, so perhaps the picture isn't as bad as it was painted. If England fail to qualify for the World Cup then a change in Manager is almost certain, but let's give Robson the benefit of the doubt, after all I wouldn't like the pressures of the job, would you?

OUT IN THE RUSTICS

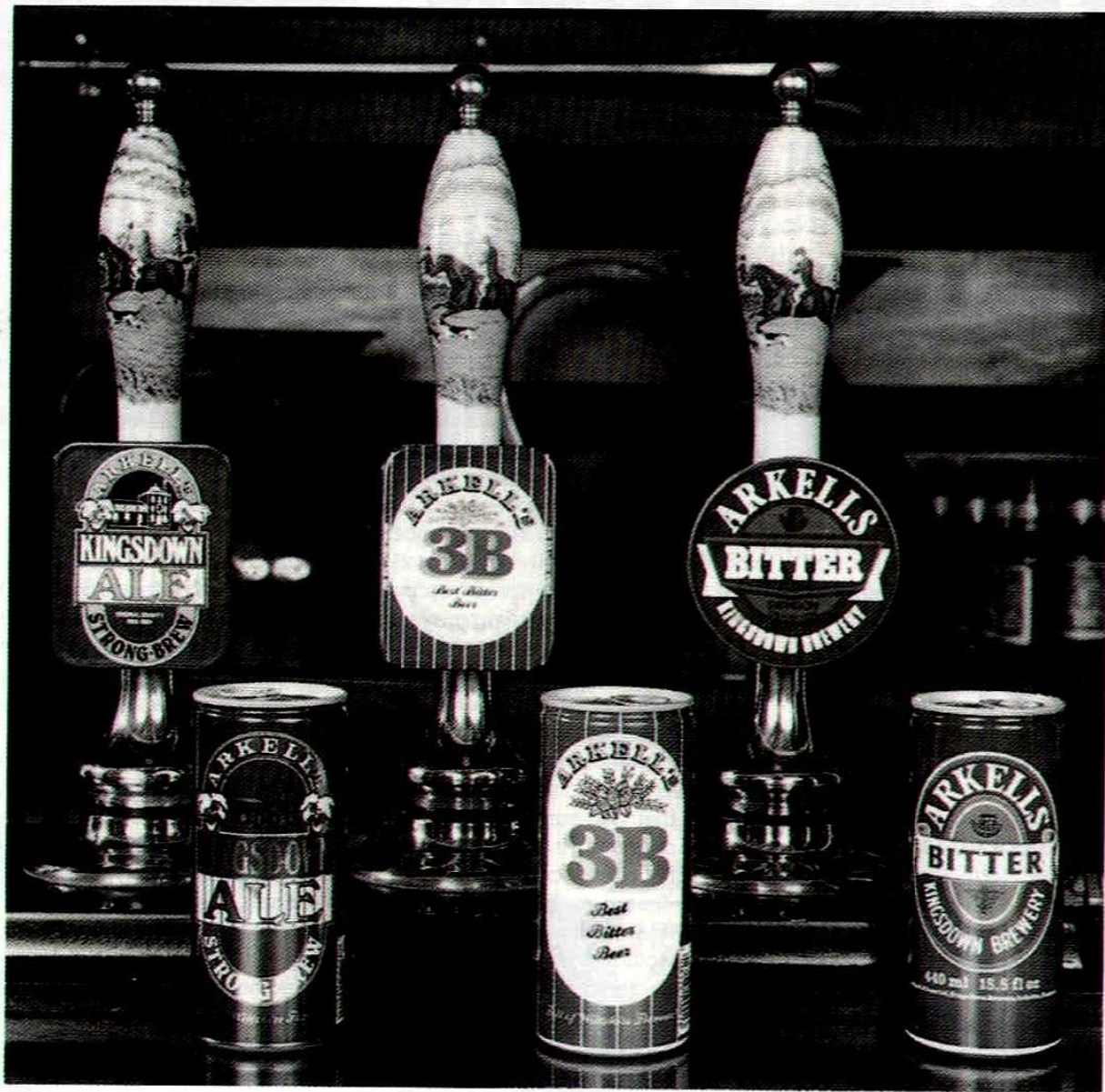
And finally, as usual, the ups and downs of GWR FC or, more to the point at the moment, the downs of GWR FC. An early exit from this seasons Wiltshire Sunday Cup and another Sunday League defeat has not dented our spirit unduly and we'll keep plugging away, a victory would certainly not go amiss. It was Biddestone, an extremely friendly Club, who accounted for us in the Wilts Sunday Cup with a fast moving performance reminiscent of the Hungarians at their very best. St. Ivel gave a thrilling attacking display to beat us in the League match on our own Fairford pitch. Our cause was not helped by barracking from the crowd, well my dog wasn't very happy anyway and he had to be restrained from venting his true feelings by the rest of our supporters, my wife and son. I'll keep you posted on our progress, season tickets are available soon.

