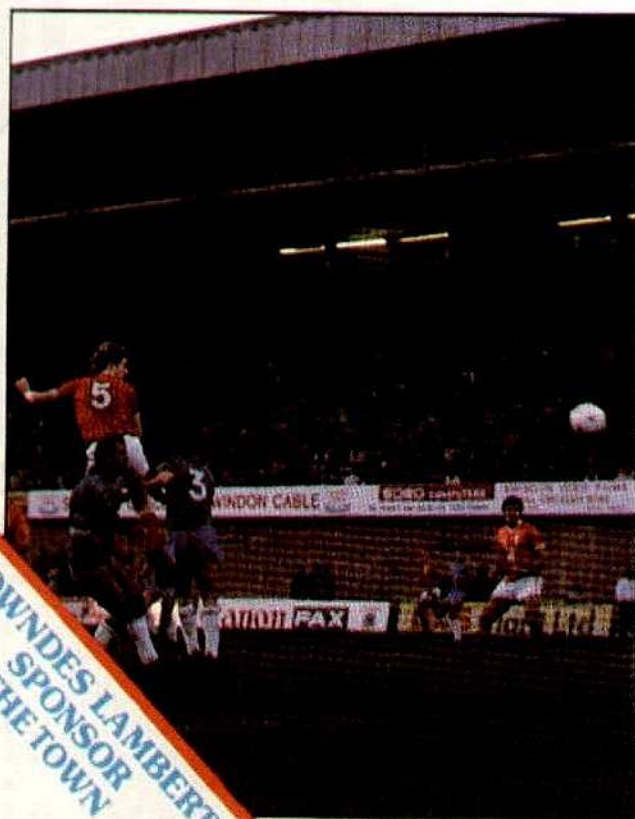
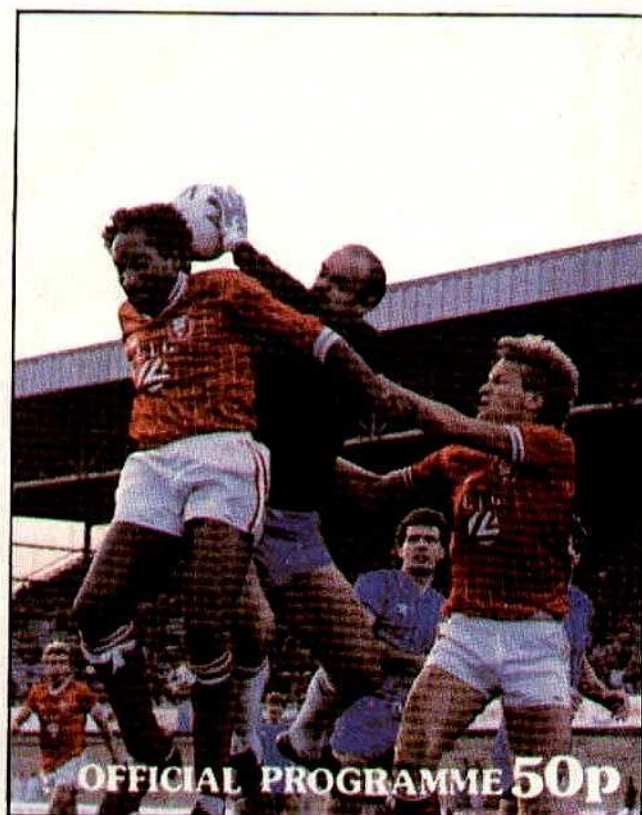


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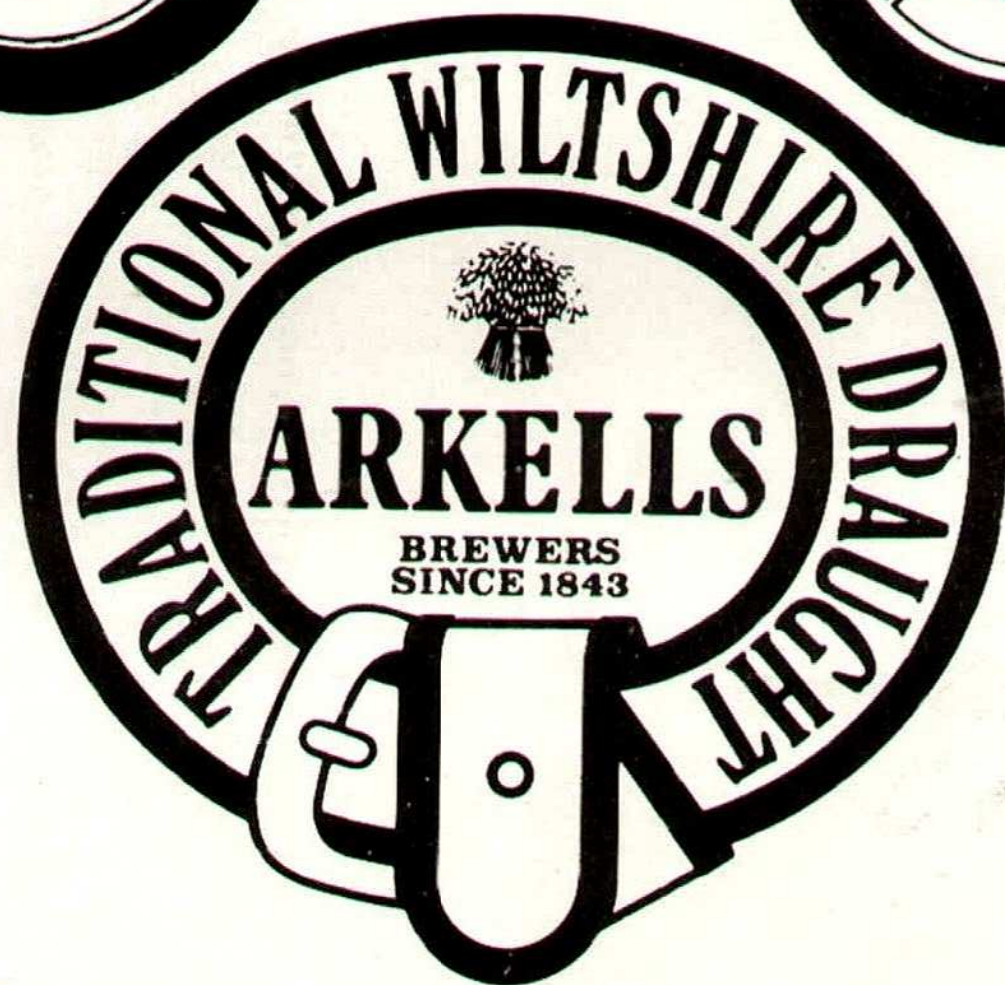


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## Chairman's Chatter

My first thoughts on compiling my notes for this afternoon's match, is to say that I wish to congratulate you the spectators on your excellent behaviour at last Sunday afternoons F.A. Cup tie with Bristol City. That you responded in such magnificent fashion to the appeals made to you beforehand was a credit to yourselves.



Therefore I wish to thank you all personally. Can I ask you all to remember that we shall once again become the focus of media attention at Ipswich in our 'David and Goliath' situation.

Due to the postponement of last Tuesday's original date for our visit to Portman Road, we may well find that we will become even more under the scope of national newspaper coverage due to the lack of activity regarding mid-week matches at this stage of this season.

