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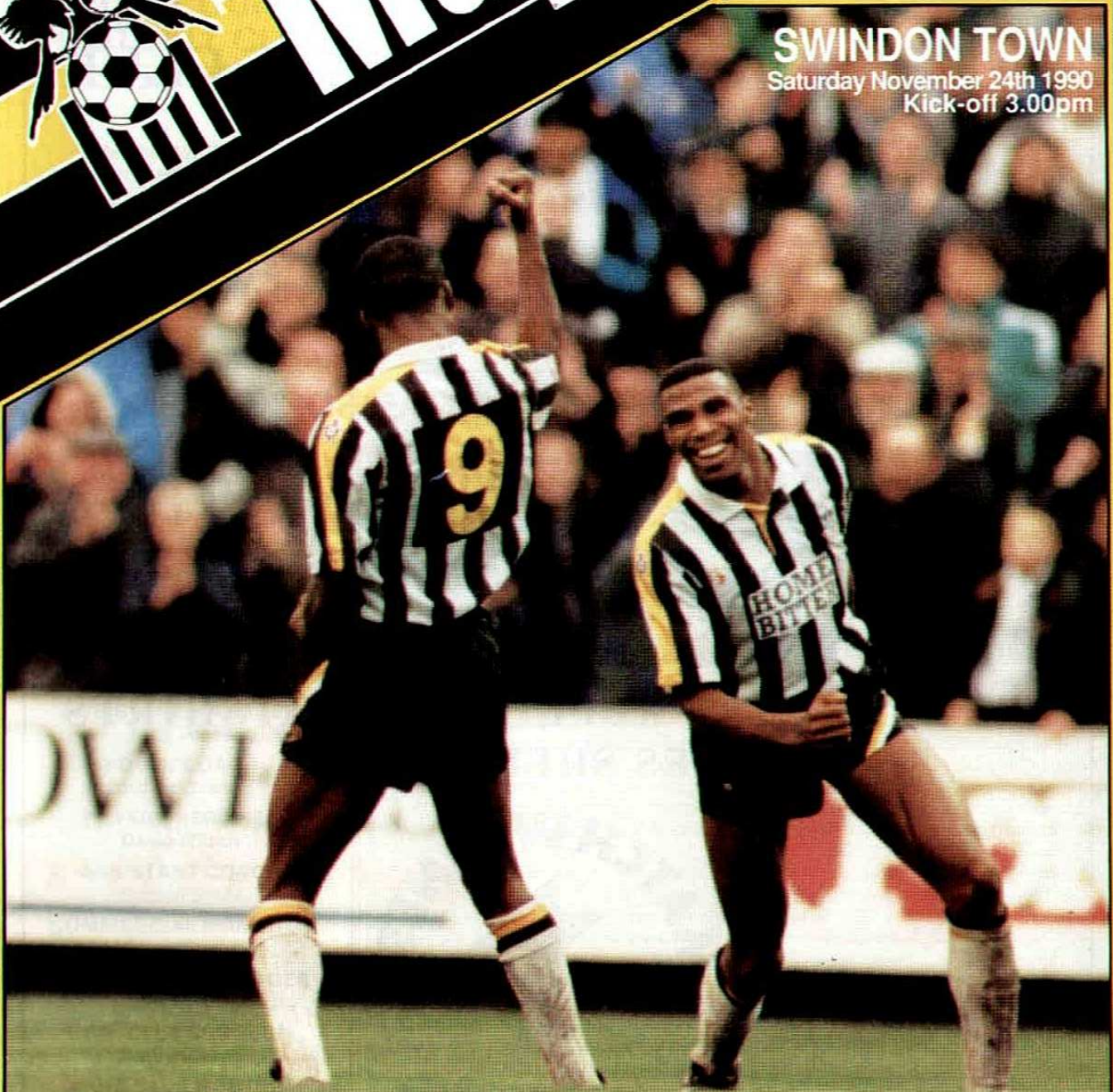
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# **INSIDE WRITE**

by Neal Hook



IF ever a man had cause to claim that "You just cannot win" it was Derek Pavis after he announced at the Annual Meeting that Notts County will almost certainly remain at Meadow Lane.

The following day, a spokesman for "The Pie" chose to criticise the decision on local radio and it was hardly surprising that the chairman was upset by his comments.

I can only say that it is fortunate that the gentlemen concerned represents the minority view - otherwise the future would look bleak for us because we would not have a financial backer!

If you cast your minds back 12 months or so to the time when the recommendations of the Taylor Report were revealed, the chairman suggested that it might be in everyone's best interests to consider a move away from Meadow Lane.

It was clear that many people wanted the club to stay and although the directors have always kept their options open, our thinking since then has leaned in the direction of trying to re-build Meadow Lane.

With that in mind, the chairman revealed at the Annual Meeting that we are looking at the possibility of trying to erect cantilever roofs over the stands on either side of the ground - and most people were delighted when they heard that news.

As I've learned many times over the years, you cannot please everyone all of the time. In this instance, however, I do feel it's very unfair for the chairman to be subjected to criticism.

The irony is that we have established beyond doubt that the cheapest - and easiest - way to create an all-seater stadium would be to move away from Meadow Lane and make a fresh start.

The chairman understands that better than anyone but because that goes against the wishes of the majority of supporters, he has chosen the option of doing things the difficult way.

Have no doubts about it - wrestling with the problem is going to be a nightmare for us during the next couple of years and the last thing the chairman needs in the current situation is hassle.

On the contrary, he needs all the help and support he can get and as if I didn't already know that, it was certainly underlined when the Chairman and I visited the Stadia '90 Exhibition in Birmingham last week.

The main thing that it told us is that we have an enormous task ahead of us and I must admit that I came away feeling utterly depressed.

Once we started talking to the experts about everything that will be involved in order to follow the recommendations in the Taylor Report . . . it's a frightening prospect.

But we have to start getting to grips with it and as the chairman said this week when he met with the Supporters Club Committee: "We have 100 miles to travel and have covered six feet."

The next stage is to appoint a firm of consultants to carry out a feasibility study and tell us whether we can build on what we already have or whether we must start again because the current stands are not structurally sound enough to last.

It's expected to take them six months to come up with that and other information and once we get to that stage, it will be down to the directors to select the path this club will tread.

I know that the chairman does intend to consult with supporters before any major decisions are made. He wants it to be a joint exercise and views will be canvassed at a meeting of Supporters Club members when the time is right.

At the end of the day, however, the final decision must rest with the directors - and that's only right and proper when you consider whose money keeps the club in business.

Incidentally, those who you who travelled to Ipswich last week might just have got a glimpse of how Meadow Lane will look at some time in the future because they have already achieved what we are planning to do on the Main Stand side.

They have created an impressive "new" stand at Portman Road which actually includes part of the previous structure - and we just wish we could wave a magic wand and do the same!

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# "WARNOCKING"

THE result might not suggest so but it's debatable whether we have played better at any time this season than we did at Portman Road last week.

Our performance against Ipswich certainly proved a point to those who accuse us of being a "hit-and-hope" team and it was a shame that you couldn't all have been there to see the quality of our play.

We didn't win the match because our finishing let us down but while that was disappointing, at least I came away from Suffolk knowing that we had put our depressing spell behind us.

It was the sort of display which we regularly produced in the early part of the season and from my point of view, it was good to see the lads full of confidence again.

I'll take a little bit of credit for that (like I also had to take the 'stick' when things were going wrong!). But you also deserve your share because, during the period when our standards dropped, you resisted the temptation to get on the backs of the players.

My sincere thanks for that because as a result, the "damage" was not as serious as it might have been. The excellent spirit in the dressing room was maintained and by closing ranks and working hard, we managed to overcome our problems.

The players deserve high praise for the way they responded to the challenge and although it's normally against my principles to do so, I would like to single out Don O'Riordan for a special mention.

We needed someone to have a steadying influence - especially with David Regis and Paul Harding feeling their way in League football - and I asked Don to take responsibility for providing it.

He's done a fine job in helping us to turn the corner and although I cannot promise we won't have another long spell without a win at some stage this season, let's enjoy the good times while we can.

It was nice to work our way over the first hurdle in the Zenith Data Systems Cup by beating Port Vale in midweek and we can now look forward to an attractive home game against Sunderland.

Although we ought to have clinched our passage to the next round before half time, I have to confess that it wasn't the most inspired of performances . . . but we got there in the end.

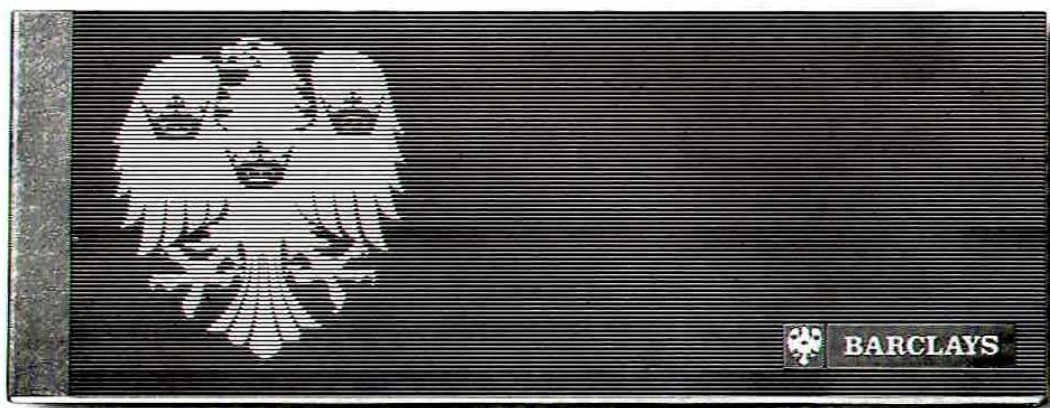
Now it's back to the business of trying to establish ourselves among the leading pack in Division Two and Swindon Town are sure to provide us with an interesting challenge this afternoon.

