



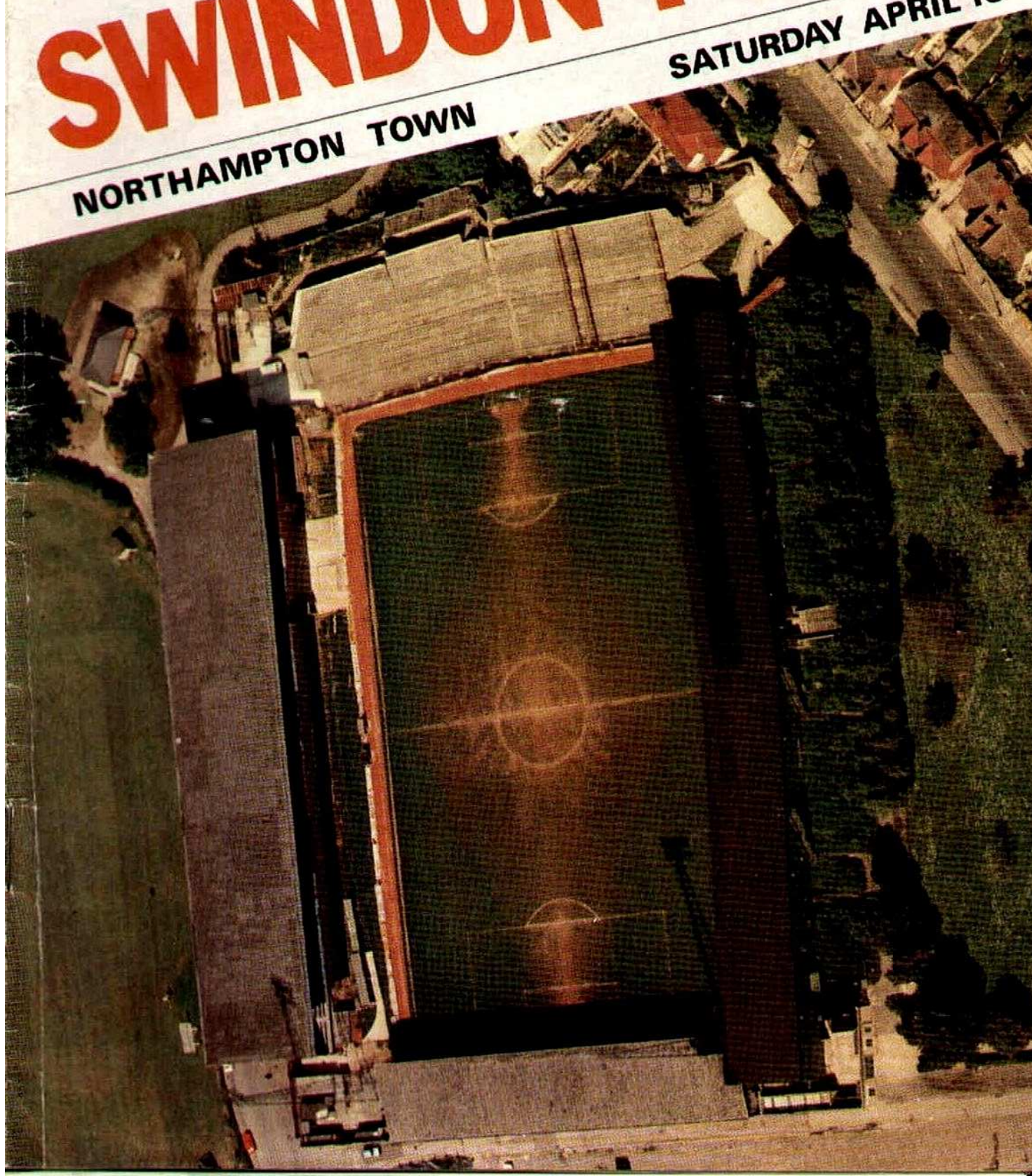
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This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Northampton Town and after the happenings of the last few days and the feelings that have been expressed perhaps today we can return to normality and have an enjoyable afternoon with, hopefully, maximum points for our club.

I am sure that it is unnecessary for me to describe the difficult time everyone at the club has experienced since the decision of the Board taken a week ago last Thursday, the only decision that could have been taken after considering all of the facts known to us. Never the less the decision was a difficult one.

Saturday's game was a very traumatic experience for everyone but the feelings of very loyal and responsible supporters were made known to us.

Following this match I was contacted by Mr. Macari who I met on Sunday evening when we had a very long and constructive discussion from which I felt that the Board had an obligation to meet again to re-consider. The outcome of this meeting is now public knowledge and we must all put behind us these events and look forward positively to the future.

Although the Players made their feelings known to the public no one can deny that in the games against Southend United and Chesterfield they gave maximum effort. The match at Chesterfield was a exceptional one and we were indeed extremely unfortunate to be defeated in the last minute, but the players are to be congratulated for the manner in which they dealt with their job despite all of the distraction around them.

Many thanks for your support this afternoon and long may it continue.

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At both Celtic and Manchester United I was very lucky to enjoy some great times.

In the short time I have been here at Swindon Town there have also been good times as well as bad.

The events of the past week though have been an experience that I don't want to have to ever go through again.

