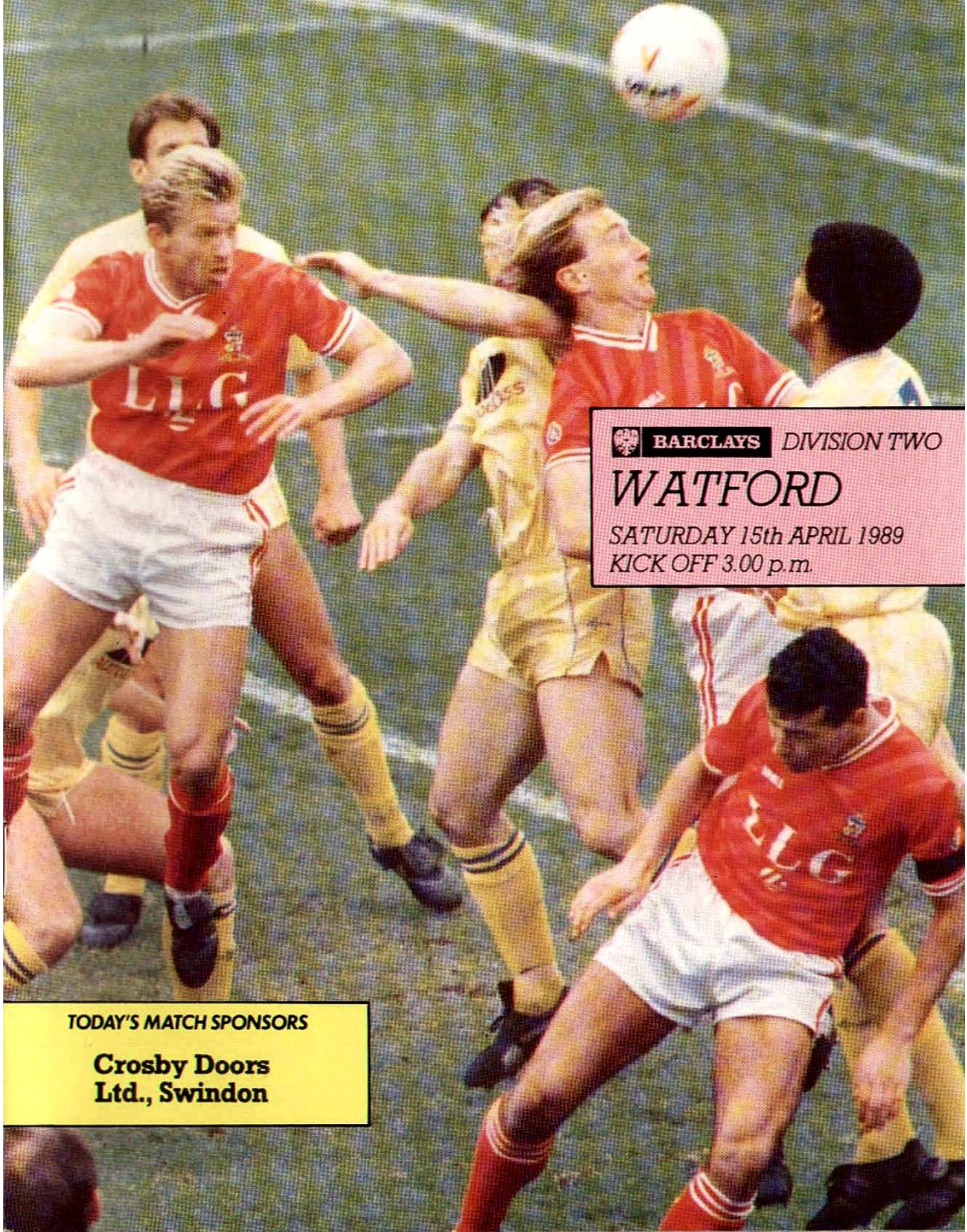


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**FORM NOT SO GOOD AGAINST  
THE TOP SIX**

This afternoon we face yet another vital match in regards whether we reach the play-offs. We must face facts and admit our record against the teams currently occupying the leading six positions in the League table is poor.

We drew 1-1 with Chelsea at the County Ground and lost 3-2 at Stamford Bridge. We lost 2-1 at Maine Road last Saturday and we had previously lost by a similar scoreline at the County Ground.

We drew both matches with Blackburn Rovers, 0-0 at Ewood Park and 1-1 at the County Ground. West Bromwich Albion defeated us 3-1 at the Hawthorns and then we were held to a 1-1 draw on Easter Saturday at the County Ground. Crystal Palace defeated us 2-1 at Selhurst Park and we face Steve Coppell's team on Tuesday, April 25th.

We defeated Watford 3-2 at Vicarage Road and it is vital we take three points today and also deprive Crystal Palace of a win.

**THE NEED TO REPEAT OUR FORM OF  
VICARAGE ROAD**

Watford have recovered some of their early season form of late and their vital single goal win at Bournemouth last Saturday in my opinion makes one of the play-off positions a contest between ourselves and Steve Harrison's teams. Matches are now beginning to run out and every point will be vital.

If we can reproduce our form that we displayed at Vicarage Road we will cause Watford problems. It will be a hard and difficult game, the Crystal Palace match will be identical. Close encounters with one chance taken being vital. A bonanza of goals is rare, teams tend to want to eliminate mistakes and patience is the vital ingredient.

**SEVEN TO GO AFTER TODAY**

Following today's match we have seven

**THE  
MANAGER'S  
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

fixtures to play. Three at home and four away fixtures. We should be capable of taking our fair share of points from these fixtures.

The four away matches are at Brighton who now appear to be safely secure from relegation. Walsall who look doomed to relegation and Oldham Athletic who are in a secure position. Also Birmingham City who have one step in the Third Division. At home we have the tough encounter with Crystal Palace, the home match with Shrewsbury Town who will probably be doomed to Third Division football by that time for next season. Our final match is at home against Stoke City who would appear to be struggling in recent matches and falling adrift of the play-off positions.

**THE CHASE IS NOW ON!**

Our form at this time is varied. Recent matches have all been tense and a struggle to impose our form and strength upon the opposition.

The exciting contest with West Bromwich Albion was followed by a disastrous match at Plymouth. Individual mistakes contributed to our downfall. We failed to capitalise on the opportunities we created against Blackburn Rovers and were punished by dropping two vital points. We managed to defeat Bradford City and also the weather to gain a single goal win. The match at Manchester City last Saturday saw Duncan Shearer give us the lead. The penalty we conceded just before half-time gave City a vital life-line and then they secured the precious three points by scoring the second half winning goal through David Oldfield. I had always felt that if we could have taken a point from this match we would have been in an advantageous position with regard to the play-offs. We now have to chase the leading group and that chase begins this afternoon. We must defeat both Watford today and Crystal Palace on April 25th.

