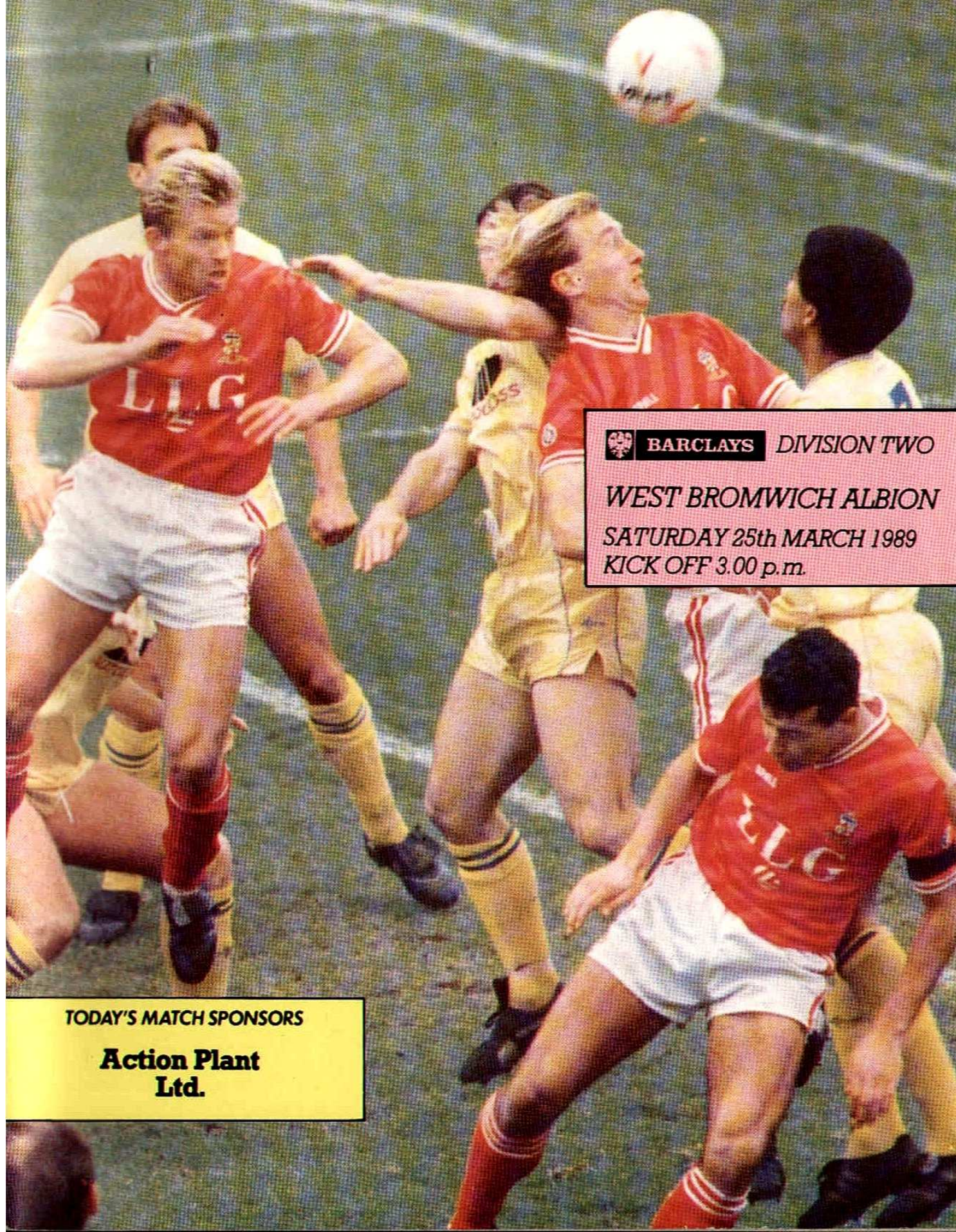


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# THE MANAGER'S VIEW

BY

*Lou Macari*

## A REAL TEAM EFFORT

The excellent win that we obtained at AFC Bournemouth was one of our best team displays of the season. It was a team effort in the real sense of the word. All eleven players functioned as a unit and we rarely looked as though we would concede the points.

The strong wind that we had at our backs in the first half, enabled us to take a two goal interval lead. That lead could have been increased if Duncan Shearer had experienced a shade of luck. One of his efforts really deserved a goal and he was a constant threat with his shooting power. Tommy Jones and Steve Foley contributed the goals and when midfield players are on target any team looks to have real capabilities.

## NEW ADDITIONS?

Due to the fact that the Easter holiday period dictates the printing deadline, I am unable to comment on any pre-transfer deadline deals that may or may not have been concluded.

With only Fraser Digby to call upon in goal it was important that we at least added to our playing staff in this position.

Garreth Morgan who joined Bath City last week is still training with us and we will still be able to monitor his progress during the remainder of this season.

## TENSE 90 MINUTES?

Today's match is important for both Clubs and I am sure we are in for a very tense ninety minutes of action.

West Bromwich Albion have been going great guns in the last few months and they made their intentions clear when they added two Doncaster Rovers players to their staff this week, Paul Raven and Ronnie Robinson, in a transfer deal worth £200,000.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations must go to our Youth team who have battled through to the Midland Youth Cup Final. Despite the fact that they lost 1-0 to Leicester City in atrocious conditions at the County Ground last Monday evening.

Our Youth team Manager John Trollope has every reason to feel proud of the way these young boys have performed this season. It would be just reward if they figure in some honour this season.

## RE-ARRANGED

Our Second Division fixture at Birmingham City will now take place on Tuesday, April 11th. The continuous heavy rain postponed the fixture last week.

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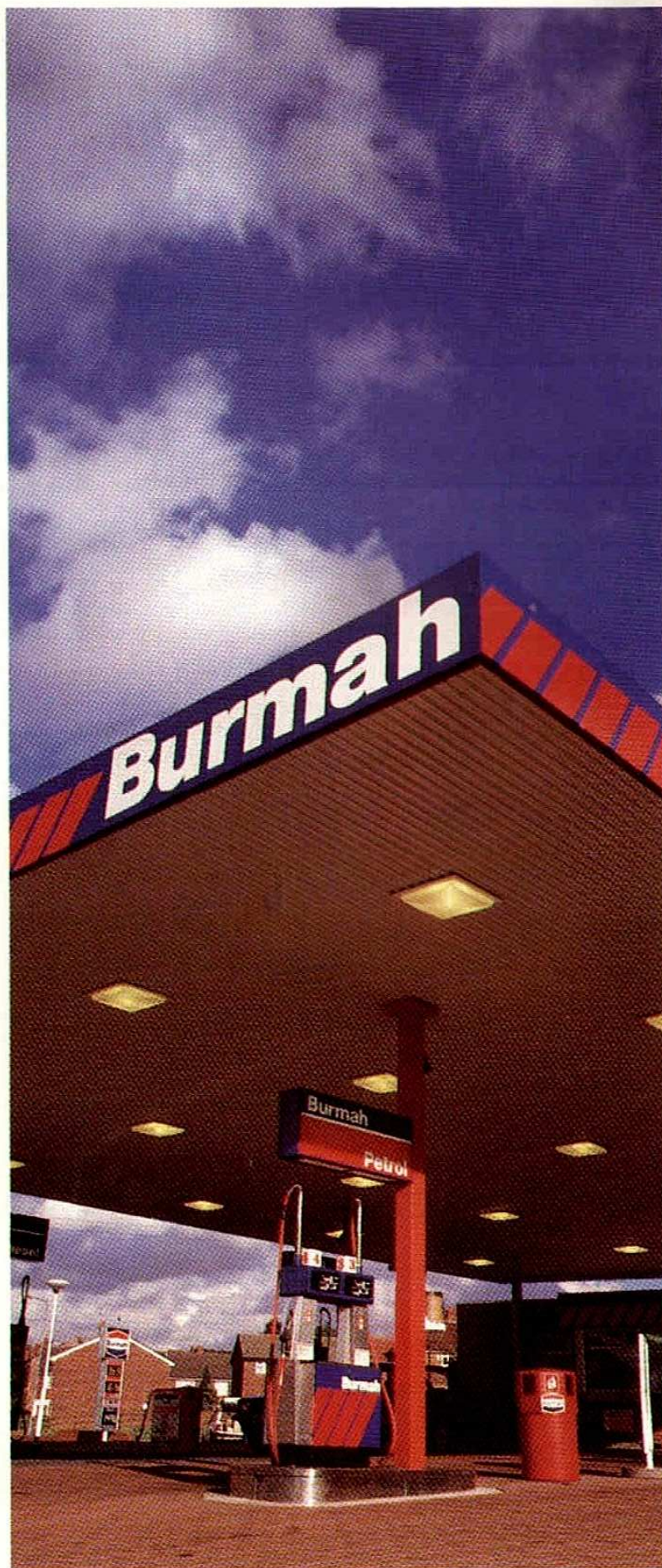
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## **BOURNEMOUTH HIT BY A BARRAGE!**

