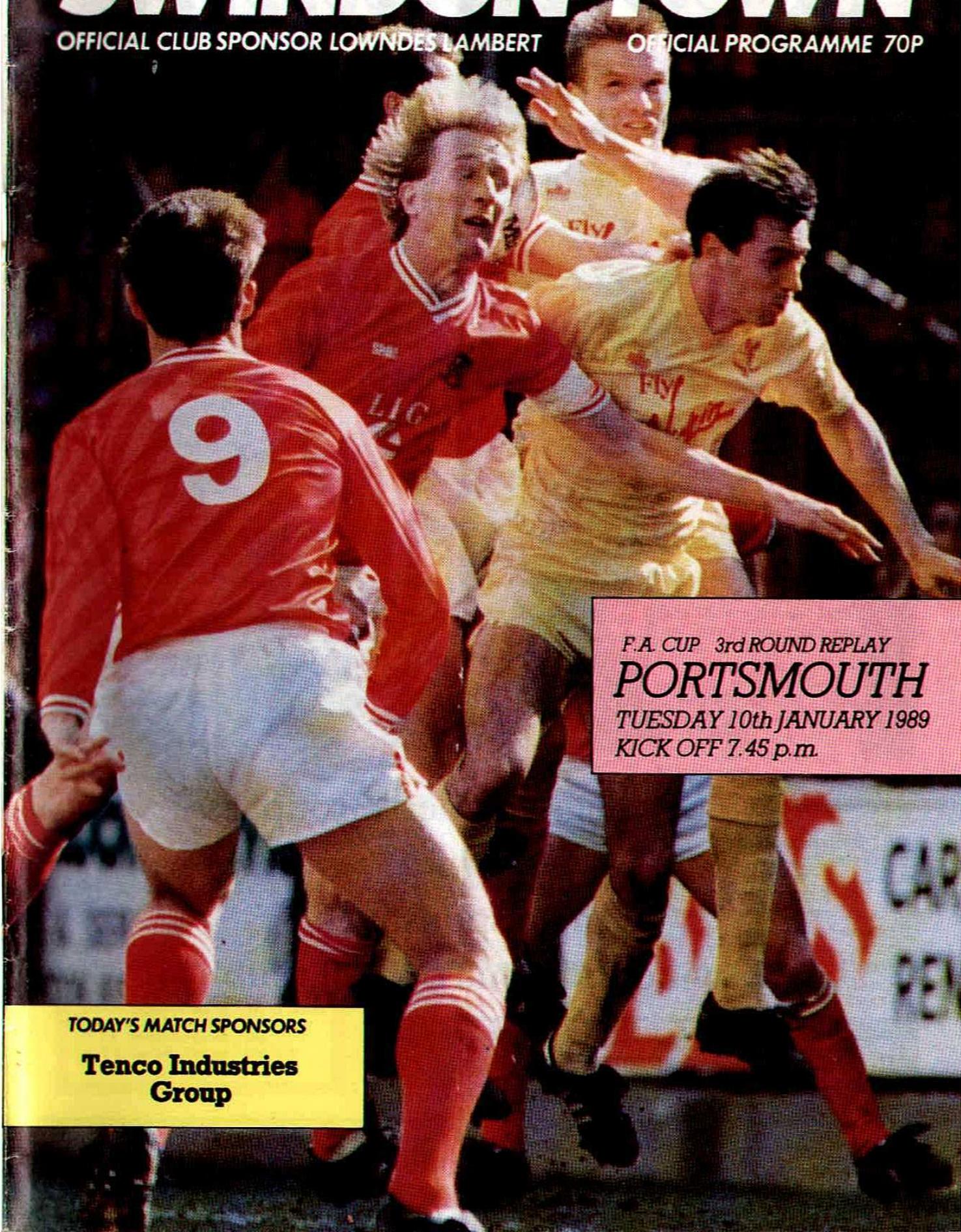


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Welcome to the County Ground for what we all hope will be a pulsating evening of FA Cup action. I must pay tribute to the players who by their strenuous efforts at Fratton Park last Saturday enable you to watch some FA Cup action for this season.

Nobody should be fooled by our draw, the job is only half completed. Alan Ball will have told his players the same. Both teams have everything to play for. Of course we shall know who our opponents could be in the Fourth Round. The draw held yesterday will now be well known to all of you.

AN ADDITION

My most recent addition to the playing staff is John Cornwell. I was looking to the future with this signing. There is now so much movement within the game due to freedom of contract that you have to ensure against possible loss of players when the season is complete.

Both John and Tommy Jones will help to bridge any possible reduction in the playing staff. We have several players whose contracts terminate in June and it is possible that we could lose one or two of these if they decide to seek their futures elsewhere. Obviously it is in our interests that some, if not all, decided that they wish to remain here at the County Ground for a further period.

INCONSISTENT

The sending off of Phil King in our New Year's Eve fixture with Man-

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

chester City highlights the inconsistency of officialdom with regard to decisions. Phil committed what is regarded as the professional foul. Some referees would have taken his name and given a yellow card. Mr Ashby chose not to. That is his interpretation of a rule. Right or wrong, probably neither, it depends upon the individual. Phil could count himself unlucky, he would have remained on the field of play with some referees.

ASSETS

The advantage of having a large enough squad of players was never more emphasised than when we travelled to Portsmouth on January 2nd. Already minus central defender John Gittens through injury we then lost Tim Parkin very early in the match.

We were able to overcome this problem with the recall of Colin Calderwood and the versatility of new signing John Cornwell, who was able to slot into a defensive role. It just proves that players are any Clubs biggest asset.

What a TV spectacular my old Club Manchester United and Liverpool gave on New Year's Day.

If all live matches were of this standard it would be a wonderful advert for our game. Unfortunately they are often uninspiring and I personally prefer the magazine type of highlights. I have always insisted that sheer effort wins the majority of matches these days. On that particular day Manchester United did just that.

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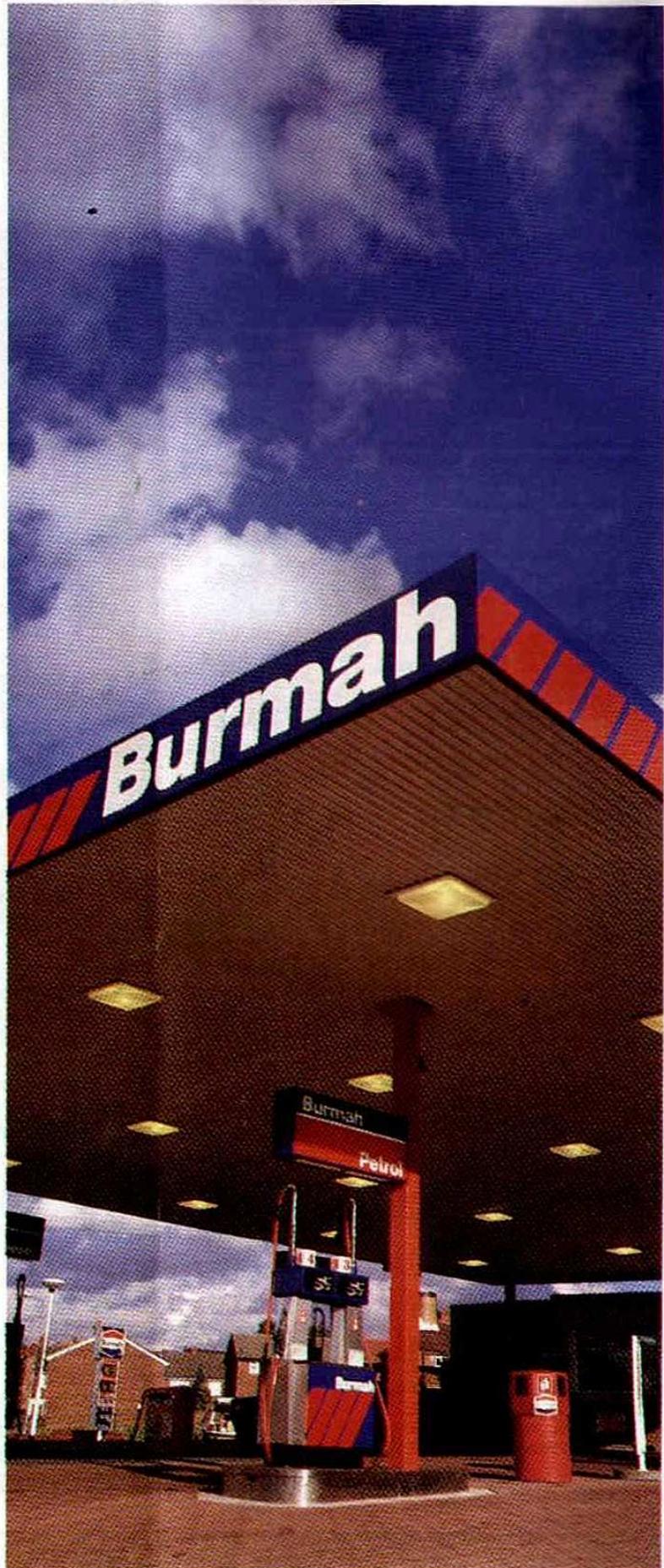
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Disappointment at the end of 1988 was soon forgotten at Fratton Park as the 'Town' crushed Pompey in their FA Cup rehearsal, Dave Geddis and Durcan Shearer's goals more than made up for all the unrewarded effort on New Year's Eve.

