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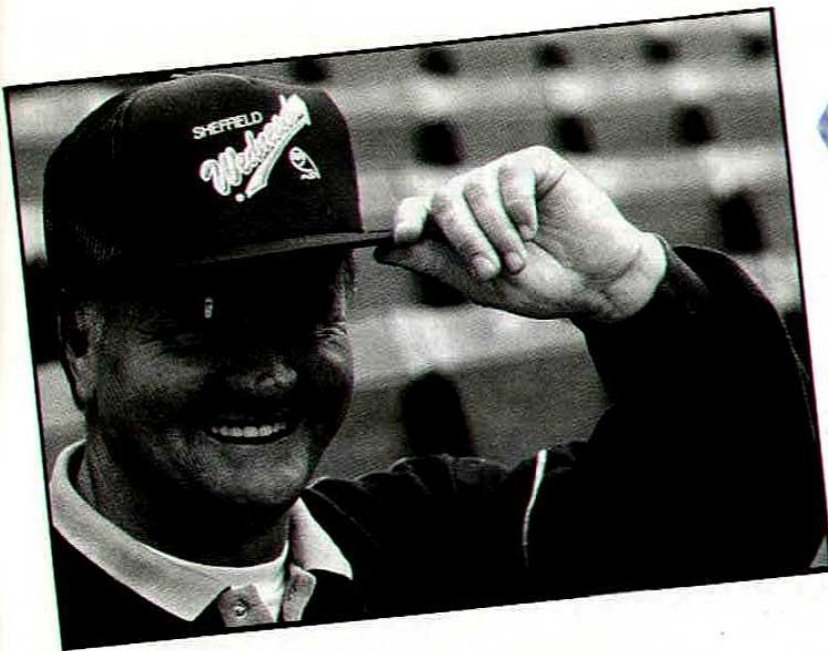
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RON ATKINSON

It was disappointing to lose our unbeaten record in our 15th League and Cup game of the season at Millwall last Saturday—and all the more so considering we played as well as we can in the first half and were 2-0 up after 16 minutes with two great goals.

We were so on top that Millwall didn't know where they were. The game might have been beyond them when you think that we hit the woodwork twice. But, unfortunately, things suddenly went against us.

We lost Nigel Pearson at half-time with a groin strain, re-shuffled the side, and then, within five minutes, Roland Nilsson was carried off after damaging knee ligaments, so we had to re-shuffle again. As you know, Nigel and Roland have probably been our most consistent performers this season, so losing them both was a big blow.

Obviously, the injuries influenced events, but even when Millwall pulled level at 2-2 we still looked as if we could win it until they got those two goals in the final minutes of the match.

Well, it's all history now, and it's no good dwelling on our misfortune. We have to look forward, and our goal has to be to get back to winning ways—to try and get another unbeaten run going.

This evening, of course, we turn our attention to the Rumbelows Cup again, and we offer a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and his Swindon Town side.

They've had a few disappointing results recently, and have been troubled with injuries as well as suffering the frustration of being reduced to ten men in their last two games. However, they are recognised as one of the best footballing teams in the country, and when they click they can produce some excitement and quality.

Indeed, if they play to their full potential and we play to ours, tonight's game could prove a real feast for everyone.

Our priority, as I've said many times recently, is to get back to the First Division with the minimum delay, and I'm sure that, after their own disappointments following their play-offs triumph last season, Swindon also want to return to a promotion course this term. Yet both our clubs would also welcome a good run in the Rumbelows Cup.

It's not just a matter of boosting finances, but also a case of success breeding success, with the prospect of Wembley at the end of the trail offering the promise of added excitement and reward for supporters. Certainly success in a cup competition can help generate added confidence and shouldn't detract from our promotion target so long as we don't get bogged down with too many replays.

The fact that we have dropped points in our last three games and finally tasted defeat for the first time, while it is disappointing, only serves to prove what I've said all along—that the promotion road is long and hard. It proves, too, that we can't escape the kind of misfortunes which will befall every team at some stage of what is, after all, a marathon course.

It's just another aspect of the character test we've got to pass—and keep passing—if we are to attain our goal. We know we have the ability and bottle to ensure it's just a temporary pause.

Anyway, for the moment, let's concentrate on the Rumbelows Cup.

Enjoy the game folks!

Cover Picture: Nigel Pearson climbs above Port Vale's Darren Beckford to head clear.

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Kevin Pressman tips the ball away from Port Vale's Parkin and Paul Williams hooks in our goal.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, 20th October, 1990

WEDNESDAY 1 PORT VALE 1

Wednesday continued their unbeaten start but, in managing only a draw against a hard working Port Vale team, lost their place at the top of the table.

The team from the Potteries — including former Hillsborough midfielder Simon Mills at right back — put up a solid barrier to the Owls and it took some time before there was a shot on the visiting goal: Trevor Wood falling on a low long shot from Nigel Worthington. Vale looked to pass the ball around but quickly pulled men back when danger threatened and it wasn't until the game was half-an-hour old that the Owls got a clear cut opportunity . . . and scored!

Paul Williams showed splendid reactions to hook home the loose ball after

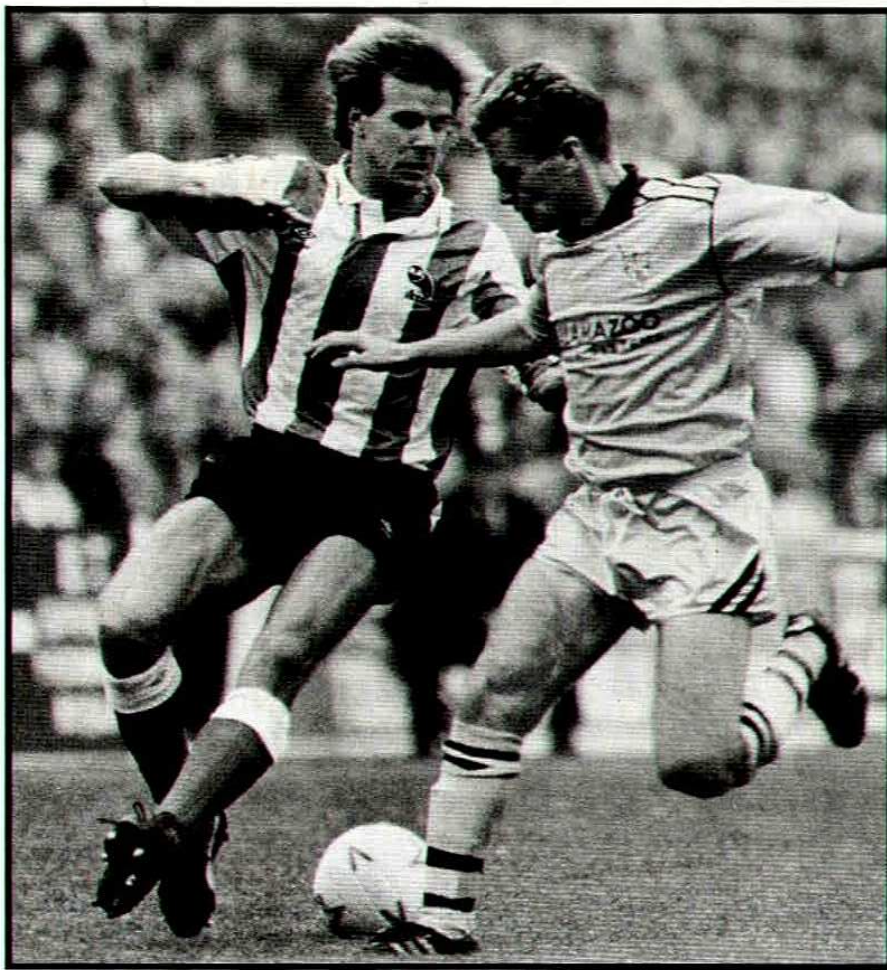


Danny Wilson's header from a Worthington cross was blocked by a defender.

Immediately Wednesday went close to a second when Wilson's near post effort from a Phil King cross brought a flying save from Wood. With half-time approaching a corner saw Peter Shirtliff direct a header just wide and then Worthington hit a fine volley inches wide of the far post after a superb diagonal pass from Roland Nilsson.

Wednesday began the second half in attacking mood and although Nigel Pearson got in a powerful header from a Worthington corner, Trevor Francis — trying to divert the ball in with a glancing header — flicked the ball over the bar.

Vale had hardly troubled Kevin Pressman but shocked everyone with a simple equaliser. Pearson, challenging a Vale player near the by-line, slipped and when the ball was played in Gibson, a former Ron Atkinson signing at Old Trafford, knocked in a header.



Roland Nilsson turns inside Port Vale's Brian Mills.

Wednesday came back well but Wood produced an outstanding save to turn Williams' shot over and Vale defended in numbers when Neil Aspin went off for a few minutes for treatment to a cut.

Pressman cut out a good through ball as the visitors broke quickly and then, moments after David Hirst was brought on for Francis, Darren Beckford might have stolen it but failed to hit the target when Nilsson's wayward back-header left the Vale forward clear.

