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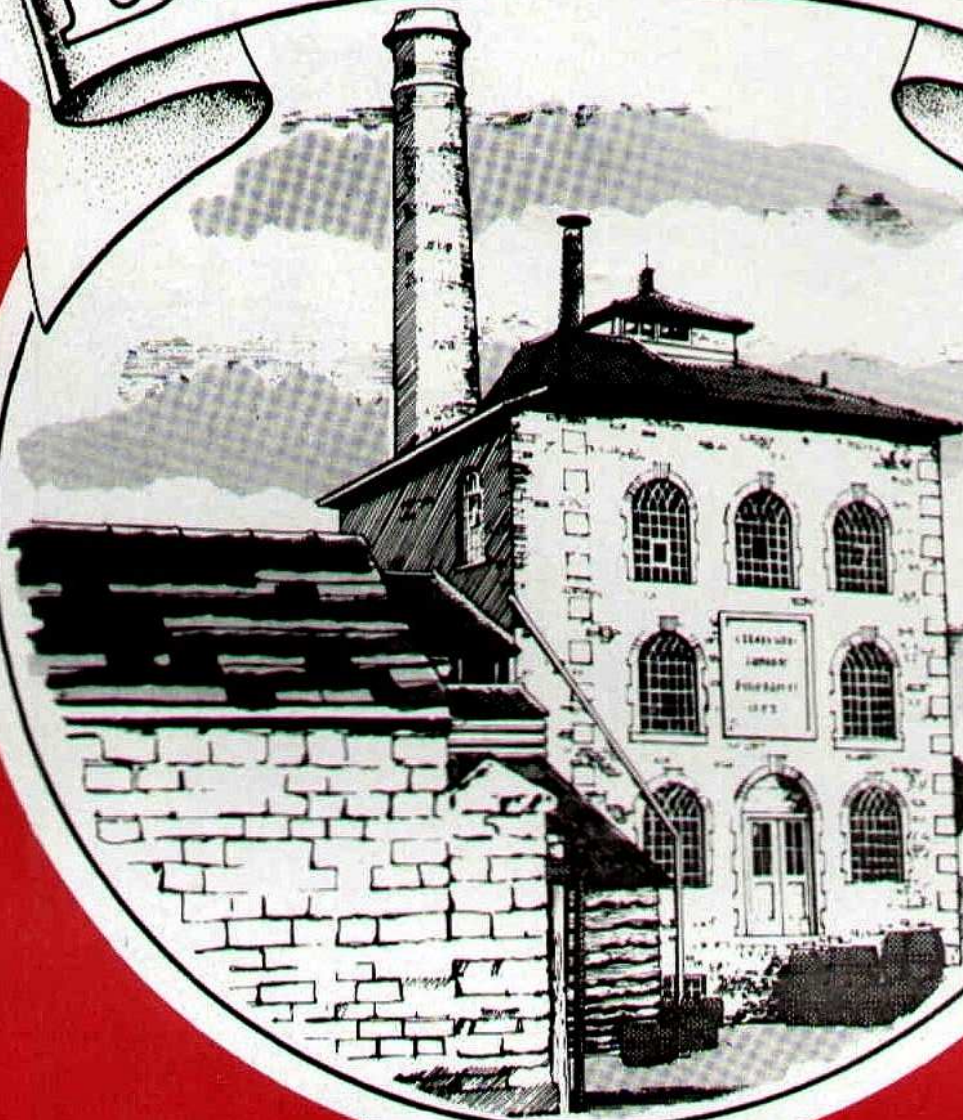
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Chairman's Comments



This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Halifax Town who in the last two seasons have been fortunate to do the double against us and I am sure that today our lads will be out to change that sequence and set us up for Christmas away games at Southend United on Boxing Day which incidentally is to be played in the morning with an 11.00 am kick off and up at Chester City next Saturday afternoon. Also whilst on the subject of our holiday games the game with Chesterfield United here on New Years Day is an afternoon kick off and hopefully we shall get a larger than average attendance for this fixture with the present League Leaders.

I would like to welcome to the Club now on a permanent basis our new signing Chris Ramsey who after two months on loan with us earlier in the season has joined us from Brighton and Hove Albion and hopefully he will enjoy his stay with us and that it will bring success to all of us. We also wish Simon Gibson well having left us for Preston North End after a stay of just over twelve months with us.

Last Saturdays win against Colchester United was enjoyable after our two previous results and it was pleasing to see Dave Hockaday back in good form after being plagued with injuries for virtually the whole season and we now hope that his problems are behind him.

John Trollope's lads also had a good win last Saturday at the current League Leaders Oxford United by 5 goals to nil. At a recent meeting of our Group 5 at Bristol City the subject of television was discussed because the existing contract runs out at the end of this season. It would appear that the television companies are now more than ever in favour of live football rather than recorded and it is now up to Clubs to express their views on this delicate subject.

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank our sponsors today Heywood Insurance Brokers of Melksham and to wish them and all of our supporters a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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Colin Gordon says..

I was very pleased to have got on to the score sheet last Saturday and, of course, it was also nice that we won the game especially after the defeat at Darlington where we felt that we did enough to have got some kind of favourable result. We are also pleased to have improved our form from the disastrous way we played against Dagenham although they proved themselves to be a fair side with their win against Peterborough in the second round.

I am fairly pleased about the way things have turned out for me for not more than six weeks ago I was unemployed and playing Non-League football and facing a very bleak Christmas. Thanks to Mr Bert Head who saw me playing at Bambury for Oldbury United and the management who gave me the chance to prove my worth I am now in a position to support myself for at least another two years.

The difference between League football and Non-League is getting smaller. I've found I have less time on the ball at this level and extra fitness makes a big difference and this obviously comes from full time training. The skill level, I feel, is very close for there are some talented lads playing in Non-League football, as many Clubs have discovered to their cost.