CLASSY

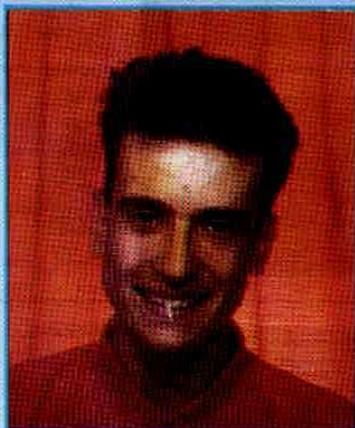
Manchester City again proved themselves to be classy visitors, but were lucky to be let off the hook by some poor 'Town' finishing, more evidence that in Division Two, teams have to make their own luck.

Phil King's sending off was the major talking point from the game, with refereeing inconsistency rearing its ugly head for the umpteenth time this season. If fouls like Phil King's against Manchester City were always guaranteed to result in a sending off, then players and supporters alike would at least have a clear picture. At Anfield or some other television studio, the referees decision would, I'm sure, have been very different, but then again so would many as certain atmospheres seem to cloud the minds of certain officials. Mind you, had the 'Town' full back been at Filbert Street, he would probably be confined to solitary in Parkhurst by now.

IF IT'S NOT AT FOOTBALL, WILL IT MATTER

New Year's Eve also brought sickening outbreaks of violence throughout the country which, surprise, surprise, brought no reaction from Mrs Thatcher and Mr Moynihan, a few hours earlier, and the government response could have been predicted word for word.

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

One hundred and twenty nine arrests in Trafalgar Square, outbreaks of trouble in hotbeds of violence like Falmouth and a problem free afternoon on the terraces the same day, point to where the governments problems really are.

On the subject of the governments witch-hunt against the game, the monthly magazine, Football Today, seems to have found its teeth at last with a couple of scathing attacks on Colin Moynihan's flannel.

FLANNELER

Former 'Tiswas' presenter, John Gorman, flings a flan at the Sports Minister with a heartfelt and deeply personal view of the scheme and Steve Beauchamp of the FSA gives

an insight into his recent (and first) meeting with the government.

Football Today has found it hard to find itself an image, but now seems to be the best forum for fans to unite against compulsory identity cards. In the current climate of crisis, the magazine is well worth a read and has more chance of being taken seriously than any other footballing publication.

THE FIRST

Our first game of the New Year at the County Ground will have to be good to match our first game of the New Year away from home.

Portsmouth seemed well under the weather on Bank Holiday Monday, but this probably had more to do with their 4-0 defeat at Sunderland on New Years Eve than any other excesses.

The loss of Tim Parkin was significant for the 'Town', but they rose to the occasion to register their most pleasing League result since winning 3-2 at Watford.

LUCRATIVE PROSPECT

This evenings game gives us the chance to progress to the lucrative Fourth Round of the FA Cup and bolster our troublesome finances with a tie against First Division opposition. Portsmouth will however have other ideas and are no pushover despite our recent performances against them. Swindon Town will have one wish tonight in addition to victory, that the match ends without injury to any of their players, as even their stock of central defenders is dwindling with the loss of Jon Gittens and Tim Parkin. Support of the kind at Fratton Park could be what sees us through tonight.

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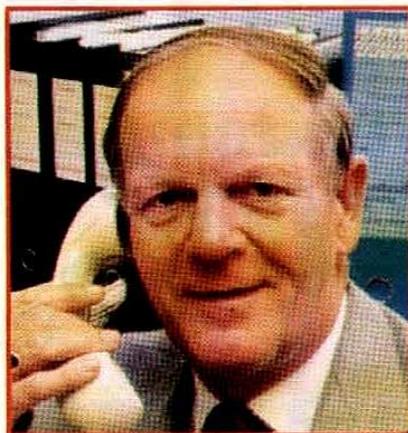
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BRIAN HILLIER



I am sure that everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club, supporters, officials and players were delighted with our draw at Fratton Park in the FA Cup last Saturday.

The FA Cup has a magic all of its own and I am sure we shall all witness a fine spectacle this evening. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the **Directors, Officials and supporters** and **players** of this famous Club to the **County Ground** this evening.

I must pay tribute to the players who made this match possible. It is important for every Club to keep their interest in any Cup competition alive. We all know that is impossible every season, but it obviously brings more much needed cash into the Club's coffers.

Whatever the result last Saturday we must not underestimate the tremendous task before us this evening. Portsmouth recently took their spending outlay in the transfer market to **£1.1 million** when they signed **Gavin Maguire** from **Queens Park Rangers** last week. With Chairman **Jim Gregory** obviously signifying his personal intent in attempting to take Portsmouth back into the First Division at the first attempt. The Fratton Park Club were of course relegated from 'Barclays' premier division at the end of last season.

May I ask you all to generate a roar and passion for this evenings match, the like of which we may not of heard for many a season. Your help to the players cannot be over emphasised.

Atmosphere creates a super charged effort from players at all sports and I

can assure you the players in red will react tonight to your encouragement.

THANK YOU TO PERTEMPS

Whatever the future holds for Swindon Town Football Club we must still regard the County Ground as our home. I must reiterate my grateful thanks to Pertemps who presented the Club with a £12,000 cheque for the first of our Executive boxes planned for the 1990/91 season.

Wherever the future ground of the Club is I am sure it will involve the installation of Executive boxes. It is guaranteed money for a period and a pointer to the future of how soccer and commercialism will be linked. On the larger grounds around the County they have been a notable feature for several seasons. Of course they remain an attraction provided we are able to maintain and perhaps improve on our current status.

WELCOME...

Due to their signings during the holiday period I have been unable to welcome John Cornwell and Andrew Petterson to the County Ground on your behalf.

John moved back to the south from Newcastle after just over a twelve month period on Tyneside. Andrew is on a months loan, mainly to cover for any emergency that may arise if Fraser Digby was injured.

John cost the Club a £60,000 fee while Andrew is looking for the opportunity to forge a career with Luton Town after arriving in this country from Australia.

RESILIENCE

After our 2-1 defeat at home to Manchester City it was a pleasant experience to bounce right back and win 2-0 at Portsmouth the following Monday.

Despite the fact that we lost Tim Parkin early in the match we overcame his absence and showed resilience to record a fine win. Goals by **Duncan Shearer** and **David Geddis** were enough to make the holiday period a nappy ending for all of us.

OBITUARIES

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent deaths of two of Swindon Town Football Club's finest supporters.

Mr George Barnes had been a steward at the County Ground for a period of forty six years. That is a magnificent record of devotion to this Club. George was a gentleman and he will be sadly missed by everyone at the Club. Our condolences are extended to all of his family and friends. George was 76 years of age.

Mr Stanley Honey died in Princess Margaret Hospital on December 20th at the age of 80 years. A great and devoted supporter to this Club he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts our with his wife Hilda and daughters at this sad time.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

IT'S ALL ABOUT HARD WORK

An impressive home victory by West Bromwich Albion in the New Year holiday fixture against Shrewsbury Town saw the Midland Club climb above Chelsea and lead the Second Division - just.

They shade the London Club on goal difference. Brian Talbot, Albion's delighted Player Manager said: "It does not feel any different being at the top. We have got there by hard work and everyone else will want to knock us off. The hard work is to stay there. The lads have now got a lot of pressure on them."

Don Goodman, Carlton Palmer, Arthur Albiston and Gary Robson gave Albion a convincing 4-0 win.

LUTHER ON THE MARK AS USUAL

Two second half goals gave Harry Redknapp the double over Brighton and set his AFC Bournemouth side into the promotion race in their first fixture of 1989. Former Town player, Gary Nelson, put Brighton in front but then the irrepressible Luther Blissett pulled the ball back from an impossible angle and Brighton's Nicky Blissett could only touch it into the net to give Luther his ninth goal in eight games. The Dean Court Club Captain Mark Newson emerged from a goalmouth scramble to make it 2-1.

