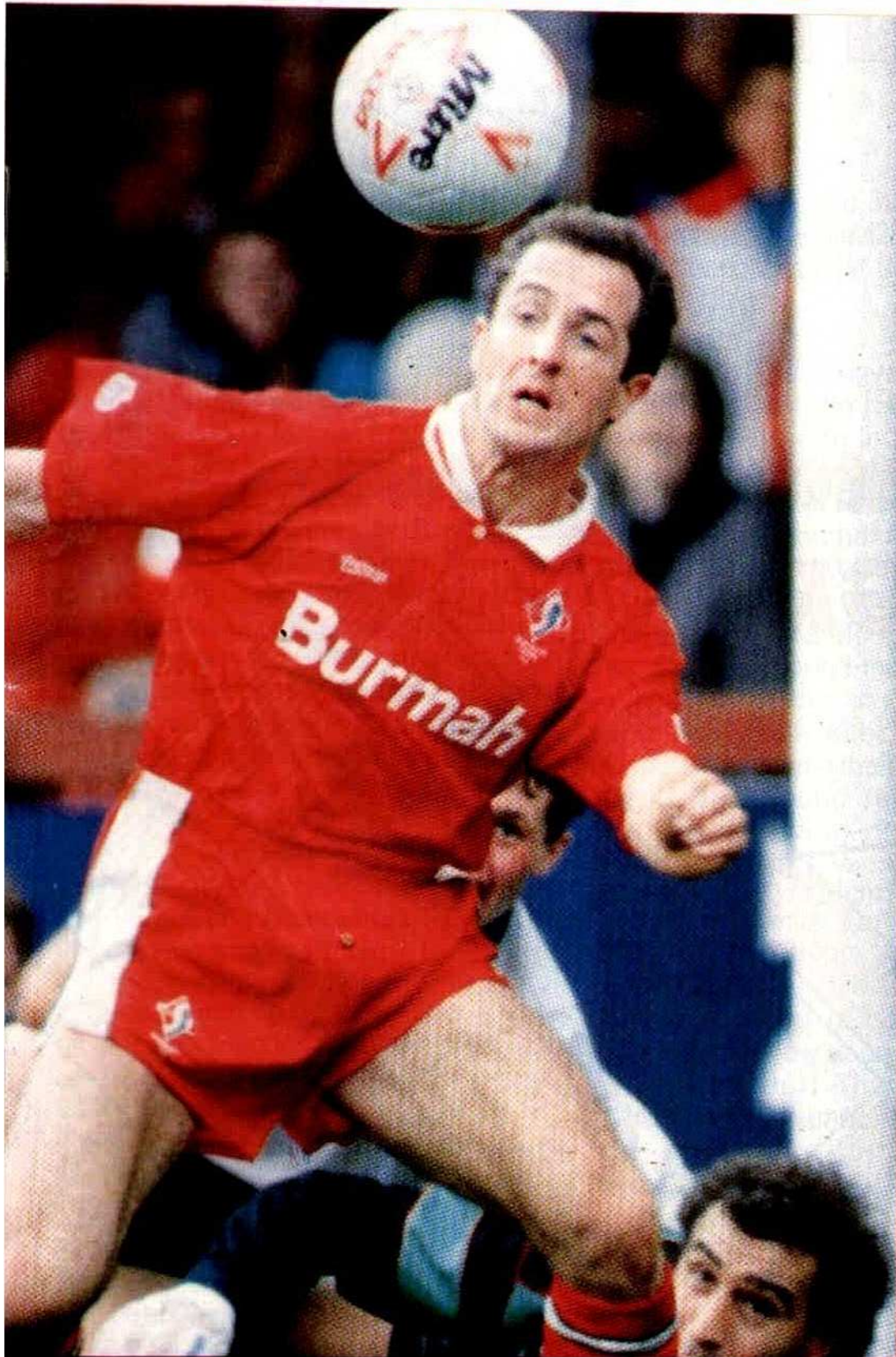




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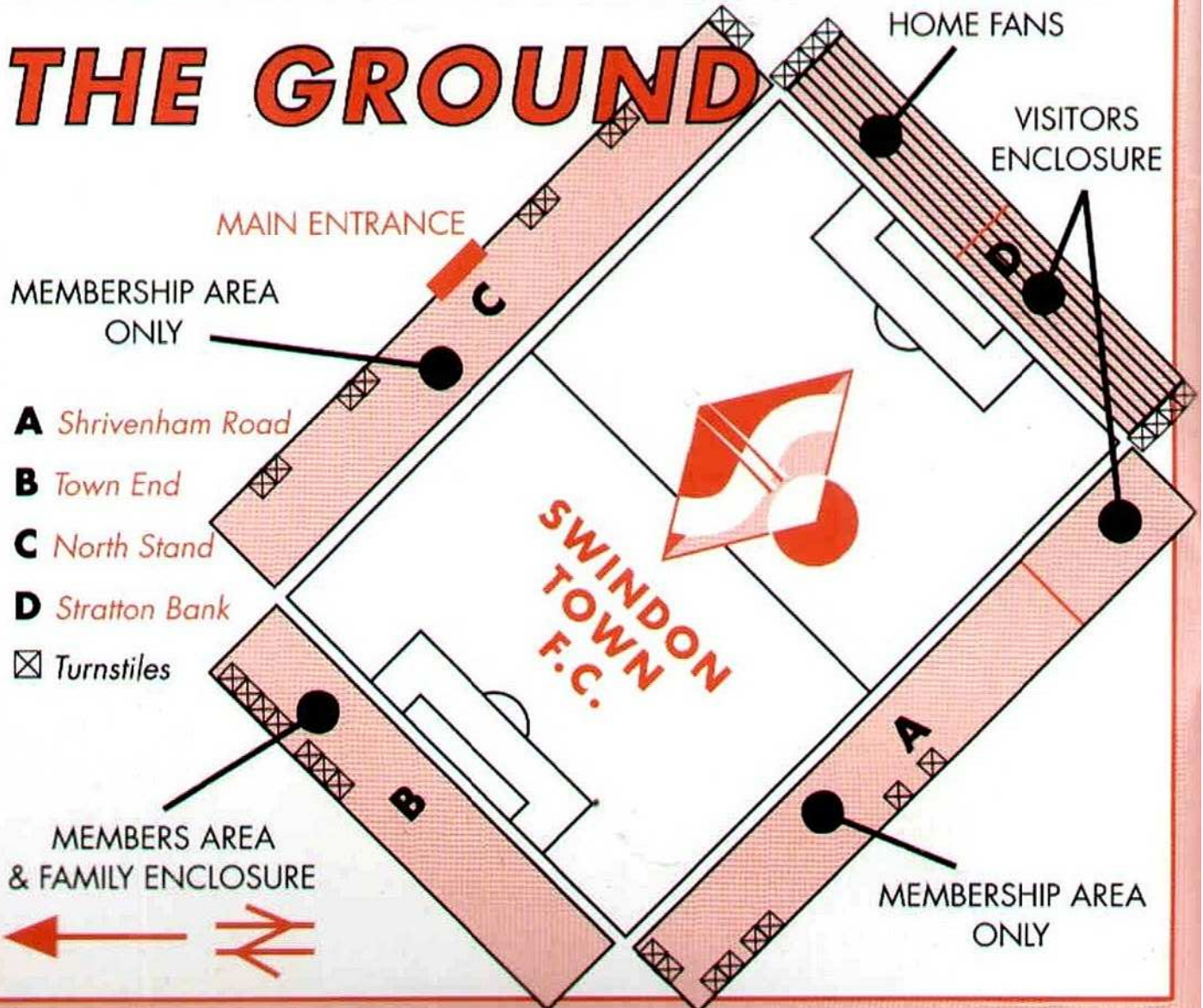


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# THE GROUND





# IN TUNE WITH SWINDON

*by Jon Pollard*

## **WELCOME**

This afternoon we are pleased to welcome to the County Ground for today's Barclays League fixture the officials, players and supporters of Blackburn Rovers Football Club.

