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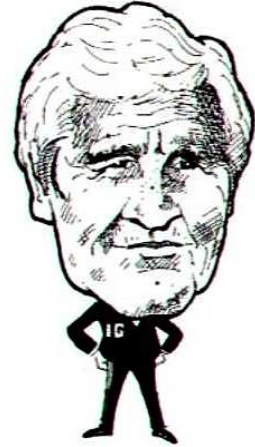
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IAN GREAVES

Anyone who saw last Saturday's performance at Stockport will know that we might well have come home with three points.

I was very pleased with our pattern of play. Everyone knew what they were doing and we created scoring chances.

Unfortunately we missed too many opportunities and it's no good talking about what might have been unless the team wins and to win you must score goals.

Today we meet Swindon with the new management team of Lou Macari and Harry Gregg.

Harry and I go back a long way to our Manchester United days and I obviously wish them well, apart from today !

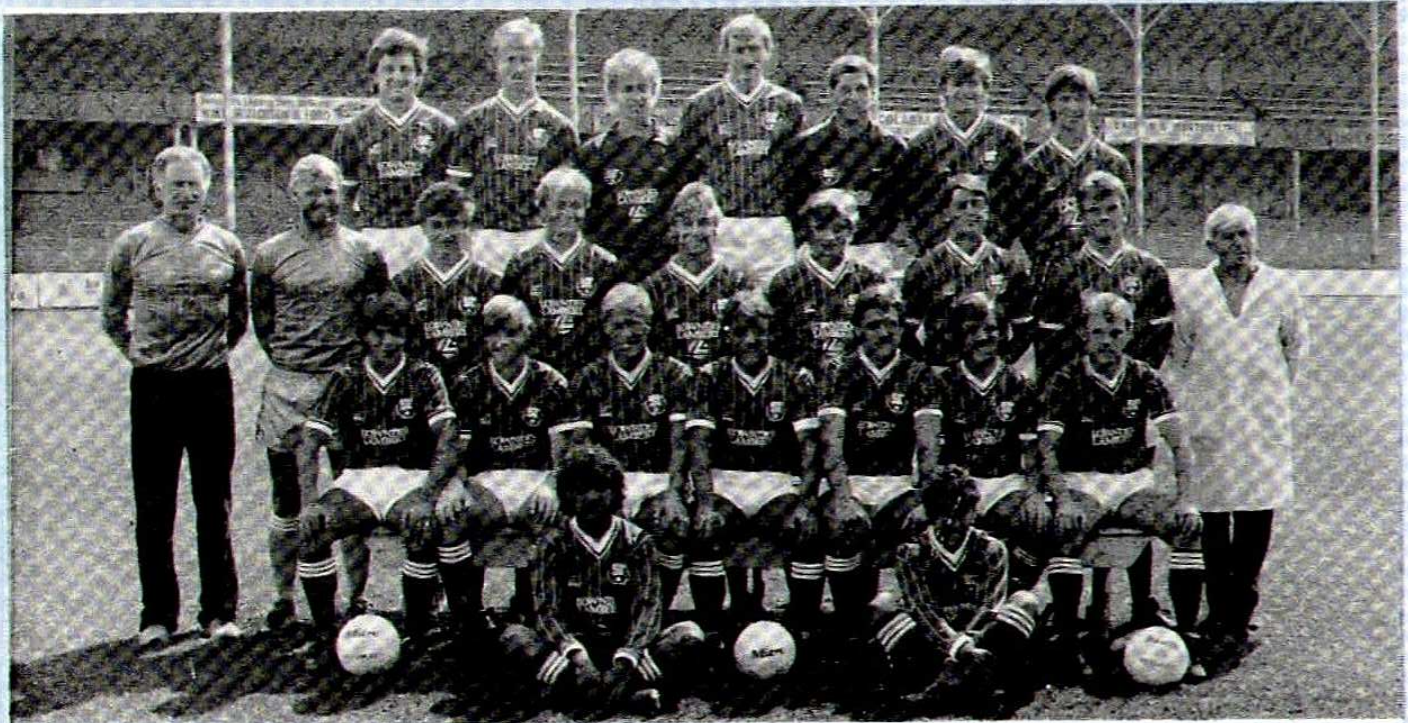
After today's game we have two away games at Exeter and Hereford and I am looking for improvement on the collection of points.

As I have said before, playing well is one thing, but all that is in vain unless we put the ball in the net and win games.



