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Good news on the injury front

TO most Reading fans the match against Swindon will always be the derby game even though Aldershot and Oxford have become more frequent local visitors in recent years.

Our record of competitive matches against Swindon goes back at least 90 years — in 1893 we beat them 2-0 to qualify for the first round proper of the FA Cup, our "prize" being our record defeat, sustained at Preston.

From then on the clubs were both founder members of the Southern League, and entered the League together in 1920. Although Swindon did the double over us in that first League season we have had slightly better of the generally close encounters which until today's Fourth Division game have always been of the Third kind.



• Stuart Beavon and David Crown . . . our goalscorers last Saturday against high-riding York City.



• Steve Richardson . . . back as substitute against York City last Saturday.

Our complete League record against the Robins is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home . . .	39	24	8	7	81	44
Away . . .	39	6	14	19	35	67
	78	30	22	26	116	111

With only one goalless draw in our 39 previous meetings at Elm Park there are usually plenty of goals about, our best scoreline coming in January 1934 when we started the new year off with a 7-1 win, four of the goals coming from Jack Palethorpe.

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On the injury front there is good news — Alan Judge was back in goal for the reserves last Saturday while Steve Richardson was substitute for the first team at York.

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Congratulations to Club Chairman Roger Smee on completing the New York Marathon last Sunday in a time of three hours 51 minutes. The run raised about £2,500 for the club's youth programme.

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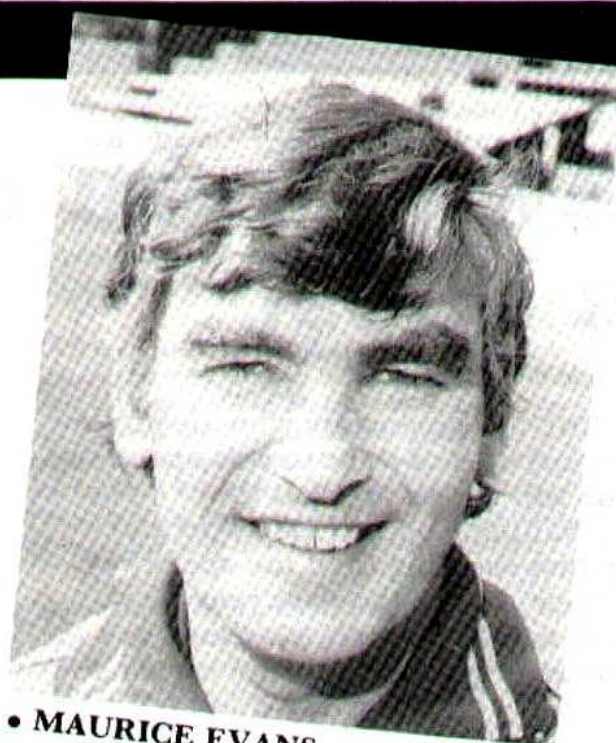
IN our last home game against Mansfield it took us a while to get on top after Mansfield had called the tune for the first 20 minutes. Then Trevor Senior scored with a fine header, from a Dean Horrix cross, and we got well on top. Trevor Senior added another one and Mark White scored from a free-kick and we were well on our way with a 3-0 margin at half-time. Mansfield continued to battle and deserve a lot of credit because with 10 men they still came at us and caused us a few frights. Steve Wood scored his second League goal with a fine header to give us a convincing win.

Last Saturday we were away to York City and it turned out to be quite a game. York probably had more of the game but it was us that always looked the more likely side to score and we did just that when David Crown scored from close range after good work from Dean Horrix. It looked as if we might add to that goal and knock the stuffing out of York but they scored two goals in a ten minute period in the second half and it seemed as if they would snatch the game away from us.

It would have been a complete injustice had we lost but we kept fighting right up to the final whistle and were rewarded with a goal from Stuart Beavon.

To-day we welcome our old rivals from down the M4, Swindon. Local derbies usually bring a bit of feeling into matches and I'm sure this will be no exception.

Keep your vocal support going for the team and I hope you will be rewarded with a fine match.



