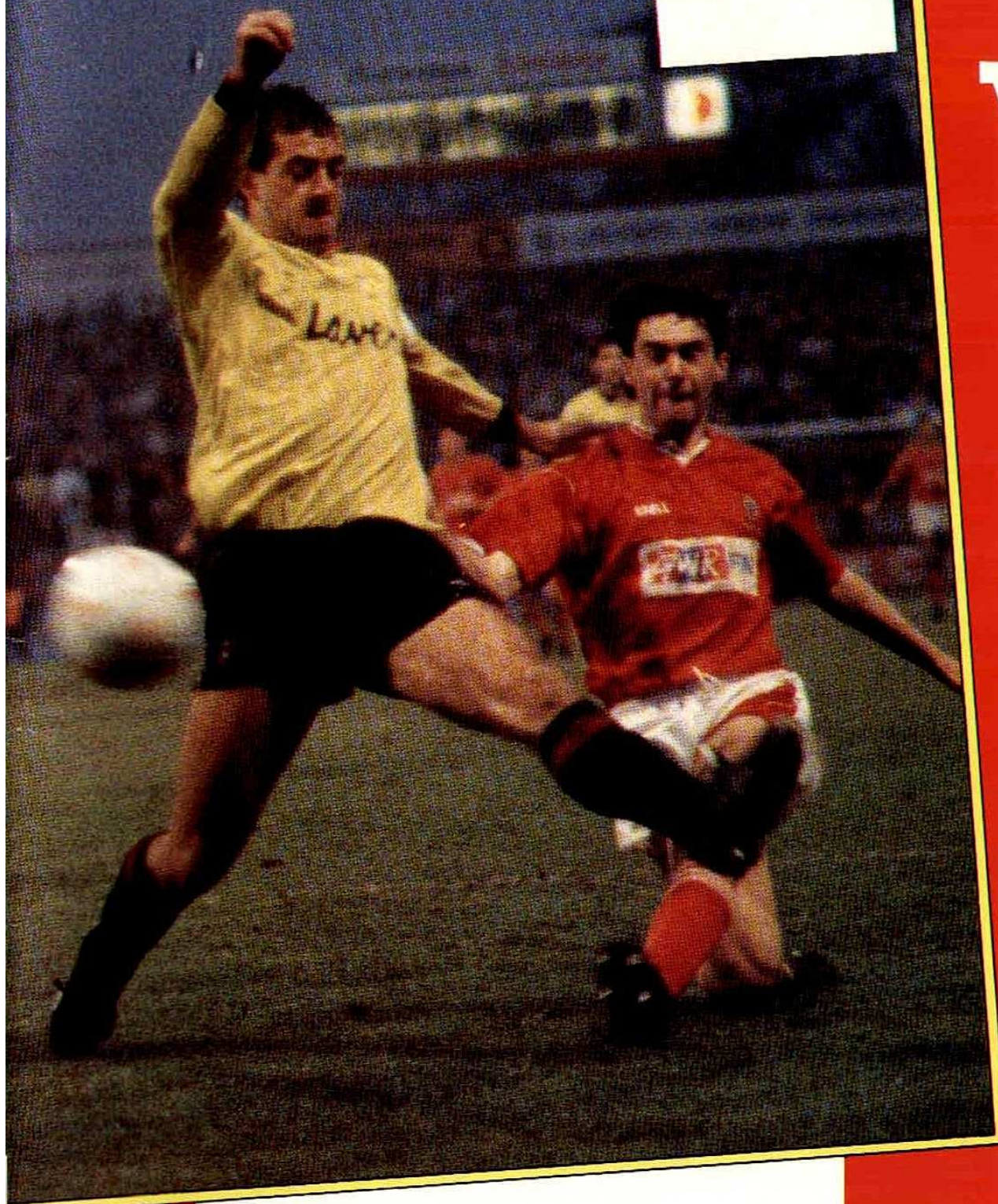


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# People and events in the news at the County Ground

**BOOK REVIEW**

Evening Advertiser reporter **Clive King** wrote a pre-Christmas review of Town Director **Richard Mattick's** recent book **'The Robins'**, the story of **Swindon Town Football Club**.



• **Richard Mattick**

**Home Banker**

Swindon schoolmaster Dick Mattick was this week autographing the first copies of his new book 'The Robins'... the story of Swindon Town Football Club.

And the 40-year-old bachelor had reason for his happy expression.

His first venture into print looks a certain home winner.

It should go down well with Town fans, especially those looking for a Christmas present for somebody a bit special.

To condense the history into 128 320 x 26 cm pages was a feat in itself. There were several individual episodes which could take up a volume apiece!

But he has managed to prune the happenings of 11 decades and still leave enough to make the book interesting and informative.

Because of his connection with the Swindon board - he is a current director and about to become company secretary - he has been fortunate in having access to the minutes. Consequently, some of the content is absorbing.

The photographs are excellent and would possibly have carried the book if the reading matter had been of a poorer quality.

Of course, there are mistakes... some which are a little disappointing in a book of this quality.

The identification of people on certainly two of the photographs is incorrect and the odd fact is amiss.

Overall, however, the 500 or so sub-

scribers should be quite happy with their investment.

The Robins is published by Barracuda Books Ltd at £16.95.

**OSSIE ARDILES**

In a recent issue of the **Sunday Express** the feature was printed on **Ossie Ardiles**, the Town Manager, written by **Tony Hardisty**. Town fans will find this of interest.

**Why Ardiles is in love with Swindon**



• **Ossie Ardiles**

Ossivaldo Ardiles, one of only two managers in the Barclays League with a World Cup winners' medal, is happy to take a swipe at the legion of critics who never tire of knocking our modern game.

"We have much to be proud of - we still have outstanding players and fine teams," says Ardiles, who left his native Argentina more than 11 years ago to give Spurs new dimensions.

Of all the foreign imports it was Ossie who captured - and held - our admiration and affection.

Beautifully balanced and blessed with that special South American skill, the lawyer's son from Cordoba helped Spurs win the F.A. and European Cup Winners' Cups. And throughout a glittering playing career he nursed an ambition to become a Football League manager.

Swindon gave him his chance last summer when Lou Macari moved to West Ham and Ardiles is keen to tell you how grateful he is. "I was enjoying life in the sunshine of Florida - playing for Fort Lauderdale - when I received the call to come across for an interview.

"Now I love having my team's progress examined every week. Football was never a job to me - always pure enjoyment," says

the man who had spells with Paris St Germain, Blackburn and Queens Park Rangers when the White Hart Lane glory days were behind him.

Second Division leaders Sheffield United are in the West Country today and Ardiles accepts that there could hardly be a more striking contrast in styles between Dave Bassett's route-one approach and his own insistence on a passing game.

"I don't criticise the Sheffield Uniteds - they are having an outstanding season and it's up to managers like me to show that on the ground football can be more successful," he says.

"We are too quick to criticise in this country when the varying styles actually make for compelling contests.

"I learned a good deal from Carlos Menotti, the Argentina manager, and then so much from Keith Burkinshaw, who brought me from America to England. Now I am striving to pass on that knowledge to the players at Swindon."

Swindon have never had a First Division team, but their ambitious Argentinian insists: "We can create a little bit of West Country history if we believe in ourselves and work hard at our objectives.

"I am the best possible example of an unlikely footballer - my family was middle class and in Argentina the vast majority of the great players come from backgrounds of poverty.

"I practised my skills and toughened myself by playing with the poorer kids. I had the will, the burning desire to reach the top. All things are possible if you believe yourself."

**MARTYN SMITH'S MATCHFACTS**



• **Martyn Smith**

**v A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH**  
**on TUESDAY DECEMBER 5th**  
**1989**

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



## WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF NEWCASTLE UNITED

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Dry.

**Bournemouth Team:**

1. **Peyton**
2. **Bond**
3. **Coleman**
4. **Teale**
5. **Williams**
6. **Peacock**
7. **Lawrence**
8. **Moulden**
9. **O'Driscoll**
10. **Brooks**
11. **Blissett**

**SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:**

12. **Cornwell**/not used
14. **Simpson/Foley** (45 min)

**BOURNEMOUTH SUBSTITUTES:**

12. **O'Connor**/not used
14. **Newson/O'Driscoll** (45 min)

**SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:**

None

**BOURNEMOUTH BOOKINGS:**

- Bond** (52 min)  
**Brooks** (85 min)

**FIRST HALF DURATION:**

47 minutes 30 seconds

**SECOND HALF DURATION:**

46 minutes 47 seconds

**GOALS:**

**Swindon Town**

**Bodin** (penalty, 42 min, 58 sec)

**White** (82 min, 34 sec)

**Bournemouth**

**Lawrence** (6 min, 57 sec)

**Blissett** (53 min, 52 sec)

**Blissett** (65 min, 21 sec)

**GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:**

**Swindon Town:**

**Kerslake** (17 min)

**McLoughlin** (33 min)

**Foley** (34 min)

**Jones** (39 min)

**Shearer** (77 min)

**Kerslake** (91 min)

**Bournemouth:**

**Williams** (5 min)

**Blissett** (25 min)

**CORNERS:**

**First Half:**

**Swindon Town**

4

**Bournemouth**

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**Second Half:**

5

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REFEREE: J. Hemley

LINESMEN: J. Biddle and M. Brown

### WORLD CUP NEWS

For your interest we include details of the **World Cup** draw with the **groups, dates, fixtures and venues**. Please note that the **kick-offs** are local times, **one hour** ahead of **British Summer Time**.

### Group A

Rome and Florence

June 9 Italy v Austria (Rome 21.00); June 10 USA v Czechoslovakia (Florence 17.00); June 14 Italy v USA (Rome 21.00); June 15 Austria v Czechoslovakia (Florence 17.00); June 19 Italy v Czechoslovakia (Rome 21.00); June 19 Austria v USA (Florence 21.00).