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Swindon Town

DETAILS OF TODAY'S VISITORS

Chairman: M. W. Earle
Manager: Lou Macari
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Year Formed: 1881 **Club Nickname:** "Robins"
Honours: Div. 3 runners-up 1962-63, 1968-69
 FA Cup Semi-Finals 1910, 1912
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 Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1970
Record Win: 10-1
 v. Farnham United Breweries FA Cup 1925

Most League Appearances:
 770 by John Trollope 1960-80
Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas 30 for Wales
Most League Goals (career):
 216 Harry Morris 1926-33
Most League Goals (season):
 47 Harry Morris 1926-27 Div. 3 (South)
Ground: County Ground **Capacity:** 26,000
Record Attendance: 32,000 v. Arsenal
 FA Cup 1972
Last Season's Position: 15th

BACK TRACKING WITH HARRY YELLAND

5 YEARS AGO — September 29th 1979. Away to Reading in Division 3.
 Score: Lost 1-0. League position: 24th. Attendance: 5,878.

Team: Arnold, Dawkins, Wood, Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Taylor, Lathan, Austin, Hamilton, Allen. Sub.: Caldwell.

On the same day, also in Division 3, today's visitors, Swindon Town, had a comfortable 3-0 home win over Grimsby Town in front of 6,825 spectators.

10 YEARS AGO — September 27th 1974. Home to Chester in Division 4.

Score: Drew 0-0. League position: 6th. Attendance: 3,182.

Team: Arnold, Pate, B. Foster, Matthews, C. Foster, Kruse, Lathan, O'Connor, Eccles, Clarke, Hodgson. Sub.: Llewelyn.

September 28th 1974: In Division 3, today's visitors, Swindon Town, shared the points in a 2-2 draw at home to Watford. Burrows and a Trollope penalty scored for the home team. Attendance: 6,326.

15 YEARS AGO — September 30th 1969. Away to Bury in Division 3.

Score: Lost 1-0. Attendance: 3,302.

Team: Brown, Pate, Walker, Stenson, Boam, Saunders, Partridge, Sharkey, Roberts, Quigley, Bates.

In Division 2, on the same day, Swindon were at home to Millwall and won 2-1 with both goals from Horsfield. Attendance: 17,268.



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LEFT TO RIGHT. **Back Row:** Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollen, Mark Hughes. **Centre:** Harry Gregg (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner, Martin Davison, Sean Prowse, Mike Graham, Dave Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist). **Front Row:** Paul Batty, Gary Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari (Player Manager), Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes, Colin Bailie. **Seated:** Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.

SCOTT ENDERSBY (Goalkeeper). Born Lewisham. He appeared in an F.A. Cup tie for Kettering Town at the age of 15 but served his apprenticeship at Ipswich Town where he won an England Youth Cap. He moved to Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 1981 and made his League debut against Hereford United in September 1981. He made 91 appearances for the Birkenhead club and joined Swindon in July 1983. He made 40 appearances last season and won the Supporters' Player of the Season Award with some spectacular saves.

COLIN BAILIE (Full Back). Born Belfast. A former apprentice, he made his League debut at Oxford United in April 1982 but began to claim a regular place in the side the following season. He became an established member of the team last season at the end of which he had made 71 appearances and can fill either full back position or play in midfield.

KEVIN BADDELEY (Defender). Born Swindon. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his debut against West Ham United in August 1980. That was, however, to be his only appearance for City before he moved to Swindon in July 1981. Usually a left full-back, he made 102 appearances to the end of last season when he was given a free transfer but re-signed in August 1984.

LOU MACARI (Midfield). Born Edinburgh. Swindon's Player/Manager appointed in July 1984 after a distinguished career with Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland. He joined the Old Trafford club in 1973 after over 50 appearances for Celtic and went on to make around 390 appearances for United. He also gained 24 Scottish caps. Originally a forward, he has played more in midfield in recent years but continued to score goals regularly.

MIKE GRAHAM (Defender). A former Bolton Wanderers player, he made his debut at Mansfield in March 1978 and went on to appear 51 times for that club. He joined Swindon in July 1981 and had made 125 appearances at the end of last season when he was given a free transfer under the Freedom of Contract rules but re-signed in August 1984. Most of his appearances have been alongside the centre-half but he has also played at full-back and in midfield.

ANDY ROWLAND (Defender). Born Derby. Although Andy began with Derby County it was not until he moved to Bury that he played first

team football. Made his League debut at Swindon in August 1974 and a total of 203 appearances for Bury before moving to Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer for much of his career, the last couple of seasons have seen him make a number of appearances at centre back. He has also been the team's emergency goalkeeper and has performed well in that role on several occasions. With 264 appearances for Swindon to the end of last season, he is the club's senior professional and, before this season began, his career goals scored totalled 161.

