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# COUNTY GROUND

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## FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

**We could not have received a bigger boost to any lack of confidence** we may all have felt, following the 2-1 home defeat inflicted by Notts County, than our Littlewoods Challenge Cup competition success over Torquay United and our subsequent Second Round draw against First Division Southampton.

It is now a matter of several years since we last faced Southampton in a competitive match. I am sure many of our older supporters will recall some of the stirring battles we have enjoyed over the years. The 2-1 defeat we encountered at The Dell just over twenty years ago ensured that we were relegated from the Second Division at the completion of the 1964/65 season. Although we still had to endure several hours of agony awaiting the score of the Northampton Town and Portsmouth fixture played that same evening. The resultant 1-1 draw was the final deciding factor of our fate for the following season.

While we all naturally enjoy cup soccer with its thrills and cut throat atmosphere we also have to look at the financial implications. Swindon Town Football Club requires income from all sources and cup matches can obviously come as a big boost to our income. Last seasons matches in the Milk Cup provided finance that we had not budgeted for so every match from the first round onwards is a clear bonus to the club.

It was with great regret that Swindon Town Football Club heard of the death of Mr George Benfield. It is generally believed that George was the oldest surviving former Swindon Town player. On behalf of the Club may I express our sorrow and condolences to all of his family and friends.

During the summer months two of our



players Dave Bamber and Charlie Henry were wed and our best wishes go to both Dave and his wife and to Charlie and Tracey.

Tracey is the sister of our former player Paul Rideout who is now with the Italian club Bari.

Although many of you will be looking forward to the Littlewood Cup fixture with Southampton we have two very important league fixtures to fulfil before we travel to the First Division Club.

Next Tuesday evening we entertain Blackpool here at the County Ground in a League fixture and the travel to Walsall next Saturday in search of three further points.

Unfortunately due to his suspension Dave Bamber will miss playing against two of his former clubs.

*Brian Hill*

# comment

**The Management Committee of the Football League have laid down the following formula for the end of season 1986/87 play-offs.**

There will be two - legged stages, the first stage to be played week commencing 10th May and the Second Stage to be played the following week, week commencing 17th May. The first stage, week commencing

10th May 1987, will be as follows:

Division Three 5th Club v Division Two 20th Club

Division Four 4th Club v Division Three 3rd Club.

Second Legs: Reverse of the above matches.

The winner of each tie will proceed to play the other winner in their section on a two-leg basis in the second stage during week commencing 17th May 1987, the home match to be decided by the toss of a coin.

For every tie which ends with the scores level, and extra half an hour will be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, the away goals double rule will be applied. If the tie still remains unsettled there will be a replay, i.e. a third match, on the day immediately following the second - leg match.

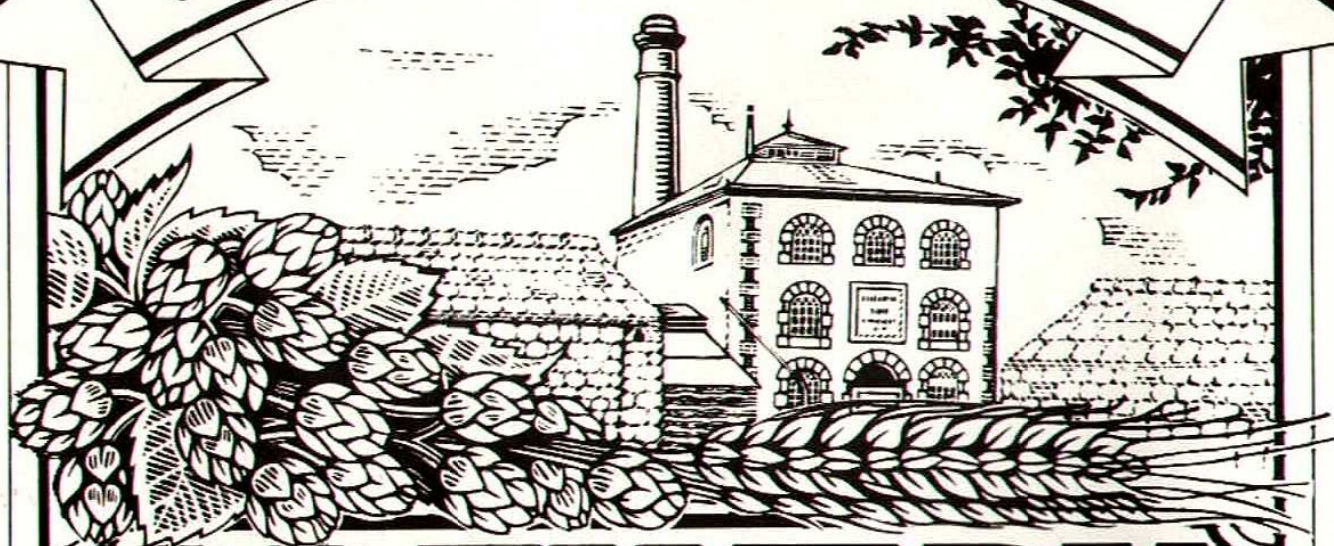
The choice of venue for a replay will be decided by the toss of a coin. If the scores remain level at the end of the replay, an extra half hour will be played. If the scores are still equal at the end of extra time the winner will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot.

You will probably need to read the formula again to digest its contents. It will probably mean a club from the lower division will miss out regarding promotion.

While the innovation will produce instant excitement it would seem a little unfair on the toil and effort that a seasons work should have brought.

# comment

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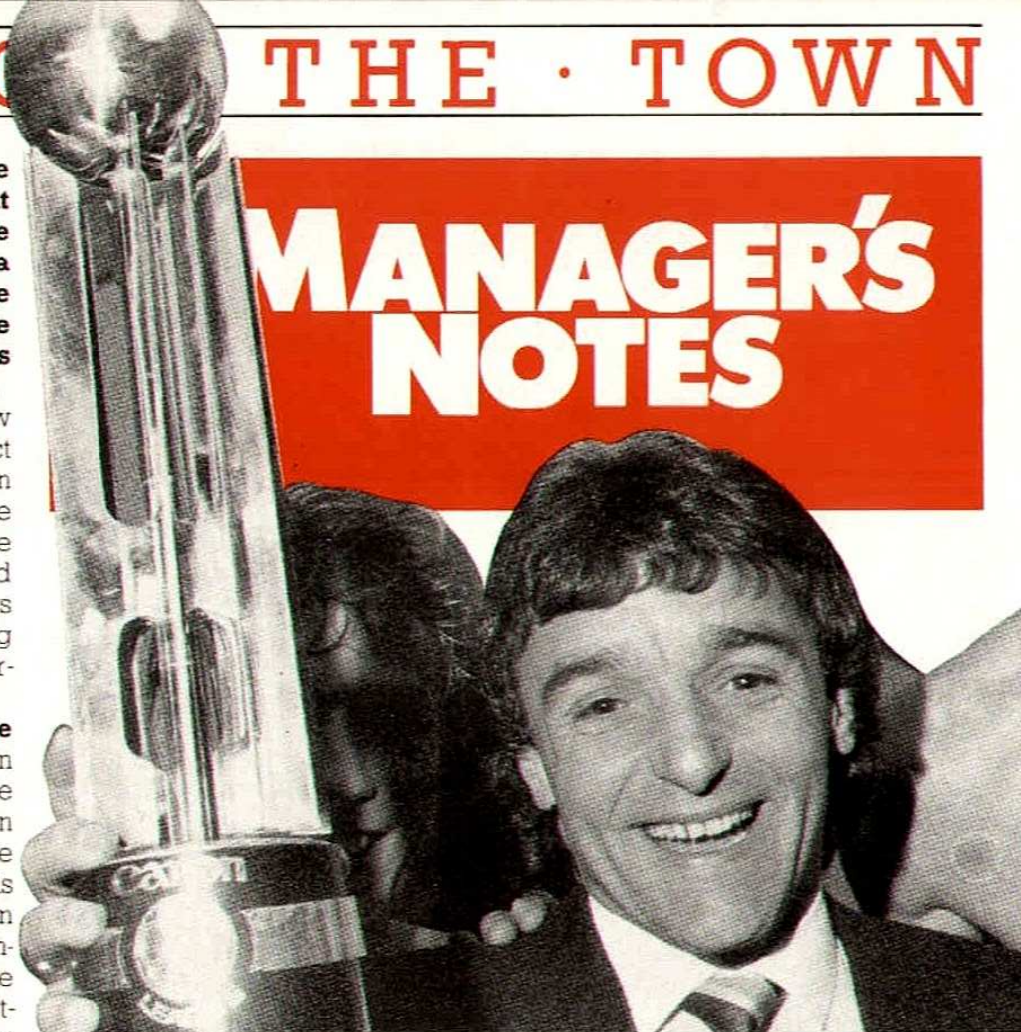
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What contrasting fortunes we have experienced in two of our recent matches. Our first home league match against Notts County saw a host of chances go begging, how we failed to go off the field at half-time leading by three or four clear goals is really a mystery even to this day.

