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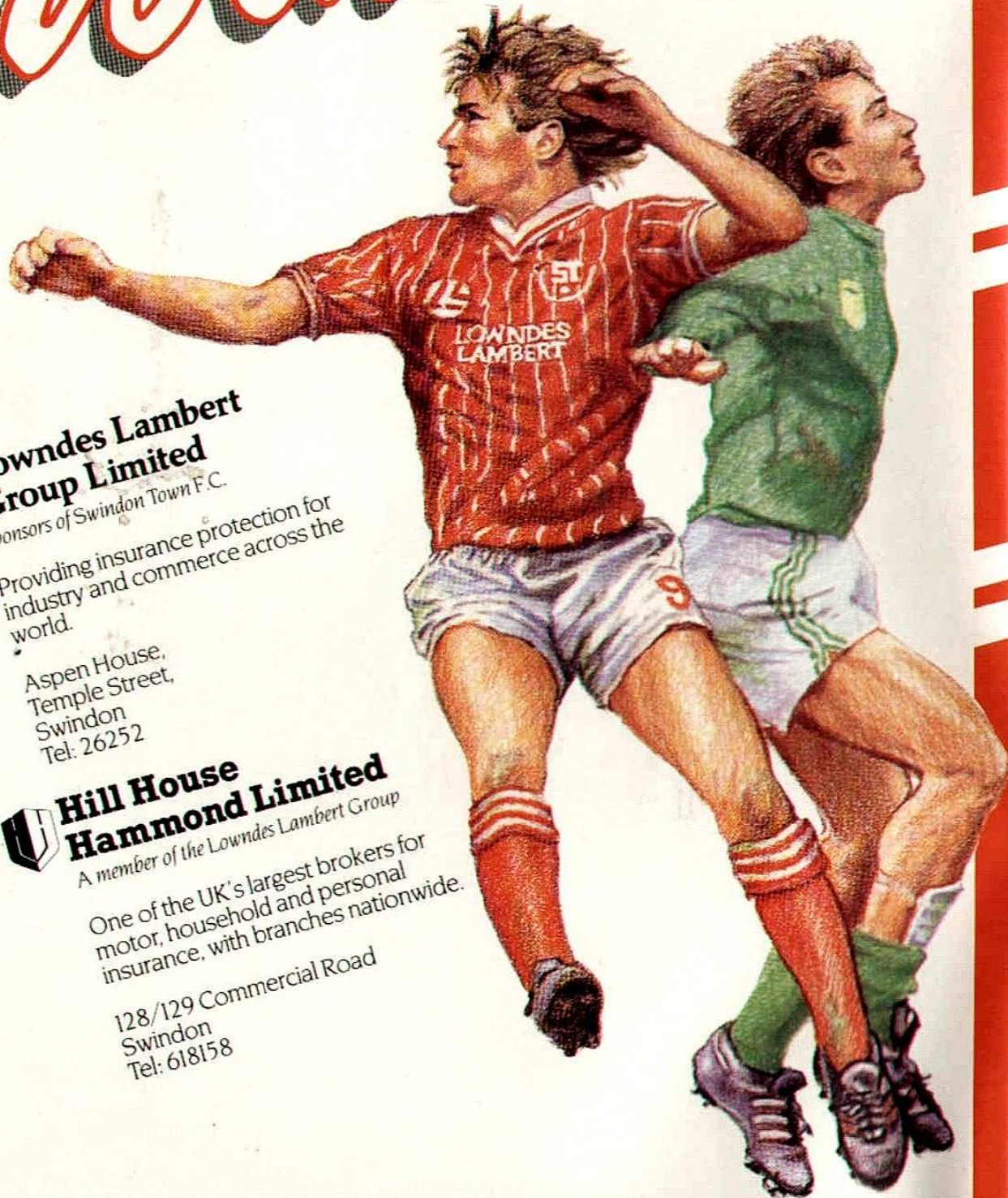
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# COUNTY GROUND

## Scene

### FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

I would like to begin my column this week by thanking all 5,522 of you that attended our home match with Chester City on September 13th. Whether the date had any bearing on the weather conditions that prevailed that afternoon, I am not sure! The incessant rain and chilly conditions, may well have deterred some of our fair weather fans from coming out to the County Ground that particular afternoon, but all of you that did turn out in foul conditions proved that you are our hard core supporters. Thank you all once again.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain certain aspects of the Ground Safety Certificate Act to you. Swindon Town Football Club are strictly governed by the appropriate authorities on just how many spectators are allowed into each section of the ground.

The Shrivenham Road enclosure popularly known as 'The Family Enclosure', is restricted at present by the certificate to 2,500 people. That figure was reached by the date of the Chester City fixture. Therefore we had no alternative but to stop issuing identity cards for that section. The police authorities requested that they were given an immediate check that day to see how many spectators had been allowed into that Section.

Following an inspection of the monitoring system employed on the turnstiles they were satisfied that Swindon Town Football Club was not in breach of any of the stipulated regulations set by the Certificate Authorities.

Following that thorough check of the Shrivenham Road enclosure they gave the Club authority to issue a further 350 identification cards for that area.

Limitations in attendance are stipulated for all areas of the ground and if at any stage we reached the limits applied, we



would automatically have to close, turnstiles to comply with the regulations. We are subject to inspection at any time, before and during matches. The fire authorities have applied stringent measures which necessitated removing the Gallery Shop in the North Stand and any wooden apparatus enclosed that constituted a breach of regulation. All thorough fares also have to be free of restriction. Adequate notices have to be displayed regarding exits and directions which you have seen displayed around the ground. We have no alternative but to comply with the law and whatever inconvenience or hardship apply, we cannot possibly contravene those regulations and put the club at risk whereby we could face court action or further restrictions within the County Ground.

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We hear so much comment about how Football League Clubs can possibly survive on some of the pitiful low attendances that they record but how much longer will reserve team football be able to continue in its present format?

Take for instance our recent home fixture in the Football

Combination against Oxford United. Played early season, on a beautiful late Summers afternoon, a Sunday fixture although hastily arranged, attracted receipts of £57.

On display were players from both sides whose weekly wage bill was probably in excess of £3,000. The match officials and the attendant minimal staff needed to stage the fixture would have taken more than the takings of gate. There were a fair sprinkling of experienced players on both sides with Chris Ramsey, Tim Parkin, Leigh Barnard, Jimmy Gilligan and Steve White for the Town. For Oxford United, Bobby McDonald and Kevin Brock were two of the better known. Yet no one hardly seemed to want to know.

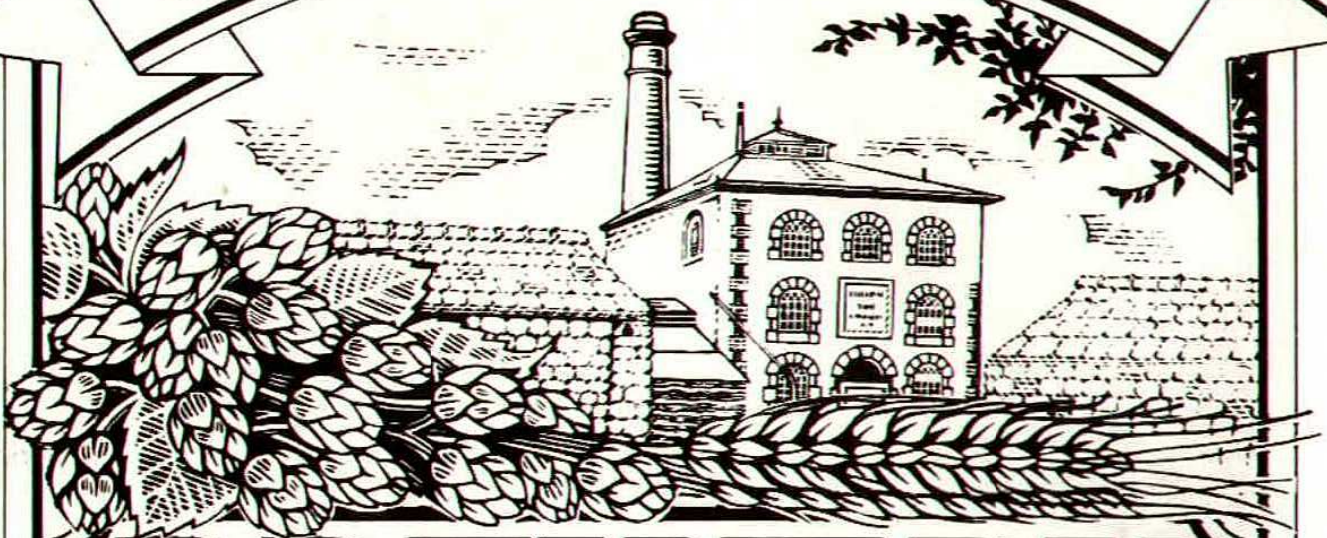
The club have received letters of complaint about the group of people who have taken to accomodating the North Stand in the Green Zone this season. Their language has been upsetting some of the older supporters and family groups who have always occupied the North Stand. Swindon Town Football Club will not let misbehaviour become the norm at the County Ground.

The warning is clear, football has been tarnished by mindless idiots. Those who do not want to behave will not be welcome here at the County Ground. Swindon Town Football Club will take the necessary steps to ensure that people can attend matches here without interference of any description. These are measures we all hope will not be necessary, common sense must prevail. Those who are guilty of misconduct should take heed.

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Since I last wrote my notes for the club programme we have played two more league matches and our Littlewoods Cup match at Southampton. Having to write these notes before the trip to Southampton, I am not in a position to comment upon that particular match.

