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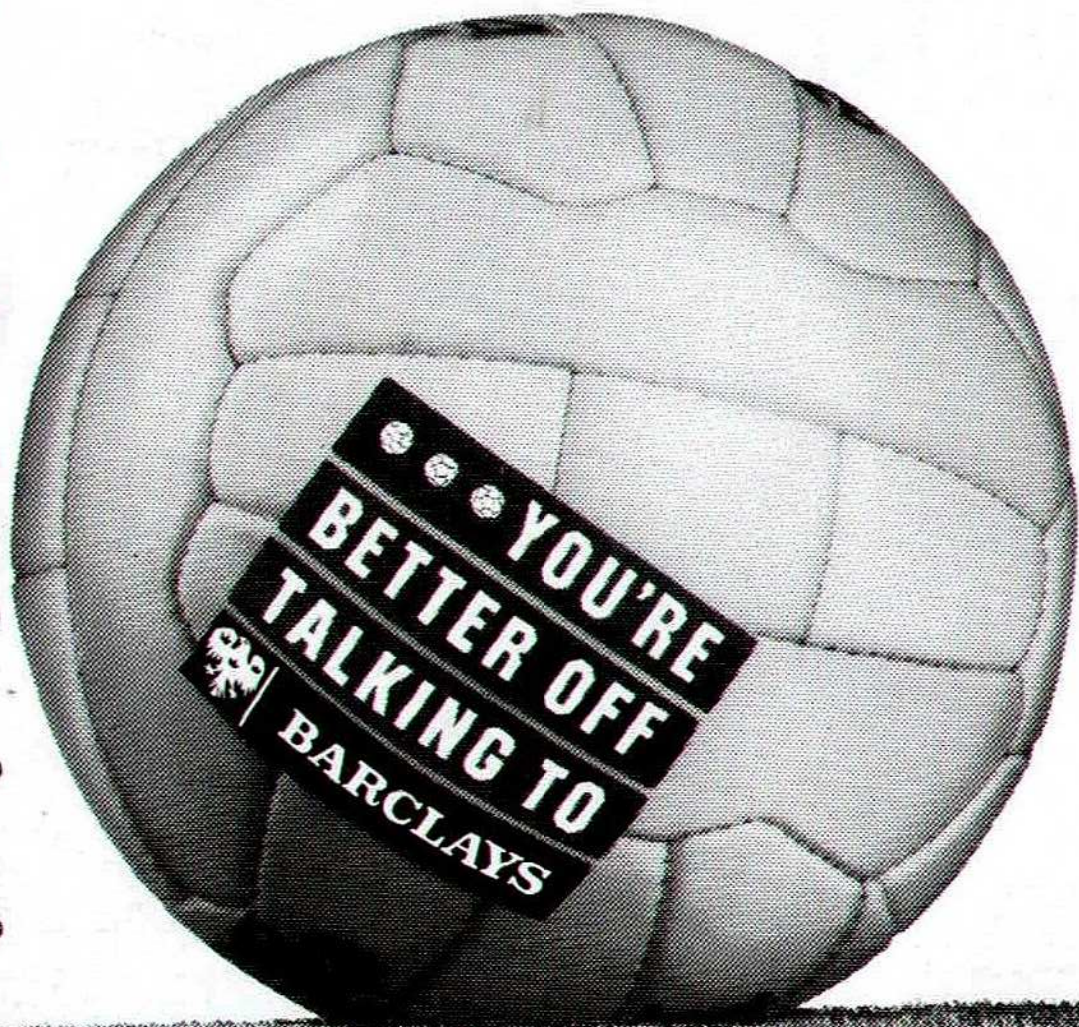
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TEAM TALK

THE FOLLOWING statement was issued jointly by Mr Mel Machin and the Directors of the Club on Wednesday May 5, 1993.

After much soul searching Mr Mel Machin has today decided to relinquish his position with Barnsley Football Club.

The reason behind this decision is that he does not feel that he is able to take the club, in the immediate short term, to the position which he had hoped when he first joined the club 3½ years ago.

Mr Machin wishes to say how much he has enjoyed his spell at Barnsley Football Club and he hopes that the club will be successful in the future.

The Directors would like to place on record their sincere thanks to Mr Machin for all his hard work and endeavours during his time at the club and in turn wish him and his family success and happiness in the future.

Mr Machin's decision has been accepted with regret by the Board and it is the Board's intention to advertise the post of Team Manager as soon as it is practically possible to do so.

Club Chairman, John Dennis has since added the following comments:

"It is safe to say that Mel Machin made his mark at the club in his three-and-a-half years with us and this is a sad time for us.

"As a fledgeling chairman when he first arrived I was



delighted to have such a great fellow to work with and that feeling has continued in his time here.

"He has provided us with a solid base on which to build and we are grateful to him for that.

"However, he made a promise that he would get us into the top flight in the space of three years and that has returned to haunt him this season, particularly in recent weeks when it became obvious that we were not going to make the play-offs.

"We have a completely open mind as to the appointment of his successor, but we would hope to make a decision sooner rather than later so that we can prepare properly for next season.

"Our aim is to secure a manager who will be able to build a team capable of not only bringing success to the club but also the style of football we know our fans appreciate."

Meanwhile Mick Wadsworth will be in charge of team affairs, assisted by Eric Winstanley.

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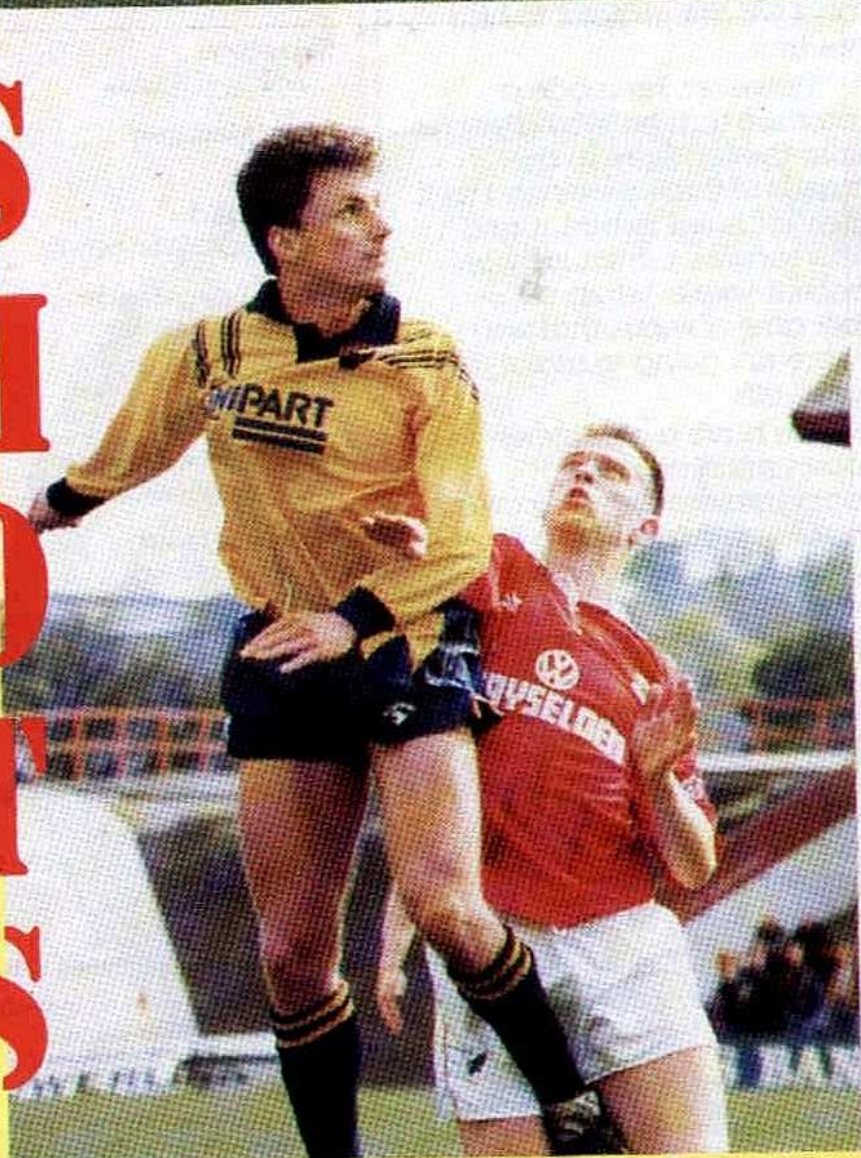
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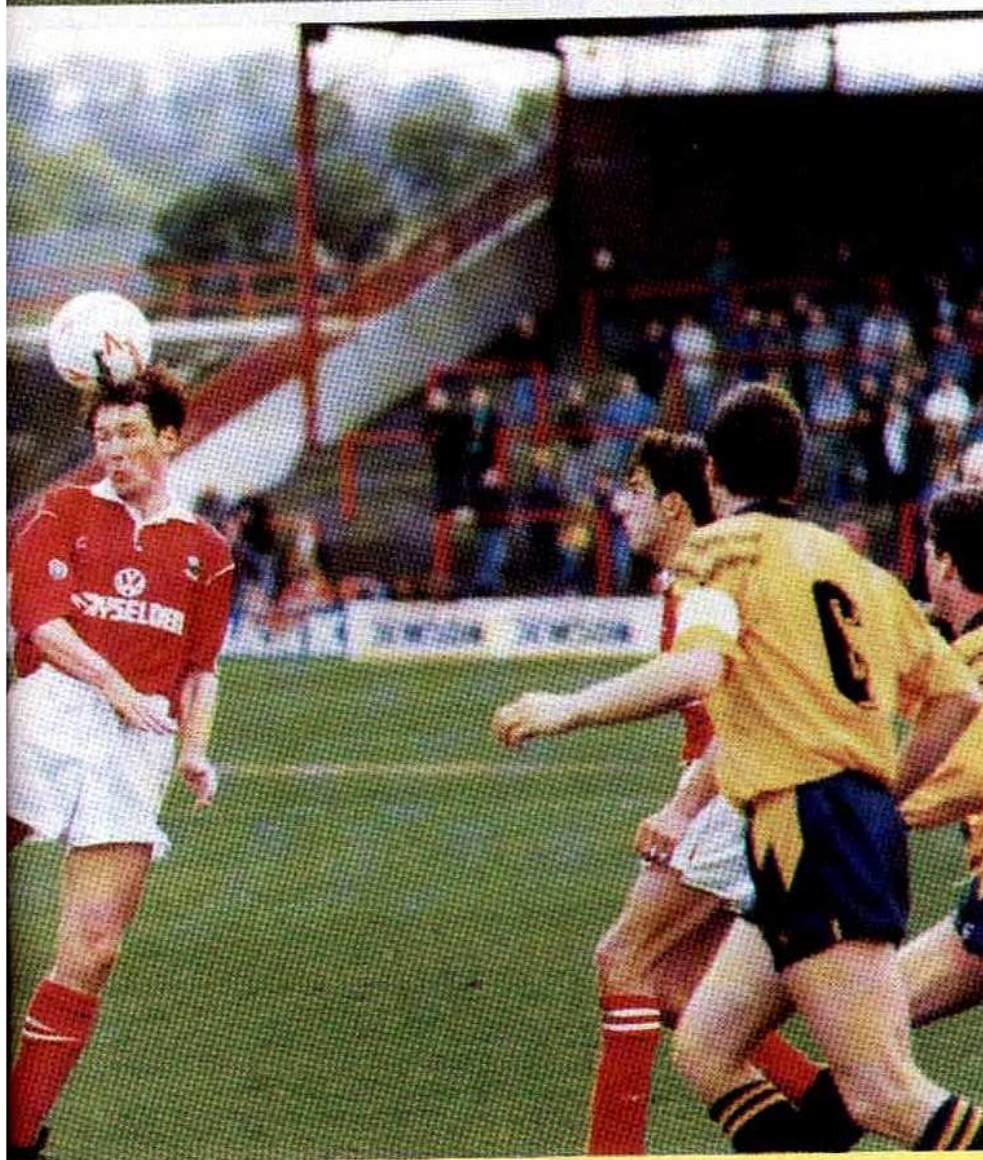
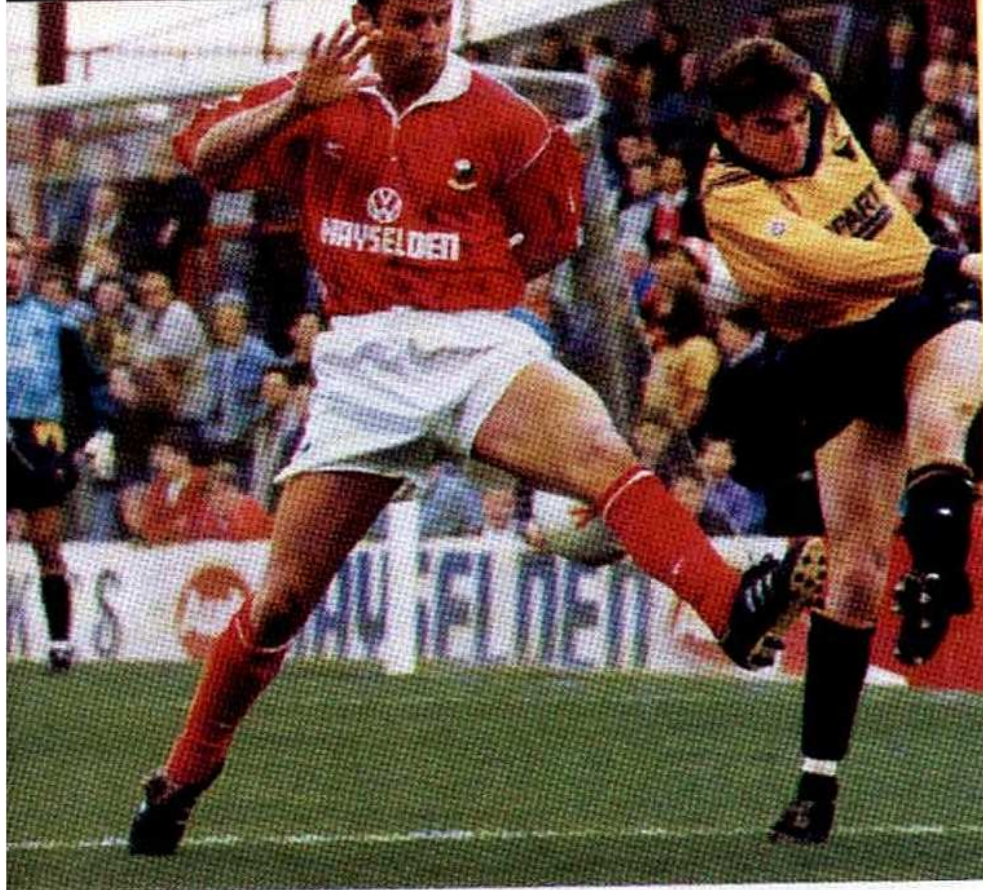
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NO JOY FOR REDS