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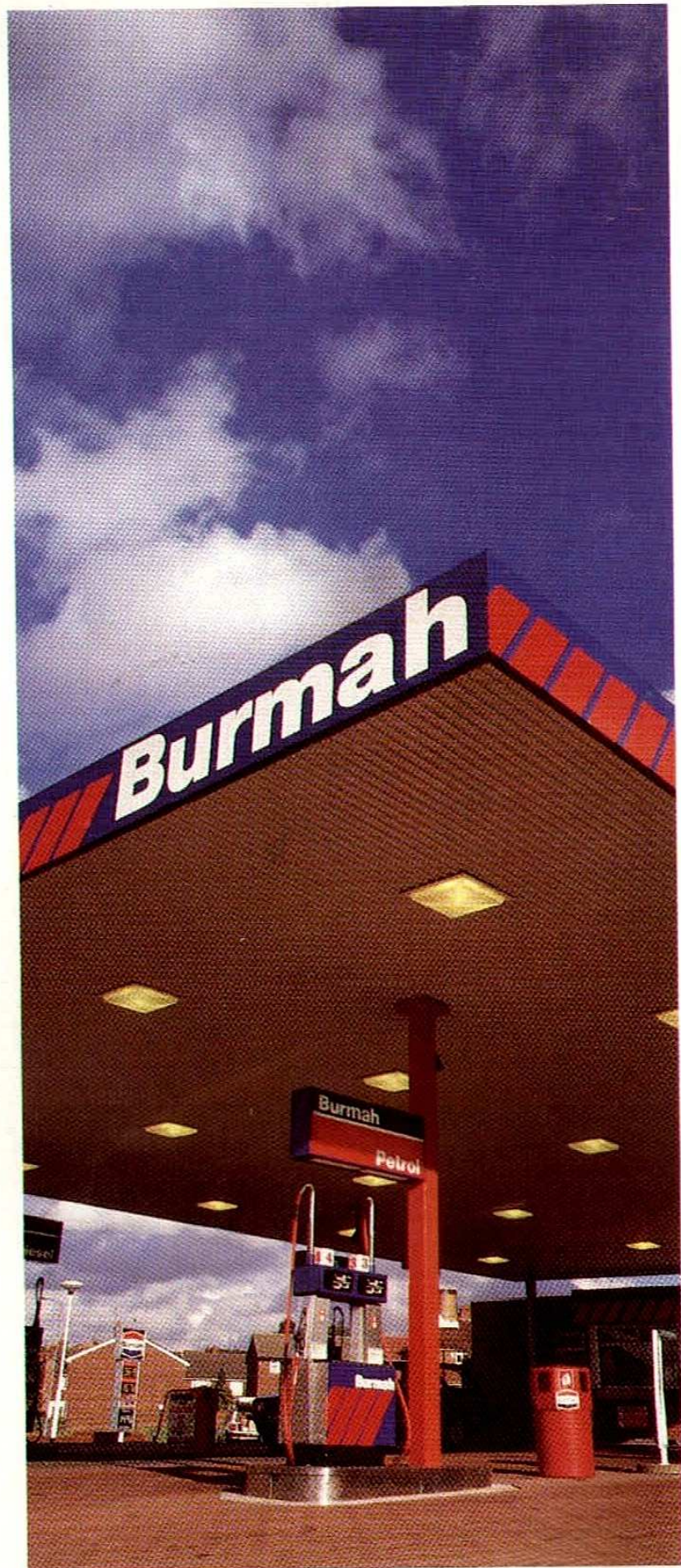
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## **AM I REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE A HEADLESS CHICKEN?**

Thy icy wastes of the County Ground and our farcical encounter with Bradford gave way to imposing Maine Road last weekend and flooded St. Andrews on Tuesday night. Manchester City were one of the many other promotion contenders the 'Town' have let off the hook over the past few weeks. After initially thinking that £3.50 was pretty reasonable to watch Second Division football, one look at the pitch through twenty feet of chicken wire from my terrace vantage point convinced me that a £1.50 transfer to some very uncomfortable benches was in order. Even this position behind the goal gave a good view of Steve White constantly keeping five yards ahead of the City defence as they played a consistent offside trap. At least Duncan Shearer's opening goal gave a brief break from the benches for the 'Town' faithful, much to the displeasure of the Greater Manchester Police. By forcing fans to sit behind the goal by providing such poor facilities on the terrace, there should have been little surprise that many chose to stand.

## **NOBODY FROM THE 'ROVERS RETURN' CAME TO MY AID**

After the game, I managed to feel as discontented as a 'Town' striker in front of goal as I engaged in a fruitless search for my car amongst dozens of Coronation Streets. My morning visit to Granda, home of television entertainment, had obviously affected my few remaining brain cells causing me to end up well and truly lost. But for the intervention of a huge West Indian City fan named 'Bunny', I could still be pacing the streets around Maine Road today. An exchange of pub names and landmarks did the trick as 'Bunny' escorted me for a full fifteen minutes to said vehicle. Have a beer on me in the 'Beehive' Bunny, you've restored my faith in human nature!

## **ST ANDREWS, BILLY OR FLIPPER?**

For the second time around, St Andrews let the 'Town' down, but at least the match was postponed early on this

# SCOTT FREE



**by Michael Scott**

time. Maybe the Brummies will enlist the help of Flipper or Billy the Fish to haul them back out of Division Three next season as their pitch seems to have the same water retention capacity as Twerton Park.

## **CLOUGH THE GUIDE FOR ALL!**

After my impromptu taste of inner-city orienteering last Saturday it seemed appropriate to let the train take the strain on Sunday for the Littlewoods Cup Final. A pay-back for some 'Town' tickets obtained for a fervent Forest fan saw me among the City ground faithful as they were at first silenced but later joyous as their side crushed football's outcasts. Even the most loyal Foresters could not predict their mighty Managers bizarre final whistle behaviour as they sang their marvellous version of 'There's a Circus in the Town', but Clough is Clough, the sole larger than life survivor from an age which both created and ruined modern day football. Further success for Forest in the F.A. Cup can only be good for us purists who believe that

those with the most money aren't necessarily the best.

## **LUTON TOWN**

### **REALLY DO TAKE THE BISCUIT**

Fact is often stranger than fiction, but Luton's amazing attempts to enter Europe really take the biscuit. Whilst their chairman plays a major part in the regime which seeks to attack football fans, Luton are trying to enter Europe on the strength of last years Littlewoods Cup win. On the one hand David Evans extols the virtues of the ID Card scheme which the Government is using to blackmail the game and spread poison with UEFA, on the other his Club attempts to compete in European competition. At least Evans has decided to give up his Chairmanship to concentrate on his political career. Unfortunately this move won't make much difference as Luton Town seems only to have been a political vehicle for him anyway.

## **VINNY**

### **AND THE MUCK RAKING TABLOID**

Another gentleman who contributes so much to the game is unpredictably in trouble again, Vinny Jones' latest problems have brought him into the public eye yet again. If Manager Bobby Gould really believes a camera is trained on the self-styled psycho's every move, they why does Jones continue to behave in such a provocative manner? Whatever Jones thinks of Mark Falco, his rendition of that particular gesture seemed to be an expert one. A double censure of the muck-raking tabloid concerned and Jones himself is certainly called for by the F.A.

### **YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO WIN LADS, TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

A defeat today will effectively end our play-off chances, but at least if that happens we have the chance to engage in some inflatable watersports at St Andrews on Tuesday without the pressure we have had for the past few weeks. A win this afternoon against our last opposition that is above us could ensure that this season proved to be our greatest ever and make a win at Birmingham absolutely vital.

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by Doug Buswell



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# THE CHAIRMAN

## Speaking

**BRIAN HILLIER**



### **THANK YOU - LOWNDES LAMBERT**

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This is an opportune time for me to publically thank the Group for their patronage, kindness and co-operation during that period of time. I am sure that both the Football Club and our sponsors have increased friendships through the association. It is also an appropriate time to thank both **Richard Shaw** and my fellow Director **David Alderton**, the principals involved in this relationship. Your unstinting efforts, sirs, have been paramount in the increasing value of our sponsorship.

### **WELCOME TO - BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND**

**The news that the sponsorship deal would not be renewed coincided with the official opening of BBC Wiltshire Sound. Although it was not the immediate intention to release the news, Wiltshire Sound had knowledge of the release and were first to inform the public that Lowndes Lambert were not renewing their contract.**

It was revealed on HTV the other evening that the county of Wiltshire can now receive no fewer than eleven

various radio frequencies. That is certainly a wide range of listening and a bonus for all of us who live in the county. Welcome Wiltshire Sound and we hope that you will be generous in your coverage of Swindon Town Football Club.

### **THANK YOU - GIRLS**

**Reference to Lowndes Lambert's withdrawal will not involve the departure of our programme sellers. The ladies from Lowndes Lambert will continue their kind voluntary efforts.**

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### **PARKING OF CARS**

**This week I am allowing Superintendent M. Rogers of the Wiltshire Constabulary to write a few sentences in my column. So I would be grateful if you would read his comments contained in the next column.**

### **PARKING OF CARS**

There has been a gradual increase in the number of complaints received from residents in the vicinity of the County Ground - particularly Walcot and Park South districts.

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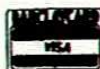


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# A SECOND LOOK

## A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

### QUOTES . . . QUOTES . . . QUOTES . . . QUOTES . . .

Don't back **Leeds United** for promotion now. That's the tip from Manager **Howard Wilkinson** after **Sean McCarthy's** late winner for **Plymouth Argyle** last Sunday. He said: "It was always going to be touch and go about getting into the play-offs. Now I don't think the bookies will be losing any sleep about our chances."

