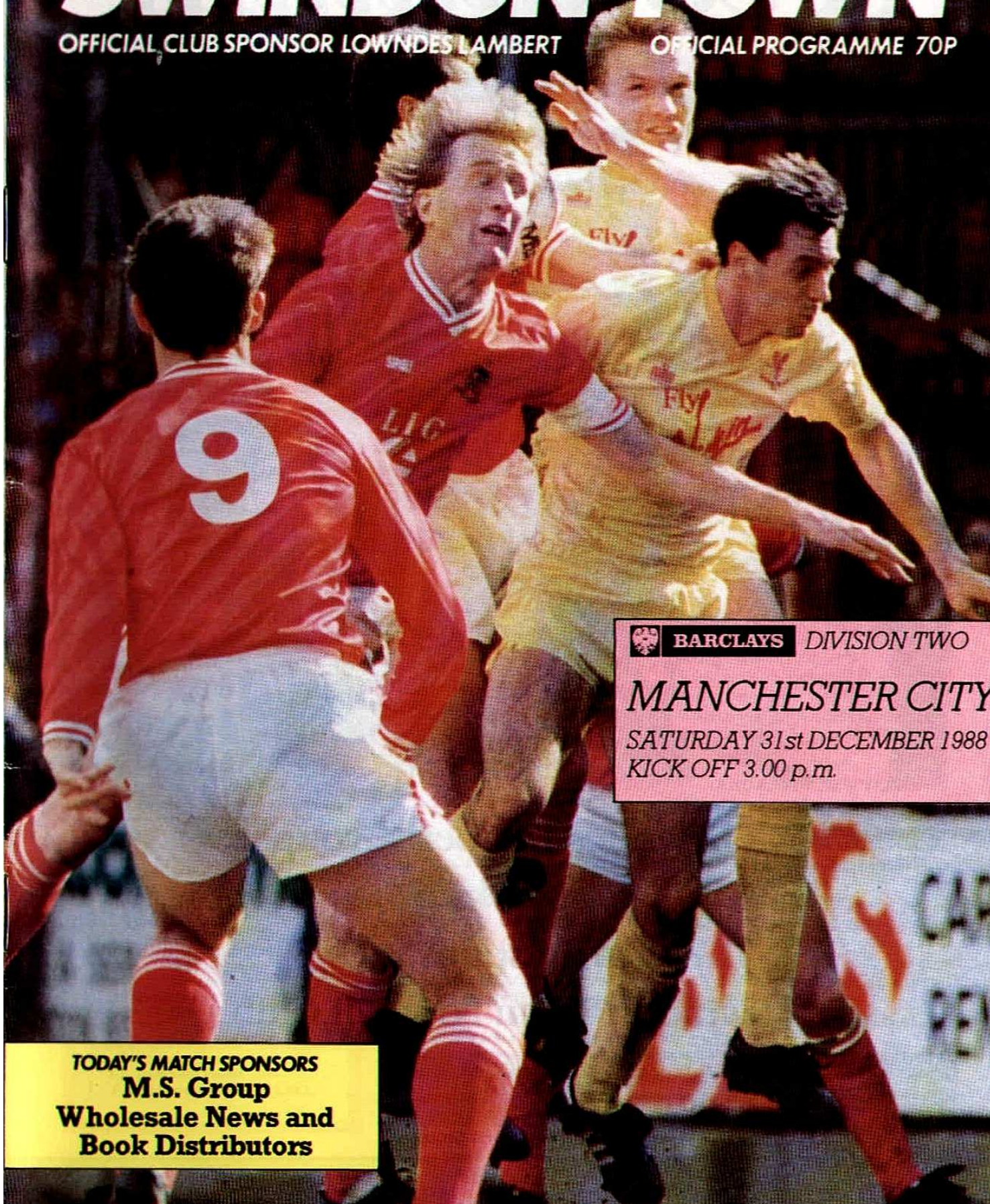


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F.A. Youth Cup Finalists	1964
F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists	1910, 1912



CONTRACTS

The subject of contracts is always an emotive one and one on which I personally have a very fixed view.

Here at Swindon Town I have never signed a contract. My views on the subject are well known. For those who choose to sign a contract irrespective of whatever walk of life should honour their signature.

HONOUR

It has been reported in recent weeks by the media that I have turned down three transfer requests from players here at the County Ground.

All three players signed a contract which at the time they were readily willing to sign. I am sure it has not escaped your notice that it is now rife among today's players that it appears normal practice to ask for a move within months of completing this negotiation.

Obviously, most players are upset when they are not included in the first team plans. I can understand that, but in past years the majority of players responded by fighting for a first team position.

Surely, when a player joins a Club he knows that he is signing a contract to play for Swindon Town or any Club that he chooses. The contract has no clauses stating that a) he is to be included solely in the first team or b) that the Manager will only include him for such a purpose.

With a New Year only hours away how pleasant it would be for every professional player to make a resolu-

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

tion to say, "I will honour my contract". Wishful thinking on my behalf I am sure.

YOU SHOULD FEEL PROUD

It is now a time of reflection. Football is slightly different to most aspects of life because any result is history within a minute of the final whistle and those that dwell on reflected glory achieve little.

Anyway, I will dwell just a little. Swindon Town have been able to hold their own in a Division where a number of Clubs are easily recognised as having considerable resources. For instance Chelsea, Portsmouth, Watford, Leicester City, Ipswich Town are all capable of a large outlay of revenue to obtain a status that means so much to them - Division One.

You have every reason to feel proud as supporters that your Club, Swindon Town can hold their own in such illustrious company.

**WELCOME
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

This afternoon Manchester City are welcome visitors to the County Ground. When I was at Old Trafford I used to eagerly look forward to our local derby matches.

I don't believe any of those matches were as thrilling as the game here last season, when we were defeated 4-3 by City. In welcoming everyone connected with Manchester City may I wish all of you a Happy New Year, Swindon Town or Manchester City associated.

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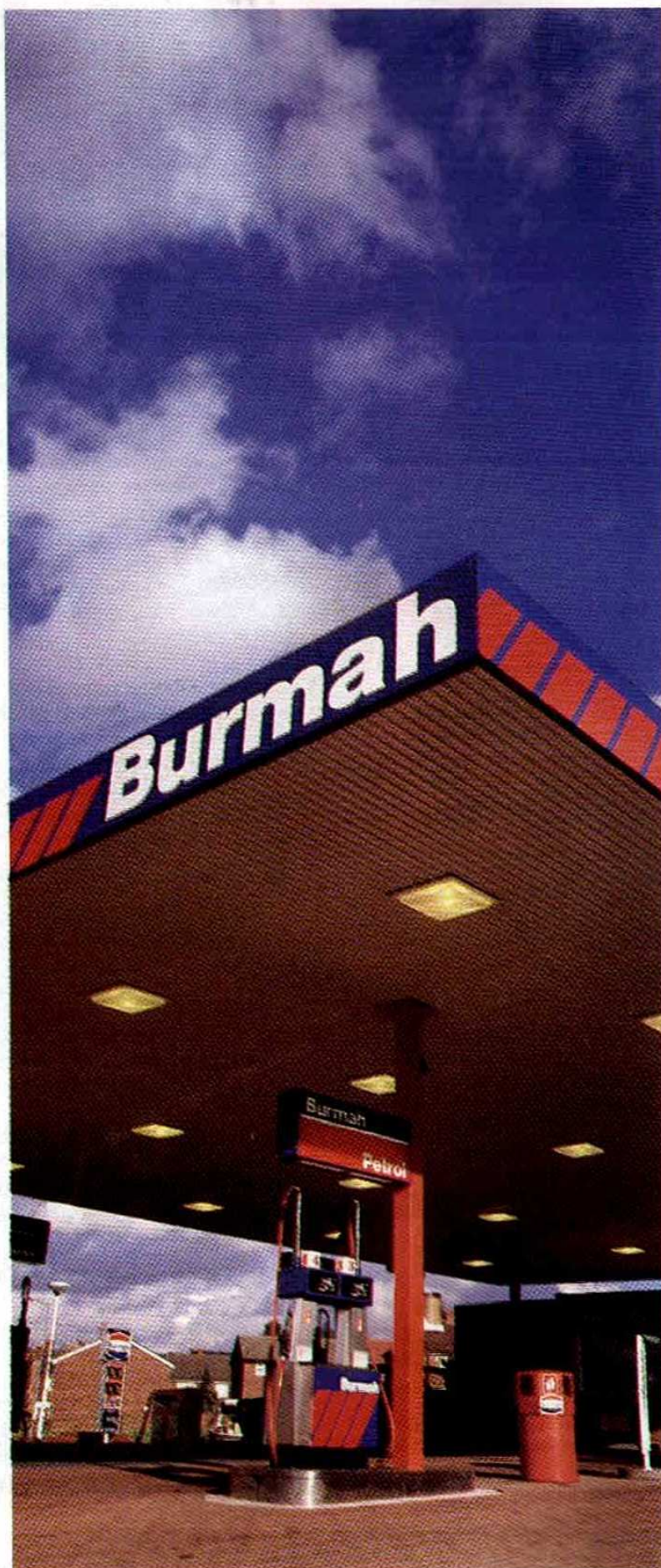
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A SHAMBLES

1988 should have been a year for football to celebrate its one hundred years of League competition, instead it has to rate as one of the worst in the game's history.

The shambles of the League's centenary celebrations are a fitting tribute to a year which has brought the English game more misery than it has ever experienced before.

Compulsory identity cards, the threat of a 'Super League', the European Championships fiasco and a campaign against football by the press have all contributed to a thoroughly depressing year.

