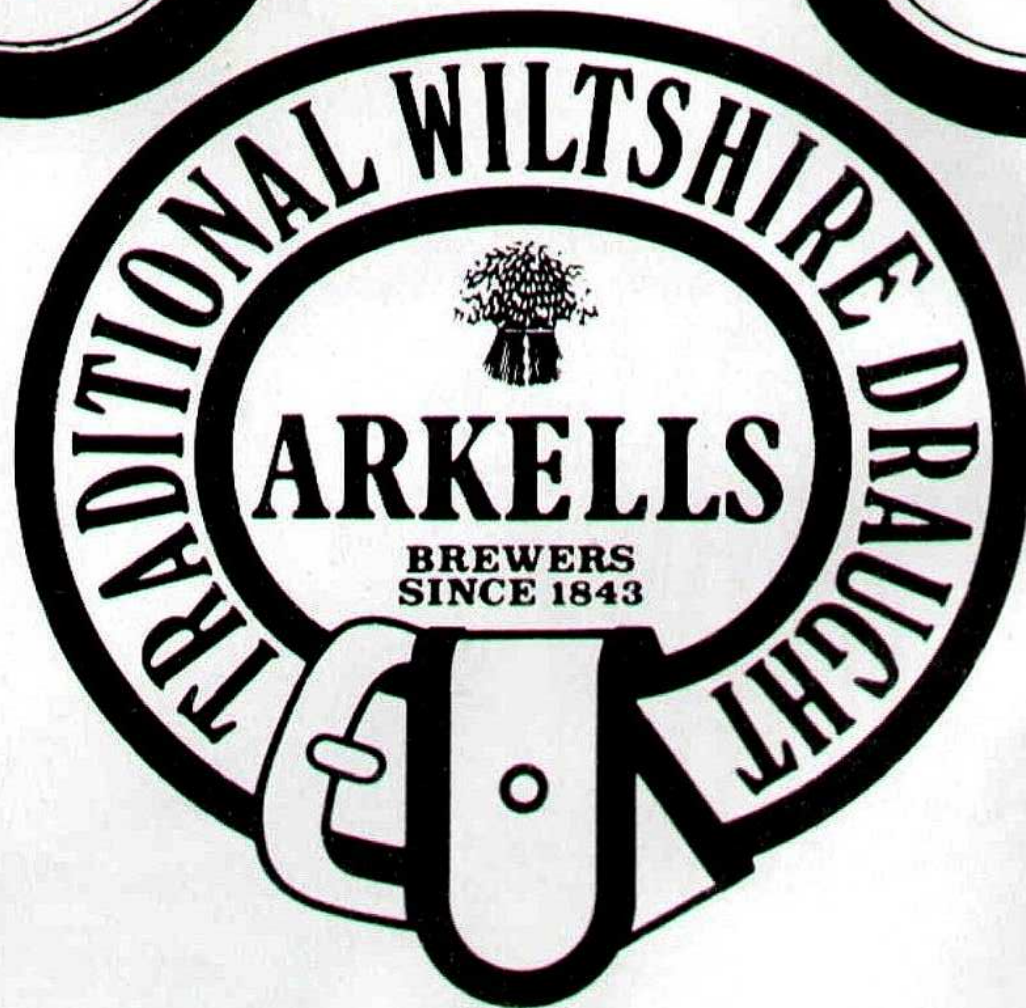


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## Chairman's Chatter

With the Club having come through a difficult situation with the interim period of Mr. R. Jefferies resignation and the appointment of Mr. R. Stephenson. May I thank all those who have given their assistance, however menial to the Club, to help us overcome one of the most hectic periods we have encountered in recent seasons, due to our progress in the Milk Cup.



A thank you to all of you who have supported the Club through the turnstiles enabling the Club to enjoy two of our largest attendances in recent seasons.

Having defeated Stockport County by a single goal we travelled to Port Vale last Saturday to meet a similarly successful club who have experienced a golden month of October. Despite a 3-0 deficit we hit the woodwork twice and also missed a second half penalty. Without any detraction from the victors it was an afternoon where good fortune deserted us at crucial periods of the match.

My congratulations to Mr. K. Mackenzie, 2 Gladstone Close, Kintbury, Newbury. Who was successful in answering the questions correctly in the quiz which appeared in the Stockport County programme.

### CHAIRMAN'S QUIZ

Win two free stand tickets for our next home match by answering these questions:-

1. Which previous Swindon Town player was the previous Manager of Tranmere Rovers?
2. From which club did we sign Bryan Wade?
3. How many League appearances did Peter Coyne make for Manchester United?
4. Name the League clubs that Tony Evans has appeared for?
5. Who is Swindon Town's record career goalscorer in League matches?

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# Face to Face

A NEW PROGRAMME FEATURE  
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**Q:** Would you like to explain the full circumstances of the Scott Endersby situation to the club supporters? Some have been mystified by various newspaper reports.

**LOU:** It was simply a question of Scott Endersby refusing to play in last Tuesday nights match against Sheffield Wednesday, unless the club granted him a free transfer. Scott has made



several references to the fact that this club has been four places from the bottom of the League. It is a remark that is detrimental, for Scott was part of that set-up. He simply wanted more money, he was offered a fair increase, but in his opinion he is one of the best goalkeepers in the Division. He is entitled to that opinion but his form has not been such to warrant any club offering a fee for him. No one has wanted to pay £3,500 for Scott. I cannot make clubs offer money for him and if I relented or any other manager in the Football League did likewise offering a player the chance to move, providing he played in one certain match. We would have every player on the staff trying to do the same. It is simply not on. He is paid by this club and he has been quite happy to do so. The club has every right to expect his services for the money he is paid. I am sorry it came to this but Scott cannot expect to walk out on every situation the minute it is not to his liking.

**Q:** Do you believe we can make a determined push for promotion this season. Having gained confidence from recent matches?

**LOU:** We have a good chance but a lot can happen, if Nicky Coleman left we have to search again for a full back. We could be losing Colin Calderwood for three matches. They are two examples of what could be regarded as a settled team becoming disrupted.

**Q:** How much longer do you anticipate being out of the team?

**LOU:** I may well be fit again in ten days time, but obviously I could be kept out by the form of other players. If I put myself straight back into the team it would be against the principles that I believe in. I have always told the players no one has an automatic re-entry to the first team after injury.

**Q:** You seem to be using Andy Rowland more sparingly this season, any reason?.

**LOU:** I have spoken to Andy about this. Andy has shown in our Milk Cup ties that he still has the instinct there for goals and he could have scored more. I have told Andy that the future of this club will not be with the likes of him or myself in the team. It depends on a younger element. Andy has given this club great service and will continue to do so, he is a valued member of the first team squad and I hope Andy will stay with the club in a role he will enjoy by playing and otherwise.

**Q:** Would you like to give a mid term assessment on your new signings?.

**LOU:** Signings are no different at Swindon as they are at Liverpool. Some pay their way others do not. At the end of the day if they have not crippled the club financially, they have all been worthwhile in some game or other.