## **BARCLAYS LEAGUE**

Next Saturday we visit the Goldstone Ground in Hove for our Barclays League game with Brighton & Hove Albion kicking off at 3.00 pm.

Our next home game is on Saturday 2nd November 1991 when Ossie Ardiles returns to the County Ground with Newcastle United kicking off as usual at 3.00 pm.

A reminder that our home game with Bristol City has now been redated for Tuesday 4th February 1992, kick-off 7.45 pm.

The game with Charlton Athletic next month at Upton Park is now being played on Wednesday 6th November (7.45 pm), 24 hours later than previously scheduled.

## **RUMBELOWS**

Our third round Rumbelows League Cup tie with Huddersfield Town is to be played 1991 kicking off at 7.30 pm. There is no advance booking for this game. Cash entry on the night at the turnstiles, £8 seats and £5 terraces.

If this game results in a draw the replay is here at The County Ground on Tuesday 19th November kicking off at 7.45 pm.

## **ZENITH DATA**

Please note that our Zenith Data Systems Cup tie at Chelsea next Wednesday evening kicks off at 7.30 pm and not as previously advertised.

## **RESERVES**

The Reserves are here next Tuesday afternoon in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination against Southampton kicking off at 2.00 pm.

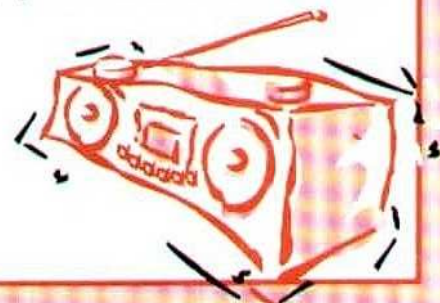
## **YOUTHS**

The Youth Team have a busy schedule coming up over the next week or so. This morning they were in action in the South East Counties League at Oxford United. Next Saturday in rearranged fixture they entertain AFC Bournemouth at Wanborough kicking off at 11.00 am.

They have two important Cup ties themselves. This Monday evening here at the County Ground they meet Bristol City in the first round of the FA Youth Cup and one week later on Monday 28th October they have their Midland Youth Cup preliminary round replay here against Port Vale having drawn 1-1 at Vale Park recently. The Port Vale game starts at 7.00pm to allow for extra-time, while the Bristol City game kicks off at 7.30pm.

## **REVIEW 3**

The third issue of our Club newspaper Swindon Review is on sale from the Club Shop from next Thursday - price **60p**. County Club members and Junior Robins can pick up a copy free of charge on production of their membership card. This offer does not apply to holders of the old red cards.



# COMMUNITY Chorus

With Leigh Barnard.

- ⚓ I would like to welcome today all the youngsters that took part in the Swindon Town Community Fun week at St Josephs Lower School. Also a big thank you to the coaches, Glenn and John for encouraging the players to participate where possible. The week was very enjoyable and fun. We had help from Duncan Shearer and Paul Hunt who showed the youngsters some useful skills.
- ⚓ Welcome also to the Junior Robins and Junior Magpies who take part in the pre-match entertainment for today. At the last home match the Junior Robins won the Penalty Relay 15-7. Pictured below is the winning team with the young Blackburn Junior Rovers. The youngsters all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of showing their skills in front of such a large crowd. Thank you to everyone for getting behind these stars of the future.
- ⚓ I've now made contact with all the schools in this area and intend to contact all Youth Clubs introducing them to the Saturday Morning Team Club. We will be inviting Youth Clubs, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to spend a matchday with us, which will include an hours coaching, a light lunch, a ticket to watch the game and also a programme. If you would like more information please contact me either by writing or telephoning the Club, you will find the address at the front of the programme.
- ⚓ Last Sunday the Disabled Games were held at the County Ground Complex and as usual were a great success. Several of the players were in attendance. I will give a fuller report of the day in the next programme against Portsmouth.



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# Prelude

by  
Glenn Hoddle



Successive victories at Brighton and Huddersfield have given us a great lift. Both games followed a similar pattern in as much as we took the lead then had to defend.

Nicky Hammond put in a tremendous performance at the Goldstone Ground and his penalty save at Huddersfield was made at a crucial time when the home side were beginning to make life a little uncomfortable for us.

But the most pleasing aspects of the performance for me were the way we created and took chances. At Brighton we played wide and got behind their defence. The quality of our approach play is being admired by people at all levels in the game including the supporters of our opponents.

Things are looking so good for us at the moment. But we must not fall into the trap of complacency. John and I are reminding the players of the reasons why we have been doing so well. It is down to hard work and dedication and there can be no relaxing from the task in hand. If we keep churning out quality performances then nine times out of ten the results will follow.

Our style is very continental and opponents seem to have trouble dealing with it but you can never dictate a game for the whole ninety minute duration, particularly away from home, and so you need to be able to defend.

That is certainly what we have had to do in our last two games and we have done it well. In the end on Tuesday night our 4-1 scoreline made the win look easier than it really was.

But all credit to the players they have done all we have asked. Everyone has worked extremely hard since July and not one has shied away from grafting both on the training field and on a Saturday afternoon. But they must not get carried away by all the plaudits

and good press. Only a certain amount of the job has been done. There is much more for us to achieve.

It is not going to be easy - success doesn't come cheap - and there is certainly no room to relax. We must continue to keep our good habits going, continue to believe in what we are doing, and above all not flinch from our commitment to the task.

Everyone at the club is so enthusiastic it really is becoming infectious and the reaction to our style from outside the club confirms that we are on the right track. But no matter how sincere the recognition we must remember not to be carried away by too many pats on the back. Nothing comes easy and our current success without the achievement of a positive target at the end of the season will count for little.

The comforting thought is that we have players waiting to come in if anyone should wander from the standards we have set ourselves. Such pressure on the team can only be good for the club.

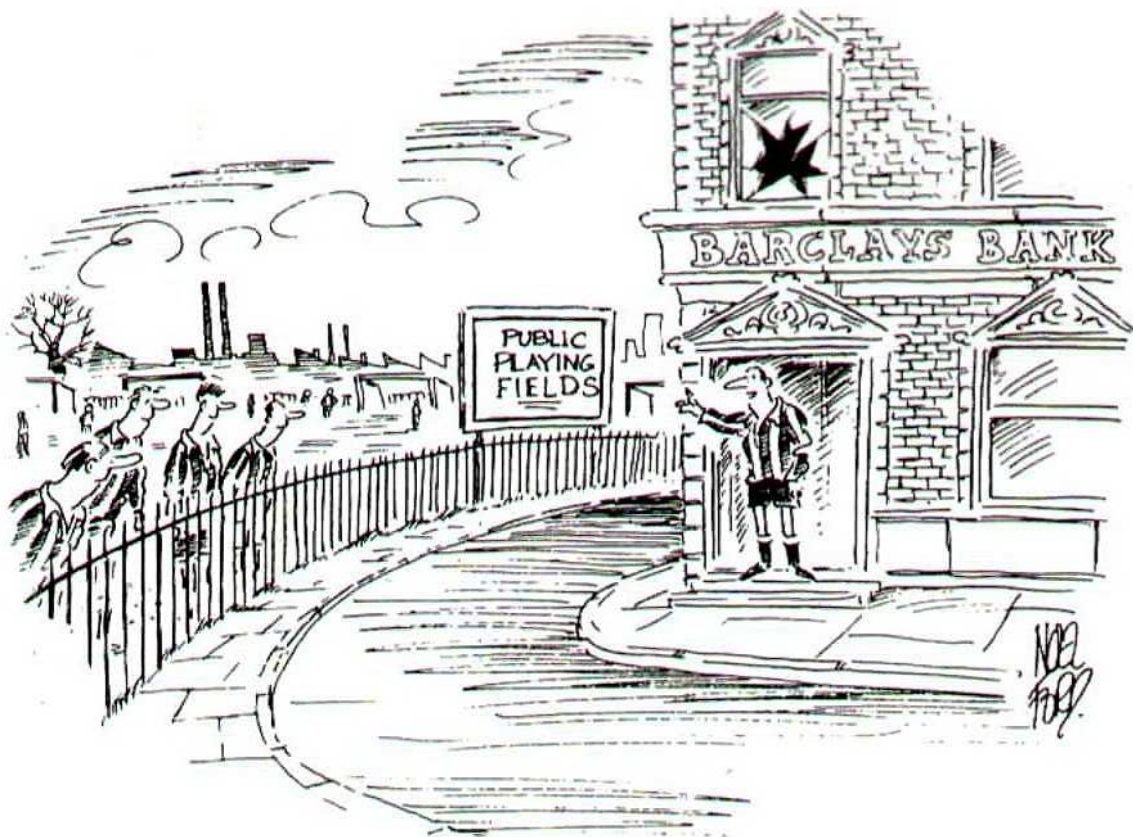
It should be a great afternoon. With Ossie coming back there is bound to be a lot of sentiment around the ground. That will finish at three o'clock when we will get on with the business. The lads are determined to do well in such an important game.