We only took one point from our two home matches with Chester City and Blackpool and that was disappointing. The manner in which we lost to Blackpool was not only disappointing but also disturbing. You will have read various comments attributed to me in the press regarding my view of that particular evening.

Once again I will re-iterate my views on that matter. IF PROFESSIONAL SPORTSMEN DO NOT LIVE LIKE PROFESSIONALS, THEY WILL NOT PERFORM LIKE PROFESSIONALS. It personally saddens me, when I see so many of the people earning their living from sport, looking and performing completely out of the standard, the paying public have a right to expect.

The only people who seem to take pride and personal care in their performance and preparation these days are our athletes, they reap the rewards due to them. I am not a cricket fan but the physical sight of some of the leading English cricket team leaves a lot to be desired.

In my PROFESSION there is abuse and at national level we suffer. At Swindon Town we have lost just TWO matches in THIRTY because we have lived like professionals for the last year.

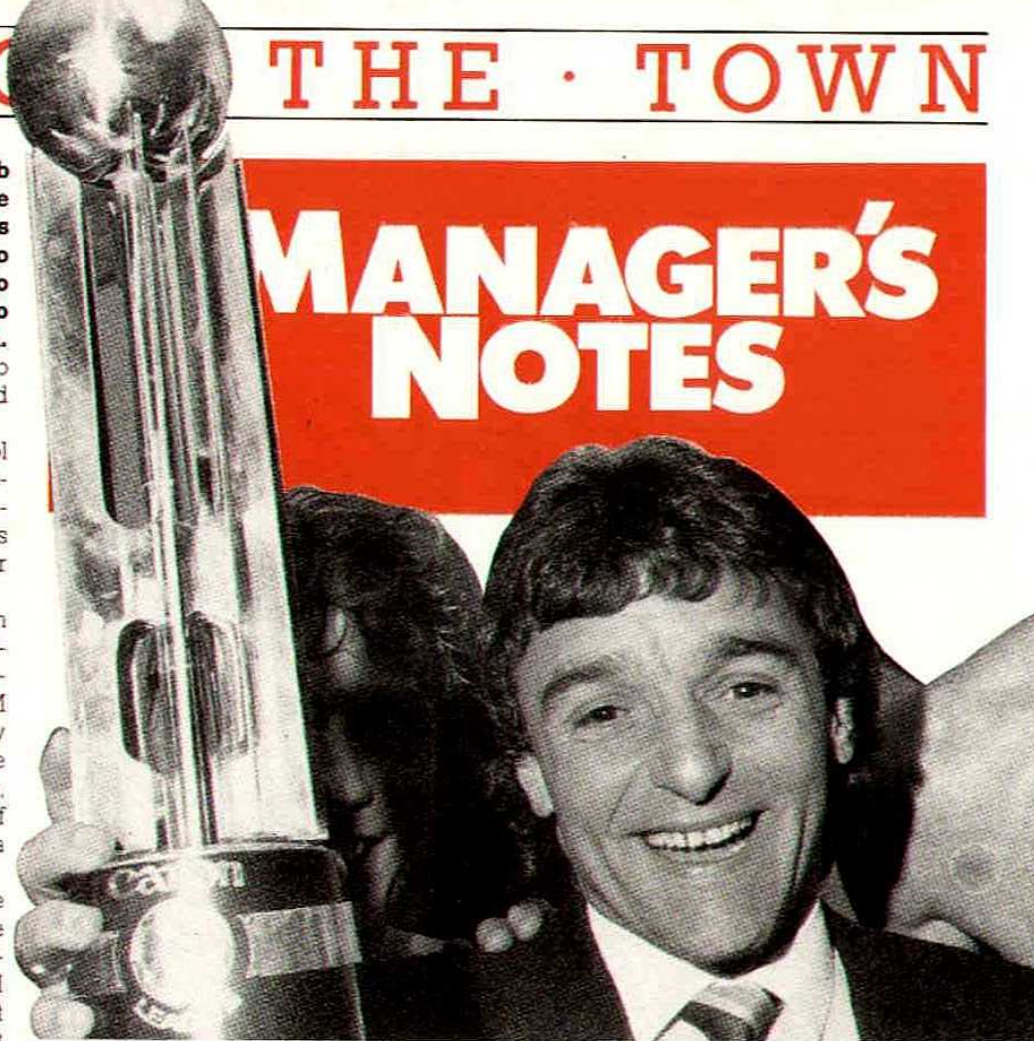
Sadly a slight drop in standard, has a catastrophic effect if you meet a team who are prepared to keep themselves in check.

Players who imagine that discos or night haunts are the best way to live and prepare for Swindon Town matches will probably end their careers playing for the night club Sunday eleven!

The man in the street has on average three weeks to indulge in his whims, fancies or vices! Professional soccer players have from May to August! Not from August to May, during those months, he's well paid to live for the cause of SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

That is what I expect and demand not only for myself, but also for you, the paying public. Customers do not pay for inferior products, wherever you may work.

The players of this club have performed magnificently for this club for twelve



months, that is now history and we are in a new season and a new division where standards are higher. If we do not try to attain or improve upon that standard we will be our own worst enemies, that is the sad part of our performances to date. Blackpool are not six goals superior to Swindon Town and my players know that, but they were fitter and sharper and better prepared for that particular evening.

You can be assured that the players in this club well from now on be prepared for each match as PROFESSIONALS. They can let their hair down next summer and put their feet up, but until next May they will live and act for seven days a week in the manner expected of them. There is only one way to react to criticism and that is to ensure that results are improved, but also equally important PERFORMANCES. The paying spectator admires genuine effort, he will also tolerate genuine mistakes. The answers now lie with my players, they can bring further honour to the County Ground and keep their self respect.

With last Saturday's match at Walsall

postponed we have lost ground with the other teams in the division, so it is important that from today, we begin to gain momentum and collect points from our home matches at least.

Your response to the team, on a bad night, was unbelievable, so can I ask you all to repeat that performance this afternoon and I am sure they will respond to you, we all had to lift ourselves, for we all have one common cause and that is the progress of SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

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## SCENE

# on three

Former Swindon Town striker Alan Mayes was not content with scoring one of Blackpool's six goals here at the County Ground in our recent home defeat. Last Saturday, Alan, on loan from Carlisle United, scored a first half hat-trick against next weeks visitors Wigan Athletic! The Bloomfield Road Club's 5-1 home win meant they had scored eleven goals in two matches in the space of five days!

There were goals galore at Brentford where the home side beat Darlington 5-3 to record their 1,000th league victory in their 60th season. Six of the goals came in a sixteen minute spell.

Bristol Rovers' Mick Tanner, back in the Rovers line-up after suspension, marked his return with a goal, to leave today's visitors Rotherham United still seeking their first home league goal of the season.

The match ended in sensation when Rovers' Trevor Morgan was ordered off two minutes

from the end. He had been booked just before the break for a foul on Kevan Smith and when he had a second go in the eighty-ninth minute referee Tom Fitzharris immediately ordered him off.

Gordon Owen, Bristol City's £40,000 signing from Barnsley, stole the show in the Ashton Gate clubs 3-0 win over Carlisle United, despite two goals from Alan Walsh. Owen frequently showed a clean pair of heels to Harry Gregg's United.

Wealthy American businessman Jerry Sherman who is bidding to take over Newport County, saw the Welsh Club earn their third successive League win. Former Town midfielder player Roy Carter was one of the Somerton Park Clubs goalscorers in their 3-2 home win against Doncaster Rovers.

On the transfer front Walsall were trying to sign winger Steve Lynex and striker Mark Bright from Leicester City for about £105,000.

The Saddlers were hoping to

clinch the deal this week. Terms had been agreed between the two clubs. It is understood that 24-year-old Mark Bright would cost around £75,000 while Steve Lynex would fetch a fee of £30,000.

That would take Walsall's spending on four players since the start of the season to £214,500 as they attempt a quick route to promotion.

Manager Tom Coakley anxious to lift his club off the bottom of the table after only one win in the opening five games says he is searching to add steel to his team. Mark Bright has recently turned down a move to Hull City. It will be interesting to see if either player decided to leave the first Division for a drop of two divisions. Both players are Midland based, Bright a former Port Vale forward hit six goals in 22 matches for the Filbert Street club last season. Steve Lynex was previously with West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City.

Have you noticed how the four clubs promoted from last seasons Fourth Division have struggled in their home matches?

Along with ourselves, both Port Vale and Chester City are seeking their first home league win of the season. Mansfield Town are the only club to have collected maximum points from a match at home. The Field Mill Club have been held at home in two of their three home games to date.

Graham Withey the former Coventry City Striker who once held the interest of our own Lou Macari, has signed a three

month contract with Bristol City. Last season Withey (26) was given a free transfer by Cardiff City following a cartilage operation. Bristol City boss Terry Cooper is prepared to offer the former Bristol Rovers striker a longer contract once he has proved his fitness.

Former Notts County Chairman Jack Dunnett has a new signing for the club - his 85 year old mother-in-law. She's one of eight members of his family to join the crisis clubs fund raising plans, "We have enough members to cover our running costs", said Jack Dunnett.

Liverpool on the look-out for a player to eventually replace Ian Rush, when he leaves for Juventus have been watching David Kelly the twenty-year-old Walsall striker. David is on a one-year contract with the fellows Park Club. He declined an £80,000 move to Birmingham City last season. David is anxious to move to the First Division, interestingly he only turned full-time in his late teens after working in a sweet factory.

