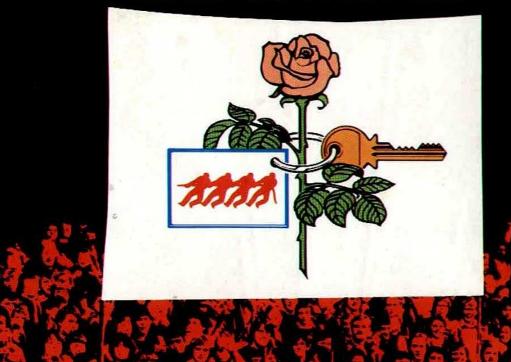


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Team Talk

WELCOME to what promises to be a great soccer occasion for West Country fans to savour.



Apart from a top First Division club, we could hardly have hoped for more attractive F.A. Cup Third Round opponents at Ashton Gate than near-neighbours Swindon Town.

I have watched them several times this season and can testify to the fact that they are playing very entertaining football under the management of Ossie Ardiles.

We pride ourselves on having an attacking approach to the game so there should be no shortage of thrills this afternoon.

The ups and downs of football were perfectly demonstrated for us last weekend. We returned with nothing to show for what I considered an excellent team performance at Huddersfield.

Then just two days later we didn't play with the same fluency at Preston, but ended up 2-1 winners and gained three points on the two leading clubs, who both lost.

That game showed the importance of getting a break when it matters. Gary Swann's unfortunate goal rewarded us for a lot of first half pressure.

When Rob Newman slammed home the second midway through the second half I hoped we would turn on some style. But it was not to be and Brian Mooney's brilliant late strike provided a few nerves in the closing minutes.

At Huddersfield we contributed fully to a very entertaining game only to miss chances and concede a goal just four minutes from time.

The players were dreadfully disappointed and that made it vital that we bounded back quickly with a good result against Preston.

This afternoon there is the added excitement of a sudden death contest. I am sure there will be a marvellous atmosphere and that you will give the lads your full support.



Behind Closed Doors

BUSTER Footman was the unsung hero behind City's 2-1 win over Preston North End on New Year's Day.

The popular physiotherapist had spent much of the previous day treating skipper Rob Newman for a side injury, suffered in the defeat at Huddersfield just 48 hours before the Preston match.



Thanks to Buster's skill and hard work, Rob was able to keep his place in the team. And to make the rapid recovery all the more worthwhile he popped up to score what proved the winning goal after 71 minutes.

It's not often that physiotherapists receive the plaudits. But the importance of their work was never better demonstrated.

CHRIS Honor was not featured in City's first team for some months. But he now has the ideal chance to further his League experience.

A one-month loan to Hereford United was finalised last weekend so, temporarily at least, Chris joins the ranks of former City players such as Gary Marshall (Scunthorpe), Paul Fitzpatrick (Carlisle), Howard Pritchard (Maidstone) and Clive Whitehead (Exeter) in a very competitive Fourth Division.

INJURIES are a blow to any player — but for goalkeepers they can be especially alarming.

Consider the case of Andy Leaning who had kept six clean sheets in ten matches when suffering a torn thigh muscle in the Leyland Daf Cup win over Swansea City at Ashton Gate last month.

Andy had been troubled by a niggling thigh problem since mid-September. But it didn't stop him producing some of the best form since his arrival from Sheffield United 15 months ago.

Suddenly, a first team place had gone through no fault of his own. And Andy didn't need telling how keen Ronnie Sinclair would be to grasp the opportunity which presented itself.

Last season a finger injury, suffered when the team coach was involved in an accident on the way to Huddersfield, cost Andy his place after an initial run of seven appearances for, City had brought four clean sheets.

He had to wait until the final

game of the season, nearly seven months later, for another chance as Keith Waugh returned to reclaim a regular spot.

The goalkeeper is the only player in the squad with no hope of regaining first team selection in a different position. That fact can make one injury crucial to a season or even influential on a career.

Ronnie's performances during Andy's absence have confirmed Joe Jordan's view that he is capable of challenging strongly for the tag of first choice. Competition for places in all departments is the manager's aim.

But it's no wonder that there is such a strong bond between goalkeepers throughout the Football League. While the careers of all professional players have ups and downs, their's is the most precarious of all.



LOOK By Colin Price (Daily Mirror) HOLIDAY ROUND-UP

Despite losing to a late goal at Huddersfield, City can feel well pleased with their holiday harvest of six points from three games especially as two of them were away from home.

Only Huddersfield — thanks to another last-gasp draw at Blackpool on New Year's Day — and dark horses Northampton topped that although both Cardiff and Reading were on maximum points when their clash at Ninian Park was rained off.

More significantly, perhaps, City's real rivals were generally having a less

happy time.