We are not arrogant about our position just confident in our ability.

Finally, a big thank you to those marvellous fans who travelled to Brighton and Huddersfield. Your support is really appreciated by the lads and we hope you will help us through the next two games at Charlton and Southend which are going to be vital to our promotion ambitions.

*Enjoy the football.*

**Glenn**



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# NEWS

Derby County continued their impressive climb up the table last Saturday with a last gasp victory by 2-1 at Millwall. Scorers of the goals were on loan signings Bobby Davidson and Ian Ormondroyd although much of the club's new found success has been attributed to winger Ted McMinn who has hit a purple patch of form. The former Queen Of The South and Glasgow Rangers player scored his first goal in almost two years against Portsmouth recently and is looking to increase his tally further "It has been a long time in coming but it has been well worth the wait. The Gaffer had a go at me lately saying all I needed was a goal and hopefully now this will spark off a few more."

Portsmouth Manager Jim Smith saw his side maintain their unbeaten home record last Saturday with a 1-1 draw against promotion chasing Ipswich, although he thought his side could have won "I felt we were better than Ipswich on the day. Craig Forest made three brilliant saves and Guy Whittingham should have scored. Ipswich were composed and methodical and to begin with I thought we had a major problem but the longer the game went on the better chance we stood."

Ipswich Manager John Lyall believes talk that compares his current Ipswich side to that of his former West Ham side is ill founded "A lot is talked about the long ball game and the short ball game but the best sides use a mixture of the two styles. I have always worked at entertaining the crowd and it is not different at Ipswich. The facilities here are so good. It is an extra burden knowing that if you don't go up your club will be outside the Premier League but it is three up and three down and that gives us all a chance." Town striker Paul Goddard will be out of action for several weeks following an operation on his nose.

Things are starting to buzz at Blackburn Rovers following the arrival of Kenny Dalglish. Club Secretary John Howarth summed up "Kenny's presence has certainly inspired a lot of interest. We had already sold about 5,000 season tickets for this season on the strength of Jack Walker's involvement with the Club. I have never known anything like it in my 21 years at the club." Bookmakers have shortened the odds for Rovers to take the championship and have made them second favourites behind Middlesbrough. Rovers moved to eighth in the table following their 2-1 victory over Grimsby last

week although the crowd of 11,096 will have been a disappointment. Striker David Speedie has no doubts about the club's future "This club could be as big as Liverpool in years to come. Kenny has already told the players that if they do the business on the Park, they have got a chance to stay with him."

Bristol City, who have slipped after a promising start to the season needed a Bob Taylor goal three minutes from time at Ashton Gate last Saturday to salvage a point from Newcastle. City have signed experienced Southampton defender Russell Osman on a month's loan although Osman is keen to remain in the top flight "I signed a new one year contract for Southampton on the basis I would be given a chance but I never got one. I feel I have had a rough deal. It is clear that there is no future for me at The Dell and the sooner I move on the better for all concerned. I still believe I can do a job in the top flight."

Wolves goalkeeper Mike Stowell has his sights set on an International future but is realistic in view of the competition "Graham Taylor was at our match at Newcastle recently but he has plenty of good keepers at the moment. Although Chris Woods and David Seaman have emerged as the main contenders to become Peter Shilton's long term successor there are several other challengers like Tony Cotton, Nigel Spink and Nigel Martyn. The U21's have two good young keepers in Ian Walker and David James." The former Preston and Everton keeper is now 26 and has played only 50 games for The Wolves.

Sunderland boss Denis Smith who is under increasing pressure from the Roker fans has signed Finnish international striker Kimmo Tariko on a weeks trial in an attempt to replace Marco Gabbiadini. Smith feels continental players are generally overlooked in this country "People in this country tend to think that we have cornered the market in the best players, but we have to be more broadminded." Smith has now completed the £225,000 signing of Brighton striker John Byrne.

# FORTHCOMING • ATTRACTIONS



## THE POMPEY CHIMES RING OUT AGAIN



Portsmouth is a club long in tradition but short on success, in recent times at least. But ambition has been fired again by the arrival of manager Jim Smith, who quit his position at Newcastle United last season and has already worked wonders at Fratton Park.

Smith has gambled on youth to restore the glory days and it is a gamble that seems to be reaping dividends with just four defeats sustained from the opening 13 games in the Second Division.

At one stage they boasted the meanest defence in the Division as they climbed to fifth spot but though they have only conceded two goals at Fratton Park their recent away form has not been so miserly and Pompey now find themselves in 12th place.

Alan Knight is still going strong in goal with over 400 League appearances now behind him for the club and experience can also be found in midfield where Martin Kuhl, the former Birmingham, Sheffield United and Watford player is enjoying a good run; and in attack where the Northern Ireland World Cup striker Colin Clarke lends his authority to lead the line.

But it is to youngsters like England Youth sweeper Andy Awford, Darren Anderton and Daryl Powell on the wings that Portsmouth look for sustained success alongside

£1 million rated striker Guy Whittingham, and former England prodigee Mark Chamberlain.

Former Nottingham Forest star Steve Wigley is also making a fine impression after injury problems interrupted his early appearances and it seems that Mr Smith has obtained a nice blend of youth and experience.

The potential was there for all to see in this week's Rumbelows League cup tie at Old Trafford against Manchester United. Portsmouth will provide stubborn resistance but they are a footballing side which indicates that County Ground fans are in for another 90 minutes of spectacular entertainment.

You know Pompey are not only one of a handful of clubs that have played in all four divisions of the Football League, they have done so since 1980! Further more they have not spent more than four years in the same division. This is their fourth season in Division Two following demotion from the First Division. So are they going to win promotion next May?

Well we will certainly be doing all we can to deny them the points.

**Swindon Town v Portsmouth** looks set to send the pulses racing. Don't miss it live in this stadium on **Saturday 16th November** at three o'clock.

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# Marketing Matters

by Mike Sullivan



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## CAN YOU HELP?

Tomorrow afternoon at about 3.45 pm I will be running in the 1991 New York City Marathon. The course, which starts on Staten Island passes through all five boroughs of New York before finishing some 26.2 miles further on in Central Park.

This year I am trying to raise funds to upgrade the toilet facilities for disabled supporters at the County Ground and I would be grateful to anyone who would like to sponsor me per mile. All donations should be sent direct to me here at the County Ground.

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## LUCKY MASCOTS

Today we have two Match Day Mascots. First we have *Simon James Bellamy* from Cirencester. Simon is 9 years old and when he isn't watching his favourite players Fitzroy Simpson and David Kerlake he plays for the Cirencester Town Youth under 10 Team.



Our second mascot is *Daniel Fylan-Smith* who is 11 years old and goes to Braden Forest School. Daniel is also a keen footballer and plays for the West Swindon Under 12's.



