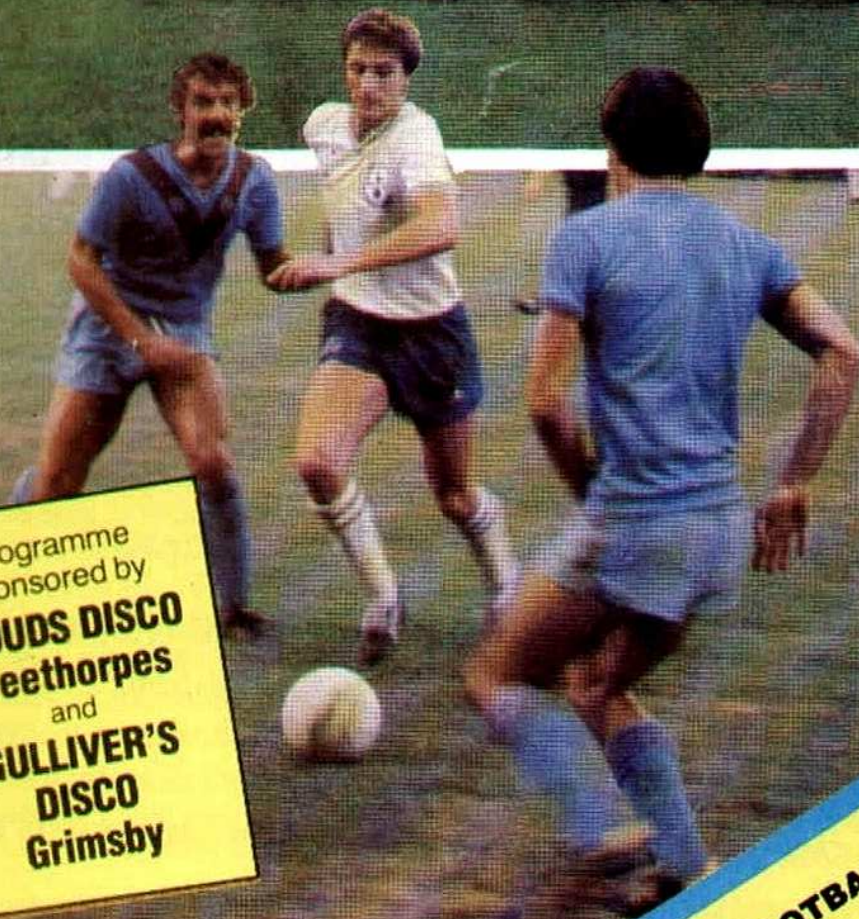


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CLARKES COLUMN

Prior to the Blackpool game we set a target of six points for the two home matches coming up. Having to prepare this article before the visit of Peterborough we were half way to that objective. The 4-3 victory of the Seaside provided great entertainment for the fans but was the kind of game to give managers "heart attacks". Down to twelve senior players for the past few games, we have looked a bit off balance with one or two players turning out in irregular positions. That we have continued to remain in with a chance of promotion for so long is down to the character those 12 players have shown. How vital today's game is will probably depend on the outcome of the last two games against Peterborough and Bury. One thing is certain though, the people of Scunthorpe can be justly proud of their team after their efforts this season. People (both locally and nationally) are talking about the team and United are at last a force to be reckoned with in their own division. Climbing the Football League ladder is a gradual process and we are on the right lines.



It is my responsibility to ensure the balance of the team is right for 1983-84 and that our progress on the field continues. I was unable to get the balance perfect in the short time I had available before the transfer deadline but we will have it right for August, whatever division we may be in.

It was great to see the clinical finishing our forwards showed against Blackpool, with the last two goals both a bit special. Chris Cowling took his first goal well and his second was a 'bullet' header following a great run from Les Hunter. After sloppy marking had allowed 'Pool to equalise at 3-3 Steve Cammack's tremendous volley deserved to net the extra two points. Chris has taken some criticism this season and it was great for him to make such a dramatic impact on the game. A lot of fans look for players wearing a number nine shirt to put away twenty or more goals a season and if they fall short of that striking ratio, are less than satisfied. Mick Jones had a similar problem at Leeds but it did not bother him for he knew he was providing chances for his team mates and that it did not matter who got the goals. Like Mick, Chris Cowling is a players player who is doing a fine and vital job for us in attack. Incidentally his double against Blackpool took his goal tally for the season to ten in League and Cup, not bad for a young player in his first FULL season up front. Kevin Drinkell was not a prolific goalscorer in his early days at Grimsby Town but look at him today. I am always looking for our fans to back the players at every game, your support against Hereford and Blackpool created a great atmosphere, long may it continue. Enjoy the game.

