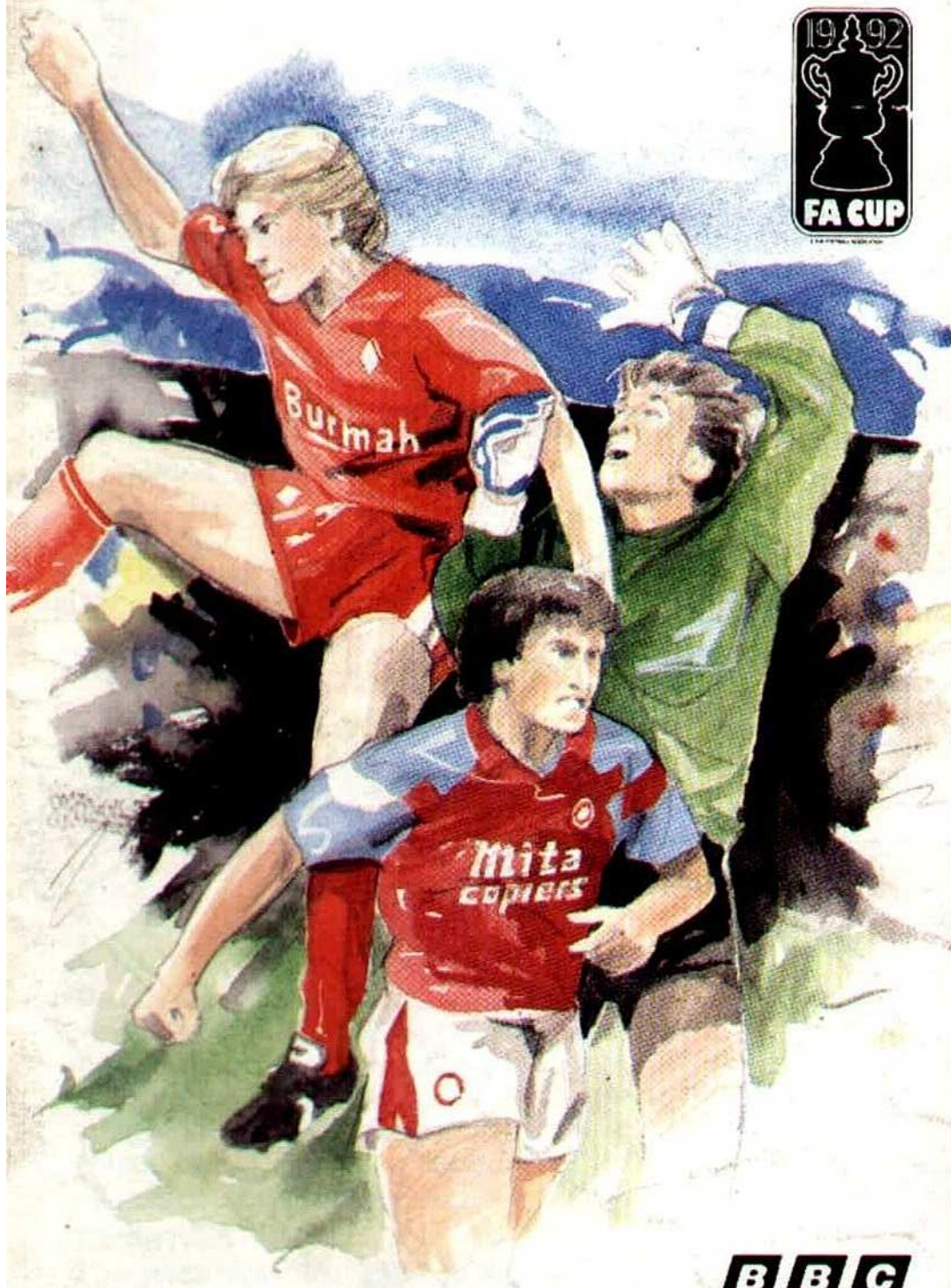




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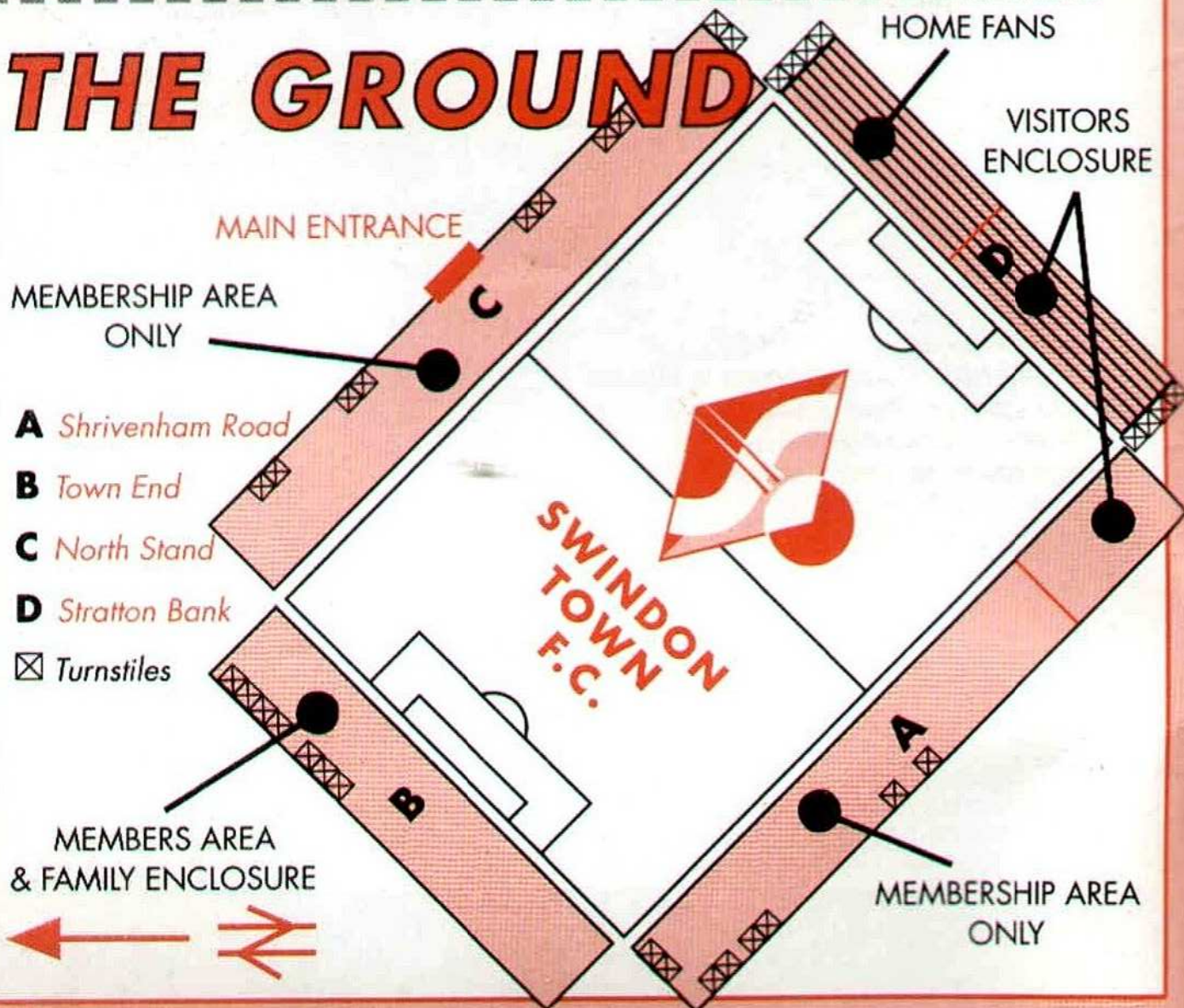


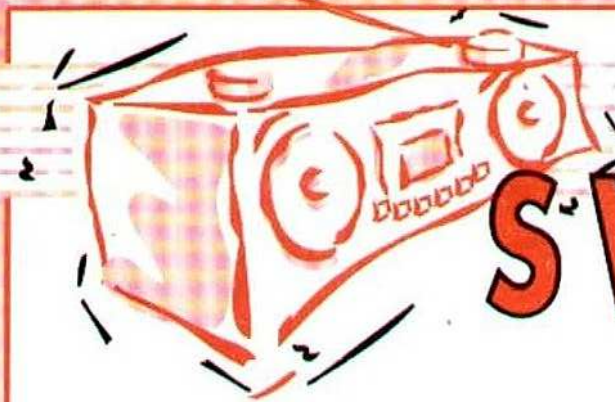
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IN TUNE WITH SWINDON

by Jon Pollard

WELCOME

On this somewhat historic occasion this afternoon not only are we pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Aston Villa Football Club to The County Ground for this first ever Cup meeting between our sides but also the many millions of viewers watching a live game from Swindon on B.B.C. Television's *Match of the Day*.