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## RESERVES

Since my last notes we've had a couple of games, the first at Hereford in the Reserve Team Cup, and the second a home game against Southampton in the Football Combination.

Due to injuries we played quite a young side in both games and the team as a whole acquitted themselves well.

At Hereford we won 2-0, a goal in each half by Shaun Close set up by striking partner Paul Hunt. This win leaves us needing only a point against Swansea to progress to the Quarter Final stages.

In the Combination game we came up against a strong Southampton side containing several players with first team experience, including former Town players Jon Gittens and goalkeeper Ian Andrews who had a loan spell with us. After a goal-less first half Southampton took the lead when Paul Moody headed in from close range, this in fact was one of their rare attacks, as for long periods we had control of the game. This goal against the run of play

forced us up another gear and it was no surprise when Shaun Close equalised heading in a great Marcus Phillips cross. It was no more than we deserved and although we couldn't add to our scoreline it left us with a very creditable draw. It was an excellent all round team performance with the defence well marshalled by Adrian Viveash and Fraser Digby making two brilliant saves. The midfield and frontmen worked really hard and the team as a whole played some lovely flowing football.

**Andy Rowland**  
Reserve Team Manager



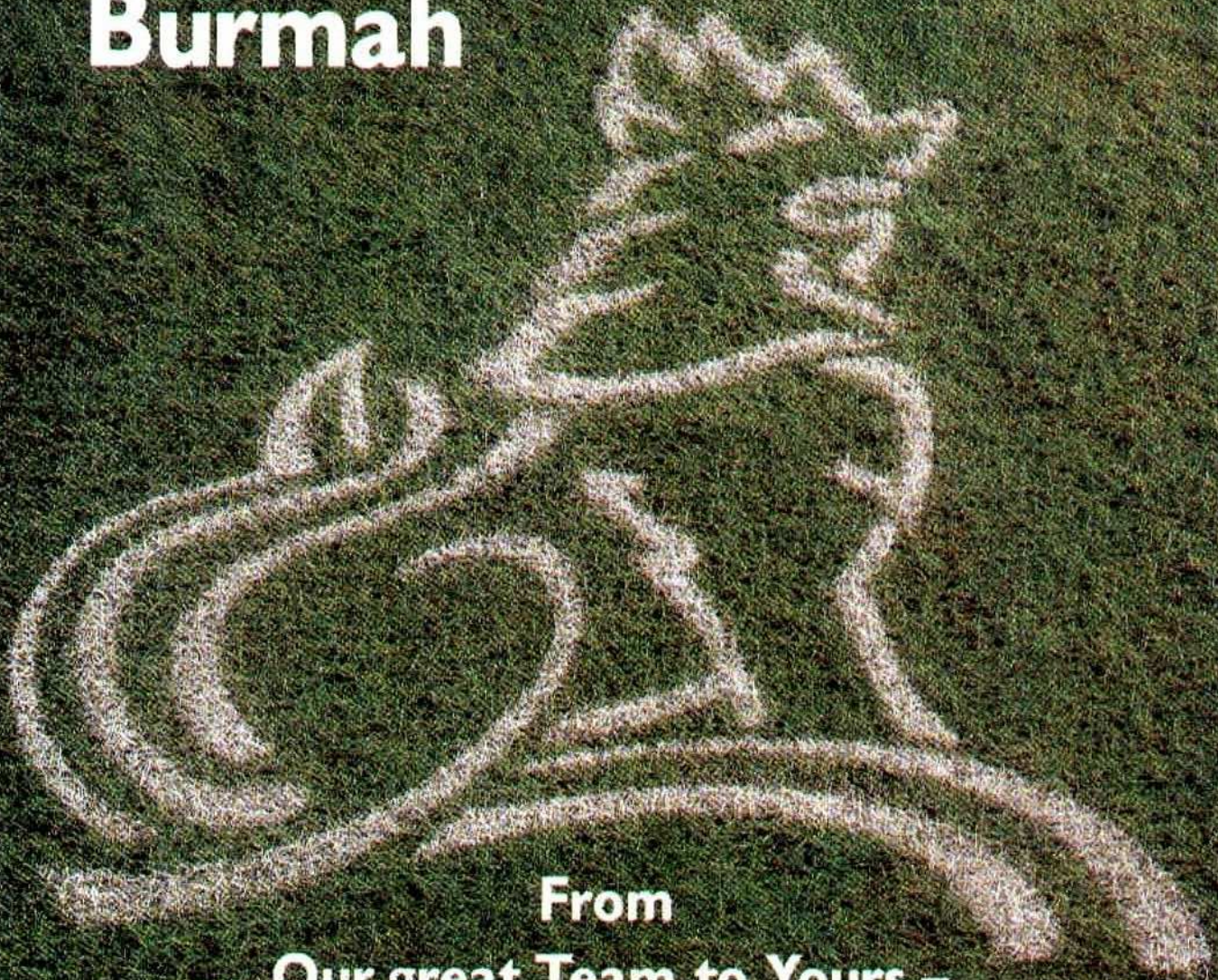
*Shaun Close*

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| SOUTHAMPTON       | 12   | 8   | 2   | 2    | 20    | 8       | 26   |
| NORWICH CITY      | 11   | 7   | 1   | 3    | 26    | 12      | 22   |
| QPR               | 11   | 7   | 1   | 3    | 20    | 12      | 22   |
| ARSENAL           | 13   | 6   | 3   | 4    | 26    | 16      | 21   |
| CRYSTAL PALACE    | 13   | 5   | 5   | 3    | 20    | 17      | 20   |
| TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR | 11   | 5   | 3   | 3    | 17    | 14      | 16   |
| LUTON TOWN        | 12   | 5   | 3   | 4    | 14    | 15      | 16   |
| IPSWICH TOWN      | 12   | 5   | 2   | 5    | 25    | 26      | 17   |
| WIMBLEDON         | 12   | 4   | 4   | 4    | 21    | 16      | 16   |
| PORTSMOUTH        | 12   | 5   | 1   | 6    | 27    | 25      | 16   |
| OXFORD UTD.       | 11   | 4   | 2   | 5    | 17    | 22      | 14   |
| MILLWALL          | 10   | 3   | 4   | 3    | 16    | 18      | 13   |
| SWINDON TOWN      | 10   | 3   | 3   | 4    | 17    | 20      | 12   |
| FULHAM            | 12   | 3   | 2   | 7    | 12    | 19      | 11   |
| BRIGHTON          | 12   | 3   | 2   | 7    | 16    | 26      | 11   |
| WEST HAM UTD.     | 10   | 3   | 1   | 6    | 16    | 20      | 10   |
| READING           | 12   | 3   | 1   | 8    | 18    | 41      | 10   |
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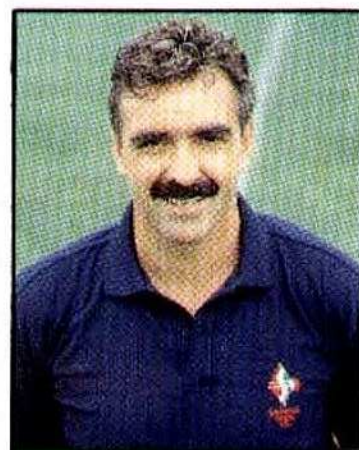
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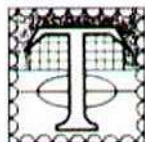
Our recent 2-1 win against Blackburn Rovers was really pleasing and the manner it was achieved. We played our passing game and kept our patience right until the dying minutes when another good mover brought the corner kick which led to the goal. Both our goals were scored from corners, Steve White finishing off the first and Colin Calderwood scoring the winner. It was ironic Colin got the goal after becoming a dad for the first time two days before the game. It was also pleasing to see our practice paying off on set pieces as it is a very important tactic to use to our advantage especially when we play creative attacking football, goals don't always come directly from good moves, but with our variation we can score with either.