What should have been a happy working Easter for me was completely shattered on Good Friday and for the next five days my spirits were very low and my family life totally disrupted.

However, on Wednesday I felt ten feet tall again when I was asked by the Board to return to Swindon Town as the Manager - it was one of the greatest days of my life.

I had no hesitation in accepting the offer and now look forward to continuing the challenge in front of me.

I would appeal to all Supporters to quickly put the events of the past week behind us and hope we can now all work together to the benefit of the Club.

The demonstrations last week were certainly not a victory for me even though I got my job back, or a defeat for the Board.

In my opinion, they were a victory in the respect that they have brought our Supporters much closer to the Football Club.

Finally, there are too many people to thank individually for their support during my hours of depression - I would from the bottom of my heart just like to say thank you to all of you.



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Welcome to Northampton Town

BY DAVE KING

Goals, goals and more goals would be an apt description of Northampton Town's season. Unfortunately when you are in 92nd position in the Canon League you are on the receiving end of most of the goal action. Former Aston Villa Manager Tony Barton who joined 'The Cobblers' on the rebound from a controversial dismissal, was placed in the same situation as our own Lou Macari. A July appointment, two months late for the May time bargain hunt when wise men of the Fourth sift through the left overs of the higher Divisions. Left with players others did not want, he had to make do, in a recent statement he said 'I will keep no more than six or seven of my players for next season'. Now recovered from his early season illness, Tony has seen the Club reject a proposed take-over from nearby Kettering Town, he will no doubt be pleased to see this season end.

We have a score or two to settle with 'The Cobblers' with a 4-0 away defeat last November, failing to score in our matches with them last season, a 1-5 home defeat at the tail end of the previous season, a Paul Rideout penalty in the away match earlier that same season the only consolation since we entered Division Four, incentive enough for today.

Goalkeeper PETER GLEASURE a former Millwall apprentice has missed only three League matches this season, after being ever present last season. Twenty four year old Peter made 55 League appearances for Millwall before joining 'The Cobblers' in the summer of 1983. He had made 11 appearances on loan to Northampton the previous season.

After making only nine League appearances in three seasons former Sheffield Wednesday apprentice PAUL SHIRTLIFF joined the Club on a free transfer last summer. Twenty two year old Paul has found it difficult to establish a regular place at the County Ground. He made his League debut at Hillsbrough on May 2nd 1981 in a 2-1 home defeat by Grimsby Town when he came on as a second half substitute. Paul was sent off in the away match at Scunthorpe on March 22nd.

Our former 28 year old defender RUSSELL LEWIS has only missed three League matches this season. Whole hearted Russell, in his two seasons with 'The Cobblers' has only missed four matches. His only goal this season came in a 4-2 away defeat on New Year's Day at Stockport. Russell made his 250th League appearance at Rochdale on February 16th.

During the same match fellow central defender WAKELEY GAGE made his 200th League appearance. The scorer of a second minute goal in our 4-0 away defeat on November 10th, he has missed two League matches this season prior to the Easter fixtures. The 6'4" tall defender's only other goals this season have been at home to Aldershot on October 20th and away to Wrexham four days earlier. Wakeley was sent off in the F.A. Cup tie at V.S. Rugby on November 20th.

Full back BRIAN MUNDEE entered League football with Bournemouth from Hungerford Town. London born Brian made only 4 League appearances for the Dean Court Club in 1982/83, joining The County Ground Club in 1983 on a free transfer. Scored his only League goal in the penultimate match of last season in a 2-1 away win at Bury. Completed 70 League appearances recently. Brian was sent off in the home match with Colchester United on September 29th.

Veteran midfield player RAY TRAIN has appeared in every League match this season after signing on a free transfer from Oxford United last summer. The 35 year old former Walsall, Carlisle United, Sunderland, Bolton Wanderers and Watford player made his League debut in 1969. A former Walsall apprentice, Ray has cost his various clubs a total of 235,000 pounds in five transfer moves, with both Sunderland and Bolton paying 80,000 pounds each for his services. Yet to score in League matches this season.

Club apprentice ADRIAN MANN made his League debut at Bury on May 5th last season. Local born Adrian who is 17 years old has established a regular place this

season and has now completed thirty League appearances. His only League goal came in the 48th minute of 'The Cobblers' 2-1 defeat at Blackpool on October 27th.

Twenty year old WARREN DONALD joined the Club just before the transfer deadline from West Ham United for whom he made two League appearances last season. The former Upton Park apprentice made his debut on Boxing Day of last season in a home 1-0 defeat to Southampton when he came on as a substitute for full back Frank Lampard. Warren also played in the final match of the season in a 1-0 defeat at home to Everton.

Leading goalscorer IAN BENJAMIN with 12 League goals to date has two hat tricks to his credit this season versus Aldershot on October 20th and Exeter on January 5th. Along with Phil Cavener's hat trick against Torquay on December 29th 'The Cobblers' have recorded three of the 13 hat tricks scored in Fourth Division soccer this season. Ian scored the second of 'The Cobblers' four goals in our November defeat. He joined the Club on a free transfer from Peterborough United last summer after 80 League matches for 'The London Road Club' scoring 14 goals. A former Sheffield United apprentice he joined West Brom in 1979 after only five League matches for a substantial fee, but he only made two League appearances for

the Hawthorn's Club.