REPLAY

Should the scores this afternoon be level after ninety minutes no extra time will be played. The replay is at Villa Park on Wednesday 26th February 1992 kicking off at 7.45pm.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

This Saturday we return to Barclays League action when we meet Grimsby Town at Blundell Park kicking off at 3.00pm.

Our next home League game is against Middlesbrough here on Saturday 29th February also kicking off at 3.00pm.

Our home game with Tranmere which was originally rescheduled for Tuesday 3rd March has again been redated this time to *Tuesday 17th March* kicking off at 7.45pm. The change has been brought about because of the possibility of an Italian League v Football League fixture being played on 3rd March at which some of the players could well be involved.

RESERVES

The Reserves next game in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination is this Wednesday afternoon in the home fixture with Luton Town which kicks off at 2.00pm here at The County Ground.

YOUTH TEAM

From one local derby to another. Yesterday morning the Youth Team were in action in the South East Counties League at Reading and this Saturday they meet up with their counterparts from Oxford United at Wanborough kicking off at 11.00am.

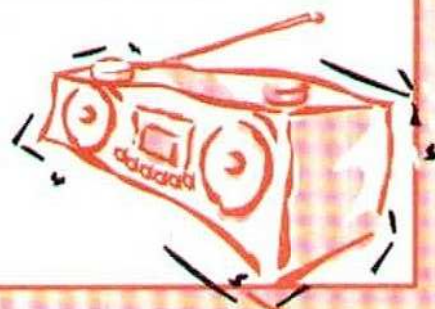
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. J.R. Hunt as Associate Director of Swindon Town Football Co. Ltd. Mr. Hunt is Managing Director of Burmah Petroleum Fuels Ltd, who are the main Club sponsors. Prior to joining Burmah Petroleum Fuels Ltd., Mr. Hunt held posts as Head of Retail Marketing for Elf Petroleum, Director of Oil Development and Licensed Operations Europe for 'Circle K' and Manager for Safeway Food Stores.

Married to Jan, Mr. Hunt has a son Martin, age 2½, and looks forward to lending his expertise to the Board of Directors of Swindon Town Football Company Limited.

NEW CAP

Town full back Paul Bodin is in the Welsh squad to take on the Republic of Ireland in a friendly fixture on Wednesday evening. The game is being played at The Royal Dublin Showground, a change from the usual Lansdowne Road venue.



F.A. Cup



F.A. Cup



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DID YOU KNOW ?

- ? THAT TOWN'S first opponents in the F.A.Cup were Watford Rovers ... R.Jones scored the only goal in a 1-0 win on 23rd October 1886. A month later Town's involvement was ended by a 7-1 defeat by the Swifts in the second round.
- ? IT WAS October 1888 when Town first gained a home draw. The visitors, in a 2nd qualifying round tie, were Great Marlow who went home with a 5-2 win.
- ? THAT SWINDON thrashed Maidenhead 9-0 in a first qualifying round tie in October 1890. Reynolds led the goal scoring spree with a hat trick; Skinner and R.Jones adding two each with Thomas and Everitt also on target.
- ? THIRTEEN YEARS LATER Town handed Poole Town another 9-0 beating. There were hat tricks for Pugh and Bullock; two goals for Green and one from Cowley ... This was followed by a 5-0 defeat of Staple Hill but Town's run came to an end in the 5th qualifying round at Plymouth Argyle 0-2.
- IN MODERN TIMES TOWN'S biggest winning margin has been 7-0. In a first round tie in 1976. Bromley were despatched by this scoreline - McHale, Syrett 2, Moss 2, Anderson 2, the scorers ... Andy Rowland netted three times in a 7-0 win over Aldershot in a third round tie in 1983; Pritchard 3, and Batty the other marksman. And in November 1983 Kettering Town were beaten 7-0 on their ground - Gibson, Quinn 2, Rowland, Henry, Barnard and Batty the scorers.
- ? THAT R.JONES scored four goals as Town walloped Warmley 8-1 in a second round match in October 1894, when he netted twice in a 4-2 win over Bristol St George.
- ? OTHER major scorers in this competition have included Pugh - 16 goals between 1902 and 1904; Fleming 19 goals between 1910 and 1924, including four in a 5-0 win over Sutton Junction ... Harry Morris, the prolific scorer in the club's history recorded 14 F.A.Cup goals between 1926 and 1932.
- ? THAT SWINDON played at Villa Park on the 20th March 1967. It was an FA Cup 5th round second replay against Nottingham Forest. After a 1-1 draw here and a goalless game at the City Ground, Forest won this third encounter 3-0.
- ? THAT MANCHESTER CITY beat us 10-1 in a second round tie in 1930 ... AND we beat Farnham United 10-1 in the first round in 1925. Richardson scored four goals in that game and netted another four in the next round as Town demolished Sittingbourne 7-0.
- ? THAT SWINDON have twice contested the semi-final. In 1910 when we lost 2-0 to Newcastle United at White Hart Lane; and in 1912 when after a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge, Barnsley won 1-0 at Meadow Lane. (The semi-final was effectively the 5th round in those days.)
- ? SINCE THEN we have reached the 5th round seven times - winning just once, in 1970, 3-1 home to Scunthorpe United (Leeds beat us 2-0 in the 6th round). The other 5th round appearances were; 1929 Arsenal - lost 1-0 at Highbury after 0-0 here; 1948 Southampton 0-3; 1952 Luton 1-3; 1964 West Ham United 1-3, and Nottingham Forest in 1967. THIS will be our 148th home tie - the 34th against First Division opposition.

	P	W	D	L
HOME	147	96	21	30
AWAY	139	50	24	65
TOTAL	286	146	45	95

Prelude

by

Glenn Hoddle



This has been a fantastic week. There is nothing like a Cup run to set a town buzzing and our fans have certainly captured the mood. Playing host to a top First Division side has meant a lot of media cover of course and we are looking forward to a sell-out crowd for this afternoon's game which has been chosen as the live match for TV. An ideal opportunity then for us to show the nation the quality of football being played in the Second Division this season. I can tell you we have no inhibitions about Villa. We know they are a good side but we fancy our chances and will give it our best shot.

Our main concern is to make sure the lads don't freeze on the day and I'm sure they won't. They will need no motivating for this one is their biggest game of the season. In fact John and I could turn up at three o'clock and just send them out.

It looks a well balanced tie. As we are the home side the emphasis is on us to really have a go against a Villa side that has stuttered somewhat in recent weeks in which they have been far from consistent.

My message to the players is they have nothing to fear. The balance will hinge on whether we can live with their pace and possession. If we can, then we have certainly got the ability to cause them a few problems.

It is how we defend against them that will be decisive. In the previous round I felt Derby were a little unfortunate. They made a couple of bad mistakes which handed Villa the advantage. This is something we must guard against.

Villa are a footballing side and so are we so it should be a good entertaining game. We have had three good home results over Bristol City, Oxford United and Brighton so the lads should be confident playing at home in front of our own crowd.

Against Brighton last week I thought we looked very apprehensive in the opening stages. I can't

put my finger on the cause but we defended poorly at times and let them in for an early strike. But we clawed our way back and showed great resolve in the way that we did it.

We won without playing exceptionally well so that is a bonus as were Colin Calderwood's two goals.