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A DRAW A FAIR RESULT

Our South East Counties team managed to retain their unbeaten record in a 2-2 draw with Brighton and Hove Albion, the Second Division fixture being played at Lydiard Park on Saturday October 8th.

Town youth team Manager, **John Trollope**, had this to say about this latest Town effort to win the title, "we nearly took an early lead when Paul Hunt intercepted a back pass, but after rounding the Brighton keeper he shot into the side netting.

"Within ninety seconds the visitors took the lead from a needlessly conceded corner. Brighton opened the scoring through **John Bown** when we failed to clear the corner. We were not playing with our usual sharpness and we found it difficult to get into the game.

"After four minutes of the second half a through ball from Tony Hammersley was handled and **Paul Hunt** stepped up to score from the penalty spot."

This lifted the Town spirits as John pointed out. "It raised the team to more effort and when a Tony Hammersley cross was only half cleared to Mark Lea, his shot was only parried by the keeper and **Nicky Summerbee** scored from the rebound. The lead was short-lived, when Brighton equalised following an in-swinging corner by **Mark Coldwell** which was totally misjudged by keeper Paul Thompson."

John summed the game up by saying "It was a point dropped but on the day Brighton proved to be a good footballing side and deserved to share the points."

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Morgan, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt and Griffiths. Substitutes: Walker, Murray (for Griffiths in 74th minute).

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

Our Youth team drew 1-1 with Thatcham on Monday October 10th in an Allied Counties Youth League fixture.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** described the match as "another disappointing performance."

"There was little thought or imagination but more importantly a real lack of enthusiasm for the game." John continued his obvious disappointment becoming clear. "We all like to win but at this level the performance of the individual is most important."

Of the match John had this to say. "Thatcham, although keen, should not have caused us too many problems, but our lack of appetite kept them in the game and they deservedly took the lead shortly before half-time when

our defence failed to mark correctly allowing the home team to take the lead."

The second half showed a slight improvement, although as John pointed out, "It took until nine minutes from time for us to equalise when a Nigel Sawyer cross was headed in by **Neil Quinn**. A more positive approach must be shown in order to improve both individual and team performances."

Team: Lovegrove, Spalding, Braidwood, Fishlock, Murray, Lea, Holt, Trollope, Quinn, Payne, Walker. Substitutes: Sperring (for Walker in 46th minute), Sawyer (for Holt in 46th minute).

A DISASTROUS FIVE MINUTE SPELL

Our Reserve team were beaten 4-1 in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture away to Oxford United on Wednesday October 12th at Manor Road.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland** was quite definite in his opinion as to where the Town lost the game. "We had a five minute spell midway through the first half where we lost the match. Goals coming from **David Leeworthy (2)** and **Gary Shelton**. We never recovered from that setback." Andy continued by saying "Despite the fact that **Fitzroy Simpson** pulled a goal back just before half-time, we were really always chasing the game. It came as no real surprise when **David Leeworthy** completed his hat-trick after 65 minutes."

Andy summed up his report, "Although Peter Coyne hit the woodwork twice, the game was always beyond our reach."

Team: Hammond, Barnett, Casserly, Simpson, Sandrey, Maclaren, Tomlinson, Coyne, Hunt, Bodin, Viveash. Substitutes: Marshall (for Viveash in 60th minute), Summerbee (for Hunt in 75th minute).

CONGRATULATIONS...

AND MAYBE CELEBRATIONS?

Swindon Town Youth team Manager John Trollope must have been a proud man following our Youth teams 3-1 victory against Northampton Town in our South East Counties League Division Two fixture at Lydiard Park on Saturday October 15th. That convincing scoreline saw our Youth team sitting proudly on top of the division, a point ahead of Luton Town with a game in hand.