### Group B

Milan, Naples, Bari

June 8 Argentina v Cameroun (Milan 18.00); June 9 Russia v Romania (Bari 17.00); June 13 Argentina v Russia (Naples 21.00); June 14 Cameroun v Romania (Bari 21.00); June 18 Argentina v Romania (Naples 21.00); June 18 Cameroun v Russia (Bari 21.00).

### Group C

Turin, Genoa

June 10 Brazil v Sweden (Turin 21.00); June 11 Costa Rica v Scotland (Genoa 17.00); June 18 Brazil v Costa Rica (Turin 17.00); June 18 Sweden v Scotland (Genoa 21.00); June 20 Brazil v Scotland (Turin 21.00); June 20 Sweden v Costa Rica (Genoa 21.00).

### Group D

Milan, Bologna

June 9 United Arab Emirates v Colombia (Bologna 21.00); June 10 West Germany v Yugoslavia (Milan 21.00); June 14 Yugoslavia v Colombia (Bologna 17.00); June 15 West Germany v United Arab Emirates (Milan 21.00); June 19 West Germany v Colombia (Milan 17.00); June 19 Yugoslavia v United Arab Emirates (Bologna 17.00).

### GROUP E

Verona, Udine

June 12 Belgium v South Korea (Verona 17.00); June 13 Uruguay v Spain (Udine 17.00); June 17 Belgium v Uruguay (Verona 21.00); June 17 South Korea v Spain (Udine 21.00); June 21 Belgium v Spain (Verona 17.00); June 21 South Korea v Uruguay (Udine 17.00).

### GROUP F

Cagliari, Palermo

June 11 England v Republic of Ireland (Cagliari 21.00); June 12 Holland v Egypt (Palermo 21.00); June 16 England v Holland (Cagliari 21.00); June 17 Republic of Ireland v Egypt (Palermo 17.00); June 21 England v Egypt (Cagliari 21.00); June 21 Republic of Ireland v Holland (Palermo 21.00).

● The eight second round knockout matches, involving the top two teams from each group plus the four third placed teams with the best records, will be played between June 23 and 26.

The quarter-finals will be played on June 20 and July 1, the semi-finals in Naples and Turin on July 3 and 4, the third place match in Bari on July 7 and the final, in Rome, on July 8 (20.00).

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County Ground  
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Rendezvous Club: **Tel: 35130**

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C. Green

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### HONOURS

#### 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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### **A LOT TO PLAY FOR**

**We are roughly at the half way stage of the season with as much to play for as we could possibly have hoped for at the outset of a New Year.**

Swindon Town are nicely placed in the League table to be able to compete for a play-off position and we look as though we will at least have this to play for throughout the remainder of the season.

### **VERY PLEASED**

**I have been very pleased with the manner in which we have tackled the first half of this season. I cannot praise the players enough for their efforts.**

It is not easy for players when a

easy time for them. They have coped well with the pressure.

### **WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE UNITED**

**We welcome Newcastle United to the County Ground this afternoon in the knowledge that their Manager, Jim Smith, has begun to revue the North East Club's fortunes.**

Certainly in the signing of Mick Quinn he has signed a striker in the mould of former prolific goalscoring strikers that this famous Club have been accustomed to having in their midst.

A warm welcome to you all from Tyneside that have travelled down to Wiltshire today. I wish you all a safe journey home.

**will be able to support us when we travel to Watford on Monday next, New Years Day.**

The Vicarage Road Club have been in particularly fine goalscoring form recently and we shall have to be on our toes to take something from this attractive holiday fixture.

### **F.A. CUP AND BRISTOL CITY**

**Next Saturday it is the F.A. Cup and we travel the short distance to Bristol to meet City. This will be a tough test for both teams. We will go to Ashton Gate well prepared and ready to face our West Country rivals in what will be one of the keenest of matches.**

Local derbys always mean a lot to spectators of both Clubs. I know what they always meant to the Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur fans. It can't be any different down here in the West of England.

### **MORE CUP ACTION TO COME**

**We have more Cup action on the horizon and Norwich City will be our visitors in the Zenith Data Systems Cup. I want us to make progress in this Cup. We are always in with top class opposition and this can only be good for the players of this Club.**

I am sure that you all enjoy watching top class players in action and it is a feather in our caps if we beat them.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**My last opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I just hope from a football angle that we continue in 1990 as we have in 1989.**

A time to reflect but also to look forward with enthusiasm. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Swindon Town, we have a great deal to look toward. Let's enjoy the rest of the season in peace and cheer the lads, it really is what the game is about. Players and fans alike. Keep cheering in 1990 like you have in 1989.



## **Ossie Ardiles**

new Manager takes over and also introduces a revised style of play. To their credit the players adapted and were prepared to listen.

### **TO THEIR CREDIT**

**A lot has been said about Swindon Town in recent weeks and very little of it about players. It is not an easy time for the Directors and officials in the present circumstances.**

Some have been buffeted from pillar to post. It has not been an

### **MARK JONES**

**At the recent A.G.M. I was asked a question about Mark Jones. Well, all of you who watch our Reserve Team in action will be aware that there is progress for Mark.**

He has been appearing in our Reserve Team line-up of recent and making steady progress. A good professional who now deserves a stroke of good fortune.

**TRY TO SUPPORT US PLEASE I hope as many of you as possible**

Swindon Supporters in London Association sponsor Ossie Ardiles' kit.

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# Paul Plowman

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

Today is only the fifth occasion that Swindon Town and Newcastle United have met for a Football League fixture and the eighth time overall.

Having only once this century finished below the half-way mark in the Second Division – when they escaped relegation on goal average in 1938 – Newcastle did not have to face Swindon as League opponents until 1963.

### 'BUZZER' THWARTED

After leading Division Two until the first week of October, the Town had slipped to fourth place by the time United arrived at the County Ground on November 16. In front of a 20,699 crowd, the sides fought out a goal-less draw. New signing Stan Anderson went closest for the visitors when he beat 'keeper Mike Turner in the 33rd minute, but his

long-range drive thundered against a post. The cheers that greeted Mike Summerbee's effort seven minutes later soon subsided as the Swindon winger was ruled offside.

The Town failed to score in four subsequent League games too, and when they ran on to the pitch at St James's Park on February 29 1964, they had won just one of their previous sixteen Second Division engagements. Alas, it would soon be seventeen.

Swindon restricted their hosts to a single strike in the first half, Dave Hilley being successful in the 25th minute, but conceded further goals to Bob Cummings (55 minutes), Ollie Burton (67) and Alan Suddick (85).

### DOUBLE FAREWELL

Town wing-half Bobby Woodruff gained a consolation ten minutes before the end of the game – and the end of his career for Swindon. On the following Friday he signed for Wolves. It was also the last League appearance of John Stevens, the ex-R.A.F. Yatesbury centre-forward who left the County Ground three months later to join the now defunct Guildford City. John's place was taken the following week by the nomadic Frank Large.

Swindon Town were in a rather more precarious position when Newcastle made a return visit to Wiltshire in November 1964. After three successive defeats, they occupied 20th position. Keith East, who had scored on his debut at Middlesbrough a week earlier, was making his first appearance at the County Ground. But it was all to no avail.

### WILLIE'S BRACE

Suddick again found the net, in the very first minute, as did Hilley on the half hour, by which time the

Town were 4-1 in arrears. Three goals had come in a crazy three-minute spell during which Willie Penman (later to come to Swindon and who appears in a separate feature) and Stan Anderson scored for United and full-back John Trollope replied with a penalty.

Penman added his second and Newcastle's fifth five minutes after the break and Anderson completed a miserable afternoon for the Town, to take the final score to 6-1. It was also an unhappy day for the home 'keeper, who lost his place following that defeat. Remarkably, 25 years later, he is still playing! Norman Oakley, now 50, is currently player-manager of Northern League Club Horden Colliery Welfare.

### TOWN ON THE BRINK

Swindon were still hovering just above the relegation zone when they journeyed to the North-East on the Saturday before Easter 1965. Over 32,000 came to see the League leaders edge a step closer to the Division Two championship with a 1-0 victory. Dave Hilley was again the villain in the eyes of Town fans, striking in the 30th minute.

It was Swindon's 11th League defeat of the season by the odd goal – and two more were to follow. Had any one of those thirteen been avoided, the Town would have avoided the drop that came on April 24.

Since 1964/65, the Clubs have met just once, on a day that Lou Macari's Swindon gave one of their less impressive performances! In January of last year, in a Fourth Round F.A. Cup tie, David Jackson, Paul Gascoigne (2), Michael O'Neill and Paul Goddard scored without reply. In January of this year, the Town survived in the F.A. Cup after conceding a goal in 24 seconds to Mick Quinn.