It must have been a bitter blow to Ossie Ardiles' team when they were denied the chance to take their place among the elite and no doubt the disappointment is one of the main reasons why they haven't started the season as well as expected.

But I was very impressed when I saw them earlier in season and after receiving good reports about their display at Sheffield Wednesday last week, I'm sure we are facing a difficult afternoon.



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by Mick Walker



## ★ STAR GAZING ★



STEVE BLATHERWICK has played a key role in our Notts Combination team's recent good run but the young central defender is itching to get the chance to establish himself in the Purity League. So far the best he has managed at that level has been a couple of appearances as substitute but as with the majority of the first-year YTS lads, his time will come.

Hucknall-born Steve, who was also offered a YTS place by Northampton and Chesterfield, first revealed his potential while playing for Pheasant Colts and Sandiacre Town.

In fact, he didn't become a part of the Meadow Lane "system" until deciding to join us during the summer but he has no regrets about the choice he made.

THE build-up is underway for a big night at Meadow Lane on Monday and I hope you will make the effort to come and support the lads when they take on Arsenal in the second round of the FA Youth Cup.

They will need all the help they can get because it's bound to be a tough assignment - and please bear in mind that it will be a new experience for many of the lads.

Some of them have never played a competitive match at Meadow Lane, others have not done so in front of a crowd and from my point of view, it will be fascinating to see how they respond to another challenge.

I must admit that it concerned me last season that we had a tendency to "freeze" on the big occasions and that was perfectly illustrated when Middlesbrough knocked us out of the FA Youth Cup.

We missed two penalties before going down 2-0 and although Middlesbrough went on to reach the final of the competition, it was a match which we should have won.

About half of the current team were involved in that game so hopefully we shall be able to lean on their experience - and that could have a big influence on the night.

Despite our impressive record in recent years, a long run in the FA Youth Cup has consistently eluded us and it would give me a lot of pleasure to

put that right.

Maybe this will be the year and all I ask of the players as they look towards the game against Arsenal is that they stick to the principles which have served them so well this season.

Nine wins and a draw from our first 10 Purity League matches of the season is a record of which to be proud and it's especially pleasing to see us performing so consistently.

Under normal circumstances, youngsters tend to blow hot and cold and that's something which the likes of myself and Russell Slade have to learn to live with.

But our current team don't suffer as much from the "disease" as most and having worked our way to the top of the League with something to spare, I just hope the high standards can be maintained.

Our latest success was by a margin of 2-0 against Peterborough at our new training ground at Lady Bay last Saturday and although first half goals from Phil Hill and John Brough clinched the points, it was a more convincing win that the scoreline suggests.

The team on duty against Peterborough was: Walker, Gallagher, Sherlock, Harmon, Barrow, Johnson, Hill, Crossland, Brough, Patterson, Slawson. Subs: Powell, Ward.

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# FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

IT WAS something of a step back in time, as well as a step back in position, when I recently switched from my more accustomed midfield berth to a defensive role.

You see, it was as a left back that I first made my entry into League football with Wimbledon, after Dave Bassett paid Nuneaton Borough £8,000 for me in 1981.

And as well as filling that position at Nuneaton and in my spell at Plough Lane, I also played there during my time in Germany with Bundesliga club Dusseldorf.

My ambitions in football had always revolved around operating as a midfield player until Graham Carr came up with the idea of converting me to a left back. Graham was manager of Nuneaton at the time and wanted to make a change because the regular player in that position kept skipping our training sessions.

So I took his place and stayed there for the rest of my time with Nuneaton and for my first two years with Wimbledon until Nigel Winterburn arrived on a free transfer from Birmingham City - yes a free transfer!

That was when I reverted back to midfield, although in the sweeper system employed by Dusseldorf I was used as a left back with the licence to push forward.

So it wasn't as much of a change in circumstances as some people might have thought when the manager asked me to take over Nicky Platnauer's position.

It took a bit of time adjusting in the initial stages at Plymouth, but that was largely a test of my concentration and defensive awareness more than anything.

As a midfield player, you can try one or two things out, knowing that there is a line of defence behind you as back up if they go wrong. But as a full back, you are the last line of defence and so there is no room for error.



by **DEAN THOMAS**

But although I do prefer to play in the middle of the park because you are more involved in the action, I am enjoying the challenge of this switch and I am still being encouraged to get forward whenever possible by the manager.

On a lighter note, don't be at all surprised if you see my defensive colleague Craig Short on the TV programme One Man and his Dog at some stage in the future.

Shorty's just bought himself a sheepdog, which he has called Nel. Mind you, I haven't seen too many sheep in West Bridgford where he lives, so he may have a problem.

I'll probably think twice about stopping at his house in the future though, even if I don't fancy the journey home to Hinckley late at night after a match. The thought of being woken up by a wet nose or tongue isn't very appealing.

I call them the Likely Lads, some call them Hinge and Bracket. But whatever their names, Paul Harding and David Regis have been a breath of fresh air to us.

They're a couple of real characters who I'm sure will turn out to be big assets to the club. Not only have they caused a stir in the dressing room with their cheerful approach, they have also impressed on the field with their 100% commitment and they have negotiated the step up from non-league football to the Second Division remarkably well.



# TALKING.....

## .....POINTS

### HELPING TO MAKE HISTORY

HISTORY will be made at Meadow Lane on Tuesday December 4th when we entertain the first Ukrainian football team ever to visit this country.

The fixture with Kapaty has come about through our link with Peter Tymoshchuk, who was born in the Ukraine but has lived in West Bridgford for many years and is a keen supporter.

Mr Tymoshchuk has joined forces with Neil Warnock to make the arrangements and said: "There are many natives of the Ukraine living in this area and I'm sure they will turn out in force."

"It will be very special for me to see a team from my native country playing at Meadow Lane."

Kapaty, are based in the city of Lviv, are currently challenging for promotion from Division Two of the Ukraine League and have several players who played for the Soviet Union before independence was declared.

Incidentally, in order to accommodate the friendly game, the Pontins League fixture against Preston which was scheduled for the same night has now been brought forward to Monday December 3rd.

### JOIN THE PARTY

NEIL WARNOCK has extended an open invitation for everyone to attend his birthday party . . . which is being staged at Hillsborough next Saturday.

Said the manager "It should be a cracking afternoon and the lads are especially looking forward to it because we've arranged to play a football match as well!"

Sheffield Wednesday have informed us that there will be no standing places available for visiting supporters but we do have an allocation of 3,800 seats and tickets are now on sale at the General Office. .

They are priced £8 (no reductions) and will remain on sale at Meadow Lane until the morning of the match. If there are any tickets unsold, they will be available at

Hillsborough before the kick-off.

### NEVER ON A SUNDAY

PLEASE note that although we were hoping to turn our pre-Christmas game against Bristol City into a Sunday fixture, it has not worked out as planned.

The match will now be staged on Saturday December 22nd and chief executive Neal Hook said: "We're disappointed because it's sure to affect the attendance but Bristol City refused to play on the Sunday."

### PROGRAMME FAIR

THE 9th annual Notts County Programme Fair takes place tomorrow in the Sportsmen's Suite from 10am-1.30pm and many top dealers will be attending.

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### THANKS, NEIL



OUR young players had the chance to collect valuable experience in August when they took part in an under-20 tournament in Yugoslavia - thanks to the Sutton-in-Ashfield firm of Neil Shacklock Plumbing and Heating.

And to record our gratitude to Mr Shacklock for his generous financial support, youth coach Mick Walker recently presented him with a memento of the trip.

Also pictured is Michael Pavis, the director responsible for our youth policy, and young Steve Aldridge, who captained the team which reached the final of the Rejeka Tournament.

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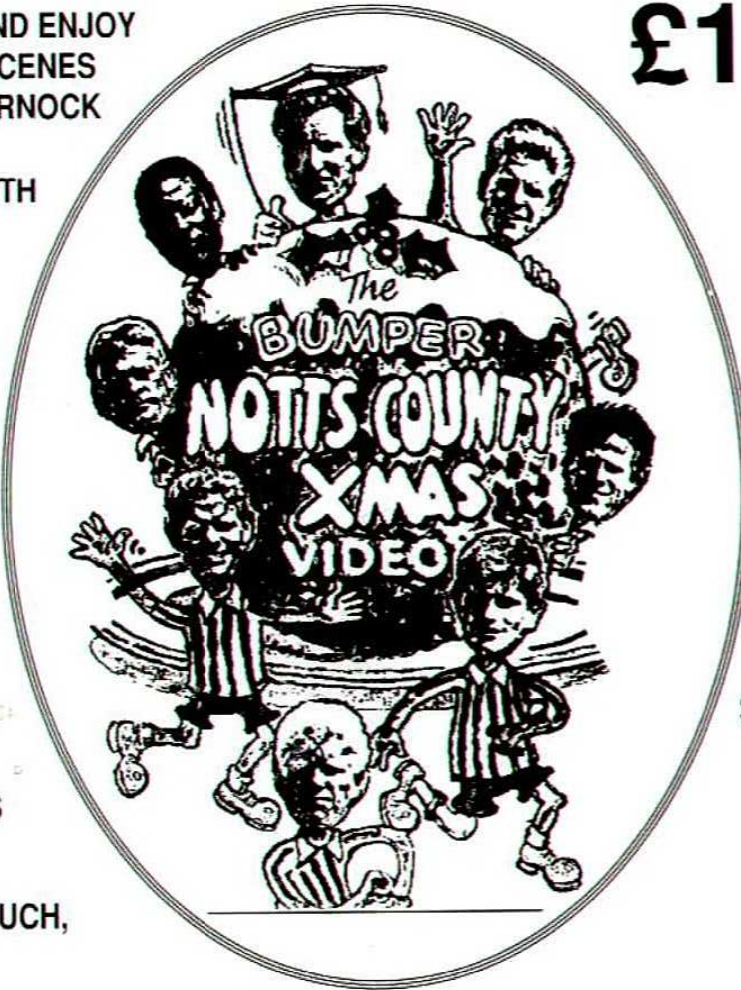
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## AND GAMES

Saturday 31st August 1986 ... Division Three ... at the County Ground

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Notts County: Leonard, Smalley, Davis, Benjamin, Sims, Yates, Thompson, Goodwin, Waitt, Hunt, McParland. Sub: Kevan.