## **DIVISION THREE LEADING SCORERS INCLUDING THE LITTLEWOODS CHALLENGE CUP.**

WALWYN (York City) 7, JONES (Port Vale) 5, BAMBER (Swindon Town), CROSS (Walsall), O'KELLY (Port Vale), MAYES (Blackpool), SCOTT (Fulham), SLAVEN (Middlesbrough), STEWART (Blackpool), WADE (Swindon), WAITT (Notts County), WOODS (Doncaster Rovers) 4.



## **OUR LAST MEETING**

### **Rotherham United**

**The last visit of Rotherham United to the County Ground bore witness to the return to the side of Swindon's most loyal servant - John Trollope. After his retirement at the end of the 1978/9 season, Lou's present right hand man was drafted in by Bobby Smith after five consecutive defeats at the start of the 1980/1 season.**

John joined a side captained by Chris Kamara and including Charlie Henry in his non-goalscoring full-backs role. Also playing for the "Town" was Glenn Cockerill, at that time an inconsistent performer but now of course in the top flight with our midweek opponents Southampton.

The 757th appearance of John Trollope in a Swindon Town shirt brought immediate success with the "Town's" first two points of the season. It was Rotherham however who took the lead with Tony Towner putting the "Millers" one up three minutes before half-time. It is often said that there is no better time to score, but nineteen minutes into the second half Swindon proved that going behind can often be the best motivator of all. Ian Miller raced down the right to cross for Roy Greenwood to head the equaliser and four minutes later set up Andy Rowland who got the crucial goal to set Swindon off the mark in the League.

The away fixture at Millmoor on the

7th February 1981 took place with Rotherham heading for the third division title and Swindon fighting hard to starve off relegation.

A good performance nearly brought Swindon a valuable draw, but a very unlucky goal made sure that they returned home pointless. A weak shot by Mick Gooding was deflected past Jimmy Allan by Charlie Henry with Swindon holding out well.

Rotherham kept their lead to gain more championship points whilst Swindons slide to Division 4 looked likely to happen a year earlier than it actually did. At this early stage of the 1986-87 campaign, there are no championship candidates or relegation certainties, so the circumstances of our meeting are very different.

Swindon's recent crushing defeat by Blackpool here at the County Ground makes today's game a contest to regain lost pride as well, coincidentally, as the chance to gain our first home win of the season as we did six years ago.

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By Dave Eaton

Football in Rotherham was recorded as early as the 1860's.

The first club to really come to the fore was a team called THORNHILL UNITED who were formed in 1884.

Rotherham Town were the other local football club of note and they had a spell in the second Division of the Football League in 1893. After indifferent displays for a couple of seasons they relinquished their Football League status and joined the Midland League.

In season 1905/6, Thornhill United changed their name to Rotherham County, and in the 1907/8 season they moved their headquarters to the present Millmoor ground. Whilst members in the Midland League, they had the distinction of winning the Championship on no less than four consecutive years 1912-15.

Re-entry into the Football League came in 1919 when Rotherham County joined the Second Division.

1925 saw the amalgamation of Rotherham County and Rotherham Town, to become the present Rotherham United. However, it was only after the second world war that performances by the team began to improve.

In season 1946/47 Rotherham United finished as runners-up of the Third Division North but as only one club was promoted they were left to fight out another season in that Division. 1947/48 and 1948/49 saw the club again finish as runners-up, but eventually, in 1950/51 the team finished seven points ahead of their nearest rivals to gain promotion to the Second Division. Always a middle-of-the-table team during their years in that Division, they did have one season of note when, in 1954-55 they finished third. Rotherham and two teams above them, Luton and Birmingham all finished on 55 points but Rotherham had an inferior goal average.

The team were to stay in the Second Division until season 1967-68 when they were relegated to the Third Division.

Relegation again came in 1972-73 when the club went down to the Fourth Division for the first time. They attained 41 points which is the highest points total achieved by a team relegated to Fourth Division.

Promotion back to the Third Division came just two seasons later and then in 1976/77 the club finished fourth again missing out by goal differences this time having achieved the highest points total by a team not promoted out of the Division.

The town had to wait until 1980/81 before they saw the team back in the Second Division when they were promoted as Champions.

After just two years in the higher grade relegation followed and the club returned to Division Three.

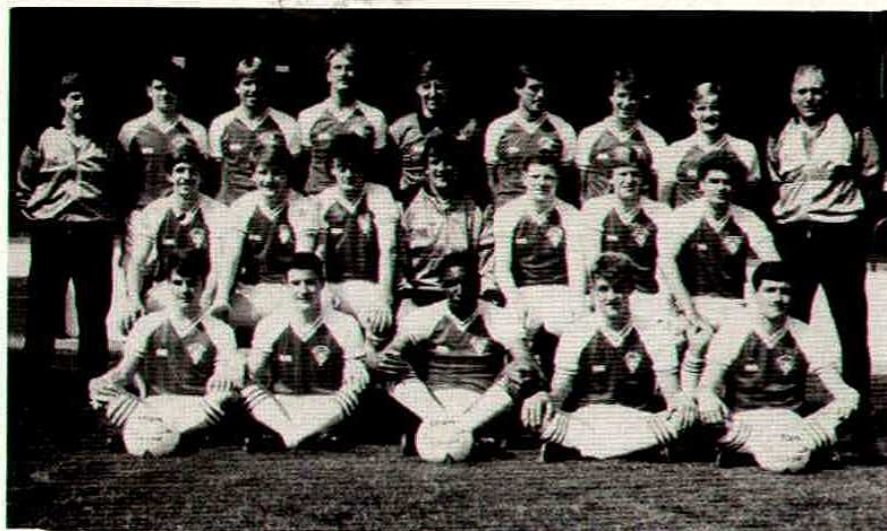
Over the past years the club has had some famous people as managers. A certain Danny Williams who led Swindon to that famous 1969 League Cup win over Arsenal has managed the side, and before that played a club record number of 459 League matches for the Millers. Tommy Docherty was at the helm between November 1967, and November 1968.

Ian Porterfield Sunderland's F.A. Cup Final goal-scoring hero was Manager when the Club gained promotion as champions back to the second division in 1981.

## OUR VISITORS



## ROTHERHAM



Back Row:	Phil Chambers (Youth Coach)	Nigel Pepper	John Dungworth	Kevan Smith	Kelham O'Hanlan	Trevor Slack	Mike Trussan	Phil Crosby	Barry Claxton (Assistant Manager)
Middle Row:	Daral Pugh	Dean Emerson	Colin Douglas	Norman Hunter (Manager)	Tony Simmons	Tom Tynan	Mike Gooding		
Front Row:	Kevin Eley	Martin Scott	Andy Morris	Ray Warburton	Mark Ash				

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He was followed by Emlyn Hughes former Liverpool and England captain who was at Millmoor for the best part of two seasons. George Kerr was the next manager and he followed Emlyn who left the Club in March 1983. He arrived too late unfortunately to stave off relegation to the third division. George had a couple of eventful seasons at Millmoor and he left at the end of the 1984/85 season to be replaced by another former England international Norman Hunter. Also leaving the Club at the end of the 1984/85 season were two of the promising youngsters.

Goalkeeper Bobby Mimms became an Everton player for a fee of £150,000 and defender Nigel Johnson joined Manchester City in a deal that will eventually be worth £120,000 to Rotherham.

During Norman Hunter's first few months one of Rotherham's favourite players of recent years, Gerry Forrest, also moved on to First Division Southampton in a £10,000 deal.



## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**Ground:** Millmoor

**Capacity:** 21,000

**Record Attendance:** 25,000 v Sheffield Wednesday Division 2, 13th December 1952 and v Sheffield Wednesday, Division 2, 26th January 1952.

**Record Receipt:** £34,217 v Sheffield Wednesday, Division 2, 4th May 1982.

**Founded:** 1884, turned professional 1905

**Joined League:** 1893 Rotherham Town elected to Division 2, 1896 failed to gain re-election, 1919 Rotherham County elected to Division 2.

**Previous Names:** 1884, Thornhill United, 1905, Rotherham County, 1925, amalgamated with Rotherham Town as Rotherham United.

**Honours:** Football League Division 2 best season - 3rd, 1954-55 (equal points with champions and runners-up), Division 3 - champions 1980-81, Division 3(N) - champions 1950-51, runners-up 1946-47, 1947-48, 1949-49, F.A. Cup best season - 5th round 1953 and 1968, Football League Cup - runners-up 1981 to Aston Villa.

**Most League Appearances:** Danny Williams, 459, 1946-62. [The former Swindon Town Manager.]

**Most League Goals:** Gladstone Guest, 130, 1946-56.

**Record Victory:** 8-0 v Oldham Athletic, Division 3(N), 26th May 1947.

**Record Defeat:** 1-11 Bradford County, Division 3(N), 25th August 1928.

**Recent Large Transfer Fee Received:** £150,000 from Everton for goalkeeper Bobby Mimms, summer 1985.

**Colours:** Red shirts with white sleeves, white shorts, white socks.

**Change Colours:** All white - shirts, shorts and socks.

**Nickname:** "The Merry Millers"

## Meet the Players and Manager

### Norman Hunter (manager)

Born Middlesbrough, 29th October 1943. A brilliant left footed defender in his playing days with a reputation for "biting" tackles. A member of England's squad that won the 1966 World Cup. Made 28 appearances for England, many believe it should have been considerably more. A stalwart of

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### At County Ground

07.09.1963	W3-1	Smith, Smart, Summerbee	19,448
16.04.1965	W3-2	Hunt, Smart, Summerbee	17,280
22.02.1969	W1-0	Noble	23,515
09.03.1976	D1-1	Rogers	9,877
13.11.1976	L2-4	Anderson pen., Stroud	7,611
19.11.1977	W2-0	Guthrie, McHale	6,015
14.10.1978	W1-0	Bates	4,482
15.04.1980	W6-2	Rowland, 4. Carter, Mayes	7,441
13.09.1980	W2-1	Greenwood, Rowland	5,499

#### At Millmoor

11.01.1964	D0-0		9,214
19.04.1965	L0-1		5,630
02.05.1969	D1-1	Jones	9,584
04.10.1975	W2-0	Anderson, Moss Pen.	4,731
23.04.1977	D1-1	Anderson	5,631
15.04.1978	W3-1	Guthrie, Moss, Cunningham	3,824
24.02.1979	W3-1	Mayes 3	5,128
08.09.1979	L0-3		4,672
07.02.1981	L0-1		7,162

### Football League Cup

NIL

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### F.A. Cup

NIL

the highly successful Don Revie Leeds side in the late 60's and early 70's.

