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# COUNTY GROUND

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## FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

**Although Christmas is fast approaching, we have a heavy schedule of matches to fulfil before the holiday period arrives.**

As you are all probably aware we now visit Brentford on Wednesday evening next, December 3rd, in the Freight Rover Trophy. The following Saturday December 6th we are involved in the F.A. Cup competition again, when we entertain Enfield, in what will prove to be a difficult match.

It is obviously very important that we progress further in the F.A. Cup, as we could then be paired with a club from the First or Second Division. This would create enormous interest for you, the spectator and also help the club financially.

Providing a replay of that match is not necessary or Orient's F.A. Cup tie at Bournemouth, we will entertain Orient at the County Ground on Tuesday December 9th, kick off 7.30 pm in the Freight Rover Trophy. If a replay of either match is necessary we will then entertain Orient on Wednesday, December 17th.

I must emphasise that this is a competition that Swindon Town Football Club wish to make a much greater impact in than we have done so previously. The lucrative gain made by our West Country neighbours, Bristol City, last season has whetted the appetite of this club in particular. I am also sure you would not say NO to a day out at WEMBLEY.

This oft derided competition is now beginning to attract more attention.

We are back into league action following our foray in Cup competitions, on Sunday December 14th, kick off 11.30 am when we entertain our West Country rivals, Bristol City. This should as usual be a keenly contested affair as both clubs look to consolidate their respective positions behind the third division leaders.

We are involved in more Sunday action the following week when we travel north to visit Doncaster Rovers with a 3 pm kick



off in prospect. This will again be a keenly fought affair in the search for more league points.

A few days later the holiday period will be with us, a brief respite, and I do mean brief, because we entertain Brentford at the County Ground on Boxing Day with a scheduled 3 pm kick off. A match that should provide fine holiday fayre!

Immediately following this match, we shall travel to Kent to meet high flying Gillingham the following day, Saturday December 27th, our final match of what has proven to be a most exciting year, can 1987 provide even further excitement? It may well be, for if we have favourable results in those matches I have mentioned, you will have plenty to look forward to as the New Year begins in earnest.

*Brian Hill*

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Did you know that apart from Darlington you are watching the cheapest soccer in the Third Division? A seat in the North Stand at the County Ground, in the finest stand in this division costs £3.50.

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City £4.50, Bristol Rovers £5.00, Bury £4.00, Carlisle United £5.00, Chesterfield £4.00, Doncaster Rovers £4.50, Fulham £6.00, Gillingham £5.00, Mansfield Town £5.00, Notts County £5.00, Rotherham £4.00, Wigan Athletic £4.80, York £6.00, Middlesbrough £4.50, Newport County £4.50, all to watch Swindon Town in action!

This is top price at these grounds, top price at the County Ground is £3.50. Soccer at the County Ground is cheaper, only Darlington charge less than we do!

Ground admission is higher at most grounds while a season ticket has reached a staggering £126.00 at Fulham, followed by £95 at Gillingham and Notts County. Most clubs are taking more money pro-rata than Swindon Town.