Without knowing the outcome of the draw for the next round of the Milk Cup competition. It will not require a great deal of imagination to see the extra pressure that will surround the match with the only clubs now in contention coming from the two premier divisions of the Canon League.

While we were all naturally disappointed not to have defeated our West Country rivals Bristol City in the F.A. Cup tie. There are only seven clubs in the Canon League who have not drawn at home at some stage during the current season in one of soccer's three major competitions.

May I welcome David Bamber to the Club playing staff on a months loan from Second Division leaders Portsmouth. In a totally different capacity may I also welcome Andrew Lawrence to our administration staff to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Ron Morse earlier this year.

You have all obviously heard and read of the proposed changes envisaged in the near future by the clubs of the First and Second Divisions in forming an elite forty-four club Football League. While conjecture is at the present time more in operation than fact, we as a Club and as a member of the Fourth Division, will oppose most vehemently any suggestion that we at Swindon will be deprived of our Associate Membership of The Football League.

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PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BIRTHPLACE AND YEAR	PREVIOUS CLUBS
Kenny Allen	Goalkeeper	6' 4"	13st 08lb	Thornaby, 52	Torquay United
Leigh Barnard	Midfield	5' 8"	11st 07lb	Worsley, 58	Portsmouth
Colin Calderwood	Defender	6' 0"	11st 09lb	Stranraer, 65	Mansfield Town
David Cole	Defender	6' 0"	11st 10lb	Barnsley, 62	Swansea City
Peter Coyne	Forward	5' 9"	10st 07lb	Manchester, 58	Hyde United
Scott Endersby	Goalkeeper	5' 10"	12st 04lb	Lewisham, 62	Tranmere Rovers
Tony Evans	Forward	5' 8"	11st 07lb	Liverpool, 54	Wolverhampton Wand
Mark Gardiner	Forward	5' 10"	11st 06lb	Cirencester, 66	Apprentice
Colin Gordon	Forward	6' 1"	12st 12lb	Stourbridge, 63	Oldbury United
Derek Hall	Midfield	5' 8"	11st 02lb	Manchester, 65	Torquay United
Charlie Henry	Defender	5' 11"	12st 08lb	Acton, 62	Apprentice
Dave Hockaday	Midfield	5' 10"	10st 09lb	Billingham, 57	Blackpool
Mark Hughes	Forward	5' 6"	10st 02lb	Swindon, 67	Apprentice
Chris Kamara	Midfield	6' 1"	12st 00lb	Middlesbrough, 57	Brentford
Lou Macari	Midfield	5' 5"	11st 04lb	Edinburgh, 49	Manchester United
David Moss	Forward	5' 9"	11st 07lb	Witney, 52	Luton Town
Mark Payne	Midfield	5' 6"	9st 01lb	Swindon, 66	Apprentice
Chris Ramsey	Defender	5' 9"	10st 12lb	Birmingham, 62	Brighton & H.A.
Jamie Reynolds	Forward	5' 8"	9st 07lb	Swindon, 67	Apprentice
Paul Roberts	Midfield	5' 9"	11st 13lb	London, 62	Brentford
Andy Rowland	Forward	5' 11"	12st 00lb	Derby, 54	Bury
Bryan Wade	Forward	5' 8"	11st 02lb	Bath, 63	Trowbridge Town
Andy Wollen	Defender	6' 0"	12st 00lb	Swindon, 66	Apprentice

## \* APPRENTICES...

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## \* YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME...

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Nicky Coleman Defender 5' 8" 11st 10lb Crayford, 66 Millwall

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# AUTUMN GOLD

October was certainly a month of awards at Swindon Town! First our player/manager Lou Macari won the 'Bells Whisky Divisional Award as Manager of the Month' for October. In a month of results which went in the following sequence:- 2nd Exeter City (home) won 2-1, Div 4...5th Rochdale (home) won 4-0, Div 4...8th Sunderland (home) won 3-1, Milk Cup...12th Burnley (away) won 2-0, Div 4...19th Chester City (away) won 1-0, Div 4...22nd Stockport County (home) won 1-0, Div 4...26th Port Vale (away) lost 0-3, Div 4...29th Sheffield Wednesday (home) won 1-0, Milk Cup.

Lou learnt of his success en-route to Old Trafford where he was due to collect the F.A. Cup which was to be proudly exhibited at the County Ground on the first weekend of November by kind permission of the current holders, Manchester United.

The following day prior to our League fixture with Tranmere Rovers. Our midfield player Leigh Barnard became the first winner of the newly initiated 'Player of the Month' award, kindly presented to the Club by Mr. Selwyn Cound. His barstorming displays during October after a recall to the first team, a reminder of the form he displayed two years previously. A resurgence of that form, rightly earning Leigh the Trophy just ahead of the impressive Colin Calderwood.

The Club's success during the month of October, during which they had earned national acclaim, following their win over high flying Sheffield Wednesday became an unexpected bonus for a local youth club!

A panel of judges consisting of some of the game's top managers and chaired by England's Bobby Robson. Decided that the Town's 1-0 win deserved the 'Fiat Performance of the Week' award as the outstanding achievement by any League club.

Each winning club nominates a local boys club to receive the award. The club receive a cheque for £250 and a complete set of football team strips worth another

£250.

The nomination for the award was given to the Liddington Area Youth Club who will receive their award from local Fiat Dealer Derek Walker of Skurrays today.

It is the first time that Swindon Town have won the award since its initiation in January 1983. Since then over £100,000 has been earned for youth throughout the country by Fiat Awards.

In addition to England Manager Bobby Robson, the panel consists of Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson, David Pleat of Luton Town, Derby County's Arthur Cox, Bradford City's Trevor Cherry and our former player coach Bryan Hamilton, now manager of Wigan Athletic.

As we all know, football is a team effort on and off the field and harmony is the clue to all success. Swindon Town readily acknowledge the part the supporters have played in helping Lou Macari, Leigh Barnard and their team mates in achieving these awards, your support and total commitment during the month of October became a large factor in determining that success.

While their seniors were gaining public acknowledgement, it is often wise to pause and look down the ladder of success. During that month the future of Swindon Town, proudly marched on unbeaten in their League fixture. For our South East Counties League team still remained in second position. Even further down the ladder came news that the promising Swindon Boys Under 15 team have been drawn at home to Jersey in the Fourth Round of the English Schools Gillete Trophy. Four members of the Swindon Schoolboys team, have been selected for Regional Trials, preceding the selection of the England Schools squad. They were Steven Blackford (Churchfields), Damien Cullen (Ridgeway), Mark Jessop (Dorcan) and Paul O'Driscoll (St Josephs). While Autumn leaves float by our windows, Spring buds are beginning to take shape, maybe to provide further golden autumns?



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By Doug Buswell

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## TODAYS MATCH BALL

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## TODAYS MASCOT

Our Mascot today is Oliver Bown aged nine from Lea, Near Malmesbury. Oliver attends Grittledon School and follows the Town home and away. Enjoy yourself Oliver. Thank you all for your generosity.

## EXECUTIVE COACH TO IPSWICH 26th NOVEMBER

Will all supporters who have reserved seats on the Executive coach please note that it will leave the Commercial Office at 2 p.m. and not 1.30 p.m.

## DIARIES 1986

It is hoped within the next few weeks to produce a hardback diary for 1986. The diary will contain a directory of many organisation and businesses together with many facts and figures about Swindon Town Football Club. It would make an ideal Christmas present for a keen supporter who keeps a diary. Hopefully they will be available soon and orders can be placed together with a remittance of £2 at the Commercial Office which is situated at the rear of the Town End stand or by post.