In all competitions including European, played in over 650 games for the Yorkshire side. Was transferred to Bristol City for £40,000 and ended his playing days at Barnsley. Has been manager of Barnsley, and was appointed Rotherham boss in the surname of 1985.

### Kelham O'Hanlon (goalkeeper)

Born Saltburn. An ever-present in the Rotherham side last season. An Eire International who joined them from Middlesbrough his only previous club. Signed as the replacement for Bobby Mimms.

### Phil Crosby (full back)

Born Leeds. A former England Youth International who served his apprenticeship at Grimsby. Joined Rotherham during George Kerr's reign as manager. Only made 12 league appearances last season owing to injury set backs.

### Kevan Smith (centre back)

Born Eaglescliffe. Joined the Millers at the beginning of last season after playing over 200 games for Darlington, his only other club. A target for Town boss Lou Macari during the summer of 85 but the defender elected to join Rotherham. Only missed three league games in his first season. Appointed club captain for the 86/87 season.

### Trevor Slack (centre-back)

Born Peterborough. One of Norman Hunter's close season signings from Peterborough. The tall defender made over 200 appearances for the Posh, 40 of them last season, his only other club.

### John Dungworth (forward)

Born Rotherham. This much travelled player who has scored over 100 league goals was voted Rotherham's Player of the Year last season even though he spent most of his 46 league games at full back. Served his apprenticeship at Huddersfield and has seen service with Barnsley (on loan), Oldham, Rochdale (on loan), Aldershot, Shrews-

bury, Hereford (on loan), and Mansfield before joining his home town club.

### Colin Douglas (forward)

Born Hurford. A close season signing from Doncaster Rovers to add pep to the Rotherham attack. Started at Celtic but failed to make a first-team appearance. Moved to Doncaster on a free transfer and played in over 200 league games for them, 42 of them last season.

### Dean Emerson (midfield)

Born Salford. Signed from Stockport County for £40,000 during the summer of 85. In his first season at Millmoor only missed one league game. The 23 year old made 158 league appearances and scored seven goals for Stockport his only other club.

### Mick Gooding (midfield)

Born Newcastle. In his second spell with Rotherham joined the Millers from Bishop Auckland in the late seventies and scored 2 goals on his debut in a League Cup match at Leicester. Had a spell at Chesterfield before returning to Millmoor.

### Daral Pugh (forward)

In his second season at Millmoor - made 37 appearances last year. A winger, with plenty of pace who is at home on either flank - a good crosser of the ball.

### Mike Trusson (midfield)

Born Northolt. A utility player who has played previously at the centre of the defence and up front in the attack. Started at Plymouth before moving onto Sheffield United for a £70,000 fee. Since his arrival at Millmoor from neighbours Sheffield United has made just over 100 appearances.

### John McGilray (striker)

John joined United recently in an exchange deal for Tony Simmons who moved the Lincal Bank club. John an ungainly and deceptive figure was Lincoln's leading goal scorer last season. United will be looking for his goals to compensate for the loss of Tommy Tynan who has moved back to Plymouth Argyle, one of his former clubs.

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## "The Team in Black"

by Dick Mattick

'Have you ever thought that when you go to a football match there are three teams in action on the pitch? There are of course the two opposing sides, but as well, you have the three man team of the referee and his linesman. Their skill and endeavour can often be just as important in determining the result of a match as can efforts of the players. It is with this in mind that I shall try to explain how this "Team in Black" goes about its job. You might be surprised to know that they plan for set pieces just like the players.'

'When they get to the ground, whether they know each other or are complete strangers, the officials will soon be chatting happily. Nearly always the conversation will be about football.'

'They will go out for a stroll around the pitch to make sure all the lines are clearly marked and that everything is in order. If you think that this is an unnecessary formality it is worth recalling that the famous Wolverhampton referee, Jack Taylor found that no corner flags had been put out for the 1974 World Cup Final. The officials will also be anxious to check the condition of the playing surface to make sure they turn out in the correct footwear. This is vitally important, no referee can hope to have a good game if he is continually slipping or if his feet are blistered from wearing long studs on a hard ground.'

When they get back to the Dressing Room they will change and the referee will give his instructions to the linesmen. Some referees have been known to give their linesmen two large sheets of printed instructions others merely to direct them where to go when they get to the pitch. However if you were able to hear a good referee giving instructions it would probably sound something like this.

'Well first of all remember we are a team. We are all qualified referees, we all know what a foul is. If you see a foul in your area flag for it, you probably have a better view of the incident than I shall have. Do make it clear which way you expect the free-kick to be given and if you think the kick should be indirect raise your arm. One Hundred and Ten per cent certain on any penalties please, but if you are sure, flag across chest, if I blow up for a foul around the eighteen yard line I may give you a look if I am not sure whether it was in the box or not. Thumbs up for in, down for outside. If there are any penalties at your end come into the box. You watch to make sure the keeper is on his line and to judge the ball crossing the line. I'll watch for encroachment into the area.

At throw-ins you look to see that part of both the thrower's feet are on the ground outside the line. Do not worry about the throw being taken from exactly the same place it went out but if some charlie tries pinching ten yards or more flag up and we'll pull him back.

All offsidess are yours and I shall look to you for help with balls crossing the goal line at your end. If you think it's a corner run straight round along the goal line. 'Before I give any goals I shall look quickly across to you. If you think a goal is valid, sprint back towards the centre. Any problems, flag up, and I'll come across to you before making a final decision.'

'I may over rule a decision you flag for, advantage rule, speed up play when it is offside but the keeper has the ball, that sort of thing. If I do over rule a decision I shall try and acknowledge your signal. In case I do miss any decisions you flag for allow me to apologise for them now and tell me about them later. We all benefit from learning about our mistakes.'

'Any subs coming on from your side of the field check their footwear and warn them to wait for my signal before coming on.' 'At the end of the game, two fingers downwards in front of the shorts for two minutes of normal time left and hand-

across the chest when forty five minutes are up. Right, any questions?'

'Having answered any questions and wished the linesman luck the referee will ask his colleagues to take right or left wings. This means that both linesman will operate on the section of touchline where you would normally expect to find the teams right wingers (right wings) or left wingers (left wings). The referee will then run the opposite diagonal to that on which he has placed his linesmen. Hopefully this will mean that at least one official is close to the play at all times.'

'If you think the linesman has an easy job, you would be mistaken. The experienced Welsh referee, Clive Thomas, obviously realised that the linesman has a difficult and specialised job. He asked the Welsh F.A. to give him some games as linesman in local matches to get prepared for the World Cup in Argentina. He realized that no amount of refereeing would enable him to sharpen up those skills he would need on the line.'

'Consider the linesman's task. He has to judge when the ball crosses the touchline and give offside decisions. This means keeping one eye on the touchline and another on an imaginary line running straight across the pitch level with the deepest lying defender. He also has to be able to see when the ball is kicked to judge the offside, so what the football coach would term his "peripheral vision" has got to be first class. Most Football League defences now operate an offside trap, so the linesman is continually moving up and down the pitch and having to make hairline decisions as nippy forwards dart in and out of offside positions. When you think that he must do all this when abuse, and sadly, nowadays, coins are being hurled at him you will see his job is no sinecure.

Your favourite centre forward makes mistakes and misses open goals. This is not because he wants his side to lose but because, being human, he makes mistakes. The same applies to the referee and linesmen. They do not always get the right decision but like your centre forward you can bet they are trying

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WITH · COLIN CALDERWOOD



There is little to add about our two performances against Chester City and Blackpool that has not been said beforehand. As one of the players concerned the only comment that I can add, is to say that the players are aware of the improvement sought and we will be doing our best to put matters right.

This week I would like to take a look at the various teams in our division and their prospects. Obviously Middlesbrough have made a good start to the season and are setting the early pace. The fact that they were nearly forced to relinquish their League membership has stirred the club into action. York City owe so much to the force and ability of the redoubtable Keith Walwyn that as long as he continues to remain as consistent as he has during recent seasons they may remain in contention for one of the promotion positions.

Bournemouth and Blackpool are surprise early season contenders and will do well to stay in their present high positions. The two clubs currently tucked in behind them Bristol City and Gillingham must be well fancied to be in the best positions at the Seasons end. Gillingham will be hoping to hold onto Tony Cascarino who is a big asset to them. Bristol City are a formidable side especially at Ashton Gate, if they can produce reasonable form in away matches, they will take some holding.