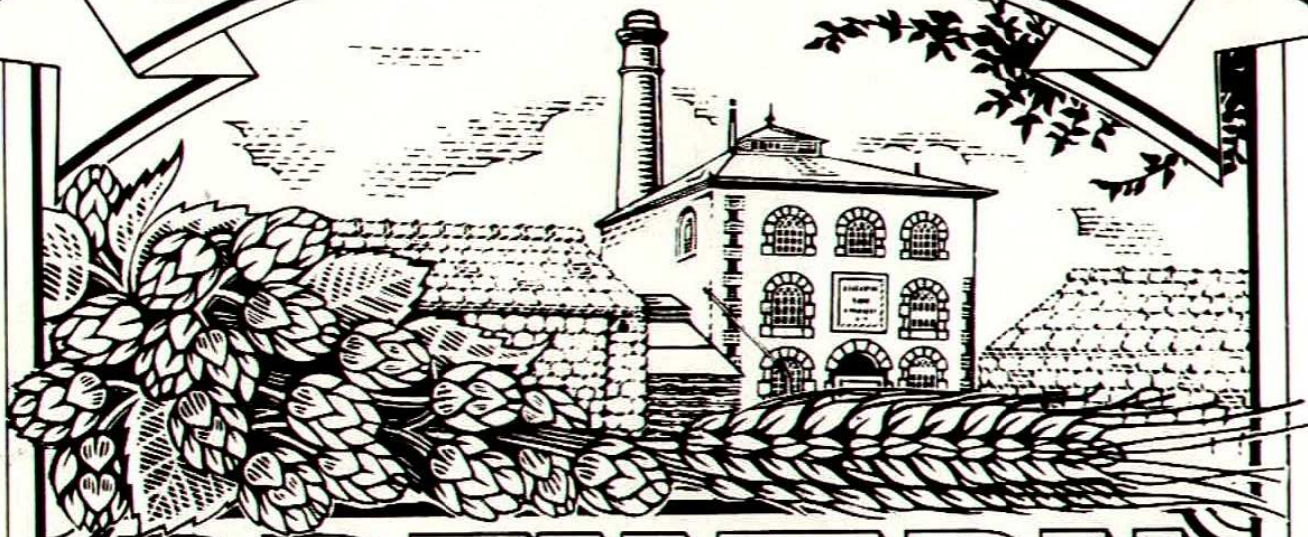
Note that Mansfield Town have increased their top seating price considerably since promotion from the Fourth Division last season.

Extra revenue enables any Club to improve facilities, team strengthening and also pay the astronomical costs incurred with the Ground Safety Act. At Swindon Town we have not kept step with prices, that other Clubs have increased this season. Those same clubs will also increase their prices next summer! Swindon Town Football Club will have to keep step with their counterparts in this division to enable the Club to meet increasing costs, if we're to reach second division soccer in the not too distant future.

Swindon Town Football Club have kept faith with their fans in recent seasons, not increasing prices when First Division opponents have arrived in Cup competitions, meanwhile enjoy the cheapest football in the division and the finest fare.

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Following a 4-0 home win it is a normal emotion for any Manager to feel excited. I have to confess that I felt exactly the opposite following our 4-0 home win against Farnborough Town, in the first round of the F.A. Cup.

Some of you may find that a little strange, but to a Manager, apart from the result, he is also looking at the general performance. To be honest, I thought we were dreadful in certain areas and it is no secret that the score-line flattered Swindon Town. After dwelling on that performance over the weekend I soon realised I must act swiftly to put some areas of the team right.