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## Supporting the Town

Sandra Cobern  
Secretary

## PHOTO SESSION

Our Photographic Session with the 1st Team and the F.A. Cup was very successful with the number of people coming through the gate estimated between six and seven hundred. Those of you who had official photographs taken will be pleased to hear that they are now available for collection from the club office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

We would like to thank Lou for using his persuasive powers on Manchester United, to allow us to "Borrow" the F.A. Cup and also to thank our own Team for turning out on such a cold morning.

## CHRISTMAS DISCO/BUFFET

We will be holding our Christmas Disco/Bufferet in the Rendezvous Club on Sunday 22nd December. The players will be at this function and you can expect a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The cost is £2 per head and tickets are available from the club office.

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# *The Town looks at the Past~ and the Future*



The photograph shows a view looking from what was once the Peel Park centre spot.

The recent talks held between the representatives of the Canon League First and Second Division Clubs, regarding their proposal to implement the re-structuring of the Football League. Could not have come at a more poignant moment for a group of Town supporters who travelled to Burnley last month to watch the Town in action.

The Fourth Division fixture was an opportune time to visit Peel Park, the former home of now defunct Accrington Stanley. With the acrimony that will be generated by the disclosures of last weeks meetings of First and Second Division Clubs. The visit may have given the four travelling Town fans a preview of time to come.

For genuine football followers it was a sad sight, for the Town of Accrington and it's inhabitants, it must be even sadder.

The Lancashire Club had been one of the founder members of the Football League.

Peel Park's official record gate was 17,634, for a friendly match with Blackburn Rovers! Swindon Town fans may be able to recall a televised Third Division North v South match under Accrington's floodlights in October 1955. The Peel Park Club had lighting installed before most of the current First Division grounds.

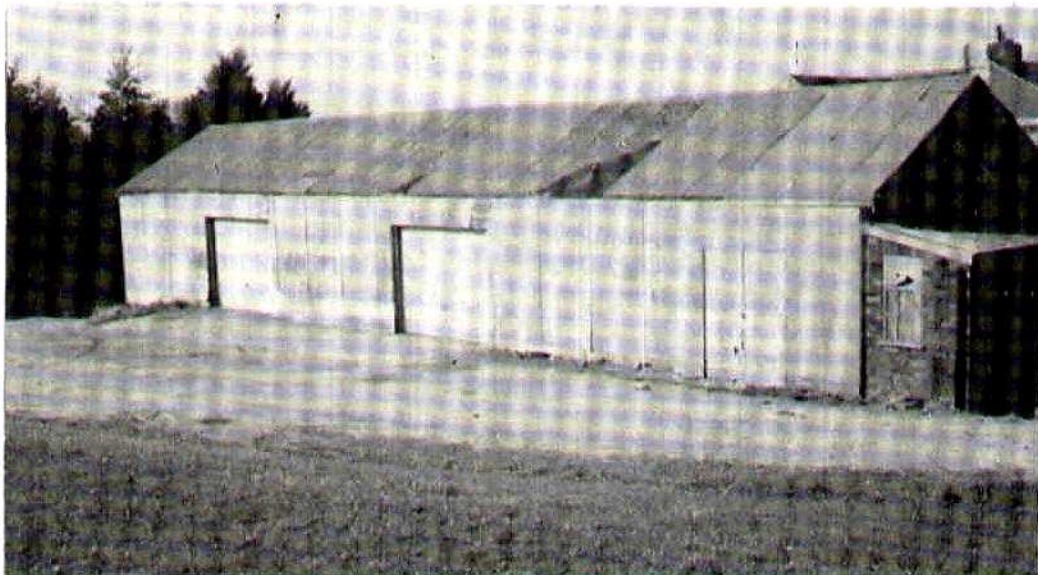
It was a ground which was regarded as notorious for it's sloping and narrow pitch. With very cramped dressing rooms. It was often rumoured that Stanley listened to opponents team talks through the partitions that were wafer thin!

With a debt of £60,000, which in recent years has seemed a minimal amount where astronomical figures have been commonplace in football finance. The Lancashire Club played it's last League



A view of the only wall remaining which once surrounded Peel Park. The official entrance is still clearly visible.





The building above was once the headquarters of the Supporter's Club who were in direct conflict with the Club custodians.

match on February 24th 1962 versus Rochdale. Small gates were one reason for their demise, but the Club's refusal to accept a Supporter's Club was more ruinous.

Decline soon set in and an October sun lit a vivid scene of desolation. All that remains is a wall, the rise of ground where terracing once stood, now covered with grass. A nearby school use the ground as a playing field where crowds of upto 20,000 once attended!

A sad sight and easily passed by, it is now difficult to imagine a thriving Football

League Club once played there. Is Peel Park a fore runner of two decades distant of what may be commonplace in twenty years time?

Hopefully not, but the followers of the Peel Park Club who still inhabit the Lancashire Town must be looking in a quizical manner at the predicament that some of their former fellow football League Clubs now find themselves in. One can only fear for the likes of Halifax Town and Aldershot who have been operating with attendances of little over a thousand.

It is the responsibility of everyone here this afternoon who care about the future of Swindon Town Football Club to ensure that the County Ground never becomes an abandonment like Peel Park.



The plaque visible in the photograph is inscribed 'Erected by the Supporters Club 1957'.



# LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester .....	17	6	2	1	17	3	4	3	1	20	14	35	
Southend .....	18	5	3	1	19	11	5	2	2	16	15	35	
Port Vale .....	18	6	3	0	24	5	3	3	3	6	6	33	
Mansfield .....	18	6	3	0	21	6	3	2	4	11	11	32	
Orient .....	18	5	2	2	18	7	4	3	2	16	15	32	
Hartlepool .....	18	7	1	1	17	8	3	1	5	14	19	32	
Swindon T .....	17	7	0	1	15	6	3	1	5	6	13	31	
Colchester .....	18	5	2	2	17	8	4	0	5	15	18	29	
Hereford .....	18	6	3	0	22	9	2	1	6	7	15	28	
Rochdale .....	17	6	2	0	17	8	2	2	5	6	18	28	
Tranmere .....	18	5	0	4	27	13	2	4	3	12	14	25	
Burnley .....	18	5	0	5	13	13	2	3	3	11	12	24	
Wrexham .....	18	4	3	2	16	12	2	3	4	8	20	24	
Stockport .....	17	2	3	1	11	10	4	2	5	12	17	23	
Northamptn ...	18	3	3	3	18	13	3	1	5	17	14	22	
Peterboro .....	18	4	4	1	11	7	1	3	5	13	23	22	
Aldershot .....	18	5	1	3	18	10	1	2	6	6	18	21	
Crewe .....	18	4	3	2	15	11	1	2	6	8	19	20	
Exeter .....	17	4	1	4	9	10	0	5	3	7	13	18	
Scunthorpe ....	18	3	3	3	10	9	1	2	6	7	15	17	
Halifax .....	18	3	4	2	14	13	0	2	7	8	18	15	
Preston .....	17	4	1	5	17	17	0	2	5	6	18	15	
Cambridge .....	18	4	1	4	16	16	0	2	7	8	26	15	
Torquay .....	18	3	3	3	15	17	0	0	9	2	26	12	



