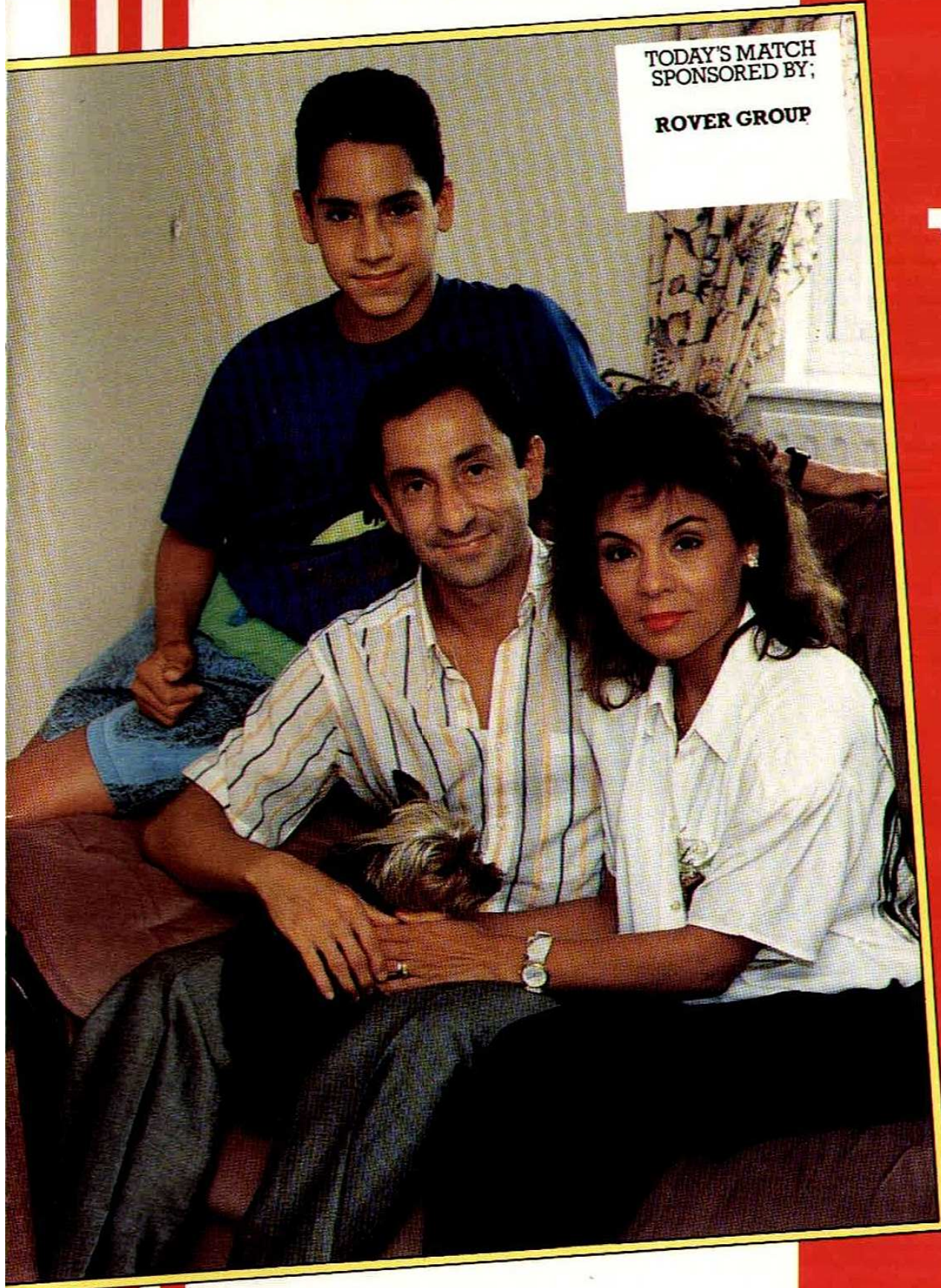


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BLACKBURN ROVERS

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ROBINS NEWS DESK

People and events in the news at the County Ground

REQUIRE A TICKET FOR THE NEW YEARS DAY TRIP TO WATFORD?

We have a limited number of seating tickets available for our **'Barclays' League Division Two** match on **New Years Day at Watford**. These are situated in the **Rous Stand at Vicarage Road** and are priced at **£9.00** each. The match has a scheduled **3.00 p.m.** kick-off.

ONE OF 'SHANKS' GOLIATHS!

Former Liverpool stalwart **Ron Yeats** was the guest speaker at the **Sporting Dinner** held at **Blunsdon House Hotel** on **Monday December 4th**.



Our photograph above shows **Ron Yeats** being welcomed by the sponsors of the evening gala, **Mr. Peter Painter** of **Allied Dunbar**.

AN UNUSUAL FACT ABOUT TIM PARKIN

When former Town defender **Tim Parkin** moved to **Port Vale** earlier this month, a virtually unknown fact was revealed about Tim, that he once signed for **Aldmondsbury Greenway**, of the Gloucestershire County League, but never played for them.

The former Blackburn Rovers defender explains: "I was playing for Malmö in Sweden and my contract was coming to an end. I wanted to have another go at British football and Terry Cooper (then Bristol Rovers Manager) was looking for a centre half. He gave me a week's trial and that was that. The Swedish F.A. only allow players to transfer from their country in June and December, so I had to be transferred to an amateur Club from Malmö and then to Bristol Rovers."

Tim played more than 100 games in



● **Tim Parkin** - Enjoyed his spell at Malmö. Brief non-excursion with Almondsbury Greenway

Sweden and was signed by Bob Houghton in 1979, later to manage Bristol City.

Tim added, "the Malmö move came out of the blue. Bob Houghton had just taken them to the European Cup final and wanted some English players. I was not becoming a first team regular at **Blackburn** so I went to Sweden and had a very enjoyable time."

NO LONGER AT THE COUNTY GROUND... BUT CONGRATULATIONS...

Two former Town players who have departed from the County Ground in the last few weeks celebrate birthdays in the next few days. **Phil King** who recently joined First Division **Sheffield Wednesday**, will reach his **twenty-second** birthday on Thursday. Next Sunday, **Tim Parkin**, now with **Port Vale** will reach **thirty-two** years of age.

CHRISTMAS IS FAMILY TIME

Our cover photograph shows our Team Manager **Ossie Ardiles** along with his wife **Silvia**. An apt photograph for the Yuletide holiday pictured with their oldest son Pablo

YANKEE-DOODLE-DANDY?

Queen Park Ranger's, **Roy Wegerle**, who spent a period on loan at the County Ground from Chelsea in the 1987-88 season, will have divided loyalties at the next World Cup! The South African born striker with a Scottish mother and an English Club hopes to be in the thick of

the action with the United States of America!

"My wife is an American and that qualifies me to play for them" explained Roy. The former Chelsea striker spent four and a half years in Florida, playing at university level and for Tampa Bay Rowdies before joining Chelsea.

The Americans qualified for the first time since 1950 following their 1-0 defeat of Trinidad and Tobago. Roy currently holds South African citizenship and to become a fully fledged 'American' usually takes longer than the two years it has already taken for Roy's application to be assessed. Roy moved to Loftus Road in a £1 million deal but cost Luton Town just £75,000 from Chelsea.

MARTYN SMITH'S MATCHFACTS



● **Martyn Smith**

v **SHEFFIELD UNITED**
on **SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th**
1989

at **THE COUNTY GROUND**
'BARCLAYS' LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry and cold
Sheffield United Team:

1. Tracey
2. Hill
3. Rostron
4. Booker
5. Stancliffe
6. Morris
7. Bradshaw
8. Gannon
9. Duffield
10. Deane
11. Bryson

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF BLACKBURN ROVERS

SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

12. **Cornwell/Kerslake** (60 min)
14. **Hunt**/not used

SHEFFIELD UNITED SUBSTITUTES:

12. **Francis/Duffield** (7 min)
14. **Lake/Booker** (87 min)

SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

None

SHEFFIELD UNITED BOOKINGS:

Hill (28 min)

FIRST HALF DURATION:

48 minutes 32 seconds

SECOND HALF DURATION:

48 minutes 16 seconds

GOALS:

Swindon Town

None

Sheffield United

Gittens (own goal)

Morris (73 min, 57 sec)

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

Swindon Town:

White (23 min)

Bodin (44 min)

Shearer (51 min)

McLoughlin (57 min)

White (61 min)

Jones (63 min)

Jones (87 min)

Cornwell (88 min)

Sheffield United:

Hill (13 min)

Francis (82 min)

CORNERS:

First Half:

Swindon Town

Sheffield Utd.

3

2

Second Half:

7

2

REFEREE: D. Axcell

LINESMEN: M. Holdham and D. Orr

HOW BRISTOL CITY REACHED THE THIRD ROUND OF THE F.A. CUP

Our **F.A. Cup Third Round** opponents **Bristol City** reached this stage of the competition by disposing of...

... In the First Round: - **Barnet 2-0** (H.T. 2-0), attendance **7,358**.

It was a match where Barnet's pace in attack worried their Third Division opponents early on but City had too much speed for them down the wings. Bristol city went ahead in the **thirty-second** minute when **Bob Taylor** nipped in for his tenth goal of the season as Barnet keeper Peter Guthrie fumbled a long range shot from David Rennie.

Robbie Turner added the second

goal when he met David Smith's left wing cross in the six yard box and steered his shot into the net in the **forty-first** minute.

City line-up: Leaning, Llewellyn, Bailey, Shelton, Humphries, Newman, Rennie, Gavin, Taylor, Smith (sub 66 mins, Eaton), **Turner**.

Substitute: Pender (not used).

... **Fulham 2-1** (H.T. 0-1), attendance **7,662**.

Flu-hit Fulham were unable to hold on to the **forty-third** minute lead that **Peter Scott** had given them.

Bristol City struck back through **Bob Taylor's fifty-fifth** minute goal which was his eleventh of the season.

City were awarded a fortunate penalty when David Smith fell in the box. **Paul Wimbleton** netted the resultant spot kick in the **eightieth** minute. City may have felt that justice was served for Scott's first half strike from 35 yards was claimed to have hit the bar without striking the net.

City line-up: Sinclair, Llewellyn, Bailey, Wimbleton, Humphries, Rennie, Gavin, Newman, Taylor, Smith, Turner.

Substitutes: Pender and Eaton, not used.

CONGRATULATIONS

Town Skipper, **Colin Calderwood**, is photographed receiving his **Player of the Month** award for **November** from **Neil Gosling**, the Manager of the **Swindon Sony Centre**.



● **Captain Supreme!** - The former Mansfield Town defender earns his just reward for November.

Colin has been in magnificent form this season and fully deserved his award.

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County Ground
Swindon

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Football League Cup

Winners: 1969

Semi-Finalists: 1980

Anglo Italian Cup

Winners: 1970

Football League Division Two

Play-Off Semi Finalists: 1989

Football League Division Three

Runners-Up: 1963, 1969

Play-Off Winners: 1987

Division Four

Champions: 1986 (with record 102 points)

F.A. Cup

Semi-Final: 1910, 1912

F.A. Charity Shield

Semi-Finalists: 1911

F.A. Youth Cup

Finalists: 1964

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BLACKBURN ROVERS, A SPECIAL WELCOME

In welcoming Blackburn Rovers to the County Ground this afternoon, I would like to record my appreciation of their Club, officials and directors. I spent a period on loan at Ewood Park and enjoyed every minute of my time with them.

They will always hold a special place in my memoirs and in wishing them the best of luck from today onwards, I sincerely hope they gain promotion. Not at the cost of Swindon Town, of course, but their Manager Don Mackay will fully understand that.

DUNCAN SHEARER

I have recently secured striker Duncan Shearer on a new two year contract which will tie him to the Club for a further period.