THOSE CITY BLUES

Angry Birmingham City fans were up in arms on January 2nd when another below par performance against Oldham Athletic left the St Andrew's Club with just four points from six matches. It left the Blues striker Steve Whetton saying: "You can't blame the fans for becoming frustrated. We badly need a good result. There is no way we're going to chuck it in."

RAY NOW KNOWS HOW HARD IT WAS FOR TOMMY

Walsall continued their dismal run slumping to their 13th successive defeat against Crystal Palace. The 4-0 scoreline on January 2nd left Ray Train knowing how difficult the job had become for the departed Tommy Coakley.

Mark Bright got his first hat-trick for Crystal Palace in the 4-0 win - and it came after a run of eight games without a goal!

Palace had begun the rout after just two minutes with a header from Ian Wright.

A FOUR YEAR CONTRACT

David Lee, 19, the impressive midfield player who has made ten League and Cup appearances for Chelsea this season, has signed a new four-year contract with the Stamford Bridge Club.

ALWAYS A FIRST TIME, DAVID

Kerry Dixon scored twice to jump above the great Jimmy Greaves in the all time Chelsea scoring charts as Bobby Campbell's promotion chasers won a 3-2 thriller at the Manor Ground against Oxford United. The other goalscorers in this pulsating encounter were Clive Wilson for Chelsea while Martin Foyle and Richard Hill scored for United.

Chelsea full back, Gareth Hall brought down Martin Foyle in the penalty area with two minutes of play remaining but David Beardsley who had never missed from the penalty spot, put the ball wide to make it a dismal start to the New Year for United.

THE HIGHEST

The Second Division's highest attendance of the season was recorded at Maine Road on Monday January 2nd. The 33,034 watched a goal-less encounter between Manchester City and Leeds United.

HEART, LUNGS AND LEGS!

Alan Ball the Portsmouth Coach on our 2-0 win at Fratton Park said, "Heart, lungs and legs - they beat us in every department." Pompey slumped to their third holiday defeat due to goals from David Geddis and Duncan Shearer.

THE HARDER YOU WORK

Plymouth Argyle Manager Ken Brown said "The harder you work, the luckier you get," Ken was speaking after Plymouth's run of three successive defeats was ended by Kevin Summerfield's last minute winner against Watford. There were just fifty seconds left when Kevin fastened onto a ball from Sean McCarthy and steered a close range shot past Tony Coton in the Watford goal. "Sean claimed it was a pass but I am convinced it was a mis-hit shot," said the delighted match winner.

AVERAGES AND AGGREGATES

(up to and inclusive of January 3rd 1989)

A total of 213,843 spectators have watched our 26 League and Cup matches. An average of 8,224 per match.

For our eleven Second Division matches at the County Ground an aggregate of 90,954 spectators have given an average of 8,168 per match.

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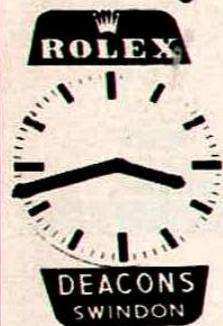
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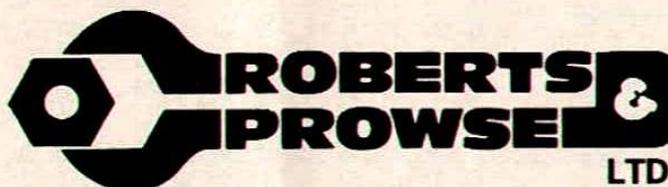
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JUNIOR ROBINS



If you are reading these notes it will mean Swindon earned a draw at Fratton Park last Saturday. We did not want to risk missing anyone out on birthday wishes by including them in a set of notes that might not be used, so we have designed a wordsearch to set you thinking. You should be able to find fifteen things found on or near a football pitch. Can you find them all?

There will be a report on the Junior Robins visit to Portsmouth in Saturday's programme. Finally, can I take this opportunity of wishing all Junior Robins and their parents a very happy New Year.

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OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

We make our **second** trip of the season to **Selhurst Park** to meet **Crystal Palace** on Saturday January 21st.

Our previous meeting was in the Second Leg of the Littlewoods Cup when we were already trailing 2-1 from the First Leg match at the County Ground. We lost 2-0 that September evening in front of an attendance of 6,015.

Although **Selhurst Park** will always retain happy memories for Swindon Town due to our play-off win against **Gillingham**, it has not always been the most profitable venue in terms of League points.

Last season we were robbed of points when a controversial decision by referee David Axcell, who gave a late and debatable penalty awarded to Palace, against Town

skipper Colin Calderwood. It settled the issue in favour of the South London Club. Of course this was also the same match which deprived us of the services of Fraser Digby for several weeks with a broken thumb.

Crystal Palace are one of several Clubs who like ourselves could finish in a respectable sixth position in the League table or finish as low as 16th when the season is complete. The Second Division is that competitive this season. Their twin striking duo of **Mark Bright** and **Ian Wright** still continue to terrorise defences and the Town will have to keep a tight hold on both strikers to give themselves any chance of returning home with at least a share of the spoils. Their playing record is almost identical to the Town's, having scored five more goals and recorded one more victory! Defences have conceded the same number of goals.

Our last win in a League match against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park was as long ago as 1955 when goals from **Bob Edwards**

and **Andy Micklewright** gave us a 2-0 win on **December 27th**.

Our last four visits to Selhurst prior to last season had seen the Town concede an avalanche of goals - 16 in total.

Overall our League record at **Selhurst Park** is poor with only **three wins** in 34 matches! We have lost **twenty two** of those. A win is now overdue!

Watford are the only team to take maximum points from **Palace** at **Selhurst Park** in a 2-1 win. **Barnsley**, **Chelsea**, **Leeds United**, **Manchester City** and surprisingly **Shrewsbury Town** have shared the points on visits to the London Club.

Crystal Palace have scored resounding wins against **Leicester City (4-2)**, **Plymouth Argyle (4-1)** and **Walsall (4-0)** this campaign.

A 2-1 win against **Ipswich Town** and a narrow 1-0 win against **Oxford United** complete their results at home in League matches this season.

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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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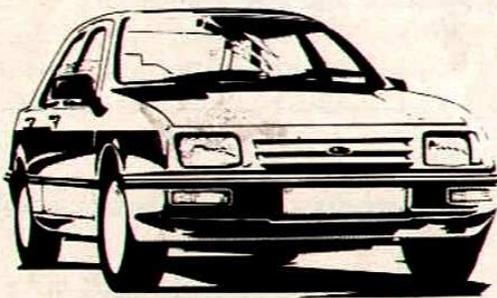
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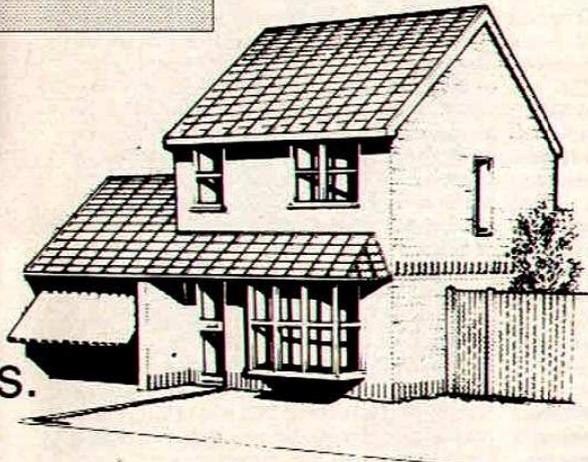
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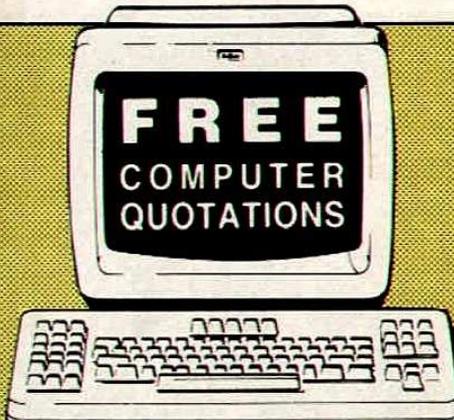
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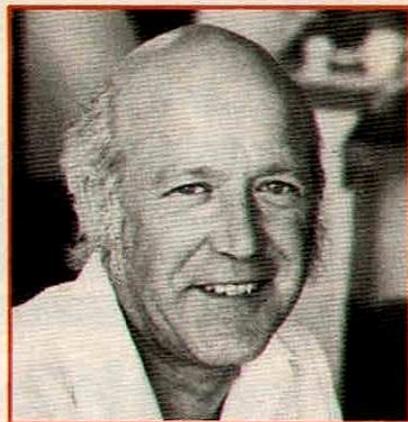


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TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

PORTSMOUTH



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: Clive Whitehead, Mike Fillery, Barry Horne, Mark Chamberlain, Warren Neill.