I would like to see us challenging for promotion and after our last two performances I feel that we have a good chance if we can put a run of unbeaten games together.

One of the biggest surprises to me is the way we are supported. I was astonished to see so many fans at Darlington and we all look forward to your continued support. My aim is to clinch a regular place in the side and you can be assured I will be trying my best to do so.

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Welcome to Halifax

BY DAVE KING

Halifax was the site of the last execution by beheading in England, in the football sense Mick Bullock was 'Given the Chop' following a 1-0 home defeat by Darlington. Since that day in October under the guidance of Caretaker Manager Billy Ayre they have lost only two of their last seven matches in the League.

The Halifax board of Directors have done well to keep soccer alive in the Yorkshire Town, cost cutting has meant the withdrawal of their Northern Intermediate League Team this year. A recent sponsorship deal with the D.I.Y. company Madeleys, part-owned by the former Leeds United and England player Paul Madeley. When they applied for re-election last year they were the only Club to receive full support. Goalscoring is the problem for the Shaymen with twelve goals in their Seventeen League matches to date.

Highlight of their season was the 3-2 aggregate win over Chesterfield in the first round of the Milk Cup which brought Tottenham Hotspur to the Shay in the Second Round, the inevitable occurred with a 9-1 deficit in the two leg tie.

League results inclusive of December 15th. HOME: Blackpool lost 0-2, Aldershot lost 1-2, Southend United won 1-0, Chesterfield lost 1-3, Darlington lost 0-1, Mansfield Town won 1-0, Port Vale won 2-1.

AWAY: Bury lost 0-3, Northampton Town won 1-0, Tranmere Rovers lost 0-1, Scunthorpe United lost 0-4, Chester City lost 0-2, Peterborough United lost 0-2, Colchester United won 3-1, Torquay drew 1-1, Crewe Alexandra won 1-0, Hereford United lost 0-

Halifax have completed the double over us during the last two seasons and the squad looking to repeat this again includes:-

Eire international PADDY ROCHE who has been capped seven times, the 33 year old Dublin born goalkeeper began his career with Shelbourne, he attracted the attention of Manchester United who paid a £15,000 fee for him in 1972. In nine seasons at Old Trafford, he made 46 League appearances. Paddy joined Brentford in 1982 to appear in every League match during the 1982/83 season, after 71 League matches with the Griffin Park Club, he joined Halifax this season and has played in every League match this season.

Full back CECIL PODD has missed only the away League match at Colchester since signing from Bradford City this summer. Born in St. Kitts 32 year old Cecil played

502 League games for the Valley Parade Club, in fourteen seasons there. Made maximum appearances during 1981/82.

Joining the Club from School, 18 year old MARK GREENWAY made his debut at Reading on December 2nd last year in a 1-0 defeat, Mark made 11 League appearances scoring his only League goal to date in an away match to last weeks visitors Colchester United. Has made only four League appearances this season before last Saturday.

Another former Bradford City defender is 29 year old GARY WATSON signed on a free transfer this summer, after 263 League matches with City, and twelve seasons at Valley Parade, made his debut for Halifax in the opening day match with Blackpool this season, up to last Saturday Gary has made 12 League appearances this season.

Player/Manager BILLY AYRE joined the Shay Club this season from Mansfield Town after 67 League matches at Field mill, this is his second spell with Halifax, for after 63 League matches spanning the 80/81 and 81/82 season Bill joined the Stags for a £15,000 fee in the summer of 1982. Originally joining Halifax after 141 League games for Hartlepool 32 year old Bill was originally with Scarborough, missed only the first match of the season against Blackpool.

Until joining Halifax from Southampton this summer 20 year old ALAN KNILL had never played League soccer, but the Slough born defender has been present in all of Halifax Town matches this season.

Former Club apprentice PAUL KENDALL established a regular place last season with 39 League appearances, scored his first league goal in their 3-2 win here last season. Played in the first fourteen League matches this season to take his career total to 76 League appearances. Halifax born Paul, has yet to add to his two League goals of last season, both against Swindon.

In the Shay Club's recent away match at Crewe 29 year old ALAN LITTLE made his 374th League appearance. The former Aston Villa apprentice played in three League matches for Villa, before joining Southend United on a free transfer in 1975 after 103 League games at Roots Hall he moved to Barnsley in 1977, playing in 91 League matches at Oakwell, before a £30,000 transfer took him to nearby Doncaster Rovers. After 85 League matches, Newcastle

born Alan moved to the South Coast to join Torquay United in a player exchange deal. Joined Halifax after fifty one League matches at Plainmoor. Scored three goals from his 27 League matches last season. Netted his only goal this season on Sept 8th in the home match with Aldershot, from his fourteen League matches.

Another player with no League experience before joining Halifax for this season was SIMON LOWE who will be 22 years old on Boxing Day, made his League debut v Blackpool on Aug 25th scored his first goal for the Club 3 days later in the Milk Cup Tie with Chesterfield, repeating the act in the return leg seven days later. His first league goal came on Oct 26th in the 3-1 away win at Colchester. Scored twice in the Shay Club's last home match with Port Vale.

Everpresent this season is last seasons top goalscorer with 14 League goals is 23 year old Bradford born BARRY GALLAGHER. The former Bradford City apprentice made 71 League appearances at Valley parade and 3 on loan to Mansfield Town before joining Halifax in the summer of 1983. Scored in our 2-1 defeat at the Shay last season, has scored 3 goals this season to take his career total to thirty nine.

Former Brighton apprentice STEVE WARD has now made 183 League appearances for Halifax after joining the Club on a free

transfer from Northampton Town in 1980, played in all 46 League matches last season. Derby born Steve has made 14 League appearances this season, scored the only goal of the game at Crewe on Nov 23rd.

