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***“that’s
my
petrol”***



BRUCE'S PAGE

GREAT SCOT(S)

Tonight we wish a warm welcome at Ayresome Park to Swindon Town, their directors, manager, officials and players. Lou Macari, their manager was involved in one of the strangest set of circumstances in football management not too long ago. In April 1985 Lou was dismissed by the club only to find himself reinstated 5 days later after a strong lobby by the players and the fans.

I had the experience of playing alongside him for Scotland and remember him for the strong qualities he imparted to all who played with him. As a player his tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to the game were of such a high order that others found hard to follow. It is no surprise to me that he has done well in football management and especially last season when Swindon Town won the 4th Division Championship with a record number of points. I wish him continued success.

A warm welcome also goes to Eddie Gray, another Scot who joins our staff as Reserve and Youth Team Coach. Eddie was a player of rare quality who thrilled spectators who watched him especially in his days with Leeds United. I think it is fair to say that had it not been for a series of injuries he would have gained many more Scottish caps. He brings to Middlesbrough a lot of experience and expertise and I am delighted to have him on board.

Colin Todd has been promoted to First Team Coach. Throughout the difficult period of the past months Colin has worked with enthusiasm and been positive in his approach. His loyalty to the club during that time was unswerving and his help and assistance has without question been invaluable. In his short time here he has won the respect of the players and backroom staff by the amiable manner he sets about his job and always has a smile on his face.

Bruce Rioch



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on Saturday 3rd January, 1987 in the
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Tickets will be priced at £14.00
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W/E 13th September 1986

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W/E 20th September 1986

£100 - 1950 - S. Harland (Great Ayton)

£50 - 133 - N. Hartford (Billingham)

JUNIORS & RESERVES

Saturday 20th September, 1986

Newcastle Juniors 1 Boro Juniors 1

Having had two successive 4-1 league wins over Lincoln and York the Juniors faced their first big test in the Northern Intermediate League when they visited Newcastle Juniors. Fielding a very young side that included two further trialists they went a goal behind after 16 minutes. Michael Trotter equalised for Boro on 31 minutes in a moderate first half. After the interval the Juniors gave a much better performance and had most of the game and were unfortunate not to have clinched the points in a great finish.

Wednesday 24th September, 1986

Newcastle Res. 5 Boro Res. 1

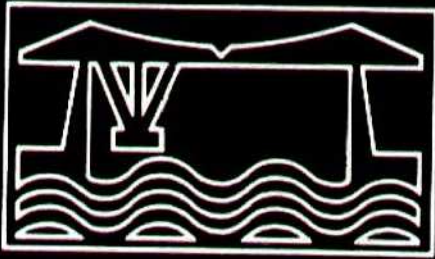
The Reserves once again fielded a very young and inexperienced side compared to that fielded by Newcastle who included six players with first team experience. Newcastle took an early lead and although Peter Duffield got an equaliser, the final result of 5-1 was a true reflection on the game. Coach Colin Todd said "whilst we did not play as well as we can, I feel the time has come when we need to have some more experienced players in the side to help the younger lads. I am afraid that their confidence may be drained."



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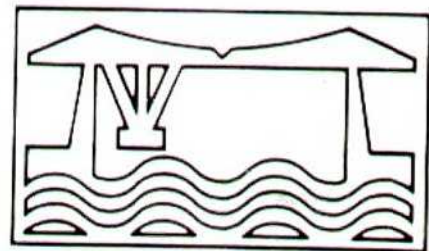
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TOUCH LINE TOPICS

JUNIOR REDS • SUPPORTERS CLUB • 100 CLUB

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Hello again. Our Middlesbrough branch held their first meeting of the season last Wednesday when a large crowd came along to the 100 club room at Ayresome Park and a good time was had by all. With Boro doing so well at present there has been a renewed interest in the Junior Reds and the people who came along last Wednesday who have never been before seemed to be suitably impressed with the evenings entertainment. We had a table top soccer contest, a snooker challenge, a quiz, and a question and answer session with branch president Brian Laws.