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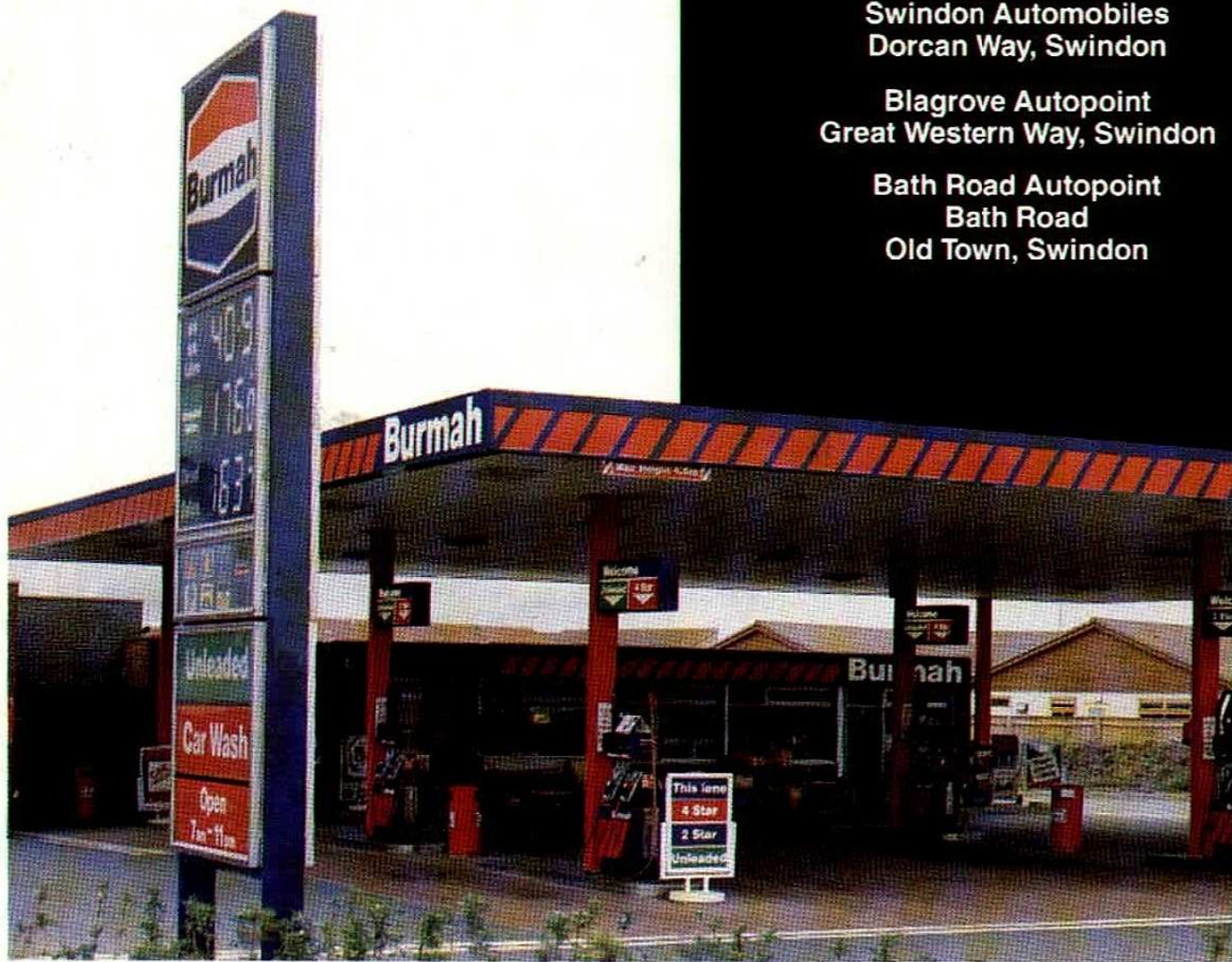
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## HEIGHTS AND DEPTES

This afternoon Swindon Town play their final game of a decade which has brought both the heights of success and the depths of failure for the Club. Players of vastly varying quality have graced the County Ground in that time, watched by supporters most of the time eager for the shambles wrapped up as modern entertainment to end with a home win. There have been many classic games at the County Ground over the past ten years though, but for every Chester or Manchester City there has generally been a Port Vale or Barnsley lurking just around the corner. What makes the classic game so wonderful are the dozen of dire games that precede and follow it, never emphasised more than in our early Fourth Division days. The specific memories of the eighties are many, from the agony of Roy Carters relegation bringing penalty miss against Newport (which impressed the Welshmen so much that they signed him on), to the ecstasy of Steve White's opening goal at Selhurst Park. Through the decade the 'Town' have rarely failed to provide some sort of emotion.

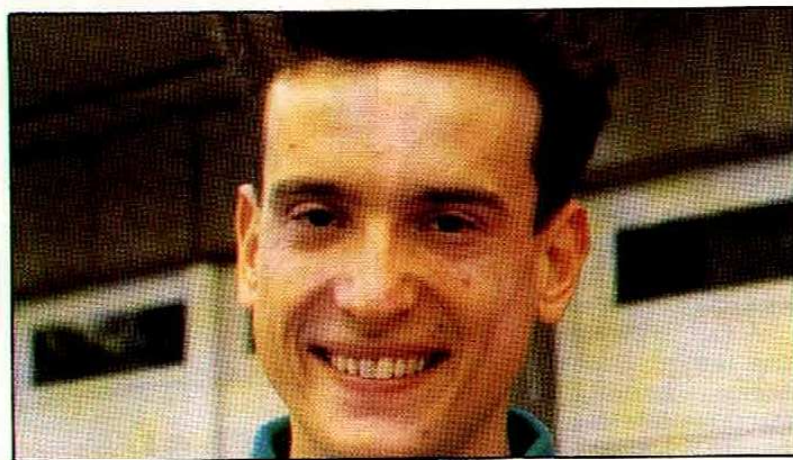
### SOME SHACKLED, OTHERS WERE NOT

With no disrespect to the others who led Swindon Town during the eighties, who got neither the hype nor the budget of Lou Macari, he was the one man who pulled Swindon Town out of a downward spiral and instilled some spirit in the Club again. Both John Trollope and Ken Beamish were shackled by lack of cash and quality players, Macari built his success on his eventual ability to gently manipulate the board and the often unquestioning terrace adulation. With relegation to Division Four already being the decade's most significant event, the sacking of Macari and Gregg on Easter Friday 1985 managed to eclipse even that disaster, stirring as it did the Clubs support into action and inspiring the Scotsman, once re-instated, to prove himself in the Managers role. In some twisted way, Swindon Town can heartily thank Harry Gregg for

providing Macari a personality to clash with and spark the Clubs re-birth.

Macari ensured that the dull, dour early eighties were soon forgotten almost entirely, with the exception of the scar of relegation and the inevitable departure of Paul Rideout to Aston Villa. Despite our more attractive style of late, the legacy of Macari live on in force at the County Ground, with his three most important signings still vital components of the side. Never proving himself the world's best mover in the transfer market, Macari did however make some unbelievably good signings. Colin

not to have a strong feeling about, blessed with blinkered vision, focused just above the knee, the thigh was always at the low range of his tackles, meaning that he may have actually been going for the ball. Apart from Digby, Macari also brought a couple of other goalkeepers to the County Ground after Scott Endersby left in search of a higher grade of football' (where are you now Scott?!) First was Jake Findlay, who didn't really fill his gloves with glory during a brief bungling spell, but Kenny Allen's career was a revelation, culminating with his championship medal in 1986. His lollipop up the pitch at



by **Michael Scott**

Calderwood led the 'Town' into the third by example, Fraser Digby has, on countless occasions, kept the 'Town' in contention and Steve White's goalscoring has totally mocked the free transfer he was given by Bristol Rovers.

### DOG WALKING

Although the backbone of the side remains, Macari also brought crowd pleasers to the County Ground who now ply their trade elsewhere. Top of the list has to be the dog walking, roman genius of Dave Bamber, a player whose performance could be loved or hated in equal measure on the same day. Out of a similar mould, Chris Ramsey was another Macari signing that it was difficult

Aldershot during that season was stopped only by a brilliantly executed Chris Kamara rugby tackle, one of the strongest, lasting memories of the Fourth Division. Kamara himself was a major contributor on his return to the Club and remains a sad loss. What Phil Thompson would have done as Manager who knows? It is unlikely that he could have done more.

What players, matches and achievements lie ahead in the next decade are, of course, unknown, but the single aim of Swindon Town is clear with Ossie Ardiles shouldering the responsibility of getting the Club into the First Division before the turn of the century.

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**PORTSMOUTH DOMINATED  
THE OPENING OF 1989**

**This is the time of the year for reflection and for Swindon Town it is a year from which we can glean a lot of satisfaction.**

Portsmouth dominated the opening of 1989 for us, we defeated 'Pompey' 2-0 in our first match of this year with goals from **David Geddis** and **Duncan Shearer**. We returned to Fratton Park five days later, encouraged by our League success, hoping to repeat this feat in the F.A. Cup. A goal three minutes from time by **Steve Foley** kept our hopes alive in a 1-1 draw. Two late goals in the replay at the County Ground from **Steve Foley** and **Duncan Shearer** determined that the New Year opened well for Swindon Town.

**A HOPEFUL PROSPECT**

**A nondescript goalless draw with West Ham United at the County Ground in late January was a prelude to our Fourth Round exit in the replay at Upton Park on the opening day of February.**

A fine display went without its due reward. Hopes of promotion seemed distant. Reality dictated that **three defeats** in the remaining **twenty** League matches made the possibility of First Division football at the County Ground a more than hopeful prospect.

**LACKING PASSION**

**A 1-0 win over Crystal Palace in the First Leg of the Semi-Final stage of the play-offs gave the Town a slightly uncomfortable advantage.**

Any hopes of entertaining the Arsenal's and Liverpool's in the forthcoming August were soon diminishing as **Bright** and **Wright** scored against a disappointing Town display which lacked the passion anticipated. The season had ended on a note of high disappointment. Any thoughts that were conceived the previous August of avoiding relegation on our return to the Second Division were but a distant memory.

**CAPITAL GAIN**

**Town Manager Lou Macari had**



by **Dave King**

**flirted the previous summer with thoughts of leaving the County Ground for new pastures. Chelsea had preconceived ideas that he was to eventually take over the mantle of Team Manager at Stamford Bridge.**

Verbal promises failed to materialise into hard fact and the Scot remained at the County Ground for a further season. Prior to this departure a hesitant Lou Macari rejected Sheffield Wednesday's overtures. The summer of 1989 was to finally see the former Manchester United player decide to seek new employment. The vacancy created by John Lyall's departure from West Ham United soon became an attraction. Subsequent events led

to Lou Macari making the M4 his immediate target and the weekly routine of travelling to and fro to the City lights of the capital, his desire.

**THE COMING OF 'OSSIE'**

**The guessing game had begun in earnest. Names were linked and unlinked with the Town vacancy. Few were, in reality, in the frame, approaches were made and a few were interviewed. Others actively sought the position. Credentials were varied but the Club sought a personality and 'Ossie' Ardiles fitted the credibility that was required.**

The quiet, thoughtful and reflective manner he portrayed created an immediate impression. His educated background had been an added bonus to the razor sharp skills he had exuded during this playing career.