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# IMPROVED FORTUNES



HERE WE GO! A unique team shot of the players' coach as the record-breaking 'Royals' prepare for their journey along the M4 to Newport. Colin Bailie is sat in fourth position from the left of our photograph.

In soccer there is no room for sentiment or ill feeling and it is with pleasure that Swindon Town Football Club has been able to note the improved fortunes of players who were with the club last season.

Pride of place must go to Colin Bailie who has featured prominently in the fantastic unbeaten run of matches which saw Reading achieve their record-breaking twelfth successive League victory at Newport's Somerton Park recently. How fitting that the Elm Park Club should write themselves into the history books on the ground where they played their first ever League game 65 years ago. It was ironic that the record previously held by Tottenham was taken from the White Hart Lane Club by former Spurs apprentice Stuart Beavon who stole the 25-year old record formerly held by the London giants. He gave 'The Royals' a first half lead and masterminded the 'coup de grace' by setting up substitute Kevin Bremner to score 'The Royals' second goal.

Colin who left the County Ground at the end of last season could hardly have envisaged he would be making Football League history within months! Congratulations Colin.

Gary Nelson who spent a frustrating last few months with us, whereby he lost all confidence and form, is now the leading goalscorer for Plymouth Argyle with six goals. He recently saved the Home Park Club from certain defeat at Walsall, with five minutes of play left, Argyle were

trailing to 'The Saddlers'. Gary rescued the Home Park Club with two stunning efforts in the last five minutes to snatch a point. Nice to see that a change of scenery has revitalised the former Southend winger.

Top of the table! That was the position that Mansfield Town found themselves in after their recent 4-0 home win over Torquay United. A regular member of their first team is former town defender Mick Graham. The former Bolton Wanderers apprentice is now settled at full back for the Fieldmill Club and clearly enjoying his view from the top! A whole hearted player we will not want to deny you promotion Mick, but can we accompany you along the way please?

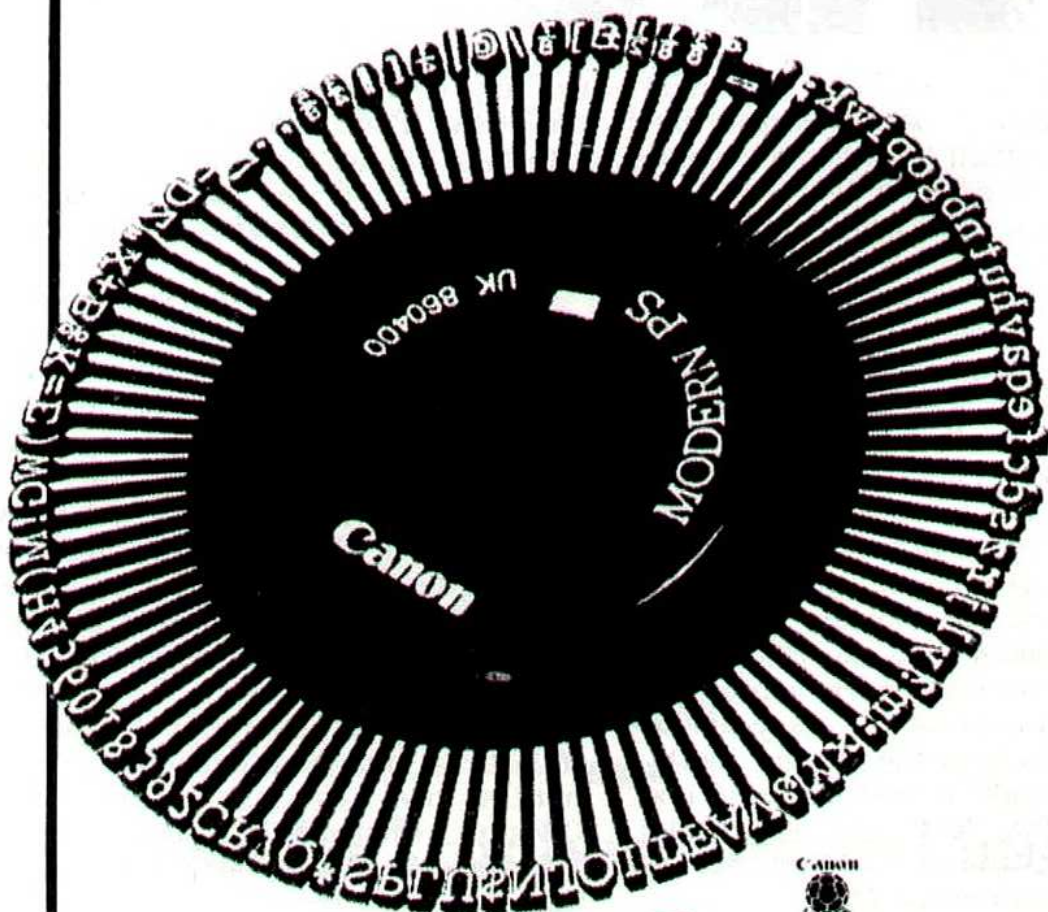
Given a free transfer at the completion of last season, Paul Batty was offered a months trial by last season's Fourth Division Champion's Chesterfield. He accepted the opportunity with relish and following a further offer of a one year contract with the Saltergate Club, Paul is firmly established in the midfield section of John Duncan's Derbyshire Club who have settled into a mid table position in this seasons Third Division. Well done Paul.

It may be non-League for Gary Fulbrook but the strapping defender seems to have found a niche with Gola League Club Bath City. Born in Bath, Gary has settled into a full back position with the Twerton Park Club.



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# Commercial Comment

By Doug Buswell

Congratulations to Lou and the lads for a great team effort on Tuesday evening and thanks to you the supporters for your tremendous backing.

## OUR PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

For October is Leigh Barnard. Leigh will be presented with his award before today's game by Mr. Selwyn Cound of The Oxford Hotel. Selwyn has kindly donated an award for each of the next six months. The monthly award is based on the judgement of our Chairman Mr. Hillier, John Trollope and Kevin Morris.

Thank you Selwyn for your generosity and congratulations Leigh.

## SOUVENIR AND SPORTS SHOP

With Christmas forty four more shopping days away why not visit our souvenir and sports shops. There are many ideas for Christmas presents especially if you are a "Town Supporter". Call and see what's available. I am sure Doug Woodman will be pleased to see you.

## OUR MASCOT TODAY

Is Lee Selby aged 9. Lee comes from Haydon View Road and attends Sevenfield Primary School. Lee is a keen Town fan. Enjoy yourself today Lee.

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# Seen and Heard



## Bad Boys'.....

Both Gary Fulbrook and Kevin Baddeley were booked in the recent 1-1 draw between Bath City and Cheltenham Town in the Gola League tussle...At Twerton Park.

## Reading Manager Ian Branfoot.....

On former Town full back Colin Bailie...'An ex-Irish Youth International, he joined us from Swindon...When a tribunal set the fee at £22,000, I hadn't intended to pay that much but he has enough ability and potential to repay the club.