SWINDON TOWN

After being relegated last summer a quick return to the Third Division seemed likely for the Robins who at Christmas were sitting pretty in second place. However by April 1st only two games had been won out of the eighteen played and Town had dropped to eighth place ending any serious promotion hopes. They still managed to hit form in the F.A. Cup during January by hammering Aldershot 7-0 and it was Aldershot again who Town beat last month to end a run of nine matches without win.

Hat-trick heroes of the Cup win were former Bury striker Andy Rowland and 24 year old winger Howard Pritchard. Rowland, aged 28, was top scorer three seasons out of the four he spent at Bury before joining Swindon in September, 1978 and could well top Town's list this term, having already cracked 20 goals so far. Pritchard was previously with Bristol City for three seasons until his move to Swindon in the summer of 1981. Also on the scoring list against Aldershot was midfield player Paul Batty who completed his apprenticeship last season. He has established a regular place in the side at the expense of Brian Hughes, a 20 year old who also came through Town's junior ranks to earn first team recognition.

Swindon's poor form this year was highlighted when they failed to score in eight successive away games. This barren run was ended on April 9th, when they scored three times at Peterborough, but still didn't get any reward as Posh notched four. One of Town's marksmen that day was 18 year old Paul Rideout a former England schoolboy international who made his debut in Swindon's colours as a sixteen year old. He has the potential to take him to the highest level, and has bagged over 20 goals this season, although a number have come from the penalty spot. He was Town's top scorer last term with 14 goals from 34 appearances.

There are a number of young players on Swindon's staff with the only really experienced players being goalkeeper Jim Allan and midfield player Gary Emmanuel, both aged 29. Allan is now the club's longest-serving player having joined the Robins from Scottish junior football in 1970 and has made over 350 appearances for the Wiltshire club. Emmanuel began his career with Birmingham City in 1975 and moved to Bristol Rovers three years later eventually linking up with Swindon in the 1981 close season. He has recently lost his place in the side to young Ray Baverstock another player who progressed from the junior teams to make his debut last December.

The full-back positions are currently held by two more promising young players, teenager Colin Bailie and former Bristol City apprentice 21 year old Kevin Baddeley who signed for Town in July 1981. Permanent figures at the centre of defence this season have been 24 year old Mike Graham who moved from Bolton Wanderers in 1981 and Russ Lewis aged 26 who signed for the Robins seven years ago after playing in the Welsh League.

Leigh Barnard, aged 24, a hard-working midfield player spent several seasons with Portsmouth before joining Swindon in July last year. He has been ever-present in the team this season along with Allan, Lewis, and Graham.

Injury in December cost 21 year old Charlie Henry his regular right-back spot. He is yet another of Town's former apprentices, as is Martin Blacker who is enjoying a prolonged spell in the first team after making his debut two months ago. One player who can't win a regular place in the side is striker Jimmy Quinn, who was signed in December, 1981 from Northern Premier League team Oswestry Town.

Reserve keeper Mark Stevens, plus David Round and Dave Bristow are all awaiting their first team debuts. Club coach Ken Beamish is also still registered as a player but has not been called into action this season.

INTRODUCING



Back row (left to right): Jimmy Quinn, Russell Lewis, Charlie Henry, Jimmy Allan, Mark Stevens, Paul Rideout, Andy Rowland

Middle row: Martin Blacker, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish, David Bristow, Roy Carter (now with Torquay United), Kevin Baddeley, David Round

Front row: Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty, John Trollope (Manager), Ray Baverstock, Leigh Barnard (now with Tranmere Rovers)

TEN YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
1972-73	2	42	10	16	16	46	60	36	16
1973-74	2	42	7	11	24	36	72	25	22
1974-75	3	46	21	11	14	64	58	53	4
1975-76	3	46	16	8	22	62	75	40	19
1976-77	3	46	15	15	16	68	75	45	11
1977-78	3	46	16	16	14	67	60	48	10
1978-79	3	46	25	7	14	74	52	57	5
1979-80	3	46	19	8	19	71	63	46	10
1980-81	3	46	13	15	18	51	56	41	17
1981-82	3	46	13	13	20	55	71	52	22

UNITED'S LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

Old Show Ground	4	3	0	1	9	4
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Total	9	3	2	4	12	13

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SWINDON TOWN 1

(Nurse)

Swindon Town: Jones, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Nurse, Hartland, D. Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers, (Dawson)

IN OFF THE POST

Following the Chester Report here are the views of one United supporter.

SUPER LEAGUE OR NOT SO SUPER LEAGUE

The Chester Report which advocates restructure of the Football League, has caused a large amount of debate over recent weeks. The general census of opinion is that it does not do enough for the lower divisions and the idea of a 'super league' is all very well, but the snow-balling effect must have an equally pleasing effect on the Crewes and Rochdales of this world who are just as important. The fans of Hartlepool or Darlington are probably more loyal than those of a top trophy winning side, because it is harder to support a team that generally loses more than it wins. Perhaps they will give the thumbs up to the following suggestion.