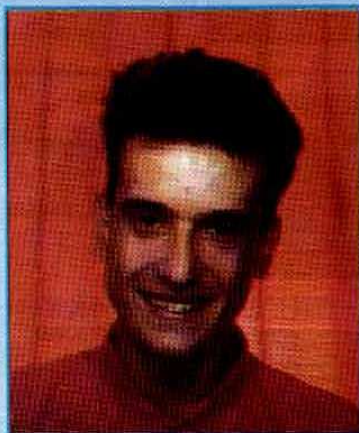
On the subject of identity cards, we can only hope that Colin Moynihan makes a New Years Resolution to talk some common sense which seems about as likely as Vinny Jones becoming a monk, but we can all dream.

THE 'BIG' FIVE

The early season controversy over a possible Super League all seems to have faded into the dim and distant past. A new year should not let us forget the behaviour of certain Clubs at a time when Football must present a united front. ITV's smug, self congratulatory coverage of the chosen few will serve as a constant reminder to the less glamorous Clubs of how the 'Big Five' view them.

A year ago, it is hard to imagine Bobby Robson feeling that Albania could, a year later, hold the key to his England Managerial future, but that is just where he finds himself after a European Championship disaster on every level during the summer. Here's looking forward to '89 Bobby!

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

THE BAD AND THE UGLY

The 'Town's' fortunes have been fairly variable during 1988 with the bad and the ugly mixing with long spells of good.

A 2-0 win at the County Ground on New Year's Day against West Brom could have been the spring-board for a promotion push, and prompts the fact for facts sake question of the last time we played at the County Ground on the first and last days of the year?

A morale draining 5-0 FA Cup defeat at Newcastle served to put paid to any promotion ideas, with only four League wins following that dismal January afternoon.

JUST NINETY MINUTES AWAY

Arguably the 'Town's' biggest achievement during 1988 was coming within ninety minutes of Wembly in the Simod Cup. Any

thoughts of a Micky Mouse Cup went straight out of the window at Kenilworth Road as we took the Mad Hatters into Extra Time. Dave Bamber onside and clean through, assuming he was offside and casually kicking the ball away has to be one of 1988's key moments for the 'Town' and a strong memory for all of us in the credit card enclosure. In spite of all the effort and support at Luton, the infamous carpet tripped us up and the Wembley dream was over, an achievement all the same, to get that far.

The summer brought some significant departures with the first half of the season seeing the 'Town' lose some of their attacking sparkle as they struggled to replace the goal power of Jimmy Quinn and the goal creation of Dave Bamber.

THE GREEN GRASS OF HOME

The arrival of Tommy Jones has, however, bolstered our midfield, his vision and ability will stand us in very good stead in the second half of the season. In spite of the some poor performances of late, we are still in touch with the leaders, a few good results will make all the difference.

IT JUST COULD BE A THRILLER

This afternoon's match couldn't be a tougher way to end 1988, a win would be just the boost we need to start 1989 with all guns blazing. Manchester City provided us with our most entertainment at the County Ground last season in a thrilling 4-3 defeat for the 'Town'. Urged on by their inflatable fruit wearing fans, City will be just as tough a banana to peel this time, we'll perhaps settle for less excitement and three points today!

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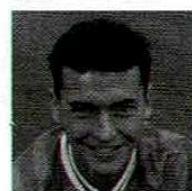
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BRIAN HILLIER

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Good afternoon to you all and may I take this final opportunity to wish you all, whether you are Swindon Town or Manchester City associated, a Happy New Year.

Before 1988 passes into oblivion may I dwell just a little on the past year. We have maintained our Second Division status and seen certain changes take place within the personnel of the team and yet we are realistically faring no worse than before, at least in terms of our overall League position. Ground alterations have been made and substantial improvement achieved. In my book that is progress and measured improvement.

CRITICAL THAMESDOWN

Recently the Thamesdown Council have, for reasons best known to themselves, seen it necessary to criticise Swindon Town Football Club.

A fact that cannot be ignored is that at present we are in the process of maintaining their property and carrying out improvements at an escalating cost. A cost which this football club cannot realistically afford. Lou Macari has recently gone on record stating that we are short of cash. That is fact and not fiction. Simply the Club is being over-stretched in meeting the continuing need to improve Thamesdown Council's property.

The Car Park is an utter disgrace and yet the Council charge a fee to park in an area that is really appalling. In the circumstances it is not unreasonable to expect them to at least maintain their property to an acceptable standard.

SHADES OF CROMWELL... MR. KENT

Mr. David Kent, the Chief Executive of Thamesdown Council, has accused the Club of a Cavalier approach to our responsibilities and duties. I would ask Mr. Kent to consult those who have been deprived of using the Stratton Bank if that is so.

It is no secret that certain members of Thamesdown Council are not interested in

the welfare or well-being of this Club. That is their prerogative but they should carefully consider the implications of having not only a Football Club in the Town but the status it can give the Borough. Liverpool without Anfield, Manchester without Old Trafford or Maine Road, Come lower down the scale, Bristol without Ashton Gate? It would be unheard of and yet some members of the Council would, by their actions, seem to think that it would be more applicable to build alternatives to a football stadium.

This Club needs financial help to maintain this ground, we have been forced to endure severe financial expenditure with compulsory safety work. Mr. Kent and his colleagues should consider this fact carefully before passing any comment in future.

Swindon Town Football Club are always willing to meet and discuss matters with members of the Council. We do in fact have regular contact, but they must adopt a far more conciliatory attitude if we are to make progress. We need their assistance, this is their property.

THE A.G.M.

Those shareholders who attended the Clubs 91st Annual General Meeting would have seen the bid by Mrs. Carol Embery to stand for election to the Board of Directors defeated by a large majority.

This is no reflection upon Carol, but only the Board of Directors intention not to add to the recent number of nine that currently serve on the Board. From past experience we have found that large numbers are somewhat unwieldy and to contact nine people when an important decision needs to be taken can prove to be rather difficult.

At present it is our intention to reduce the number by retirement and try to have a number that is more manageable.

Critics, may, with a degree of validity, point to the fact that with the Club seeking an influx of cash we should welcome anyone who is willing to inject a sum of money to



help Swindon Town Football Club. It is the intention of several of the Directors to do so themselves and we shall be meeting to produce such a scheme in the New Year.

LOU MACARI

Several questions at the Annual General Meeting related to the current status of Lou Macari. It was quite obvious that there was general concern that Lou has taken a reduction in duties this season and a more reduced status.

I will reiterate that it became obvious last summer that when Chelsea approached Lou that he was really looking for less responsibility and his role here at the County Ground has been significantly low-key with regard to the first team duties.

Lou has the utmost faith in the ability of 'Chic' Bates to deal with first team day-to-day training, team selection and the day-to-day handling of the playing staff. Lou now prefers to spend the majority of his time scouting the country for potential players who may become available and a possible addition to our playing staff. It is a role he actively sought and after his 7-day-a-week almost 24-hour involvement with the Club for four years he deservedly needs to take on a less strenuous role.

Lou Macari has eat, slept and drunk Swindon Town Football Club during that period, almost to the point of exhaustion. I am sure, given the opportunity to express his own style and personality, 'Chic' Bates will prove a worth successor. Lou Macari and the Board of Directors believe that 'Chic' is a first class successor to take on some of the more arduous roles that Lou wishes to relinquish.

'Chic' has the respect of the players and that is a most contributory factor towards the success of any team. I am sure that you will all help both of them to settle to the roles that we believe will benefit the Club at this moment in time.

Happy New Year to you all

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F.A. CUP REPLAY

If our **Third Round** tie at **Fratton Park** against **Portsmouth** ends in a draw next **Saturday**, the replay will be here at the **County Ground** on **Tuesday January 10th** with the **kick-off** at **7.45 p.m.**

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

CRAZY

Crazy, is how **Hull City** defender **Richard Jobson** described the rumour that there was a £750,000 price tag on his head.

The 25-year-old centre half has been linked with a number of top Clubs as speculation mounted in the press that he is desperate to escape **Boothferry Park** because he is only interested in First Division football. Manchester United and Liverpool have both been linked with the former Watford player.

Richard says, "At present I am under contract at Hull until January of next year. The fact that I have refused to sign a new contract is because I have been at Hull for four years and I believe it is time for a change. I believe I need a new challenge."

LETHAL LUTHER

From the **San Siro** stadium to **Dean Court** is the course that 'Lethal Luther' took. The travelling man is none other than **AFC Bournemouth's** new scoring sensation **Luther Blissett**. Born in **Jamaica**, the free scoring Luther originally joined Watford and in 1983 the Italian giants **Milan** lashed out £1 million to take the former England International to Italy after a hat-trick on his England debut made the scouts sit up and take notice.

Ironically the **six goals** that Luther scored in his first **three** matches at Bournemouth passed the miserable goal tally that he managed in a whole season with **AC Milan**!

Luther did not enjoy life on the Continent and he was only too pleased to return to **Vicarage Road** when the opportunity arose.

A £60,000 fee took him down to the South Coast Club and at this stage it appears to be money well spent as the 'Cherries' hit a winning streak following Luther's arrival at **Dean Court**.

FORMER TOWN PLAYERS ON TOP

Two former **Swindon Town** players were included in a top ten poll of **Second Division** players during the month of November. They were **Chris Kamara** now with **Stoke City** and **Garry Nelson** of **Brighton and Hove Albion**.