Colin was tremendous and he was where he should be for the set-piece goal. We have now scored six or seven important goals from dead-ball kick routines which is just reward for we do work hard at them.

I allow the players as much freedom as they want in passing and open play but I think it is good to keep some control and so we regiment them on set-pieces and the hours of practice have brought us dividends.

The win over Brighton lifted us into fourth place in the Second Division table - a comforting statistic which gives us all a psychological boost. There are sixteen games left in the League marathon and if we are in the same position with ten matches to play we will be nicely placed for the final run in. It is then that we will sort the men out from the boys.

True, we have now used up our games in hand and if all our rivals win theirs then we could find ourselves back in eighth or ninth spot. But they won't all win and as the season reaches its crucial stages I think it is better to have points in the bank than games in hand. If we keep going we are in with a good chance, for our closing run sees us scheduled to face just one of the major contenders - Southend United.

But today we concentrate all our efforts on this one big game. It feels strange being the underdog, for with Spurs and Monaco we were always the favourites; not that we are a million miles away from Aston Villa as we hope to prove over the coming 90 minutes.

Glenn

The Cup - Its Origins

by Colin Benson.



The World Cup, the European Cup and all the other major trophies played for under FA, FIFA and UEFA umbrellas are now an established part of the football calendar. They epitomise the drawing power of the knock-out tournament, blow breaths of fresh air into domestic competition, set pulses racing and give men dreams to chase.

There is no greater drama than the finality of the K.O. competition. The game has thrived upon the commitment, the hope, even the despair, generated by such tournaments which were spawned from the Football Association Challenge Cup - known affectionately throughout the world simply as 'The Cup'.

It all began way back in 1871 when Gladstone and Disraeli were the leading political lights in Liberal mid-Victorian Britain. It was an age of distinct class distinction; of the top hat, the cloth cap and the old school tie; an age when industrial and social reform was beginning to take shape; when working hours were being governed and Saturday afternoons were to be free.

Football, as an organised sporting activity, was still very much in its infancy, poorly orchestrated and lacking enterprise or stability. It was then that seven club officials decided the game needed a fillip and on the 20th July 1871 they met in a small office of the Sportsman newspaper, in London, to discuss the matter.

It was to be a historic meeting of profound consequences, though none at the time could contemplate the repercussions of their deliberations that day. There simply seemed no sense of occasion to the seven wise men in attendance; Charles Alcock of the Wanderers, A Stair of Upton Park Club, C W Stephenson of Westminster School, J H Gifford from the Civil Service Club, D Allport representing Crystal Palace, M P Betts of Harrow and Captain Marindin of the Army.

Charles Alcock, who was also the Secretary of the Football Association, launched his idea, which had been inspired by a House knock-out competition he had participated in during his education at Harrow School. He proposed: "It is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete."

His idea received general approval and was endorsed at a subsequent meeting on October 16th, 1871, when fifteen clubs entered the inaugural competition.

On March, 16th 1872, some two-thousand people paid a shilling (5p) a head to witness the first FA Cup Final. The Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0 - it was the Engineers first defeat in two years. The press



notice of the day observed: "the excessive admission charge of one shilling had kept the attendance down." Matthew Betts scored the historic goal yet should not have been playing. He turned out under a pseudonym as he was a member of the Harrow Chequers Club, which had scratched against the Wanderers in the first round.

Victory qualified the Wanderers for the next year's Final and this practice was to help the Wanderers dominate the competition with five wins in seven years.

Another club to earn fame through the Cup in those pioneering days was Blackburn Rovers. They completed a hat-trick of victories in 1884, 1885 and '86 and pulled in 4,000 for their first final against the Glasgow club Queens Park. It was of course the golden age of the

amateur until the turn of the century when professionals took over. Even then there were some remarkable characters such as the famous C B Fry; England footballer, Test cricketer, holder of the world long-jump record and scholar, who played for Southampton in the 1902 Final. He was one of only three amateurs taking the field.

He recalled: "We played Sheffield United in the Final. We played them one Saturday and drew, we played them a fortnight after and drew. We played extra-time and they beat us by one goal. That was on the Saturday and on the Monday I played against Sussex for old W G (Grace) and made 77. It was all very sporting in those days."

So the famous Fry did not get his hands on the coveted Cup, though by then it was not the original trophy. For after Aston Villa had beaten W B A in the first all-Midland final they carved their name indelibly into the history books by becoming the only club to win and lose the F A Cup in the same season.

On the night of September 11th, 1895 the Cup was stolen from a local shop window display and despite the inducement of a £10 reward for its return was never seen again. Villa were fined £25 for the purchase of a replacement which stayed in circulation until 1920. It was then that it was discovered that the design had been duplicated in Manchester and that the FA were powerless to prevent it being copied.

Consequently the FA Council commissioned a third trophy - presenting the existing cup to Lord Kinnaird in recognition of 21 years service as President of the Association. The new trophy, currently held by Spurs, was registered to prevent a recurrence of that unfortunate episode.



NEWS

With the number of goals scored in the Second Division approaching 1,000 for the season, several strikers from clubs within the Division have been making the headlines recently.

Bristol City manager Jimmy Lumsden has paid £250,000 for Celtic's Polish striker Jacki Dziekanowski and although Jacki has earned a 'Bad Boy' reputation north of the border Lumsden is only interested in what the player with 60 Polish caps can do for City on the pitch. "I know all about Jacki's supposed reputation but let's face it, there have been quite a few players with playboy images over the years. The lad can do what he wants on a Saturday night or Sunday as far as I'm concerned. As long as he trains hard and performs to the best of his ability, he'll do for me. Dziekanowski has made a great start for City grabbing two goals in his opening four games and is happy to be playing first team soccer again." "I didn't get a chance at Celtic this season. Now I'm happy to be a Bristol player. A few other clubs were interested but I joined Bristol City as they made me the best offer. I would like to play First Division soccer but whether it will be with Bristol I don't know. I hope so."

Derby County striker Ian Ormondroyd believes his side can make it into the Premier Division at the first attempt and is pleased that his £300,000 move from Aston Villa has finally gone through "You can't guarantee promotion but our future is much brighter. The Second Division is not as good as it has been over the last two or three years. It is very tight and very equal and putting a run of decent games together is important. We've definitely got our eyes fixed on the Premier".

Ossie Ardiles, who is reportedly to receive £250,000 compensation for the termination of his contract with Newcastle United believes he could have swung the club's fortunes around given time "I do not think that I got a fair crack at the whip. I sometimes looked with envy at our neighbours Sunderland and Middlesbrough. This is

the first time this has ever happened to me and I am still shocked. I have no doubts that Newcastle are going to be among the elite clubs. I certainly wanted to be a part of that and I am confident that I would have kept them up. I think Kevin has taken over a great set up but I am not angry or bitter. I just hope Newcastle survive this season."

At the other end of the table Blackburn Rovers continue to buy their way into the Premier League with the acquisition of Aston Villa full back Chris Price who scored on his debut at Grimsby last Saturday after only five minutes. Former Villa team mate Gordon Cowans is not taking promotion for granted despite Rovers' good form since the spending spree began "We've been receiving rave reviews lately and at times it's obvious how much class we've got but that doesn't give us the divine right to go up. We've got to learn to match other team's work rate. In that department we're just not good enough, there's a lot of hard work to be done and we've got to learn to roll up our sleeves."

Hot on the heels of Rovers are Ipswich Town who demolished Portsmouth 5-2 at Portman Road last week with strikers Jason Dozzell and Chris Kiwomya both on the score sheet again. Dozzell remains modest of his current form standing in for the injured Paul Goddard "I'm just filling in because of injuries at the moment but I'm happy to play up there for the rest of the season if I have to because Chris and I have such a good understanding and we are scoring a few goals at the moment. We're the best of friends off the field and we seem to have a good understanding on it."

SWINDON NEXT HOME MATCH

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CRUCIAL CLASH WITH BORO



The season is really hotting up and after the Cup thrills and spills we swing back into League action with a trip to Grimsby Town next Saturday. It will not be easy but after Blackburn's 3-2 win there last week we need to prove our quality by getting a result.

