

Christmas



Greetings

Swindon Town Football Club

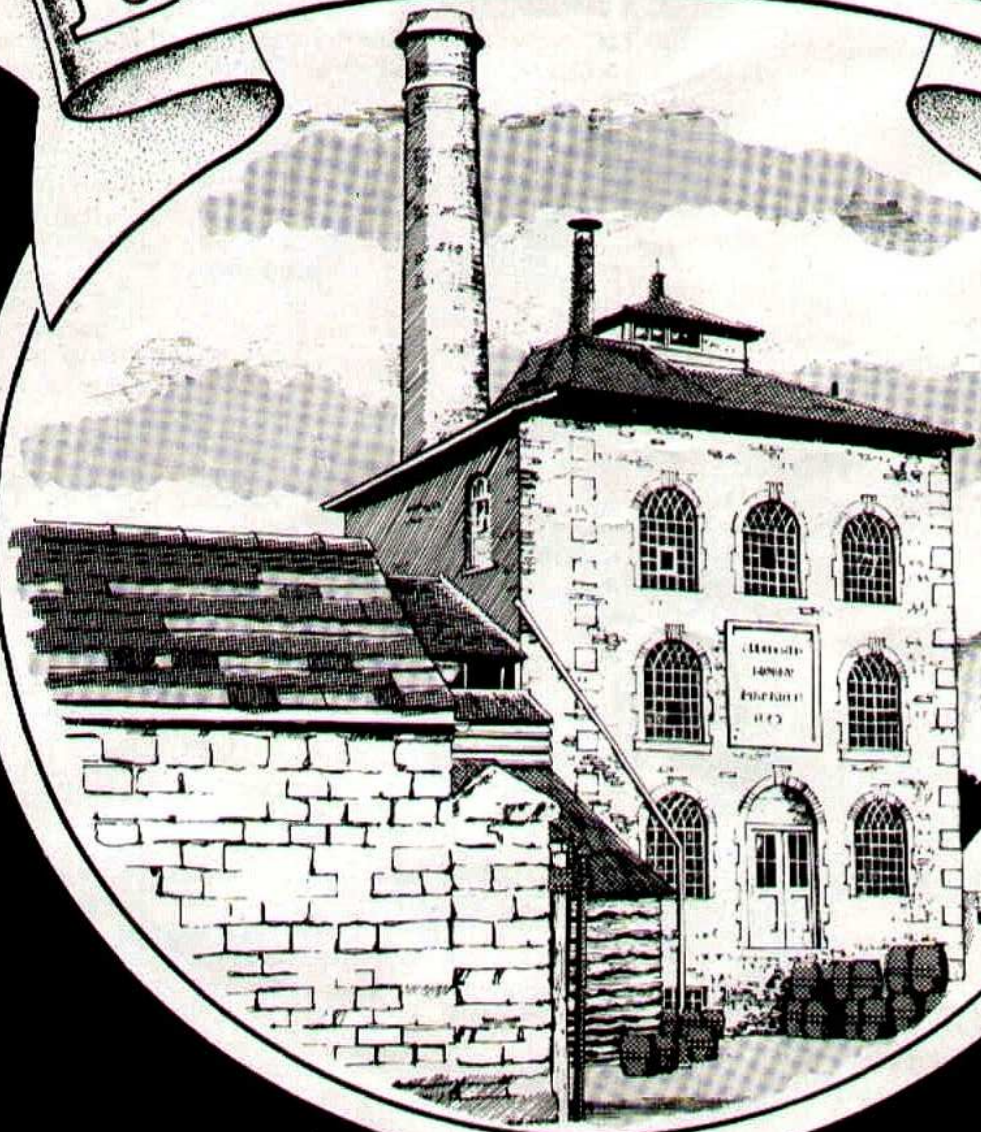


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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

This being our last match on the County Ground before Christmas, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of our Club, to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

This Saturday in the Football League calendar, is one which we would like to see delayed, being so near to Christmas, it usually means that attendances are the lowest of the season. We hope that our team performance in the Cup ties with Brentford during the last week, will attract a few more than is usual for today's game.