Joining Halifax on a free transfer from Lincoln City this summer, 19 year old CHRIS MOYSES made his League debut on Aug 25th in the home match with Blackpool, has made 8 League appearances so far this season, yet to score in first team football!

Scoring on his League debut v Chester on Feb 14th last season was 19 year old Dewsbury born STEPHEN THORNBUR, with ten appearances in League matches this season to add to his five of last, the only other goal Steve has scored was the winning goal of the Club's 1-0 win at Northampton on Sept 15th this season.

Former Stoke City and Plymouth Argyle striker JEFF COOK has only the winning goal from the home match with Mansfield Town on Nov 10th to his credit this season from 10 League matches, 32 year old Jeff scored six goals from his 25 League games last season his first for the Shay Club. Was the subject of a £25,000 fee when leaving Stoke for Plymouth after 30 matches in the League for the Potteries Club scoring once. Sixty two League games followed at Home Park with 26 goals before his free transfer to Halifax.



A Happy Christmas

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when Irish eyes were smiling

BY DAVE KING

The World Cup of 1958, held in Sweden, are among the memories most vivid to Harry Gregg, for incredibly Northern Ireland reached the last eight.

Northern Ireland set up their headquarters in a luxury hotel overlooking a sandy beach at Tylosand, near Halmstad. Arriving unsung and unheralded, in stark contrast to the publicity afforded England, Scotland, Brazil and 1954 winners West Germany, and host country Sweden.

After the first match they were demanding re-appraisal, showing skill and determination they defeated Czechoslovakia 1-0, with a goal from Wilbur Cush.

Down to earth, the following match with a 3-1 defeat by South American Champions Argentina, followed by a 2-2 draw with West Germany in Malmo. Twice in the lead with goals from Peter McParland, when eleven minutes from time Harry who had turned in the performance of a lifetime was beaten by West German striker Uwe Seeler, the draw saw the Germans through to the last eight, that meant a play off between Ireland and Czechoslovakia, who had defeated Argentina 6-1.

Efforts to stay in Malmo for the decider failed, a tiring 100 mile journey back to Tylosand followed, where their fans - two of whom arrived from Ireland on a motor scooter - had set up tents in the hotel grounds. The Irish took over the 'Norre Kat' the local night club after each match celebrating in victory and defeat.

Harry, his ankle badly swollen after spraining it in the West German match, bathed it for hours in cold water and for two days repeated the process, but he failed to make the deciding match.

The Irish needed to win and former Swindon Town keeper Norman Uprichard then of Portsmouth took Harry's place. Returning to the scene of their triumph over the West Germans, they were a goal down in 17 minutes, but they equalised seconds before half time through Peter McParland.

Early in the second half Uprichard damaged his hand, he was to learn after the match he had broken a bone. Further misfortune followed when Bertie Peacock collided with Uprichard and the Czech Zikan, with a damaged knee he limped on the left wing for the remainder of the match. After 90 minutes the score was level, dusk fell on the stadium as the match went into extra time.

Making most of the running, McParland put the Irish ahead in the tenth minute. With twenty minutes left the Ulster fans were singing 'When Irish Eyes are Smiling'. In the time remaining the Czech Bubernik an Ice Hockey International spat in the Referee's face and was sent off, the Irish held on and at 9.21 it was all over. Those Irish immortals were cheered all the way back along the tunnel by jubilant fans.

There were fantastic moments after, some, when glory like grief needs no audience. The players savoured that glory when Manager Peter Doherty told them privately, 'Well done boys, you were magnificent.'

Northern Ireland had reached the quarter finals but the mounting injury list proved insurmountable. That night they drove back to Tylosand, and the next day travelled 10 hours in a bus across Sweden to Norrköping, there on Thursday June 19, they lost 4-0 to France.

Harry, still not recovered, was drafted into the team in place of Norman Uprichard whose hand was encased in plaster, it was asking too much for a team that had already reached a peak beyond their wildest dreams.

Irish hearts were heavy that night, so too was that of 13 year old Bengt Jonasson from Tylosand who had been adopted as the team's mascot.

The players thought so much of Bengt that they brought him to Belfast the following October for the British Championship match with Scotland and he was given the full V.I.P. treatment.

To put that achievement in its right perspective, it was a success to qualify for the final series and even more remarkable that they should finish in the last eight. Against terrific odds that lengthened with every injury and no country earned such glory from ultimate defeat.

The people of Sweden will always remember Northern Ireland, and that night in Malmo when they made History against the Czechs. At that time Irish football had reached a pinnacle, that they lost in the quarter final could never diminish their achievement. We know now of the equally meritorious performance of the Northern Ireland team in 1982 World Cup in Spain. But their predecessors of 1958 were the fore runners of a World Cup series that provided a lot of happy memories for Harry.



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FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

After a brief period with Chesterfield former Arsenal, Spurs, Notts Forest, and Scotland under 23 International Willie Young has left League leaders Chesterfield to concentrate on his business commitments, he failed to make the Saltergate Club's League side due to their consistency. After leaving Norwich City last season 33 year old Willie has failed to find a League Club until recently joining Chesterfield.

After appearing in several of our reserve team matches this season Dominic Genevese has now joined Gola League Boston United, scoring from the penalty spot in their recent 1-1 draw with Gateshead on his debut for the Lincolnshire Club who are currently in third position.

In a recent award for the month of November the fourteen most consistent performers were named as follows Tony Lowery (Mansfield), Steve Emery (Hereford United), Eamonn O'Keefe (Port Vale), Paul Gregory (Scunthorpe), Mick Smith (Aldershot), Mike Salmon (Stockport), Ally Brown (Port Vale), John Williams (Tranmere), Joe Jakub (Bury), Lee Dixon (Chester), Geoff Thomas (Crewe), Billy O'Rourke (Blackpool), Kevan Smith (Darlington) and Simon Lowe of today's visitors Halifax Town. Both Paul Gregory and Mike Smith were loaned from Doncaster Rovers and Wimbledon respectively.