Those leading players with their average ratings were:

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2. Kevin Wilson (Chelsea) 7.75
2. Peter Skipper (Oldham) 7.75
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5. Mervyn Day (Leeds) 7.60
6. Leigh Palin (Bradford) 7.50

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7. Chris Kamara (Stoke) 7.50
7. Tommy Tynan (Plymouth) 7.50
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10. Larry May (Brighton) 7.50

ALL FROM THE TERRAS

Perhaps more scouts should spend more time watching **Vauxhall Conference** team **Weymouth**! That is where current Town midfielder star **Tommy Jones** entered League football from albeit over the border! Tom is just one of an amazing number of players who have entered League competition, they include Peter Guthrie (Tottenham Hotspur), Andy Townsend (Norwich City), Graham Roberts (Chelsea), Paul Morrell (AFC Bournemouth), Tony Agana (Sheffield United), Steve Claridge (Aldershot), Derek Dawkins (Torquay United), Jon Smeulders (Brentford).

KERRY SET TO BECOME A REAL PENSIONER?

Kerry Dixon handed **Chelsea** supporters the perfect present when he signed a four year extension to his existing contract recently. The contract will keep him at

Stamford Bridge until 1993 when he will be 32.

Kerry with **130** goals in **259** games is now fifth in Chelsea's all-time scoring list.

JOE - NO - WE WILL PLAY WITH NINE!

Did you realise that **Oldham Athletic** Manager **Joe Royle** took off both **Roger Palmer** and **John Marshall** in the last minute of their **Simod Cup** tie clash with **Middlesbrough** even though he had used both substitutes in the **1-0** defeat!

STAR PUPIL

This afternoon you will have the opportunity to see the prize pupil of Bobby Robson's School of Excellence, **Manchester City's** **Jason Beckford**. At **Eighteen** years of age, Jason is surely set for the top. Did the School actually help him on his way?

At Lilleshall where the School is situated it is a **7 o'clock** start, lessons until **3.45 p.m.** and evening coaching at **8.30 p.m.** Jason was included in the first intake in **1984**. Of the **25** pioneers, **23** lasted the course. Most are still in League football although none have progressed to Jason's standard.

ALL ABOUT MANCHESTER CITY

Mel Machin is **Manchester City's** twenty-fourth Manager following such post-war names as **Joe Mercer**, **Malcolm Allison**, **Ron Saunders**, **John Bond**, **Billy McNeill** and **Tony Book**.

The player who has made the most appearances for the **Maine Road** Club was **Alan Oakes** who made **672** full appearances and **four** as substitute in a career that spanned the period from **1959-76**.

Did you know that **Manchester City's** biggest F.A. Cup victory was against **Swindon Town**? They defeated the Town **10-1** in the **Fourth Round** on **January 29th, 1930**.

Eric Brook is the highest goalscorer for the **Maine Road** Club. **Eric**, who played for **Manchester City** between **1927-39**, scored **159** League goals and **19** F.A. Cup goals.

The most capped player for **Manchester City** is **Colin Bell** who made **48** International appearances for **England**.

The lowest attendance recorded by **Manchester City** is the **8,015** who watched our **Division Two** fixture at **Maine Road** on **January 26th, 1965**.

Manchester City have played at **five** previous venues before moving to **Maine Road** in **1923**. Those were **Clownes Street**, **Kirkmanshulme C.C.**, **Queens Road**, **Pink Bank Lane** and **Hyde Road**.

Manchester City Manager **Mel Machin** played for **Port Vale**, **Gillingham**, **Bournemouth** and **Norwich City** and was Coach to **Norwich City** before moving to **Maine Road** in **May 1987**.

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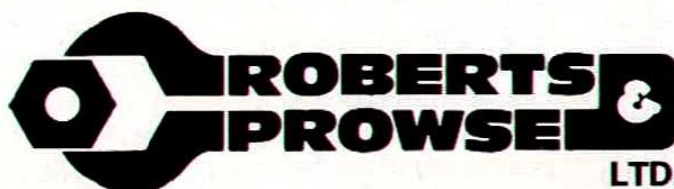
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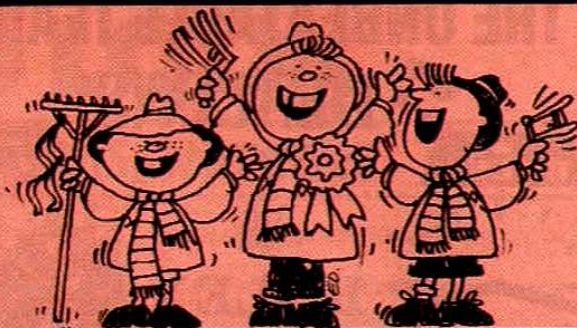
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JUNIOR ROBINS



Due to printing deadlines and the need to give you information about the Portsmouth trip, this is the first opportunity I have had to say a big thank you to all those who helped to make the Junior Robins Christmas Party such a great success. John Timms and Christine Weavers, along with all the parents helpers, enabled the games and activities to run smoothly and to see that no one was left out of the party spirit. Special thanks must go to Sandra Cobern and her family who put in a lot of time and effort to lay on a splendid assortment of food.

Thanks too go to the players who came along. Nicky Hammond, Alan McLoughlin and Neil Tomlinson were a judicious team of judges for the Lou Macari impersonation con-

test. It was good to see that Father Christmas came along. He looked remarkable similar to Tommy Jones but obviously found the climate in the Supporters Club much hotter than his native Iceland.

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A Christmas Quiz on the Laws of the Game should set you thinking back to our November meeting. Team posters go to the first four all correct answered received at the Club office.

1. How does a referee signal an indirect free kick?
2. What do the laws say about the positioning of the feet of a person taking a throw in?
3. What is the purpose of the D at

the edge of the penalty area?

4. Can you be offside a) from a free kick, b) from a throw in?
5. What is the definition of a goal?
6. When can you not score from a direct free kick?

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Birthday congratulations go to: Sean Amor of Kingsdown who was 12 on the 13th of December, Jason Knight who was 12 on the 15th December and Steven Woodman who was 9 on the 15th December.

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The next Junior Robins meeting is the second Monday in January, not the first.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

We entertain **Barnsley** here at the **County Ground** on **Saturday, January 14th**. This will be the first of our return fixtures. Our visit to Oakwell on **August 29th** resulted in a 1-1 draw, with **Steve White** scoring his first goal of the season.

Barnsley were due to play at Sunderland on Boxing Day but with the enforced printing deadline it is impossible to take this away match into account in our analysis of their away form.

Manager Alan Clarke's team have won **two** away matches. The first at **Birmingham City, 5-3** where their goal scorers were **Tony Rees, David Currie, John Beresford, Julian Broddle** and **Steve Lowndes**. In a single goal victory

at **Brighton** it was **David Currie's** goal that gave the Oakwell Club maximum points. Barnsley have accumulated points from drawn matches at **Oldham Athletic** where former Plymouth Argyle striker **Steve Cooper** netted. **Julian Broddle** scored for the Yorkshire Club in the 1-1 draw at **Crystal Palace** while their other remaining point came from a goal-less encounter at **Hull City**.

The Oakwell Club have lost **five** matches on their travels. They were defeated **2-0** in their Yorkshire derby with **Leeds United**. An **own goal** was their only solace in a **2-1** defeat at **Blackburn Rovers**. A **4-0** defeat at high flying **Watford** was their heaviest reverse in away matches. Resounding defeats have followed in their two remaining away matches where they suffered **3-0** defeats at **Portsmouth** and **Oxford United**.

We return to Fratton Park, **Ports-**

mouth for our second visit in the space of six days when we play our Third Round FA Cup match next Saturday.

League form virtually goes out of the window where the FA Cup is concerned.

We have met 'Pompey' twice in the FA Cup at Fratton Park and have yet to win. The draw we obtained on **January 5th, 1974** was an exciting affair. The Town goalscorers in a **3-3** draw were **Tommy Jenkins, Dave Moss** and **John Trollope**. The attendance was **16,682**. You have to search the records back eighty nine years to find the first meeting between the two Clubs in this competition. To be precise **October 28th, 1899** when **Portsmouth** won **2-1**. Neither match will have any real significance on next weeks encounter except to state that a win in this competition still awaits the Town at Fratton Park. It just could be, that next Saturday will record that fact.

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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.

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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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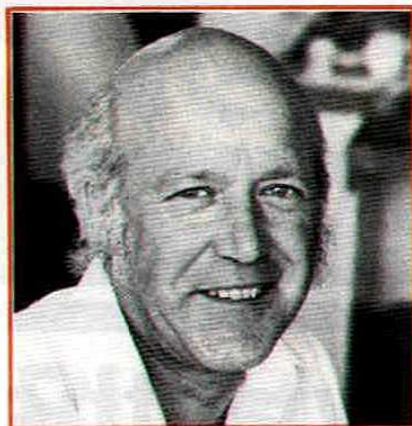
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TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

MANCHESTER CITY



by Dave Eaton



Back Row, Left to Right: Paul Moulden, Trevor Morley, Wayne Biggins, Nigel Cleghorn, John Deehan, Andy Hinchcliffe, Ian Scott. Middle Row, Left to Right: Mel Machin (Manager), Brian Gayle, Dave White, Andy Dibble, Mark Seagraves, Paul Lake, Roy Bailey (Physio), Jimmy Frizzell (General Manager). Front Row, Left to Right: Neil McNab, Paul Simpson*, Steve Redmond (Captain), Ian Brightwell, Jason Beckford.

*Paul Simpson is now with Oxford United.

On their first visit to the County Ground, Swindon, for 23 years, Manchester City ran out 4-3 victors in October of last year. It was a thrilling game played in atrocious conditions and littered with mistakes on the glue-pot surface.

The match may have been a nightmare for the Coaches and Managers of both Clubs but for the 11,536 spectators it was sheer delight. If today's encounter is only half as good, then another value for money game is in prospect.

Manchester City were formed in 1887 as Ardwick Football Club and became founder members of Division 2 in 1892.

The name Ardwick came into being

through an amalgamation of West Gorton and Gorton Athletic.