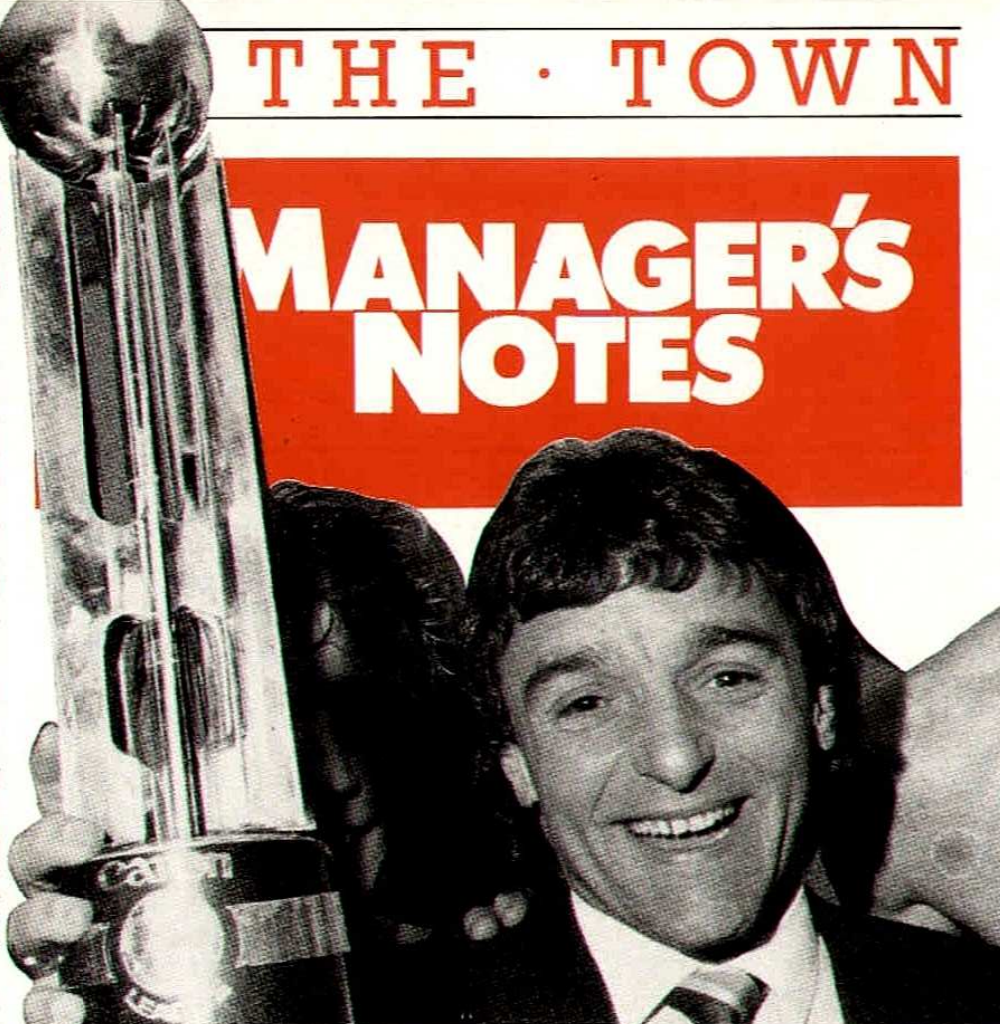
I have had three players in mind for some time now, who I am sure would improve the team considerably. Yet, the first player I have brought in to put matters right in defence was not one of my priorities, but after our woeful defensive display against Farnborough Town, where only their inability to find the back of the net saved us from an embarrassing situation, I moved quickly to bring Paul Franklin to the County Ground from Watford.

Paul who had spent the previous month on loan to Second Division Shrewsbury Town, has moved to the County Ground with a view to a permanent move. Able to play in several defensive positions, his preferable position is at the centre of defence.

There are times when you can wait to see if your players can find the form that you know they are capable of, but so often fail to produce. This is where a Manager has to use his instinct, and act swiftly to save any further risk of results going against his club. New faces mean that there have to be departures to balance not only the financial side, but also to save the playing staff becoming overburdened in certain positions.

It is really up to players to prove to any Manager that they are worth a) their position in the team, b) their retention in the squad, c) ability to adjust to a higher division, d) to prove that money invested in their transfer fee is money well spent.

Since I have been at the County Ground, every player has been given an opportunity to prove his worth. It is up to the player to prove whether my initial faith in him has been proven



## MANAGER'S NOTES

worthwhile or not. Sentiment has little or no part in football and whether I have paid a relatively substantial fee or not, this will not influence my thinking on team selection.

It is often the situation that people do not blend into the pattern of play adopted by some Clubs, or often the team has to alter the style of play to suit a certain division. Factors which are not always apparent at the time of signing. Individuals can be disappointing, and as in the case of Martin Ling it is too long a period for the Club to wait for the individual. That may be the situation with some of the players on the staff at present, if so, it is in their interests to find another Club and rediscover form that they are not able to show here at the County Ground.

There is plenty of action to come in the Freight Rover Trophy and F.A. Cup and along with important League matches and by the completion of December we shall be aware of our involvement in all three competitions when the New Year commences. It is important that we have a large enough

squad to cope with this heavy commitment as well as fulfilling our fixture list at reserve and youth level.

I want Swindon Town Football Club to be heavily involved in promotion, the F.A. Cup and the Freight Rover Trophy. We could also be in contention for the Football Combination Championship this season. It all adds up to involvement for the players and supporters, higher pay days for the players, also the Club and no-one can begrudge anyone that privilege.

*John Mason*

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## SCENE

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Both Middlesbrough and Gillingham appear to have served notice to the rest of the Division. If any Club has pretensions to grasp either of the guaranteed promotion positions at the end of the Season, these are surely the two Clubs that have to be toppled. Whatever the form of the chasing pack, both Clubs ably managed by Bruce Rioch and Keith Peacock show no intention of relenting the grasp on those two vital positions at present.