In his report of the match **John** stated, "We made the best start to a match this season. We dominated play and should have been three or four goals ahead inside twenty five minutes of play. Poor finishing restricted our lead to one goal when **Nicky Summerbee** scored from a rebound. We lost this advantage when we needlessly conceded an own goal. The remainder of the first half saw play evenly balanced.

"The play remained even until Alex Graham broke down the left and his cross allowed **Paul Hunt** to score a fine goal."

John continued by saying, "We were now back on top and we increased our lead when **Nicky Summerbee** scored his second goal of the game, when he gained possession of a loose ball to score from close range."

John summarised, "The start and finish to this game was pleasing, not only the effort we put into the game but we also began to play with confidence and pass the ball better."

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan. Substitutes: Walker and Spalding.



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EYE ON THE FUTURE

Any Swindon Town supporter who witnessed the pre-season friendly match with **Manchester United** at **The Cliff** on **Saturday August 27th** may well have been witnessing the first rung of a posse of future household names.

The **Manchester United** line-up for reference was as follows: **Turner, Gill, Sharpe, Wilson, Brazil, Heseltine, Hutchison, Whiteside, Robins, Wood, Dalton.** **Substitutes: Graham** (for Wood), **Lydiate** (for Sharpe), **Bullimore** (for Whiteside), **Goater** (for Dalton), **Andrews** (for Brazil), **Ferguson** (not used). **Scorer: Gill, pen.**

A small article appeared in the **United Review** for their match with **Middlesbrough** on the match.

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

Our Youth team travel to **Peterborough United** on Monday evening when they meet the London Road Club in the **First Round** of the **Midland Youth Cup**.

This fixture is the only outstanding tie of the Round.

Other first round results have been:

Stoke City	2	Shrewsbury T.	2
<i>(replay on Monday next)</i>			
Notts County	3	Walsall	2
Leicester C.	1	Wolverh'ton W.	0
Nottingham F.	2	W.B.A.	2
Aston Villa	2	Derby County	3
Mansfield T.	1	Birmingham C.	2

Northampton Town received a bye.

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The result of the replay between **Nottingham Forest** and **West Bromwich Albion** was a **1-0** win for Forest.

The draw for the **Second Round** to be completed by **30th November** is:

Leicester C. v. Derby County
Birmingham C. v. Northam'ton T.
Notts City v. Nottingham Forest
Stoke City or Shrewsbury Town

v

Peterborough U. or Swindon T.

F.A. YOUTH CUP

In the **First Round** of the **F.A. Youth Challenge Cup** we have been drawn away to **Portsmouth**. No date has been fixed for our trip to **Fratton Park**.

A TRIP TO

CIRENCESTER TOWN

On **Wednesday October 19th** we travelled to **Cirencester Town** where we played a friendly match to help the **Hellenic League Club** celebrate the installation of their new floodlighting system. The result was a **10-1** victory for the Town.

For the record the Swindon Town team was as follows:

Hammond, McLoughlin, Bodin, Maclaren, Simpson, Barnard, Tomlinson, Henry, Casserly, Coyne and Morgan.

Substitutes: Viveash (for **Simpson** in 45th minute), **Marshall** (for **Casserly** in 45th minute). **Goalscorers: Morgan (3), Coyne**

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(2), **Bodin, Barnard, Maclaren, McLoughlin and Henry.**

SUCCESS IN THE

WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

In our bid to retain the **Premier Shield** we visited **Great Mills Western League** team **Devizes Town** on Sunday last, **October 23rd**. Our trip to **Nursted Road** resulted in a convincing **5-0** win over the home team.