NOT OUR PROBLEM

Despite the fact that several newspaper reports indicated that Millwall were somewhat disinterested in the recent Zenith Data Systems cup-tie at the County Ground, that is Millwall's problem.

My players were and we won more convincingly than the 2-1 final score may have indicated. Once again we asserted ourselves after two setbacks at home

THANK YOU

May I take this opportunity to thank the 3,223 spectators who braved the inclement conditions of a December evening to watch the Millwall match.

Those spectators were true Swindon Town supporters. Christmas is an expensive time and one which deters people from always affording the cost of a football match. My sincere thanks to all of you who attended.

one team who did when we won 2-1 at West Bromwich Albion on Sunday December 17th. A gritty display with just reward to set us right for Christmas.

FAREWELL, NEXT SATURDAY, TO MIKE ROGERS

Since I arrived in England I have always admired what is readily accepted as the traditional 'bobby'. Next week we say goodbye to Supt. Mike Rogers, who is moving from his post here at the Swindon Sub-Division to Salisbury.

The police have now become an important part of our football scene and overall they perform a very good job. We all wish Mike the best of luck in his new post and in true English tradition I am sure several of the Club officials will be enjoying a jar or two with him following our match with Newcastle United next Saturday.

Mike had become a familiar figure on the County Ground scene before I moved into Wiltshire. Cheers from all of us, keep the crime rate low in Salisbury and well, you can now watch Geoff Butler and the Salisbury lads in action on a Saturday. I just have this funny feeling that Mike will be creeping back to watch the action here whenever he can, minus uniform. Watch the language, Mike, when you are a spectator, it would be awful to see some over zealous Police Constable trying to earn stripes escorting you around the County Ground perimeter.

So as you depart next Saturday, don't forget to make that New Year resolution! No swearing and you will be able to watch in peace!

SPYING MISSION

With no Saturday match on December 5th, I took the opportunity to travel down to Bristol to watch City in action against Leyton Orient in their Third Division match at Ashton Gate.

Bristol City soon proved to me that they really have a goalscoring machine in former Leeds United player Bob Taylor. Two goals in the first twenty minutes set City on their way to a 2-1 win.

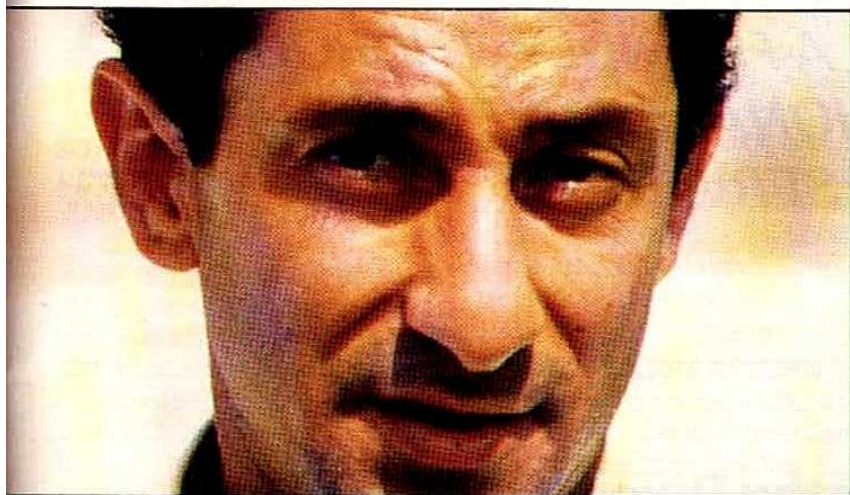
PENALTY TIME!!

How many teams concede three penalties in an away match and still win? Very few, and Swindon Town were

NORWICH CITY IN THE ZENITH CUP

The Carrow Road Club are our next visitors in the Zenith Data Systems Cup. Norwich City have found the going tough at home where they have drawn six of their nine matches. Their away form is good with four victories from nine games.

City play football with precision and care along with enthusiasm. They will be very attractive visitors to the County Ground on Tuesday, January 9th.



Ossie Ardiles

Duncan has one of the best striking rates in the Second Division and his goal record at both Huddersfield and here at the County Ground makes impressive reading.

PAUL TROLLOPE

Paul Trollope has also joined the full time ranks and will be with the Club for a further two year period.

Paul's enthusiasm for the game and the progress he has made in my relatively short period with the Club has impressed me and he is duly rewarded for his efforts although his trainees contract was not due to expire until the summer.

Swindon Supporters in London Association sponsor Ossie Ardiles' kit.

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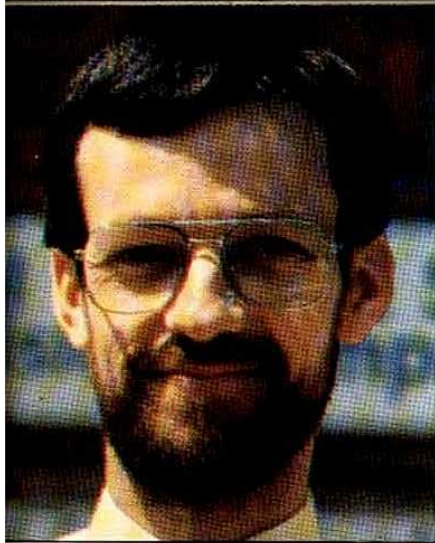
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Paul Plowman

**OUR HISTORIAN
LOOKS BACK AT
SOME PREVIOUS MEETINGS
BETWEEN SWINDON TOWN
AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS**

Today is the 13th League meeting between Swindon Town and Blackburn Rovers and the 19th including Cup encounters.

Until 1987/88 the home side had won on all eight occasions that the two Clubs had met on Football League duty and, in a remarkable sequence, the visitors had failed to score in all eight!

But in the last two seasons Blackburn have broken the Town's run of victories at the County Ground – but they have failed to find the target at Ewood Park. To add to the irony Swindon, still without a League goal at the Lancashire ground, have won both their Cup encounters there!

HAT-TRICK OF CUP WINS

The Town's successful return from Ewood early in 1970 completed a hat-trick of Cup victories over Rovers – and all came in Third Round ties. The sequence had begun two years

earlier when an eleventh minute goal from Swindon skipper Mel Nurse was sufficient to remove Blackburn from the F.A. Cup.

Eight months later, in September 1968, another early goal – this time a 20th minute strike from Don Rogers – sent Swindon a step nearer to Wembley glory in the League Cup.

The third Cup victory was the most emphatic. It came in Lancashire on January 3 1970 when, in the space of thirteen minutes, the Town roared into a 3-0 lead. The late John Smith put Swindon ahead in the 26th minute following a corner, then Arthur Horsfield (32 minutes) and Don Rogers (39 minutes) put the visitors in a commanding position by the interval. Little midfielder Joe Butler completed the scoring fifteen minutes from the end with one of his typical long-range efforts. The goal ended a nightmare afternoon for Rovers' keeper Adam Blacklaw, who had been on the receiving end of all three defeats.

TIM'S HAPPY RETURN

Swindon's only other success at Ewood Park came in their first-ever appearance in the Full Members Cup. Nicky Reid gave the home side a 27th minute lead but Jon Gittens had equalised within another eight. It was Blackburn 'old boy' Tim Parkin who clinched victory eight minutes from time.

The Lancashire Club have recorded two Cup wins at the County Ground – and they came on the same date, but 62 years apart! The 1922 success was through a late penalty by full-back David Rollo and that in 1984 due to two goals in four minutes from Simon Garner and Glen Keeley. Fourth Division Swindon had looked like causing an upset after leading from a 21st minute goal from Jimmy Quinn, who signed for Rovers at the end of the season.

EARLY START

The opening League encounter between the Clubs was the Town's first back in Division Two following promotion in 1969. It was also played on the earliest date in a season, August 9, that Swindon has ever taken part in a Football League fixture. Two second-half goals, from Don Martin and John Connelly, gave Blackburn a 2-0 verdict.

The final game of that season also brought the two Clubs together. The Town had just missed out on promotion to the First Division and so the goal that Arthur Horsfield scored just thirty seconds into the second half gave Swindon the points, but little satisfaction.

JONES v JONES

The next meeting at the County Ground, in March 1971, was a rather drab affair. Joe Butler had blasted the Town into an 18th minute lead but there was little else to excite the 11,299 crowd until Chris Jones' appearance as substitute with 25 minutes left. But within six minutes of his arrival he had set up a second goal for Tony Gough and scored number three a minute later, when he beat his namesake Roger in the visitors' goal.

Blackburn's relegation to the Third Division at the end of that season was soon followed by that of Swindon. Rovers thus came to the County Ground again for an early season encounter in 1974/75. A cracking drive from Will Dixon and the first of Peter Eastoe's 31-goal haul saw the Town take the points. But that loss failed to damage Blackburn's championship cause, however, and it was 1979 before the two Clubs crossed paths again. The outcome was again 2-0 in Swindon's favour, with the goals coming from Chris Kamara and Ian Miller – who would soon be on his way to Ewood Park.

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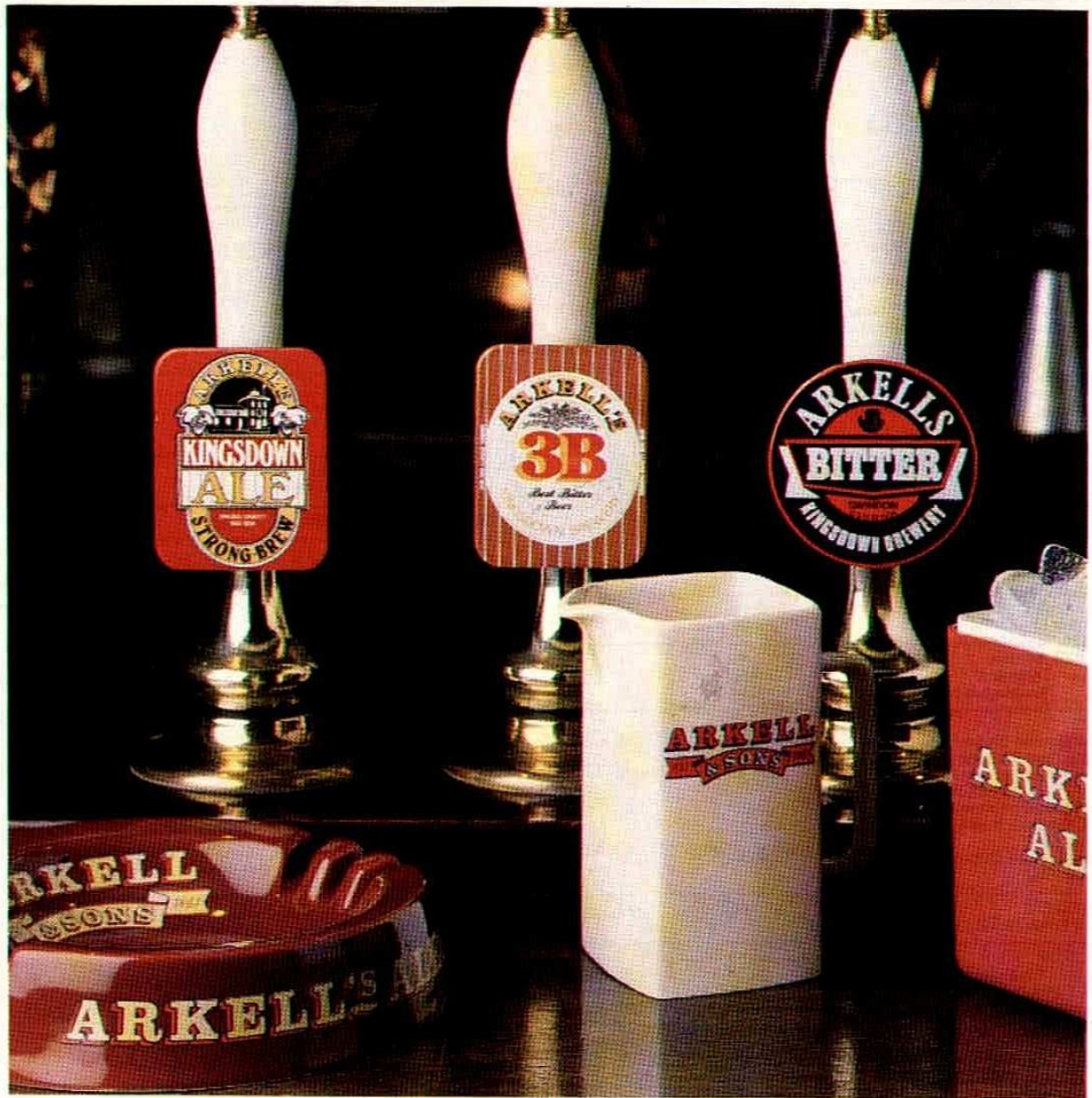
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DIETING

All the turkey and pudding should be almost a memory now. What about the sandwiches for the next few weeks though? I won't give you two guesses what the wife will be filling those with.