However, there is a long way to go yet and there has been many a slip twixt cup and lip! How Lou Macari and his players must be still regretting those lost points at home to Notts County and Bristol Rovers, matches that our general form should have brought maximum reward from. Our meritorious away form continued, with goals from Jimmy Gilligan and Bryan Wade being just too

much for Bury whose late reply came from the penalty spot by Alan Taylor last Saturday.

It was thirteen seconds into injury time at Somerton Park, when Tony Mowbray headed the winner for leaders Middlesbrough against Newport County from a Bernie Slaven corner. The Welsh Club had been unbeaten in their previous six League and Cup matches. The Ayresome Park Club have now won five away matches in the League this Season.

Gillingham retained second spot, they made it seven home League wins in succession when they defeated Notts County 3-1. Two goals from David Shearer and one from Tony Cascarino were too much for the Meadow Lane Club whose lone reply came from the giant Mick Waitt.

Speaking of successive home

wins, Bournemouth made it eight on the trot when they defeated Chesterfield 2-0 at Dean Court, due to goals from former Southampton striker, David Puckett and Mark O'Connor, once of Bristol Rovers.

The best performance of last Saturday and pride of place must go to Walsall who took York City's defence apart at Bootham Crescent with a 5-1 away win. Goals from the highly fancied David Kelly (2), Craig Shakespeare, Gary Childs and Nicky Cross exposing the uncertain home defence. To add to City's misery, they also had Sean Haselgrave sent off.

Darlington had John Moore to thank for their first win in eight matches. John on loan from nearby Sunderland, gave the Feethams Club a first half lead in front of the Divisions lowest attendance of the day 1,612.

It took a late equaliser from Tony Lowery, two minutes from time, for Mansfield Town to hang onto their unbeaten home record with a 2-2 draw against lowly Bolton Wanderers. After Paul Garner had given the Field Mill Club a half-time lead, goals from Tony Caldwell and Warren Joyce saw their unbeaten record in jeopardy until Tony Lowery struck.

Two goals from Dean Coney and one from former Chelsea and Manchester City striker, Gordon Davies, saw today's visitors, Carlisle United, tumble to their eighth defeat of the season. Malcolm Poskett being on the mark for the home club.

Chester City had two goal Gary

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Bennett to thank for only their second win of the Season at Sealand Road against Bristol Rovers. Croft was also on the mark for City, while the reliable Trevor Morgan scored Rovers consolation effort.

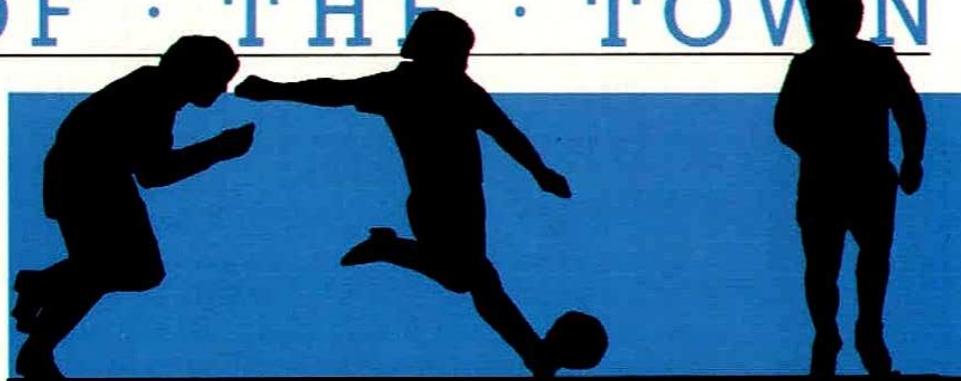
A disjointed display from Bristol City enabled Rotherham United to gain an unexpected victory at Ashton Gate, in front of 6,756, the highest attendance of the day in Division Three. Darryl Pugh's first half effort proving enough.

Honours were even at Griffin Park where Brentford were held to a 1-1 draw by Blackpool, former Shrewsbury Town striker, Gary Stevens, put the London Club into a half-time lead. A second half goal from Kevin Taylor gave the Bloomfield Road Club a point.