## Studying.....

Bachelor of Education...Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday Manager was busily making notes at our recent Division Four match with Stockport.

## Racing Fraternity.....

Well known T.V. racing expert...Julian Wilson and Jockey Simon Whitworth...Can be seen at Town matches...When commitments allow them.

## Manager Director Robert Stephenson.....

Took up his new duties yesterday...A demanding task...we can all wish him well...If enthusiasm for Swindon Town counts...Well we know the outcome.

## A Salute to Sandra.....

Sandra Coburn, the Supporters Club Secretary has forfeited normal life for Swindon Town recently...Voluntarily working for the Club in the recent congestion of fixtures and match-tickets to be seen to for the Milk Cup tie...With Sheffield Wednesday...No dinner hour...Just devotion to the cause...Early morning...to late evening...Organising the Supporters Club and then onto Keep Fit sessions...Oh...I have forgotten a couple of little events...Watching the First Team...and Reserves...When the fixtures don't clash...Not many Supporter's Club or Football Clubs have many many

Sandras'...A trip to London to register players!...All in a days work...Then that is part of the family interest in our Club...Mum and Dad are season ticket holders...And play hosts to three Town players...The Football Club and Supporter's Club must be proud of Sandra.

## Bovril Boy.....

Hot bovril was laid on for waiting Town fans...As they queued for cup tickets...The kindly act was made by Kevin Morris...All in his dinner hour...Heart of gold...It was a chilly October day too...Much appreciated.

## Busy Lou.....

Away from football...He was busy writing his notes for the Junior Robins Newsletter...With three sons...Lou knows the value of encouraging the bairns.

## Did You See Me Dad.....

Seven year old Tony Coyne...Left a lasting impression on all who watched him run round the County Ground perimeter...Lou was so impressed...He presented young Tony with a memento...A talking point among many of the players is Tony...amazing skill for his age...The Town ought to sign Peter for ten years...You know why?.

## Storm In A Tea Cup?.....

Following a disagreement after their Milk Cup tie here at the County Ground...Lawrie McMenemy, the Sunderland Manager...Transfer listed former Liverpool striker...Dave Hodgson...Who was alledged to have thrown a cup of tea over the former 'Saints Manager'...Hodgson was on the list couple of days later.

## No You Did Not Really Miss Out.....

A scoreline in a national newspaper...recently...read Czechoslovakia 2...Swindon Town 0...Not a tabliod...of the upper crust...mmm!



# Junior Robins

By D. Mattick

The Referees Quiz at our last meeting resulted in the following three members winning Gift Vouchers for the Swindon Town Sports Shop: Donna Garfield, Paul Mitchell and Adam Silvester. We are very grateful to Mr. Humphries, who not only donated these prizes but also came along to talk to members at our last meeting. The final question on the Quiz Sheet certainly produced a wide variety of answers. Asked to write the five words which described a good referee, Mike Stimson of Nythe Junior School produced what I consider to be the best answer of FIRM, FAIR, CALM, KNOWLEDGEABLE, PROFESSIONAL but I could not help but express a sneaking regard for Carl Webster of Churchfields whose five words were DON'T BOOK SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS.

After the meeting a light fawn colour Lord Anthony jacket was left behind. If anybody has lost such a jacket if they will let the Club Office know I will arrange for

its return.

I have had an application for membership from Andrew Mintern. Unfortunately he did not give his address or school on the form. I have left it at the office along with his badge and membership card so it can be collected from there.

Most members should now have received their autographed photographs. Photographs of some of the players who have joined us recently have still to be taken, so, where a photograph for one of these players has been asked for, you will have to be patient for a little while longer.

With Christmas coming up why not think about a Swindon Town Tracksuit. Red with white trim and the Swindon Town badge these smart and hard wearing garments would make an excellent Christmas present. The cost for boys sizes 26"-28" and 30"-32" is just £12.95 and they can be obtained from Doug Woodman in the Swindon Town Sports Shop.



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3,927 v Exeter City	2,701	Colchester Utd	15	9	2	4	32	19	29	Adcock 9, Bowen 8
5,073 v Swindon Town	3,322	Port Vale	15	8	4	3	27	9	28	Maguire 7, Jones 5
4,975 v Wrexham	4,153	Southend Utd	15	8	4	3	27	21	28	Cadette 10, Pennyfather 4
3,490 v Hereford Utd	2,525	Hartlepool Utd	15	9	1	5	26	22	28	Shoulder 6, Borthwick and Hogan 4 each
3,109 v Swindon Town	2,315	Chester City	14	7	5	2	29	16	26	Rimmer 17, Bennett 5
3,021 v Stockport County	2,727	Orient	15	7	4	4	27	19	25	Shinners 9, Godfrey 6
3,500 v Chester City	2,405	Wrexham	15	6	5	4	21	27	23	Charles 9, Edwards and Steel 3 each
7,172 v Stockport County	4,132	Swindon Town	14	7	1	6	16	18	22	Coyne 9, Gordon and Wade 3 each
4,049 v Swindon Town	3,102	Hereford Utd	15	6	3	6	25	23	21	Kearns 6, Phillips 5
2,600 v Peterborough Utd	1,999	Rochdale	13	6	3	4	18	21	21	Taylor 8, Moore 3
2,739 v Mansfield Town	2,296	Northampton Town	15	6	2	7	31	22	20	Benjamin 9, Hill 7
3,872 v Northampton Town	3,186	Peterborough Utd	14	5	4	5	20	20	19	Callagher 6, Holmes 4
1,816 v Southend Utd	1,372	Aldershot	15	5	3	7	22	25	18	Foyle and Johnson 10 each
4,214 v Northampton Town	3,762	Burnley	15	5	3	7	17	21	18	Taylor 9, Hird 3
2,454 v Preston N.E.	1,909	Crewe Alexandra	15	5	3	7	18	23	18	Waller 8, Platt 5
2,868 v Port Vale	2,098	Exeter City	14	4	4	6	13	18	16	Kellow 5, Gale 3
2,225 v Hereford Utd	1,871	Stockport County	14	4	4	6	17	24	16	Leonard and Smith 6 each
2,328 v Port Vale	1,625	Tranmere Rovers	13	4	3	6	25	23	15	Worthington 11, Muir 4
5,585 v Burnley	2,296	Preston N.E.	14	4	3	7	23	31	15	Brazil 10, Greenwood 7
3,234 v Peterborough Utd	2,034	Cambridge Utd	15	4	3	8	23	34	15	Crown 8, Pyle and Spriggs 4 each
2,097 v Wrexham	1,781	Scunthorpe Utd	15	3	4	8	14	20	13	Cammack 4, Broddle and Graham 3 each
2,334 v Burnley	1,509	Halifax Town	15	3	4	8	18	26	13	Longhurst 4, Kellock 3
1,282 v Northampton Town	1,166	Torquay Utd	14	3	1	10	13	35	10	Dawkins 3, Lambert and Loram 2 each

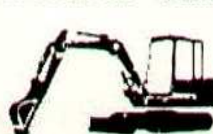


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# Looking Ahead

Next Wednesday evening we entertain Cambridge United here at the County Ground in a Canon League fixture. The Abbey Stadium Club have to date experienced a difficult season. Following relegation from Division Three at the end of last season.