Our members were given something to look forward to when it was announced that the two special guests, mentioned in last weeks programme, who will be coming to a Junior Reds meeting in the near future will be world cup referee George Courtney and Evening Gazette sports writer Eric Paylor. It is Eric's column which you read every night (I hope) on the back page of the gazette and if you ever wanted to know about the 'behind the scenes' activity at Ayresome now is your chance to find out. Eric has been to a Junior Reds meeting before, last season to be precise, and was a big success. So it is by popular demand therefore that he will return.

Here now some dates for your diary - the dates for the next Junior Reds meetings.

Redcar October 9th - 7.00-8.30 Youth Club

Hinderwell October 20th - 7.00-8.30 Womens Institute hall

Middlesbrough October 29th - 6.30-8.30 Ayresome Park 100 club room

Here are the answers to the quiz which was set in the Boro-Chesterfield programme last week; 1. Aberdeen. 2. Archie Stephens. 3. York City away. 4. Brian Laws. 5. Newcastle.

A big thank you to everybody who took part in the quiz and our two winners were Jason Mack of Stockton and Stuart Thomas of Acklam. If you did not win that quiz have a go at this one and see if you can do any better.

1. Which team plays their home matches at Brunton Park? 2. Which two characters were married recently in BBC TV's Eastenders series? 3. Now a real tester for you - on which river does Plymouth stand? 4. Who have recently been at number one in the charts with a song called 'Don't leave me this way? 5. Which 3rd division team are nicknamed The Cherries? (We play them sometime in November).

If you don't know all the answers it does not matter, just put down the answers you do and send them to either of the addresses below. As usual if you would like to know anything at all about the Junior Red please do not hesitate to contact either Alastair or myself.

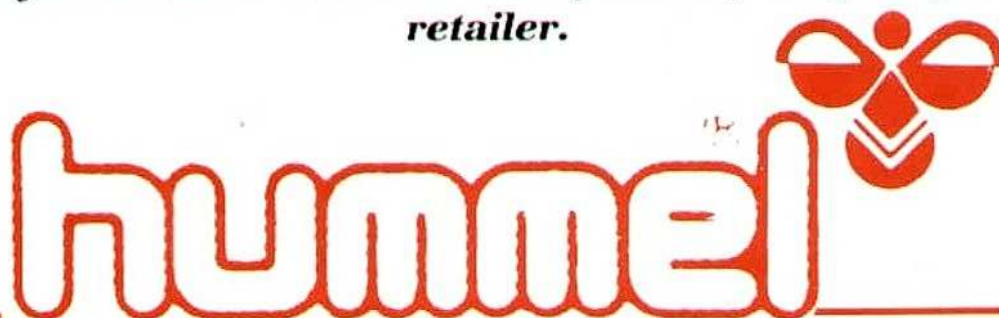
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BORO GIVE CHESTERFIELD THE BLUES!

Boro consolidated their position at the top of Division 3 with 2 second half goals against Chesterfield. The goal action was captured by Evening Gazette cameramen.

Despite the close attentions of 4 defenders, Tony Mowbray's 65th minute header from a Gary Hamilton corner is goal bound. (Right)

With the ball safely in the net, Tony turns to acknowledge the jubilation of the crowd. (Bottom left)

This powerful Brian Laws free kick in the 72nd minute took a deflection before notching Boro's second and final goal. (Bottom right)



CAPTAIN'S COMMENT

THAT WINNING FEELING



With the season only a month old it is remarkable how everything at the club has changed.

Five weeks ago we were all concerned that the team may have played for the last time and with Ayresome Park locked no one could have expected things to have turned out the way they have. All the gloom and tensions are behind us and there is a refreshing optimism throughout. The main topic of conversation amongst the lads is the great atmosphere created by the support we are getting. There were a lot more than we expected who made the long mid-week journey to Bath and on Saturday against Chesterfield the buzz of excitement certainly got to the players. I know these are early days but we are beginning to get the feeling that this could be our season. We have now got the winning feeling and are really looking forward to each game. So long as we take one game at a time and don't look too far into the future, I am confident we can only get better.

In our two games last week none of the players thought we would be beaten and whilst neither were easy games I thought we were full value in taking the six points at stake. Our showing against Bristol Rovers was perhaps the better and I felt we could have won by a greater margin. Patience had to be the name of the game against Chesterfield and after getting our first goal I felt we were never in danger and that the team settled to play some good football. My goal on Saturday certainly made my day and at the same time put a stop to the ribbing I've been getting off the rest of the lads about being top scorer for Bury.