Bournemouth's pre-match balloon race ended up in a barrage of explosions on the barbed wire of Dean Court's floodlights last Saturday, blown there by the same wind which the 'Town' skillfully used to keep the surge towards the play-offs on course last Saturday.

Fraser Digby's kicking coupled with Steve White and Duncan Shearer's tireless running made sure that the highly rated Bournemouth back four were back pedalling for the whole first half.

Steve Foley's vastly differing goals gave the 'Town' a well deserved first half lead and saw the travelling inflatable Alf almost end up on the pylons himself.

Our usual efforts to give the home fans hope, saw Luther Blisset creak twenty yards to drill an angled shot past Fraser Digby and pull Bournemouth briefly back.

Tommy Jones' superbly struck volley which eventually earned us the points was unfortunately at the opposite end, but looked just as good as Steve Foley's first goal did close to.

Bournemouth's efforts to get back into the game brought them a goal which made the remaining seven minutes tense enough to silence Alf on the away terrace.

The final whistle brought growing belief that the play-offs were a distinct possibility.

### **WHERE ARE THEY?**

Perhaps the fight for a place in the First Division will bring some decent crowds back to the County Ground, Swindon's position as a town with more houses than locals makes loyal support for local organisations unlikely.

Sadly most people in the Swindon area do not associate with the town and feel little for it, the support attracted by its successful Second

# **SCOTT FREE**



**by Michael Scott**

Division football team merely reflects this change in the town.

### **IT'S OUR OWN DESTINY?**

With most of our play-off rivals visiting the County Ground before the end of the season, our chances of promotion rest entirely in our own hands. To ensure First Division football, perhaps unboiled water in the opposition's half-time tea might do the trick to make the second half easier for the 'Town' and cramp the style of the visitors.

### **WHAT A PITY THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WIRED UP!**

There have been many occasions at the County Ground and other locations (mainly Filbert Street) that I have wished that the referee could be wired up, preferably to the mains! but ITV's muck raking predictable, 'microphone on ref' coverage told us little that we didn't know already. At least it's now clear that Tony Adams has a vocabulary

to match his ability, some would term it obscene, others workman-like. If only Kelvin Morton had been wired up back in October!

### **OH BABY, BABY!**

Trevor Francis once played under Brian Clough and seems to be adopting his management morals, where the principle of the incident over-rides all other consideration.

Martin Allen's decision to desert the QPR camp to witness his wife give birth to his first child was greeted with a reprimand from Francis and cost the player a fine of two weeks wages.

Allen's treatment and punishment seem very harsh until the issue is looked at with the head rather than the heart. The two week wages fine amounted to between (depending on which paper you read) £1,200 and £1,500, Martin Allen is no Peter Beardsley or Paul Gascoigne, so £39,000 a year seems to be the sort of pay that should include the odd sacrifice now and then, even if it is something which tugs at the heart strings as much as the birth of a child. As a distinguished journalist commented this week, the footballers career "is not an outrageous discipline to be subjected to. Allen may well have found himself driven by a force he couldn't resist, but he should at least acknowledge his Clubs right to punish him for putting his priority before theirs." Trevor Allen hasn't really got that good a ring to it anyway!

### **HAPPY EASTER TIME?**

Recent results have resurrected our promotion challenge, perhaps Easter will see us beat a fellow contender, and also travel to Plymouth and earn Lou Macari the Barclays Manager of the month award to go with the performance of the week we secured at Bournemouth.

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by Doug Buswell

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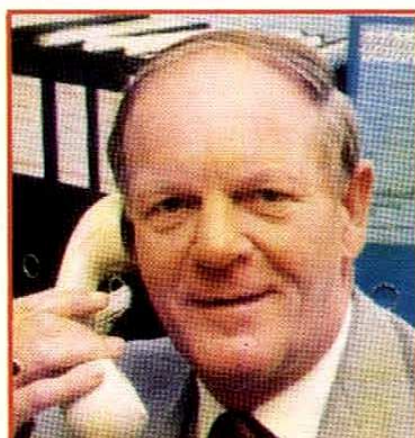
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# THE CHAIRMAN

## Speaking

**BRIAN HILLIER**



### THANK YOU

I would like to begin this weeks column by thanking the 2,135 who braved some atrocious weather to watch the match between Swindon Town and Southampton for Charlie Henry's testimonial on Monday, March 6th.

Southampton must certainly have enjoyed the evening, winning 7-1. We did attempt to add one or two players to the game for added interest. We wrote to both Chris Kamara and Dave Bamber on Charlie's behalf. Chris replied but stated he was unfit and was not able to play for Stoke City at that time. We did not receive any reply from Dave but we heard that he was also out of action due to injury. Graham Taylor of Aston Villa would have allowed us to approach Gordon Gowans but we subsequently learnt that Villa were due to visit the West Indies for a short break. Charlie enjoyed the evening and was appreciative of everyone's support.

### MEMORIES

How interesting for Swindon Town supporters HTV's Flashback for the Fans was earlier this month. It was a nostalgic look back at the Club's League Cup win at Wembley against Arsenal in March 1969.

Sadly not all the 1969 team reunited but John Trollope, Rod Thomas, Don Heath, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Don Rogers and Willie Penman atten-

ded. It took HTV three months to trace all the players and plan the programme. Sadly not all of that 1969 team could attend. John Smith has of course died, so has trainer Harry Cousins. Both Stan Harland and Roger Smart declined to attend while Peter Noble was in Tenerife. Peter Downsbrough had a breakdown with his car on the way to Bristol. Danny Williams who led the team to glory was also in attendance.

What price Don Rogers in today's transfer market?

### WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO?

Just what do we have to do to attract an attendance worthy of our lofty position in the Second Division League table? After a draw at Leeds United and a win at Ipswich Town we had every right to expect a reasonable attendance in the region of 9 to 10,000 against Hull City.

What happened, well we had a paltry 7,090 and in reality we were really below 7,000 because the first figure was boosted by a hundred or so Hull City fans. There is a lot of talk of being on the verge of the play-offs and First Division football, but how could we afford playing in the League's top Division on such support?

Swindon Town Football Club have risen in recent seasons but gates such as the one we experienced against Hull City were not worthy of our progress.

Welcome to West Bromwich Albion

this afternoon, they are having a fine season and are currently battling for one of the positions to ensure promotion. We shall experience a reasonable attendance today and a fine game should be the prospect.

A warm and sincere greeting to the Directors, supporters and players from the Hawthorns.

### WELL DONE

Managers of League Clubs have to rely heavily upon the staff they employ and I know the debt that is owed to both 'Chic' Bates and the Youth team Manager John Trollope.

