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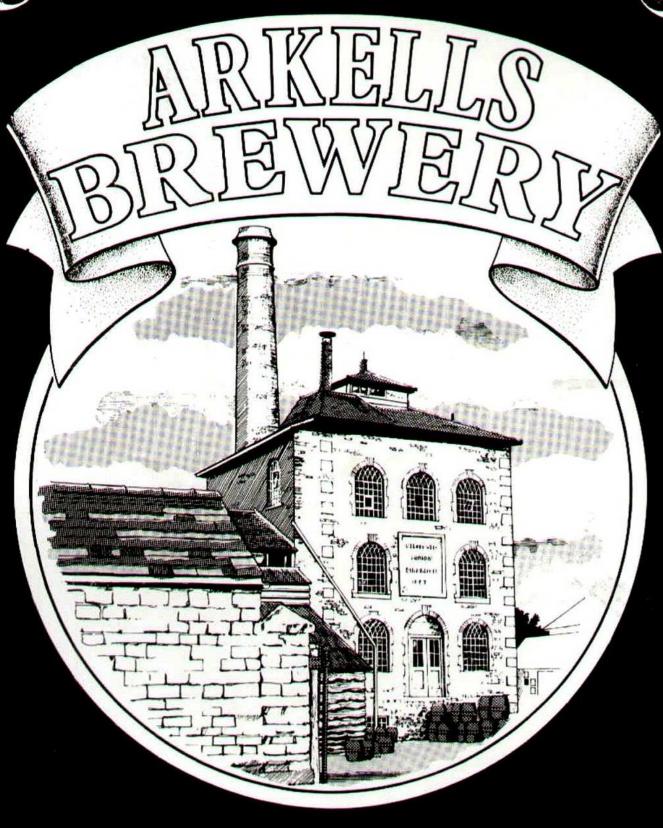
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Division IV Monday 7th May

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From the desk of Ken Beamish



Welcome on this Bank Holiday Monday to the players and officials of Peterborough United.

And so to our last home game of the season. A season that has been very disappointing and consequently one that has had more criticism than praise for all of us connected with the Club.

If I could pick out a turning point in our fortunes this season it would probably be the two fixtures at Christmas against Torquay and Wrexham. Instead of getting the six points we needed we ended up with none after two 1-0 defeats.

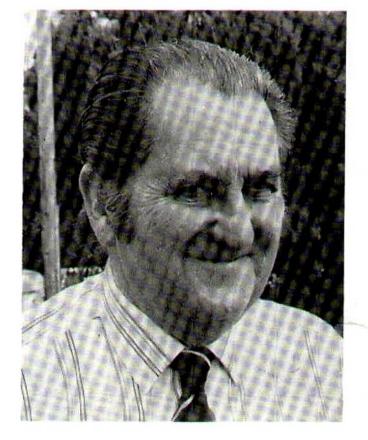
Our confidence seemed to waver after those games and we were unable to maintain any sort of winning sequence to keep us in the hunt for promotion. One could offer any number of excuses but being realistic about it all the consistancy of both the individual and the team performance was lacking just into the New Year.

For it was early in the New Year when as individuals and as a team we rose to the heights of performance for the big occasion of the F.A. Cup but could not bring about that standard of performance in the bread and butter world of the league programme, these being the games the club is judged on in the end.

The obvious question now is "Where do we go from here?"

Well believe me when I say "No two seasons are alike" and I firmly believe we are not as far away from being an excellent side as a lot of people think. During the close season I will be trying to persuade a couple of players to join us, who I feel would improve the situation and we can then make amends for our past season.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the players to thank you all for your loyalty and support this season. I hope you have a very enjoyable and restful summer and that your voices will be in good condition for next season. "Roll on 1984—85 season".



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Peterborough United F.C. in this the last home game of this season.

Everyone at the Club is disappointed with our results and of course, our final league position, one of our lowest for many years.

I had in these notes, expressed my opinion early on that our squad was good enough to win promotion and not until the disasters over Christmas did it look as if the task was beyond us. I have resolved that if I am allowed to continue as Chairman next season, then I shall never mention the word promotion until it is a certainty.

I must thank sincerely those of you who have remained faithful supporters throughout the season and particularly those we see on the terraces at our away games. I realize just how much it costs you to travel the long journeys to the games in the North and I assure you the players too are very appreciative of your wonderful support.