Keep on coming and we will try to give you all something to shout about.

Tony Mowbray



CLIFF MITCHELL — A REAL PROFESSIONAL

by Ray Robertson

Brian Clough once said Cliff Mitchell was better known on Teesside than any Middlesbrough player.

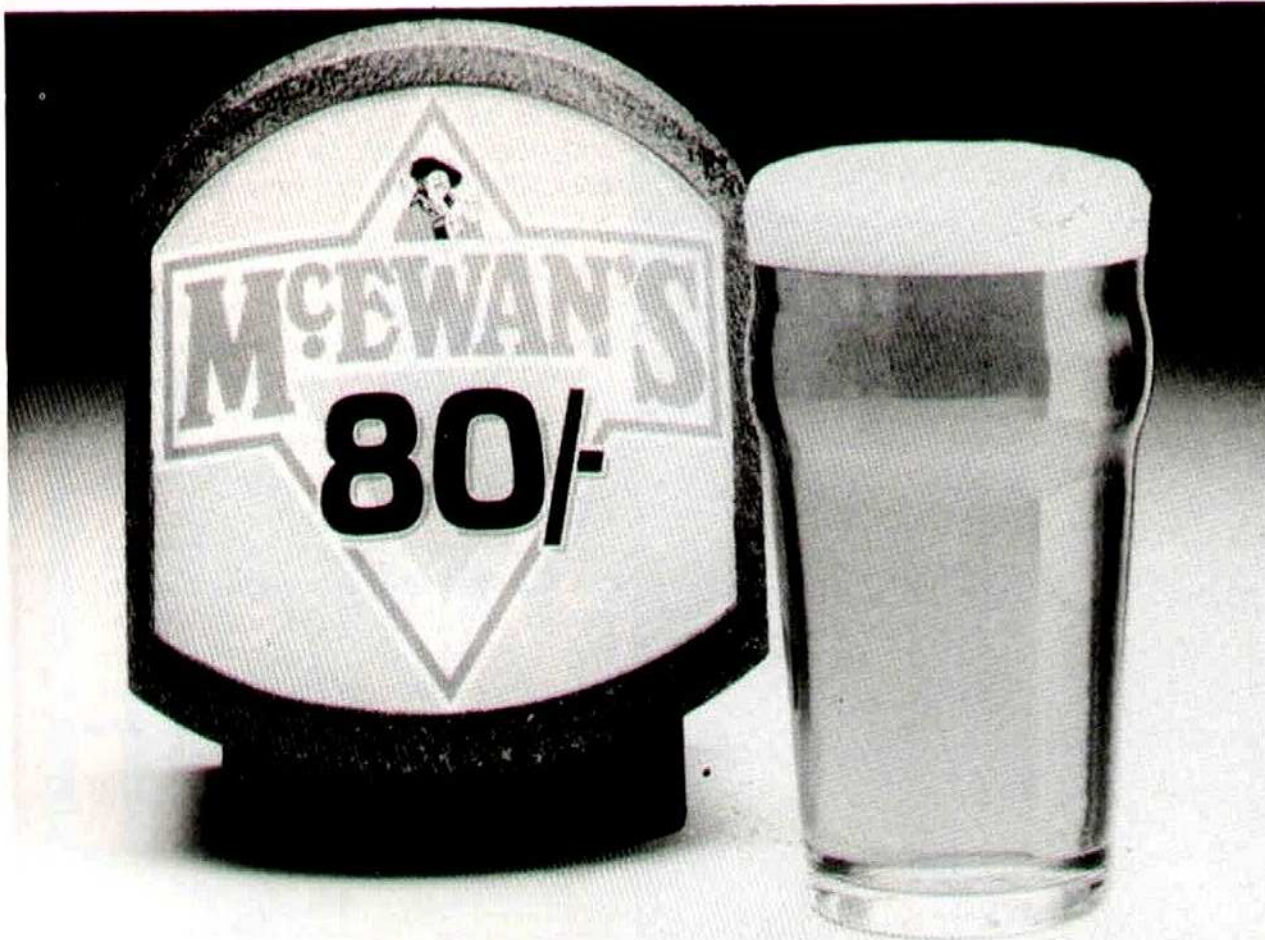
It was a tribute to a former Evening Gazette sports editor who covered the fortunes of Middlesbrough Football Club for over 30 years. Cliff was no hard-bitten journalist. He was warm and compassionate, one of nature's gentlemen. Everyone who knew him share in the sadness of his death last week.

