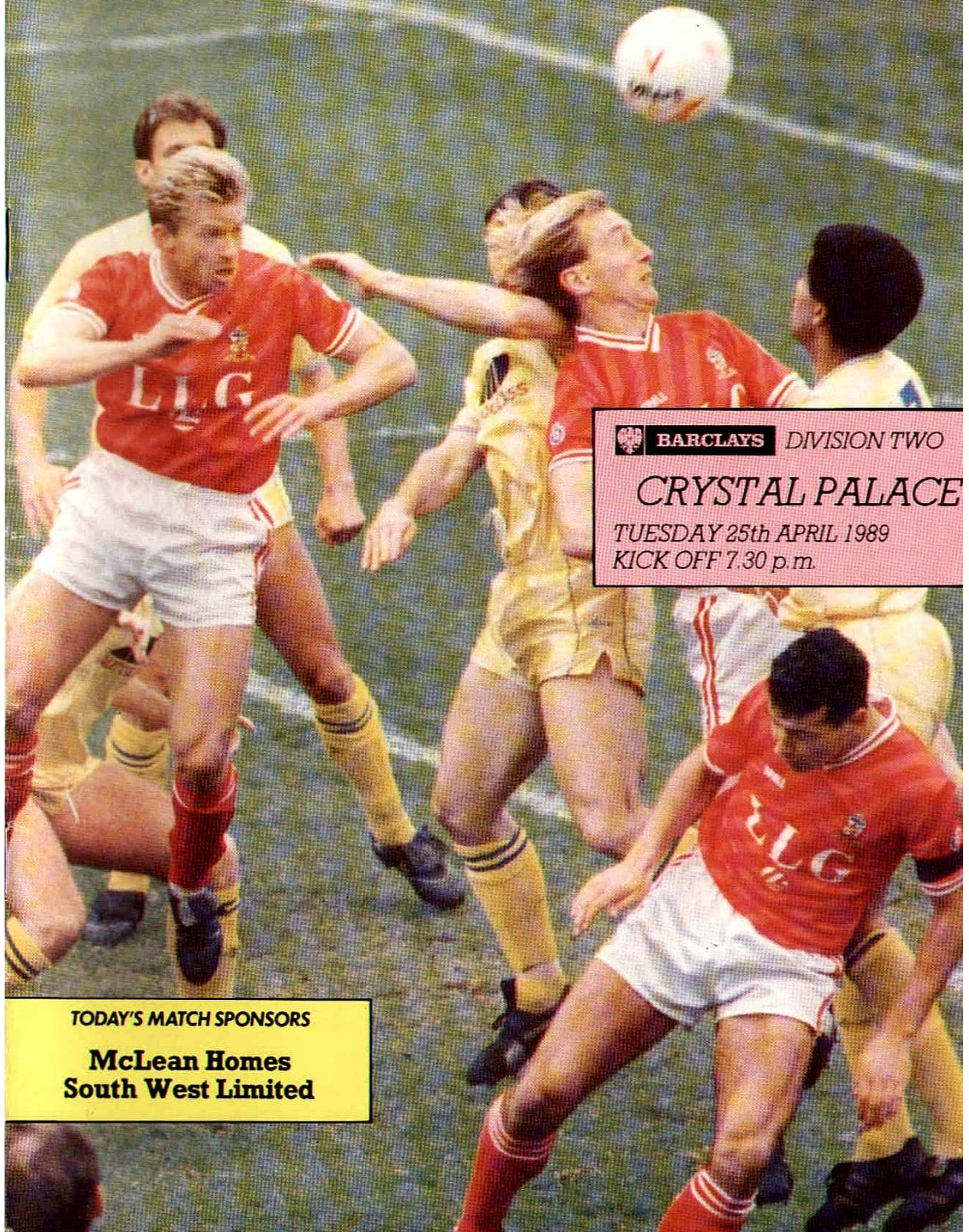


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NO TEAM IS PERFECT

The race for a place in the play-offs is on again. I know most people were somewhat pessimistic about our chances after we had been held to a draw here at the County Ground by Watford.

I could not subscribe to that view because points are always going to be dropped. No team is perfect. We bounced back with the expected victory at Birmingham City and we now have the Clubs above us in the League table within our sights once again.

WE CAN END THE PALACE 'RUN'

We have had several matches recently where we have been involved in virtual 'six point' encounters. Once again we face such a situation this evening.

Our record against Crystal Palace in the last two seasons has not been too good. That record will end and if we apply ourselves to the task of blotting out Ian Wright and Mark Bright. I am sure we can defeat Crystal Palace.

THANK YOU ARGYLE

Our remaining fixture list is probably one of the easier of the teams vying for the play-offs. Visits to Walsall and Oldham Athletic who are in the lower reaches of the Division. Home fixtures against Shrewsbury, who are near the bottom of the table, and a home match against inconsistent

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

Stoke City should give us the lift and points required.

Plymouth Argyle's draw at West Bromwich Albion on the day we were held to a draw by Watford gave us a life-line. West Brom faced three away matches in their last five fixtures and we had an even balance after the away match at Birmingham City.

JUST ENOUGH

Reviewing the match at Birmingham City we fell away in the second half and gave a tepid display. The young Birmingham team came more into the game.

Our 2-0 interval lead was enough to see us take the three points and so move nearer the leaders. It was a difficult game, no atmosphere, a dull pitch and relegated opposition. It was a match that I was glad to see over. I spent the last ten minutes anxiously watching the clock.

**HELP SANDRA AND THE HELPERS
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This evening Miss Sandra Coburn, the Secretary of the Supporters Club, and her helpers will be asking you to donate to the Hillsborough disaster fund.

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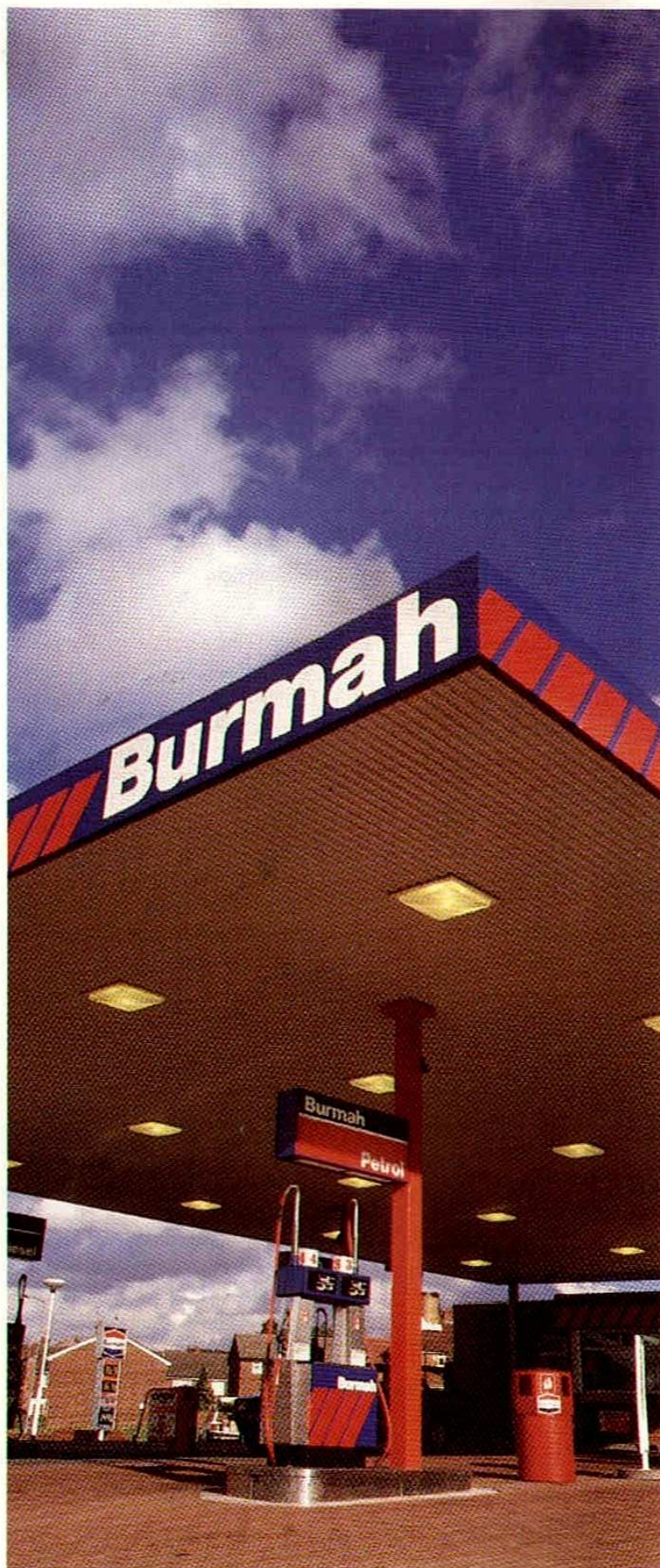
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WHY DON'T THEY LISTEN?

