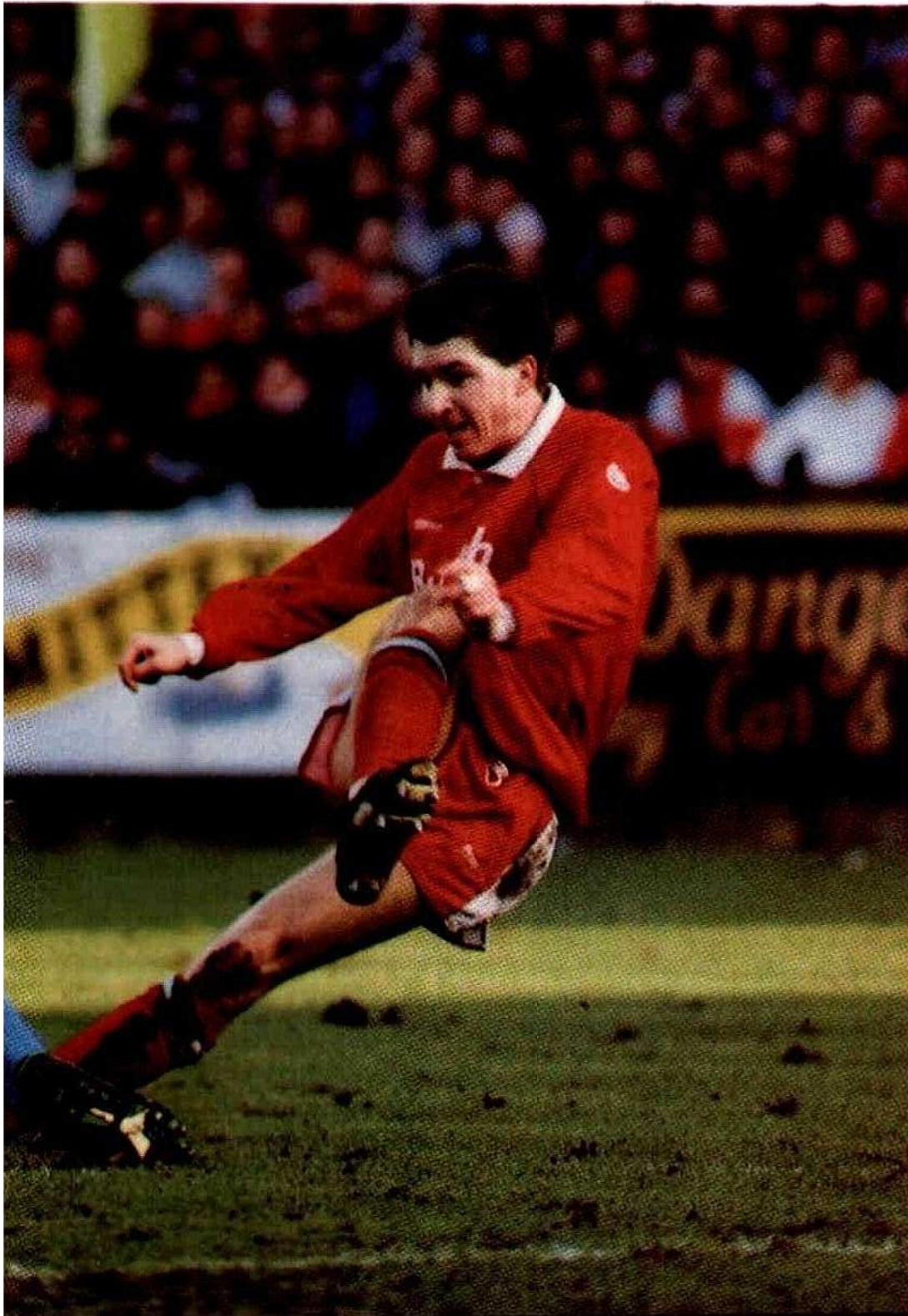




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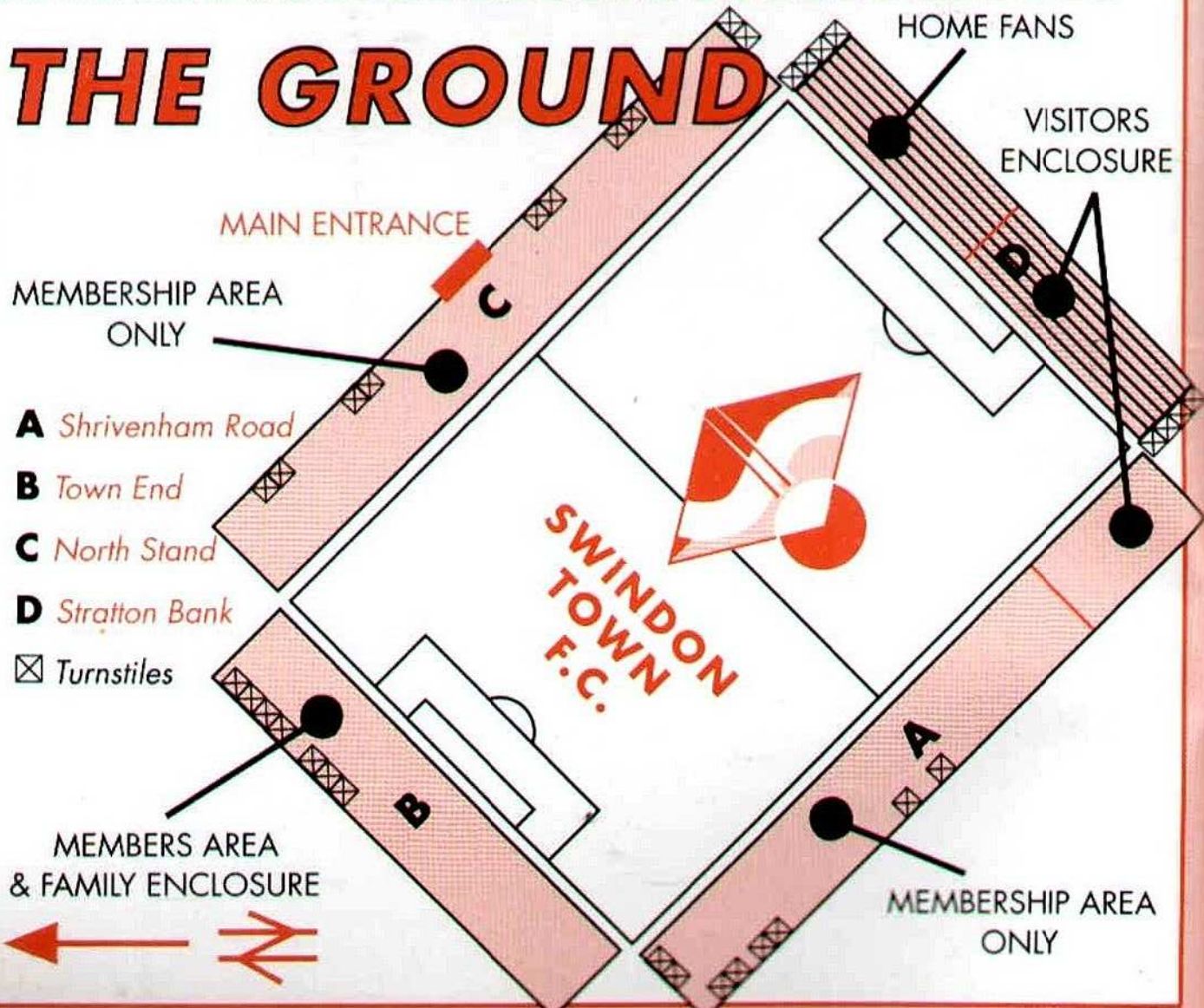