Three years later - 1895 - re-elected to Division 2 as Manchester City and moved in 1923 to their present home Maine Road. Through the Clubs entire Football League history they have consistently fluctuated between the top two divisions. However, in the last decade have been overshadowed by rivals Manchester United.

City have won the First Division title twice - 1936/37 and 1967/68 - and finished runners-up on three occasions. Six times they have been champions of Division 2 and runners-up twice.

In Cup competitions City have also had a

good success rate.

They won the F.A. Cup in 1904, 1934, 1956 and 1969, and have been beaten finalists four times.

The 1956 final stands out in the minds of the older City fans for the heroics of goal-keeper Bert Trautmann, who played for most of the match with a broken neck.

In the League Cup City have been winners on two occasions, 1970 and 1976, and beaten finalists once.

They have landed a European crown as well. In 1970 they defeated Gornik Zabrze 2-1 to land the European Cup Winners Cup.

The late sixties and early seventies are perhaps the best years in the Clubs history. Such players as Joe Corrigan, Tony Book, Francis Lee, Mike Summerbee, Neil Young and Colin Bell, to name a few, wore the blue shirt of City with distinction.

In recent times a succession of Managers have tried to emulate that team and put City back on the map again. Manager at present is Mel Machin, who was appointed in May of 1987 to replace Billy McNeill.

Machine's brief was simple after City had been relegated from the top flight... to regain a place in Division 1 as quickly as possible.

Last season he began to weld a young side, mixed with experience, together. At times they looked potential champions but in the end finished in ninth place.

This season the improvement has continued and when these notes were penned City headed the table and looked on course to regain a place back in the top flight next season.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Jason Beckford (Forward). A local lad, the 18-year-old is an England Youth International. Made his League debut versus Middlesbrough in April 1988. A fast and tricky winger, he began at Maine Road as a trainee.

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• Wayne Biggins

Wayne Biggins (Forward). Born in Sheffield, he began his career with Lincoln City before moving to non-League Matlock Town and then Burnley. Top scorer at Turf Moor in season 1984/85 with 18 League goals. His scoring exploits persuaded Norwich City to spend £40,000 in October 1985. Mel Machin returned to Carrow Road in June 1988 to pay £160,000 for his services.

Ian Brightwell (Midfield). Born Lutterworth, a schoolboy athlete who turned to football. Son of Great Britain Olympic athletes Robbie Brightwell and Ann Packer. Developed splendidly in City's FA Youth Cup winning team in 1985/86, signing pro in May 1986. Made his League debut against Wimbledon on the opening day of the 1986/87 season and is an England Under-21 International, making his debut against Denmark in September 1988.

Andy Dibble (Goalkeeper). Born in Cwmbran, he made his debut for Cardiff City in May 1982 on his 17th birthday. After 71 senior appearances for the Welsh side, he was transferred to Luton Town in the summer of 1984. A Welsh International, he had loan spells at Sunderland and Huddersfield Town but will be fondly remembered at Kenilworth Road for his vital penalty save as Luton won the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final. Signed in July 1988 for a fee of £240,000, determined by a tribunal.

Nigel Cleghorn (Midfield). Signed by Ipswich Town from Seaham Red Star, his local club in the Sunderland area. He made his League debut in October 1985 and scored his first ever senior goal at Maine Road against Manchester City the following month. A former fireman, he made 66 League appearances for the East Anglian Club before his move to City in June 1988.

Paul Lake (Midfield). A versatile teenager who can play in a number of different positions. F.A. Youth Cup winners medal in 1985/86 and skippered the young Blues to the semi-finals of the Youth Cup in 1987. Born in Denton, Manchester, he made his League debut v. Wimbledon in January 1987 and his England Under-21 debut against Denmark in September 1988.

Neil McNab (Midfield). Born Greenock, past Clubs include Merton, Spurs, Bolton Wanderers, Brighton and Leeds (on loan). Signed for City in July 1983 and completed a century of full League appearances for the Club in November 1986. Voted the supporters 'Player of the Year' in season 1986/87.

Trevor Morley (Forward). Signed from Northampton Town in January 1988 in a player-plus-cash deal which saw Morley valued at more than £200,000. Began his career with non-League Corby Town and Nuneaton Borough before joining Northampton in 1985 for £20,000. Played a vital role scoring 16 League goals in their Fourth Division championship success of 1986/87 and was Club Captain before his move to City.

Paul Moulden (Forward). An England School's and Youth player, he appeared in the Guinness Book of Records for scoring 189 goals in 40 games for Bolton Lads' Club in 1981/82. Made his League debut on New Year's Day 1986 at Villa Park but had only limited first team opportunities after breaking his leg for the fourth time in 1987.

Brian Gayle (Defender). A determined central defender, he joined Wimbledon originally as an apprentice, making his debut in December 1984. Made over 50 First Division appearances for Wimbledon but missed out on the 'Dons Cup triumph against Liverpool. Signed for City in June 1988 for a fee of £225,000.



• Brian Gayle



Steve Redmond

Steve Redmond (Defender). Born Liverpool. An apprentice who made his League debut in February 1986 (v. Queens Park Rangers). He captained the City Youth Team in their F.A. Youth Cup win in 1986 and in 1988 was named as the youngest ever team Captain of Manchester City. Yet another of the City youngsters to be selected for the England Under-21 team. He captained the Under-21's in the European Championship qualifying matches in the Autumn of 1988. Supporters' Club 'Player of the Year' in season 1987/88.

Ian Scott (Midfield). Local-born youngster who has graduated through Youth and Reserve team football to stake a claim for a regular first team place. F.A. Youth Cup winners medal in 1986. Made his League debut v. Plymouth Argyle on the opening day of the 1987/88 season.

Mark Seagraves (Defender). Born in Merseyside, he spent more than three seasons at Liverpool, but his first team opportunities were limited by the strength in depth of the Anfield Club. Had a short loan spell at Norwich City in 1986 and was signed from Liverpool for £100,000 in September 1987.

David White (Forward). Yet another member of the F.A. Youth Cup winning team, he is a tall winger with tremendous pace. Signed pro forms in October 1985 and made his full League debut against Leicester City in October of the following year. Barclays 'Young Eagle of the Month' national award winner in November 1987 when he scored seven goals in the space of five matches. Another England Under-21 International, he scored 16 times for City during the 1987/88 season.

Andy Hinchcliffe (Defender). Another member of City's Youth Cup winning team in 1986. He signed pro in February 1986. League debut v. Plymouth Argyle on the opening day of the 1987/88 season and made his Under-21 International debut against Denmark in September 1988.

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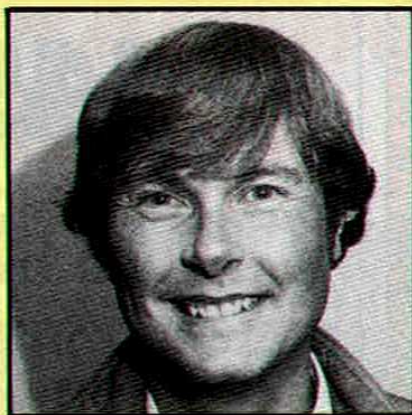
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Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground, the Seasons Greetings to you of course I hope the Turkey went down well. What a marvellous invention Alka Seltzer is!

MAGNIFICENT ENCOUNTERS

Today's visitors, Manchester City, revive memories of those two magnificent encounters between the sides last season. A 4-3 victory for the Blues here in what has to be one of the all time classic County Ground matches. Up in Lancashire a 1-1 draw played in the mud of Maine Road and another red bloodied game. City have, without doubt, one of the most exciting sets of youngsters seen in British football for a long long time and if they live up to their potential, will bring wanted success to the Blue side of Manchester.

REGRETS

There are just two regrets I have from the corresponding game here last term – the defeat of course and the fact that Swindon hadn't at that time started to video the games, for that seven goal thriller would have been one to play over and over again. Let's hope today's game is half as good.

REMINISCING

I suppose it is traditional at this, the close of the year, to look back at the twelve months just past and remember the highs and the lows. The visit to Maine Road already touched on must rate as a high. My first trip to one of football's most famous grounds and I wasn't disappointed. The press box is out in the open so every drop of atmosphere could be tasted. To think of the great names that have graced that ground is frightening – a real pleasure to have been there and of course it was raining.

A TRIP TO TYNESIDE

Another experience worth recalling was that long and exhausting journey to Newcastle for the FA Cup tie. I can't remember when I've looked forward to a game so much. It was a long held ambition to have sampled Cup day on Tyneside, so what could be better than to watch the Town there.

Well as we all know things turned somewhat sour. The special train carrying us North East broke down causing us to miss the first twenty five minutes of the match. Considering I was to have done live second half commentary it wasn't the best preparation.

After our eventual arrival and considerable hassle over entrance to the ground, I did manage to broadcast from a seat at the back of the half finished stand with briefcase supporting the microphone and my engineer Justin precariously balanced trying to oversee matters. And of course, the Town got stuffed 5-0. I felt robbed somehow of a chance to really soak in the unique Geordie atmosphere but the performance of Paul Gascoigne is something I'll long remember.

OUTSTANDING

One performance has to stand out from 1988 and that of course was Swindon's marvellous Cup win at Norwich City, another game I was privileged to commentate upon. Big Dave Bamber's two second half headers secured that trip to Newcastle and it was a proud moment for all who'd made that long journey from Wiltshire to East Anglia.

The rain came down heavily all night and fell on my programme and notes causing a few problems, but they didn't seem to matter as the final whistle blew.