We shared matches, memories, success and heartache over a long period. There was never any doubt of Cliff's great passion for his local club. He reported hundreds of matches, saw numerous changes at the club, encouraged youngsters, and never betrayed a confidence.

Managers, officials and players knew he would not abuse their trust. He once turned down an invitation to join the board because he felt it would affect the independence of his job. Such a decision illustrated the professional integrity admired by colleagues.

His death is also a sad blow for a club he saw come through its darkest hour before he entered hospital for a major operation. Acting chief executive Ian Stokoe has paid tribute to the "passion for fairness" of someone who was greatly respected by everyone within the club.

The Press Box will seem empty without him.



TODAY'S VISITORS



DAVE HOCKADAY (Defender) - The versatile former Blackpool player who moved to the County Ground from the Bloomfield Road Club in the close season of 1983, proved a revelation in the full back hole he fulfilled in the second half of last season. Dave made 34 appearances and three substitute appearances in the Town's championship winning line-up of last season.

CHRIS RAMSEY (Defender) - The former Bristol City and Brighton full back joined the County Ground staff on loan initially. Lou Macari secured his permanent transfer in December 1984. Chris who suffered an unfortunate injury while appearing in the 1983 Brighton v Manchester United F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, made up for the disappointment of collecting a losers medal by collecting a Fourth Division Championship medal with Swindon Town last season. Chris missed only three League matches last season as Swindon collected their first League title.

TIM PARKIN (Defender) - Joined the County Ground staff from Bristol Rovers in July for a Football League Tribunal fee of £27,500. The tall commanding Central Defender had made 219 League appearances for Rovers. Tim moved to the Bristol Club from Malmo (Sweden). Rated at £50,000 by Bristol Rovers prior to his move to Swindon, Tim had been 'Player of the Year' in successive seasons with the former Eastville Club. He originally made his Football League debut with Blackburn Rovers for whom he made 13 League appearances.

COLIN CALDERWOOD (Central Defender) - Without doubt Colin proved to be Lou Macari's outstanding signing as he built his championship winning team in the Summer of 1985. The former Mansfield Town Defender attracted a lot of attention from First Division Clubs last season with his brilliant displays. Stranraer born, Colin, was the only Swindon Town player to make the 46 maximum League appearances as Swindon collected their first ever League Championship title. Colin rightfully won the 'Player of the Year' award in his first season with the Club.

CHRIS KAMARA (Midfield) - Chris rejoined the Club for a second spell in August 1985 from Brentford for a £12,500 transfer fee. Absent through injury in the first half of last season the former Portsmouth apprentice made 19 League appearances and one as substitute, scoring

one League goal. Chris is one of the few players in the Football League to have played for two League Clubs in different spells - Portsmouth and Swindon. Chris made 183 First Team appearances in his first spell with the Club.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield) - Leigh recaptured the form that he displayed in his first season with the Club after signing from Portsmouth in July 1982 in the Town's championship season. The previous season, Leigh had the unusual distinction of playing for Exeter City on loan against Swindon, while the situation was reversed when the two Clubs met in the return fixture, Leigh then appearing for Swindon. Signed on a free transfer from the Fratton Park Club, his enthusiastic approach has been a refreshing attitude in previous seasons of struggle. Leigh made 37 League appearances last season with one as substitute scoring three goals. Leigh spent a brief period on loan with Peterborough United while with Portsmouth.

DAVE BAMBER (Striker) - Joined the Club from Portsmouth for a fee of £15,000 in March 1986 after an initial period on loan. Previously with Blackpool, Walsall and Coventry City, he brought a dimension to the team in the final matches leading to the Fourth Division Championship that had perhaps been lacking following Peter Coyne's early season injury. The fact that he scored nine goals in the latter part of last season contributed greatly to the Club's championship title.

PETER COYNE (Midfield/Striker) - The former Manchester United, Crewe Alexandra and Hyde United Striker was in brilliant form in the first half of last season, as he quickly swept into the lead as the Club's leading goalscorer at the end of October. A stomach injury curtailed his season from then on as Peter struggled to regain form and fitness. Peter scored eleven goals from his 30 League appearances and one as substitute in last seasons title win.