The big boys want a Super League, then OK, as in Scotland the best ten clubs in the country should be allowed to compete. But here comes the crunch, let it be the top clubs in the country on MERIT. A number of clubs have made noises that they should be included in a Super League, Chelsea, Newcastle, Manchester City and Arsenal to name a few. It may be alright having a millionaire Chairman or a crowd of 40,000, but at this moment in time they are just not good enough and by the end of this season, if my ideas were implemented, the top ten league clubs might include the likes of Stoke, Southampton and Watford, who would previously not have been included. These teams would of course play each other home and away twice, making 36 matches in total, with relegation for three clubs.

It should be stated that the loss of 6 matches in a season in revenue, would be off-set to some degree with the extra attraction of more competitive and important matches. That takes care of the Super League, which means the next twenty-two clubs would be First Division and the following twenty-two Second Division. The Third and Fourth Divisions would each consist of twenty-four clubs as at present, leaving a deficiency of ten clubs to join the Fourth Division ranks. The likes of Scarborough, Boston United, Altrincham, Runcorn and Enfield etc., would get a chance of entry to the National Competition. There must be at least ten Non-League clubs who would jump at the chance of a run in Division Four.

From an Old Show Ground regular. (Name and Address supplied)

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SHOWGROUND SCENE

It is time for soccer apprenticeships to be extended for a longer period than allowed at present.

The current system, where players who reach the age of 18 either have to be offered a full time contract or be released is based on a school-leaving age of 15. Since the statutory school leaving age was raised to 16 there have been far too many cases of insufficient time for apprentices to gain a full grounding before a decision had to be made on their futures.

A youngster may be getting on for 17 before he joins the apprentice staff and consequently, the management have as little as 13 months to decide whether he is going to make a full professional.



It is a big step for a youngster to come into the environment of a League club and it often takes time to adjust. He will need frequent help to live with his disappointments and to understand that professional football is a hard game. There is pressure on the player because he knows he has to prove himself within a short time.

Youngsters progress at different rates and clubs have to be very conscious of the size of their wage bills. Under the present system a player could be released who if given a further year might produce enough to earn himself a full contract.

With young players on Associated Schoolboy Forms, time is far too valuable to devote to fitness. Although certain exercises and routines are shown that can be carried out at home or school, as much emphasis as possible should be placed on ball work.

I find that with activities such as chipping and shooting, youngsters are self motivated to practice while other skills need the direction of a coach. Passing and control are crucial skills that must be continually practiced. Also with most youngsters their heading is poor and will need working on a lot.

Youngsters who join a League club will find that there is more to the game than they have previously experienced, and the coaching staff may have to remove bad habits that they have developed while playing at a lower standard and winning matches far too easily.

There is little point in picking up trophies at schoolboy level if the youngsters are not progressing. Youngsters should be instilled with a will to win, but it does not matter if they go down losing so long as they are learning and playing in the right way.

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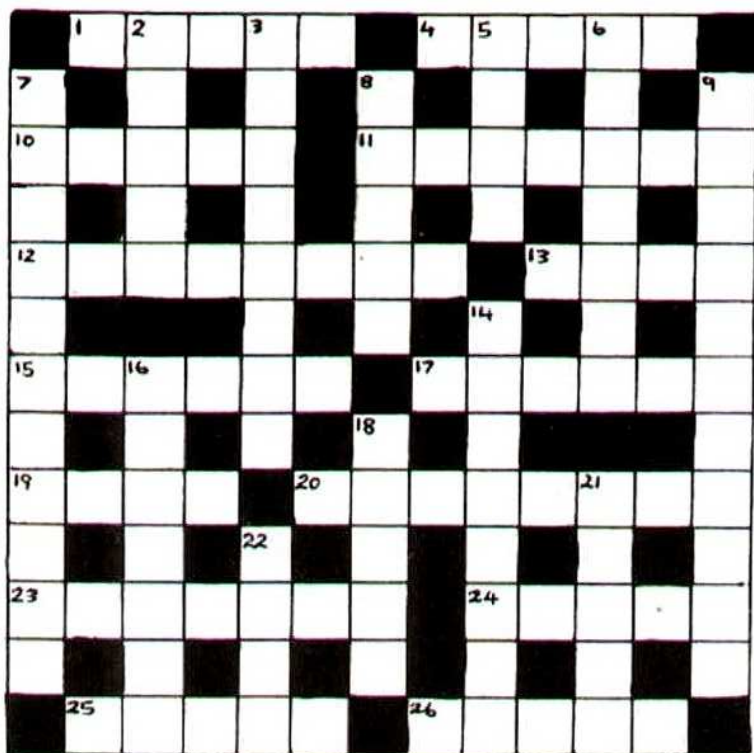
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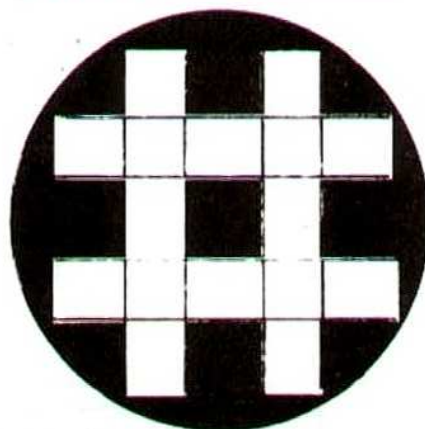
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ON THE BALL