One of the many lessons to be learned from the wholly preventable Hillsborough tragedy is that the fans voice must be heard in the future, years of contempt by politicians and football authorities have been highlighted in the most awful way imaginable.

Hundreds of fans have predicted that fences could result in a disaster, but their opinions have never been considered to carry any importance.

OUTLIVED ITS PURPOSE

The standard of policing at Hillsborough appears to be the major issue, although attempts to cloud the issue with the many other problems at the Semi-Final provoke immediate thoughts of a cover up. Given adequate and effective police action of the kind employed at numerous big matches and the identical Semi-Final a year ago, there would have been no crush at the turnstiles. Given better crowd control policies in general, there would be no need for any fencing within football grounds. Changes in crowd behaviour and detection techniques have made fencing a prevention measure which has outlived its useful life considering the number of instances of hooliganism within football grounds.

WE ARE NOT SUBHUMAN

The aggressive herding of fans like distasteful subhumans into compact pens has been something to endure for many years and itself breeds an aggressive reaction, a little more understanding and a more reasonable attitude from some policemen would be a major step forward in crowd control. If eight hundred police on duty at Hillsborough cannot cope, then something is seriously wrong with their crowd control policy. Perhaps if more thoughtful planning in the build up to the Semi-Final, rather than banning inflatables, had been

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

on the agenda, then nearly one hundred deaths could have been avoided.

POLICE AN ASSET TO CLUBS

The few trips I have made to Highbury have convinced me that all policing need not be heavy-handed. Given adequate organisation in and around the stadium, the police are an asset to football Clubs and fans alike. The events at Hillsborough were not an isolated example of thoughtless policing but neither were they typical of every force's technique. Much more consideration must be given to the fans, the most important people on any match day.

POLITICAL PRIDE COMES FIRST

The Government's perseverance with their ill fated I.D. Card Bill is totally sickening, if not unexpected, in the light of the disaster in Sheffield. To put political pride before common sense and safety is an incredible reaction to a tragedy that would probably have been worse with I.D. cards further clog-

ging the flow of fans. The best political reaction would be to forget the Bill altogether and instead be prepared to take on board the recommendations of the Taylor inquiry.

NEW DEPTHS

Media coverage of the disaster has plumbed new depths, with saturation in both the papers and television. There seems to have been no restraint whatsoever in the choice of photographs for publication. The Sun seems to glory in any disaster but the Daily Mirror's lurid photographs have been just as bad. Who wants to view every intimate detail of such a personal tragedy? Even the Evening Advertiser felt that it was right to publish a half page picture of fans crushed against the fence, saying that it conveyed more than words ever could. Why then, after a weekend of solid media coverage, did the paper also devote thousands of words to the tragedy? The general media attitude seems to suggest that by covering the event in such microscopic detail, they are giving the reader what they want, yet more evidence of the all-important public being ignored.

FOOTBALL IS UNIMPORTANT COMPARED TO LIFE

No good can come from such a terrible situation but measures must be taken to ensure that it proves to be a one-off tragedy. No amount of sympathy can help those directly involved, but all contributing factors must come out into the open in order that corrective action can be taken. Football immediately became unimportant following Hillsborough as tragedy brought real priorities into focus. The game must stay out of the limelight for long enough to ensure that supporters can express their views on the game's long term future as a safe spectator sport.

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BRIAN HILLIER

TRAGEDY

The recent scenes at Hillsborough were horribly reminiscent of the Heysel Stadium tragedy four years ago as death and sorrow engulfed the recent F.A. Cup Semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

Our sincere heartfelt feelings are extended to the bereaved and their friends. Results at matches have no foundation in the wake of such appalling loss of life. The F.A. Cup will have lost its meaning for this season. A barrage of questions were immediately asked and those answers can only be given in the light of a public enquiry.

This latest soccer tragedy renews the question of safety at soccer grounds. Certain aspects of the safety of sports grounds will be under scrutiny. All that we can hope is that we will never see a repeat of such a tragic loss of life.

NOT SUCH A GOOD DEAL

Our re-admittance to Europe for the 1990-91 season is seen as a victory. The point that everyone appears to have missed is that the yard-stick for English football Clubs will be judged by those who follow the England National team.

Between June and December of this year our National team play matches in **Denmark, Sweden, Poland and Holland.** We have to hope those matches are played without the backcloth of violence. We could also qualify for the **1990-91 World Cup Finals** in Italy – presuming England's results are good enough to take us there. So the suitability of Clubs to return to Europe will be judged by the behaviour of fans following these matches! Surely one English Club admitted for a test case next season would have been more appropriate?

AN OFFER TO JON

We have recently made an offer to Jon Gittens which we hope will persuade him that his future lies here at the County Ground. Jon has indicated that he wanted to negotiate with the Club and we have made him what we consider to be a fair offer.

Negotiations are always a long and delicate process but you as our regular supporters can be assured that we have made every effort to negotiate with players whose contracts have almost expired. We have been successful to date and we sincerely hope that



Jon will determine his future by staying at the County Ground.

WELCOME PALACE

I would like to welcome Crystal Palace to the County Ground this evening and congratulate them on their recent fine run of results. It is no secret that Palace have enjoyed their matches against Swindon Town since we returned to the Second Division. Results have certainly favoured the Selhurst Park Club.

Steve Coppell is regarded as one of the finest young Managers in the country and I am sure that Steve has enjoyed taking Crystal Palace to the brink of the First Division. A Division in which he graced the playing arena for many seasons with Manchester United.

A CORRECTION

May I take this opportunity to correct a printing error in our last programme versus Watford.

Would you please note that Superintendent Mike Rogers of the Wiltshire Constabulary said: **DO USE car parks near to the ground.** My apologies to Michael and we hope you will adhere to his instructions aimed at helping the local residents who have suffered inconvenience on matchdays.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

CHELSEA JUST FAILED

Chelsea's recent defeat at Leicester City on Saturday April 15th ended their unbeaten run lasting 27 League games – and their ambition of establishing a new Club record of nine successive wins!

LEEDS REPORTED TO BE INTERESTED... NO BULL!

Leeds United are reported to have made a £1 million bid for Wolves goal machine Steve Bull.

The approach from the Elland Road Club will test the ability of the Midlands Club to hold onto the free scoring striker. West Bromwich Albion would cream off half of any transfer fee as part of the deal struck when Steve Bull joined the Molineux Club for £35,000 three years ago. The striker has scored 46 goals this season and 52 last season. Wolves have underlined their determination to keep the player by offering him a long term contract which has another two seasons to run. Leeds United have also shown a keen interest in Bordeaux's Clive Allen.

DIFFICULT TO COMPARE

Will we be able to finish in a higher position in the League table than we did in the 1969-70 season, when we finished in fifth position in the Division Two League table.

Our playing record that season read as follows:

Home						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
42	13	7	2	35	17	
Away						
W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
4	9	8	22	30	50	

Those statistics cannot be compared to this season because we now play 46 matches during the course of the season.

On the present system of three points for a win the team of 1969-70 would have accumulated a total of 67 points. The leading League goal scorer that season was Arthur Horsfield with 18 goals.

WILLING CONTRIBUTORS

Watford condemned Walsall to Third Division football at Vicarge Road last week. The fact that mattered most had nothing to do with the players of both teams. A pre-match collection among the crowd of 9,777 raised £6,800 for the families of the Hillsborough dead.

Watford Manager Steve Harrison revealed that apart from the money raised and the £5,000 given by the Club Directors, his players are organising their own contributions for the bereaved families from Merseyside.

HARRY IS DEFINITE IN HIS OPINION

AFC Bournemouth have declared fans would remain fenced in at Dean Court.

The Dean Court Club's Manager – Harry Redknapp says, "Do you think the hooligans who caused us to put up the barriers in the first place are sud-

denly going to behave?" He added, "They did not behave after the Bradford City disaster and they won't now. The fences, however much we all hate them, must remain at our ground."

Like so many Clubs AFC Bournemouth have fencing behind each goal and more wiring in the main stand to keep rival fans apart.