We welcome the Players and Officials today from Hartlepool United. We are not total strangers to each other, but it is several seasons since we met. Hartlepool is one of our longer journeys which our ardent supporters are called upon to make.

Our mid-week encounter with Brentford was only a mere stones throw by comparison. Our support at Brentford was magnificent, even though it was a wet night, the number of private cars making the journey with our colours waving for everyone to see, brought back memories of our previous cup feats. I must say in these notes, although I know that you will have read and heard from so many other sources what a magnificent performance our lads gave on Tuesday last. Critics are always ready to point to faults when things go wrong, but our performance at Brentford was great and is a credit to our training methods and stamina building. Our young apprentices were among the spectators and were set an example that they will all want to follow. Our team included no fewer than six players who have come through our Youth Policy with two others that have appeared this season or were injured.

Today's match is important to enable us to keep amongst the leaders of our league.

On Monday next our Annual General Meeting is being held in the Rendezvous Club with an Extraordinary General Meeting being held immediately before commencing at 7.00 p.m. These meetings are not usually well attended but this year we have to present a Balance Sheet which makes for dismal reading and there will be plenty of opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions.

The future of football as we have known it operate over the last ten to fifteen years, is bound for changes and where cuts have to be made financially, will eventually show in the standards of play.

Looking on the bright side, we hope that we at Swindon will be able to attract back to the County Ground some of our supporters that followed us in the days of our Wembley trail. Hoping that you all enjoy today's game and once again, thank you for your support and have a Happy Christmas.

**Today, Buxted Turkeys are to present to Gary Emmanuel a number of turkeys for him to donate to a charitable institution or home. Whatever Gary nominates, in fact he has decided to present these turkeys to the Salvation Army, we are pleased to have taken part in this award and we congratulate Gary for winning the Player of the Month Award for November.



JOHN TROLLOPE

I do not think anyone could have wished for two better cup ties than those played home and away against Brentford, the action carrying on in both games right up to the last few seconds, Brentford scoring in the last minute here at Swindon and we consolidating our win in the dying seconds at Griffin Park. It was very pleasing to see 7000 people turning up to see the game at Swindon and possibly they went away a little disappointed at our having given it away in the end but I am sure that no-one could grumble at the entertainment value of the game.

In the first game we showed that we could compete with a side, and I quote Chris Kamara, the Brentford skipper, in the local press 'The best side in the Third Division'.

I thought it to be a game of two halves when we played well in the first half deservedly gaining a two nil lead with two good goals but the injury to Charlie Henry disrupted us, having to change the side around a little, together with the fact that, being two goals down, Brentford had to throw caution to the wind and they really came at us. They showed that they are able to play good football, given the chance. I know that a lot of people were disappointed that we gave away the win in the last few seconds but having been in football a long time I have been in this situation a number of times before. However, this result opened the way for another exciting game at Brentford on Tuesday last.

It was a case of lifting the lad's heads after the disappointment of the first result but this made them even more determined to do well in the replay and those who travelled to Brentford, and I was pleased to see how many did so, saw, it is hard to say the best away performance of the season for we have played well away from home throughout the season, what must vie with the best. Not only did we play some good football but the character shown by all the players was exemplary - they were a credit to the club.

Today we are back to League football which must be our priority and although we look forward to the cup, we must keep our feet firmly on the ground. This being a further home game we must look to consolidate our position in the League table.

For those of you who saw the two games against Brentford I hope you have told your friends what entertainment is provided here at the County Ground and persuaded them to come along to see us on a regular basis. The lads are worthy of support.

I know today you will continue your encouragement of the team knowing that this encourages them to greater effort and thank you for coming along this afternoon on what is I know a very busy pre Christmas period for you all. We also welcome all who have travelled the long journey from Hartlepool and, though we hope you enjoy your visit to Swindon, obviously there will be no Christmas present of points on the field if we can at all help it.