Nineteen year old KEITH THOMPSON joined the club from Coventry City prior to the transfer deadline. The former Highfield Road apprentice and England Youth International has made 13 League appearances for Coventry and three on loan to Wimbledon last season. Yet to score his first League goal, he has scored three goals in City's Central League team this season. Made his debut for Northampton in the 3-1 defeat at home on March 30th.

A product of the Youth Training Scheme STEVE BROWN made his League debut at Aldershot on March 9th helping Northampton to gain a point in a goalless draw.

Eire International AUSTIN HAYES the former Southampton and Millwall forward is currently recovering from a cartilage operation. Austin scored twice from the penalty spot in our 4-0 away defeat. He needs nine more appearances to complete 150 League appearances in his ten year career in League soccer.

Twenty four year old PHIL CAVENER scored his first hat trick in the 3-1 home win with Torquay United on December 29th. The former Burnley apprentice joined the club from Gillingham last summer. Phil had made 69 League appearances at Turf Moor and ten at Gillingham.



Back Row Left to Right: Paul Bancroft, Russell Lewis, Neil Brough, Wakeley Gage, Peter Gleasure, Michael Barnes, Ian Benjamin, Trevor Lee.
Front Row Left to Right: Ritchie Norman (Coach), Austin Hayes, Paul Shirtliff, Brian Munde, Tony Barton (Manager), Ray Train (Captain), Philip Cavener, Frank Belfon, Clive Walker (Youth/Reserve Team Manager).

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BY DAVE KING

At last months Professional Footballers Association Annual Award Ceremony in London, Hereford United defender Chris Price achieved a notable treble when he was named the Fourth Division's top right back for the third year running. Chris became only the second player to attain such a hat trick since the Awards were first presented in 1973. Altogether Hereford United who we visit next Wednesday evening in a re-arranged League match provided three players to the P.F.A. Fourth Division team for the first time since they joined the League. Their captain Jimmy Harvey was nominated for the second year running and striker Stewart Phillips was voted into the attack.

Torquay United have been told that they can keep Bristol Rovers defender Aiden McCaffery until the end of the season, providing there is no injury crisis at Eastville. The former England Youth Captain who played for Newcastle United and Derby County before joining Rovers for 70,000 pounds five years ago has said he is not interested in making a permanent move to the Plainmoor Club. Aiden says he is ready to consider a transfer from Eastville after losing his first team place.

After completing a month on loan with Exeter City, Forbes Phillipson-Masters has decided to quit League football six weeks after being dropped by Third Division Bristol City. The 29 year old former Southampton and Plymouth Argyle centre half plans to seek a local part time Club and concentrate on running the painting and decorating business he has built up.

Only six weeks ago he was keen to earn a contract with a Fourth Division Club but experiences at struggling Exeter City have changed his mind, 'I have not enjoyed my stay or football there at all and feel the time is ripe to put maximum effort into my business. My wife and I have no wish to leave the area although I still believe I could do a good job in one of the lower Divisions'.

Although todays visitors Northampton Town share their ground with the County Cricket Club, it would not have seemed

possible to have seen 'the rain stopped play' notices prevalent at one of the soccer matches. But that is precisely what happened in their League match with Crewe Alexandra on March 31st! Such was the downpour that the Referee took the players off the field for 23 minutes. It is only a rumour that he took them into the pavilion!

On the same day Halifax Town recorded the lowest League attendance of the season when only 890 watched Torquay United take maximum points through Andy Durhams 89th minute effort! Our final League match of the season is at 'The Shay', the attendance could be even lower.

What a final last week of March it was for Eamonn O'Keefe the former Port Vale striker. Travelling Town fans will recall that he came on as a second half substitute in our 2-0 defeat at Vale Park on March 9th. On Monday March 25th he was ordered to report to Vale Park for the Fourth Division fixture with Wrexham, instead of staying with the Republic of Ireland team, due to meet England at Wembley on the following Wednesday. He refused, took Gordon Taylor the Professional Footballers Union Representatives advice and stayed put. Thirty one year old Eamonn gained his fifth International Cap for Eire at Wembley in the Republics 2-1 defeat. He returned to Vale Park on Thursday, he was then told he could join Blackpool for 20,000 pounds before the 5 p.m. transfer deadline. He duly signed and in his debut for Blackpool he not only helped the Seasiders to a 4-2 home win over Peterborough United but scored the fourth goal into the bargain! In the top of the table clash with League leaders Chesterfield on the following Tuesday Eamonn then proceeded to give the Bloomfield Road Club a valuable home win with his second half goal in front of the Seasiders highest attendance of the season 7,144.

The Manchester born striker was the only Fourth Division representative in the National squads at Wembley. After he began his League career with Everton, Eamonn spent three seasons with Wigan

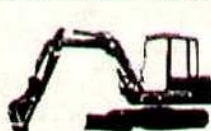


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Athletic before joining Port Vale in July 1983. He has also played for Non-League clubs Stalybridge, Hyde United, Mossley and had a spell in Saudi Arabia! His National Team Manager is one of our former players Eoin Hand the former Limerick Manager.