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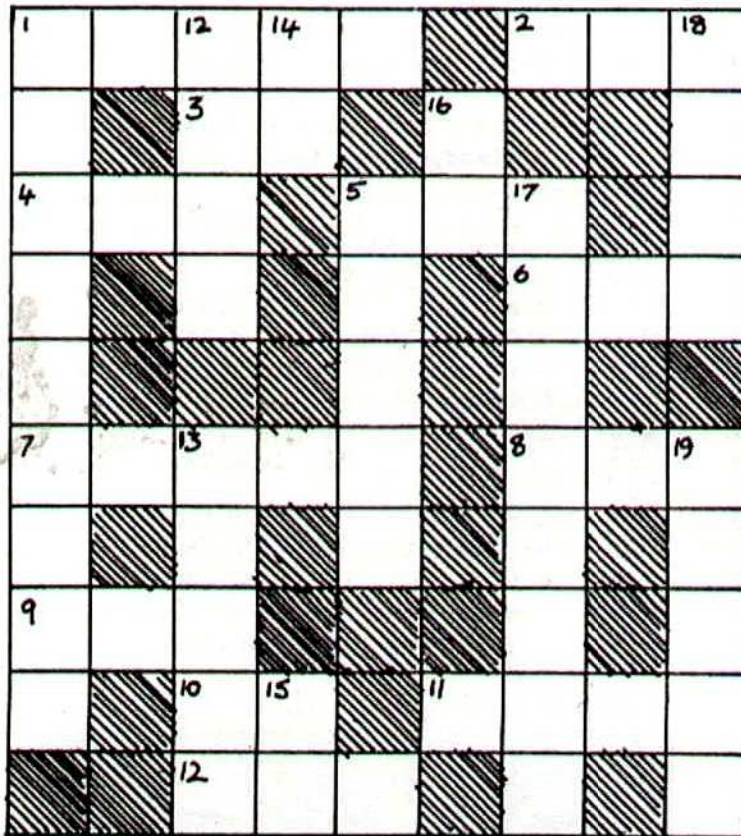






# THE TOWN CRIER WITH JUNIOR ROBINS

With three home matches in nine days there is very little information for me to give you apart from mentioning that the November Newsletter has now gone to print and that you should be receiving it shortly. I thought therefore I would give you something to think about with a crossword.



## Clues Across

1. Say this and your smiling.
2. Initials of the competition in which we play.
3. Initials of former Carlisle player born in Dublin.
4. Abbreviation for United.
5. Abbreviation often found with Cup scores.
6. Animal emblem of Derby County.
7. Swindon's leading scorer this season.
8. European matches have a home and away one.
9. Bird from the Arabian Nights spelt badly in Peterborough motto.
10. Half-time.....League.
11. Vauxhall.....League.
12. Position we hope to see Swindon in at the end of the season.

## Clues Down

1. Leader of the Red and White Army.
12. Ripple on a river.
13. Found on the sea.
14. As 3 across.
15. Opposite of from.
5. Sponsor our Scrapbook Competition along with W.H. Smith.
16. Pronoun for third person singular.
17. Surname of player with most appearances for one Club.
18. Famous mile runner.
19. We all hope to see Swindon get lots of them.

First of all apologies to all of you who tried to find the application form for the Junior Robins in the Bristol City programme. Unfortunately due to lack of space it could not be included. However today's programme should include one. As I also thought I would include a crossword today I will merely set your mind at rest about the undefeated Swindon manager and call it a day. It was Des Anderson who took over following the departure of Dave Mackay. He was in charge for just one match which was a one nil away win at Luton Town. Hope you enjoy the crossword and don't forget to sign another Junior Robin. Forms to me at the County Ground please.

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Address .....

School .....

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Date of Birth .....

Favourite Player .....

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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	1-0	Coyne	12,110
SAT NOV 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	Barnard, Wade	4,358
WED NOV 6	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H	1-0	Henry	5,489
SAT NOV 9	Scunthorpe Utd	A	2-0	Henry, Wade	1,902
SUN NOV 17	BRISTOL CITY (F.A. Cup 1)	H	0-0		10,468
WED NOV 20	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 1 Replay)	A			
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H			
TUE NOV 26	Ipswich Town (Milk Cup 4)	A			
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			

## 'CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE'



The ever reliable Charlie Henry had every reason to celebrate during the four day period covering our home match with Cambridge United and our away fixture with Scunthorpe. Two goals in two days - along with this seasons earlier effort against Torquay United took the popular Town player into joint third place in the Towns goalscoring chart, behind leading goalscorer Peter Coyne and Bryan Wade, but alongside last seasons leading goalscorer - Colin Calderwood.





# THE TOWN CRIER

## BACKTRACKS WITH MIKE SKINNER

Mansfield's visit to the County Ground on 1st March 1947 could have been with little hope. Third from bottom of the Third Division South, the Stags had only one away success to their name. They were to face an in form Swindon side who lay in a respectable ninth spot and who were itching to play their first home game for a month. But it was almost never to be, as with the country in the grips of a severe winter only a couple of days break allowed the game to go ahead. In fact Swindon enlisted the help of some 20 German P.O.W.'s to remove over 30 lorry loads of ice from the pitch on the day prior to the game!

The game itself ran true to form with the Town dominating from the start, but even so the final score of 6-1 in favour of the Town came as rather a surprise. To date it is our biggest win over the Mansfield Club. Maurice Owen, in netting four times, must take much of the credit, but it was the over-all team performance that impressed. Mansfield were never allowed to develop any effective counter measures, their attacks being limited to those on the break. It was one of these rare attacks that produced Mansfield's only consolation when Eric Bryant netted with the Town down to ten men, Eddie Painter being temporarily off the field receiving treatment for an injury.

The Town's remaining two came from the inside-forwards Billy Lucas and George Patterson who exploited a freedom that they had not experienced for a long time. As in the case of many a similar game, missed chances and some good work from the visiting 'keeper, Dennis Wright, kept the score down to a more reasonable level, although it could easily have been double figures. All in all, a good afternoons entertainment for the 12,257 present.

Swindon:- Boulton, Young, Emery, Lloyd, Ithell, Painter, W. Stephens, Lucas, Owen, Paterson, Williams.

It was to be some thirteen years later that Swindon gained their first victory at Field Mill, although it was only our sixth

visit. Again the Stags were struggling at the wrong end of the table, but Swindon were fairing little better, hovering around the half way spot. Despite this, the Town's defence had little trouble in holding a disjointed Mansfield forward line whose best first-half chance came when Lloyd Delapenha was just inches over with a 30 yard free kick. Swindon, though, were pretty much in control and were unlucky not to go ahead in the 35th minute. Arnold Darcy sent in a perfect cross which 'Bronco' Layne headed past 'keeper Robinson Wyllie, only to see it come back off the bar. Ernie Hunt's rebound shot was then blocked and Jimmy Gauld shot over before the home defence could recover.

But the first-half remained goal-less, although it was only ten minutes into the second that the situation was rectified. Darcy, again doing some excellent work on the left wing, worked his way along the bye-line before beating the defence and 'keeper, with a centre for Layne to blast into the roof of the net from 3 yards out. Twenty-one minutes later Darcy latched onto a poor clearance from Don Bradley and sent it straight back down the middle for Layne to get his second. Ivan Hollett got Mansfield's consolation in the 79th minute, heading past Sam Burton from a Delapenha centre.

That double strike by Layne came despite a back injury, collected in the fifth minute after challenging for a ball with Tony Emery, which forced him to switch from centre-forward to the right wing, a common practice in these pre-substitute days.