A very Merry Christmas to you all and please remember, if you are drinking, don't drive because we do not wish to lose any of our supporters.



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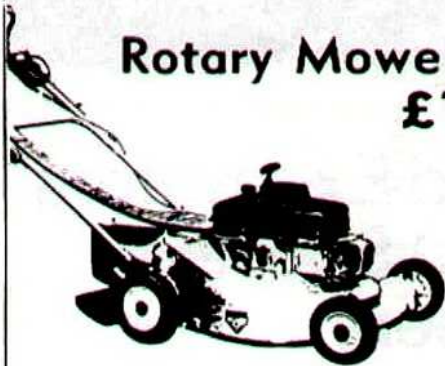
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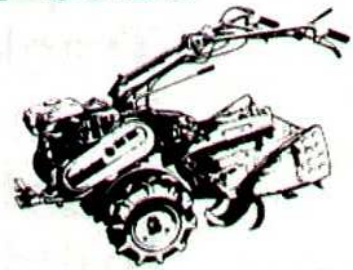
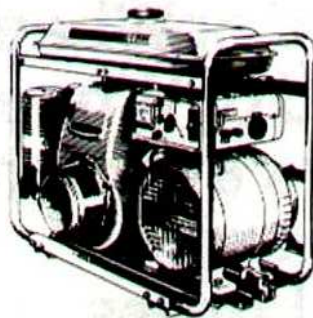
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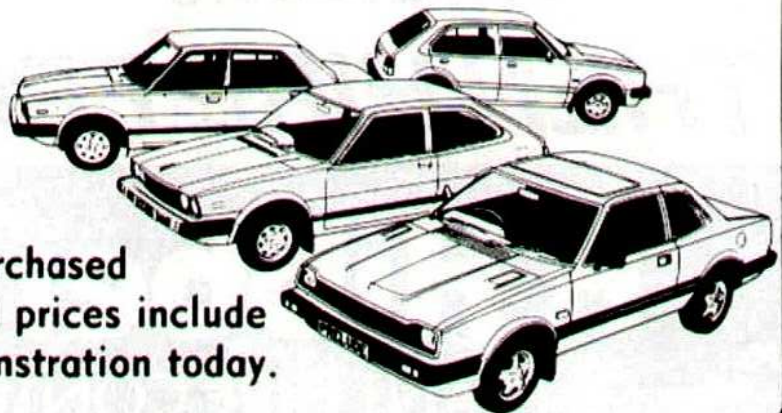
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Picture Parade...

BY DAVE EVANS



Town midfielder Paul Batty takes on former Swindon skipper Chris Kamara (No 7) now captain of Brentford in last Saturday's FA Cup match at the County Ground.

HARTLEPOOL

KEVIN JOHNSON It is well over a decade since Kevin made his league debut for Sheffield Wednesday. He moved on to Southend United in 1972 and later spent a short loan spell with Gillingham before transferring to Workington in 1974. Kevin remained there for only half a season before making his first contact with Hartlepool where he really established himself as a Football League player. He spent two years at the Victoria Ground before moving on to Huddersfield Town in 1976 and two years later moved to Halifax Town. Kevin returned to Hartlepool United two seasons ago.

PHILIP LINACRE Coventry City didn't consider Phil was good enough to play in their first team so he was happy to sign for Hartlepool United in 1980 and broke through to earn a regular place last season.

TREVOR SMITH Trevor joined Hartlepool United from Whitby Town and went straight into the side. But he's no stranger to Hartlepool or to League soccer for, in a previous spell with the club, Trevor made his League bow in 1976/77 and made 33 League appearances before going non league.

ALAN BARKER Alan Barker is also making his League come back following a period in non league soccer. He started his career with Newcastle United and Gillingham invested a then club record fee of £45,000 to secure his transfer in 1978. After two seasons in the Gillingham's first team, Alan moved out of the League and was signed from Bishop Auckland during the recent close season.

ROY HOGAN Roy is a regular midfield player with Hartlepool. Born in Hartlepool and introduced in the league in 1977/78 and played well over 100 league games.