Attendance: 7,350.

Jimmy Sirrel had succeeded in steadying the ship the previous year after two relegations in successive seasons but the question being asked as they set out on another campaign was: Will County be good enough to challenge for promotion.

To some extent, the answer was provided when they travelled to Wiltshire for a Sunday fixture and became the first visiting team to win at the County Ground for 12 months.

Lou Macari's team had stormed out of the Fourth Division, winning the Championship by finishing no less than 18 points clear of Chester City.

Under the circumstances, it was inevitable that many people expected them to march straight through to the Second Division and a victory at Bolton on the opening day of the season merely strengthened that view.

County, it seemed, faced an unenviable task when they turned out on a pleasant Bank Holiday afternoon but Sirrel was to collect more evidence that things were on the mend.

Although David Thompson had been signed from Rochdale during the summer, Notts were relying heavily on the youngsters to revive their fortunes and it must have been a matter of concern to Sirrel and his chief coach Dick Bate that the defence contained three teenagers.

But Paul Smalley, Darren Davis and Dean Yates responded to the challenge - and the locals were stunned after 11 minutes when Ian McParland burst clear to score.

It meant that the speedy Scot had scored in each of the first three matches and as happened so often during the course of that season, he pointed the Magpies towards victory.

County grew in confidence and played some delightful football and the longer it continued that way, the more frustrated Macari's men became.



MARK GOODWIN ...  
on target at the County Ground

That showed itself after 58 minutes when big striker Dave Bamber was sent off but if County thought that incident would guarantee them the points, they got a nasty shock.

Mark Goodwin gave them some breathing space when he increased the lead from a corner with four minutes remaining but Steve White pulled a goal back in the last minute ... and County were relieved to hear the final whistle.

For what it was worth at that early stage, it was a victory which took the Magpies to the top of the table but come the end of the season, it was Swindon - and Bamber - who had the last laugh.

Both clubs were well in the running for promotion when the return meeting took place at Meadow Lane in April and David Hunt's first-half goal promised to be enough to give us victory.

But Bamber went on as substitute after 57 minutes and transformed the game as the Magpies cracked under the strain of an aerial bombardment.

Swindon eventually emerged as 3-2 winners and went on to clinch promotion via the play-offs while County disappointingly faded from the picture.



by Terry Bowles

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# THE TRAVELLING

By Colin Slater

# MAN



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In developing their new stand, Ipswich Town didn't commit the same strange oversight as 'Spurs a few seasons ago and forget to install press facilities.

'Spurs apparently realised late in their planning that space would have to be found - somehow, somewhere - for a press box, which explains why it's in a very unsatisfactory position for viewing, and for working conditions.

It's low down in the multi-deck stand, immediately behind the trainers' and managers' dug outs, so that you have only a partial view of some of the action. And, when it rains, you and your notes (rapidly turning into a soggy, unreadable mess) get a drenching.

I know, because I remember County's last visit to White Hart Lane, a couple of years ago, when the rain came down "like stair rods", as they say.

Ipswich have put their media facilities where you mostly expect to find them, high in the new stand, approached by a private entrance and up what seems a never-ending staircase. The lofty view is a good one, save for the iron supports which (as at Plymouth) obliterate part of the field from you.

Both 'Spurs and Ipswich have also helped us in the reporting trade by providing a press room, where colleagues can be met, team news checked and the latest gossip exchanged before the

match. Afterwards it's the venue to which managers are expected to come for a sort of inquest, in which they explain their feelings about the result and the match in general. Ipswich's John Lyall did his best last Saturday to explain the "loss" of two points

Note that I use the word "expected", rather than "required". We are, in this country, in all sports, still a long way from the American pattern under which bona fide reporters have to be allowed into the sanctuary of the changing room about half an hour after the end of a game.

You've probably read the recent fuss following the visit of a woman journalist into a changing room. But it's not that new a situation.

It startled Dave Watson, the former Notts centre half (incidentally, now nicely recovering from a leg operation) when he went to play in the States several years ago

It was one topic of conversation when I was chatting recently to Nottingham rugby star Gary Reece. He didn't think the rugby lads here would create too many objections.

I suspect that players and administrators over here are a long way from being satisfied that those of us who carry microphones and notebooks would act discreetly enough if given such access. And such fears may be magnified by Pete Davis' recently-published book giving an unexpurgated account of the 1990's World Cup. For now, we shall have to take some stick with the managers conferences at the safe distance of the press room.



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IT'S hardly surprising that the traumatic events of the past six months have taken their toll on Swindon Town as they strive to recapture the First Division place which was snatched from their grasp during the summer.

The Wiltshire club have struggled to make the same sort of impact this season to that which led to them winning promotion in a blaze of glory after their play-off triumph at Wembley in May.

Before the champagne had time to go flat, however, that long-awaited opportunity to play in the top flight for the first time in their 109-year history had disappeared.

Swindon's punishment for being found guilty of financial irregularities was that they were made to remain in Division Two - although they were initially sentenced to compete in Division Three.

And although the decision was changed after an appeal, Swindon players could be forgiven for thinking they might have been going into action at Anfield or Old Trafford this afternoon, rather than Meadow Lane

The shock waves of the affair are still being felt at the County Ground, where Ossie Ardiles' stylish team have struggled to do themselves justice. Five of their first nine home matches ended in defeat and with their away form only marginally better, it has left them hovering just above the relegation zone.

What's more, injuries have added to the tale of woe - notably the damaged knee ligaments sustained by former Mansfield defender Colin Calderwood, their influential captain.

That has left a big hole to fill at the back and the problems it has caused surfaced in a six-match spell when they conceded 16 goals, culminating in a 5-1 defeat at Barnsley.

With Calderwood out of action it has placed extra responsibility on former Shrewsbury and Derby defender Ross MacLaren and Jon Gittens, who has established himself as a regular since arriving from Southampton.

However, Ardiles has turned to fellow-countryman Nestor Lorenzo, who played in the 1990 World Cup Final for Argentina, to strengthen his defence.

And Lorenzo, who had a brief trial with Forest earlier in the season, wasted no time in making his presence felt with Swindon when he marked his debut with a goal against Portsmouth.

England Under-21 international Fraser Digby, who joined Swindon from Manchester United, continues to illustrate why he is considered one of the best goalkeepers outside the First Division with consistently good displays.

If Swindon are to overcome their problems, however, they will be looking to strike-pair Steve White and Duncan Shearer to spearhead the revival.

White, whose distinguished goal-scoring career includes two spells with Bristol Rovers and two with Luton, hit 25 goals last season while Shearer, a former Chelsea and Huddersfield striker, went one better.

Alan McLoughlin provides a considerable amount of their service from midfield - his career having taken off in his second spell at Swindon.

Like Digby, he joined the Robins from Manchester United but it was after returning from a short period with Fourth Division Torquay that he began to play a major part in the club's surge to success.

And the 23-year-old's progress was recognised last summer when he figured in

## VISITING MANAGER



WORLD CUP winner Osvaldo Ardiles has provided glowing evidence that his career in football management could be just as successful as it was as a player after steering Swindon Town to the promotion play-offs last season.

The little Argentinian, who won a World Cup winners medal in 1978, quickly made a big impression with the football purists as his stylish Swindon side climbed into a challenging position in the Second Division, which led to him being linked with vacant posts at First Division clubs.

A driving midfield force, he appeared over 200 times in two spells with Toffenham with a short period at French club Paris St Germain sandwiched in between. As well as a loan spell at Blackburn Rovers, he also played eight times for Spurs' London neighbours Queen's Park Rangers.

In fact Ardiles will be hoping that this afternoon's trip to Nottingham is not as painful as his last one - for he sustained a hairline fracture in his leg at Forest which effectively brought his brief stay at QPR to an abrupt end.

# SWINDON TOWN



Back row (left to right): Liam Dixon, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Nick Hammond, Steve White, Tony Galvin.  
Middle row: Andy Rowland (reserve team manager), Tony Clark, Dave Hookaday, Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Bodin, Geoff Costello, Chick Bates.  
Front row: Paul Tomlinson, Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, David Kerslake, Ossie Ardiles (manager), Colin Calderwood, Alan McLoughlin, Shaun Close, Paul Trollope, Nicky Sumnerbee.

Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland squad during the World Cup Final in Italy, making a number of appearances as substitute.

Perhaps inevitably, Ardiles has gathered together a contingent of former Tottenham players since being installed as Swindon's manager.

He paid £60,000 to recruit Shaun Close from Bournemouth after he had spent two years on the south coast and Republic of Ireland winger Tony Galvin and midfielder Micky Hazard have also linked up with their former team-mate at the County Ground.

The London connection doesn't end there because Swindon paid £110,000 to Queen's Park Rangers for David Kerslake, who was thrust into the role of right back by injuries last season and has remained there ever since.

Not only did Kerslake prove to be a solid defender, his overlapping runs and pinpoint crosses have also been the source of many goals.

On the left-hand side, Paul Bodin has also grown in confidence as the season has progressed and the 26-year-old former Cardiff full back was rewarded when he gained a full international cap for Wales.

Although Ardiles has assembled a considerable amount of experience in his bid

to lift Swindon into the First Division, he has also taken every opportunity to give promising youngsters their chance.