• MAURICE EVANS

CANON LEAGUE - DIVISION FOUR TABLE

	DIVISION IV						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol C	12	7	1	4	22	9	22
York	12	6	3	3	24	11	21
Doncaster	12	6	3	3	23	16	21
Colchester	12	5	4	3	15	11	19
Tranmere	12	5	4	3	12	10	19
Hereford	11	5	4	2	11	9	19
READING	12	5	3	4	27	19	18
Bury	10	5	3	2	15	10	18
Chesterfield	12	4	6	2	15	11	18
Peterborough	11	5	2	4	20	12	17
Northampton	12	3	8	1	18	15	17
Blackpool	11	5	2	4	11	11	17
Swindon	12	5	1	6	18	16	16
Stockport	12	4	4	4	17	19	16
Halifax	12	4	4	4	15	19	16
Rochdale	12	5	1	6	16	21	16
Aldershot	12	4	4	4	14	19	16
Crewe	12	5	1	6	10	18	16
Wrexham	12	3	5	4	15	15	14
Darlington	12	4	1	7	7	13	13
Torquay	12	3	4	5	14	21	13
Mansfield	12	3	2	7	16	24	11
Hartlepool	12	1	4	7	8	21	7
Chester	11	1	2	8	10	23	5

(up to and including Sat. Oct. 22, 1983)



Away form needs a boost

SWINDON supporters who also follow the fortunes of their town's speedway side will be hoping that the footballing Robins can do better against Reading than the speedway Robins. For in the past year they have met the Racers six times in league, cup and challenge matches and were beaten every time!

Ken Beamish's side has made a mixed start to the new season. Like the Royals, Swindon have reserved their best performances for home games, and they have only enjoyed one away success to date — 3-1 at Stockport.

At the County Ground Chester were slain 4-0, and Town's greatest triumph so far has been their recent 3-2 victory over front runners York City.

During the summer former England schoolboy international Paul Rideout was sold to Aston Villa for a club record £200,000. Rideout, last season's top scorer with 23 and club Player of the Year, was named in the Professional Footballers' Association Division Four team. Alongside him in the select side was Town midfielder Gary Emmanuel.

Replacing Rideout in the Robins' attack is former County Ground hero Alan Mayes, who is back from Chelsea to renew his goalscoring partnership with Andy Rowland. Mayes never really settled at Stamford Bridge, but is clearly relishing being back in his old role with the Wiltshire club. He netted twice on his home League debut, and is their top scorer so far this term.

Others among manager Beamish's summer signings include Nigel Gray from Orient, Garry Nelson (Southend), Dave Hockaday (Blackpool) and Paul Richardson (Sheffield United).

Royals and Robins last met two years ago, and our 1-1 draw at Elm Park could well be subtitled "A Comedy of Errors." Royals' keeper Colin Court marred an otherwise promising debut by allowing a cross-shot to slip through his fingers, whilst at the other end the vastly more experienced Jimmy Allan could only fumble a high centre into his own net. Earlier that season we had won 2-0 at the County Ground with goals from Pat Earles and Gary Heale to go top of Division Three.

Allan, who has appeared over 400 times for Town, broke his arm in the recent 2-1 win over Rochdale, and is unlikely to play this afternoon. Former Tranmere youngster Scott Endersby, another close-season arrival, is his replacement.

Swindon made a speedy exit from the Milk Cup, bowing out 2-4 to Plymouth. Usually they do much better in knockout competitions; last year they reached the fourth round of the FA Cup, destroying Aldershot 7-0 on their way, and they won the League Cup in 1969 and the Anglo-Italian Cup a year later.

Last season, Swindon's first ever in Division Four, saw them finish eighth, and they will be eager to improve on that showing. It is their away form that needs the greatest boost, and with the added spice of

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the traditional local derby atmosphere, Town are certain to give Royals a hard battle today as they bid for their first win at Elm Park since 1969.

JIM ALLAN (Goalkeeper). Born Inverness. Now Swindon's longest serving player, he came to the club in 1970 from Scottish Junior Football and made his debut in September 1971 against QPR. Has since made 363 league appearances for the club to the end of last season.

KEVIN BADDELEY (Defender). Born Swindon. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his League debut against West Ham Utd in August 1980. That was his only appearance for City but he established himself in Swindon's first team shortly after his transfer in July 1981. Had made 65 league appearances to the end of last season and likes to overlap when he can. Can play in either full-back position but usually on the left.

COLIN BAILIE (Defender). Born Belfast. A former apprentice he made his League debut at Oxford United in April 1982 and established himself in the first team last season with assured displays in both full-back positions. Had made 27 League appearances to the end of last season.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield). Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and after making his League debut against Exeter City in September 1977 went on to make 79 League appearances for Pompey. He also played four matches on loan to Peterborough but moved to Swindon in June 1982. Was ever-present last season and is seen to best advantage on the left of midfield.

PAUL BATTY (Midfield). Born Edlington. Paul served his apprenticeship at Swindon and made his League debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He went on to make 39 League appearances last season and is a very promising player who makes up for his lack of height with all round determination.

GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield). Born Swansea. Gary began with Birmingham City making his debut at Stoke City in January 1975. He played 71 First Division games for the Blues, moved to Bristol Rovers in December 1978 and added 65 League appearances there before his transfer to Swindon in the 1981 close season. A hard working player who was held back by injury last season but made 69 League appearances for the club by its end.

SCOTT ENDERSBY (Goalkeeper). Born Lewisham. Former Ipswich apprentice who moved to Tranmere Rovers for whom he made his League debut against Hereford United in September 1981. Spent two seasons between the posts for Tranmere before joining Swindon in May 1983.

MIKE GRAHAM (Defender). Born Lancaster. Mike began with Bolton Wanderers making his debut at Mansfield in March 1978. He made 46 appearances for Bolton before signing for Swindon in July 1981. Had made 76 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season mainly playing beside the centre-half but can also play in midfield or at full-back.

NIGEL GRAY (Defender). Born London. A tall centre-half who signed for Swindon in July 1983 having previously played all his football for Orient with whom he had made around 230 League appearances since his debut against Bolton Wanderers in April 1975 to the end of last season.

CHARLIE HENRY (Defender). Born Acton. Former apprentice who signed professional in February 1980 and made his League debut as substitute at Reading in September of that year. Most of his 93 League appearances to the end of last season have been at right full-back, but he can also play in the centre of the defence.

DAVE HOCKADAY (Forward). Born Sedgefield. Dave's only previous club was Blackpool for whom he made his League debut in September 1976 at Notts County. He went on to make around 140 appearances for Blackpool before joining Swindon in the 1983 close season. Fast and tricky winger.

ALAN MAYES (Forward). Born London. Now in his second spell at Swindon, Alan began with QPR but his League debut came after a move to Watford and was against Port Vale in November 1974. He made 133 League appearances for Watford plus 10 on loan to Northampton Town before signing for Swindon in February 1979. Although at Swindon for less than two years, he made 89 League appearances and struck up a good partnership with Andy Rowland. He joined Chelsea in December 1980 and made about 70 League appearances for them before re-joining Swindon in July 1983. Mobile forward very quick in the penalty area.

GARY NELSON (Forward). Born Braintree. Joined Southend United from school and made his League debut as substitute against Colchester United in October 1979. He made around 100 appearances for Southend before his move to Swindon in August 1983.

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• SWINDON F.C.: (Back Row): Mike Graham, Charlie Henry, Scott Endersby, Jimmy Allan, Kevin Baddeley, Leigh Barnard. (Middle Row): David Hockaday, Nigel Gray, Paul Richardson, Jimmy Quinn, Andrew Rowland. (Front Row): Alan Mayes, Colin Bailie, Ken Beamish (Team Manager), Gary Emmanuel and Paul Batty.

JIMMY QUINN (Forward). Born Belfast. Signed from Oswestry Town in December 1981, he enjoyed a rapid rise from parks football to his League debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. A tall forward who is good in the air his opportunities have been limited but he had made 18 League appearances by the end of last season.

PAUL RICHARDSON (Midfield). Born Nottingham. Paul joined Swindon in July 1983 as player/coach. He was an apprentice at Nottingham Forest and made his League debut at Liverpool in May 1968. There followed 221 League appearances for Forest before a move to Chester in October 1976. After 28 League

appearances he moved on to Stoke City in July 1977 and he played in the promotion winning season 1978/79. Moved to Sheffield United in August 1981 and made around 50 appearances there.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward). Born Derby. Andy served his apprenticeship at Derby County but his League debut (which was actually at Swindon) came after a transfer to Bury in August 1974. He was three times leading scorer at Bury and played 174 League games for them before his transfer to Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer (but also the club emergency goalkeeper) he had made 186 League appearances for the club at the end of last season.