Going on our various scouting jobs it's interesting how many people have remarked on how we've been playing. Although we don't really want everyone to play like us, as they would be too difficult to beat, it would be nice to see more coaches and Managers encouraging their teams to pass the ball more. Watching a Third Division game last week really made us think how important it was to stay up this year. Some of the football is frightening.

To see the ball continually in the air and always a battle for it is very frustrating and disappointing to watch.

It doesn't encourage young players coming through and I think it is our duty as coaches to encourage skilful football. I think the whole trouble starts at as young as under 10 level. The problem is people who run teams are on an ego trip where winning is all that matters and by getting the ball forward early with a strong boot is what they consider is good play. I hope people read this who take young teams and give it a lot of thought for the future of our game. When I was in America it was an eye opener as all the kids were encouraged to learn the basic skills first. We better watch out for Countries like that who will overtake us in the future.





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# COLIN CALDERWOOD



## CAPTAIN SENSIBLE

*By Colin Benson*

If anyone is qualified to assess the potential of the current Swindon team it is surely Colin Calderwood.

The 26-year old Glaswegian is the only surviving member of Town's Fourth Division Championship winning side of 1986 and is hopeful of becoming the first player to represent the club in all four divisions of the Football League.

Macari, Ardiles and Hoddle have all made important contributions to the development of the club claims Colin who says:

"It is difficult to make comparisons. Our needs in Division Four were different to now and Lou's direct approach was probably in the best way of getting out of the lower divisions. Then Ossie came in and turned us into a footballing side and of course Glenn has continued on similar lines.

"How does Ossie's side rate with the current team? It is hard to say. We played good football under Ossie and got our rewards by winning the play-offs. Though our success was taken from us it doesn't alter the fact that we achieved the right to play in Division One with that side.

"The present team still has to prove itself in this way and I'm sure that it can. I think we have a stronger squad now, more all-round depth, and consequently more potential.

"The doctrines of Glenn and Ossie are not far removed from each other. I think Glenn is more organised than Ossie was, particularly on the defensive aspects of our game.

"We pay much more attention to detail now. We work a lot on free-kicks and corners both from attacking and defensive stand points. Ossie tended not to concern himself in this direction. It was all very much off the cuff football with him. He would say, keep passing the ball and things will happen for you.

"But we have already reaped the rewards this season for working dead-ball situations. Both goals against Blackburn Rovers were the result

of well rehearsed moves on the training field. "Glenn is also more into discipline. He is one of the team as well as the manager so it is very difficult for him. But he seems to have struck the happy medium.

No one here takes anything for granted that is for sure. We all know that nothing but our best will do.

"I am enjoying it immensely. My role alongside Shaun Taylor suits me. Our job is to win the ball and give it to those who can play a bit. I know my job - we all know our roles - and how it fits in to the general scheme.

"As a defender I don't think I have ever had so many options open to me. We are encouraged to be positive and creative and this is helping our confidence and breeding success.

"We are confident that we are on a par with any side in this division and though we have established a good platform you won't hear anyone in the dressing room say we are going to get to the Premier League. We all realise there is an immense amount of work to do before this is achieved."

Colin considers himself "a bit lucky" to still be playing in the side and confides that every time promotion has come he has questioned himself as to whether he was good enough to play in the Third then Second Division. The questions have been answered time and again with a consistency that only the best can deliver. He doesn't deny that his ambition is to play in the Premier League. "You need an ambition you can achieve," says Colin.

He says: "Lou opened my eyes to professionalism . . . Ossie completely turned this club around and Glenn has proved more professional than the two of them."

But the most sobering experience has been the birth of Abby. "It has opened my eyes a bit," says the skipper who now has an added incentive for success. As he says: "I now have to get win bonuses for three."

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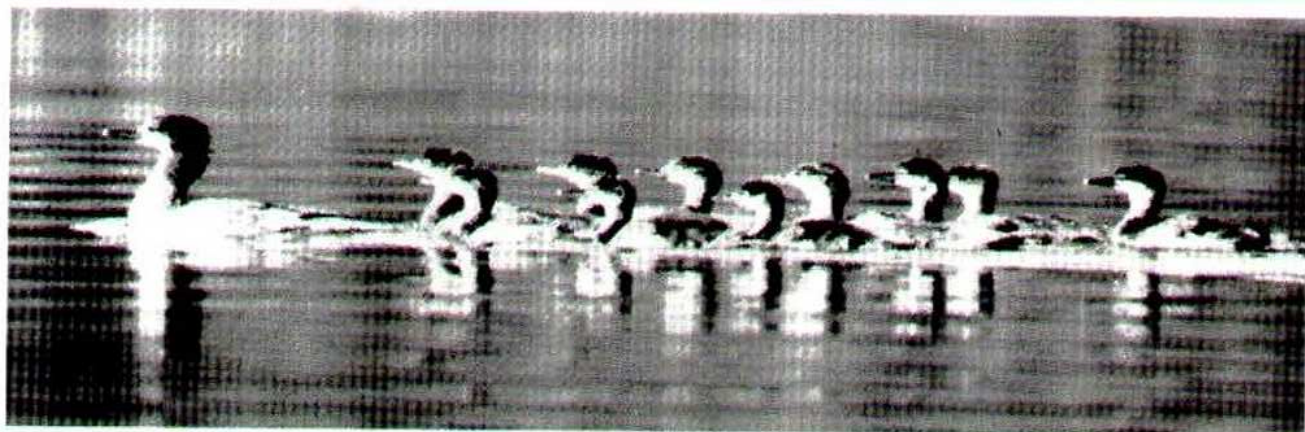




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## GEORDIES DESPAIR

by John Nolan

Last August Newcastle United were odds on favourites to be in the leading bunch chasing promotion to Division One but so far it has been nothing but a tale of woe for Tyneside fans.

Having kicked off with a 2-1 defeat at Charlton Athletic United never really got going, and by the quarter-way mark in the long league season Ossie's team found themselves not only on the bottom rung of the Second Division ladder but with a defence that had conceded 32 goals in the opening 13 matches.

There seemed no end to Newcastle's ills. Crippling debts bringing forecasts of financial doom by the end of the season; recurring disharmony behind the scenes, whispers and innuendos but most serious the loss of ace goalscorer **Mick Quinn** who had scored eight goals prior to injury at Portsmouth, where he damaged knee ligaments that will keep him out of the side for the rest of the year.

It was a crippling blow to Ardiles who has not been able to get the best out of his exciting crop of young players. Youngsters, like young England defender **Steve Watson** and midfielder **Lee Clark**; teenage leftback **Robbie Elliott** who played in the opening seven games of the campaign, and **Alan Neilson** who scored his first goal at Millwall.

Then there is **David Roche** and **Andy Hunt** as well as on loan striker **Andy Walker**. But a measure of the Magpies demise was the 1-0 win over Crewe in the Rumbelows League Cup tie on October 9th.

**Steve Howey's** 87th minute goal sealing their first home win since April 17th!

Newcastle subsequently dropped out of the competition last Tuesday at the hands of 3rd Division Peterborough United.

Portsmouth defender **Gavin Maguire** has been hired on loan to bolster the defence but with experienced players such as **Kevin Brock** and big money signing **Franz Carr** all disabled through injuries it has been difficult to field a settled side.

The latest drama has concerned Czechoslovakian goalkeeper **Pavel Srnicek** who is expected to be out for eight weeks with knee ligament tears. Northern Ireland goalkeeper **Tommy Wright** stepped into the breach, making his first League appearance for eighteen months against Oxford United, which Newcastle won 4-3!