Notts County punished our only few mistakes of the match. That fact underlines the difference between the Third and Fourth Divisions. Those errors last season would have gone unpunished. At least we created numerous chances and that is always a good sign, it is more disturbing when we fail to create any opportunities.

The sending off, with regard to **Dave Bamber** obviously left us facing an uphill battle. While I cannot condone misbehaviour of any description on the field from my players, there are obviously occasions when officials have to use their common sense. On this particular incident I cannot comment because I did not see the offence. Our record in this department is causing me concern, for we are only three weeks into the new season and already we have had **Chris Ramsey** along with **Dave Bamber** sent off. While **Chris Kamara** has accumulated twelve points. If we are to enjoy a successful season we cannot afford to lose players for incidents that they have to learn self control in. Injuries alone during the season cause enough problems for most managers, lack of self discipline we can do without.

Our comfortable second leg win in the First Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Competition at Torquay again confirmed our capability for creating numerous chances. The difference between the standard of the divisions was emphasised in the first half when two goals from **Dave Bamber** and one from **Bryan Wade** not only took our overall lead to 6-3 but emphasised that opportunism at that stage appeared to be easier against a Fourth Division Club. We



## MANAGER'S NOTES

will of course have had further matches in the Third Division to rectify the problems we encountered in our match with Notts County.

What a boost to everyone connected with the club, our Littlewoods Challenge Cup Competition Second Round draw with Southampton, the comparative short distance between the two clubs ensures that neither club will lack support either at Southampton or Swindon. It is a match which will surely have typical cup tie fever associated with it. We obviously hope that we shall be able to do justice to ourselves on this occasion. Following our defeat at Ipswich Town last season, I felt that we played the wrong type of game and accordingly we received a heavy defeat that our normal form would have somewhat averted.

Since my last column, one of our young professionals **Mark Hughes** has decided to cancel his contract

with the club. Mark has not experienced the best of fortune during the past twelve months due to a pelvic injury. Although he has now recovered, I have never felt that Mark has ever fully recovered within himself the confidence he displayed before his injury.

We can only hope that a change of scenery and fresh start will help him recover from his problems. Mark may find that playing in non-league soccer beneficial and all our best wishes go to him in his endeavours elsewhere.

*Mark Hughes*

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## SCENE

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### **Our record before this**

**afternoons match with Chester City** reads Won1, Draw1, Lost1, Goals For 5, Goals Against 5. If we continued that form throughout the season we would be guaranteed a mid-table position in Division Three come next May.

Analysed a little closer we would have to take into account that we have collected four points from the nine available. Two of those matches have been away from home and we failed to collect a point from our one home match with Notts County, when we created and proceeded to miss numerous chances that should have seen us collect the maximum points available.

Jekyll and Hyde performances? To some extent that may be true but following on from today's match we are at home again on Tuesday evening to Blackpool and then travel to Walsall next Saturday, three matches which give us an opportunity to establish a sound base for what we all hope will be another

season we can enjoy. Walsall have yet to take a point from their two home matches at Fellows Park.

Our performance at Somerton Park against Newport County last Saturday could almost certainly be classed as a Jekyll and Hyde performance. Good and bad in patches and yet overall the match always had plenty of entertainment value. We virtually gifted Newport County their two goals with defensive frailties while Dave Bamber and Bryan Wade up front gave the Newport defence more than enough problems.

League tables are irrelevant at this stage of the season. At the completion of the season if you reflect back on the tables issued in the Sunday newspapers this weekend the majority will bear little resemblance to each club's final position.

Bristol Rovers lost their one hundred per cent record in league matches at Bootham Crescent when a solitary goal by York City's Tony Canham was

enough to remove the Twerton Park Club from top position in the League table.

Rovers are currently giving former Preston North End central defender Geoff Twentyman a months trial. The 27 year old Liverpoolian served under no fewer than five different managers at Deepdale in his three year period before being given a free transfer in the summer.

Geoff holds what is probably quite an unusual record for a centre-half for he once scored 24 goals in a season! That remarkable tally came when he was playing for Chorley in the Northern Premier League. Admittedly nine of them came from the penalty spot but fifteen is still an outstanding amount for a centre-half. His father has recently retired as chief scout of Liverpool. Geoff actually joined the Anfield club while at school some of his team-mates in the Liverpool clubs Central League team included ... Ian Callaghan, Colin Irwin, Alex Lindsay and Sammy Lee.

Bristol Rovers have every reason to be pleased with their first two gates of the season at their new home at Twerton Park attracting 3,790 for the visit of Reading in the Littlewoods Cup and 4,092 for the historic first league fixture played in Bath against Bolton Wanderers.

Brentford have signed former Coventry City captain Wayne Turner for a fee of £30,000. Rotherham United manager Norman Hunter has been busy transferring Tommy Tynan to Second Division Plymouth Argyle and exchanging Tony

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Simmons for Lincoln City's John McGilray.

The inaugural Littlewoods Challenge Cup is already off to a great start. By any standards the opening Littlewoods Challenge Cup ties were particularly absorbing.

Ask any club what they most want out of any cup tie and the answer surely is a home draw. But of the opening 55 games - played on a home and away basis - only 21, much less than half, home teams won. There were 20 away winners and 14 draws - so much for home advantage.

The goals went in, too, 158 of them at an average of 2.87 a game. Port Vale hit Notts County for seven, while Reading and ourselves both made it six against Bristol Rovers and Torquay respectively.

York City clung to their cup-fighting tradition to edge out Sunderland. The foundations of York's success lay in a 4-2 victory at Sunderland, the game which produced the highest attendance of the round, more than 9,000. Nearly 6,500 watched the return while upwards of 8,000 saw the Middlesborough-Hartlepool derby matches. Matches in the Second Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup will be played as follows. First leg matches in the week commencing Monday September 22nd while the Second leg matches will be played in the week commencing Monday October 6th.



## OUR LAST MEETING

By Michael Scott

**Today's match will have to be quite a contest if it is to equal its most recent predecessor for action and excitement. Last April's "Championship decider" between the two sides at the County Ground, brought with it a cup-tie atmosphere and enough incident to keep Division 4's largest crowd of the season on edge until the final whistle.**

February's freeze put paid to the original fixture, scheduled for Saturday 8th, by the same date two months later the "Town" v the "Seals" had become Division 4's "match of the season".

The game started at a tremendous pace that continued throughout the full 90 minutes. After gaining a booking within seconds of the start, Steve Johnson capitalised on a defensive error to give Chester the lead and raise the pace still further. It was not until the 41st minute that the County Ground roar was heard to herald a Swindon goal, a superb overlap by Dave Hockaday brought a cross to the head of David Bamber and onwards into the net past the helpless Butcher.

Swindon could still not rest easy though, a clumsy challenge by Peter Coyne resulted in a penalty from which the ubiquitous Johnson made no mistake to send the "Town" in trailing by two goals to one.

With the interval over, it soon became clear that the first half was a mere taster for the drama to come. Another splendid Hockaday - Bamber goal six minutes after the

break nearly took the roof off of the North stand as "Town" fans rejoiced with the home side level. Bryan Wade ducking in to score at the far post moments later put Swindon in front for the first time and brought the promotion dream closer.

With Chester demoralised, drained and down to ten men following Milton Graham's sending off, Leigh Barnard shot home from just inside the box to give Swindon a 4-2 victory and guarantee their place in a higher division this season. In the end, Swindon could even afford the luxury of a missed penalty as they marched onwards to Division 3, Peter Coyne's weak kick being easily saved by Butcher. Chester City and their fans will have far less fond memories of that game and will also remember that Swindon Town were the only side to achieve the "double" over them last season, a Colin Gordon goal giving us victory at Sealand Road.