Bristol Rovers failed to make home advantage count and had to be content with four points from three games, Rotherham's only win came from a 3-2 thriller against Rovers and Tranmere drew only one of their two games before Monday's game with Bolton was washed out.

Leaders Notts County tasted their first defeat in seven league and cup games away to improving Crewe but still picked up a useful six points over the Christmas programme.

Defeat at Huddersfield was City's first in a dozen matches and Craig Maskell's strike five minutes from time

prevented Joe Jordan's team from breaking a 35-year old record for an unbeaten run.

And Huddersfield's remarkable lastditch comeback to snatch a point at Blackpool through Tiffy Onuora marks them out as the team that simply refuses to admit defeat.

Now sixth in the table, the Yorkshire club have picked up no fewer than ten crucial points with goals in the last five minutes of matches.

No team in the division failed to pick up a holiday point — but one was all that Blackpool, fading Shrewsbury, Tranmere and Walsall did manage.

After a mini-revival, Walsall are now in deep trouble at the bottom of the table with only one goal — and that an own goal — over Christmas.

But it is so tight at the foot of the Third Division that only five points separate the last eleven sides.

Mansfield, who produced the shock of the season by ending a run of seven defeats with a 3-1 smashing of poor travellers Rotherham, are down among them after slumping back to form.

They were shattered by a secondhalf Mark Hilditch hat-trickat Wiganon Monday, his final goal coming with the last kick of the game.

Bolton, whose league form went out of the window during their marathon Littlewoods Cup duel with Swindon, are looking dangerous again.

Roared on by crowds of 10,000 over Christmas they beat Blackpool 2-0 on Boxing Day and followed up with a 3-1 win against Bury before having to sit out a soggy New Year at Tranmere.

Bristol Rovers managed their first penalty of the season when lan Holloway scored in a bad-tempered game at Rotherham.

But Bobby Williamson settled a Yorkshire win with his 19th goal of the season, also from the penalty spot.

Rotherham paid a high price for the win when key winger John Buckley was stretchered off with a suspected broken leg after a tackle from lan Alexander.

Happily, x-rays showed no break but he will be out of the promotion campaign for several weeks.



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There is, it seems, never a dull moment at the County Ground these days — a definite dose of fixture indigestion, which saw the club play ten games in a five week period up to to-day, has been matched by significant off-the-field activity, as well.

After a somewhat indifferent start to the season, Swindon entered December with an "all competition" record of only two defeats in eighteen games. Included in that sequence were four hard-fought encounters against Bolton in the Littlewoods Cup. It brought the reward of a home tie against Southampton, and that, too, was drawn,

preventing rapid progress in a competition won by the club in 1969.

The fixture pile-up, exacerbated by involvement in the Zenith Data Systems Cup, looked to have taken its toll as Swindon suffered two home defeats in quick succession.

The Wiltshire club could justifiably claim to be the premier

BACK ROW: (Left to Right) Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin, MIDDLE ROW (Left to Right) Chick Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard, Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), FRONT ROW: (Left to Right) Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.

team of the West Country based on their Second Division status. For a relatively bouyant part of the country, however, the ground leaves something to be desired, and crowds are relatively poor.

Perhaps, these factors convinced Lou Macari that he had achieved all he could with the club from 1984 until last summer, when he left to join West Ham.

SWINDON TOWN



Under Macari, Swindon were Fourth Division champions in 1985/86, promoted via the playoffs in 1968/87, and last year were only denied First Division status for the first time through elimination at the play-off stage.

When the club appointed former Spurs and Argentinian World Cup star, Ossie Ardiles, as manager in succession to Macari, it was reported by many as a brave step. Indeed, that early season form was testimony to a distinctive change in playing style the hard-running power game under Macari versus the more subtle passing skills advocated by Ardiles. Off the field, the club has been rocked by abortive takeovers, allegations of betting scandals, writs and injunctions, etc. Swindon have a quality playing staff which will draw attention away from all this, and a repeat of reaching the play-off stage again this term should be regarded as a probability rather than a possibility. They'll provide a stern test for City this afternoon.

MATCH TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, 20th November 1985 F.A. Cup 2nd Round Replay

CITY 4 Swindon Town 2

This match provided one of the most exciting contests to be seen at Ashton Gate for years — it was in stark contrast to a dour 0-0 draw on a bog of a pitch at Swindon on the preceding Sunday afternoon.

Steve Neville put City in front after 26 minutes, but goals by former City apprentice, Chris Ramsey (46 mins) and Leigh Barnard, direct from a corner, (52 mins) put Swindon in command.