Strict diet for the lads for the last few days. Watch out for those flagging in the last ten minutes! Too much food and wine just could catch one or two out. Seriously though, the professional in all of us makes us sensible.

DIFFICULT TO KEEP PACE

It's difficult to keep up with all of the action in recent weeks. Where did I last leave off in my previous notes? Oh yes, we faltered in our match with Sheffield United.

We had plenty of possession, failed to create little, United had two chances and put them away. Although there was an assist from 'Gitts' we did not play too badly and could easily have at least taken a point.

MILLWALL DISMISSED

The Millwall match was a strange affair. The First Division Club did not appear to be motivated and when players like Terry Hurlock fail to hardly put in a tackle you know that the game is there for the taking.

We were sufficiently motivated to take advantage and we will now renew rivalry with Norwich City. Remember our F.A. Cup battles with the Carrow Road Club a couple of seasons back?

NO PENALTY SHOOT OUT!

Our next port of call was the 'Hawthorns', to meet West Bromwich Albion last Sunday week. We needed to break

our run of two successive League defeats.

We did exactly that with our 2-1 success. How about those three penaltys? Few teams can have had so many decisions given against them in such a short space of time.

What a boost it was for us when Duncan Shearer gave us a fourth minute lead. 'Chalky' White increased our lead in the second half before everything appeared to go berserk! We were lucky that only Don Goodman was able to convert one of those spot kicks. His team-mates had let him down previously. I can assure all of you who travelled up to the Midlands that you were not watching a penalty shoot out.

Colin Calderwood



UP ABOVE THE 'HAMMERS'
Our 2-1 win put us up the League table into seventh position and gave us a timely boost for the Christmas and New Year matches.

We went above Blackburn Rovers, who are today's visitors to the County Ground, and also above a more fancied West Ham United. I often wonder whether Lou Macari might have thought that we here at Swindon might finish above his more expensive outfit at Upton Park.

YOU WILL KNOW BY NOW
I cannot comment on the outcome of our Littlewoods Cup replay at Southampton due to the printing deadlines imposed for the holiday period.

We will have done our best whatever the outcome and here's hoping that we still retain our interest in three cup competitions by the time that you read this on Boxing Day. While we were winning at West Bromwich Albion the 'Saints' were coming adrift in a 2-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THESE TWO!

Don't forget we have a very attractive fixture here at the County Ground on Saturday when we entertain Newcastle United and how about coming along to Watford on New Years Day!

Mick Quinn of Newcastle United and new signing Gary Penrice of Watford are two players we shall have to keep a close watch on in these two fixtures. Both are prolific goal-scorers and finding the net in almost every match. The step up from Third to Second Division has only increased Gary Penrice, the former Bristol Rovers player, appetite for goals. He is proving a shrewd signing for Watford.

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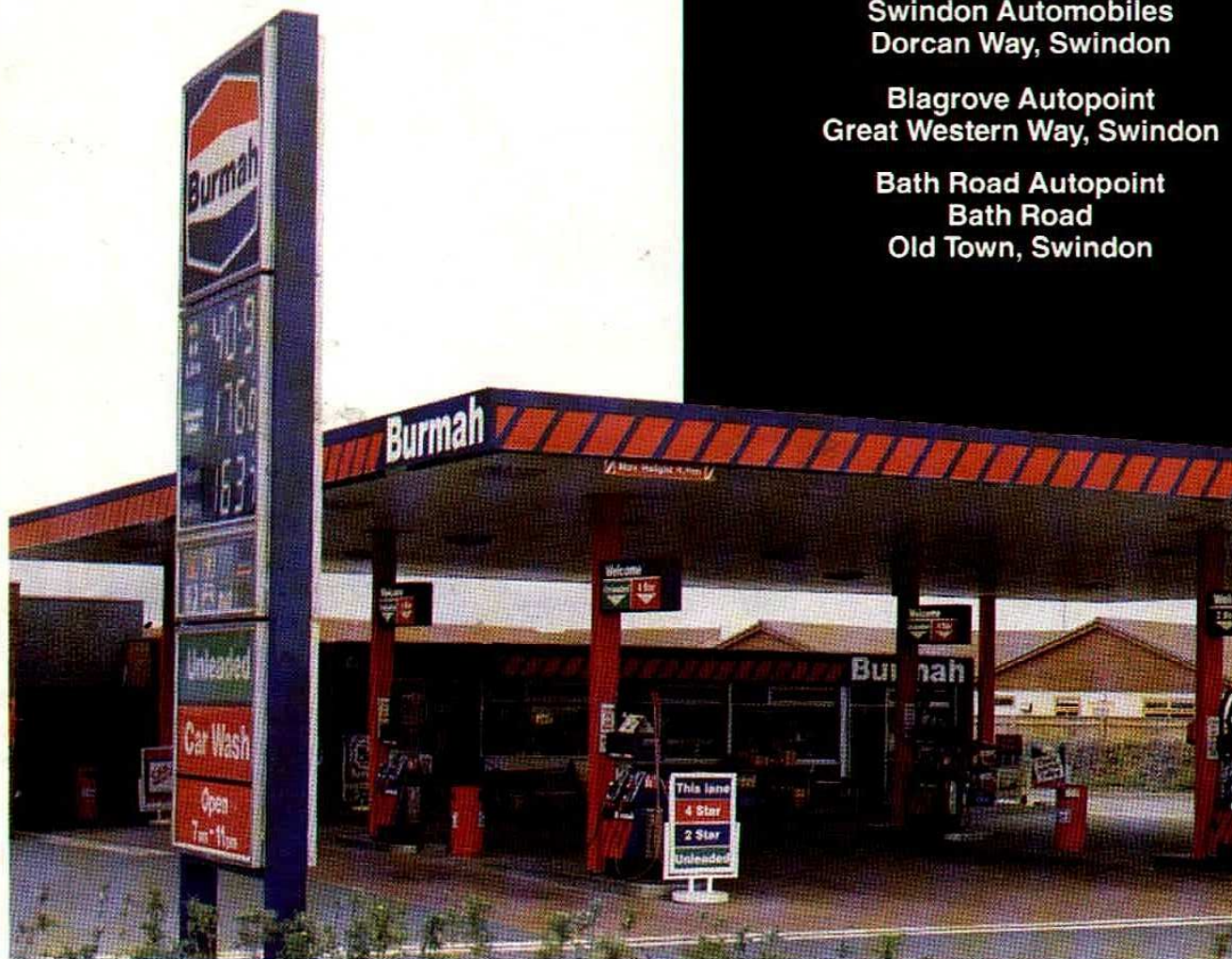
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RE-CYCLING

Swindon Town's new environmentally friendly policy of recycling programmes from cancelled matches caused me to repeat myself in the last home issue, mind you with so few in the ground for the Zenith Data Systems tie the problem almost certainly went unnoticed.

The Millwall game itself rarely held much danger for the 'Town' with the 'Lions' merely fulfilling their obligation to appear at the County Ground. With such uncommitted opposition, it was hard to compare the Zenith Data Systems match with our last real game at the County Ground, our League encounter with Sheffield United.

The long ball approach from our opposition has caused us great problems in our last two home games. Now that our midfield is the creative force behind the side, Bournemouth and Sheffield United were able to put immediate pressure on our defence by by-passing the midfield entirely. Whereas Bournemouth were handed the game on a plate, at least United faced some fight, although they were unspectacular for a side apparently heading for the First Division as they became the first to complete the 'double' over the 'Town' this season.

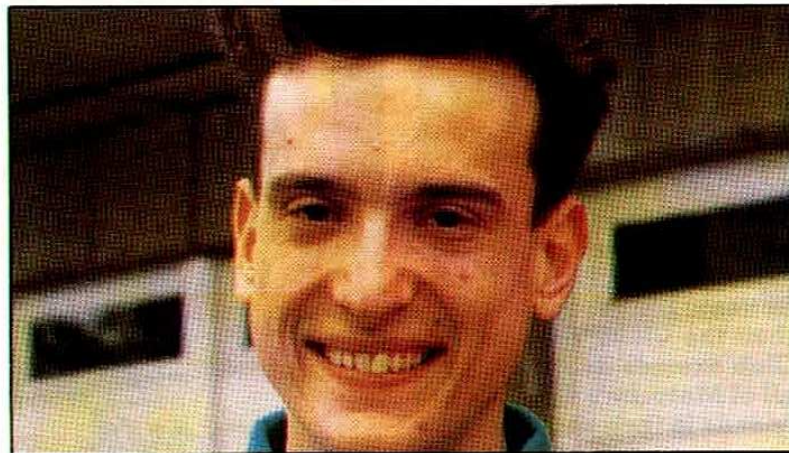
OH DEAR!

A recent programme featured a letter from an irate Bolton Wanderers fan, moaning at my description of the town as an area of Manchester. Obviously irony falls on cloth capped ears amongst the dark satanic mills, it is obvious to anyone that Boltonians, despite now being part of 'Greater Manchester', would take the same offence to my description as we do to being part of 'Thamesdown', hence a gentle wind up for our visitors, I'll have to adopt a more blunt northern approach next time. Incidentally, according to Dick Mattick's excellent book 'The Robins', in 1914 the 'Town' apparently shared the proceeds of a 50,000 gate for a game played at Bolton against MANCHESTER UNITED!

A.G.M. FIASCO

The Annual General Meeting of Swindon Town provided the usual few people with their once a year opportunity to meet head on the objects of their year long personal grievances. From the standard and detail of questions asked it soon became obvious that the running of a football club and, god forbid, results on the pitch, were very much side issues to some. Anyone with the slightest knowledge of football knows that football club directors are naturally imperfect but genuinely, although sometimes misguidedly, committed to their team. It is all too easy to criticise

press the best way to further her cause, even down to attempting to gain admission to the A.G.M. for a Sunday People reporter, obviously with the well-being of Swindon Town at the forefront! All is never sweetness and light at any football club, empire building within or outside one helps no-one, especially not those of us left to curse and freeze on the terraces. The most interesting comments at the A.G.M. came from a man with only one share, who sees the 'Town' only twice a season and even then hopes that they lose - Lou Macari's expression of his views towards the end of the meeting spoke for many



by **Michael Scott**

those presently in charge and to see any alternative at all as better. In the unlikely event of a choice, an outside proposal that was open and cleanly conducted would be a start. More realistically, under the present board, the 'Town' have reached a comfortable position in the Second Division and actually look like an established Club rather than the imposters of the early seventies. Those who naturally react with arm outstretched to any Tom, Dick or Carol approaching with an apparent no-strings wad of cash, would be well advised to think a little further about an investor whose backers wouldn't reveal themselves and who seems to find dragging the Club through the truth mincer of the Sunday

sick of the stirring that has been going on. He suggested that the meeting had the air of a Club heading for the Vauxhall Conference with its sombre attitude and hoped for an end to the constant 'slagging off' which is starting to plague the Club. Rarely has a football Manager been so much in keeping with the ordinary supporters views, Lou needs thanking for his injection of realism into a meeting of brazen personal interest. Incidentally, those who may think that I am blindly following the present board may like to know that I voted against both resolutions presented, for what I felt were the best interests of the Club and not to further any 'takeover bid'.