Struggling near the foot of the Fourth Division following seasons of Second Division soccer is a new experience in recent years for the Abbey Stadium Club.

Having recently sold their central defender David Moyes to Bristol City. The Cambridge United Team Manager Ken Shellito obtained West Ham United reserve Keith McPherson on loan to replace the former Glasgow Celtic defender.

Prior to last evenings match at Stockport County, the East Anglian Club were still searching for their first away win of the season. They have twice been on the receiving end of heavy defeats having lost by an identical 6-2 scoreline to our visitors today, Tranmere Rovers and Wrexham.

On both occasions Cambridge United conceded three goals in each half. The Abbey Stadium Club have also suffered defeat at Hereford (0-1), along with two 4-1 defeats at Port Vale and Colchester. While their only points have come from drawn matches at Halifax (1-1) and a goal-less encounter at Scunthorpe, who we visit next Saturday. Newcomer David Crown is the United leading goalscorer with six goals. The former Brentford, Portsmouth and Exeter winger joined Cambridge during the close season. Dave once figured in an exchange deal between Brentford and Portsmouth for our injured midfield player Chris Kamara. He spent last season with Reading where he was the Elm Park Clubs third highest goalscorer with 12 goals.

Steve Massey who once interested our former Manager Ken Beamish is another newcomer to the Cambridge United line-up this season. At home United have just began to find form recording three wins in their last four home matches. Defeating

Preston (2-0), Mansfield (4-2) and Peterborough United last Saturday 3-1, David Crown with two goals and Steve Massey from the penalty spot the United goalscorers.

Next Saturday we visit the Old Show Ground to meet Scunthorpe United where a 6-2 deficit was our punishment for some slack defensive work last season.

Despite their disappointing showing so far this term it should not be any surprise to anyone to find that the fortunes of United have wavered following the loss of the goalscoring touch of the United player-coach Steve Cammack. With only four goals this season and two of those from the penalty spot, it is not difficult to see how much the form of the Old Show Ground Club's form depend on his goalscoring exploits.

With twenty-four League goals last season, the Lincolnshire Club heavily depend upon the thirty-one year old, who has scored 70 goals for United in the last three and a half years! It was significant that in last Friday evenings 2-1 home win over Hereford United the former Sheffield United, Chesterfield and Lincoln City striker scored only his second goal this season from open play. Town you have been warned!.

Scunthorpe have been goal-less in four of their home matches losing (0-1) to today's visitors Tranmere Rovers and (3-0) to the current Division leaders Mansfield Town. While sharing the points in goal-less encounters with Cambridge United and Port Vale. An opening day 4-0 win over Torquay United heralded the new season with optimism but Frank Barlow's team had to wait until the first Saturday of October to record a second home win against Crewe by 3-1.

Away matches have proved disastrous with six consecutive defeats at Halifax (1-2), Peterborough (0-1), Southend (1-2), Exeter City (0-2), Aldershot (1-2) and Orient (0-3) before a surprising 1-1 draw at Colchester halted the run of poor results.



# Backtrack

BY MIKE SKINNER

## 10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1975

With Swindon now struggling to field a team, David Syrett was recalled from Wolves, where his loan had just been extended, in time for the home game with Crystal Palace on the 4th. And victory looked to be on the cards as David Moss put the Town ahead in the second minute, but top of the table Palace hit back twice through Dave Swindlehurst in a second-half that saw Moss sent off and Joe Butler retire through injury. The crowd of 10,599 dropped by over 4,000 for the following Saturdays' match at home to Preston. John Emanuel, signed on loan from Bristol City three days earlier, made his debut as Swindon went down 3-1, left-back John Trollope getting our consolation.

Seven days later Swindon went down by the same score at Peterborough, this time Peter Eastoe netting for us in front of 7,287. A week later Swindon took a break from the League, travelling to Newport for the first round of the F.A. Cup. After being one down at half-time, goals from Moss and Syrett (who scored in the last minute) forced a 2-2 draw. The replay three days later attracted 7,574 to see the Town win 3-0 through John Trollope, Wilf Dixon and an own goal. At home again on the following Saturday, this time to Brighton, Swindon managed to produce the rarity of a win, although it was close at 3-2. But despite goals from Syrett, Eastoe and Dixon our League position remained unchanged, being twenty-third.

## 20 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1965

What a month! Of the four games played one was lost, but here was little consternation as we scored 18, yes 18, to six against. The rout started on the 6th when we played hosts to Reading. Jimmy Lawton put us ahead in the first-half, with Don Rogers getting a hat-trick in the second. Eric Weaver added the fifth seven minutes from time with 15,627 present. Lawton collected an injury during the game, which was to prove significant for the rest of the month. His

replacement for the next game, home in the F.A. Cup to Merthyr, was Keith East. Anxious to put his case for regular first-team football, he scored after just three minutes and went on to get a further three, Roger Smart adding the other, as Swindon stormed to a 5-1 victory.

A week later East went one better, getting five of the goals that helped sink Mansfield 6-2, Don Rogers getting the odd one, and push the Town into fourth spot. Those five goals in a game still stand as a Third Division record. However, it was back to earth with a bump for the following Saturdays' game at Loftus Road with a 3-2 defeat. Two down at half-time, Swindon hit back through an own goal, and that man East who netted his tenth goal in three games. Not bad for a player considered a reserve!

## 30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1955

Our first game of the Month, on Saturday the 5th, produced only our seventh point of the season. Two goals by Maurice Owen put us 2-1 in front after 45 minutes, but we failed to hold on against a strong Bournemouth team with 7,664 in attendance. Two days later we played hosts to Reading in a friendly arranged to alleviate our financial difficulties. An advert in the local paper appealed for at least 10,250 to break-even, but only 3,345 turned out to see Swindon win 2-1, with Andy Micklewright and Owen getting the goals. Back to the League, and Swindon travelled to Gillingham on the 12th. With regular 'keeper Sam Burton out with tonsillitis that game saw the one and only appearance of part-timer Colin Gill. Unfortunately he let in four, with no reply forthcoming from the Town.

The F.A. Cup came around seven days later, and we managed to beat the then non-League Hereford here by 4-0, through Micklewright (2), Owen and Dave Gibson, with a much more respectable attendance of 13,364. A week later we travelled to near neighbours Reading, and pulled off a shock 1-0 victory.



# In Town Today

**MANAGER - Frank Worthington**

The Prenton Park Club visit the County Ground this afternoon with three significant changes in their personnel from their visit last January when 2,697 witnessed our 2-1 home win.