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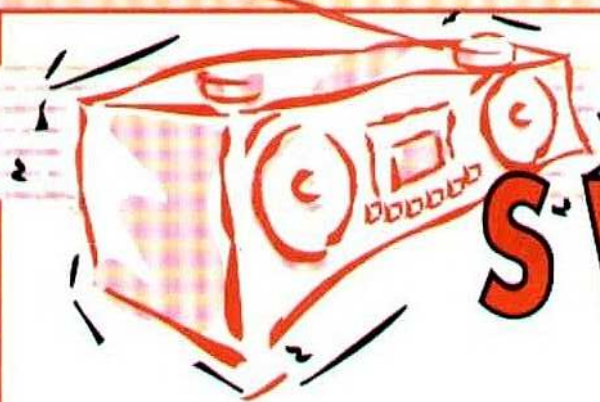
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IN TUNE WITH SWINDON

by Jon Pollard

WELCOME

For our final home Barclays League fixture of this season, we are pleased to welcome to The County Ground the players, officials and supporters of **Plymouth Argyle Football Club**.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

To complete our League season we now have two remaining fixtures. This Monday we play our re-arranged game with FA Cup finalists Sunderland at Roker Park kicking off at 7.45pm. The curtain comes down for us on Division 2 next Saturday when we meet Derby County at The Baseball Ground kicking off at 3.00pm.

RESERVES

The Reserves finish their season in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination next week with two home fixtures. On Monday afternoon we entertain Brighton & Hove Albion before the final fixture of this campaign against Tottenham Hotspur. Both games kick off at 2.00pm.

NEW LOOK LEAGUES

Next season the football world takes on a new look with the instigation of the new FA Premier League. Clubs currently in the Barclays League Division 1 become founder members of the new Premier League with the remaining three divisions becoming Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The new look is not restricted to the Football League. From next season the Neville Ovenden Football Combination will have two divisions following the Combination taking over the running of the present South West Counties League. There is however to be no promotion or relegation from Division 1 of the Football Combination but as is now, the bottom two Clubs will have to apply for re-election. With Reading withdrawing from the Combination,

at least one new Club will be elected to the top flight. Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Cambridge United, Birmingham City, AFC Bournemouth and Plymouth Argyle have all applied.

REVIEW

With the ending of another season another volume of Swindon Town programmes is completed. However supporters will be able to keep in touch of events at the Club throughout the summer with the official Club newspaper The Swindon Review. The current issue is now on sale from the Club Shop. The next edition is available from May 20 with issue no. 10 on sale from 22 July.

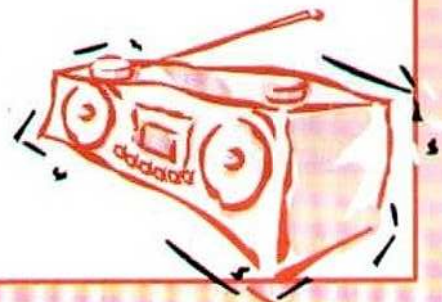
START

The new football season starts on Saturday 15 August 1992.

THANKS

The Directors of Swindon Town Football Club would like to thank all supporters for their support throughout this season and look forward to their continued support in season 1992/93.

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Prelude

by
Glenn Hoddle



Our last home game of the season already... This season's gone round amazingly quickly and it is nice to be finishing with something to play for.

It was a very familiar story for us at Watford on Monday. It was probably as good a performance as we have produced away from home all season but we couldn't turn our initiative into goals mainly due to an inspired performance from goalkeeper David James. I think Steve Perryman will agree he absolutely dominated the match. We hope Peter Shilton will not turn on a similar show.

So again we came away with just one point, as did Watford, which was hardly justice to our performance.

Fortune has hardly favoured us this season apart from the opening weeks. Then we would create six chances and score three. Since then we have still been fashioning the opportunities but from six openings we are scoring once or not at all.

Sometimes luck has not been kind to us, other times it has been poor finishing on our part. But overall the balance over the whole campaign seems to have been weighted against us.

Maybe we could have gone out and closed up shop away from home and hit our opponents on the break. But I believe the style we have developed is a super way to play football and considering the fantastic support we have received from you away from home this year, it seems you are in agreement. Sometimes we have had to play with a flat back-four because of circumstances - injuries etc - but the difference between that and our normal pattern with the sweeper is enormous. We will persevere and continue to entertain. I'm positive our fans will want this.

I don't think there is any question that we are not the best footballing side in the Second Division and the players must take credit for this. They have been magnificent and haven't let their standards drop at all despite the fact that because of financial pressures we have had to sell some players during a critical time in the League campaign.

Likewise, your support had been excellent and we would love to be able to repay your loyalty by reaching the play-offs later next month. Three points at Watford would have really put us in the picture but we are certainly not out of it yet. With three games to go we still have the opportunity to finish the season on a high note.

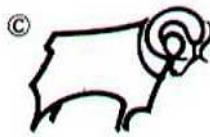
Charlton Athletic's draw with Port Vale on Tuesday helped our cause. We are now only two points off Blackburn Rovers and three short of Charlton Athletic, so it is going to be tight. We need nine points from these last three games.

It will not be easy, we know this. Plymouth are still desperately trying to accumulate enough points to avoid relegation and Sunderland and Derby County away are difficult enough obstacles at the best of times. But it is possible and if it all hangs on the last game of the season at Derby next Saturday, it will be a fitting climax. Should this be the case, we are sure the road from here to The Baseball Ground will be flooded with supporters in red and white.

But first to this afternoon and the interesting tussle with Plymouth. It is great to see Peter Shilton is turning things around for Argyle. It is interesting really because he has taken on the managerial office at about the same time in the season as I took over here last year, and in very similar circumstances, with the team not doing too well. Hopefully he will be able to save them from the drop so that he can start next season afresh.

No doubt we will be meeting each other on the field this afternoon, which should spark some happy memories, and I'm looking forward to having a chat with him after the game. Peter has been a great ambassador for English football and has always lived up to the highest standards as a player. He has already brought his influence to bear on Plymouth's style of play, with the long ball strategy now replaced by a more constructive and controlled approach. It should be a good afternoon of football. We hope you enjoy it.

Glenn.



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NEWS

Recent results could mean that Blackburn Rovers may not only miss out on an automatic promotion spot but also a place in the play-offs. A run of depressing defeats was brought to a halt last month when Rovers managed a point at Tranmere Rovers. This valuable point took Blackburn back into sixth place having dropped out of the play-off positions following their 1-0 home defeat by second placed Leicester City. Despite spending over £5m on new talent since his arrival at Ewood Park in October, manager Kenny Dalglish has now seen his side win only one game in the last eleven and star striker Roy Wegerlie does not know the reason why "everybody is playing as if they have the troubles of the world on their shoulders. There is pressure from everywhere and the players are feeling it. We cannot put our finger on where it has all gone wrong and just cannot understand what is going on. Neither can Kenny or Ray Harford - they are both scratching their heads. We are certainly looking shabby and at times we are just pumping the ball forward and hoping and that's not good enough. One minute we were on our way up and now we are in the middle of a real scramble. We have to get it right very soon as there is not too long to go."

It's very close at the bottom of the table with Sunderland who, despite reaching the FA Cup Final were looking in real danger of relegation. However in the last ten days, wins over Ipswich Town and Middlesbrough provided the Wearside club with some much needed breathing space. Defender Paul Hardyman says that it is a real mystery why the Club have performed so badly in League action. "If I knew the reason, I'd be a millionaire. I suppose the Cup Final is always at the back of your mind but we have done some hard work in getting to Wembley. Now we can just go out and enjoy ourselves in the Final next month. We have got to knuckle down though and look to

improve on our League results. There is no point in looking back or at our Cup form as we have to concentrate on climbing the table.