ROBBED

The Simod Cup Semi-Final defeat at

Luton Town I guess was another night to remember. Swindon deserved a place in the final on their showing at Kenilworth Road. And how Dave Bamber failed to score when all about him had stopped expecting the whistle is something nobody will ever know. Still it was a great game and the lads from the County Ground did themselves proud on the plastic practice pitch in Bedfordshire.

BRILLIANT GOATACRE

And so the memories go on and on – there was of course Goatacre's tremendous victory in the National Village knockout final with that historic trip to Lords, albeit cut short by the rain.

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

The lowest moment though must have been at Filbert Street when the poorest referee in the history of football robbed Swindon of their rightful victory. I have a feeling that it will be my most vivid memory of 1988. I will never forget Mr Kelvin Morton of Bury St Edmunds.

MISTLETOE AND WINE

So I come to the end of my trip down memory lane as space is running short, but I dare say there are many more I could think of from the countless miles and hours I have spent watching sport in general and Swindon Town in particular in the penultimate year of the nineteen eighties. (Ah yes 3-2 at Watford – quite superb.)

Back to this afternoon's match – its Christmas the time of goodwill to all men except when three points are at stake – come on Swindon!

Now settle back and let's enjoy a good peaceful game of football.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

A SEMI-FINAL PLACE IS BOOKED

Our Youth team progressed to the Semi-Final stage of the Midland Youth Cup following their 3-2 victory against Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow on Wednesday, December 6th.

This notable Second Round victory had a sensational beginning when after only four minutes, Shrewsbury's Carl Griffiths was upended in the penalty area. Griffiths who had been the Gay Meadow Club's Substitute against the Town's first team the previous Saturday, took the ensuing penalty but saw his effort hit the crossbar.

Following this early let-off the Town took the lead in the 23rd minute through Nicky Summerbee who took a pass from Alex Graham to smash home a 20-yard shot.

Twelve minutes later Paul Hunt managed to find Nicky Summerbee in the Shrewsbury penalty area and from his pass he scored the Town's second goal. Shortly after Shrewsbury defender Renshaw and 'keeper Springthorpe found themselves in a tangle and enabled a jubilant Nicky Summerbee to complete his hat-trick.

With a 3-0 interval lead the second half saw the Town Youth team lose their composure and they were lucky when Griffiths was again brought down in the 54th minute only to see Dale Jones miss the penalty kick when Paul Thompson made a fine save.

Amazingly a third penalty was awarded and duly converted by Carl Griffiths. In the 75th minute Dale Jones reduced the arrears with a header. Now finding themselves under increasing pressure the Town Youth team managed to hold out for the final period and earn a Semi-Final spot in the Cup.

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan.

Substitutes: Dixon and Lea



• Nicky Summerbee - hat-trick hero in our Midland Youth Cup win at Shrewsbury.

John Trollope - "A game where we displayed the best and the worst of our game. Nicky Summerbee's hat-trick should have given us a winning margin. We almost conceded an unnecessary defeat. A lesson to be learnt is that it does not matter how many goals you are ahead we have to continue to compete and play in the same vein as when everything is going well for us."

GUNNERS ON TARGET

Our Football Combination team could not have been blamed if they had thought that a shock was in store for League leaders Arsenal on Saturday, December 10th. Our visit to Highbury in this 'Ovenden Papers' fixture saw the half-time score reading . . . Arsenal 0 . . . Swindon Town 1.

Unfortunately that first half lead evaporated in the twenty minute period following half-time. A four goal burst put paid to any hopes of a shock win!

The Town Reserves played the better football in the first half and went deservedly ahead in the 26th minute when a splendid through ball from Gareth Morgan saw Peter Coyne beat Arsenal keeper Rhys Wilmot with ease.

Arsenal who included Gus Caesar, Perry Groves, Niall Quinn, Paul Davis and Kenny Samson in their line-up scored four second half goals without reply with Perry Groves and Kevin Campbell both scoring twice. The nearest the Town came to reducing the defeat was when Alan McLoughlin hit the upright.

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Marshall, Barnard, Sandrey, Bodin, Tomlinson, Coyne, G. Morgan, Simpson, Viveash.

Substitutes: Summerbee (For Morgan in 75th min.) Rowland.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR!

Our South East Counties Youth League team surprisingly dropped a point in their away fixture with lowly Reading on Saturday, December 10th.

Seeking maximum points to consolidate their position as League leaders the Town Youth's found themselves in an evenly contested match but trailed to a goal from Reading's George Friel. A fine passing movement between five Town players saw Liam Dixon equalise with a good header.

The Town managed to assert their superiority early in the second half and a handling offence saw Paul Hunt put the Town ahead from the penalty spot.

With maximum points seemingly assured a lack of concentration with three minutes of the play remaining saw Wayne Shaw score for Reading when the Town lost possession and enabled the home team to score from the breakaway.

Overall, Town Youth team Manager John Trollope was pleased. "A good team performance, highlighted by some good saves from Paul Thompson



• Paul Hunt - on the scoresheet in our away South East Counties Youth League team matches with both Reading and Northampton Town.

and good midfield displays from Richard Morgan and Paul Trollope.

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Murray, Lea, Hammersley, Trollope, Dixon, Hunt, R. Morgan.

Substitutes: Walker and Payne.

A HARDWORKING PERFORMANCE

Our South East Counties Youth team continued their fine away form when they defeated Northampton Town 2-0 on Saturday, December 17th in their Division Two fixture.

John Trollope the Town Youth team Manager was pleased with this pre-Christmas triumph which stretched their lead to six points at the top of the League table. "We gave a hardworking performance against a big Northampton Town team."

John was not over impressed by the home teams tactics. "They employed offside frequently which stopped the flow of the game. It was the good approach and application by our players which enabled us to have a bigger share of the game in an even first half which ended goal-less."

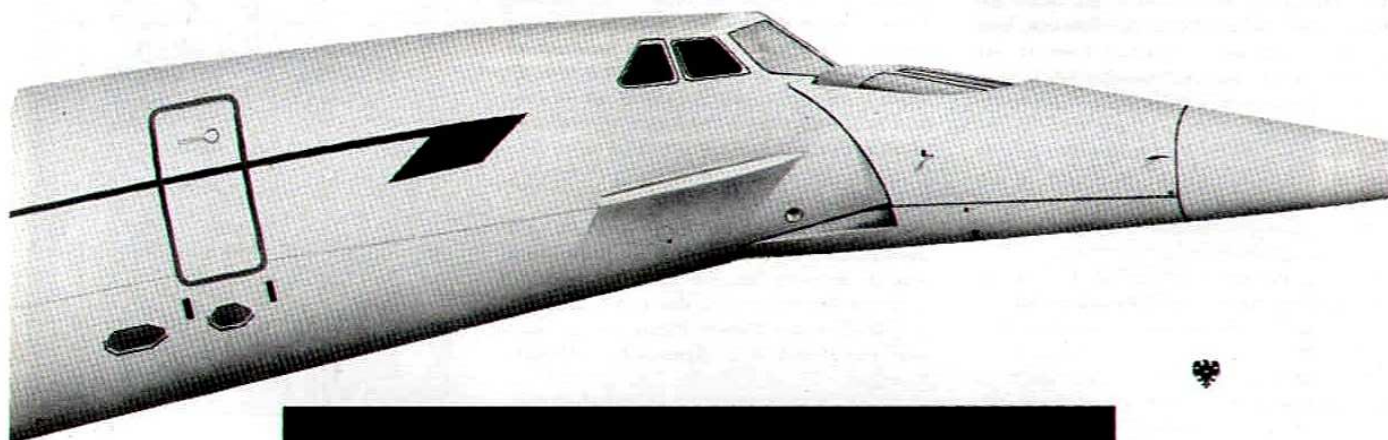
We took the lead in the second half when Tony Hammersley gained advantage of a defensive slip to score. Play switched from end to end for the rest of the game and we secured our well deserved victory just three minutes from time when Paul Hunt ran through the 'Cobblers' defence to score a second goal.

John concluded by saying, "A good team performance with each player working hard and giving a professional approach to their game."

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

Substitutes: Dixon and Walker.

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JIM'S TESTIMONIAL BROCHURE NOW WORTH £8.00

Former Town goalkeeper **Jimmy Allan** is finding that his value is still increasing despite the fact that he was forced to retire from the game many a long day ago. When Jim held his final farewell party at the County Ground, his hosts were **Chelsea**. They came to Swindon, claimed no expenses and left a contented Scot to dream of eventual country life in idyllic Devon. The seemingly inconsequential match is still a much sought after souvenir, at least in terms of the brochure produced by Town Secretary **Dave King**.

At the recent Programme Fair, held at the County Ground, the brochure sold for **£8.00!**

TURKEY TIME

While most of you attended the annual Christmas office party or joined your friends in the local for a jar or two, the Town playing and administration staff received their annual gift from the Board of Directors in the form of the roast dinner! It was Turkey time at the County Ground and gratefully received.

SUPPORTERS CLUB AID

The **Supporters Club Committee** have pledged a year of fund raising to assist the Parent Club in their bid to improve the Disabled Enclosure facilities. Although a grant is currently being sought by

the Club from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust, the funds are inevitably long delayed. That delay and the essential improvement will probably stretch over that twelve month period and in the words of the Supporters Club Secretary, **Sandra Coburn**, "We shall channel all our efforts to assist the Club in this scheme and we feel there are few more worthy causes for us to assist the Club in any undertaking."

READERS DIGEST ...

Incidentally, following on from our previous feature, **Sandra Coburn** will be featured by Readers Digest in an article not only on her immense interest in football but also in Swindon Town in particular. A devout supporter, Sandra recently attended the County Ground to have her photograph taken in conjunction with the impending article with some of the Town players.

FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE SHIELD

We progressed into the next **Round of the Wiltshire Premier Shield** when in a re-run of last seasons Final we visited **Melksham Town** on Tuesday, December 13th. We ran out **6-0** winners and our goalscorers were **Duncan Shearer (2), Peter Coyne (2), Leigh Barnard** and **Steve White**.

The Town line-up for this match was: **Hammond, McLoughlin, Bodin, Simpson, Gittens, Barnard, Coyne, Viveash; Shearer, White**

and **Barnes**. Substitute: **Tomlinson** (For Simpson in 45th min.)

WAITING WITH BATED BREATH ...

Sweating is probably an apt description of both **Andy Rowland** and **Charlie Henry**. Both are in their testimonial years and both are keenly following the progress of **West Ham United** and **Southampton**. The two First Division Clubs have pledged to help both of the long serving Town employees providing their commitments allow them to visit the County Ground. Both Clubs progress is being charted not only in League matches but also in the Cup Competitions.

Somehow we imagine that neither **Andy** and **Charlie** will mind either Club making progress to a certain stage ... but!

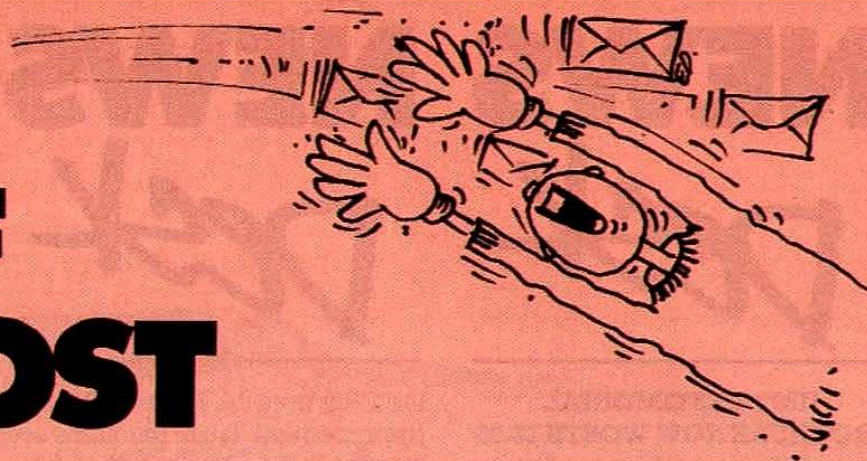
KICK-OFF IS AT 3 PM

Our Barclays League **Division Two** fixture at **Portsmouth** on **Monday next, January 2nd** will kick-off at **3.00 p.m.**

The referee for this match is **R. L. Hamer**. The only deviation from the normal kick-off time are the following matches: **Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (11.30 a.m.)**, **Hartlepool United v Rotherham United (2.30 p.m.)**, **Stockport County v Exeter City (7.30 p.m.)** and of course the televised match live between **Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur** which will kick-off at **5.00 p.m.**

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IN OFF THE POST



Dear Mr Coombs,

I should like to raise with you the vexatious issue of the Government's proposed intention to impose an identity card system upon supporters of Football League Clubs. I do this because I have been a life-long Football fan and am now in my fifth year of involvement at Swindon Town FC as the Club's honorary chaplain.

The many short-comings of the proposed scheme have been and will be discussed at some length in the media, but I wonder if the Government realises just how unfair such a scheme will be, or the possible electoral implications of that.

Of course some Football Clubs have attracted a hooligan fringe, but the answer to that, from a Government that has always stressed its commitment to law and order, is to legislate for proper punishment for those who are arrested and convicted, and to ensure that magistrates apply that punishment with full weight.

To insist that every supporter must have a card is simply going to reduce the freedom of some of us to attend matches where we wish to do so, whilst, equally to impose such a system without consulting with supporters' representatives is a travesty in a democracy.

The Government ought also to be aware that most football supporters are ordinary, honest and sensible people, and that many are Tory voters at present, although I wonder if that will continue should the card system be imposed.

The proposed card system would also be manifestly unfair in another way. Most football matches pass off without any disturbances or arrests whatever - thanks to superb liaison between the Clubs concerned, local police and the Football Trust - so that the average rate of arrests at League and Cup games is not 2:10,000 attending fans. Please could you ascertain for me how many arrests are made in any connection with local race meetings (the figure is clearly much higher at some race courses following major incidents in the past year) and in Swindon itself on a Saturday evening to see how the figures compare.

**Yours sincerely
Nigel Sands**

Lavington Boys Football Club
Chantry Bridge, Church Street
Market Lavington

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Club, I wish to thank you very much indeed for your generous hospitality at your match against Oldham on Saturday, 10th December.

The boys enjoyed their tour, meeting the players and watching the match very much indeed and they are very grateful.

May we take this opportunity of wishing everyone at Swindon Town Football Club a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Yours Faithfully
Mrs S. Stone
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer**

Camp Oakhurst
N.J. USA

Dear Mr King,

I feel the need to write to your column concerning the amount of hooliganism discussed in the Birmingham City programme, October 29th, 1988. The lengthy column by Supt. Rogers and two 'In Off the Post' letters made for a sour representation to my American counterparts. I know of a football team called the Swindon Travellers, with whom I played for, for two seasons, who organise matches with opposing fans in the good will of the game. So far they have played supporters of Aston Villa, Ipswich, Bradford, Manchester City, Oldham, West Brom, Leicester, Leeds United, Reading, Fulham and Doncaster and on each and every occasion a good time was had by all sets of supporters in locally organised after match gatherings, before going to the main match. Its these people who deserve a mention for their own contribution to the game.

Finally, we all received our own reward last season, when, after watching the Town lose to Oldham, we had the opportunity to play the Oldham supporters on the plastic turf of Boothferry Park. Although the stands were empty, I think we all had visions of being someone else that day, I personally had a great time following in the steps that Phil King had made earlier that day. And I know our hat-trick hero, Alex Kay, was very reminiscent of Don Rogers in his prime.

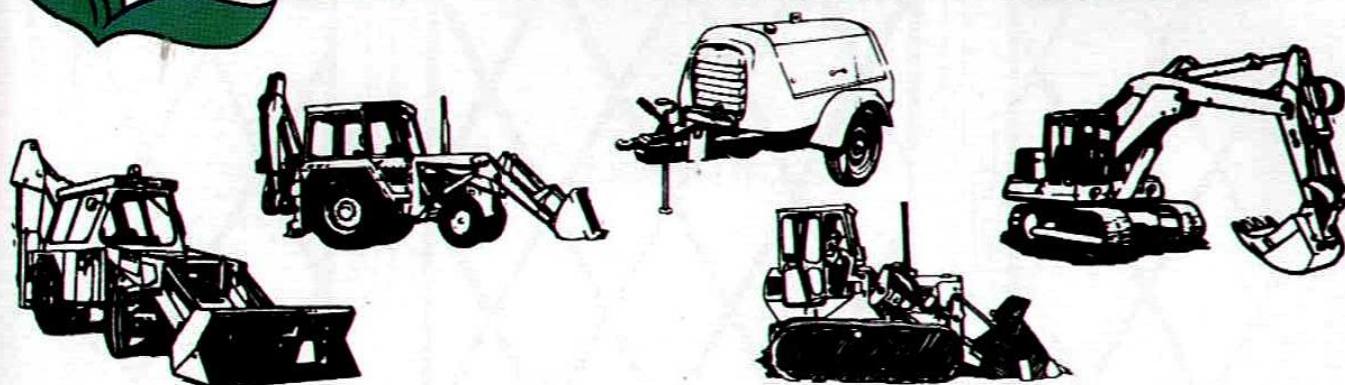
The 3-3 draw took some of the edge away of the Town's 4-3 defeat.