Merry Christmas!

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GOOD READING

Although I must admit I have not had sufficient time to read Dick Mattick's book 'The Robins' in its entirety, at first glance it appears an excellent read and well researched.

If you do not possess a copy, why not call at the Club's reception desk or contact Mr. Mattick direct at the Club. With most Clubs now having their own Club history in print, we were overdue here at Swindon Town in joining this ever growing list. This is simply a must for every Town 'nut'.

SAD LOSS

Swindon Town Football Club were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Malcolm Harvey at the early age of 46. Malcolm, who was here at the County Ground in the days when Bert Head was the Team Manager, never played above the level of the Wiltshire Premier League or the Hellenic League for what was then the Clubs 'A' team. The Club extends its sympathy to all of Malcolm's relatives and friends in their sad loss.

INTRIGUING TIME

There could not have been a more intriguing draw for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup than the pairing of Bristol City and Swindon Town at Ashton Gate. It will be disappointing if this tie fails to attract less than twenty thousand spectators.

The City line-up these days is a far cry from Ashton Gate teams that have faced the Town in previous seasons. A quick glance at their recent line-up gives a fair indication of the fresh faces that Manager Joe Jordan has introduced. **Andy Leaning** (ex-Sheffield United), **John Bailey** (ex-Newcastle United), **Gary Shelton** (ex-Oxford United), **Glen Humphries** (ex-Doncaster Rovers), **David Rennie** (ex-Leeds United), **Mark Gavin** (ex-Hearts), **Andy Jones** (on loan



by **Dave King**

from Charlton Athletic), **Robbie Turner** (ex-Wimbledon), **Bob Taylor** (ex-Leeds United), **Paul Wimbleton** (ex-Cardiff City).

We shall have to be at our best and most competitive if we wish to survive and enter the Fourth Round.

TICKET ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASHTON GATE

For the Third Round F.A. Cup tie the Ashton Gate Club have made 1,062 Grand Stand tickets available for **SEASON TICKET HOLDERS** only. The reason for this decision was taken by the Police Authorities. There is a current ban on away sup-

porters being able to obtain seating at Ashton Gate due to the crowd disturbances that were experienced when Sheffield United were the visitors to Ashton Gate at the end of last season. The Football Association imposed a seating ban for visitors and when approached by City officials they agreed to a temporary reprieve for the Cup tie. The cost per seat is £6.

We also have 3,789 terrace tickets for general sale, the cost of these are £3.50 each. **THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET FOR SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS.**

RECEPTION DESK AND MATCHDAY TICKET OFFICE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Club's **RECEPTION OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** tomorrow, **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27th** and also next **MONDAY, JANUARY 1st 1990.**

The **MATCHDAY TICKET OFFICE** will be **OPEN** from 9 am to 4 pm tomorrow, Wednesday December 27th, Thursday December 28th and Friday December 29th for the sale of Newcastle United (North Stand tickets), Bristol City (F.A. Cup, away tickets) and Watford (away, seat tickets).

ZENITH DATA CUP VERSUS NORWICH CITY

Providing that a replay is not required of our Third Round F.A. Cup tie with Bristol City, then our Zenith Data Systems Cup tie with **NORWICH CITY** will go ahead on **TUESDAY JANUARY 9th 1990.**

Of course, if a F.A. Cup replay with **BRISTOL CITY** is required then this will take preference and will be played that evening. The kick-off for either match will be at 7.45 p.m.

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**PAUL PLOWMAN
LOOKS BACK AT THE
CAREERS OF SOME OF THOSE
WHO HAVE SERVED BOTH
SWINDON TOWN
AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS**

As recorded in the last issue, against Millwall, the late 1920's at the County Ground were dominated by the goalscoring exploits of Harry Morris. Another who consistently found the net, but received little acclaim and whose career at Swindon ran almost in parallel to that of Morris, was Joe Eddleston.

**ADMIRABLE RECORD
AT NELSON!**

The little inside-forward, who stood at just 5'5", went to Blackburn from the St Mary's Club at Oswaldtwistle in 1919. He was released two years later, after making just eight League appearances. Joe joined near neighbours Nelson and was top goalscorer for the Third Division North Club in all five seasons there, netting 99 goals in 183 League games. Born 93 years ago this week, he arrived at the County Ground in August 1926 and partnered Harry Morris for no less than six years, before returning to Lancashire to end his career with Accrington Stanley.

Four other players who served Blackburn during the 1920's were later to be found on the Swindon payroll. Full-back Tommy Wylie, who played against the Town in the F.A. Cup tie of 1922, spent nearly six years at Ewood. He signed on at the County Ground 63 years ago this week and stayed for three and a half seasons before returning to Scotland. David Low and Bill Imrie were half-backs. Imrie, like Wylie a Scot, was an expensive Rovers signing in 1929, at £4,775. But he gave the Club five years good service before joining Newcastle for £6,400. Bill was one of three Swindon players killed in action in the War.

LAST OF THE FOUR

The last member of the 'quartet' was goalkeeper Harry Cope. A Yorkshireman, Cope signed for Blackburn from Mexborough Town in 1926. His stay at the County Ground was restricted to two years, from 1930 to 1932.

In the immediate post-War period, two men made their way from Blackburn to Swindon. Alf Wheeler, an inside-forward or wing-half who spent two years with each Club, was previously an amateur with Portsmouth - as was winger Ernie Edds.

The latter signed for Rovers from Plymouth on Christmas Eve forty years ago. He stayed at Ewood Park only 18 months before returning to Devon. Ernie joined Torquay but went back to Plymouth before eventually signing for the Town in July 1955. Sadly, injury prevented the diminutive Devonian from

his playing career at Swindon in 1981/82 before taking up firstly coaching duties and then the job of Manager, from April 1984 until June 1984.

A member of the Town playing squad at that time was Jimmy Quinn, the Northern Ireland International striker who had begun on the non-League circuit with such Clubs as Congleton United, Whitchurch Alport and Oswestry Town. Jimmy signed for Swindon eight years ago this week, but joined Rovers for a £32,500 fee in August 1984. He came back in December 1986 but has since made 'big money' moves

Passing Back



Paul Plowman

making more than three League appearances.

to Leicester and Bradford.

SAME JOURNEY

Ken Beamish was the next former Blackburn player to come to the County Ground. Ken went to Ewood Park from Brighton in May 1974 after spending more than six years at Tranmere. He moved again shortly after the start of 1976/77 to Port Vale. It was the same journey that former Town winger Ian Miller would make in the 1989 close season, after being a familiar figure on the right-flank for Rovers for eight years.

Following a second spell with Tranmere, Ken Beamish finished

VALE SIGN ANOTHER

Earlier this month yet another ex-Blackburn and Swindon man joined Port Vale. Tim Parkin, a former apprentice at Ewood Park, made just 13 League appearances before trying his luck in both Sweden and the United States. Bristol Rovers brought Tim back to England after three years when they neatly sidestepped a Swedish ruling which banned transfers to overseas professional Clubs - by getting him to sign for non-League Almondsbury Greenway for a few minutes before negotiating a second transfer transaction!



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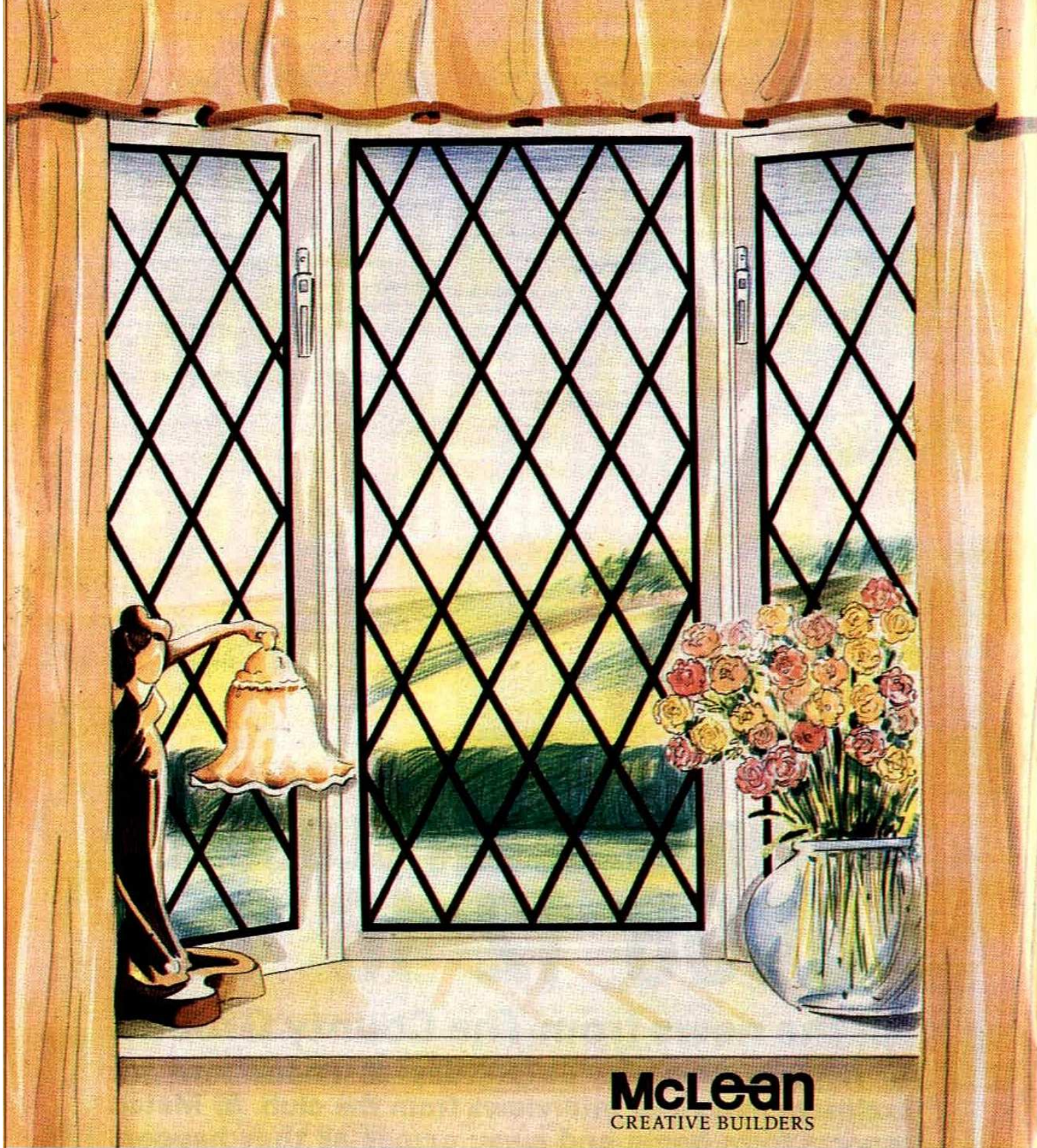
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2. Newcastle United
3. Sheffield United