BACK ROW

John Linacre (left club), Phil Brown, Mike Fagan, Andy Linighan, John Watson, Mark Lawrence, Phil Linacre, Kenny Lowe, Barrie Stimpson

FRONT ROW

Trevor Hogg, Paul Staff, John Bird, George Smith (Coach), Vince Barker (chairman), Tommy Johnson (physio), Roy Hogan, Alan Sweeney (left club), Kevin Johnson

Photo by courtesy: J. R. Bond (Fans, Hartlepool)

MARK LAWRENCE Regular Midfield Player with Hartlepool. Played well over a 100 league games and was introduced to the league team in 1977/78. Mark was out for a whole season with a broken leg during 1981/82 but has made a remarkably good recovery and he is a member of the first team squad.

JOHN WATSON ... make the ... Town. He ... during the ... debut soon ... Martin Burle ... for him to ta

POOL UNITED



Linighan, Andy Linighan, John Watson, Bob Newton (now Port Vale) and Currie Stimpson

Smith (Coach), Vince Barker (chairman), Bill Horner (Manager), and Mcweeney (left club), Kevin Johnson.

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JOHN WATSON Goalkeeper John didn't make the League team with Huddersfield Town. He was transferred to Hartlepool during the 1978/79 season and made his debut soon afterwards. The departure of Martin Burleigh this summer opened the way for him to take over on a regular basis.

TERRY BAINBRIDGE Terry made his debut last season as a non contract player and has played both in midfield and defence. Terry was born in Hartlepool and played for Hartlepool's Intermediate side before gaining a regular first team place.

PHILIP BROWN Right back Phil Brown scored four goals last season, another player discovered locally by Hartlepool, Phil came into the League side in 1979/80 and had scarcely missed a game over the past two seasons.

ANDREW LINIGHAN Andy is a local boy played for the Hartlepool's Northern Intermediate team and was introduced to the league two seasons ago. He stands 6ft 5ins and is a regular defender in the Hartlepool United first team squad.

JOHN BIRD John played in the league for Doncaster Rovers in 1967/68 and he moved on to Preston North End in 1971. After four years as a Preston regular, he was transferred to Newcastle United in 1975. John joined Hartlepool during the 1980 close season.

BARRY STIMPSON Barry made his league debut two seasons ago. Barry also came from the Hartlepool Juniors side and is now a regular with the first team.

KENNETH LOWE Local boy who has come from the Hartlepool United juniors and has played in the first team squad in midfield.

PAUL DOBSON Part timer Paul is one of our up and coming players and is a forward. Born in Hartlepool he came from the Hartlepool Junior side and is proving himself in the first team.

From the Hartlepool Archives

Compiled by PAUL PLOWMAN

The football world often tends to forget clubs like Hartlepool United and, apart from the eagle-eyed follower, few will have noticed that this one has changed its name twice in the last fifteen years. As Hartlepoons United, they began life in 1908 going immediately into the North Eastern League and were led on the field by Fred Priest. A year later, with unrest amongst players nationwide - they were considering taking strike action - Hartlepoons embarked on a tour of Germany. United lived an uneventful existence in the North Eastern until 1921 when, along with Ashington, Darlington and Durham City from the same league, they were elected to the new Third Division North - and promptly celebrated their elevation by losing the Durham Senior Cup Final to Leadgate Park. Hartlepoons' debut in the Football League came at Wrexham on August 27 1921 and two first-half goals, from Mulholland and Lister, gave United a 2-0 victory. The eleven representing the club on that day were:

Gill; Crilly, Thomas; Dougherty, Hopkins, Short; Kessler, Mulholland, Lister, Robertson, Donald.