**Manchester City** Manager **Mel Machen** on our visit to Maine Road last week, "I was fearful that another visiting sweeper system would smother my team's path to a First Division future. We occupied their two full backs and they were curtailed."

Former **Chelsea** stars **Alan Hudson** and **Peter Osgood** on present day 'Blues'. **Alan Hudson** said of **Dave Beasant**: "I can't believe this side has gone unbeaten for 27 games. I can't work out what was going on for either of West Brom's goals but you need look no further than the 'keeper'."

**Peter Osgood** added: "If Chelsea play like this in the First Division they will struggle."

**Kerry Dixon** in reply: "We will be the best side promoted from the Second Division for a long time."

### THE BEST

Twin strikers **Mark Bright** and **Ian Wright** will take the First Division by storm if **Crystal Palace** pull off promotion.

That's the prediction of **Oldham's** former Manchester United striker **Andy Ritchie**.

"They'll take some stopping. They won't have defenders sticking so close and with the extra space they'll probably get a hatful," he said. "Certainly they are second to none as a pair in the Second Division." **Mark Bright** scored his 21st goal of the season - after **Phil Barber** had put Palace in front after four minutes as the **Selhurst Park** Club went on to win 2-0.

**Sergei Baltacha's** agreement with Ipswich Town comes under review in June. The Russian International who has been in fine form recently will be sharing Manager **John Duncan's** optimism about reaching the promotion play-offs. "You have to remain optimistic. But I'm not pretending that our last six games are going to be easy."

### IT'S DIFFERENT HERE!

**Manchester City** substitute **David Oldfield** who joined the Maine Road Club from **Luton**

**Town** for **£600,000** is still getting used to life with City despite his winning goal against us in our visit to the North last Saturday. The 20-year-old Australian-born recruit from **Luton** said, "It's different here from anything I've experienced. The expectation is so much greater and given how close we are to going up, I can see why fans are so quick to criticise. But I sense they want me to do well. Mel Machin has changed the way we attack since I came. I was pleased with my contribution. Once promotion is in the bag I think the team will look a lot more settled."

### WALSH WOE

**Leicester City** defender **Steve Walsh** has been ruled out for the remainder of the season because of a troublesome groin injury which is failing to respond to treatment.

### A NEW DATE

Our 'Barclays' League Division Two match versus **Birmingham City** at **St Andrews** postponed for the second time due to a waterlogged pitch will now be played on **Tuesday** next **April 18th, kick-off 7.30 p.m.** The **St Andrews** ground is currently experi-

encing problems with a damaged drain in the centre of their ground.

### FOR YOUR INTEREST

The remaining fixtures of **Watford** and **Crystal Palace** following today's matches are as follows:

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#### Home

April 18th  
April 22nd  
May 1st  
May 6th

**Walsall**  
**Leicester City**  
**Sunderland**  
**Shrewsbury Town**

#### Away

April 29th  
May 13th

**Hull City**  
**Oxford United**

### CRYSTAL PALACE

#### Home

April 29th  
May 9th  
May 13th

**West Bromwich Albion**  
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**Birmingham City**

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April 22nd  
April 25th  
May 1st  
May 6th

**Plymouth Argyle**  
**Swindon Town**  
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### SECOND DIVISION (up to and including Tuesday April 11th)

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Chelsea	40	12	6	2	44	23	13	5	2	42	20	86
Manchester City	40	12	6	2	43	22	10	4	6	24	18	76
Blackburn Rovers	40	13	4	3	41	22	5	7	8	22	32	65
West Bromwich Albion	40	12	5	3	38	16	4	11	5	20	20	64
<b>Watford</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>64</b>
Crystal Palace	38	11	6	2	34	16	7	4	8	24	28	64
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>
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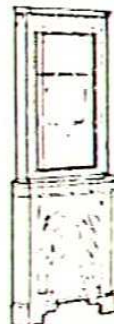
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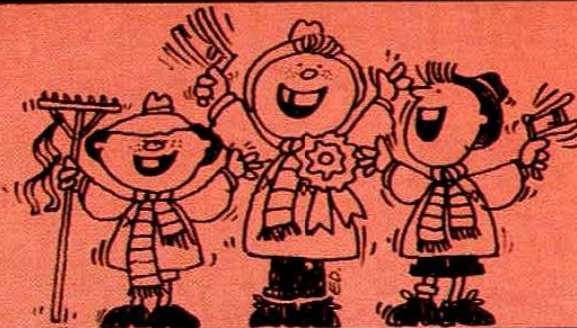


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# JUNIOR ROBINS



Today we welcome our guests The Junior Hornets from Watford.

A warm welcome to **Ann** and **Pat** and their party of Juniors and parents.

Last October we made the short trip to Watford, blessed with fine weather we all enjoyed our day out, especially as the 'Reds' brought back three points.

As with all our guests, The Junior Hornets party will be

given a guided tour of the County Ground, Boot Road to Board Room, afterwards playing our 'Transplant Juniors' at U-10s and U-13s football on the County Ground extension followed by buffet lunch in the Alamo and a seat in the Main Stand to watch this afternoons promotion encounter, virtually worth 'A Six Pointer' to either team that wins. We wish the Watford Family party a safe journey home whatever the

outcome of today's result.

## JUNIOR ROBINS TRAVEL CLUB

A further reminder to book early (last day of booking Wednesday, 19th April) for our trip to the Junior Seagulls of Brighton (Saturday 22nd April). Book early at the Travel Club to avoid disappointment.

Yours,  
JR organiser and Traveller.

## OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we travel to the South Coast to visit **Brighton and Hove Albion** and also renew our acquaintanceship with the **Admirable Nelson**. Excuse the pun, but **Victory** would be more than welcome in the seething waters of the race to be in the play-offs. **Garry** is once again the leading goalscorer for the South Coast Club. In fine form of recent he scored a vital last minute winning goal against **Portsmouth** on **April 5th**. Portsmouth were leading by a single goal until four minutes from time in this match. Two goals in the space of those four minutes saw the Goldstone Ground Club take the three points.

Last Saturday **Garry Nelson** scored both goals in **Brighton's 2-1** at **Birmingham City**. The former Town striker has yet to score a hat-trick in a League match. He inevitably seems to score 'doubles' but fails to add just one more. We hope that wait extends beyond next Saturday. Brighton's form of late is more reminiscent of a team fighting for promotion than having recently faced relegation fears.

On **Tuesday, April 25th** the visitors to the **County Ground** will be **Crystal Palace**. The Selhurst Park Club have been a continual thorn in our side since we returned to the Second Division. **Steve Coppell's** team removed us from the **Littlewoods Cup** this season and have already inflicted a League defeat upon us. The twin spear-

head striking force of **Mark Bright** and **Ian Wright** are readily recognised as the most potent in the Second Division. At the time of writing the Selhurst Park Club appear to be well placed to take advantage of the recent poor form of several of the play-off candidates. It really has been amazing at the poor results the majority of Clubs have obtained in recent weeks. After their recent defeat of **2-1** at Shrewsbury **Crystal Palace** bounced back to form with a stirring **2-1** win at **Elland Road** against **Leeds United**. They then defeated **Oldham Athletic, 2-0** last Saturday and on Tuesday evening at **Hull City** they won **1-0**.

These results were obtained without the injured **Alec Dyer** who will miss the few remaining matches of this season.