ACROSS

1. Animals in Division Four ... (5)
4. ... and some in Division One (5)
10. Kenny Burns' star sign (5)
11. United's top scorer 1974/75 (7)
12. Famous Dutch World Cup player (8)
13. Jack Charlton likes to in his spare time (4)
15. Induce a player to sign (6)
17. Tired players have come to the end of theirs (6)
19. Five times England full-back (4)
20. Hull star 1964-75 (8)
23. If the pitches aren't, the players will be at the end of a game (7)
24. Keegan is often accused of being one (5)
25. Not quite on target (5)
26. Between Milan (5)

DOWN

2. League (5)
3. Introduced in 1869 (4, 4)
5. F.A. Cup Final replay scorer (4)
6. Hold the record for the most drawn League games in a season (7)
7. European Cup winning goalscorer (4, 7)
8. Ex-United player who left football at the end of last season (5)
9. Scottish International (3, 8)
14. Midlands full-back (3, 5)
16. First Division Manager (7)
18. Type of pitch sometimes seen in winter (5)
21. Former W.B.A. striker (5)
22. Lucky goals can come from one (4)

1. Bristol Manager
2. Fulham striker
3. Singular Maine Road goalscorer
4. Thomas or Whitehead

Answers to competition in Peterborough Programme

Across: 1. Devries; 7. Wigan; 8. Setters; 9. Skinny; 11. Terms; 13. Code; 14. Norwich; 15. Firs; 16. Arena; 17. System; 21. Bartram; 22. Harry; 23. Mounted.

Down: 2. Exeter City; 3. Rothmans; 4. Eire; 5. Kirk; 6. Haan; 9. Sofia; 10. Noddy Neale; 12. Dream; 13. Charlton; 18. Shay; 19. Earl; 20. Mayo.

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line. You have to decide where the rest go.

See page 14 for answers

What the Papers Said

FRIDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1983

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

SCUNTHORPE UNITED 4

BLACKPOOL 3

SUNDAY EXPRESS: In a thrill-a-minute game Scunthorpe just managed to keep alive their faint promotion chances, but only just. IN the last minute, with Scunthorpe 4-3 ahead, Blackpool's man of the match, John Deary saw a tremendous cross shot scrape the woodwork with goalkeeper Joe Neenan at full stretch. Yet Scunthorpe deserve great credit for success. They were twice behind, then went ahead, only for Blackpool to claw themselves back before home striker Steve Cammack won the game ten minutes from time with the goal of the match, a tremendous volley. Blackpool made a great start with a goal by McNiven in five minutes, and although Cowling equalised in 30, McNiven struck again before the break. A controversial penalty for pushing by Blackpool goalkeeper Hesford gave Cammack the chance to put Scunthorpe level in 54 minutes and six minutes later a far post header by Cowling put them ahead. Blackpool were not finished and defender Greenall put them level in 78 minutes only for Cammack to arrive with his match winner.

SUNDAY PEOPLE: In a thriller, Scunthorpe just kept alive their promotion hopes. Scunthorpe were twice behind, only to pull back. Then after United took a lead, Blackpool themselves drew level only for Cammack to snatch the winner for Scunthorpe. McNiven capitalised on an error to Boxall to put Blackpool ahead. Cowling equalised after fine work by Cammack, but McNiven restored Blackpool's lead. A controversial penalty, given against goalkeeper Hesford for pushing saw Scunthorpe equalise through Cammack and then Cowling put them in front. Defender Greenall put Blackpool level.

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TODAY'S MASCOT

Richard John Dent, 12 years old, lives in North Kelsey, near Brigg, attends Caistor Yarborough School. Football fanatic and also likes motorbike racing, his favourite United players are Steve Cammack and Neil Pointon, but he is very proud of the whole Scunthorpe United team.