For example, Trowbridge-born midfielder Fitzroy Simpson figured regularly last season while Adrian Viveash and Paul Hunt have shown plenty of promise when stepping up to first-team level this term.

## DANGER MAN

### DUNCAN SHEARER

SWINDON £250,000 investment in Scottish-born striker Duncan Shearer two years ago has certainly proved to be money well spent.

Shearer has followed up his consistent goalscoring record with Huddersfield, where he was on target 38 times in 83 appearances, by averaging a goal every two games at the County Ground. The 28-year-old was introduced to English football by Chelsea as a youngster but failed to make an impact at Stamford Bridge.



## SWINDON'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

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| POSITION       | 1st           | 3rd           | 12th          | 6th             | 4th             |
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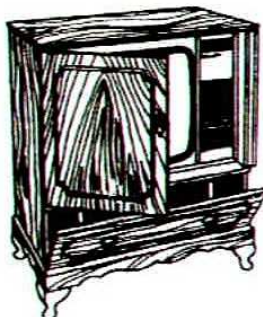
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# PLAYER CALL

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Richard Walker

IT'S a sign of the times for Richard Walker that he recently changed his car from a less than desirable 'W'-reg Avenger to a 1984 version of the Fiat Uno.

In other words, he hasn't yet made it to the more glamorous world of sponsored cars . . . but he's heading in the right direction.

Richard, one of our gang of first-year professionals, is currently in his second month on loan to HFS Loans League club Shepshed Charterhouse.

And the young defender regards it as a valuable part of his football education - a stepping stone towards fulfilling his long-term ambitions.

He explained: "When the manager first mentioned what he had in mind, I was a bit hesitant about joining Shepshed but everything has worked out really well.

"The boss said that it would help to toughen me up because we would be playing against men and most of the teams we come up against are full of ex-professionals who know all the tricks.

"It's given us a different view of

things because we normally find in the Pontins League that teams are mainly made up of lads like me who are trying to bridge the gap between the youth team and the senior side.

"I'm sure that being involved with Shepshed has helped my game and I just hope that shows through when I get back to Meadow Lane on a permanent basis."

Richard, who was voted "Young Player of the Year" last season, is expanding his knowledge of life off the field as well because he recently moved into a flat in Nottingham with Craig Finch

And it's the first time he has been away from the family home at Breaston in Derbyshire because, after joining us from school he opted not to stay in the club hostel.

He added: "I had the option to stay in the hostel but John Barnwell advised me to stay at home if it was at all possible. "I chose to do that and although I used to have a longer 'working day' than most of the lads when I had to catch a bus at 7.45am, my dad often used to give me a lift to the ground.

"Fortunately, I managed to pass my driving test and buy an 'old banger' in December and that made a big difference to my life. At least it did until the clutch went and I discovered it would cost more to mend it than the car was worth!"

Now that he has a more modern replacement, however, and is settled in his new home in Nottingham, Richard wants to devote his full attention to carving out a career in football.

That's always been his No. 1 aim in life - even though there was a time when it seemed he was destined to become a cricketing star!

"I was a useful all-rounder and used to go to the nets for coaching sessions with Derbyshire," he explained. "But although I enjoyed cricket, I've been football crackers for as long as I can remember.

"I signed schoolboy forms as Meadow Lane as soon as I reached my 14th birthday and my last few years at school in Long Eaton couldn't pass quickly enough.

"On reflection, maybe that was a bad thing. I did manage to get six GCSE passes with grades to the equivalent of 'O' level but I know I could have done a lot better.

"The trouble was that I already knew that I had a job at Meadow Lane as soon as I finished school and I went through the motions to some extent in my final year."

Richard's no longer going through the motions, however, and although injury forced to him miss much of his first season as a YTS trainee, he made up for lost time last year by establishing himself as a key member of the successful youth team.

He also collected valuable experience by playing regularly in the Reserves and when injuries created a vacancy at senior level in pre-season, he was given a brief taste of the big-time.

He figured in the County Cup tie against Mansfield at Field Mill when we were beaten on penalties and said: "It gave me an insight into life at that level and the pace of the game was different to anything I had experienced before.

"I'll have a much better idea of what to expect the next time I find myself in that situation . . . and I just hope there is a next time!"

## CONFESSIONS

Although Richard has now taken up residence in a flat in Nottingham, he confesses that he always takes his washing with him when he goes home every weekend.

\* He claims to be "not too bad" at cooking - especially the spaghetti dishes - but said: "I must admit that housework is not exactly my forte."

\* Richard does his best to keep up with the trends and admits "I'm always running out of money before the end of the month because I spend too much on clothes."

\* He has been wearing the same tie-up for the past eight months and confesses: "They have never been washed and are absolutely disgusting!"

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**RICHARD**

**WALKER**



# TOPICAL TALK

by Tony Matthews

## SOUNDS FOREIGN TO ME!!

There are now around 80 players (perhaps a shade more) currently with Football League clubs whose surnames suggest they were born in a foreign country, or certainly out of a 'foreign' family!

We all surely admire the excellent way many TV (and Radio) commentators, who cover all the main world sporting events, cope with the pronunciation of several 'foreign' names and honestly some of these names are really tongue-twisters, especially those from the 'Red Countries' like Russia, Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Poland and Yugoslavia.

I will honestly admit that during the last World Cup Finals in Italy I openly applauded the likes of Brian Moore, John Motson, Barry Davies, Alan Parry, John Helm, Martin Tyler and a few others, for their noble efforts at getting the players' names right so many times!

On checking through the respective squads of all the 92 League clubs for this 1990-91 season, I spotted the following players whose surnames clearly indicate, to me at least, that they came from a foreign origin!!

### Division One

**Arsenal** - Gus Caesar, Sigurdur Jonsson, Kwame Ampadu and Anders Limpar.

**Chelsea** - Erlend Johnssen, Kenny Monkou, Graeme Le Saux.

**Coventry City** - Steve Ogrizovic.

**Crystal Palace** - John Salako.

**Derby County** - Kris Sluuewenhoek.

**Everton** - Ray Atteveld, Marcus Ebdon.

**Leeds United** - John Lukic, Chris Kamara, Imre Varadi.

**Liverpool** - Bruce Grobbelaar, Glenn Hysen, Jan Molby.

**Luton Town** - Lars Elstrup, Kurt Nogan.

**Manchester United** - Giuliano Maiorana.

**Norwich City** - Andy Theodosiou, Henrik Mortensen, Robert Rosario.

**Nottingham Forest** - Thorralderr Orlygsson.

**Q.P.R.** - Robert Herrera, David Macciochi, Dominic Iorfa, Roy Wegerle.

**Southampton** - Alexsey Cherednik, Matthew Le Tissier, Sergei Gotsmanov.

**Sunderland** - Rueben Agboola, Marco & Ricardo Gabbiadini.

**Tottenham Hotspur** - Erik Thorstvedt, Gudni Bergsson, Pat Van den Hauwe, Mohamed Ali Amar.

**Wimbledon** - Hans Segers, Zbigniew Kruszyński, Lawrie Sanchez.

### Division Two

**Charlton Athletic** - Scott Minto, Kenny Achampong.

**Ipswich Town** - Romeo Zondervan, Louie Donowa, Chris Kiwomya.

**Newcastle United** - Bjorn Kristensen.

**Notts County** - Nicky Platnauer.

**Plymouth Argyle** - Kwame Ampadu.

**Portsmouth** - Martin Kuhl.

**Sheffield Wednesday** - Roland Nilsson.

**Swindon Town** - Adrian Viveash, Nestor Lorenzo

**West Bromwich Albion** - Ugochuku Ehiogu.

**West Ham United** - Ludsek Miklosko, Leroy Rosenior.

### Division Three

**AFC Bournemouth** - Efan Ekoku.

**Brentford** - John Buttigieg, Roger Stanislaus, Khotso Moabi.

**Cambridge United** - Liam Daish.

**Fulham** - Jeff Eckhardt, Udo Onwere.

**Huddersfield Town** - Ifem Onuora.

**Leyton Orient** - Chris Zoricich.

**Rotherham United** - Clive Mendonca.

**Southend United** - Andy Ansa.

**Swansea City** - David A'Auria.

**Tranmere Rovers** - Gary Baures.

### Division Four

**Blackpool** - Andy Gouck.

**Carlisle United** - Ian Dalziel.

**Chesterfield** - Sean Dyche.

**Doncaster Rovers** - Rufus Brevett, Mark Rankine.

**Hereford United** - Marcus Priday, Mel Pejic, Ian Juryeff.

**Northampton Town** - Trevor Quow.

**Scarborough** - Alan Kamara, George Oghani.

**Torquay United** - Kenny Veysey, John Uzzell.

**Walsall** - Michele Cecere.

And they must be a few more.

Perhaps if you were able to select a tongue-twisting team of '13' from the list given here, how about going for this one to get the commentators thinking abit?

(selected in a 4-3-3 formation):

Miklosko (West Ham); Bergsson (Tottenham), Theodosiou (Norwich), Ehiogu (W.B.A.), Cherednik (Southampton); Kruszyński (Wimbledon), Zoricich

(Leyton Orient), Gotsmanov (Southampton), Kiwomya (Ipswich) Maiorana (Manchester United), Orlygsson (Forest). Subs (from) Ampadu (Plymouth), Macciochi (Q.P.R.), Le Tissier (Southampton) and Onwere (Fulham).

Manager: Josef Venglos (Aston Villa), assistant-manager: Dario Gradi (Crewe Alexandra).



Luddev Miklosko

# PONTIN'S LEAGUE RESERVES

by Don O'Riordan



THE FIXTURE computer has presented us with a golden opportunity to make amends for two recent disappointments in the Pontin's League - all of which can be achieved within the space of 48 hours.

We are given a second bite of the cherry when, by a twist of fate, we meet York City and West Brom on Wednesday and Friday evenings next

week, having of course only just played both of them - drawing 0-0 at Bootham Crescent and going down 1-0 at home to Albion.