Peter Shilton has been facing relegation only months after accepting his first managerial post. Shilton has been unlucky in that his first signing, £200,000 Kevin Nugent from Leyton Orient, broke a bone in his first game for the Club and has been sidelined for the rest of the season. With an impressive 1-0 win up at Sunderland recently and a 3-1 victory on Easter Monday at Home Park over fellow strugglers Oxford United, Shilton remains optimistic. "It's frustrating. There are a lot of good signs, but it is all about results at the moment. You always have to remain optimistic but cannot afford to lose games at home as we have done. We will keep plugging away."

Oxford United, only just above the bottom three, have given themselves a lifeline with some fine results of late, none better than their 2-2 draw at The Baseball Ground. Oxford boss Brian Horton is proud of what his players have achieved following the crisis the Club faced after the collapse of the Maxwell empire, which forced him to sell a couple of his best players. He says, "Oxford United owe a debt of gratitude to outgoing Chairman Kevin Maxwell. He could have sold both Beauchamp and Magilton for very serious silly money just before the transfer deadline but he declined. The result is that the new owners of the Club will have the nucleus of a useful side on which to work. I only hope that I'm around to work with them."

FORTHCOMING • ATTRACTIONS



ENGLAND PLAY AT SWINDON.

This may be the last home fixture of the season for Town but there is still more football to come with a prestigious Youth International coming up on Friday 15th May.

England's youngsters were set to take on Scotland but the Scots have cried off and so the Football Association are now negotiating with Norway or France to provide the opposition.

Whoever it is, we can be assured of an interesting evening of football with the cream of the country's youth on show.

This is a final warm-up game for the Under-18 side prior to travelling to Germany for the European Championship Finals this summer. The English team qualified by beating Belgium, Wales and Iceland in their qualifying rounds and join the CIF, Poland, Hungary, Norway, Turkey, Portugal and Germany in the Finals.

Their first game is against Poland in Regensburg on 20th July but first the game at The County Ground which will be all important for manager David Burnside's preparations.

There could be some local interest too for three Town players were invited to play for the England team in a game against the South West Counties League recently. Midfielders Marcus Phillips and Wayne O'Sullivan together with defender Andy Thomson unfortunately had to withdraw because of club commitments but they could well be in line for a run out this time.

With such a strong Tottenham connection here at The County Ground these days there will also be a lot of interest in Nick Barnaby, Spur's attacking midfielder, who is catching many an eye with his performances this season.

It should be a good night for all, so make a note in your diary. Come and see the **ENGLAND UNDER-18** side - which David Burnside considers has world championship potential - here in action on **FRIDAY 15th MAY 1992** - kicking off at 7.00pm.

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Marketing Matters

by Mike Sullivan



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Their group today is being led by *Mr Bob Chapman*, Managing Director of the Dunbar Sports and Social Club, and *Mr Graham Mulcahy*, who is the manager of the Club. We hope that they, and every member of their party, enjoy today's visit to The County Ground.

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- 3 AUTOGRAPHED SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL - Mr Malcolm West, Southfields, Frome, Somerset
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- 6 £20 BURMAH PETROL VOUCHERS - Mr Chris Taylor, Lynchets View, Upper Lambourn
- 7 CARRIAGE CLOCK & RADIO - Mrs Connie Podger, Roundwood View, Chippenham
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- 9 MARKS & SPENCER VOUCHER - Mr Neil Hillier, Longcroft Road, Devizes
- 10 TWO NORTH STAND SEATS v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE - Mr M Reeves, Churchway, Haddenham
- 11 AUTOGRAPHED SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL - Mr J Southway, Charter Road, Chippenham

- 12 BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE & CUDDLY TOY - Mr G Rich, Sandy Lane, Shrivenham
- 13 TWO NORTH STAND SEATS v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE - Mr D Bamford, Restrop View, Purton

We would like to thank **BURMAH PETROLEUM FUELS, DEBENHAMS, BHS, BOOTS, B & Q and MARKS & SPENCERS** for their generous donations of prizes in this draw. We would also like to thank the remainder of our supporters who entered the draw, but whose names were not pulled out, for their support of the Club throughout this season.

RACE NIGHT

We will be holding an end of season 'Race Night' on Thursday 21st May in the Executive Suite of The County Ground. The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced at £7.50 each. They include a supper of chicken and chips, a cash draw and a race card. If you would like to come along and have a little 'flutter', tickets are available from the Marketing Department now.

The 14th Annual *Swindon Town Programme Fair* will be held in the Supporters Social Club from 10.30am to 1.00pm on Saturday 9th May 1992. Thousands of programmes for sale, including the 1992 FA Cup Final Programme.

LUCKY MASCOTS

Our lucky mascot today is 9 year old **Rupert Smith**. Rupert attends the St Francis School in Pewsey and his hobbies include football, computer games, horse riding and hill-walking. His favourite player is Glenn Hoddle, who he met recently when Glenn opened the Haine & Smith Gorse Hill practice.



We hope you enjoy today!

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RESERVES

We have recently played in three consecutive away fixtures in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination, resulting in a win at Reading and two defeats at the hands of Watford and Luton Town. The 5-0 win at Elm Park was our biggest of the season and quite satisfying as both sides fielded mainly youngsters and it was pleasing to see ours come out on top. Goals from Marcus Phillips (2), Andrew Thomson, a Paul Hunt penalty and an own goal caused all the damage.

In contrast, the games at Luton and at Watford were in the main disappointing. At Luton we had a good first half, playing some neat passing football, and really always looked in control. All we had to do after the break, with the scoreline at 0-0, was to step up a gear and go on to win the game.

As it was, we sat back doing exactly the opposite of what was required and let Luton dictate the play and were consequently punished for a lack-lustre second half. We lost the game 2-1, our goal again coming from a Paul Hunt penalty and really we did not deserve any more.

The Watford game was almost identical in the way the game unfolded - we were in control for long periods in the first half, creating great chances, but with the game being goal-less at half time, we still had to do more after the break.



Paul Hunt

Unfortunately it was Watford who took the initiative scoring two quick goals just after the re-start, leaving us chasing the game.

We didn't really look like getting back into the game and although the score stayed at 2-0, it was another disappointing second half performance.

We now have two remaining games in the Football Combination this season, both at home, against Brighton & Hove Albion this coming Monday afternoon, followed on Wednesday by the visit of Tottenham Hotspur.

Andy Rowland
Reserve Team Manager

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

League Table up to and including 18.4.92

	Goals						
	Pld.	Won	Dwn	Lost	For	Against	Pts.
ARSENAL	36	22	6	8	80	47	72
SOUTHAMPTON	35	21	7	7	74	34	70
QPR	37	21	5	11	74	43	68
CHELSEA	35	20	7	8	68	40	67
NORWICH CITY	34	18	5	11	68	33	59
LUTON TOWN	36	16	8	12	57	51	56
CRYSTAL PALACE	35	15	9	11	60	52	54
WIMBLEDON	36	13	12	11	53	41	51
SWINDON TOWN	35	15	6	14	59	58	51
PORTSMOUTH	36	16	2	18	69	73	50
IPSWICH TOWN	36	13	9	14	61	67	48
WATFORD	37	15	3	19	57	66	48
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	35	12	10	13	57	51	46
OXFORD UNITED	37	13	7	17	54	75	46
MILLWALL	36	10	11	15	65	77	41
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	34	11	7	16	47	60	40
WEST HAM LTD.	34	9	11	14	51	62	38
FULHAM	34	10	7	17	36	54	37
BRIGHTON	35	8	7	20	46	66	31
READING	35	5	3	27	45	126	18

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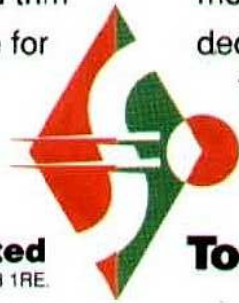
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Offbeat ^{WITH} JOHN GORMAN

In this, our final home League game of the season, I am able to thank the players and supporters for their tremendous effort in this our first campaign at the Club.