**Yours in Red and White
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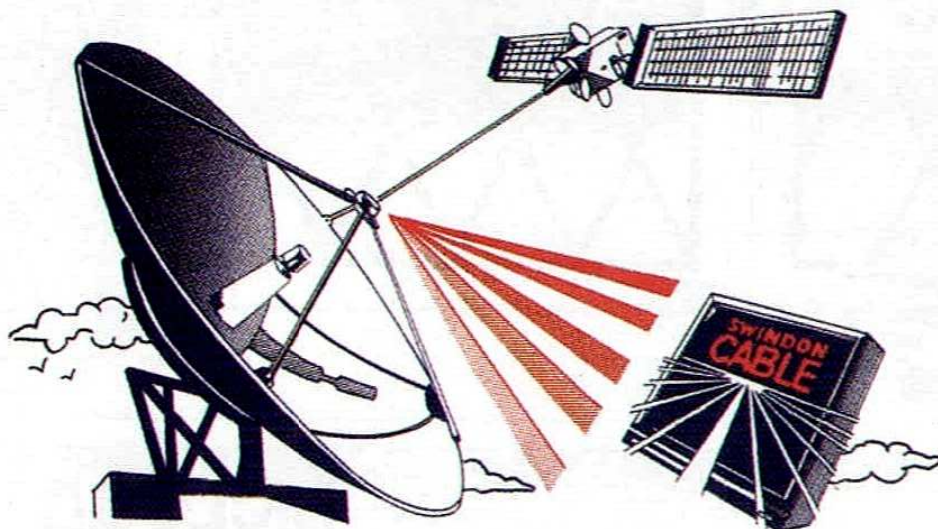


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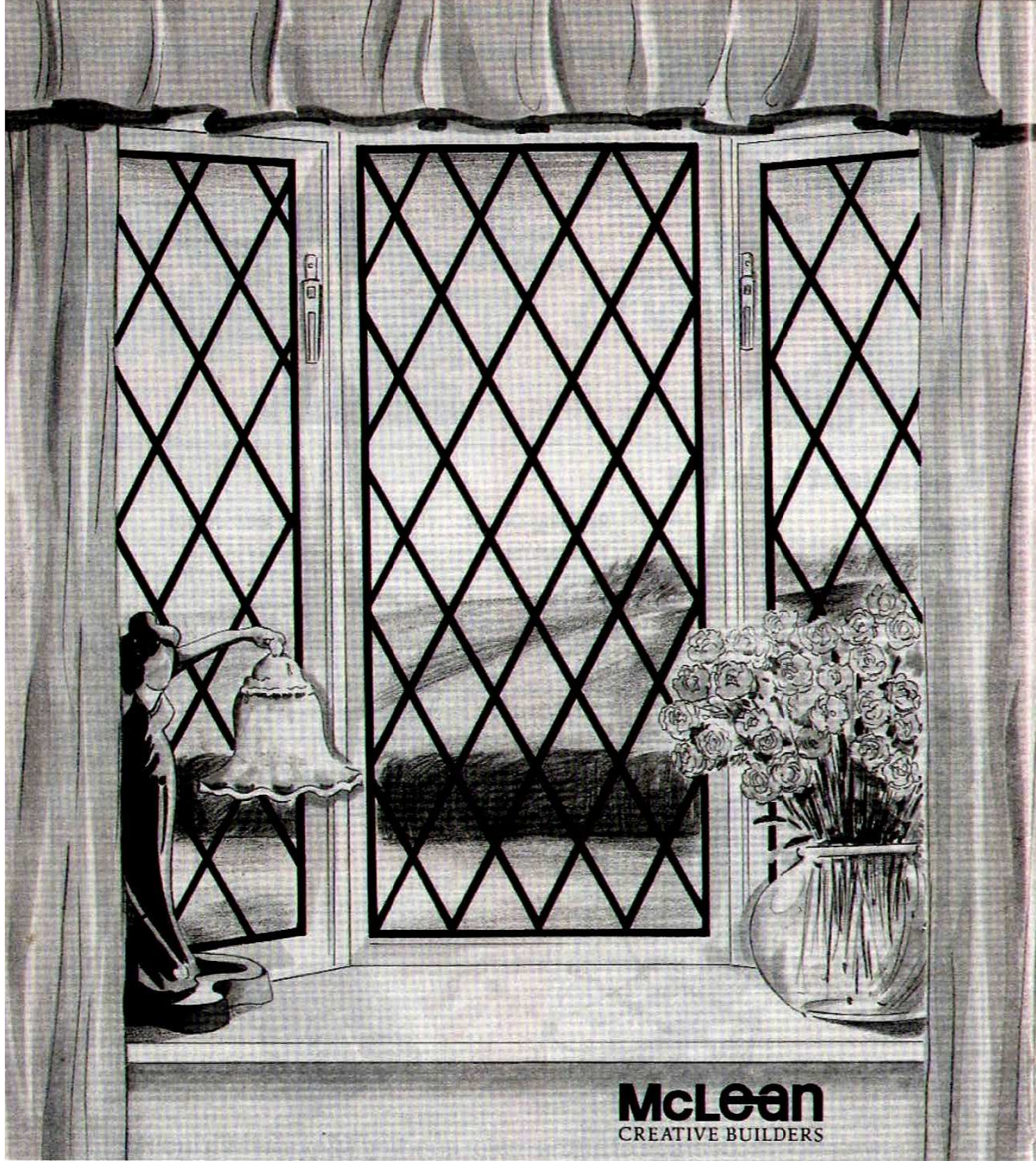
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VIEWPOINT

SWINDON TOWN AND LOCAL BUSINESS

When I took over as Commercial Manager here at the County Ground five years ago there was really little activity on the commercial scene.

I quickly made the decision to involve as many Swindon businesses as possible with the Club. I must state how tremendous the response has been over the last five years. Various sized companies, small medium and large, have been associated with Swindon Town Football Club in either sponsorship or advertising since.

The benefits are not just a financial transaction but it also fosters goodwill between the Club and the business community.

CONTACTS ARE MADE BY ...

Contacts are made with the commercial and industrial community of Swindon by various methods.

Personal contact is a must. Meeting people at the Chamber of Commerce and keeping in touch with all the local news on the business scene has been invaluable. Those already connected with the Club either with advertising or sponsorship obviously prove to be a first class recommendation.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE CLUB?

First of all, they can expect a fair deal, value for money and attention to detail.

Those various principles have allowed everyone to be satisfied and enabled them to enjoy their association with the Club. In fact, they prove how satisfied they are by returning year after year.

Personal service is essential and something I feel is paramount. If you pay a customer the courtesy of attention to detail and in contact by appearance they know that we value their link.

IMPROVEMENTS

Most of you have probably noticed the improvements that have been made here in the last five years. The Club is really marching forward.

My staff and I pride ourselves that we have played a major part in this success story. A 300% increase in

No. 12 DOUG BUSWELL

ground advertising board is most obvious to all of you. We have not played a single match at the County Ground where we have not been able to obtain a sponsor during the last four years.

Players kit and the sponsorship of the matchball are now an accepted occurrence and is fully subscribed. An annual brochure is published unheard of five years ago. Also a Club diary.

Those of you who have attended the Sportsman's Dinners have thoroughly enjoyed the evening. They are now a regular feature of the Clubs activities.

The Robins Corner is now open, fully stocked and remodernised. The stocks are larger and of a far better quality. This improvement stretches to leisure wear and souvenirs.

We have a Player of the Month award and of course also the Player of the Year. This is sponsored by the Swindon Sony Centre. You are all aware of the Hickman Goalscoring League whereby the Clubs leading goalscorer receives an award at the end of the season. Our grateful thanks to Sony and Hickmans Ltd.

The latest addition to our commercial gain is the **Electronic Scoreboard**. The involvement of the Pertemps Job-shop Group came into being through an ardent Town Supporter and myself. We sat down over a drink and evolved an involvement with Mr Stuart Harner a Director of the Company and the Club. That is how the wheels were set in motion for the Board you can witness today.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The future development of the County Ground is an exciting aspect. The South side of the Ground will involve Executive Boxes and an improved Family Enclosure.

The continued improvement of advertising and sponsorship ideas will eventually see the Club enter the First Division.



• DOUG BUSWELL

Every successful organisation is only as good as its staff and in this respect my staff are second to none.

They are a hardworking unit, loyal, who have to work unsociable hours. The lottery organisation also comes under the administration of the Commercial Department and although we must readily admit that there has been a decline in this area in recent years this is not unusual throughout all football Clubs. We have taken steps to rejuvenate this department and we expect an upturn in our results next year.

COMMERCIALISM AND THE 1990'S
Membership cards are a foreign body. The Sports Minister is a puppet and doing exactly what he is told.

In my opinion he has done little to our game. I am sure we shall see no improvement from Mr Moynihan in the forthcoming years.

I would like to see football setting up its own pools organisation on similar lines to the Littlewoods and Vernons empires and the resultant profits ploughed back into football.

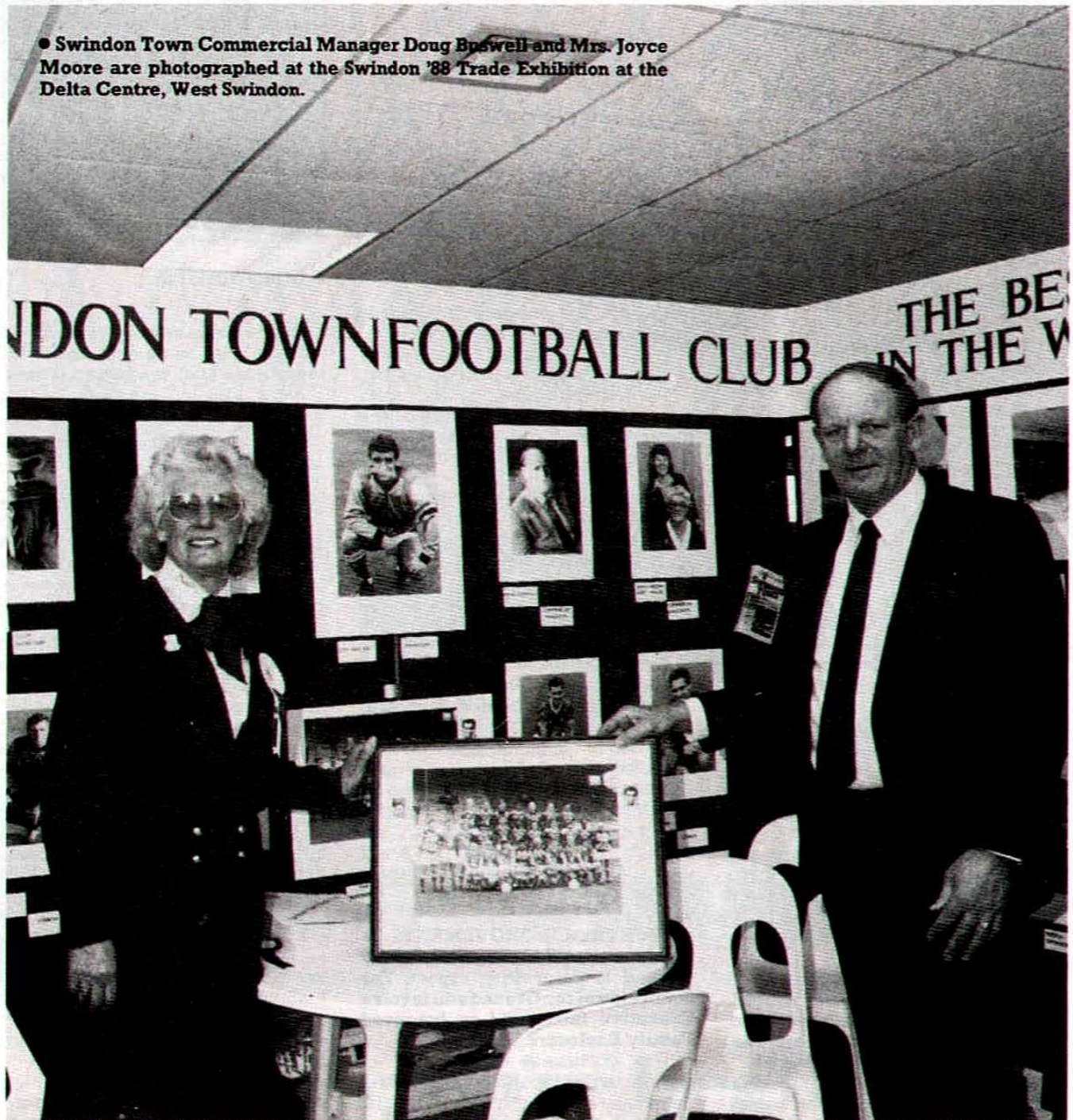
I would like to finish on a non-commercial tone. When are we going to see consultant referees. We must aim to return our senior Clubs to Europe. I would like to see a total clampdown on troublemakers, once again over to you Mr Sports Minister. Stiffer sentences for offenders are a must.