**ANY APPREHENSION  
EVAPORATES**

**Any apprehension that may have been nurtured following Lou Macari's departure quickly vanished in the pre-season results. Moderate opposition gave the Town a confidence to display a more reserved and studied approach to the game. Time was of the essence and it was readily available in the balmy evenings of July and August.**

The Littlewoods Cup saga with Bolton Wanderers will one day be heavily researched by Dick Mattick or his successor in a re-write of Town history. Cultured play gave the Town a healthy base upon which to once again relive those dreams of First Division football, albeit by means of a play-off position come next May.

**RENEWED OPTIMISM**

**Reflections, but now it is time to almost look forward again with renewed optimism. Auld Lang Syne will dominate for a further twenty-four hours and 1990 will then dawn. Thank you to all of you who have supported the Club through a highly entertaining 1989. It just remains to wish you all a Happy New Year. The sands of time commence again.**





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**PAUL PLOWMAN  
LOOKS BACK AT THE CAREERS  
OF THREE PLAYERS WHO SERVED  
BOTH SWINDON TOWN AND  
TODAY'S OPPONENTS**

Amongst those twelve Swindon heroes at Wembley nearly twenty-one years ago were three with a common link. Joe Butler, Peter Noble and Willie Penman were all signed by Danny Williams from Newcastle United.

**Danny's First Capture**

Although at St. James's Park the longest of the three, Joe Butler had the briefest taste of first-team football there. He graduated from the junior ranks in September 1960 but made only three Second Division appearances - all during April 1964 - before chancing a move 'down South'. Joe was one of Danny's first captures, arriving at a cost of £5,500 on August 17 1965.



• Joe Butler

The youngest of the trio, Peter Noble, was signed by United from Conssett for a token £1,000 in November 1964. He made his League debut for the Tyne-siders in the First Division, at Chelsea, in the following September. Seven goals in fifteen games in 1966/67 failed to gain him a regular place, however, and Danny talked Joe Harvey into releasing Peter for a bargain £8,000 towards the end of January 1968.



• Peter Noble

**CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL**

Willie Penman was the only one of the three to gain honours at St James's Park. He collected a Second Division championship medal after contributing seven goals in 22 appearances in 1964/65. A Scot, from Wemyss in Fife, Willie came south of the border to sign for United in April 1963. He was to join Swindon for a £9,800 fee at the end of August 1966. Willie netted ten goals for the Town in his first season at the County Ground, including two in two minutes during a 4-1 Boxing Day win over Peterborough.

**SEMI-FINAL CLASSICS**

Peter Noble, having scored winning goals against Burnley in two classic League Cup semi-final encounters, joined that Club in June 1973 for £40,000. Playing in the unfamiliar role of right-back, he helped the Clarets to sixth place in the First Division before reverting to striker. Peter was then top scorer at Turf Moor for three seasons out of four, converting 27 successive penalty kicks along the way! His League career finally came to a close at nearby Blackpool in 1983, but he soon returned to Burnley to open a sports shop in the town.

# Passing Back



## Paul Plowman

After an indecisive start at Swindon, when his best position was difficult to ascertain, Joe Butler took over the number four shirt from the unfortunate Dave Harper in September 1967 - and never looked back. The industrious little midfielder was then almost a permanent fixture in the Town's line-up until he joined Aldershot on a free transfer nine years - and some 350 games - later.

After 1967/68, Willie Penman's first-team opportunities became less frequent, although his considerable experience was put to good use as a tactical substitute on a number of occasions. Wembley was such an occasion, when he replaced the tiring John Smith ten minutes before the end of normal time. They both later joined Walsall - where Willie now lives - and then joined forces again at League or Ireland Club Dundalk.



• Willie Penman





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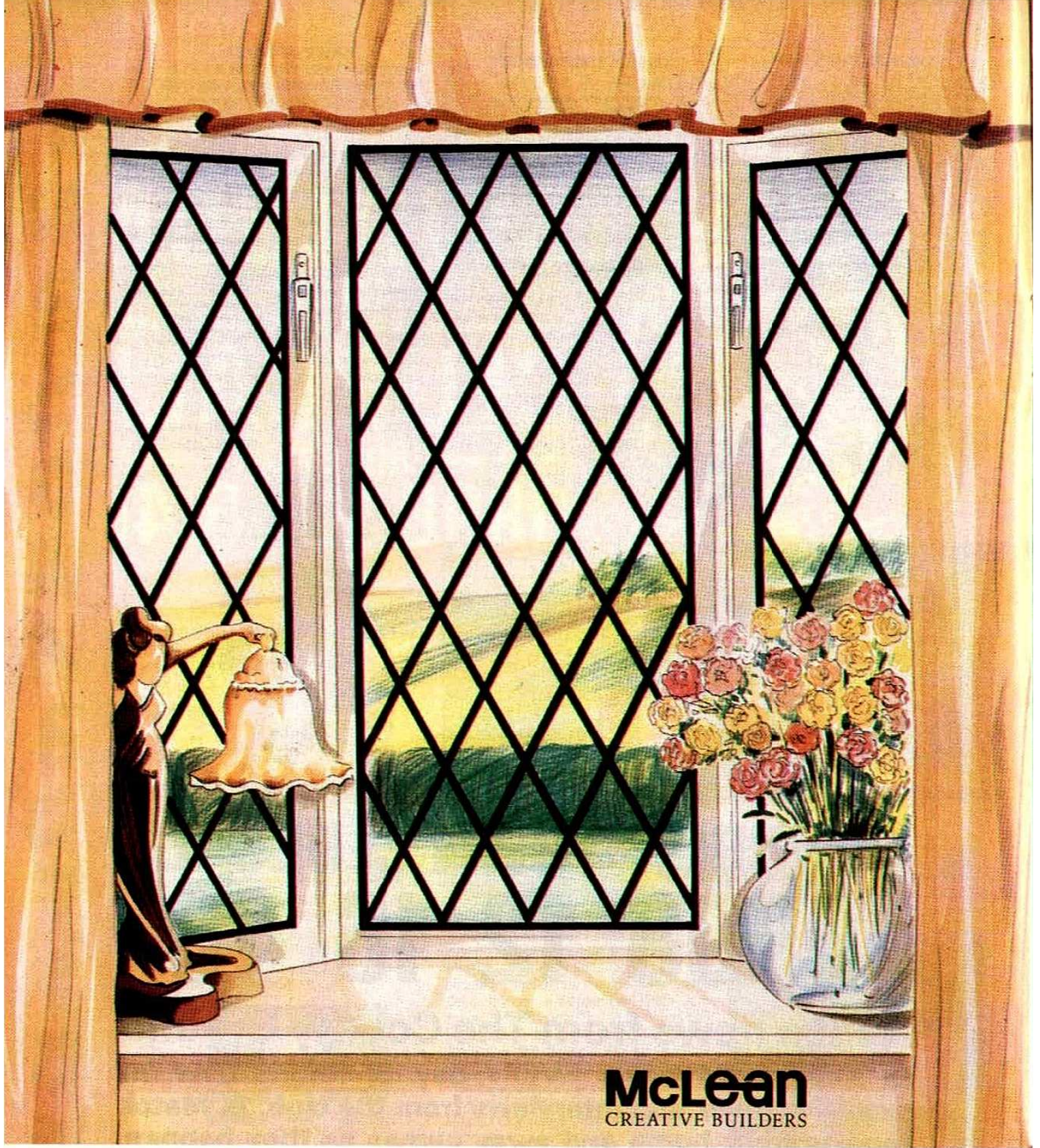
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3. Barnsley

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

Hartlepool United  
(tongue in cheek).

**3. A tip for promotion from Division Three.**

Mansfield Town  
(tongue in cheek).

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

1. Ossie Ardiles  
(training performances)
2. John Trollope

3. Kevin Morris (Capt.)  
what a performer!

4. Leigh Barnard
5. Andy Rowland
6. Tim Parkin
7. Peter Coyne
8. Charlie Henry
9. Chic Bates
10. Lou Macari
11. Bobby Barnes
12. Paul Gascoigne
14. Mirandinha

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

Fitzroy Simpson (so he tells us!)

**6. Details of your first match, at any level, for**

**your first professional Club.**

**Team and Opponents:**

Orient v Norwich City

**Date of Match:**

April 1981

**Venue:**

Carrow Road

**Position played:**

Right Back

**No. of goals scored:**

None

**Final result:**

0-2 lost.

**7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.**

Going home to Essex

Family's apartment in Benalmadena, Spain.

## John Cornwell



**8. Your favourite sports commentators.**

Jimmy Greaves.

**9. Your favourite publication for sport.**

Sunday Sport.

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

Best - Tony Galvin

Worst - Kevin Morris.

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

Wembley

Wembley.

**12. Your worst moment on the football field.**

Reserve appearances.