Reds 0, Oxford United 1 (Saturday, April 24)

A POOR performance by the Reds dampened even the enthusiasm of the 1500 or so schoolchildren who were allowed in free to occupy seats in the lower tier of the new East Stand.

It was not until four minutes before time that Oxford's Paul Reece was forced into a save, the keeper turning a Gary Fleming drive round the post for a corner.

However, it looked as though the Reds should have had a penalty just before half time when Brendan O'Connell went tumbling in the area under a challenge from Mike Ford, but Knatesborough referee Kevin Lynch waved play on.

Oxford's best spell was the first 20 minutes when they took the lead through a scrambled goal by skipper Andrew Melville and had three other attempts at goal, but as the game wore on they withdrew into a defensive shell to secure the three points which would virtually guarantee First Division survival.

Reds: Watson, Graham, Taggart, Fleming, Bishop, Robinson, O'Connell, Redfern, Bennett (Curne, 56 mins), Williams, Biggins

Oxford: Reece, Smart, Collins, Melville, Ford, Becruchamp, Lewis, Robinson, Allen (Cusack, 56 mins), Wainless (Perney, 82 min), Durran.

Referee: Kevin Lynch (Knatesborough)

Attendance: 5,523.

Brentford 2, Reds 1 (Saturday, May 1)

BRENTFORD'S first home win since Boxing Day could save them from relegation and there was no doubt about the merit of their success as the Reds' run of poor results continued.

But for four excellent saves from the recalled Phil Whitehead the margin of defeat could have been even greater, although Deiniol Graham missed a good first half chance which could have sparked a different story.

Brentford's top scorer Gary Blissett was a constant threat in the first half when he scored twice, the second time from a penalty awarded controversially for hand ball by Wayne Biggins. That was probably the turning point, for a splendid goal by Gareth Williams after good work by Charlie Bishop and Brendan O'Connell had just put the Reds right back in the picture at 1-1.

The killer third goal came in the 69th minute, scored by substitute Joe Allen, who had been on the pitch only five minutes.

The Reds gave a League debut to Nicky Eaden as a second half substitute for Charlie Bishop.

Brentford: Peyton, Statham, Millen, Evans, Sansom, Bennett, Dickens, Manuel, Smilie, Gayle (Allon, 69 mins)(Luscombe, 87 mins), Blissett.

Reds: Whitehead, Fleming, Bishop (Eaden, 45 mins), Taggart, Robinson, O'Connell, Bullimore, Redfern, Graham (Feeney, 73 mins), Biggins, Williams.

Referee: Gurnam Singh (Wolverhampton)

Attendance: 7,958

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THURNSCOE WIN CENTENARY CUP



THURNSCOE THE HILL carried off the Oakwell Centenary Cup by virtue of an emphatic 5-0 victory over Thurgoland in the final which was played during the half-time interval of the First Division fixture between Barnsley and Oxford United a fortnight ago.

The pattern of the game was dictated from the first minute when Taylor, in the Thurgoland goal, made a great save from Whitehurst.

It took Thurnscoe a while to make the breakthrough, but when they did it was well worth the wait. Whitehurst and Schofield played a great one-two and the former coolly slotted the ball into the corner of the net. The same player missed from close range before Kitchen made it 2-0 just before half-time.

Thurnscoe keeper Short was a spectator, along with the rest of the 5,500 crowd, as Whitehurst, Kitchen and

Bridges added further goals in the second half.

It was Thurgoland's Taylor, however, who was the man of the match, despite being beaten five times. He made six absolutely magnificent saves in the second half alone.

The final was watched by 1,500 schoolchildren who had been invited from the 38 schools who took part in the highly successful and popular five-a-side competition which has this year been organised by Barnsley's Football in the Community under the direction of projects officer Colin Walker, with sponsorship from Lyons Cakes and the Training Enterprise Council.

Picture shows Barnsley FC chairman John Dennis and Colin Walker with the two teams after the presentations.

LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

Barnsley Football Club have, thanks to Jean Evans who initiated Learning Through Football at Aston Villa, begun 'Learning Through Football' on March 17 with the visit of Carrfield Summer School.

What is Learning Through Football I hear you ask. Well a class from a school spends the day at Oakwell. During the day they learn about the History of the Club. Also shapes and sizes, length and width of pitch, graphwork, e.g. the letter B in white seats in the East Stand; pulse rate; resting pulse; then a sprint up and back along the pitch - record the differences.

The children from Carrfield and Mapplewell have had a great time as you can see by the letter sent to me from Mr Peake, Headteacher of Carrfield School.

Dear Colin,

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful day that we had at Oakwell.

The children had a fantastic and superbly valuable day thanks to the magnificent efforts of you and your colleagues, Mick, Dave Andrew and Alan.

I am also writing to Barnsley F.C. to thank them for their hospitality. The resource materials for the Learning Through Football project sponsored by British Gas are excellent and stimulating for boys and girls alike. This approach through first hand, real life experiences is an ideal way for children to learn and more captivating than studying secondary sources.

The day was a fun-filled educational day. The children's behaviour was excellent, no doubt due to the interest they had in the activities that had been prepared for them, and the fast pace of the activities maintained throughout the day that kept their interest right to the end.

We look forward to any further involvement with Football in the Community that it is possible to arrange.

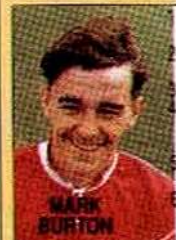
Yours sincerely,
G M Peake



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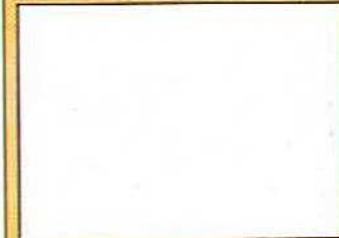
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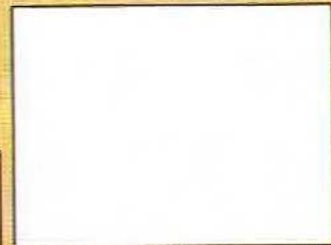
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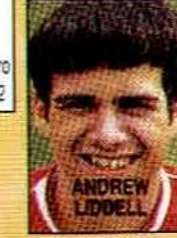
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IF THE CAP FITS WEAR IT, I SAY!