In our previous programme we gave you the remaining fixtures of both Crystal Palace and Watford. For your further interest the remaining matches of West Bromwich Albion, who are also one of the Clubs we are aiming to overhaul, are:

		Home		Away	
May 1st	May 6th	Portsmouth	Shrewsbury Town		
April 29th	May 13th	Crystal Palace	Hull City		

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	42	13	6	2	45	23	13	5	3	42	22	89
Manchester City	42	12	6	3	44	24	10	4	7	24	22	76
Watford	42	14	4	3	41	17	6	7	8	26	30	71
Crystal Palace	40	12	6	2	36	16	8	4	8	26	28	70
Blackburn Rovers	42	14	4	3	45	22	5	7	9	22	34	68
West Bromwich Albion	42	12	6	3	40	18	4	11	6	21	22	65
Swindon Town	41	10	8	2	30	15	7	6	8	29	34	65
Barnsley	41	10	8	3	35	21	6	6	8	22	32	62
Ipswich Town	42	11	3	7	36	23	7	4	10	27	38	61
Leeds United	42	11	5	5	33	20	4	9	8	19	25	59
Stoke City	41	10	8	3	29	20	6	5	10	23	41	58
AFC Bournemouth	42	12	2	7	29	18	5	4	12	18	37	57
Sunderland	42	11	7	3	37	21	3	6	12	19	37	55
Oxford United	42	11	6	4	38	26	3	6	12	21	32	54
Leicester City	42	11	5	5	28	16	2	9	10	22	39	53
Bradford City	42	7	10	4	26	20	5	6	10	22	33	52
Portsmouth	42	10	6	5	30	16	3	6	12	20	37	51
Brighton & Hove Albion	42	11	4	6	35	22	3	3	15	19	39	49
Plymouth Argyle	41	10	4	6	31	18	3	6	12	18	42	49
Oldham Athletic	42	9	8	4	45	28	1	10	10	24	39	48
Hull City	42	7	9	5	31	21	4	4	13	20	41	46
Shrewsbury Town	42	4	9	8	21	27	4	6	11	15	35	39
Walsall	42	3	9	9	24	37	2	6	18	14	34	30
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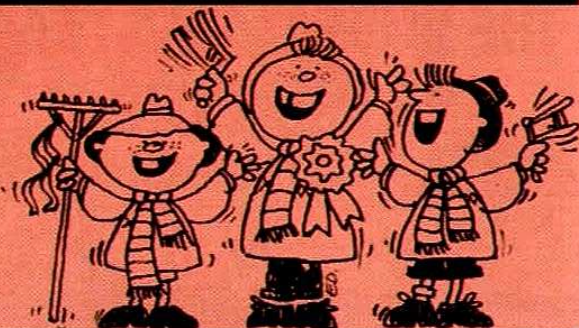
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What a great success the Avco Junior Supporters day turned out to be. It was nice to see that the media decided to report the good side of football which is so often missed. So thanks to Wiltshire Sound, GWR, the Evening Advertiser and BBC Points West for showing that the media does help football sometimes.

So many people to thank. John Timms and his helpers for keeping the Five-a-side competition running like clockwork. Chris Kirkland for his refereeing and after lunch talk. Ron Manners and his ladies for the much appreciated lunch, especially the chips! 'Chic' Bates, Colin Calderwood and Fraser Digby who

after a hard mornings training gave up their afternoon to run coaching sessions. Last but not least, Peter Gundrip and Avco Trust without whose sponsorship the whole event would not have been possible. We are very grateful for their generous sponsorship and for indicating they will be anxious to help us with a similar event next year.

The Five-a-side final was fought out between sides from Nythe (the eventual winners) and Wootton Bassett. I am sure this was in no small measure due to the enthusiasm of their respective Deputy Heads, Keith Embling and John Griffiths, who gave up part of their Easter Holiday to help out and encourage their pupils effort.

DEREK'S QUIZ

Derek Elston, one of Swindon's most loyal supporters, has very kindly donated a £5.00 prize for the first person to produce all the correct answers for the following quiz.

1. Name 5 League teams who's name contains the letter X.
2. Name 5 League teams who's name contains double L.
3. Name 5 League teams who's name starts and finishes with the same letter.
4. Name nine teams who's second name is only used by that Club (all Clubs have only two names e.g. Swindon Town F.C.)

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

On Saturday next we travel to doomed Walsall who are due to return to the Third Division following their promotion of last season. The euphoria that swept Fellows Park last May following the West Midland Clubs play-off success was quickly forgotten when favourable results were hard to come by.

The feted Tommy Coakley and his assistant Gerry Sweeney, were dismissed in February and former Wolverhampton Wanderers and Notts County Manager, John Barnwell, took over the reigns at Fellows Park.

There were the inevitable incomings and departures from the Club with former Watford and Notts County striker Stuart Rimmer proving an instant success. The struggling Midland Club began to find a

semblance of improved form that would have served them well in the earlier stages of this season. It was a case of a little too late.

Andy Saville a striker who appeared here at the County Ground with Hull City joined the Fellows Park Club and formed a dual striking role with Stuart Rimmer. Both players have been in impressive form since.

The cultured play of midfield player Craig Shakespeare was the subject of varied transfer conjecture before the March transfer deadline. Reports of a £300,000 transfer move never materialised and the influential midfield player remained at Fellows Park.

One of the most attractive footballing teams to have emerged from the Third Division in recent seasons, Walsall have undoubtedly missed the goalscoring prowess of former striker David Kelly who joined West Ham United for £600,000 last summer. The Eire International's move was an unhappy outcome for not only the player but

both Clubs. The free scoring striker was unable to reproduce his form in the First Division and Walsall sadly missed his influence in the Second Division.

John Barnwell's appointment came too late to influence a dramatic change in fortunes. The prospect of a new ground and the return to the Third Division will give the Midland Club the opportunity to re-group in the Third Division and perhaps make a bid for honours once again.

The following Monday, May 1st, we entertain another of the Second Divisions struggling Clubs - Shrewsbury Town. The Gay Meadow Club who have a strong Scots clan would appear to be doomed also to the Third Division for next Season. Former County Ground favourite Brian Williams who joined Shrewsbury from Bristol City is now in charge of Youth team affairs at Gay Meadow. Both matches should offer the opportunity to add to our accumulation of points with regard to our bid to reach the end of season play-offs.

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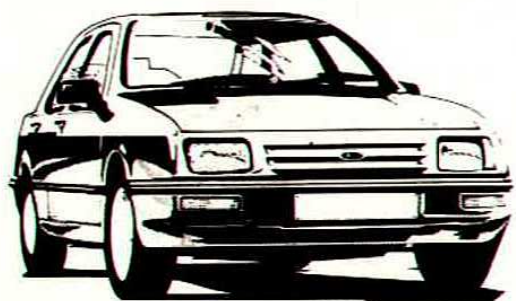
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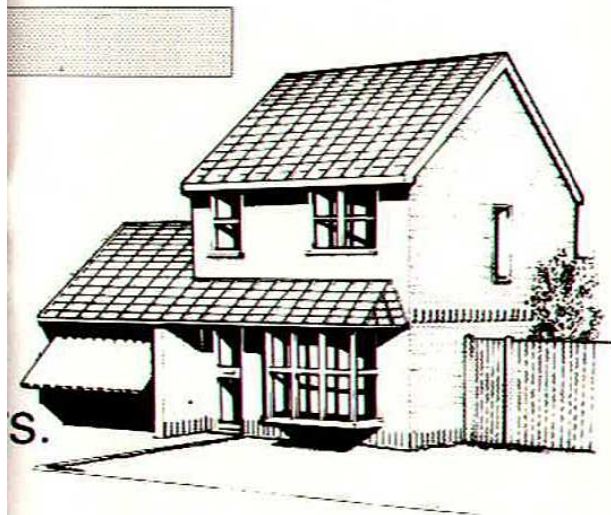
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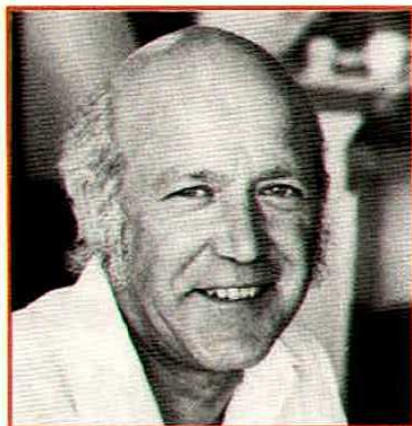
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TAKING THE *Opposite* VIEW

CRYSTAL PALACE



by Dave Eaton



Front row, left to right: John Pemberton, Glenn Pennyfather, Alan Pardew, Ian Wright, John Salako.