The opening League game at the Victoria Ground, the return fixture with Wrexham seven days later, was something of an anticlimax, the Welsh side scoring the only goal ten minutes from time. A Sunderland amateur, W C S Gregson, replaced Robertson in the United side and was one of thirty-four players called upon by manager Cecil Potter during the 1921-22 season. But despite all the many changes in the Hartlepoons line-up that year, only Stockport, Grimsby and Darlington finished above them - and it was 1957 before they improved on that final position. Local rivals Darlington attracted a crowd of 11,624 to the Victoria on March 18, 1922 and that figure was not bettered until a visit by Coventry some twelve years' later. The club's first-team coach at that

time, Edward Wynter, had been training American troops in Virginia during the first World War and was the proud possessor of a degree as a medical masseur. Cecil Potter was appointed manager of Derby County in the summer of 1922 and took with him full-back Harry Thoms. He was succeeded by David Gordon from Scottish club Leith Athletic. Hartlepoons 10-1 win over St. Peters Albion, a Newcastle local side, in a F.A. Cup Fourth Qualifying Round tie in November 1923, was a club record - since equalled in a League encounter with Barrow. But rarely have the Victoria Ground faithfuls been treated to such luxuries at a club where once, in non-League days, a player was signed for £10 and a box of kippers!



Durham-born JOE MUSGRAVE, signed by West Ham from Spennymoor United in 1930, he was transferred from Swindon to Hartlepoons, along with Cyril Woods, in the summer of 1938.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
JOHN TROLLOPE
TEAM MANAGER

To those of you who might jump to the wrong conclusion, no, I have not taken over the responsibility of running the Moonraker Lottery or the Robins Gold Bingo tickets, but at the end of such a crucial year in the fortune of Swindon Town F.C. I feel that my own personal thanks is due to all the agents of our competitions who have given so much in time, effort and financial contributions for the benefit of Swindon Town F.C.

Perhaps with so many agents now making regular sales for us it would be wrong to single out any individual or group for special mention, but in spite of that I feel extra thanks is never the less due to those agents

who have remained loyal to us throughout this past year. The sale of our tickets and what this entails, could not have been easy when we were relegated to Div. IV. However the outlook is now much brighter, with a young team, the average age being in the lower twenties and our League position at this time shows promise of Div. 3 football again next season.

The latter is what we all hope for. Such hopes would not have been possible and our dreams of the future year far from reality without you the Agents support.

Again I thank you.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
Yours

John Trollope

Town Facts & Figures Season 1982/83

				Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Emmanuel	Lewis	Graham	Pritchard	Hughes	Rideout	Rowland	Barnard	Carter	Baverstock	Quinn	Batty	Baile
Appearances				League	15	14	18	18	18	13	7	18	18	18	3	4		13	
				Cup	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	5				3	1
Substitute Appearances				League						1	1						4		
				Cup							1				1		2		
Goals				League			2			2		9	9	2	1		1		
				Cup		1		1			1	3	1	1				1	
Date 1982	Opponents	Att.	Score F - A																
Aug 28	Port Vale	H	3602	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ¹	10	11				
Sep 31	Bristol City MC1(1)	H	3739	2 - 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ²	10	11	S			
Sep 4	Blackpool	A	3395	1 - 2	1		3	4	5	6	S	8	9	10	11	7 ¹	2		
Sep 8	Hereford Utd	A	2478	2 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		8	9	10 ¹	11	7	2	S ¹	
Sep 11	Halifax Town	H	3450	0 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11	S	2	S	
Sep 14	Bristol City MC1(2)	A	3786	0 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			S	
Sep 18	Rochdale	A	1363	1 - 1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			S	
Sep 25	Crew Alexandra	H	2967	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ¹	11				
Sep 28	Northampton Town	A	2550	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ¹	11				8
Oct 2	Hull City	A	3536	0 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				8
Oct 10	Colchester Utd	H	4473	3 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	S	9 ¹	10 ²	11				8
Oct 16	Bury	A	2357	0 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11				8
Oct 20	Torquay Utd	A	2728	1 - 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8
Oct 23	Mansfield Town	H	3917	4 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ¹		9 ¹	10 ¹	11 ¹		S		8
Oct 30	Chester	A	1544	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11		S		8
Nov 2	Tranmere Rovers	H	4407	4 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ²	10 ¹	11 ¹				8
Nov 6	Darlington	A	1267	0 - 1	1		3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11	2	S		8
Nov 13	York City	H	4081	3 - 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ¹		9 ¹	10 ¹	11				8
Nov 20	F.A. Cup 1 Wealdstone	H	4035	2 - 0	1	2 ¹	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8
Nov 26	Stockport County	A	2197	2 - 1	1	2	3	4 ¹	5	6	7		9	10 ¹	11				8
Dec 4	Peterborough Utd	H	3961	1 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	11				8
Dec 11	F.A. Cup 2 Brentford	H	7176	2 - 2	1	2	3	4	5 ¹	6	7		9	10	11 ¹		S		8
Dec 14	FA Cup 2R Brentford	A	7383	3 - 1	1		3	4	5	6	7 ¹	8	9	10 ¹	11			S	8 ¹
Dec 18	Hartlepool Utd	H					4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					2
Dec 27	Aldershot	A																	
Dec 28	Wimbledon	H																	
1983																			
Jan 1	Bristol City	A																	
Jan 3	Scunthorpe Utd	H																	
Jan 8	F.A. Cup 3 Aldershot	H																	
Jan 15	Port Vale	A																	