What a start for Hereford United's on loan signing from Shrewsbury Paul Tester, on his first morning he reported late for training and was promptly fined. Said Manager John Newman 'I treated him as I would have done any of our own players. Anyway he got his money back when he made his debut for us.'

Paul laid on the winning goal in a 2-0 win over Blackpool which earned him a welcome win bonus to cover the fine.

Welcome and farewell! Welcome to Chris Ramsey who joined us last week from Second Division Brighton and Hove Albion. Chris spent two loan periods with the Club earlier this season making nine League appearances, upon his return to the South Coast Club he found that he did not figure in Albion's long term plans and unable to regain the first team place he began to establish in 1982/83, he will be hoping to establish a League career here at the County Ground. Chris was born in Birmingham on April 28th 1962, he first joined Bristol City failing to make their

League team he joined Brighton and his League appearances for them since read 1980/81 3, 1981/82 0, 1982/83 23, 1983/84 4, Chris has made one Milk Cup appearance and six F.A. Cup appearances which includes his Wembley F.A. Cup final appearance against Manchester United when after clashing with United's Norman Whiteside he suffered a leg injury which kept him out of the subsequent replay and impeded his progress with the Sussex Club.

Farewell to former Chelsea and Scottish Youth International Simon Gibson who joined the Club in November 1983 for a fee of £15,000, when signed by former Manager Ken Beamish after two months on loan from the Stamford Bridge club. Twenty year old Simon made thirty one League appearances scoring three goals, one appearance in the Milk Cup, with six F.A. Cup appearances scoring one goal, and in last seasons Associate Members Cup he scored one goal from his three appearances. He joined Third Division Preston North End for a small fee, after a watching brief by the Deepdale Club's Coach Tommy Booth who was an interested spectator at our recent Football Combination match with Southampton. Simon scored on his debut against Brentford last Saturday.

With the proposed exchange deal with Third Division Reading for their midfield player Lawrie Sanchez finally petering out after three weeks of talks, Sanchez finally signing for Second Division Wimbledon for a reported fee of £25,000. It's certainly been a period of patience for Lou Macari for at the time of writing he was waiting upon a yes or no from former Bath City, Bristol Rovers and now Coventry City striker Graham Withey. Interested in returning to his native West Country he had been the subject of interest since returning from a months loan in Hong Kong from Plymouth Argyle, Bristol City, Peterborough United and Lincoln City.

Although Peterborough United have now signed Southend United striker Greg Shepherd, the former Norwich City player cost a fee of £8,000.

Newly appointed Aldershot Manager Ron Harris is not happy with what he found at the Recreation Ground Club saying 'The Club has lost its ambition, there are only 15 professionals, no reserve team, no youth team and the fans have been watching visitors like Darlington and Hartlepool



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for so long they don't even dream of anything better.' Ron went onto say 'I never liked losing when I was a player and that's something that becoming a Manager doesn't change,' adding I want professionals with the same dedication and determination I had. At Chelsea I had eight or nine Managers, and none ever accused me of giving less than 100 per cent. I will demand the same from the Aldershot players.'

His immediate aim is to build for the future by establishing a youth side and strengthening the present team by adding to his playing staff.

'My first game in charge I had 12 fit players available. Where is the incentive or the motivation in that? And where is the chance for local youngsters if you don't have a youth team?'

Last week Tony Spencer joined Aldershot on a months loan from Ron Harris' last Club Brentford where he was Coach until two years ago, a defender, 19 year old Spencer has made nineteen League appearances so far for the Griffin Park Club.

On loan to today's visitors Halifax Town, 19 year old Aidrian Shaw from Notts Forest had the misfortune to head past his own goalkeeper in the Yorkshire Club's 3-0 defeat at promotion seeking Hereford United last Saturday.

An eventful match which enabled former Walsall striker Ollie Kearns to score one of the quickest ever goals at Edgar Street after 31 seconds. It was immediate reward for a well above average crowd attracted to the match by offers of vouchers for next months F.A. Cup clash with Arsenal.

It was a match which saw Hereford United striker Stuart Phillips set up a Club record when he made his 95th consecutive League appearance.

Darlington moved back to the top of the table by virtue of their tenth match away from Feethams without defeat, and with only one defeat all season they have, along with Chesterfield, the most impressive record in this seasons Fourth Division.

TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE



TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	COLIN BAILIE	3
	LEIGH BARNARD	4
	NIGEL GRAY	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	DAVE HOCKADAY	7
	PETER COYNE	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	P BATTY	10
	GARY NELSON	11
	LOU MACARI	12

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4	STEVEN THORNER	
5	BILLY AYRE	
6	ALAN KNILL	
7	JEFF COOK	
8	CHRIS MOYSES	
9	SIMON LOWE	
10	GARY GALLAGHER	
11	STEVEN WARD	
12	BRIAN CHIPPENDALE	

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Nigel Gray (No 5) adds his height to a Town attack during last Saturday's County Ground victory over Colchester.





LOU MACARI

In opening these notes may I wish you, our supporters a very happy Christmas time and New Year and let us hope that 1985 will be a successful one for the Swindon Town Football Club.

I am aware that you will have read and heard of various players from other Clubs being linked with this Club and I just wish to say that because such stories are being printed in the newspapers we are not just trying to keep the media happy by releasing such news. It is my honest opinion that new players will have to come to the County Ground in order that the Club might regain its position in the Football League where it rightfully belongs. But it is not possible to replace five or six players with new faces in a few months, it must be a gradual process. It is fair to say that Colin Gordon and Chris Ramsey have brought a breath of fresh air to the Club but it must also be said that whether others follow immediately is completely up to the present playing staff. It is a known fact

that, in recent years, Swindon town teams have faded after Christmas and if this happens this season then it will be obvious that the present playing staff will have had every opportunity to stake their claim. However, I would also say that if every player on the staff this year gives me and you, the supporters, 100% effort in games then they will be on the staff next year.