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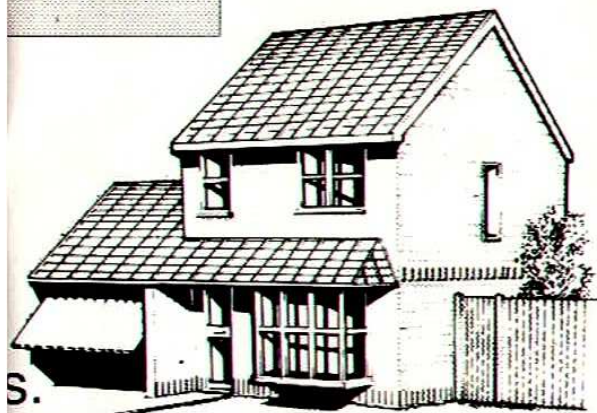
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# TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

## WATFORD



**Back Row, from left: Glyn Hodges, Iwan Roberts, Dave Bamber (now at Stoke), Tim Sherwood, Paul Wilkinson, Willie Falconer. Middle Row, from left: Tom Walley (First Team Coach), Roderick Thomas, Rick Holden, Kenny Jackett, Mel Rees, Tony Coton, David Holdsworth, Chris Pullan, Gary Porter, Billy Hails (Physiotherapist). Front Row, from left: Stuart Rimmer (now at Walsall), Worrell Sterling now at Peterborough), John McClelland (Club Captain), Steve Harrison (Manager), Luther Blissett (now at Bournemouth), Wilf Rostron (now at Sheffield Wednesday), Nigel Gibbs. Not in picture: Neil Redfearn, Garry Thompson, Lee Richardson.**

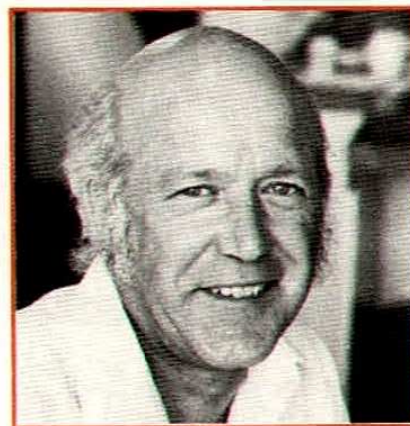
The signal for change and progress at Watford Football Club began in May 1976 when rock superstar Elton John became Chairman of the Club he had supported since boyhood. His ambition to lift the Club from the Fourth Division all the way to Division One.

The first important step he took to achieve this was to appoint a new, young and ambitious Manager in June 1977. That man was Graham Taylor, who had already tasted success with Lincoln City, leading them to the Fourth Division title in 1975-76 with a record 74 points.

Also brought to the Club around this time was Bertie Mee, a respected ex-Manager of Arsenal, who had the rare distinction of managing a 'double' winning team, among other honours. He came in as Assistant Manager with specific responsibility to develop a scheme that would bring young, talented players to the Club.

With a new team at the helm, success was almost instant and Watford stormed to the Fourth Division title of 1977-78 with 71 points.

The following season, 1978-79, brought promotion again, this time from the 3rd



by Dave Eaton

Division to the Second. Watford finished runners-up to Shrewsbury Town.

At the outset of the 1981-82 season promotion from the Second to First Division seemed a tantalising hope, by May it became reality.

On May 4th, 1982 Watford faced Wrexham at Vicarage Road, needing one point to ensure a place in the First Division. Twenty thousand fans saw Ross Jenkin score twice and Watford had realised Elton John's dream - they were a First Division Club - in only six years since he took over.

Now in the First Division, all the pundits expected Watford to struggle. But one by one the big names were humbled and the Club remained in the top three for virtually the whole season, never dropping below sixth place.

The final match of the season brought champions Liverpool to Vicarage Road, with a Watford win needed to secure the runners-up spot. A 2-1 victory completed a memorable season and ensured a place in the UEFA Cup for the following term.

1983-84 started inauspiciously and the Hornets found themselves in 20th place in the League by December, under threat of relegation. But the winter months saw the Club regain its confidence and move steadily up the League and then reach Wembley in the F.A. Cup for the first time. Alas the dream was not completed and Watford went down 2-0 to Everton.

In the 1986-87 season Watford finished ninth in Division One (the Club's second highest position) and also reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

On the eve of the Club's tour of China, Manager Graham Taylor resigned, ending a decade at Vicarage Road. He joined Aston Villa, and was replaced at Watford by former Wimbledon boss Dave Bassett.

Under his guidance last season, Watford

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made a disastrous start and never recovered. Bassett eventually departed to be replaced in January 1988 by Steve Harrison.

Watford, though, ended the season being relegated to the Second Division. At the time of writing they are in with a chance of reaching the promotional play-offs and a quick return.

#### MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

**Steve Harrison (Manager).** Appointed Manager at Watford in January 1988 in succession to Dave Bassett. Previous managerial appointment was assistant at Aston Villa. As a defender, the 37 year old's playing career encompassed Blackpool, Vancouver Whitecaps, Watford and Charlton.

**Tony Coton (Goalkeeper).** Born Tamworth he joined Watford from Birmingham City for a fee of £300,000 in September 1984. Now in his fifth season at Vicarage Road he has made over 200 appearances for the Hornets. Only just failed at the end of last season - he finished third - to become the first player to win the 'Player of the Season' award in three consecutive years.

**Mel Rees (Goalkeeper).** Born Cardiff. He signed for Watford for £60,000 from his local club in the summer of 1987. A former Welsh Youth International he is the understudy to Coton.

**Nigel Gibbs (Defender).** Born St. Albans. He joined Watford as an apprentice. A former England Youth and Under-21 International. To the start of this season had made 116 League appearances.



● Tony Coton



● John McClelland

**John McClelland (Defender).** Born Belfast. Club Captain and also current Captain of his country, Northern Ireland. Played in the side representing the Football League in the 'Centenary Classic'. The 33 year old has also seen service with Portadown, Cardiff City, Mansfield and Glasgow Rangers.

**Kenny Jackett (Midfielder).** Born Watford. Established full Welsh International, whose father, Frank, also played for Watford. Normally plays on the left side of midfield, but has also appeared at the back. A one Club man is near to making 400 first team appearances for the Club.

**Willie Falconer (Defender).** Born Aberdeen. Signed for Aberdeen for £300,000 in June 1988. The 23 year old is a former Scottish Youth International.

**Paul Miller (Defender).** Born London. Signed during this season from Charlton. A former apprentice with Spurs he went on to make 208 League appearances for them before switching across London to Charlton.

**Rod Thomas (Forward).** Born London. A former trainee with Watford, he signed professional forms for the Club in May of last year. An England Youth International.

**Paul Wilkinson (Forward).** Born Lough. Another costly summer '88 signing at £300,000 from Notts. Forest. An England Under-21 International he also played for Grimsby and Everton as well as Forest.

**Garry Thompson (Forward).** Born Birmingham. He joined Watford for £325,000 from Coventry City. The 29 year old began his

career at Coventry but after 134 League appearances moved to Midlands rivals West Bromwich Albion. Has also played for Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa.

**Gary Porter (Midfielder).** Born Sunderland. Left-sided midfielder player who is an England Under-21 and Youth International. Made his Watford first team debut when only 17. Just turned 23 years of age he has made over 100 League appearances for the Club.

**Glyn Hodges (Forward).** Born Stretham. Joined Watford on September 28 1987 from Newcastle in a £300,000 deal. He had previously been with Wimbledon, for whom he made 232 League appearances scoring 49 goals at both Full and Under-21 level.

**David Holdsworth (Defender).** Born London. A former apprentice at the Club who signed professional forms in November 1986. An England Youth International and Captain. Made Watford debut in January '88 against Ipswich in Simod Cup.

**Dean Holdsworth (Forward).** Born London. Twin brother of David. Forced himself, after a serious knee injury, into the first team picture in the latter part of last season. Top scorer in the Reserves last season.

**Iwan Roberts (Forward).** Born Bangor. Welsh Youth International who made his first team debut in March 1986 when only 17.

**Rick Holden (Forward).** Born Skipton. Signed from Halifax in March '88 for £125,000 plus £25,000 after 20 first team appearances. The 24 year old played only one game for Burnley before moving to Halifax.



● Paul Wilkinson

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## WE HAVE TO WIN

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for what is, to say the least, a terribly important Second Division fixture. The first meeting between the sides back on a beautiful October Saturday resulted in a tremendous away victory for Swindon. Will the Robins (inflatable or otherwise) triumph again? Will the Hornets provide a sting in the tail? We'll know come twenty to five.

## THE INFLATABLES

Talking of those wonderful inflatables, Swindon's visit to the home of that particular craze, Manchester City, saw an unfortunate defeat which included, for City, a penalty given for a dive which would have won an Olympic medal. A good young side are Manchester City, but Swindon had them rattled. Congratulations to Adrian Viveash, while I'm about it, for being named in the senior party for the first time. The amount of pronunciations of his surname were numerous, but I had an advantage, I've worked with his uncle Chris for twelve years. I felt rather smug.