JIMMY GILLIGAN (Striker) - Jimmy was the first of Lou Macari's summer signings as he bid to strengthen his line-up in preparation for Third Division soccer. Jimmy moved to the County Ground in June for a £31,500 transfer fee from Grimsby Town. Jimmy had only been with the Blundell Park Club for one season following his £100,000 transfer the previous summer of 1985 from First Division Watford.

BRYAN WADE (Striker) - Bryan made a successful entry into League soccer last season from Southern League Trowbridge Town. To have finished with a championship medal in his first season of full-time soccer was beyond the former Bath City and Trowbridge Town's Strikers wildest dreams. Bryan's ten League goals from his 31 League appearances, and three as substitute had a significant part in the Town's first ever championship title run.

"DOGGY" MASCOT

Christian Wilkinson aged 11 from North Ormesby is tonight's mascot. He attends Langbaugh School and plays for the school team. Sport appears to be his great love, for apart from watching his Boro favourites and in particular Steve Pears, his other interests include Snooker, Pool and Swimming.

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TONIGHT'S BALL BOYS

On duty tonight are the under 13 squad from Whinney Banks Youth and Community Centre. One of 5 teams that the centre field each week the boys won the North Riding Minor Cup for under 12's last season. Although finishing in a lowly league position last term this season they have got off to a great start by winning four of their first five games.

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Twin mascots Ian and Ralph Richards of Stockton are pictured with the team captains and match officials before the start of the Chesterfield game

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TRAVEL CLUB

Bookings are now being taken for the following games:

Saturday 4th October, 1986 - ROTHERHAM
Depart 11.30am. only **£4.00**
Tuesday 7th October, 1986 - BIRMINGHAM
Depart 3.00pm. only **£5.00**

In addition to normal office hours Monday to Friday 9.00-4.30, the Promotions Office will be open between 6.00 and 7.00pm on Thursday 2nd October, 1986 for bookings or membership applications. You must be a member of the 1986/7 club to be able to travel with us. New applicants must bring 2 passport type photographs before they can enrol.

92 TODAY

We are happy to reproduce this letter from a travelling man:-

Dear Sir,

I am a Swindon Town supporter and when Swindon visit Middlesbrough for a league match on Tuesday 30th September, 1986 it will be a very special occasion for myself. This is because having already visited 91 league grounds, when I visit Middlesbrough F.C. on that day it will be my 92nd league ground, thus completing all 92 league grounds. I would therefore very much appreciate it if I could have a mention in the match day programme. I would also like to have my match day programme autographed by the Middlesbrough team, if possible.

Yours faithfully,
G.P. Hill

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CAN YOU HELP?

100 Bon Accord Street
Aberdeen
30/7/86

Dear Sir,

Sorry to read that the great Middlesbrough F.C. nearly closed down. I had a brother (Kenny Thomson) who played for you in the 1950's and is now deceased. I was wondering if you had any old action photographs of him. Thanking you in anticipation.

B. Cameron (Mrs.)

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GOING TO BRUM?

If you are going to Birmingham for the Littlewoods Challenge Cup 2nd Round 2nd Leg on Tuesday 7th October then the following information they have sent us may be useful.

Admission prices	Adult	Junior/OAP
Standing	£3.00	£2.00
Seating Main Stand	£6.00	£3.00
City Stand	£4.00	£2.50

Visiting Supporters — As in previous seasons the Tilton Road End will be reserved for visiting supporters wishing to stand. Those wishing to sit should enter the ground via Wing Stand Block 'A' Entrance.

Car Parking — Car Parking for the public is available in our Coventry Road Car Park which is adjacent to the ground with admission of £1.00 per car.

Programmes — Programmes priced 60p each will be on sale at various parts inside the ground and from our programme shop on the Coventry Road Car Park.



Steve Smith of the Boro Supporters of Helmsley, presents Tony Mowbray with their player of the year award before the Chesterfield game.



Harry Deaves (left) is joined by Andy Malloy to present Gary Pallister with the Young Player of the Year Trophy.