PAUL BATTY (Midfield). Born Doncaster. A former Swindon apprentice who made his League debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He quickly became a regular in the centre of midfield and had made 91 appearances to the end of last season. Although short for a professional footballer he makes up in determination for his lack of inches.

PETER COYNE (Striker). Joined Manchester United in 1975 where he played for two years including one full game in the first team. He then joined non-League Ashton United before signing for Crewe in 1978 for whom he played around 120 first team games. In 1981 he joined Northern Premier League club Hyde United, playing 103 games for them before joining Swindon Town.

MARK GARDINER (Forward). Born Cirencester. Promising young forward who made two appearances last season whilst still an apprentice his debut being against Mansfield Town on April 29th 1984.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield). Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth making his League debut at Exeter City in September 1977. He made 89 appearances for Pompey plus 4 on loan to Peterborough United before signing for Swindon in July 1982. An enthusiastic player always in the thick of the action, he can play in any midfield position but is, perhaps, best wide on the left. Made 92 appearances for Swindon to the end of last season.

GARRY NELSON (Forward). Born Braintree. Garry's only previous club was Southend United for whom he made his League debut against Colchester United in October 1979. He went on to make 140 appearances for Southend and joined Swindon in July 1983. Basically an old fashioned left-winger who likes to get past his full-back, he made 43 appearances last season.

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ON THE INSIDE

Several Canon League managers are currently commenting on the increasing number of bookings being made so far this season by match officials.

To date this season they are almost double the figures from previous campaigns.

And one of the changes which have been the cause for the alarming increase in the number of cautions handed out, more than any other is the rule which demands that players of the opposing side retire ten yards immediately the decision is given.

We have had a number of players fall victim of this ruling so far, and no doubt you will recall that in the game at Port Vale, Noel Luke was booked for the offence although the home side had scored from the free kick . . . the goal being ruled out.

One can say that one of the main causes of the confusion over the new ruling is the varying ways officials are interpreting the rule.

Inconsistency of interpretation of rules has always been a sore point among managers and players.

And one First Division manager suggested in the press last week that managers and referees should sit down and iron out the numerous problems which are arising from a varying application of not only the ten yard rule, but other laws as well.

This appears to us a common sense suggestion for a uniform approach to the Laws of the Game is long overdue.

If the number of bookings continue at the present rate, we can foresee tremendous problems for many clubs, on the playing staff side.

This could come around the November-December period when so many

players will reach the 21 disciplinary points mark and are suspended for varying periods.

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This afternoon we extend a welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Swindon Town.

During the close season Town have appointed the former Manchester United and Scotland star Lou Macari as their player manager.

And he has as his assistant manager a former playing colleague of our manager Ian Greaves in goalkeeper Harry Gregg, who was, of course, involved in that tragic Manchester United air crash in 1958.

It is essential that in this game we get back to winning ways at Field Mill in front of our own fans after three very disappointing results at home.

We commence next month (October) with two very long away trips, next Wednesday to Exeter City who were relegated from Division Three at the end of last season, and to Hereford United, the current leaders of Division Four who have had a marvellous start to the season.

Our reserve team too continues to do well. They followed up their 1-0 win against Nottingham Forest by defeating Port Vale 2-0 . . . well done lads.

We are pleased to report that the reserves will be operating nearer home in future.

The management committee of Thoresby Colliery Welfare have agreed to allow our home matches to be played on their pitch at Edwinstowe and we hope that many of you will go along and give your support. Kick off time is usually 10.45 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

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OLD BOYS

Old boys in the news last Saturday week — Gary Nicholson scoring York City's third goal in their fine away win at Orient, and John Dungworth netting twice in Rotherham United's first win of the season against Bolton Wanderers.

FIRST POINT

Northampton Town gained their first point of the season in a goalless draw at home to Rochdale. This was the Cobbler's fifth league match of the season, and it was Tony Barton's first look at his new club — Tony had suffered a heart-attack shortly after joining Northampton in the summer from Aston Villa.

SENDING OFFS

Stockport County in a recent 2-0 defeat away to Hereford United ended a bleak afternoon with Paul Hendrie and Steve Buxton both being sent off in the last five minutes.