I AM a lifelong Reds' supporter. Ever since my dad used to lift me over the wall out of the boys' pen so I could stand with the 'grown-ups' at the back of the Spion Kop goal in the late 1940s and early 50s.

Since then, I have also become a journalist and broadcaster required to not only record as factually as possible the deeds and misdeeds of the club, but also produce critical opinions.

And, as Oakwell Review Editor I have, at the same time, to be sympathetic to the views and feelings of the club itself.

That makes me a supporter, a critic and sympathiser all rolled into one and there are times, I must confess, when I feel I require a juggler's skill to wear all three hats at once.

I can, you see, understand the feelings of fans who become so frustrated that they want to make their feelings known by writing letters to the local paper and boo the players off the pitch after a particularly poor performance.

There are times when I feel moved to don my own supporters' cap at the same time as wearing my critics' one and echo the cries of discontent I hear from the terraces.

But then again I am party, through my work for the club programme, to what the manager, coaches and players think, and I can relate to their points of view.

While it is a difficult position for me it is a privileged one as well. It has enabled me through the years to see quite clearly that in the divide between 'them and us' - those on the inside of the club and those 'on the outside looking in' - on neither side can be found the complete truth of the matter.

The problem is, you see, that so often managers and coaches are so close to their players and the team as a whole that they fail to see the wood for the trees.

On the other hand, fans on the terraces are not sufficiently au fait to the situation to realise and understand certain problems that arise in the day to day running of a team.

Very often, therefore, the truth - and consequently solutions - can very often be found somewhere between the two opposite viewpoints.

And as we come to the end of another season it would be nice to think that people on either side of the fence could become more tolerant to those on the other.

After all, the game is all about opinions. And it would be extremely dull if we all thought the same way.

It is when those opinions are expressed in a vindictive and malicious way that we have to draw the line. And sad to say I believe that some people have occasionally overstepped that mark in recent weeks.

At least, that's my opinion ...

Tommy Tyke



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WELL, this is it then. Another seecason come an' gone. An' another middle o' t' table finish.

An' yer can't 'elp but feel a bit deflated. Ar meean ter say, the' wa'r a time when it looked as though we' ed a chance on a promotion play-off place, an' then we go an' blow it wi' a run at end o' t' seecason 'at wa'r nearly as bad as t' wun at start.

The's nooa doubt 'at injuries 'eve played a part, but it's not just that is it? Truth is 'at football 'at we've bin laikin' recently 'as bin as poor as we've seen for a long time, an' that can't all be dam ter t' absence on such as Ram, Archie an' Big John.

'Ave said it afoor an' 'al say it ageean - we need a left-back, so's Archie can get forrerd, sumdy 'at can mek things 'appen frum midfield, an' a partner for Bertie up front.

Get them three positions soorted art in t' summer an' ar reckon as yer'll find at situation in't as bad as it might 'eve looked in t' last few weeks.

Coorse, problem nar is at the's sooa many so-called - suppoorters 'eve tekken the' 'look 'at it's gooin' ter be an 'eck on a job persuadin' 'em ter cum back.

We badly need ter bring in sum new laikers in t' summer an' then mek a reight good start ter next seecason afoor we can 'ope ter get moanin' minnies back dam 'ere.

But yet know me, allus look on t' bright side o' life. An' 'al tell yer this - Bristol Rovers'd swap places wi' us any time!

'Eve a good summer, an' see yer back 'ere in August ...

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'NOW WE WILL GO FOR RECORD-BREAKING FOURTH TIME ON TROT'

CONGRATULATIONS to our youth team who have become only the second team in the 44 year history of the Northern Intermediate League to win the championship for three successive seasons, the other being Sunderland from 1971-74.

The decisive results came last Saturday when the Young Reds beat Sheffield United 3-1 away while nearest challengers Leeds United crashed to a 5-4 defeat at Hull City after leading 2-0 at one stage.

Says youth team coach Eric Winstanley "We were all expecting it to go to the last match of the season against Leeds, but that is academic now and we are all delighted to win the title with two games to spare.

The most satisfying thing about it from Barnsley Football Club's point of view is that it has been achieved with three different teams, as is inevitable in age-group football.

"And all credit to the younger players. At the start of the season I thought we had too many first year lads who, while they had potential and skill, would prove physically inferior to teams operating with full-time professionals in their ranks.

"Yet they went out and won the first 11 matches in remarkable fashion and that was obviously the basis for our success. I was very, very pleased with them. And still am, of course.

"Some have progressed to the extent that they have been given a first team chance at a very young age.

"We must now start confidently for next season, because most of the team are still available, and some have even two seasons left to play at this level.

"So, without doubt, we'll be trying for a record-breaking fourth championship on the trot.

"I can envisage these youngsters playing a big part in the future of the club.

"People say that winning is not important at this level but I say that it is important to get into winning habits at an early age. We don't want players who can just play. We want players who can play and win.

"At youth level there are also people you rarely hear about who give their time and energies for very little reward in the background. They take their reward and pride and satisfaction from introducing good young players to the club and they, too, deserve our gratitude and thanks."



ERIC WINSTANLEY

At Under 16 level Barry Wagstaff and Bob Widdowson have done a great job bringing youngsters through to YTS level, while George Cassey and Paul Hardstaff have led the Under 18s to the brink of a League and Cup double in the Autoglass League.

Our Youth Development Officers, Maurice Firth and Allen Bradbury, have been very pleased with the boys at Under 13 and Under 15 level where the squads are of a very high standard. They are very excited about these boys and are confident of the future in this respect. The teams recently went to Norwich and recorded good wins against highly-rated City teams.

These youngsters have developed through our School of Excellence run by Bob Earnshaw and Steve Hunt and it seems now that our overall youth scheme is clicking into place very well indeed. And that is a credit to all concerned.

Nor must we forget our nursery team, West End, who under the guidance of Jeff Taylor are again doing very well indeed in both league and cup and are a credit to Barnsley Football Club in the manner in which they are being run.

So you can see, while the spotlight at the moment is falling on the Northern Intermediate League side, there is excellent backing right the way down the line. And that is the only way to achieve success in the production of young players of quality.

PONTINS LEAGUE

1992	Opponents	Gr.	F.A.
AUGUST			
Mon. 17	LIVERPOOL	H	2-0
Wed. 26	Notts. County	A	0-2
SEPTEMBER			
Wed. 2	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	3-2
Wed. 9	Sunderland	A	1-3
Wed. 16	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	3-3
Thurs. 24	Manchester City	A	0-0
Wed. 30	Aston Villa	A	0-1
OCTOBER			
Tues. 6	LEEDS UNITED	H	0-3
Wed. 14	LEICESTER CITY	H	1-3
Tues. 20	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1-1
Wed. 28	MANCHESTER UNITED	H	6-2
NOVEMBER			
Tues. 10	Rotherham United	A	1-1
Mon. 16	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	5-2
Mon. 23	Stoke City	A	1-3
DECEMBER			
Wed. 2	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	0-0
Wed. 9	Nottingham Forest	A	1-5
Wed. 16	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	1-2
Wed. 30	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1-0
1993			
JANUARY			
Tues. 5	Sheffield United	A	2-3
Wed. 13	MANCHESTER CITY	H	3-1
FEBRUARY			
Wed. 3	NOTTS. COUNTY	H	3-4
Mon. 8	Liverpool	A	3-1
Wed. 17	SUNDERLAND	H	2-2
Wed. 24	ASTON VILLA	H	0-2
MARCH			
Wed. 3	Leeds United	A	0-0
Wed. 10	Wolverhampton W.	A	0-0
Wed. 17	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-4
Wed. 24	Leicester City	A	1-1
Tues. 30	STOKE CITY	H	3-0
APRIL			
Mon. 5	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	0-3
Wed. 14	Newcastle United	A	1-0
Tues. 20	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	1-1
Mon. 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0-0
Wed. 28	Manchester United	A	0-0

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

1992	Opponents	Gr.	F.A.
AUGUST			
Sat. 8	Huddersfield Town	H	4-3
Sat. 15	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2-0
Wed. 19	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	2-1
Sat. 29	Hartlepool United	A	2-0
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 12	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	4-0
Sat. 19	Scarborough	A	1-0
Sat. 26	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	1-0
OCTOBER			
Sat. 3	Newcastle United	A	2-1
Sat. 10	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-0
Sat. 17	Leeds United	A	2-4
Sat. 24	HULL CITY	H	3-2
Sat. 31	Rotherham United	A	1-1
NOVEMBER			
Sat. 7	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	4-2
Sat. 14	York City	A	0-0
Sat. 21	DARLINGTON	H	1-0
DECEMBER			
Tues. 8	NOTTS. COUNTY	H	1-3
F.A. Youth Cup			
Sat. 12	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	1-4
1993			
JANUARY			
Sat. 9	Doncaster Rovers	A	1-0
Sat. 16	SCARBOROUGH	H	4-0
Tues. 19	Sunderland	A	0-3
Sat. 23	Middlesbrough	A	2-1
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 6	Bradford City	A	3-1
Sat. 13	LEEDS UNITED	H	P
Sat. 20	Hull City	A	1-3
Sat. 27	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	2-1
MARCH			
Sat. 6	Scunthorpe United	A	0-0
Sat. 13	YORK CITY	H	2-0
Sat. 20	Darlington	A	0-0
Sat. 27	SUNDERLAND	H	2-2
APRIL			
Sat. 10	Huddersfield Town	A	2-3
Sat. 24	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	3-2
MAY			
Sat. 1	Sheffield United	A	3-1
Sat. 8	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	

TODAY'S REFEREE

A SELF-EMPLOYED building material salesman from Chew Moor, Bolton, Tom Fitzharris is married with two sons, Mark (21) and Gary (19).

He started refereeing in the local Bolton leagues in 1970 and from there progressed via the Lancashire Combination to the Football League referees' list in 1981 after two seasons on the linesmen's list.

He refereed the Lancashire Junior Cup Final and the Lancashire Combination Cup Final in 1980, and two years later was one of the linesmen for the European Cup quarter-final between Dynamo Tbilisi and Legia Warsaw.

Mr Fitzharris is interested in all sports.

... AND MASCOT



OUR MASCOT for the final game of the 1992-93 season is Simon Davies, of Lunn Road, Cudworth.

Simon is eight years old and he says his hobbies are playing football and watching wrestling.

His favourite Barnsley player is Northern Ireland defender Gary Fleming, who has also been captain of the side during Lee Butler's injury absence. He is also a strong contender for the Oakwell Player of the Year Award as well, Simon. Hope you voted for him!