2. The team you expect to make the most improvement.

Middlesbrough

3. A tip for promotion from Division Three

Bury

4. Select a team from players that you have played with at Club level.

1. Fraser Digby
2. Dave Hockaday
3. David Peach
4. Ray McHale
5. Tim Parkin

6. Colin Calderwood
7. Ian Miller
8. Roy Carter
9. Paul Rideout
10. Alan Mayes
11. Brian Williams

5. The best player you have seen in your position.

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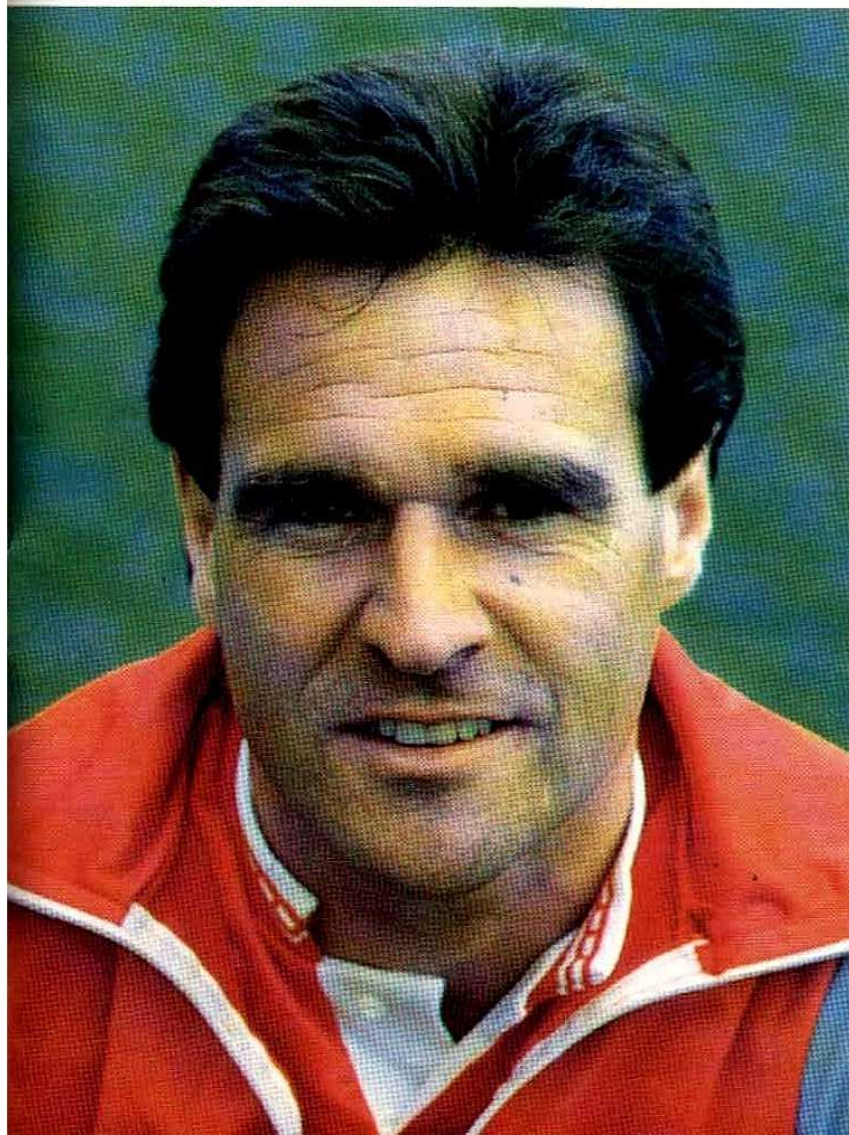
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(other scorer Billy Rudd, penalty)

7. Your favourite holiday spot abroad.

Florida

Andy Rowland



8. Your favourite sports commentators.

Peter Alliss.

9. Your favourite publication for sport.

None.

10. The best & worst dressers among your team mates.

Never noticed.

11. The best ground you have played on and the one you would most like to appear on.

Old Trafford
Wembley.

12. Your worst moment on the football field.

Losing to Wolves in Semi-Final League Cup Second Leg.

13. What are your favourite TV shows.

Most quiz shows
Western Films.

SECOND DIVISION





Action from our 2-0 home defeat by Second Division pacesetters Sheffield United.



BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): Frank Stapleton, Howard Gayle, Mark Atkins, Andy Kennedy, Terry Cennoe, Darren Collier, Colin Hendry (now Manchester City), Keith Hill, Tony Finnigan, John Millar.

Middle Row (left to right): Jim Furnell (Reserve/Team Manager), David May, Jason Wilcox, Craig Skinner, Neil Oliver, David Mail, Tony Diamond (now Blackpool), Scott Sellars, David Hall (Youth Team Coach).

Front Row (left to right): Ronnie Hildersley, Don Mackay (Manager), Leonard Johnrose, Nicky Reid, Ally Dawson, Chris Sulley, Tony Parkes (Assistant Manager), Simon Garner.

Form guide

Blackburn Rovers have filtered in their recent home form and in three successive matches at Ewood Park they conceded twelve goals, four in each of that trio of matches.

The Rovers Manager, Dave Mackay has seen his team win three League games at home against Oldham Athletic 1-0, Barnsley 5-0 and West Ham United 5-4. The Ewood Park Club have become the draw experts of the Division, being forced to share points at home with Oxford United, Watford and Ipswich Town in 2-2 draws. Sunderland held Rovers to a 1-1 draw while struggling Hull City took a point in a goal-less encounter.

The Lancashire Club have won four matches away at Leicester City 2-1, A.F.C. Bournemouth 4-2 and recorded 2-1 wins at Brighton and Hove Albion and at Wolverhampton Wanderers. They took a point from visits to Leeds

United 1-1, Port Vale 0-0, West Bromwich Albion 2-2, Portsmouth 1-1 and Plymouth Argyle 2-2. Their only defeat has come in a 2-1 setback at Newcastle United.

Goalscorers: League: Simon Garner 10, Scott Sellars 9, Andy Kennedy 5 (including one penalty), Frank Stapleton and Len Johnrose 3 each, Howard Gayle 3, Mark Atkins 2 (including one penalty), Nicky Reid 2, John Millar one.
Littlewoods Cup: Mark Atkins 2.

Average Home League attendance: 8,566

Average Away League attendance: 11,607

Littlewoods Cup Home average attendance: 6,608 (one match v Exeter City)

Littlewood Cup Away average attendance: 4,808 (one match v Exeter City)

Zenith Data Systems Cup average away attendance: 5,070 (one match v Leeds United)

During Don Mackay's first season as Manager, Blackburn Rovers enjoyed an unbeaten run of 23 matches, as they drew level with Aston Villa at the top of the Second Division.

1986. Ever-present last season and also this term. Scored two of Rovers goals in the 5-4 defeat of West Ham United on November 25th. Team Captain, Nicky Reid, (29), joined Rovers on a free transfer from Manchester City after making 217 League appearances for the Maine Road Club in a decade of service to City. Ron Hildersley, (24), has spent his career with clubs in the North West. After commencing his career with Manchester City he later played for Chester City, Rochdale and Preston North End before joining the Ewood Park Club. Ron also had a loan spell with Cambridge United while he was at Deepdale.

Blackburn Rovers cherish the record of being the last Club to win the F.A. Cup three seasons in succession. That was way back in 1884-85-86. Rovers have won the Trophy on six occasions. The Ewood Park Club have twice won the League Championship.

Welcome to

BLACKBURN ROVERS

THE SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS - Former Middlesbrough keeper Darren Collier, (20), took over the custodians position for the final game Rovers played in September and he has been in possession of the number 1 spot since then. Prior to this season his only game had been his debut at Ipswich on May 13th this year. Terry Gennoe, (36), is a veteran of 388 League appearances, made with Bury, Halifax Town and Southampton. Nearly 260 of those have been made with Blackburn Rovers.

Life has been like one hard luck story after another for Blackburn Rovers these past four years. After missing promotion by a mere three points, Rovers have qualified for the play-offs for the past two seasons. The Ewood Park Club lost its First Division status in 1966.

DEFENDERS - Mark Atkins, (21), joined Rovers from Scunthorpe United for £45,000 in the summer of 1988. Ever-present last season and up to just before Christmas this season. Chris Sulley, (30), cost Rovers a small fee from Dundee United. He began his career

with Chelsea but made nearly 250 senior appearances for A.F.C. Bournemouth. Central defender, Keith Hill, (20), began his career in the Club's youth teams. He had made only sixteen League appearances before this season but has been ever-present this campaign. David May, (19), made his League debut against the Town last season. David shared the number 6 shirt in the early part of this season with the now departed Colin Hendry. Another product of Rovers youth scheme. Alistair Dawson, (31), spent twelve seasons with Glasgow Rangers before joining the Ewood Park Club in 1987. Nominated as substitute for the first six matches of this season. Len Johnrose, (20), scored his first League goal after appearing as a second half substitute in the home 2-2 draw with Ipswich Town on November 11th.

MIDFIELD - John Millar, (23), joined Rovers for a minimal fee from Chelsea in 1988. Made 38 League appearances last season and is also a regular this season. Former Leeds United player Scott Sellars, (24), joined Rovers for £25,000 in

FORWARDS - Simon Garner, (30), had scored 153 goals for Rovers prior to this season. A hat-trick against Manchester City last season saw him break Tommy Briggs aggregate of 140 goals, a new Club record. Simon once scored all five goals in a Second Division clash with Derby County. Frank Stapleton, (33), was signed on a free transfer from French Club, Le Havre. The Eire International, who spent several seasons in the top flight with Arsenal and Manchester United, has been ever-present in Rovers attack this season, although goals have been difficult to come by. Set for the World Cup Finals in Italy next summer. Andy Kennedy, (25), was a £50,000 signing from Birmingham City in the summer of 1988. Unable to claim a regular place in Rovers line-up this season. Tony Finnigan, (27), joined Rovers from Crystal Palace where he made 106 League appearances in the Selhurst Park Club's senior team. Howard Gayle, (31), had played for Liverpool, Birmingham City, Sunderland and Stoke City before moving to Ewood Park in 1987. Howard has also spent loan spells with Fulham and next Saturdays visitors to the County Ground, Newcastle United while he was Anfield. Scored 19 League goals for Rovers last season. Alan Irvine, (31), was formerly with Queens Park Rangers and Dundee United. He interspersed this spell with Scottish Clubs by playing for both Everton and Crystal Palace before joining Rovers in October.

Did you know that Peronne, in France, is Blackburn's 'twin' town. This followed the 1914-18 war when Blackburn provided the finance to reconstruct a bridge over the River Seine. The bridge was christened 'Le Pont de Blackburn'.

TEAM NEWS



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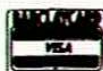


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It's that time again, a chance to reflect on events of the past twelve months, but in 1989 we have the opportunity to review a whole decade. In the next two articles let's widen the scope of this column to consider more than games and goals in the Second Division: ten years of sport. Apologies if your favourite moments are missed out, but here's hoping that memories are stirred and thoughts are evoked.

1980

Dennis Lillee introduced his aluminium bat to test cricket. We all stayed up into the early hours to watch Robin Cousins win gold in the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. Alan Minter punches his way to the World Middleweight Championship in Las Vegas, outpointing Vito Antuofermo. Trevor Brooking heads West Ham United to an F.A. Cup victory over Arsenal. Nottingham Forest beat Hamburg to retain the European Cup. England clinch their first Rugby Union Grand Slam since 1960, skippered by Bill Beaumont. Bjorn Borg takes nearly four hours to beat John McEnroe for his fifth successive Wimbledon singles title. The United States and others boycott the Moscow Olympics – gold for Duncan Goodhew, Alan Wells, Daley Thompson, Steve Ovett in the 800 metres, Sebastian Coe in the 1500 metres. Alan Minter loses his crown to 'Marvellous' Marvin Hagler. Johnny Owen 'The Matchstick Man' dies. Muhammad Ali loses to Larry Holmes in another comeback. Roberto Duran turns his back on Sugar Ray Leonard.