In a slightly less emotion charged situation we meet again, the two best sides of last season's Division 4 campaign, striving to make a similar impression in their new league.

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By Dave Eaton

## OUR VISITORS



This afternoon we welcome once again to the County Ground, the runners up in Division 4 last season Chester City. Under manager Harry McNally, the Seals enjoyed their best campaign during 1985/86 for a considerable time.

From a 16th league place in 84/85, McNally built a promotion winning side that for several months fought tooth and nail with our own Les Macari's side at the head of the table.

He unearthed a lethal striker in Stuart Rimmer who was top scorer in the Football League until being struck down with a serious injury last November.

Despite this loss, Chester continued to go from strength to strength and at the end of last season were justly rewarded with promotion.

Over the past few seasons the matches between Swindon and Chester, here at the County Ground have produced a hat-ful of goals and plenty of entertainment and excitement. The best of course coming in April this year when the Seals lost 4-2 in front of a 12,000 plus crowd in a titanic encounter that gave Swindon promotion.

Chester were elected to the 3rd Division (N) in 1931 and remained in that division until 1938 when they became members of the 4th Division.

4th place in season 74/75 gained them promotion to the Division 3 and two years later they achieved their highest ever league position - 5th.

Relegated at the end of 81/82 Chester found themselves once again in the hardest division of all.

However, together with Swindon, Mansfield and Port Vale they gained promotion back to Division 3 after a gruelling campaign in May of this year.

Chester seem to have a knack of unearthing top class strikers - the most famous must surely be a certain Ian Rush.

An apprentice at Sealand Road, he made only 34 league appearances, scoring 14 goals before moving to Liverpool in May 1980 for a £300,000 fee.

When fully fit again could Stuart Rimmer be the next big cash earner for the Seals?



## CHESTER CITY



Back row (L to R)  
Mick Clarke (Trainer), Martin Lane, Gary Bennett, Rick Greenough, Billy Stewart, Andy Holden, John Butcher, Barry Butler, Graham Abel, Peter Houghton, Cliff Sear (Youth Team Coach).

Front row (L to R)  
Brian Croft, Ian Richardson, David Glenn, Stuart Rimmer, Harry McNally (Manger), Graham Barrow, Milton Graham, John Kelly, Mark Sconce.

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE



**Ground:** The Stadium, Sealand Road.  
**Capacity:** 22,000  
**Record Attendance:** 20,500 v Chelsea, F.A. Cup 3rd replay, 16 Jan. 1952.  
**Record Receipts:** £15,854 v Aston Villa, F.L. Cup Semi-final 1st leg 15 Jan 1975.  
**Founded:** 1884 and turned professional 1902.  
**Joined League:** 1931. Elected to Division 3 (N).  
**Honours:** Football League: Division 3 best season - 5th 1977-78. Division 3 (N) - runners-up 1935-36; Division 4 - runners-up 1985-86. F.A. Cup best season - 5th round 1976-77 and 1979-80. Football League Cup - semi final 1974-75. Welsh Cup - winners 1908, 1933 & 1947.  
**Most League Appearances:** Ray Gill, 408, 1951-62.  
**Most League Goals:** Gary Talbot 83, 1963-67 and 1968-70.  
**Record Victory:** 12-0 v York C., Division 3 (N) 1 February 1936.  
**Record Defeat:** 2-11 v Oldham Ath., Division 3 (N) 19 Jan. 1952.  
**Record Transfer Fee Received:** £300,000 from Liverpool for Ian Rush, May 1980.  
**Colours:** Royal blue shirts with white pinstripe, white shorts and stockings.  
**Change Colours:** Gold shirts and stockings, black shorts.  
**Nickname:** "The Seals".

## MEET THE PLAYERS AND MANAGER

### Manager - Harry McNally

is one of the few League Club Managers who has failed to appear in League soccer. Previously with Wigan Athletic before joining Chester City last season. In his first season in charge at Sealand Road he led the club to promotion from the Fourth Division along with ourselves Mansfield Town and Port Vale.

### John Butcher (goalkeeper)

In his third season with Chester City. First choice goalkeeper in last seasons promotion side. Newcastle born, previous clubs Blackburn Rovers and Oxford United.

### Billy Steward (goalkeeper)

Age 21, Height 6'2" Signed from Wigan Athletic at the beginning of the current season, where he had spent the previous two seasons as understudy to the very experienced Ray Tunks. Former apprentice with Liverpool F.C.

### Martin Lane (left back)

Although only 25 years of age, he is the longest serving player at the club, with five seasons service to his credit, after joining Chester from Manchester United. Only missed two league games last season.

### Graham Abel (central defender)

Age 25, Height 6'3" Signed by Chester City from Non League Northwich Victoria midway through last season. Continued to play as a part time professional - became full time at the start of the current season. Should now become a major influence in the team. 23 league appearances in 85/86 season.

### Andy Holden (centre back)

Age 24, Height 6'2" One of the most promising Central Defenders in the lower divisions,

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### At County Ground

30.03.1976	W2-1 Moss, Syrett	5,176
14.05.1977	W2-1 Moss, Stroud	4,526
17.03.1978	D1-1 Kamarā	4,278
03.02.1979	W2-0 McHale, Carter	6,041
18.09.1979	W3-1 Mayes, Rowland, Miller	6,108
04.10.1980	L1-2 Mayes	6,574
27.04.1982	W3-0 Rideout 3	3,849
12.03.1983	L2-3 Rowland, Rideout	3,239
03.09.1983	W4-0 Nelson, Mayes 2, Rowland	2,894
06.05.1985	D4-4 Barnard, Coyne, o.g., Gordon	3,808
08.04.1986	W4-2 Bamber 2, Wade, Barnard	12,630

#### Football League Cup

##### At County Ground

28.08.1979

W1-0 Mayes

6,969

##### At Sealand Road

05.09.1979

D1-1 Mayes

3,930

#### At Sealand Road

20.12.1975	L1-2 Anderson	3,674
18.12.1976	L1-2 Moss	3,399
22.10.1977	L0-1	3,292
27.09.1978	L0-2	3,311
19.03.1980	L0-1	2,611
07.03.1981	L0-1	1,810
05.09.1981	D0-0	1,798
30.10.1982	W1-0 Rowland	1,544
06.02.1984	W3-0 Nelson 2, Batty	880
30.01.1985	L0-2	1,710
19.10.1985	W1-0 Gordon	3,109

#### F.A. Cup

##### At County Ground

24.01.1970

W4-2 Horsfield 2, Jones, Smart

21,937

Statistics supplied by Paul Plowman

holder of a full Welsh Cap. Looking to get back to top form, after last season which was ruined by an ankle injury. **THE CLUB CAPTAIN.**

### Barry Butler (defender/midfield)

Age 22, Height 6'2" Signed towards the end of the season 1985/86, after being spotted playing for Atherton L.R. in the North West Counties League. The club have high hopes of this player now that he has settled into full time football.

### David Glen (right back)

Joined Chester from Blackburn Rovers at the start of the 1985/6 season, very consistent player, one of the stalwarts of the promotion team. Previous club - Wigan.

### John Kelly (midfield)

Joined Chester from Preston North End at the beginning of the 1985/6 season. A very important part of last seasons promotion team. Only other league club Tranmere Rovers, who sold him to Preston for £35,000. 43 league appearances last season.

### Milton Graham (midfield/forward)

Another player who was signed at the beginning of the season 1985/86 from A F C Bournemouth. Very talented player, has the ability to go on and play in a higher class of football.

### Graham Barrow (midfield)

Age 32, Height 6'2" Signed for Chester City in the close season from Wigan Athletic for a fee of £6,000, which was set by an Independent Tribunal after Wigan had asked £25,000. Has joined the club as Player Coach, Assistant Manager. Barrow is a long time friend and colleague of Manager Harry McNally.

### Ian Richardson (striker)

Age 23, signed midway through last season

from Watford F.C. for £15,000. A prolific scoring record in all classes of football. Should make a big impact in Division 3.

### Gary Bennett (striker)

Age 22. Very strong fearless type of player who scored regularly last season, in his first year as a full time professional. Another player who could go from strength to strength. 43 league appearances last season.

### Peter Houghton (striker)

Age 31 Height 6'1" Highly respected by colleagues and opponents alike. Regular scorer, both for Chester and his two previous clubs Wigan Athletic and Preston North End. Club Vice Captain.