HAPPY RETURN

Chesterfield manager John Duncan made a happy return recently to Scunthorpe, the club that sacked him eighteen months ago, as he watched his side win 4-2. Former Chesterfield boss, Frank Barlow, is now in charge at Scunthorpe United.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

A splendid result for Wrexham in their First Round, First Leg match at the Racecourse. Jim Steel rocked the side, packed with eight internationals, with a headed goal 13 minutes from time to give the Welshmen a memorable 1-0 victory against last year's European Cup-Winners' Cup finalists. The attendance for the match was 4,935, well above Wrexham's League gates.

MEAN DEFENCE

After six Division 4 games, leaders Hereford United, have yet to concede a goal against.

ATTENDANCES

Top six attendances in Division 4:

- 1—4,902 Blackpool v. Port Vale
- 2—4,722 Blackpool v. Darlington
- 3—3,947 Chesterfield v. Blackpool
- 4—3,847 Hereford Utd. v. Chester City
- 5—3,663 Blackpool v. Exeter City
- 6—3,591 Swindon Town v. Wrexham

Bottom six attendances in Division 4:

- 1—1,004 Halifax Town v. Aldershot
- 2—1,006 Rochdale v. Torquay Utd.
- 3—1,110 Darlington v. Northampton Town
- 4—1,162 Rochdale v. Wrexham
- 5—1,310 Torquay Utd. v. Darlington
- 6—1,343 Torquay Utd. v. Stockport County

LEADING GOALSCORERS (League, Milk Cup)

ADCOCK	Colchester United	8
DEARY	Blackpool	6
HARVEY	Hereford United	6
LEONARD	Crewe Alexandra	6
MADDEN	Bury	6
NEWTON	Chesterfield	5
PHILLIPS	Hereford United	5
STEEL	Wrexham (incl. goal in ECWC)	5

Note:—

Attendances and Goalscorers correct to 23.9.84

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6. Paul Garner
7. Tony Lowery
8. Noel Luke
9. Mick Vinter
10. Dave Caldwell
11. Stewart Barrowclough
12. To be announced

REFEREE :

T. SIMPSON (Ripponden, West Yorkshire)

Building Society Agency Manager. Married with two girls. Commenced refereeing in 1966 on local leagues, progressed via West Yorkshire, Northern Intermediate and Northern Premier Leagues. Former goalkeeper with Halifax Town, is a qualified F.A. coach and a keen member of Halifax and District Referees' Society. Interested in squash, record collecting and hospital radio broadcasting.

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- Peter Coyne 8.
- Mark Gardiner 9.
- Leigh Barnard 10.
- Garry Nelson 11.
- To be announced 12.

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they would cross on or by yet another ground. Can you name the club based there ?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 5

Scramble the letters of each of these words :

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FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE No. 5

1. Which City features in the name of two of the clubs promoted in 1984 ?
2. Who was the World "Manager of the Year" for 1983 ?
3. In 1984 who became the youngest-ever scorer in the First Division ?
4. Which club knocked the then holders Manchester United, out of the 1983/84 F.A. Cup ?
5. Which club had the succession of "colourful" managers Green, Gray and Goulden ?

Entries to—The Editor, Stags Programme, Mansfield Town F.C.
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DID YOU KNOW ?

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Bobby Charlton scored 49 goals for England in 106 matches.

Goal-nets: invented and patented in 1890 by Mr. Brodie of Liverpool. They were first used in the North v. South match in January 1891.

Albert Geldard played for Bradford in September 1929, at the age of 15 years and 156 days, to become the Football League's youngest player.

E. Hartson of Mansfield Town holds the Third Division (North) goalscoring record. During season 1936-37, he scored 55 goals in only 41 games.

118,567 watched a Scottish League game between Rangers and Celtic, January 2nd 1939.

In March 1964 J. Brownword of Scunthorpe United became the first full-back to score 50 League goals.

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THE PROPS

BOOTS

Players' footwear is very much taken for granted though one will occasionally hear complaints of spectators to the effect that the contemporary lighter boots provide little protection to ankles, these complaints usually occurring when a player is injured by a tackle which the spectators think would have been avoided in the old days.

In the early days of the game at the end of the last century virtually any solidly made boot was deemed adequate for a player. Then came the age of the well-known manufacturer William Shilcock, who sought to make a "lighter, stronger and more durable boot" according to an article he wrote in 1906. He had a factory in which the boot making equipment was according to him "the most ingenious and striking in the whole realm of mechanical invention." He gives details of the stud-making machine which "drives five rivets through three plates of leather and leaves the stud ready for fixing."

Boots were kept in the factory for at least four months before being sold so that the leather is fully stretched before the boot is used and it was claimed that a pair could last for eight years in constant use.