1981

The first London Marathon is won by American Dick Beardsley and Inge Simonsen of Norway. Sue Brown is the first lady of the Boat Race. Steve Davis, at 23, wins the World Professional Snooker Championship. Bob Champion and Aldaniti triumph at Aintree. Tottenham, with Ossie Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, beat Manchester City 3-2 in a Cup Final replay. In Europe Liverpool defeat Real Madrid 1-0. John 'you're the pits' McEnroe beats Bjorn Borg. John Watson wins the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Ian Botham scores 149 not-out at Headingley as England win the third test against Australia – Bob Willis takes 8 wickets. England go on to win the Ashes 3-1. Coe and Ovett break the world mile record three times in ten days. Sugar Ray Leonard stops Thomas 'The Hitman' Hearns for the Undisputed World Welterweight title. The ashes of Bill Shankley are scattered over Anfield.

1982

Jocky Wilson wins the Embassy World Darts crown. Geoff Boycott

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overhauls Gary Sobers' test runs record aggregate. Bill Beaumont is forced to retire. 48-year-old Dyk Sanders rides Grittar to victory in the Grand National. Gille Villeneuve dies after a crash in practice in Belgium. 'Hurricane' Higgins takes snooker's top title. Tottenham Hotspur retain the F.A. Cup after another replay, against Queens Park Rangers. Derek Dougan saves Wolverhampton Wanderers from bankruptcy. Italy win the World Cup 3-1 against West Germany in the final. Ron Greenwood retires as England Manager. Barry Sheene becomes almost a 'Bionic Man'. Steve Cram gets gold in the European Championships in the 1500 metres. Allan Wells and Mike McFarlane dead-heat in the 200 metres at the Commonwealth Games.

1983

Torvill and Dean skate to their third World title with a 'Barnum' routine. Jenny Pitman is the first woman to train a Grand National winner – Corbiere. Bob Paisley retires as Liverpool Manager. Manchester United beat Brighton and Hove Albion in a replay for the F.A. Cup. Tom Watson takes his fifth British Open golf title in 8 years. Daley Thompson and Steve Cram are winners in the first World Athletic Championship. Nelson Piquet pips Alain Prost to the Formula One Drivers Championship by just two points.

1984

Bob Willis beats Fred Trueman's record of 307 wickets for England. Torvill and Dean earn the first-ever set of perfect scores for the 'Bolero' routine in the Sarajevo Winter Olympics. Zola Budd becomes a British citizen. Joe Fagan wins League, League Cup and European Cup in one year as Liverpool Manager. Frank Bruno is beaten by James 'Bonecrusher' Smith. Everton win the cup – 2-0 against Watford at Wembley. France win the European Football Championship. There's a boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics – four golds for Carl Lewis, one for Coe, Thompson (with a world record) and Tessa Sanderson. Nicki Laudi takes the World Drivers title for the third time.

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Also a warm welcome to Ken Beamish, who is now the Commercial Manager at Ewood Park.

YOUNGEST JUNIOR SUPPORTER

There appears to be a 'competition' between Junior Supporters Clubs to see who can register the youngest member.

We at Swindon at present stand at 2/3 hours from birth to registration.

If there are any prospective Robins parents who are about to produce a little Robin and

would like to enter him or her as a Junior Robins and perhaps set a new record please telephone (0285) 861710 at any time of the day (they have a habit of arriving at odd times!)

The proud parents, with their Junior Robin, will be guests of the Junior Robins at a match of their choice.

The Junior Robins wish all members and their families a very happy Boxing Day.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

We are very grateful to Panini, who have kindly donated ten of their Football Yearbooks for a

special Christmas Quiz. These books contain not only a Club and Player Directory but also records of all the Home Countries in Internationals since 1872 and 1990 World Cup fixtures. You have until 14th January to submit your answers to Mr. R. Mattick, Panini Christmas Competition, c/o The County Ground, Swindon, Wilts.

Here are the questions:

1. How many countries have won the World Cup since it was set up in 1930?
2. Which country was presented with the Jules Rimet trophy after winning it a third time?
3. Name the only player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final.

Face in the Crowd

Are you the face named in the photograph alongside? If you are, you've won two tickets for a S.T.F.C. home game this season. All you have to do is bring along your programme to Lisa, Joanne or Michelle at the Club reception office and claim your tickets.

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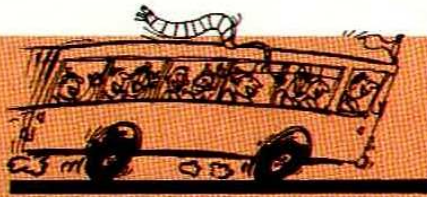
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SOUND BITES

Travel Club News



Following an extraordinary meeting of members of the Swindon Town F.C. Travel Club on Monday November 13th, a number of statements have appeared in the press which may have caused some confusion as to events which took place and as to the present position of the Travel Club.

The following may assist in clarifying the situation.

★ At the meeting a motion was proposed by the Travel Club Committee present - John Cook, Ann Aldier, Paul Plowman, Sue Snow and Janet Smith - that Mr Lewis be asked to relinquish his position on the Committee with immediate effect. Mr Lewis is a FORMER Chairman of the Travel Club but was under suspension at the time of the meeting. ★ A ballot was held by the members present at the meeting and the motion was defeated. ★ Following the declaration of the result of the ballot, four members of the Committee - John Cook, Ann Aldier, Paul Plowman and Sue Snow - handed a written form of resignation to the Chairman of the meeting. ★ Before the meeting closed, Mr Dave King asked the four who had resigned to reconsider their action in the interests of conveying Travel Club members to Bolton and Port Vale. ★ The four declined to reconsider their resignation but had already planned to carry out their duties for the Bolton trip as normal. ★ Mr Doug Buswell was asked to assume responsibility for organising the trip to Port Vale. ★ As more than 100 members had already been booked on this trip, using the Travel Club computerised booking system, Mr Buswell liaised with two of the four former committee members as to its operation. ★ Following negotiations, the four former committee members AGREED TO ASSIST both Swindon Town F.C. and Travel Club members by staffing the booking office on Wednesday and Thursday evening of last week.

The future of Swindon Town F.C. Travel Club is ultimately in the hand of its 800+ membership. If YOU are a member please support it by attending any meeting that may be called.

PAUL PLOWMAN

YOUR ROUTE TO WATFORD AND VICARAGE ROAD

We travel to **Watford** on **New Years Day** for our first **'Barclays' League Division Two** match of **1990**.

Your route to **Vicarage Road** takes you on to the **M4** joining the motorway at **junction 16**, proceed to link up with the **M25** (North). Take the **A412** past **Croxley Green Station** and turn right (1 mile) into **Harwoods Road**. Turn left at 'T' junction into **Vicarage Road**.

MATCH DETAILS

For those **Swindon** supporters who wish to be **seated** you will be situated in the **Rous Stand (West) Block K** and the price of the seats will be **£9.00** each.

Those **Swindon** supporters who wish to stand on the **terraces** will be situated on the **South West Terrace**. Access to the terraces will be through **Entrance Z** and admission costs **£4.50**.

Coach Parking is in the **Cardiff Road Car Park**.

Car parking can be obtained at nearby multi-storey car parks.

As in previous seasons those fans who will be utilising the seats will be handed a **programme** on entry to the stadium, inclusive in the ticket price.

Terrace supporters will be able to purchase a programme at **£1.00** on approaching the stadium entrances.

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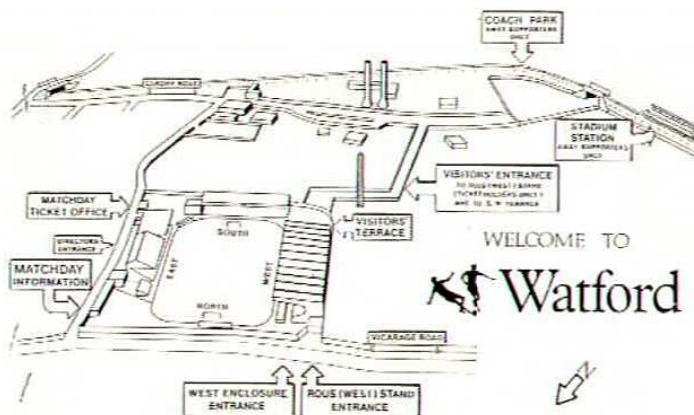
FORM CHECK

Watford appear to have overcome the recent hic-cup in their form at **Vicarage Road**. They won their first **four** home matches of the season when they defeated **Portsmouth**, **Port Vale** and **Middlesbrough 1-0**. Their other win was more emphatic with a **3-1** win against **Leicester City**.

West Bromwich Albion recorded a **2-0** win at Vicarage Road and **Watford** conceded further points in a **2-2** draw with **A.F.C. Bournemouth**. Two successive defeats followed when **Sheffield United** won **3-1** and were followed by **Plymouth Argyle** who defeated the 'Hornets' **2-1**. Since that defeat by Argyle the Vicarage Road Club have defeated both **Wolverhampton Wanderers** and **Oldham Athletic 3-1**.

The average **home** attendance at **Vicarage Road** for League matches is **10,157**. Last week **Watford** defeated **Oldham Athletic 7-2** in a rousing display at Vicarage Road.

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Sat Aug 19	Sunderland	0-2	10,189	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin†	Calderwood	Galvin*	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles*(7)	Cornwell†(9)
Sat Aug 26	Oldham Athletic	2-2	5,531	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles*(9)	Summerbee
Sun Sept 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-1	10,213	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Gittens	Calderwood	Jones●	Shearer†	White	Maclaren	Galvin	Cornwell*(2)	Summerbee†(8)
Sat Sept 9	West Ham United	1-1	21,469	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens●	Jones†	Close	White	Maclaren	Galvin*	Cornwell*(11)	Hunt
Sat Sept 12	Sheffield United	0-2	13,320	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones†	Shearer	Close	Maclaren†	Simpson	Bodin*(7)	Hunt†(19)
Tue Sept 16	Barnsley	0-0	6,540	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer†	White	Maclaren	Galvin*	Cornwell*(11)	Hunt
Tue Sept 19	Shrewsbury (LC R1)	3-0	3,518	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpson†	Close*(8)	Galvin†(11)
Sat Sept 23	Leeds United	0-4	21,894	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer†	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpson*	Close	Galvin†(11)
Tue Sept 26	Plymouth Argyle 7.45	3-0	6,862	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones*	Shearer†	Close	Maclaren	Simpson	Bodin*(7)	Galvin†(8)
Sat Sept 30	Bradford City	1-1	8,334	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer†	Bodin	Maclaren	Galvin*	White†(4)	White†(8)
Tue Oct 3	Shrewsbury (LC R1) 7.45	3-1	5,541	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Bodin†	Shearer†	White●●	Maclaren	Simpson	Jones*(3)	Close†(7)
Sat Oct 7	Hull City	3-2	5,366	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Bodin*	Cornwell*(11)	Galvin†
Sat Oct 14	Ipswich Town	3-0	8,039	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Bodin*	Cornwell*(11)	Galvin†(8)
Tue Oct 17	Oxford United 7.45	3-0	10,715	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Hunt†	White●●	Maclaren	Bodin*	Cornwell*(11)	Galvin†(8)
Sat Oct 21	Leicester City	1-2	8,941	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Hunt	White	Maclaren	Bodin	Cornwell	Gittens
Tue Oct 24	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	3-3	8,818	Digby	Hockaday†	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones†	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Bodin*(3)	Hunt†(7)
Wed Nov 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	8,070	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White●●	Maclaren	Simpson	Cornwell	Hunt
Sat Nov 4	Stoke City	6-0	7,825	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White●●	Maclaren	Simpson	Cornwell†(2)	Hunt†(9)
Tue Nov 7	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	11,533	Digby	Hockaday*	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White†	Maclaren	Simpson	Cornwell*(2)	Hunt†(9)
Sat Nov 11	Middlesbrough	2-0	13,720	Digby	Cornwell	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Simpson*	Close	Galvin†(11)
Tue Nov 14	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	14,129	Digby	Cornwell	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White●●	Maclaren	Simpson	Close*(9)	Galvin†(4)
Sat Nov 18	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 1)	0-2	7,393	Digby	Cornwell†	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White†	Maclaren	Simpson	Close*(9)	Foley†(2)
Tue Nov 21	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	2-1	11,238	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White●●	Maclaren	Simpson	Galvin*(2)	Close†(9)
Sun Nov 26	Portsmouth 3pm	2-2	10,438	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White	Maclaren*	Foley	Foley†(10)	Cornwell
Wed Nov 29	Southampton (LC R4) 7.45	0-0	15,085	Digby	Kerslake*	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White†	Maclaren*	Foley	Cornwell*(11)	Simpson†(9)
Sat Dec 2	Sunderland	2-2	15,849	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*	White†	Maclaren	Foley†	Cornwell*(11)	Simpson†(9)
Tue Dec 5	A.F.C. Bournemouth	2-3	7,326	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin●	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White●	Maclaren	Foley†	Simpson†(11)	Cornwell
Sun Dec 10	Sheffield Utd (F.A. Cup 2) 3pm	0-2	10,292	Digby	Kerslake*	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Foley	Cornwell*(2)	Hunt
Wed Dec 13	Millwall (ZDSC) 7.45	2-1	3,223	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White●	Maclaren	Foley*	Cornwell*(11)	Hunt
Sun Dec 17	West Bromwich Albion	2-1	9,884	Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones†	Shearer*	White●●	Maclaren	Foley	Cornwell†(9)	Galvin†(7)