Then it is back to the County Ground for another humdinger, as Middlesbrough breeze into town. The Ayresome Park club were firm favourites for the Second Division championship earlier this season but their away form has let them down.

Like us 'Boro have been involved in Cup action this weekend - away to Portsmouth - but they come here trailing Town on goal difference with two games in hand and so this is a vital one for us to win. There is no Tony Mowbray at the heart of the 'Boro defence these days, he has gone to Celtic for big money but with Alan Kernaghan in masterful form they have maintained an impressive record

conceding 28 goals in 28 Second Division games. In attack the strong running Stuart Ripley is enjoying his best ever season and with former Everton striker Paul Wilkinson alongside the impish Bernie Slaven they have experience and quality in attack.

Lennie Lawrence, in his first season with the club, has the Cleveland side well organised but will they be able to hold Duncan Shearer and David Mitchell? They proved too strong for Port Vale last time out, when goals from John Hendrie and Robbie Mustoe earned Middlesbrough their fourth away win of the season.

We look set then for another titanic struggle with the emphasis on us to win and so maintain a challenging position. The lads will be counting on your vocal backing so don't miss **Swindon Town v Middlesbrough** here on Saturday 29th February at 3.00 pm as the Second Division championship chase gathers momentum.

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Marketing Matters

by Mike Sullivan



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Development Director and Mr Peter Atkinson, Sales Promotion and Advertising Manager.

The last game which was sponsored by **BURMAH PETROLEUM FUELS** was the F.A. Cup 3rd Round tie at home to Watford, which we won 3-2. Let's hope it's a lucky omen and that our name will be going in to the bag when the draw for the quarter finals are made. We hope that all the guests in the **BURMAH** party enjoy today's game.

Before the start of our last evening home game v Bristol City Burmah's Managing Director Mr Rikki Hunt presented Martin Ling with the award of Burmah's 'Man of the Month' for January. The award of a fuel card allows Martin **FREE** petrol for the next six months at any of the Burmah petrol stations in the area.



It turned out to be a lucky evening for Martin because after the game he was chosen by Match sponsors **BASS BREWERS SOUTH** as their 'Man of the Match'. Pictured receiving his award from **BASS** Regional Sales Manager Mr John Southway is a delighted Martin who received a case of lager, bottle of Champagne and a special trophy.



SWINDON TOWN GOLF DAY

We are now taking bookings for the Swindon Town Golf Day which will be played at the Marlborough Golf Club on Thursday August 6th. The day consists of coffee on arrival, lunch, an afternoon's round of golf, dinner, an after dinner speaker, plus the opportunity of winning some special prizes. If you would like to know more details why not give me a call on (0793) 430430.

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Firstly we have **Gavin Bailey** from Greenmeadow, Swindon. Gavin enjoys watching Swindon Town play, especially when his favourite player Glenn Hoddle is playing, and Karate.



Our second mascot is 9 year old **Steven Brown**. Steven is from Stonehouse and plays for the Stonehouse Under 11's and loves football. He says his favourite players are Glenn Hoddle and Micky Hazard.

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Arsenal 3 Swindon Town 1

After hitting the heights with our win over Tottenham Hotspur we were brought back down to earth by a strong Arsenal side.

The first twenty minutes were pretty even with neither side really threatening to score but then Arsenal stepped up a gear and kept us pinned in our own half. It seemed that it was only going to be a matter of time before they scored and sure enough after thirty five minutes a cross was headed home by the unmarked David Cole. This seemed to kick us into life and at last we started putting some passes together.

The remainder of the half at least saw us put the Gunners defence under pressure with a string of corners.

The second half began the same way and in the first twenty five minutes we had our best spell of the game, during which we scored once and had a couple of good chances.

Our goal came when Steve Lane controlled Paul Hunt's corner to rifle a half volley home from just eight yards. With the score at 1-1 Marcus Phillips shot just over and Lane had a shot brilliantly saved by the home keeper. However hopes of a win were quickly shattered by two Arsenal breakaway goals. Striker Dickou, and Cole with his second put

paid to our hopes and Fraser Digby was becoming increasingly busy.

Although it wasn't a particularly bad performance we had too many individuals who were out of sorts on the day leading to a disjointed team performance.

Andy Rowland

Reserve Team Manager

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

League Table up to and including 8.2.92

	Pld.	Won	Dwn	Lost	For	Against	Pts.
ARSENAL	27	15	6	6	58	35	51
CHELSEA	24	15	5	4	54	24	50
SOUTHAMPTON	22	15	5	2	43	16	50
QPR	25	16	1	8	53	31	49
CRYSTAL PALACE	25	13	7	5	46	30	46
PORTSMOUTH	28	13	2	13	54	60	41
NORWICH CITY	22	12	2	8	46	25	38
LUTON TOWN	24	11	5	8	31	31	38
SWINDON TOWN	23	11	3	9	39	37	36
WIMBLEDON	25	9	6	10	35	30	33
FULHAM	25	10	3	12	29	35	33
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	23	9	5	9	39	35	32
IPSWICH TOWN	25	8	5	12	41	51	29
WATFORD	23	9	1	13	35	43	28
MILLWALL	24	7	6	11	39	53	27
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	23	7	5	11	32	40	26
OXFORD UNITED	24	8	2	14	39	57	26
WEST HAM UTD.	23	5	6	12	35	48	21
BRIGHTON	25	5	3	17	33	56	18
READING	24	4	2	18	35	79	14

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Offbeat^{WITH} JOHN GORMAN

This afternoon's F.A.Cup 5th round tie against Aston Villa should be a preview of things to come if we are to achieve our goal of promotion to the Premier League.

Aston Villa are a very big ambitious Club with a high profile management team of Ron Atkinson and his assistant Andy Gray who are well respected characters in the game and are themselves T.V. personalities in their own right, so today's live match is nothing new to them or indeed their players.

It is however new to us here at Swindon and it would be nice to turn on the style today to a live television audience.

It is our job to make sure that all the hype does not bother us, we just want to concentrate solely on playing our game the way we have all season.

Villa are not unbeatable, although they have some very interesting players and lots of good individuals who on their day can be awesome.

However we know we have the style of play and quality of players who will rise to the occasion and hopefully get our name into the draw for the quarter finals after this afternoon's game.

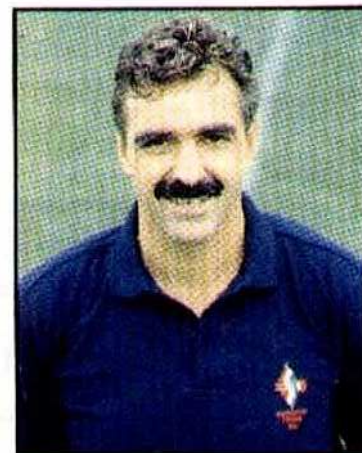
As we did in the previous round against Cambridge United we have kept low key-or as much as the media will let you, training quite hard early in the week but spending the remainder of the

week at a health farm getting away from it all, to be nice and relaxed for today. Many thanks indeed to our sponsors BURMAH who have kindly assisted financially with our get away break.

We are quite fortunate that on the injury front only Steve White, who played most of the season in pain, is the only main casualty, along with long term injury man Dave Bennett.

Glenn had a run out last Wednesday in the Reserves at Wimbledon which is a major boost for our run into the crucial part of the season.