'Chic' who took over the major responsibility for first team affairs this season has done a fine job for the Club. It was also pleasing for John Trollope to see the Youth team reach the Final of the Midland Youth Cup on Monday last. Although we lost 1-0 to Leicester City here at the County Ground, our 3-2 aggregate win enabled us to meet either Northampton Town or Nottingham Forest in the Final. Dates have yet to be finalised.

### GOING TO PLYMOUTH

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# A SECOND LOOK

## A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

### CHELSEA SHOW THEIR EXPERIENCE IN TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH

Are **Manchester City's** young players about to blow their promotion hopes? Last Saturday's 3-2 defeat against **Chelsea** must have created some doubt!

While Chelsea took to this top of the table clash like the seasoned professionals that they are, the result prompted City boss **Mel Machin** to say after the game, "Chelsea looked a very strong team. Their experience for a big game really showed. We froze, we were always chasing a lost cause and we'll just have to learn from it."

Meanwhile Chelsea Manager, **Bobby Campbell**, was enthusing about his team's performance in front of the 40,000 onlookers. "It spoke volumes for the team." The scoreline obscured the gulf in authority. City's manful efforts produced goals for **Neil McNab** (penalty) and **Gerry Taggart** but Chelsea should have been a street ahead. **Kerry Dixon**, **Kevin Wilson** and **Tony Dorico** put the London side ahead in the first half.

### LITTLE TO SAY

**Watford** Manager, **Steve Harrison**, must have had difficulty keeping his cool after the controversy following **Bradford City's** late penalty at **Valley Parade** last Saturday.

**Paul Wilkinson** was adjudged to have handled the ball and referee **Alan Wilkie** pointed to the spot and **Greg Abbott** duly converted and three points were lost in the **Vicarage Road** Club's chase for promotion.

The **Watford** boss refused to comment on the decision although he did say "Paul Wilkinson was very disappointed with the decision."

**Bradford City** had been trailing by **Wilkinson's** 70th minute goal but they drew level when **McClelland's** miscued header allowed **Mark Leonard** to score. A rare mistake by the **Northern Ireland** International.

### WE WERE ROBBED

**Leicester City** Manager **David Pleat** left **Home Park** convinced that the **Filbert Street** Club should have taken three points. Instead they had to settle for a 1-1 draw against **Plymouth Argyle**.

**Mark Stuart** put **Argyle** ahead in the fourteenth minute, his first home goal for four matches following his £150,000 transfer from **Charlton Athletic**.

**David Pleat** was unhappy with the goal, "Tommy Tynan the player he received the

ball from, was standing offside." He was equally unhappy with another attempt by **Mark Stuart**, "If he had scored with that effort he would have put us 2-0 down with two offside goals."

### QUOTES... QUOTES

**Portsmouth** Manager, **John Gregory**, after his team's goal-less match with **Stoke City** had this to say of his midfield player **Mike Fillery**: "He doesn't seem capable of playing for more than an hour."

**Crystal Palace's**, **Richard Shaw** on the **Selhurst Park** hecklers after their uninspired 1-0 win over **Sunderland**, "We are still in the hunt for a play-off place and jeers from our own fans are not helping." He added, "At this stage we need everyone to get behind us."

**Ipswich Boss**, **John Duncan** on **Dalian Atkinson's** future "We don't have to sell, I'm sure he'll be here after Thursday's transfer deadline." This comment was made after **Atkinson's** double strike that allowed the **Portman Road** Club to beat struggling **Shrewsbury Town** 2-0.

### JIM ON THE MOVE

Both **Dave Bamber** and **Jimmy Quinn** left the **County Ground** last summer. Neither player was able to see the completion of their contracts with their new Clubs, **Watford** and **Leicester City** respectively. **Dave Bamber** joined **Stoke City** last month. **Jimmy Quinn** was involved in an exchange deal with **Bradford City's**, **Mick Kennedy** last week in a deal reputed to be worth £250,000. **Jim** returned to the **County Ground** with **Leicester City** recently. The **Northern Ireland** International looks set to return again on Tuesday, April 4th when **Bradford City** are the visitors.

### HARRY SNAPS UP SHEARER

**Harry Redknapp** has snapped up England semi-professional midfielder player **Peter Shearer** from **Cheltenham Town**. The 22-year-old former **Birmingham City** apprentice cost **AFC Bournemouth** £18,000. The coloured midfielder player caught the attention of **Town** boss **Lou Macari** earlier in the season. Ironically the **Whaddon Road** Club's Manager is former **Swindon Town** goalkeeper **Jim Barron**.

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Blackburn Rovers	35	12	3	3	39	22	5	4	8	18	28	58	
Ipswich Town	35	10	2	6	33	20	7	3	7	23	25	56	
Watford	33	10	3	2	26	9	5	5	8	22	27	53	
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>53</b>	
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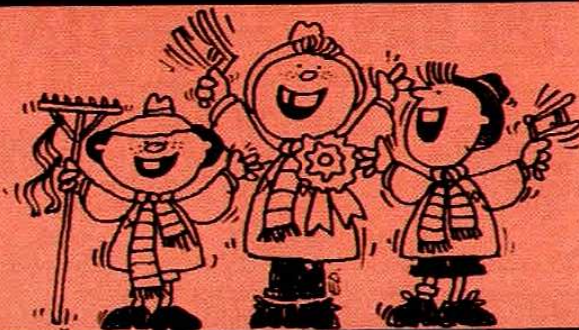


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# JUNIOR ROBINS



## JUNIOR ROBINS TRAVEL CLUB IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all present and future Junior Robins Travellers, our last two coach trips, (Ipswich and Bournemouth) had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

If you wish the Junior Robins Travel Club to continue we need your support for it to survive.

In order for the Travel Club

to provide us with a coach on any Saturday, they have to make final arrangements with the coach operator on the **Wednesday night** prior to the **Saturday date**.

Therefore all bookings must be on their computer by closure that night. We must travel with a full or near capacity coach.

Please support our next proposed trip to the Junior 'Seagulls' of **Brighton** on Saturday 22nd April. Further details of

this trip will be published on this page in the Blackburn programme on April 1st.

**Junior Robins** next football match is against Blackburn Juniors 10s and 13s on their visit to us on April 1st.

Due to the distance involved matches will kick-off approximately 12.00p.m. at Churchfields Schools.

**Next Junior Robins meeting** is on Monday 3rd April (the day you return to school).

## OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

On Monday we travel to Home Park to meet **Plymouth Argyle**. Since their exit from the **F.A. Cup, Fifth Round** tie against **Everton** in a replay. The Devon Club have struggled to rediscover their earlier form of this season. **Plymouth Argyle** drew 1-1 with the Goodison Park Club before losing the replay on Mersyside 4-0.

Since the F.A. Cup tie they have lost by a **single goal** to **Portsmouth** at **Home Park** but bounced back with a meritable 2-1 win at Ewood Park against **Blackburn Rovers**. They were due to meet **Barnsley** at Home Park on Tuesday, March 14th but a waterlogged pitch caused a postponement. This was on the same evening that we made our fruitless journey to Birmingham

City. Last Saturday **Leicester City** were the visitors to Devon and held **Argyle** to a 1-1 draw. **Mark Stuart** scoring his first goal for the Club since his £150,000 transfer from **Charlton Athletic** earlier this year. It was a match which saw **Owen Pickard** make his debut for the Club. The 19-year-old striker had been showing impressive form for the Devon Club's Western League team this season.

Manager **Ken Brown** who is in his first season with the Club moved into the transfer market last week when he signed **David Byrne** from **Millwall**. The former Millwall winger was in the process of completing a month's loan with next Saturday's visitors **Blackburn Rovers**! The former Norwich City Manager stepped in and took the bewildered player to Devon!

We shall be seeking our first win at Home Park since 1978. It was almost to the date that we secured a 2-0 win due

to goals by **David Cunningham** and **Chris Guthrie** before an attendance of 9,184.

The evergreen **Tommy Tynan** has been in impressive goal scoring form again this season. Before the match with **Hull City** the 32-year-old had scored 23 goals this season.