Although Ken and I receive numerous letters complaining of poor performance and there have been letters in the Advertiser, many which do not always relate facts nor truth, the season has not been a total disaster for there have been exciting games and some very good performances, unfortunately the team has not shown consistancy and this surely must be our aim next season.

There is no money to buy new players and I'm sure that Ken will be able to improve the present squad who will now have had a year together.

I would also like to personally thank all those supporters and companies who have sponsored our matches and have bought advertising space on the ground. Danny Williams has been the person responsible for inducing people to sponsor and advertise and the extra monies this has brought in has been responsible for helping us to pay our way.

Likewise to all those responsible for the successful operation of our Lotteries, without which we could not exist, I say a very sincere thank you from my fellow Directors and myself.

To those of you who have written complaining that no programme was available for the Mansfield game I offer my sincere apologies. Bob Jefferies - who was very ill last week, will explain in his notes the reasons why but I must take some blame as I did not compile notes in time to go to print.

So I wish you all a pleasant Summer, enjoy your holidays and make sure you buy next seasons season ticket in good time to get the reduction we offer if bought before 12th June. Let us put this season behind us and all work towards a successful season next time.



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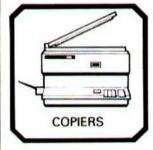
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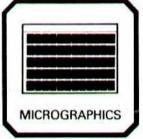




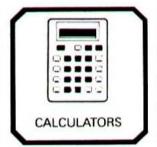












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Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

Firstly, may I apologise for there being no programme printed for our last match against Mansfield Town. Unfortunately, I was struck with a wretched flu virus and no one else was able to take on the task of producing a programme.

I would like to draw your attention to next Season's Season Ticket prices which are as follows:

	PRICES	IF FULLY PURCHASED BEFORE 12 JUNE 1984	IF FULLY PURCHASED BEFORE 30 JULY 1984
NORTH STAND	£58.50	£52.50	£56.00
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SOUTH STAND	£55.00	£50.00	£52.50
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	£25.00	£22.50	£23.50
GROUND — UNCOVERED Juniors/Senior Cit.	£37.00	£34.00	£35.50
	£21.00	£19.00	£20.00

The full cost of attending our matches next season sitting in the North Stand would be £69.00 on a match to match basis, and so by purchasing a season ticket you save £10.50 over the season. Should you purchase your season ticket before the 12th June, then you will benefit from another reduction, a total saving of £16.50.

We realise also that to purchase season tickets for the family would be a burden upon the family budget, and we are again offering special family concessions.

For example: 1 adult and 1 child can purchase season tickets for £62.00, a saving of £33.00 upon the full season ticket prices, the child receiving a ticket for next to nothing. The cost for 1 adult and 2 children is £82.00. 2 adults and 1 child is £104.00 and 2 adults and 2 children is £124.00, a saving of £67.00 on the full price.

As an added attraction to season ticket holders, we have reached an agreement with Cheltenham Race-course to offer all of our season ticket holders a free day's racing on the 11th October, 1984. Ground season ticket holders will receive a ticket to Tattersalls, whilst stand season ticket holders may have a Club Badge. The tickets for this occasion will be available from my office during the month of September. There will be a pay bar and snack food available for the exclusive use of our Club and its Season Ticket holders. A race will be named after this club on race day, subject to the approval of the Jockey Club.

I would not let this season pass without offering my sincere thanks to all those people who have helped the club throughout the season. My first vote of thanks is to Mr Dave King, for he has made such a terrific contribution to the match programme. I am sure you have all enjoyed reading his interesting articles match by match and I think it should be said that Dave spends many hours preparing the articles without any charge to the club whatsoever. Many thanks Dave.

I am also grateful to Chris and the two Ladies who man the Souvenir Shop and the two ladies who look after the Souvenir Stall in the North Stand. We are indebted to Sandra Cobern, who helps Barbara in the office on match days, and Chris Weavers who always seems to be raising monies for the club.

I must also mention the Swindon Supporters' Co-operative who did sterling work to assist our finances. My appreciation also to Mr Ken King, our able "DJ" and all the members of the St John's Ambulance Brigade who did sterling work behind the scenes.

The Gatemen and Stewards also deserve a mention for their job is not always a pleasant one. I hope I have not missed anyone out who deserves a mention, but most of all my thanks to you, the supporter, for coming along to the County Ground when the entertainment that has been presented to you has not always been acceptable. I hope to see you all next season.