City soon hit back, Neville completing his hat-trick with goals in >

1989/90 League Form

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Date		Opponents	Venue	Res F.	ult A.	Scorers
Dec	2	Sunderland	Away	2		McLoughlin, Shearer
Dec	5	Bournemouth	Home	2		Bodin, White
Dec	10	Sheffield Utd	Home	0	2	
Dec	13	Millwall (ZDS)	Home	2	1	White,
						Thompson(o.g.)
Dec	17	West Brom	Away	2	1	Shearer, White
Dec	26	Blackburn Rovers	Home	4	3	Shearer(2), Bodin,
						Foley
Dec	30	Newcastle Utd	Home	1	1	Shearer
Jan	1	Watford	Away	2	0	McLoughlin(2)

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Formed: 1881

Ground: County Ground

Highest League

Position Division 2, 5th 1969/70

Record League

Victory: 9-1 vs Luton Town (Div. 3 South) 1921 Record League Defeat 0-9 vs Torquay Utd (Div. 3 South) 1952

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THE SWINDON TOWN SQUAD

Player	Birthplace	Age	Previous Clubs
Ossie ARDILES	Cordoba	37	Huracan, Tottenham,
Osole Miletane	Cordoba	7.	Paris St. Germain,
			Biackburn, Q.P.R.
Paul BODIN	Cardiff	23	Newport, Cardiff, Bath
Colin CALDERWOOD	Glasgow	24	Mansfield
Shaun CLOSE	Islington	23	Tottenham, AFC
Silauri GEGGE	tolington		Bournemouth
John CORNWELL	Bethnel Green	25	Leyton Orient, Newcastle
Fraser DIGBY	Sheffield	22	
Steve FOLEY	Liverpool	27	Liverpool, Grimsby,
Sieve Poll	Liverpoor		Sheffield Utd.
David GEDDIS	Carlisle	31	Ipswich, Aston Villa,
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Jon GITTENS	Moselev	25	Southampton
Nicky HAMMOND	Hornchurch	22	Arsenal
Dave HOCKADAY	Billingham	32	Blackpool
Paul HUNT	Swindon	18	Ыаскроот
Mark JONES	Berinsfield	28	Oxford Utd
Tom JONES	Aldershot	25	Aberdeen
David KERSLAKE		23	O.P.R.
	Stepney	27	
Ross MACLAREN	Edinburgh	22	Shrewsbury, Derby Co. Manchester Utd
Alan McLOUGHLIN	Manchester		
Paul O'DRISCOLL	Swindon	18	Southampton Chalana Huddorsfield
Duncan SHEARER	Fort William	26	Chelsea, Huddersfield
Fitzroy SIMPSON	Bradford-on-Avon	19	
Nicky SUMMERBEE	Altrincham	18	0.
Neil TOMLINSON	Birmingham	20	Shrewsbury
Adrian VIVEASH	Swindon	20	
Steve WHITE	Chipping Sodbury	31	Bristol Rovers, Luton, Charlton

Todays' Opponents SWINDON

the 57th and 60th minutes. Bryan Wade was then fouled by Keith Curle, but Swindon were denied an equaliser as Keith Waugh saved Andy Rowland's penalty. A typical 30 yarder from Alan Walsh crashed against the crossbar, leaving Glyn Riley a simple tap-in chance, but even then, the Wiltshire men didn't lie down, and during the closing stages, both Rob Newman and Andy Llewellyn had to clear off the line.

Teams: CITY: Waugh; Llewellyn, Newman; Curle, Rogers, Riley; Pritchard, Hutchinson, Tong, Walsh, Neville.

SWINDON: Alien; Ramsey, Calderwood, Cole, Henry, Rowland (sub Hall), Roberts, Barnard, Hockaday, Wade, Gordon. Attendance: 8,979.

LAST LEAGUE MEETING

Saturday 9th May, 1987
Division Three
CITY 1 Swindon Town 1

In this final game of the season, Swindon were already assured of a place in the play-offs, but City needed victory to pip Gillingham.

In a typically tense local derby, it was City who took the lead through Trevor Morgan with Peter Coyne netting a second half equaliser for Swindon.

It was at this juncture that the drama began to unfold — manager Terry Cooper substituted regular penalty-taker Brian Williams, bringing on Keith Curle. Within minutes, City were awarded a penalty. Amidst some confusion, Gordon Owen picked up the ball and placed it on the spot. In front of the covered end goal, he and all City fans watched in horror as the ball went wide of the post. The playoff chance had gone.

Teams: CITY: Waugh, Newman, Williams (sub Curle); Moyes, MacPhail, Llewellyn; Owen, Galliers, Morgan, Marshall, Jordan.
SWINDON: Digby; Hockaday, King; Jones, Parkin, Calderwood; Bamber, Kamara, Quinn (sub Ramsey), Coyne, Berry.
Attendance: 19,201.

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ON THE BALL....

A stub on the toe

by Graham Russell

One soccer memory which will always be with me is of Bristol Rovers' old manager Brough Fletcher in wellies splashing onto the pitch at Eastville to scoop away water by the bucketful. An hour later they played a league match. Swindon's pitch was almost as bad.