So to this afternoon with all eyes focused on Swindon, not only the B.B.C. and Sky Television but also throughout Scandinavia on TV3 and live on B.B.C. Radio 5. To the many millions tuning in throughout Europe as well as all those of you lucky enough to get a ticket, *enjoy the game.*



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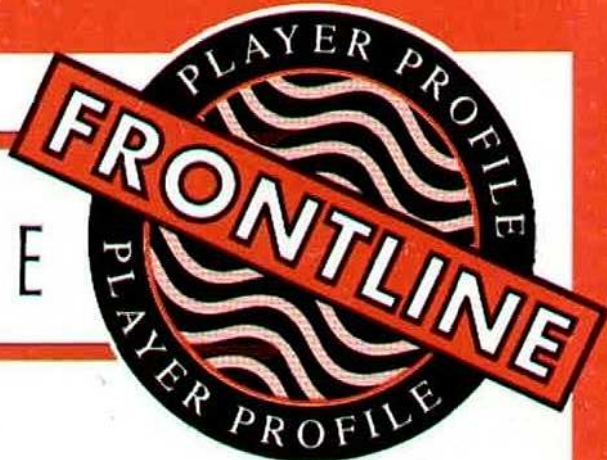


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GLENN - THE CUP WINNER

By Colin Benson

The romance of the FA Cup has never been far away in Glenn Hoddle's illustrious career. Three times as a player he has graced the Wembley final twice coming down from the Royal Box clutching winners medals.

"I played there five times in all," reflects Glenn. "Two of those finals, against Manchester City and QPR, went to replays. It is the sort of thing you dream about as a kid but it is not until you walk out of the tunnel that you really know what it is all about. I have played in big games in European and World football but none affect you emotionally in quite the same way as an FA Cup Final."

"The 1981 final with Manchester City was a real cracker. The replay was as good an advert for football as you could wish. We were one-up then two-one down before Ricky Villa scored that memorable goal. It was an exceptional moment in the history of the Cup."

Twelve months later Spurs were back again in an all London final with Queens Park Rangers. Glenn thought he had won the Cup with the only goal in a closely fought battle when, with five minutes to go, up popped Terry Fenwick to score a dramatic equaliser. Spurs had it all to do again.

But Glenn was to have the decisive say in the replay settling the match with a seventh minute penalty.

Says Glenn: "It is always nice to score goals but the winner in a Cup Final is something special, even if it was from the penalty spot."

The Spurs play-maker had become only the sixth player in history to convert a penalty in a Wembley final; and the second incidentally from Spurs, Danny Blanchflower having succeeded in 1962. There was no argument about the decision of referee Clive White after Currie clearly pulled Graham Roberts down as the Tottenham powerhouse accelerated past him.

Spurs fans waited with baited breath as Hoddle stepped up to take the vital kick. It must have been a nerve tingling experience as 100,000 expectant faces focussed on the tall, lean frame of the kicker. "All I wanted was to get hold of that ball and put it on the spot," recalls Glenn. "I closed my mind to everything but the ball; kept repeating to myself, 'get it in, get it in', I had to be positive."

The hushed silence which accompanied his run up suddenly exploded into a glorious song of triumph as Glenn steered his shot low and firm inside the left-hand post as Hucker dived the opposite way. He didn't know

it then but he had scored the goal that retained the FA Cup for Tottenham Hotspur.

"It was a marvellous feeling," says Glenn with a smile of contented achievement. "It was not a particularly good game but it would have been a tragedy if we had not won something that year. We had played some marvellous football and were three minutes away from winning the League Cup when Liverpool equalised. They beat us 3-1 in extra time."

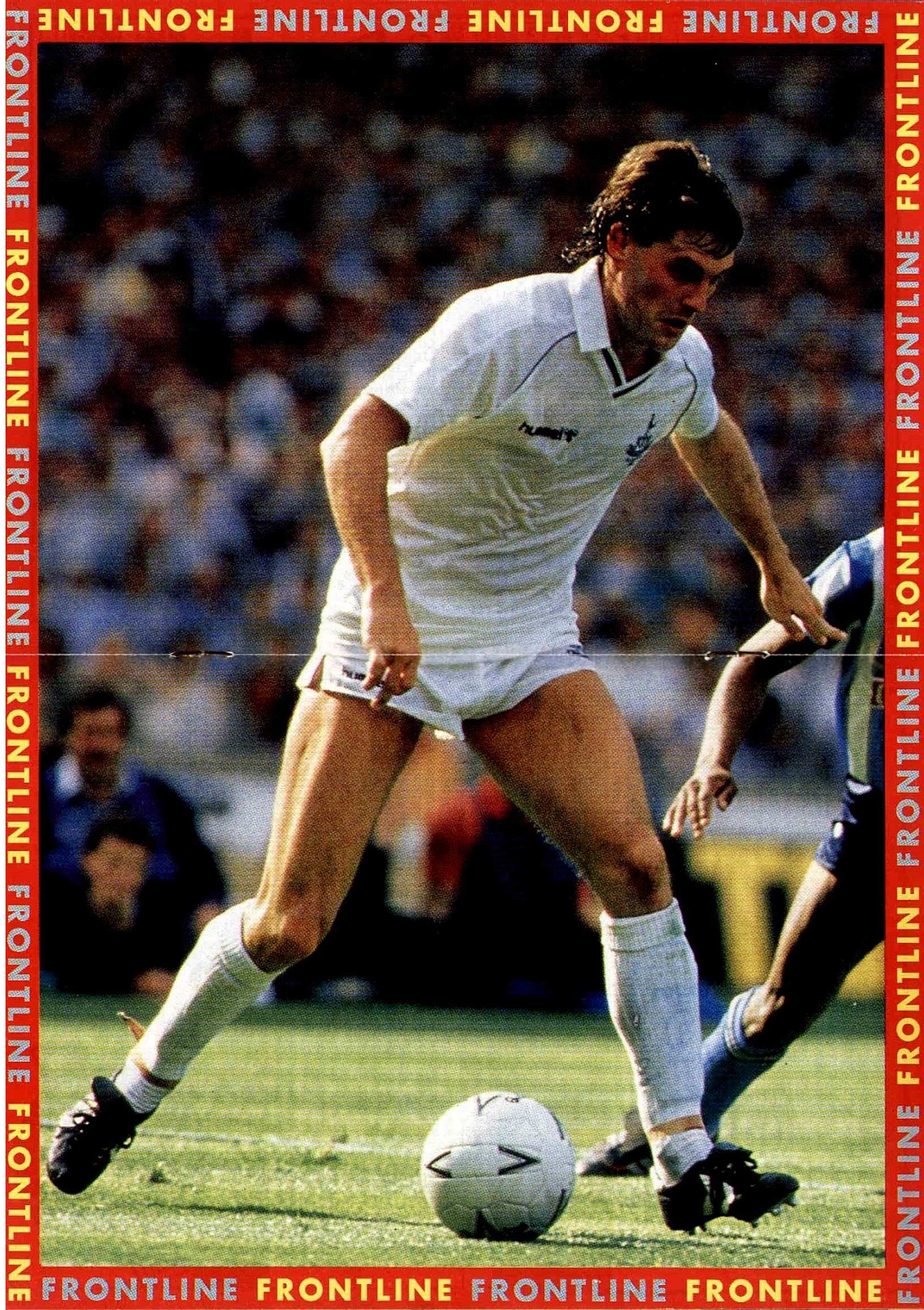
"The Cup can be cruel as well. I remember us losing at Cardiff in the third round one year. We all felt completely gutted. I played here in a fourth round tie in 1980 when we were lucky to get a 0-0 draw. And in the replay at White Hart Lane we were a goal down with less than twenty minutes to play when Gerry Armstrong came on as a sub. He scored twice, and I made both of them to save a difficult game."

"But the Cup tie that really lives in my memory is a semi-final replay with Wolves at Highbury. As an Associate Schoolboy with Spurs I recall seeing Arsenal beat us at White Hart Lane on a very emotional night to win the 'double'. White Hart Lane was swathed in red and white. It was a depressing scene for any true Tottenham fan to take in. I felt the slate was rubbed clean that night at Highbury as we beat Wolves to reach Wembley and the blue and white colours of Spurs filled the ground."

It was also a relief for me for in the first game Kenny Hibbit had fallen over and referee Clive Thomas awarded them a penalty against me. Kenny later admitted there was no foul but at the time I was very upset. I felt I had let the side down.

"We put it all right that night at Highbury. I made two goals for Garth Crooks and Ricky Villa scored a real stormer to give us a 3-0 victory. There was blue and white everywhere. I had balanced the books."