Key: ● Goalscorer * and † Player substituted and () number of player substituted Home matches in bold type

GOALPOWER

Blackburn Rovers have certainly found the fifteen minute period either side of half time to be when they are at their most vulnerable. In that period they have conceded no fewer than **seventeen** of the **thirty-eight** goals they have had scored against them in League and Cup action. On the goalkeeping front they appear to be at their most lethal after fifteen minutes of the first half and immediately following the interval.

Number of goals scored between (minutes):			
1-15	16-30	31-45	46-90
5	9	4	6
Number of goals conceded between (minutes):			
1-15	16-30	31-45	46-90
3	4	9	7

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	22	10	2	0	24	6	4	3	3	15	15	47
Sheffield United	22	7	3	1	20	12	6	4	1	18	10	46
Sunderland	22	6	4	1	23	14	4	4	3	16	18	38
Oldham Athletic	22	7	4	0	20	10	3	3	5	9	13	37
Newcastle United	21	7	2	1	21	12	3	4	4	17	12	36
Ipswich Town	21	5	4	1	18	11	4	3	4	14	16	34
Swindon Town	22	5	2	3	22	10	4	4	4	16	20	33
Blackburn Rovers	21	3	5	2	22	19	4	5	2	16	14	31
West Ham United	22	6	3	3	19	11	2	4	4	13	16	31
Wolverhampton Wanderers	22	5	3	3	17	10	2	5	4	15	19	29
Watford	22	7	1	3	23	13	1	4	6	8	16	29
A.F.C. Bournemouth	22	6	2	4	18	17	2	3	5	14	19	29
Plymouth Argyle	21	5	3	2	16	10	3	0	8	15	22	27
Port Vale	22	4	6	1	15	11	2	3	6	11	16	27
Brighton & Hove Albion	22	3	1	4	13	11	3	2	7	18	22	27
Oxford United	22	3	4	3	20	16	2	2	6	12	19	27
West Bromwich Albion	22	3	4	4	21	21	3	3	5	15	17	25
Middlesbrough	22	5	3	3	17	15	1	3	7	11	20	24
Leicester City	22	4	3	4	14	15	2	3	6	13	21	24
Portsmouth	22	2	6	4	18	20	3	2	5	9	14	23
Bradford City	22	5	3	2	14	9	0	5	7	11	24	23
Barnsley	22	3	4	4	13	15	3	1	7	11	28	23
Hull City	21	1	4	5	8	14	1	7	3	13	15	17
Stoke City	21	2	5	4	11	14	0	4	6	6	21	15

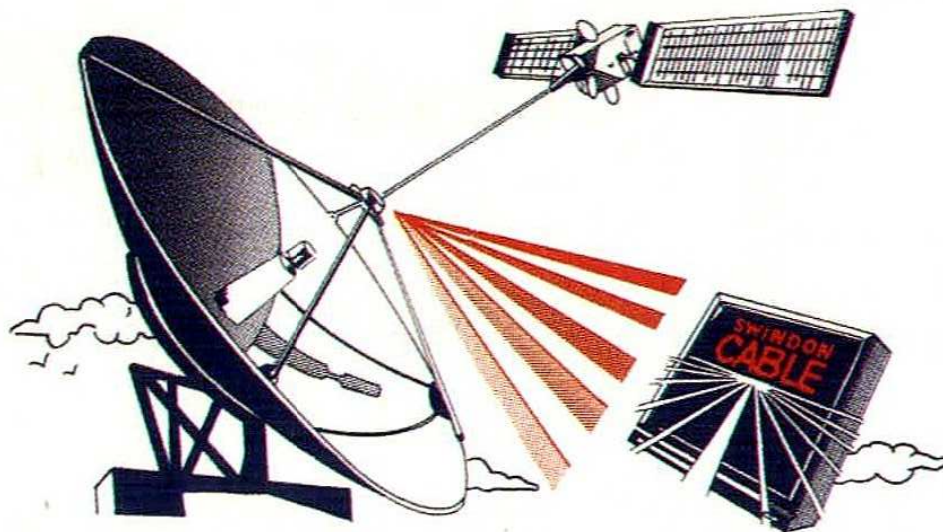
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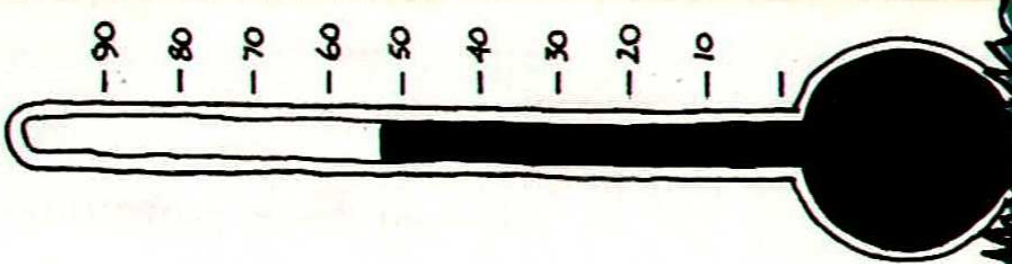
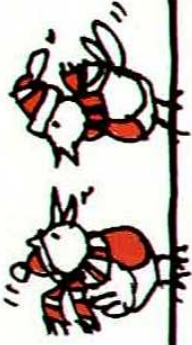
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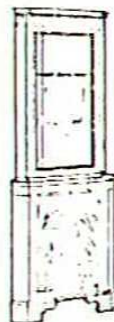
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(up to and including Saturday 16th December 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	21	13	5	3	36	20	44
Tottenham Hotspur	18	14	1	3	53	23	43
Arsenal	18	11	3	4	42	31	36
Norwich City	17	11	1	5	32	18	34
Chelsea	16	10	2	4	38	20	32
Swindon Town	20	9	1	10	30	34	28
Wimbledon	17	7	6	4	29	21	27
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	8	2	7	28	30	26
Ipswich Town	19	7	3	9	32	39	24
Oxford United	17	7	2	8	33	29	23
Crystal Palace	19	6	5	8	27	24	23
Queens Park Rangers	16	7	2	7	29	33	23
Charlton Athletic	18	6	3	9	30	35	21
Portsmouth	15	4	8	3	14	19	20
Luton Town	15	8	4	6	23	21	19
West Ham United	17	4	5	8	34	37	17
Watford	15	2	6	7	25	33	12
Southampton	19	2	6	11	19	30	12
Fulham	14	3	1	10	9	37	10
Reading	18	2	4	12	21	50	10

A HAMMERING

Our Reserve Team crashed to a heavy defeat when they played West Ham United at Upton Park on Friday December 8th. The 5-1 setback in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture was not a true reflection of their first half performance.

In fact we took an early lead when **Paul Hunt** intercepted a back pass in the **seventh minute** and scored with a well placed shot. It took the 'Hammers' until the **forty second** minute before **Andy Clarke** equalised



● **Paul Hunt** - Scored his fourth goal of the season for our Combination team in the 5-1 away defeat at West Ham United.

West Ham took charge of the second half and scored four goals without reply. Once **David Kelly** had put West Ham in front in the **fifty-seventh** minute it became one-way traffic.

Further goals by **Andy Clark** in the **seventy-seventh** minute and **Paul Kelly**

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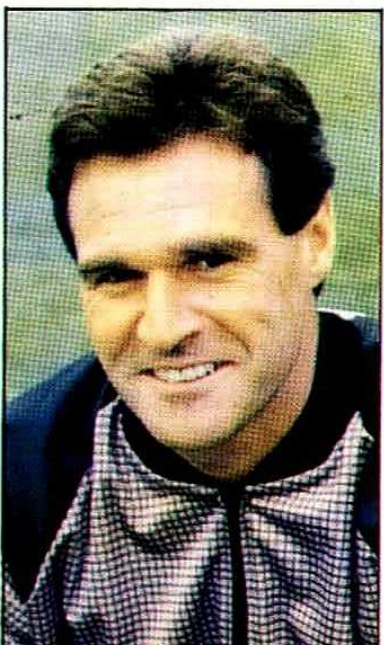
'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90

Date 1989		Opponents	Result
Wed Aug 23		Portsmouth	2.00 H 2-0
Sat 26		Southampton	3.00 A 1-0
Tue 29		West Ham United	2.00 H 3-1
Sat 2	Sep	Wimbledon	3.00 A 2-3
Tue 5		Oxford United	2.00 H 0-4
Wed 13		Fulham	2.00 H 5-0
Wed 20		Ipswich Town	3.00 A 0-3
Wed 27		Chelsea	2.00 A 0-6
Mon Oct 2		Millwall	2.00 H 3-1
Tue 10		Queens Park Rangers	2.00 H 1-2
Wed 18		Crystal Palace	2.00 A 1-2
Mon 23		Millwall	2.00 A 0-3
Tue 31		Luton Town	2.00 H 2-0
Tue Nov 7		Wimbledon	7.30 H 2-0
Tue 14		Queens Park Rangers	2.00 A 4-2
Thu 23		Arsenal	7.30 H 0-1
Tue 28		Charlton Athletic	2.00 A 1-2
Tue Dec 5		Brighton & Hove Albion	7.30 H 2-0
Sat 9		West Ham United	2.00 A 1-5
Tue 12		Portsmouth	7.00 A
Tue 19		Crystal Palace	7.30 H
Tue 1989			
Tue Jan 9		Watford	7.30 H
Tue 16		Reading	7.30 H
Wed 24		Brighton & Hove Albion	7.15 A
Sat 27		Watford	3.00 A
Tue 30		Chelsea	7.30 H
Fri Feb 2		Norwich City	7.30 A
Tue 6		Tottenham Hotspur	7.30 H
Wed 14		Oxford United	7.30 A
Sat 17		Arsenal	3.00 A
Tue 20		Southampton	7.30 H
Wed 28		Fulham	2.00 A
Sat Mar 10		Luton Town	2.00 A
Tue 13		Ipswich Town	7.30 H
Tue 20		Charlton Athletic	7.30 H
Wed 28		Reading	2.00 A
Tue Apr 3		Norwich City	7.30 H
Tue 24		Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 A

(78) and Peter Marquis completed the demise.