Centre Row: John Dickens (Physio), Mick Quinn, Billy Gilbert, Lee Sandford, Andy Gosney, Alan Knight, Graeme Hogg, Kevin Dillon, Ian Stewart, Gordon Neave (Kitman).

Front Row: Kevin Ball, Terry Connor, Graham Paddon (Youth Coach), Alan Ball (First Team Coach), John Gregory (Coach), Mark Kelly, Paul Hardyman.

Today's visitors, Portsmouth, have certainly experienced the joys and despairs of football over the past 20 months.

In early May 1987 the famous Pompey chimes rang out over Fratton Park to herald the Club's return to the First Division after a break of 28 years.

Following their relegation from the top section in 1959, Pompey plummeted all the way down into Division Four and are, in fact, the only side who have lifted the First Division Championship ever to plummet into the bottom division and then regain their place back in the top flight.

A year later though, in May of 1988, the chimes had turned to a toll as Pompey lost their top flight status again. Finishing in 19th place they were relegated to the Second Division,

alongside Watford, Oxford and Chelsea. The latter after the controversial play-offs.

So ended a traumatic four years for the partnership of manager Alan Ball and chairman John Deacon.

It seasons 1984/85 and 85/86 Pompey finished fourth in Division 2, but then in 86/87 it all came right clinching the runners-up spot and promotion. But then a year later joy was replaced by sadness.

During the summer Mr Deacon, who had been associated with Portsmouth for many years decided to call it a day through ill health.

He stepped down from the chair and sold his major share in the Club to millionaire Jim Gregory, a man who had previously been chairman at Queen's Park Rangers. Gregory changed Ball's

title from manager to chief coach, but that has made little difference to the former England players role. The new partnership seems to be working well with Pompey amongst the Division 2 promotion hopefuls.

Original members of the old Division Three South, Pompey reached Division One in 1927 - a place they were to retain for 32 years.

This period was the golden era in the south coast Club's history - two First Division Championships in seasons 1948/49 and 1949/50 and three FA Cup final appearances. Unfortunately they only lifted the Cup once by defeating Wolves 4-1 in 1939. They were beaten finalists in 1929 and 1934.

One player in particular stands out in Portsmouth's history since the end of the Second World War - Jimmy Dickinson.

The brilliant wing-half made 764 League appearances for the Club between 1946 and 1965 - a once Club record until surpassed by Swindon's John Trollope with 770 - and was capped by England 48 times.

Meet the Players and Manager

Alan Ball (Chief Coach). A member of England's triumphant 1966 World Cup team. He was capped in total 72 times at full international level, six of them as captain, and eight times for the Under-23's. The all-action midfielder began his playing career at Blackpool before moving to Everton in August 1966 for a British transfer record fee of £110,000. He also appeared in the colours of Arsenal, Southampton (twice) and Bristol Rovers. Had a short time as player-manager at Blackpool in between his two spells at Southampton. Joined Pompey as youth team coach in '83 and a year later became manager of the first team. Received a title change during the summer of 1988 from manager to chief coach.

Alan Knight (Goalkeeper). Served his apprenticeship at Fratton Park making his League debut away at Rotherham on April 29th 1978. He established himself in 1982/83 and has since played in each Division of the Football League, missing just five League games between 1982 and 1986, and celebrated his testimonial last year. A former England Youth International, and capped twice at Under-21 level he has made over 300 League appearances.

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Warren Neill (Defender). Served his apprenticeship with QPR, making his League debut for Rangers on August 30th 1980 in a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge. He played a major role in helping QPR gain promotion from Division Two in 1982/83, before helping them to become established in Division One during 1983/84. Joined Pompey in July 1988 for £110,000. Made 181 League appearances for QPR.

Paul Hardyman (Defender). Now 24 years old, he joined Pompey from Southern League Waverlooville in 1983, making his League debut as a substitute for Steve Atzlewood in a 0-1 home defeat by Crystal Palace on March 24th 1984. His progress since although has been hindered by a series of injuries. However, he won an England Under-21 cap versus Eire in March 1985, and played 33 League games when Pompey were promoted from Division Two in 1986/87, and in total has made 92 League appearances.

Billy Gilbert (Defender). A member of Terry Venables' Crystal Palace team of the eighties. Lewisham born, he is the holder of 11 U-21 caps, and made 237 League appearances for Palace before joining Pompey for £100,000 in 1984. He was a member of the Pompey team that conceded the fewest goals (just 28) in the entire Football League during 1986/87.

Graeme Hogg (Defender). The 24 year old defender began as an apprentice with Manchester United making his League debut for the Red Devils in January 1984 in a 1-1 draw at Loftus Road. He played in 83 League games before spending a short spell on loan with WBA. Signed by Pompey for £150,000 in August of last year.

Kevin Ball (Defender). Although born in Hastings he served his apprenticeship with Coventry, but soon moved onto Pompey. Made his League debut on January 2nd 1984 when Pompey lost 0-2 at Shrewsbury. He found it difficult at first to break into the League side, but last season he made the number six shirt his own with a string of outstanding First Division performances.

Clive Whitehead (Midfield). Began with Northfield Juniors before signing for Bristol City as a winger in 1973. Made a scoring League debut for City on

October 13th 1973 in a 2-0 win at Millwall. He spent eight seasons with City before joining West Bromwich Albion in November 1981 for £100,000. In the summer of 1987 he signed for Pompey on a free and played in 33 First Division games last season.

Mick Fillery (Midfield); A schoolboy international before joining Chelsea as an apprentice in August 1978. Made his League debut for Chelsea as a substitute in April 1979, and in the following season made 41 appearances scoring eleven goals. In August 1983 he joined QPR for £200,000, but after his contract expired in the summer of 1987, he joined Pompey on a free transfer. Made 18 First Division appearances last season.



● Barry Horne

Barry Horne (Midfield). After gaining a chemistry degree at Liverpool University, he was playing part time for Rhyd when he was signed by Wrexham. Made his League debut on August 15th 1984 at Swindon, and immediately became established in the side. Scored the last minute goal which knocked FC Porto out of the first round of the European Cup Winners Cup in October of the same year. In the summer of 1987 he joined Pompey for £60,000 and made an impressive step up from the fourth to the first division. Played 39 games last season and was capped by Wales for the first time against Denmark. Now the holder of five caps, he was voted the Pompey Player of the Season for 1987-88.

Kevin Dillon (Midfield). Sunderland born, he joined Birmingham from school and made his League debut when just 17 years old on September 10th 1977 away at Middlesbrough. After gaining England Youth and U-21 honours, he remained at Saint Andrews until March 1983, when he joined Pompey for £200,000. Scoring five goals in eleven games, he helped Pompey claim the 1982-83 Third Division Championship. In 1986-87, 29 year old Kevin scored a hat-trick of penalties in a 3-2 Full Members Cup victory over Millwall. Last season he made 32 First Division appearances.

Lee Sandford (Midfield). The 20 year old was born in Basingstoke and served his apprenticeship at Pompey. Made his League debut on October 26th 1985 in a 4-0 win at Millwall, but his breakthrough only came last season. Forced out of the team for five months with a spinal injury, he returned to the team in February 1988 and found himself as goalie in April when he had to deputise for Alan Knight, after only two minutes, against Wimbledon.

Mark Chamberlain (Forward). Began his career as an apprentice at Port Vale. Four years later, in 1982, the winger joined Stoke City, and during his three and a half seasons at the Poteries gained eight England caps. In 1985 after 112 appearances for Stoke, he moved to Sheffield Wednesday. However, he never settled at Hillsborough, and in July 1988 he signed for Pompey for £200,000.

Warren Aspinall (Forward). Began his career at Wigan as an apprentice. Made his League debut in the 1-1 draw v Orient on March 2nd 1983. Warren found himself at Everton for the start of the 1985-86 season, but after just one First Division appearance though, he returned to Wigan on loan. He stayed at Springfield Park for the remainder of the season, scoring 21 goals in 41 matches. The next season he was back at Goodison, but after six games he transferred to Aston Villa. Last season, his second year at Villa, he scored eleven goals as Villa gained promotion to Division One. Joined Pompey for a Club record fee of £315,000 on August 17th 1988.

Martin Kuhl (Midfield). Signed from Watford last September for a fee of £125,000. Born in Frimley in 1965, he joined Birmingham City, making his debut in 1982/83. In the following three seasons he was a regular member of the Birmingham first-team. A strong midfield ball-winner, he was signed by Sheffield United in March 1987. Made team captain but only stayed a year before moving onto Watford.