### Stuart Rimmer (striker)

Age 21. Struck down with a serious knee injury in November 1985, when he was the leading goalscorer in the whole of the Football League with 21 goals. Now well on the way to recovery, expected to be playing and scoring goals in the league before Christmas 1986. Previous club - Everton.

### Ricky Greenough (utility player)

Age 24. Height 6'3" Joined the club in 1984/85 season from non league Alfrinton Town. Played a valuable part in last season promotion, appearing mainly at centre back, can also play in midfield.

### Brian Croft (striker)

Age 18. Signed professional at the start of the present season, after being an Apprentice with the club. Very pacy left footed player.

### Mark Sconce (defender)

Age 18. Another former Apprentice at the club. Signed as cover to David Glenn. Very competitive and hard good defender.

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# DOWN FLEMING WAY with DICK MATTICK



"To the inspiring memory of Harold Fleming the great footballer and gentleman who played for Swindon Town between 1907-1924 and was capped nine times for England." Thus runs the inscription on the statuette which stands inside the County Ground Main Entrance. He is also commemorated in the stretch of road called Fleming Way which runs away from the County Ground and down to the Wiltshire Hotel. Many people mistakenly think that it was named after the inventor of penicillin, but in fact it was named after Swindon's legendary inside forward.

Harold Fleming first played for Swindon in 1907. Following an impressive display in the Reserve Match against Salisbury he was immediately promoted to the First Team. He made his first team debut on the 19th October in a Southern League Match against Luton Town. The Advertiser's reporter obviously spotted Fleming as a star of the future describing him as "a lad of great promise". His future career was all the more incredible when one considers that it was only after a breakdown in his health and advice by his doctor that he look for job outside that he asked Swindon Town for a trial.

It was in his early years as a Town player that Swindon enjoyed two great Cup runs that took them to the semi-final. Fleming was prominent in both. The first was in the 1909-10 Season. During this run Tottenham were beaten 3-2 at the County Ground with Fleming scoring two of the goals with brilliant individual runs. So terrified was the Spurs keeper of Fleming's ability that it is alleged he was heard to shout "Oh no here he comes again, somebody stop the B☆☆☆☆".

Two years later a 5-0 victory over Sutton Junction put Swindon on the right track and Fleming played a large part in victories over West Ham United and Everton to bring Swindon to a semi-final clash with Barnsley. The two sides met at Stamford Bridge and the match ended in a goalless draw. Barnsley were a notoriously rough side and Fleming was the object of some very heavy tackling which prevented him from appearing in

the replay at Nottingham. Without Fleming and Bolland (who had not played in the first match), Swindon still put up a great fight, missing a penalty before losing by the only goal. Who knows what might have been if only Fleming had been fit?

It must have been a great disappointment to miss out on a Cup Final appearance but Fleming must have gained consolation from the fact that he had gained International recognition. Harold Fleming played 12 times for England. He still holds the record for the highest number of caps awarded to an English International playing for Swindon. When you consider that there were seldom more than four or five internationals a year in Fleming's time, this was a considerable achievement.

Fleming first appeared for England at the Crystal Palace on April 3rd 1909 in a match against Scotland. Along with such soccer immortals as Sam Hardy, Bob Crompton and "Fatty" Wedlock he helped to defeat the Scots by two goals to nil. His performance in this game secured him selection for England's Tour of Hungary and Austria where he played on two occasions and scored three goals. Perhaps the greatest day of Fleming's international career came in 1912 when he scored a hat-trick against Ireland (then undivided remember) in England's six-one victory. In all Fleming scored 9 goals for England. His last goal came in the final international before World War One, an event which undoubtedly cut short his International career for he was never again to wear the white shirt of England.

Ball control and balance seem to have been Fleming's outstanding attributes. The former Swindon player Edgar Dawes said of him "He couldn't head and he couldn't shoot but he had the most amazing ball control and body swerve that I have ever seen."

Perhaps he was unable to shoot but it did not stop him scoring direct from a corner in a Charity Shield match against Manchester United. Such a goal is a considerable feat even nowadays, how much more so then when the ball lacked it's modern protective coating and soaked up moisture throughout the game. Manchester United won that match by 8 goals to 4. When the two sides met again in a Cup Tie in the 1913-14 Season Swindon got revenge. They won by the only goal. It was scored in the final minute by Harold Fleming.

The inscription on the statuette described Fleming as a great gentleman. Undoubtedly this is true. His skill in dribbling the ball made him a frequent target for rough tackling yet he never resorted to retaliation and always set the highest example of sportsmanship to the many Swindon youngsters who idolised him.

Like the recent Swindon goalkeeper, Jimmy Allan, he was a convinced Christian. He would never play on Christmas Day or Good Friday and one wonders what his opinion of Sunday

Football even being considered would have been. Even in the harsh world of football Fleming never hid his Christianity.

Fleming divided his leisure hours between playing golf and working with the Youth Club of St. Mark's Church. On most days however he would return to the County Ground. Many young players had cause to thank "Harold" as he was always called for the selfless way he went to the County Ground in the afternoons to give his time and expertise to them.

The passage of the years, and the loss of such fine players as Wheatcroft, who was killed on active service, meant that the great Cup fighting side of the pre-war years had broken up by 1918. Harold Fleming remained however and was in the team which took the field for Swindon's first ever Third Division match. The team that played Luton at the County Ground that day read: Nash; Kay; MacChonachie; Langford, Hawley, Wareing; Jefferson, Fleming, Rogers, Batty, Davies. Swindon won the game 9-1 and Fleming weighed in with four of the goals. Sadly the 1920-21 season, in which Fleming appeared in 26 League matches and scored 16 goals to take Swindon to fourth position in the table, was to be the last in which he made a sizeable contribution. In the following three seasons he made only 43 League appearances in all.

An inside right throughout his career, a number of his last appearances were at centre forward. His last Cup appearance was in a quarter final tie, when Swindon stood within 90 minutes of being the first Third Division side to reach the semi-final. Sadly Swindon could only manage a draw and lost the replay. On the 19th April 1924, at nearly thirty seven years of age, Fleming made his last League appearance, scored in a four nil victory over Brighton and retired from the football field which he had graced for so long.

Perhaps the last words on this remarkable footballer should be those of the late, great Sam Allen, who performed the roles of Secretary and Manager for so many years. Standing on the pitch and talking to Bert Davies, a man who played alongside Fleming and was later to continue serving the Club in an administrative capacity, he said "Every cinder, every piece of wood and every piece of stone on this ground has been due to Fleming."

It says much for the respect in which Swindon Town and the football world in general held Harold Fleming, that on his death in 1965, a Memorial Match was played at the County Ground on May 2nd. The Swindon team printed in the programme for the match will no doubt bring back memories for older spectators so I thought it worthwhile to print the team in full. Barlow was not a Swindon player but had played for Swindon Boys and guested from West Bromwich Albion. The team was: Burton; Hunt, Fox; Cross, Hudson, Barlow; Riseborough, Micklewright, Owen, Edwards, Brennan.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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You must all have been very disappointed with the result against Notts County in our first home league match of the season. If we had managed to collect all three points we would have probably found ourselves at the top of the league table after just two matches of the season!

Overall I thought the standard of our players was good although we did miss a lot of chances particularly in the first half. Although it is impossible to take every chance that comes our way, even fifty per cent would have been more than enough. I believe that if we had scored early in the first half we would have gone on to win quite easily. Port Vale really showed what should have been for they defeated Notts County twice in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup without too much trouble.

Port Vale are a difficult team to play against as we found out last season. They are a well organised team with good midfield players and obviously have been strengthened by the signings of midfield player Ray Walker from Ashton Villa and Richard O'Kelly from Walsall up front. If Port Vale had any obvious weakness you would have to look at their strikers. They would have appeared to have strengthened this department now. Both are good players from my own experience.

The loss of Dave Bamber during our match with Notts County left us with an uphill task, already in arrears we could not overcome the handicap of playing with ten men.

Talking to Dave after the match he assured me that what took place was an accident and that he never had any intention of deliberately elbowing the player.

At the time that whole incident seemed bizarre and left me personally with a situation where on more than one occasion I was looking for 'The Chancer' to be on the far post before realising that he was no longer on the field!