**Sean McCarthy** who usually forms the Argyle strike force alongside Tommy Tynan has been finding goals difficult to come by since joining the Devon Club from **Swansea City** at the commencement of the season. Defender **Mark Smith** who moved south for £150,000 from Sheffield Wednesday is keen to return north. A summer move would appear imminent. **Kevin Summerfield** will not be in action for the remainder of this season due to the broken leg he sustained in Argyle's F.A. Cup replay against Everton at Goodison Park.

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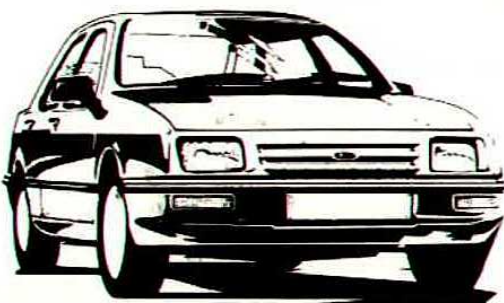
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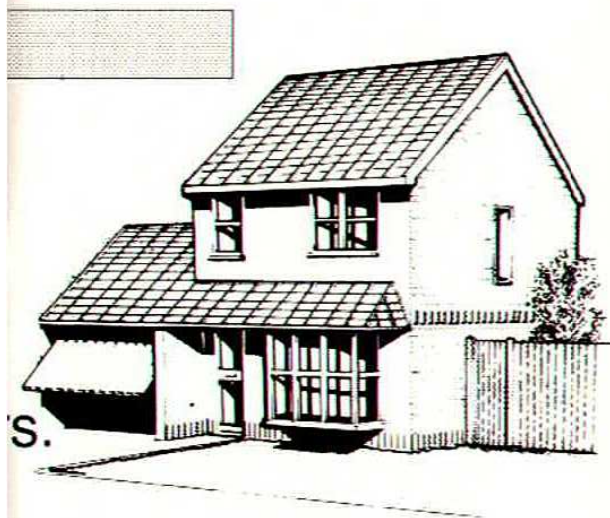
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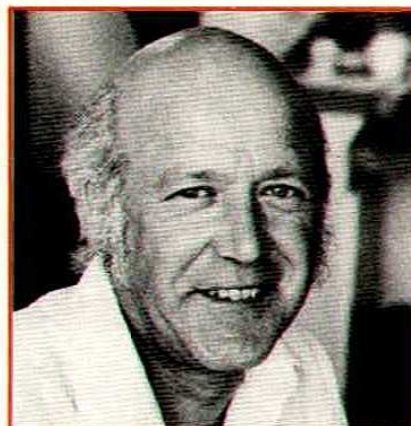
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# TAKING THE *Opposite* VIEW

## WEST BROMWICH ALBION



by Dave Eaton



**Back Row (left to right):** John Paskin, Stacey North, Chris Whyte, Martyn Bennett, Stuart Naylor, Paul Bradshaw, Paul Dyson, Carlton Palmer, Darren Bradley, Colin Anderson.

**Front Row:** Graham Doig (Physio), Wayne Dobbins, Gary Robson, Don Goodman, Brian Talbot (Player-Manager), Robert Hopkins, Simeon Hodson, Arthur Albiston, Stewart Phillips, Stuart Pearson (Coach).

West Bromwich Albion, one of the twelve founder members of the Football League back in 1888 – indeed F.A. Cup winners that year – have a proud tradition as one of this country's top Clubs.

The history books show Albion also won the F.A. Cup in 1892, 1931, 1954 and 1968, the League Cup in 1966, the League Championship in 1920 and were runners-up in 1954.

The man now charged with restoring Albion to the big time is player-Manager Brian Talbot, who himself has savoured some of the game's high spots during a distinguished playing career.

Brian has had to take over in mid-season, following Ron Atkinson's sudden departure to Atletico Madrid, which is always a difficult task.

Albion lost their prized First Division status in 1986 and neither Ron Saunders nor Ron Atkinson succeeded in finding the right formula for success during their brief spells at the helm at The Hawthorns.

Now Brian Talbot has been installed as player-Manager, many Albion supporters are hoping for a repetition of the Second Division promotion achieved by their last player-Manager, Johnny Giles in 1975.

Albion's origins, in fact, date back to

1879 when a group of lads playing cricket for a local works team decided to form a football Club which they christened West Bromwich Strollers, little realising this embryo Club would grow into one of the most famous in the Country.

The Club's nickname 'The Throstles' dates back to those early days also. In 1884 they adopted as their crest a thrush perched on a branch, Thristle being the local name given to this bird.

Many grounds were used in the Club's early days, but in 1900 they moved to The Hawthorns, which today is a fine, modern stadium with an approved capacity of 35,500.

This is Albion's sixth spell in the Second Division, but to date they have never yet dropped down to the Third, though they were too close for comfort in each of the last two seasons.

Currently Albion are pushing hard for a return to Division One. They topped the table in December but then fell away. Recently they have regained their composure and are placed third – looking confident for at least a spot in the promotional play-offs.

At the time these notes were penned Brian Talbot was attempting to sign Craig Shakespeare from Walsall and Greg Downs from Coventry in time to beat the transfer deadline.

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● Brian Talbot

### MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

**Brian Talbot (Player-Manager).** Appointed Albion's Manager at the age of 35 following Ron Atkinson's departure to Atletico Madrid in October. He is ambitious to succeed in management now his distinguished playing career is reaching his twilight. The former England International midfielder gained a wealth of experience at Ipswich, Arsenal, Watford and Stoke, including two F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup winners medals. He holds both the preliminary and full F.A. Coaching awards, and has acquired great negotiating skills during his five years as Chairman of the Professional Footballers Association.

**Stuart Naylor (Goalkeeper).** Rated one of the best 'keepers in Division Two. Signed from Lincoln City in February 1986 for a six-figure fee, having previously had loan spells with Peterborough United and Crewe Alexandra. Aged 26.

**Arthur Albiston (Defender).** Snapped up on a free transfer in the summer after 14 years with Manchester United, winning F.A. Cup winners medals in 1977, 1983, and 1985. Former Scottish International, he made over 400 appearances for the famous Red Devils.

**Stacey North (Defender).** Cost six-figure fee when signing from Luton Town just after Christmas. Another tall,

commanding central defender. Product of Luton's youth scheme.

**Martyn Bennett (Defender).** Missed the first half of this season following an operation on his back. His absence during the past two campaigns have been a principal reason for Albion's slump in fortunes. Still only 27 has made over 200 appearances for Albion.

**Chris Whyte (Defender).** Former Arsenal and England Under-21 star, aged 27, who has just returned to this country after two seasons in the American Indoor League with New York Express and Los Angeles Lazers.

**Carlton Palmer (Defender/Midfield).** Most improved player last season still only 23, this former YTS trainee performs with distinction at full back, centre back and midfield. He made over 100 League appearances.

**Darren Bradley (Defender/Midfield).** Signed for Aston Villa in March 1986 but injuries have hampered his progress. He has already shown considerable ability at right back and in midfield.

**Robert Hopkins (Midfield).** Previously with Aston Villa, Birmingham City and Manchester City, joined Albion in October 1986. Aged 27, a midfielder, usually playing wide right.

**Gary Robson (Midfield).** Younger brother of England's Bryan Robson, this 23 year-old midfielder is a product of Albion's youth scheme and had his best season to date last season. Verging on 100 League appearances.



● Gary Robson

**Wayne Dobbins (Midfield).** Promising teenager who helped Albion win promotion back to the First Division of the Central League last season and who is mounting a strong challenge for a regular first team place this campaign.

**Colin Anderson (Midfield).** Previously with Burnley and Torquay United, joining Albion in March 1985. A tenacious midfielder, usually playing wide on the left. Aged 26 nearing 200 League appearances in total.