Middle row, left to right: Steve Coppell (Manager), Mark Bright, Jeff Hopkins, Geoff Thomas (Team Captain), Gary O'Reilly, David Madden, Dennis Bailey, David Burke, Ian Evans (now Swansea City).

Back row, left to right: Gavin Nobbeling (Club Captain), Phil Barber, Perry Suckling, Brian Parkin, Mark Harris, Neil Redfearn.

When Alan Mullery was relieved of the Manager's position at Selhurst Park, Crystal Palace turned to Steve Coppell to rekindle the Club's fortunes. The former Manchester United and England player, and a colleague of Swindon boss Lou Macari, had been forced to quit the game through a serious leg injury. In June 1984, at 28 years of age, he embarked on a new career. In his first season, 1984/85, he stabilised the Club's fortunes and laid the base for an assault on promotion from the Second Division.

In the following season Palace finished fifth and in the last two seasons have just missed out on both occasions of reaching the promotional play-offs. Each time they

were handily placed in the League but finally ended in sixth spot - one place away from the play-offs and only two points adrift.

This season though Palace seem certain to reach at least the play-offs and hopes are high of promotion back to the First Division for the first time since 1981.

Palace were formed in 1905 and were original members of Division 3 in 1920, and the following season gained a place in Division 2 as the Division 3 champions.

Four years later though they were relegated and remained a Third Division outfit until 1958.

They became a founder member of Division 4, but this was the beginning of

an upward trend which saw them rise from 1961 in eight years to reach the First Division for the first time. During that period they finished as runners-up in Division 4, 3 and 2.

Four seasons were spent in the top flight before they dropped back into the Second and the following year were relegated again.

They managed to regain First Division status again; when they ended the 1978/79 season as Division 2 champions.

Life in the top flight was short-lived, just two seasons. Since 1981 Palace have been members of Division 2. During Palace's history they have used several grounds, with Selhurst Park becoming their permanent home since 1924.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Steve Coppell (Manager). Age 33. Born Liverpool (9.7.55). Joined Crystal Palace as Manager in June 1984 having been forced to retire from the game because of a serious knee injury. Started his playing career with Tranmere Rovers in 1973 as an amateur whilst studying for his Economics Degree at Liverpool University. Signed professional in July 74 and transferred to Manchester United in 1974/75 season. He made 320 appearances for United scoring 53 goals and won 42 England caps. He was an outstanding performer for his country and held a permanent right wing position until his injury against Hungary which led to his ultimate retirement. His book 'Touch and Go' was published last year and received excellent reviews.

John Pemberton. Age 24. Joined Palace from Crewe Alexandra during 87/88 season for £60,000. He had previously played for Rochdale. Has the ability to play in any of the defensive positions. He played alongside Geoff Thomas when they were both at Cresty

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• Geoff Thomas

Road. Was substitute on a number of occasions last season but will no doubt be knocking on the first team door this season.

Geoff Thomas. Aged 24. He enjoyed a very successful first season, 87-88, with the Club, picking up four Player Of The Year Awards after his £50,000 signing. Previously with Crewe, but began his career at Rochdale.

John Salako. Age 20. This youngster has come through the Crystal Palace Youth side to make his first team debut in January 1987. He was a leading goalscorer while appearing for the Youth Team and was last season selected for the England Under-20 squad.

Richard Shaw. Age 20. A defender and another youngster to graduate through the Youth Scheme to first team football. A regular member of the Reserve side, he also figured in a number of first team matches last season. Made his debut in the 3-2 win at Reading.

David Madden. Age 26. Joined Palace on a free transfer from Reading during last summer. Began as an apprentice at Southampton but never made a League appearance for the Saints. Other Clubs include Bournemouth (loan), Arsenal, Charlton and Reading.

Glenn Pennyfather. Age 26. Glenn joined Palace from Southend United for £150,000, after spending almost nine years at Roots Hall. He made 238 League appearances for the Essex Club. Glenn spends his afternoons teaching in a school local to his Benfleet home.

Ian Wright. Aged 25. London born, Ian enjoyed considerable success with Palace during last season scoring 23 goals and picked up the runners-up trophy at the

end of season presentations. The main attributes of his game is his speed, fine ball control and turning ability.

Jeff Hopkins. Age 25. He joined Palace in August 1988 for a fee of £240,000 which was fixed by a League tribunal. Has appeared in both full International and Under-21 level for Wales. Prior to signing he had been previously a one club man appearing in a Fulham shirt since 1980/81, when he made his debut for the West London Club. As a central defender he made 219 League appearances for Fulham and with his move South of the River will no doubt be looking to increase his number of Welsh caps.

Eddie McGoldrick. Age 23. Born in London he began his football career at Nuneaton. Joined Northampton Town for start of the 86/87 season. Was an ever present for them in the League last season. Signed for Palace in January of this year for a fee of £200,000.

Gavin Nebbeling. Age 25. The South African made one of the centre half places his own during last season as well as getting among the goals. He was signed from Arcadia Pepsi, Johannesburg, in 1983 for £10,000 and then whilst at Palace has spent a spell on loan at Northampton Town during season 1985/86.

Gary O'Reilly. Age 28. He made his Palace debut in January 1987 in the F.A. Cup 3rd round. He is a tall strong centre half who previously played for Tottenham and Brighton and spent last summer playing in Sweden. He was signed by Palace from Brighton for £40,000.

Alan Pardew. Age 27. Wimbledon born. Alan moved to Selhurst Park in 87/88 for £7,500 from Yeovil Town and made his League debut last season. Went on to record 20 League appearances.



• Ian Wright



• David Burke

David Burke. Age 28. The Liverpool born left back moved South from Huddersfield Town during 1987 for £65,000. He had a tough baptism with Palace, making his debut in the South London derby against Millwall but came through that match and went on to be ever present in the number three shirt in that season. He is married and lives in Surrey.

Mark Bright. Age 27. The highscoring centre-forward, notched 25 goals during the 1987/88 season. He joined Palace from Leicester City in November 1986 for £75,000 after a spell at Port Vale. He struck up a fine partnership with Ian Wright last season to become part of one of the top striking partnerships around the country. Came through a serious arm injury to help Palace's push in last season's promotion race.

Phillip Barber. Age 23. He joined Palace from Aylesbury Town in 1984 and has made a number of appearances in both the centre forward and left wing positions. The £10,000 striker scored on his Palace debut against Grimsby Town. Known at the Club as 'Mr. 110%' and is a firm favourite with the Selhurst regulars.

Perry Suckling. Age 23. He joined Palace in 87/88 from Manchester City for £100,000 after spells at Coventry and a loan period at Chelsea. He has appeared for the England Under-21s on a number of occasions both at home and abroad.

Mark Harris. Age 25. A central defender he joined the Club as a full-time contract player during the close season from Wokingham Town. Last season played several matches in the Football Combination side as a non-contract player.

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WELCOME

Good Evening and welcome to the County Ground, especially to those of you who have made the arduous journey around the M25. Recent games with Crystal Palace have been close affairs, we should see a fine match this evening. There's plenty at stake for both.

LITTLE TO SAY TO EASE THE PAIN

Once again death has joined those who love the game of football. There is little that can be said about the recent tragic events at Hillsborough to ease the pain of that sad afternoon. A combination of things led up to the disaster which turned what should have been a classic football match into a day of intolerable human suffering. God bless all those who suffered, it must **never** happen again.

A BUSY TIME

As we approach the end of the season it seems that the football calendar is pretty busy. Swindon's first team played three games in the last week, while the Youth side were also in action in the final of the Midland Youth Cup. The home game with Watford was a case of more points dropped to play-off rivals despite taking the lead. Not even the appearance of the inflatable robbins could force a victory. But it was a well taken goal by Steve White and for those of you who perhaps feel the Town striker strays offside more than he should, just appreciate his positional sense and the fact that he takes as

many chances as he does. After all a forward cannot score unless he's in the right place at the right time.

ROSS THIS WAS SPECIAL

As for Ross Maclaren's first goal at Birmingham, well that really was something special. While reporting from St Andrews I compared the goal to the one scored by Bobby Charlton against Mexico in the World Cup of 1966. It certainly was a tremendous effort and the Town sweeper should be rightly proud of his strike.

DEPRESSING ST ANDREWS

The win at Birmingham put Swindon back into the play-off picture at a deserted and depressing St Andrews. Birmingham of course had already been relegated and goodness me it showed in the size of the crowd, just 4,026 the lowest attendance since the War at City's ground. Those mountainous terraces were all but empty and it was a sad sight to see. Still the young City side played well in the second half and it must give them hope for the future.