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VOTE FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER PLAYER OF THE MONTH

You now have a chance to vote for your HENNESSY Player of the Month for September. Complete the coupon below and yours could be picked out of the hat to accompany your top player to lunch and to receive a bottle of HENNESSY COGNAC. Don't miss out - vote NOW!

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

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NEXT GAMES AT AYRESOME

Wednesday 1st October, 1986

K.O. 7.00 p.m.

RESERVES v.

SHEFFIELD WED. RES.

Saturday 11 October, 1986

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

BORO v. BLACKPOOL







Admission prices	Adult	Child/OAP
West End (Holgate)		
Standing	£2.80	—
North Stand - Centre		
Seats	£4.50	£2.00
North Stand - Wing		
Seats	£4.00	£1.75
North Terrace Seats	£4.00	£1.50
North Terrace Seats		
Family Ticket	£4.50	(inclusive)
South Terrace Standing	£3.00	
South Stand - Centre		
Seats	£4.50	£2.00
South Stand - Wing		
Seats	£4.00	£1.75

Tickets for North Stand Seats and North Stand Terrace Seats are available in advance. However, they will only be issued on production of a membership pass.

Membership passes and match tickets will be available from the General Office between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays and until noon for Saturday games and 6.00 p.m. for night games, thereafter from the Ticket Office in Ayresome Park Road.

For all future matches please remember that North Stand and North Terrace Seats will only be issued to the holders of membership passes. Admission to the South Stand will be by cash at the turnstiles unless a season ticket is held.

BORO FACTS

Date & Opponents	Score	Gate	Pos.						
August									
23 Port Vale	2-2	3,456	—	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Gill	Parkinson
27 Hartlepool LCC 1R 1L	1-1	2,356	—	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Gill
30 Wigan Athletic	2-0	2,904	3rd	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray●	Parkinson	Pallister
September									
2 Hartlepool LCC 1R 2L	2-0	7,735	—	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
6 Bury	3-1	6,499	1st	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
13 Gillingham	0-0	4,899	3rd	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
17 Bristol Rovers	2-1	3,768	1st	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
20 Chesterfield	2-0	7,633	1st	Pears	Laws●	Cooper	Mowbray●	Parkinson	Pallister
23 Birmingham LCC 2R 1L	2-2	9,412	—	Pears	Laws	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
27 Fulham	2-2	3,852	1st	Pears	Laws●	Cooper	Mowbray	Parkinson	Pallister
30 Swindon Town									
October									
4 Rotherham United									
7 Birmingham LCC 2R 2L									
11 Blackpool									
18 Walsall									
21 Notts County									
25 Bristol City									
November									
1 AFC Bournemouth									
4 Bolton Wanderers									
8 Darlington									
15 F.A. Cup 1st Round									
22 Newport County									
29 Chester									
December									
6 F.A. Cup 2nd Round									
13 Doncaster Rovers									
21 Brentford									
26 Carlisle Utd (Boxing Day)									
27 Mansfield Town									
January 1987									
1 York City (New Years Day)									
3 Newport County									
10 Port Vale									
17 Wigan Athletic									
24 Bury									
31 Gillingham									
February									
7 Bristol Rovers									
14 Chesterfield									
21 Fulham									
28 Swindon Town									
March									
3 AFC Bournemouth									
7 Bristol City									
14 Walsall									
17 Notts County									
21 Blackpool									
28 Rotherham United									
April									
4 Darlington									
11 Bolton Wanderers									
18 York City									
20 Carlisle (Easter Monday)									
25 Brentford									
May									
2 Chester									
4 Mansfield Town									
9 Doncaster Rovers									
16 F.A. Cup Final									

THIS IS SWINDON TOWN

- Present Manager Lou Macari is the 11th since 1946. His predecessors have included such well known names as Dave Mackay and Les Allen.
- The Club was formed in 1881 and turned professional in 1894. Club nickname is "Robins".
- Record attendance at the County Ground was 32,000 in their FA Cup 3rd Round tie with Arsenal on 15th January, 1972.
- Most League points (3 for a win) 102 in Division 4 1985-6 a League record.
- Most League goals in a season - 100 in Division 3(s) 1926-7.
- Record transfer fee received £250,000 from Aston Villa in May 1983 for Paul Rideout.
- Record transfer fee paid £150,000 to Southampton in March 1980 for David Peach.