Those changes have seen Frank Worthington become successor to our former player-coach Bryan Hamilton as Manager. Bryan is now managing Third Division Wigan Athletic while the dynamic duo of Colin Clarke and John Clayton who formed the spearhead of Rovers attack last season, scoring 53 League goals between them have departed for Bournemouth and Plymouth Argyle respectively.

Rovers have won two away matches this season at Scunthorpe (1-0) and 2-1 at Halifax Town. They have shared the points in two all draws at Preston and Southend and in a 1-1 draw at the Racecourse with Wrexham. Their only away defeats of the season have been at Orient by 2-1 and at Exeter by a single goal.

Tranmere have been less fortunate at home where Chester, Colchester United, Port Vale and Mansfield Town have all taken maximum points. The Prenton Park Club have defeated Cambridge United 6-3, with Player/Manager Frank Worthington scoring a hat trick, Aldershot 3-0 and last Saturday they took all three points in a 2-0 win against Rochdale.

To their credit they have scored in every home match scoring eighteen goals in seven matches, to provide plenty of entertainment for their supporters.

Included in Frank's Prenton Park line-up of recent matches has been:- The experienced BARRY SIDDALL who has played in over 400 League matches for Sunderland, Port Vale and Bolton Wanderers who Barry joined as an apprentice to launch his League career. The thirty-one year old goalkeeper is one of Frank Worthington's signings as he

attempts to restructure the Birkenhead Club playing staff. STEVE MUNGALL is a 27-year old Scot from Bellshill. Signed from Motherwell in 1979 he has now made over 200 appearances for Rovers.

Liverpool born DAVE BURGESS partners Steve at full back, the 25 year old who turned full time professional only two years ago is now approaching 200 League appearances for Rovers, his only League club.

The central defensive positions have been filled by MARK HUGHES who is on loan from Bristol City. His League experience has been gained mainly with both Bristol Clubs. It was with the Eastville Club who he joined as an apprentice that Mark made his most League appearances - 74. The 23 year old Port Talbot born defender has appeared on loan with Torquay United and also spent a brief period with Swansea City. Close season signing DAVID MILLER joined Tranmere from Burnley where his father Brian was Manager until two years ago.

Birkenhead born STEVE EDWARDS played for Oldham Athletic - 80 League matches, Crewe - 56, before linking up with his home town club. Twenty-seven year old Steve is the Club Captain. He scored five goals last season but has failed to find the net this season.

Thirty-one year old BILLY RODAWAY scored his first goal of the season in last Saturday's 2-0 home win against Rochdale. The former Burnely apprentice who made 203 League appearances for the Turf Moor Club has helped both Peterborough and Blackpool to promotion.

RAY TRAIN is one of Football's happy wanderers for he is now with his ninth League club! Ray was with Frank Worthington when they were team-mates at Bolton. Known for his competitive attitude it can be no coincidence that Ray has appeared in promotion teams at Carlisle United, Bolton, Watford and Oxford United. The 34-year old midfielder was with Northampton last season.



# Tranmere Rovers

Former Wolves winger JOHN MORRISEY was signed for £10,000 a few weeks ago and made an immediate impact by scoring in the 2-1 home defeat by Port Vale. John was on the mark again in the recent two all draw at Southend.

The much travelled FRANK WORTHINGTON was appointed Rovers player-manager this summer. He is currently the Club leading goalscorer with eleven goals which includes a hat trick against Cambridge United. Frank is the proud possessor of eleven England Caps. He has seen service with Huddersfield - 171 League matches (42 goals) - Leicester City - 210 (72), Bolton Wanderers - 84 (35), Birmingham City - 75 (30), Leeds United - 32 (14), Sunderland - 19 (2), Southampton - 34 (4), Brighton - 31 (7).

Town fans will recall 22 year old IAN MUIR who spent a loan period with us last season. Ian who has had spells with Q.P.R., Burnley and Birmingham moved to Tranmere from Brighton during the close season to rejoin his Goldstone Ground team-mate Frank Worthington. His first half goal in last Saturday's home win against Rochdale took his total to four this season.

Hong Kong born DOUG ANDERSON is a Scottish Youth International who began his career with Oldham moving to Tranmere at the start of last season, missing only one League match. Twenty-two year old Doug has scored in two away matches this season at Preston and Halifax.

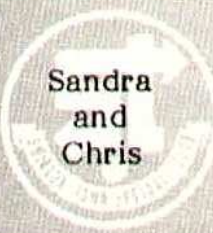
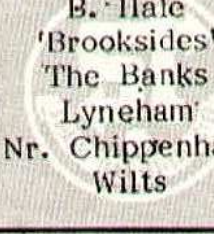


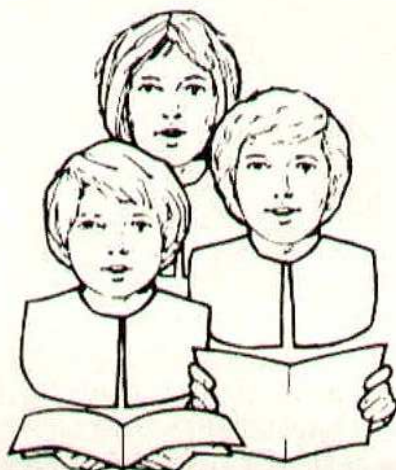
Back Row - Left to Right: Nick Sinclair, Billy Asheroft, Mark Hilditch, Doug Anderson.  
Middle Row - Left to Right: Dave Philpotts (Reserve Team Coach), Mike Hollifield, John Clayton (now with Plymouth Argyle), Nigel Adkins, Darrell Grierson, David Miller, Frank Worthington (Player/Manager), George Mulhall (Assistant Manager).  
Front Row - Left to Right: Ray Train, Ian Muir, Steve Edwards (Captain), Dave Burgess, Steve Mungall, Billy Rodaway, Ray Birch.