## WEMBLEY

After greeting my family following the City game it was off to Wembley twelve hours later to Steward the Littlewoods Cup Final. What a pleasure it was too. The fans of Nottingham Forest and Luton Town are to be congratulated. Their behaviour was exemplary, full of good humour and sportsmanship. It was the first final to feature the inflatables and it was a treat to see what

can only be described as a sea of plastic. The match itself was superb and Nigel Clough was simply magnificent for Nottingham Forest. The 'young man', as his father would describe him, gave a masterful performance and completely convinced me he should play for England. I hope he's included soon, he's got great talent.

Forest's football impressed me too, it was ideally suited to Wembley's green and pleasant surface. They play the ball around so well. Yes it was a great day, it made me glad to be a football fan.

## NIGEL MANSELL NOW NICK FALDO

In my last programme article I paid tribute to the success of Nigel Mansell in the opening Grand Prix of the new motor racing season. Well it's a real pleasure to record more British success in the U.S. Masters golf tournament, in Augusta, Georgia. Nick Faldo has followed the previous year's victory by Sandy Lyle to maintain the grip on the competition currently enjoyed by British golfers. Long gone now is the dominance of the Americans in this particular sport and as the Europeans bid this year for a hat-trick of Ryder Cup wins, it's a perfect boost. So congratulations to Nick Faldo, I must go and work on my swing.

## AINTREE - A CRUEL COURSE

While the world's top golfers were preparing for the third round of the Masters, top racehorses were running, jumping, falling and sadly dying in the Aintree Grand National. Now I have no strong feelings about horse racing

either way, quite simply I can take it or leave it. But there have been many serious casualties in the Aintree spectacular which goes a long way to tainting what should be a great sporting occasion. Perhaps something should now be done to reduce the risks of fatal injury by altering what are pretty frightening fences. After all, nobody asks the horses whether or not they want to jump.

## LISTEN TO WILTSHIRE SOUND

The new radio station, Wiltshire Sound, is on the air at last, with the usual teething problems. For those of you who have asked, there are regular sports bulletins at 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 in the morning, at 12.35 p.m. and at 5.30 p.m. plus regular news on Swindon Town. The service will be expanded as the station finds its feet, bringing you the best possible coverage of this Club. In the meantime, give it a try - please.

## G.W.R.F.C.

Finally, tales of G.W.R.F.C. Now that the regular season is almost over it's a case of fitting in a few friendlies. The first of those resulted in an 8-1 victory over Siddington in a performance every bit as good as Nottingham Forest's. I have to mention that I got my first goal of the season in that match, it's been a long time coming, but hopefully it's the beginning of a scoring run.

Now back to the serious stuff and the match in hand. Let's enjoy a good, peaceful game of football.

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# FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

## THE TOWN'S LATEST TRAINEE SEALS A VITAL VICTORY

**Our Allied Counties Youth Team returned to action with a vital 1-0 win over League leaders Reading. The match was played at Hungerford Town on Wednesday March 29th.**

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** in his report on the match said, "This was a match that both teams needed to win to have any opportunity of winning the section and proceeding to the play-offs. The game turned out to be an evenly balanced and well contested encounter. Both teams created good goalscoring chances. Although it took a corner by Paul Trollope and flicked on by Liam Dixon for the Club's latest trainee **Lee Spalding** to score the only goal of the game."

John concluded by saying, "Both teams realised that a draw was not enough to enable them to qualify. Our victory put Reading out of the race for the **West Section** title. We now need to repeat this result when we meet the same team again. If we can defeat Reading we will then go into the play-offs with the winners of the East and Central Divisions."

**Team: Lovegrove, Hall, Sheedy, Quinn, Churchward, Lea, Spalding, Trollope, Dixon, Walker, Graham.**

**Substitutes: Payne (for Hall in 45th min.) Holt (for Sheedy in 45th min.)**

## TOWN REACH THE PLAY-OFFS

**Our Allied Counties Youth Team reached the Divisional play-offs when they defeated Reading at Hungerford on Monday, April 3rd.**

Town Youth Team Manager **John Trollope** said in his report of the match, "We began the match needing to win to reach the Divisional play-offs. We did not apply the correct approach and we were second best in the first twenty minutes of the match. It was against the run of play when a poor clearance from the Reading 'keeper allowed **Michael Macari** to score. Credit to the goalscorer for his quick thinking and reaction. The Reading goalkeeper made another mistake shortly after which gave us a free kick on the edge of the penalty area. Although the 'keeper half saved **Paul Trollope's** shot he could not prevent the ball from entering the net."

The second half was even and Reading managed to reduce the arrears. However,

we regained our ascendancy when a free kick from goalkeeper **Ryan Lovegrove** put **Mike Macari** through for his second goal of the game."

Summing up the display, John said, "It was an average performance but enough to put us into the play-offs."

**Team: Lovegrove, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Churchward, Murray, Walker, Trollope, Macari, Dixon, Lea.**

**Substitutes: Hall (for Lea in 73rd min.) Braidwood, Payne.**

## WOMBLES

### END THE TOWN'S FINE RUN

**Our Football Combination teams run of seven consecutive wins came to an abrupt end when they were comprehensively defeated at Wimbledon on Tuesday, April 4th. The visit to Plough Lane in this re-arranged 'Ovenden Papers' fixture ended in 4-0 defeat.**

The sleet and rain that fell throughout the game made the conditions difficult. At the completion of the game the Town defence and the inexperienced **Paul Thompson** in

goal had experienced a torrid ninety minutes! **Mike Siore** put the 'Dons' into a seventh minute lead when he headed in at the near post following a corner. **Steve Cottrill** added a second goal in the thirtieth minute. The Wimbledon players shot from way out showing **Paul Thompson's** inexperience. Ten minutes later **Steve Cottrill** scored his second and Wimbledon's third goal when he lobbed the ball over the head of **Paul Thompson** as the 'keeper came out of goal.

With the interval score at 3-0 the Town were relieved to concede only one goal in the second half when **Mike Siore** netted in the forty-ninth minute. It was a lucky goal with the ball coming off his knee. Although the Town were soundly defeated both **Adrian Viveash** and **Fitzroy Simpson** gave fine displays in midfield and both players gave ninety minutes of full commitment.

**Team: Thompson, M. Jones, Marshall, Barnard, Sandrey, Hunt, Tomlinson, Coyne, Summerbee, Simpson, Viveash.**

**Substitutes: Trollope (For Hunt in 70th min.) G. Morgan.**

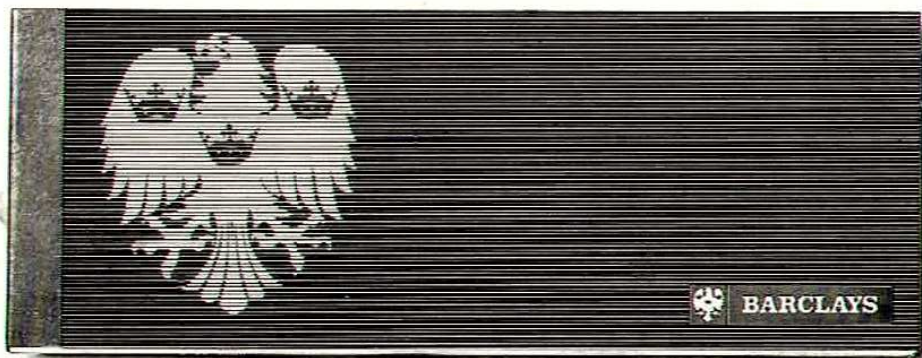


● **Fitzroy Simpson** and **Adrian Viveash**. Both players gave good displays in a 4-0 defeat at Wimbledon. Fitzroy and Adrian are generally regarded as the two most promising young professionals on the Town staff. Fitzroy having made the breakthrough to senior level this season. Adrian was included in the first team squad for the recent 'Barclays' League Division Two fixture against Blackburn Rovers and was also nominated as substitute for our League match at Manchester City last Saturday. Both players have made consistent performances for our Reserve team this season.

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**The Football Association Challenge Vase Final - 6th May 1989.**

**Kick-off 3.00 p.m.**

**Seats - £7 and £5. Standing £3.**

**The Football Association Challenge Trophy Final - 13th May 1989**

**Kick-off 3.00 p.m.**

**Seats - £7 and £5. Standing £3.**

**International for Rous Cup - England v Chile - 23rd May 1989**

**Kick-off 8.00 p.m.**

**Seats - £15, £12.50 £10 and £8.**

**Standing £6**

**World Cup Qualifying Match - Poland v England - 3rd June 1989**

**Seats - £17.50, £15, £12.50 and £10.**

**Standing £8**

The Football Association have decided nont to take up an allocation of saleable tickets for the Scotland v England match on Saturday 27th May 1989.