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Date	Opponents	Ground	F-A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 27	Blackpool	A 0-1	3,429	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Barnes	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Aug 30	Colchester (Milk Cup)	A 2-3	2,418	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Barnes	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 5	STOCKPORT	H 6-2	2,469	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Barnes	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 7	DONCASTER	H 3-2	3,688	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Barnes	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 10	Rochdale	A 1-4	1,199	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Barnes	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 14	COLCHESTER (Milk Cup)	H 4-3	3,460	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 17	CHESTERFIELD	H 1-1	2,985	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Tutty	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	White
Sept 24	Chester	A 1-2	1,367	Judge	Williams	Richardson	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	White	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Sept 27	Bristol City	A 1-5	6,240	Judge	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Price	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Matthews
Oct 1	DARLINGTON	H 1-0	2,422	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 5	Milk Cup 2	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 9	Norhampton	H 3-0	3,039	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 14	CREWE	H 4-0	3,531	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 19	MANSFIELD	A 2-2	4,315	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 22	York City	A 2-2	4,315	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 26	Milk Cup 2	A 2-2	4,315	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Oct 29	SWINDON TOWN	H 1-1	2,422	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 2	Peterborough	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 5	Colchester	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 9	Milk Cup 3	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 12	WREXHAM	H 1-1	2,985	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 19	F.A. Cup 1	A 1-5	6,240	Judge	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 26	Bury	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Nov 30	Milk Cup 4	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Dec 2	HALIFAX	H 3-0	3,039	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Dec 10	F.A. Cup 2	A 2-2	4,315	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Dec 17	HARTLEPOOL	H 1-1	2,985	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Dec 26	Aldershot	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
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Jan 14	Stockport	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Jan 18	BLACKPOOL	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Jan 21	Milk Cup 5	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Jan 28	ROCHDALE (FA4)	H 3-0	3,039	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 4	Darlington	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 8	Milk Cup Semi-Final	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 11	CHESTER	H 1-1	2,985	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 15	PETERBOROUGH	H 1-1	2,985	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 18	Swindon Town (FA5)	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
Feb 25	YORK CITY	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
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May 7	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 1-1	2,985	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
May 12	Hartlepool United	A 2-2	3,835	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price
May 19	Cap Final	A 2-2	4,315	Westwood	Williams	White	Beavon	Hicks	Wood	Duncan	Horrix	Senior	Sanchez	Crown	Price

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DESPITE being rejected by Reading, Martin Hicks was so keen to break into League football that he took a huge gamble — he gave up his full-time job.

"It was a risky thing to do," admitted Martin. "I had just been rejected after a six week trial here at Elm Park and

asked for further time off from Warwickshire County Council where I was training to be a supervisor.

However they could not give me further leave.

"I had a choice — keep my job or gamble everything on being taken on by Charlton at the end of another



PAID OFF ATHLETIC

trial period. I took the gamble, my parents stood by my decision, and it paid off."

As everyone knows Martin later came back to Elm Park and has become a firm favourite.

Born in Bearley near Stratford, 26 years ago, Martin has lived with his parents all his life although he hopes to be moving to this area very shortly.

Martin attended Henley and Arden High School near Stratford where he shone in all sports, participating in rugby, soccer, cricket and gymnastics.

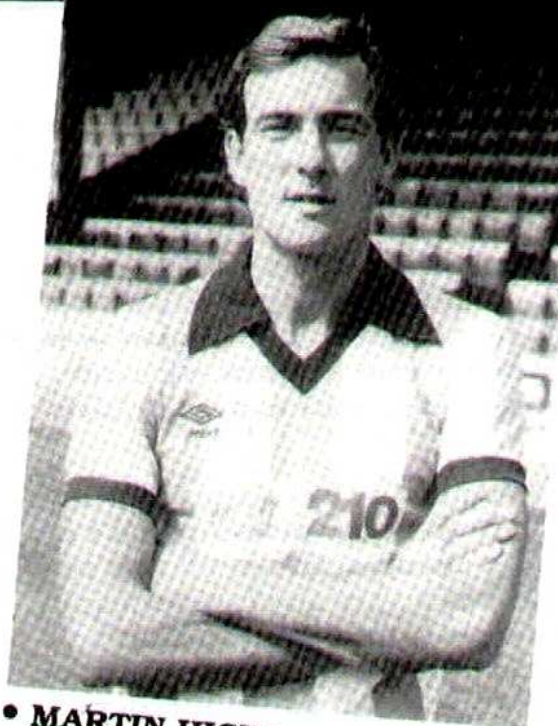
Athletics also came into the picture: "I used to throw bricks around as a kid and therefore was very good at throwing events in athletics, particularly the javelin," said Martin.

Football was always Martin's first love. "I've always played football and have never played anything but soccer outside of school." But as we already know, Martin did not have an easy introduction into league soccer.

On leaving school Martin went into farming.

"My grandad owned a farm so I was always helping him. In fact all my family background is connected with farming so it was the only thing I knew something about.

"However, the trouble with farming is that it interfered with me playing soccer. Farming is a 24 hours, seven days a week job so I gave it up for that county council job and a chance



• MARTIN HICKS

to play football at weekends for Stratford."

Martin has a brother Brian — "a very good local footballer" who had trials with league clubs — and a sister Julie. His father, who did a bit of boxing in the army, watches Martin whenever possible while girlfriend Neelia watches most home games. Said Martin: "She enjoys watching the game without really understanding it."