Bristol Rovers have surprised everyone at present, after defeating Walsall in their opening away match of the season, they repeated the act by

winning at Rotherham last Saturday! I expect you have noticed now the form of Newport County has improved since we left them off the hook in our match at Somerton Park. Since then they have completed away wins at Wigan and Darlington and then defeated Doncaster Rovers at home last Saturday.

Not one of the teams promoted from the Fourth Division have done anything to shout home about and all of us will have to improve considerably if we are to make any impact on the Third Division. Probably all four clubs will be looking consolidate this season.

Although Alan Mayes was with Swindon Town, before I moved to the County Ground, I am sure few of you were surprised to see him among the goals since Alan joined Blackpool on loan from Carlisle United. He was highly delighted to be on the mark here at the County Ground, few players can resist wanting to do something special against one of their former clubs.

We joined the forces again this week, it was not the first time we had enlisted because we joined up several times last season!

The 'Gaffer' seems to think it is to our

benefit, so we all trooped off to an outpost in Salisbury Plain last Saturday for a few days. It was obviously hoped that we should have immediate benefit by performing well at Southampton last Tuesday evening. You will all have known the outcome by the time you read these comments.

Although the conditions at the camps can be spartan we are always treated well and it does build a spirit amongst people. I suppose the answer to that question is obvious or otherwise armys would not win battles. Starting with this afternoons match with Rotherham United we really do have to start to look to climb the League table. I was surprised to see how low we were when I had a look at the table last week-end. We face a tough trip to Middlesbrough on Tuesday. It is a match which will provide an excellent opportunity to recover some of the lost ground on the leaders. The loss of our match at Walsall did little to help our cause.

We are at home to Wigan Athletic in our next match and with the Northern Club struggling to repeat the impact they made last season, we shall be looking to improve our position even further.

The Television season kicked off with quite an entertaining match last week between Everton and Manchester United and follow that game with United and Chelsea on the box again tomorrow. It does give everyone who lives well away from the big city clubs and ideal opportunity to have a look at some of the bigger clubs in action. With Southampton still to come at the County Ground you will have an ideal opportunity to see some of the big names of the First Division in action at the County Ground.

Yours in sport.

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We make the long journey to the North East on Tuesday next, when we take on the current Third Division leaders, Middlesbrough, at Ayresome Park.

The rejuvenated youngsters of Ayresome Park have handed out quite a shock to the rest of the Division Three Clubs in the early weeks of the season.

Lou Marcari, will have no illusions about the task facing his side. Middlesbrough can already claim a major success this season, in that they are around to take their place in competitive football!

They came close to extinction and even had to play the first few matches of the season away from Ayresome after the Receiver closed the ground.

From that brush with disaster, manager Bruce Rioch has fashioned a bright young team who swept to the top of the Third Division last week following their 2-1 away win at Bristol Rovers due to two goals by Bernie Slaven. The Ayresome Park Club continued to hold onto top position with a 2-0 victory at home to Chesterfield last Saturday, with goals from Mowbray and Laws. The crowd of 7,633 was the highest recorded in the division last Saturday.

Middlesbrough are a very hard working team who appear to have been rejuvenated by the fact that the club is still in business and that makes them dangerous opponents. The Town are without doubt in for a very tough game.

There is no shortage of quality in the Middlesbrough team with 6ft 3in defender Gary Pallister already warranting a £200,000 bid from Newcastle United and the quick moving Bernie Slaven who scored both goals in the recent match at Twerton Park along with former Bristol Rovers favourite Archie Stephens posing problems up front.

The Ayresome Park club visit Fulham today and will be hoping to increase their lead of one point over

second placed York City. Lou Macari's men travel to the North East to face the Ayresome Park Club who have a home record to-date of two home wins and a draw to their credit. In the process they have scored seven goals and conceded three.

After facing a club at the top of the table we face a club at the bottom, on the following Sunday. When Wigan Athletic visit the County Ground.

Too many departures seem to have affected the Springfield Park Club badly. Not only have the club supporters seen six of their best players depart, they also saw First Division Leicester City praise our former player-coach, Bryan Hamilton, away as their new manager. Bryan had taken Wigan to the brink of promotion to Division Two last season. Clearly the exploits of the former Northern Ireland International had attracted the Filbert Street Club to appoint Bryan in succession to Gordon Milne as Team Manager.

Although the finances of the Northern Club have taken on a healthy look, it has been at a considerable cost, for Wigan Athletic now share bottom place in the Third Division along with Walsall.

With the talents of Warner Aspenall

now at Everton along with Kevin Langley Colin Methven at Blackpool, Tom Kelly with Stoke City and Steve Walsh following Bryan Hamilton to Leicester, the team that took Wigan Athletic to the brink of promotion last season has been decimated. Whether former Tranmere Rovers coach Ray Mathias can make good the damage, will have to be seen. He faces a formidable task and after only three away matches they had conceded more goals away from home than any other club in the division apart from Darlington.

Ray had been Number two to Bryan Hamilton, previously, both men had even seen the departure of striker Mike Newell to First Division Luton Town fail to halt their drive towards promotion last season.

It would appear at this early stage of the season that Wigan Athletic will have to make strenuous efforts to avoid relegation come next May. Once again it proves a wise lesson that unless the need is desperate it is always better to have players on the field than the money in the bank.

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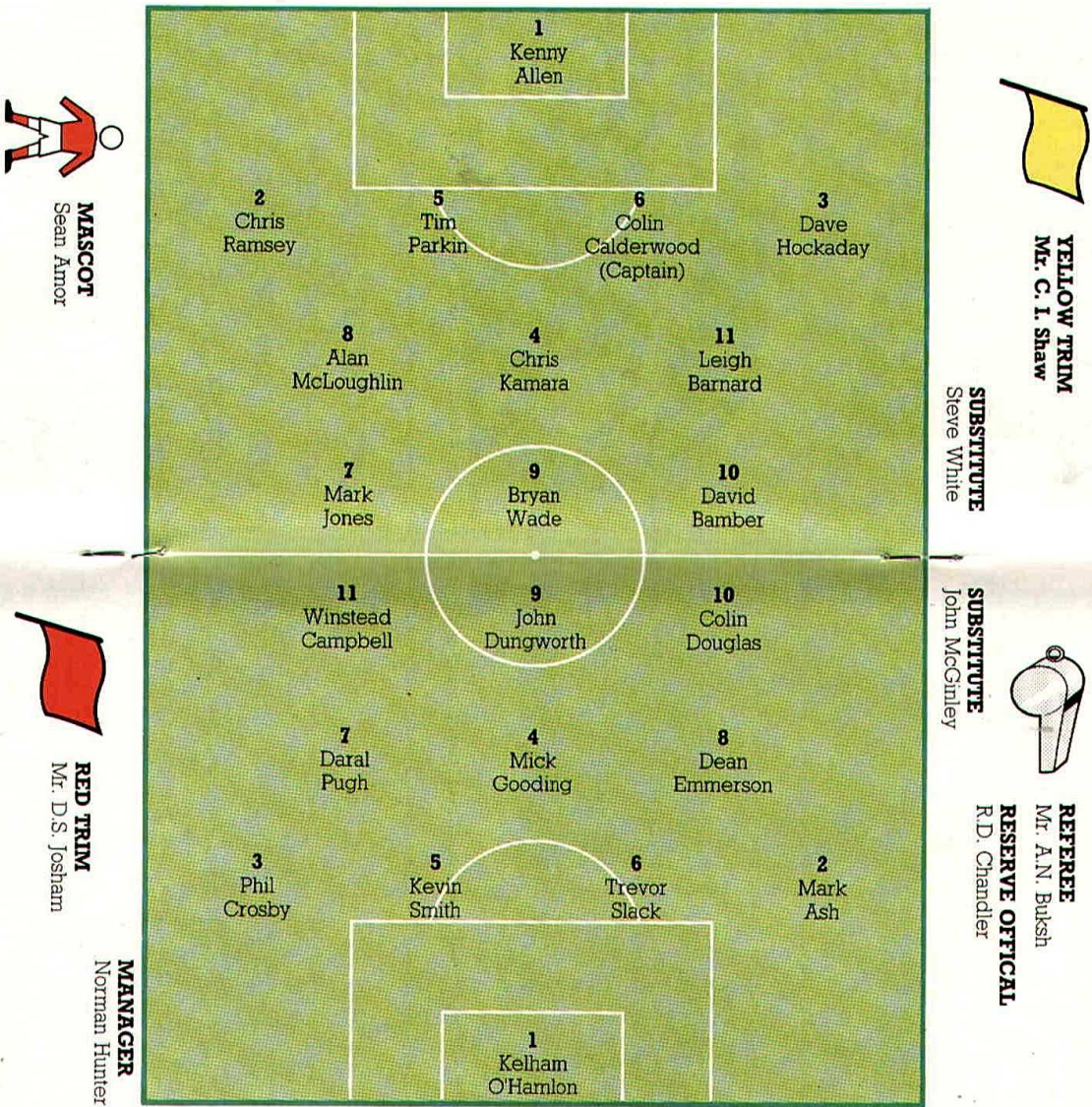
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## INTERVIEW



**Andy Rowland who has now joined the backroom staff in a coaching capacity** has only played one match this season to-date, are his playing days now over? 'Not really, since Lou came to the club, I have gone through a transitional period of being ever present in the first team to coaching the young players and reserves at the club. Lou wanted me to concentrate on this side of the game and I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying the experience.'

Did Andy miss playing? 'I thought I would, but I have found that I am so involved with the various training aspects within the club that I have not had time to think about it.' Andy continued, 'I have to be realistic, it is much more important for any young lad to be given an opportunity and

also for anyone who is trying to regain a first team position to be playing in the reserves than me, actually with training morning and afternoons, I am feeling very fit and I will probably be playing in the reserves as the season progresses with injuries and the movement of players which is always inevitable.'