Glenn and I have maintained all along that we are the most entertaining side this season in the Football League - something backed up by the very favourable press reports we have received. Again the players have to be thanked for their part.

At Watford last Monday we were of course disappointed to only come away with one point but we were also very proud of the team and of the vocal support from the fans. Only some inspired goalkeeping from the Watford 'keeper kept them in the game. The lads played their hearts out and it only goes to prove that there is at times no justice in this game.

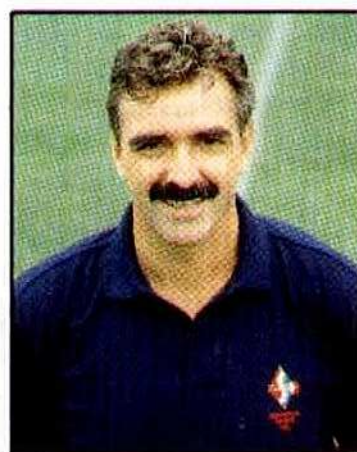
This afternoon we face Peter Shilton's Plymouth Argyle who, after some fine results of late, now have a great chance to pull away from the relegation zone. With both sides needing the points today for different reasons, you can be sure of another captivating display from both sides. Plymouth will provide us with formidable opposition and, although they are not up against Duncan Shearer who caused all the damage in the 4-0 victory at Home Park last October, they can be assured that we will be out to inflict as much damage again given the chance.

It now looks as if the promotion and relegation issues will not be decided until the last day of the season. Ever since the introduction of the three points for a win rule the season is no longer over at Easter as it

used to be. We are now faced with two away games to complete our season. On Monday we return to Roker Park when we take on Sunderland in our re-arranged game. Sunderland themselves are not sure of escaping the drop but no doubt they will have the FA Cup Final on their mind so we must go there determined to bring back all three points. This will set us up great for the final game of this season a week today against Derby County at The Baseball Ground. What will twenty to five bring us next Saturday. Who knows?!

Before signing off today, I would also like to extend my grateful thanks to the other team here at The County Ground who have, like the players, put their all into everything they have done to contribute to the success of the team. I am talking of course about the backroom staff, the admin and marketing teams, stadium staff, medical staff and somebody who deserves a special mention - Geoff Warren - for the magnificent condition he has kept the pitch in. It has been a joy to play on.

Till the next time.



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TERRY GIBSON



WALKING TALL AT WEMBLEY

By Colin Benson

When you are five-foot-four and have developed your game through the cultured nursery of Tottenham Hotspur, then graduated with Coventry City and Manchester United, it might seem a contradiction in terms to play for Wimbledon. But that is just how it has been for Terry Gibson, the smallest striker in the Football League.

"It's funny, isn't it," laughs Terry, who has served two of the biggest clubs in the English game. "The only thing I have ever won at this game is with Wimbledon and they don't come much bigger than the FA Cup."

That magical escapade, when the "Wombles" from SW19 pulled off one of the greatest FA Cup Final shocks of all time to beat the then all conquering Liverpool, will remain forever as the golden moment of Terry's career.

Ever since his apprenticeship days at White Hart Lane when the FA Cup was a part of life - its magic even rubbing off on the youngsters in the junior ranks - Terry had set his sights on one day making the Wembley stage himself. So you can understand his feelings one May Saturday in 1987 as he sat huddled around a television set in Malta with his Manchester United team mates to watch his two former clubs, Tottenham and Coventry, battle out the show-piece event of the year.

He admits he was "on a bit of a downer" at the time. Says Terry: "I craved to play in a Cup Final and I couldn't help but think if only I had stayed there." Little did he realise that twelve months later he would be there to help write another incredible chapter into the history of this most respected competition.

Reflecting back, Terry says: "I was very young at Spurs. I joined them from school and though I made 20 or so appearances, never established myself as a first team player. At Coventry it was difficult. We were always fighting relegation so it was always a struggle for survival."

Nonetheless, Terry hit 17 goals in 36 First Division games in his first season at Highfield Road and another 15 in the subsequent campaign to eventually finish with 43 goals in 98 League outings with the Sky Blues. It was impressive enough to persuade Ron Atkinson to take him to Old Trafford.

"I went to United at a strange time," suggests Terry. "It was a transitional period which wasn't helped by a change of management as well. I arrived at the time they were contemplating the departure of Mark Hughes. They wanted

Peter Davenport to replace him but thought they were not going to get him and bought me instead. Then they signed Davenport which left me in the cold.

"I had been at Old Trafford a year before I played my first home game, and scored in a 2-0 win over Arsenal. But I was not in Alex Ferguson's plans - not many of us there then were. He was honest about it and told me he was looking to bring his own men in.

"When Bobby Gould invited me to join Wimbledon, I saw it as a new beginning. It was he who signed me for Coventry so I knew him well. We finished seventh in the League that season but the Cup run was the main attraction."

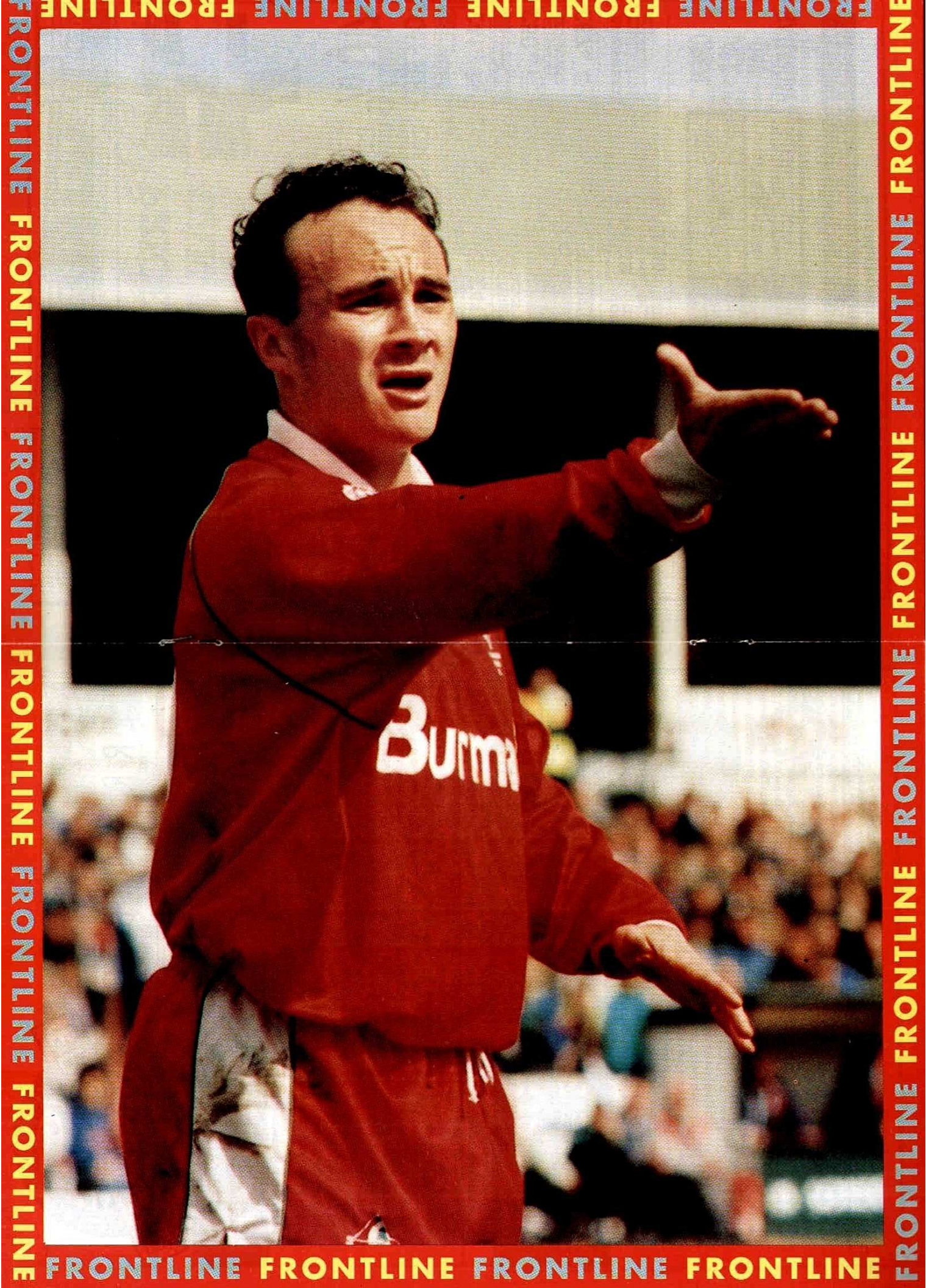
So what was the secret of Wimbledon's phenomenal success?