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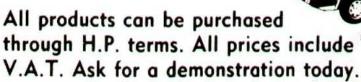








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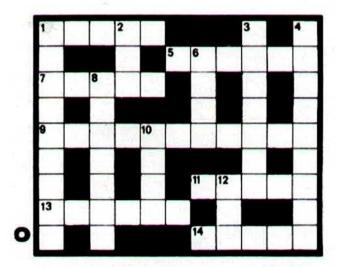
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1. Ayre, for instance. (5)

5. Gibraltar-born goalkeeper with Fulham for years before finishing at Colchester. (6)

7. One of the costlest of the million-pound movers to Manchester. (5)

9. Former Liverpool and England full-back noted for his goal-scoring. (5, 6)

 Hundred-cap man who was a team-mate of 7 ACROSS. (5)

13. Northampton compete at the - - - Ground.
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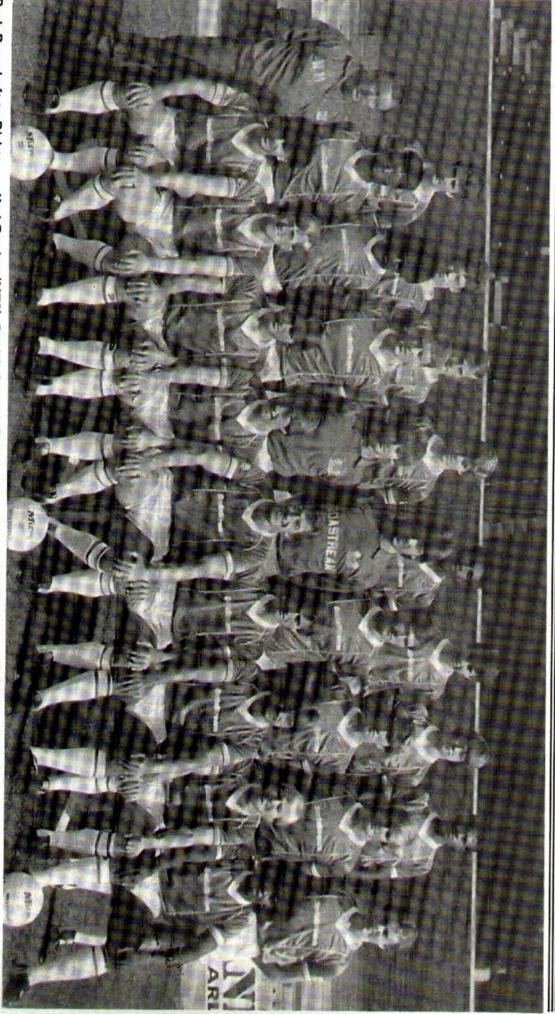
14. One of soccer's famous Clarke brothers. (5)

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- Not a public building security measure but a so-called cynical foul. (4-5)
- After leaving Leicester, Bob - netted thirty goals in a hundred appearances for the 4 DOWN club before moving on to Bristol Rovers. (3)
- 3. It should lead to net play! (7)
- England's most northerly Division One ground. (5, 4)
- 6. A word which could come after 3 DOWN. (4)
- Albert - -, defender whose career was mainly with Cardiff in the seventies but was rounded off with Torquay. (7)
- 10. A word which could come after 3 DOWN. (4)
- 12. Stan Bowles was born on Christmas - -. (3)



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Front Row, Left to Right:

Karl Frusher (YTS), Patrick O'Keefe (YTS), Simon Haigh (YTS), Danny Reilly (YTS), Brian Huskisson (YTS), Paul Harrup (YTS), Kenny Venters (YTS), Angus Hepburn (YTS).

Bill Harvey (Physio/Coach), Ivor Linton*, Ian Benjamin, Neil Firm, Steven Zenchuk (YTS), David Seaman,

Trevor Slack, Patrick Rayment, Colin Clarke, Stuart Hicks (YTS).

Mario Ippolito, Mike Imlach, Martin Pike, David Buchanan, John Wile (Manager), Phillip Chard, John Winters*, Kenny Beech, Trevor Quow.