DIVISION FOUR LEAGUE TABLE - Up to and including 11 Dec 1982

	Home					Away					Pts	G/D	Home League Gates		
	P	W	D	L	F - A	P	W	D	L	F - A			Avg	Lowest	Highest
1. Bury	19	7	1	1	18 - 6	5	4	1	14	- 6	41	+20	2,350	1,796	2,735
2. Scunthorpe United	18	5	2	2	14 - 6	6	3	0	12	- 3	38	+17	3,527	1,309	7,483
3. SWINDON TOWN	18	7	0	1	17 - 5	4	4	2	9	- 7	37	+14	3,857	2,967	4,473
4. Hull City	19	7	3	0	25 - 5	3	3	3	7	- 8	36	+19	4,459	3,674	6,101
5. Wimbledon	18	5	2	1	21 - 10	5	2	3	17	- 11	34	+17	2,018	1,604	2,440
6. Port Vale	18	5	2	2	11 - 5	4	3	2	13	- 7	32	+12	3,697	2,875	5,449
7. Colchester United	19	6	3	0	17 - 4	3	2	5	9	- 13	32	+9	2,508	2,009	3,071
8. Torquay United	18	7	2	0	22 - 9	2	3	4	8	- 15	32	+6	2,440	2,051	3,005
9. Chester	19	4	2	4	12 - 9	3	3	3	7	- 7	26	+3	1,854	1,114	3,180
10. Blackpool	18	5	5	0	16 - 6	1	1	6	7	- 15	24	+2	3,576	2,734	4,292
11. Mansfield Town	18	3	2	4	7 - 13	4	1	4	12	- 17	24	-11	2,208	1,661	2,647
12. York City	18	5	2	1	23 - 11	0	6	4	8	- 15	23	+5	1,863	1,632	2,119
13. Aldershot	18	5	1	3	12 - 11	1	4	4	11	- 22	23	-10	1,885	1,417	2,826
14. Stockport County	19	4	4	2	15 - 13	1	2	6	10	- 19	21	-7	1,926	1,621	2,252
15. Northampton Town	18	4	5	2	18 - 13	1	1	5	5	- 17	21	-7	2,437	1,706	3,284
16. Darlington	18	3	2	4	8 - 9	2	2	5	13	- 16	19	-4	1,532	1,117	2,255
17. Peterborough United	18	4	2	3	10 - 10	0	5	4	4	- 11	19	-7	2,865	2,038	3,499
18. Hartlepool United	18	5	2	2	13 - 9	0	2	7	7	- 20	19	-9	1,327	947	1,912
19. Halifax Town	17	1	4	3	7 - 12	3	2	4	12	- 13	18	-6	1,818	1,065	2,243
20. Rochdale	19	4	4	2	14 - 10	0	2	7	7	- 20	18	-9	1,649	1,029	3,207
21. Tranmere Rovers	18	4	2	3	13 - 11	1	0	8	5	- 20	17	-13	1,553	1,086	3,194
22. Hereford United	18	4	2	3	6 - 6	0	8	8	8	- 24	15	-16	2,297	1,960	2,674
23. Crewe Alexandra	18	2	2	5	12 - 15	2	0	7	7	- 11	14	-7	2,155	1,409	4,713
24. Bristol City	19	2	4	3	10 - 12	9	4	6	8	- 24	14	-18	4,197	3,041	4,877