WELL DONE LADS

Talking of young sides, the two on show in the First leg of the Midland Youth Cup Final at the County Ground have every reason to be pleased with the way they played. The youngsters of Swindon and Nottingham Forest put on a great show with none of the slightly seedy tendencies that have crept into the modern game.

The match flowed from start to finish and there were six goals, it all augurs well for the Second leg at the City Ground tomorrow evening.

WHAT SUMMER

The brand new cricket season has got under way and it heralds the arrival of summer. Summer? Don't make me laugh. It should be a terrific season with the tour of the Australians and the forth coming Ashes test series. England's test team has been in the doldrums of late and need a good performance against the Aussies to get the new regime of Ted Dexter and David Gower off to a good start. Whatever happens we should see some fine cricket in the next few months.

END OF THE SEASON

As one season starts another finishes and that is certainly the case with G.W.R.F.C. The final League match ended in an 8-1 defeat by M.D. Motors, a result which gave the Motors side a play-off for the Division 8 championship with S.W. Transport. We've had a few friendlies, but now it's a time to organise the end of the season dinner and talk of missed chances and missed points. Kevin Newman ended up our leading scorer, well done Kev, let's see the same next season.

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

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

LAST HOME MATCH OF THE SEASON
Our South East Counties League team completed their home Second Division programme with a 1-1 draw versus Bristol Rovers. The match was played at Lydiard Park on Saturday, April 8th.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** in his report of this penultimate South East Counties League fixture said, "This, our last home match of the season, proved to be a game of contrasting halves. In the first half we produced some good football, creating some clear cut chances and we should have been deservedly ahead by three or four goals by half-time. A wasted penalty by Paul Hunt and other missed chances left **Liam Dixon's** conversion of a centre by Paul Hunt our only score at the interval."

John's description of a deteriorating second half was, "It was continually scrappy with Rovers playing a more intimidating role. We became over involved and our play consequently suffered. Bristol Rovers equalised when poor marking in defence allowed **Marcus Stewart** to equalise with a header."

John concluded by saying, "We must learn not to let teams upset the way in which we played and not to lose our composure when provoked."

Team: Lovegrove, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Lea, Hammersley, R. Morgan, Dixon, Hunt, Walker.

Substitutes: Macari (for Walker in 46th min.) Murray (for Lea in 71st min.)



● **Liam Dixon** - The Town's trainee, who hails from nearby Highworth, was on the mark for our Youth team against Bristol Rovers and Slough Town.

TOWN OVERCOME THE 'SAINTS' AT THE DELL

Following their 4-0 drubbing at Wimbledon in midweek, our Reserve team returned to winning ways on Saturday, April 8th. Their 2-0 success in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match came against a Southampton team which included former Town striker **Paul Rideout**.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland** in his report of the match at **The Dell** said: "Following the midweek setback against Wimbledon we managed a clear cut two goal win. The first half was even with neither goalkeeper under any intense pressure although we had long periods of possession."

We took the lead after 65 minutes when **Fitzroy Simpson** scored with a brilliant volley into the far top corner of the net. Within two minutes **Gary Marshall** made it 2-0 with a hard low shot on the blind side of the Saints' keeper, **Tim Flowers**. Continual pressure failed to increase our lead. Overall we had every reason to be well satisfied with a very competent performance."

Team: Thompson, Fleming, Marshall, Barnard, Parkin, Cornwell, Tomlinson, Coyne, Henry, Simpson, M. Jones.

Substitutes: Summerbee (for Cornwell in 45th min.) G. Morgan.

SURPRISINGLY HELD TO A DRAW

Our Reserve team were held to a surprise draw when they met Oxford United at the County Ground on Wednesday, April 12th. The match ended with a 1-1 scoreline in this 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland** in his report of the match said: "We had to come from a goal in arrears when **Paul Simpson** put the visitors ahead after only five minutes of play with a well placed shot. It was an own goal that brought the scores level when Peter Coyne's shot was deflected into the net by an Oxford United defender. David Geddis missed a good opportunity to give us the lead when his shot just cleared the crossbar. Neither goalkeeper was troubled for the remainder of the match. The game petered out into a scrappy affair with neither team doing themselves justice on the day."

Team: Thompson, Tomlinson, Marshall, Barnard, Parkin, Cornwell, Coyne, Simpson, Geddis, Henry, Viveash.

Substitutes: King (for Tomlinson in 70th min.) M. Jones (for Coyne in 45th min.)

PLAY-OFF SUCCESS

Our Allied Counties Youth League team overcame the first hurdle in their play-off



● **Gary Marshall** - The former Coventry City trainee scored the second goal in our 2-0 win at Southampton. This was the Stroud born defenders first goal of the season for our Reserves.

matches when they defeated Slough on Wednesday, April 12th by 5-1 at Hungerford Town.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** said in his report of the match, "In this, our first play-off match, we were given a flying start with goals from **Richard Walker** and **Liam Dixon** in the first six minutes of play. We continued to dominate the match but we failed to turn our advantage into goals."

The second half continued in the same pattern and we turned our superiority into goals from **Martin Churchward** and **Mike Macari (2)** which emphasised our dominance. Our 5-0 lead was reduced when Slough were awarded a penalty in the dying minutes of the game."

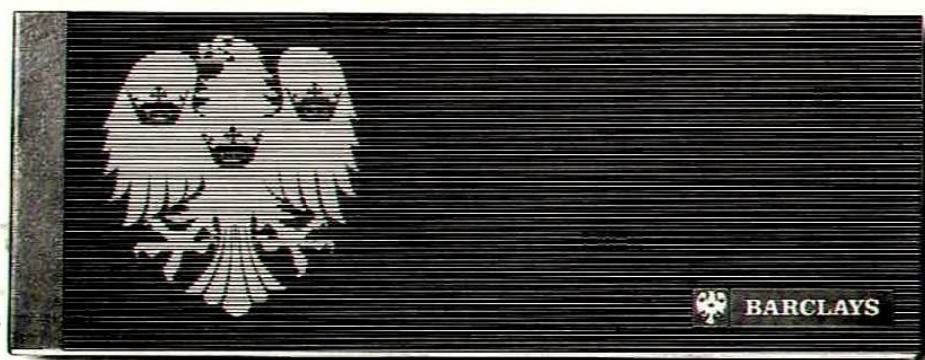
John said in his appraisal of the performance, "A good start to the play-offs but even more important was the way in which the result was achieved. It was a fine team performance in which our play was thoughtful and constructive. This allied together with hard work and enthusiasm contributed to a highly successful result."

Team: Ryan Lovegrove, Lee Spalding, Alex Graham, Neil Quinn, Martin Churchward, Edwin Murray, Richard Walker, Paul Trollope, Mike Macari, Liam Dixon, Mark Lea.

Substitutes: Jason Braidwood (for Lea in 70th min.) Simon Payne (for Murray in 63rd min.)

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Remaining fixtures to be played at the County Ground

April

Wednesday 26th

Chelsea

Football Combination K-O 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 27th

Wiltshire Senior Cup

Wiltshire F.A. K-O 6.15 p.m.

Friday 28th

Junior Cup Final

Wiltshire F.A. K-O 6.15 p.m.

May

Monday 1st

Shrewsbury Town

League Division Two K-O 3.00 p.m.

Saturday 6th

Stoke City

League Division Two K-O 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 7th

U-13 Minor Cup Final

Wiltshire F.A. K-O 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 7th

Youth Cup Final

Wiltshire F.A. K-O 3.45 p.m.

Tuesday 9th

St. Josephs v Kingsdown

Under 13 Finals Schools F.A.

K-O 4.15 p.m.

Commonweal v Hreod Parkway

Under 14 Final K-O 5.25 p.m.

St. Josephs v Dorcan

Under 16 Final K-O 6.45 p.m.

Tuesday 16th

Queens Park Rangers

Football Combination K-O 2.00 p.m.

Friday 19th

Andy Rowland Testimonial

Swindon Town v West Ham United

K-O 7.45 p.m.

PRE-SEASON FIXTURES FOR THE 1989/90 SEASON

The Club is currently in the process of arranging friendly fixtures for next July and August. To date we have arranged the following:

Saturday, July 29th

Trowbridge Town.

Away, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5th

Hereford United

Away, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

(Hereford Senior Cup).

When we won the Final last season at Edgar Street we were asked to defend the trophy which we readily agreed to do.

Thursday, August 10th

Sherston F.C.

Away, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Friday, August 11th

Reading

Away, kick-off 8.00 p.m.