Off the football field Martin is a bit of an odd-job handyman.

"I like messing about with cars, around the house — I'll have a go at practically anything. I really do like tinkering with anything — a real do-it-yourself man you might say."

Other leisure pursuits, when time permits include golf, snooker and swimming. Said Martin: "I get pleasure out of a lot of things — particularly the simple things in life."

What of the future? "Obviously, like everyone else, I would like to play at the highest level and hopefully with Reading. But above all, I want to be happy and healthy," said Martin.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

AFTER a gap of a season it is good to play our old rivals from Swindon in this the first ever meeting between the clubs in Division 4. A warm welcome is extended to the many fans who will have made the short trip up the M4 from Swindon — let's hope that next seasons encounter between the clubs can be in Division 3.

The support at last Saturday's match at York was very pleasing and I am sure it encouraged the players in what was a very good performance. The Royals have two tough away games coming up in the next week, at Peterborough on Wednesday evening and at Colchester next Saturday. As usual coaches will be running to both games and to obtain further details and book up see either Ray Ilsley or Colin Evans in the Tilehurst Road end shop, or in the Social Club bar after the match. Let's have as much support as possible at these two matches to help the lads towards their first away victory of the season. For those of you wishing to travel by train the following times are recommended:-

Peterborough

Outward		Return
16.50	Reading	23.32
17.18	Paddington	23.05
18.00	Kings Cross	22.41
18.51	Peterborough	21.38

Colchester Utd

11.24	Reading	19.31
12.03	Paddington	19.02
12.50	Liverpool Street	18.17
13.44	Colchester	17.16

Today is the last day for entries for the Supporters Club annual football quiz, sponsored by Thames Valley Cleaning Contractors. All questions asked in the quiz have been taken from the 1983/84 edition of the Rothman's Football Yearbook. To enter see Colin Bishop in the Tilehurst End Shop today. If you want a copy of the new Yearbook there is a limited stock available in the Tilehurst End Shop or the Supporters Club main office, price £7.95.

The Supporters Club Shop at the Tilehurst End of the ground has now a good stock of programmes, including a good number of this seasons' from other clubs. Also, there are a lot of half priced internationals on sale covering the last four/five seasons. We are, however, still short of old Reading programmes following the fire last season, so any collections no longer required would be most appreciated.

• Simon Eedle



• JERRY WILLIAMS

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Aug	30	Queens Park Rangers	L 0-5
Sept	10	Tottenham Hotspur	L 1-8
Sept	13	Luton Town	L 1-4
Sept	21	FULHAM	D 0-0
Sept	24	Southampton	D 0-0
Oct	4	Brighton & Hove Albion	P
Oct	8	NORWICH CITY	L 0-3
Oct	11	Arsenal	L 0-6
Oct	22	BRISTOL ROVERS	W 3-2
Oct	25	Charlton Athletic	
Nov	2	CRYSTAL PALACE	
Nov	9	Oxford United	
Nov	16	WEST HAM UNITED	
Nov	19	Watford	
Nov	30	Leicester City	
Dec	3	Ipswich Town	
Dec	7	CHELSEA	
Dec	14	MILLWALL	
Dec	20	Birmingham City	
Jan	7	SWINDON TOWN	
Jan	11	OXFORD UNITED	
Jan	18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
Jan	21	Luton Town	
Jan	24	Chelsea	
Feb	1	SOUTHAMPTON	
Feb	7	Fulham	
Feb	22	Norwich City	
Feb	25	Bristol Rovers	
Feb	29	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
Mar	14	Millwall	
Mar	21	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
Mar	24	ARSENAL	
Mar	27	Swansea City	
Mar	31	Swindon Town	
Apr	4	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
Apr	10	West Ham United	
Apr	18	WATFORD	
Apr	24	Crystal Palace	
May	2	LEICESTER CITY	
May	5	SWANSEA CITY	
May	10	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	
May	12	IPSWICH TOWN	