**13. What are your favourite TV shows.**

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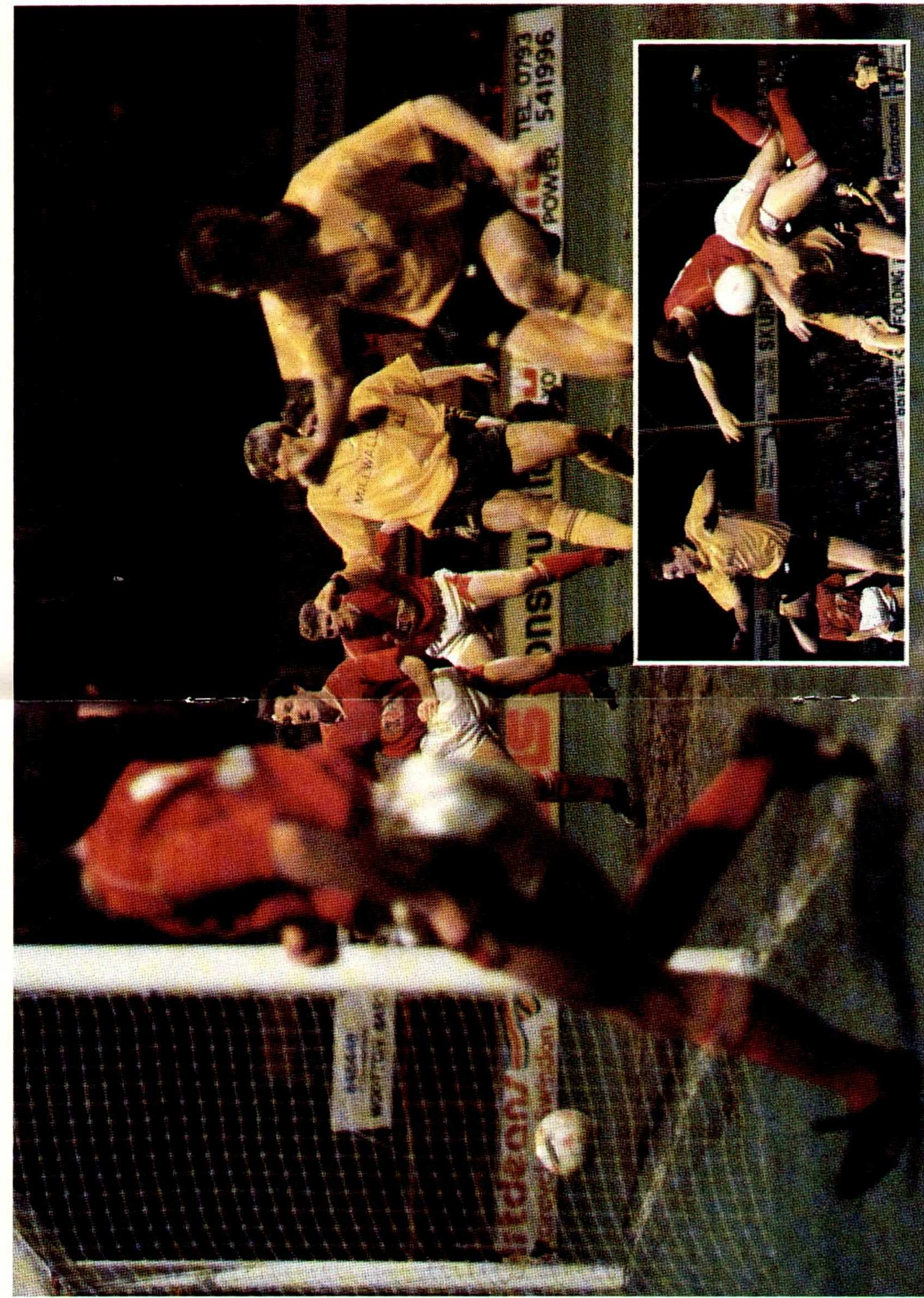
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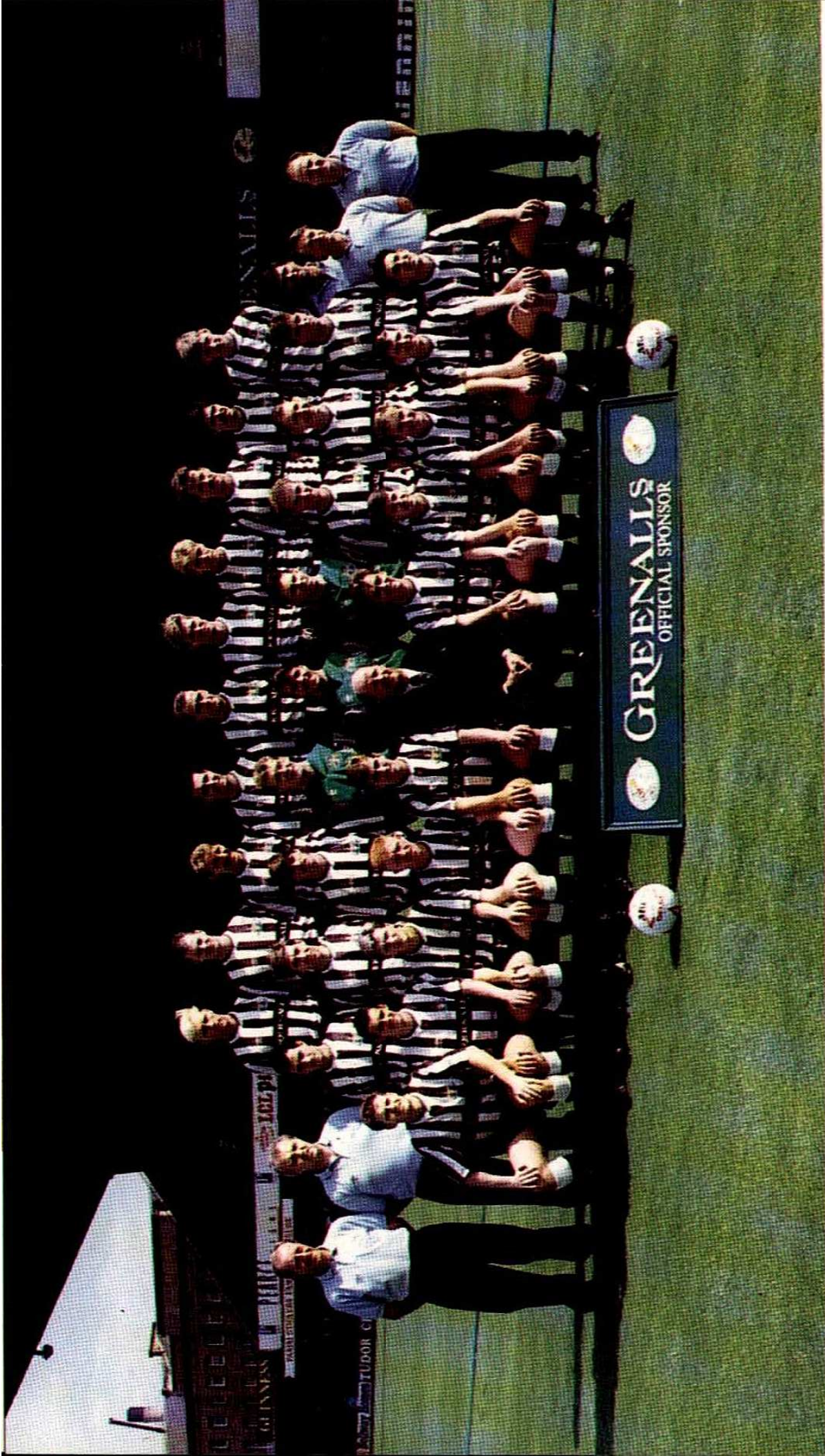
MAKING ACTION



by Dave Evans







**NEWCASTLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Back Row (left to right):** Bobby Saxton (First Team Coach), Wayne Fereday, Tommy Wright, John Anderson, Liam O'Brien, Andy Thorn, Rob McDonald, Kevin Scott, Bjorn Kristensen, Mick Quinn, Gary Kelly, Michael O'Neill, Derek Wright (Physio)  
**Front Row (left to right):** Gary Brazil, John Gallacher, Paul Sweeney, Mark McGhee, Jim Smith (Manager), Kevin Dillon, Kevin Broch, Ray Ranson, Mark Stimson.



## Form guide

Newcastle United will be looking for their fourth away win of the season in League matches this season. They have collected maximum points at **Hull City (3-1)**, **Brighton and Hove Albion (3-0)** and **West Bromwich Albion (5-1)**.

The Tyneside Club, managed by former Oxford United Manager **Jim Smith**, have drawn four of their away League games at **Leicester City (2-2)**, **Sunderland (0-0)**, **West Ham United (0-0)** and **Barnsley (1-1)**.

The **St James Park** Club have lost by the same scoreline, 2-1, in their three away defeats at **A.F.C. Bournemouth**, **Oxford United** and **Ipswich Town**. In fact the Manor Ground Club have completed the 'double' over United this season, for they inflicted a surprising first home defeat of the season at Newcastle on December 9th when they won 3-2.

Previous to this defeat maximum points at St James Park appeared to be a formality when United beat **Leeds United (5-2)**, **Oldham Athletic**, **Watford** and **Blackburn Rovers** were defeated (2-1) and **Portsmouth** and **Bradford City** suffered 1-0 defeats. **Middlesbrough** and **Port Vale** are the

only two clubs to take points from 2-2 draws apart from the surprise defeat inflicted by our near neighbours Oxford United. In a top of the table encounter **Sheffield United** were defeated 2-0 at St James Park.

Following a 5-3 aggregate win in the **Second Round of the Littlewoods Cup**, United were then defeated 1-0 by **West Bromwich Albion** in the **Third Round**.

**Goalscorers:** (up to and including Saturday December 16th 1989) - League: **Micky Quinn** 18 (including one penalty), **Mark McGhee** 7, **John Gallacher** 4, **Gary Brazil** and **Liam O'Brien** 2 each, **John Anderson**, **Kevin Brock**, **Mark Stimson**, **Adrian Thorn** (now Crystal Palace) one each, **Owain** goal, one.

**Littlewoods Cup:** **John Gallacher**, **Gary Brazil**, **Kevin Brock**, **Adrian Thorn** (now Crystal Palace), **Mark McGhee** one each.

**Zenith Data Systems Cup:** **Micky Quinn** two.

**Average League Attendance at St James Park:** 20,707.

**Average Littlewoods Cup attendance at St James Park:** 18,929 (two matches).

**Average League attendance in away matches:** 15,869.

# Welcome to

## NEWCASTLE UNITED

### THE SQUAD

**GOALKEEPERS** - Newcastle Manager **Jim Smith** signed the vastly experienced **John Burridge**, (38), from Southampton earlier this season. **John** is a veteran of twenty years experience in the Football League. He has played for Workington (now non-League), Blackpool, Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Derby County (loan), Sheffield United and Southend United (loan). During that period spanning two decades he has made over 620 League appearances! The displaced **Tommy Wright**, (26), was signed from Irish League Club Linfield in March 1988 for a £20,000 fee.