Gavin Maguire (Midfield). Signed from Queens Park Rangers at the end of last season for a fee of £225,000. Born in Hammersmith, the 21 year old was a former apprentice with Rangers. Made almost 50 appearances for the London side before switching to the south east.

Mick Quinn (Forward). Born in Liverpool, he started as an apprentice at Derby. However, he soon moved to Wigan and made a scoring League debut in April 1980. Two years later he joined Stockport County on a free, and after scoring 39 League goals in 63 games joined Oldham Athletic midway through 1983-84 for £52,000. Signed for Pompey in March 1986 for £150,000. Scored, in 86/87 season, 22 goals in 39 League games to finish top scorer as Pompey were promoted to Division One. Last season he grabbed 13 to remain top scorer.



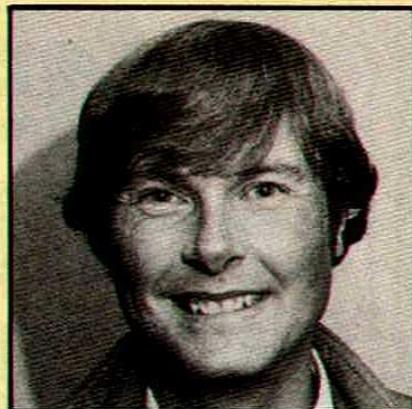
● Mick Quinn



● Kevin Ball

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TUNE IN WITH GWR'S VIC MORGAN



PLEASED TO GREET YOU!

Good evening and welcome to the County Ground, with special greetings to those of you from the South Coast. This of course is the fourth meeting between the Clubs at various levels in the past ten days, something of a record I'll be bound. Portsmouth have yet to triumph over the Town this season, their luck may change this evening. But I have to say I hope it's Swindon in Round Four, nevertheless it's nice to see Pompey here again.

JIM - A GREAT MAN

Both Clubs have something in common, the ability to engender loyalty in fans and players alike. The great Jimmy Dickenson was the perfect example of a one Club man and for many years held the record for League appearances for a single team. That record fell to Swindon's own John Trollope, what two finer ambassadors could the sport of football have had?

END OF MERSEYSIDE MONOPOLY

The Christmas holidays have come and gone once again, with its usual crop of matches with a vital bearing on the tops and bottoms of the respective League tables. The young Arsenal team have proved they can maintain a serious challenge to the Merseyside monopoly of footballs top prize. Another aspect of the festive fixtures to emerge was the openness of the First Division title race and it was most refreshing to see how many teams are in with a genuine chance of winning the championship.

MIXED YULETIDE FORTUNES

Swindon enjoyed mixed fortunes over the yuletide, that sparkling victory at Fratton Park, sorry Pompey fans, went some way to softening that unlucky defeat against Manchester City. Those inflatable bananas were an amazing sight raised in triumph at the end of the match and I dare say enjoyed the 'fruits of their success' - yes I know it's a bad joke but everybody else did the same.

OFF, OFF, OFF, BUT WHY?

One disturbing aspect of that game however, apart from the defeat, was the dismissal of Phil King for the professional foul. Now if every referee in the land took the same action then nobody could have complained about the decision, but some officials would not have taken King's name. I'm sorry to get back on the 'knock referees' track once again, but their association has to call for consistency then players would know exactly what to expect for their sins. Surely not too much to ask?

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

So on to more general subjects in the wide world of sport. The New Year's honours list has caused controversy with the M.B.E. awarded to Eric Bristow, the self styled 'Crafty Cockney', of the darts world. Bristow has, without doubt, done more than anyone to make darts the high profile game it is today. In that sense then he deserves his reward, certainly his peers must be grateful for the publicity he has brought to the 'oche'. Congratulations to Eric, let's hope he can silence the critics adding dignity to his flamboyance and talent.

BOB AND ERIC THE UNLIKELY LADS

Swindon's own Bob Anderson has of course taken the mantle of world number 1 from Bristow and how he deserves it. Bob used to work in the same building as me and used to sometimes play darts against me at lunchtime. He took the immensely brave step of leaving a secure civil service career to become a dart professional. That decision has been totally justified and he's brought our Town great credit along the way.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHINS

The projected world heavyweight title fight between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno has finally been set for February 25th in America. It's an awesome task before Frank, to take the title and untold riches from Mr Tyson. He certainly looked confident at his press conference on the eve of his flight to the United States. He also came out with a tremendous answer to one of the questions. He was asked if his girlfriend would be joining him at his training camp, he replied, "She'll be coming over for a couple of days... I'll have a headache though." Lovely answer Frank, good luck to you.

So back to the matters in hand, a place in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup is at stake. Whoever comes out on top will still be able to dream of those twin towers in May.

Let's settle back and enjoy a good, peaceful game of football.

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HOLT AND COOPER ON THE MARK!

Our Allied Counties Youth League team met Basingstoke on Monday December 19th and defeated them 2-1. Town Youth team Manager John Trollope was pleased with the performance saying, "in a game where we had the majority of the play we somewhat wasted our good approach work in and around the Basingstoke penalty area. In one of their few attacks during the first half Basingstoke took an undeserved lead from a penalty awarded for a needless foul. They managed to hold this lead until half-time. We equalised early in the second half when **Nathan Holt** scored from a left wing cross."

John concluded his report by describing the winning goal. "We took the lead when a corner by Lee Spalding was not cleared and **Chris Cooper** managed the final touch. It was really a hard working and organised performance spoilt by a lack of thought and awareness in vital areas but nevertheless a satisfying win."

Team: Lovegrove, Walker, Braidwood, Murray, Payne, Graham, Holt, Trollope, Dixon, Cooper and Lea.

Substitutes: Spalding (for Graham in 45th min.) Sperring (for Trollope in 57th min.)

THE TOWN HIT FIVE

Our Reserve team were in fine form when they easily defeated Brighton and Hove Albion at the County Ground on Tuesday December 20th. Their 5-0 victory in the 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture was obtained with no fewer than six trainees in the squad.



● **Fitzroy Simpson** - among the goalscorers in our 3-0 win against Brighton and Hove Albion. Fitzroy's impressive form this season has taken him to the verge of the senior team.

The absence of the injured Nicky Hammond gave trainee Paul Thompson the opportunity to make his debut at Football Combination level.

The Town went ahead after only five minutes of play when **Fitzroy Simpson** headed home a centre from Neil Tomlinson. After forty minutes the Town increased their lead when **Leigh Barnard** chipped goalkeeper McFadden to increase the interval lead to 2-0.

In the fifty fourth minute a Brighton defender turned the ball into his own net after Peter Coyne had made a run along the byline.

A double substitution of Tony Hammersley and Gareth Morgan for Fitzroy Simpson and Neil Tomlinson paid dividends when **Tony Hammersley** increased the lead with a centre cum shot in the seventy fifth minute.

The rout was completed when Steve White drew goalkeeper McFadden from his goal and from his pass **Peter Coyne** scored the Town's fifth goal.

Team: Thompson, McLoughlin, Marshall, Barnard, Gittens, Bodin, Tomlinson, Coyne, White, Simpson, Viveash.

Substitutes: G. Morgan (for Tomlinson in 75th min.) Hammersley (for Simpson in 75 min.)

WOMBLES CAUSE TOWN YOUTHS TO WOBBLE!

Our South East Counties Youth League team saw their Second Division title aspirations dealt a blow by one of their main challengers on Saturday December 31st. The away trip to Wimbledon ended in a 3-1 defeat.

Conceding two own goals did not aid their cause. In a goal-less first half it was Paul Hunt who went closest to scoring when he rattled the Wimbledon crossbar. Wimbledon were the better team in the first half and it was only due to a string of superb saves by Paul Thompson that we kept the score level.

Only two minutes into the second half and the unfortunate Mark Lea was only able to concede an own goal following a fine run along the byline by the Plough Lane Club striker Mark Cooper. His hard low centre was turned into his own net by the unlucky Town defender.

Wimbledon increased their lead in the 78th minute when John Dodds took a pass from Cooper and with his back to the goal he chipped a perfectly placed ball over Paul Thompson. A minute later **Nicky Summerbee** reduced the lead. Any hopes that the Town players had maintained were spoiled when seven minutes from time a bizarre own goal saw Cooper's centre, take two deflections, first off his own colleague, Dodds, and then Town defender Gavin Sandrey, to land in the

net for Wimbledon to gain a commanding and winning lead.

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Morgan, Hammersely, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Dixon.

Substitutes: Walker (for Dixon in 78th min.) Braidwood (for Lea in 81st min.)