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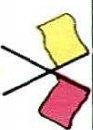
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SHOWGROUND SNIPPETS

by **Martyn Girdham**

TREMENDOUS SEASON — Preparing these notes after the victory over Blackpool (and what a victory it was) it is impossible to comment on Uniteds' games against Peterborough and Bury. I will make no attempt to prophesize on the outcome of those games but whatever happened nothing can take away the tremendous season the club has had. Two home games this week are the final Old Show Ground fixtures this season with the trips to Port Vale and Chester ending the campaign. If you have not voted in the Player of the Season award then this week gives the last opportunity with the presentation due at Saturdays match against Darlington. Todays ball donor (of 2nd time this season) is Lance Corporal James Billinger and below is part of a letter he recently wrote to the club.

IT PAYS TO STAY TO THE END - OR DOES IT? — I hope that you will enjoy these true stories from my experiences at Scunthorpe matches.

A few years ago whilst I was still at school, I came to watch Scunthorpe versus Mansfield Town. Because the match always kicked off at 3.15 p.m. my normal practice was to leave ten minutes early to run down to the car (which was parked about a mile away) to listen to final scores. This particular day was no exception and the score as I was leaving was 3-3. If I had known that Scunthorpe were to score 2 more goals I would never have left. All I heard on my way back to the car were two almighty cheers. Needless to say I have never left early since.

There is of course the other extreme. The following season I came to see Scunthorpe versus Darlington. Scunthorpe were going through a lean spell at the time and the average crowd was well down. I had brought a radio with me and decided to stay and have a 'hot-dog', whilst listening to the results inside the ground. Hot-dog eaten and results heard, I proceeded to the exit, only to find myself locked in! I couldn't believe it. The crowd had left so quickly that the inside gates had been shut. Luckily I was able to scale the wall (easier from the inside) but I've been wary ever since. It just goes to show that football doesn't have to be taken seriously to be enjoyed.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Answers to competition in Blackpool issue

Across: 1. Cassidy; 7. Barry; 8. Scoular; 9. Cruyff; 11. Withe; 13. Ajax;
14. Newport; 15. Stud; 16. Mills; 17. United; 21. Measure;
22. Spurs; 23. Burnley

Down: 2. Accrington; 3. Southend; 4. Draw; 5. Jair; 6. Droy; 9. Caton;
10. Frank Large; 12. Ewood; 13. Atkinson; 18. Imps; 19. Earl; 20. Peru.



LOOK at 4

After a miserable season Aldershot at last hit the headlines with their 6-4 victory over Rochdale. Records were broken as both Senior and Banton hit hat-tricks for the Hampshire outfit to ease their re-election fears. The last time United featured in a double hat-trick victory was the famous 6-2 victory over Blackpool when Thomas and Bonson were the hat-trick heroes. Ironically as Aldershot turned on the style, United were again entertaining the Seasiders. No double hat-tricks this time but with a little more fortune Steve Cammack and Chris Cowling could have proved lightning can strike twice. York City continue to beat all and sundry at Bootham Crescent and with anything like a reasonable away record would have been assured of Third Division football next season. One man to look out for this afternoon is Paul Rideout, Swindon's highly rated striker who like Steve Cammack has hit over 20 goals this season. He scored both goals in Towns recent 2-1 victory at Hartlepool - a result which may seal a bottom four position for the Victoria Ground outfit.

DIVISION 4 RESULTS	Aldershot	Blackpool	Bristol City	Bury	Chester	Colchester Utd	Crewe Alex	Darlington	Halifax Town	Hartlepool Utd	Hereford Utd	Hull City	Mansfield	Northampton	Peterborough	Port Vale	Rochdale	SCUNTHORPE	Stockport	Swindon Town	Torquay Utd	Tranmere	Wimbledon	York City
Aldershot		2-1	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-6		0-2		1-2	2-1	3-0	2-0	1-4	6-4	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-3
Blackpool			1-4	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-0		5-1	1-1		0-0	0-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-1
Bristol City	2-0	0-0		2-1	0-0	0-2			3-0	2-0	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-3	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	4-2	2-2
Bury	3-1	4-1	2-2		3-2	1-0	0-1	3-0	2-0	4-0	3-2	2-3	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0		3-2	0-0	3-0	3-0		2-1
Chester	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-1		1-1	1-0	2-3	2-0	2-1	5-0		1-3	2-1	1-1	1-0	5-2		0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1
Colchester Utd	0-0	4-1		2-1	1-0		4-3	2-2	1-0	4-1	3-2	0-0	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-2	4-1	5-1	3-0	1-0		3-3	3-0	0-0
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Darlington	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-1		1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-0			0-0	3-0	0-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	
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Chris Cowling running back to receive congratulations from his team mates after scoring against Blackpool.