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For our last home match of the season we entertain Peterborough United who like ourselves are destined for another season in Division Four, this is due mainly to their poor away record. At London Road only York City and Aldershot have taken maximum points, during the season they have enjoyed two high scoring sequences with eleven goals in their first three matches and fourteen in the last four games at London Road including their highest home win of the season two weeks ago when they trounced Northampton Town 6-0.

John Wile completed five hundred appearances for West Bromwich Albion last season before leaving to take over the London Road Club. His first League Club was Sunderland, but only after joining Peterborough on a free transfer did he play League soccer, in his first spell with the Club he made 118 League appearances, before moving to the Hawthorns for a £20,000 fee. With a larger squad of players than most Club's in the Fourth Division the following are at United's disposal for todays match.

Goalkeeper DAVID SEAMEN was called into the England Under 21 squad for the recent home European Championship match at Maine Road, Manchester, a former Leeds United apprentice he joined United for a £4,000 fee just prior to last season and has made rapid strides since his move, resulting in his England call up.

After a spell as a non-contract player with Notts. Forest, PHIL CHARD joined Peterborough, twenty three year old Phil has now played in over one hundred and fifty matches for United.

Eire International 30 year old JIMMY HOLMES joined United earlier this year from Torquay, a former Coventry City apprentice. Jim joined Tottenham Hotspur for £100,000 after nearly 150 appearances at Highfield Road. While at White Hart Lane he made 91 appearances before joining Vancouver Whitecaps, returning to England Jim has spent brief spells with Brentford and Leicester City.

Central defender 26 year old NEIL FIRM was a Leeds United apprentice, with Elland Road Club his opportunities were limited to 12 appearances, and 9 League matches on loan to Oldham Athletic. He moved to the London Road Club for a £10,000 fee nearly two years ago and has now made over half a century of appearances.

Local born TREVOR SLACK, a 21 year old former Club apprentice is now nearing 150 matches for the Club, and along with Neil Firm and manager John Wile has shared the central defender duties this season. Former England Youth International IAN BENJAMIN was regarded as a player with high promise at his first Club Sheffield United, for after only seven matches with the Bramall Lane Club, First Division Club West Brom. paid £125,000 for his services, but failed to make any impact at the Hawthorns and after only two appearances he joined Peterborough on a free transfer just before the start of last season. Now only 22 years old lan was ever present in the United line up last season, the only Posh player to achieve all forty six appearances in League games.

Peterborough born TREVOR QUOW was named in the P.F.A. selection team for Fourth Division players in March, and this former Club apprentice is close to one hundred and fifty appearances for United. Trevor is 23 years of age.

PAT RAYMENT another Club apprentice is also local born, and 19 year old Pat has recently been given an extended First team run of appearances after early and late season appearances last season.

Midfield player KEN BEECH was a close season capture from Walsall, 20 year old Ken was a Port Vale apprentice. He went on to make 175 League appearances at Vale Park before a £10,000 transfer took him to Fellows Park, where after 79 League matches Ken was given a free transfer.

Another midfield player is veteran DICK TYDEMAN signed in October of last year on a free transfer from Gillingham, in two spells with the Kent Club Dick had totalled just over 412 appearances, 32 year old Dick had played in 178 matches for Charlton Athletic. A former Gillingham apprentice he had joined the Valley Club for £70,000 after his first spell at Priestfield Stadium and later rejoined the Gills for £30,000.

Striker ALAN WADDLE joined the Club in October last for a fee of £5,000, 29 year old Alan is now with his eighth League Club and this season is the Club leading scorer with 12 goals. His career began at Halifax where after 39 League games a £40,000 fee took him to Liverpool, after 16 League appearances he moved to Leicester City for £45,000, only 11 matches with the Filbert Street Club ended with a £22,000 transfer to Swansea, here Alan enjoyed his best spell with 34 goals from 90 League games. He left the Vetch Field for another Welsh Club Newport County but only 27 matches accrued after his £70,000 transfer and he left Somerton Park on a free transfer to join Mansfield Town where he made 39 League appearances.

On loan from Coventry City is ERRINGTON KELLY who has scored 6 goals in his 10 matches for Peterborough. Errington has been unable to gain a First team place with any of his four League clubs on a regular basis making 18 with Bristol Rovers, 2 with Lincoln and 5 with Bristol City, he originally joined Bristol Rovers for a £1,000 fee from Ledbury Town.