I would like to thank you for the support you gave to Chris Ramsey during his loan period because, without doubt, the fact that he is now a Swindon Town player is due to your warmth and appreciation of a footballer, regardless of colour. No amount of money could have brought Chris here; at the end of the day it was solely due to the fact that playing here he felt comfortable and at home. Inevitably your good support will attract more players here who will wish to play for Swindon Town.

Thank you for your attendance here this afternoon and enjoy your holiday.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

BY DOUG BUSWELL



Mr Bert Mennall

It's our pleasure today to have as our guest Bert Mennall who has supported "The Town" for over fifty years.

Bert who hails from Tetbury first started off by cycling into the County Ground for matches and then graduated to a lift with his friends. Up until last season Bert travelled to many away games as well as every home match. Unfortunately Bert has been under the weather for some time. However he's now improving and we have him with us today. Bert who for many years sold our competition tickets in Tetbury is hoping for a Town Victory.

Welcome back Bert and we all hope you will once again join us for every match just as you used to.

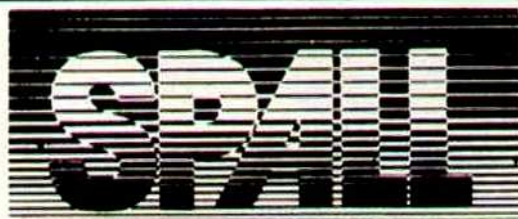
CHRISTMAS DRAW RESULTS

As these notes have to go to print before next Saturdays game against Halifax Town the winners names will have to be published in the Chesterfield programme on January 1st. However all winners will be notified and a full list will also appear in the Evening Advertiser on Friday 21st December.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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DIVISION FOUR

BY DAVE KING

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11	3,681	2,984	+	JOHN NEWMAN	19	8	1	1	16	4	HEREFORD UTD	4	2	3	15	9	39	+18	STUART PHILLIPS	10	3	7	55	15	5
15	3,007	2,104	+	MARTIN DOBSON	19	6	2	1	18	6	BURY	5	3	2	11	9	38	+12	WAYNE ENTWISTLE	9	5	4	50	13	9
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10	1,633	2,138	-	BRYAN HAMILTON	19	5	0	2	22	13	COLCHESTER ROVERS	3	1	5	13	17	31	+5	JOHN CLAYTON	12	11	3	23	26	3
8	2,011	2,220	-	CYRIL LEA	19	7	2	2	19	13	TRAMERE UTD	3	3	4	15	19	29	+2	TONY ADCOCK	17	10	7	65	14	6
23	2,731	1,505	+	BILLY HORN	19	4	5	1	14	10	HARTLEPOOL UTD	3	2	4	8	12	28	E	LES NUTRIE	4	2	2	56	16	3
DIV 3	3,642	4,023	-	JOHN RUDGE	19	4	3	3	12	10	PORT VALE	3	2	4	10	11	26	+1	EAMON O'KEEFE	7	4	3	48	21	4
17	2,966	3,344	-	LOU MACARI	19	5	2	3	16	12	SWINDON TOWN	2	3	4	8	13	26	-1	ALAN MAYES	9	8	1	117	20	5
DIV 3	2,218	3,349	-	FRANK BARLOW	18	4	3	2	21	14	SCUNTHORPE UTD	2	3	4	10	12	24	+5	CHRIS COMLING	9	4	5	26	18	4
DIV 3	1,892	3,142	-	BOBBY MOORE	20	4	4	2	15	14	SOUTHEND UTD	2	2	6	14	23	24	-8	STEVE PHILLIPS	10	7	3	156	20	1
12	2,268	2,098	+	ERIC WEBSTER	19	5	2	3	18	11	STOCKPORT COUNTY	1	2	6	7	23	27	-9	JOHN KERR	7	5	2	55	20	4
19	2,226	2,446	-	IAN GREAVES	18	4	2	3	9	6	MANCHESTER TOWN	1	4	4	2	7	21	-2	DAVE CALDWELL	6	4	2	54	17	5
21	1,390	1,412	-	BILLY AYRE	17	3	0	4	6	9	HALIFAX TOWN	3	1	6	6	17	19	-14	SIMON LOWE	4	3	1	4	15	3
5	2,134	2,483	-	RON HARRIS	18	3	3	3	13	10	ALDERSHOT	2	0	7	10	19	18	-6	MARTIN FOYLE	6	2	4	7	17	4
18	2,001	2,343	-	TONY BARTON	18	2	1	6	10	13	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3	1	6	12	18	17	-9	IAN BENJAMIN	7	3	4	24	17	2
9	1,359	1,922	-	DAVID WEBB	19	2	4	4	8	12	TORQUAY UTD	2	1	6	7	15	17	-12	DEAN MOONEY	3	2	1	16	23	4
DIV 3	2,431	3,380	-	JIM ILEY	18	2	5	3	11	10	EXETER CITY	1	2	5	7	17	16	-9	RAY PRATT	8	5	3	48	18	6
22	1,398	1,491	-	VIC HALCOM	19	1	4	5	8	13	ROCHDALE	2	3	4	8	14	16	-11	BARRY DIAMOND	4	4	-	4	26	1
24	1,857	1,764	+	JOHN MCGRATH	18	2	2	5	10	13	CHESTER CITY	1	4	4	7	17	15	-13	BRETT/BROWN/SAYER/ZELEN	3	3	3	3	18	2
20	1,574	2,083	-	BOBBY ROBERTS	17	3	2	4	16	14	WREXHAM	1	6	7	10	19	14	-7	JIM STEEL	8	5	3	46	20	3