Explains Terry: "We went out to keep a clean sheet. That was the strategy. Stop Liverpool scoring and try and exploit them from a set-piece, at which we were very good.

"Everyone in the country seemed to believe it was going to be a walk-over for Liverpool. But we didn't. There was a healthy sort of arrogance about that Wimbledon side. We never believed any team could beat us. We went to Wembley honestly expecting to win. None of us were glamorous super-stars. We all had something to prove. It was us against the world.

"The main priority was to stop John Barnes getting the ball. We played four attackers whose brief was to man-mark the Liverpool defenders. Dennis Wise switched to the right to pick up Barnes, Alan Cook took the left and John Fashanu and myself took the centrebacks. It worked a treat."

Mr Gould has gone to other pastures, Wimbledon have vacated Plough Lane and things ain't what they used to be. Terry has found himself languishing in the reserves and claims: "For the first time in my career I feel I am the victim of my height. It had never been a problem until the last couple of seasons but now they seem to be concentrating on big strikers. "I might be pint-sized but I still get a lot of goals with my head. I am loving it with Swindon - This is my type of football. At Wimbledon we have to make the same run every time. You know, I was worried when I came here that I might have lost the habit of making good runs which we were brought up on at Tottenham. But I haven't and hope I can make an impression. It is the first time I have been on loan and I am treating it as if I was a Swindon player."





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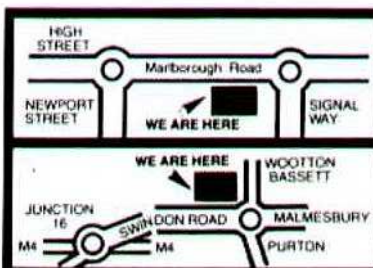
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TO
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ARGYLE

THE PILGRIMS PLIGHT

By John Nolan.

When Sir Francis Drake and the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth Sound, they found the waters between the Spanish Armada and North America far more easy to negotiate than those which separate the First and Second Division of the Football League.

The modern day Pilgrims from Home Park have yet to reach their promised land...In 71 years of League participation, Plymouth Argyle's greatest achievement has been to finish fourth in Division Two, a position they have enjoyed twice - the last time being in 1953.

Indeed, in recent years, the struggle has been more one of trying to stay in the Second Division and this is the problem that confronts new player-manager **Peter Shilton** who has little time to turn the Club's fortunes, yet is already making an impression.

True, Plymouth have won only four matches in twelve since the former England goalkeeper was appointed and relegation to the Third Division still remains a distinct possibility. But already Peter has changed the team's approach, discarding the long ball game for a more attractive passing routine.

Initially Mr Shilton took no active part in matches, allowing former Arsenal goalkeeper Rhys Wilmot to continue between the posts. But the Welsh Under-21 International, who cost £100,000 in the summer of 1989, is now on the transfer list and Shilton is adding his considerable influence to the Argyle cause.

He has played only in the last five games but a record of only five goals conceded suggests the impact he has made. He even saved a penalty at Ayresome Park last Saturday but could not prevent promotion hopeful Middlesbrough inflicting a 2-1 win. Yet a goal-less draw at in-form Charlton and Monday's 3-1 victory over fellow relegation candidates Oxford United emphasises the improvement in the Argyle side in recent weeks.

A goal each from the two central defenders, **Andy Morrison** and **David Lee** (headers from corner kicks), set Plymouth on route to victory over Oxford; a win that hauled the Devonshire club out of the relegation zone and gave all at Home Park a glint of hope.

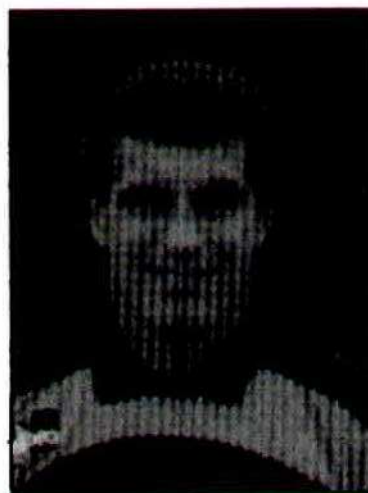
Lee's strike was his first for the Pilgrims and the third goal was a spectacular 25-yarder from team captain **Nicky Marker**.

Lee, signed on loan from Chelsea, is one of several new faces introduced by the new management, who also invested £200,000 on the transfer from Leyton Orient, on transfer deadline day, of **Kevin Nugent**, a 23-year-old forward, who was given his League baptism by the O's against Scarborough in August 1987.

Alas, Nugent has broken a bone in his foot and is out of action for the remainder of the season but in **Steve McCall**, the former England 'B' International, Shilton has injected some cultured experience to his midfield.

He has also given youth its head with teenagers **Ryan Cross** and **Michael Evans** showing up well in defence and attack in recent games...But after today there is just one game left, at home to Blackburn Rovers, next Saturday. It is going to be hard to secure their Second Division salvation.

THE MAN IN CHARGE



As a player, **PETER SHILTON**, is one of the most dedicated professionals in the business and at 42 he has been recruited by Plymouth as player-manager to awaken the Club from their slumbers. Peter's record of 125 England caps and more League appearances than any other player in history - he needs just another 33 games after today to celebrate his 1,000th - demands a special kind of enthusiasm. It is a dedication that has taken him to the top of his profession with Leicester City, Stoke City, Nottingham Forest, Southampton and Derby County, where he arrived in 1987.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE - 1991-92 SEASON

Back Row (left to right): Eamonn Salmon (Physio), Paul Maxwell, Ryan Cross, Michael Evans, Nicky Marker, Robbie Turner, Morris Scott, Adrian Burrows, Steve Morgan, Andy Morrison, Peter

Distin (Youth Development Officer).

Middle Row (left to right): Alan Gillett (Coach), Danis Salmon, Mark Quamina, Mark Fiore, Mark Damerrell, Steve Morris, Rhys Wilnot, Dave Walters, Adam King, Kenny Brown, Darren Garner, Owen Pickard, Gordon Nisbel (Coach).

Front Row (left to right): Tony Spearing, Andy Clement, Paul Adcock, Kevin Hodges, David Kemp (Former Manager), Martin Barlow, Jason Rowbotham, Marc Edworthy, Mark Clode.

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ADRIAN BURROWS - Defender. Signed on a two-month loan from Northampton Town in July 1984, he has been there ever since following a £10,000 transfer. Started his professional career with Mansfield Town - making his debut at Sheffield United in February 1980 - and during the 1987-88 season had a spell on loan with Southend United. Born: Sutton-in-Ashfield 16.1.59.

RYAN CROSS - Defender. Former Devon Schoolboys' star who has developed through the Club's youth ranks. Made his debut at the end of last season at Bristol Rovers and is equally at home in his present position of right back or at centre-half. Has made 11 League appearances - one as sub. Born: Plymouth 11.10.72.