Former Manchester United apprentice GARY WORRALL joined United just before the transfer deadline after a period on loan, 22 year old Gary failed to break into the Old Trafford First team but has found a regular spot at London Road.

by DAVE KING

With the season now almost complete the only issue of parochial interest is the destiny of the English Schools Shield in which Swindon Schoolboys will be attempting to have their name engraved on the trophy for the first time.

The prospect of whether any of these talented schoolboys can make the upward step into the world of professional football will be watched with more than a passing interest in the coming seasons, for the recent announcement that several of the members of this successful team had signed Forms for our Club is indeed welcome news.

While most League Clubs can obviously claim that they have reasonable success in producing local talent to appear in their various teams, it is probably truer to say that clubs in the lower Leagues have the greater percentage of locally nurtured players. The likes of Darlington, Tranmere, and Swindon over a period of seasons have more locally born players appearing for them than for instance Liverpool, Aston Villa or Arsenal. The success of a productive youth policy is seen when you consider the players to have appeared for our Club over many years, and it must always be an advisable and sensible policy for any Club that can produce a talented young player that becomes the envy of a more fashionable Club, and who eventually may invest a sizeable transfer fee for the signature of that young player for the likes of the smaller Clubs to invest part of that sum into the ensuring of a youth policy for many years hence. This Club has an admirable record in the youth policy it has pursued over many seasons.

To give some indication of how many local born players have appeared at League level for this Club since 1945 a look at those in alphabetical order is revealing, but it must also be remembered that the majority do not scale the heights that are needed, and a large number may only appear at Youth or Football Combination level.

Alan Bates only played one League match in 1952, while William Bingham appeared in twenty matches in 1946-47. Sam Burton, a popular and consistent goalkeeper, who played in 461 League matches between 1946 to 1961 certainly made his mark at the County Ground. One of our current playing staff, Kevin Baddeley has proved himself at Swindon after serving his apprenticeship with Bristol City and has now made 90 League appearances for the Club. Last season saw nine League appearances by Martin Blackler before being released on a free transfer, he now plays for Southern League Witney Town.

Geoff Chalklin played his only three League matches in 1975, a former England Schoolboy International his opportunities at League level were limited.

Albert Denyer played seven League matches in 1946 before joining Cardiff City, all six of these players were born in Swindon, as were Brian Farr who made 11 appearances during 1950-51, his namesake Ian Farr made one substitute appearance in 1975, Colin Gill also made a solitary appearance in 1955.

Goalkeeper Tony Hicks, a former apprentice made 52 League appearances between 1964 and 1966, while Ernie Hunt one of a batch of fine young players produced in the early 1960's played in 214 League matches, scoring 81 goals, before being signed by Wolves, later to play for Everton, Coventry and Bristol City in a memorable career that included two England Under 23 International Caps.

George Hunt, a full back, played in three hundred and five League matches between 1948 and 1957, while Phil Harris with one substitute appearance had the briefest encounter with League football.

Cliff Jackson before his move to Plymouth Argyle played 91 League matches scoring 28 goals for us, a former England Schoolboy Cap Cliff played for Torquay after leaving Home Park. Before leaving the Club Roy Jackson played two League games in 1954.

Brothers Les and Roy Onslow both appeared in League soccer, Les in 6 appearances between 1946 and 1948, while Roy had a more successful time making 139 appearances scoring 24 goals in his career with the Town which spanned 1948 up to 1955.

Full back Roy Page between 1950 to 1954 played 34 League matches, while Eddie Painter joined the Club in 1946 and played 77 League matches up to 1950.

Before his transfer to Exeter City former apprentice Denis Peapell was to appear twice in League matches in 1964, Bob Peart scored 5 goals in his 12 matches for the Club between 1949 and 1951, he had previously been with Burnley as an amateur.

Ray Sampson who played for the Club between 1953 and 1958 initially as a junior made 64 League appearances scoring 10 goals.

Wilf Shergold whose father Bill was a former Welsh amateur International making two hundred and seventy four appearances for Newport County, made 37 appearances between 1963 to 1965 before being transferred to Bradford City.

England Youth International John Skull was an amateur with the Club before joining Wolves, never to appear in their League side. He joined Banbury before rejoining Swindon in 1957. He played in 33 League games scoring 11 goals in his only season 1957-58.

Sterling service was given to the Club by Roger Smart who between 1961 and 1972 scored 43 goals in his 349 League matches for his home town club, before his transfer to Charlton Athletic.