They used to spread sand by the lorryload in the wet and when that great forward of theirs Maurice Owen missed a game through injury I wrote a fun story that he'd stubbed his toe on the cab roof of a lorry which had sunk in the middle of the pitch. The attempt at irony didn't go down well in the boardroom but at least their chairman Wilf Castle — a fine and fair man who died last year — accepted the essential truth behind the story and outside experts were called in.

Under Bert Head Swindon built a talented side based on local talent and I arranged for him to sign two of them — Mike Summerbee and Ernie Hunt — on the old TWW sports programme I used to co-present. What players they were to become and to think Fred Ford, years later, could have signed them for City for a combined fee of £60,000. The Ashton board thought that was too much.

When he left here Fred went on to managé Swindon where they hesitated over another player he wanted to sign — Kevin Keegan. But the chairman at the time became keen later on another signing, Dave Mackay. Fred sensed he was going to be ousted and one weekend, after



tipping him off privately, I revealed he would be sacked the next day.

The board meeting went on late and at half past six in the morning Fred rang me at the BBC where I was working in the newsroom to say that when he left the board meeting at midnight not a word had been said about his future. Two hours later they told him.

The chairman never forgave me and I was barred from the ground. The Football League and the local MP got involved and finally I was allowed back. I've never revealed the source of that story and never will but I've had some great times covering Swindon which brings me to 1969 and the Football League Cup final.

Wembley's pitch, ruined by a horse show, was the worst they have ever prepared for a match and the start was put back half an hour. That was bad enough but John Parsons, now of the Daily Telegraph, and I were doing the commentary for a local radio experiment and the producer passed a simple message to us — just fill in the best you can.

We talked ourselves hoarse for Swindon and never got invited to their winning banquet!

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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. With the holiday games over, it's back to the F.A. Cup to-day, and a meeting with our near neighbours, Swindon Town. May I extend a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and his team, and to all those who have travelled down the M4 to support their team.

If games in recent years are anything to go by, I'm sure we're in for an exciting — and perhaps dramatic — game. Certainly, there has been little to choose between the two teams, but his afternoon's encounter is sure to be a test for us with Swindon going so well in Division Two.

May I also take the opportunity of welcoming our Matchday Sponsor, Plumb Center for their continued support. I am hoping that I will be able to personally greet them after my recent bout of flu. I am sure that they will have a splendid day — there is sure to be a great Cup atmosphere inside the ground.

My thanks, too, go to Alan Febery for sponsoring the Matchball.

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City Society

I am sure it will not have escaped your notice that at last Monday's home game, the draw for the **Annual £30,000 prize** took place. May I again place on record my thanks to Tom Finney, who carried out the draw — and to Vice-Chairman Les Kew, who stepped into the breach for me at short notice.

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APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1989/90

-	LEA	GUE	CUP			
Player	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals		
Andy LEANING	18		4			
Andy LLEWELLYN	22	5	5			
John BAILEY	16	1	3	-		
Paul WIMBLETON	10(6)	2	3(1)	2		
John PENDER	10	-	3	-		
David RENNIE	22	2	5	-		
Mark GAVIN	17(4)	= 8	5			
Rob NEWMAN	22	3	5			
Bob TAYLOR	19	10	4	- 4		
Dave SMITH	22		5	1		
Robbie TURNER	16(2)	4	3	1		
Jason EATON	5(1)	1	1(1)	-		
Paul MARDON	2(5)	•	-(1)	-		
Gary SHELTON	19	2	3	1		
Chris HONOR	1		1			
Russel BROMAGE	3	-	-	-		
Glenn HUMPHRIES	12(1)		3			
Micky MELLON	-(1)		-			
Andy JONES	2(2)	1	1	1		
Ronnie SINCLAIR	4	-	1			
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Sep	2	Northampton Town	A	0-2	4,088	Leaning	Llewellyn
	9	Blackpool Condiff City	H	2-0	7,172	Leaning	Lie rellyn
	16 23	Cardiff City Bristol Rovers	A	3-0 0-0	5,970 17,432	Leaning	Lievellyn
	26	Shrewsbury Town	Н	2-1	9.188	Leaning	Lievellyn
	29	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-6	8,974	Leaning	Lie rellyn
Oct	7	Brentford	A	2-0	7,421	Leaning	Llewellyn
	14	Swansea City	н	1-3	8,794	Leaning	Llewellyn
	17	Notts County	н	2-0	8,331	Leaning	Llewellyn
	21	Mansfield Town	Α	0-1	2,957	Leaning	Liewellyn •
	28	Wigan Athletic	н	3-0	6,365	Leaning	Liewellyn
	31	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-0	3,554	Leaning	Llewellyn
Nov	4	Walsall	A	2-0	5,286	Leaning	Llewellyn
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	26	Fulham	Α	1-0	6,089	Sinclair	Liewellyn
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SPONSORS MASCOTS

Our sponsor's mascots today are ALEX SULLY who is 11 years old and is a pupil at Ashton Gate Primary School. He plays football for his school team, and his favourite player is Bob Taylor.