CENTRAL LEAGUE - Fixtures

October 1 Sheffield Wednesday (H)
 October 7 Everton (A)
 October 14 Derby County (H)
 October 22 Hull City (A)
 October 28 Liverpool (H)

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE Fixtures

October 4th Scunthorpe Utd (H)
 October 11th Sheffield Utd (A)
 October 18th Sheffield Wed (H)
 October 25th Sunderland (A)

Home matches in heavy type

● Player substituted

● Goalscorer

& FIGURES



Slaven Slaven Slaven	Stephens● Stephens● Turnbull●	Hamilton Hamilton Hamilton	Kernaghan* Rowell* Gill	Ripley Ripley Ripley	Turnbull Kernaghan Kernaghan
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LEAGUE DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	7	4	3	0	13	6	15
Bournemouth	7	4	3	0	11	5	15
Gillingham	6	4	2	0	8	2	14
Doncaster	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
York City	7	4	1	2	11	10	13
Blackpool	7	3	3	1	17	9	12
Bristol City	7	3	2	2	11	7	11
Bristol Rovers	7	3	2	2	10	5	11
Notts Co.	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
Newport County	7	3	1	3	15	14	10
Mansfield	7	2	4	1	8	7	10
Port Vale	7	2	3	2	12	11	9
Fulham	7	2	3	2	12	12	9
Darlington	7	3	0	4	13	17	9
Swindon	6	2	2	2	10	12	8
Brentford	7	2	2	3	9	11	8
Chesterfield	7	2	2	3	7	11	8
Bolton	7	2	0	5	12	14	6
Bury	7	1	3	3	9	13	6
Wigan	7	2	0	5	10	15	6
Carlisle	7	1	3	3	7	13	6
Rotherham	7	1	2	4	4	7	5
Chester	6	0	4	2	6	9	4
Walsall	6	1	0	5	8	18	3

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

by Ray Robertson

Northern Echo

Birmingham City manager John Bond was impressed on his Littlewoods Challenge Cup visit to Ayresome Park last week. Not just by the performance of a young Middlesbrough side, but by the atmosphere at the ground.

Bond told The Sun, "There's a real buzz about the place. When you see clubs like Middlesbrough and Fourth Division leaders Swansea back in business then that can only be good for football. Middlesbrough are a good, young, lively side with plenty to offer."

Bond was manager during Swansea's financial crisis, so he has first-hand knowledge of how tough life can be when the very existence of a club is threatened.

The Daily Mirror also took up the theme of born-again Middlesbrough, with a special tribute to goal-hungry Archie Stephens.

"Archie Stephens is a born-again striker at a born-again club - and Middlesbrough have not looked back since they nearly went bust in the summer," began the report.

"Stephens has contributed five goals to a nine-match unbeaten run that has taken Boro to the top of the Third Division and doubled the gates at Ayresome Park."

Stephens at 32 is the golden oldie in a Middlesbrough side with an average age of 21. He was playing when most of his teammates were still in junior school. (I am sure Archie will have come in for some good-natured ribbing over that!)

Colin Todd, in his new role of first-team coach, said Stephens was playing "out of his skin" and showing tremendous enthusiasm. Todd has taken over as manager Bruce Rioch's right-hand man four months after his return to the game as reserve and youth team coach. Rapid promotion for his loyalty.

Rioch told The Northern Echo: "Todd gave up a secure job in May. He was totally committed and loyal during the club's survival battle and his loyalty deserved to be rewarded."

The Evening Gazette said Stuart Ripley's dramatic late equaliser against Birmingham kept the Boro bandwagon on the rails - and gave them a fighting chance in the second leg at St. Andrews on October 7. "Boro were full value for their share of the spoils against Second Division City, having enjoyed the best of a pulsating first half before the Blues hit back."

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- 6 GARY PALLISTER
- 7 BERNIE SLAVEN
- 8 ARCHIE STEPHENS
- 9 GARY HAMILTON
- 10 GARY GILL
- 11 STUART RIPLEY
- 12

SWINDON TOWN

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- 3 DAVE HOCKADAY
- 4 CHRIS KAMARA
- 5 TIM PARKIN
- 6 COLIN CALDERWOOD
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- 9 BRYAN WADE
- 10 JIMMY GILLIGAN
- 11 LEIGH BARNARD
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