- A Blackpool v Scunthorpe
- B Chester v York City
- C Darlington v Peterborough
- D Hereford v Northampton
- E Port Vale v Wimbledon
- F Rochdale v Aldershot
- G Aston Villa v Liverpool
- H Coventry v Stoke
- J Manchester City v Brighton
- K Norwich v Nottm. Forest
- L Notts County v West Ham
- M Southampton v West Brom.
- N Sunderland v Arsenal
- O Swansea v Manchester Utd.
- P Tottenham H. v Birmingham
- Q Watford v Ipswich
- R Bristol Rovers v Wrexham
- S Reading v Huddersfield
- T Wigan Ath. v Oxford

Football Combination			Stevens	Baverstock	Bailie	Batty	Beamish	Gould	Bristow	Barnes	Quinn	Shaw	Evans	Henry	Round	Blackler	Pritchard	Williams	Carter	Cousins	Hughes	Gallo	Osbourne	Sheppard
Appearances			15	11	13	4	8	2	15	10	11	1	10	2	9	14	4	13	8	1	10	2		2
Substitute Appearances								1		3		1	1						1				1	
Goals						2	2		1	2	5					2		1	4					
Date 1982	Opponents	Score F - A																						
Aug 28	Southampton	A 0 - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
Sep 8	Bristol Rovers	H 1 - 0	1		3	4 ¹	9		8	10				2	5	6	7	11						
Sep 11	Swansea City	A 0 - 1	1		2	4	9		8	10	S		11	5		6	7	3						
Sep 21	Chelsea	H 3 - 4	1		3	4 ¹	5		7	10	9		2			6		11 ¹	8	S				
Sep 28	Birmingham City	A 0 - 3	1	2	3		5	S	7	10	9		11			6			4		8			
Oct 5	Charlton Ath	H 4 - 0	1		5		10 ¹	2	7		9		11			6		3	8 ²		4	S		
Oct 12	Watford	H 2 - 1	1	2			10 ¹		4	S	9		11			6		3		8	7		5	
Oct 18	Leicester City	A 1 - 4	1	2	3		8		4	S	9		11		5	6	7	10						
Oct 26	Norwich City	H 0 - 0	1	2	3				7	10	9				5	6		11			4	8		
Oct 30	Tottenham H	H 1 - 3	1	2	3				7	9 ¹			11		5	6		10			4	8		
Nov 9	Reading	H 2 - 1	1	2	3				8	S	9 ²				5	6	7	11	10		4			
Nov 16	Fulham	A 2 - 1	1	2	3				7	10 ¹	9				5	6		11	8	1	4			10
Nov 20	Ipswich Town	A 1 - 2	1	2					7	9			11		5	6		3	8 ¹		4		10	
Nov 30	Brighton & H	H 3 - 2	1	7	2				11	10	9	S			5	6 ²		3	8 ¹		4			
Dec 7	Q.P.R.	A 1 - 6	1	10	2				7	S	9		11 ¹		5	6		3	8		4			
Dec 14	C. Palace	H																						
Dec 18	West Ham Utd	A																						
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Pro-File on Brian Hughes



Brian was born in Ludgershall and signed apprentice forms on 17 July 1978. He became a professional two years later, on 11th July 1980, and made his first team debut at Lincoln in the Football League Cup on 27th August, 1980. He has made 58 League appearances for the club.

Relaxation/Hobbies: Cricket, snooker, reading.

Favourite Player: Glen Hoddle - he is skillful, entertaining and always likely to do something spectacular.