ALMOST NAP!

After scoring five goals against Brighton in their previous home match, the Town Reserves had to settle for one less against Portsmouth - The Fratton Park Club were the visitors in this 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture on Tuesday January 3rd and were comprehensively defeated 4-0. It was a game not without cost for the Town's leading goalscorer in first team matches, Steve White was sent off along with Pompey's Clive Whitehead.



● **Peter Coyne** - leading goalscorer for our Reserve team this season.

It was the Reserve team's leading goalscorer **Peter Coyne** who put the Town ahead in the 23rd minute. The scoreline remained at 1-0 until early in the second half when **Fitzroy Simpson** scored what was probably the best goal of the season at the County Ground. **Alan McLoughlin** made it 3-0 and then **Paul Bodin** completed the scoring from a free kick following the award given after the Town's Steve White and Portsmouth's Clive Whitehead had clashed. Both players were dismissed by referee Mr P.J. Brookes.

This was the second sending off of Steve White's career. The other occasion when he was playing for Charlton Athletic, one of his former Clubs, against Rotherham United. Not a happy birthday for the Club's leading goalscorer who had celebrated his thirtieth birthday the previous day.

Team: Petterson, McLoughlin, Bodin, Barnard, Viveash, Simpson, Tomlinson, G. Morgan, White, Coyne, Barnes.

Substitutes: Marshall and Sandrey.

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A NEW LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION FOR OUR YOUTHS

The Allied Counties League have now formed a League Cup Competition which will commence this month.

The competition is split into Four groups.

Group A - Windsor and Eton, Ruislip Manor, Maidenhead United, Feltham, Bracknell, Egham, Wokingham Town.

Group B - Hungerford Town, Thatcham United, Ruislip, Chertsey, Hounslow Town.

These two groups will play six and four matches respectively.

Group C - Staines, Uxbridge, Swindon Town and Basingstoke.

Group D - Newbury Town, Farnborough Town, Reading and Slough Town.

These two groups will play three matches each. The Allied Counties Youth League will select the home teams and the Semi-Final will be played between the winners of Group A v B and Group C v D.

ALLIED COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

Our forthcoming Allied Counties Youth League fixtures are on Monday January 23rd at home to Newbury Town (this match to be played at Hungerford Town F.C.) On Monday February 6th we will play Reading (this match will also be played at Hungerford Town) On Monday February 13th we meet Wokingham Town (also at Hungerford Town F.C.) On Monday February 27th we are away to Reading

NEW CAPACITIES

Following their inspection of the Stratton Bank area of the County Ground the Safety Committee in conjunction with the Clubs structural engineers have agreed that the following maximum capacities will apply to the following section of the Ground.

North Stand:	5,062
Town End:	3,220
Shrivenham Road Enclosure:	4,190
Visitors Enclosure:	2,000
Stratton Bank:	5,139

The maximum capacity of the County Ground is now 19,611.

LOU, BING AND TOM

No Christmas cheer for the Town players on Christmas night, for Lou had the players safely locked away for the night in the Holiday Inn, Swindon. The festivities were left for others to enjoy. Professional footballers have to forsake the Yuletide greetings. There was no Bing Crosby in voice but a rendering by Tom Jones did little to relieve the tedium.

NEWS Desk

PAYING THE PENALTY

Our reserve team were in action on Tuesday December 27th when they played a friendly away fixture against Bristol City. Two penalties scored by City's Mark Cooper gave the Ashton Gate Club to victory.

For those who like to keep records, the Town line-up was: **Thompson, Barnard, Viveash, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Bodin, Tomlinson, Coyne, White, Morgan G, Barnes. Substitutes: Marshall and Simpson.**

CLUBCALL AND THE PEOPLE

Clubcall are sponsoring The People merit awards. Clubcall is of course the top telephone information for sport and prizes will be presented to the leaders in the four Second Division categories. Only one Swindon Town player is included: **Fraser Digby** who is currently averaging 6.7 for each match. Players are awarded up to a maximum of ten points for each match.

Below are the the four categories for goalkeepers, defenders, midfield players and strikers.

SECOND DIVISION

Goalkeepers

Barber (Walsall)	7.08
Norman (Hull)	6.90
Tomlinson (Bradford)	6.90
Knight (Portsmouth)	6.86
Day (Leeds)	6.75
Digby (Swindon)	6.70
Coton (Watford)	6.69
Gennoe (Blackburn)	6.69
Fox (Stoke)	6.66
Naylor (West Brom)	6.66
Forrest (Ipswich)	6.65
Peyton (Bournemouth)	6.62
Dibble (Manchester City)	6.60
Cherry (Plymouth)	6.40

Defenders

Redmond (Manchester City)	7.07
Whyte (West Brom)	7.07
Bardsley (Oxford)	7.00
Roberts (Chelsea)	6.90
Terry (Hull)	6.90
Gray (Sunderland)	6.80
Jobson (Hull)	6.80
Thomas (Crystal Palace)	6.80
North (West Brom)	6.76
Hendry (Blackburn)	6.70
McClelland (Watford)	6.70
Gatting (Brighton)	6.66
Newson (Bournemouth)	6.63

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Burrows (Plymouth)	6.60
Mail (Blackburn)	6.60

Midfielders

Palmer (West Brom)	7.23
McNab (Manchester City)	7.16
Porter (Watford)	7.15
Sellars (Blackburn)	7.15
Doyle (Sunderland)	7.00
Talbot (West Brom)	7.00
Bishop (Bournemouth)	6.90
Brightwell (Manchester City)	6.90
Horne (Portsmouth)	6.90
Nicholas (Chelsea)	6.69
Kennedy (Bradford)	6.66
Wilkins (Brighton)	6.66
McAllister (Leicester)	6.64
Wigley (Birmingham)	6.63
Hilaire (Leeds)	6.60

Strikers

Tynan (Plymouth)	7.10
K. Wilson (Chelsea)	7.03
Beagrie (Stoke)	7.00
Cross (Leicester)	7.00
Durie (Chelsea)	7.00
Gabbiadini (Sunderland)	7.00
Atkinson (Ipswich)	6.91
Lowe (Ipswich)	6.91
Wright (Oldham)	6.90
Garner (Blackburn)	6.84
Wilkinson (Watford)	6.80
Wright (Palace)	6.77
Ormondroyd (Bradford)	6.70

WELCOME ALISTAIR

A new face on H.T.V. is former England Rugby International full back and Gloucestershire County Cricket player **Alistair Hignell**. The 33-year-old reporter quit teaching three years ago to join the BBC Radio Two sports team.

H.T.V. have signed **Alistair** to report on all types of sport in the West. Alistair lives with his wife and two children in Bradley Stoke, Bristol. One of his first jobs was to take his son to the West Country derby match between the two Bristol Clubs - City and Rovers on January 2nd.

TRYING TO KEEP THEM OUT

Former Swindon Town full back **Steve Scarrott** had to take over in goal when Trowbridge Town 'keeper Gary Phillips was injured in the New Year's Eve clash with Baldock Town. Steve took over in the twenty fourth minute of the match and conceded four second half goals in a 4-1 defeat.

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IN OFF THE POST



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Dear Mr. King,

Please find that I have enclosed with my letter a Christmas card that has been sent by Chris Kamara to all Swindon Town away supporters. I have been asked to pass a message on by Chris. He sends his best wishes to all the Swindon supporters who made him feel very emotional at the fantastic support they gave him at Stoke, this was very much appreciated. Chris thinks that Swindon Town have got great supporters and they have all given him a terrific response. He cannot possibly thank them enough.

Please could you print something in a future matchday programme to pass Chris's message on to the rest of the Swindon supporters.

**Yours sincerely,
Lynne Stevens**

Simon Coombs MP
House of Commons, London

Dear Mr Sands

Thank you for your letter of 2nd December, the contents of which I have carefully noted. I am well aware of the issue and have already written to the Minister for Sport in order to make one or two points which may be helpful.

On the general question, however, I am attracted to the idea of a national membership scheme, because I believe that it may well help in the future to encourage many thousands of supporters to return to football, who have been driven away by the hooliganism which has disfigured the terraces for so long. With respect, therefore, it is not relevant to compare numbers of arrests in other locations, but to consider whether football itself will benefit from this scheme. The bigger the club, the more likely it is to attract a hooligan element and thereby to drive away supporters, particularly wives and children who might, otherwise, have attended.

Naturally, I shall watch the debate with great interest and, should our paths cross at a Swindon Town game, I should be delighted to discuss the matter with you further. For the present, however, I believe this scheme offers a major benefit to football and I intend to support it when it comes before the House of Commons.