The fact that we took one point from those initial confrontations, leaving us stuck in mid-table when we had hoped to be making some headway towards the top of Division Two means that it is of vital importance that we do much better second time round.

Mind you, considering that we have

already used 34 players in just 11 matches, it is not surprising that such a high degree of upheaval has had an adverse effect on form and left us 10th in the table.

That steady turnover of players is a reflection of the changes that have been made already this season, with several new faces coming in, others going out and players in and out of the first team.

It has frequently resulted in the whole complexion of the side changing from one game to another, and that will no doubt be the case again when we renew acquaintances with York and West Brom.

We shall almost certainly have to field a fairly youthful line-up at the Hawthorns on the eve of the first team game at Sheffield Wednesday, but that might not be a bad thing, judging by the two performances we have produced in similar circumstances so far this season.

In both the 1-0 victory over Middlesbrough in our first match and the recent 3-3 draw at Oldham, the youngsters have illustrated why they are currently enjoying so much success at Purity Youth League level by adjusting to the step-up in standard remarkably well.

That is not saying though that the senior players haven't pulled their weight when they have been in the reserves. They have always responded in a very professional manner to the task of trying to win back their first team places giving 100% commitment.

But the fact that we haven't had a settled side does make it difficult for us to build up any sort of consistency.

And now that we have quite a big first team squad, it takes some careful planning to provide them all with a regular game and at the same time continue to give some of the younger professionals enough opportunities so that their development is not impaired.

That is why it has been a good thing in many ways that Stephen Aldridge, Anthony Thompson, Richard Walker and Craig Finch have gone on loan to non-league clubs. not only has it provided them with valuable experience, but it also assures them of regular outings.

The problem was highlighted the other week when we had to leave Gary Chapman on the sidelines and employ Gary Lund as a central defender for the Albion game because we had too many strikers.

But having so many experienced front players at our disposal at times makes it something of a mystery why turning our dominance into goals in several matches has been a big stumbling block.

When I reflect on the games that we have played against sides currently above us in the table, we have matched them in every department, only for our finishing to let us down.

That, together with our disappointing home record, are two things which we will be endeavouring to put right against York, because we have saved our best performances for away games and so we have not really shown how good we are in front of our own supporters.

## TACTICAL TIP

The basic concern for keepers in one-against-one situations is to narrow the angle - coming off your line or out of your six-yard box to reduce the area of the goal your opponents has to aim at. But allied to this is the need to spread yourself wide to form a barrier across the angle between the ball and the goal, shrinking the target still further. The temptation to go down 'feet first' should be resisted; it means you'll be along the angle between the ball and the goal instead of across it, and it will reduce the chances of getting your hands to the ball. Opponents are more likely to shoot earlier on straighter runs than they are from a wider position, you may be forced to make a save as you close your man down. Luck may play its part here, but good positions, a sensible approach and fast reflexes will count for far more as you 'collapse' your legs and get your hands to the ball to prevent it slipping 'through the hole' between your body and the ground - a more common way of scoring against the advancing keeper than the dribble round him or the chip.

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# FEMALE LOGIC



By Mandy Solloway

Today I am honoured "You can use my car if you like darling" my husband Rob said. "One thing though I need dropping off at the Golf Club at 9.15 and then you can pick us up at 1.30 and take us to the match". How sweet men are and how privileged can a woman get? The worst of it is I am required to transport a Swindon supporter (Ted Keatley) as well - he'll be easy to spot as he'll be the only disappointed looking fan in the main stand'.

Whether or not to attend the Ipswich match on Saturday was a major decision. We had varying reports on the length of time it would take to get there from Rob's optimistic 2hrs to Don's over cautious 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. By Friday evening Rob had developed a twinkle

in his eye and I began to suspect what would be happening on Saturday.

My suspicions were strengthened and then confirmed as the phone became overheated with discussions on meeting places and best routes. In actual fact the journey took about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs with the route being reasonably clear of roadworks and traffic. Parking was nice and easy and within close reach of the ground. It was encouraging to see the number of fans who made the journey particularly when in effect it was like driving to Glasgow in a day.

The cheering was as enthusiastic as ever particularly from our friend Don, although this is quite often relief from the pent up stress caused by Rob's driving.

Ipswich and the Referee (who

incidentally was one of the best this season) were kept waiting for Notts to appear at the start of the match, but the boys went on to prove that they were worth waiting for by putting on an excellent performance particularly in the first half.

The ground was totally covered which is great if you happen to have a precision hair cut.

Luckily for me I have an 'unsculptured' style so come rain, shine, sleet and snow it tends to retain its certain wild appearance. The standing section selected for away supporters gave a brilliant view of two teams playing to a high standard.

All in all Ipswich was well worth a visit and whilst time didn't allow for a great deal of sightseeing the town did look very pretty.

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# BULLETIN

## OXFORD PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Second Division Oxford United have become the latest Barclays League club to submit a planning application for a new stadium, which will also incorporate a leisure complex. To accompany the application, United have produced a comprehensive brochure explaining the reasons for the proposed move from the Manor Ground to the new site at Watlington Road.

To secure the future of the club United urgently need to generate non-football sources of income, an option not available to them at the present cramped Manor Ground site. The Taylor Report has given the move added urgency. The new development would be centered around a sports stadium and would provide excellent leisure and recreational facilities including a multi-screen cinema, ten pin bowling, health and fitness areas and a discotheque.

## WORKING PARTY TO LOOK AT SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL

The Football League last week announced the formation of a new working party to investigate and report on the development of schoolboy footballers both in this country and abroad.

The working party will seek to develop recommendations on ways in which current practices in this area might be improved in order to raise overall standards. Under the Chairmanship of Football League President, William Fox, the working party will comprise the following club representatives all of whom have extensive experience of schoolboy football. Gordon Bennett [Norwich City], Robert Green (Gillingham), Ron Jukes (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Peter Kirkley (Newcastle United), John Mortimore (Southampton) and Gwyn Williams (Chelsea).

## LIVE TV GAMES

ITV's 'The Match' will feature exclusive live coverage of the following Barclay's League games. Further selections will be announced in future editions of the Bulletin.

Sunday 25th November Manchester United v Chelsea 3.00

Sunday 2nd December Arsenal v Liverpool 3.00

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE ATTENDANCE UPDATE

According to Jack Rollin's round up in the Sunday Telegraph, the breakdown for Barclays League gates in the first eight weeks of the current season is as follows:-

|                |       | AGGREGATE | GAMES | AVERAGE | +/-%   |
|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|--------|
| DIVISION ONE   | 89-90 | 1,862,125 | 89    | 20,923  |        |
|                | 90-91 | 2,142,001 | 90    | 23,800  | +13.8% |
| DIVISION TWO   | 89-90 | 1,751,918 | 143   | 12,251  |        |
|                | 90-91 | 1,731,605 | 148   | 11,704  | -4.5%  |
| DIVISION THREE | 89-90 | 651,055   | 131   | 4,970   |        |
|                | 90-91 | 733,339   | 143   | 5,128   | +3.2%  |
| DIVISION FOUR  | 89-90 | 415,706   | 132   | 3,150   |        |
|                | 90-91 | 458,357   | 141   | 3,237   | +2.8%  |
| TOTAL          | 89-90 | 4,680,804 | 495   | 9,456   |        |
|                | 90-91 | 5,063,302 | 522   | 9,700   |        |



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by Annette Chantrey

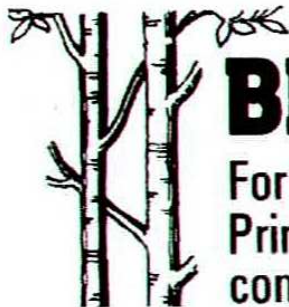


A lot of you have already asked me what this big treat is we have in store for you on 16th December. Well, O.K. I'll tell you all about it. Not only do we have a super christmas party lined up for you, but the players are going to perform their very own christmas pantomime - title? CINDERFELLA! The action appropriately kicks off at 3.00pm when the Bluecoats from Pontins will be providing lot of fun and playing plenty of games with you. . . Radio Trents Gary Burton will be here with the Trent FM disco roadshow to keep you bopping about but of course the most exciting part of the afternoon will be your chance to see the players performing our specially written panto "Cinderfella". Can anybody guess who'll be playing the part of the two ugly sisters? Well, if you come to the Meadow Club on Sunday 16th December from 3.00pm to 5.30pm all will be revealed. Admission price is only 50p to Junior Family Magpies and £1 for all adult members but even non-members can go just by paying £1.50 on the door.

A lot of you finally put pen to paper and decided to enter our 'design a christmas card' competition because the entries suddenly came flooding in. I think a winner has nearly been chosen, but I'm glad to say I haven't been involved in that part of it, it would have been far too difficult to decide which one I like the most. Anyway, if you're the lucky winner you'll be notified as soon as the decision has been made.