### Magpies Form Guide

| Opponents         | F | A | Scorers                  |
|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Charlton Athletic | 1 | 2 | Carr                     |
| Watford           | 2 | 2 | Clark, Hunt              |
| Middlesbro'       | 0 | 3 |                          |
| Bristol Rovers    | 2 | 1 | Quinn, O'Brien           |
| Plymouth Argyle   | 2 | 1 | Quinn, Carr              |
| Tranmere Rovers   | 2 | 3 | O'Brien, Clark           |
| Wolves            | 1 | 2 | Own goal                 |
| Ipswich Town      | 1 | 1 | Quinn                    |
| Millwall          | 1 | 2 | Neilson                  |
| Crewe Alex.*      | 4 | 3 | Peacock 3, Hunt          |
| Derby County      | 2 | 2 | Quinn, Hunt              |
| Tranmere Rovers** | 6 | 6 | Quinn 3 Peacock 2, Clark |
| Portsmouth        | 1 | 3 | Quinn                    |
| Crewe Alex.       | 1 | 0 | Howey                    |
| Leicester City    | 2 | 0 | Hunt, Clark              |
| Oxford Utd        | 4 | 3 | Peacock 3, Hunt          |
| Bristol City      | 1 | 1 | Clark                    |
| Peterborough Utd* | 0 | 1 |                          |

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Newcastle United 1991-92 First Team Squad

Back Row, Left to Right: David Roche, Lee Makel, Andy Hunt, David Robinson, Robbie Elliott, Anthony Cole, Scott Sloan, Matthew Appleby, Alan Neilson, Tommy Heron, Alan Thompson, John Watson

Middle Row, Left to Right: Tony Galvin (First Team Coach), Colin Suggett (Junior Team Coach), Tommy Wright, John Anderson, Bjorn Kristensen, Lee Clark, Steve Howey, Steve Watson, Darren Bradshaw, Liam O'Brien, Pavel Srnicek, Derek Fazackerley (Reserve Team Coach), Chris Guthrie (Kit Man), Derek Wright (Physiotherapist)

Front Row, Left to Right: Ray Ranson, Franz Carr, Kevin Brock, Mick Quinn, Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Kevin Scott, Mark Stimson, Gavin Peacock, John Gallacher, Archie Gourlay.

## THE ABC OF NEWCASTLE UNITED

**DARREN BRADSHAW** - signed from York City for £10,000 in September 1989. Capped by England at schoolboy and youth levels, he has also played for Sheffield Wednesday, Matlock and Chesterfield. Born: Sheffield 3-3-67.

**KEVIN BROCK** - Midfield. Dead ball expert who started his career with Oxford United, winning Third and Second Division championship and Milk Cup winners medals. QPR was his next stop and he joined Newcastle in December 1988 for £300,000. Capped by England at schoolboy, U-21 and B levels. Born: Middleton Stoney 9-9-62.

**FRANZ CARR** - Winger. A £250,000 capture from Nottingham Forest in the summer. Brian Clough snapped him up from Blackburn Rovers when he was a teenager and on his day he can be devastating. Has England schoolboy, youth and Under-21 honours and won League Cup and Simod Cup medals with Forest. Born: Preston 24-9-66.

**LEE CLARK** - Midfield. England Youth international and former captain of England schoolboys. A player with great vision and skill who adds goals to his industry. Born: Wallsend 10-10-72.

**JUSTIN FASHANU** - Striker. Now making a comeback following a serious knee injury. A former apprentice with Norwich, Brian Clough took Fashanu to Forest for £1m. Has made a handful of games for Manchester City, West Ham and Leyton Orient although he has not appeared in the league for six years.

**STEVE HOWEY** - Striker. Developed through the YTS he had made 13 appearances prior to this season. Scored his first goal in the 1-0 Rumbelows League Cup win over Crewe earlier this month. Born: Sunderland 26-11-71.

**ANDY HUNT** - Striker. Became the most expensive import from non-League football when Newcastle invested £150,000 to sign him from Kettering Town last season. Born: Thurrock 9-6-70.

**LIAM O'BRIEN** - Midfield. A midfielder with an

educated left-foot, Liam arrived from Manchester United in November 1988 for £300,000. Capped eight times by Eire he started his career with Bohemians and Shamrock Rovers. Born: Dublin 5-9-64.

**GAVIN PEACOCK** - Midfield. A gifted and industrious midfielder who finished second top scorer last season. Has notched two hat-tricks this season, against Crewe and Oxford. Gillingham, QPR and AFC Bournemouth - who collected £250,000 for his transfer, are his previous clubs. England schoolboy and youth cap. Born: Kent 18-11-67.

**DAVID ROBINSON** - Striker. Another YTS success. Made his debut in November 1988 and had a successful spell with Peterborough last season but is still looking for his first senior goal. Born: Newcastle 27-11-69.

**KEVIN SCOTT** - Central Defender. Installed as captain by Ossie Ardiles. Was formerly on Middlesbrough's books as a youngster and was playing for Easington Juniors when spotted by Newcastle. Made his debut v Sheffield Wednesday 6-9-86 and has been the linchpin of the defence in more than 150 games. Born: Easington 17-12-66.

**PAUL SRNICEK** - Goalkeeper. Became the third Czech 'keeper' in League football when United paid Banik Ostrava £350,000 for him last season. Capped by Czechoslovakia at Under-21 level. Born: Ostrava 10-3-68.

**MARK STIMSON** - Fullback. Signed from Spurs for £150,000 in May 1989. Made his debut at Everton in May 1987 and had a spell on loan with Leyton Orient before moving north. Born: Plaistow 27-11-67.

**TOMMY WRIGHT** - Goalkeeper. Was a part-timer with Linfield when signed for £30,000 in March 1988. Troubled by injury last season but currently the number one choice at St James' Park. Capped 4 times by Northern Ireland. Born: Belfast: 29-8-63.

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# BENNO'S BRIEF



There is no doubt that Ossie Ardiles will receive a warm reception when he returns to the County Ground this afternoon. The little Argentinian, whose catch-phrase is "no problem", is held in high esteem around these parts.

Skipper Colin Calderwood says: "Ossie completely turned the club around. He helped us all a lot both on and off the field."

Ossie first came to public attention in this country in 1978 when he helped Argentina win the World Cup. It was the then Spurs manager, Keith Burkinshaw, who shrewdly whisked him to England, the fee to his Argentinian masters, Huracan, a mere £325,000.

I doubt whether Keith even realised at the time just what a jewel he had purchased. For along with fellow Argentinian Ricky Villa the pair inspired Spurs to cup glory.

There was never any doubt about the tight and precise skills of this little midfielder. It was his phenomenal work-rate that surprised most observers.

In those early years at White Hart Lane Ossie emphasised his world class. It was then that I first came in contact with him visiting his home regularly to discuss a column I was ghost-writing for him in a magazine. Despite all the glamour and publicity, the fact that he revered as an idol by the north London fans, Ossie remained his quiet reserved self, an unassuming man untouched by all around.

Born in Cordoba, he developed his football with the local Institute team while at University, signing for the Buenos Aires team Huracan in 1975. Fulfilled an ambition when he played for Spurs at Wembley in the 1981 FA Cup Final but the former law student's career was then torpedoed by the Falklands war.

Ossie felt it prudent to leave these shores in the summer of 1982, having missed the FA Cup Final against QPR because he was locked away in Luis Menotti's 1982 World Cup camp.

Anxious not to lose the little genius, Spurs arranged a loan transfer to Paris St. Germain. But Ossie didn't settle in France and he eventually returned to London somewhat disillusioned.

The return of the Prodigal Son did not follow the text however. After making his comeback at Old Trafford in December 1983 Ossie had fitness problems. The trouble was eventually diagnosed as a cracked shinbone. He made another comeback against Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup Final but then knee ligament damage and a chest infection interrupted his career.

After 238 appearances for Spurs Ossie moved to Blackburn Rovers. He then had a spell with QPR before arriving at the County Ground. The rest you know.

After seemingly leading Swindon into Division One the hard work was wiped out by the League following a betting scandal committed prior to his arrival. Towards the end of last season he said goodbye to take over at St James' Park.

It is nice to see you back Ossie but we hope you go back to Newcastle with nothing more than our good wishes!