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PLAYER OF THE SEASON

In today's issue we give you the chance to vote for United's Player of the Season who will receive the 'Ernie Storey Memorial Trophy'. The trophy is to be presented at our final home game versus Darlington .

Completed forms should be forwarded to 'Player of the Season', Scunthorpe United F.C., Old Show Ground, Scunthorpe or handed in at the Sports & Leisure Shop. If you do not wish to deface your programme simply copy the nomination form onto a piece of paper. Previous winners of the trophy are:

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

I nominate as United's
Player of the Season for 1982-83 for the 'Ernie Storey Memorial Trophy'

Signed

Address



The Blackpool keeper Ian Hesford under pressure during their recent visit to the Old Show Ground.

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SHOWGROUND STATS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR			Venue	Score	Gate	Goalscorers
Aug.	28	Hartlepool United	A	0-0	1,009	
Sep.	4	ALDERSHOT	H	1-1	1,309	Hunter
	7	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	3-0	1,335	Telfer 2, Cowling
	11	Wimbledon	A	2-2	1,611	O'Berg 2
	19	YORK CITY	H	0-0	2,436	
	25	Bristol City	A	2-0	3,890	O'Berg, Parkinson
	28	Darlington	A	1-0	1,574	Hunter
Oct.	2	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	2-1	2,616	O'Berg, Angus
	9	Peterborough United	A	1-0	3,075	Angus
	15	HULL CITY	H	0-1	7,483	
	18	Mansfield Town	A	2-0	2,647	Hunter, Cowling
	23	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	3,052	Baines, Cowling
	30	Torquay United	A	1-1	3,005	Cammack
Nov	2	PORT VALE	H	1-0	3,766	Cammack
	6	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	5-1	3,412	Cammack 3, O'Berg 2
	12	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-0	2,195	O'Berg
	27	BURY	H	0-1	6,335	
Dec.	4	Hereford United	A	2-0	2,103	Cammack, Cartwright
	18	Blackpool	A	1-3	2,860	Cammack
	27	ROCHDALE	H	1-1	4,845	Cammack
	28	Halifax Town	A	1-3	2,270	Parkinson (pen)
Jan.	1	CHESTER	H	2-0	3,639	Cammack 2
	3	Swindon Town	A	2-2	6,728	Parkinson, Cammack
	16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3-0	4,261	Hunter, Cowling, Parkinson
	23	York City	A	1-2	7,097	Cowling
	29	WIMBLEDON	H	0-0	3,846	
Feb.	5	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	3,624	Parkinson
	12	Stockport County	A	1-1	2,232	Cammack
	26	Hull City	A	1-1	14,252	Leman
March	1	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	2-2	3,562	Cammack 2
	5	Tranmere Rovers	A	4-0	1,652	Leman, Cammack 2, Parkinson
	12	TORQUAY UNITED	H	2-0	3,342	Hunter 2
	15	Aldershot	A	1-1	1,422	O'Berg
	20	Northampton Town	A	1-2	2,634	Cowling
	25	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	2,938	Hunter 2
April	1	HALIFAX TOWN	H	2-0	3,775	Lester, Cammack
	4	Rochdale	A	1-0	2,056	Graham
	8	HEREFORD UNITED	H	1-2	3,785	Cammack (pen)
	15	Colchester United	A	1-5	3,155	Cammack
	23	BLACKPOOL	H	4-3	2,771	Cowling 2, Cammack 2 (1 pen.)
	26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	3-0		Lester, Cammack, Pointon
	30	Bury	A			
May	2	SWINDON TOWN	H			
	7	DARLINGTON	H			
	9	Port Vale	A			
	14	Chester	A			
F.A. CUP						
Nov.	20	Darlington (1st Rnd.)	A	1-0	2,540	Cammack
Dec.	11	NORTHWICH VIC (2nd Rnd.)	H	2-1	5,457	Cowling, O'Berg
Jan.	8	GRIMSBY TOWN (3rd Rnd.)	H	0-0	11,010	
	11	Grimsby Town (Replay)	A	0-2	9,509	
F.L. MILK CUP						
Aug.	31	GRIMSBY (1st Rd. 1st Leg)	H	1-2	2,620	Cowling
Sept.	14	Grimsby (1st Rd. 2nd Leg)	A	0-0	3,347	
F.L. TROPHY						
Aug.	14	LINCOLN CITY	H	1-1	1,022	Hunter
	17	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	0-0	1,874	
	21	Grimsby Town	A	0-2	2,334	
LINCOLNSHIRE SENIOR CUP						
Aug.	7	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1-1	1,245	Telfer
	11	Lincoln City	A	3-1	699	Cowling, Gilbert o.g
Oct.	26	GRANTHAM (Final)	H	0-1	972	
FRIENDLIES						
Aug.	3	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	0-5	5,589	
Sep.	21	IAN BOTHAM'S SAAB XI	H	0-2	4,386	
Nov.	15	Shepshed Charterhouse	A	2-1	620	Fowler, Snow