INTERESTED ONLOOKERS

Former Town players **Chris Kamara** and **Dave Bamber** were among the interested onlookers at our recent match with **Birmingham City** at **St Andrews** last Tuesday, April 18th.

Chris asked our Commercial Manager **Doug Buswell** if his son could be mascot when we entertain **Stoke City** here at the **County Ground** on **Saturday, May 6th**. Both players will be hoping to line-up in the **Potteries Club** colours for this match.

THE ONLY EVER-PRESENTS

Fraser Digby and **Adrian Viveash**

are the only two players to have made maximum appearances for our two Senior teams this season. Fraser has played in each of our Second Division fixtures and Adrian in all our our Football Combination matches. Incidentally Fraser celebrated his 22nd birthday on Sunday last.

THE IRREPRESIBLE KEN

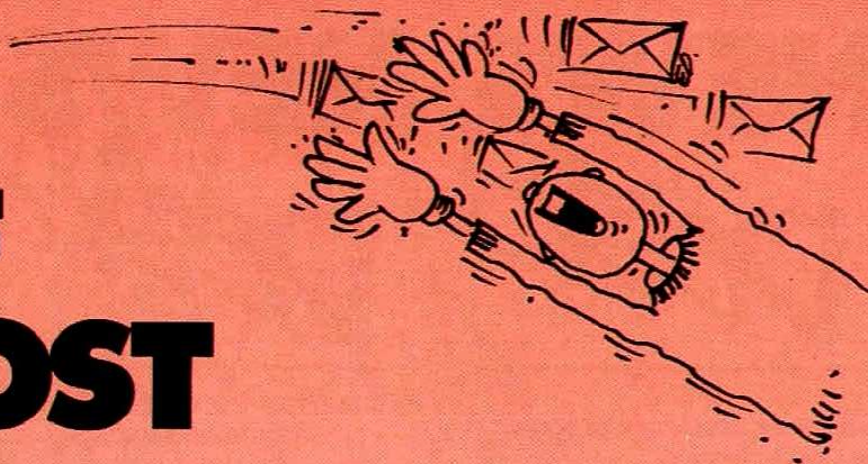
What a remarkable come-back for former Town goalkeeper **Kenny Allen**. The 37-year-old defied **Wolverhampton Wanderers** in Torquay United's 2-0 Sherpa Van Trophy win at Molineux last Tuesday. This surprising victory took the Plainmoor Club through to a Wembley Final where they will now meet Bolton Wanderers.

ANY SUGGESTIONS

We are in the process of designing next seasons programme and we would welcome any suggestions or ideas, you, the supporters, would have on what you would like to see incorporated. We cannot obviously include every idea or suggestion but if you would like to write C/o the Programme Editor, The County Ground, Swindon we will consider all ideas and suggestions. May we thank you for your anticipated interest. Please also tell us of any article you would personally wish to see retained for next seasons issue.

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IN OFF THE POST



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To Avco and Swindon Town FC,

Thank you very much for the day we had at the County Ground on Thursday 30th March it was great to have a tour of the ground. And to sit in the dug-out and see the Boot Room. I come to all the home matches at Swindon with my Dad. My best players are Fraser Digby and Tommy Jones.

It was great to see Colin Calderwood. The Five-a-side was fun to even if we didn't do any good.

**Thank you all very much,
From Ben James**
age 8

P.S. Thanks for the lunch as well it was smashing.

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9 Chudleigh
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Dear Mr King,

Would you kindly pass on to the Board of Directors the most grateful thanks of this Association for allowing us to make a collection at the County Ground before the match against West Bromwich Albion.

We raised the princely sum of £173.47 and are obviously delighted.

Sincere thanks again

Yours sincerely
John Archer

Liden School
Parent Teacher Association
Liden Infant and Junior Schools
Liden Drive
Swindon

Dear Mr King,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 20th February 1989 offering us an autographed matchball for use as a prize at our Summer Fayre. My husband has subsequently collected this and our Committee have decided to auction the ball at the Fayre and we are sure it will be a very competitive auction!

We do appreciate that you must receive many requests such as ours and I am therefore particularly grateful for your Club's interest in our event and for your good wishes. I will ensure that your support is acknowledged in our printed programme.

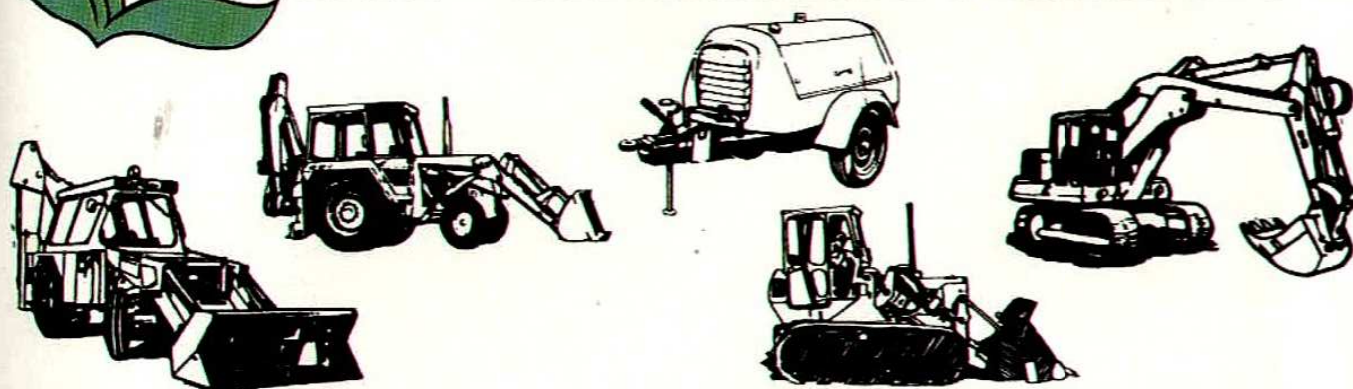
Many thanks again and here's to Division One!

Your sincerely,
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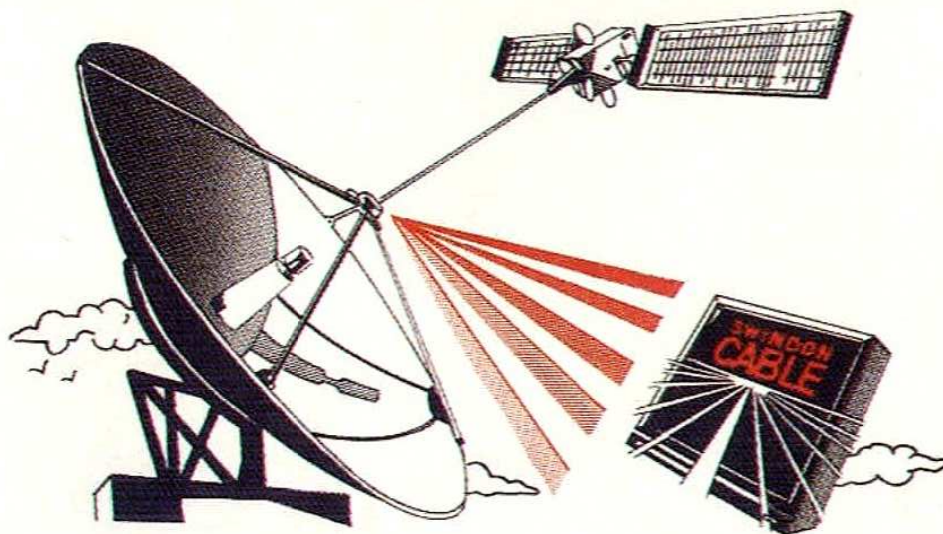