"From day one of a footballers career the Cup is something special and you don't have to play in the Final to make history. No one will forget Wrexham's win over Arsenal. It is a trophy that is attainable to us all. West Ham, Sunderland, Southampton have all played in the Final as Second Division clubs and there is no reason why we shouldn't follow in their steps. You don't go into the competition if you don't believe you can go all the way."





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TO

ASTON VILLA

THE NEW VILLA TAKING SHAPE

By John Nolan.

The emergence this season of Aston Villa as one of the foremost teams in the First Division has not only been a surprise but under the circumstances augers most positively for the team's potential in coming campaigns.

Villa are not going to win the League Championship this season nor did they expect to. Indeed, one suspects that even the most ardent Villa fans have been pleasantly surprised by the achievements of a team that has only been assembled over the past few months.

Since Ron Atkinson was eased into the managerial seat last summer he has virtually re-built the side. Last season, under the direction of Dr. Josef Vengles, the team flirted with relegation. By the turn of the year they had Manchester United and Leeds clearly in their sights.

Mr Atkinson claims that his intention is to make Villa "a hard team to beat" and he has not yet achieved this with 11 defeats suffered in 28 League appearances. But the basis is there and the quality of the players he has assembled suggests there are some good times ahead for the West Midlands.

The sale of England midfielder David Platt to Italian side Bari sparked the transfer merry-go-round. When Atkinson signed midfielder Garry Parker from Nottingham Forest, on November 28th, it was the 21st transaction since June. Twelve players had arrived and nine departed. Not only had Atkinson assembled his own team but he had realised a handsome profit of £3.8 million on a turnover of almost £14 million.

Says Atkinson: "We are a new side virtually re-shaped inside four months. We have to be reasonably happy with the progress we have made in this time particularly when you compare us with a team like say, Spurs, which has taken three years to assemble." The team has a settled look about it with Les Sealey keeping stalwart Nigel Spink out of goal. Spink, who started his career with Chelmsford City had made his name as a raw rookie in 1982 when within minutes of the European Cup Final starting in Rotterdam he was thrust into the action as a sub for Jimmy Rimmer and played the hero's role against Bayern Munich. Lost his place through injury this season after 14 games - his 375th for the club.

The regular fullback pairing of Kubicki and Staunton has been supplemented at times by Chris Price who returned to Blackburn Rovers last week, and the exciting new discovery Bryan Small 20, who is essentially a rightback.

Young Stephen Freggatt has also been used on the left with Hackney born Ugochuke Ehiguo - signed from West Brom for £40,000 in the summer - another teenager gaining experience with the occasional call-up.

McGrath and Teale have established a solid central partnership limiting Danish international Kent Nielsen to just six League games this season. In midfield Richardson, Parker and Daley reign supreme while in attack Regis and Yorke are aware that Dalian Atkinson signed from Real Sociedad for £1.6 million in July, is on his way back after surgery on an ankle.

Two German Under-21 internationals Stefan Beinlich and Matthias Breitkrutz are also knocking on the door. Atkinson signed them from Bergmann Bensig for £250,000 and says: "One is very much like Lothar Matthaus: the other like Klinsmann... or is it dustman!" he jokes. Whatever, you can bet that praise coming from a man who always fancied himself as 'Beckenbauer' in training sessions, these lads have something to offer.

VILLA'S FA CUP TRAIL

Rd	Opponents	F	A	Scorers
3	Tottenham Hotspur (h)	0	0	
3R	Tottenham Hotspur (a)	1	0	Yorke
4	Derby County (a)	4	3	Yorke 3, Parker

THE MAN IN CHARGE



The charismatic figure of **Ron Atkinson** arrived at Villa Park last summer after leading Sheffield Wednesday to the Rumbelows League Cup Final in the previous campaign.

His appointment at Villa Park took him full circle for after a short spell with Wolves Ron served his apprenticeship with Villa in the mid-1950's. He did not make the first team and drifted into non-League soccer with Oxford United helping them progress eventually to the Second Division of the Football League.

It was with Kettering Town that he moved into management making his way to Old Trafford via Cambridge United and W.B.A. Led United to two FA Cup wins in 1983 and '85. Ron had a 96-day sojourn with Atletico Madrid after being axed by United then returned to the English game as manager of Sheffield Wednesday.



Aston Villa 1991-92 First Team Squad

Back Row (left to right): Bryan Small, * Derek Mountfield, Ugo Ehiogu, * Kent Nielson, Les Sealey, Nigel Spink, * Ivo Stas, * Paul Mortimer, Chris Price, Kevin Richardson.
Middle row (left to right): Jim Barron (First Team Coach), * Ian Ormondroyd, Neil Cox, Ian Olney, Dalian Atkinson, Cyrille Regis, * Kevin Gage, Mark Blake, Steve Staunton, Andy Gray (Assistant Manager).
Front Row (left to right): Jim Walker (Physiotherapist), Dwight Yorke, Shaun Teale, * Stuart Gray, Ron Atkinson (Manager), * Gary Penrice, * Gordon Cowans, Tony Daley, Roger Spry (Fitness Consultant).

* No longer at Club.

THE ABC OF ASTON VILLA

MARK BLAKE - Midfield. Exciting 21 year old developed through the Villa ranks. Won a place in the England Under-21 side soon after making his League debut v Luton Town in October 1989. Won his 9th cap at this level last November. Born: Nottingham.

TONY DALEY - Forward. If anyone can make the pulses race it is Tony. Fast, well balanced with great control he won his first England cap in Poland last November. Burst onto the League scene, while still an apprentice at Southampton in April 1985 and has now made more than 200 senior appearances. Capped at youth and 'B' levels also. Born: Aston 18-10-67.

DARIUSZ KUBICKI - Fullback. Joined Villa for £250,000 from Legia Warsaw earlier this season and made his League debut at Southampton at the end of August. Dariusz is a Polish international, with good touch and an attacking instinct. Born: Warsaw 6-6-63.

PAUL McGRATH - Central Defender/Midfield. Played in two FA Cup winning sides with Manchester United, in 1983 and 1985, after joining them from Irish Club St Patricks in 1982. Was one of the key players in the Eire side that won through to the quarter-final of the World Cup in 1990 and now has 50 caps. Moved to Villa for £400,000 in 1989. Born: Ealing 4-12-59.

IAN OLNEY - Forward. Hailed as the new scoring sensation when he netted 11 goals in 35 appearances in 1989-90. Ian's progress has since been hampered by injuries. Introduced to senior football in October 1988 in a derby clash with Birmingham City he collected his 10th England Under-21 cap against Poland last November. Born: Luton 17-12-69.

GARRY PARKER - Midfield. Signed from Nottingham Forest for £650,000 last November, he made his Villa bow at Oldham (30-11-91). Commenced his career with Luton making just over 40 League appearances, before joining Hull in 1986. While there he won the first of his six England Under-21 caps. Forest paid £250,000 for him in '88. Scored his first goal for Villa in the FA Cup tie at Derby. Born: Oxford 7-9-65.

CYRILLE REGIS - Striker. Picked up an FA Cup winners' medal with Coventry City in 1987 and has quite a reputation in Cup football; once equalling the old League Cup record with five goals against Chester. The former Hayes striker kicked-off his League career with a goal on his debut for WBA v Middlesbrough in September 1977. Moved to Coventry for £300,000 in

1984 and rejoined Ron Atkinson at Villa last summer on a free transfer. Cyrille has five England caps. Born: Mariapousova (French-Guyana) 9-2-58.

KEVIN RICHARDSON - Midfield. Joined Villa from Real Sociedad for £450,000 last summer. A former Everton apprentice, he was a member of their FA Cup winning side in 1984. Picked up a ECWC winners' medal the following year. Had a year with Watford before Arsenal signed him in 1987. Won League Championship honours with both Everton and the Gunners. Born: Newcastle 14-12-62.