SHOWGROUND STATS

DIVISION FOUR

	HOME							AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Hull City	43	14	7	1	46	12	10	6	5	24	19	85			
Wimbledon	41	15	4	2	48	23	10	6	4	33	20	85			
Port Vale	41	14	4	2	34	12	10	5	6	28	18	81			
Bury	43	14	4	3	41	17	8	7	7	30	25	77			
Scunthorpe	41	12	6	3	37	15	8	7	5	27	23	73			
Colchester	43	15	5	1	47	18	6	4	12	20	35	72			
York City	42	17	3	1	54	18	3	8	10	24	36	71			
Swndon Town	42	12	3	5	40	22	5	8	9	16	25	62			
Torquay	42	12	3	6	37	26	5	3	13	16	32	57			
Mansfield Town	42	10	5	6	26	23	5	6	10	25	39	56			
Peterborough	41	11	6	4	32	20	3	7	10	15	23	55			
Stockport	43	11	8	3	41	29	3	4	14	19	45	54			
Chester	42	8	5	8	27	22	6	5	10	26	32	52			
Halifax Town	41	8	6	6	28	21	6	4	11	24	36	52			
Bristol City	42	9	7	5	28	22	3	9	9	26	40	52			
Northampton	43	10	8	5	43	29	2	4	14	15	42	48			
Rochdale	42	11	7	3	35	20	0	7	14	17	37	47			
Blackpool	42	9	8	4	27	20	3	4	14	22	43	46			
Aldershot	42	9	5	7	32	33	1	10	10	19	39	45			
Tranmere	42	8	6	7	29	28	4	3	14	18	41	45			
Darlington	41	6	5	9	20	24	5	6	10	30	37	44			
Crewe	43	9	5	7	35	29	2	3	17	17	37	41			
Hartlepool	42	10	5	6	26	20	1	3	17	13	50	41			
Hereford	42	7	6	8	18	22	3	2	16	21	49	38			

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UNITED PLAYING STAFF 1982-83

	App.	Goals		App.	Goals
Bob OATES	333	16	Ian BOTHAM (NC)	4	—
Vince GRIMES	156	14	Paul JOHNSON	2	—
Joe NEENAN	147	—	Dennis JENAS (NC)		
Steve CAMMACK	139	53	Simon SNOW (APP)		
Paul O'BERG	105	23	Steve BAINES (PC)	35	1
Andy KEELEY	82	1	Les HUNTER	46	8
Chris COWLING	79	16	Noel PARKINSON	35	6
Mike LESTER	6	1	Dennis LEMAN	38	2
Alan BOXALL (NC)	45	1	Dave TOTTY (NC)		
Neil POINTON	50	—	Ian WEBSTER (APP)		
Tommy GRAHAM (NC)	6	1			

KEY: NC: Non Contract APP: Apprentice PC: Player Coach

Appearances and goals include League, F.A. Cup & F.L. Cup matches up to and including Blackpool at home. Substitute appearances not included.

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MEMORY LANE

The A-Z of Scunthorpe Utd

Today's letter **Y** is for 'Yule Tide' and is an extension of the last programmes 'Christmas' topic. Unlike Christmas, which is concentrated on the Midland League happenings, this article is on more recent times the club have been in the Football League.

Scunthorpe United's first Christmas was celebrated with a couple of games against Wrexham, hardly a local derby, not a hick-cup on the part of a 1950 computer! Nevertheless, despite the chilling conditions, the Christmas Day meeting saw almost 9,000 spectators cheer a 2-0 victory. Wrexham were able to revenge that scoreline the next day, winning 3-1 on home territory.

The following two years were to bring disappointment at Yule Tide. First Grimsby Town, (only three years out of the First Division) gained a double over United and then in 1952 it was disaster. A Boxing Day trip to Carlisle was to result in an 8-0 thrashing, still, Scunthorpe's biggest Football League drubbing. Carlisle finished off the 'double' the next day winning 2-1 in a match where nothing would go right for the Iron.

Yule Tide was not all to be doom and gloom in the 1950's, with 1954 being a notable exception. United were paired with a useful Bradford City side and rolled their sleeves up to gain 4-2 (away) and 1-0 successes.