	MOST PENALTIES SCORED
1970-71	16
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NO GOALS AGAINST

HEREFORD UNITED 10

LONGEST UNDEFEATEN RUN

CHESTERFIELD 13

1. LONGEST RUN OF MATCHES WITHOUT WIN

CHESTER CITY 10

CHESTER CITY 10

RUN OF SUCCESS

RUN OF SUCCESSIVE WINS

BURY 5

BUY 5

THREE OR MORE GOALS

Aug 25	TONY ADCOCK
Oct 2	ALAN MAYES
Oct 20	IAN BENJAMIN
Nov 30	STEVE CAMMACH

MANAGERIAL DISMISSALS

MICK BULLOCK - HALIFAX
LEN WALKER - ALDERSHOT

APPOINTMENTS

BILLY AYRE - HALIFAX
RON HARRIS - ALDERSHOT

PLAYERS DISMISSED: 74

MOST MATCHES FAILING TO SCORE
MANSELD TOWN 12
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

LOWEST ATTENDANCE

HALIFAX TOWN v ALDERSHOT - 1,004
NUMBER OF 0-0 DRAWS - 18
SCORED IN EVERY HOME MATCH
COLCHESTER UNITED
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
SCUNTHORPE UNITED
SOUTHEND UNITED
HIGHEST GOALSCORERS
CHESTERFIELD - 35
LOWEST GOALSCORERS
MANFIELD TOWN - 11

FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

Swindon Town v Halifax Town

Full Football results:

HOME	SEASON	AWAY
31 Jan 0-2	1958 - 59	0-1 Sep 13
31 Oct 1-1	1959 - 60	1-3 Apr 16
20 Aug 1-1	1960 - 61	1-1 Dec 17
16 Apr 6-0	1961 - 62	0-2 Mar 19
4 May 1-1	1962 - 63	3-4 Sep 29
19 Apr 3-1	1974 - 75	0-0 Oct 12
11 Oct 3-1	1975 - 76	2-0 Mar 13
11 Sep 0-1	1982 - 83	0-1 Mar 15
6 Sep 2-3	1983 - 84	1-2 Mar 30

When Halifax came to the County Ground in April 1962 both Clubs were hovering around a mid-table position, giving no indication as to the one side encounter that was to follow. Halifax included future Swindon players Peter Downsborough and Frank Large (their leading scorer) in their side, but only the former was to feature in the game with any prominence.

Swindon started strongly, taking just seven minutes to register the first goal when Bobby Woodruff blasted home a first time shot from outside the area following a cross from Mike Summerbee. Downsborough was beaten by the pace and power of the shot, and three minutes later was beaten again, this time by Jack Smith. Woodruff and Bill Atkins combined well to send Smith away and score with a well placed angle shot. Swindon were by this stage in total control and attacking at every possible moment, and within a minute it was 3-0 to the Town. Downsborough totally misjudged a cross from Arnold Darcy, allowing the ball to drop over his head and into the net.

Not surprisingly the scoring rate slowed after this hectic five minute period, the next clear chance came in the 25th minute. A long throw from Woodruff caught out the defence, but Ernie Hunt could only hit the bar with his headed effort. Woodruff had a further two chances before Swindon got the fourth in the 38th minute, Hunt scoring with a close range header from a Summerbee free-kick, and in the 44th minute Darcy surprised Downsborough again, scoring direct from a corner.

Any hopes of a continuation in the second-half failed to materialise as Halifax tried to salvage some pride. Although 5-0 down they started to put some attacks together, but lacked in finishing power, their best effort coming in the closing minutes when Phil Roscoe's crashing shot was turned over by Mike Turner. Swindon added the sixth in the 77th minute when Mike Burgess was

penalised for holding Smith. Although Downsborough parried Hunt's penalty he couldn't prevent him netting the rebound.

Swindon:- Turner, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruff, Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Atkins, Darcy. Attendance 6,973.

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If April 1962 held no prospect of a high scoring game, then the one thirteen months later did. Swindon were strongly pushing for promotion, being in second place with four games to play, whilst Halifax were already relegated following their 3-1 defeat at Wrexham on the previous Wednesday. However it wasn't to be as Swindon gave one of their worst performances of the season, only managing to salvage a point with nine minutes left.

The Town, trying to play it tight in attack, lacked any sort of planning which, together with Halifax's packed defence, managed to frustrate the team, and the harder they tried the worse it got. Halifax, although not coming forward in any consistency, were always favourites to score, with Swindon's defence tending to back off rather than tackle. But Mike Turner was never in any serious trouble until the 52nd minute when Bill Hooper's point blank shot was beaten out, only for Bill Holden to score on the rebound.

Swindon, going from bad to worse, were further handicapped by injuries to Arnold Darcy and Bobby Woodruff, but were unlucky when John Stevens, having rounded Downsborough, saw his shot cleared off the line by Eric Harrison. Then came that lucky break when Phil Roscoe brought down Mike Summerbee in the area, Ernie Hunt converting the penalty to keep Swindon in second place, and thankfully promotion rivals Coventry lost at home.

Swindon:- Turner, Owen, Trollope, Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff, Summerbee, Hunt, Stevens, Atkins, Darcy. Attendance 14,157.

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Junior Robins Page

Well done to all of you who have come along to the match today. The League's computer always seems to manage to give Swindon a home fixture on the Saturday before Christmas which is a notoriously bad one for gates. Lets hope last week's victory over Colchester has persuaded a few people to rearrange their Christmas shopping and give the Town some extra support.