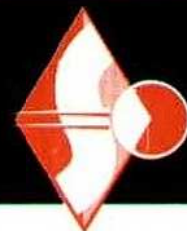
LES SEALEY - Goalkeeper. Joined Manchester United as cover but found himself thrust into the United side for the FA Cup Final replay with Crystal Palace in 1990 - his brilliant match-winning display earning him a regular place in the side last season. Les made over 200 appearances for Coventry City in his early days, moving to Luton in 1983. Had a loan spell with Plymouth during this time. Joined Villa on a free transfer in July. Won European Cup Winners' Cup medal in 1991. Born: Bethnal Green 29-9-57.

STEVE STAUNTON - Defender. Came to prominence with Liverpool whom he joined from Dundalk in 1987. Made his League debut for Bradford City on loan (v Sheffield United in November 1987). A regular in the Liverpool and Eire teams - he has 28 caps - for the past two years he joined Villa in the summer for £1.1 million. Born: Drogheda 19-1-69.

SHAUN TEALE - Central Defender. Recruited from AFC Bournemouth, for £350,000 in the summer, he has proved a revelation in the heart of the defence. A former junior with Everton he drifted into non-League circles serving Burscough, Southport, Northwich Victoria and Weymouth. AFC Bournemouth paid £50,000 for him in January 1989. Has one England Semi-Pre cap. Born: Southport 10-3-64.

DWIGHT YORKE - Striker. One of the most exciting discoveries to emerge from Villa Park in recent times he was spotted by former boss Graham Taylor while Villa were playing Trinidad. Villa paid Signal Hill £120,000 for his transfer in December 1989 and Dwight made his debut as a sub at Crystal Palace (24-3-90). Rattled in a hat trick at Derby in the previous round to take his tally to 14 goals this season - his first as an established first choice. Has played more than 20 times for Trinidad and Tobago. Born: Tobago.

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For over a century now Aston Villa and the FA Cup have been inextricably linked. Villa established their reputation in local circles sweeping all aside in the Birmingham and Staffordshire Cups. Then in 1887 they collected the biggest prize of all. The FA Cup. It was quite an occasion for neighbours West Bromwich Albion had provided the opposition in the Final at the Oval, arriving as clear favourites but leaving second best.

Dennis Hedgetts and Archie Hunter scored the goals that clinched a 2-0 victory. It was all a far cry away from Villa's first faltering steps into the competition in 1879, when they scratched in the second round rather than face Oxford University.

The last Cup Final played at the Oval, in 1892 again featured Villa and Albion. This time the Throstles were in full song - winning 2-0.

Villa just didn't seem able to shrug off their local rivals for in the Final of 1895 they were to meet again. The venue was Crystal Palace but thousands missed the opening goal, netted by John Devey within thirty seconds of the kick-off.

This triumph was to bring Villa much publicity. Alas, the focus of interest was not their winning performance but subsequent events. A couple of months after winning the trophy the silver Cup was pinched from display in the window of William Shillock's shop in Newtown Road. It was never recovered and the Football Association fined Villa £25. and ordered them to commission a replacement.

Villa won their third League championship in 1897 and on Monday 12th April that year lined up for their fourth FA Cup Final. This time their opponents at the Crystal Palace were Everton.

It was a thriller. A swerving shot from Campbell edged Villa ahead but soon Bell equalised. Everton then took the initiative when Harley beat the on-rushing Villa 'keeper to make it 2-1 to the Toffeemen. But Villa were

not to be denied - the fantastic "double" Wheldon and Crabtree striking back quickly for a dramatic 3-2 win. All five goals netted in a frantic 25-minute flurry in the first half.

Then in 1905 over 101,000 people turned up to see Villa contest the Final with Newcastle United. Howard Spencer played a blinder at the back and Harry Hampton scored both goals in a 2-0 win. The North-East challenge was thwarted again in 1913. Sunderland, in the final for the first time, tried to overwhelm the Villa in a Homeric fight; but as time ran out, right-half Barber headed home a corner kick and Villa had equalled the record - they had won the Cup five times.

The sixth success was at Stamford Bridge in 1920, when the only goal came in extra-time, something which had never before taken place in a Cup Final. Again it stemmed from a corner. This time the ball hit Kirton on the back of his head and he scored without knowing he had done so.

By this Villa had established another record; no club had ever won the Cup six times until Andy Ducat received the silverware from the Duke of Gloucester. The 1924 Final matched Villa against Newcastle United once more. The Geordies squared the debt in the last eight minutes with two goals and it was not until 1957 that Villa succeeded in reaching another final, beating Manchester United 2-1 in their second Wembley appearance when Peter McParland scored both goals. It was another record seventh win but the Villa haven't been back since and Tottenham Hotspur have subsequently overtaken them with eight FA Cup Final victories. Nonetheless Villa's is a proud Cup record. They have contested no less than 17 semi-finals and with Spurs eliminated this season, by them, in the Third Round they have the chance to square the record and once more proclaim themselves the best Cup fighters in the country!

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As the two clubs do Cup battle for the first time today, we take a glance back to the first League meeting on a warm August afternoon nearly 23 years ago. Town had just returned to the Second Division after a four year absence, while during that time Villa had dropped out of the First. In trying to rectify that, the Villa boss Tommy Docherty had spent £200,000 in the close season, taking Pat McMahon from Celtic, Ian 'Chico' Hamilton from Southend and Bruce Rioch from Luton. Rioch cost half that sum alone. New Town manager Fred Ford spent £17,500! That was enough to bring Arthur Horsfield to the County Ground from Newcastle and was a club record purchase. Swindon, taking the field at Villa Park in their Cup-winning strip of all white, brought back Peter Noble after injury. This meant that Chris Jones, who had scored both goals in a 2-1 mid-week victory over Cardiff, was relegated to the substitutes bench.

Roared on by a near 30,000 crowd, Villa gave Town keeper plenty to think about in the opening exchanges. He was forced to dive full-length to push a Rioch drive round a post in the seventh minute and then he blocked a McMahon effort with his legs after a headed clearance from Frank Burrows had rebounded off Mike Ferguson. But the Town soon settled down. In the 12th minute Don Rogers was sent sprinting away by an excellent through ball from the late John Smith, only to see Evan Williams - on loan from Wolves - charge from his line to intercept. But the keeper was helpless three minutes later as Horsfield met a Smith centre from the right to send a looping header into the far corner of the net, just inside the post, for his fourth goal in five

Paul Plowman

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

games. Villa escaped a further setback a few minutes later when a Rogers shot cannoned off one of two covering defenders and went narrowly over the bar. But Swindon struck again at a crucial time, just four minutes before the break. From the centre circle, Horsfield played the ball into space on the right, where it was gathered by Rod Thomas. The Welsh international full-back made haste for the edge of the area, switched the ball to his left foot and then slid it past Williams into the far corner of the net. It was his first goal, after five years with the Town. Villa never recovered, in fact, their season ended with relegation to Division Three for the first time ever. Swindon were soon off to Italy and just missed out on a place in the First Division.

Town: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Horsfield, Smart, Noble, Rogers. Sub not used: Jones

Villa: Williams, Wright, Aitken, Tiler, Edwards, Turnball, Ferguson, Hamilton, McMahon, Rioch, Anderson (Sub. Godfrey 56 mins)
Attendance: 29,767

Aston Villa





ALLIED COUNTIES CUP

Wednesday 5th February 1992

SWINDON TOWN 4 FARNBOROUGH TOWN 3

(a.e.t. and penalties)

This delayed Cup tie was a good contest with both sides trying to play constructive football. An even game with chances at both ends.

An early goal gave us the advantage. Danny Jordan and David Elsey linked up on the left and from Elsey's cross Steve Lane nipped in at the near post to beat the keeper from a narrow angle.

Farnborough equalised when we failed to defend a free kick properly. This put the game into extra time and eventually a penalty shoot out. Kevin Phillips in goal saved three of the five Farnborough spot kicks with Robert French, Steve Reeves and Mark O'Driscoll being successful giving us a 4-3 victory to take us through to the next round against Wycombe Wanderers.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday 8th February 1992

MAIDSTONE UNITED 1 SWINDON TOWN 3

Fielding five under 16 players in the starting line-up, and only three trainees in the team this was a first class performance.

The first half was even, with neither side creating too many clear cut chances from some good approach work.