Preston North End have been rebuffed in a £10,000 bid for Port Vale's transfer listed defender, Geoff Hunter. Preston's former Vale manager, John McGrath has been told that Hunter is valued at double their bid.

Chesterfield made enquiries about Derby County midfield player Graham Harbey and striker Andy Garner, but were put off by the joint asking price of £75,000.

Port Vale manager, John Rudge, who donates £10 from his own pocket to a players pool every time the team keeps a clean sheet, is saving his money this Season. Last year it cost him £190 - but so far this Season only £20.



## OUR LAST MEETING

By Michael Scott

**An F.A. cup third round replay in 1983/4 at the County Ground, brought the last visit of Carlisle United to Swindon. Goals from Jimmy Quinn, Paul Batty and Andy Rowland gave the "Town" a 3-1 victory over their 2nd Division opponents, after a 1-1 draw at Brunton Park.**

The last league action between the clubs came in a memorable season for both sides - 1981/2. But whilst Carlisle fans reminisce about the season which saw them regain the 2nd Division status they had lost five years earlier, Swindon were relegated to Division 4 for the first time in their history.

The performance of Peter Beardsley for the Cumbrians on October 10th 1981 gave plenty of indication that he was destined for a much higher grade of football, culminating of course in his success alongside Gary Lineker in the Mexico World Cup.

Beardsley's 30th minute goal gave Carlisle a deserved half time lead after a poor first half Swindon performance.

The introduction of another developing talent, seemed to revitalise the "Town" in the second half. Paul Rideout, now of course in Italy, scored from an Andy Rowland flick on to put Swindon very much back in contention. His cross to Bryan Hughes later in the second half brought the winning goal and sent Swindon to second place in the table.

In the five months between that game and the return fixture at Brunton Park, Swindon won only 3 league matches, Carlisle, however, went from strength to strength and stood at the top of the

table on February 27th.

With only two minutes gone, Beardesley was on the scoresheet again, pushing a Crabbe cross past Allan. The early set-back seemed to jolt Swindon into life, eventually resulting in one of their best away performances of that season.

A sixth minute shot from Paul Rideout, came within inches of bringing the "Town" level, after Kenny Stroud had put him through.

In the next half hour or so, Hughes, Pritchard and Rideout again all went close as Swindon pressed for the equaliser.

The vital goal came in injury time at the end of the first half, a typical Roy Carter glide down the left, brought a cross to Rideout, who was on hand at the near post to crack the ball past Swinburne.

Only a brilliant second half display from Jimmy Allan, could keep Peter Beardsley at bay as the league leaders struggled against a "Town" side showing much of its early season form. This afternoon we meet again after another important season for both clubs, this time though, the situation is reversed. Swindon winning the 4th Division title and Carlisle returning to Division 3 after losing their Division 2 relegation battle last season.

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by Dave Eaton

## OUR VISITORS



## CARLISLE UNITED



Back Row:	Paul Haigh	Mick Halsall	Mike McCartney (Captain)	Geoff Lomax	John Cooke			
Third Row: Standing	Ken Oliver (Coach)	Paul Gorman	Paul Baker	Kevin Carr	Scott Endersby	Andy Hill (Now retired)	Wes Saunders	Scott McGarvey
Second Row: Seating	Ian Bishop	Garry Worrall	Harry Gregg (Manager)	John Halpin	Rob Wakenshaw (Now Rochdale)			

Front Row: All four Y.T.S Apprentices.  
Not in picture Billy Wright and Malcolm Poskett.

The present club - Carlisle United - was formed in 1903 when Carlisle Red Rose F.C. and Shaddon-gate amalgamated. In those days, they played at Millholme Bank moving to Devonshire Park in 1906, and thence to their present home, Brunton Park in 1909.

Playing in the North Eastern League with some success, Carlisle, at the third attempt were elected to the Football League in 1928, taking the place of Durham City in the old Division 3 (North).

And that is where they remained, even despite the attempts of managers such as Ivor Broadis and Bill Shankley to gain promotion for the club until the end of the 1957-58 season. With the Third Divisions South and North scrapped, Carlisle became founder members of the present fourth division. It was at around this time that the directors, no doubt dismayed at the prospect of life in the fourth division, contemplated applying for election to the Scottish League. North Northumbrian club Berwick Rangers had set a precedent, but the Scottish League authorities refused even to consider the election of a second English club.