The Owls came forward in the last minutes but Hirst was wide with a couple of strong shots, headed over the top and sadly a delightful chip shot from John Sheridan floated just over. Yet the nearest Wednesday came to a goal was when Vale defender Tim Parkin headed narrowly past his own post.

FACTS:

Goals: Williams 30 mins., Gibson 57 mins.

Teams: Wednesday — Pressman, Nilsson, King, Palmer, Pearson, Shirliff, Wilson, Sheridan, Francis (sub. Hirst 72 mins.), Williams, Worthington. Unused sub: McCall.

Port Vale — Wood, Mills, Hughes, Walker, Aspin, Parkin, Ford, Porter, Cross, Beckford, Gibson (Jeffers 76). Unused sub: Jepson.

Attendance: 24,527.

QUOTES:

Ron Atkinson: The result was the only disappointing thing about the match. It was a very good game.

Colin Gibson (on his old manager): He'll get them into the First. I can't see anyone touching them.

MAN OF THE MATCH

v Port Vale

Dave Siddall and Glynn Ledger of Derwent Engineering, who sponsored the game, named Paul Williams as their 'Man of the Match'.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, 23rd October, 1990

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In a dramatic local derby at Oakwell, a last minute goal from Carlton Palmer preserved Wednesday's unbeaten record.

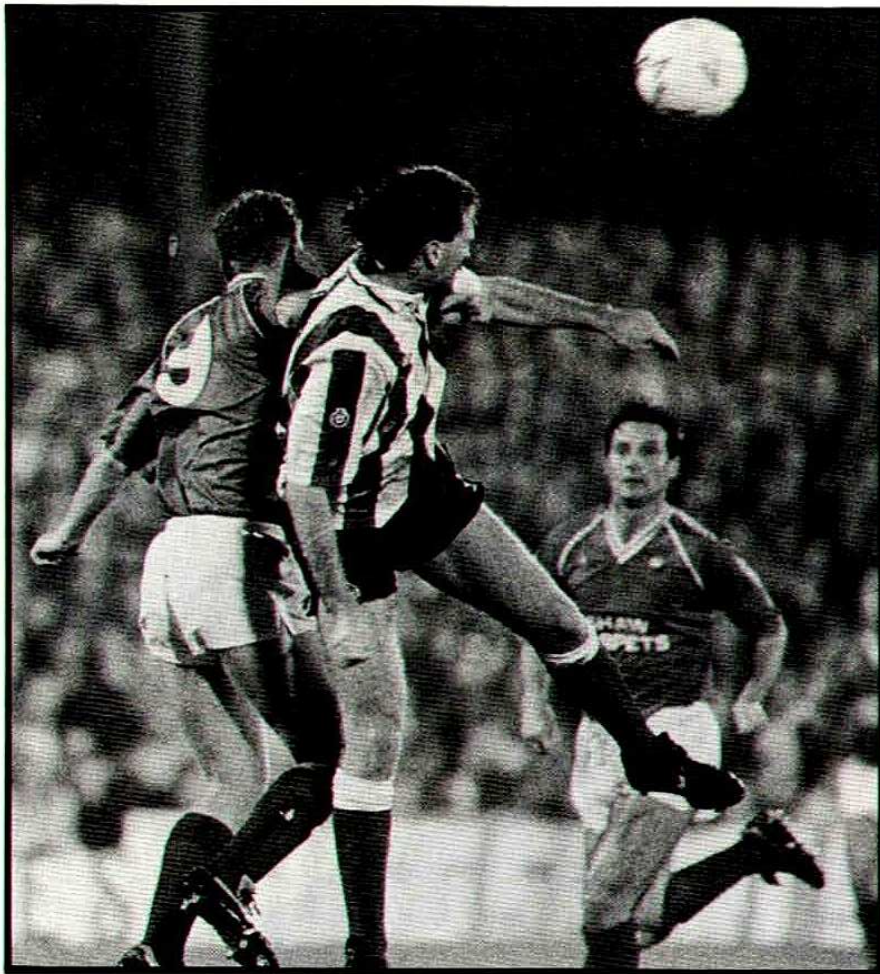
Barnsley, who have hoisted themselves into the fringe of the promotion pack, might have got off to the best possible start in the second minute but Phil King was in the right place to clear off the line from Gerry Taggart following a corner. Wednesday however quickly stamped their authority on the game and delighted their own fans in the all-ticket crowd with a series of good passing moves that stretched the home defence.

It was Nigel Pearson who twice came close to putting the Owls in front, first after a corner when he cheekily backheeled the ball across goal only to see it strike the far post and later hitting a shot that forced Clive Baker to a full length save, which the keeper had to clear from the incoming Paul Williams.

David Hirst, back in the starting line-up, looked set to score against his old club until defender Carl Tiler narrowly beat him to an inviting centre. John Sheridan unleashed a 25 yard shot that Baker turned over in spectacular fashion and a Nigel Worthington centre clipped the bar. The Reds came back and Kevin Pressman saved well from an Ian Banks volley moments before the interval.

In the second half Wednesday continued to play attractive football but against a three centre-back defence there were few clear openings, although Baker diverted a King shot over and Danny Wilson put a header at the keeper. Barnsley signalled a period of pressure when with 15 minutes to play Brian McCord fired a shot against Pressman's post. Soon after an Owen Archdeacon free-kick dropped into the box and on-form Andy Rammell jumped high to loop a header into the Wednesday net. It was his fifth goal in six games.





With a few minutes left Tiler steered a header wide of Pressman but Wilson knocked the ball to safety off the line. In the final minute, Palmer came to the rescue with a sensational diving header, finishing off a Nigel Worthington cross which was flicked on by Williams to baffle the Reds' defence. The goal was Palmer's first in the league for 18 months.

FACTS:

Goals: Rammell 78 mins. Palmer 89 mins.

Teams: Wednesday — Pressman, Nilsson, King (sub Francis 79 mins.), Palmer, Shirtliff, Pearson, Wilson, Sheridan, Hirst, Williams, Worthington. Unused sub: Madden.

Barnsley — Baker, Banks, Taggart, McCord, Fleming, Tiler, O'Connell, Rammell, Saville, Connolly, Archdeacon. Unused subs; Cooper, Smith.

QUOTES:

Carlton Palmer: I thought a goal would please him (Ron Atkinson). I'm pleased to get my first goal after such a long time to keep our run going. We didn't deserve to lose.

Mel Machin (Barnsley manager): For all the football Wednesday played and the way they knocked it around, they didn't create that many chances for themselves. I feel we were worth a win, on chances.

Peter Shirtliff wins a mid-air battle with Andy Rammell.

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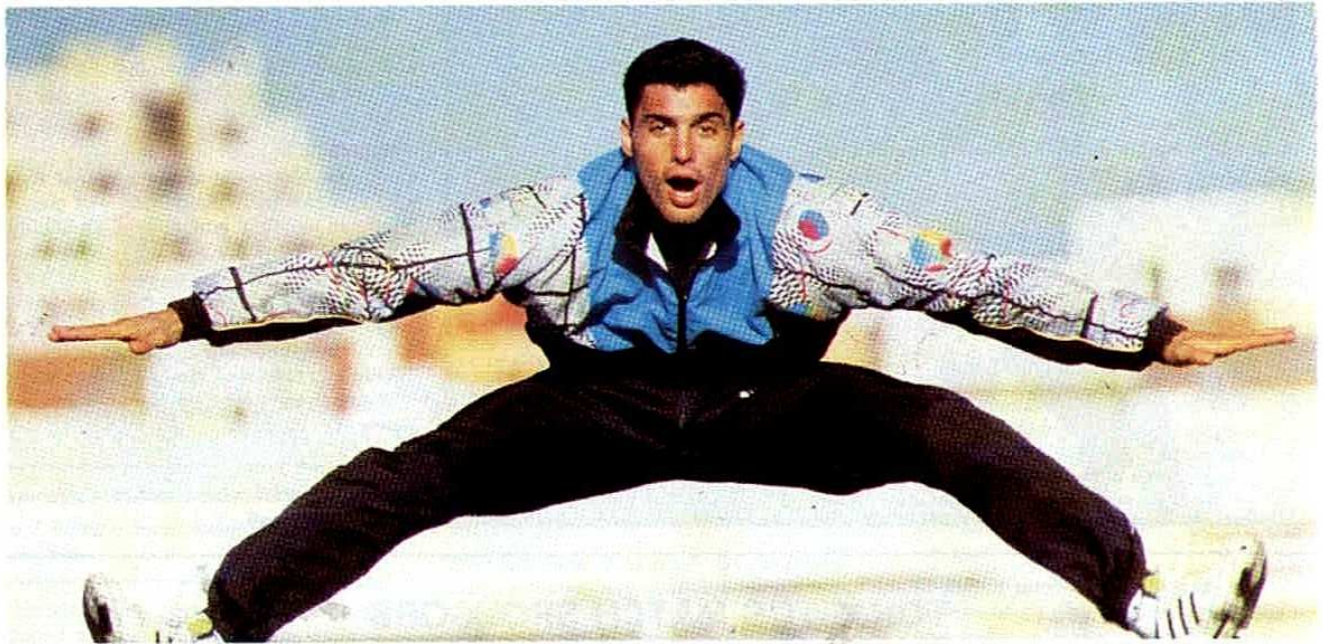
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FOCUS ON SWINDON TOWN

Swindon invariably seem to produce their best cup performances when the odds appear to be stacked heavily against them. They seemed to have been dumped from this season's Rumbelows League Cup competition when they crashed 0-3 at Darlington in the first-leg of the last round.