I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming the Reverend Nigel Sands to the Club. I had the pleasure of meeting him before the Colchester match and he is certainly a man with a great love of football. He has invited me to go along to visit schools he deals with in the Newbury area and I hope this will help us to attract some new supporters. The attraction of more supporters is vital for it is going to be extremely difficult to progress to the higher Divisions of the Football League without it. Perhaps you can help. If you are a school teacher in the country districts around Swindon get in touch with me through the Club Office and we will arrange for a party from your school to come along for a visit on a match day. If you are a member of a Rotary Club, Womens Institute or other local body and would like information about the Junior Robins please let me know and I will send it to you, or if you wish come along and talk to your Group. Responsible parents usually have responsible children and it is only by convincing such parents that at the County Ground their children will be safe and well cared for that we can secure the future of the Club by attracting supporters of the right type.

Talking of the right type of support, I feel I must mention something I saw a fortnight ago which cheered me greatly. Swindon not having a game I went to watch Oxford United (you know, that Club down the road that we beat in the Associate Members Cup last season). Sitting side by side in the row in front of me were a Charlton supporter in a red and white bobble hat and an Oxford supporter in a blue and yellow one. Neither of them could have been more than ten. They did not need to be separated but watched the game without having a fight, swearing or abusing the referee. It is a great pity that supporters like this do not get the publicity that mindless yobs do as their behaviour was an example to many of their

elders in the stand. Well done lads, your behaviour was a great credit to your Clubs and convinced me that the future of professional football can be a good one.

A date for the diaries of our own Junior Robins is January 7th when we will be having a party for all Junior Robins members. Our last meeting was very well attended and proved to be great fun. I am sure this party with disco music and lots of fun games will be as well. I feel sure those who came last time will want to come again and will try to bring a friend along as well. The party will be held in the Supporters Club and will start at 6pm.

I am pleased to hear that Mr Peter Sheldon our Liason Officer at Ferndale School has had a book published. This book is called "Swindon's Pride" and describes eleven important matches in Swindon's history. At £1.50 it is very reasonably priced it will introduce younger supporters to some of the glory days of Swindon Town's history and bring back many happy memories for older ones.

Finally can I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hoping that the team can pull off a victory at Southend to make it a Merry Boxing Day as well.

Dick Mattick,
Junior Robins Organiser.

KEY OF THE BOARD

A	Hartlepool Utd	v	Chester City
B	Mansfield Town	v	Northampton Town
C	Port Vale	v	Scunthorpe Utd
D	Torquay Utd	v	Southend Utd
E	Wrexham	v	Blackpool
F	Arsenal	v	Watford
G	Aston Villa	v	Newcastle Utd
H	Everton	v	Chelsea
I	Manchester Utd	v	Ipswich Town
J	Norwich City	v	Tottenham Hotspur
K	Sheffield Wed	v	Stoke City
*L	West Ham Utd	v	Southampton
M	Cardiff City	v	Sheffield Utd
N	Fulham	v	Manchester City
O	Portsmouth	v	Oxford
P	Wimbledon	v	Birmingham City
Q	Wolverhampton W.	v	Leeds Utd
R	Bristol Rovers	v	Swansea
S	Derby County	v	Newport County
T	Reading	v	Bristol City

FACTS AND FIGURES

Date	Opponents	Results	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1984														
Aug 25	Wrexham	2-1	Enderby	Baillie	Melson	Macari	Henry	Graham	Barnard	Baillie	Rowland	Mayes	Hockaday	Coyne for 5
Aug 27	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup)	1-5	Sperrling	Baillie	Graham	Macari	Rowland	Rowland	Hockaday	Coyne	Mayes	Barnard	Nelson	Hughes not used
Sep 1	Bartlepool United	2-2	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Payne not used
Sep 4	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup)	1-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Henry not used
Sep 8	Torquay United	1-3	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Payne for 3
Sep 14	Tranmere Rovers	2-0	Enderby	Baillie	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Payne for 8
Sep 18	Bury	0-2	Enderby	Baillie	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Payne for 2
Sep 22	Hereford United	0-3	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Cardiner not used
Sep 29	Manfield Town	0-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Cardiner for 8
Oct 7	Blackpool	4-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Cardiner not used
Oct 13	Peterborough United	1-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Baillie for 1
Oct 20	Crewe Alexandra	2-3	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Baillie for 10
Oct 24	Port Vale	0-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson not used
Oct 27	Exeter City	1-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 3	Stockport County	4-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 6	Southport United	1-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 10	Northampton United	0-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 17	P.A. Cup Round 1 Dagenham	0-0	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 24	Aldershot	2-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Nov 26	P.A. Cup Rd. 1 Dagenham (R)	1-2	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 2	Exeter City	0-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 8	P.A. Cup Round 2	2-1	Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 15	Colchester United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 22	Halifax		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 26	Southend United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Dec 29	Chester		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
1985			Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Jan 1	1 Chesterfield		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Jan 5	Wrexham (F.A. Cup 3)		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Jan 12	Bartlepool United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Jan 19	Torquay United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Jan 26	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 4)		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Feb 2	Manfield Town		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Feb 9	Hereford United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Feb 12	Blackpool		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Feb 16	Bury (F.A. Cup 5)		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Feb 23	Northdale		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 1	1 Stockport County		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 5	Exeter City		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 9	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 6)		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 16	Crewe Alexandra		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 23	Peterborough United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 24	Milk Cup Final		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 29	Southport United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Mar 30	Southend United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Apr 6	1 Chesterfield		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Apr 13	Northampton Town (F.A. Cup 6)		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Apr 20	Aldershot		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
Apr 28	Darlington		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
May 3	Colchester United		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
May 6	Chester		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
May 10	Halifax Town		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari
May 18	F.A. Cup Final		Enderby	Ramsey	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Baillie	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Nelson	Gibson for Macari

BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our supporters a very Merry Christmas and couple this with a plea. There are not too many of you left these days so please, do not drive after having had a few drinks over the holidays. We need you next season.