MICHAEL EVANS - Forward. Made his first senior appearance at Port Vale last season when he was introduced from the subs bench and completed his first full game against Notts Gounty. Has scored 14 goals in the reserves this season but in 11 Second Division outings this season has yet to find the net. Scored his first senior goal in the ZDS Cup Tie with Millwall. Born: 1.1.73.

MARK FIORE - Midfield. Was only 19 when Wimbledon introduced him to League football against Newcastle United but he was unable to establish himself with the Dons and moved to Argyle for £30,000 last season, making his Pilgrims debut at Stoke. Born: Southwark 18.11.69.

DARREN GARNER - Former trainee with the Club, signed professional forms 15th March 1989 and has made a handful of appearances in the past two seasons. Initially a winger - now converted to midfield role. Born: Plymouth 10-12-71.

KEVIN HODGES - Midfield. Served his apprenticeship with Plymouth, making his League debut at Bury in September 1978. Was firmly established in the side by the season of 1979-80 and has now played well over 400 League games for the Club. Born: Bridport 12.6.60.

DAVID LEE - Defender/Midfield. Extremely talented young player signed on loan from Chelsea last month. Worked his way through the ranks at Stamford Bridge and made a scoring debut for the Blues when he came on as a sub against Leicester City (1.10.88). Stands

6'3" but is comfortable on the ball - knows how to finish. Born: Kingswood 26.11.69.

STEVE McCALL - Midfield. Experienced campaigner signed from Sheffield Wednesday just before the transfer deadline for £30,000. Served his apprenticeship with Ipswich, making his debut against Everton in September 1979. Capped by England at youth, Under-21 and 'B' levels, he moved to Hillsborough in 1987 for £270,000 but a broken leg and cartilage injury hampered his progress. Can operate in virtually any position on the left and at centreback. Born: Carlisle 15.10.60.

NICKY MARKER - Midfield. Joined Plymouth from Exeter City, for £75,000, in November 1987 and has been an influential figure in recent seasons. Made his League debut for Exeter at Burnley in October 1981 after graduating through the apprentice ranks. Can play in the centre of defence or midfield and is strong in the air. Born: 3.5.65.

DWIGHT MARSHALL - Striker. Cost just £35,000 from Grays Athletic last August after an impressive scoring record in non-League football. Stands 5'10" and hails from Jamaica. Scored in the 19th minute of his League debut against Barnsley on the opening day of the season.

STEVE MORGAN - Defender. Sharp tackling defender who made his League bow for Blackpool at Bristol Rovers in April 1986. An England Under-19 International, he cost £110,000 to sign in July 1990. Born: Oldham 19.9.68.

ANDY MORRISON - Defender. A graduate of the YTS, he established himself last season at the heart of the defence when he made 27 senior appearances, scoring two goals. Born: Inverness 30.7.70.

DAVID REGIS - Striker. Signed from Notts County last November for £200,000 - he was David Kemp's first signing. David has scored two goals in 24 appearances for Argyle. The younger brother of former England striker Cyrille, he cost County £25,000 to sign from Barnet and made his League debut v West Ham in November 1990. Previously with Windsor & Eton, Dunstable and Fisher Athletic. Born: London 3.3.64.

DAVID SMITH - Midfield. Signed from Bristol City for £185,000, he started his career with Welling United. Gillingham signed him in 1986 and David made his League debut v Middlesbrough in September 1986.

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BENNO'S BRIEF



With most clubs now having just two matches to play the Second Division Championship is still not settled with Ipswich Town still needing a point to confirm promotion and three to clinch the title. Leicester City are their rivals - the Filberts needing two points to be assured of an automatic place in the Premier League next season.

If the top two places are still not settled then the four play-off positions are producing an even keener contest. Derby County need three points from their two remaining games, at Bristol City today and home to Swindon Town next Saturday. What a game that could be.

Middlesbrough look well placed with three games left; at home to Bristol Rovers then Grimsby - who frustrated Ipswich Town's celebration party this week with a 0-0 draw at Portman Road - and then away to Wolves. Five points will assure them of the play offs. Cambridge United need four points from their two fixtures, at home to Port Vale and then away to Sunderland, to make their inclusion safe and Charlton will be looking for eight points from their home games with Leicester City today and Tranmere Rovers on Tuesday and away to Bristol Rovers next week.

But what of Blackburn, Swindon and Portsmouth? We are the threats to the teams above with Portsmouth still capable of winning 75 points; Blackburn 73 and ourselves 71. So the pressure is still very much on.

Three points for us at Watford would have really set us up nicely but Charlton's somewhat fortunate draw at Port Vale was good reading for Swindon fans as was Portsmouth's goalless draw at home to Watford on Wednesday.

It was Charlton manager Steve Gritt who hauled himself off the substitutes bench to net an 88th minute equaliser - his first goal since returning to the club three years ago - but it was enough to edge Blackburn Rovers into seventh place.

Rovers, who have slumped dramatically from poll

position entertain Millwall today, have a home game with Sunderland to fit in and an away trip to Plymouth. It must be said that Pompey were expected to beat Watford this week but they have a tricky appointment with Newcastle United at St James' Park this afternoon then finish with home games against bottom club Brighton and Barnsley.

So what of Swindon's chances? A win this afternoon is essential for we round off the season with difficult trips to Sunderland and Derby. But we are quite capable of beating all three and we are surely due at least a couple of away wins the way we have been playing. This is the statistical position with the maximum points available in the column on the right:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Max Pts
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Leicester City	44	23	8	13	61	51	77	83
Derby County	44	21	9	14	65	49	72	78
Middlesbro'	43	20	11	12	52	39	71	80
Cambridge	44	18	16	10	59	43	70	76
Charlton	43	19	11	13	52	46	68	77
Blackburn	43	19	10	14	63	49	67	76
Portsmouth	43	18	12	13	62	48	66	75
Swindon Town	43	17	14	12	67	53	65	74

Ipswich are so close to the title they can almost touch it; Leicester too seem assured of automatic promotion but watch out Cambridge and Charlton we are after that play-off slot.

When Plymouth Argyle's managerial chair became vacant Peter Shilton was not the only applicant from Derby. A 12-year-old boy was one of 30 applicants and wrote: "I have an impressive track record of team management on computer simulation. I'm also quite good at playing football.

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Classics

1980

December 27th: Swindon Town 3 Plymouth Argyle 0

For our final 'Classics' feature we take a look back to an Argyle visit at Christmas in 1980. It attracted the largest gate to The County Ground that season - a season that had begun with five successive League defeats.

Manager Bob Smith had been shown the door on October 1st, but now the Town were unbeaten in five games since John Trollope had taken over in mid-November.

Injuries forced Swindon to make two changes to their successful Boxing Day line-up at Newport 24 hours earlier. Goalkeeper Tom McAlister came in for Jimmy Allan and 18 year old Brian Hughes replaced Brian Williams on the left side of midfield. Although he gave an almost faultless display, it was to be McAlister's only League game for the Town in the first twelve months at The County Ground. His one mistake might have presented Argyle with the first goal ten minutes into the second half, but they didn't accept it - and paid dearly.

The opportunity arose when teenage full-back Charlie Henry for once let Donal Murphy slip by him on the outside. McAlister failed to collect the Irishman's cross and it fell invitingly for John Sims just a couple of yards from goal. However the big striker somehow managed to scoop the ball over and 0-0 it stayed.

But not for long! Four minutes later, Chris Kamara fed Ian Miller on the right and the winger raced past Tyrone James - playing his first League game for almost seven weeks - before flighting a cross towards Andy Rowland. Keeper Geoff Crudgington beat the Town striker to the touch but his punch went straight to Roy Carter who rifled the ball home. Swindon were two goals in credit in the 68th minute. Kamara again found Miller, who this

Paul Plowman

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

time cut inside and slid a low pass into Roy Greenwood. The Town number ten then finished superbly, turning swiftly before bending a shot round the advancing keeper.