● Don Goodman

**Don Goodman (Striker).** A £50,000 buy from Bradford City in March 1987. One of the fastest sprinters in the Second Division. Only 22, has become a feared goalscorer.

**John Paskin (Striker).** South African from Cape Town, given his English League baptism by Albion this season. Had previous experience of professional football in Hong Kong with F.C. Seiko and Belgium with K.V. Kortrijk.

**Kevin Bartlett (Striker).** Brian Talbot's first buy for Albion, a £100,000 recruit from Cardiff City, who discovered him at non-League Fareham. He is expected to add considerable pace to the attack.

**Colin West (Striker).** A £250,000 purchase for Sheffield Wednesday. Recently scored twice in the vital 2-0 win over Blackburn. A former apprentice at Sunderland has also seen service with Watford, Rangers and Sheffield Wednesday.

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## WELCOME ALBION!

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground especially to those of you from the West Midlands. It is, of course, a crucial game. Since West Brom's 3-1 victory over Swindon way back at the start of the season, both sides have climbed the table. So we should be in for a fine game, whatever happens, welcome all you 'Baggies' fans. I hope you enjoy your visit to Wiltshire. Perhaps not too much though.

## BUZZING

Swindon's recent fine run has produced a buzz of anticipation in the Town once again. Like everybody else I have got rather excited about what may happen at the end of the season. But there is a long way to go and a lot of points are at stake between now and the end of May. Let's not get too carried away then, but the old spine's beginning to tingle isn't it.

It certainly did at Bournemouth last Saturday, the 3-2 win by Swindon was one of great maturity and indeed class. It brought the Club the honour of the 'Barclays performance of the week' award. Thoroughly deserved and many congratulations to those concerned. I know all Swindon Town fans were mighty proud of their team's victory.

## WHAT A WASHOUT!

As for our trip to Albion's close neighbours Birmingham City, well it was a washout. Three hours on a coach for nothing really is a complete pain in the old whatsit. I suppose the elements can't really be helped but it is mighty

frustrating for players, supporters and just about everyone when games are called off at such short notice. Perhaps just a little more thought could be given to those making journeys, it's not criticism, just an observation.

Talking of washouts, the same thing happens in local football. Rising from your bed at an early hour on a Sunday morning only to find the game off, does not enable you to have the kind of thoughts you should have on the Sabbath.

## ARE YOU LISTENING THAMESDOWN?

Please, please, if anybody from Thamesdown is reading this, have a heart and give more than half an hour notice regarding postponements on Council pitches, after all we only play the game for the love of it. Although I must confess I did say some harsh words about the game last Sunday around 10.15 am.

## THAT FREE FOR ALL!

Last Saturday saw the climax of the five nations rugby union championships and there were one or two interesting little old happenings especially at Cardiff. I wonder what sort of hysterical headlines we'd have seen if Wimbledon and Everton had swapped punches as England and Wales had done. No, of course it was on the rugby field so it appeared to be brushed under the carpet. Unsavoury incidents are **not** confined to the football field but appear to be so if the stories in the press are to be believed. It would be nice would it not just to read how good the game of football is?

## WELL DONE LADS

Swindon's Youth side have progressed through to the Final of the Midland Youth Cup for the second successive year, despite losing the second leg of their Semi-final with Leicester. Well done lads, I hope you enjoy the experience and the trophy that eluded you last season and that this time round it will bear the name Swindon Town F.C.

Last season it was a great disappointment at St Andrews when Birmingham won 3-2, I still think the ball was over the City line in the final minute. So a chance to make amends for that in the two leg Final. Come out and support the lads in the home leg, a large support could make all the difference.

## POOR SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN

As for support, I cannot believe that only 7,000 people turned out for the Hull City game. As I mentioned earlier Swindon could be on the verge of great things, if you're not a regular then become one in the final weeks of the season and make your presence felt. Bring along a friend and watch in complete safety, there's no problem at the County Ground, you might just be here when Club history is made.

So that's the preaching over with, but it would be nice to see this ground full over the next two crucial months.

Now let's return to the matter in hand, let's settle back and enjoy a good peaceful game of football.

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# FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

## ONCE AGAIN WE SINK THE NAVAL BASE OUTFIT!

Our Reserve team recorded their fourth successive victory when they defeated Portsmouth 2-0 at Fratton Park on Tuesday, March 7th in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match.

With Andrew Petterson having returned to Luton Town after his second spell on loan at the County Ground it gave Paul Thompson the opportunity to take over in goal for the Reserves. It was the 16-year-old goalkeeper's second match in 24 hours and his third in three days. Despite his inexperience he once again underlined his potential by keeping a 'clean sheet'.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland** in his match report said, "Swindon Town totally dominated this match, putting the home team under long periods of pressure. Although we were unable to translate the pressure into goals. In fact it took a penalty almost on the stroke of half-time for us to take the lead. **David Geddis** netting from the penalty spot after Peter Coyne had been tripped in the area.

After continuous second half pressure **Peter Coyne** scored our second goal when he netted from close range at the second



• **David Geddis** - The former Shrewsbury Town striker netted from the penalty spot in our 2-0 win at Fratton Park on March 7th. Dave was also on the mark in our fine 2-1 victory against Tottenham Hotspur a week later, at the County Ground.

attempt. The pattern of the game was one of our unrelenting pressure. Portsmouth only breaking on the odd occasion leaving us worthy winners."

**Team:** Thompson, Barnard, Marshall, McLoughlin, Henry, Cornwell, Tomlinson, Coyne, Geddis, Viveash, Barnes.

**Substitutes:** Mark Jones (for Tomlinson in 70th min.) Summerbee.

## THE TOWN TAKE THE SPURS

Our Reserve team recorded one of their most impressive victories of the season when they defeated current Football Combination leaders, Tottenham Hotspur. The London Club were defeated 2-1 at the County Ground on Wednesday March 15th in the Town's fifth successive 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination win.

In a highly entertaining game the Town took a 2-0 interval lead. The only setbacks were the injuries sustained by the Town's Charlie Henry and Mitchell Thomas for the visitors which forced both players to miss the second half.

Town Coach, **Andy Rowland**, reported "We fielded a strong team in a competitive end to end match. In the first half we took a 2-0 lead through goals by **Bobby Barnes**, who scored with a good shot on the turn and **David Geddis**, who netted with a neat flick with his right foot, from a Phil King cross. The interval score was a fair reflection of our first half dominance.

In the second half Tottenham came back strongly and reduced the arrears through an **Ian Gilzean** header. Fraser Digby had to make two or three good saves to retain our advantage. Over the ninety minute period of the game we just about deserved our meritable win."

**Team:** Digby, Barnard, King, Coyne, Gittens, Cornwell, Barnes, Simpson, Geddis, Henry, Viveash.

**Substitutes:** Jones (for Barnes in 85th min.) Tomlinson (for Henry in 45th min.)



• **Bobby Barnes** - The former West Ham United and Aldershot winger was our other goalscorer with a fine shot in our 2-1 victory over the Football Combination leaders Tottenham Hotspur at the County Ground.

Our South East Counties Youth League team returned to winning ways with a 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace. This Division Two fixture played at Lydiard Park on Saturday, March 18th was played in difficult blustery conditions.

Town Youth team Manager, **John Trollope**, reported, "It was a match spoilt by the conditions. We dominated the game in the first half although we created several good openings without scoring. Although we scored within two minutes of the restart. A ball from Tony Hammersley was chased by Paul Trollope which forced a Crystal Palace defender into a poor back pass. This allowed **Paul Hunt** to nip in and lob the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

Crystal Palace then continued to dominate the remainder of the game. We contributed to their dominance with our poor thinking. It was a hard working performance on our behalf, but spoilt by our failure to really adapt to the conditions and to play accordingly.

**Team:** Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, R. Morgan.

**Substitutes:** Dixon, Hall (for Hammersley in 76th min.)

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The following ode was compiled by **Dave Hollister** of our Commercial Department. We are sure you will agree with the sentiments expressed.