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# Facts & Figures

1985/86

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	GOALSCORER	ATTENDANCE
SAT AUG 17	WREXHAM	H	0-1		4,195
TUE AUG 20	Torquay Utd (Milk Cup 1)	A	2-1	Moss, Hockaday	1,266
SAT AUG 24	Hereford Utd	A	1-4	Calderwood	4,049
MON AUG 26	TORQUAY UTD	H	2-1	Coyne, Henry	3,378
FRI AUG 30	Southend Utd	A	0-0		4,037
TUE SEP 3	TORQUAY UTD (Milk Cup 1)	H	2-2	Coyne, Pugh OG	2,846
FRI SEP 6	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3-2	Coyne 3(2 Pens)	3,879
SAT SEP 14	Peterborough Utd	A	0-3		2,946
TUE SEP 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-2		1,699
TUE SEP 24	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	A	3-2	Rowland, Coyne Pen	14,204
SAT SEP 21	PRESTON NORTH END	H	Postponed		
SAT SEP 28	Hartlepool Utd	A	0-1		2,727
TUE OCT 1	EXETER CITY	H	2-1	Gordon, Calderwood	3,118
SAT OCT 5	ROCHDALE	H	4-0	Coyne, Cole, Wade, Hockaday	3,086
TUE OCT 8	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	H	3-1	Rowland, Wade 2	9,111
SAT OCT 12	Burnley	A	2-0	Gordon, Coyne	2,927
SAT OCT 19	Chester City	A	1-0	Gordon	3,109
TUE OCT 22	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-0	Coyne	7,172
SAT OCT 26	Port Vale	A	0-3		5,073
TUE OCT 29	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Milk Cup 3)	H			
SAT NOV 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	H			
WED NOV 6	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H			
SAT NOV 9	Scunthorpe Utd	A			
SAT NOV 16	F.A. CUP 1				
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H			
SAT NOV 30	Orient	A			
SAT DEC 7	F.A. Cup 2				
SAT DEC 14	HALIFAX TOWN	H			
SUN DEC 22	HEREFORD UTD	H			
THU DEC 26	Aldershot	A			
SAT DEC 28	Torquay Utd	A			
WED JAN 1	COLCHESTER UTD	H			
SAT JAN 4	Tranmere Rovers	A			
SUN JAN 12	SOUTHEND UTD	H			
SAT JAN 18	Wrexham	A			
SAT JAN 25	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H			
SAT FEB 1	Northampton Town	A			
MON FEB 3	Stockport County	A			
SAT FEB 8	CHESTER CITY	H			
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H			
SAT FEB 22	Preston North End	A			
SUN MAR 2	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H			
WED MAR 5	Exeter City	A			
SAT MAR 8	Rochdale	A			
SAT MAR 15	BURNLEY	H			
SUN MAR 23	PORT VALE	H			
FRI MAR 28	Colchester Utd	A			
MON MAR 31	ALDERSHOT	H			
SAT APR 5	Cambridge Utd	A			
SAT APR 12	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H			
SAT APR 19	Mansfield Town	A			
SUN APR 27	ORIENT	H			
FRI MAY 2	Halifax Town	A			

	LGE APPS	GLS	MILK CUP APPS	GLS
Kenny Allen	8			
Leigh Barnard	6		2	
Colin Calderwood	14	2	4	
David Cole	13	1	3	
Nicky Coleman	6		2	
Peter Coyne	13	7	3	2
Scott Endersby	2		2	
Tony Evans	7 (2)		2 (1)	
Jake Findlay	4		2	
Colin Gordon	13	3	4	
Charlie Henry	7	1	2	
Dave Hockaday	8	1	2	1
Derek Hall	7		2	
Lou Macari	7 (2)		3	
David Moss	4		1	1
Chris Ramsey	14		4	
Paul Roberts	5 (2)		1	
Andy Rowland	11 (1)		4	2
Bryan Wade	5 (2)	1	1	1



# In Reserve

Keep in touch with the Towns  
Football Combination Team

Our reserves are still searching for their first win of the season after sharing a goal-less draw with Birmingham City here at the County Ground last Saturday. The point enabled the Town to move off the bottom of the Combination Table leaving Swansea City stranded at the wrong end with just two points, the same as the Town but with a goal difference of 5-45 compared with the Town's 11-26!

In last Saturday's match Birmingham were the first to attack with Clarke firing a hard shot across the face of the goal. The following fifteen minutes it was all Swindon, Sean Prowse saw a shot rebound off a defender. Mark Gardiner hit the rebound to bring a good one handed save from Prudhoe who pushed the shot over the bar. Jamie Reynolds return from injury was marked by a shot that was blocked by Frain while Ashely did well to head away Sheldon Lee's centre with Sean Prowse

challenging. Alan Churchward was forced to make a good save from Clarke. While Tony Evans a former St. Andrews player had bad luck with a header which struck an upright.

The Town had a let off when Alan Churchward brought down Russell outside the penalty area. Clarke's free kick was wasted when his shot hit one of his own colleagues to go for a goal kick. Although the match remained void of goals it was not without incident.

TEAMS: Swindon: Churchward; Davison, Hall, Payne, Wollen, Prowse, Reynolds, Evans, Gardiner, S. Lee. SUB: Gillette

Birmingham: Prudhoe; Ashely, Thomas, Devesey, Gore, Frain, Storer, Peers, Russell, Clarke, Smith. SUB: McGowen

REFEREE: Mr. D. Keene

# Youth on our side

Our youth team had another good day recently when they defeated Tottenham Hotspur 4-2 in an away win.

It was only two weeks previously that they had knocked Spurs out of the Youth League Cup.

After again starting slowly, the Town were caught out in defence when Davis put Tottenham into the lead after intercepting a poor back pass. It did not take long before Paul Blakeley the Town's leading goalscorer caused an own-goal equaliser when his centre was miscued by a Tottenham defender.

Sustained pressure by the Town Juniors eventually brought a fine thirteenth minute goal from Town apprentice Nicky Hughes. A minute before half time Dean Casserley, who has been a prominent member of the Swindon Schoolboy Team of the last two seasons, scored with a shot that

went in off an upright.

Tottenham reduced the arrears in the fifty-fifth minute before the irrepressible Paul Blakeley scored the Town juniors fourth goal.

TEAM: Churchward, Lango, Davison, Blakeley, Marshall, Gillette, Casserley, S. Lee, Hughes, Prowse. SUBS: Law for Prowse Barrett.

## TOWN JUNIORS GOALSCORERS

Paul Blakeley 9, Sheldon Lee 8, Nicky Hughes 7, Martyn Davison, Dean Casserley, Gerry O'Loughlin and Jamie Reynolds one each.

## LEADING APPEARANCES

Dean Casserley and David Law 10 each (including substitute appearances).



# Photo Call Colin Gordon



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# Action Replay



Colin Gordon showing chest control in the Stockport penalty area in our recent Canon League match at the County Ground.



Town midfielders Leigh Barnard and Dave Hockaday are foiled by the Stockport defence in our recent home match at the County Ground.



# Action Replay



On-loan 'keeper Richard Key



Nick Coleman receives Lou Macari's congratulations on leaving the pitch after the win over Wednesday.



# Meet the Town Directors



MR. CECIL GREEN - Who was the Club Chairman for several years before handing the position to the current Club Chairman Mr. Brian Hillier. The eldest and longest serving of the Town Board of Directors he rarely misses a match at any level - League, Reserve or Youth Team. Mr. Green resides in Swindon.



MR. GARY HERBERT - Who is the Club Vice Chairman. Resides at Blunsdon. A local amateur soccer player, Gary can be seen at most Town matches Home and Away.



MR. LIONEL SMART - A respected F.A. Councillor. Well known for his participation in the renowned F.A. Cup draws, so popular from the Third Round onwards on radio. Before joining Swindon Town Mr. Smart had been a member of the Bristol City Board of Directors. A Pensford, Somerset, Resident.



# Fact File on Town Men

## Chris Ramsey

FULL NAME: Christopher Ramsey

BIRTHPLACE: Birmingham

BIRTHDATE: April 28th 1962

HEIGHT: 5ft 9in

WEIGHT: 11st 2lb

MARRIED/SINGLE: Single  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bristol City, Brighton.