Andy has no definite long term plans, 'I take each week as it comes and have no personal ambition to be a manager. It is important that we as a club continue to do well and then we shall all benefit. I don't think at this stage of my career that I would like to be a Manager, but life changes and I may one day have a change of opinion. I certainly would not like to be a Manager here at Swindon, it is difficult to carry over to the fans, when you have been a player here, your ideas and to follow in the footsteps of someone like Lou is going to be very difficult.'

Andy expanded his views on the subject by saying 'It is a personal belief but a new face, with character and a measure of charisma is ideal, and I really don't believe I have those qualities.'

Obviously Andy is quite content to continue in the present niche created for him, 'Yes, this is good experience for me, I learnt a lot last season, playing and helping out behind the scenes, a process that has gone on now for about one and a half seasons.'

Years and seasons of devoted loyalty to Swindon Town Football Club will bring its reward next year. Why? because Andy is due for a Testimonial Season, all who know him, as a colleague or spectator will agree he deserves a bumper year.

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## MATCH DAY

# Mascot



**Sean Amor** of Wheeler Avenue, Swindon attends Ruskin Junior School. Sean follows the pattern set by the majority of our previous mascots this season by selecting Colin Calderwood as his favourite player while not unexpectedly he named Liverpool as his favourite team, that is apart from Swindon Town of course!

Sean did also mention that one of the Bristol Clubs also rate among his favourite teams, we are not sure whether it is City or Rovers, but we hope that he has no divided loyalties when we entertain Bristol Rovers on Tuesday November 4th and City who visit the County Ground on Sunday December 14th for an 11.30am kick off. A point of interest for Sean is that the visiting manager of today's team, Rotherham United, who is Norman Hunter once played for the Ashton Gate Club.

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## RESERVES YOUTH

### TEAMS · TEAMS · TEAMS

Town trainee Nicky Hughes scored four goals in our Southern Floodlit Cup first round match at the County Ground on **September 9th**, two of them from the penalty spot.

Nicky scored his first goal from the penalty spot in the third minute following a push on Peter Lango. That was the only goal of the first half. Nigel Packer put the Town further ahead in the 52nd minute after outpacing the Reading defenders.

A short corner was hit goalwards by David Law for Nicky Hughes to head his second goal. Nigel Packer again raced clear to be brought down in the penalty area to score his **SIXTH PENALTY FROM SIX ATTEMPTS IN SIX MATCHES**.

Following a fine movement involving Nicky Hughes, Nigel Packer and Phil Bell, the last named player put the Town five up. Gary Gillett provided another chance minutes later for Nicky Hughes to crack home the Town's sixth goal.

A hat-trick by Steve White was the highlight of the Reserves 6-2 win at Carrow Road against Norwich City on **Wednesday September 10th**.

Steve White put the Town ahead after nine minutes and then scor-

ed another shortly afterwards. Goals from Ruel Fox and Robert Rosario put 'the Canaries' level, but Alan McLoughlin put the town in the front again before the interval. Two 'own goals' put the Town 5-2 in the lead before Steve White completed his hat-trick fourteen minutes from the

final whistle with a left foot drive. Our South East Counties Youth team defeated Southend 6-0 in an away fixture on **Saturday September 13th**. First half goals by Nicky Hughes and Denny Mundeel gave the Town an interval lead. Paul Hunt who replaced the injured Adrian Viveash scored the Town's third goal in the fiftieth minute. Only seven minutes later Denny Mundeel increased the lead with his second goal of the match while substitute Paul Hunt also grabbed his second goal of the match in the sixty-sixth minute. Gary Gillett completed the scoring by putting the Town 6-0 up thirteen minutes from time.

#### SWINDON v READING SEPTEMBER 9th

**SWINDON:** CHURCHWARD, LANGO, CASSERLY, GILLETT, MUNDEE, MARSHALL, PACKER, BARNETT, TUCKER, HUGHES, LAW, SUBS: BELL (FOR BARNETT IN 68 MINS), VIVEASH.

**READING:** GILES, BLACKWELL, DIBLEY, KING, DAROY, TAYLOR, BASHER, DAVIS, BOAHENE, MESSITT, GOODENOUGH SUBS: ARCHER, FRIEL.

#### NORWICH CITY v SWINDON SEPTEMBER 10th

**SWINDON:** ALLEN, HENRY, CASSERLY, McLOUGHLIN, COLE, LANGO, LING, GARDINER, WHITE, GILLIGAN, REYNOLDS, SUB: GILLETT (FOR LANGO 85th MIN).

**NORWICH CITY:** SHEFFIELD, BROWN, FENSOME, PRICHARD, CHAPPLE, CROOK, FOX, HODGSON, ROSARIO, PUTNEY, BROOKE, SUB: METCALF.

#### SOUTHEND UNITED v SWINDON SEPTEMBER 13th

**SOUTHEND UNITED:** GRAY, COOPER, McMILLAN, SMITH, SAVAGE, LONG, LEWIS, O'CONNELL, COLLINS, COWELL, LICHFIELD, SUBS: HEFFER and SMITH.

**SWINDON:** CULLEN, BERRY, HUGHES, C, PACKER, GILLETT, MUNDEE, BARNETT, BELL, VIVEASH, HUGHES, N, QUINN, SUBS: HUNT (FOR VIVEASH IN 46th MIN) JESSOP (FOR QUINN IN 72 MINS)

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## JUNIOR ROBIN



It is with regret that I have to report behaviour of an unacceptable nature in the area of the stand set aside for Junior Robins. Certain undesirable elements seem to have been getting into this area of the stand and setting a bad example which is foolishly being imitated. The rules of membership are clearly stated on membership cards and failure to comply with them will lead to a loss of membership and the resultant privileges. A close watch will be kept on the situation this afternoon. The Junior Robins members have already done much to bring credit on the Club. It is not my intention to allow any individual who belongs to it to ruin its reputation by impolite behaviour of any nature.

On a happier note, at our last meeting, a number of certificates for last season's Leeds Permanent Penalty Prize Competition were presented. I still have certificates for the following which can be collected from the Club Office: Andrew Mintern, Simon Ward, Mark Mitchell, Jason

Lane and Ian Ward.

Training for the Junior Robins Football Team has now started on Wednesdays at 6.00p.m. on the Shri-venham Road training ground. Anyone interested in being involved with this or with any other aspect of the Junior Robins can collect membership application forms from the Office providing they are under thirteen years of age.

Today I am happy to be able to devote some of these notes to a Quiz set by one of our own members, Alan Jones. Alan, a pupil at Churchfields, has not only set the questions but has also been kind enough to donate the prize. This is a copy of Simon Inglis' book "The Football Grounds of England and Wales". It is a beautifully illustrated book and a must for all soccer buffs. I can guarantee winning it will not be easy as some of the questions certainly left me scratching my head.

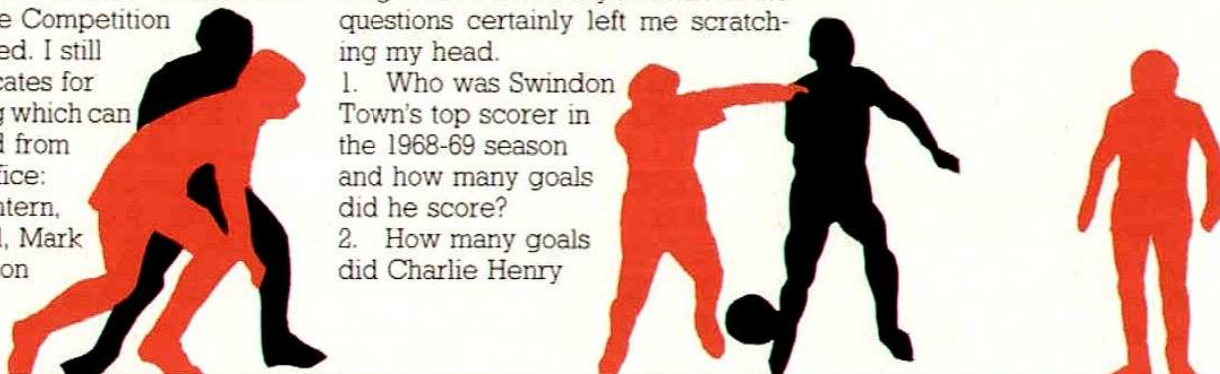
1. Who was Swindon Town's top scorer in the 1968-69 season and how many goals did he score?
2. How many goals did Charlie Henry



Dick Mattick

score last season?

3. Who won the first League Cup Final?
4. Who is the only person to score a hat-trick in a Football Association Cup Final? Who was it for and in which year was it scored?
5. When was England's first official full International played and where?
6. What is England's highest score in an official match, who was it against and what was the date?
7. What happened in an England match on 26th June 1950?
8. In the season 1926-27 a Swindon player set a club record for scoring goals in a season. What was his name and how many goals did he score?
9. Name the two players who scored hat-tricks for Swindon Town last season?
10. How many goals did Swindon Town score last season?