Fred Thompson played 21 games from 1954 to 1960, while Rex Tilley came back to his home town club via Plymouth Argyle in the 1958-59 season to play in 31 of the Clubs matches, he had previously joined Plymouth from Chippenham, he made one hundred and twenty three appearances for the Devon Club.

Gordon Williams was to make 127 appearances scoring 13 goals for Swindon his only League Club between 1946 to 1956. Setting a family link with the Club was Terry Wollen who played 84 League games between 1960 and 1964, his son Andy is captain of this seasons youth team, now recovering from a broken limb.

Bob Woodruff, born at nearby Highworth scored 19 goals in his 180 League matches between 1958 and 1963, leaving to join Wolves, later to number among his other Clubs Crystal Palace, Cardiff City and Newport County, a Club for whom his son has appeared in League matches this season. After joining the Club from Swindon B.R. Mick Woolford made 3 appearances in 1959 his only matches in League football.

Last of all the incomparable John Trollope, born at nearby Wroughton, who made Football League history with his 770 appearances for one Club between 1960 and 1980 scoring 22 goals in the process, and still sprightly enough to appear in the odd Reserve match this season at 40 years of age, and of course is the Clubs Youth Team Manager.

Maybe in future years we may be able to add further names to the 'Swindon Born' list from among this years Swindon Schoolboy team, but other thoughts occupy their minds at present, let's all wish them good luck and hopefully their future progress will enable some of them to appear in the list of local players to make good in the demands of the English Football League.

YOUTH TEAM FEATURE SPONSORED BY



With the season coming to an end both the Reserves and the Youth team still have games to play, and as with the First team have very little to play for. The Reserve team have struggled most of the season, due to having to field so many different players, but although we are not experienced enough the effort in games has been 100%. Results have been hard to come by as we play against some very good and experienced sides, who would give our First team a hard game as I consider some to be on par with some 4th Division sides.

Although the going has been tough, it helps to build that fighting quality into the younger players knowing that it can't get much harder. Praise must go to the non contract players such as Steve Slattery, Adrian Matthews, Gerry Kelly and Stuart Gould for their efforts during the season, for without them we would not have been able to field a side on several occasions. Thanks lads. We occupy third from bottom spot with a few games to go and with possibly the same set up next season we hope that things have been learnt and we improve both in performance and results.

The Youth team in the South East Counties League has been the most disappointing part, for up to a month or so ago they were in with a chance of the League and Cup double. Having reached the semi-final of the cup only to be beaten by Wimbledon who we defeated a few weeks previous, we looked a good bet for the League title, for as it turns out we needed just 4 points from our last 4 games to clinch it. Unfortunately we have blown our chances by losing two and drawing one in the last 3 games, so with only one game to play Brentford must drop a point for us to have any chance. We certainly don't seem to have the necessary 'bottle' as they say when the pressure is on, to go on and win things. Throughout the season we have proved to be the best team in the League but its about results when it matters and we certainly let ourselves down here. Although this dampened a good season, some of the younger lads have shown enough for us to take them on next season plus Mark Hughes and Mark Gardiner having a taste of First team football. This is our main object but it is also nice to have some reward for your efforts and the lads certainly deserved something.

So to next season when we will be joined by several of the successful Swindon Boys side who we wish well in their forthcoming games against Sheffield.

John Trollope

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Town striker Jim Quinn (left) gets airborne in the last home game against Mansfield.

Bottom Left

Teenager Mark Gardiner (left) making his first team debut against Mansfield at the County Ground last week.

Top Right

Charlie Henry (left) in ball-winning mood against Mansfield in the County Ground draw.

Bottom Right

Dark-shirted Jim Quinn takes off during a goal scoring attempt in the match against Mansfield at the County Ground.

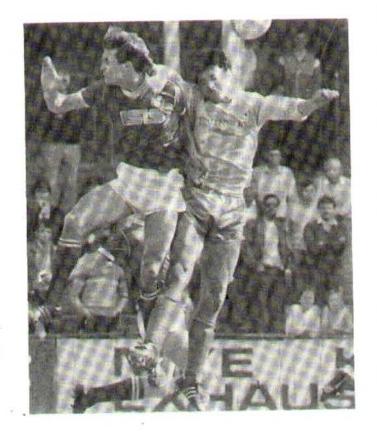




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SURVEY ON DIVISION EQUIR

by DAVE KING

With the end of another season waiting for the final curtain to fall in ten days time, now is the time for reflection and with it an outlook of optimism. The continued lack of success at International level, the isolated but damaging outbreaks of violence in or near our Football Grounds are two of the sadder aspects of our National game this season.