**Former Newcastle United centre forward Jackie Milburn scored more goals in all competitions than any other player, in 395 appearances he notched 199 goals. Jackie scored the quickest goal in an F.A. Cup Final, after 45 seconds in 1955.**

**DEFENDERS** - **Ray Ranson**, (29), joined United in December 1988 for a fee of £150,000 from Birmingham City. Ray, a former Manchester City player, made 183 League appearances at Maine Road where he first joined the Club as an apprentice. **Mark Stimson**, (22), who celebrated his birthday last Wednesday, was a former Tottenham Hotspur Club

mate of Town boss Ossie Ardiles. He joined United from the White Hart Lane Club in the summer. Previously had loan spells with Orient and Gillingham. **Bjorn Kristensen**, (26), is a Danish international. He moved to United in March 1989. Previously a part time player with Aarhus in Denmark. Former Middlesbrough apprentice **Kevin Scott**, (23), had made thirty-three League appearances for United before the season began in August. **David Roche**, (19), is a former Club apprentice who has made just two League appearances for United. Eire International **John Anderson**, (30), began his career with West Bromwich Albion although he had to move to Preston North End to make his League debut. After 51 League games for the Deepdale Club he is now nearing 250 League games with the St James Park Club. **Graeme Carter**, (20), and **Craig Chapman**, (19), are two youth team products still to establish a first team opportunity.

**Previous Newcastle United Managers since the war have been: George Martin, Duggie Livingstone, Charlie Mitten, Norman Smith, Joe Harvey, Gordon Lee, Richard Dinnis, Bill McGarry, Arthur Cox, Jack Charlton and Willie McFaul.**

**MIDFIELD** - Former Oxford United player **Kevin Brock**, (29), was Jim Smith's first signing for United. The former England Under-21 International was signed from Queens Park Rangers for a fee of £300,000 after making 40 League appearances for the Loftus Road Club. Kevin had previously played 246 League matches for the Manor Ground Club. **Kevin Dillon**, (30), was signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in the close season. Commenced his career with Birmingham City. **Wayne Fereday**, (26), is another former England Under-21 International who was a player with Queens Park Rangers from where United signed him for a fee of £315,000 last June. The former team mate of Town boss Ossie Ardiles and full back Dave Kerlake made 57 League appearances for the Loftus Road Club in six seasons before his summer move. Former Manchester United midfielder player **Liam O'Brien**, (25), once held talks with former Town boss Lou Macari over a move to the County Ground. The Eire International joined Newcastle for a £300,000 fee from the Old Trafford Club in 1988. Recently returned to first team action after injury. **Archie Gourlay**, (20), was signed from Scottish Club Morton in 1988. So far he has failed to make an impression in first team matches.

**In a career of 269 League appearances, Malcolm Macdonald scored 191 goals for Newcastle United, a sensational achievement by today's standards.**

**FORWARDS** - **Gary Brazil**, (27), was signed by United in February 1989 in an exchange deal involving Ian Bogie and cash to the value of £210,000. Previously with Crystal Palace, Sheffield United and Port Vale. **John Gallacher**, (20), is in his first full season as professional after previously playing part time with Scottish League Club Falkirk. United paid £75,000 for his services in June of this year. **Mark Gill**, (23), was signed from Irish Club Home Park in April 1988 for a fee of £30,000. Missed most of last season with a knee injury. **Anthony Lormor**, (19), is a former Club apprentice who had made just five first team appearances at the start of this season. **Mark McGhee**, (32), is an experienced Scottish international signed from Glasgow Celtic in the summer for £250,000. Now in his second spell with United. Formerly with Morton, Aberdeen and S.V. Hamburg. Mark scored five goals in his 28 match spell with United in the late 1970's. Scorer of eight goals up to December 10th this season. Following in the fine tradition of previous players who have won the number 9 shirt at Newcastle United is **Micky Quinn**, (27), who moved to the North East from Portsmouth for a Football League tribunal settled fee of £680,000 in July 1989. Previously with Stockport County and Oldham Athletic he has been in terrific goalscoring form this season with United. Scored four goals on his debut for the Tyneside Club in the opening day 5-2 eclipse of Leeds United at St James Park.

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**A the end of 1989 this column is focussing on the decade of soccer and more – ten years of sport continues . . . with apologies for missing out your favourite moment.**

**1985**

Barry Sheene retires. Gary Lineker scores on his England debut against the Republic of Ireland. 56 fans die in the Bradford fire disaster. Kevin Moran is the first man sent off in an F.A. Cup Final – Manchester United defeat Everton 1-0. Dennis Taylor beats Steve Davis on the black in the last frame of the World Final. 38 fans are killed at the Heysel Stadium tragedy. Barry McGuigan becomes World Featherweight champion, outpointing Eusebio Pedroza. 17 year old Boris Becker becomes the youngest-ever Wimbledon winner – the first unseeded champion. Sandy Lyle is the first home-grown player to win the Open since 1969. Steve Cram sets new world record for the 1500 metres and mile, within eleven days. Europe win the Ryder Cup from the Americans for the first time in 28 years. Jock Stein dies of a heart attack. Frank Bruno becomes European Heavyweight Champion.

**1986**

England's cricketers suffer a 5-nil 'Blackwash' against the West Indies. Cambridge end Oxford's run of ten successive victories in the Boat Race. Outsider Joe Johnson is World snooker champion. Kenny Dalglish leads Liverpool to the double in a Merseyside F.A. Cup Final. Ginny Leng becomes World three-day-event champion. India beat England's cricketers. Barry McGuigan loses his world title to Steve Cruz. Frank Bruno fails against Tim Witherspoon for the W.B.A. Heavyweight crown. Diego Maradona's 'hand of God' goal knocks England out of the World Cup in Mexico – Argentina lift the trophy – Gary Lineker is top scorer. Richard Hadlee is man of the series as New Zealand defeat England. England gain 52 golds in the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, devastated by an Afro-Caribbean boycott. Britain's athletes have their best-ever European medal haul in

Stuttgart. Essex win their third County Cricket championship in four seasons. Viv Richards and Joel Garner are sacked by Somerset. Lloyd Honeyghan defeats Don Curry for the Undisputed World Welterweight title. England lose to Australia in hockey's World Cup Final at Willesden. Alain Prost is the first man in 26 years to retain the world drivers' title – Nigel Mansell has a blow-out in Australia. Mike Tyson becomes boxings youngest-ever World title holder, at 20. England clinch the Ashes in Melbourne. 'White Crusader' beats

'Canada II' for the America's Cup.

**1987**

Sugar Ray Leonard wins on his second comeback in five years – it was Marvin Hagler's first defeat since 1976. Arsenal lift the Littlewoods Cup. Everton take the League. Coventry are F.A. Cup winners. New Zealand triumph in Rugby Union's first World Cup. Ed Moses is beaten. Ian Rush joins Juventus. Stephen Roche cycles to Tour de France success. Lloyd Hunnigan loses to Jorge Vaca after a clash of heads. Australia beat England in the World Cricket Cup final. Steve Cauthen is champion jockey, with just two more winners than Pat Eddery. Mike Gating meets Shakoor Rana.

**1988**

Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards is the star of the Winter Olympics. Sandy Lyle wins the U.S. Masters. Graeme Hick hits 405 not-out. Wimbledon deny Liverpool the double in the F.A. Cup final. Gating, Emburey, Cowdrey and Gooch all captain England against the West Indies. Holland win the European Football Championship. Steffi Graf ends Martina Navratilova's run of six successive Wimbledon titles. Sebastian Coe is left out of the Seoul Olympics, there are golds for Adrian Moorhouse, Malcolm Cooper, Holmes & Redgrave, McIntyre & Vaile and the mens hockey team – Ben Johnson is the loser. Ian Rush returns to Anfield. England's tour to India is cancelled. Duke McKenzie becomes World Flyweight Champion. Sugar Ray Leonard comes back from a knockdown to beat Donny Lalonde. Richard Hadlee breaks Ian Botham's record of 373 test wickets. Mike Tyson becomes Undisputed Champion, demolishing Michael Spinks in 91 seconds.

**1989**

The stars are fresher in the memory. Jonathan Davies, Desert Orchid, Peter Scudamore, Bath Rugby Union players, Liverpool and Arsenal footballers, Michael Chang, Nashulam, the British Lions, Eddie Hemmings, Frank Bruno, Mike Tyson, Ted Dexter, Michael Knighton, Nick Faldo, the Ryder Cup heroes.

**Who knows about the 1990's?**

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## JUNIOR ROBINS

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A warm welcome to Liz, their Magpie organiser, for undertaking the task and responsibility.

Unfortunately, our return fixture with the Magpies is on Wednesday 25th April which makes any return visit improbable.

We will, as always, make our Junior Guests very welcome to the County Ground.

The Junior supporters Clubs, especially in Division Two, are leading the way forward in exchange visits and we at Swindon Town may not have the facilities that other Clubs possess,

but from letters that we receive from Clubs and organisations testify that our hospitality and friendliness is second to none.

## JUNIOR ROBINS, PARENTS AND HELPERS

To all Junior Robins, parents and helpers may I wish them a Happy New Year and please keep up the good work.

See you all at Watford on New Years Day. To those parents and Junior Robins who are travelling by car, please meet at the Junior Hornets entrance at 1.30 p.m.

### Face in the Crowd

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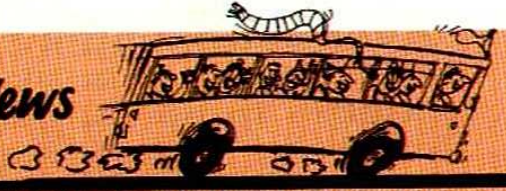
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# Travel Club News



## TRAVEL CLUB PROGRAMME AND BOOKSHOP

Since the closure of this shop over a month ago, programme subscriptions have been maintained for all customers who requested this service at the start of the season.