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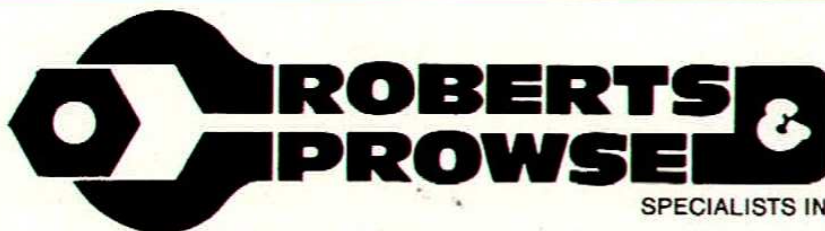


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# AROUND *The* CLUB

The latest addition to our trainee playing staff is former Swindon Schoolboy Nigel Packer, who has made several appearances in our Youth team, that plays in the South East Counties League. Nigel was quickly on the score sheet, scoring in our away league match at Bournemouth and also at the County Ground against Reading in the Southern Floodlit Cup match which our young team won convincingly by 6-0.



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**Mark Jones** who has joined the Club on a month's loan from Oxford United joined the Manor Ground Club as an apprentice and up to the end of last season made 129 League appearances for United during which he has scored 7 goals. Mark who is 5' 8" tall was born at Bernsfield on September 26th 1961. Belated birthday greetings are the order of the day for Mark.

On the day our manager Lou Macari was busy signing Mark Jones, he was also checking on the form of a First Division club defender who is available for transfer. The previous Saturday player coach Andy Rowland was checking the form of a forward with a G.M. Vauxhall Conference League Club. Lou had watched the same player only days previously. The player disappointed on the day but Lou says he will still continue to watch developments.

One player Lou watched in action recently, Perry Groves of Colchester United, has since moved to First Division Arsenal for a fee of £75,000.

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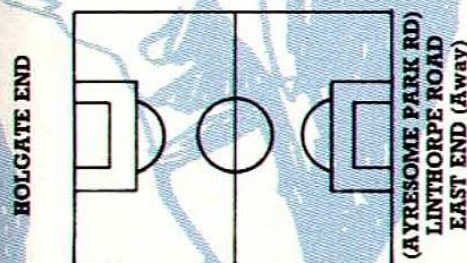
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An **Open Day** for all our supporters will be held on Sunday 19th October. Commencing at 10.30 am meet the players and have your photograph taken with your favourite. Watch the players train and have a complete tour of the Club from boot room to Board room. Plus other attractions. Put the date in your diary now. Refreshments and souvenirs will be available.



### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH ENGLAND v NORTHERN IRELAND

It has been agreed between the Football Association and the Football Association of Northern Ireland that their two fixtures in the European Championship will be reversed. This means that the above match will now be played at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday 15th October, 1986, kick off 7.45pm.

The reason for this change is that Scotland are playing in the Republic of Ireland on 15th October and as there is likely to be a substantial following of supporters, it will assist crowd control for the Northern Ireland/England matches to be switched. Admission charges are as follows:

**Seats** £12.50, £10.00, £8.00 and £6.00,  
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## Commercial COLUMN

Our recent **Sporting Dinner** was another great success. Well over 100 diners sat down in the Rendezvous Club to listen to Richard Hadlee who was our guest speaker. Richard who is one of the greatest all round Test Match cricketers in the world spoke for over half an hour in a speech that was not only interesting but witty. Our next Sporting Dinner is on Monday 10th November when our guest speaker will be Wilf McGuinness former Manchester United Captain and Busby Babe. If you would like to reserve a ticket ring the Commercial Department on 642984 ext 30 or 31.

Our **Christmas Draw** tickets will soon be on sale. With over £1000 in prizes and only 10 pence for a ticket it must be a bargain. If you could sell some tickets or would like to purchase a ticket or two then either call at the Commercial Office or give us a ring on 642984 ext 27 or 32.

**Yestayear Cars.** Quite a number of you purchased our 1985/86 Ford E souvenir models. With Christmas in mind I am having another model car in Swindon Town colours. These will be a collectors item and only 50 will be built. If there is a demand for more than 50 a further model will be obtained as to ensure the collectors item authenticity. The cars will appreciate in value and will make a Christmas present with a difference. Order them now from the Commercial Department. Price £9.95 + £1 P/P if required. First come first served. Deposits of £5 will secure. Interested ring Swindon 642984 ext 30 or 31.

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### BALL SPONSORS

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Bevan Bros. Haulage Contractors A P Silk Licenced Valuer 38 High Street, Highworth G Holborow, Sherbourne News, Nythe	16 September	Blackpool	Div 3	Mr G Williams, The Ring Cafe
British Tissue Ltd The Oxford & Swindon Co-operative Society	27 September	Rotherham	Div 3	Mr Arther Done
Mr R Hall, Swindon Autocare Centre Okus Trading Estate	5 October	Wigan Athletic	Div 3	Mr R Warren and family, Lambourn
Field Packaging of Thatcham	8 October	Southampton	L Cup	The Stratton Bankers'
Skurrys, Drove Road, Swindon	18 October	Chesterfield	Div 3	Simon Bayliss, North Brickhill, Bedford
Mr A Holland, High Close Soft Fruit, Hungerford	1 November	York City	Div 3	Mr Webb and family of Lydiard Milicent
Action Plant Ltd	4 November	Bristol Rovers	Div 3	Terry Coffey, M Troop, 24 Signals Regiment, Wildenrath BFPO 42
Roy Allen Supplies Swindon	29 November	Carlisle Utd	Div 3	Robins out of Town
Transplant Ltd Swindon	14 December	Bristol City	Div 3	Cliff Jones, Wessex Aluminium
Mr M Bevan, Mr J Lovatt, Mr J Lafford	26 December	Brentford	Div 3	Mr M Bevan, Mr J Lovatt, Mr J Lafford
	3 January	Bury	Div 3	Mr R Franklin of The Rat Trap
Glasurit Valentine Tenco Industries Ltd	10 January	Bolton Wanderers	Div 3	The Blunsdon House Hotel
J Arkell & Sons	25 January	Newport County	Div 3	Mr P Neal, The County Ground Hotel
McLeans (South West) Ltd	14 February	Walsall	Div 3	Mr Godwin, The Princess, Beatrice St.
Crosby Doors	28 February	Middlesborough	Div 3	Mr Adamczyk and son Steven
Mr Green, North View, East Garston Nr. Lambourne	7 March	Darlington	Div 3	The Pete Allen Band 694828
	17 March	Port Vale	Div 3	Mr Paul Gilchrist, Swindon Fitness Ctr
Metalite Ltd	22 March	Fulham	Div 3	Mr Gerry Boydell
	4 April	Mansfield	Div 3	Mr G Groombridge, Bath Road Garage
	18 April	Bournemouth AFC	Div 3	Mr Kirkland of Wootton Bassett
	25 April	Doncaster	Div 3	Mr Roger Bunce, Southmoor, Oxon
	4 May	Gillingham	Div 3	Mr J Tremlin, Coped Hall Service St.

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## STANDING VIEW

### FROM · THE · TERRACE

Swindon 2 Blackpool 6 is certainly a result to forget, bringing home how unpleasant it is to be on the receiving end of such a goal rush.

The last instance of a 6-2 result in a league game at the County Ground was on 5th April 1980 when Swindon trounced their visitors with the help of four goals from Andy Rowland.

The opponents that day ? .....Today's visitors Rotherham United, proving that sometimes football's coincidences make it live up to its cliches "its a funny old

game". It was difficult to laugh, though on that Tuesday night as Blackpool scored from almost every shot.

Our visitors so far have been keen to knock us off our pedestal and have laid bare our shortcomings.

After justifiable half-time chants of "what a load of rubbish" came rousing support in a second half which brought incredible encouragement with Swindon 4-0 down, a very good sign on a night where criticism came much easier. By the end of the game most "Town" fans seemed to be in a

state of shellshock from the margin of the defeat and stunned by their sides totally inadequate performance. It is a very long time since such utter dejection has poured out into County Road.

Now is the time Swindon Town need support most, last season is history, good memories, but history nevertheless, there can be no doubt that on the pitch the necessary hard work will done.

We proved ourselves the best Supporters in the country at the Blackpool game, urging the "Town" forward to fight for respectability. One bad result does not set the scene for the whole season, the 'marathon' has only just started, there is no need for our voices to falter so soon.

by Michael Scott

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Swindon's central defenders David Cole (centre) and Colin Calderwood (right) keeping Chester down to one goal at the County Ground.



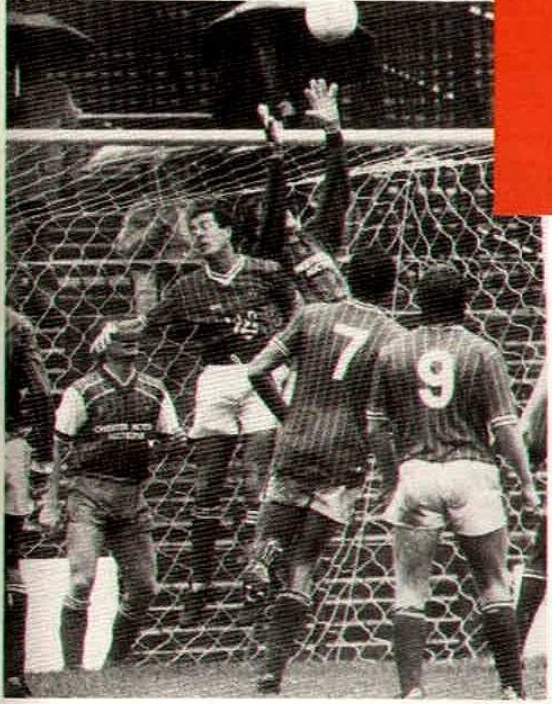
Swindon's Leigh Barnard scoring one of the Town's consolation goals against Blackpool.