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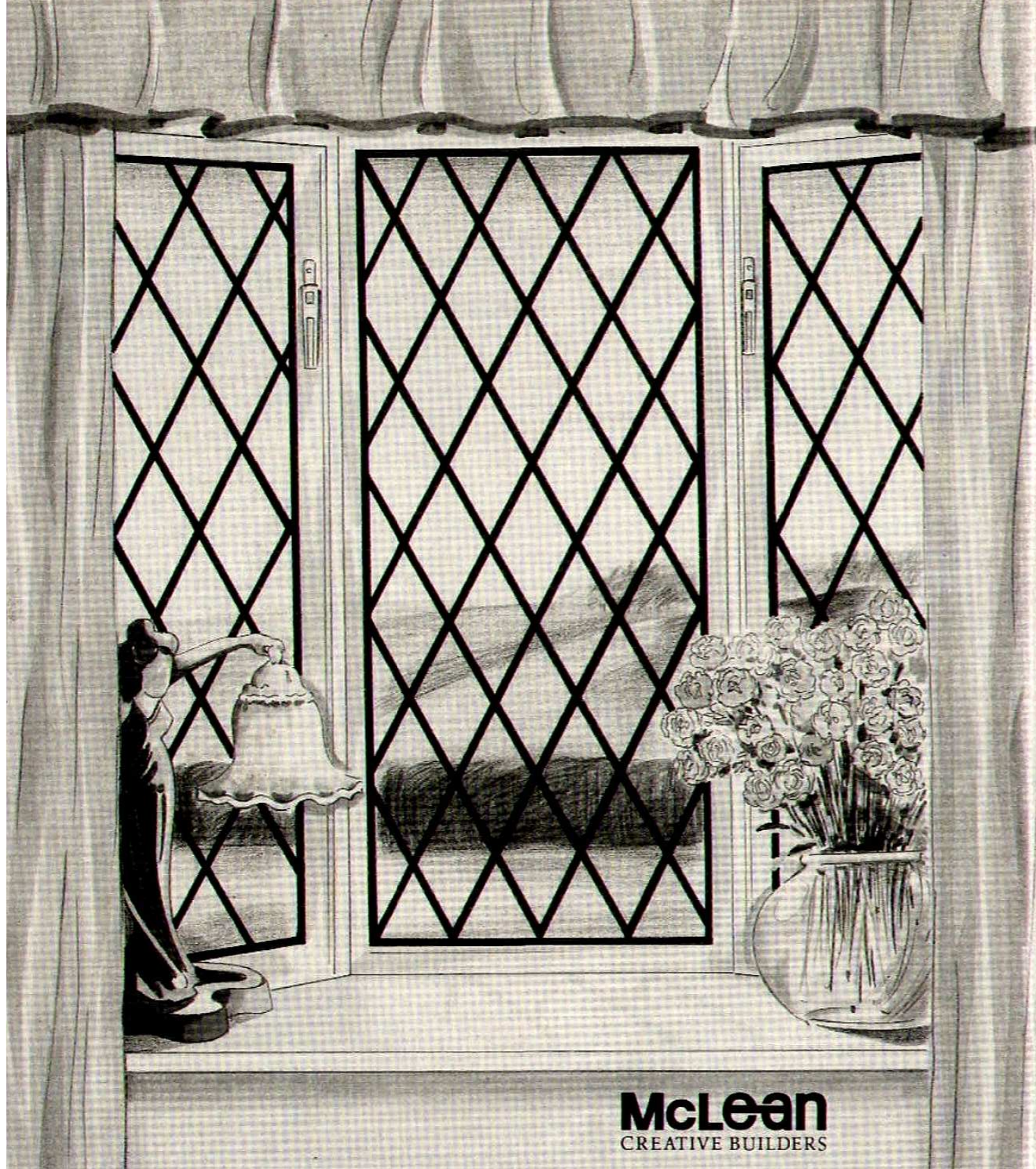
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VIEWPOINT

A MODERN AND LATTER DAY COLLECTION

I have been asked to write this weeks Viewpoint. Normally this is a column written with the view of job description or career nostalgia.

It is my intention to look at the Club from another aspect and take you through the main doors of the Club. In the most recent seasons a far greater interest has been shown in visual description of present and by-gone days. While the majority of memorabilia is of the present day there are various items depicting days of long ago and it is this aspect I would like to introduce to

THE DUBONNET CUP

A number of interesting items relating to the Club's history can be seen in the Foyer. Nestling in the corner is the Dubonnet Cup.

This trophy was won by Swindon Town in 1910 when they defeated Barnsley 2-1 in Paris. Swindon and Barnsley had been the defeated sides in the F.A. or English Cup, as it was known then, in that season. A packed crowd saw Harold Fleming score the two goals which gave Swindon victory.

HAROLD, STILL WITH HIS EYE ON THE BALL

A statue of Fleming, his eye firmly fixed on the ball in the manner of the best coaching books, stands on the other side of the Foyer.

The statue was the work of Carlton Attwood and was presented to the Club following public subscription for a memorial of Fleming after his death in 1955. Fleming is still the only player to earn a full England cap while on Swindon's books and thus his name stands in splendid isolation on the commemorative scroll presented by the F.A. on the occasion of Swindon's centenary in 1981.

RICHARD MATTICK

MORE RECENT DAYS

A couple of items reminding us of the Club's more recent triumphs can be seen between the statue of Harold Fleming and the door. There is an inscribed mirror showing the names of the players and coaching staff during the season Swindon not only won the Fourth Division Championship but also set a record to the number of League points gained by a Club in a season. Just to the left of this mirror is a picture of captain Colin Calderwood brandishing the Cannon Trophy. A cartoon picture of the players of this period who also created a Club record of consecutive home wins can be seen just to the right of the Office entrance.

CAPTAIN SUPREME

At the foot of the stairs is a picture of another of the Club's captains, Stan Harland.

Captain during the season Swindon not only won promotion but also the League Cup, 1969, he is depicted holding the Anglo Italian Trophy which Swindon won by defeating Naples 3-0 on their own ground.

REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE

The most recent addition to the exhibits in the Foyer is a small memorial plaque to Alan Fowler, William Imrie and James Olney.

Seventy five professional footballers died while serving in the Armed Forces according to Jack Rollin in his excellently researched book 'Football at War' and these three were all on Swindon's books. Alan Fowler was Swindon's leading scorer in the 1937-8 season with 15 goals. He was killed



● RICHARD MATTICK

during the fighting in Normandy in 1944 while serving in the Dorset regiment. William Imrie was a Leading Aircraftman while James Olney was in the Guards.

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A MUSEUM!

The Club has many interesting relics of its past and only a few of them can go on display to the public. It would be nice to think that one day like Old Trafford and Lords we will have our own museum to enable people to share in the wonderful heritage of our Club. Any interested sponsors for such a venture see Doug Buswell!

CAN YOU HELP

There are many items of soccer ware in Swindon, many are probably stored in cupboards and drawers or stored in an attic. Priceless to those who dwell on nostalgia! Can we ask anyone with such an item to write to me at the Club. I am having a book on the history of the Club published in the autumn months. Your items could be of pictorial interest and this record of photography could be displayed in copy within the Club. Please try to help us preserve a history we should all be proud of as Swindonians.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Chots Chots Chots*

● The effervescent Garry Thompson gave the Town defence some 'Hairy Moments'. Once again he climbs the highest to reach the ball in our recent home match versus Watford.

● Steve White scores his eleventh League goal of the season when he gave us a 1-0 first half lead against Watford on Saturday April 15th.



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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89												
DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON	BARNSELY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT	WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin†	Gittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN	PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
17.9.88	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
20.9.88	TUE	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,055	3-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren (1)(p)	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,585	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE	CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT	WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED	OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Gittens	Foley
9.10.88	SUN	CHELSEA	H	11,927	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	McLoughlin	Gittens	Foley
12.10.88	WED	CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Gittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
16.10.88	SUN	LEEDS UNITED	H	9,234	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
22.10.88	SAT	SUNDERLAND	A	13,520	0-4	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.10.88	WED	LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT	HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED	NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
12.11.88	SAT	IPSWICH TOWN	H	7,246	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens (1)	Foley
19.11.88	SAT	STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.11.88	SAT	WALSALL	H	5,328	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley (1)
3.12.88	SAT	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
10.12.88	SAT	OLDHAM ATELETIC	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	BARNSELY	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	12,240	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
27.3.89	MON	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	8,487	1-4	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Gittens	Calderwood	Foley
1.4.89	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	8,220	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin*	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
4.4.89	TUE	BRADFORD CITY (7.45)	H	6,476	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
8.4.89	SAT	MANCHESTER CITY	A	22,663	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
15.4.89	SAT	WATFORD	H	9,828	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley
17.4.89	TUE	BIRMINGHAM CITY (7.30)	A	4,026	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Simpson
22.4.89	SAT	BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A	9,510	2-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley(2)†
25.4.89	TUE	CRYSTAL PALACE	H									
29.4.89	SAT	WALSALL	A									
1.5.89	MON	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H									
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THE MAGNIFICENT FIVE

Five British Clubs have won the European Cup they are Glasgow Celtic, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Liverpool and Aston Villa.

SPACE AGE TIME AT IBROX

Glasgow Rangers have unveiled an £11 million facelift for their Ibrox Stadium. The capacity will be increased from 44,000 to 52,000 - half of whom will be housed in a new £7 million space-age main stand. Rangers aim to raise £7 million from public funding. Another £2 million will come from the sale of the Clubs training ground.