The Town line-up for this **Preliminary Round** match was: **Hammond, McLoughlin, Marshall, Henry, Maclaren, Tomlinson, Simpson, Coyne, Viveash, Hunt and Summerbee.** **Substitute: Bodin** (for **Hunt** in 45th minute). **Goalscorers: McLoughlin, Maclaren, Simpson, Coyne and Summerbee.**

THANK YOU TO THE TRIO

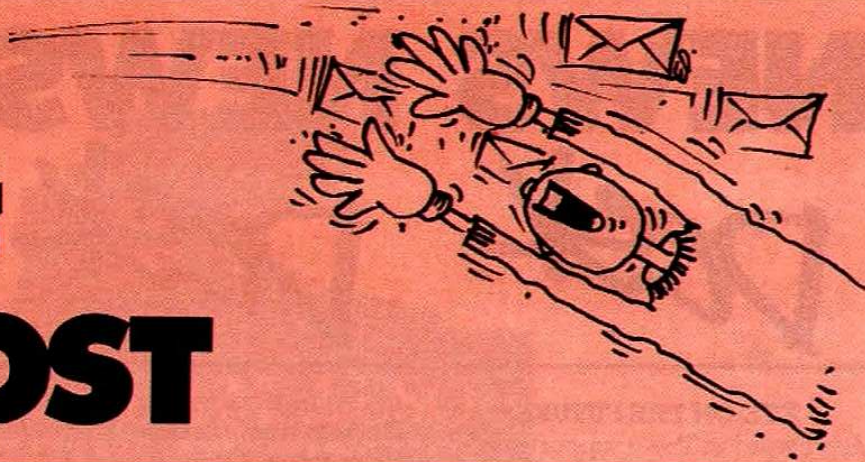
When we meet **Gloucestershire County Cricket Club** at **Fairford Town** on **Sunday November 20th** we shall be indebted to **Keith Cooper, Bob Pellatt and Kevin Stump** for agreeing to officiate for this match. Our grateful thanks to all three local officials.

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IN OFF THE POST



D. Elston
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Dear Dave,

Could you please assist me through the pages of the matchday programme.



I am hoping that readers may be able to help me locate some badges for matches played in the Cabot Cup competition. I enclose a copy of the style of the badge but do not know if these are still issued.

One badge in particular of this type I would hope to obtain is for the Aston v Swindon match, 30 April 1970. I will refund any costs incurred by anyone.

Many thanks for your help.

**Yours in Sport
Derek Elston**

Wickham Rectory
Newbury
Berks

Dear Dave

It is perfectly obvious to all interested parties that the Government, headed by Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, has quite made up its mind to impose a compulsory card-membership scheme upon Football League clubs with effect from next season. It is difficult to understand Mr Moynihan's insistence upon this matter, for, although he has offered several reasons for the compulsory card scheme, not one of them actually stands the test of reasoned scrutiny!

Football supporters know full well that there are hooligans who have attached themselves to a handful of clubs, but the *FACT* is that the vast majority of Football League matches pass off without a hint of violence. Last season there were major and well-publicised disturbances at two games in London – but all over 2,000 League and Cup matches were watched and enjoyed by rival fans without any trouble whatever.

Of course, some critics of football point to the happenings in Germany at the European Championships last summer. But it should be noted that there was gross misreporting there – although the Minister apparently believed everything that he was told. The *FACT* is that most of the violence in Germany had nothing to do with Football! And the German police admitted that it was largely organised by German fascists!

Another *FACT* that should be obvious to anyone is that the compulsory card system will be totally incapable of checking the violence it is claimed it will prevent, and that other major sports are also plagued by loutish behaviour and vandalism yet have singularly failed to attract the attentions of the Minister.

However, perhaps the most disturbing *FACT* of all is that the Government scheme is to be imposed without any reference whatever to the people whom it will most affect – the football supporters! It is nothing short of a travesty that the Government of a democracy should act in such a manner. But perhaps the Minister realised that if he did consult with the ordinary fans he might learn the facts and that that might be rather inconvenient.

Rev. Nigel Sands

Braden Cottage
Kent End
Ashton Keynes,

Wilts.

Dear Mr. King,

I read with interest Michael Scott's comment about the offending Town flag draped over the Rous Stand at Watford. Seated a few rows behind the young people who were moved and their flag confiscated until after the game I had a word with the policeman at half-time.