The race for promotion is often typified by the events that took place in the match between League leaders Chesterfield and struggling Wrexham on Saturday March 30th. The expected home win with ease never materialised and half time arrived with Shaun Cunningtons first half goal frustrating all the efforts of the leading club. It then took a Paul Comstive own goal and a penalty from the Saltergate Club's leading goalscorer Bob Newton to maintain his Club's slender lead at the top of the table. The crowd of 3,918 wound their way home more relieved than pleased.

What a bargain John Clayton Tranmere Rovers striker has been this season, snapped up on a free transfer from Chesterfield last summer. He had only scored five goals in League football previous to this season, but twenty three year old John a former Derby County apprentice could pass a 52 year old Club

record before this season is completed! With twenty five League goals before the Easter fixtures, John was ten goals behind 'Bunny' Bell's Club record of 35 League goals scored in Division 3 (North) in 1933-34.

If Tony Adcock had not suffered his untimely injury in February he could also have been nearing the total of 37 League goals scored by Bobby Hunt for Colchester United in Division 4 in the 1961/62 season. Tony has scored 24 League goals upto February 22nd.

The Professional Footballers Association chosen representative team for Division Four was:- Fred Barber (Darlington) Chris Price (Hereford United) Martin Dobson (Bury) Steve Hetzke (Blackpool) Russell Bromage (Port Vale) Jimmy Harvey (Hereford United) Joe Jakub (Bury) Trevor Quow (Peterborough) Tony Adcock (Colchester) Stuart Phillips (Hereford United) John Clayton (Tranmere).

Former Wrexham Manager Bobby Roberts has taken unpaid duties as Assistant to Stoke City Manager Bill Asprey who was taken ill recently through over-work.

TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE



TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	COLIN BAILIE	3
<i>H. F. BATTY</i>	PAUL BATTY	4
	DAVID COLE	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	PETER COYNE	7
<i>HOCKADAY</i>	MIKE GRAHAM	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	LEIGH BARNARD	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
	<i>ALAN WATTS</i>	12

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2	MARK BUSHELL	
3	BRIAN MUNDEE	
4	WAKELEY GAGE	
5	RUSSELL LEWIS	
6	RAYMOND TRAIN	
7	ADRIAN MANN	
8	WARREN DONALD	
9	KEITH THOMPSON	
10	IAN BENJAMIN	
11	STEVEN BROWN	
12	PAUL BANCROFT	

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BY DAVE KING

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TOWN LEAGUE RECORDS

Most home wins in a season.....18 - 1962/63, 1968/69, 1974/75.
Most away wins in a season.....9 - 1968/69.
Least home wins in a season.....4 - 1955/56.
Least away wins in a season.....1 - 1954/55, 1960/61, 1973/74.
Most goals at home in a season.....68 - 1930/31.
Most goals away in a season.....36 - 1926/27.
Lowest No. of goals at home in a season.18 - 1956/57.
Lowest No. of goals away in a season....14 - 1973/74.
Most goals conceded at home in a season.36 - 1981/82.
Most goals conceded away in a season....76 - 1932/33.
Least defeats at home in a season.....1 - 1930/31, 1948/49, 1968/69, 1969/70.
Least away defeats in a season.....7 - 1962/63.
Most drawn matches at home in a season..10 - 1947/48, 1955/56.
Most drawn matches away in a season....12 - 1962/63.
No. of matches were drawn away in 1950/51 - 3 matches won, 20 lost.

YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

BY JOHN TROLLOPE

It's been a difficult time for everyone connected with the Club and I mean everyone from the Board, Staff, Players and Supporters but hopefully the situation has been sorted out by the time you read these notes.

Having been asked to hold things and keep the playing side ticking over, it has meant a busy holiday period, for I already take both the Reserves and Youth Teams and the help given by Kevin Morris, Terry Wollen and Eddie Buckley was very welcome and made things run as smooth as possible under the circumstances.

The Reserves have just completed five away games gaining just one point. With injuries and suspensions just getting a side together has been difficult, but we managed it; getting results on a performance is another matter. We still have twelve games left and of these eleven are at the County Ground, so you can see we have a busy time ahead of us as well.

The Youth Team in the last two games has typified our season for we lost at home to Brighton in the Semi Final of the South East Counties Junior Cup but won away in the League at Brentford. The Brighton game was a big disappointment for having beaten them only a few weeks previous without three or four regulars, the full squad failed to produce any kind of performance and lost after having



numerous opportunities to win the game easily. In contrast the game at Brentford enabled us to continue our very good away record in the League, for we have won five, drawn four and only lost one. If only our home results had matched these perhaps we would be playing for the title instead of just playing the season out. To be fair to the team, it hasn't helped by losing five or six players to Wiltshire Youth on about eight occasions depriving us of several regulars. We have three fixtures left and will be giving lads a game with next season in mind.



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BY DAVE COOPER

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As most of you know, Swindon Town Football Club also run instant Lottery and Bingo Tickets and the majority of profits made by the Commercial Department are the result of these competitions. The '5000 Club' was inaugurated as an alternative for those people who did not wish to play the games which are the feature of these tickets. The '5000 Club' certainly gives the punter the best chance.

As we are about to enter the second year of the competition, we are now looking to enrol new members. If you would like to join, or if you think you could act as an Agent enrolling new members amongst your friends or workmates, please contact me at the Commercial Office (Swindon 31510). We are open before and after each home game.

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'And Meade had a hat trick. He scored two goals'. - RICHARD WHITMORE.