LEAGUE RECORD:  
Brighton 30 League apps.  
Swindon 46/1 goal.

HONOURS: F.A. Cup  
Runners Up Medal

CAR: Ford Granada

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:  
Daily Mirror

PLAYERS MOST ADMIR-  
RED: Mark Lawrenson

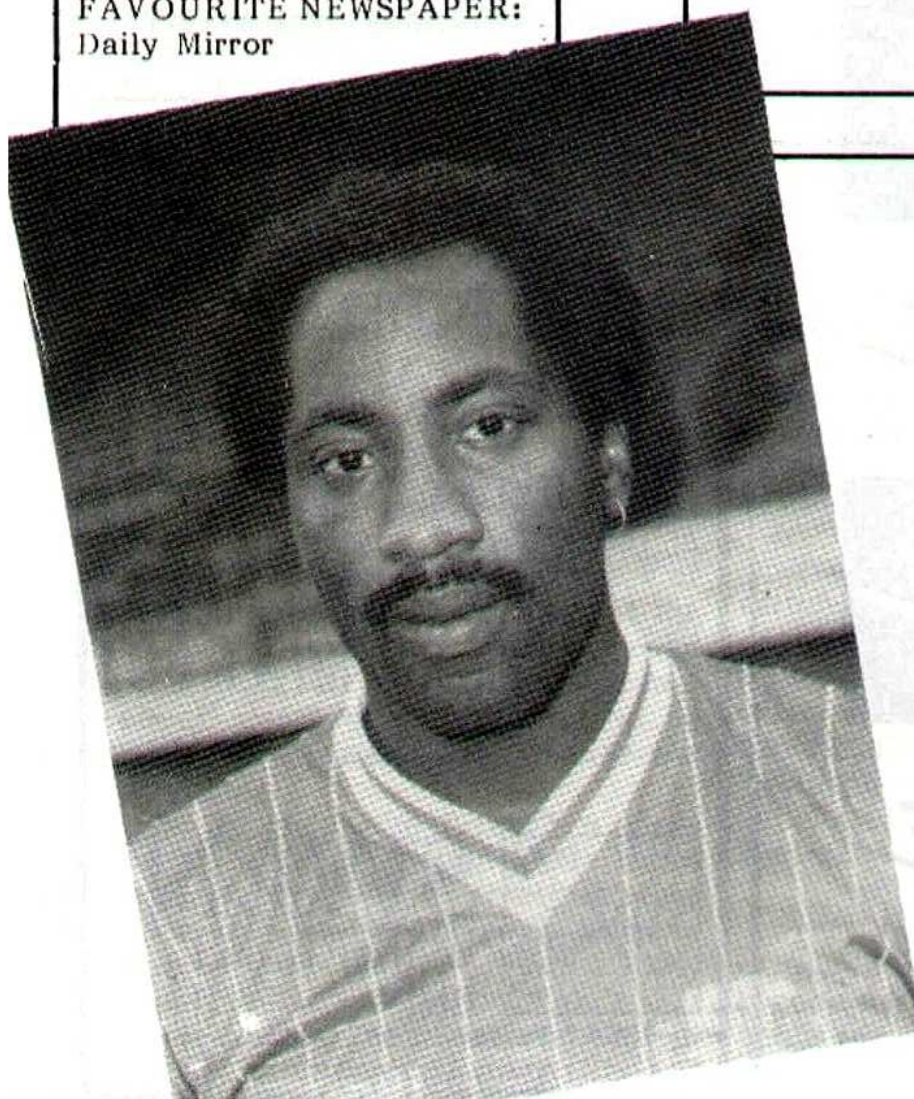
PLAYER FOR THE  
FUTURE: Mark Walters  
(Aston Villa)

FAVOURITE OTHER  
TEAM: Arsenal and Brighton  
FOOTBALL HERO AS A  
BOY: Johann Cryuff

FAVOURITE OTHER  
SPORTS: Boxing and Tennis

FAVOURITE OTHER  
SPORTS PERSONALITY:  
Marvin Hagler

BEST TEAM YOU HAVE  
SEEN: Liverpool under Bill  
Shankly



## BIGGEST

DISAPPOINTMENT: Not  
being in a higher grade of  
football.

FAVOURITE AWAY  
GROUND: Highbury,  
Arsenal.

LIKES AND DISLIKES:  
Listening to Music/Violence

FAVOURITE SINGERS:  
Diana Ross

FAVOURITE  
ACTOR/ACTRESS: James  
Caan/Jessica Lane

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# SO FAR...SO GOOD

With approximately one third of the League programme now behind us and with the excitement engendered by our Milk Cup exploits still fresh in our thoughts, it is appropriate to pause and consider our situation.

Recent League matches have given Town supporters optimism that perhaps we will be able to finish the season in one of the coveted promotion positions. At the beginning of October it appeared a forlorn hope as we floundered to find a settled combination and the results to push us into contention.

The narrow First Leg defeat at Sunderland in the Second Round of the Milk Cup, signalled the beginning of a new found spirit which despite a single goal defeat for days later at Hartlepool proved to be only a mere hiccup on the way to a golden Autumn month of October. A thrilling Milk Cup win over Lawrie McMenemy's Sunderland, intervened some highly satisfactory League results. Successive home wins over Exeter City and Rochdale were matched by victory on the two consecutive Saturdays at Burnley and Chester. Stockport County succumbed to a single goal defeat here at the County Ground in the following home match.

Last Saturday's confrontation at Vale Park, Burslem, between the two most improved teams in the Division went in favour of Port Vale who had their share of good fortune in a match where we hit the bar and upright as well as missing a second half penalty. It was the only blemish in a marvellous month of results. Not to be dismayed, the spirit and performance was still admirable.

So far..so good...the future? A close scan of the Fourth Division Table shows that we are not scoring as freely as other clubs. For our total of 16 goals pales in comparison with Mansfield Town's (28), Colchester United's (32), Port Vale's (27) and a likewise total from Southend United. In fact only Scunthorpe, Exeter City and

Torquay United have scored less. While defensively we are only surpassed by Port Vale (9) Mansfield (12) and Chester (16).

Before and including this afternoon's match we have an imbalance of fixtures, having played more matches away from the County Ground. This will be balanced following next Wednesday evenings home match with Cambridge United.

In our favour is the fact that we have visited four of the current leading clubs. For of the top six clubs in the Division we have been to Port Vale, Southend, Hartlepool and Chester. While all six clubs have yet to visit the County Ground!

These facts are tempered by the thought that we can only afford to lose seven more matches out of our remaining 32 League fixtures if we are to have a realistic chance of promotion. For no club has gained promotion from the Fourth Division by losing more than thirteen League matches.

Mansfield Town with three defeats, Colchester United -4, Port Vale -3, Southend United -3, Chester City -2, Orient and Wrexham with 4, all look well on course for promotion at this stage. Without doubt the nucleus of this season's promoted clubs will be derived from those seven clubs.