**Yours sincerely
Simon Coombs**

M. Iwaniszyn
Eldene
Swindon

Dear Sir

I have always maintained an interest in history and therefore am keen to research into the details of the building of the 'new' Stratton Bank.

The historical interest lies in the fact that building (renovations) seem to have started in the Iron Age and have still yet to be completed, are Husband and Co. responsible also for the now 'historical site' on top of Liddington Hill (not a Jon Gittens clearance from the County Ground) and if so do they intend to finish that.

It seems to some of the 'Stratton Bankers' that at this moment in time it seems more likely that turnstiles will be put on the Liddington escarpment than the 'Bank'.

It is a very honourable notion of Swindon Town Football Club that we look after away fans as best we can, and in that sense we have. Completion of the away section of terracing has been done in seconds (judging by the Stratton Bank clock!), but what about the home fans (what's left of them). Is it possible that on Swindon Town Football Clubs and Husband and Co's letters to Santa, they have asked for more building materials and turnstiles.

At least we who actually enjoy braving the elements on the Bank can rest assured that it will be safe, not only to watch the games from one of the best vantage points, but to also walk through LUXURY EXECUTIVE turnstiles into the ground.

One problem remains, by the time that happens, man will not be walking on but also playing football on Mars and the County Ground will be converted into more car parking space for the Saturday Shoppers.

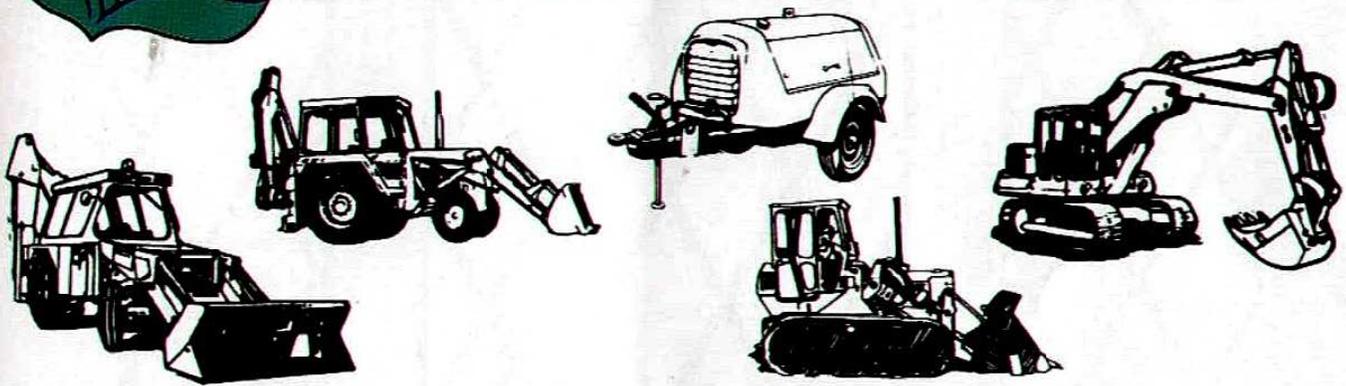
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**Yours sincerely,
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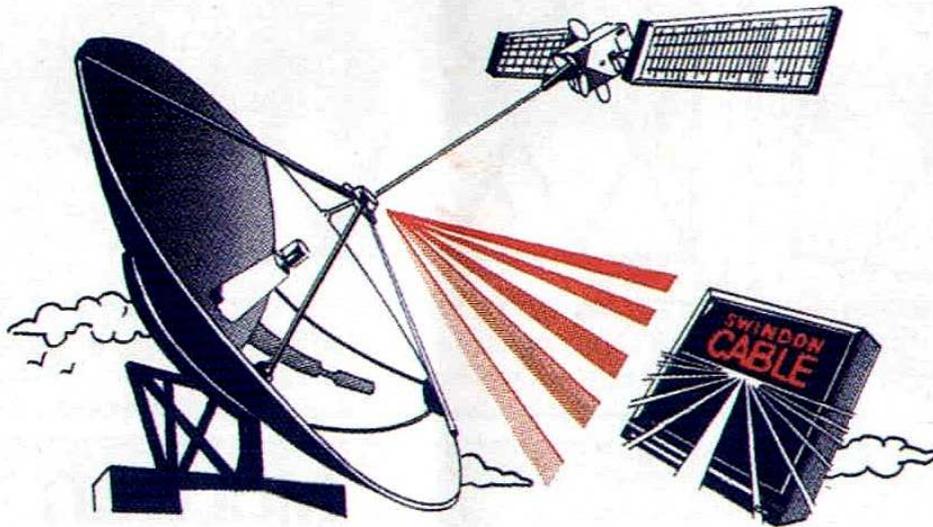


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MY FIRST REAL INJURY

By the time that you read this edition of Viewpoint I shall have returned to my parents home in Upminster in Essex. Following my broken leg this is now my base for a few months.

This is the first serious injury that I have received. In three seasons with Arsenal I believe I only missed two matches. Now I am forced to virtually miss the majority of the remainder of this one.

HARDMAN CHARLIE!

Many of you must wonder how the break could have happened in what was really only a practice match on the County Ground.

It came because I tangled with the Town hard man Charlie Henry, and came off second best! A long ball had been cleared and then the ball was returned over the top of the defence I was playing behind. The ball bounced halfway between me and Charlie. I came out to clear it and Charlie kept coming. I managed to kick the ball but my shin banged into Charlie's knee cap. I heard a crack and I knew that I had a broken leg.

WEIGHT BEARING BONE

I am not medically minded, but I have been informed by the medical experts that the bone I have broken is the Tibia.

Apparently the Tibia is a weight bearing bone. I was in pain for a week and every time I stood up the pain was excruciating and incredible. No operation was required and I was told that it was a

No. 13 NICKY HAMMOND

clean break. The accident happened on a Wednesday and after one night in the Princess Margaret Hospital I was released the following day.

LUCKY TO BE A GOALKEEPER?

Probably goalkeepers do not have to maintain the same level of fitness as an outfield player and I hope this will be to my benefit.

It is small consolation but if you are a goalkeeper you can gain some comfort from the fact that if you damage your shoulder, fingers or elbow you are perhaps making some joints weaker and there could be subsequent cracks.

BACK WITH THE FAMILY
When I was released from hospital I returned to my digs for a week before returning to Essex.

I was lucky that it was the holiday period and there were plenty of my family around with the usual pre-Christmas activity. Obviously I received a lot of visitors. My first trip back to the County Ground was last week to watch the Reserve team meet Portsmouth. The trip gave me the opportunity to prepare this article for you to read.



● **NICKY HAMMOND**

OFF WITH ONE CAST AND ON WITH ANOTHER

The doctors also told me on my return to Swindon that I would have to remain in the same plaster cast for a further three weeks. Then it would be changed to a cast formed from fibreglass.

I am keeping my body in trim with exercises. I do a lot of sit-ups both morning and afternoon. More when I feel fed up with myself. I also have weights which help the upper part of my body.

I HOPE TO PLAY AGAIN THIS SEASON

I decided that I would be better off at home in Upminster, it is nice to be with my own family.

Staying here in Swindon and coming to the County Ground each day with a plaster cast is a depressing sight for the rest of the players. I hope to return to action in late March or early April and I hope I will have one or two matches before the season ends. This will help me to get into good shape and help me prepare for next pre-season.

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● Swindon Town Chairman, Mr. Brian Hillier, receives a cheque for £12,000 from Mr. John Smith, the Managing Director of Pertemps. The cheque was the first reservation made for one of the Executive boxes planned to be installed in the Shrivvenham Road stand for the start of the 1990/91 season.



● Duncan Shearer scores his fifth goal of the season in our Boxing Day match with Plymouth Argyle at the County Ground.

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNLEY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
17.9.88	SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
20.9.88	TUE A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,055	3-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren (1)(p)	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,585	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Gittens	Foley
9.10.88	SUN CHELSEA	H	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	7,883	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
31.12.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H	10,776	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens*	Foley
2.1.89	MON PORTSMOUTH	A	11,681	2-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
7.1.89	SAT PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	A	10,582	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Cornwell	Calderwood	Foley (1)
10.1.89	TUE PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	H									
14.1.89	SAT BARNLEY	H									
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A									
5.2.89	SUN OXFORD UNITED	H									
11.2.89	MON CHELSEA	A									
18.2.89	SAT SUNDERLAND	H									
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A									
28.2.89	TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H									
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A									
11.3.89	SAT HULL CITY	H									
14.3.89	TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY	A									
18.3.89	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A									
25.3.89	SAT WEST BROM	H									
27.3.89	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A									
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									

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September 3	16th	November 5	15th
10	21st	12	18th
17	17th	19	19th
24	10th	26	15th
October 1	7th	December 3	15th
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Steve White	8
Duncan Shearer	6
Bobby Barnes	3
Dave Geddis	3
Charlie Henry	3
Steve Foley	3
Colin Calderwood	2
Tommy Jones	2
Jon Gittens	1
Phil King	1
Tim Parkin	1
Ross Maclaren	Penalty
Own goal	1

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SHORT & SWEET

THEY ALL MISSED THE BULLS EYE!