We still had chances after Dave had left the field and if we could have scored from one of them, I am convinced that Notts County would have panicked and let us in for the corner. We were back in action just over forty-eight hours later when we travelled to Torquay for our second match in the first round of the Littlewoods Cup.

Although the tie was virtually over here at the County Ground with our 3-0 lead we showed that we were not complacent by increasing our overall lead to 6-0 before they scored twice late in the game. This was an occasion where we did not need to receive any motivation from the manager and showed how professional we have

become since I have been here.

It was a difficult game with a wind blowing and the match really did show the difference in class between the two teams we had faced in our two league matches in the Third Division as what we had experienced in the Fourth.

That win showed how important it is to get through the First Round of the Littlewoods Cup and then face opposition from the top two divisions. We probably had as good a draw as we could have hoped for in the Cup, pulled out of the hat with Southampton.

I am sure you are all pleased with our draw for the Second round. Southampton certainly have some players in their line up that should attract a large crowd here to the County Ground. Our visit to Ipswich Town last season should hold us in good stead for our visit to The Dell. This is a ground on which I have never played although I have played against Glenn Cockerill who was a player here at Swindon several seasons ago.

Glenn was with Sheffield United when I played for Mansfield Town and of course he also played for Lincoln City. When we played at Portman Road last season we found the pitch like a bowling green and probably we tried to play far too much football and came unstuck against a superior team. I don't think we shall make the same mistake this time. It will be a match where players will get the same amount of pleasure as the spectators, for there is nothing better than putting your skills against better players and trying to match them. Southampton certainly have their fair share of those. Peter Shilton must still rank among the best of goalkeepers and players like Danny Wallace, Colin Clarke and David Armstrong will surely attract Swindon Town followers.

*Col Calderwood*

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We have attractive visitors to the County Ground on Tuesday evening next when Blackpool visit us in a Third Division encounter.

After commencing the Season with a goalless draw at Bloomfield Road on the opening day of the Season against Chesterfield, the "Seasiders" then proceeded to take maximum points the following week on their visit to Fulham where they surprised the Craven Cottage Club, when a first half goal from Alex Stewart gave Blackpool maximum points from their first away match of the Season.

Sam Ellis, the Blackpool Manager made one significant addition to his playing staff during the close Season when he signed Colin Methven from Wigan Athletic for £21,000.

Sam, should be a good judge of a Central Defender for he was a most competent player in this position for Mansfield Town, Lincoln City, Watford and Sheffield Wednesday, during his playing career.

On Saturday next we visit Walsall where we meet a famed adversary in the Fellows Park Club who have a new management team of Tom Coakley and Gerry Sweeney at the helm.

To date, Walsall have struggled to find any rhythm, they surprisingly tumbled to an opening day defeat at Fellows Park against Bristol Rovers when they conceded three goals without reply. The "Saddlers" fared a little better in their following League match, taking a 2-1 lead at Chesterfield before succumbing to the Saltergate Club 3-2. The evergreen Ernie Moss scoring twice for Chesterfield.

It will probably take nearly half the Season before Walsall adapt to the change of management and method introduced by Tommy Coakley and Gerry Sweeney.

They did show a semblance of their form of recent Seasons when they defeated Mansfield Town 4-2 at Field Mill.

Their first Leg match at Fellows Park had ended with the Saddlers holding a one goal lead. A somewhat surprising scoreline after seeing the discipline the Field Mill Ground Club had displayed last Season against the Town.

## LOOKING

# Ahead

We should be aware of the form that the Midland Club can display on the day.

We have the opportunity to beat the best goalkeeper in the world and also shut out the First Division's leading goalscorer on Tuesday September 23rd at The Dell, Southampton.

Our First Leg match of the Second Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Competition will see the Town attack face the evergreen Peter Shilton, while our defence will be confronted by Northern Ireland International Colin Clarke who moved along the South Coast from Third Division Bournemouth during the close Season for a fee of £400,000. The First Division Club will also have several well known names in their line-up with David Armstrong, Danny Wallace, Mark Dennis and Jimmy Case. Our last appearance on a First Division ground saw the Town reel away from Ipswich Town's Portman Road following a comprehensive 6-1 thrashing. We now have an ideal opportunity to atone for that heavy defeat.

Rotherham United are the visitors to the County Ground the following Saturday. Managed by Norman Hunter the former England, Leeds United and Bristol City defender, the Millmoor Club will bring happy memories to

long standing Town supporters. It was in May 1969 following a 1-1 draw that the Town entered Division Two the following Season, this further success followed our Wembley triumph.

Norman Hunter's team unceremoniously dumped Yorkshire neighbours Doncaster Rovers out of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup earlier this month on a 5-2 aggregate score.

Players to note as far as Town followers are concerned are Kevin Smith, the Millmoor central defender, who was on the verge of signing for Lou Macari in the Summer of 1985, until Norman Hunter intervened and snatched the Player away from the Town's grasp.

The prolific goalscoring talents of Tommy Tynan have in the past brought despair to Swindon Town followers, because the indomitable Tommy scored the penalty that ensured that we faced Fourth Division soccer for the first time, just over four years ago in our final match which ended in a 1-0 defeat at Somerton Park, Newport at the end of the 80/81 Season.

From these three fixtures there appears to be no easy points to be gleaned. The Third Division has already shown us that points are more difficult to come by and opposing attacks are more aware of the opportunities to come their way.

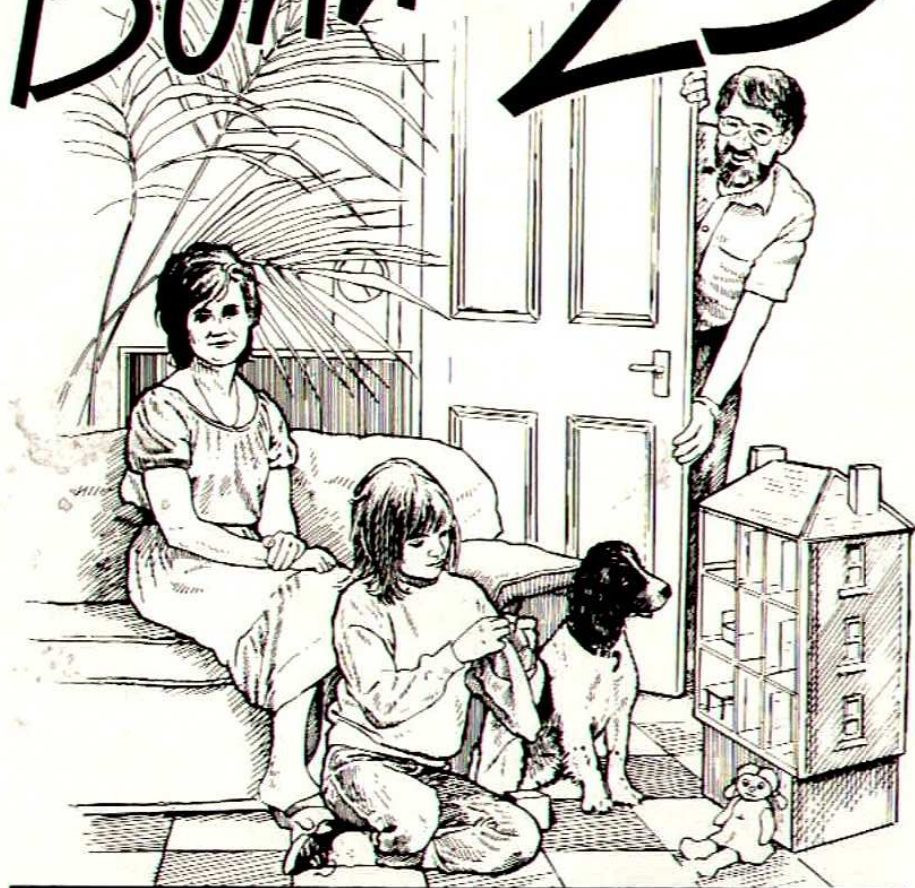
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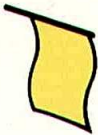


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## INTERVIEW



**Liverpool born, Kevin Morris, the Club physiotherapist** is probably the only "Scouser" who does not feel an allegiance to either of the Merseyside giants, Everton or Liverpool.

"I moved to Manchester as a young boy and my first recollection of football, was being taken to Old Trafford between the ages of six and thirteen years. The giants at Old Trafford at that time were Allerby Chilton, Jack Rowley, Charlie Mitten, Reg Allen and John Aston, they really were some great players. I left Manchester at the age of sixteen to come to Swindon and I've been happy here ever since".