● Swindon's most-capped footballer was Rod Thomas who collected 30 of his 50 Wales' caps as a Swindon player.

But in the return at the County Ground, Swindon banged home three goals in the opening half to level the aggregate scores then, with 20 minutes remaining, Alan McLaughlin slotted home their winner.

● The last Swindon player to score a hat-trick was Jimmy Quinn who hit three against both Bristol City and Portsmouth in the Littlewoods Cup three seasons ago.

Swindon, of course, are past winners of this League Cup tournament. They were in the Third Division when they progressed all the way to Wembley to face mighty Arsenal in 1969. But two goals from Don Rogers and one from Roger Smart gave Swindon a 3-1 victory in extra-time to produce one of Wembley's greatest-ever upsets.

The Wiltshire club became only the second Third Division club to win this competition. No other club from that division has since managed to match their achievement.

● The last Swindon man to get three in a league game was Steve White who scored all the goals in a 3-0 win over Mansfield in April 1987.

Swindon returned to Wembley for the final of last season's Second Division promotion play-offs, defeating Sunderland more comprehensively than the 1-0 scoreline suggests. At the time they believed they had won promotion to the First Division for

● John Trollope created a league record by appearing in 756 league games for Swindon. No other player has made as many appearances for one club.

the first time in their history but it is common knowledge now that they were ultimately stripped of that promotion and now play on in the Second Division.

The club is now one of the most respected members of Division Two but their cup exploits go back to their old Southern League days — they twice appeared in the F.A. Cup semi-finals as a non-league club — and they reached their peak in cup soccer with that 1969 triumph over Arsenal.

There have been many other nights of cup glory for Swindon since then, even though they not aspired to another final.



● Trollope was also the oldest player to appear in the Swindon first-team, being 37 years and 119 days old when he made his final appearance in 1980.

Manager Ossie Ardiles was philosophical when he had recovered from the shattering blow of being denied promotion to the First Division in the summer. "We'll just have to roll up our sleeves and do it all again!" he shrugged.

The traumas of the summer months have now been put behind them as Swindon strive once more for their First Division goal. Mr. Ardiles gave a total vote of confidence to his original squad and, though signing several players on trial during the close-season, he did not add to his senior squad.

But, when he lost skipper and centre-back Colin Calderwood with an injury in September, Mr. Ardiles signed Nick Tanner on loan from Liverpool as his replacement. But Liverpool are unlikely to permit him to become cup-tied so we may well see young Adrian Viveash in the side this evening.

● Paul Rideout was Swindon's youngest player. He was 16 years and 107 days of age when he made his debut in 1980.

Mr. Ardiles received another blow when his other centre-back Jon Gittens was injured but it is hoped he may be fit again now.

● Harry Morris scored five goals in a league game on two occasions for Swindon, against Q.P.R. in 1927 and Norwich in 1930.

During the course of the season so far, Mr. Ardiles has also lost both of his high-scoring strikers, Steve White and Duncan Shearer for a few matches.

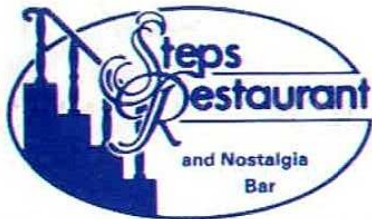
● Keith East equalled that club record when he scored five times against Mansfield in 1965.

It was not surprising then that Swindon have not got away to such a good start as they might have done. When things were going wrong Mr. Ardiles decided to pay Portsmouth £130,000 for midfielder Mick Hazard who played with him at Tottenham in the past.

● Harry Morris also holds the club record for most goals in a season. He netted 47 in the league and one in the F.A. Cup in 1926/27.

Prior to last Saturday's trip to Barnsley, Swindon had won two away games in the Second Division — at Charlton (2-1) and Oxford (4-2). They drew at Hull (1-1) and Brighton (3-3) and their only away defeat was suffered at Oldham (2-3).

● A third club scoring record belonging to Morris is the aggregate of 230 in league and cup between 1926 and 1933.



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FRASER DIGBY (Goalkeeper)

Fraser played for the England youth side during his apprenticeship days with Manchester United. He did not play in United's first-team but made his debut soon after moving to Swindon in 1986. Fraser has been capped five times by the England under-21s.

NICKY HAMMOND (Goalkeeper)

Nicky remained in the reserve teams with Arsenal but made his league debut whilst on loan to Bristol Rovers in 1986. Swindon signed him a year later but he had played only four league games for them before his recall this month.

DAVID KERSLAKE (Defender)

David was signed from Q.P.R. for £110,000 in November 1989. He joined Rangers as a schoolboy and developed through the junior teams to make his league debut in 1985. With only some half-a-dozen league matches behind him, David played for the England under-21s against Turkey in October of that same year.

NICK TANNER (Defender)

Nick was signed on loan from Liverpool in September. He established himself in league football with Bristol Rovers, making more than 100 senior appearances before transferring to Liverpool in 1988. First-team opportunities at Anfield have been limited but last season he played in the First Division whilst on loan to Norwich.

MICK HAZARD (Midfield)

Mick was signed from Portsmouth for £130,000 in September. He made his name with Tottenham and was a member of their F.A. Cup winning team of 1982 and their unsuccessful U.E.F.A. Cup side two years later. Chelsea signed him in 1986 and he moved on to Portsmouth last season.

JON GITTENS (Defender)

Jon was given his break in top-class football with Southampton. They spotted him playing for Paget Rangers and he made his First Division debut for the Saints in 1986. Swindon signed him for £40,000 in 1987.

PAUL BODIN (Defender)

Paul didn't initially make the league teams with his first two clubs, Chelsea or Newport, but got his chance in 1982 after linking with Cardiff. He spent three seasons at Ninian Park, then went non-league with Bath City. He returned to Newport in 1987 but, after a few weeks, he was transferred to Swindon. Paul is now a Wales international, winning his third cap against Belgium a couple of weeks ago.

TOM JONES (Midfield)

Tom joined Swindon from Aberdeen two seasons ago. He was previously in non-league soccer with Weymouth, moving to Aberdeen in 1987.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (Midfield)

Alan played for the Republic of Ireland in this summer's World Cup finals and he now has four caps. Alan was an apprentice with Manchester United but it was after he had moved on to Swindon in 1986 that he made his debut in league football. He also spent a loan period with Torquay before earning himself a regular place in the Swindon side. Alan scored 16 goals last season.

STEVE FOLEY (Midfield)

Steve completed his apprenticeship with Liverpool but did not play in their first-team. He made his league debut whilst on loan to Fulham during 1983/84 and was transferred to Grimsby at the end of that campaign. Sheffield United signed him in 1985 and he moved on to Swindon in the summer of 1987.

ROSS MacLAREN (Midfield)

Ross was a reserve player with Glasgow Rangers but he established himself in league soccer after joining Shrewsbury in 1980. Derby signed him for £67,500 in 1985 and Swindon paid £150,000 for him three years later.

FITZROY SIMPSON (Midfield)

Fitzroy joined Swindon as a trainee and got a few outings in their league eleven two seasons ago. He is now holding a regular place.

SHAUN CLOSE (Midfield)

Shaun was signed from Bournemouth in September 1989. He opened his professional career with Tottenham but found first-team opportunities rare at White Hart Lane. Bournemouth signed him three seasons ago and it was at Dean Court that he established himself in league soccer.

DUNCAN SHEARER (Forward)

Duncan was Swindon's joint-top scorer with 27 goals last season and he had netted five times this term prior to last weekend. He was signed from Huddersfield for £250,000 in 1988 and was leading scorer with 16 goals in his first season. He began his career with Chelsea, where first-team opportunities were rare, but after transferring to Huddersfield in 1986 he quickly established himself as a goalscorer, leading the club's list in his two seasons with 25 and 16.

STEVE WHITE (Forward)

Steve also scored 27 times last season. He made his name as a goalscorer with Bristol Rovers and Luton paid £175,000 for him in 1979. He moved on to Charlton three years later but — after loan spells with Lincoln and Luton — he returned to Bristol Rovers in 1983. Since joining Swindon in 1986, Steve's annual goals tally has been 21, 14, 14 and 27.