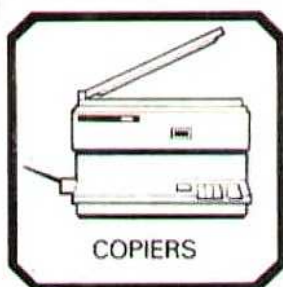
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Tottenham H	9	6	2	1	39	15	14
Luton Town	10	5	4	1	17	7	14
Arsenal	8	6	1	1	19	3	13
Southampton	8	4	4	0	11	7	12
West Ham Utd	7	5	1	1	17	7	11
Norwich City	8	5	1	2	16	6	11
Q.P.R.	9	4	2	3	26	11	10
Ipswich Town	8	4	2	2	17	10	10
Fulham	7	4	2	1	15	9	10
Millwall	9	4	2	3	17	20	10
Watford	9	3	3	3	18	18	9
Chelsea	6	3	2	1	8	6	8
Birmingham C	8	3	1	4	16	18	7
Leicester C	10	2	3	5	18	25	7
Charlton A	7	2	2	3	9	13	6
Swansea City	8	2	2	4	13	18	6
Swindon Town	6	1	3	2	7	10	5
Oxford Utd	8	1	3	4	10	19	5
Bristol Rovers	8	1	2	5	7	20	4
READING	7	0	2	5	2	26	2
Brighton	8	0	1	7	6	18	1
Crystal P	8	0	1	7	7	29	1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Aug	27	SWINDON	L 0-3
Sept	3	TOTTENHAM	W 3-0
Sept	17	Wimbledon	L 0-4
Sept	24	Brentford	L 1-2
		Arsenal (S Jun FC)	L 4-1
Oct	1	BRIGHTON (1st Round League Cup)	D 2-2
Oct	8	Brighton	D 0-0
Oct	15		
Oct	22	LUTON	W 3-0
Oct	29		
Nov	5	Brighton (League Cup replay)	
Nov	12	(2nd Round League Cup)	
Nov	19	SOUTHEND	
Nov	26	Tottenham	
Dec	3		
Dec	10		
Dec	17	Brentford	
Jan	7	BRIGHTON	
Jan	14	BRISTOL ROVERS	
Jan	21	Luton	
Jan	28	OXFORD	
Feb	18	Southend	
Mar	3	WEST HAM	
Mar	10	Swindon	
Mar	17	West Ham	
Mar	24	WIMBLEDON	
Apr	7	Oxford	
Apr	14	Bristol Rovers	

Swindon T	5	4	0	1	18	7	8
Wimbledon	6	3	2	1	16	9	8
Brentford	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
Luton T	5	3	1	1	12	9	7
Bristol R	5	2	1	2	12	11	5
Oxford Utd	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
West Ham Utd	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Brighton	5	1	2	2	7	11	4
Tottenham H	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
READING	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
Southend Utd	6	0	0	6	4	23	0

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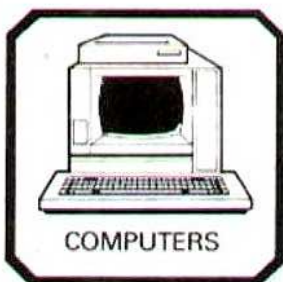
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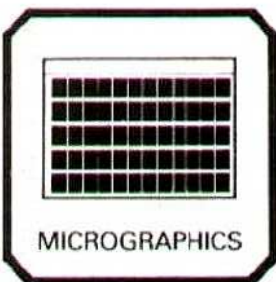
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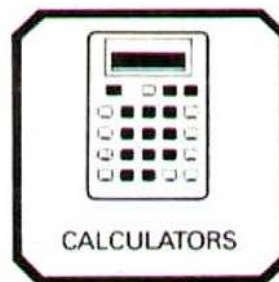
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The photograph was taken at Elm Park on October 1, 1983 at the match against Darlington.

Win two free tickets

ROYALS REVIEW has brought back that popular feature Face in The Crowd.

A face is circled in the picture above. If the face circled is you then you have won two free tickets to watch the Royals in the very next home match.

To claim your two free tickets just take the *Royals Review* to the Commercial Department in the Supporters Club Office after today's match.

Don't forget — it could be your face in the crowd. Buy *Royals Review* every home game, check the photograph and you never know, you could be the lucky winner of two free tickets.

UP AND COMING

ROYALS face two away fixtures in the space of four days next week.

On Wednesday (November 2) we visit Peterborough and next Saturday visit Layer Road again — this time for a League match against Colchester. At the end of August we lost 3-2 at Layer Road in the Milk Cup first round, first leg tie.

The Reserves are at home this Wednesday when they entertain Crystal Palace and visit Oxford United next Saturday (November 9).

The Youth team visit Brighton on Saturday for the League Cup, first round replay.

HOW TO GET THERE

HERE'S HOW THE AA SUGGEST YOU TRAVEL TO PETERBOROUGH UNITED F.C.