'The boys have been up in the clouds since the win'. - ALAN BUCKLEY.

'Chesterfield 1 Chester 1. Another score draw there in the local derby'. - DESMOND LYNAM.

'I don't blame individuals, Elton, I blame myself'. - JOE ROYLE.

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'At the end of the day, it's all about what's on the shelf at the end of the year'. - STEVE COPPELL.

'Well Ibrox is filling up slowly, but rapidly'. - JAMES SANDERSON.

'We are quite lucky this year because Christmas falls on Christmas Day'. - BOBBY GOULD.

'The goals made such a difference to the way this game went'. - JOHN MOTSON.

'Well we got nine and you can't score more than that'. - BOBBY ROBSON.

'We could be putting the hammer in Luton's coffin'. - RAY WILKINS.

'It's a game of two teams'. - PETER BRACKLEY.

'Real possession football, this. And Zico's lost it'. - JOHN HELM.

'To me personally, it's nothing personal to me'. - RON GREENWOOD.

'It is a Cup Final and the one that wins it goes through'. - JIMMY HILL.

'I felt a lump in my mouth as the ball went in'. - TERRY VENABLES.

'If you stand still there's only one way to go, and that's backwards'. - PETER SHILTON.

'Great goal by Moss - straight into the textbook'. - GERRY HARRISON.

'One of Asa's great qualities is not scoring goals'. - ROY SMALL.

'The Spaniards have been reduced to aiming aimless balls into the box'. - RON ATKINSON.

'Football's all about 90 minutes'. - GLEN HODDLE.

'And Ritchie has now scored 11 goals, exactly double the number he scored last season'. - ALAN PARRY.

'The acoustics seem to get louder'. - HUGH JOHNS.

'They can crumble as easy as ice cream in heat like this'. - SAMMY NELSON.

'Football's football, if it wasn't the case it wouldn't be the game it is'. - GARTH CROOKS.

'Queens Park against Forfar - you can't get more romantic than that'. - ARCHIE McPHERSON.

'Hodge scored for Forest after 22 seconds - totally against the run of play'. - PETER LORENZO.

'Kicked wide of the goal with such precision'. - DESMOND LYNAM.

'And the second goal was a blue print of the first'. - BRYON BUTLER.

'It's always very satisfying to beat Arsenal, as indeed Arsenal would admit'. - PETER JONES.

'Whelan was in the position he was, exactly'. - JIMMY ARMFIELD.

'That shot might not have been as good as it might have been'. - JOHN MOTSON.

'Even when you're dead you shouldn't lie down and let yourself be buried'. - GORDON LEE.

'And Wilkins sends an inch perfect pass to no in particular'. - BRYON BUTLER.

'Being given chances and not taking them. That's what life's all about'. - RON GREENWOOD.

'With 8 minutes left the game could be won in the next 5 or 10 minutes'. - JIMMY ARMFIELD.

'The only thing Norwich didn't get was the goal they finally got'. - JIMMY GREAVES.

'I'm not going to make it a target but it's something to aim for'. - STEVE COPPELL.

'Mabbutt has now played seven consecutive games for England. This is the seventh'. - MARTIN TYLER.

'So that's 1-0, sounds like the score at Boundary Park where it's of course 2-2'. - JACK WAINWRIGHT.

'5.3 million pounds is a large loaf to be throwing away before a ball's been kicked'. - JIMMY GREAVES.

FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

10 Years Ago - April 1975

Very much a make or break period for Swindon as despite an unrewarding Easter, promotion was still possible. The month started well with a 2-0 victory over top of the table Charlton, through goals from Colin Prophet and David Moss in front of 9,816, and followed it up with a 4-1 win over doomed Huddersfield on the 5th. Peter Eastoe got a first-half hat-trick, Moss adding the fourth, to lift Swindon into fifth place. However, Jimmy Barron injured his hand during training that week and was unable to play in the Friday night game at Southend - Jimmy Allan being called on for only his third appearance of the season - as Swindon went down 2-0. Although victory was vital at that stage, it later transpired that even a win would not have secured promotion, unless it had been by a seven goal margin.

Allan played out the rest of the season in goal, helping to secure a further three victories from three games. Halifax were beaten 3-1 on the 19th, Kenny Stroud, Wilf Dixon and Eastoe scoring, and Port Vale three days later by 3-2 - Moss, Prophet and Trevor Anderson netting in the first-half, Vale pulling two back in the second. The following Saturday Swindon travelled to Wrexham and rounded up their League campaign with a 2-1 success, Eastoe getting one in each half, and finally finishing in fourth place, two points behind third placed Charlton.