Welcome also to **PAUL ROSEWELL** who is a pupil at Filton High School. He is 11 years old and plays football regularly.



City Youngsters Notch Up A Win

In their last game before Christmas, the City youngsters beat Reading 2-0 at Somerdale in a South East Counties League game. Jason Watkins and Steve Clifford were on target for City in a deserved win.

Team: Weaver; Kealing, Jones, Fox, Griffiths, Madge, Torbett, Watkins, Clifford, Giles, Vernonn. Subs: J. Smith, Cook (for Torbett).

They are back in action to-day with a League game at Bournemouth.

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CITY NEWS

Barclays Bulletin

Early Warning Procedures

With the wintry weather having threatened briefly before the Christmas holiday, it is perhaps appropriate to reflect upon the conditions laid down by the Football League in their 'early warning' procedure for the inspection of pitches.

In an effort to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to supporters, League clubs are instructed to liaise closely to ascertain the travelling arrangements of visiting fans. Home clubs are also asked to contact match referees for travel details and any plans to stay overnight in order that they can be reached at short notice.

Clubs can also request referees to travel the day before the match if an early pitch inspection is necessary. (In the event that the match referee is unable to travel early, the League would call in a local official to advise them on the condition of the pitch).

Regardless of weather conditions prevailing at the time, referees are required to report at the home club during the months of November, December, January and February at least two hours before the advertised kick-off time.

All these arrangements are geared to making a decision as to the fitness of pitches before supporters begin their journey. Clubs and referees alike will take into account all the necessary factors including weather forecasts, before deciding the appropriate course of action, but the emphasis is on the home club to trigger off this early warning system.

Sky Deal

The Football League, at an Extraordinary General Meeting, have approved a new £4.5 million deal with Sky Channel for coverage of the Zenith Data Systems Cup and the Leyland Daf Cup.

The tie-up with Sky means that every Football League competition is guaranteed television coverage.

Clough's Award

Brian Clough was presented with an inscribed silver salver and a methuselah of champagne last Monday to mark his 1000 games as a manager. The special presentation was made on behalf of Barclays Bank at Forest's televised League game with Liverpool, although the landmark was reached the previous Saturday at Tottenham.

A Big Hit with the Fans

Over 566,000 spectators watched the 46 games on Boxing Day — a seasonal high. The total, up 4,000 on last season's figure, is the best for six years and confirms the continuing upturn in attendance levels.

According to Jack Rollins 'Round-up' in The Sunday Telegraph, the breakdown for Barclays League attendances during the first nineteen weeks of the season is as shown below:

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Division Three	1988/89	1,232,718	237	5,201	
	1989/90	1,191,894	240	4,966	
Division Four	1988/98	721,984	240	3,008	
	1989/90	777,167	239	3,252	
Total	1988/89	8,301,224	917	9.053	
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Ticket Sales

Please note that with immediate effect that tickets will now be on sale in Reception on weekdays and not the Club Shop. This change has been made for administration purposes.

Kindly note that on Matchdays, tickets will still be sold from the Box office situated by the Supporters Club.

Coming Soon To Ashton Gate

Saturday, 20th January, 1990 Kick-off 3.00 p.m. Barclays League Division Three v Bury

A late goal robbed City of victory at Gigg Lane on the opening day of the season, and Bury have been performing well on opponents grounds so far this season. With both sides well placed in Division Three, a City win is most important. Make sure you're there to get behind the team!

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FIXTURE CONGESTION

It had been hoped to re-arrange the Barclays League Division Three game with Chester City for Tuesday 23rd January 1990. However, as the Leyland Daf Cup has got behind with its fixtures, City will be playing in that week if they get through. The Chester game will therefore be played at a later date to be arranged.

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DIRECTORS 51 CLUB

Three hardy members struggled through their Christmas hangovers for the pre-match breakfast offered by Fulham's Vice-Presidents Club. The champagne breakfast was an ideal forerunner to the champagne football of our first half display. Yet again, our hosts' smiles and general bonhomie had evaporated by the end of the match!

Thankfully, we had a much better turn out of members at Huddersfield where we were entertained in their Vice-Presidents' Club — a very pleasant Club too, beautifully furnished, with paintings of Town's famous players of the past, including the one and only, Denis Law.

This time, it was the home team's fans smiling at the end, but a great fighting performance by City, particularly in the second half, and I felt we were extremely unlucky to see the end of our long unbeaten run.

The Club are running an Executive trip to Birmingham next Saturday, the 13th January. The all-in price of £35 includes executive coach, carvery lunch, programme, good stand seat, tea and biscuits at half-time and use of Birmingham's Executive facilities. Any non-members interested in this trip can phone me on Weston-super-Mare 620847.