Kevin went on to describe his experiences as the Clubs physiotherapist, "Do you know the most common injuries are to the ankle and knee. The treatment facilities here at the County Ground can be put down to one man - Dr. John Nicholas, he brought rules and

regulations to the medical room and we have had correct order ever since."

What are the problems regarding pre-Season for a Club physio? "Actually there are not many injuries, the time is usually taken up with the pre-meds for the new signings, the only slight problems I have found came when Martin Ling had a slight thigh strain, Dave Hockaday had a groin strain, but mainly it is blisters caused by the hard ground. Really the injuries don't start until the Season gets under way. No, it has not been too bad, Oh yes, Chris Kamara had an ankle injury too".

Kevin continued, "It is when we field three teams on a Saturday that the problems present themselves. The odds are that you will have no less than three players a day in for treatment. Sunday is the busiest day of them all, it is then we have to see who is likely to be fit for a Tuesday fixture if we have one. Do you know that injuries have increased with the pace of the game but medical science has progressed as well, regarding the various treatment available to them."

During the years Kevin has been at the County Ground the injury sustained by Swansea's Phil Boersma was the worst he had seen, "He had what we call potts fracture which is a complete break of the fibula and tibia and really was a horrific sight. The worst injury I have seen a Swindon player receive was sustained by Steve Aizlewood. John Ridley the Port Vale central defender kicked Steve just below the knee, he had what we refer to as a Heamathrosis, his knee joint ballooned on the team coach coming back to Swindon and it was really worrying at the time.

Was there any specific reason why some players are considered to be more injury prone than others?

"Bad balance and timing are the contributors to that", said Kevin. "Of all the professional players it has been my pleasure to treat, John Trollope was the least injured player I have experienced. John always had the balance and timing I have mentioned and is really the classical example of what I mean by perfect balance and timing."

## MATCH DAY

# Mascot



**Our mascot for this afternoon's match against Chester City is Jason Gibbs.**

Eleven year old Jason who attends Ruskin Junior School rates Colin Calderwood as his favourite Swindon Town player.

Unable to play in his school team at the moment, Jason's favourite position is to play wide on the left of the attack or as an out and out striker. Similar to so many of today's youngsters Jason rates Liverpool as his favourite team. I am sure television coverage has played a significant part in the choice of Jason. At least he does not have far to travel to the County Ground for Jason lives in Hathaway Road, Upper Stratton. Everyone connected with the Club hope you enjoy your visit to the County Ground this afternoon, Jason.

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#### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

After two days of conjecture over where the Football Combination match with Fulham would be played, either at Forest Green or Shrivenham Road, it was finally played at our Training ground. Our 3-1 win in our first fixture gave us two points with which to open our seasons account. We

took the lead in the twenty-fifth minute through Martin Ling. Both Mark Gardiner and Steve White came near to increasing our lead before half-time. We continued to dominate the match after the interval and it came as no surprise when David Cole touched in a Leigh Barnard corner kick to increase our lead in the fifty-sixth minute. It was from another Leigh Barnard corner kick seventeen minutes later that Jimmy Gilligan netted at the far post. It was from an unlucky slip by Town defender Tim Parkin that the Craven Cottage Club scored a consolation goal in the dying minutes when Jim Bailey reduced the arrears.

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Our South East Counties League Team travelled to Wimbledon on **Wednesday August 27th** and obtained their first win of the season when they defeated the Plough Lane club 2-0. In a match devoid of any pattern the Town did enough to deserve to win.

With little incident of note in the first half, it was not until the sixtieth minute that the Town were able to take the lead when Nicky Hughes was brought down by Sullivan the Wimbledon goalkeeper and proceeded to score from the resultant penalty. The Town's second goal followed fifteen minutes later when Nicky Hughes broke free and after rounding Sullivan squared the ball to Town substi-

tute Hunt who hit the crossbar with the goal vacant. Paul Hunt made amends from the rebound when he managed to force home the rebound.

Midfield player Dave Barnett and defender Gary Gillett were the pick of the Town team.

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

On **Saturday August 30th** we entertained Reading at Lydiard Park where we ran out convincing 5-0 winners against the Elm Park Club to complete our second South East Counties victory in the space of four days. The first half saw Alan Churchward make several point blank saves and he enabled us to keep the

scoreline blank at the interval. Our only two efforts of note came from Nicky Hughes who saw shots hit the post and bar.

We took the lead when Dean Casserly headed in a cross from Nicky Hughes. It was from a corner ten minutes later that Dean Casserly put the Town further ahead. The Town Juniors increased their lead in the sixty-fifth minute when Paul Hunt scored following a cross from Tony Berry. The irrepressible Dean Casserly completed his hat trick seven minutes later with a crashing drive. Dean was not content at that for six minutes from the final whistle his long ball sent Adrian Viveash through to score his first goal for the club.

#### TEAMS

##### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

**SWINDON TOWN:** CHURCHWARD, MUNDEE, PARKIN, COLE, BARNARD, LING, McLOUGH-LIN, GARDINER, REYNOLDS, WHITE, GILLIGAN.

SUBSTITUTE: HUGHES

**FULHAM:** BATTY, ADEDEJI, HICKS, HODDY, THOMAS, MORTIMER, MARLOW, SKINNER, BAILEY, DONNELLAN, BROTHWAITE.

SUBSTITUTE: SMITH (80 mins)

##### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES August 27th

**SWINDON TOWN:** CHURCHWARD, BERRY, HUGHES, SAUNDERS, TUCKER, GILLETT, PACKER, BARNETT, VIVEASH, HUGHES, CASSERLY.

SUBSTITUTES: HUNT FOR PACKER (64 mins) QUINN.

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SUBSTITUTES: ANDREWS, MURPHY.

##### SOUTH WEST COUNTIES August 30th

**SWINDON TOWN:** CHURCHWARD, BERRY, HUGHES, HUNT, TUCKER, GILLETT, BARNETT, CASSERLY, VIVEASH, HUGHES, LAW.

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Do not be worried if you have received your membership card and badge but no photograph. Unfortunately supplies of photographs have run low and we are awaiting a new supply. Nick Wall has carefully recorded what you want and your photos will arrive in due course.

I think I should say something about this year's ball boys. Last year we felt the system was rather haphazard. We had a lot of nice lads, some in tracksuits, some not, and all with a complete lack of training. Unfortunately no record had been kept of who last year's ball boys were, and consequently, when the Chairman asked the Junior Robins to take over the operation we

had to start from scratch. We did not feel it fair to ask the Swindon Permanent Building Society to supply a complete set of new tracksuits for the new ball boys, though given their generosity in the past they would doubtless have done so. This explains the change in tracksuit colours. This year's ball boys are all members of the Junior Robins and have been carefully selected by Mr. John Timms who is in charge of them. Each ball boy had been allocated his own position and has been made aware of the need to avoid obstructing advertising boards and exactly how to react in given situations. We feel that his will help to create a more professional approach which in the past, due to lack of proper leadership, our ball boys have not always had.

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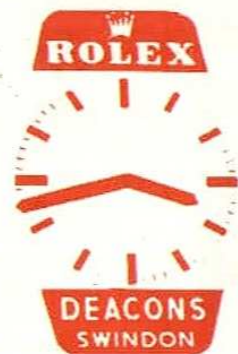
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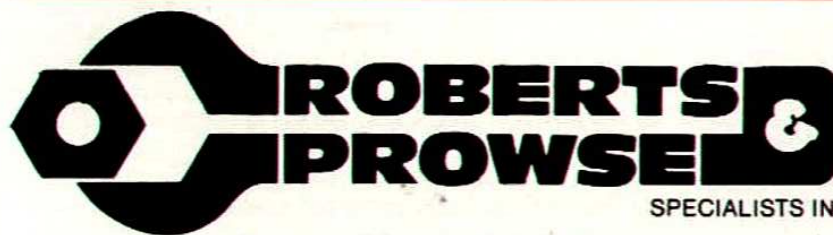


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# AROUND *The* CLUB

**Alan McLoughlin** who made his debut at Senior level when he made his debut in our Littlewoods Challenge Cup, First Leg match here at the County Ground against Torquay United, made 19 appearances for

Manchester United's Central League team last Season, four of them as a substitute. Alan also made 15 appearances in the Old Trafford Club's Lancashire League Division One (A Team) scoring two goals.