WHAT'S GOING

YOUNG REDS CLINCH TITLE HAT-TRICK!



• CHAMPIONS! Barnsley's triumphant youth squad.

Back row (left to right): Mark Feeney, Robert Hamby, Adrian Moses, John Peach, Simon Bochenski, Richard Lumb, Scott Jones.

Middle row: Mick Wadsworth (club coach), Bob Widdowson (under 16 coach), Dennis Peacock, Chris Jackson, Steve Widdowson, David Brooke, David Watson, Troy Bennett, Steve Shelley, George Cassey (under 18s coach), Eric Winstanley (Youth team coach).

Front row: Kevin Yates, Chris Driver, Maurice Firth (Youth Development Officer), John Gregg, Allen Bradbury (Youth Development Officer), Carl Jebson, Greg Morgan.

ON THE DAY that a defeat for Leeds United at Hull City confirmed our youth team as champions of the Northern Intermediate League for the third successive season, our lads played their part in fine style by inflicting a 3-1 away victory over Sheffield United on Saturday.

As in the previous week's tussle between the teams on the Queen's Ground, the first half was very competitive, with the big, strong Young Blades obviously intent on gaining revenge for their earlier defeat.

The Young Reds, however, remained very solid and chances at both ends were few and far between.

The visitors did take the lead in the 25th minute when Robert Handy proved a little too enthusiastic in his determination to win the ball and gave away a penalty.

A penalty at the other end provided the Oakwell youngsters with the equaliser five minutes later. Scott Jones, playing in place of Mark

Feeney, who was with the first team, did well down the left, played a ball square to Andy Tomlinson, who tried to wriggle his way past several defenders. He beat two, but was brought down by the third, and Chris Jackson scored from the spot.

Psychologically that gave the Young Reds the upper hand for the second half and as the tempo dropped so they began to play the good football which has been their trademark all season.

Within 18 minutes of the restart they caught United on the break. David Brooke played the ball through to Jackson, who ducked in between two converging defenders into the centre of the penalty area and coolly slotted his shot past the 'keeper in the style of a natural goalscorer to give his side a 2-1 lead.

Three minutes later the Young Reds caught United on the break again. Greg Morgan this time being through on the 'keeper, who blocked the shot only for the ball to rebound to Simon

Bochenski who scored from an angle.

It might have been four shortly afterwards when Bochenski broke clear again, only to have his legs taken from under him as he tried to round the 'keeper. It looked a clear penalty, but the referee disagreed and waved play on, much to everyone's amazement.

As United powered forward in the last 15 minutes in a bid to salvage the game the Young Reds defence controlled the situation very well indeed, with Scott Moses outstanding.

The team was: Watson, Hanby, Jones, Tomlinson, Moses, Harriott, Brookes, Morgan Jackson, Bennett, Bochenski.

The previous week's 3-2 home victory over United had been achieved as the result of a memorable 30 minutes spell at the start of the second half.

Greg Morgan cut in from the left and hit a right-foot shot against the bar, Chris Jackson heading home the rebound; Jackson netted with a left-footer after good play around the edge of the box; and Robert Hanby headed a third goal from a Greg Morgan corner.

It looked to be all over then, but some nervy defensive play in the last 10 minutes gifted United two goals and the Young Reds were left to survive an anxious final two minutes as the visitors launched an aerial assault.

The team on that occasion was: Widowson, Hanby, Feeney, Gregg, Moses, Jones, Morgan, Brooke, Jackson, Tomlinson, Bochenski.

▪ *Youth coach Eric Winstanley gives his verdict on page 11.*

RESERVES RELEGATED

Sheffield United's 3-1 home victory over Wolves on Monday night means that our Reserves have been relegated from Division One of the Pontin's League as a result of finishing fourth from the bottom of the table.

LEAVING IT LATE

Despite their battle against relegation this season, Torquay United can still count on the backing of their dedicated band of travelling supporters.

One Torquay fan was spotted at Wolverhampton railway station recently en-route to the Gulls' away game at promotion chasing Shrewsbury Town. His only problem was, that at a quarter to three, he was just a little off course for the Third Division game. With the minutes ticking away, our intrepid man commandeered a taxi for the 31-mile trip to Gay Meadow.

Whether he made the ground in time to see Tony Darby score a 31st minute winner for the visitors is not known.

PRESTON PROSPER

Second Division Preston North End have introduced a half price initiative for their junior supporters and the response has staggered club officials.

The Deepdale club have slashed admission for the under 16's from £3.50 to just £1.75 to stand in any section of terracing at the ground. The scheme, which was in operation last Saturday, encouraged 1,067 juniors to attend the Lillywhites' Barclays League fixture with Leyton Orient - over 100% more than the 500 that turned up to watch them play Rotherham United a month earlier.

Paul Agnew, Preston's Chief Executive, commented: "We at the club have been overwhelmed by the response of our young supporters to the scheme. If we can retain just 10% of the additional 500 fans that turned up as life-long fans of our club then the scheme has been worthwhile."

LEAGUE GATES HIT TEN MILLION

Attendances in the Barclays League have smashed the ten million mark and remain on course, despite the economic recession, to show an unprecedented seventh successive annual rise. Despite the change in this country to the professional club set-up this year, more people will watch Barclays League action this season than any other domestic football competition.

Reds 3, Doncaster Rovers 2 (County Cup Final)

TOP SCORER Wayne Biggins had the first and last word in the Sheffield and Hallamshire County Cup Final at Oakwell on Tuesday night.

He gave the Reds the lead with a ninth minute penalty and then scored the winner three minutes from time after Doncaster Rovers had twice fought back to equalise.

Mark Hine made it 1-1 after 17 minutes and Mike Jeffrey levelled matters for a second time in the 64th minute after Gareth Williams had restored the Reds' lead a minute after the interval.

Third Division Rovers battled bravely to the end against their First Division derby rivals and Hine almost forced extra-time with a dipping 35-yarder that just cleared the bar in the last minute.

Both goalkeepers, David Watson for the Reds, and Rovers' Paul Crighton, made several good saves to prevent further goals in an open game.

Reds' skipper Gary Fleming received the trophy after the final whistle.

Reds: Watson, Graham, Robinson, Fleming, Taggart, Feeney (Jackson, 62 mins); O'Connell, Bullimore; Currie, Biggins, Williams.

Rovers: Crighton, Masefield, Hicks, Crosby, Hodder, Reddish, Hine, Moss, Gormley (Douglas, 90 mins); Jeffrey, Heritage.

Referee: Brian Coddington (Sheffield).

Attendance: 466

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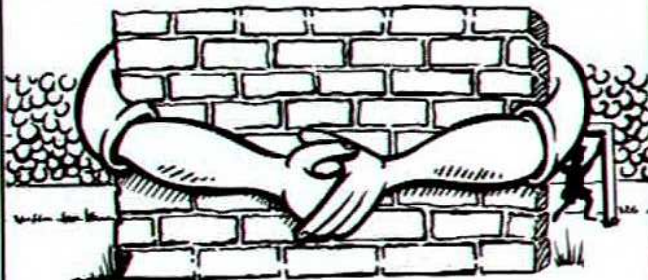
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TITLE SCALES TIP BACK IN FAVOUR OF NEWCASTLE

THE MOST famous League Championship Trophy in the world was back at Football League headquarters in Lytham St. Annes this week after a period spent with Leeds United awaiting the outcome of the Barclays League Championship race.

And at the time of writing the odds were that it would be **Newcastle United** who would become the 92nd team to secure the prestigious trophy - and the first, of course, to do so in the re-constituted Football League.

Now 103 years old, the Football League Championship trophy was first introduced in the 1890-91 campaign, two seasons after the formation of the League.

Following the early domination of the fledgling competition by Preston, their benefactor, William Sudell, proposed at the annual general meeting in 1890 that a Championship Trophy should be purchased for a price not exceeding 50 guineas.

His proposal was carried and the same elegant trophy has been used ever since.

With just one week of the season remaining Newcastle, **Portsmouth** and **West Ham United** all had the opportunity to take the title and create another milestone in the 105-year history of the world's original League football competition.

Last weekend's results tipped the scales back in favour of United, despite the fact that they were without a fixture.

Portsmouth had closed the gap dramatically with a superb run which had seen them take 34 points out of a possible 36 up to their visit to Roker Park last Saturday.

But **Sunderland**, facing the threat of relegation, produced one of the upsets of the day to secure a 4-1 victory which dented Pompey's hopes of the title as well as considerably increasing their own chances of avoiding the drop.

Jubilant Roker boss Terry Butcher saluted his players after the game saying: "They're all fighters. We battled well and our attitude was exactly right."

Sad Pompey were reduced to nine men when both Guy Butters and Paul Walsh were sent off, and their misery was compounded the following day when **West Ham United** won 3-1 at **Swindon** to leapfrog over their Fratton Park rivals into an automatic second promotion spot.

With both teams level on points and having scored the same number of goals, the Hammers achieved the higher placing by virtue of having conceded fewer goals.

It was the mercurial Clive Allen who pounced after just 13 minutes of his return at the end of a five-month injury absence to score the goal that put his side back into second place in the table.

It was his 228th goal of a career that has taken in eight clubs and £6 million of transfer dealings.

Trevor Morley and Ken Brown scored the Hammers' other goals, Mickey Hazard replying for Swindon, who have the consolation of knowing that they are assured of a place in the play-offs.

The other play-off spots have been secured by **Leicester City** and **Tranmere Rovers**, leaving Mick McCarthy's **Millwall** as the team missing out in the so-near-but-so-far position of seventh.

It would, of course, be a tremendous achievement if Tranmere could win a Premier League place. For so long they have had to live in the shadow of the big two on Merseyside. If they could now join them it would represent a marvellous coup for manager John King, who has led them from the Third Division on limited resources and comparatively small gates.

There was a spell when it looked as though they had thrown their big chance away with a run of only two wins in ten games, but they have really shown their character and determination in the last few weeks, their 2-1 victory over Watford last Saturday providing them with their 20th point out of a possible 24 in an unbeaten eight-match sequence.

Spare a thought, though, for former York City boss John Ward, who took over at Twerton Park just in time to preside over **Bristol Rovers** relegation.

As he himself said: "At the time I left York there was a chance I'd end up in the Second Division with them. Now I've made certain of it with Rovers."



■ CLIVE ALLEN

QUOTE UNQUOTE

■ "I was heading for the last hole at the Mottram Hole golf course when a man suddenly came over the hill and said 'excuse me Mr Ferguson, but you are the champions. Oldham have beaten Villa.' It was the greatest moment of my career." - **Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson** recording how he learned that his side were the first champions of the Premier League.