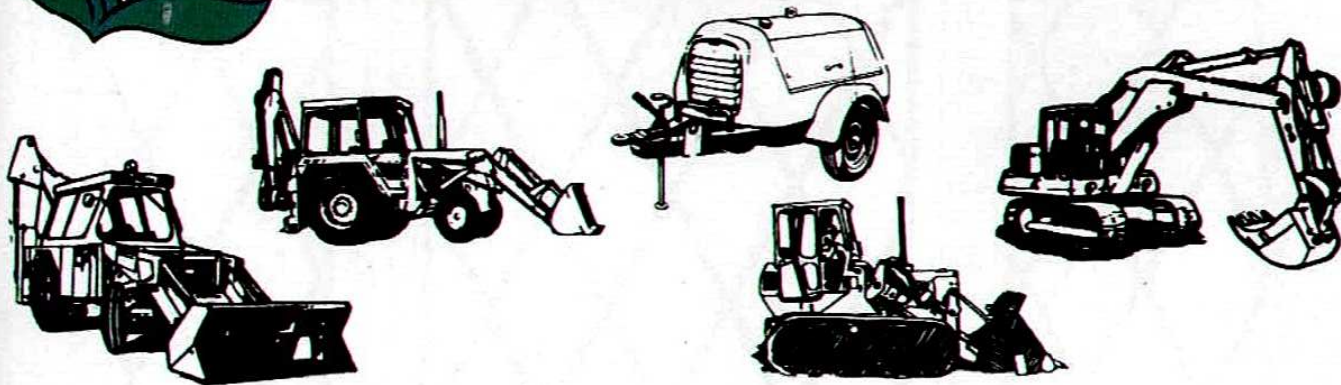
Apparently he was concerned because as well as Swindon colours it embodied the Irish Tricolour, a familiar sight at Celtic Park, and the police felt it 'was inciting the crowd'. A case of over reaction I feel.

**Yours sincerely
Tim Barnes**

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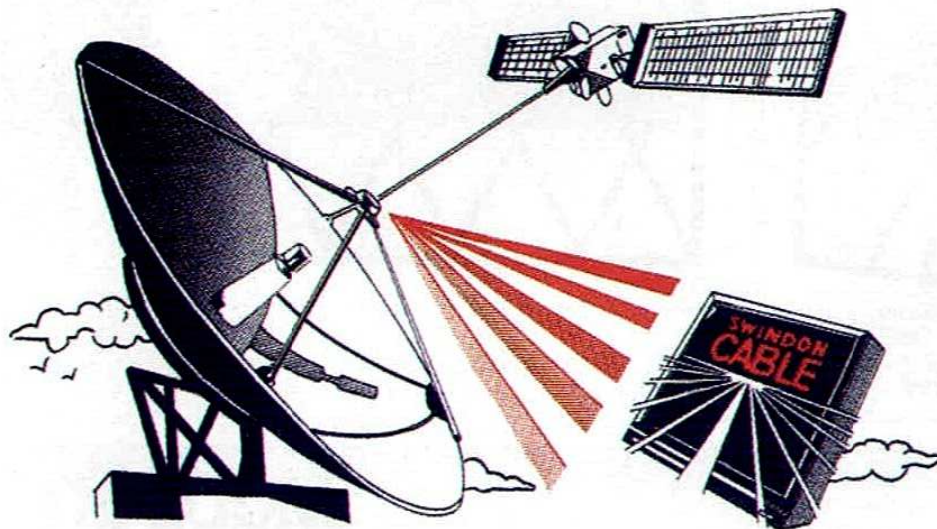


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VIEWPOINT

NO EXCUSES

No excuses, our performance at Sunderland was not very good, in fact if we are honest with ourselves it was woeful.

We were second best to Sunderland in every department of the game. We sat back and let them attack us and, to be quite honest, we laid down without a fight. I am sure all the lads felt the same after the match. It was our worst performance since we gained promotion to the Second Division.

ON A PERSONAL BASIS

Personally, I know I have not been playing as well as I did last season. Probably the best game I have played was on our visit to Blackburn where I faced Ian Miller, who was once on the books of Swindon Town.

Ian is the type of winger I like to face, direct and who relies on pace. I can combat that easier because that is one of the stronger points of my game, speed. What I do find a problem is when I stand off a winger and he starts to twist and turn. Ruel Fox of Norwich City was a player I enjoyed facing last season, now Ruel is a player who, I believe, could become an even better player.

I must admit, I have not really been able to put my finger on why I have not been playing as well. The 'Gaffer' says it's because I am not working hard enough. I don't think it's been as easy this season to knock long balls forward. Our play is slightly different because we don't have the big men up front to hold the ball up like last year, so our game has to be somewhat different.