For those who take note of statistics Uniteds' reserve team finished as runners up to Derby County in the Central League team while their 'A' team trailed by ten points in second place to their City rivals from Maine Road.



It is with regret that the Club have accepted the fact that **Ken King** who has been with the Club for twenty Seasons, having started in 1966 has intimated that he would like to retire from the position at the end of the current Season. Fortunately Ken is not lost to the Club because he has told us he will still support the Club and Ken feels that he will now be able to relax and enjoy the game. Ken has also said that he will be available to help out if and when needed.

The impending departure of Ken King left a void to be filled and we have been fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Avery a local schoolteacher from Stratton St. Margaret who was asked to assist and eventually succeed Ken King. We wish him well in his honorary position.



We also hope that without further delay that "Radio Robin" may come into opera-

tion soon. There has been considerable delay in bringing the County Ground programme into operation due to technical difficulties appertaining to the Safety Certificate work currently in operation at the Ground.

Without further ado we hope that Philip Baker will soon be bringing you an hour long pre-match programme of news, views and entertainment. Phil is also a local schoolmaster who has settled in Swindon and has supported the Town for a considerable time. There are whispers that he has an allegiance to Exeter City from where he hails. Conversion can be remedial and I am sure Phil is now near to completing re-habilitation!



**Sean Prowse** who was released on a free transfer at the completion of last Season has joined Western League Club Melksham Town.



**Our Manager Lou Macari has been busy with this scouting activities of late** taking in the Brighton v Oxford United Football Combination match. On the vacant Saturday fixture of August 30th, Lou watched the Fourth Division fixture between Aldershot and Wolves after taking in the previous Friday evenings match between Colchester United and Exeter City. On that same weekend Assistant Manager John Trollope was busy watching the match between Bournemouth and Newport County while Coach Andy Rowland travelled to Dulwich Hamlet to take a look at a recommended non-League player.

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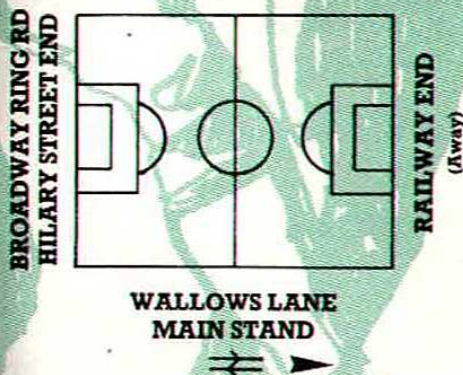
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## Travelling to Walsall? Your Guide to Fellows Park. Walsall F.C.

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**Turned Professional:** 1888  
**Ltd. Co.:** 1921  
**Admitted to League:** 1892  
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POPULAR SIDE



**Mark Hughes** who was prolific goal scorer for our South East Counties Youth League team during the 1983/84 Season has had his contract cancelled by mutual consent. Mark was out of action for the whole of last Season due to a pelvic injury.



**The gospel** according to **St. Lou** is spreading, nice to see that the South Oxfordshire Guardian of Wednesday August 27th 1986 carried a supplement about Swindon Town Football Club giving coverage on the players and Club.



Anyone at today's match who would be interested in joining the Southern Branch of **Chester City Supporters Club** should contact Steve Rooke at **9 Spenlow Drive, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4VQ.**

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Details have now been finalised for this season's Sporting Dinners which are held in The Rendezvous Club. They are as follows:

#### September 22nd 1986

Richard Hadlee. Nottinghamshire and New Zealand Test Cricketer.

Dinner sponsored by Keith Lodge Industrial Roofing of Malmesbury.

#### November 10th 1986

Wilf McGuinness Former Manager of Manchester United and one of Sir Matt Busby's 'Babes'.

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#### December 15th 1986

Mr Dickie Bird. Reputed to be the No 1 Umpire in Test Cricket.

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#### February 9th 1987

Peter Brackley. Principal presenter and commentator of Central TV Sport.

Dinner sponsored by Mr Bob Clarke of Transplant Swindon Ltd.

#### March 23rd 1987

Mr Fred Ayre. Who's claim to fame is that he has played for 112 Managers and Coaches, and has played for 27 Football League Clubs. A very entertaining man.

Further details and reservations can be obtained from the Commercial Office on Swindon 642984 ext 30 or 31.

#### Souvenirs

Commencing with today's match our new souvenir kiosk will be open on the North Stand gallery. Fire regulations will determine as to whether it will be a permanent or temporary structure. Souvenirs, lottery tickets etc will be on sale before and at half time of each match. Whilst on the subject of souvenirs, if you are not a North Stand spectator then our main souvenir shop is situated by the Sports Shop run by Doug Woodman. If you or your organisation require sports kit why not call and see Doug or ring 642984 ext 29. You will be surprised at the bargains you can obtain.

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26 August Torquay Utd L Cup  
 31 August Notts County Div 3  
 13 September Chester City Div 3  
  
 16 September Blackpool Div 3  
  
 27 September Rotherham Div 3  
 5 October Wigan Athletic Div 3  
 8 October Southampton L Cup  
 18 October Chesterfield Div 3  
 1 November York City Div 3  
 4 November Bristol Rovers Div 3  
  
 29 November Carlisle Utd Div 3  
 14 December Bristol City Div 3  
 26 December Brentford Div 3  
 3 January Bury Div 3  
 10 January Bolton Wanderers Div 3  
 25 January Newport County Div 3  
 14 February Walsall Div 3  
  
 28 February Middlesborough Div 3  
 7 March Darlington Div 3  
  
 17 March Port Vale Div 3  
  
 22 March Fulham Div 3  
 4 April Mansfield Div 3  
 18 April Bournemouth AFC Div 3  
 25 April Doncaster Div 3  
 4 May Gillingham Div 3

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## STANDING VIEW

### FROM · THE · TERRACE

Last Saturday's trip to Newport gave us a chance to wipe out the bad memories of our last visit to Somerton Park when a single goal relegated us to Division 4 for the first time.

A very large contingent of "Town" fans made the short trip across the Severn Bridge in the hope that Swindon could pick up their second away win of the season.

As was often the case last season Lou and the team must have felt that they

were playing at home given the superb support they received, the cries of the County fans were completely drowned as the 1500 or so "Town" fans urged on the visitors.

**Bryan Wade's** early goal coupled with intense pressure from the "Town" carried on where they left off at the County Ground against Notts County, unfortunately the lack of finishing power evident in that game surfaced again to be punished a minute after

the interval with Newport's equaliser. Renewed "Town" pressure soon brought the goal they needed and the usual display of ecstasy from the away terrace.

But last Saturday seemed to emphasise how difficult this season might be, a poor pass by Peter Coyne and confusion in the defence drew the home side level and left those who had made the trip feeling slightly cheated at witnessing another game we should have won. To put the result in context though, an away draw would have been very welcome at this stage of last season, a win to go with our four away points today will certainly put us in a very good position with another home game ahead on Tuesday night.

by **Michael Scott**

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Bryan Wade shoots for goal - one of the many near misses for the Town against Notts County at the County Ground.



David Cole and Chris Kamara desperately striving for an equaliser against Notts County in the first home League match of the season.

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Swindon's Dave Bamber gets tied up in the defeat by Notts County.



# SWINDON TOWN

*In Focus*



Chris Kamara just fails to connect against Notts County, watched by colleague Chris Ramsey (left).