■ "I can always say that I scored the goal that won the championship." - **Nick Henry**, who scored Oldham's match-winner against Aston Villa which handed the title to the Old Trafford Club.

■ "They'll put me down as the man who shot Liberty Vengeance." - **Glyn Hodges**, the Sheffield United player whose goal hammered the final nail in Brian Clough's Premier League coffin.

■ "United deserve the title. They are the best team in the country and if we are not careful they will dominate our game for years." - **Oldham boss Joe Royle**.

■ "Injuries are no excuse. We've had them too. Anyway, we've only spent £160,000 on team rebuilding this year. Leeds had more than that sitting on the bench." - **QPR skipper Ray Wilkins** after hearing Leeds United manager Howard Wilkinson bemoan the enforced absence of ten regular first-teamers.

■ "I had given them the same team talk I have been giving for the last 18 years - to get the ball, and when they did, to play it; that it was the best friend they have got. But today we couldn't get it and we couldn't play it. But we tried. And we have been trying for the last 18 years." - **Brian Clough** after the 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Sheffield United which ensured Nottingham Forest's relegation in the week he announced his retirement.

MATCH-FACTS

*Figure after name denotes goals scored
p penalty † substituted player x substituted player

Date	Opponents	Gr.	F.A.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
1992 AUGUST																	
16	WEST HAM UNITED	H	0-1	6,798	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore	Currie	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean †	Archdeacon	Liddell †	Smith
19	Gainsby Town	A	1-1	3,927	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore	Liddell	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean †	Archdeacon	Currie †	Smith x
22	Portsmouth	A	0-1	11,473	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore x	Liddell	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Graham x
25	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1-1	4,636	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore x	Liddell	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Graham x
29	MILLWALL	H	0-0	4,795	Butler	Robinson †	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore x	Liddell	Currie	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Rammell †	Graham x
SEPTEMBER																	
1	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	0-1	6,906	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Bullimore x	Liddell	Currie †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Rammell †	Graham x
5	Notts County	A	3-1	6,205	Butler	Smith	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Burton x	Liddell †	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Robinson x
12	DERBY COUNTY	H	1-1	8,412	Butler	Smith	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Burton	Liddell	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon †	O'Connell †	Currie
15	Notts County (A.I. Cup)	A	1-1	2,115	Butler	Smith	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Burton	Liddell	Rammell	Pearson x	Redfean	Archdeacon	O'Connell †	Currie x
19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	1-2	5,275	Butler	Smith †	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Burton †	Liddell x	O'Connell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Bullimore †	Currie x
26	Bristol City	A	1-2	6,049	Butler	Robinson	Taggart	Bishop	Fleming	Burton	Liddell x	O'Connell	Rammell	Redfean †	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Currie x
29	DERBY COUNTY (A.I. Cup)	H	1-2	3,960	Butler	Robinson (M)	Robinson (J)	Bishop	Taggart	Burton	Liddell x	O'Connell	Rammell	Redfean †	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Currie x
OCTOBER																	
3	Leicester City	A	1-2	12,290	Butler	Fleming	Robinson (J)	Bishop x	Taggart	Burton †	Biggins	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	O'Connell †	Liddell x
10	LUTON TOWN	H	3-0	5,261	Butler	Robinson (M)	Robinson (J)	Bishop	Taggart	Bullimore	Biggins	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean x	Archdeacon	O'Connell †	Godfrey x
17	Oxford United	A	0-0	4,422	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	Bullimore	Biggins	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Liddell
24	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	4,928	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Liddell
31	Swindon Town	A	0-1	7,784	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Liddell †	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Rammell †	Connelly
NOVEMBER																	
3	Bristol Rovers	A	5-1	6,100	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell †	Liddell x	Redfean	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Connelly x
7	WATFORD	H	0-1	6,193	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming †	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Liddell †	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Connelly
14	Cambridge United	A	2-0	3,971	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Liddell †	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Rammell
21	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-0	5,603	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Liddell x	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Rammell	Currie x
28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	1-0	5,851	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Liddell x	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Rammell	Currie x
DECEMBER																	
5	Sunderland	A	1-2	17,395	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming †	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Godfrey
13	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	1-0	13,263	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Liddell †	Redfean	Archdeacon	Currie †	Williams x
19	Southeast United	A	0-3	3,629	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming x	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie	Rammell †	Liddell x	Redfean	Archdeacon	Biggins †	Williams x
26	Grimsbey Town	A	2-4	8,242	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie †	Rammell †	Liddell x	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Williams
28	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3-1	8,204	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins †	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Williams
1993																	
JANUARY																	
9	Peterborough United	A	1-1	6,000	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie x	Redfean	Archdeacon	Bullimore	Pearson x
13	Leicester City	A	2-2	19,137	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins †	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Pearson †	Bullimore
16	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1	5,423	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Bullimore †	Pearson
20	LEICESTER CITY	A	1-1	15,423	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming x	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Bullimore †	Pearson x
24	WEST HAM UNITED	H	5-4	(penalties after extra-time)													
27	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	0-1	11,342	Butler	Gridelet	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins †	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Pearson †	Williams
30	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-1	6,551	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Liddell
FEBRUARY																	
6	West Ham United	A	1-1	14,101	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie x	Rammell	Pearson	Redfean	Archdeacon	Williams	Liddell x
10	Derby County	A	0-3	13,096	Watson	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie	Rammell	Godfrey x	Redfean	Archdeacon	Williams	Biggins x
13	Mcn. City (F.A. Cup Rd. 5)	A	0-2	32,807	Butler	Robinson (M)	Fleming †	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Currie	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Liddell	Pearson
20	Millwall	A	4-0	8,034	Watson	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Liddell	Pearson
27	Luton Town	A	2-2	7,595	Watson	Robinson (M)	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Liddell	Pearson
MARCH																	
6	LEICESTER CITY	H	2-3	9,452	Whitehead	Robinson (M) x	Fleming †	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Davis †	Liddell x
9	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	2-0	5,445	Whitehead	Liddell †	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Bullimore
13	Watford	A	2-1	5,785	Whitehead	Bishop	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Rammell x	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham	Godfrey
16	NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-0	6,296	Whitehead	Bishop	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Bullimore	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Bullimore
20	SUNDERLAND	H	2-0	6,296	Whitehead	Bishop	Fleming	Davis	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Hendon †	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Graham †	Bullimore x
23	Birmingham City	A	0-3	12,664	Whitehead	Bishop	Fleming	Davis x	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Hendon	Currie †	Redfean	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Bullimore x
27	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-1	5,220	Whitehead	Hendon	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell x	Biggins	Graham	Currie	Redfean	Archdeacon	Godfrey †	Bullimore x
APRIL																	
3	Charlton Athletic	A	0-0	6,370	Whitehead	Hendon	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell x	Biggins	Bullimore	Graham †	Redfean	Robinson	Currie †	Godfrey x
7	Newcastle United	A	0-6	29,460	Whitehead	Hendon	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell x	Biggins	Bullimore †	Currie	Redfean	Robinson x	Jackson †	Graham x
10	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	0-2	4,958	Whitehead	Hendon †	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Gridelet	Graham	Redfean	Davis	Currie †	Bullimore x
12	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	4,636	Whitehead	Gridelet	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Currie x	Graham †	Redfean	Davis	Williams †	Jackson x
17	SOUTHEAST UNITED	H	3-1	3,855	Watson	Robinson	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	Davis	Bennett x	Biggins	Jackson †	Redfean	Williams	Feeney †	Bullimore x
24	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	5,523	Watson	Robinson	Fleming	Bishop	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Bennett †	Graham	Redfean	Williams	Currie †	Gridelet
MAY																	
1	Brentford	A	1-3	7,958	Whitehead	Robinson	Fleming	Bishop †	Taggart	O'Connell	Biggins	Bullimore	Graham x	Redfean	Williams	Eaden †	Feeney x
8	SWINDON TOWN	H															

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Barclays League Division One Table (up to and including Wednesday, May 5th, 1993)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle United	44	14	6	1	49	13	13	3	7	34	23	90
West Ham United	45	15	5	2	48	17	10	5	8	31	24	55
Portsmouth	45	18	2	2	46	8	7	8	5	32	37	85
Tranmere Rovers	45	15	4	4	48	24	8	5	9	23	31	78
Swindon Town	45	15	5	3	41	23	6	8	8	33	35	76
Leicester City	45	14	5	4	43	24	8	5	9	27	33	76
Millwall	45	14	6	2	46	18	4	10	9	19	32	70
Grimsbey Town	45	12	6	5	33	25	7	1	14	24	30	64
Derby County	45	11	2	10	38	35	8	7	8	28	24	63
Wolves	45	11	6	6	37	26	5	7	10	20	28	61
Peterborough	45	11	6	5	29	25	9	3	11	25	37	61
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Barnsley	45	11	4	7	28	19	5	5	13	27	41	57
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Bristol City	45	9	7	6	25	24	4	7	12	20	42	53
Luton Town	45	6	13	4	26	26	4	8	10	11	34	51
Sunderland	45	9	6	8	34	28	4	5	13	15	33	50
Southeast United	45	8	8	6	31	21	4	5	14	21	42	49
Notts County	45	9	7	6	30	20	2	9	12	22	49	49
Brentford	45	7	6	10	29	30	6	4	12	23	37	49
Cambridge United	45	8	6	9	29	32	3	10	9	19	35	49
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Bristol Rovers	45	6	6	11	30	42	3	5	14	22	45	38



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A FOOTBALL SEASON is like a good drama. A good first act and a good last act can often hide a mediocre middle. Inversely a poor first act and a disappointing last act can invariably disguise a rewarding and interesting middle act.

Unfortunately our season has fallen into the latter category. After a poor start our mid-season form was equivalent to the best teams in the division, but people have lost sight of that because of our recent disappointing string of results.

The difference in a crowd's attitude has been plain to see in recent weeks and it was best portrayed at Brentford last Saturday. The home team was struggling to stay in the division and facing a crucial match they had to win. Yet the support for the players and the management was outstandingly positive.

No-one has been more disappointed than myself at our recent form, yet, through all the emotions and criticism we must take a balanced view of the season and work hard again to make next season more successful, which I am absolutely sure it will be.

I am now looking forward to the summer months when the bulk of the squad will be doing some work in preparation for the 1993-94 campaign and I am also eager to work with the new faces that we will no doubt be introducing during the close season.



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winner taking the award for the Second Division. The other divisional award winners were Gillingham's Bill File and for the F.A. Premier League, Douglas Rose of Everton.