A corner by Robert French to the far post was met by Norman McPhee, making his debut, giving us a one goal interval lead.

Continuing to show the right approach we went further ahead when McPhee and Steve Reeves took a short free kick for Reeves to cross, Steve Luwero controlled and shot on the turn wide of the keeper.

Another cross, this time from Justin Gentle looked to be an easy catch for the home keeper but McPhee ran in to head over to score the third. Maidstone managed a consolation goal shortly before the end.

An excellent performance with everybody applying themselves well and for such an inexperienced team all coped well with this standard of football.

John Trollope

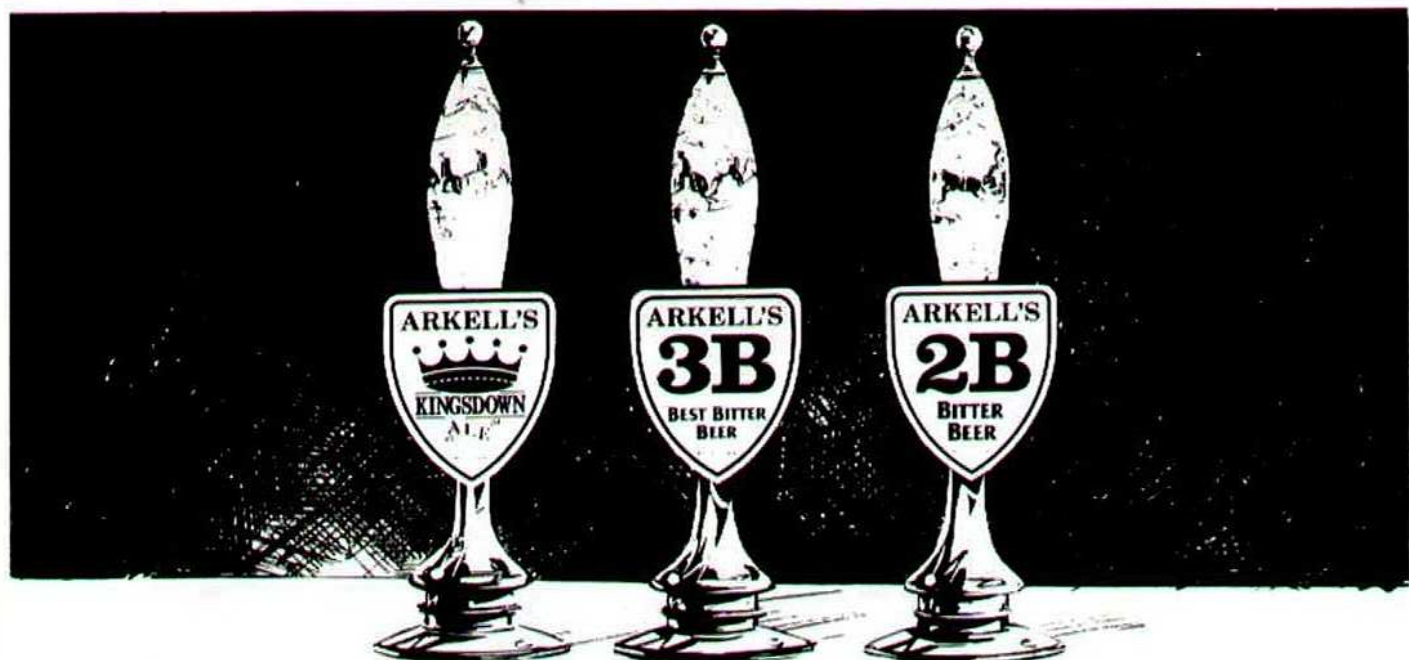
YOUTH TEAM MANAGER

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

UP TO AND INCLUDING 8TH FEBRUARY 1992

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Crystal Palace	19	14	2	3	55	16	30
Brentford	20	12	3	5	39	24	27
Luton Town	20	12	3	5	41	28	27
Wimbledon	18	11	3	4	56	15	25
Brighton	20	11	3	6	46	29	25
Oxford United	18	11	2	5	44	21	24
Southampton	18	9	6	3	26	18	24
Bristol City	17	8	2	7	24	24	18
Tottenham H.	21	7	2	12	32	53	16
Swindon Town	20	6	3	11	20	40	15
Reading	18	6	2	10	35	46	14
Bristol Rovers	19	6	2	11	38	66	14
Maidstone Utd	19	5	1	13	27	47	11
AFC B'mouth	22	3	3	16	24	43	9
Aldershot	19	3	3	13	25	62	9

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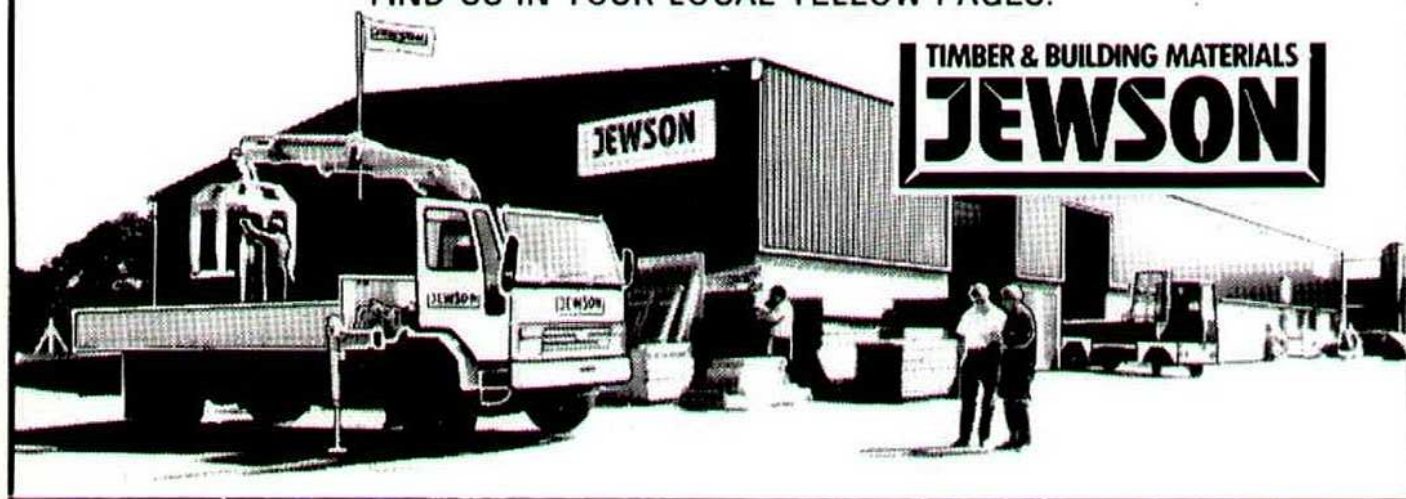


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Barclays League Division Two
vs MIDDLESBROUGH
Kick Off: 3.00pm

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SWINDON TOWN

TEAM
CHANGES

- 1** Nicky Hammond
- 2** David Kerslake
- 3** Paul Bodin
- 4** Martin Ling
- 5** Colin Calderwood
- 6** Shaun Taylor
- 7** Micky Hazard
- 8** Duncan Shearer
- 9** Tom Jones
- 10** Ross MacLaren
- 11** David Mitchell
- SUB: **12** Shaun Close **14** Fitzroy Simpson

Referee: R.S.Lewis (Gt. Bookham, Surrey.) Linesman Red Trim: F.R.K.Martin (Cwmbran, Gwent.) Linesman Yellow Trim: R.E.Budden (Alphington, Devon.) Reserve Official: G.J.Williams (Brislington, Bristol.)

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TEAM
CHANGES

- 1** Les Sealey
- 2** Dariusz Kubicki
- 3** Steve Staunton
- 4** Shaun Teale
- 5** Paul McGrath
- 6** Kevin Richardson
- 7** Tony Daley
- 8** Dwight Yorke
- 9** Cyrille Regis
- 10** Garry Parker
- 11** Stephen Froggatt
- SUB: **12** Martin Carruthers **14** Matthias Breikreutz

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