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## LAST WEEK-ENDS RESULTS

<b>BLACKPOOL</b> (1) THOMPSON	1	<b>CARLISLE UNITED</b> (2) POSKETT (2)	2 4,188
<b>BOLTON W</b> (3) ELLIOTT, THOMPSON OGHANI, JOYCE	4	<b>DARLINGTON</b> (1) MORGAN, ROBERTS ROBINSON	3 3,952
<b>BRENTFORD</b> (0)	0	<b>PORT VALE</b> (0) MAGUIRE, SMITH	2 3,160
<b>BRISTOL CITY</b> (1) WALSH, MOYES	2	<b>WIGAN ATH</b> (0) GRIFFITHS	0 6,729
<b>CHESTER CITY</b> (1) GREENOUGH, BENNETT	2	<b>FULHAM</b> (0) PARKER, SCOTT	2 2,568
<b>MANSFIELD TOWN</b> (1) LOWERY	1	<b>CHESTERFIELD</b> (0) SCRIMEGOUR	1 4,771
<b>MIDDLESBROUGH</b> (1) STEPHENS (2) SLAVEN	3	<b>BURY</b> (1) MOWBRAY (o.g.)	1 5,498
<b>NEWPORT COUNTY</b> (0) BERRY, MARDENBOROUGH	2	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b> (1) WADE 2	2 3,795
<b>NOTTS COUNTY</b> (0) WAITT	1	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b> (0) PUCKETT	1 3,610
<b>ROTHERHAM UNTD</b> (0)	0	<b>GILLINGHAM</b> (0) SHEARER	1 3,243
<b>WALSALL</b> (0) CROSS	1	<b>DONCASTER ROV</b> (1) WOODS, DOBSON, BURKE	3 4,939
<b>YORK CITY</b> (1) CANHAM	1	<b>BRISTOL ROV.</b> (0)	0 3,795

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

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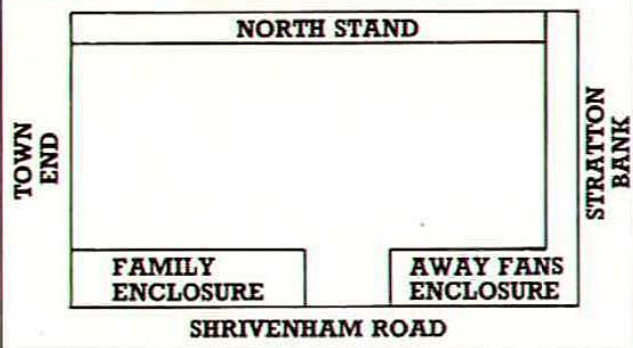
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23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY	LC. H
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD	LC. A
6.9.86	SAT	NEWPORT COUNTY	A
13.9.86	SAT	CHESTER	H
16.9.86	TUE	BLACKPOOL	H
20.9.86	SAT	WALSALL	A
23.9.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON	LC. A
27.9.86	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H
30.9.86	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A
5.10.86	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H
8.10.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON	LC. H
11.10.86	SAT	FULHAM	A
18.10.86	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	H
21.10.86	TUE	PORT VALE	A
25.10.86	SAT	DARLINGTON	A
1.11.86	SAT	YORK CITY	H
4.11.86	TUE	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
8.11.86	SAT	MANSFIELD TOWN	A
15.11.86	SAT	F.A. R.1	
22.11.86	SAT	BURY	A
29.11.86	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H
6.12.86	SAT	F.A. R.2	
14.12.86	SUN	BRISTOL CITY (11.30 a.m.)	H
21.12.86	SUN	DONCASTER ROVERS	A
26.12.86	FRI	BRENTFORD	H
27.12.86	SAT	GILLINGHAM	A
1.1.87	THU	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A
3.1.87	SAT	BURY	H F.A. R.3
10.1.87	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
17.1.87	SAT	NOTTS COUNTY	A
25.1.87	SUN	NEWPORT COUNTY	H F.A. R.4
31.1.87	SAT	CHESTER	A
7.2.87	SAT	BLACKPOOL	A
14.2.87	SAT	WALSALL	H F.A. R.5
21.2.87	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A
28.2.87	SAT	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
3.3.87	TUE	YORK CITY	A
7.3.87	SAT	DARLINGTON	H F.A. R.6
13.3.87	FRI	CHESTERFIELD	A
17.3.87	TUE	PORT VALE	H
22.3.87	SUN	FULHAM	H
28.3.87	SAT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A
4.4.87	SAT	MANSFIELD TOWN (7.30)	H F.A. S.F.
12.4.87	SUN	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
18.4.87	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H
20.4.87	MON	BRENTFORD (11 a.m.)	A
25.4.87	SAT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H
2.5.87	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	A
4.5.87	MON	GILLINGHAM	H
9.5.87	SAT	BRISTOL CITY	A
16.5.87	SAT	F.A. Cup Final	

## THIRD DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY					PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
MIDDLESBROUGH	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	7
YORK CITY	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	2	7
NOTTS COUNTY	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	7
GILLINGHAM	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	1	7
DONCASTER ROV	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	3	6
BRISTOL ROVERS	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	6
PORT VALE	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	2	5
CARLISLE UNTD	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	4	3	5
BRISTOL CITY	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	0	1	1	5
BOURNEMOUTH	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	2	5
CHESTERFIELD	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	1	5
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
BLACKPOOL	3	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
MANSFIELD TOWN	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	4
<b>CHESTER CITY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
BOLTON WAND	3	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	1	0	1	3
DARLINGTON	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	4	7	3
FULHAM	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	2
ROTHERHAM UNTD	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
BURY	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	5	2
NEWPORT COUNTY	3	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	2	1
BRENTFORD	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	1
WIGAN ATH	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
WALSALL	3	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	1	2	3	0

## COUNTY GROUND PLAN



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	Attd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 23	Bolton Wand	A 5,684 2-1	Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade	Coyne(2)	Barnard	Ling
Aug 26	Torquay Untd	H 4,749 3-0	Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber(2)	Henry	Wade(1)	Coyne*	Ling*	McLoughlin Gilligan
Aug 31	Notts C.	H 7,350 1-2	Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Coyne*	Henry	Bamber	Wade	Barnard	White(1)
Sep 2	Torquay Untd	A 1,100 3-2	Allen	Ramsey*	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood*	Bamber(2)	Henry	Wade(1)	Coyne	McLoughlin	Parkin Ling
Sep 6	Newport C.	A 3,796 2-2	Allen	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade(2)	Coyne*	Ling	Gilligan

## TODAYS THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

<b>Bournemouth</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Bolton W.</b>
<b>Bristol Rov</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Mansfield T.</b>
<b>Bury</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Rotherham Untd</b>
<b>Carlisle Untd</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Walsall</b>
<b>Chesterfield</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Bristol City</b>
<b>Darlington</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Notts C</b>
<b>Fulham</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Brentford</b>
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Middlesbrough</b>
<b>Port Vale</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>York City</b>
<b>Wigan Ath</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Newport County</b>

## PLAYING TOMORROW

<b>Doncaster Rov</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Blackpool</b>
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## APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	LEAGUE APP GOALS	LITTLEWOODS CUP APP GOALS
Kenny Allen	3	2
Dave Bamber	3	2 4
Leigh Barnaro	2	
Colin Calderwood	3	2
David Cole	3	1
Peter Coyne	3 2	2
Jimmy Gilligan	0+s	0+s
Charlie Henry	3	2
Dave Hockaday	3	2
Chris Kamara	3	2
Martin Ling	1+s	1+s
Alan McLoughlin	1	0+s
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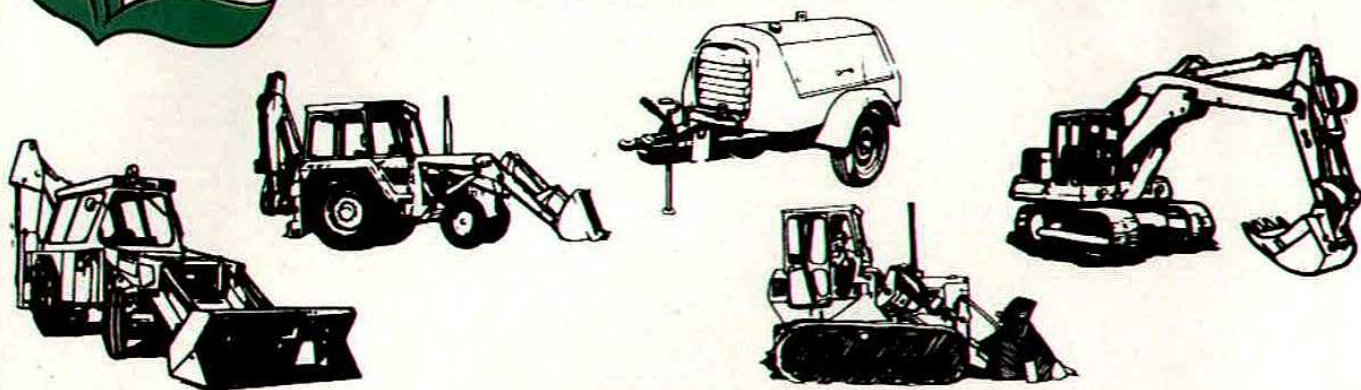
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