With fifteen minutes left, the points were secure. Miller once again left James in his wake, before sending over another accurate centre, and it was given the perfect treatment. Rowland - hero of the hour that he wore Jimmy Allan's jersey the day before - sent a downward header into the net to complete the scoring.

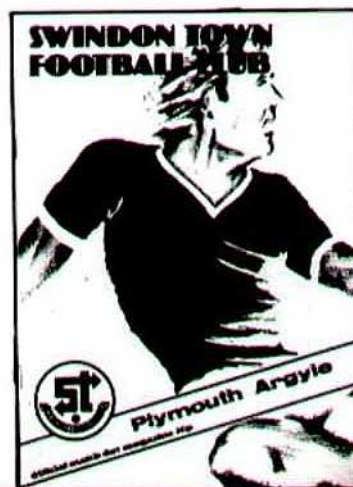
Sixteen years old Paul Rideout, who replaced a limping Hughes just before the third goal, almost added a fourth in the dying seconds. Yet another Kamara - Miller move set up the youngster, but his header flashed inches wide of the post.

The victory gave Mr Trollope ten points out of a possible twelve and things looked altogether brighter for 1981.

Town: McAlister, Henry, Peach, Kamara, Lewis, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Greenwood, Hughes (sub: Rideout).

Wolves: Crudgington, James, Harrison (sub: Johnson), Randell, Foster, Phillipson-Masters, Hodges, Kemp, Sims, Bason, Murphy.

Attendance: 9,713





WAVE

ALLIED COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP - SEMI FINAL

Hungerford Town 3 Swindon Town 1

A disappointing end to the campaign. The performances have been very good during the second part of the season and we needed to give one of these to progress to the final. The first 25 minutes saw us do everything but score, continual pressure on the Hungerford goal failed to bring any goals. Although Hungerford had come into the game towards halftime there were few signs that we would not win.

What a difference the second half was, second in most departments, a free kick, a penalty and a last minute goal, with a Danny Jordan goal giving Hungerford their 3-1 victory.

If you fail to press home your advantage you leave yourself open to be hit on the break then the confidence goes, resulting in a performance such as this one. The under 15's are about to finish their fixtures for the season and during the season we have seen a good improvement in most of the boys, Results are not that important, the individual performance together with the team performance is what we look at. A good season by the boys under the guidance of Andy Bish and Leigh Barnard.

During the Easter holidays, Adrian Riddiford our Youth Development Officer arranged an Under 14 Training/Coaching period with coaching sessions and games. These proved to be very pleasing for the Under 15 squad for next season will be chosen from these boys and on this evidence we can look forward to putting a good squad together.

John Trollope
YOUTH TEAM MANAGER

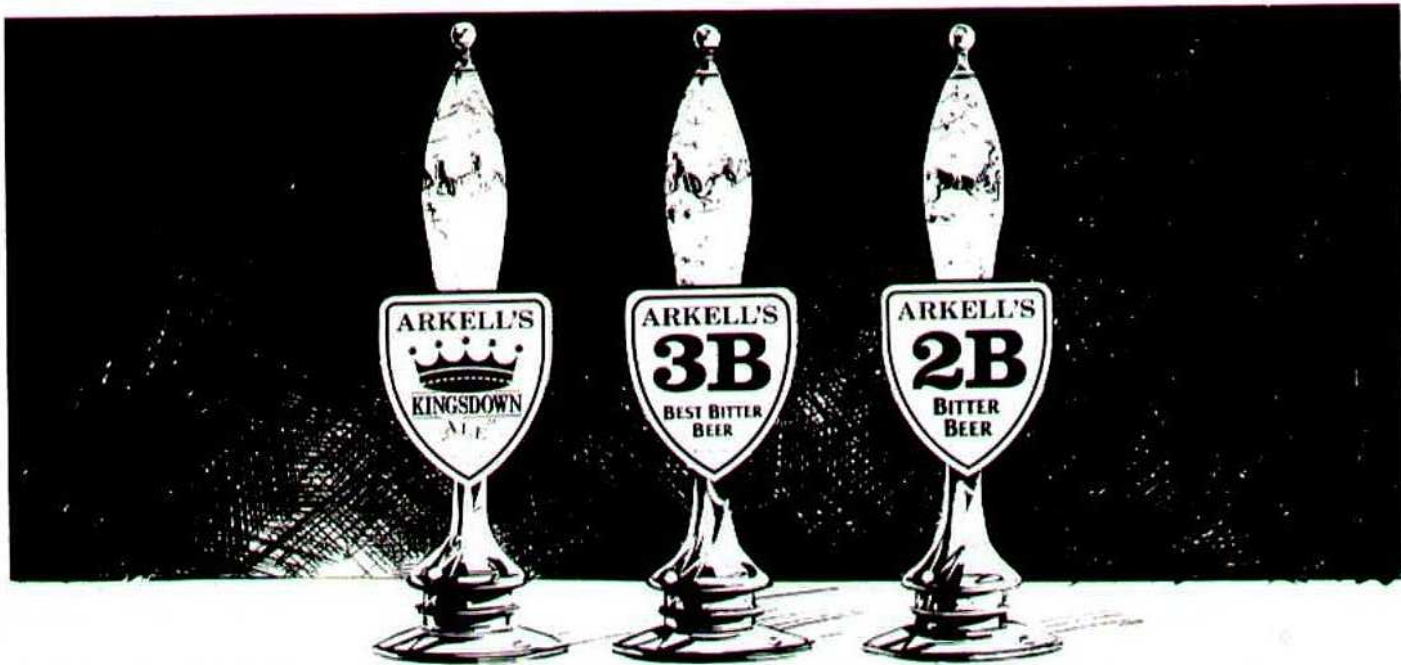
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Oxford United	25	14	4	7	46	29	32
Luton Town	24	13	5	6	56	43	31
Brentford	25	13	5	8	44	32	29
Brighton	25	12	4	8	49	34	28
Southampton	23	9	7	6	29	27	26
Bristol City	23	9	5	9	39	38	23
Tottenham H.	25	9	3	13	34	54	21
Swindon Town	26	7	6	13	30	53	20
Reading	24	7	3	14	42	62	17
Bristol Rovers	25	7	2	16	40	83	16
AFC B'mouth	25	5	3	17	30	48	13
Maidstone Utd	25	5	3	17	31	58	13

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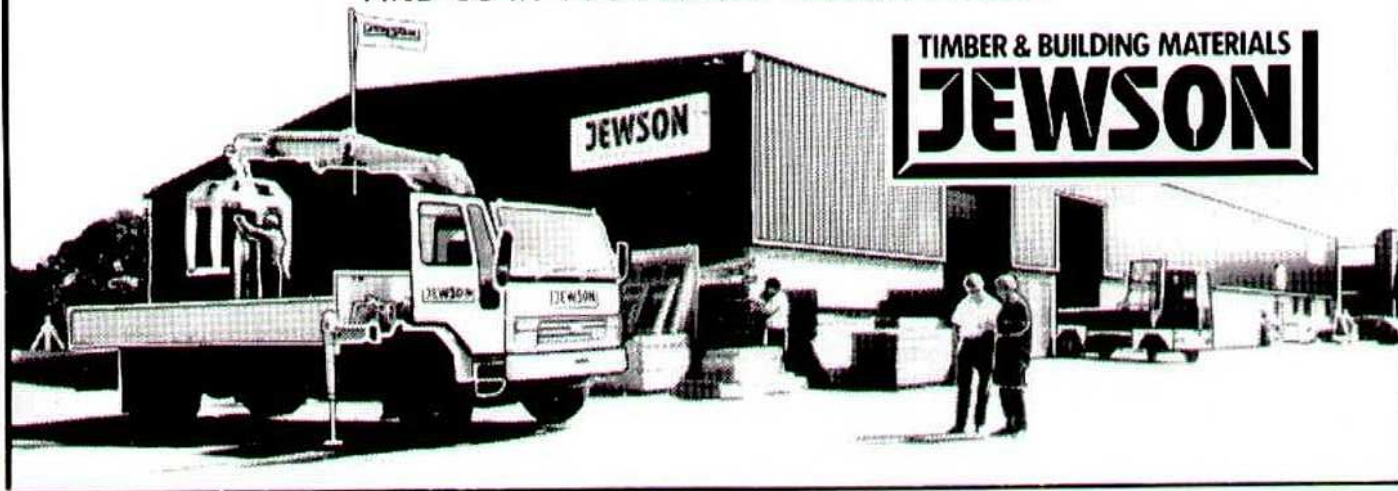