GIOVANNI AND THE U.S.A.

Inter Milan Manager Giovanni Trapattoni has been offered \$11 million to help the United States of America automatically qualify for the finals.

HOLD ON, I MIGHT BE ON MY WHITE CHARGER

Crisis Club Darlington have recently been given £50,000 by Middlesbrough's leading shareholder. Although Henry Muskovich holds £300,000 worth of Boro shares, he says doesn't want to join the Darlington Board of Directors at this stage.

WOR KENNY IN THE MONEY

Newcastle United defender, Kenny Wharton, earned an estimated £80,000 on April 3rd when 20,899 turned up for his testimonial at St James Park. United drew 2-2 with a Kevin Keegan XI.

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

Third Division leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers are to play a pre-season friendly against Moscow Dynamo on Tuesday, August 8th. The match will revive memories of the two meetings of the Clubs in 1955 when over 55,000 watched Wolves win at Molineux in a game which helped to launch floodlit soccer in this country. A crowd of 80,000 saw the match in Russia.

BURY HIM, JOCK

Jock Wallace, Manager of struggling Colchester United, is becoming desperate to find a way of keeping his team in the League. Jock recently called one of his players over to him and told him to follow him onto the pitch. The lad walked up and down behind the craggy Scot before asking: "What are we looking for boss?" "That bloody hole you disappear down between three o'clock and 4.40," snarled Wallace.

JOE'S IN CHARGE

Warrington's Joe Worrall will referee the F.A. Cup Final on May 20th. The 43-year-old was recently named for his second big Wembley date. Joe was in charge of last season's Littlewoods Cup Final.

TEN YEARS REWARD

Everton Captain, Kevin Ratcliffe, obtained his reward for 10 faithful years at Goodison Park recently when he collected £50,000 from his testimonial match against Athletic Bilbao. A crowd of 13,021 watched the match against the Spaniards managed by former Everton Manager Howard Kendall.

A LOU AT THE SPORT OF KINGS

Former England Captain Kevin Keegan was assaulted by a horse lout when attending Doncaster races on Saturday, April 1st. The lout was arrested leaving Kevin to return to his Spanish home muttering about the hooligan element at what was once the Sport of Kings.

OLD TRAFFORD RECORDS

The attendance of 55,040 that watched the Quarter Final F.A. Cup tie between Manchester United and Notts Forest beat the record receipts of £221,399 created by the visit to Old Trafford of Juventus in 1984. The attendance was also the largest at Old Trafford since the visit of Liverpool in September 1984.

PLEASE GO!

Brighton sacked 41-year-old chief ball boy Keith Cuss recently because he headed the ball into the crowd during the Goldstone Clubs recent 2-1 win over Manchester City. Angry Keith Cuss said: "I find the decision small minded and the players think it is petty."

FASH OFF TO NO 10

John Fashanu the Wimbledon striker has made friends in high places with his work off the pitch. John has the license for Admiral leisurewears operation in Nigeria, and has been invited by Mrs Thatcher to a Downing Street lunch in honour of Nigerian President Babangida.

I SPY

David Scott of L.E.P. are the backers of a London man who has invented the all seeing crossbar. He's patented two robot cameras inside the crossbar. One fish-eye lens covers from the back of the net to the six-yard line. The other lens sweeps the penalty area. The cost to any interested Club? £6,000. So far the League, ITV and Liverpool have shown no interest. We still will not know whether the ball has crossed the goal-line!

UNUSUAL DISTINCTION

Terry Dolan, dismissed by Bradford City recently, took over at Rochdale. That earned him the unusual distinction of having played for both Clubs he has been Manager of. Terry took over from Danny Bergara, who replaced Asa Hartford at Stockport County.

DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know which six Scottish Clubs begin and end with the same letter? They are Celtic, Kilmarnock, East Fife, East Stirlingshire, Dundee United and Alloa.

INFLATABLES

Inflatables are now the rage. Shall we see inflatable babies at Queens Park Rangers, blown up championship trophies at Manchester United. We just hope fans will stop short of representing their Club nicknames in plastic or Northampton Town may incur the wrath of Mary Whitehouse!

THE TOPS - BUT ONLY A SMALL INCOME FROM FOOTBALL

Football provides only 18 per cent of Wembley's income. It was voted the International Venue of the Year last year - something that anyone who had suffered a football match there would have found impossible to believe.

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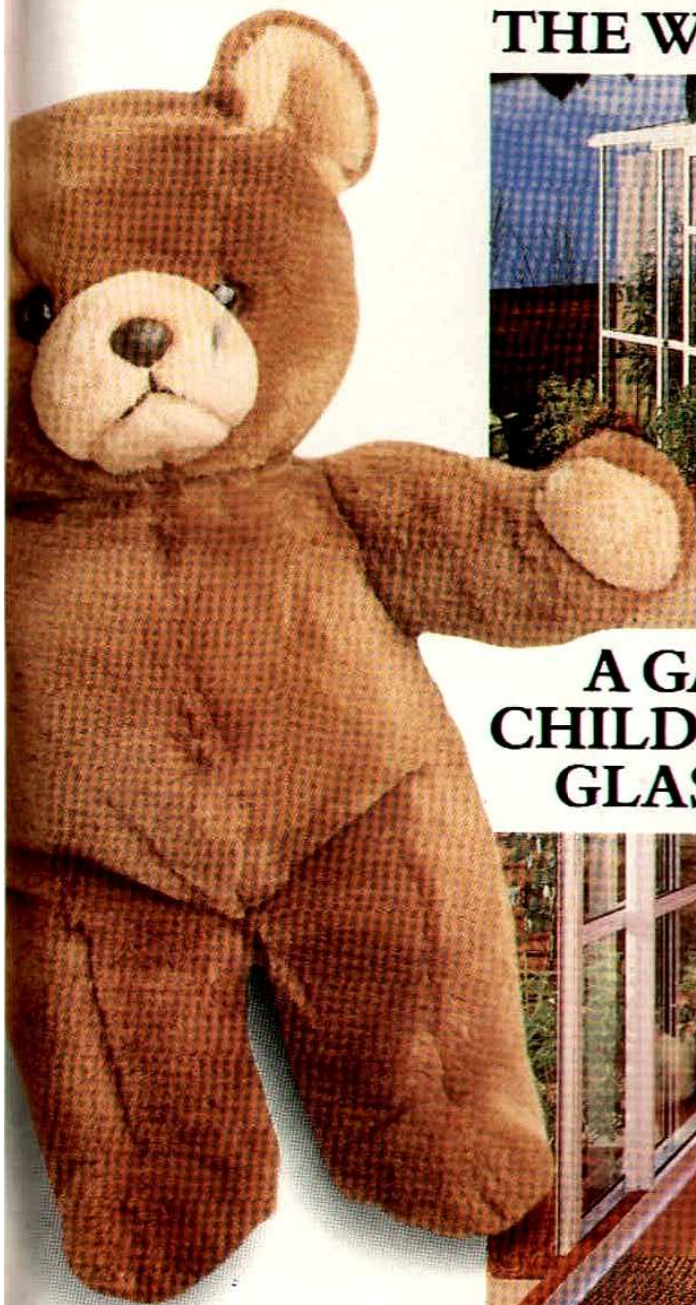
Norwich City plan to send U.E.F.A. a video which shows that Carrow Road, where the arrest rate is 0.003 per cent of their total attendance, is a safe place to watch football.

THE NEWSPAPER TV CRITIC WHO SAYS IT'S A BORE

The Daily Telegraph introduction to the recent Littlewoods Cup Final: 3.00 Luton v Nottingham Forest, from Wembley. A cup final must surely provide more pleasure than the sorry level of this season's live matches, with their shapeless, back passing remnant of what used to be a joy, even an art. A goal in the first half is a miracle.

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TEAM CHECK

SWINDON TOWN

Team Changes

1. Fraser Digby
2. Dave Hockaday
3. Phil King
4. Tommy Jones
5. Tim Parkin
6. Colin Calderwood
7. Fitzroy Simpson
8. Duncan Shearer
9. Alan McLoughlin
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Steve White
12. Jon Gittens
14. Charlie Henry

CRYSTAL PALACE

Team Changes

1. Perry Suckling
2. John Pemberton
3. David Burke
4. David Madden
5. Jeff Hopkins
6. Gary O'Reilly
7. Eddie McGoldrick
8. Alan Pardew
9. Mark Bright
10. Ian Wright
11. Phil Barber
12. John Salako
14. Richard Shaw

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Linesman Yellow Flag: Mr. J. Williams
Reserve Official: Mr. A. F. Pidgeon

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