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### SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

The Travel Club will be running coaches to the forthcoming matches:-

Saturday 22nd April

**Brighton & Hove Albion**

Depart at 11.45 a.m. Fare £8.00

Saturday 29th April

**Walsall**

Depart at 11.45 a.m. Fare £4.50

Bookings are taken from members only, membership is still available for the remainder of the season at the cost of £3.00. For further details or to purchase tickets for any of the above trips, please call in and see us at our office, situated at the rear of the North Stand. We are open matchdays (before and after the game), Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (7.30 - 10.00 p.m.). Alternatively, ring us on (0793) 611499 (24 hour answerphone).

# NEWS

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### SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Supporters Club will be holding a Table Top Sale in the Social Club at the County Ground on Sunday 16th April 1989, from 12.00 noon until 4.00 p.m.

#### Prices:

Each table will be £4.00 (if booked in advance) or £5.00 if booked on the day of the sale.

To book a table please phone Swindon 825753.

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### WANTED!

Urgently required is accommodation for two of the Club's young professionals. Both players have been sharing the same accommodation and if possible would prefer to share the same premises.

Any supporter who can help, would they please contact the Club Secretary on Swindon 642984 or write, in the first instance, to Mr. D. King, Secretary/Administration Manager, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts.

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### ANDY ROWLAND TESTIMONIAL DINNER

at Blunsdon House Hotel on Wednesday May 10th

Guest speaker is

Duncan McKenzie

Tickets are on sale at the County Ground Reception Desk

Price £20.00

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### CHARLIE HENRY GOLF CHALLENGE

at Bremhill Golf Club

Teams of four

£15 per person inclusive of lunch

Tee-off at 8.00 a.m.

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For further information please contact Barry Nugent (Committee Organiser) on Swindon 876484 or please leave your name, address and telephone number at the Reception Desk.

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### Forthcoming matches at the County Ground

**Wiltshire Senior Cup Final**

**Highworth Town v Purton**

**Thursday April 27th 1989**

**Kick-off 6.30 p.m.**

**Wiltshire Minors Under-13 Cup Warminster Highbury v St Josephs**

**Sunday May 7th 1989**

**Kick-off 2.00 p.m.**

**Wiltshire Youth Cup**

**Westbury United v Purton**

**Sunday May 7th 1989**

**Kick-off 3.45 p.m.**

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for our recent signing CURTIS FLEMING who was selected for the Friendly International Under-23 match for the Republic of Ireland versus Northern Ireland at Dalymount Park, Dublin, on Tuesday last, April 11th.

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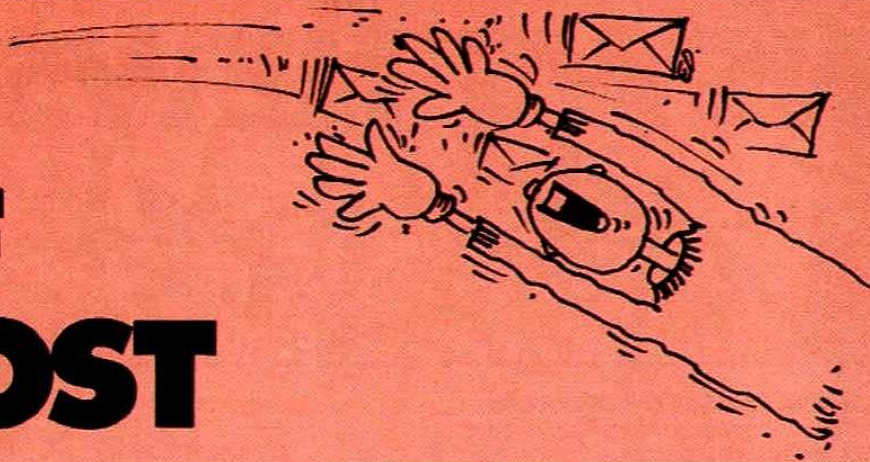
### MIDLAND YOUTH CUP FINAL DATES

Our Midland Youth Cup Final dates have now been finalised. We entertain Notts Forest at the County Ground on Wednesday April 19th - kick-off 7.00 p.m. in the First Leg of the Final. We visit the City Ground on Wednesday April 26th - kick-off 7.00 p.m. for the Second Leg match.

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Mount Morris  
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## My Day at the County Ground

We all arrived at the County Ground at about 9.30 a.m. A lady took us to the Rendezvous where we put all our footballing items, for the 5-a-side tournament. We were put into different groups, my group consisted of 20 other boys. A man called Dick Mattick took us outside and we jogged around the training area, after that we started the 5-a-side competition, where we lost to the eventual winners 3-0. After the first round matches, we went over to the other training pitch to practice ball juggling, while we were doing that a lady from G.W.R. Radio came over to talk to us. Dick Mattick then took us up into the Board Room where they kept trophies, also they had a small television to show crowd violence. Then we went to the dressing room and out of the tunnel and onto the pitch. After that we went to the lounge where we had our hot meal, courtesy of Avco Trust, who incidentally bought the plaques for the winners and runners-up of the 5-a-side tournament. Soon after lunch the final four teams were playing in the semi-finals. At about 2.30 p.m. Chic Bates, Colin Calderwood and Fraser Digby came over to give us some training. At 3.20 p.m. we went up to the Rendezvous for the final presentation. All of the people that didn't win anything were given Swindon Town pencils.

Thankyou very much for a very enjoyable day at the County Ground.

**Paul Humphreys**

Final Whistle  
2nd Floor, The Antique Market  
13-25 Church Street  
London, NW8

## Dear Sir,

At a time when the negative aspects of football are frequently over emphasised and the Government and media seem almost to take pleasure in knocking our national game, I thought you and your readers might like to know of a shop that in some small way is trying to redress the balance by showing the depth and diversity of our sport and the pleasure it has given to the nation over the years.

Going by the name of 'Final Whistle' the shop is packed with antiques and memorabilia from football's glorious past. From paintings and prints, metallic and ceramic figures, trophies and commemorative ware, to books, medals and many other football related items - many dating back to the last century - are on display. Your readers are more than welcome to come and view this interesting and diverse collection which shows how football has been depicted over the years and the influence and pleasure it had on people in this country and abroad.

The shop is just a few minutes from Marylebone tube station and the telephone number is 01-262 3423. We are open Tuesday to Saturday.

**Yours faithfully**  
**John R. Trice**

The Lord's Taverners  
29 Church Street  
Warminster  
Wiltshire

## Dear Mr. King

I am on the Committee of the Western Region of the Lord's Taverners, a national charity which raises money to enable youngsters to keep physically fit and mentally alert through the playing of team games, principally cricket, to help run Adventure Playgrounds for underprivileged children through the auspices of the National Playing Fields Association, and to provide 'New Horizon' minibuses for handicapped children to enable them to get away from the confines of Homes and Institutions.

We are organising a 'Charity Fishing Marathon', to be held at Chew Valley Lake on Monday 17th July 1989. The format will be 30 teams of 5 anglers plus one celebrity, and I am writing to ask whether any members of Swindon Town F.C. are fishermen, and would like to join us as celebrities.

It will be an all-day affair, starting at 10 a.m. There will be free food and (limited) drinks available, and an evening 'get-together'. Transport could be provided and, if necessary, accommodation could be arranged for the Sunday night. It will be a fun day, and, above all, money will be raised for worthwhile charities.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether any of your players or officials would be interested in taking part.

I got your name from Mrs. Joyce Chilcott, one of your Warminster-based supporters, who is a colleague of mine at work.