WELCOME WYCOMBE

Wycombe Wanderers have finally secured the Conference Championship, after missing out on goal difference to Colchester United last year, and will feature in next season's Football League Third Division.

Wycombe become the fourth 'new' side to move up to The League since automatic promotion was introduced in the 1986-87 season, following in the footsteps of Scarborough, Maidstone United and Barnet.

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DEBUT - THEN FREED!

Twenty-years-old Nicky Eaden made his League debut as a second half substitute against Brentford at Griffin Park last Saturday - and then was told that he had been given a free transfer!

Other players released are John Pearson, Greg Morgan and Mark Mercer.

Players out of contract and still negotiating new terms are Gary Fleming, Brendan O'Connell, Wayne Bullimore, Andy Rammell and Phil Gridelet.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Defenders Gerry Taggart and Gary Fleming were both in the Northern Ireland team which went down to a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Spain in a World Cup qualifying game in Seville last week.

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OAKWELL HEROES



DAVID 'SAM' YATES

Overlooked by Barnsley Boys while at school, David 'Sam' Yates joined the Oakwell Club's apprentices after writing for a trial and he signed full-time professional in March 1971, making his debut in September the following year at right-back in place of the suspended Barry Murphy.

He established himself as the regular right-back early the following season and he and Phil Chambers became regarded as outstanding young prospects in the two full-back positions.

However he lost his place to Murphy during the 1975-76 season and a series of injuries restricted his first team appearances, although he did make 10 for Grimsby Town during a loan spell from March to the end of the 1975-76 season.

He was eventually given a free transfer in May 1978 and had short spells with Frickley Athletic and Matlock Town in the Northern Premier League.

Employed by the GPO he later played local football with Birdwell Rovers and Hoyland Town Jaguars before becoming a publican in Sheffield in 1985.

His Oakwell record was as follows:

1972-73 (Division Four) League 2; League Cup 0; F.A. Cup 0.

1973-74 (Division Four) League 41; League Cup 0; F.A. Cup 4

1974-75 (Division Four) League 41; League Cup 1; F.A. Cup 1.

1975-76 (Division Four) League 15; League Cup 0; F.A. Cup 1.

1976-77 (Division Four) League 4; League Cup 0; F.A. Cup 1.

1977-78 (Division Four) League 1; League Cup 0; F.A. Cup 0.

Total: League 104; League Cup 1; F.A. Cup 7.

He scored just two goals, both in the league in the 1974-75 season.

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To get to the top of Jewson's Family Football tree, the Bees faced stern opposition from the other divisional Excellence Award winners, Huddersfield Town from Division Two, Walsall from the Third Division and defending champions Sunderland.

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Disability Award; Leyton Orient

DIVISION THREE

Excellence; Walsall
Progress Award;
Crewe Alexandra
Disability Award; Lincoln City

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VALE MAKE WEMBLEY DEBUT

John Rudge's Port Vale side, who are now well placed in The League to secure an immediate return to the Division they left last May, have booked their first ever trip to Wembley for Autoglass Trophy Final.

Vale maintain the Potteries interest in the competition, having knocked out last year's winners - City rivals Stoke - at the Semi-Final stage. A single strike from the former Republic of Ireland striker Bernie Slaven was enough to secure a 1-1 draw on the night against Exeter City and see Vale through 3-2 on aggregate.

Facing them at Wembley on Saturday, May 22 will be last year's losing finalists Stockport County, who overcame Wigan Athletic at Edgeley Park, in a game which was shown live on the Sky Sports Channel.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO

Carlisle United 1, Reds 1 (Second Division)

The Reds had sufficient chances at Brunton Park to have recorded their biggest win of the season. Instead they had to be content with a draw. And in the end they were fortunate to escape with even that.

Even allowing for the excellent goalkeeping of Trevor Swinburne the Reds should have had the game sewn up long before Carlisle's 79th minute equaliser which was scored by on-loan Leicester City striker Keith Robson.

Ronnie Glavin had given the Reds the lead in the 62nd minute.

Bobby Horn had to make several good saves late on in a sportingly-contested encounter which was full value for money - especially as the fans had been allowed in for half-price!

Carlisle: Swinburne, Haigh, McCartney, Coughlin, Rushbury, Houghton, Craig, B. Robson, Poskett, Bannon (K. Robson, 79 mins), Shoulder.

Reds: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Law, Ronson, Airey, Cunningham, Wilkes.

Referee: David Scott (Burnley)

Attendance: 5,898.

20 YEARS AGO

Doncaster Rovers 0, Reds 0 (Fourth Division)

The final match of the season may have been a local derby, but it was a desperately disappointing one lacking in thrills, skills, excitement - and goals.

The plus points were that the Reds' defence still looked pretty sound, despite the absence of the injured Ray Pettit; Bob Doyle still looked a player of potential; Kenny Brown still appeared to cover twice as much territory as anyone else; Doug O'Connor still looked the most improved player of the season; and Mick Butler still looked the best discovery since sliced bread!

Doncaster Rovers: Johnson, Joy, Wignall, Uzelac, Reed, Irvine, Brookes, Moore, Haselden, Elwiss, Usher (Kitchen, 71 mins).

Reds: Arblaster, Murphy, Chambers, Cole, Winstanley (Millar, 65 mins), Greenwood, Doyle, Brown, Butler, Hopkinson, O'Connor.

Referee: W J Hall

Attendance: 2,721.

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LOOK WHO'S HERE

THE REDS WELCOME SWINDON TOWN

WHEN BARNSELY were beaten 1-0 at the County Ground on the last Saturday in October it was Swindon goalkeeper **Nicky Hammond** who denied the Reds with a string of superb saves.

Hammond, who has twice recovered from a broken leg, arrived on a free transfer from Arsenal, having had previous loan spells with Bristol Rovers, Aberdeen and Peterborough United. The 25-year-old from Hornchurch made 31 senior appearances for Swindon last season - by far his best return for the club since his signing five years ago.

It was **Fraser Digby**, however, who started the season in the number one jersey, and he has been in the side in recent weeks. The 25-year-old from Sheffield was, until last season, the regular first choice since he first arrived at Swindon six years ago, but since then has had to share the number one spot with Hammond. A former Manchester United apprentice and England Under 21 international, he has notched up nearly 300 appearances for the club.

Player-manager **Glen Hoddle** acts as sweeper in a five-man defence which is completed by **Nicky Summerbee**, **Paul Bodin**, **Colin Calderwood** and **Shaun Taylor**.

Born in Altrincham, 21-years-old Summerbee started a game for the first time in the final fixture of the 1990-91 season and made 20 full appearances last term. He has taken over the number two shirt from David Kerslake, recently transferred to Leeds United. He set out as a striker, but now attacks down the right flank from the back. He has an excellent pedigree, as his father, ex-Swindon, Manchester City and England forward Mike Summerbee, his grandfather and great uncle all played League football.

A Welsh international full-back from Cardiff, 28-years-old Bodin joined Swindon for a bargain £25,000 from Newport County in March 1988. He was previously with Bath City, where he was top scorer with 27 League and Cup goals in 1986-87. He joined Crystal Palace for £550,000 in March 1991 but returned to the County Ground ten months later.

Club captain and currently the longest-serving Town player, 27-years-old Calderwood is in his eighth season at Swindon. The only surviving member of the 1985-86 Fourth Division Championship-winning side, he has made maximum appearances in four out of his previous seven seasons. His six goals last term was his highest tally to date. A Glaswegian, he was previously with Mansfield Town.

A £200,000 signing from Exeter City nearly two years ago, 29-years-old Taylor was voted Town's Player of the Year last season. He was also Exeter's

Player of the Year in their Fourth Division championship side of 1989-90. Plymouth-born, he came into League football late, signing for the Grecians from Western League Bidford Town at the age of 23.

The midfield trio comprises **Micky Hazard**, **Ross MacLaren** and **Martin Ling**.

Critics claim that Hazard, who was signed from Portsmouth in September 1990 for £130,000, is now playing some of the best football of his career. During eight years at White Hart Lane he collected both FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals with Spurs. In 1985 he made the move across London to Chelsea for a fee of £300,000. Born in Sunderland, the 32-year-old missed only two games last season and has been a regular this.

A £140,000 signing from Derby County in 1988, Edinburgh-born MacLaren missed the start of the season following a hernia operation, but has recovered to make his 450th League appearance, his debut having been in 1980. While with Derby he won a Second Division championship medal. He was previously with Shrewsbury Town.

Ling (26) rejoined Town nearly two years ago after almost five years with Southend United. A former Exeter City apprentice, he was at the County Ground for just 93 days during 1986, making only two senior appearances. In and out of the side last season, the slightly-built Londoner from West Ham has been delighted to have been given an extended run this season.

The strike-force pair are **David Mitchell** and **Craig Maskell**.

Capped 17 times for Australia - despite the fact that he was born in Glasgow! Mitchell joined Town a year ago from Chelsea for a nominal fee and found the net eight times in 28 full appearances. So far this term he has 15 goals to his credit. A much-travelled player, the 30-year-old has also seen service with Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany), Glasgow Rangers, Feyenord (Holland) and Newcastle United on loan.

A summer signing from Reading in a £250,000 deal, with Tom Jones moving in the opposite direction, Maskell was top scorer for the Elm Park Club last season, with 15 goals. He was also leading marksman in two seasons with Huddersfield Town, and, despite injury, is leading the Swindon charts with 21. Born in Aldershot, the 24-year-old began his career with Southampton and joined Swindon on loan in 1987, scoring six goals in four reserve games.

Other players to have featured in recent squads include **Steve White**, **Brian Marwood** and **Shaun Close**.

*Back Row: John Moncur, Darren Hall, Fraser Digby, Paul Hunt, Nicky Hammond, David Bennett, Craig Maskell, Steve White.
Middle Row: John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Ross MacLaren, Nicky Summerbee, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, Adrian Viveash, David Mitchell, Andrew Thomson, Kevin Horlock, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Coach)
Front Row: Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Martin Ling, David Kerslake, Wayne O'Sullivan, Glenn Hoddle (Team Manager), John Gorman (Asst Manager), Paul Bodin, Shaun Close, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).*

A free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers six years ago, White (35) reached a 100-goal milestone for the club last season before being sidelined with a back injury. Despite playing only 28 games, he was still the club's highest goalscorer with 15. Although not a regular this season, he has notched another nine. The striker began his League career with Bristol Rovers in 1977 before 'big money' moves took him to Luton and Charlton.