FIXTURE FOCUS

The last time that Wednesday met Swindon was also in a Milk Cup third round tie, but the venue on that occasion was the County Ground back in October 1985, almost exactly five years ago to the day. Coincidentally Wednesday had beaten Brentford 4-2 on aggregate, also to earn their place against Swindon Town just as they have this season. Wednesdayites will be hoping for a different result this time around though, as Swindon won 1-0. The goal came in the 10th minute, with Peter Coyne heading home, after Martin Hodge had done well to block a volley. Swindon were forced back as the Owls attacked desperately. In the second half Wednesday continued to surge forward, with Town 'keeper Key making a string of good saves. Swindon also made and missed chances. When it was all over, the 12,110 crowd gave Swindon, the eventual Fourth Division champions, a standing ovation.

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Carl Shutt (far left) gets in a header that was cleared off the line.

NEWS & VIEWS

CARLTON CRACKS IT AT LAST!

Everyone at Hillsborough, players and fans, will be delighted for Carlton Palmer now that he has got that League goal under his belt.

Carlton had been trying for 19 months to get on the scoresheet in the league, and finally did it with his last-minute diving header at Barnsley.

It was a popular goal by a popular player, who with his tremendous work in midfield, has done everything but score in recent months.

Relieved to crack it at last, he said after his headline-grabbing goal at Barnsley: "It's nice to get one. John Sheridan just told me to go further into the box, so I did, and when the cross came over, I dived at it, and the ball went in."

Carlton wants to keep scoring regularly, to help the Owls and to improve his chances of a return to the England B squad.

It was only his second League goal since he joined Wednesday for a club record £750,000 from West Brom, 20 months ago. He got one against Millwall, soon after his arrival, and netted in the Zenith Cup against Sheffield United last season.

He said: "I want to do a good job in midfield, first and foremost. If I can get goals, that's a bonus—goals will help me get back in the England squad.

"There aren't any more England B games just yet, but when one comes around, I want to be in there. I think there is a lot more to my game than scoring, but it's pleasing to get one.

"It would have been an injustice if we had come away with nothing from Barnsley because we played well without producing enough quality in dead-ball situations.

"I want to score more goals. It seemed that the more I've tried, the worst my misses became. I've kept having a go and now I've got one."

Carlton has the last laugh . . . our last minute goalscorer enjoys a joke with Barnsley's Gerry Taggart.





IN THE PICTURE

Steve Daughtrey (right), Marketing Director of James Wilkes Plc. presents a framed aerial view of the ground which was gratefully received by Owls Chairman Dave Richards and Director Bob Grierson on behalf of his company.

COMPLIMENTS FOR OWLS

Wednesday have collected plenty of compliments from opposing players and managers this season, and it was no different after the derby at Barnsley. Reds boss Mel Machin said: "We've just played the best team in the division. Wednesday are a far better team than anybody we have played. I'm sure they'll skate the division."

That tribute is even more significant when you realise that Barnsley have already played, and lost to, Oldham this season.

BRIAN'S STAY IS EXTENDED

Brian Mooney should have gone back to Preston this week . . . or signed for the Owls in a £150,000 transfer.

But the fact he has been out for so long with a knee injury meant that, instead, Wednesday sought and received permission from the Football League to extend his loan for another two months.

Similarly, Greg Fee's initial month's loan at Preston was extended, but unfortunately he was sent off playing against Rotherham, incurring a suspension that will be a blow to Preston, for Greg has apparently done a good job there and was a big influence in their recent revival.

IF IT'S A DRAW

In the event of tonight's game ending in a draw a replay will take place on Tuesday, 6th November at Swindon Town F.C., kick-off 7.45 p.m., and our Barclays League game versus Bristol City, scheduled for 7th November at Hillsborough would therefore be postponed.



SIMON: IT'S NOT SIMPLE!

What's the secret in reducing Wednesday's effectiveness? It was a fair question to put to Simon Mills, the former Owls player who helped Port Vale put in a respectable performance and hold Wednesday to a draw in the last home match.

But there's no simple secret, he answered: "I think you've just got to play them at their own game, play them, have a few breaks, and try to keep them out.

"It worked well for us, and I enjoyed it. But Wednesday are a good side—they'll go up."

WEDNESDAYITES ARE PRAISED

Owls fans will not forget their open-air visit to the non-League ground at Twerton Park, Bath, in a hurry—and they themselves will be long remembered by Bath City, whose ground it is.

City, are to dedicate an area of seating to Wednesdayites, when rebuilding work is completed on the fire-damaged stand at Twerton Park.

That's because a collection held by Owls fans during the recent match there against Bristol Rovers raised more than £300 for the Save The Twerton Fund.

Secretary Paul Britton commented, "It was a magnificent gesture on their behalf. We are writing to the club to thank the supporters for their generosity and assure them that they will be welcome to visit the Wednesday section when everything is complete.

Wednesday fans have also received praise from Barnsley, after the smooth running and happy atmosphere of the recent derby at Oakwell.

Reds secretary Michael Spinks, thanked both sets of supporters in a crowd of 23,000 saying, "They responded to the requests from the club and police to arrive early and 99 per cent behaved in a very responsible manner."

RON PICKS UP HIS TOP PRIZE

Ron Atkinson was presented with his Manager of the Month prize, a bottle of champagne and a china plate, before the Port Vale match.

It was of course his reward for the club's unbeaten start to the season, but the Owls' rise to the top of the Second Division also meant that Ron has now taken teams to the top in all four divisions: Cambridge (Third and Fourth), Wednesday (Second) and West Brom and Manchester United (both First).

Brian Mooney . . . extended loan.

W MATCH TICKETS

IF IT'S A DRAW

If tonight's game ends in a draw, the replay will be on Tuesday, 6th November at Swindon Town, kick-off 7.45 p.m., and this will be an ALL TICKET game.

Tickets will go on sale directly after tonight's game as follows:

Seats: price £8, will go on sale to original and A shareholders and seat season tickets holders on presentation of voucher F. 1 voucher — 1 ticket.

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Telephone orders will be accepted for this game, but voucher/s must be sent into the Club together with the reference number which will be allocated to you if your call is taken by a member of staff, or, if you leave an order on the ansaphone please affix the voucher to the outside of an envelope, with a note of your name and address inside, and forward to the Ticket Office as soon as possible. Tickets will not be posted out until the vouchers have been received.

OLDHAM A. (Home)

Saturday, 3rd November, 1990

Tickets now on sale at normal match prices.

BRISTOL CITY (Home)

Wednesday, 7th November, 1990

Tickets now on sale at normal match prices.

N.B. In the event of the Rumbelows League Cup Third Round versus Swindon ending in a draw, the game

versus Bristol City will be postponed. Any tickets purchased will be valid for the re-arranged game.

BLACKBURN R. (Away)

Saturday, 10th November, 1990.

ALL TICKET

Standing tickets only, price £4.50, are on sale to voucher holders (present voucher E) and club members on presentation of membership card. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on Monday, 5th November at 9.00 a.m. An announcement will be made at half-time during the Oldham Athletic game to confirm that tickets are available.

SWINDON TOWN (Home)

Saturday, 17th November, 1990

Tickets now on sale at normal match prices.

W.B.A. (Away)

Saturday, 24th November, 1990

Seat tickets, price £8, are on sale to voucher holders (present voucher F) and club members on production of card.

Standing, price £6, pay at the turnstile.

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Due to the reduction in capacity on the Kop we have already had one match this season where we have had to close turnstiles with fans still trying to get in, and on several other occasions we have been very close to capacity.

In order to make sure of getting your place on the Kop, why not buy your ticket in advance from the Ticket Office, where tickets are on sale until two hours before kick-off.

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Saturday, 10th November, 1990

Fare £4.50/£3.50 Young Owls.

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Saturday, 24th November, 1990

Fare £5/£4 Young Owls.

Depart 11.45 a.m., back approx. 7.15 p.m.

No smoking on all coaches.

ALCOHOL

Supporters are reminded that it is an offence to carry alcohol on coaches. In addition to heavy fines (and a ban by ourselves) the whole coach is liable to be turned back and escorted home resulting in everyone missing the match.

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



Our mascot tonight is James Edge, aged 6, from Killamarsh. His hobbies are football and collecting key rings and his favourite player is Kevin Pressman.

Our visiting mascot is Paul Carter, aged 14, who plays in goal for his local team and his school. It comes as no surprise that Paul nominates keeper Frazer Digby as his favourite player.



VISITORS FROM HOLLAND

It was nice to welcome a party from Holland to our home game with Port Vale. Members of Monopole F.C. from Culemborg in Holland were in Sheffield to play a game against The White Rose at Handsworth on the Saturday morning, and both teams booked one of our hospitality lounges in the North Stand for our game in the afternoon. The trip was organised by Paul Allan, an ex-Sheffelder who moved to Holland 15 years ago from Darnall, and the landlord of the White Rose Gordon Austin. Paul is hoping to make it an annual visit.