Swindon:- Burton, Higgs, Bingley, Morgan, Chamberlain, Tilley, Summerbee, Hunt, Layne, Gauld, Darcy.

Attendance:- 6,049

Summary of League meetings:-

	P	W	D	L	F-A
HOME	17	11	3	3	39-19
AWAY	17	4	8	5	22-22





# *The Town Crier sees Mansfield*

Fourth Division promotion hopefuls Mansfield Town visit the County Ground this afternoon boasting an unbeaten home record. The only four defeats in the Field Mill's League campaign have come on their visits to Northampton Town and Chester City where they have suffered single goal defeats. Another odd goal defeat was the outcome from their last League away match at Burnley where they were defeated (2-1). Struggling Cambridge United inflicted the heaviest defeat on 'The Stags' in early October where they triumphed 4-2!

Manager Ian Greaves has seen his team triumph by 2-1 winning margins at Aldershot and Tranmere. While a decisive three clear goal margin at Scunthorpe gave the Field Mill Club their highest away win of the season.

Single points have been obtained in a goal-less draw at Port Vale, in the first away match of the season. While a 1-1 draw at Hartlepool on the first Saturday of this month gave the Field Mill Club a vital point in their top of the table clash at the Victoria Ground.

Included in the squad for this important top of the table clash are the following players:-

Goalkeeper KEVIN HITCHCOCK is regarded as the outstanding 'keeper' in the lower division by many of soccer's pundits. Twenty-three-year-old Kevin joined Mansfield from Nottingham Forest after a period on loan with the Field Mill Club. He has kept a total of twenty-eight 'clean sheets' in his 75 League appearances for the Nottinghamshire Club. Conceding less than a goal a match, Kevin has seen opponents pass on only sixty-five occasions!

The Mansfield back four have consisted of our former defender MIKE GRAHAM who needs no introduction to County Ground regulars, except to say that the twenty-five-year-old defender has settled well into a full back position following his

free transfer from the County Ground at the end of last season. Central defenders GEORGE FOSTER and GARY POLLARD have formed a formidable partnership following the break-up of the previous combination George formed with Colin Calderwood. Twenty-nine-year-old George celebrated his one hundredth League appearance for Mansfield last month. After earlier service with Plymouth Argyle (212 League appearances), Torquay United (6), Exeter City (28) and Derby County (30). Twenty-one-year-old Gary who succeeded Colin Calderwood in the centre of the Field Mill defence, was previously with Chesterfield and Port Vale.

Full back DAVID LOGAN joined Mansfield Town from Whitby. The 21-year-old defender found a regular place in the Field Mill defence during the latter half of last season.

Midfield player TONY LOWERY who joined Mansfield Town from West Brom in 1983, recently played his one hundredth League match for Mansfield during which he has scored eleven goals. Twenty-four-year-old Tony originally joined the Hawthorns Club from North East Non-League Club Ashington for a small fee. Tony has been joined in midfield in recent matches by another former West Bromwich player KEVIN KENT. Twenty-year-old Kevin was a former Albion apprentice, his first team appearances were limited to two with the Midlands Club. Kevin scored his first League goal in the recent two all draw with Crewe Alexandra at Field Mill. Ormskirk born, MARK KEARNEY, has been a revelation this season, in unusual fine goalscoring form. His total of seven League and Milk Cup goals equalling his career total! Twenty-three-year-old Mark joined the Field Mill Club in 1983 from Everton. He had moved to Goodison Park from local club Marine, although Mark failed to make the Everton League team.



# Town arrive in town



Another former West Bromwich apprentice NOEL LUKE appeared in 36 League matches for Mansfield last season after joining the Field Mill Club on a free transfer. Twenty-year-old Luke scored all five goals for Mansfield in a three match sequence during a seven day period at the beginning of March!

Stoke born, twenty-five-year-old, leading goalscorer NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, is the younger brother of Sheffield Wednesday and England International Mark. He joined Mansfield from Newport County at the start of the season. The former Port Vale apprentice made 141 League appearances for the Vale Park Club scoring thirty three goals, before moving onto join Stoke City (6 apps - 0 goals), Plymouth Argyle (11-3, on loan) and Newport County (47-15).

Neville is joined in attack by 28-year-old KEITH CASSELLS who made an

immediate impact with Mansfield following his £15,000 move from Brentford in August by scoring a hat trick on his debut for the Club in the 4-0 home defeat of Hereford United. Keith's previous League experience had been obtained with Watford, his first Club (12 League appearances), Peterborough United (8), Oxford United (45 apps - 13 goals), Southampton (19-4) and Brentford (86-28).

The vastly experienced thirty year old NEIL WHATMORE makes up the trio in attack, experience gained with Bolton (294 apps - 107 goals), Birmingham City (26-6), Oxford United (36-15 goals). Still in a goalscoring vein, Neil has scored 21 goals for Mansfield in forty appearances.

**GOALSCORERS:-** Chamberlain 12, Kearney 7, Cassells 5, Vinter 5, Whatmore 4, Lowery and Pollard 2 each, Graham, Kent and Like one each.



Back Row: Mike Galloway, Mark Kearney, Kevin Hitchcock, Mike Graham, Andrew Beasley, Gary Pollard, Keith Cassells, David Logan.

Middle Row: Noel Luke, Tony Olwery, Mick Vincent, George Foster, Neil Whatmore, Leslie Robinson, John Cunningham, Paul Garner.

Front Row: John Jarman (Assistant Manager), Bill Dearden (Coach), Neville Chamberlain, Simon Coleman, Nigel Foster, Nick Anderson, Craig McKernon, Ian Stringfellow, Kevin Kent, Ian Greaves (Manager).



# In off the Post

The Club has received the following letters in recent weeks which we are pleased to publish for your interest.

K. Mackie,  
39, Stubsmead,  
Eldene, Swindon.  
SN3 3TA

29th October, 1985.

Dear Lou and lads,

I am writing to thank you all for a wonderful nights entertainment and to congratulate you on winning that epic cup game against Sheffield Wednesday. Never have I heard the Swindon support so loud, and not since the Arsenal game (six years ago) has there been such an atmosphere - apart from maybe the Sunderland classic a few weeks ago. You have put the pride back into Swindon supporters and given us all hope of a better future. But let this cup run be only the start - after all, if we are to witness similar scenes again, and more often, we must gain promotion and give our all in every league game. Before the season started I said to my work colleagues - the only flaw in the Swindon Town team is its character - thank goodness I'm wrong - you've turned a pessimist into an optimist - the character you all displayed on Tuesday night was the sort that separates the men from the boys, you've finally overcome the nagging doubts and now you are playing with confidence and belief in your ability - well done. There isn't a better side in the Fourth Division - now go out there and do the business - promotion will almost certainly come as long as the spirit, character and determination are right. You've got it right - lets show them all that Swindon Town F.C. mean business. Once again, I thank you for an inspiring performance.

Yours In appreciation,

Keith Marlise

To: Mr. D. King,  
Programme Editor,  
Swindon Town F.C.

90, Bristol Road,  
Chippenham.

5th November, 1985.

Dear Dave,

Just a line to say how much we enjoyed the evening against Sheffield Wednesday last Tuesday. We certainly enjoyed the match - and what a wonderful performance and result.

I was thrilled with your piece in the programme about Chippenham Town F.C. and on behalf of everyone at the Club thank you very much for giving us such excellent publicity.