Although we had two or three chances

Andy Rowland



to score they went begging and we suffered a resounding defeat. There were too many players shirking their responsibilities and failing to compete when matters started to go against them.

Teams - Swindon Town: Andrew Petterson, Tony Galvin, Paul O'Driscoll, Mark Jones, Darren Hall, Adrian Viveash, Neil Tomlinson, Alex Graham, Shaun Close, Nicky Summerbee, Paul Hunt.

Substitutes: Paul Trollope (for Jones in the 70th min), Lea (for Hall in the 80th min).

West Ham United: McKnight, Paddington, Horlock, Skinner, Pask, Livett, King, P. Kelly, Marquis, D. Kelly, Clarke.

Substitutes: Macari and Heffer.

'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Goalscorers: Gary Shaw, John Cornwall and Paul Hunt 4 each, also Paul Bodin 4 (including two penalties), Nicky Summerbee 3, Shaun Close and Paul Trollope 2 each, Steve Foley, Tony Galvin, David Geddis, Tony Sealy (now Bristol Rovers), Fitzroy Simpson and Richard Walker one each. Mark Jones, penalty.



**FINE PERFORMANCE
AGAINST 'BEES'**

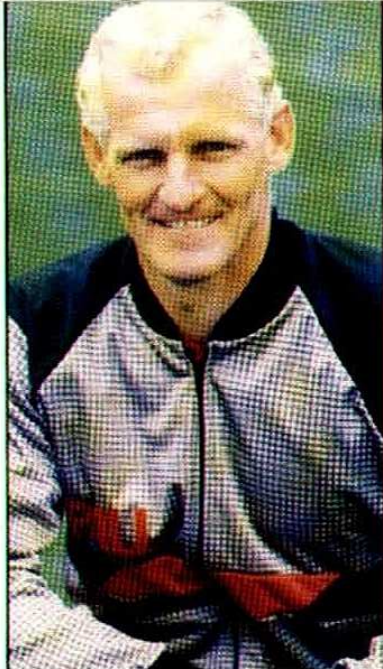
Our South East Counties Youth League team continued their recent revival with a 2-1 win against Brentford at Lydiard Park on Saturday December 9th.

We conceded an early goal in the eighth minute when a free kick was headed back to the unmarked Nicky Ryder who was left with the easy task of a simple tap in.

We recovered to play some good football and equalised in the thirty-seventh



• Robert Spence – Scored his seventh goal in League matches against the Bees!



John Trollope

minute when Liam Dixon broke down the left wing and his cross found the unmarked Robert Spence who scored with a low shot into the corner of the net.

Another run by Liam Dixon early in the second half led to Casey Goble meeting his cross and scoring with a low shot into the corner of the net in the forty-seventh minute. We were now enjoying a greater share of the play and were unfortunate not to increase our lead.

This was a good team performance with a good approach and plenty of thought. With two players making their first appearance it made it an even better result.

Team: Paul Thompson, Lee Spalding, Craig Darkes, Alex Graham, Martin Churchward, Mark Lea, Richard Walker, Ian Howell, Liam Dixon, Casey Goble, Robert Spence.

Substitutes: Marcus Phillips (for Goble in 69th minute), Andy Thomson (for Darkes in 77th minute).

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE
GOALSCORERS**

Liam Dixon 7, Robert Spence 6, Paul Trollope and Mark Lea 2 each, Wayne O'Sullivan, Marcus Phillips and Richard Walker one each.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90				
Date		Opponents		Result
1989				
Sat	Aug 19	Reading	11 am	H 1-1
Sat	26	Oxford United		A 0-3
Sat	Sep 2	Wimbledon	11 am	H 0-3
Sat	16	Tottenham Hotspur	11 am	H 3-0
Sat	23	Aldershot		A 3-2
Sat	30	A.F.C. Bournemouth		A 3-1
Sat	Oct 7	Luton Town	11 am	H 1-2
Sat	14	Colchester United		A 0-2
Sat	21	Wimbledon		A 0-0
Sat	28	Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am	H 1-0
Sat	Nov 4	Northampton Town	11 am	H 2-3
Sat	11	Southampton	11 am	H 1-1
Sat	18	Bristol City		A 2-1
Sat	25	Crystal Palace		A 1-2
Sat	Dec 2	Bristol Rovers		A 3-2
Sat	9	Brentford		H 2-1
Sat	16	Tottenham Hotspur		A 0-1
1990				
Sat	Jan 6	Reading		A
Sat	13	Oxford United	11 am	H
Sat	20	Wimbledon		A
Sat	27	Aldershot	11 am	H
Sat	Feb 3	Colchester United	12 noon	H
Sat	10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	11 am	H
Sat	17	Brighton & Hove Albion		A
Sat	24	Brentford		A
Sat	Mar 3	Bristol City	11 am	H
Sat	17	Luton Town		A
Sat	24	Southampton		A
Sat	31	Crystal Palace	11 am	H
Sat	Apr 7	Northampton Town		A

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP 1989/90			
Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Sat	Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90			
Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Wed	Aug 30	Peterborough United	A 3-0
Tues	Jan 23	Notttingham Forest	

FA YOUTH CUP			
Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Mon	Oct 30	Portsmouth	7 pm H 2-3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (up to and including Monday December 25th 1989)							
Division Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	16	12	3	1	39	12	27
Oxford United	12	9	2	1	31	15	20
Northampton Town	16	9	2	5	33	21	20
Southampton	19	7	6	6	27	25	20
Colchester United	19	9	2	8	32	31	20
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	9	1	5	32	19	19
Wimbledon	17	7	3	7	30	18	17
Swindon Town	17	7	3	7	23	26	17
Luton Town	13	5	6	2	18	15	16
Tottenham Hotspur	19	7	1	11	23	38	16
Brentford	15	6	3	6	31	25	15
Reading	15	6	2	6	19	15	14
A.F.C. Bournemouth	15	4	5	6	27	26	13
Bristol Rovers	16	5	1	10	27	39	11
Bristol City	15	3	3	9	15	22	9
Aldershot	16	0	1	15	12	72	1

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP			
Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Mon	Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-2

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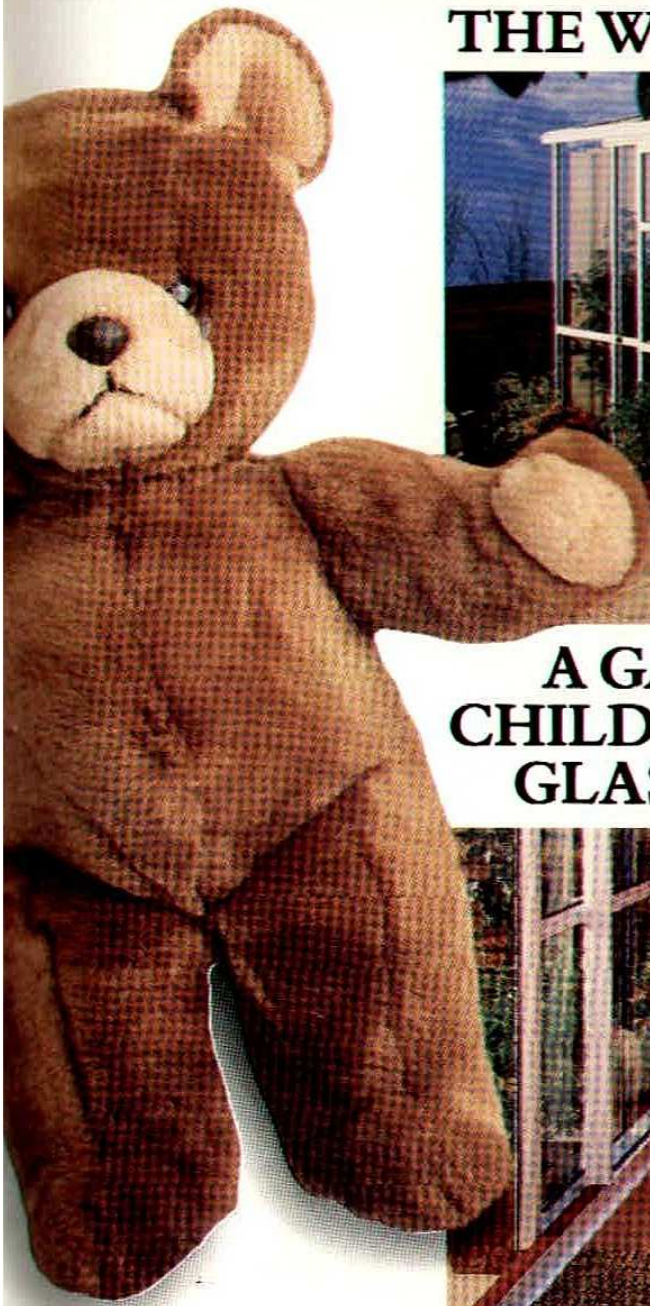


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TEAM NEWS

FRASER DIGBY. Must be one of a very few goalkeepers to face three penalties in a match as he did in our last League fixture at West Bromwich Albion.



DARREN COLLIER. Made his League debut in the final League match of last season at Portman Road against Ipswich Town.

DAVID KERSLAKE. Won the Man of the Match award in our Zenith Data System Cup win against First Division Millwall.



MARK ATKINS. The former Scunthorpe United full back was ever-present for Rovers last season, his first at Ewood Park.

PAUL BODIN. Made his 29th full League appearance for the Club at West Bromwich Albion.



CHRIS SULLEY. The figure 3 is significant for Chris! Born on December 3rd, League debut in the third month of '81. The score? Bournemouth 3 Darlington 3.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. With ten goals to his credit this season the former Manchester United player is one of this seasons most prolific goal-scoring midfield players



NICKY REID. Never played outside of the top two Divisions of the English Football League. Scored twice last season.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. 'Mr Consistency' won the Sony Player of the Month award for December.



KEITH HILL. Ever-present this season. Yet to find the net this campaign. Unusual fact that no player in the number 5 shirt has scored for Rovers this season!

JON GITTENS. The Birmingham-born defender had the misfortune to concede an own goal in our last League match at the County Ground.



DAVID MAY. Took over from Colin Hendry. Although his appearances have fluctuated this season he has eighteen senior appearances to his credit.

TOMMY JONES. The former Weymouth and Aberdeen player has netted twice this season.



ALAN IRVINE. Made his debut for Rovers against a West County Club on October 28th versus Plymouth Argyle at Home Park in a 2-2 draw.

DUNCAN SHEARER. Set the Town on their way to a 2-1 win at West Bromwich Albion with his fourth minute goal.



LEN JOHNROSE. Former YTS with Preston, scored as a second half substitute against Ipswich Town on November 11th, his first League goal.

STEVE WHITE. Put the Town into a first half lead in our 2-1 success over First Division Millwall in our recent Zenith Data Systems Cup win.



FRANK STAPLETON. The Republic of Ireland star will have been busy filling the Christmas stockings for his two sons James and Scott.

ROSS MACLAREN. Makes his 60th League appearance for the Club this afternoon since joining the County Ground staff from Derby County.



SIMON GARNER. One of this seasons hat-trick heroes. Netted a trio of goals versus Barnsley on October 30th.

STEVE FOLEY. Makes his 78th full League appearance for the Club this afternoon.



SCOTT SELLARS. For his Christmas filler he was offered a new contract by Rovers that will keep him at Ewood Park until 1991.

FITZROY SIMPSON. Out of action recently with damaged knee ligaments. He has made 14 full League appearances for the Town prior to this Boxing Day fixture.



TONY FINNIGAN. A regular substitute spot for the former Crystal Palace player this season.

JOHN CORNWELL. Made his tenth substitute appearance of this season in the 2-1 success at the Hawthorns.



ANDY KENNEDY. Spasmodic appearances this season. Scored three goals this campaign against A.F.C. Bournemouth, Barnsley and Newcastle United.

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