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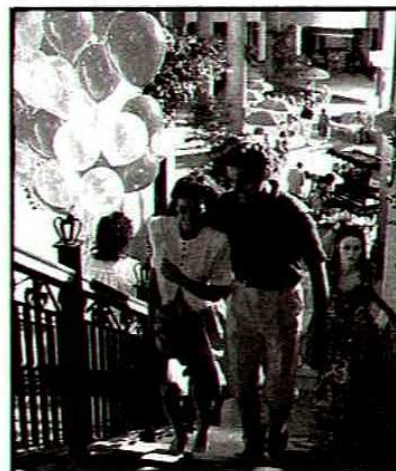


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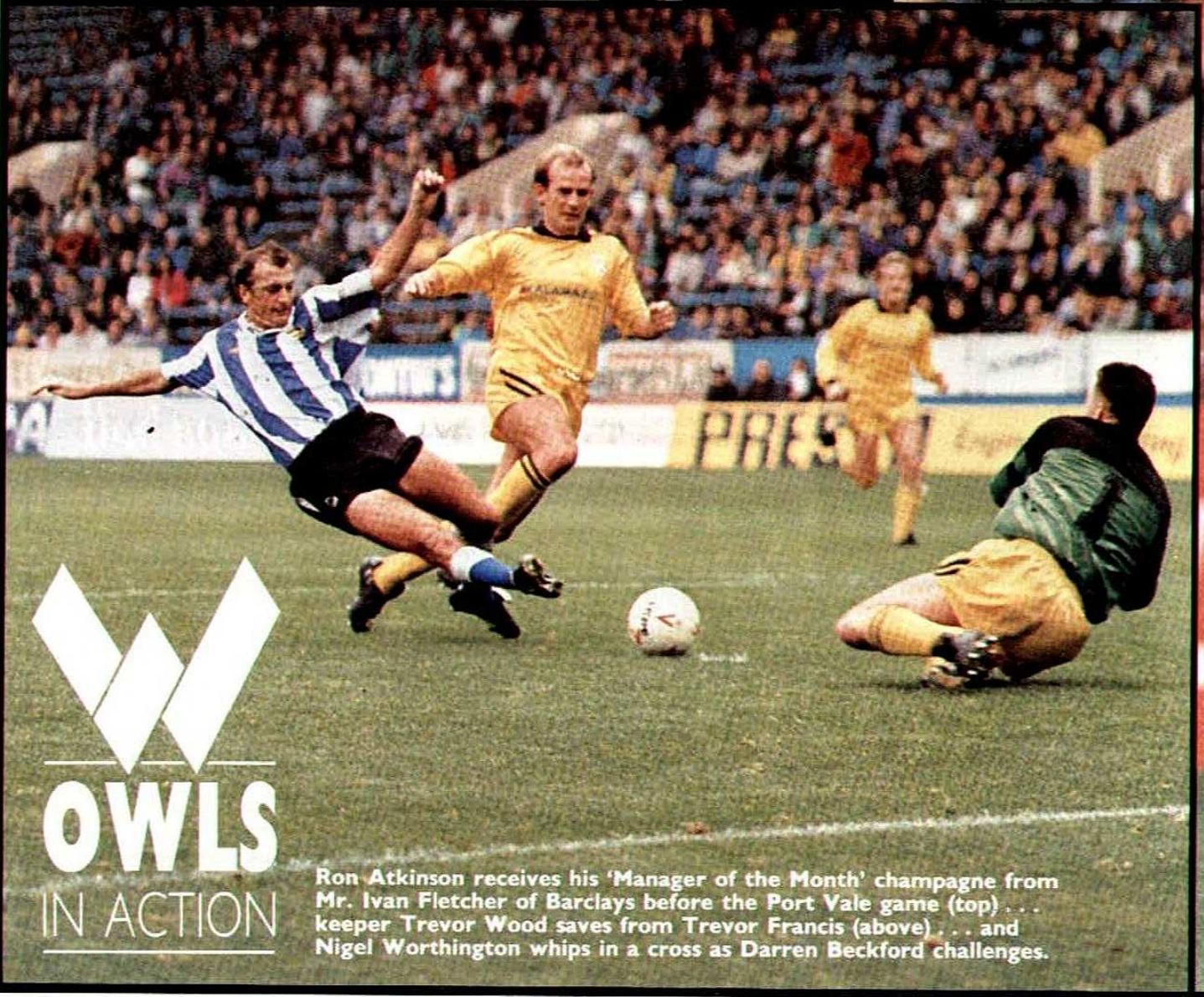
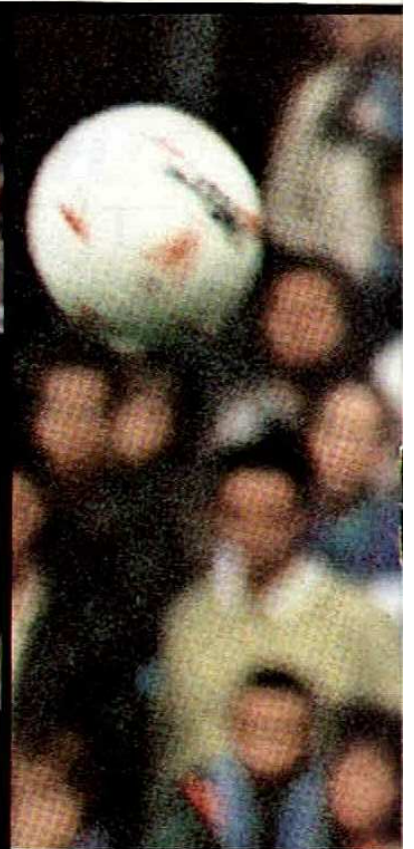
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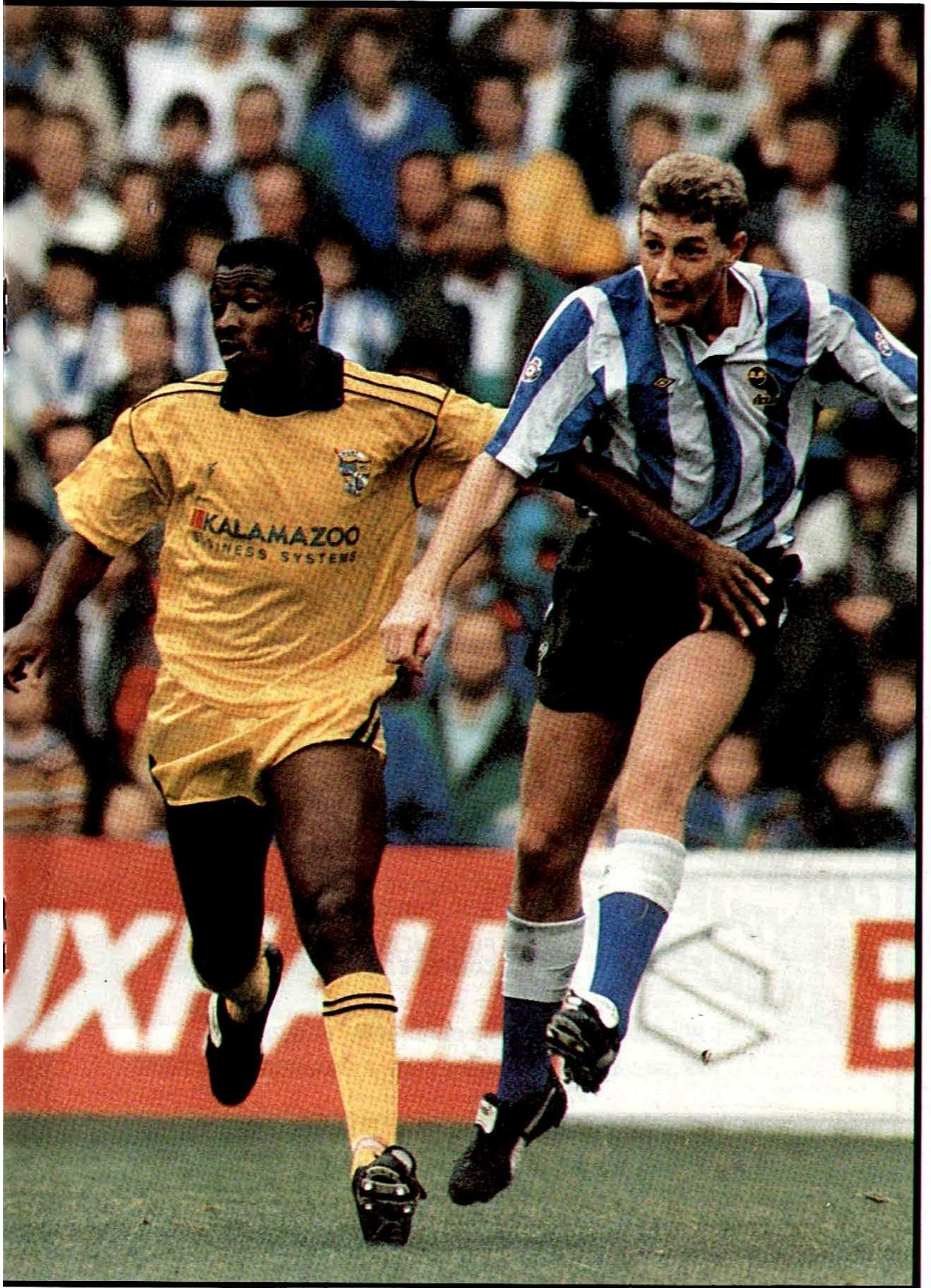
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Ron Atkinson receives his 'Manager of the Month' champagne from Mr. Ivan Fletcher of Barclays before the Port Vale game (top) . . . keeper Trevor Wood saves from Trevor Francis (above) . . . and Nigel Worthington whips in a cross as Darren Beckford challenges.