If you feel I can help you in any way in the future please don't fail to get in touch when we get our floodlights at Chippenham which we hope to do next summer I trust that you will be able to get to one of our evening matches which would normally be on a Wednesday.

Thank you once again,

Yours Very Sincerely,

John Northam,  
President - Chippenham Town F.C.

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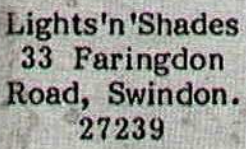
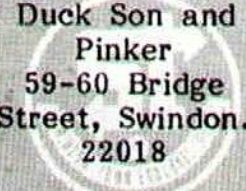
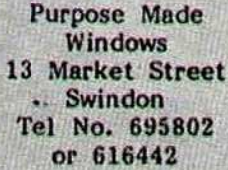
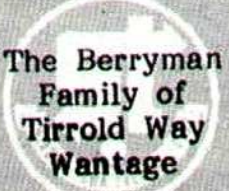
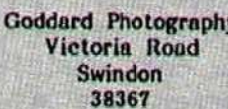

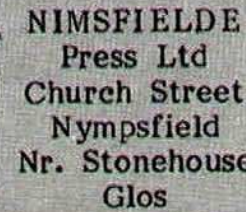

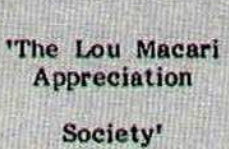
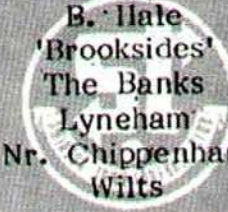
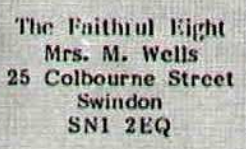
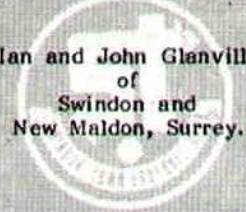
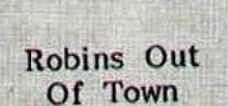

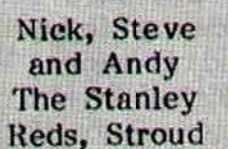
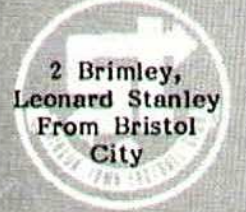
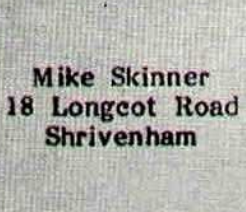





Happy Times.....

Scott Endersby made his debut for Second Division Carlisle United...On a rare occasion...In only their second win of the season...A 3-0 home win against visitors Stoke City...Also a happy return for Alan Mayes...For he scored twice on his recall to first team duty...For the Cumbrian Club.



# Pound a Goal

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# *A Day out with Sunny Scunny*

## *With The Town Crier*

The morning was bright, the prospects hopeful, as a car load of Town fans left Swindon heading for 'sunny Scunny' and Botham land. The journey had begun in darkest Gloucestershire at 7 a.m....Swindon a mere passenger station...The journey northwards was uneventful, just the usual, 'hail fellow and well met' pleasantries. The vehicle in motion was it's usual and reliable self. Now well trained in the directions of Fourth Division travel.

Just short of 'sunny Scunny', the motion became irregular. A passing phase? Hopefully, yes. Doubts were for the future, a six goal pasting to be avenged. The sun shone brightly overhead, despite the chill north wind. The kick off drew nearer, the usual Town entourage was supplemented by newcomers. the message of Lou was spreading, his soccer gospels were becoming part of Wiltshire folklore. Curtains were still drawn in the North of England, grieving Yorkshire folk knew of the problems in Sheffield. Passing travellers from Roker had prewarned the steel city. Warning unheeded, they were now attempting to have Swindon banished to the forgotten land - the intermediate.

Botham's Bar emptied, the few hard 'Scunny' followers were waiting for Brolly and Broddle. Meanwhile, 'King Henry' weighed in and tipped the scales. Bryan decided to wade in - the disgruntled Showground accosted the officials. We were three points to the good - ten wins out of eleven. Life was good. Homeward bound?

'Scunny' dropped its welcome, the vehicle in motion was now one of distress, less than a mile from the ground. What now? The Crier recommended the A.A. the motoring organisation of course. 'A one hour delay, sir - before patrolman Ben will be with you, sir'.

Swindon bound, friends in need?...Not to be disappointed Mike and Andrew Skinner, along with Simon Mathews and Co. arrive. 'Can we help?' followed by the Travel Club. Kind people...But Ben would be here soon! Onward Town soldiers.

Female company were beginning to

chaff in the north wind. Time to jettison the load, all hands on deck. Here come the Town, 'We coach the Town' were coming...Scout semaphore was utilised...for the first time since Brown Owl spread her wings and disappeared with Lord Baden Powell's favourite protoge.

Chairman Brian said it would be no problem. He would take the stranded travellers back to Swindon. Chatter stopped, left alone! Where was Ben?

Raindrops kept falling on my head, Redford and Newman were in sunny California! The Town Crier in Scunthorpe! Botham trudging towards Hadrian's Wall!

Ben came and went, Sidney would follow from Hull. 7.00 p.m....8.0 p.m....8.15...Sid arrived, 'I will relay you to Nottingham. Want a mint?'. Don't mention it Sid, Robin and the Sheriff may hear you.

Silent Sid and two dispirited waifs sped south, to meet Nottingham Ned. 'I have volunteered to take you all the way now'. Congressional medal adorned, switch on the lights, 'Sorry sir they don't work'. The Town Crier, was in full cry. 'Send for the A.A.'. He did, five arrived, for ten minutes work. 'I used to be a Notts Forest and Mansfield season ticket holder, now I sail the North Sea weekends'. 'See you soon'. Said the Crier, 'We should make Europe by then!'.  
Brown Owl...morse code...Baden Powell's protoge...damn, they forgot to show me that before eloping to the Desert Island...B.O., B.P., Roy Plumley now Parkinson...Ah well...1.00 a.m....Darkest Gloucestershire.