TWO, THREE, FOUR

I am often asked if I have found a difference in the standard between the three divisions I have played my career in.

Obviously in the Fourth Division there is not so much skill, more of a kick-and-

No. 7 PHIL KING

rush approach. The Third Division has good and bad sides. Some are surprisingly good. In the Second, the players are individually better, the standard is higher and there is not much of an opportunity for a breather. Although, with our style of play, we don't get much of an opportunity for one anyway.

BASED ON FITNESS

Our style of play here at Swindon is based upon fitness and it is no secret that the 'Gaffer' is all for this approach to the game.

A lot of people have asked me at various times if 'Chic's' arrival altered our style of play at all. Every Coach and Manager has his own approach, but where 'Chic' would differ from the 'Gaffer' is that he would probably have a ball made more available, the 'Gaffer' likes us to be really fit first and I would say that this is the right approach. Obviously training is more enjoyable kicking a ball about, but without the fitness how can you make skill count?

REALLY HAPPY HERE

Have I any real thoughts on leaving the County Ground when my contract ends? I wouldn't have thought so, I am as ambitious as the next player, but I am happy here.

Nobody can predict the future, I like it here, the Club has been good for me and I hope that I have for Swindon Town. I have played to help the Club gain promotion, reached a good standard of play and I have to be happy with everything overall.



● Phil King

BOB MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Most people consider Swindon Town's play to be based on team effort, no stars but a genuine eleven man effort.

One player in our team who can make a lot of difference is Bobby Barnes. Most wingers are regarded as a luxury in modern day play and some people probably look at Bob in this way. This season I have tried to play the ball to the feet of Bobby Barnes and make him play and hoping his influence would be to the teams advantage.

FIVE OR FOUR AT THE BACK?

Another question I am often asked is whether I prefer to play in a four or five man system in defence. I prefer a five man system because it allows me to get forward more.

When we play with a four man system I have to sit in the full back slot and purely defend. It is my belief that I am better playing moving forward, although the 'Gaffer' says that it is a bonus. He believes I should defend better and work hard. I am trying, and with his and your help perhaps I will regain my form of last season.

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNSELY	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	8,066	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	11,927	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	McLoughlin	Gittens	Foley
12.10.88	WED CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Gittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
16.10.88	SUN LEEDS UNITED	H	9,234	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
22.10.88	SAT SUNDERLAND	A	13,520	0-4	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.10.88	WED LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H									
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A									
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A									
12.11.88	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	H									
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A									
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 BARNSELY	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									
1.4.89	SAT 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									
T.B.A.	CRYSTAL PALACE	H									

HICKMAN GOALSCORING LEAGUE (including League and Cup goals)

Steve White	4
Bobby Barnes	3
Duncan Shearer	3
Colin Calderwood	2
Steve Foley	1
Tommy Jones	1
Tim Parkin	1
Phil King	1
Charlie Henry	1
Ross Maclaren	1 penalty

FOOTBALL COMBINATION GOALSCORERS

Fitzroy Simpson	2
Paul Bodin	1
Peter Coyne	1
Paul Hunt	1
Alan McLoughlin	1
Neil Tomlinson	1
Adrian Viveash	1
Own goal	1

YOUTH TEAM GOALSCORERS (including League and Cup matches)

Nicky Summerbee	11
Paul Hunt	6
	(inc. 1 penalty)
Richard Morgan	3
Tony Hammersley	2
Mark Lea	1
Paul Trollope	1
Gavin Sandrey	1
Own Goal	1

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Going, Going, - Gone

Newcastle United recently paid £125,000 for Lee Payne from Vauxhall Conference Club Barnet. Amazingly Lee had been shown the door by Luton after two years with the Club, given a free transfer by Hitchin and rejected by Coventry City after a weeks trial!

It's a Repeat

Wrexham's former Welsh International Joey Jones celebrated his 500th League appearance against Rotherham United at Millmoor - playing for the same team, against the same opponents and on the same ground where he made his League debut. To finish the day Joey scored in the 2-2 draw!

Wolves Driving to Wembley?

Wolves begin their defence of the Sherpa Van Trophy against Port Vale and Hereford United in the round robin section of the competition for Third and Fourth Division Clubs. The first and second teams from each group go forward into the regional knockouts.

The Roman City on the Increase!