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NOW & THEN

KEITH FARNSWORTH TALKS TO SOME OF YESTERDAYS HILLSBOROUGH HEROES

Colin Prophett, who made 428 league appearances with five clubs between 1969 and 1981, including 117 for Wednesday, provides a classic example of how a player sometimes proves the innocent victim in one of those heated moments in a game which change the course of a club's history.

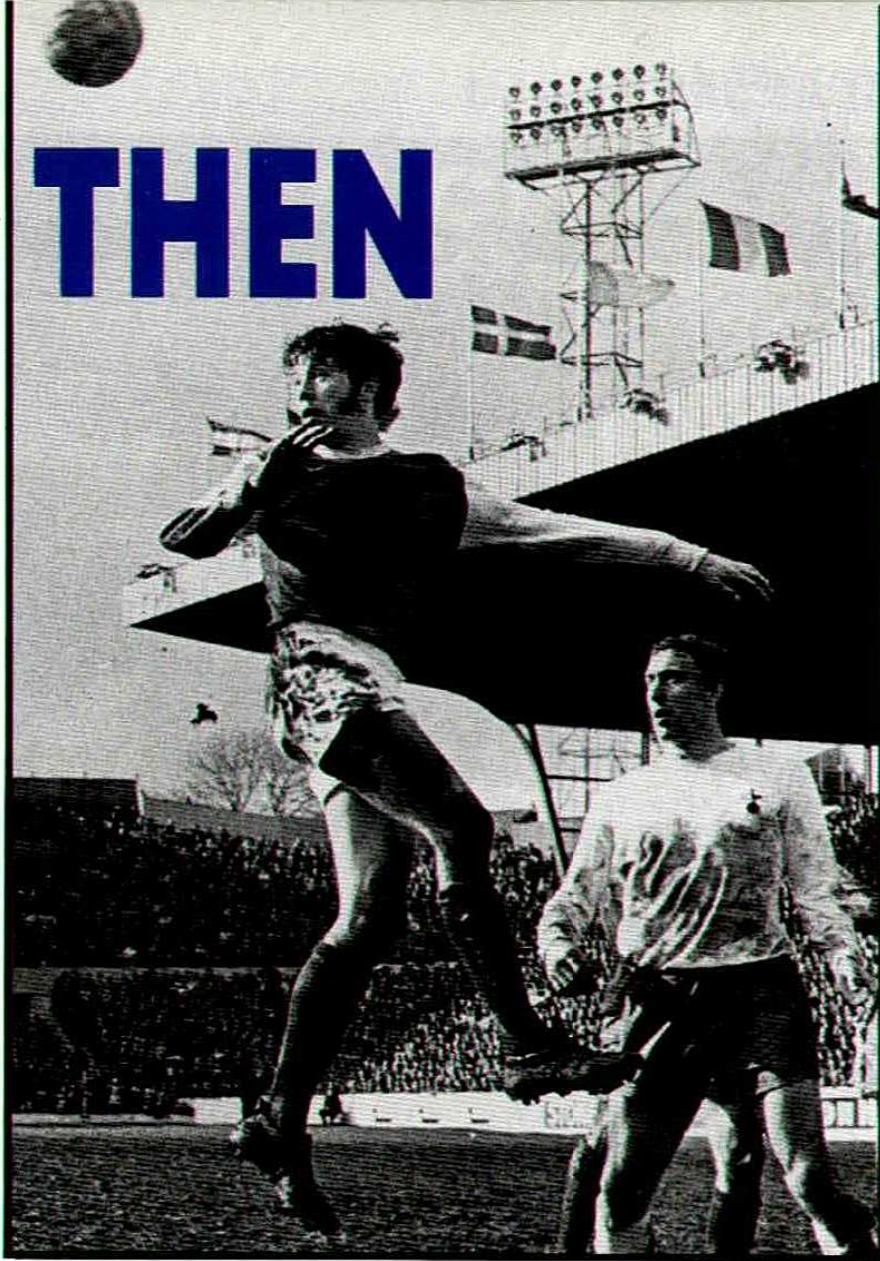
Prophett, the former Rolls Royce apprentice from Crewe who became an Owls professional at 21 in 1968, was a key figure in the incident which marked the turning point in that ill-fated final match of 1969-70 when a home defeat against Manchester City doomed the Owls to relegation — and a 14-year wait for a return to Division One.

When Prophett and Mike Summerbee clashed and the City striker was carried off, Joe Mercer, City's manager, went to the touchline and urged his side to go all out for victory when earlier they had seemed content to settle for less as Wednesday sought a single point for safety.



Colin on a recent visit to Hillsborough, and in action against Spurs.

As he admitted later, Mercer misinterpreted the incident, but by then Wednesday's fate was sealed. City were due to play in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final the following week, which was why Mercer was so upset by his man's injury. He believed Prophett had fouled Summerbee, but the opposite was the case, and Wednesday got the free-kick; and Mercer didn't recognise his mistake until he talked to Prophett after the game.



That unfortunate night apart, Prophett, now 43, has only happy memories of his playing career. Now, a family man living at Chesterfield with his wife, Cathy, and their daughters, Emma (15) and Lisa (12), he is an area manager with a firm of woodworking tooling suppliers, but he retains his links with soccer as a Crystal Palace scout.

His "full" league debut against Arsenal remains a fond memory, and he remembers many old Hillsborough colleagues, notably the influential Gerry Young, and says he has much for which to thank Danny Williams. In fact, after Colin's short 1973-74 spell at Norwich, Danny took him to Swindon, for who he made 160 league appearances between 1974 and 1978.

From his Swindon days he remembers once scoring — with his left foot! — against Wednesday and Chris Turner; and he recalls twice having to act as emergency goalkeeper in games against the Owls — still being proud of the fact that he didn't concede a goal on either occasion!

Colin completed his league career with periods at Chesterfield and Crewe,

then had a spell as a coach with Cardiff City and later played for Matlock and Alfreton. In fact, he was briefly manager at Alfreton, and feels that, had he wished, he could still be playing competitively at some level.

However, he chose to put his family first, and now he's enjoying his work with Leuce GB Ltd., still playing for charity with Johnny Quinn's side, and keeping fit in the summer as a cricketer with Glapwell in the Bassetlaw League.

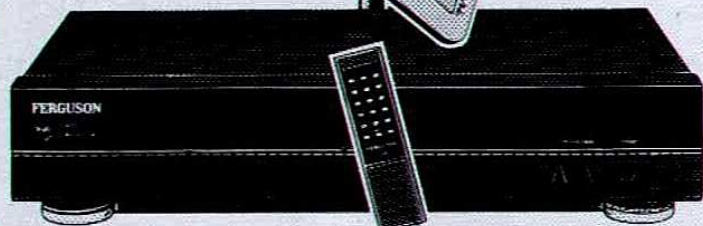
And scouting duties ensure that he sees a wide range of football. He did this job for Gillingham and Reading, and, since his old pal, Ian Branfoot, joined Crystal Palace, he's been filling the role for the London club.

He's not seen much of the Owls recently, but is hoping to be at Hillsborough tonight for the clash of his former clubs, and you can be sure the occasion will stir a few memories — not least of how, on that famous night in April 1969, he emerged the innocent victim of a twist of fate which has passed into local folklore. At least we now know the full story.

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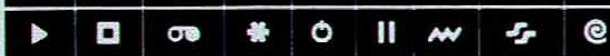
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TIMELY GOAL

If the linesman with the yellow flag had an extra smile on his face on his way back to the half-way line after our goal against Port Vale it was probably because he had bought the winning golden goal ticket time! Nice one Mr. Taylor.

MAN OF THE MATCH

v Brentford

Simon Womersley, Branch Manager of Rumbelows Goldthorpe Branch, named Carlton Palmer as his 'Man of the Match'.