But for me and countless others with genuine love of a great game at heart, it is sad to see the retirement of two players this season who have given a lot to English football. The retirement of Trevor Brooking from West Ham, a player with genuine skills and a panache that must be the envy of many of his fellow players. Trevor is a loss to our game, always above all that is unwarranted in the sourer aspects of the game, I can describe Trevor Brooking in no more fitting attribute than professional footballer and a gentleman.

Many felt that Kevin Keegan tarnished his image when he announced he did not want to play for England again, for me a strange decision, but it's his personal choice. Few can argue that Kevin Keegan always gave of his best, his enthusiasm this season to bring a joyful seasons end to a depressed corner of England is admirable, and although Kevin may have made a lucrative career from the spin off in the commercial world surrounding soccer, his attitude, appetite and enthusiasm is a factor which a lot of players would do well to follow on the field of play. Two players English football can ill afford to be without.

For all of us connected with Swindon Town, Manager, Players and Directors and above all the Supporters, this has been a miserable season. Like all seasons it began with optimism but on reflection it seemed doomed to failure before it commenced. The pre-season matches decimated our small squad of players, injuries robbing us of a gradual build up to the seasons start, this left Ken Beamish with little room to manouvre. The squad numbered sixteen in August, but after a few weeks it was virtually fourteen, which it has remained for most of the season with Jimmy Allan absent after eight games, Paul Richardson not really in contention for a First Team place, and during the season besides Jim Allan the following suffered injury or suspension, Charlie Henry, Colin Baillie, Simon Gibson, Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Dave Hockaday, Andy Rowland, Leigh Barnard and Alan Mayes, while Nigel Gray was not to feature in First Team plans.

Recriminations have no place in life, least of all sport, the players by their performances in Cup matches proved that they could and should have done better and surely sport is mainly about the participants. No doubt when we return in August there will be a new face or two and it is important that we all start afresh. The manager has well before the seasons end stated his alarm at the ratio of goals and none of us need to be an expert to know that we distinctly lack pace in the main striking positions, and an amount of aggression all round.

We must not lose sight of the fact that this is a Club, and, there are many sections within it, for those who have watched the Reserve Team will know how heavily the odds have been stacked against them, but very rarely have they wilted in endeavour, and for a team mainly filled with non-contract and youth players that is creditable against such teams as Tottenham, Arsenal, West Ham etc.

Saturday morning at Shrivenham Road have been most enjoyable, the Youth Team so ably managed by John Trollope has always been entertaining and I would recommend to anyone with a Saturday morning to spare next season to come and watch, youthful abundance on or in a sports arena is always a joy to watch.

For the 2,000 to 3,000 who have loyally remained in the poorest season in the Clubs history, with regard to our final league position, for sure, some time the tide of fortune will change, and the loyal fan will enjoy it all the more, because sport goes in cycles. For four seasons the loyal fans of Bristol City endured misery with successive seasons of relegation, but this year it appears that has now ended and those who endured, are now savouring the moment.

The prospects, come August, the same as every other Club. This season the attendance for the Cup match with Blackburn proved what can be, and the motto of 'above and over, and not under' must be observed. This Club must fight its way above and while the cynics may say 'They will be just as bloody terrible this year', in a small corner of their hearts they too nurture a dream that this will be 'Our Year'.

Surely the professional footballer dreams as well, he is more than a dreamer, he is a dream maker, and when August comes no matter how cynical they have become, or how terrible the past season was, that is pushed to the past, and they dream of the future which is nine months long, for they seek to justify their existence by winning titles and cups, or promotion, yet most fail.

So when next season begins a strong resolve by all will surely bring a more rewarding time, for while there is part justification in the Fourth Division being a harder League than most, this seasons leaders York City followed by Doncaster Rovers, Reading and Bristol City have been skilful sides with a controlled and disciplined aggression allied to their skill.

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So we must wish Ken Beamish good luck in his summer quest to strengthen the team, and when we return after the summer break we will all hope and wonder will this be 'Our Year'.

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