The Boxing Day fixture between Bristol Rovers and Wolves failed to produce: a) Rovers 1,000th League win, b) Equalling the Club record of scoring in 22 consecutive League games, c) Steve Bull's fourth consecutive hat-trick and d) Steve Bull's 100th League goal.

TELL IT TO A DUTCHMAN!

Mario Van Basten, who notched a hat-trick in the summer against England, has been elected European Footballer of the Year. He topped the poll ahead of fellow Dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard. All three play for A.C. Milan. The last British winner was Kevin Keegan in 1979.

HEY - REF

Bristol Rovers midfielder player Ian Holloway found himself on the other side of the fence recently. Ian was asked to referee in a match between Cadbury Heath and Saunders Valves from Abertillery.

TUT, TUT... JIM

Newcastle's new Manager Jim Smith has recently experienced his first brush with officialdom. Fuming at a recent match, Jim leapt angrily from his seat. A linesman said: "No coaching". Jim snapped back: "I'm not coaching, I'm calling them a bunch of *****".

OFF TO SEE THE... BAIRD

Who says football lacks soul. Such was the popularity of Dundee Manager Dave Smith during his time at Plymouth that seven fans made a 900 mile round-trip to renew acquaintance with the poem-writing Scot.

IT'S ALL ABOUT AN 'S'

Football is suffering from an identity crisis. Meanwhile Queens Park Rangers Assistant Manager, Peter Shreeves, has finally re-adopted his 's', but elsewhere the plague is spreading.

ANY OLD IRON!

Millwall's Republic of Eire striker Tony Cascarino is currently valued at over £1 million, but not so long ago he was swapped for some clothes and a lump of iron!

Gillingham spotted Tony playing for Kent League's Crockerhill in 1982 and came up with an unusual deal - 12 tracksuits and the cost of some corrugated iron needed to repair the Club's ground!

STILL MAKING UP HIS MIND

Mistaken identity, Charlton Manager Lennie (?) Lawrence, cannot make up his mind what his name is! The Club programme spells his first name 'Lennie' yet Athletic's boss signs underneath his notes 'Lenny'.

VINNY, VINNIE... JONES

Vinny Jones is having problems, not with Jones but he can be seen driving a sponsored car bearing the title 'Vinnie', while its driver signs his name 'Vinny'.

POACHING!

Derby County were fined £65,000 by a League tribunal, or told to pay Wolves and Birmingham City that amount, for two schoolboy players. The bill could eventually soar to £170,000 if Kris Sleewenok and Jaon Kavanagh develop into full Internationals.

IS IT ENOUGH?

Johan Cryuff is reported to want £1.1 million to say at Barcelona next season. The former Dutch International is on £50,000 for his first year with the Spanish Club, plus bonuses and a living allowance. Meanwhile Ron Atkinson is on £5,000 a week at Atletico Madrid.

AT LAST

Incidentally, former West Bromwich Albion striker Steve Bull, now with Wolverhampton Wanderers, has scored his 100th League goal! It was also his 26th goal of the season, obtained at Brentford in a 2-2 draw on New Years Eve!

COMING UP FROM DOWN UNDER!

Carl Harford, son of Manchester City Secretary Bernard, is back in Britain after seven years in Australia. Carl formerly played for Manchester City, Stockport County and Bury, before going down under.

IT'S SURELY ONLY ABOUT WINNING

Wimbledon had a crowd of 4,899 to watch their New Years Eve match with Luton Town in the First Division. On the same day Burnley had a crowd of 7,367 to watch their Fourth Division tussle with Grimsby Town. Meanwhile the Third Division match between Preston North End and Sheffield United was watched by 11,005.

THE LAST

The last Football League goal scored in 1988 must be claimed by Chelsea's Graham Roberts, whose 90th minute penalty enabled the London Club to draw 1-1 with West Bromwich Albion at Stamford Bridge on New Years Eve.

DREAMING...

Who dreams up the holiday fixtures? Plymouth faced a 700 mile round trip to Leeds on New Years Eve while even more astounding was Portsmouth's trip to Sunderland on the same day.

ROCK ON TOMMY

The oldest playing professional in the Football League must be a Scot playing for a Welsh Club! Tommy Hutchinson of Swansea City was surely playing for Scottish League Club Alloa when many of today's players were learning to walk!

GUNDI THE ICEMAN

The Iceman has cometh to White Hart Lane. Gundi Bergsoon comes from the land of frozen cod and dark endless nights. Meanwhile Tottenham Hotspur believe they have unearthed a ray of sunshine in the Icelandic defender.

INTACT AND STILL LOOKING...

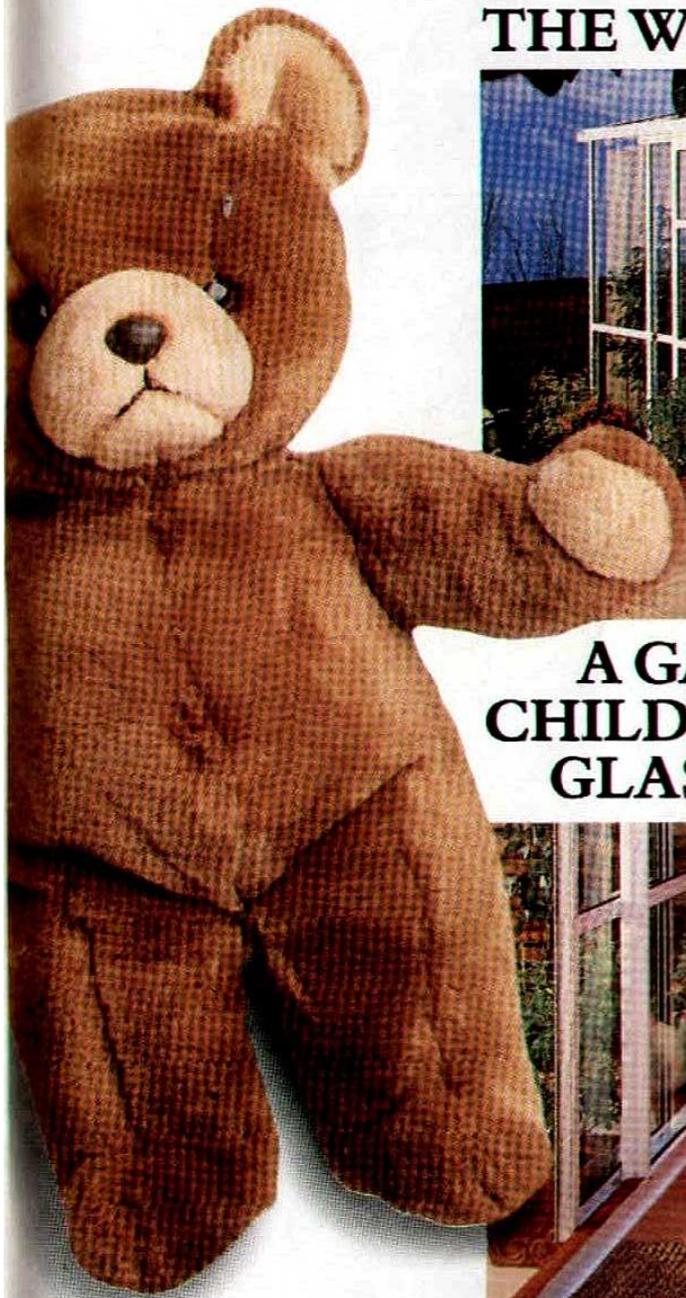
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OFF WITH HIS HEAD, MAGGIE?

A Tory M.P. has described the Government's plans to introduce compulsory membership cards for soccer fans as "crackers". James Pawsey, M.P. for Rugby and Kenilworth, said many would vote against the bill. "The scheme is not necessary and I do not believe it will work", he said.

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5. Colin Calderwood
6. Jon Gittens
7. Steve Foley
8. John Cornwell
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Ross Maclaren
11. David Geddis
12. Bobby Barnes
14. Steve White

PORTSMOUTH

Team Changes

1. Alan Knight
2. Warren Neill
3. Lee Sandford
4. Martin Kuhl
5. Graeme Hogg
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7. Barry Horne
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