A big thank you goes to Reg Killick who kindly took two Junior Magpie Teams to play Ipswich's Juniors before last Saturday game and I'm pleased to report that the U'16s did us proud with a winning score of 8-6 and the U'13s matched them by winning 4-3

Lastly, have you all decided what you'd like for christmas this year? I bet you have but in case your haven't , did you know we're bringing out a super new Notts County Xmas Video and that all Family Magpies get a £3 discount off the price? It's going to be in the shop from next week and will only cost you £16.99 if you show your membership card



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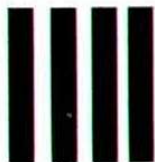
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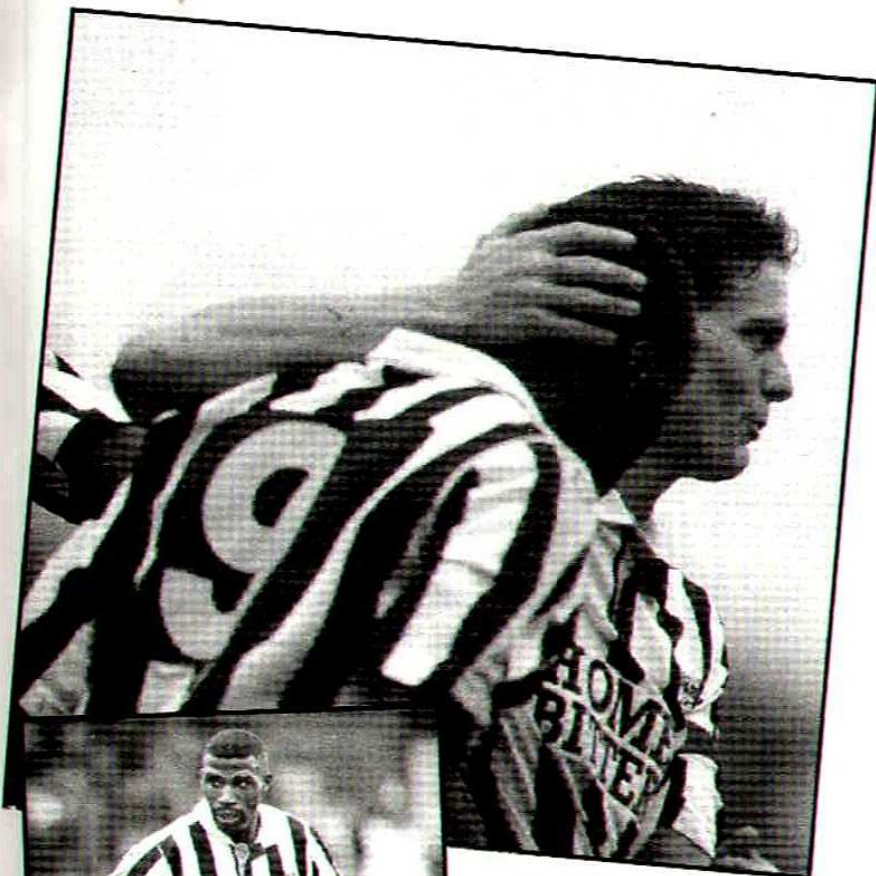
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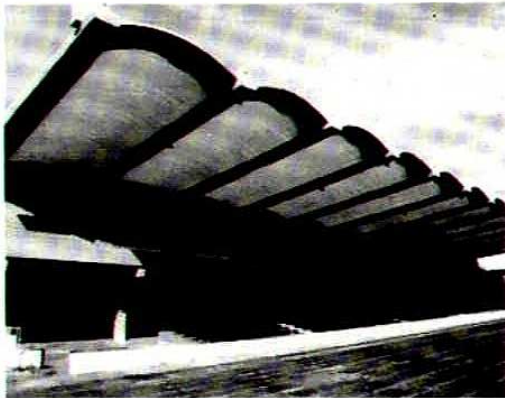
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# IN SUPPORT

by Peter Dennis



Following last weeks disclosure that Notts County are planning to embark on a major development of the Meadow Lane in order to satisfy the requirements of the Taylor Report I took the opportunity of inviting Chairman Derek Pavis to attend a Supporters Club Committee Meeting to explain his plans. He readily accepted the offer and gave up part of last Monday evening to address the Committee. Although the Committee regularly discuss the subject and has been kept well informed of progress over recent months the presence of the Chairman provided an opportunity for the Committee to obtain the very latest 'state of play'.

Despite the impression created in the local press that plans were at an advanced stage Mr. Pavis was able to ensure the Supporters Representatives that the process had only just begun. The reality of the situation is that so far there are no firm plans merely a few ideas and a declaration of intent. At this stage there haven't even been any proper feasibility studies undertaken. Mr. Pavis explained that it would be many months before all the options could be examined and costed and several months more before any decisions were likely to be made. The Chairman assured the Committee that supporters views and ideas will be considered and there would be an opportunity for supporters to view the plans once any viable options have been identified.

At the end of the discussion, after the Chairman had answered all questions to the full, Mr. Pavis took the opportunity to ask the Committee for their continued efforts both in terms of regular cash donations to Notts County but also the services that they provide to supporters.

### NEWSLETTER

All Supporters Club members should by now have received their allocation of Xmas Draw tickets which we hope you will sell on our behalf. It was the intention also to include a 4 page Supporters Club Newsletter in the same envelope. I understand that in most cases this has happened but in a minority of cases the Newsletter has been omitted. If you haven't received your copy and would like one you may collect a copy, on production of your membership cards from the Supporters Club Kiosk.

## AWAY WE GO

### Follow the Magpies

To **Sheffield Wednesday** on Saturday 1st December -  
kick off 3pm

Coaches depart from Meadow Lane at 12.45 pm

Fare: members £4.00, juniors £3.00, non  
members £5.50, juniors £4.50

To **Charlton Athletic** on Saturday 8th December -  
Kick Off 3pm

Coaches depart from Meadow Lane at 10am

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Non Members £9.50 Juniors £8.50

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## NEWSLETTERS

The latest Newsletter has been sent out to members this week together with your membership cards, "the Bronze Card". Please keep your card safe, you will need it to claim discounts etc. and to use as your membership card to enter the members area of the ground. Please destroy your Silver card as it is now no longer valid.

## HOLIDAY 91

With the Newsletter you will have received a leaflet from Travelworld. Travelworld, the official Lifeline holiday suppliers, are offering discounts on most holidays through the major tour operators. We believe this offer to be unique and only available to Lifeline members.

## VIDEO FOR CHRISTMAS

You all remember those bumper Christmas Football annuals you had as a kid - well, we're producing one in video form for all Notts County supporters. The good news for Lifeline members is that you will receive a £3.00 discount, the cost to you being £16.99. the video has been specially commissioned by Notts County and produced by Spectrum Video.

## RACE NIGHT

They're under starters orders . . . but not quite off, not, that is, until next Wednesday, 28th November in the Sportsman's Suite. Yes, another Lifeline Racenight - horseracing with a difference . . . place your bets for real. The first race will be off at 8.30pm but don't worry if you want to watch the reserves the same night because there will be plenty of races after 9.15pm for you to have a 'flutter' on. Bring your partners because this is a real 'fun' evening for everyone.

## FORUM

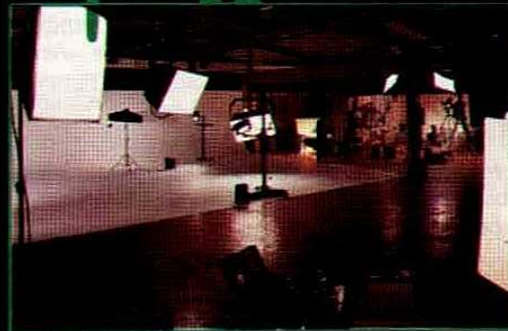
As announced in the latest Newsletter we will be holding a Lifeline Forum early in the New Year. We are confident of the attendance of Arthur Sandford, Chief Executive of the Football League and we are inviting Barrie Williams, Editor of the Evening Post, back to share his forthright views on the future of Football. Also on the evening, exclusively for Lifeline members, Derek Pavis will canvass views on his thoughts for the future of the Meadow Lane Stadium, Watch this column for news of a date.



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by Les Bradd

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# GAMES AND GOALS ...

## 1990-91

### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

| Date         | Opponents                            | F-A | Att.   | Scorer's                         |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------------------------|
| August       |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat 25       | Hull City                            | 2-1 | 7,385  | Palmer, Lund                     |
| Wed. 29      | Exeter                               | 1-1 | 3,385  | Bartlett                         |
| September    |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat 1st      | OXFORD UNITED                        | 3-1 | 6,393  | Johnson, Lund, Melville (og)     |
| Tues. 4th    | EXETER CITY<br>(League Cup 1(2))     | 1-0 | 4,204  | Johnson                          |
| Sat. 8th     | Middlesbrough                        | 0-1 | 17,830 |                                  |
| Sat. 15th    | PORTSMOUTH                           | 2-1 | 6,433  | Thomas, Draper                   |
| Tue. 18th    | BARNSELY                             | 2-3 | 7,187  | Robinson, Lund.                  |
| Sat. 22nd    | Watford                              | 3-1 | 7,900  | Platnauer, Bartlett, Dublin (og) |
| Tue. 25th    | OLDHAM ATHLETIC<br>(LEAGUE CUP 2(1)) | 1-0 | 7,086  | Johnson                          |
| Sat. 29th    | BRISTOL ROVERS                       | 3-2 | 6562   | Thomas, Yates, Robinson          |
| OCTOBER      |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Mon. 1st     | Port Vale                            | 1-0 | 7723   | Johnson                          |
| Sat. 6th     | Leicester City                       | 1-2 | 13,597 | Johnson                          |
| Tues. 9th    | Oldham Athletic<br>(League Cup 2(2)) | 2-5 | 10,757 | Robinson, Johnson                |
| Sat. 13th    | WOLVES                               | 1-1 | 12,833 | Thomas                           |
| Sat. 20th    | MILLWALL                             | 0-1 | 7,605  |                                  |
| Tue. 23rd    | Plymouth Argyle                      | 0-0 | 6,645  |                                  |
| Sat. 27th    | Oldham Athletic                      | 1-2 | 12,940 | Regis                            |
| Tue. 30th    | CHARLTON ATHLETIC                    | 2-2 | 5,066  | Balmer (OG) Bartlett             |
| NOVEMBER     |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 3rd     | WEST HAM UNITED                      | 0-1 | 10,892 |                                  |
| Sat. 10th    | W.B.A                                | 4-3 | 8,162  | Bartlett (2) Regis Draper        |
| Sat. 17th    | Ipswich Town                         | 0-0 |        |                                  |
| Tues 20th    | Port Vale (Zenith Data)              | 1-0 | 2,320  | Regis                            |
| Sat. 24th    | SWINDON TOWN                         |     |        |                                  |
| w/c 26th     | League Cup 4                         |     |        |                                  |
| DECEMBER     |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 1st     | Sheffield Wednesday                  |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 8th     | Charlton Athletic                    |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 15th    | HULL CITY                            |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 22nd    | BRISTOL CITY                         |     |        |                                  |
| Wed. 26th    | Blackburn Rovers                     |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 29th    | Newcastle United                     |     |        |                                  |
| JANUARY 1991 |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Tue. 1st     | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION               |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 5th     | F.A. Cup 3                           |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 12th    | Oxford United                        |     |        |                                  |
| w/c 14th     | League Cup 5                         |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 19th    | MIDDLESBROUGH                        |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 26th    | F.A. Cup 4                           |     |        |                                  |
| FEBRUARY     |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 2nd     | Portsmouth                           |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 9th     | WATFORD                              |     |        |                                  |
| w/c 11th     | League Cup S/F (1)                   |     |        |                                  |
| Tue. 12th    | Barnsley                             |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 16th    | IPSWICH TOWN                         |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 23rd    | West Bromwich Albion                 |     |        |                                  |
| w/c 25th     | League Cup S/F (2)                   |     |        |                                  |
| MARCH        |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 2nd     | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY                  |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 9th     | Swindon Town                         |     |        |                                  |
| Tue. 12th    | PORT VALE                            |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 16th    | Bristol Rovers                       |     |        |                                  |
| Tue. 19th    | Wolverhampton Wanderers              |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 23rd    | LEICESTER CITY                       |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 30th    | BLACKBURN ROVERS                     |     |        |                                  |
| APRIL        |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Mon. 1st     | Bristol City                         |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 6th     | NEWCASTLE UNITED                     |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 13th    | Brighton & Hove Albion               |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 20th    | Millwall                             |     |        |                                  |
| Sun. 21st    | League Cup Final                     |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 27th    | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE                      |     |        |                                  |
| MAY          |                                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 4th     | OLDHAM ATHLETIC                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 11th    | West Ham United                      |     |        |                                  |
| Sat. 18th    | F.A. Cup Final                       |     |        |                                  |