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WITH KEITH HOWARD

LEEDS UNITED DUMPED

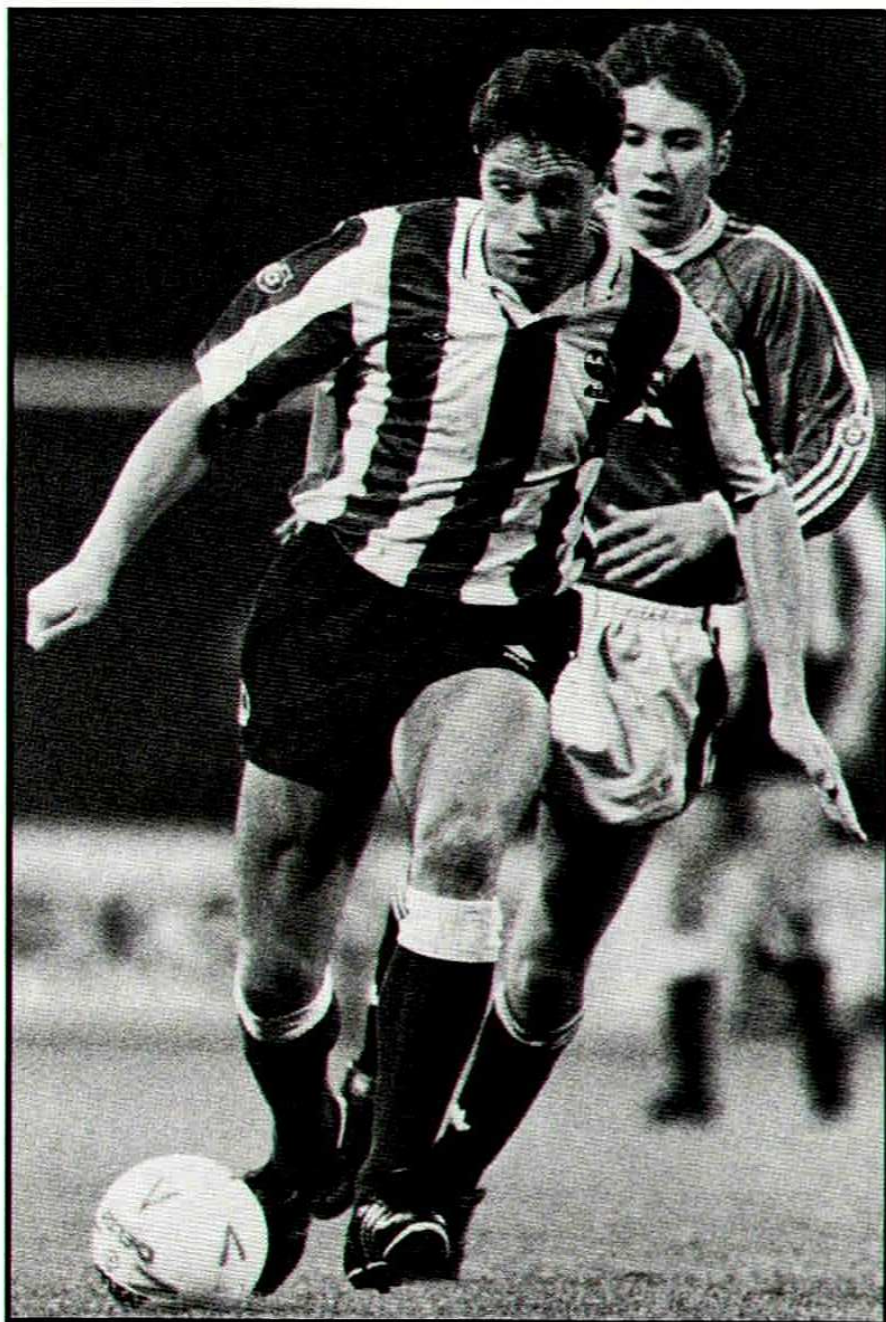
With such strong former-Hillsborough presence at Elland Road the meeting between Howard Wilkinson's second string and Wednesday's unbeaten high-flying Reserves conjured up several possibilities. Could ex-Owls sharpshooters Carl Shutt and Imre Varadi upset Wednesday's young central defenders, for example? The answer to this and any other thoughts which the home side had about ending the Owls run were answered in the best possible way with another excellent performance, not only from the very reliable David Wetherall and Jon Newsome but all the Wednesday side as they notched up an emphatic 3-0 win against an uncompromising and often intimidating Leeds side.

The game was quite even for the first quarter hour — and then Wednesday struck. Dean Barrick raced on to a long Newsome pass and was brought down just outside the right hand corner of the penalty area. Barrick himself took the free-kick which was only partially cleared by Kamara and in the ensuing goalmouth scramble, the ball was tucked away by John Harkes.

Steve Whitton was looking sharp on his return to the side and sprayed out some good passes to both wings and at this stage Wednesday had restricted Leeds to long-range shots. The Owls had a let-off when Kamara's header from a Leeds corner was cleared off the line by Graham Hyde. This chance was rather isolated and Wednesday continued to look the more dangerous side playing a brand of very attractive football which contrasted strongly with the home side's more direct long ball style.

As anticipated Leeds started the second half more aggressively with Varadi prominent twice in the early minutes. The noisy crowd backed the home side now but Wednesday retained their concentration, continuing to play good attacking football with Hyde, Barrick and McCall all prominent.

After 56 minutes Mark Taylor returned to competitive action and replaced Steve McCall and five minutes later he was a major player in Wednesday's



Scorer Steve Whitton leads an attack on the Manchester United goal.

second goal scored again by American trialist, John Harkes. Collecting a Chris Turner clearance, Taylor worked the ball beautifully down the left and played Whitton a lovely ball into the area and the latter's cross was hooked in at the far post.

The almost inevitable third goal capped a fine return to the Owls colours for Steve Whitton. Barrick fed him with a defence splitting ball close to the penalty spot and the striker's shot was deflected off the body of Leeds goalkeeper, into the net.

Skipper Lawrie Madden could be proud of his own and all of his team-mate's effort in a superb victory achieved by better football.

Team: Turner, Wood, Madden, Hyde, Wetherall, Newsome, Harkes, Whitton, Chambers, McCall, Barrick.
Subs: Taylor, Lycett.

TABLE TOPPING PERFORMANCE

Wednesday Reserves remained unbeaten and consolidated their leadership of the Pontin's Central League First Division with a single goal win scored by Steve Whitton in the 52nd minute against an experienced Manchester United side in front of more than 2,500 spectators — a reflection of the splendid start made at Hillsborough this season. Brian Mooney, on loan from Preston North End, played his first game since the opening match of the season following a knee injury and Mark Taylor started his first full game after being sub. at Leeds.

Wednesday had the better of early exchanges with only keeper Bosnich coming between Steve Whitton and a couple of goals. Chris Turner was not called into action until the 15th minute when he confidentially handled a deep cross.

Leroy Chambers got in a terrific shot from 20 yards which was held by United's talented Australian trialist goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich. The more even play at this juncture on the field was diverted briefly off the field by the magnificent swelling crowd who were allowed to spill into the uncovered terrace seating. David Wetherall broke up an attack with a brave header which was picked up by Steve McCall who fed Whitton and his rocket was again well held low down by the keeper.

Although Wednesday were on top play had been sloppy for a period and United proved their growing danger, when they swept to the other end in the final minute of the half and Danny Wallace fired narrowly wide.

Seven minutes into the second half came the goal the Owls deserved. Newsome hoisted a free-kick which Wetherall won and headed on to Whitton who, in a one to one situation, turned his man beautifully and fired home from 10 yards.

United came more into the game midway through the half with Paul Ince looking sharper going forward. There was a nice interchange of passes between Chambers, Whitton and Barrick and the final ball to Mark Taylor was just cut out by Viv Anderson. His long ball upfield was chased by Giggs who was felled yards outside the Owls area by Darren Wood who was promptly dismissed from the field.

The visitors naturally tried to take advantage of their extra player in the closing stages but Wednesday maintained the scoreline and proud unbeaten start.

Team: Turner, Wood, Madden, McCall, Wetherall, Newsome, Taylor, Chambers, Whitton, Barrick, Mooney.
Subs: Lycett, Cam.

Steve McCall takes on Manchester United's Paul Ince.

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Sept. 4	Tu	Sheffield United	3-0
12	W	Nottingham Forest	1-1
20	Th	Aston Villa	4-1
Oct. 2	Tu	Coventry City	2-1
10	W	Leeds United	3-0
16	Tu	Manchester United	1-0
24	W	Derby County	3-0
29	M	Coventry City	1-0
Nov. 8	Th	Huddersfield Town	
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20	Tu	Everton	
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14	M	Aston Villa	
22	Tu	Nottingham Forest	
29	Tu	Leicester City	
Feb. 6	W	Newcastle United	
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20	W	Huddersfield Town	
26	Tu	Manchester City	
Mar. 5	Tu	Everton	
20	W	Rotherham United	
26	Tu	Sunderland	
April 2	Tu	Rotherham United	
10	W	Sunderland	
17	W	Blackburn Rovers	
23	Tu	Derby County	
30	Tu	Leeds United	
May 7	Tu	Manchester United	

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Aug. 18	S	Leeds United	0-2
20	M	Scunthorpe U. (Cup)	1-4
25	S	York City	1-1
Sept. 1	S	Halifax Town	0-0
15	S	Sheffield United	0-0
22	S	Sunderland	0-2
29	S	Hartlepool United	2-1
Oct. 6	S	Rotherham United	1-2
20	S	Hull City	2-2
27	S	Barnsley	
Nov. 3	S	Huddersfield Town	
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We did not expect it to be an easy game—and Vale played very well, with their goalkeeper in inspired form. We created quite a few chances; unfortunately we couldn't build on our 1-0 lead, and they scored from one of their few breaks.