### POETIC INJUSTICE?

X, Y, Z.

'X' swills down pints of lager  
And fights outside of pubs.  
His movements aren't restricted  
'Though he's banned from workmens'  
clubs.  
For other peoples property  
He has total disregard.  
But he does not go to football  
So he needs no I.D. Card.

'Y' lurks in darkest corners  
And listens for the sounds  
Of innocent young children  
Upon their paper rounds.  
He really is perverted;  
The porn' he reads is hard.  
But he does not go to football  
So he needs no I.D. Card.

'Z' strolls the streets at night-time  
With cowardice in mind.  
He mugs the oldest ladies  
That his searching lets him find.  
He beats them up with pleasure  
When they are off their guard.  
But he does not go to football  
So he needs no I.D. Card.

The Moral to this story  
Is very plain to see.  
The finger of suspicion  
Points direct at you and me.  
Although we're law-abiding,  
With characters unscarred,  
We love our game of football  
So must have an I.D. Card.

### THE PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

There is a lot of speculation with regard to the promotion play-offs at the end of this season and as a useful guide it is interesting to take a look at the Clubs who finished in the **third, fourth, fifth**

and **sixth** positions in the previous two seasons.

### 1986-87

	Home					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
3 Oldham Athletic	42	13	6	2	36	16
4 Leeds United	42	15	4	2	43	16
5 Ipswich Town	42	12	6	3	29	10
6 Crystal Palace	42	12	4	5	35	20

	AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
3 Oldham Athletic	9	3	9	29	28	75
4 Leeds United	4	7	10	15	28	68
5 Ipswich Town	5	7	9	30	33	64
6 Crystal Palace	7	1	13	16	33	62

### 1987-88

	Home					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
3 Middlesbrough	44	15	4	3	44	16
4 Bradford City	44	14	3	5	49	26
5 Blackburn R.	44	12	8	2	38	22
6 Crystal Palace	44	16	3	3	50	21

	AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
3 Middlesbrough	7	8	7	19	20	78
4 Bradford City	8	8	6	25	28	77
5 Blackburn R.	9	6	7	30	30	77
6 Crystal Palace	6	6	10	36	38	75

### OUR EXIT FROM THE WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

We were dismissed from the Competition on **Thursday, March 9th** when **Chippenham Town** defeated what was virtually our Reserve team **3-2**. It was a particularly pleasing experience for two former Town players **Nicky Hughes** and **Kevin Baddeley** who were included in the Western League Clubs line-up.

**Nicky Summerbee** was our goal-scorer with **two** goals. The Town line-up was:-

**Thompson, Barnard, Marshall, Coyne, Viveash, Sandrey, Tomlinson, Cornwell, Summerbee, Simpson** and

**Barnes.**

**Substitute: Mark Jones for Neil Tomlinson after 45 minutes.**

Chippenham Town now meet Southern League Trowbridge Town in the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield.

### OPPOSITION FOLLOWING

**West Bromwich Albion** are expected to bring one of the highest followings to the County Ground this season. It will be interesting to compare their number of supporters with previous numbers recorded.

**Portsmouth 3,699, AFC Bournemouth 854, Brighton and Hove Albion 505, Crystal Palace 453, Chelsea 1,526, Leeds United 1,465, Birmingham City 513, Ipswich Town 761, Walsall 303, Oldham Athletic 101, Plymouth Argyle 805, Manchester City 1,346, Portsmouth (FA Cup) 1,096, Barnsley 260, West Ham United (FA Cup) Oxford United 2,633, Sunderland 853, Leicester City 250, Hull City 144.**

### BARCLAYS PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK AWARD

Following our excellent **3-2** victory at **AFC Bournemouth** last Saturday we were awarded the Barclays Performance of the Week Award. The award will be presented before the kick-off of our match with **Blackburn Rovers** on Saturday next, **April 1st**.

In the opinion of England Manager **Bobby Robson** and a panel of leading Managers our win at **Dean Court** merited the award. It meant that it was regarded as the week's outstanding performance in Barclay's League matches.

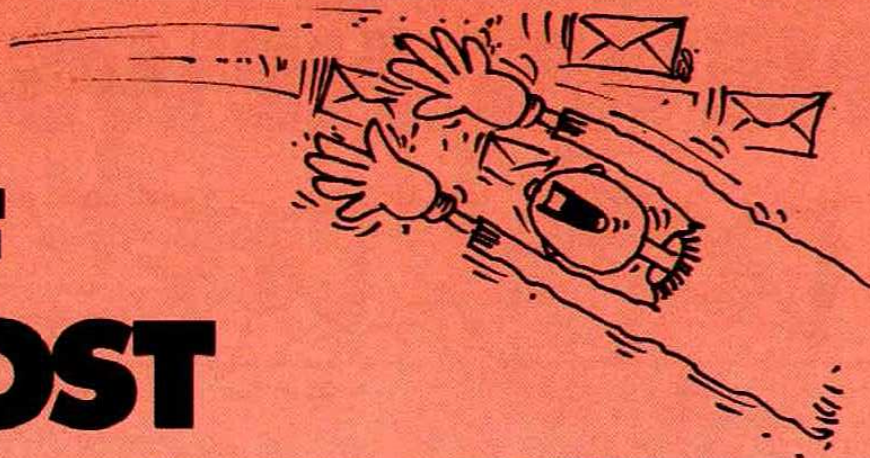
### STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...

Late on Tuesday afternoon we secured the signature of **Manchester United** goalkeeper **Jim O'Donnell** on loan until the end of the season.

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The programmes go from 1940 to the present day.

**Yours faithfully  
Derek Mearns**

**Editor: All replies to Mr. Mearns please, at his home address.**

Chris Kendall  
4 Well Yard  
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**Dear Sir,**

I have for sale 1,000's of old football programmes including many Swindon Town.

If any of your supporters are interested I can supply a full list of the programmes available providing a 22p stamp is enclosed for postage.

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**Yours  
Chris Kendall**

Crispin House  
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Wootton Bassett School

**Dear Mr King,**

Thank you very much for responding to our request for complimentary tickets. The tickets were presented to two boys who had taken the third year football team through to the Semi-final in the Inter House Competitions. Unfortunately when the actual day arrived both boys had succumbed to the bug which was prevalent before Christmas and so they were given to Gary Thorn and Stephen Lytham in Recognition of their achievements towards Crispin success. They could not have had a better pre Christmas present, as a consequence of which I believe you have two more ardent supporters of your Club!

With our grateful thanks for making two young boys so happy.

**Yours sincerely,  
Helen Perry (Mrs)**

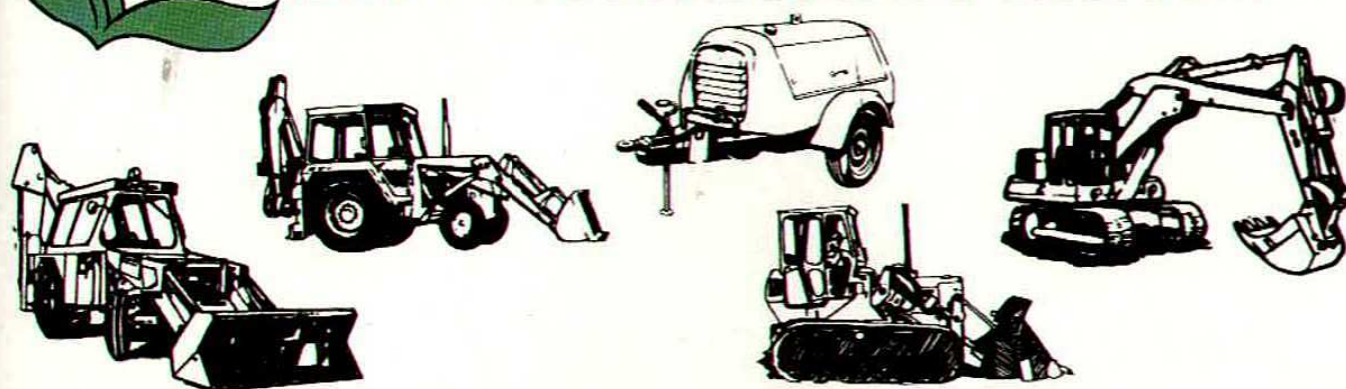
PS. My apologies for the long delay in writing but we have not met as a PTA since early January.