Probably the biggest festive season attendances were recorded in 1958 when Sunderland were entertained. They were fresh out of the First Division for the first time in their history. Added to that was the incentive for Scunthorpe fans of collecting a voucher for the Bolton Cup tie in a couple of weeks time, which was a chance to see the F.A. Cup holders. The home game attracted 14,509 spectators, who saw Len Sharpe give Scunthorpe a last gasp winner in a thrilling 3-2 result. Sunderland gained revenge back on Wearside the next day, 3-1, in front of 27,550 of their own fans.

United's best Yule Tide result was at Elland Road in 1961. Scunthorpe trounced Leeds 4-1 and Barry Thomas scored all four goals. Ken Hodgson had another disallowed. Unfortunately bad weather halted the return fixture. In 1962, Grimsby Town were visitors for what was marked by a special Programme as United's Golden Jubilee of being a Limited Company. Each side gained a point in a 1-1 result in what was to be the last home game until March because of the big freeze a similar story happened in 1978. After beating Grimsby on Boxing Day 2-1 only one game was played until March.

The most unusual Yule Tide results were probably recorded in 1965. Shrewsbury Town were beaten 4-1 away but immediately inflicted a similar score on Scunthorpe in an even and entertaining game at the Old Show Ground.

FLASHBACK

FIVE YEARS AGO

Five years ago United were finishing off the season in fourteenth position with a 1-1 draw away at Darlington. Ron Wigg hit Scunthorpe's goal in the second period. Meanwhile Nottingham Forest were celebrating their first Football League Championship. By this time the trophy had already been won, but they increased their points total after a 2-2 draw at West Bromwich Albion. Liverpool made sure of runners-up spot as they crushed Manchester City 4-0. Kenny Dalglish hit a hat-trick. At the other end of the scale it was goodbye to Division One for West Ham United.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ten years back United were playing their last Third Division match at Walsall. They recorded a 1-1 draw thanks to Gramham Collier giving them a first half lead. The match marked the start of a long career at the Old Show Ground for Nolan Keeley. At the same time Pat Jennings was named Player of the Year and Bobby Charlton took up the Managership of Preston. Liverpool were champions of Division One, while Burnley and QPR were promoted to meet them during the next season. The most remarkable team must have been Southport. Just ten years ago they were Champions of Division Four. How quickly times can change.

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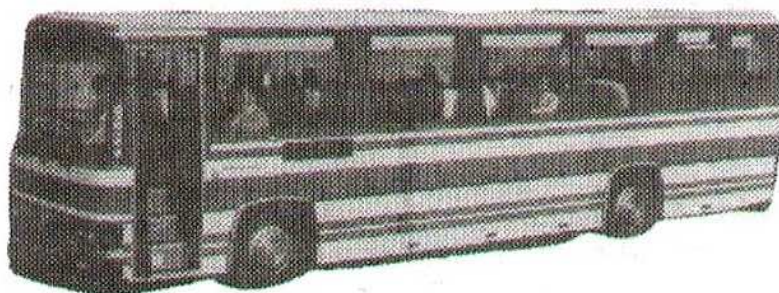
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One more home game to go and season 82/83 draws to a close, and what a season it has been, the atmosphere at the Old Show Ground has been fantastic, away from home our supporters have often out shouted the opposition. The visit to York City saw us transporting coach loads of our supporters, even though we had pre-warned the police in York, the look of disbelief on their faces as the tenth coach pulled up outside the police station and we asked for an escort to the ground. The Scunthorpe United official travel coaches have managed to travel to every away game this season, in our opinion we must be one of the best away supported clubs in the two lower divisions, let's hope we can cope when we get into Division Two, that's certainly a problem worth looking forward to.

Don't forget today is the last chance for Supporters Club members to vote for their player of the year. Finally a warm welcome for our visitors from Swindon. Enjoy the game — Come on you Blues!



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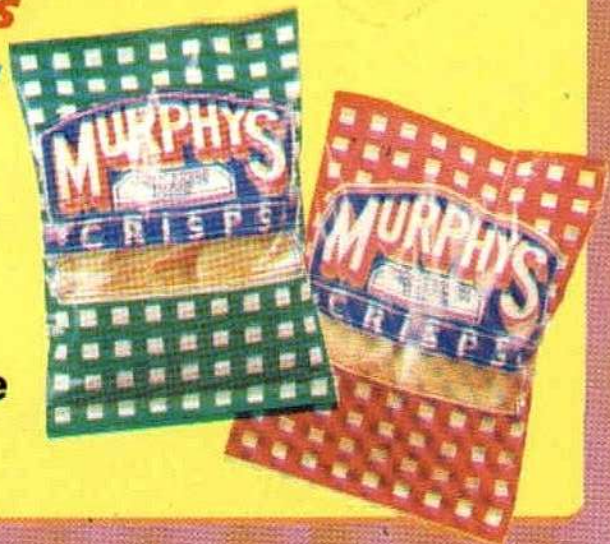
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