The Club F.A. Cup Auction Dinner was held as usual last night on the eve of the Third Round, We hope for a happier day than last year when we left the Club in the early hours,

grabbed a quick nap, and then travelled on to Hartlepool for our Cup encounter there. Win, lose or draw today, at least we don't face a 200 mile plus drive back.

Pete Tully

VIDEOS

All home games are available on video at the Club Shop. Filmed by Complete Video Services, the videos are priced £14.00 plus £1.00 postage and package and can be obtained on either VHS or Betamax. Make cheques payable to Bristol City F.C.

The Man In The Middle Keith Burge

Keith is making his second visit to Ashton Gate this season, having taken charge of our Littlewoods Cup-tie with Reading.

He commenced refereeing in 1968 with the Rhondda Football League, progressing via the Welsh League, Football Combination and the Gola League to the Football League. Appointed to the UEFA and FIFA Referees Panel in 1986, he refereed a Youth International in Dublin last season and has lined several European games.

Married with three children, Keith is an Executive Officer in the Civil Service and his interests include music and films.

Away The Lads

BIRMINGHAM Division Three 13th January 1990

Our next away trip is to BIRMINGHAM on 13th January. Coaches will depart Ashton Gate at 12 noon and the fare is £5 for Travel Club members and £6 for non members.

Birmingham play at St Andrews Ground, and are known as THE BLUES. Visiting Supporters should stand at the Tilton Road End of the Ground, and admission is £4.

Section A for the MAIN STAND is reserved for visiting supporters and these can be purchased on the day of the match from Birmingham F.C. Ticket Office.

Programmes are priced at 70p each.

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INPROFILE

RONNIE SINCLAIR

Due to the early season consistency of Andy Leaning, the former Leeds United goalkeeper has had to wait for his first team opportunity, and when it came, the side's unbeaten run created pressure on him.

"Obviously the good set of results that the team strung together meant that the lads were playing with confidence and that helps someone coming into the side, but it also creates pressure in as much that if we had been beaten, as a goalkeeper, you somehow feel responsible. After all Andy had been playing so well, and had it not been for his unfortunate injury, I would still be waiting for my chance."

As it is, the quiet Scot is happy with his form and the way things have gone.

"I really haven't had too much to do. The back four and midfield have been excellent and have kept it tight which has made it easier for me to settle." He also gives credit to the help he has received from the unfortunate Leaning.

"Andy's been a great help to me. He's passed on his experience to both Steve Weaver and myself, but I would like to think that I've been able to help Andy too. I came to Bristol knowing I would start off as second choice and knew that it could take some time to break into the first team."

Ronnie chose City, having been freed by Leeds.

"Come the end of my time at Elland Road, it became evident that my face didn't fit. Whilst Billy Bremner was there as manager, I always felt that I had a chance of first team football. Indeed, at the start of the 1987/88 season, I played the first nine games in Division Two. When Billy left, although I kept going and my attitude was good, there was clearly no future for me. That hurt, it was a dent to the pride."

In fact, Ronnie was having talks with his old boss Billy Bremner at Doncaster when City manager Joe Jordan approached him.

"I was so impressed with what Joe had to say. He is so professional and I like his approach to the game. It made my decision that much easier to make. This club is so much bigger than many in Division Two and I know we can go higher. It's a really good club, and there's a great set of lads at Ashton Gate. What is more, we're playing good football and getting results."

Clearly Ronnie is pleased that he joined City.

"I like Bristol and am settling in well. I should be even more settled later on this month when wife Claire and I move into our new home in Nailsea."



FLASHBACK....

5 YEARS AGO

Eliminated from the F.A. Cup at the Second Round stage, City were without a fixture — but probably wouldn't have played due to the wintry weather conditions. The weather, in fact, meant that City would have to wait twenty four days to get back into league action after their New Year's Day defeat at Hull.

10 YEARS AGO

City's best performance of the season — a 6-2 crushing of Derby County in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup at Ashton Gate. Chris Garland and Howard Pritchard lead the scoring with two apiece, with further goals coming from Jimmy Mann and Clive Whitehead. The reward for victory is a Fourth Round home draw with Ipswich Town.

20 YEARS AGO

Pre-Christmas talk of promotion looks somewhat premature as City lose their third successive post-Christmas fixture. They go down 4-1 at Norwich, with Chris Garland scoring the goal and Geoff Merrick wearing the number six shirt for the first time since August.