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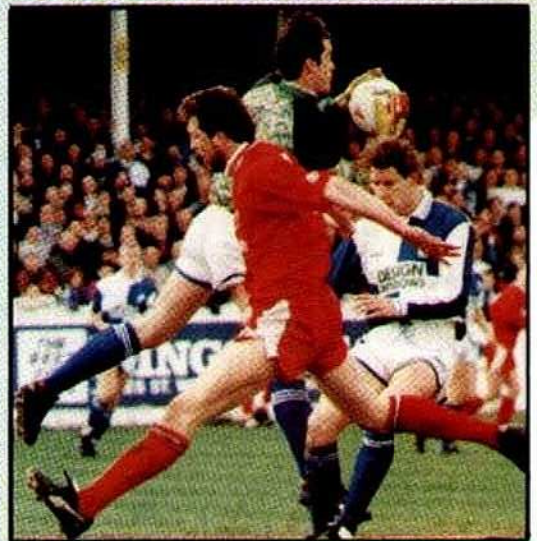
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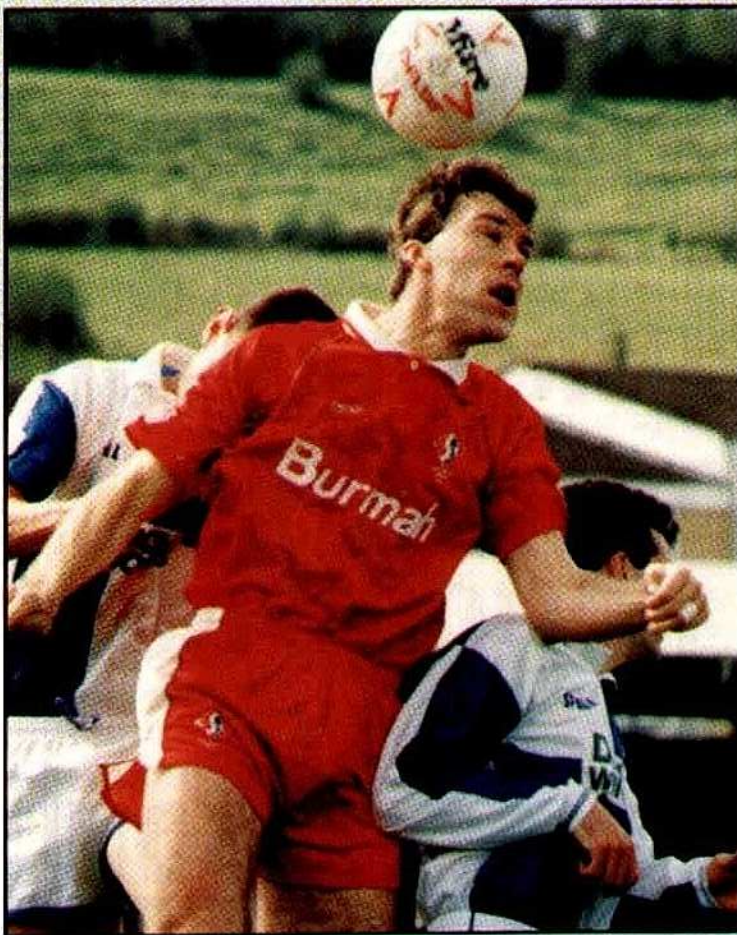


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Bristol Rovers keeper covers against Dave Mitchell.



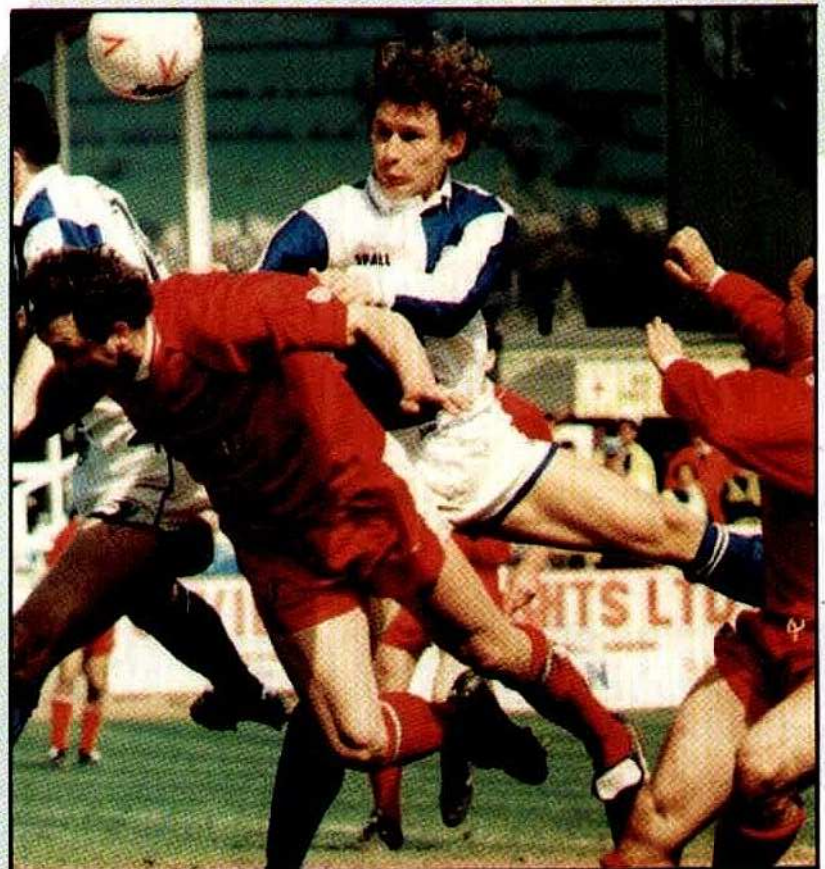
Keeping a close watch on the game.



Shaun Taylor rises against Rovers.

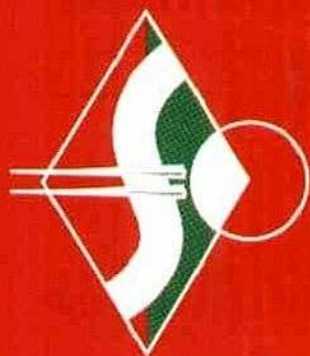


*Terry Gibson felled
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SWINDON TOWN

TEAM
CHANGES

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Paul Bodin
- 4 Tom Jones
- 5 Colin Calderwood
- 6 Shaun Taylor
- 7 Micky Hazard
- 8 Terry Gibson
- 9 Martin Ling
- 10 Glenn Hoddle
- 11 David Mitchell

SUB: **12** John Moncur **14** Shaun Close

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TEAM
CHANGES

- 1 Peter Shilton
- 2 Ryan Cross
- 3 Steve Morgan
- 4 Andy Morrison
- 5 Nicky Marker
- 6 David Lee
- 7 Darren Garner
- 8 Steve McCall
- 9 Michael Evans
- 10 Dwight Marshall
- 11 David Smith

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