*Ossie Ardiles*



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March 30th: Swindon Town 3 Newcastle United 2

Newcastle have made only four League visits to the County Ground and today we look back to the last of them just seven months ago.

Prior to the game, Swindon were in 18th place, with only one win from their previous nine games. Managerless United were eleventh. The game took place two days after the transfer deadline and the Town had loan signing Paul Rideout making his first appearance at the County Ground since his £250,000 move to Aston Villa in 1983.

Throughout the afternoon he showed the touches that had taken him to the verge of a full England cap. But despite his promptings, the visitors should have taken the lead when they were awarded a 23rd minute penalty. Top goalscorer Mick Quinn was denied, however, by a fine save from Fraser Digby, and it proved costly to the Tynesiders. Just three minutes later Micky Hazard was given a similar opportunity after John Anderson had handled and he made no mistake.

Newcastle pulled a goal back just before half-time when the Town defence got in a tangle. Keeper Digby was impeded by one of his own defenders as he came out to thwart an attack and Gavin Peacock found room to score with an overhead kick.

Swindon wasted no time in regaining the lead after the interval. In the 50th minute a Nestor Lorenzo free-kick found its way to Duncan Shearer and the Scot coolly fired the ball past John Burrridge with his right foot from 15 yards for his 19th goal of the season. Hazard had the chance to put the game beyond Newcastle's reach with a second spot-kick, but 39 year old Burrridge saved this time and then

## Paul Plowman

*continues to look back at previous encounters with today's visitors*

saw his side pull level when Quinn grabbed a typically opportunist goal. The former Portsmouth striker has seen a header touched on to the bar by Digby but followed up swiftly to notch his 18th strike of the season.

The Town were not to be denied, however, as skipper Colin Calderwood met a Hazard corner on the left to drive the ball in low and hard for a 76th minute winner - his second goal of the month!

Within hours of the final whistle, manager Ossie Ardiles was off to St James' Park and assistant Tony Galvin soon followed. But their new club fared no better than their old in the final few weeks of the season. Swindon won just two of their last nine games and Newcastle two out of eleven.

**Town:** Digby, Kerlake, Viveash, Hazard, Lorenzo, Calderwood, Jones, Shearer, Rideout, (sub. White 88), MacLaren, Foley. Sub not used: Finnigan.

**Newcastle:** Burrridge, Watson, Stimson, Aitken, Scott, Anderson, Dillon, Peacock, Quinn, Hunt, Brock. Subs not used: McGhee, Bradshaw.

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Two disappointing results in the games against Oxford United in the League and Bristol City in the first round of the F.A. Youth Cup.

The Oxford game started promisingly but a fourteen minutes spell saw us concede four goals when defensively we lost all concentration and discipline. As in the past we raised our game in the second half and had a greater share of the game. These kind of performances are not good enough and must be improved for the individual to improve.

Our FA Youth Cup game again ended in defeat which was very disappointing as this is the biggest competition for the youth team. The performance was pleasing from the players efforts and enthusiasm point of view but unfortunately the same old faults were again evident. Well on top in the first half we could have been ahead, unfortunately chances were missed. We then conceded a sloppy goal just before the interval and one

shortly after. Still well in the game, we continued to show a good appetite but again our defensive failings were again seen when we conceded two further goals late in the game.

We have not yet mentioned the defensive side of the formation but must continue to work to improve this department and gradually eliminate the errors of recent games we can then look forward to better individual performances and gain some results.

**John Trollope**

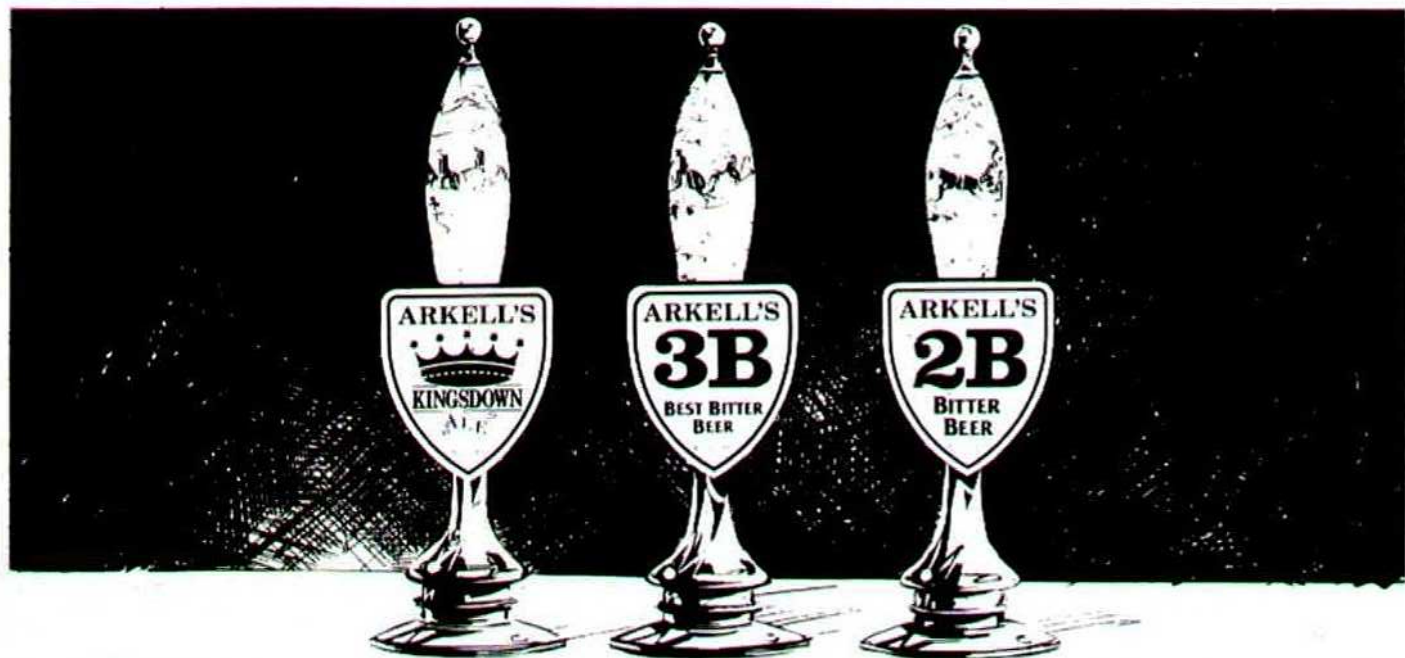
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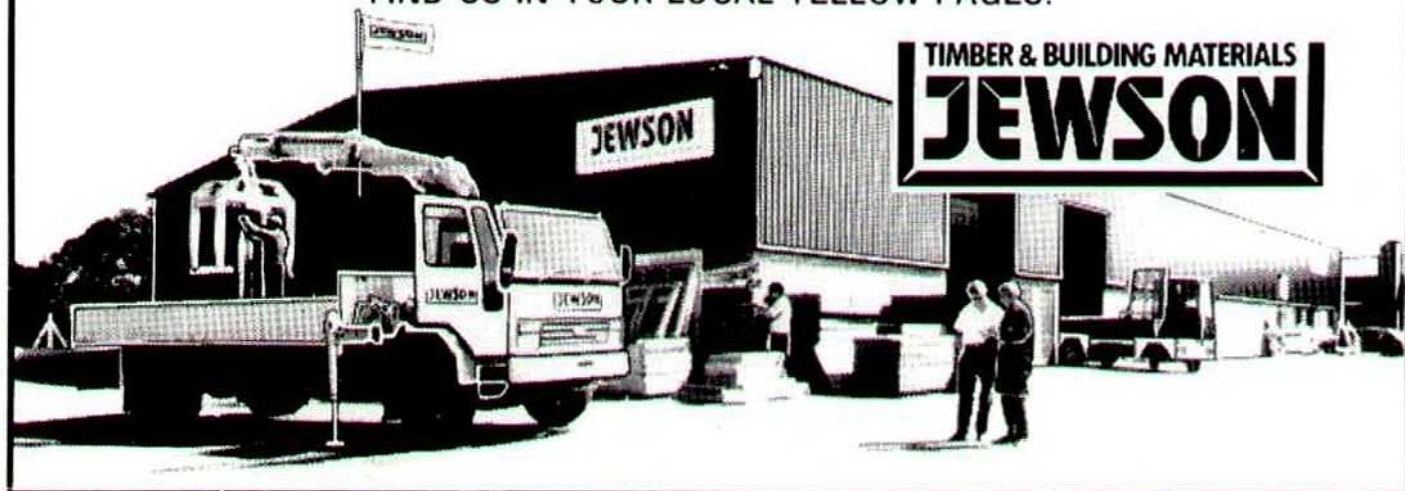