MATCHES IN BOLD ARE HOME GAMES

### PONTIN S LEAGUE FIXTURES

| Date v Opponents | F - A                    |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| WED. 5th         | MIDDLESBROUGH 1-0        |
| Wed. 12th        | Stoke City 2-3           |
| WED. 19th        | BRADFORD CITY 2-3        |
| Wed. 26th        | Bolton Wanderers 2-3     |
| OCTOBER          |                          |
| WED. 3rd         | OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2-1      |
| TUE. 9th         | MANSFIELD TOWN 2-2       |
| Tue. 16th        | Grimsby Town 1-0         |
| WED. 24th        | PORT VALE 0-2            |
| Mon. 29th        | Oldham Athletic 3-3      |
| NOVEMBER         |                          |
| Wed. 7th         | York City 0-0            |
| TUE. 13th        | WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0-1 |
| Wed. 21st        | West Bromwich Albion     |
| TUE. 27th        | YORK CITY                |
| DECEMBER         |                          |
| TUE. 4th         | PRESTON NORTH END        |
| Tue. 11th        | Burnley                  |
| Wed. 18th        | Barnsley                 |
| JANUARY 1991     |                          |
| TUE. 8th         | WIGAN ATHLETIC           |
| Wed. 16th        | Middlesbrough            |
| TUE. 22nd        | HULL CITY                |
| TUE. 29th        | STOKE CITY               |
| FEBRUARY         |                          |
| Wed. 6th         | Bradford City            |
| WED. 13th        | BARNSELY                 |
| Tue. 19th        | Wigan Athletic           |
| Tue. 26th        | Preston North End        |
| MARCH            |                          |
| TUE. 5th         | BURNLEY                  |
| Wed. 13th        | Hull                     |
| MON. 18th        | BLACKPOOL                |
| Wed. 27th        | Scaunthorpe United       |
| APRIL            |                          |
| Wed. 3rd         | Blackpool                |
| TUE. 9th         | SCUNTHORPE UNITED        |
| TUE. 16th        | BOLTON WANDERERS         |
| Wed. 24th        | Port Vale                |
| Mon. 29th        | Mansfield Town           |
| MAY              |                          |
| TUE. 7th         | GRIMSBY TOWN             |

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### MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES

| Date v Opponents | F - A   |
|------------------|---|
| Sat. 6th         | Walsall 4-2                                   |
| SAT. 15th        | NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2-1                          |
| Sat. 22nd        | Stoke City 2-2                                |
| SAT. 29th        | CHESTERFIELD 5-0                              |
| OCTOBER          |   |
| Sat. 6th         | Nottingham Forest<br>(League Cup Round 2) 0-1 |
| Sat. 13th        | Coventry City 4-1                             |
| SAT. 20th        | SHREWSBURY TOWN 3-0                           |
| Sat. 27th        | Nottingham Forest 3-1                         |
| NOVEMBER         |   |
| SAT. 3rd         | ASTON VILLA 3-1                               |
| Sat. 10th        | Birmingham City 4-1                           |
| SAT. 17th        | PETERBOROUGH UNITED 2-0                       |
| Sat. 24th        | Port Vale                                     |
| DECEMBER         |   |
| SAT. 1st         | MANSFIELD TOWN<br>(League Cup Round 3)        |
| Sat. 8th         | Leicester City                                |
| SAT. 15th        | WOLVES  |
| SAT. 22nd        | Derby County                                  |
| Sat. 29th        |   |
| JANUARY 1991     |   |
| SAT. 19th        | WALSALL                                       |
| Sat. 24th        | Northampton Town                              |
| FEBRUARY         |   |
| SAT. 2nd         | STOKE CITY                                    |
| Sat. 9th         | Chesterfield                                  |
| SAT. 16th        | COVENTRY CITY                                 |
| Sat. 23rd        | Shrewsbury Town                               |
| MARCH            |   |
| SAT. 2nd         | NOTTINGHAM FOREST                             |
| Sat. 9th         | Aston Villa                                   |
| SAT. 16th        | BIRMINGHAM CITY                               |
| Sat. 23rd        | Peterborough Utd.                             |
| SAT. 30th        | PORT VALE                                     |
| APRIL            |   |
| Sat. 6th         | West Bromwich Albion                          |
| SAT. 13th        | LEICESTER CITY                                |
| Sat. 20th        | Wolverhampton Wanderers                       |
| SAT. 27th        | DERBY COUNTY                                  |
| MAY              |   |
| SAT. 4th         | WEST BROMWICH ALBION                          |
| Sat. 11th        | Mansfield Town                                |

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## ...FACTS AND FIGURES



### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

|                 | Home |   |   |   |    | Away |   |   |   |    | Pts |    |
|-----------------|------|---|---|---|----|------|---|---|---|----|-----|----|
|                 | P    | W | D | L | F  | P    | W | D | L | F  |     |    |
| OLDHAM ATH.     | 17   | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 7    | 4 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 8   | 38 |
| West Ham        | 17   | 7 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 6    | 3 | 5 | 0 | 8  | 5   | 37 |
| Sheffield Wed.  | 16   | 4 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 8    | 5 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 8   | 32 |
| Middlesbrough   | 17   | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 6    | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 8   | 30 |
| Wolves          | 17   | 5 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 9    | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8  | 8   | 27 |
| Millwall        | 17   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 13   | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8  | 8   | 26 |
| Notts County    | 17   | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 15   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 7   | 25 |
| Barnsley        | 17   | 4 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 7    | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9  | 13  | 24 |
| Brighton & H.A. | 16   | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 19   | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 13  | 24 |
| Bristol City    | 15   | 5 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 10   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7  | 16  | 23 |
| Ipswich Town    | 17   | 4 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 9    | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 17  | 23 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 17   | 4 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 8    | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 15  | 22 |
| Bristol Rovers  | 16   | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 7    | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 14  | 21 |
| W.B.A.          | 16   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 10   | 2 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 15  | 21 |
| Port Vale       | 17   | 4 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 9    | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 18  | 21 |
| Blackburn Rov.  | 17   | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 9    | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 16  | 20 |
| Swindon Town    | 17   | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7  | 12   | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 19  | 19 |
| Portsmouth      | 17   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 8    | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9  | 17  | 18 |
| Newcastle Utd   | 16   | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8  | 13   | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7  | 9   | 16 |
| Oxford United   | 17   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 13   | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9  | 19  | 18 |
| Leicester City  | 17   | 4 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 14   | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7  | 23  | 18 |
| Hull City       | 17   | 2 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 12   | 1 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 29  | 15 |
| Charlton Ath.   | 17   | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8  | 12   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 16  | 14 |
| Watford         | 16   | 0 | 2 | 6 | 4  | 13   | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9  | 13  | 10 |

### PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

|                   | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Barnsley          | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0  | 37 | 13 | 30  |
| West Brom         | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1  | 29 | 9  | 29  |
| Bradford City     | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3  | 33 | 19 | 25  |
| Burnley           | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2  | 28 | 22 | 22  |
| Hull City         | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3  | 21 | 19 | 22  |
| York City         | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1  | 20 | 11 | 21  |
| Bolton Wanderers  | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3  | 24 | 15 | 20  |
| Stoke City        | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3  | 16 | 14 | 19  |
| Port Vale         | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6  | 27 | 25 | 18  |
| Notts County      | 11 | 6 | 3 | 5  | 15 | 18 | 12  |
| Preston North End | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7  | 23 | 30 | 11  |
| Middlesbrough     | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6  | 13 | 23 | 11  |
| Mansfield Town    | 11 | 3 | 4 | 5  | 16 | 20 | 10  |
| Scunthorpe Utd    | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5  | 12 | 17 | 10  |
| Blackpool         | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8  | 25 | 35 | 10  |
| Grimsby Town      | 12 | 3 | 0 | 9  | 7  | 24 | 9   |
| Oldham Athletic   | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7  | 15 | 26 | 8   |
| Wigan Athletic    | 11 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 39 | 3   |