**Yours sincerely,**

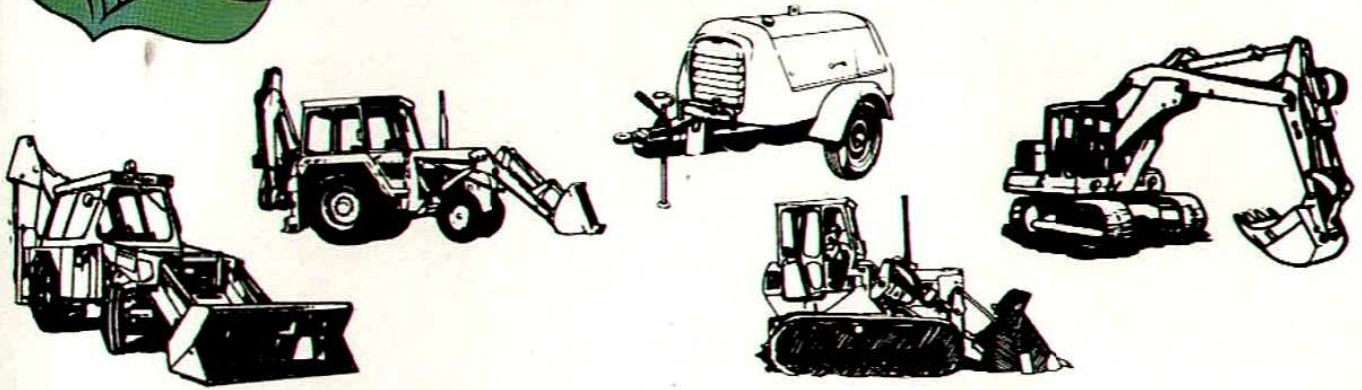
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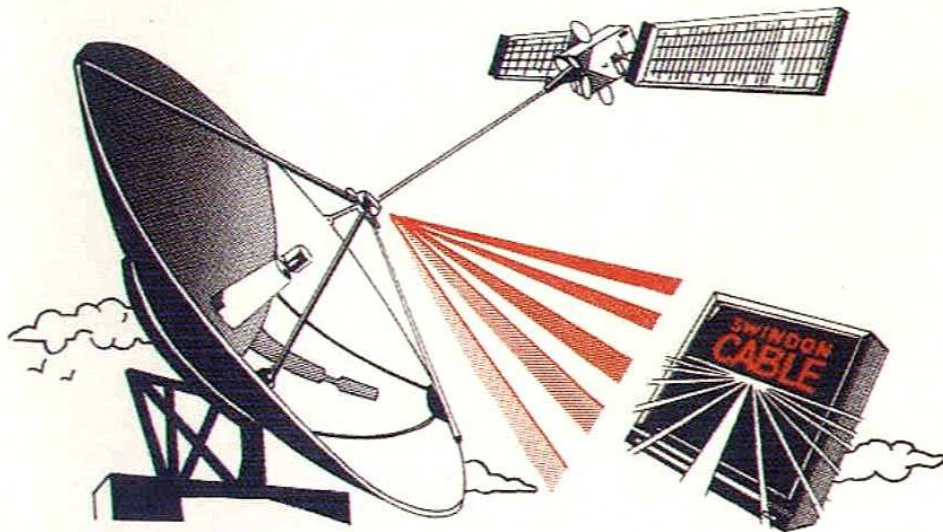


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# VIEWPOINT

## MY THIRD SEASON

**This is my third season as Groundsman with Swindon Town Football Club and during that period of time I have been quietly pleased with the improvement of the playing surface.**

In fact this season has seen the most significant improvement but of course this is due to the culmination of three years progress. Having been pleased with this progression I am aware that further improvement can be made.

## IMPROVEMENT STILL NEEDED

**That improvement concerns the centre of the pitch and the two goalmouths. There is no doubt that all Groundsmen face this problem area with any playing surface.**

What is reassuring is the comments made by visitors, opposing teams and match officials. We have been lucky this season because we have had a mild winter. Although I must stress there has been no reduction in the number of matches played at the County Ground. There is always the normal wear and tear to contend with whether it is a mild or severe winter!

## WAITING FOR THE CLOSE SEASON

**We are now nearing the completion of the season and I am obviously anxious to put into operation the work that is required during this close season.**

Last summer we had the pitch Vert-drained and the same process will be put in operation in May. This entails putting long spikes down into the ground by means of a tractor. This relieves the compaction of the ground. We then spread 80 tons of sand over the pitch and the mass bulk of this is driven into those ten inch holes. This creates a reservoir, water will drain quicker into the drains and so alleviate the risk of any waterlogging. Ironically as I am writing this column the news of a possible further postponement at

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Birmingham City has sifted through. A broken drain at St Andrews, where I was once the Groundsman, is the main cause of flooding.

## BARCLAYS? NO, NOT QUITE, ITS DOUBLE DUTCH!

**Immediately all of that preparation is complete it is time to seed the whole area. Obviously some areas need to be seeded rather more than others. The centre circle and penalty areas come readily to mind.**

Rye grass is the bulk of the seed we spread. It is a variety called Barclay seed. I can assure you that it is in no way connected with the Football League sponsors! It is a type of seed that is Dutch bred, hard wearing, very fine with fine powers of recovery. In my opinion the powers of recovery of this ground now borders on the phenomenal. There have been two or three matches where the pitch, when the game has been completed, has appeared to be worn. The recent Midland Youth Cup match with Leicester City, a fine example.

## WE ALL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

**Praise for all of us in our occupations is always welcome encouragement and I have been grateful in recent weeks to several for this type of comment.**

A recent official was generous in praise and there have been players from opposing teams who have been genuinely surprised and pleased at the surface. Previous visits of seasons past had led them to expect an inferior product at the County Ground. On the same day the doubt arose at Birmingham City we could have played at the



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County Ground. An inspection would not have been required.

## THE MOST HECTIC HOURS

**The busiest hours for me are following a match where the playing surface is badly cut-up. The first job following such a match is to replace the divots. I am lucky to have my two sons, Stephen and Ian, to help me immediately the final whistle blows.**

You may find it strange that my next job is to pray for more rain! Actually it helps to wash the pitch down. If you could see the ground following an immediate downpour you would be amazed at the immediate improvement. If a frost is forecast, the first task is to roll the pitch. When I return to the County Ground on the following Monday, if it is a Saturday fixture, and the weather allows me, I set out to spike the pitch to two or three inches depth, this allows any surface water to drain away.

Most Groundsmen obviously hope that their grounds will not be cut-up. I hope this insight enlightens you into the ways of the upkeep required. I hope you enjoy your summer months, sun by day and rain by night, a Groundsman's plea for summer weather!

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# LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Goals Goals Goals*

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● Steve White strains to meet this cross with Town Captain Colin Calderwood and Steve Foley also trying to be first to the corner in our match with Blackburn Rovers.

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● Mr Tony Evans and Mr Stuart Langsbury of Barclays Bank, present a cheque for £300 to Diane Bird of Ferndale Youth and Community Centre. Town Chairman – Mr Brian Hillier and Mr Denis Stone are in the background. The boys of Ferndale Youth and Community Centre, proudly display their Barclays shirts presented for our performance of the week, when we defeated AFC Bournemouth 3-2, at Dean Court on Saturday March 18th.



● Steve Foley scores the equaliser against Blackburn Rovers in the recent County Ground encounter.