The drawing habit is crucial in away matches. It is imperative that if you are unable to win, at least a point deprives someone else of two. Swindon Town have drawn one match while Mansfield with three, Colchester United -2, Port Vale -4, Southend -4, and Chester -5, have all developed that important habit of not being beaten.

Port Vale have realised the importance of this in ensuring that defeat is a almost bygone word. Paying their players a £10.00 bonus for every clean sheet they keep per match! So far - so good.



# HALL OF MEMORIES

## STEVE ABBLEY

Steve is now a member of the successful Gola League Club Cheltenham Town. Born in Liverpool Steve made 23 League appearances in Town colours before being given a free transfer at the end of the 1981/82 season. Steve is now in his second spell with Cheltenham Town having left the Club for Witney Town after his first spell with the Gloucestershire Club.



## STEVE AIZLEWOOD

Steve joined the Town from Newport County in 1976. The Newport born central defender had made 197 League appearances for the Welsh club before his move to the County Ground. The commanding Steve went onto make 112 appearances in League matches for Swindon, before he joined Portsmouth in the summer of 1979. At Portsmouth he linked up with former Town player Frank Burrows who was then manager of the Fratton Park Club. Until Steve was given a free transfer at the end of the 1983-84 season by the South Coast Club, he had made 175 League appearances for 'Pompey'. Surprisingly he then faded from the League scene.



## JIMMY ALLEN

Cruel misfortune ended the career of Jim who was badly injured in a collision with Rochdale striker Steve Johnson on October 1st 1983. Jim had joined Swindon as a junior. Born in Inverness, he played 371 League matches for the Club. Now happily recovering from his elbow injury, he is involved with the commercial world of insurance. Jim is actively engaged at present in trying to arrange his testimonial match.





# **BAMPTONS**

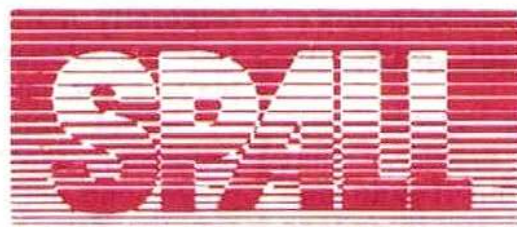


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# IS IT FREEDOM OR FOLLY?

When freedom of contract was initiated, it was regarded as the dawning of a era where the players were no longer regarded as the pawns of a game, in which their destiny was decided by the Football League Clubs. They had not been free to decide their own destiny previously.

It took the Professional Footballers Association, three years, to negotiate a final settlement with the Football League, over an issue which stretched the emotions of both parties concerned.

In retrospect was it a wise move? The memory of that settlement reached in September 1977, was certainly a move of wisdom at that particular time, for it averted a threatened strike by the players.

That agreement, meant that each player, was then free to hire his services to the highest bidder on the expiration of his contract. A reasonable enough human right, that is the prerogative of all in society, but a right that had until that time been excluded to the player.

The system had its human advantages—but quite naturally any club that has invested thousands of pounds in a player naturally feels aggrieved when he leaves at the end of his contract with no compensation.

What if the transfer system was abolished? An obvious answer, that immediately comes to mind but it is an idea that has its detractors. To introduce such a measure would bring a restriction on the movement of players during the season.

For the acquisition of a new player is something that can very often revitalise a watching public or the football club itself.

Where the system causes problems is that in some situations the player can now hold a club to ransom and with certain clubs it has forced wages sky high. Sanity is slowly returning to soccer in this respect, with players now aware of the high redundancy inflicted annually each May, as economic restrictions restrict the financial outlay, that most clubs particularly in the lower regions, envisage each season.

There are several aspects of the system which need reviewing. Pity the poor club manager, who is kept waiting during the

close season, as to whether the player is going to stay with the club or not. He often faces the possibility that he may have only half a team shortly before a season commences!

The procedure for deciding compensation for any departing player is often heavily criticised. The format is that a player can leave his club and sign for another team even if the two clubs concerned have not agreed a fee. The issue is then decided by a Tribunal that consists of representatives of the Football League, the P.F.A. and the Secretaries and Managers Association under an independent Chairman.

In the past most clubs have suffered under their direction. Initially the problems were manifold although anomalies have become less with experience.

Nevertheless a manager can still be left stranded with freedom of contract. Under the system he may find for example, he has a goalkeeper who wishes to exercise his right. The manager may find a replacement and then find that his own player will come back and accept the offer originally made. He is then landed with two experienced or maybe even three players for one position!

Would longer contracts solve the problem? Most unlikely, mainly because a player can negotiate a signing on fee each time he signs a contract. He is not likely to sign a four year contract with just a solitary signing on fee, for in that period he could negotiate four separate contracts, with the associated four signing on fees! So is it freedom or folly?

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Kite Flying.....

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### Canon League Half-time Results

- A - Arsenal v Manchester City
- B - Aston Villa v Oxford United
- C - Ipswich Town v Chelsea
- D - Liverpool v Leicester City
- E - Manchester Utd v Coventry City
- F - Q.P.R. v Sheffield Wednesday
- G - Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur
- H - West Ham v Everton
- I - Brighton v Norwich City
- J - Fulham v Sunderland
- K - Leeds Utd v Portsmouth
- L - Middlesbrough v Blackburn Rovers
- M - Bristol Rovers v York City
- N - Doncaster Rovers v Bristol City
- O - Plymouth Argyle v Chesterfield
- P - Reading v Wigan Athletic
- Q - Hartlepool v Mansfield Town
- R - Hereford Utd v Colchester Utd
- S - Peterborough v Exeter City
- T - Preston v Port Vale



# TEAM CHECK

**Swindon Town** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 1985  
(Red & White) Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.

**Tranmere Rovers**

KENNY ALLEN	1 BARRY SIDDALL	
CHRIS RAMSEY	2 STEVE MUNGALL	
NICKY COLEMAN	3 DAVE BURGESS	
LEIGH BARNARD	4 MARK HUGHES	
DAVID COLE	5 DAVID MILLER	
COLIN CALDERWOOD	6 STEVE EDWARDS	
PAUL ROBERTS	7 JOHN MORRISEY	
PETER COYNE	8 BILL RODAWAY	
COLIN GORDON	9 FRANK WORTHINGTON	
BRYAN WADE	10 IAN MUIR	
DAVE HOCKADAY	11 DOUG ANDERSON	
TONY EVANS	12 BILL ASHCROFT	

Referee:  
Mr. N.S. Butler

Linesmen:

Mr. A.C. Williams  
Mr. V.H. Wood

## The Town Crier says..



We are home again next Wednesday evening when CAMBRIDGE UNITED are the visitors to the County Ground in a Canon League Division Four match..Don't forget WEDNESDAY November 6th Kick Off 7.30 p.m..On Tuesday afternoon November 12th we entertain Arsenal at the County Ground in a Combination Fixture Kick Off 2.30 p.m..On the 16th The West Country F.A. Cup Derby with Bristol City Kick Off 3.00 p.m.