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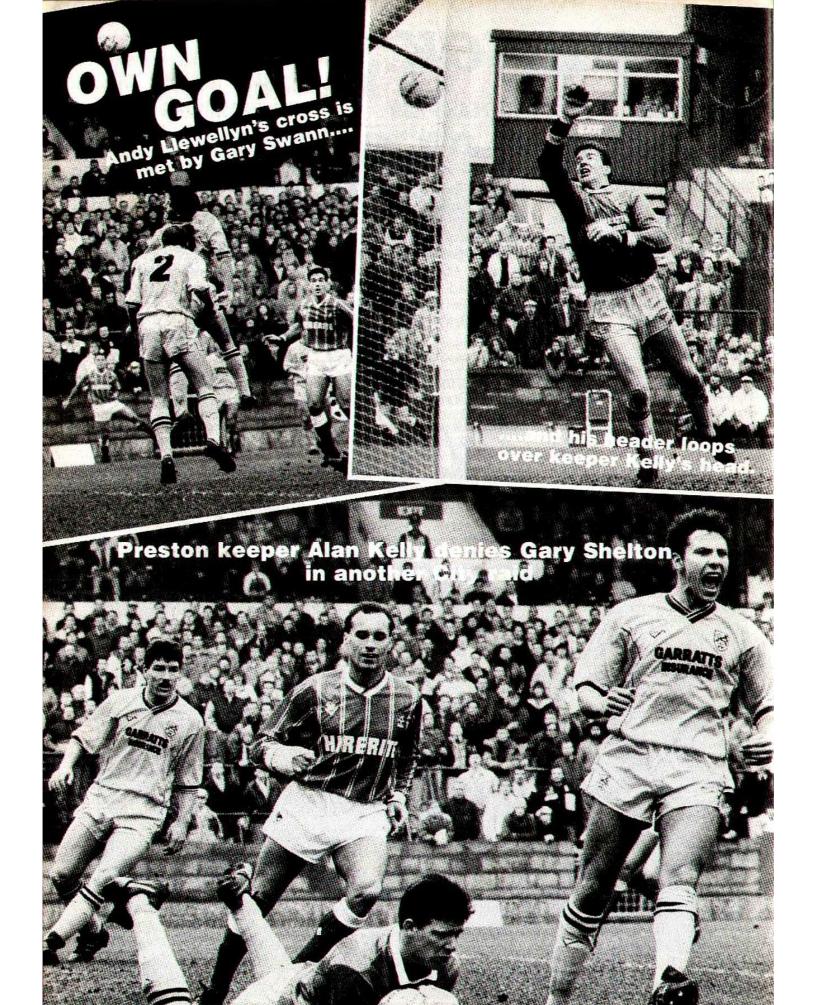
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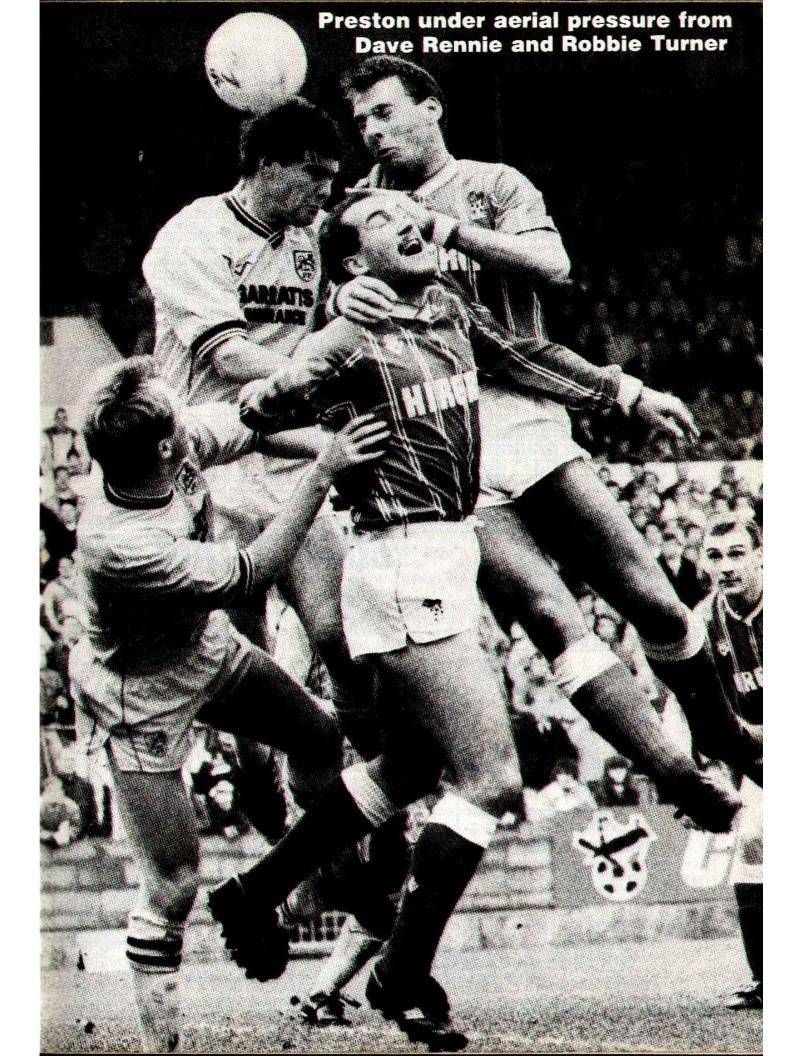


Strenuous efforts are being made to provide modern facilities for the safety and comfort of all football spectators.