A delighted Steve White celebrates his goal against Chester, after coming on as substitute to earn the Town a point in the 1-1 draw.

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Swindon's goal hero Steve White in action again striving for the winner against Chester at the County Ground.



# SWINDON TOWN

## In Focus



Leigh Barnard bringing a brief moment of cheer during the game against Blackpool by scoring the Town's second goal.

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## Division Three

<b>BLACKPOOL</b> (3)..... 5	<b>WIGAN</b> (1)..... 1
Mayes 3,	Crimbly (pen)
Taylor, Butler	4,095
<b>BOLTON</b> (3)..... 3	<b>PORT VALE</b> (0)..... 0
Caldwell, Thompson,	4,872
Joyce	
<b>BRENTFORD</b> (4)..... 5	<b>DARLINGTON</b> (2)..... 3
Stevens 2, Bater,	Currie, Robinson,
Cooke 2 (1 pen)	Whetton - 3,265
<b>BRISTOL C</b> (2)..... 3	<b>CARLISLE</b> (0)..... 0
Moyes, Walsh 2	7,040
<b>MANSFIELD</b> (0)..... 1	<b>BOURNEMTH</b> (0)..... 1
Chamberlain	O'Connor - 2,841
<b>MIDDLESBRO</b> (0)..... 2	<b>CHESTERFLD</b> (0)..... 0
Mowbray, Laws	7,633
<b>NEWPORT</b> (1)..... 3	<b>DONCASTER</b> (0)..... 2
Carter, Lewis,	Redfean, Rushbury
Vinter	2,382
<b>NOTTS CO</b> (0)..... 2	<b>FULHAM</b> (2)..... 3
McParland, Thompson	Achampong 2, Coney
	4,452
<b>ROTHERHAM</b> (0)..... 0	<b>BRISTOL R</b> (0)..... 1
2,702	Tanner
<b>YORK</b> (1)..... 1	<b>BURY</b> (0)..... 0
Hood	3,800

POSTPONED: - Chester v Gillingham  
- Walsall v Swindon (illness)

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

1986-87

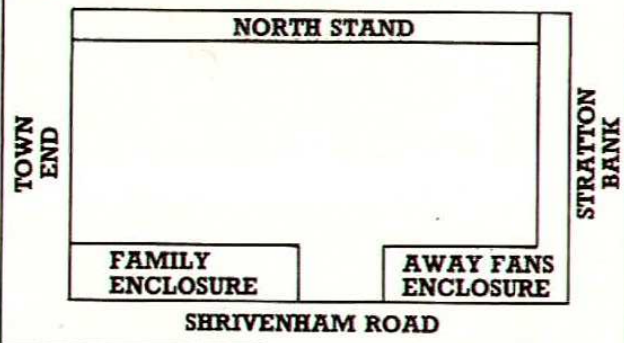
Swindon Town

DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attn	Result
23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	5,684	2-1
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY L.C.	H	4,749	3-0
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H	7,350	1-2
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD L.C.	A	1,100	3-2
6.9.86	SAT	NEWPORT COUNTY	A	3,796	2-2
13.9.86	SAT	CHESTER	H	5,522	1-1
16.9.86	TUE	BLACKPOOL	H	6,622	2-6
20.9.86	SAT	POSTPONED	A		
23.9.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON L.C.	A	10,826	0-3
27.9.86	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H		
30.9.86	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A		
5.10.86	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H		
8.10.86	WED	SOUTHAMPTON L.C.	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.C. R.1			
22.11.86	SAT	BURY	A		
29.11.86	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H		
6.12.86	SAT	F.A.C. 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.C. 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.C. R.4	
31.1.87	SAT	CHESTER	A		
7.2.87	SAT	BLACKPOOL	A		
14.2.87	SAT	WALSALL	H	F.A.C. 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.C. 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.C. 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	6	2	1	0	7	3	2	1	0	4	1	14	
York City	6	3	0	0	5	1	1	1	1	5	6	13	
Bournemouth	6	3	0	0	6	2	0	3	0	3	3	12	
Blackpool	6	1	1	1	6	3	2	1	0	9	4	11	
Bristol City	6	2	1	0	7	3	1	1	1	4	2	11	
Gillingham	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	11	
Doncaster	6	2	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	6	6	10	
Bristol Rovers	6	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	4	1	10	
Newport County	6	1	1	1	6	6	2	0	1	6	4	10	
Notts County	6	1	1	1	5	4	1	1	1	4	4	8	
Fulham	6	1	0	2	5	6	1	2	0	5	4	8	
Brentford	6	1	1	1	6	6	1	1	1	3	3	8	
Chesterfield	6	2	0	1	3	6	0	2	1	1	3	8	
Mansfield	6	1	2	0	4	3	0	2	1	2	3	7	
Bolton	6	2	0	1	8	5	0	0	3	3	7	6	
Port Vale	6	0	2	1	4	5	1	1	1	4	5	6	
Darlington	6	2	0	1	5	5	0	0	3	7	12	6	
Carlisle	6	0	2	1	2	5	1	1	1	4	6	6	
● Rotherham	6	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	4	3	5	
● Swindon	5	0	1	2	4	9	1	1	0	4	3	5	
Chester	5	0	2	0	4	4	0	2	1	2	4	4	
Bury	6	0	2	1	2	4	0	1	2	3	6	3	
Wigan	6	1	0	2	6	5	0	0	3	2	9	3	
Walsall	5	0	0	2	1	6	1	0	2	6	8	3	

## COUNTY GROUND PLAN



YOUR NEXT MATCHES AT THE  
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SUN OCT 5th WIGAN ATHLETIC 3PM  
DIVISION THREE  
WED OCT 8th SOUTHAMPTON 7.30PM  
LITTLEWOODS CHALLENGE CUP

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Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade	Coyne (2)	Barnard	Ling	
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## TODAY'S THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

**BOURNEMOUTH v BRISTOL CITY**

**BRISTOL ROVERS v BLACKPOOL**

**BURY v NEWPORT COUNTY**

**CARLISLE UNITED v MANSFIELD TOWN**

**CHESTERFIELD v NOTTS COUNTY**

**DARLINGTON v CHESTER CITY**

**DONCASTER ROVERS v YORK CITY**

**FULHAM v MIDDLESBROUGH**

**GILLINGHAM v BRENTFORD**

**PORT VALE v WALSALL**

## PLAYING LAST EVENING

**WIGAN ATHLETIC v BOLTON WANDERERS**

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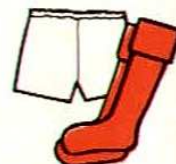
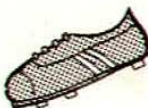
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	Pld	Won	Dwn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Agst Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	6	5	1	0	22	3 11
Oxford United	6	5	0	1	20	6 10
Arsenal	5	4	1	0	15	7 9
Queens Park Rangers	6	4	1	1	16	10 9
West Ham United	6	3	2	1	11	6 8
Chelsea	6	4	0	2	9	5 8
Ipswich Town	6	4	0	2	8	11 8
Swindon Town	5	3	1	1	16	10 7
Norwich City	5	3	0	2	9	9 6
Fulham	6	2	2	2	4	6 6
Watford	6	1	3	2	6	8 5
Luton Town	5	2	0	3	11	9 4
Southampton	6	2	0	4	10	11 4
Reading	5	2	0	3	7	14 4
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	4	8 3
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	4	10	15 3
Millwall	5	0	2	3	4	9 2
Brighton & Hove Albion	6	1	0	5	8	21 2
Charlton Athletic	4	0	1	3	3	11 1
Bristol Rovers	5	0	0	5	4	18 0



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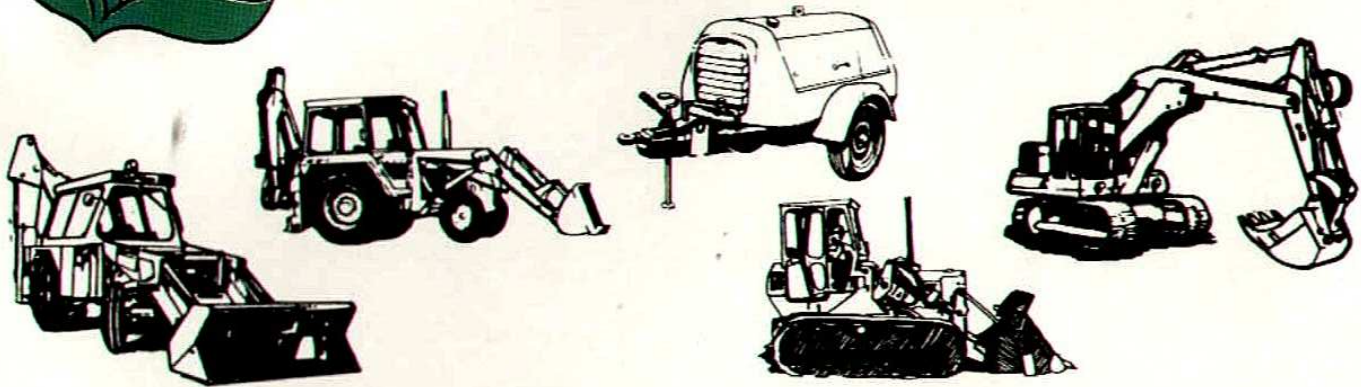
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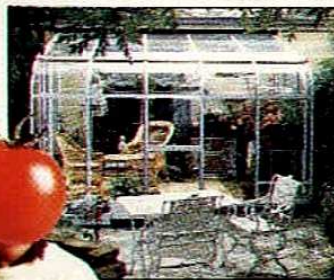
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