20 Years Ago - April 1965

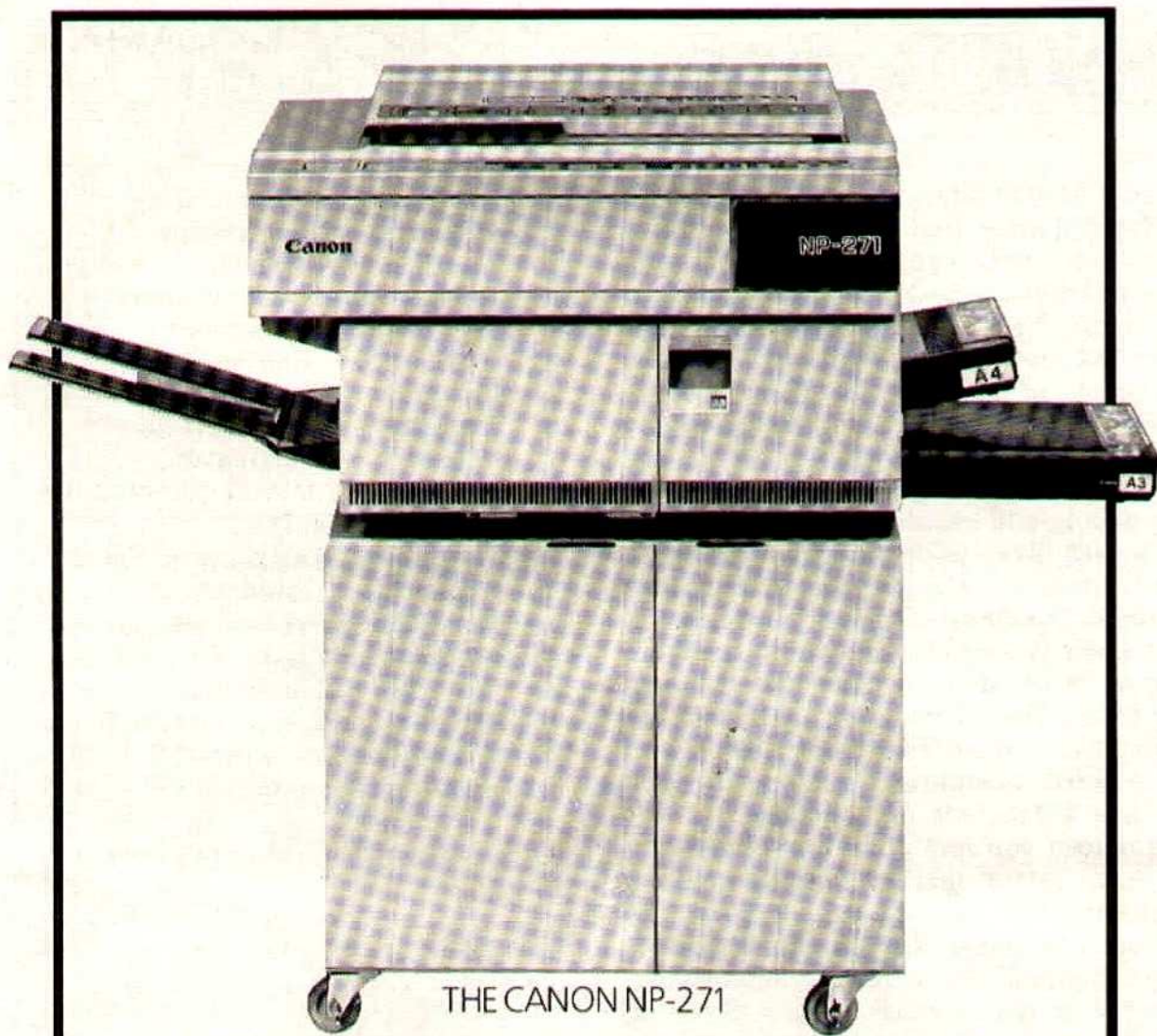
Swindon started the month when Middlesbrough came to the County Ground on the 3rd. Fellow relegation strugglers they may have been, but Swindon still failed to beat them, going down 1-0 and resulting in a drop of four places to 20th, a position that was maintained seven days later when Swindon made the long trip to Newcastle to incur another single goal defeat. With Swansea already down it was turning into a close battle to avoid that second place - only three points separated the next five

clubs - but a 3-2 victory over Rotherham on Good Friday kept the Town in with a chance:- Ernie Hunt, Roger Smart and Mike Summerbee got the goals in front of an impressive 17,280. However, the following day a valuable point was dropped when Preston were the visitors, Summerbee and Don Rogers getting the Town's two.

It was now a straight fight between Swindon and Portsmouth for that second relegation spot, a cause not helped when a trip to Rotherham ended with a 1-0 victory for the home side on Easter Monday. It now all depended on the final day of the season, the 24th, with both sides on 33 points but Swindon ahead on goal average. For Swindon it was an away trip to Southampton, and for Pompey a trip to Northampton, but with the advantage of a later kick-off. Half-time at the Dell saw it all square, Dennis Brown netting in the 31st minute, but the Saints did us no favours by getting another in the second-half to win 2-1. It now rested with Pompey, already drawing at Northampton, but with our result being given over the P.A. it gave them the resolve to hang on and secure that point to send us down - the first time in our history that we had been relegated. Just two days later Swindon had their first taste of Third Division football when they played in a Testimonial at Exeter and lost 3-0.

30 Years Ago - April 1955

Brentford were the visitors on the 2nd, and things looked promising when Maurice Owen found the net after only two minutes, but Swindon couldn't hold out and Brentford got a deserved equaliser to gain a share of the points. The story was much the same the following Wednesday when Owen again put the Town in front at Torquay, but again had to settle for a single point, and two days later, on Good Friday, gained another at Newport - Roy Sampson getting one in each half.