This will continue until the management of the shop has been passed to an elected Travel Club committee.

After that time, the future of the shop is uncertain.

P. A. 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.



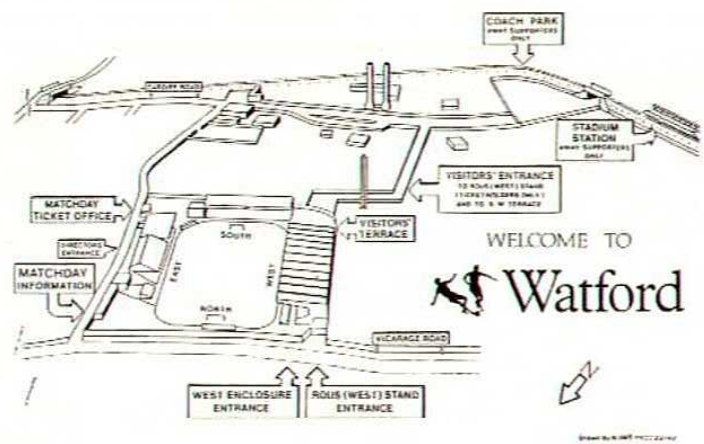
### FORM CHECK

**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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Date	Time	Home	Score	Referee	Goalkeepers	Substitutes
Sat	Aug. 19	Sunderland	0-2	10,199	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Aug. 26	Oldham Athletic	2-2	5,531	Digby	Barnard King
Sun	Sept. 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-1	10,213	Digby	Barnard King
Sat	Sept. 9	West Ham United	1-1	21,469	Digby	Barnard King
Tue	Sept. 12	Sheffield United	0-2	13,920	Digby	Barnard King
Sat	Sept. 16	Barnsley	0-0	6,540	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Sept. 19	Shrewsbury (LC R1)	3-0	3,513	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Sept. 23	Leeds United	0-4	21,694	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Sept. 26	Plymouth Argyle 7.45	3-0	6,862	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Sept. 30	Bradford City	1-1	8,334	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Oct. 3	Shrewsbury (LC R1) 7.45	3-1	5,541	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Oct. 7	Hull City	3-2	5,566	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Oct. 14	Ipswich Town	3-0	8,039	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Oct. 17	Oxford United 7.45	3-0	10,715	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Oct. 21	Leicester City	1-2	8,547	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Oct. 24	Bolton W'ers (LC R3) 7.45	3-3	8,318	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Nov. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	6,070	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Nov. 4	Stoke City	6-0	7,825	Digby	Hockaday King
Tue	Nov. 7	Bolton W'ers (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	11,533	Digby	Hockaday King
Sat	Nov. 11	Middlesbrough	2-0	13,720	Digby	Cornwell Bodin
Tue	Nov. 14	Bolton W'ers (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	14,129	Digby	Cornwell Bodin
Sat	Nov. 18	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 1)	0-2	7,393	Digby	Cornwell Bodin
Tue	Nov. 21	Bolton W'ers (LC R3) 7.45	2-1	11,238	Digby	Cornwell Bodin
Sun	Nov. 26	Portsmouth 3pm	2-2	10,438	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Wed	Nov. 29	Southampton (LC R4) 7.45	0-0	15,085	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Sat	Dec. 2	Sunderland	2-2	15,849	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Tue	Dec. 5	A.F.C. Bournemouth	2-3	7,326	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Sun	Dec. 10	Sheffield Utd (FA Cup 2) 3pm	0-2	10,282	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Wed	Dec. 13	Millwall (ZDSC) 7.45	2-1	5,223	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Sun	Dec. 17	West Bromwich Albion	2-1	9,884	Digby	Kerslake Bodin
Wed	Dec. 20	Southampton (LC R4 Replay)				
Tue	Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers 3pm				
Sat	Dec. 30	Newcastle United				
Mon	Jan. 1	Watford				
Sat	Jan. 6	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 3)				
Tue	Jan. 9	Norwich City (ZDSC 7.45)				
Sat	Jan. 13	Oldham Athletic				
Sat	Jan. 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers				
Sat	Jan. 27	F.A. Cup 4				
Sun	Feb. 4	Leeds United				
Sat	Feb. 10	Barnsley				
Sat	Feb. 17	West Ham Utd (F.A. Cup 5)				
Sat	Feb. 24	Portsmouth				
Sat	Mar. 3	Port Vale				
Tue	Mar. 6	Bradford City 7.45				
Sat	Mar. 10	Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 6)				
Sat	Mar. 17	Hull City				
Tue	Mar. 20	Ipswich Town				
Sat	Mar. 24	Oxford United				
Sat	Mar. 31	Leicester City				
Sat	Apr. 7	A.F.C. Bournemouth				
Tue	Apr. 10	Brighton & Hove Albion 7.45				
Sat	Apr. 14	Watford				
Mon	Apr. 16	Blackburn Rovers				
Sat	Apr. 21	West Bromwich Albion				
Wed	Apr. 25	Newcastle United				
Sat	Apr. 28	Middlesbrough				
Sat	May 5	Stoke City				

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

**TOP MAN**

The striking sensation of the season so far is of course Mick Quinn. He has beaten fearful keepers on 17 occasions in 20 games and is the country's leading striker. And he keeps on the boil he is looking to smash the 40 goal target and push his North East Club into the promotion frame. The Liverpoolian striker, who made the move to St James' Park from Portsmouth in the summer, scored an outstanding four goals on his League debut against Leeds and the goals have been flowing ever since. "So far we've been doing well without playing particularly well, so when we hit it off we should be some side," says Quinn.

**SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE**

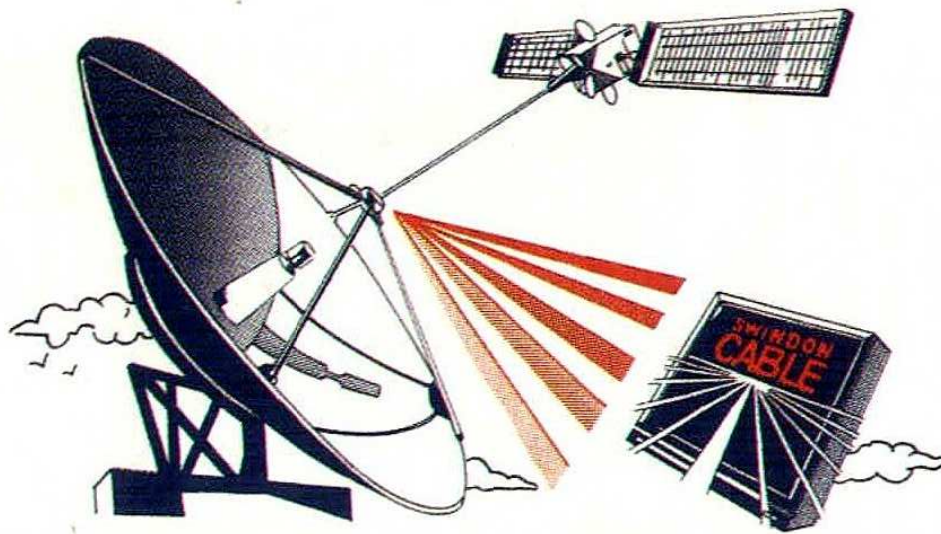
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	22	10	2	0	24	6	4	3	3	15	15	47
Sheffield United	22	7	3	1	20	12	6	4	1	18	10	46
Sunderland	22	6	4	1	23	14	4	4	3	16	18	38
Oldham Athletic	22	7	4	0	20	10	3	3	5	9	13	37
Newcastle United	21	7	2	1	21	12	3	4	4	17	12	36
Ipswich Town	21	5	4	1	18	11	4	3	4	14	16	34
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>
West Ham United	22	6	3	3	19	11	2	4	4	13	16	31
Wolverhampton Wanderers	22	9	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	3	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	5	1	4	13	11	3	2	7	18	22	27
Oxford United	22	5	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	3	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	4	3	16	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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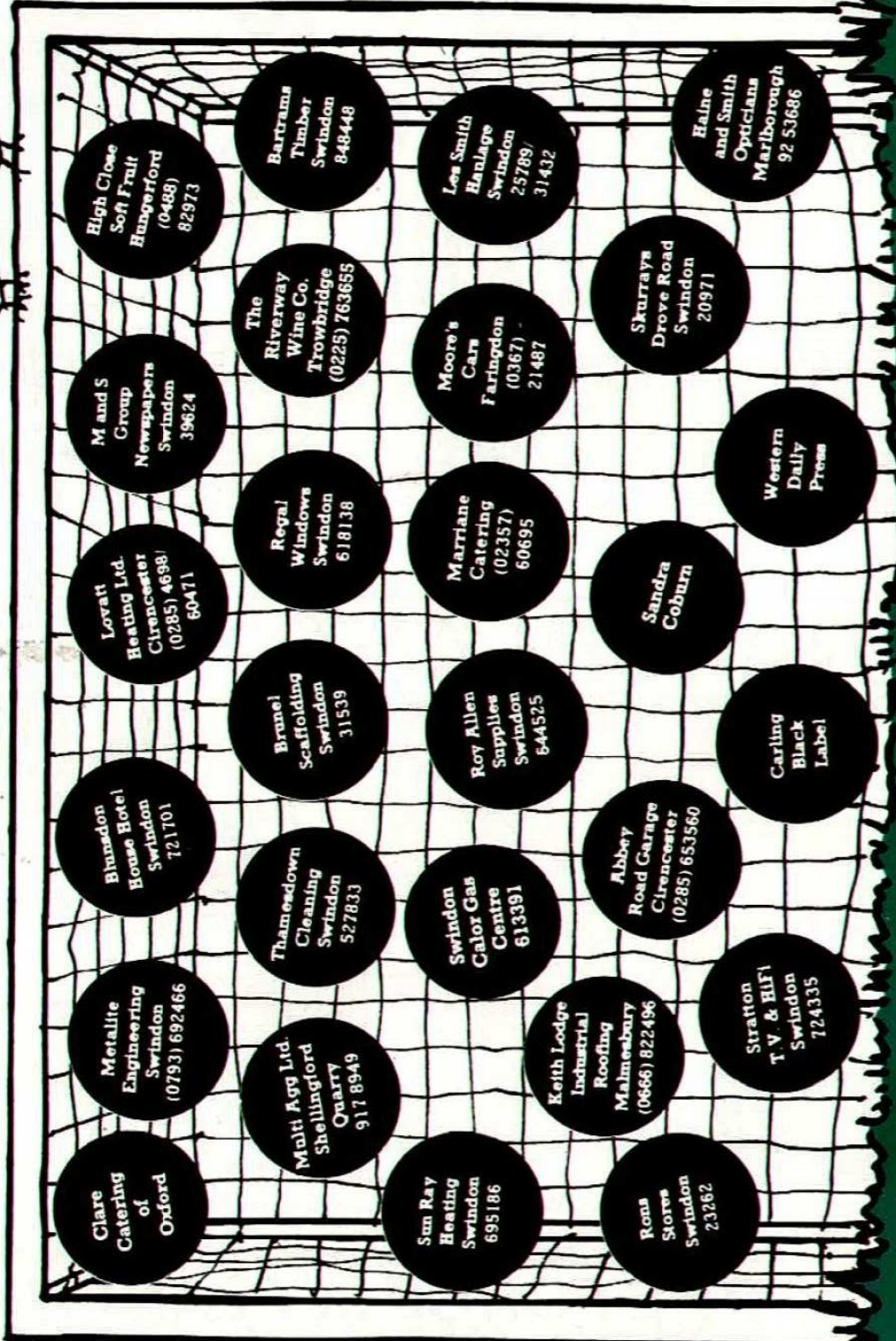
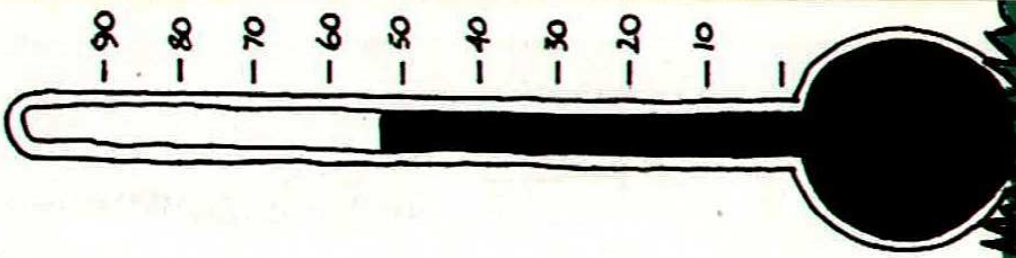