One last dream? The Town in Division One with a stadium to match. Happy New Year to you all.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *shots shots shots*

• Swindon Town Commercial Manager Doug Bpswell and Mrs. Joyce Moore are photographed at the Swindon '88 Trade Exhibition at the Delta Centre, West Swindon.



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● Included in the photograph taken at the Sportsman's Dinner held at the South Marston Country Club on Monday December 5th were, left to right: Mr. Ron Foster (Allied Dunbar - Swindon Branch), Swindon Town Chairman Mr. Brian Hillier, Duncan MacKenzie (Guest Speaker), Mr. Peter Painter (Allied Dunbar - Swindon Branch), Dave King (Administration Manager/City Secretary) and Doug Buswell Commercial Manager).

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNLEY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin†	Gittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
17.9.88	SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	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	11,667	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	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
12.11.88	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	H	7,246	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens (1)	Foley
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.11.88	SAT WALSALL	H	5,328	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley (1)
3.12.88	SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
10.12.88	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	5,540	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones*	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
17.12.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	9,462	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
26.12.88	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H									
31.12.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H									
2.1.89	MON PORTSMOUTH	A									
7.1.89	SAT PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	A									
14.1.89	SAT BARNLEY	H									
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A									
5.2.89	SUN OXFORD UNITED	H									
11.2.89	MON CHELSEA	A									
18.2.89	SAT SUNDERLAND	H									
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A									
28.2.89	TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H									
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A									
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St Williams	H	16-0	11	Marauders	H	13-0	7
Farnworth Boys	A	12-1	8	Blackpool R	N	2-0	2
Christ Church	H	13-0	5	Atherton RR	H	25-0	15
Sharples	H	28-0	16	Farnworth Boys	N	9-0	6
Brenshaw	A	18-0	8	High Lawn	A	8-0	5
Moss Bank	A	15-0	6	Rose Lea	A	9-2	4
Turton	A	14-0	8	Christ Church	A	7-0	6
Sutton	H	15-0	9	Sharples	A	11-0	8
Marauders	H	14-1	9	Sutton	A	9-0	6
St Peters	H	18-1	9	Smithills	A	10-0	9
Marauders	H	5-1	4	Turton	H	11-0	9
Atherton RR	A	18-0	10	Smithills	H	13-0	7
St Williams	A	14-2	8	Moss Bank	H	10-0	8
Park Lane	H	11-0	8	St Peters	A	7-0	6
Rose Lea	A	11-0	6	Rose Lea	H	11-0	8
Farnworth Boys	H	14-1	8	Moss Bank	N	11-0	5
St Judes	H	13-0	10	All Saints	A	17-0	10
Atherton RR	A	1-0	1	High Lawn	H	8-2	3
Pegasus	H	6-2	3	Marauders	A	14-0	4

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SHORT & SWEET

QUOTES

Former Q.P.R. Manager Alec Stock on Ian Botham's attempts to play football for Scunthorpe United: "As a centre forward he's a pretty good fast bowler".

Don Howe on Vinny Jones: "He's a naive tackler, but he's an open-hearted and sensitive lad".

A COOL £1 MILLION

When Aston Villa enquired how much it would cost to bring England striker Gary Lineker back to England, the personal terms were a cool £1 million. With three and a half years of his contract to run it amounted to £800,000. Gary was entitled to a cut of the transfer fee and with wages of £1,500 a week it would have pushed the total to £1 million.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

The sight of stiletto-heeled Cilla Black rehearsing a TV stunt on the hallowed Anfield turf on November 26th caused a surprise. It was rumoured that Kenny Dalglish was auditioning for a chat host show and that Vinny Jones was introducing a new series of Songs of Praise!

TO BE DEMOLISHED

The Heysel Stadium is to be demolished... and replaced by a new one. The Belgian soccer union has announced plans to build a new stadium on the site of the tragic 1985 European Cup final disaster in which 39 people died.

F.A. HELPING OUT

England's semi-professional national football team is secure for the next four years following the promise of cash aid from the Football Association.

DETZE IS QUALIFIED

Polish International Detze Kruszyński, who joined Wimbledon in late November, was free to move to England from West German Second Division Club Hamburg under E.E.C. regulations as he is a West German citizen with a Polish mother.

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER DID NOT KNOW!

Former Newcastle United Manager Gordon Lee once wanted a word with Club Chairman Stan Seymour. Gordon walked into the Club chief's office only to be told by a secretary: "Mr. Seymour is not available. He's gone to see Evita". "I don't think so", replied Lee. "He wouldn't go and watch a foreign player without telling me first".

BANANAS!

This afternoon we shall welcome Manchester City's extrovert fans - they wave huge inflatable bananas. Incidentally, they have put a few pounds into the Main Road Club's coffers. Fyfls were impressed and they have taken out an advertising board at Maine Road.

THE FIRST TIME

BBC TV's F.A. Cup match of the Day on November 19th, which showed highlights of the First Round of the competition for the first time, attracted four million viewers.

BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED

Ian Handysides benefit match on Tuesday November 29th against Manchester United, raised an estimated £30,000 from an 8,993 attendance. Following the game United offered a four year contract to Giuldiano Maiorana on the basis of a sparkling first half performance.

TOGETHER - WE CAN MANAGE?

Brothers in harness? Gary Saxby was appointed Player-Manager of HFS Loans League team Alfreton and his brother Mike, the former Mansfield Town and Luton Town player, was named as his assistant.

HAMMERING THE 'POOL INTO SUBMISSION

West Ham United inflicted upon Liverpool their heaviest Cup defeat since 1939 when they knocked the Anfield Club out of the Littlewoods Cup on November 29th and it also gave the 'Hammers' their first victory over Liverpool in 14 games since 1982.

GIRLS WILL BE BOYS AND VICE VERSA!

Soccer chiefs have blown the whistle on a charity football match - because the winning side used three women strikers. Now their opponents could be booted out of the F.A. following the game which raised £400 for Children in Need. Hundreds of fans had watched BBC Radio Cornwall take on local champions Hayle F.C.

THE THIRD POLE

Detze Kruszyński became the third Polish International to play in the Football League when he made his debut for Wimbledon. He followed in the footsteps of Kazimierz Denya and Adam Musail. Denya moved from Legia Warsaw to Manchester City in 1978 to score 12 goals in 34 games. Musail, signed from Ark agydnia, played 44 times for Hereford.

A SCHOLARLY REMARK

"You can't put a price on the value of clearing your name but at that price we would like to buy two points every week". Irving Scholar after Spurs had won back two deducted points and fined £15,000 instead.

TWO POINTS DEDUCTED ...!

Fame can be just a fleeting glance! Ossie Ardiles spent seasons with Tottenham Hotspur before the White Hart Lane Club gave the former Argentinian International a free transfer. When he returned to White Hart Lane with his new Club, Queens Park Rangers, the official team sheet managed to mis-spell his name - Ardiles!

WATCH OUT ... MARK'S ABOUT!

Watch out Dave Eaton and Clive King for Middlesbrough winger Mark Burke will soon be after your columns. Mark's enrolled in a school of journalism... Tony Agana, Sheffield United's free-scoring striker has sax appeal - he plays the saxophone and wants to join a jazz band when he hangs up his boots.

PLEASE BELIEVE IT ... VINCE

Watch out Vince Farrar - for Glasgow Rangers brilliant black winger Mark Walters has it all figured out. When he's not training at Ibrox he spends his time studying for his accountancy exams.

A DAY ALMOST ... SPOILED

Watford Manager Steve Harrison on gaining a result at Sunderland's Roker Park: "Sitting in the dressing room after a good result is what football memories are all about". Mind Dave Bamber tried to spoil his day by conceding a penalty. Tony Cotton saved Dave's blushes by saving John McPhails attempt in their 1-1 draw.

CUSTER ... AND EDDIE ... ON THE SHOT CHIEF

"It was like the Alamo out there. We had one shot and we shot the chief". Eddie McClusky, Enfield Manager on their F.A. Cup replay victory, against the run of play, at Leyton Orient.

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5. Tim Parkin
6. Colin Calderwood
7. Steve Foley
8. David Geddis
9. Charlie Henry
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Duncan Shearer
12. Jon Gittens
14. Fitzroy Simpson

MANCHESTER CITY

Team Changes

1. Andy Dibble
2. Mark Seagraves
3. Andy Hinchcliffe
4. Brian Gayle
5. Ian Brightwell
6. Steve Redmond
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