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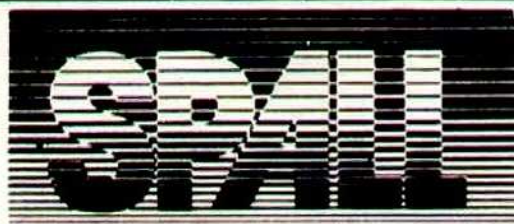
Those of you who came on the trip to Wembley will know that we now have Junior Robins Tee Shirts available. These have the Swindon Town badge printed on them along with the wording Swindon Town Junior Robins League Football for 50p. At a cost of just 1.50 they are an excellent buy quite apart from being a good chance for you to help the Club by drawing attention to the bargain price at which young people can obtain a seat at Swindon.

I would like to echo Mr. Jefferies request made a fortnight ago to complete and send in the Canon Competition inserts. This is a way you can possibly help the Club win some much needed cash and is much easier than a first sight of the leaflet makes it seem. One word of advice; when you have a word completed except for one letter use a football to complete it, this does not lose you any points and may give you a vital letter spare for another word.

Towards the end of this month the Evening Advertiser will be launching its Junior Robins Scrapbook Competition. Entry forms will appear in the Evening Advertiser and will include Junior Robins Membership Forms for next season. New members who join before the end of this season will be able to take advantage of the 50 pence admission charge for any remaining home matches this season.

Birthday congratulations go to one of our members, Steven Carr who will be eight tomorrow.

- A Crewe v Bury
- B Hartlepool v Colchester
- C Hereford v Scunthorpe
- D Mansfield v Halifax
- E Peterborough v Southend
- F Port Vale v Aldershot
- G Rochdale v Exeter
- H Torquay v Chester
- I Tranmere v Chesterfield
- J Wrexham v Darlington
- K Manchester Utd. v Liverpool
- L Luton v Everton
- M Arsenal v Nottingham Forest
- N Coventry v Sunderland
- O Leicester v Tottenham H.
- P Newcastle v Q.P. Rangers
- Q Watford v Norwich
- R Wolverhampton v Oxford Utd.
- S Bristol Rovers v Bristol City
- T Reading v Swansea



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DATE		EVENTS		RESULTS												
1964		F.A.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Aug	25	Wrexham	-	2-1	Exeter City	Ballie	Nelson	Macar	Henry	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Rowland	Mayes	Nockaday	Coyne for 5
Mon	31	Bristol Rovers (N.I.N. Cup)	A	1-5	Sperrington	Ballie	Graham	Macar	Gibson	Rowland	Coyne	Coyne	Mayes	Barnard	Nelson	Hughes not used
Sep	1	Northampton United	A	2-2	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Barnard	Payne not used
Tues	4	Bristol Rovers (N.I.N. Cup)	A	1-0	Exeter City	Graham	Bodley	Payne	Rowland	Gray	Batty	Barnard	Mayes	Gardiner	Nelson	Henry not used
Sat	8	Torquay United	A	1-5	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 3	Mayes for 3
Sat	14	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Gardiner	Barnard	Nelson	Mayes for 2
Sat	18	Bury	A	0-2	Exeter City	Batty	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 6	Payne for 6
Sat	22	Northampton United	A	0-3	Exeter City	Bodley	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	29	Northampton United	A	0-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	29	Blackpool	A	1-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sun	1	Peterborough United	A	2-3	Exeter City	Ramsay	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	13	Crewe Alexandra	A	2-3	Exeter City	Ramsay	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	20	Port Vale	A	0-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	24	Exeter City	A	1-1	Exeter City	Gray	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	27	Stockport County	A	4-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	3	Blackpool	A	1-0	Exeter City	Gray	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	7	Southampton United	A	0-0	Exeter City	Bodley	Gray	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	10	Northampton United	A	0-4	Exeter City	Bodley	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	17	F.A. Cup Round 1	A	0-0	Exeter City	Rowland	Bodley	Barnard	Gibson	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	24	Alkali	A	2-1	Exeter City	Mackay	Bodley	Barnard	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	26	F.A. Cup Round 1	A	1-2	Exeter City	Fallowell	Bodley	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sun	2	Darlington	A	0-1	Exeter City	Gray	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Payne for 8	Gardiner not used
Sat	8	F.A. Cup Round 2	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	15	Colchester United	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	22	Millers	A	2-3	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	26	Southampton United	A	2-3	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Jan	1	Chesterfield	A	4-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	5	Wrexham	A	0-4	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Tues	26	Torquay United F.A.I.	A	1-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Barnard	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	28	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	30	Chester City	A	0-2	Exeter City	Ramsay	Henry	Macar	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	3	Northampton United	A	1-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
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Sat	19	Blackpool	A	0-1	Exeter City	Gray	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Cole	Henry	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
Sat	23	Blackpool	A	2-1	Exeter City	Gray	Ballie	Macar	Rowland	Cole	Henry	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macar not used
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Fri	1	Stockport County	A	1-2	Exeter City	Gray	Ramsay	Macar	Rowland	Cole	Henry	Ballie	Gordon	Calwell	Nockaday	Coyne not used
Tues	5	Exeter City	A	2-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Gray	Cole	Nockaday	Rowland	Gordon	Calwell	Nelson	Coyne for 4
Sat	9	Port Vale	A	0-2	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Macar	Coyne	Cole	Nockaday	Rowland	Gordon	Calwell	Nelson	Coyne for 4
Tues	12	Bury	A	1-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Graham	Nelson	Batty not used
Sat	16	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Calwell	Nelson	Reynolds not used
Sat	23	Peterborough United	A	1-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Graham	Nelson	Reynolds not used
Sun	24	Mill Cup Final	A	1-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Graham	Nelson	Reynolds not used
Fri	29	Southampton United	A	2-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Graham	Barnard	Batty for 10
Sun	31	Northampton United	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Henry	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Nockaday	Gordon	Barnard	Nelson	Batty for 8
Sat	6	Southampton United	A	2-0	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Batty	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Graham	Gordon	Barnard	Nelson	Mayes for 7
Tues	9	Chesterfield	A	0-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Batty	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Graham	Gordon	Barnard	Nelson	Henry not used
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Fri	10	Millers Town	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Batty	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Graham	Gordon	Barnard	Nelson	Henry not used
Sat	18	F.A. Cup Final	A	2-1	Exeter City	Ramsay	Ballie	Batty	Cole	Rowland	Coyne	Graham	Gordon	Barnard	Nelson	Henry not used