Marwood is the former Hull City, Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal and Sheffield United midfielder player who has one full England cap to his credit. Now 33, he had a loan spell at Middlesbrough last season. He has played more than 350 League games in a career which started at Boothferry Park in 1977.

Islington-born Close was a £70,000 signing from AFC Bournemouth in September, 1989, but his appearances have been limited. He was top scorer for the Combination side last season with 25, but prior to this season had scored only one League goal for the club - after just 33 seconds at Oxford in March last year. He is 26.

▪ **SHAUN TAYLOR**
.....£200,000 signing
from Exeter City



BORN IN Hayes, Middlesex, 34-years-old Glenn Hoddle joined the Town as player-manager in April 1991 and now normally operates as sweeper.

Capped 53 times for England, he spent ten years at Tottenham, followed by another three with AC Monaco.

He was out through injury for half of last season, but began the current campaign in style with a 30-year winner against Sunderland and has again led by example on the pitch.

Although Swindon have missed out on an automatic promotion place, he hopes to lead them into the Premier League by way of the play-offs after a creditable eighth-place finish last season.



SWINDON TO CONTEST THE PLAY-OFFS!

WHATEVER HAPPENS this afternoon Swindon Town are assured of a promotion play-off place - an improvement on last season, when they finished eighth.

It will always be argued that the sale of Duncan Shearer cost Town any chance they may have had of winning a place in the Premier League at the end of last term, and certainly the loss of both recognised strikers - Steve White did not play after January due to injury - was sorely felt in the final two months of the campaign when Swindon averaged less than a goal a game.

Even so, only one match was lost after Shearer's departure and probably of greater significance was the 23 mid-season matches which player-manager Glenn Hoddle missed through injury and which brought only seven victories.

The skill and influence of Hoddle was plain to see. Indeed, before his injury there was even a press campaign for his recall to the England team!

He was, however, handicapped by the fact that the financial situation he had inherited meant that key players had to be sold to keep the club afloat - Fitzroy Simpson was another who left the County Ground.

His pre-season signing of Shaun Taylor, however, together with the later return of Paul Bodin did much to strengthen the defence, Taylor forming a solid partnership with the ever reliable Colin Calderwood, while in attack David Mitchell proved an able replacement for Steve White.

The recruitment of Craig Maskell for £250,000 from Reading last summer proved a master-stroke, the former Huddersfield and Southampton striker proving the ideal replacement for Shearer, and, despite an injury absence he has already paid back a large slice of that fee with a total of 21 goals.

Mitchell has chipped in with 15 as Town have established themselves as a very entertaining, attacking team whose football has won praise wherever they have played.

They were handicapped at the start of the season by the absence of experienced midfielder player Ross MacLaren, who was sidelined after a summer hernia operation which failed to cure the problem. Further surgery was required in September which put him out of action for even longer.

They stretched the tendons around the groin and he had to face another two months of inactivity.

It was all so hard for a man who had hardly missed a game since his arrival from Derby County five years ago and he was beginning to think it was all down to the fact that this is his 13th season as a professional!

However, he was able to return to help Town in the run-in to the end of the season - and secure that play-off spot.

Once again, however, player-manager Hoddle found his ambitions weakened by having to sell a player, defender David Kerslake being the one to this time bring in some much-needed cash, joining Leeds United for £500,000 just before the transfer deadline.

It left Swindon fans wondering whether their team's promotion hopes were again going to be badly hit by the sale of one of their best players. The priority aim of an automatic promotion spot has already gone. Now they have to suffer through the nerve-racking tensions of the play-offs to see whether or not their Premier League dreams are to be fulfilled.

The season began well for the Robins, with three wins and a draw in their first four games, but results then fluctuated until the turn of the year when a run which brought only four defeats in 22 games put them firmly in the top six.

They have scored three goals or more in the League on nine occasions, including a remarkable 6-4 away victory over Birmingham City at Easter when they fought back from being 4-1 down to win 6-4, with Mitchell scoring a second half hat-trick.

Their biggest margin of victory came earlier in the season when they beat Notts County 5-1 at The County Ground.

Their biggest defeats were 4-2 at home to Derby County and 3-1 away to Tranmere Rovers and Portsmouth.

They have had little joy in the cup competitions, failing to get beyond



the qualifying stages of the Anglo-Italian competition, bowing out to QPR in the third round of the FA Cup and losing to Oldham in the third round of the Coca Cola Cup.

Their complete record of results is as follows:

First Division: Sunderland (h) 1-0; Bristol Rovers (a) 4-3; Wolves (a) 2-2; Cambridge United (h) 4-1; Millwall (a) 1-2; Bristol Rovers (h) 2-2; Oxford United (h) 2-2; Charlton Athletic (a) 0-2; Grimsby Town (h) 1-0; Watford (h) 3-1; Portsmouth (a) 1-3; Notts County (h) 5-1; West Ham United (a) 1-0; Barnsley (h) 1-0; Brentford (h) 0-2; Newcastle United (a) 0-0; Southend United (h) 3-2; Bristol City (a) 2-2; Peterborough United (a) 3-3; Derby County (h) 2-4; Tranmere Rovers (h) 1-2; Leicester City (a) 2-4; Oxford United (a) 1-0; Birmingham City (h) 0-0; Charlton Athletic (h) 2-2; Grimsby Town (a) 1-2; Wolves (h) 1-0; Sunderland (a) 1-0; Millwall (h) 3-0; Cambridge United (a) 0-1; Tranmere Rovers (h) 2-0; Portsmouth (h) 1-0; Watford (a) 4-0; Southend United (a) 1-1; Newcastle United (h) 2-1; Luton Town (a) 0-0; Derby County (a) 1-2; Bristol City (h) 2-1; Brentford (a) 0-0; Peterborough United (1-0); Tranmere Rovers (a) 1-3; Luton Town (h) 1-0; Birmingham City (a) 6-4; Leicester (h) 1-1; West Ham United (h) 1-3.

F.A. Cup: QPR (a) 0-3.

Coca Cola Cup: Torquay United (a) 6-0; Torquay United (h) 3-2.

Anglo-Italian Cup: Oxford United (a) 3-1; Brentford (a) 1-2.

Goalscorers (all competitions): Maskell 21, Mitchell 15, Taylor 11, Bodin 11, White 9, Ling 4, Summerbee 4, Hazard 3, Hoddle 2, Calderwood 2, Berkley 1, Horlock 1, Moncur 1, Marwood 1.

IN RETROSPECT

BY DAVE COPPING

IT IS all square in Town's 12 league visits to Oakwell to date, with each team having recorded four wins with four draws. In fact their last three visits have produced the full range of results. Last season the teams came together just before the New Year and although we went into the game unbeaten in five games we were still six points worse off than Town, who also had three games in hand.

It was Town who got off to a flier with **Duncan Shearer** netting after only 10 minutes. It stayed the same until 10 minutes after the interval when **Andy Rammell** equalised. Town then upped the tempo and 15 minutes from time they were awarded a penalty. However **Mick Hazard's** spot kick hit the post and bounced to safety and the game ended level.

Barnsley: **Butler, Fleming (Currie), Davis, Bullimore, Smith, Taggart, Robinson, Redfearn, Saville (Banks), Rammell, Archdeacon.**

Swindon: **Hammond, Kerslake, Jones, Ling, Calderwood, Taylor, Hazard, Shearer, Simpson, MacLaren, White (Mitchell).**

A year earlier we produced a superb performance and thanks to goals from **Steve Agnew** (two), **Andy Rammell** (two) and **Brendan O'Connell**, ran out 5-1 winners. **Steve White** netted Town's consolation and their cause was not helped by the dismissal of defender **John Gittins** during the second half.

Town's last win here came during the '89/90 season when **Colin Calderwood's** header in the 36th minute was the only goal of the match.

Although we beat Town 5-1 two years ago our biggest win over them came in a Third Division game during the '61/62 season. **Frank Bartlett** (two), **Ken Oliver, Ron Smillie, Bert Tindill** and **Bobby Wood** all scored as we ran out 6-2 winners. **Ralph Hunt** netted both Town's goals.

On the other hand, Swindon have never scored more than three in any game against us. However, they have done that on three occasions.

The first came on their first league visit here in the 59/60 season. **John Richards, Keith Morgan** and **David 'Bronco' Layne** being the marksmen. Then in the 87/88 season at the County Ground two **Steve White** goals along with one from **Jimmy Quinn** gave them a 3-0 victory. The final time they scored three came last season also at the County Ground. **Ian Banks** gave Barnsley a first minute lead but second half goals from **White, Shearer** and **Martin Ling** gave Town a 3-1 win.

Although we have not been as successful at the County Ground as they have been here, we have had some success. Our first win came in the final game of the '79/80 season.

Town had slipped down the table after being up in the promotion battle for most of the season. Barnsley, on the other hand, had been fighting against relegation, but had pulled into mid-table and safety as the season progressed. **Glyn Riley** scored after 21 minutes and it was enough to give us the points in a typical end of season clash.

Swindon: **Allan, Templeman, Ford, Cockerill, Lewis, Carter, Abley (Millar), Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.**

Barnsley: **Pierce, Cooper, Chambers, Hunter, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Riley (Campbell), Lester, Downes.**

Our only other victory there came in the '90/91 season when **Mark Smith** and **Carl Tiler** scored in a 2-1 win. **Hazard** replying for Town with a penalty.



• **GLYN RILEY** ... his goal gave us our first win at Swindon.

FOR THE RECORD

Name: Swindon Town

Nickname: The Robins

Ground: County Ground

Manager: Glenn Hoddle

Sponsors: Burmah Petroleum Fuels Ltd

Formed: 1881

Club Colours: Red shirts, white shorts, red stockings with white trim.

Change Colours: Green and white shirts with navy blue and red collars, navy blue shorts, red stockings

Most Appearances: John Trollope 886 + 3, 1960-81

Record Transfer Fee

Received: £1,000,000 from Southampton for Alan McLoughlin, November, 1990.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £450,000 to Bari for Nestor Lorenzo, November, 1990.

Honours: Division Four, 1985-86; League Cup, 1968-69; Anglo-Italian 1970.

Most Goals in Career: Harry Morris 230, 1926-33

Most Goals in Season: Harry Morris 48, 1926-27

Biggest Victory: 10-1 v Farnham United Breweries FC, F.A. Cup, 1st round, 1925.

Biggest Defeat: 1-10 v Manchester City, F.A. Cup, 2nd Round, 1930.

Oldest Player: Alex Ferguson, 43 years 103 days v Bristol City, Division 3S, November 15, 1947.

Youngest Player: Paul Rideout, 16 years 107 days v Hull, Division 3, November 29, 1980.

Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas (Wales) 30

Highest League position: 4th in Division 2

Highest Attendance: 32,000 v Arsenal, F.A. Cup, January 15, 1972.

Lowest Attendance: 1,681 v Darlington, Division 4, April 17, 1984.

Current Ground Capacity: 16,432.

OAKWELL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

THE POLL to find the supporters' Oakwell Player of the Year has been one of the closest in the history of the competition, with five players in contention right to the close of voting yesterday (Friday).

That means that even at the time of writing these notes it was anybody's guess as to which of the five would end up receiving the splendid Boylin trophy this afternoon.

The trophy, you will remember, was originally donated to the club by Mrs Rosemary Boylin in memory of her husband John, a former chairman of Barnsley Supporters' Club, and it is an award that has always been cherished by the players through the years.

Current skipper **Gary Fleming** has come up on the rails with a late rush of votes to challenge **Charlie Bishop, Wayne Biggins, Owen Archdeacon** and **Gerry Taggart** for the trophy.

Those who have voted for Fleming cite his unselfishness, his reading of the game, his determination and the excellent example he gives to the younger players.

A Northern Ireland international, he has played both at full-back and sweeper this season but has looked much more at home in the latter role, where he is capable of turning defence into attack with decisive breaks from deep inside his own half of the field.

Bishop has proved a real bargain buy at £50,000 from Bury and is an ideal partner for Taggart in the heart of the defence, where his electric pace has come to the Reds' rescue on more than one occasion this season. He is a very good man-marker who has kept some of the division's top marksmen quiet.

His admirers claim that he is improving all the time and has now reached a stage where he is one of the best central defenders in the First Division.

That same accolade is afforded by the supporters of Taggart, who last week made his 18th appearance for Northern Ireland - a club record. They say he has more than mere physical power to offer, with his reading of the game having helped the Reds out of many a tight situation.

There is no doubt that the former Manchester City-player has been the cornerstone of the defence this season. He has looked a much more mature and responsible player and a better one as a consequence. He is also a very consistent player and one who is a danger at dead ball situations.

Biggins is regarded by many as the best striker to come to Oakwell in a long time. Some would say that his goal-making and goal-scoring exploits have saved the Reds from a relegation fight. Unselfish running, great ball control and

outstanding finishing are the assets which have brought him the votes.

It was Biggins, remember, who sparked off the Reds' revival when he arrived from Stoke City for £200,000 early in October, scoring seven goals in his first 10 games. He had a barren spell in December and January, but leads the scoring charts with 14.

Archdeacon's value to the side has been emphasised during his recent absence through injury. Whether playing as a left-back or on the left-side of midfield he has been the one to rely on to do a good job with great consistency.

And consistency is the key word as far as his supporters are concerned. Skill and intelligence are also attributed to him and his commitment is also admired.

Brendan O'Connell, the only previous winner, Andy Rammell and Lee Butler have also had a good deal of support, but in the end they could not match the votes of the top five.

The question now is which of those five will it be?

You will find out at about a quarter to three this afternoon when the trophy will be presented and another name will join that illustrious roll of honour.

Meanwhile, Oakwell Review and the Barnsley Chronicle, who combined to conduct the poll, would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those supporters who took the trouble to send in their votes and make it such an exciting contest.

The players, too, express their appreciation.

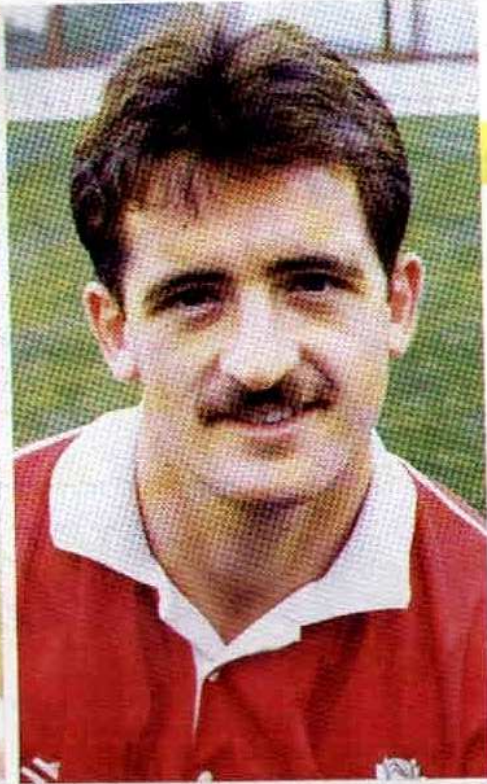
Especially, we would imagine, the one who will be lifting the trophy just before kick-off ...



ROLL OF HONOUR

Previous winners of the Supporters' Oakwell Player of the Year Award are:

- JOHNNY EVANS
- LES LEA
- BARRY MURPHY
- ERIC WINSTANLEY
- MICK BUTLER
- BOB DOYLE
- KENNY BROWN
- BRIAN JOICEY
- MICK MCCARTHY
- RONNIE GLAVIN
- TREVOR AYLOT
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IT WAS a very learned gentleman, the one-time Lord Chief Justice Parker himself, no less, who said: "A judge is not supposed to know anything about the facts of life until they have been presented to him in evidence and explained to him at least three times."

I suppose by the time Lord Justice Taylor came up with the idea of all-seater stadia for top English football clubs he had presented to him enough evidence at the Hillsborough disaster inquiry to last anyone a lifetime.

But I wonder how often he himself had tried to watch a match in an all-seater stadium.

There are some facts of life which, no matter how often they are presented in evidence, will not register in even the most perceptive mind until they have been personally experienced; and trying to enjoy a football match in an all-seater stadium is one of them.

It is one thing to put bums on seats (and, on paper at least, a relatively easy way to keep volatile crowds out of dangerous mischief); but it's something else trying to keep 'em there once the match starts. Ask some of the Sheffield fans who were at Wembley for the recent semi-final.

Now I happen to be married to an individual who, most years, plans a holiday with a fistful of travel brochures in one hand and a list of continental football fixtures in the other; so it follows that I have watched matches of the day from quite a few all-seater stadia, abroad as well as at home.

I can assure Lord Taylor that it is not necessarily a comfortable or an easy thing to do. Come kick-off and you will have lift-off. The fact that the "seats" at Portugal's Estoril ground, and at another I visited in Malta, were made of cold, hard concrete might have had something to do with that, of course!



Likewise, the glorified plank on which Torquay United's directors at one time precariously perched their posteriors made a lasting impression on me - in more ways than one - when I was their guest. The "uplifting" experience of a disputed penalty, or even an own goal, can come as a relief in such circumstances.

But even something rather more deluxe by way of seating, such as I remember in Madrid's famous Bernabeu Stadium, will not keep people glued to it when they're watching as I was, the magic of Di Stefano, Puskas, Cento and Co. up against Pele and his Brazilian Santos.

I do not make the point in order to denigrate Lord Taylor, who has doubtless had it all explained to him more often than Lord Chief Justice Parker's prescribed three times.

Nor do I wish to reactivate hard feelings about the abolition of the terraces; still less to deepen the fascinatingly unremitting gloom on the face of the FA's Mr Graham Kelly; and certainly not to detract from Barnsley's splendid new stand.

I would put money, though, on the fans there next season coming to their feet much more than Lord Taylor would wish, or even believe; especially when the new arrivals from the Premier League drop in.

THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS

WITH another season drawing to a close, the Oakwell directors and officials wish to place on record their thanks to the men and women of the media who have contributed articles in the "Stop Press" section, which is featured in every home programme.

Says chairman John Dennis: "We are delighted that ours is the only programme to carry this feature year after year."

South Yorkshire sports journalist Benny Hill, organiser from Day One in 1974, told programme editor Keith Lodge there had been 23 newcomers this season, bringing the total number of contributors - from all over the country - to 208.

Approaching 500 articles have been written free of charge in the past 19 seasons.

Benny told Keith it was pleasing to have had more "recruited" some of the prominent names in sports journalism, but he was disappointed that, yet again, he had been unable to persuade Michael Parkinson to provide an article. He was also indebted to Dinah Maiden, who volunteered to stand in at the 11th hour when this week's planned contribution from the other side of the Pennines failed to arrive.

The following are thanked for their contributions this season:

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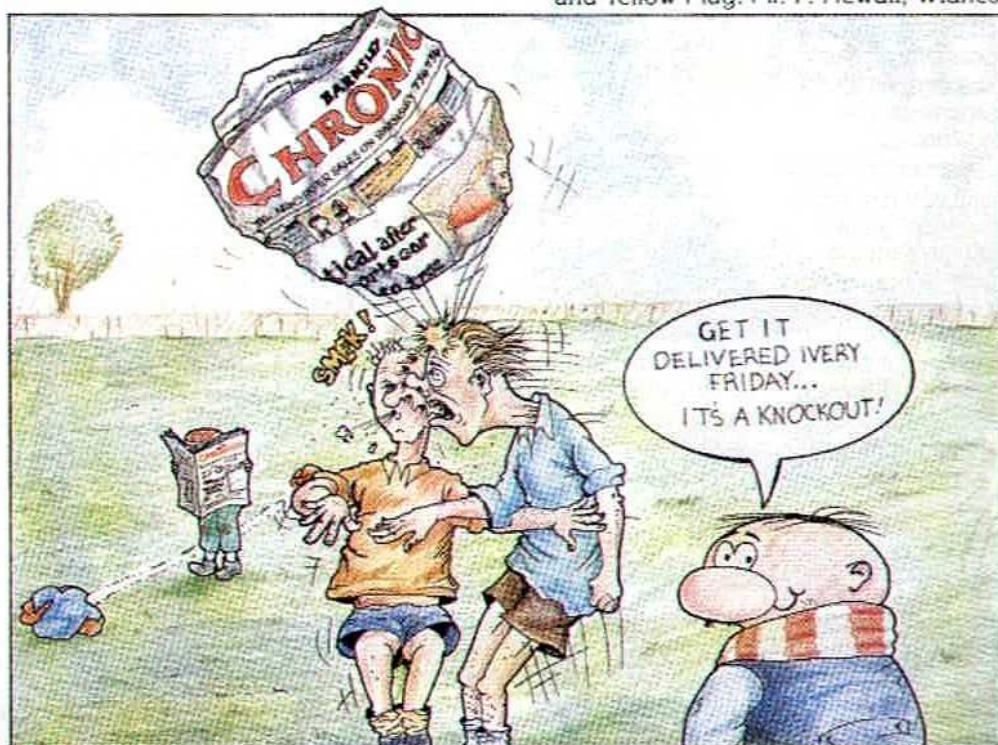
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