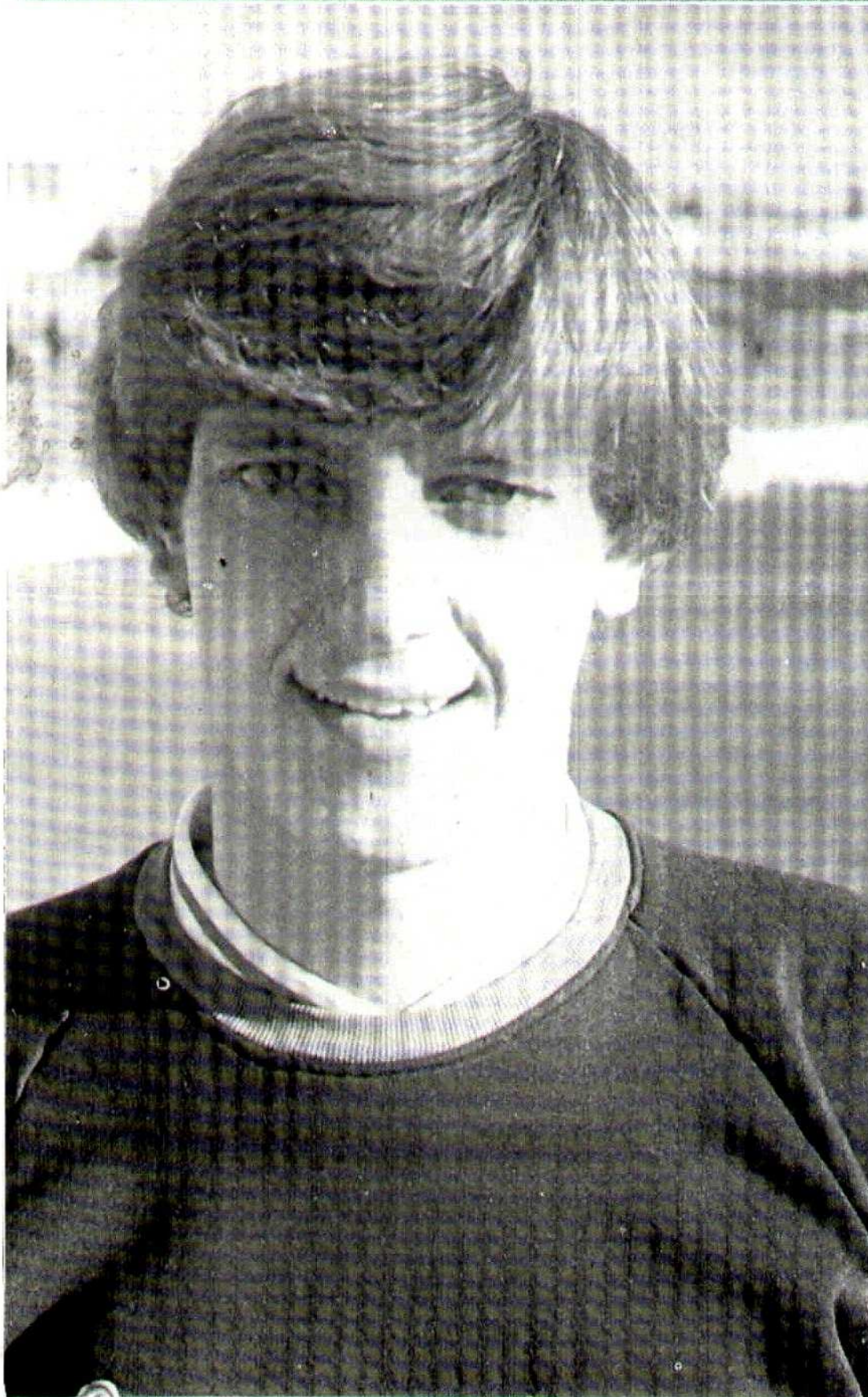
Bang...shudder...shudder!...'I think we have a puncture Sir. Where is your nearest A.A. station?'. 'Bristol'. Said the Crier. 'Oh damn...have you any tools in your car? I haven't any tools to fit the bolts and nuts holding the spare wheel'....'Yes I can help'.

1.10 a.m., 'Oh no, I've broken my hand'. Said Ned, as he recovered his lost composure after a tumble working on the tyre wrench.

2.00 a.m....Sunday morning...'Sunny Scunny'...be damned.



# Photo Call Nicky Coleman



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# Action Replay



Dave Bamber - the Town's new on-loan signing from Portsmouth.



# Action Replay



Bryan Wade challenges Bristol City goalkeeper, Waugh during last Sunday's F.A. Cup clash.



October's Manager of the Month Lou Macari receives his gallon of scotch whisky from Alan Waddell of Bell's, before last Sunday's F.A. Cup tie.



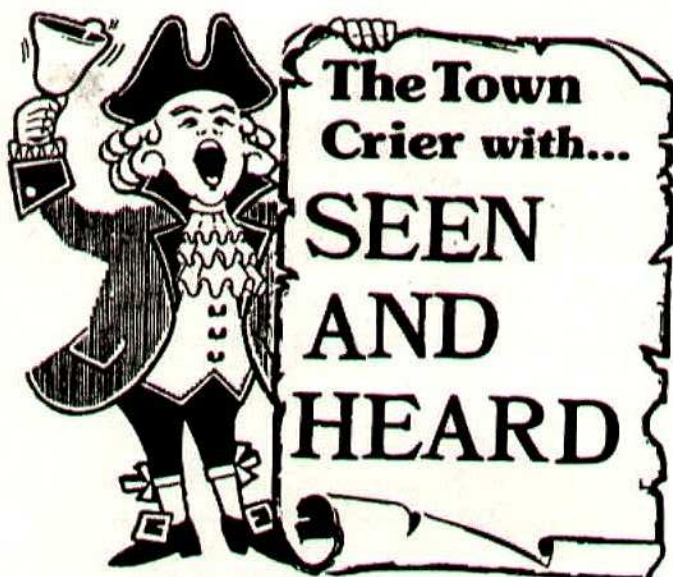
THE TOWN CRIER LOOKS AT WHERE THE TOWN STAND - FIRST, SECOND -  
TWICE AND THIRD!

1985-86 ATTENDANCES AT DIVISION FOUR MATCHES

CLUB	AGGREGATE	HOME GAMES	CLUB	AVERAGE
Preston N.E.	37,353	10	Swindon Town	4,329
Southend	35,502	9	Southend United	3,944
Swindon Town	34,639	8	Preston N.E.	3,735
Burnley	31,881	10	Port Vale	3,536
Portvale	31,824	9	Mansfield Town	3,414
Mansfield Town	30,727	9	Burnley	3,188
Hereford Utd	28,101	9	Hereford Utd	3,122
Orient	24,622	9	Orient	2,735
Colchester Utd	24,239	9	Colchester Utd	2,693
Chester City	21,498	9	Hartlepool Utd	2,691
Hartlepool Utd	24,225	9	Wrexham	2,381
Wrexham	21,430	9	Chester City	2,366
Northampton Town	20,421	9	Northampton Town	2,269
Exeter City	18,675	9	Cambridge Utd	2,091
Cambridge Utd	18,193	9	Exeter City	2,075
Peterborough Utd	16,453	9	Rochdale	1,854
Scunthorpe Utd	16,175	9	Peterborough Utd	1,828
Crewe Alexandra	16,094	9	Stockport County	1,815
Rochdale	14,839	8	Crewe Alexandra	1,788
Tranmere Rovers	14,194	9	Scunthorpe Utd	1,786
Halifax Town	13,080	9	Tranmere Rovers	1,577
Aldershot	12,539	9	Halifax Town	1,493
Stockport County	10,894	6	Aldershot	1,393
Torquay Utd	10,613	9	Torquay Utd	1,178

CLUB	AGGREGATE	AWAY GAMES	CLUB	AVERAGE
Stockport County	35,590	11	Stockport County	3,319
Swindon Town	28,487	9	Swindon Town	3,165
Halifax Town	26,451	9	Halifax Town	2,939
Colchester Utd	26,389	9	Colchester Utd	2,932
Tranmere Rovers	25,794	9	Tranmere Rovers	2,866
Port Vale	25,452	9	Burnley	2,861
Northampton Town	23,913	9	Port Vale	2,828
Torquay Utd	23,881	9	Northampton Town	2,657
Burnley	23,694	8	Torquay Utd	2,653
Wrexham	23,431	9	Wrexham	2,603
Peterborough Utd	23,384	9	Peterborough Utd	2,598
Southend Utd	23,259	9	Southend Utd	2,584
Rochdale	23,082	9	Rochdale	2,564
Cambridge Utd	21,573	9	Cambridge Utd	2,441
Hartlepool Utd	21,567	9	Hartlepool Utd	2,396
Crewe Alexandra	20,948	9	Exeter City	2,385
Orient	20,918	9	Chester City	2,383
Hereford Utd	20,803	9	Crewe Alexandra	2,330
Mansfield Town	20,800	9	Orient	2,324
Scunthorpe Utd	20,434	9	Preston N.E.	2,321
Exeter City	19,084	8	Hereford Utd	2,311
Chester City	19,066	8	Mansfield Town	2,311
Aldershot	17,414	9	Scunthorpe Utd	2,270
Preston N.E.	16,247	7	Aldershot	1,934