### MAGPIE ROLL - CALL

| Player      | Apps   |      |     | Goals  |      |     |
|-------------|--------|------|-----|--------|------|-----|
|             | League | Asst | Cup | League | Asst | Cup |
| Cherry      | 17     | -    | -   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Palmer      | 17     | 1    | -   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Yates       | 17     | 1    | -   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Thomas      | 17     | 3    | 4   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Bartlett    | 17     | 2    | 4   | 4      | 1    | 4   |
| Short       | 15     | -    | 1   | 3      | -    | -   |
| Robinson    | 17     | 2    | 1   | 4      | 1    | -   |
| Lund        | 14     | 3    | 2   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Platnauer   | 13     | 1    | 3   | 4      | -    | -   |
| Johnson     | 13     | 3    | 2   | 4      | 3    | -   |
| Draper      | 12(3)  | 1    | 3   | 3(1)   | -    | 1   |
| Turner      | 5(3)   | -    | -   | 1(1)   | -    | -   |
| Norton      | 2(1)   | -    | -   | 1(1)   | -    | -   |
| Harding     | 2(1)   | -    | -   | -      | -    | -   |
| O'Riordan   | 1      | -    | -   | -      | -    | -   |
| Brook       | -      | (1)  | -   | -      | -    | -   |
| Chapman     | -      | (1)  | -   | -      | -    | -   |
| Regis       | -      | (6)  | 1   | 1      | -(1) | -   |
| Chris Short | -      | (1)  | -   | -      | -    | -   |
| Own Goals   | -      | 3    | -   | -      | -    | -   |

### LEAGUE APPEARANCES/ GOALS

APPEARANCES: Browne 10 (1), Blackwell 9, O'Riordan 9, Wells 8 (1), Chris Short 6, Norton 5, Thompson 5, R Walker 5 (1), Cox 7 (1), Chapman 4, Turner 4, Hunt 3, Finch 2, Regis 4, Brook 3, Harding 3, Henley 2, Draper 2, Aldridge 2 (2), Brough 2 (1), Harmon 1, T Johnson 1, Plattnauer 1, Barrow 1, Telford 1 (1), M. Johnson 1 (1), Slawson 2, Jackson 1, Scorers: Chapman 4, O'Riordan 2, Brough 1, Wells 1, Brook 1, Browne 1, Regis 1, Henley 1, Finch 1, Jackson 1, O.G. 1.

### MIDLANDS PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

|                  | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Notts County     | 9  | 8 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 7  | 25  |
| Leicester City   | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 13 | 21  |
| Birmingham City  | 9  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 11 | 20  |
| Coventry City    | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 19 | 17  |
| Derby County     | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 16  |
| Northampton Town | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 16  |
| Notts Forest     | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 16  |
| W.B.A.           | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 15  |
| Peterborough     | 9  | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 13 | 13  |
| Mansfield Town   | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 13  |
| Port Vale        | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 25 | 13  |
| Walsall          | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 12  |
| Stoke City       | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 11  |
| Aston Villa      | 9  | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 21 | 10  |
| Chesterfield     | 9  | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 8   |
| Shrewsbury Town  | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 6   |
| Wolverhampton W. | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9  | 25 | 5   |

### CUP & LEAGUE APPEARANCES/ GOALS

APPEARANCES: Walker 12, Sherlock 12, Barrow 12, Crossland 12, Hill 12, Johnson 12, Brough 12, Patterson 12, Slawson 12, Gallagher 11, Harmon 11, Ward 1 (2), Powell 1 (2), Blatherwick (2), Saunders (3). Scorers: Slawson 11, Brough 6, Harmon 8, Hill 6, Sherlock 3, Patterson 1, Crossland 1, Saunders 1.

### HALF-TIME SCORES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

|                            |                          |                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A BARNSELY V WOLVERHAMPTON | H PLYMOUTH V WEST HAM    | Q SOUTHAMPTON V CRYSTAL PAL. |
| B BRIGHTON V MILLWALL      | J WEST BROM. V SHEFF WED | R TOTTENHAM V NORWICH        |
| C BRISTOL ROVERS V OLDHAM  | K COVENTRY V LEEDS       | S WIMBLEDON V EVERTON        |
| D CHARLTON V PORTSMOUTH    | L DERBY V NOTTM FOREST   | T ROTHERHAM V MANSFIELD      |
| E IPSWICH V BRISTOL CITY   | M LIVERPOOL V MANS CITY  | U BIRMINGHAM V BOURNEMOUTH   |
| F NEWCASTLE V WATFORD      | N LUTON V ASTON VILLA    | V GRIMSBY V BOLTON           |
| G OXFORD UTD V             | O QPR V ARSENAL          | W READING V SOUTHEND         |
| MIDDLESBROUGH              | P SHEFF UTD V SUNDERLAND |                              |



# NOTTS COUNTY

Shirts: Black/White, Amber trim  
 Shorts: Black  
 Socks: White



# SWINDON TOWN

Shirts: Red  
 Shorts: White  
 Socks: Red

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| <b>STEVE CHERRY</b><br>Has understandably found keeping clean sheets a lot harder at this level than in the Third Division, but Ipswich drew a blank on Saturday       | <b>1</b>  | <b>FRASER DIGBY</b><br>Former England Under 21 international who has made more than 200 appearances for Swindon since joining them from Manchester United              |
| <b>CHARLIE PALMER</b><br>Having been an ever-present in our defence this season, the 27 year old former Derby County player is fast approaching 200 league appearances | <b>2</b>  | <b>TOM JONES</b><br>Former Aberdeen midfielder who has thrived on the stylish short ball game that Osvaldo Ardiles has employed since he took charge of Swindon        |
| <b>PAUL HARDING</b><br>Has adjusted well to the step up into league football and his fiercely competitive midfield displays have made him popular with supporters      | <b>3</b>  | <b>PAUL BODIN</b><br>Cardiff-born defender signed for a bargain £25,000 from Newport County who was capped for the first time by Wales earlier this year.              |
| <b>CRAIG SHORT</b><br>Went very close to opening his goalscoring account this season at Ipswich during what was another sound performance from the defender            | <b>4</b>  | <b>ALAN McLOUGHLIN</b><br>Republic of Ireland international midfielder who has battled his way back to full fitness after a groin operation at the start of the season |
| <b>DEAN YATES</b><br>The focus of a lot of attention at the club over the past week, having decided to keep his options open and turn down a new contract offer        | <b>5</b>  | <b>ADRIAN VIVEASH</b><br>Swindon born 21 year old who has acquitted himself well since making his debut in a Rumbelows League tie against Darlington.                  |
| <b>DON O'RIORDAN</b><br>Close to reaching the 450 league appearance landmark after an unexpected first team call-up primarily to tap his wealth of experience.         | <b>6</b>  | <b>NESTOR LORENZO</b><br>Argentinian defender who played for his country in this year's World Cup Final and scored on his Swindon debut in a 3-0 win over Portsmouth.  |
| <b>DEAN THOMAS</b><br>The news that Nicky Platnauer has gone on the transfer list could mean the 28 year old midfielder has extended run in the left back role         | <b>7</b>  | <b>FITZROY SIMPSON</b><br>Another one of Swindon's promising young players who seems to have overcome disciplinary problems after being sent off twice last season.    |
| <b>PHIL TURNER</b><br>Our skipper has responded well to the challenge of pushing forward into a more attacking role to support Kevin Bartlett and David Regis.         | <b>8</b>  | <b>DUNCAN SHEARER</b><br>The Scottish-born striker has been on the scoresheet regularly again this season after being Swindon's top scorer for the past two years.     |
| <b>KEVIN BARTLETT</b><br>Had a golden opportunity to follow up his impressive two goal display in the 4-3 victory over West Brom with a late winner at Ipswich         | <b>9</b>  | <b>STEVE WHITE</b><br>Experienced striker, who has proved to be the best free transfer signing in Swindon's history, he has recently returned from a back injury.      |
| <b>DAVID REGIS</b><br>The big striker has quickly made an impact since his arrival from non-league Barnet and will be endeavouring to add to his two goals so far      | <b>10</b> | <b>ROSS MACLAREN</b><br>Former Derby County defender who has taken over the responsibility of skipping the side in the absence of the injured Colin Calderwood.        |
| <b>MARK DRAPER</b><br>Has taken over the role of penalty taker again with Tommy Johnson out of favour and made no mistake from the spot against West Brom.             | <b>11</b> | <b>STEVE FOLEY</b><br>Liverpool born midfielder who spent four years at Anfield without making a first team appearance. Joined Swindon from Sheffield United           |
|  | <b>12</b> |  |
|  | <b>14</b> |  |

## MATCH OFFICIALS



**G. Singh**  
Gurnam Singh is from Wolverhampton and is employed as an Accountant. Married with one son who was born this year. Gurnam was first appointed as a linesman in 1986/87 and as a referee last season. His hobbies are all sports

### LINESMEN



**K.A. Leach**  
from  
Sheffield



**R.R. Rawson**  
from  
Wolverhampton



## MAGPIES' MASCOT

Hello to today's mascot who is John Balchin and is celebrating his 7th birthday today. John attends Edwalton Primary School and lists as his hobbies bike riding, drawing, cricket, swimming, tennis and football (of course)

His favourite player is our own No. 1 Steve Cherry. We all hope you have a super day John.

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Monday 26th November K.O. 7.30pm  
Youth Team v. Arsenal (F.A. Youth Cup 2nd Round Proper)  
Wednesday 28th November K.O. 7.30pm  
2nd XI v. York City