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BEHIND THE SCENES



BY BOB JEFFERIES

Now that the furore of the past week has ceased let us all hope that each and everyone of us can get down to restoring the Swindon Town Football Club to its position of a few years ago in the higher echelons of the Football League. One of the good things of recent days is the re-emergence of the fervour of former years but let us not allow this passion to hibernate until the next unpleasant happening. Let us harness, it into a force of a different kind, one that will forge the club into a greater future.

There are many ways in which this can be achieved and by no means the least of these is to encourage others to support the team. Bring your family and friends to the next match on Sunday 28th April to let them witness the good entertainment being presented by the players at the County Ground, I am sure they will want to come again. If they in turn bring others then better things will soon begin to happen.

Support of the club lotteries, the three licenced clubs and of the Supporters' Co-operative are all other ways from which the Club can benefit and progress.

The Company shareholders have made themselves heard in support of Lou Macari and perhaps I may direct a few words to them. A very great number of shareholders own just one or two shares which they purchased many years ago for just 50p and yes, in many instances, ten shillings in old money. Each year a

balance sheet has to be printed and posted to each shareholder at a cost almost equal to the original cost of the share. It does not need a mathematician to calculate that such a situation is a financial drain upon the Club's resources so I appeal to all shareholders who hold single or low numbers of shares to consider increasing their holdings as soon as possible. Ron Morse will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to purchase further shares.

Have you noticed how the national newspapers have suddenly taken an interest in the club. Let one happening out of the ordinary occur at the County Ground and they all appear out of the woodwork to make as much as possible of the issue. When it is all over they disappear until the next crisis erupts. Would it not be nice if they reported upon our matches from time to time even if that did necessitate their sacrificing the hospitality of Liverpool and Manchester United. Too much to expect I suppose!.

Finally, let us all forget what has happened in the last few days, look forward and give Lou and the lads every encouragement to make this club greater. Thank you for coming this afternoon and enjoy yourselves.

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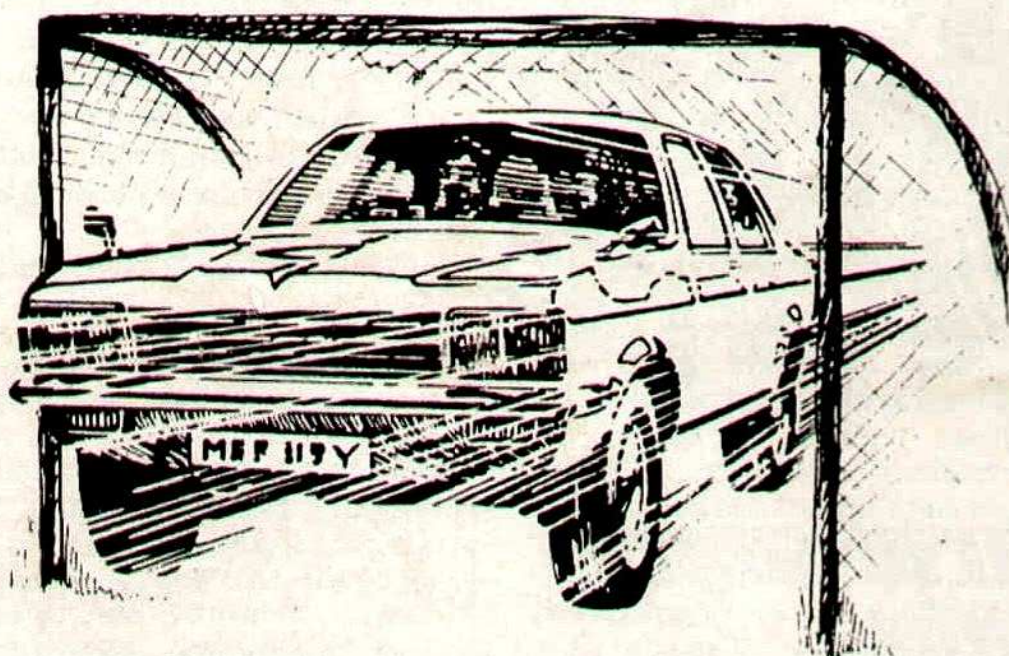
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