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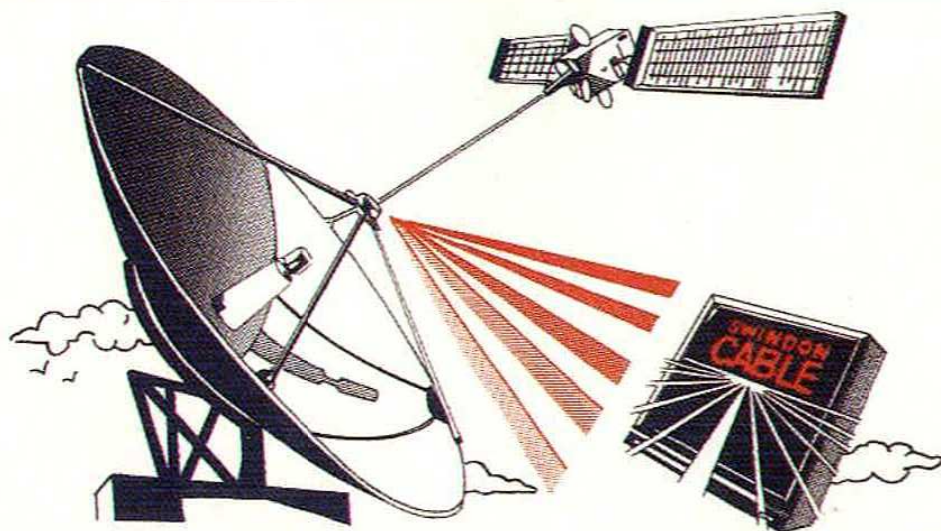


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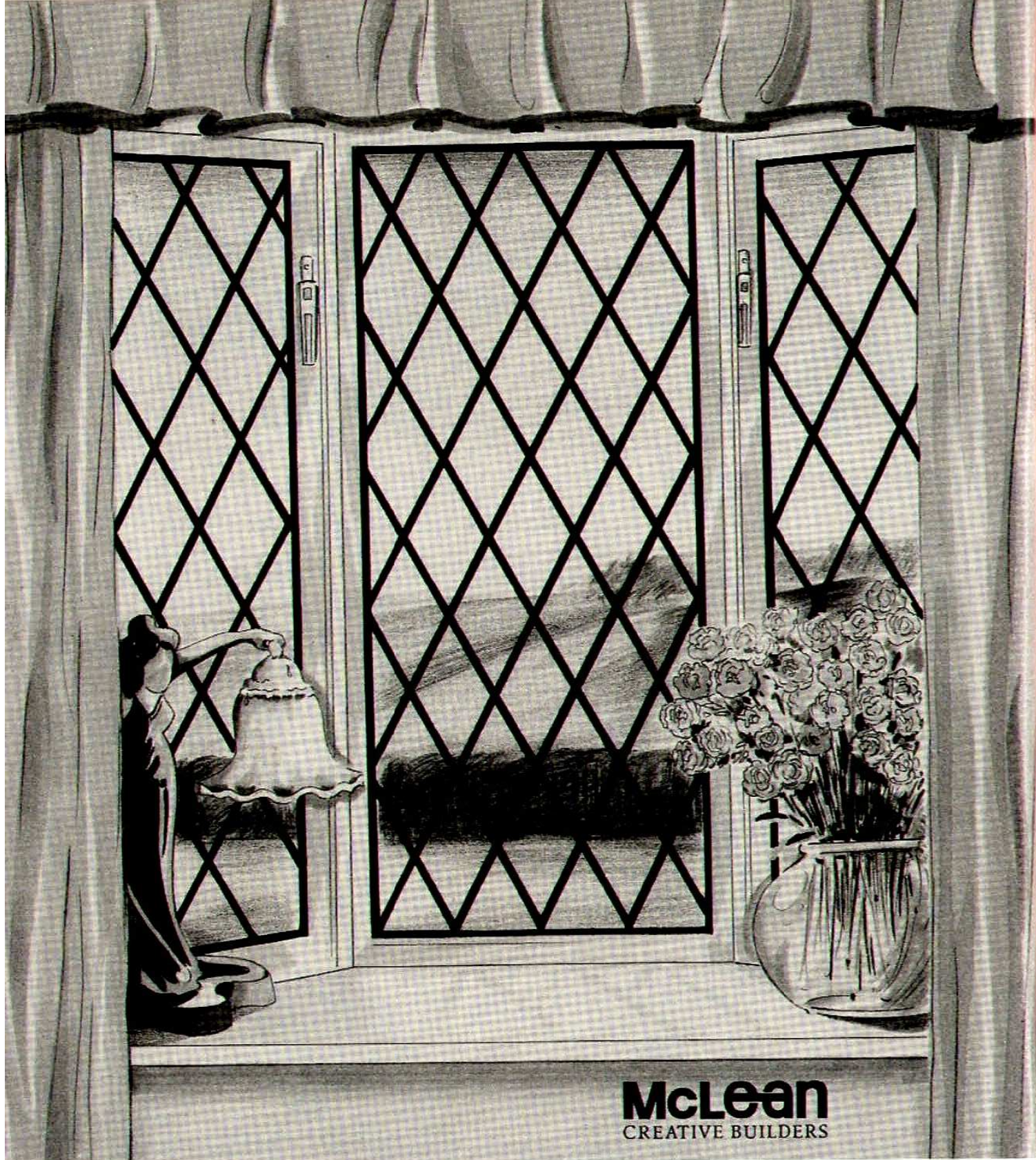


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# VIEWPOINT

Having taken over the major responsibility for training and coaching this season it is with a great deal of pleasure that I contemplate looking at this season's Second Division League table. To see Swindon Town so well positioned is a pleasure to everyone.

I must pay full tribute to the players we have here at Swindon Town. It is a popular misconception that behind the scenes work is mainly responsible for results. Reality will always determine that players efforts and performances dictate how well any Club fares.

Everyone is fascinated at the race that has developed at the top of the Second Division this season. I would like to convey to you my personal thoughts on how this may develop and the merits of those involved.

**Chelsea.** They have won eleven away matches this season. That fact makes them odds on, in my opinion, to win the Second Division championship. They have strength, quality and most of all experience in vital positions. Players like Graham Roberts and Peter Nicholas know how to handle important matches.

**Manchester City.** Young players are prone to find pressure difficult to combat. That is the basic difference with them compared to Chelsea. Although they have a lead of eight points over the third placed team, there are no guarantees. In my opinion they are still the best footballing side in the Division.

**West Bromwich Albion.** Their season really hinged on Brian

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Talbot taking over and to his credit they really took off when he was appointed. They put together a tremendous run of results and are now in with a great chance. They have had their sticky patch and could well settle into another fine run.

**Blackburn Rovers.** The really consistent Club in this Division. Don Mackay has organised them into a hard to beat outfit. They may just be the team to falter, due to the fact that they do not have a recognised goalscorer apart from Simon Garner.

**Ipswich Town.** Difficult team to assess. They put together two or three wins and then lose two or three. They are a pacey team and Clubs find that hard to deal with at times. They really should have settled for a point in some matches.

**Watford.** At the start of the season, I thought they were automatic candidates for promotion. To be honest, they have been found wanting in some games against lesser teams. Bradford City, last Saturday was an obvious example. They surrendered their one goal lead with minutes left for play.

**AFC Bournemouth.** They probably lack a touch of hardness to qualify for the play-offs. That fault can be found in their midfield section. A good footballing side who need to mix their style of play to win some games.