Breaking in of new boots always seemed to be a problem and early this century teams occasionally claimed that star players wearing a new pair were actually handicapped in a game. Certainly some outstanding displays have been given through the years by players wearing old boots that were comfortable.

Boots have evolved over the years so that they are now much lighter with less support to the ankles, but the basic principle of them being made so as to grip firmly by means of studs has been retained. So has the requirement that these studs shall not be more than ten in number and shall not constitute any danger to other players. The tying of boots has also varied relatively little over the years as has the solidity of the toecap though now a variety of different materials are used in manufacture.

The laws list "leather, rubber, plastic, aluminium or any similar material" as possible materials for the stud and until a boot flies off in the midst of a fiery game or a player suffers an injury that could have been caused by a jagged edge few people notice them nowadays. Just occasionally studless footwear is worn on hard grounds and certainly the right length of stud for particular conditions can be vital.

THE LAWS No. 5

This law deals with the vital question of referees, who are required to do ten different things in the knowledge that on points of fact their decision is final. Several of these requirements are inevitably controversial. For instance the referee has to judge exactly when to "refrain from penalising" on the grounds that by penalising an offence he would give advantage to the offending team. There is just as much debate too over when exactly to "stop the game, if in his opinion a player lies seriously injured." Most of us recall examples of a referee blowing up when a player seems to have exaggerated a minor injury and, more seriously, of a referee leaving a player lying in agony with a broken limb for several minutes before a trainer is called on.

There is also a thin dividing line between the requirement of a referee to "caution a player guilty of misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour" and yet to "send-off the field a player in his opinion guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play or the use of foul and abusive language." Many anomalies have occurred in this area with some referees clearly more ready to send off players than others.

One of the ancillary duties of the referee is that of timekeeper and here again controversy has occurred in cases where it has seemed that he has been distracted by the cause of the stoppage and has not accurately added the time that has been lost. Many fans have over the years expressed the view that an independent timekeeper should be responsible for ensuring that exactly 45 minutes should be played in each half since he would have no other distractions to the job of accurately recording the time.

One might also consider the possibility of the senior linesman recording the timing of a game since he has less overall responsibility than the referee. Nowadays linesmen will signal to the referee when in their opinion time is up, but there is no requirement of the referee to heed these signals if he thinks otherwise. In fact this is the case with all linesmen's signals since an International Board ruling states that "in no case shall the referee consider the intervention of a linesman if he himself has seen the incident and is from his position on the field better able to judge."

When the referee is uncertain of what exactly has happened, however, he is expected to consult a linesman and may even, on the advice of the latter, reverse his original decision provided that the game has not already restarted.

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I hope you like the content of the programme this season, we feel that the readability has been improved but are not too happy with the front cover. The design is great but perhaps not really in line with our business. Therefore, at great cost! we are changing the face of the programme starting with the next issue. Watch out for it.

AGENTS FUNCTION

The next agents function as previously stated takes place next month. The date to mark in your diary is Wednesday, 17th October and we can now reveal that the artists booked for the evening are vocal/comedy duo Mike and Bobby Charles. This is a great act and remember the evening is free for all Mansfield Town Football Club agents. The event takes place at Stewarts Banqueting Suite on Belvedere Street, Mansfield. If you have not yet received your ticket, call in the Commercial Office today.

ANY NEW AGENTS starting with us in the next week or so will be invited to the function. These regular get-togethers are good nights out and just one of

the benefits you get from being a Stags lottery sales agent. If you can sell just twenty or so tickets per week on our behalf, contact us for full details. You become an important member of the Stags team and can earn free entry to all home games.

MANDORA FIVE-A-SIDE LEAGUE

Presentation night for the season just ending will be notified as soon as possible and will take place at Stewarts in October. K.O. Cup games take place next Monday and Tuesday the 1st and 2nd of October, fixture lists available from the Commercial Office.

Any new teams wanting to join the league for the season due to start late October should contact Sue Haywood on 25877 as soon as possible.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

We are pleased to have been granted a licence by the F.A. to operate a Centre of Excellence at Field Mill. The man in charge our end, Assistant Manager John Jarman, has met both the Chairman and Director of Education and they have given warm approval to the Club's arrangements and it's proposal that a



direct approach be made by the Club to schools in the Mansfield and Newark areas. Not many clubs have the privilege of operating a Centre of Excellence and we are delighted that through the work of John Jarman we have been selected and granted a licence. In a future programme, John Jarman will outline the workings of the scheme and its place in the forming of future standards in football.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Messrs. Neville EMV of Mansfield for their generous sponsorship of the Centre of Excellence at Field Mill.

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