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**'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE**  
(up to and including Saturday 16th December 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	21	13	5	3	35	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
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>
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	5	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

**FIRST DRAW OF THE SEASON!**

We participated in our first draw of the season when we visited Fratton Park on Tuesday December 12th to meet Portsmouth. The game resulted in a goal-less encounter.

Our first draw was obtained in our twentieth match of the season. We gave an excellent account of ourselves, playing with pace, purpose and commitment. On reflection we should have won the match for it was a match in which we twice struck the woodwork in the final ten minutes of the game.

It was a game which we controlled for long periods. Shaun Close, Mark Jones and Nicky Summerbee all going close to scoring. Portsmouth rarely troubled our defence or keeper Andy Petterson.



● **Shaun Close** - was in fine form at Fratton Park.

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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 0-5
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 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

Nicky Summerbee nearly opened the goalscoring in the eightieth minute when he turned neatly before hitting the base of the post.

# Andy Rowland



This was followed by an Adrian Viveash header which came down off the underside of the cross-bar.

There were some good performances by Adrian Viveash, Mark Jones, trialist Mark Hunt from non-League Kings Heath and Shaun Close in particular.

**Team:** Petterson, Hockaday, O'Driscoll, M. Jones, Viveash, M. Hunt, Tomlinson, Trollope, Close, Summerbee, Galvin.

**Substitutes:** Dixon (for Tomlinson in the 71st minute), Graham.

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION GOALSCORERS**

Gary Shaw (now left the Club), John Cornwell 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).



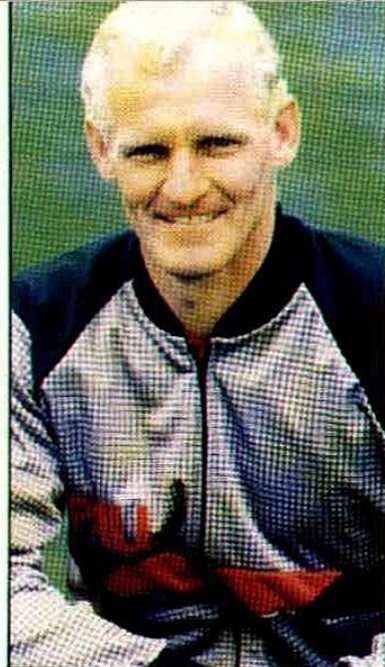


**WE FAILED TO GAIN OUR 'SPURS'**  
Despite the fact that a great many of the Sunday newspapers reported our South East Counties League match versus Tottenham Hotspur as a draw, in fact we lost 1-0 when we met the White Hart Lane Club on Saturday December 16th.

We gave a very good first half performance, playing some attractive football in which we created several good openings. Despite all this possession the only efforts came from Liam Dixon, Alex



• Paul Trollope – just signed as a full time professional with the Club.



# John Trollope

Graham and Paul Trollope that bothered the 'Spurs' keeper.

Our second half display was the opposite to the first half; we were second to the ball and our passing was very poor. We paid the price for our lack of goal-scoring prowess when **Mark Hall** cut in from the right wing in the **fifty-sixth** minute to score with a good solo goal. We did all the attacking in the later stages but we were unable to obtain the equaliser.

Our inept attitude to concentrate and discipline our minds continues to let us down. There are periods of our game where we are promising but our lapses must be reduced.

**Team:** Paul Thompson, Stephen Brown, Alex Graham, Lee Spalding, Darren Hall, Mark Lea, Richard Walker, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Wayne O'Sullivan.

**Substitutes:** Andy Thomson (for Graham in 74th minute), Ryan Lovegrove.

### GOALSCORERS

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

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90

Date 1989		Opponents	Result
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
Sat 1989			
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 1989		Opponents	Result
Sat Sep 9		Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

### MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90

Date 1989		Opponents	Result
Wed Aug 30		Peterborough United	A 3-0
Tues Jan 23		Nottingham Forest	

### FA YOUTH CUP

Date 1989		Opponents	Result
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
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>
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 1989		Opponents	Result
Mon Sep 11		West Bromwich Albion	A 0-2

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# TEAM NEWS

**FRASER DIGBY.** Highlight of 1989? Further England Under-21 International Caps



**JOHN BURRIDGE.** This 'Jack in the Box' could leave problems for County Groundsman Geoff Warren today!

**DAVID KERSLAKE.** 1989 was a year of decision when he decided to vacate London for the pastures of rural Wiltshire.



**RAY RANSON.** The United defender who gives regular off-beat glimpses behind the scenes at St James Park in their matchday production.

**PAUL BODIN.** Phil King's departure to become a wise 'Owl' gave Paul the breakthrough he had hoped for during 1989



**MARK STIMSON.** Set to buy Town boss 'Ossie Ardiles' a drink after today's match. With 'Ossie' at White Hart Lane in their Tottenham Hotspur days

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN.** Old year was one of success. The New Year could bring Eire recognition



**KEVIN DILLON.** The 'Marshall' who leads and patrols in midfield as the United Captain since his 'Pompey' move

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** Mr Consistency, each year is the same for the popular and likeable Scot.



**KEVIN SCOTT.** 1989 saw his establishment in the United defence. Made his League debut against the 'Owls'. A lot wiser since.

**JON GITTENS.** Storms in the beginning of the year turned to blue skies in the later half of this year



**BJORN KRISTENSEN.** Keep a close eye on the pre-match warm up. Has been known to fall flat on his face. 'Benny' takes it all in good fun.

**TOMMY JONES.** 1989 was his first full year of English League soccer following his bridging of Hadrian's wall



**JOHN GALLAGHER.** Another Scot who will be celebrating the New Year with a toast to his introduction into League football this year.

**STEVE WHITE.** Cheers! Like wine, he improved with age. Bargain of this decade for the Town!



**KEVIN BROCK.** 'Badger' is nearly back to his set at Oxford. Set to buy former teammate Mark Jones a drink after his afternoon forte

**DUNCAN SHEARER.** Hogmany on the horizon for the free-scoring Scot. Just signed a new contract with the Club



**MICK QUINN.** Can you believe that Wigan Athletic once gave United 'super Scouser' a free transfer? Now a £680,000 hit man.

**ROSS MACLAREN.** 'Cheerful Charlie' will enjoy the New Year as much as the old. Popular Scot who has served the Town well in defence and midfield.



**MARK McGHEE.** Once upon a time... this Scot was resident at Ashton Gate... moved on to Glasgow Celtic and SV Hamburg.

**STEVE FOLEY.** Will be hoping for a better start to 1990 than he has experienced in the second half of 1989.



**LIAM O'BRIEN.** The former Shamrock Rovers player will be looking for a four leaf clover this afternoon. United once hit six goals here, way back in 1964.

**FITZROY SIMPSON.** 1990 a season of breakthrough. The New Year should be one of establishment



**WAYNE FEREDAY.** Set to buy David Kerslake a double whisky today as they celebrate Auld Lang Syne days at Loftus Road

**JOHN CORNWELL.** 'Auld Lang Syne' a day early for the former Newcastle United player who will renew friendships today.



**JOHN ANDERSON.** Well known at Tyneside for his golf etiquette and the story of his hole-in-one.

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