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# ISTICS • STATISTICS •

## SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNSELEY	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
<b>11.9.88</b>	<b>SUN PORTSMOUTH</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>11,443</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Maclaren</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley (1)</b>
17.9.88	SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
<b>20.9.88</b>	<b>TUE A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>8,055</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Maclaren (1)(p)</b>	<b>Calderwood (1)</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
<b>24.9.88</b>	<b>SAT BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE ALBION</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Maclaren</b>	<b>Calderwood (1)</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
<b>27.9.88</b>	<b>TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Maclaren</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
1.10.88	SAT WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	<b>Jones (1)</b>	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	<b>Parkin (1)</b>	Gittens	Foley
<b>9.10.88</b>	<b>SUN CHELSEA</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>11,927</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>McLoughlin</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
12.10.88	WED CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Gittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
<b>16.10.88</b>	<b>SUN LEEDS UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>9,234</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
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	<b>King (1)</b>	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
<b>29.10.88</b>	<b>SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>6,937</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
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
<b>12.11.88</b>	<b>SAT IPSWICH TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,246</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens (1)</b>	<b>Foley</b>
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	<b>Jones (1)</b>	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
<b>26.11.88</b>	<b>SAT WALSALL</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>5,328</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Foley (1)</b>
3.12.88	SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
<b>10.12.88</b>	<b>SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones*</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Foley</b>
17.12.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	9,462	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
<b>26.12.88</b>	<b>MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,883</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
<b>31.12.88</b>	<b>SAT MANCHESTER CITY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>10,776</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Gittens*</b>	<b>Foley</b>
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	<b>Foley (1)</b>
<b>10.1.89</b>	<b>TUE PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>11,457</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday*</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Foley (1)</b>
<b>14.1.89</b>	<b>SAT BARNSELEY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>10,201</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>McLoughlin</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Cornwell</b>	<b>Foley</b>
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A	8,109	1-2	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	<b>Foley (1)</b>
<b>28.1.89</b>	<b>SAT WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>18,627</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>McLoughlin</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
1.2.89	WED WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	A	24,723	0-1	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
<b>5.2.89</b>	<b>SUN OXFORD UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>10,227</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood (1)</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
11.2.89	SAT CHELSEA	A	17,802	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	<b>Bodin(1)</b>	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	<b>Foley (1)</b>
<b>18.2.89</b>	<b>SAT SUNDERLAND</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,432</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Shearer (2)</b>
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A	22,651	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer
<b>28.2.89</b>	<b>TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,456</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones (p)</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A	11,542	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Shearer
<b>11.3.89</b>	<b>*SAT HULL CITY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7,090</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Foley</b>
18.3.89	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A	9,752	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	<b>Jones(1)</b>	Parkin	Calderwood	<b>Foley(2)</b>
<b>25.3.89</b>	<b>SAT WEST BROM</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>12,240</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Parkin*</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Foley</b>
27.3.89	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	8,487	1-4	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	<b>Jones(1)</b>	Gittens	Calderwood	Foley
<b>1.4.89</b>	<b>SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>Bodin*</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley (1)</b>
<b>4.4.89</b>	<b>TUE BRADFORD CITY (7.45)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>6,476</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>Digby</b>	<b>Hockaday</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Jones</b>	<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Gittens</b>	<b>Foley</b>
8.4.89	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	A	22,663	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
<b>15.4.89</b>	<b>SAT WATFORD</b>	<b>H</b>									
17.4.89	TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY (7.30)	A									
22.4.89	SAT BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A									
<b>25.4.89</b>	<b>TUE CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	<b>H</b>									
29.4.89	SAT WALSALL	A									
<b>1.5.89</b>	<b>MON SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>6.5.89</b>	<b>SAT STOKE CITY</b>	<b>H</b>									
13.5.89	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A									

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# SHORT & SWEET

## LEICESTER CITY, BENEFIT

When Gary Lineker went to Barcelona from Everton it was decreed that his previous Club, Leicester City, should receive a portion of the £2.8 million banked by Everton. That figure turned out to be £660,000.

## EIGHT WHEELS ARE NOTHING!

Asking for a transfer, one player who wanted to move from the Third Division to the Fourth claimed that his current Club were offering him nothing. In fact the Club had just presented him and his wife with two new cars.

## POMPEY PROFIT!

Recent conjecture about the Football League tribunal system showed the Club with most reason to be aggrieved to be Coventry City. The tribunal ordered Portsmouth to pay City £190,000 for Mark Hateley. A year later the Fratton Park Club sold him to A.C. Milan for £1 million!

## BABY, BABY

Martin Allen's display for Queens Park Rangers against Luton Town last month was rated by one scribe as providing the same value for money as the fee he charged for pictures of the arrival of his baby — £500 a shot.

## IT'S ONLY A STAND

Tottenham Hotspur wrong-footed everyone on transfer-deadline day when they called a Press Conference. Rumours were rife about a £5 million deal for Gary Lineker? Not quite. The figure was right but it was only for a new stand.

## ALIAS CAPTAIN W.E. JOHNS

Bernie Slaven's fear of flying has produced the inevitable response from Middlesbrough fans. Bernie, who refused to jet out to Bermuda with the rest of his team-mates last month, is now known as Biggles!

## ODDS ON - LIVERPOOL

Who will win the Championship this season? The following verdicts are interesting — K. Black (Luton) — L'pool A. Peake (Charlton) — L'pool L. Rosenior (W. Ham) — L'pool P. Rideout (Strimpton) — L'pool J. Scales (Wm'don) — L'pool C. Waddle (Spurs) — Arsenal D. Seaman (QPR) — Arsenal Mark Proctor (Mds'brough) — Arsenal W. Clarke (Ev'ton) — Arsenal D. McReery (Newcastle) — L'pool P. Gee (Derby) — L'pool T. Peake (Coventry) — L'pool A. Evans (A. Villa) — L'pool D. Bennett (Shef. Wed.) — Liverpool.

## GEOFF IN LINE AT SOME STAGE!

Asa Hartford, who was recently talking about managing Stockport County, said: "I am often asked if I am envious of Kenny Dalglish or Graeme Souness. No, the hole-in-the-heart episode taught me how lucky I am." Even as the article in *The Times* was being read Asa was sacked and his job handed to County's groundsman.

## WHAT ABOUT THE GAME?

Aston Villa's Paul Birch provoked a barrage of wolf whistles with his long blond hair. He insisted: "My hair is naturally curly, and yes I do have it highlighted. Next time I'll go out looking like Yul Brynner. That'll shock them!"

## 'X' MARKS THE NAME

Did you know that there are five Football League teams with 'X' in their name? They are Crewe Alexandra, Halifax Town, Wrexham, Oxford United and Exeter City.

## THE REAL REASON!

Frank McAvennie, the former Glasgow Rangers Celtic striker, who will be 30 years of age at his next birthday, shrugged off the opportunity of a championship medal with Arsenal to take the money with bottom-of-the-table Club West Ham United. The reason? A three year contract reputed to be worth £500,000.

## AND ANOTHER?

The reason that Gordon Strachan is supposed to have opted for Leeds United in preference to First Division Sheffield Wednesday is because he is on a reputed £5,000 a week at Elland Road with a three year contract worth a mind boggling £750,000.

## COMPLETE FREEDOM

Aston Villa Manager Graham Taylor believes that in 1992 the European barriers will come down in sport as well as politics. He envisages that the transfer system will be abolished and there will be complete freedom of movement.

## CELEBRATING

Norwich City have been offered £85,000 by Fosters Lager, their sponsors, if they can carry off the League and Cup double. Fosters will pay £35,000 if City win the League, £20,000 if they are runners-up and, in addition, £30,000 if Dave Stringers team win or lose if they reach Wembley. This extra money is on top of the £200,000 plus sponsorship Fosters have paid as part of their three-year deal.

## GOING UP, YET AGAIN

Attendances at Football League matches are about to show a rise for the third successive season. This has never happened in the 43 years since the Second World War. Not even in the immediate post-war boom years, when the cinema was just about football's only serious leisure rival, did gates go up for three consecutive seasons.

## THERE ARE FOUR

Although Peter Shilton continues to dominate the England International scene there are four goalkeepers playing regularly in British football to have won their first English Cap in this position. They are David Seaman (QPR), Chris Woods (Glasgow Rangers), Nigel Spink (A. Villa) and the evergreen Phil Parkes of West Ham United.

## YUGO AWAY!

Two Yugoslav players — Red Belgrave's Dusko Vlaisavijevic and Dragan Babic — have been banned for life from European competition for kicking the referee during the 1-0 defeat by East Germany's Carl Zeiss in an international Club tournament last July.

## JUMP START

Have Britain's Olympic selectors considered Manchester United's Jim Leighton? Anyone who can traverse the 18 yards between his goal and the edge of the box without breaking the four-step law must be worth at least a trial for the triple jump!

## SAME GOING UP OR DOWN!

Portsmouth were promoted to Division One in 1986/87 and their disciplinary record read 64 bookings and six sending offs. Last season, when they were relegated, they had 51 bookings and five dismissals.

## WOLVES ARE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE

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## SWINDON TOWN

*Team Changes*

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

## WATFORD

*Team Changes*

1. Tony Coton
2. Nigel Gibbs
3. Kenny Jackett
4. Willie Falconer
5. Paul Miller
6. John McClelland
7. Roderick Thomas
8. Paul Wilkinson
9. Garry Thompson
10. Gary Porter
11. Glyn Hodges
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*Reserve Official:* Mr. K. M. Little

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