Then it was on to Barnsley, for a good local derby, with a great atmosphere in front of a big crowd. Once again we had a large away following, at least 8,000, a figure that would have been even higher had it not been all-ticket, and tickets were hard to come by.

Really we controlled the game for long periods without creating too many chances. They scored near the end, but we managed to get an equaliser in the last minute. So our perseverance paid off in the end, and Carlton Palmer was rewarded with his first of the season.

That was another name on the scoresheet, one that you don't see too often. Hopefully Carlton can build on that and score a few more—I know he is hoping to do so.

Tonight, there are quite a few links between us and Swindon.

Phil King, of course, played for them until joining us last season. Dave Bennett and Tony Galvin have both gone in the opposite direction, though neither seems to have had much luck.

Tony has not been a regular in their side, after having a back operation, Dave broke a leg only 10 days after leaving us this season.

Other links are that their assistant manager, Chic Bates, is my old boss from Shrewsbury, and defender Ross MacLaren and I played alongside each other at the back at Shrewsbury.

Tonight's tie is between two sides who will hope not only to progress in the Cup, but also to finish among the promotion places.

League form tonight is immaterial, but everything points towards it being a good Cup-tie.

It is good to see that Brian Mooney is now fit. With his loan being extended for another two months, hopefully he will be able to prove what he can do.

Brian came to us from Preston, where Greg Fee has been getting useful experience on loan, and doing well by all accounts.

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AT CLOSE RANGE

WITH ALAN BIGGS

Phil King has good reason to relish tonight's Rumbelows Cup action — and not just because this third round tie pits him against his former club.

King believes a feast of football will be laid before the Hillsborough fans this evening.

And while Wednesday supporters have become accustomed to gorging themselves this season, the fare has usually been stacked on only one side of the table.

That's fine, of course. Football followers want to see their team win, preferably in style. Ron Atkinson's side have accomplished both so far.

But King predicts that Ossie Ardiles' cultured Swindon team will add balance to Hillsborough's already enriched diet.

"In practically every game now we come up against teams who set out to harass, chase and close down," said the 22-year-old left-back.

"But, like us, Swindon are one of the few teams in the Second Division who play good football. That will allow us to play as well.

"I think this game will be a pleasure both to watch and play in. Ossie encourages his players to keep the ball on the deck and take people on.

"When I was there, if one full-back was attacking down the flank he'd want the other full-back to go into the box.

"I'd never known that happen before. Usually the spare full-back is told to cover behind but Ossie would say that it was up to us to run back when the move broke down."

Now King would love to see the Wiltshire club prosper afresh following the scandal over financial irregularities that cost them a First Division place last summer.

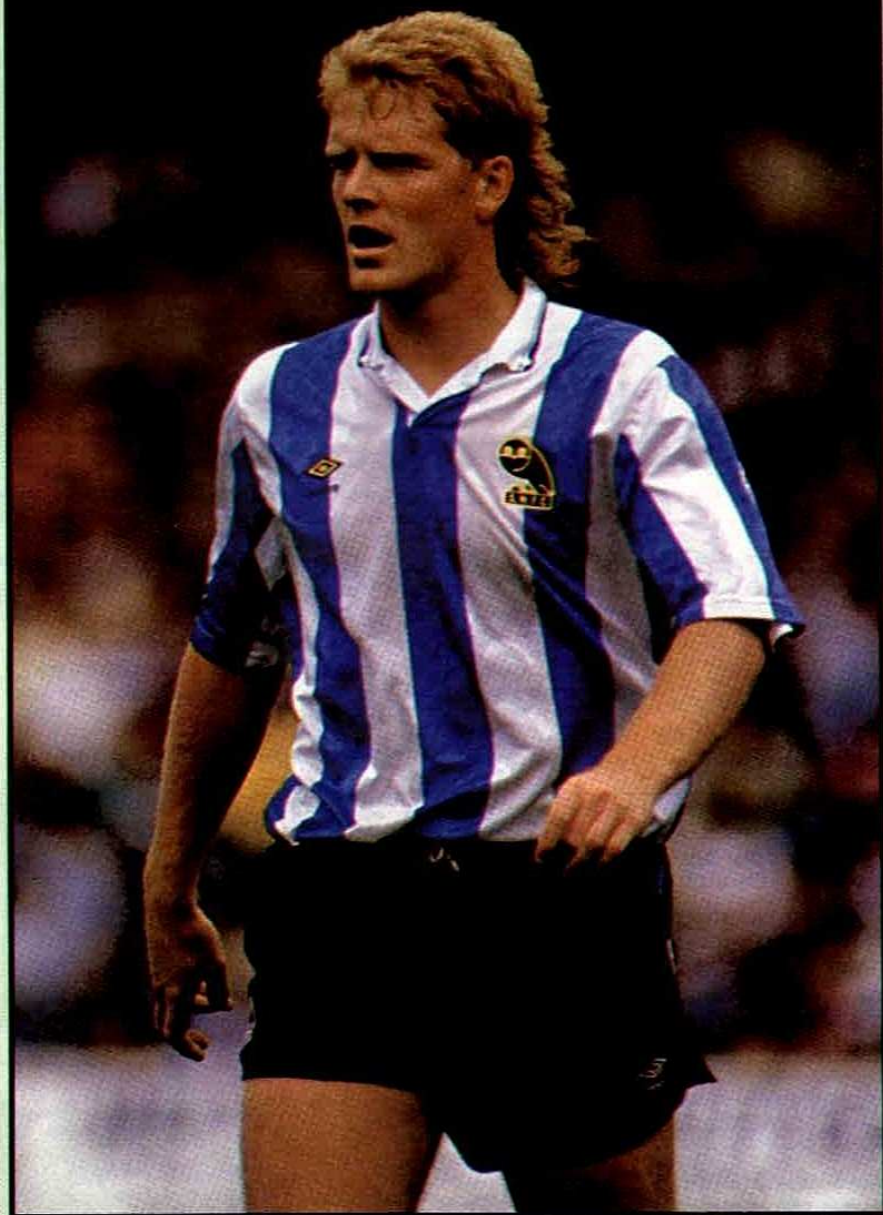
"They won promotion on the field and got relegated off it," he reflected. "I'd like to see them join us in getting promoted this season.

"I just feel that the disappointment they suffered might affect them this year. It must take its toll at some stage.

"But Ossie made his intentions clear by staying and the fans have stood behind them.

"The only problem is that they have missed several key players through injury this season — people like Colin Calderwood and Duncan Shearer.

PHIL KING



Then, no sooner had Dave Bennett left us for Swindon than he suffered a broken leg."

Despite such misfortune, King knows that his old club have sufficient quality to present Wednesday with a keen contest.

Striker Steve White, last season's 18 goal top scorer: "He's so fit and strong. He has muscles everywhere. Steve can run and run and tends to grind centre halves down with his stamina."

Republic of Ireland international Alan McLoughlin: "He's a superb player. We'll have our work cut out holding on to him."

Playmaker Ross MacLaren: "He's a good reader of the game who passes immaculately and rarely gives the ball away."

Young forward Fitzroy Simpson: "He's a bit temperamental and was sent off twice in four games last season. But Fitzroy has a lot of skill and he'll probably settle down as he gets older."

Ron Atkinson, mind you, can do without the card-marker, having been a consistent admirer of Swindon in recent seasons. That is how King came to his attention, culminating in the former Exeter and Torquay defender moving to Hillsborough twelve months ago.

And the player has no regrets, despite the jolt of relegation. He added: "I think everything happens for a purpose and we're probably playing the best football seen here for quite a few years.

"I also like the people and the area. This is a big, big club which is capable of competing with the best and I'm loving every minute."



David Hirst dives in to score the first of his two fine goals at Millwall.

YOUNG OWLS

GET WELL SOON

Here's hoping for a speedy recovery to David Sherwood who recently broke his collar bone whilst playing for the Young Owls U-11 team.

It was obvious that the injury was more than a knock when David was happy to leave the field!

Best wishes from everyone at the club.

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On Sunday 21st October the Ladies Under-16 team played their first match, and the opposition was newly formed Derby County. Our girls really excelled themselves and eventually won 13-0, which just goes to show the amount of talent we have coming through. Three girls who had outstanding games were Vicky Exley, Sarah Newbold and Michelle Watkins.

After the Under-16s match the first team also played Derby County and again came out on top this time by 9-3. The scorers were B. Jenkinson (3), J. Hardwick (1), L. Sands (1), S. Newbold (1), A. Fenwick (1) and K. Middleton (2). On Sunday 4th November we have a very important Cup-Tie at home against Scarborough F.C. Your support will be most welcome.

P. Jowett.



Team photograph — Back row: Sharon Woodcock, Helen Broomhead, Joanne Robinson, Amanda Bullas, Shirley Garnham, Bev Hague, Mary Hollinshead, Helen Menzies, Anne Morrell, Donna Bartle.

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