Favourite Singer: Randy Crawford, Elton John.

Favourite Film Star: Clint Eastwood

Favourite Sports Person: Ian Botham

The Person I Would Most like to meet: Felicity Kendal and the man with a cheque from the Pools.

B. D. Hughes

Town through time

A match to remember

NUMBER 5.

by paul plowman

SWINDON TOWN 9 LUTON TOWN 1

In 1920 Swindon Town secretary-manager Sam Allen's great wish that the Southern League be incorporated into the Football League was at long last granted. Mr Allen and his close friend, Southern League supremo Nathaniel Whittaker, had been campaigning for years for a Third Division and on August 28 1920, their dream became a reality. The visitors brought glorious sunshine with them on that day and the Gorse Hill Brass Band provided rousing pre-match entertainment. The Town were almost at full strength, goalkeeper Len Skiller being the only casualty with a strained thigh muscle. Teddy Nash, just eighteen, took his place. There were four new faces in the line-up, including full-back 'Jock' Macconachie from Everton and a completely new half-back trio. Three of Swindon's forwards were over the age of thirty.

Swindon Town: Nash; Kay, Macconachie; Langford, Hawley, Wareing; Jefferson, Fleming, Rogers, Batty, Davies.

Luton Town: Watson; Lennon, Semple; Roe, Lamb, Parker; E.F. Pett, Bradley, Simms, Mathieson, Bookman.

The Hatters were a goal down in just six minutes. BILLY BATTY had the honour of registering that first ever goal in the Football League. His return pass from Dave Rogers ended with a low drive into the bottom corner of the net. Swindon were two goals up on the quarter hour when Macconachie laid on an easy chance for BERT DAVIES to finish off. HAROLD FLEMING added a third when, following more good work from Batty, he outwitted Semple to beat Watson from an acute angle - and a fourth when he put the final touch to a Billy Wareing move. Luton reduced the arrears after half an hour. From a free-kick ERNIE SIMMS gave Nash no possible chance. Newcomer Fred Hawley signed from Birmingham, then missed the chance to add to the Town's lead by shooting yards wide from the penalty spot. The half came to a close after FLEMING had

completed a fine hat trick with one of his familiar solo efforts. Not unnaturally, the pace slackened somewhat in the second period, but the veteran BATTY again opened the scoring, increasing Swindon's lead to 6-1 in the 58th minute. Bob Jefferson supplied the cross which Batty 'buried' at great speed. Another Batty piledriver was parried by Watson, the ball falling to JEFFERSON who added the Town's seventh. Pure artistry from FLEMING brought an eighth goal when the international cheekily lobbed the ball over Watson's head. The final addition to the score was a bizarre affair. ALLAN MATHIESON, some twenty-five yards from goal, robbed Jefferson and beat his own goalkeeper with a shot that the unfortunate Jimmy Watson had no hope of stopping. Such an over-whelming victory brought this comment from the Daily Express ' with the new men the crowd were highly pleased and the old brigade proved that their football career is a long way from being at An end ' while the Luton News wrote a sad epitaph to the stricken travellers on their return to Bedfordshire ' the Luton defenders strove desperately hard to check the home vanguard, but they were either swept aside or circumvented by sheer skill '



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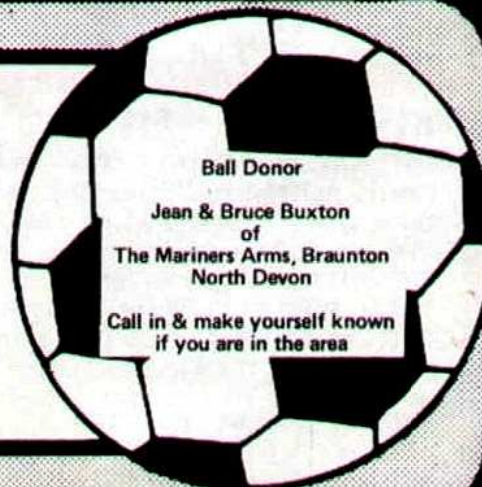
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