#### Travelling Man!.....

Lou has been covering the country in his attempt to watch as many matches as possible...A busy life...A week in the life of Lou...goes like this...FRIDAY...Disciplinary hearing at West Bromwich in the morning...Collect the F.A. Cup from Old Trafford in the afternoon...Onto Stockport in the evening to watch Cambridge United at Edgeley Park...SATURDAY...Tranmere Rovers are the visitors to the County Ground...In the evening off to the Polo Ground Fire Work Display...SUNDAY...Down to the County Ground for the Club Photograph Session...With the F.A. Cup and the players...In the afternoon...Off to London to watch...Wimbledon and Carlisle United...MONDAY...Business as usual at the County Ground...TUESDAY...Training...Off to watch Bristol Rovers and Bury in the evening...WEDNESDAY...A check on the injured...Arrangements to be made for the F.A. Cup to return north...Colin Gordon hastily dispatched with the treasured trophy...Off to Bromley in the afternoon...via the M4 and M25...Arrive Bromley F.C....The objective...A prospective new signing on display in the Football Combination match between Charlton Athletic and Portsmouth...A brief talk with England Youth Team officials regarding Jamie Reynolds progress...time to speed back to Swindon...Cambridge United are the visitors...THURSDAY...Normal routine...The telephone...press...visitors...ticket enquiries...Mail to be answered...FRIDAY...Lancaster gate and the F.A.

Disciplinary Hearing...The charge...Bringing the game into disrepute...Following our Milk Cup tie with Sunderland...SATURDAY...Off to Scunthorpe...minus the foot weary Botham this season.

#### Rendesvouz With A Shadow.....

David Crown the Cambridge United striker was having a drink in the Rendesvouz Club following...Our recent match with the Abbey Stadium Club...Dave was telling a few interested onlookers...How impressed he was with Town defender Colin Calderwood...Easily the best defender he had faced this season...'He was constantly my shadow'...'There was no way of escape'. He left shaking his head...Not the first to do so this season.

#### Welcome.....

Another new Town employee to take up his duties with the Club in recent days...Is Andrew Lawrence who will be taking over the financial aspect...Vacated by the departure of Ron Morse...Earlier this year...Andrew is of course son of Ray Lawrence, the Club's Chief Steward...With his previous employment due to close Andrew opted for the County Ground opportunity.

#### Spare A Thought.....

The Town's young professional Mark Hughes has hardly kicked a ball this season...His problem?...A stomach tear...he is expected to be out of action...For another six weeks...Following his recent operation.

#### Stags Outside Notts.....

For the benefit of our friends from Nottinghamshire...You have a Supporter's Club...Which is in operation outside of the Mansfield area...And any prospective members...who wish to join 'Stags outside Notts'...Should write to...Bernard Savage...10, Dollis Avenue...Finchley...LONDON...N31 TX...For further details.

#### Home Sweet Home.....

Back in Swindon this week...Is Paul Rideout...Our former striker...No doubt, Paul will be calling in at the County Ground...During his short break...From Italian Football with his Club Bari...Welcome home Paul.





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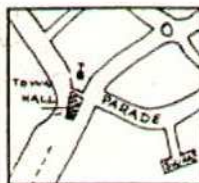
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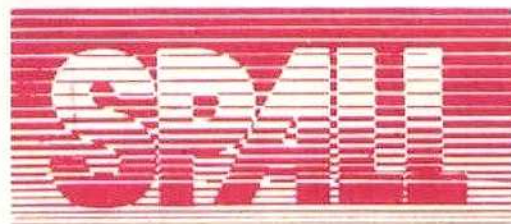
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# *The Town Crier welcomes David Bamber to the County Ground*

Admst the excitement of last Saturday's F.A. Cup tie here at the County Ground. Our Player Manager Lou Macari, although primarily concerned with the outcome of our West country tussle with Bristol City had his mind on the outcome of matches further ahead.

The lack of goals in our Fourth Division matches which has left us trailing in the goalscoring stakes behind all the Fourth Division clubs. With the exception of Exeter City and Scunthorpe United. Prompted the diminutive Scot to sign striker Dave Bamber on a month's loan from the current Second Division leaders Portsmouth.

Twenty-six-year-old, Dave, entered League football with Blackpool. Making his League debut with the Bloomfield Road Club at Mansfield in a 1-1 draw on December 1st 1979. Dave Hockaday earning 'The Seasiders' a point with a second half goal! The 6' 3" striker made his first appearance as a substitute for Dick Malone, the former Sunderland defender. Dave's first full League appearance came on the last Saturday of that month at Chester. His first League goal came in April of that season when he scored the first of Blackpool's two goals in their 2-1 home win against Carlisle United.

The following season in which Blackpool were relegated to the Fourth Division, saw Dave make twelve League appearances scoring three goals, as Alan Ball's team lost their footing on Third Division survival.

Alan Ball departed from the Bloomfield Road scene but was not to forget the giant striker in coming seasons. Meanwhile Sam Ellis took over the reins of the relegated seaside club and Dave found his best form as he scored fifteen goals during the 1981-82 season to finish as the club's leading goalscorer. His first hat trick came in a 7-

1 trouncing of Halifax Town in late September in which Dave Hockaday also scored along with former County Ground favourite Peter Noble.

Swindon Town and Dave Bamber came in contact for the first time at the begining of the following season when he scored Blackpool's winning goal in our 2-1 defeat at Bloomfield Road in 'The Seasiders' first home League match of the 1981-82 season. Injury restricted his appearances to twenty-six that season in League matches. All of Dave's fifteen goals came before Christmas! For he only appeared in three full matches after.

Bobby Gould who had only just been appointed as the Coventry City Manager, persuaded Dave to move to Highfield Road at the commencement of the 1983-84 season, in a transfer deal which cost City a £50,000 transfer fee. He made his First Division debut in a 3-2 win at Vicarage Road against Watford, although he failed to figure on the goalsheet.

Dave's first goal in First Division Football came when his lone strike gave Coventry City a 1-0 win over Arsenal at Highbury on October 15th. Two weeks later he scored the third of City's goals in a 3-1 away win at Stoke. The Highfield Road regulars saw 'Big Bamber' score the only goal of the match when they entertained Queens Park Rangers

His final goal for the Highfield Road Club came in a 2-1 Milk Cup defeat against Everton at Goodison Park. Dave joined Walsall in March 1984 after nineteen League games in England's premier division for a fee of £20,000. He scored seven goals for the Midland's Club in twenty appearances before Alan Ball recalled the tall striker from his Blackpool days and took him to Fratton Park last February.

Dave's League appearances with goals in brackets:- Blackpool 86 (29), Coventry City 19 (3), Walsall 20 (7), Portsmouth 4 (1).





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	COLIN GORDON	<b>9</b>	DAVID TONG	
	BRYAN WADE	<b>10</b>	MARK KEARNEY	
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