The capacity of Twerton Park has been increased to more than 9,000. The ground shared by Bristol Rovers and Bath City will see the Popular terrace capacity raised from 2,100 to 4,036, the enclosure from 900 to 1,350 and the grandstand from 600 to 658.

I Spy

Did you know that Swindon Town star Bobby Barnes wore contact lenses? Other Town players to also have worn contact lenses have been Steve Berry, now with Aldershot and current Cardiff City Manager, Frank Burrows.

The Arm of the Law!

A comprehensive statistical review of the 1986/87 season showed that the average number of arrests per 10,000 spectators at First Division matches during the season was 2.2. This figure compares with an average of 3.8 arrests per 10,000 fans at Dutch First Division games.

The GMVC Adding Spice

The average attendance throughout the League rose to 8,600, the first increase since the 1975/76 season, with the play-offs and the link with the Vauxhall Conference producing the biggest increase of 21% in the Fourth Division.

United and the Anfield Travellers

Manchester United had the best average home attendance of 40,600 and Liverpool were the most popular away side, attracting an average of 28,900.

Stan is Rubbing His Hands!

Non-League Barnet have collected £416,000 from the sale of seven players - £230,000 of that coming from Brighton for Nicky Bissett and Robert Codner. Barnets' extrovert Chairman Stan Flashman said, "It's incredible the money we are getting."

One, Two ... Three

Barnet had two narrow misses on attaining League status in the past two seasons. Life is growing tougher, Kettering Town beat them 3-1 to become the first side to score three goals against them for more than two seasons in the early weeks of the season.

Excuse me, why are you all leaving?

The only Englishman playing football in Italy at present is Paul Elliott who is with Pisa. Paul joined the Italian Club from Aston Villa. The departure of Ian Rush from Juventus made no difference to that fact. Ian is, of course, a Welshman.

Wor, Black ... Jack

Jack Charlton, when Manager of Newcastle United, had just signed Tony Cunningham and was conducting a training session. Jack simply could not remember the name of the black striker he had signed. Finally, inspiration came: "Hey - you, you ... Blackie Milburn!"

Easy ... Easy ... Easy ...

Former Swindon Town defender Frank Burrows, now Manager of Cardiff City, recently refused to autograph the match ball for hat-trick hero Jimmy Gilligan, also late of the County Ground, after the European Cup winners victory over Derry City. "It was made too easy for him", said Frank.

A Fishy Tale

Northern League Club North Shields pay their Manager Jim Pearson, late of Everton, with cod. It's a catch of the day clause in his contract! Money is tight in the town at the mouth of the Tyne. The Scot is an executive with Nike in the North.

Loads A Money

Players' salaries reached their highest ever level of £34.6 million during the 1986-87 season, almost double the 79-80 level. Total transfer fees amounted to £22.8 million, a figure only bettered by the 79-80 level of £32.8 million.

Only a Mini-Ken

Walsall boss Tommy Coakley - 'talking about taking his side to Anfield for the first time to meet Liverpool in the Littlewoods Cup - said, "I've never been to Liverpool as a player, spectator or Manager. My brother once sold a car to Kenny Dalglish and I once played five-a-side against him in Scotland."

Tiny Tim

Juventus hope their new signing Riu Barros will be a big hit this season. The Portuguese midfielder player is so small (5ft 3in) they experienced problems finding kit small enough to fit him! Juventus solved the problem by adapting the strips worn by their Youth team.

Bad Luck John

Former Queens Park Rangers striker John Byrne has suffered a broken leg while playing for his new Club Le Havre and is likely to be out of the French League season for the next four months.

The Kings and the Pauper

The review of the 1986-87 season issued by the Football Trust showed that Manchester United recorded the highest gate receipts of £2.4 million with Liverpool, Tottenham, Everton and Arsenal also grossing in excess of £2 million through the turnstiles. The lowest ticket sales, totalling £54,000 were at Halifax.

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Team Changes

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2. Dave Hockaday
3. Phil King
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. Leigh Barnard
14. Charlie Henry

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Team Changes

1. Martin Thomas
2. Brian Roberts
3. John Frain
4. Ian Atkins
5. Adrian Bird
6. Dean Peer
7. Des Bremner
8. Gary Childs
9. Carl Richards
10. Colin Robinson
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