**Stoke City.** They remind me of the team we were last season. They have probably as good a strike



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force in the Division as anyone in Wright and Bright. They have defensive problems and are always likely to concede goals.

**Leeds United.** They are now experiencing their bad run. I believe they have collected just six points from the last eighteen. I am sure they will come good again toward the end of the season. They have financial support and one or two players who are really First Division class.

**A personal opinion and if I was to asked to lay odds on who would fill the top six positions it would be difficult.**

**I believe Chelsea will win the championship. Manchester City and Watford will eventually settle the runners up position. Although City have the points advantage. I believe that Watford are the only team capable of catching City. That involves three teams and the final three places for the play-offs will involve four Clubs. Ourselves, West Bromwich Albion, Ipswich Town and Leeds United.**

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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 OLDRAM 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	11,457	2-0	Digby	Hockaday*	King	Jones	Calderwood	White	Foley (1)
14.1.89	SAT BARNLEY	H	10,201	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A	8,109	1-2	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley (1)
28.1.89	SAT WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	H	18,627	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
1.2.89	WED WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	A	24,723	0-1	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
5.2.89	SUN OXFORD UNITED	H	10,227	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
11.2.89	SAT CHELSEA	A	17,802	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin(1)	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
18.2.89	SAT SUNDERLAND	H	7,432	4-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer (2)
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A	22,651	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer
28.2.89	TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H	7,456	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones (p)	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A	11,542	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Shearer
11.3.89	SAT HULL CITY	H	7,090	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
18.3.89	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A	9,752	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley(2)
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									
11.4.89	TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY	A									
15.4.89	SAT WATFORD	H									
22.4.89	SAT BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A									
25.4.89	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE	H									
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									

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## SWINDON TOWN'S DIVISION TWO RECORD

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
371	123	14	147	490	528

## SWINDON TOWN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
2,717	1,034	696	990	4,055	3,936

## SWINDON TOWN v WEST BROMWICH ALBION AT THE COUNTY GROUND

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Jan 1st	1989	W2-0	White (2)	12,155	

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## NO MATCHES

Next season there will be no First Division fixtures in the 'Barclays' League on Saturday September 2nd and Saturday October 7th 1989. This is aimed to assist England's preparations for their World Cup programme.

## IN DEBT

Fourth Division Doncaster Rovers have now paid off the £86,109 tax debt which had threatened to close the Club. A difficult debt to clear for the Belle Vue Club who have recently seen the departure of County Ground boss Dave Mackay.

## EXPENSES UP

Shrewsbury Town lost £77,000 last year despite a £106,000 increase in gate receipts. The wage bill of the Shropshire Club rose 73 per cent to £412,000 and travel and hotel expenses rocketed by 95 per cent.

## NO TEAM

Did you know that no team has ever gone through a season without a win at home? Loughborough Town Division Two (1899-1900), Woolwich Arsenal Division One (1912-13) and Rochdale Division Four (1973-74) all managed just one victory.

## ALL BEGINNING WITH C

15 players with a surname beginning with C played for England in the 1970's: Ian Callaghan, Mick Channon, Jack Charlton, Bobby Charlton, Trevor Cherry, Martin Chivers, Allan Clarke, Ray Clemence, Dave Clement, Ralph Coates, Terry Cooper, Steve Coppel, Joe Corrigan, Laurie Cunningham and Tony Currie.

## IT'S GOING TO BE MINE!

England keeper Peter Shilton, who recently made his 850th League appearance, intends to establish a record that will never be beaten. Peter is 30 games beyond the previous League record, established by Terry Paine and, at 39, plans to go on until he is 42 which gives him a chance of hitting the 1,000.

## KELLY'S EYE

Efforts to return English Clubs to European competition have prompted FA Chief Executive Graham Kelly to write to U.E.F.A. requesting permission to present the case for readmission at the ruling body's next meeting in Madeira on April 11th.

## AWAY MEMBERS

Leeds United are still subject to an all ticket restriction on away matches and they still have a staggering 22,000 away ticket members. That is over half the crowd limit at Elland Road which is 40,176.

## MY WORD

The inscribed plate on Leeds United Manager Howard Wilkinson's door reads: "The secret of happiness is not doing what one likes, but in liking what one does". A man who obviously stands by his words.

## NOW WORTH £50

Exactly fifty years ago, on 29th March 1939, a record crowd of 76,962 packed into Old Trafford to witness the F.A. Cup Semi-Final between Grimsby Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers. The programme produced for that game cost 2d (1p) on the day; now it sells for £50.00.

## ARRESTING TIME

The former Northern Ireland and Manchester United star George Best, now 42 years of age, is now helping to aid the police. George is currently turning out for a C.I.D. team in various charity matches.

## STOP THIEF

Football yobbos on holiday may not have impressed the Spaniards, but some of our footballers have. Crystal Palace players, on a recent pre-Simod Cup Semi-Final break, were just checking into their hotel when a cry of Thief went up. Pursued and flattened by the Palace vigilantes, the Spanish tea-leafs pockets were found to be stuffed with stolen cheques, passports and credit cards. Can we come back into Europe please?

## SEVEN, YES SEVEN

When Leeds United defeated Chelsea 7-0 in October 1967, no fewer than seven different players got on the score-sheet to establish a new League record. They were Albert Johansson, Jimmy Greenhoff, Jack Charlton, Peter Lorimer, Eddie Gray, Billy Bremner and Marvin Hinton (own goal).

## WITHIN TEN SECONDS

Barrie Jones was the first player to score a goal within ten seconds when making his Football League debut. He achieved this feat playing for Notts County against Torquay United on March 31st 1962 and his goal was timed at 6.7 seconds!

## A BONUS

The Football League are set for a £5 million bonus from television. When the £44 million deal with ITV was made an inflation clause was included. Because inflation has risen, the TV companies will have to pay extra money over the spread of the four-year contract. TV companies recently tried to opt out of the clause but the League refused.

## HONOURS

Players who have passed University and College examinations are Terry Gennoe (Blackburn Rovers) who has an Open University Degree in Social Science, Pat Nevin (Everton), Brian McClair (Manchester United), Lawrie Madden (Sheffield Wednesday) who have Master of Science degrees. Watford winger Rick Holden has qualified in Sports and Leisure.

## CURRENTLY STUDYING

Other players currently studying are Clive Baker (Barnsley) for B.A. Maths, Dave Mossman (Lincoln City) an Open University degree in Business Studies, while Dave Sexton, the England Under-21 Manager studying Psychology. Tony Galvin of Sheffield Wednesday has a degree in Russian.

## LET ME OUT, PLEASE

Sheffield Wednesday's new signing Carlton Palmer needed court permission to make his debut for the 'Owls'. Strict bail conditions had been set when Palmer appeared before Warrington magistrates charged with motoring offences.

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# TEAM CHECK

## SWINDON TOWN

*Team Changes*

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2. Dave Hockaday .....
3. Paul Bodin .....
4. Tommy Jones .....
5. Tim Parkin .....
6. Colin Calderwood .....
7. Steve Foley .....
8. Alan McLoughlin .....
9. Duncan Shearer .....
10. Ross Maclaren .....
11. Steve White .....
12. Phil King .....
14. David Geddis .....

## WEST BROMWICH ALBION

*Team Changes*

1. Stuart Naylor .....
2. Darren Bradley .....
3. Arthur Albiston .....
4. Brian Talbot .....
5. Chris Whyte .....
6. Stacey North .....
7. Gary Robson .....
8. Don Goodman .....
9. Colin West .....
10. Kevin Bartlett .....
11. Colin Anderson .....
12. Wayne Dobbins .....
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## TEAM IN THE MIDDLE

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*Linesman Red Flag:* D. J. Harris

*Linesman Yellow Flag:* D. C. Madgwick

*Reserve Official:* J. Freegard

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