READING

Follow the signs London, Maidenhead A4. In 1.9 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit (signposted Motorway M4) to join Motorway A329M. In 3.9 miles branch left to join M4 (signposted London)

18.5 Junction 6

Leave Motorway (signposted Slough Central) and at roundabout take 1st exit A355. In 0.4 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit. In 0.3 miles at traffic signals turn right A4

1.8 Slough

Follow signs Watford A412. In 11 miles at roundabout take 1st exit A405 (signposted Aylesbury)

16.9 Hunton Bridge

Follow signs St Albans (A405) along A41. In 0.5 miles branch left then at roundabout take 1st main exit A405. In 9.7 miles at roundabout take 1st exit A1

11.2 Hatfield

Continue with signs The North. In 55.3 miles at roundabout take 3rd exit A15 and keep forward (signposted Peterborough) with London Road for
60.5 PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (on right).

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READING

Follow signs Maidenhead A4. In 1.9 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit (signposted Motorway M4). In 3.9 miles branch left to join M4 (signposted London)

27.8 Heston Service Area

5.1 Chiswick Flyover Roundabout (Junction 1)

Follow signs North Circular Road A406. In 16 miles continue with signs Chelmsford. In 7 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit A12

30 Gallows Corner (Flyover/Roundabout)

15.8 Chelmsford

Follow signs Colchester

16.3 AA Road Service Centre (87)

In 4 miles branch left. Then at roundabout take 3rd exit A604. At next roundabout take 1st exit and in 1 mile branch right A1124

(signposted Town Centre). In 1.6 miles at roundabout take 3rd exit B1022. Then take 2nd turning left into Beaconsfield Avenue (unclassified). Then turn right B1026 for Layer Road for

8.4 COLCHESTER UNITED F.C.

Cut-price scheme for youngsters

CALLING all youngsters — how do you fancy watching Royals from a cheap seat in the stands?

If so, then get mum or dad to take you along to Elm Park and you'll be able to get in for just £1.50.

For we're now running a cut-price scheme for juniors (aged 12 and under) who want to sit down while cheering on their favourites.

It will be restricted to the first 50 who apply at the club offices — either during the week before a match or on the day of the game itself.

All youngsters taking advantage of the scheme must be accompanied by a paying adult.

The cost is just £1.50 per child — a saving of £1.25 on the normal price — for a seat in Elm Park's E stand.

To help launch the new idea, Royals invited along a group of lads from the nearby 93rd Reading (English Martyrs) Scout Group for the recent home fixture with Crewe.

Advertising opportunity

A valuable advertising medium - that's the hoardings around Elm Park. And there is still lots of advertising space available.

For just £350 you can take one of the spaces around the perimeter of the ground for the remainder of the season or you can book a space on the board at the back of the Reading end - a special rate is available.

Perimeter advertising offers a space of 30 feet by 2 feet and the board at the back of the Reading end 24 feet by 2 feet.

All prices are exclusive of production costs. For further details contact Commercial Manager Albert Moss at the club.

HALF-TIME SCORES

A	Aston Villa v Arsenal
B	Norwich v QPR
C	Southampton v Ipswich
D	Spurs v Notts County
E	Cambridge v Brighton
F	Chelsea v Charlton
G	Palace v Barnsley
H	Leeds v Portsmouth
J	Swansea v Blackburn
K	Bristol C v Peterborough
L	Chesterfield v Darlington
M	Colchester v Crewe
N	Halifax v Aldershot
P	Hartlepool v Bury
Q	Hereford v Mansfield
R	Northampton v York
S	Rochdale v Chester
T	Stockport v Blackpool
U	Tranmere v Doncaster
V	Wrexham v Torquay

TODAY'S REFEREE

MEET THE REF

ALLAN GUNN (Burgess Hill, Sussex). From refereeing in local Sussex Leagues and the Sussex County League has progressed via the Football Combination to the Football League Line and, later, the Referees' List. He has officiated in three Sussex County FA Senior Finals, and was linesman at the England v Scotland Youth Amateur International in 1974. He refereed the FA Vase Semi-Final in 1976, the FA Youth Cup Final in 1980, an FA Trophy Semi-Final in 1981, and linesman France v Brazil in 1978.

A married man, with two daughters, he is Purchasing Manager for a Precision Measurements Manufacturing Company, and his interests include playing squash and swimming.

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JOHN SMITH

OF the five Smith's to play for Reading in the League, Barnsley born John Smith made the most appearances with 102 between 1923 and 1926. Always a speedy right winger he played for Wombwell and Huddersfield before signing for Reading in June 1923. His best season was his last when he scored 11 goals in our Division Three Championship season to bring his total to 16. Unfortunately a knee

injury ended his career before he could play in Division Two and so he worked for Simonds Brewery. John Smith died in November 1980.