Today we welcome as our guests a group of young people from the Olympic Club. This is an organisation for young people with, special needs those who find learning difficult rather than severely mentally handicapped. People who fall into this category are very often left to their own devices and so, with this in mind, the Club was formed to provide recreation and moral support. Mr Mike Tanner, the club treasurer, joined us at the recent sporting dinner and mentioned to the chairman, Brian Hiller, the prowess of some of the Club members and Committee who ran, and finished the course, in the Swindon half marathon to raise much needed funds and Brian readily invited the party here today. We hope they have an enjoyable afternoon here at the County Ground.

May I thank all of those who contributed to the collection on behalf of the Ethiopian Appeal here last Saturday afternoon. The sum of £125 was raised and this will make some small persons life a little more pleasant, perhaps even save it. By the way, if you were unable to attend the game on Saturday and wish to support our appeal I shall be most pleased to receive your donations and add it to the above sum.

Following their success against Plymouth Argyle the Swindon Town Youths

have been drawn at home against West Ham United in the third round of the Football Association Youth Cup Competition. No date has yet been agreed for this match to be played but I hope that as many of you as possible will come along to support the lads in their quest to reach the fourth round of the competition.

The Boxing Day match at Southend United will kick off at 11.00 am. We realise that this will cause our supporters some inconvenience with a very early start but the request came from Southend and, although this will mean our players travelling on the evening of Christmas Day, in view of the troubles Southend find themselves in Lou felt that we should accede to the request.

We are pleased to learn that a sponsor has been secured for the Associate Members' Cup competition which will commence in January. The first round will be played in two legs, the first leg on Wednesday, twenty third of January and the second on Tuesday, sixth February, 1985. Of course, the leg played at Swindon will be changed to the Tuesday hopefully but a little more in the way of details in a later programme. Another magnificent improvement in this competition is that the final will be played at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, first June, 1985.

For those of you who travel to away reserve games, and I know there are a few, the game at Bristol Rovers will be played at their Hambrook training ground on Wednesday, ninth of January, 1985. The Rovers have to pay their landlords five hundred pounds each time they play a reserve game at Eastville Stadium which, of course, does their budget figures no good at all if a club does not agree to play at Hambrook. We readily agreed when the request was received.

For those of you who live in areas whose local newspapers do not cover the happenings of the Club, Simon Gibson was transferred to Preston North End on Thursday last, the same day that Chris Ramsey signed a full contract for us.

Have an enjoyable afternoon and let us hope that the result adds to our enjoyment of the festive season.

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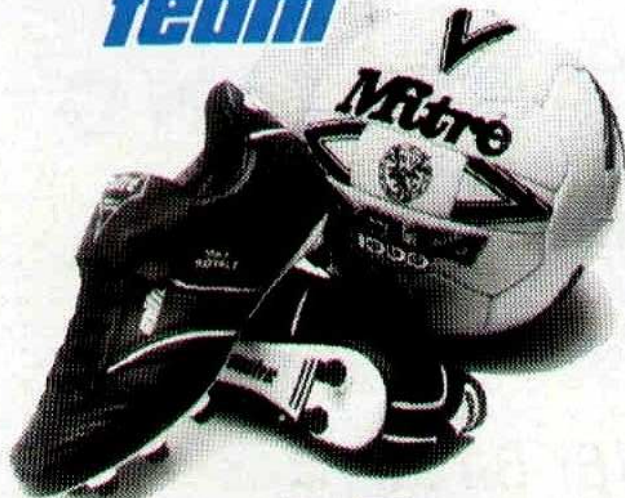
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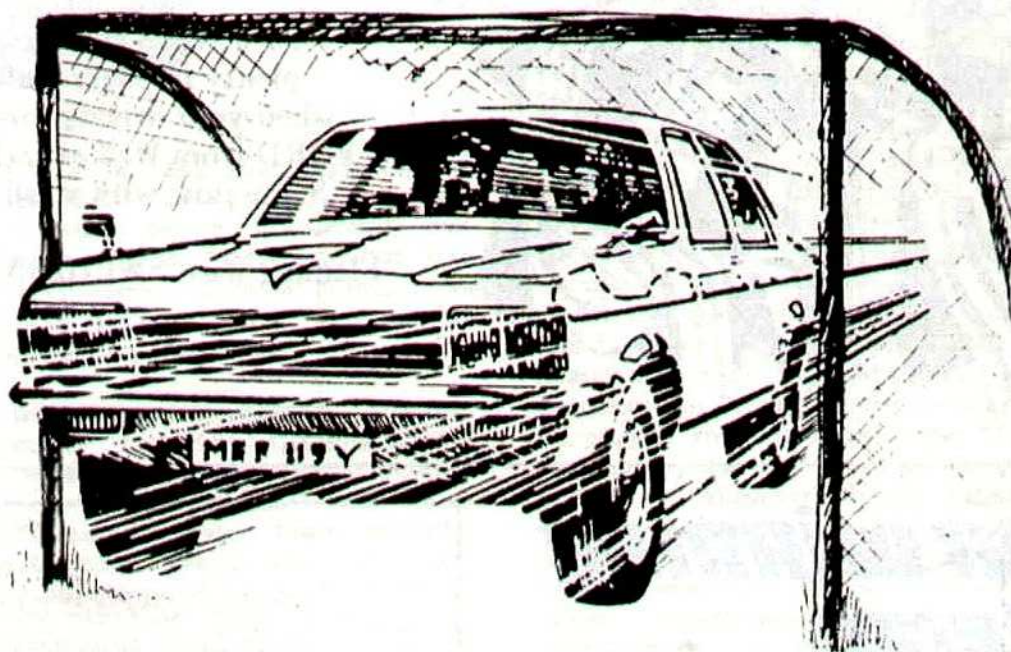
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