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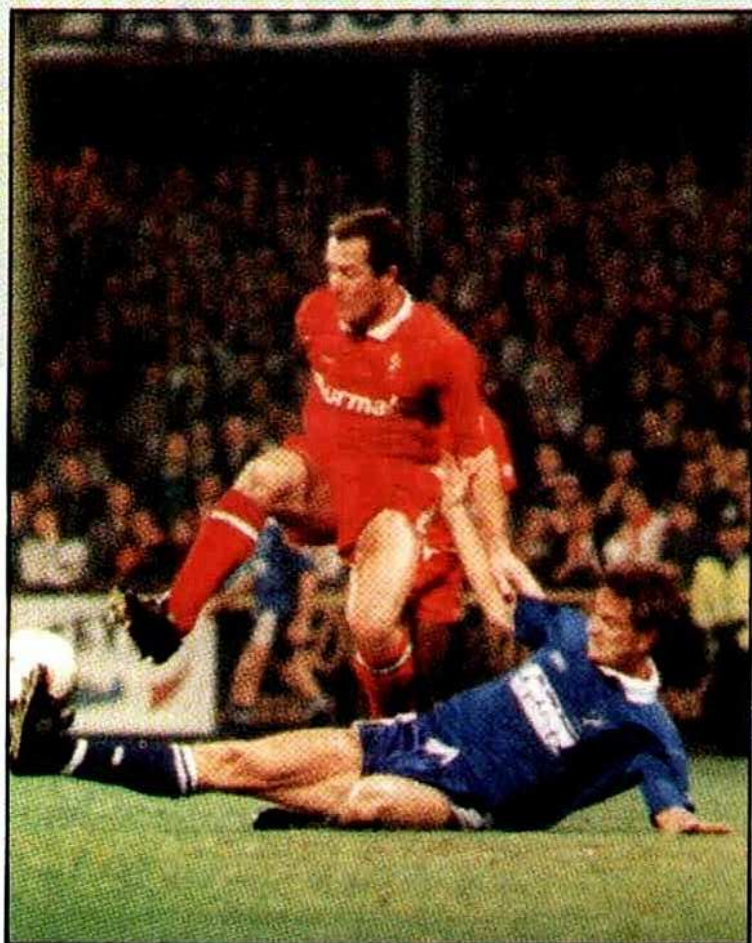
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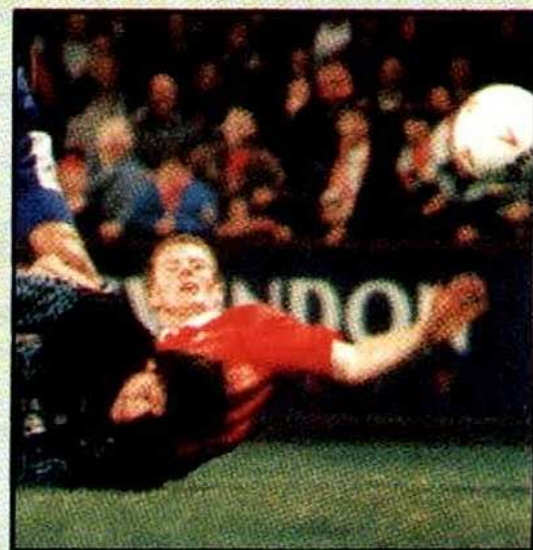


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*Going, Going.....*



*Steve White is challenged, but Swindon take control.*

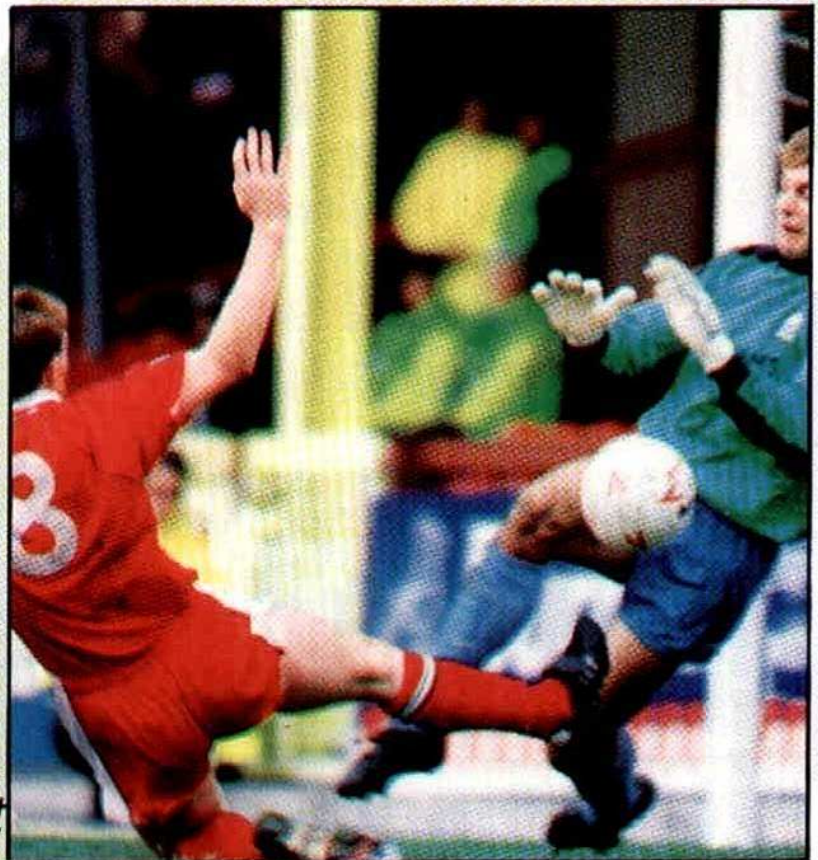


*.... Goal! Shearer's second against Millwall.*





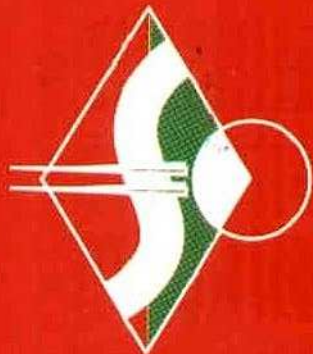
*It's in!  
Steve White scores  
Swindon's first  
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SUB: **12** Adrian Viveash    **14** Steve Foley

Referee: A.N.Bursk (London NW10) Linesman Red Trim: D.G.Madgwick (Aylesbury) Linesman Yellow Trim: P.J.Brennan (Benfleet) Reserve Official: G.Webb (Devizes)

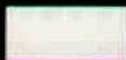
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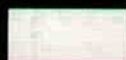
- 1 Tommy Wright
- 2 Darren Bradshaw
- 3 Mark Stimson
- 4 Liam O'Brien
- 5 Kevin Scott
- 6 Matty Appleby
- 7 Lee Clark
- 8 Lee Makel
- 9 Steve Howey
- 10 Andy Hunt
- 11 David Roche

SUB: **12** Archie Gqurlay    **14** Justin Fashanu

HALF-TIME  
SCORE



FULL-TIME  
SCORE



ATTENDANCE