During 1989, more than £1.25 million will be spent on improvements projects at Football League grounds and areas for people with disabilities form a major part of ths programme. This season will see further initiatives including new and better toilet facilities, additional enclosures for family support and the provision of seating within existing accommodation.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust is responsible for all these measures. Each year it receives half of the £9.5 million donated by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their Spotting-the-Ball competition and spends it on schemes to improve standards at British football stadia.





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- 8. SLIMRABWAILIN
- 9. NYEGILLRY
- 10. TICKROTFITZANY P

Entries must be in by Monday, January 15th. The first correct card drawn out of the hat will win a Lorus watch.

Good luck!

JUNIOR REDS

HI JUNIOR REDS – Today we welcome local rivals Swindon Town in an F.A. Cup match, but hopefully next season we will be playing them In Division 2. Of course the Cup gives instant excitement with the prospect of playing the bigger clubs so we wish our boys well in this contest today.

Excitement was also the order of the day on December 16th — first of all City notched up yet another league win and this was followed by the highlight of the day. The Junior Reds Christmas Party. We are sure that a good time was enjoyed by all and would especially like to thank Joe Jordan and those players who attended for making it a special evening for the Juniors.

Parents Dance. Now it is the turn of the adults to have a special evening out. On Friday February 2nd the Junior Reds Committee is holding a dance to the sound of the Cadillacs in the Supporters Club. Tickets are very reasonably priced at £3 and

are available from Dawn in the clubroom.

Away Matches. Two important away games coming up in February have Junior Reds involvement. Firstly we have the local Derby at Twerton Park against Bristol Rovers on February 3rd and for this the Junior Reds have been asked to supply a mascot. So if you are a boy aged approx. 10-12 years and would like a chance to be a mascot please give your name in to Claire TODAY either in the clubroom or Block G. The winners name will be drawn out after today's game. Secondly the Juniors are running a trip to the away game at Rotherham on Saturday

February 17th. Bookings are now being taken for this trip. It would be helpful if you could hand your names in as soon as possible, but please ensure that your booking is a definite one so that no one is disappointed.

Penalty Contest. Have you got your name down for the Penalty Contest yet? Entry forms are still available but must be handed in soon as the first rounds will take place next month. Age groups are under 10, 12, 14 and 16 plus. Girls come on, try your luck and show us how good you can be.

Talking of being the best, who is going to be the Junior Reds player of the season? YOU are the ones that decide with your votes for Man of the Match at the end of each home game, so don't forget to vote and have a say in who wins the trophies.





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY. January 7th Andrew Crowther (6), Jamie Ralph (8); 8th James Kivell (8); 9th Adam Bubb (11), Mark De Lancey (9), Ian Ball (13), Tracey Banks (16), Daniel Bird (8); 12th Sadie Godfrey (9); 16th. Anthony Banks (12).



THIRD TIME LUCKY

The twice postponed Leyland Daf Cup match with Reading has been rearranged. It will take place at Elm Park on Monday, 15th January, 1990, kick-off 8.00p.m.

Coaches will run to Elm Park, and I would request those supporters who previously booked with C.A.T.S. to contact Beryl as soon as possible to indicate whether they will be making the trip on January 15th. Refunds will be available to those of you who are unable to travel.

A reminder that coaches will depart

Ashton Gate at 5.30 p.m. and the fare is £4.50 for Travel Club Members, and £5.50 for non-members.

This game is ALL TICKET for City supporters.

No stand seats will be available, but terrace tickets priced £4.00 are now on sale and must be purchased before the day of the game. Tickets will NOT be on sale at Reading on the evening of the game.

You are also advised to take your membership cards or season tickets with you as you may be required to show these at the turnstiles.

Reserves Back in Action

City Reserves resume their South West Counties League programme on Tuesday next, 9th January when they travel to Play Exeter.

The home game with Cardiff and Bristol Rovers have yet to be arranged.





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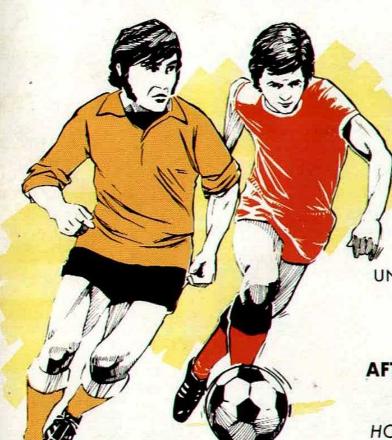
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