SONGS

THERE is nothing new about the singing and chanting heard nowadays at Elm Park — in our Second Division days. Reading supporters used to sing "Rich, Rich, Rich, Richie, score another goal for me" to the popular song of the day "Chick, chick, chick, chicken" — Rich being centre forward Frank Richardson. There have been at least two attempts to popularise an "official" Reading song. In 1964 the *Chronicle* held a competition to write a song, the winner being "Reading, You're the Tops" to Freddie and the Dreamers hit "You were made for me." The song was to be launched for our home game against Oldham in March 1964 and a band was brought to Elm Park to play the tune. Unfortunately rain kept the crowd down to the lowest so far that season and with Reading losing the song failed to gain popularity. In 1936 Jack Morgan, the musical director of the Palace Theatre, had his specially written song printed in the *Evening Gazette* so Reading fans could sing it for the home game against Notts County in February 1936. Although we won that game 3-1 the passage of time has altered the sentiment of the lyric particularly the line "Help them on their way, make them (the players) bright and gay."

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A good weekend for the Royals

LAST weekend proved a good one for the club with the Reserves chalking up their first win of the season and the Youth team collecting another victory.

The reserves, at home to Bristol Rovers were twice behind but came back to win 3-2. Scorers were Mark Matthews, Ken Price and Steve Brown.

Brown, a 19-year-old right winger recently released by Charlton, is currently on trial as is Wayne Pratt, a midfielder on trial after serving Southampton. Both made impressive debuts.

The team was: Judge, Henderson, Staker, Barnes, Head, Brown, Tutty,

Pratt, Lane, Matthews, Price; substitute John (not used).

The Youth team were always in charge against Luton and won with three very good goals. All the players played well and worked hard. Scorers were Paul White (2) and Frank Boahene.

The team was: Watson, Ferguson, Russell, Dixon, Withers, Tune, White, Willis, Boahene, Kirby; substitutes Preston (for Willis) and Holt (not used).

• Youth team player Simon Hargraves is likely to be out for six months after sustaining a neck injury playing rugby.



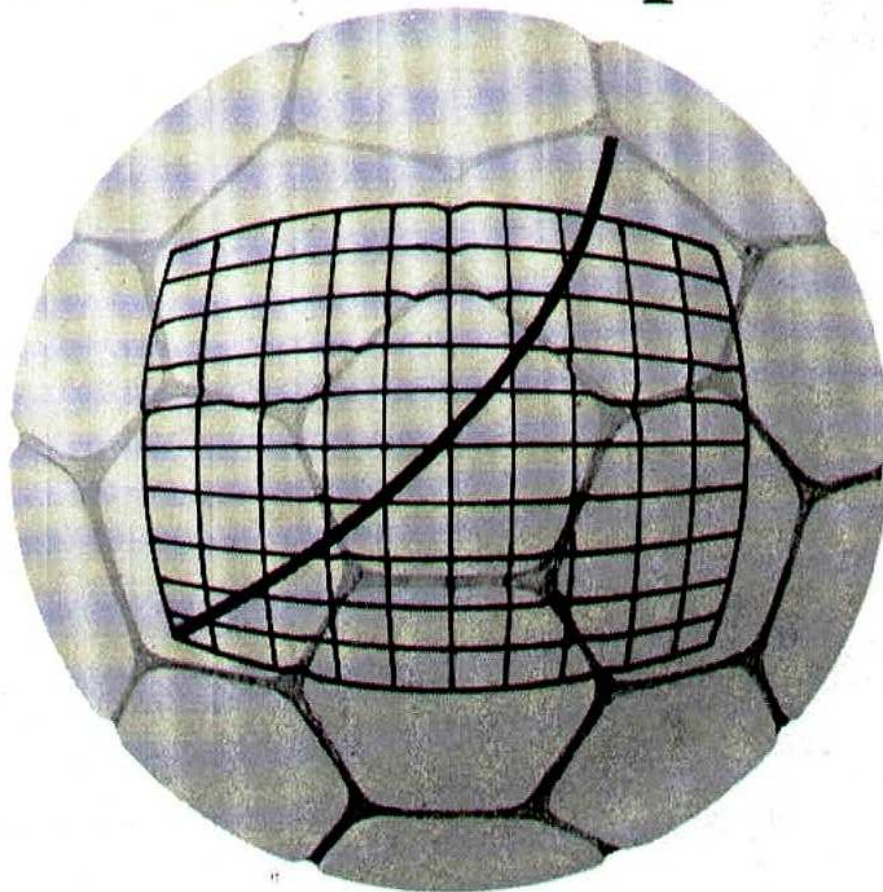
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11. David Crown
- 12.

Referee: Mr A. GUNN
(Burgess Hill)

Linesmen:

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