Promotion was gained to the third division in 1962 but alas the following year they were relegated again. But success was just around the corner. Under Alan Ashman Carlisle were promoted at the end of the 1963-64 season as runners-up to Gillingham.

More was to follow. Twelve months later a 3-0 home win over Mansfield before 18,000 delirious fans gained United the Third Division Championship, and entry into the Second Division for the first time in the club's history.

Carlisle then established themselves as a very good Second Division club and in season 1966-67 they finished in third place, in the days when only two clubs were promoted. They just missed out on promotion again in season 1970-71 losing out by only three points.

In the previous season, Carlisle had smashed another club record by reaching the semi-finals of the then League Cup. After winning at home in the first leg, they crashed out to West Brom at the Hawthorns.

In 1973-74 Carlisle finally gained promotion to the First Division, finishing in third place above Orient who could only draw their last match.

It was a remarkable achievement for then manager Alan Ashman who had piloted the club right through from the Fourth Division, during his spells at Brunton Park.

Carlisle's first season in the premier division was short lived. After three games they found themselves at the top of the table. However, the momentum was not maintained and at the end of the season they finished as "wooden spoonists" thus making a swift return to Division 2.

From then on it was a downward trend. Relegation to the Third in 1977 and in 1981 just escaped the drop into the fourth by one point.

But the following season saw the return of Bob Stokoe for his second spell at Brunton Park and a win at Chester in the final match of the 81-82 season pushed Carlisle back into the second division.

Last season 1985/86 was a disastrous one. Carlisle had only 12 points from their opening 21 games and were set for the drop. A remarkable recovery almost worked but a defeat at Oldham and a win for Blackburn in the final games pushed the Cumbrian side back into the third. Stokoe announced his retirement and was succeeded by Harry Gregg.

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**Ground:** Brunton Park.  
**Capacity:** 18,000  
**Record Attendance:** 27,500 v Birmingham, F.A. Cup 3rd round, 5 Jan. 1957 and v Middlesbrough, F.A. Cup 5th round, 7 Feb 1970.  
**Record Receipts:** £37,130.72 v Newcastle, Div. 2, 27 Dec 1983.  
**Founded:** 1903.  
**Previous Grounds:** 1903-5 Milholme Bank; 1906-9 Devonshire Park.  
**Joined League:** 1928, elected to Division 3(N).  
**Honours:** Football League, Div 1, - best season 22nd 1974-75; Promoted from Div 2 (3rd) 1973-74; Div 3 - champions 1964-65; Div 4 - runners-up 1963-64. F.A. Cup - 6th round 1974-75. League Cup - semi-final 1969-70.  
**Most League Appearances:** Alan Ross, 466, 1963-79.  
**Most League Goals:** Jimmy McConnell, 126, 1928-32.  
**Record Victory:** 8-0 v Hartlepool, Div 3(N), 1 Sept 1928 and v Scunthorpe, Div 3 (N), 25 December 1952.  
**Record Defeat:** 1-11 v Hull City, Division 3(N), 14 January 1939.  
**Record Transfer Fee Received:** £275,000 from Vancouver Whitecaps for Peter Beardsley, April 1981.  
**Record Transfer Fee Paid:** £120,000 to York City for Gordon Staniforth, October 1979.  
**Colours:** Royal Blue shirts with white pinstripe, white 'v' neck with red and blue trim and on cuffs. White shorts and royal blue stockings.  
**Change Colours:** Red shirts, white pinstripe, white shorts and red socks.  
**Nickname:** Blues/Cumbrians.

### Harry Gregg (Manager)

Appointed manager in May of this year following the retirement of Bob Stokoe. Has had previous managerial experience at Shrewsbury, Swansea and Crewe, was assistant at Swindon. A former goalkeeper in his playing days with Manchester United and Doncaster, capped 25 times by Northern Ireland. A survivor from the terrible Munich air disaster which virtually wiped out the famous 'Busby Babes'.

### Paul Baker (Defender)

Born Newcastle. Signed for Carlisle in the summer of 1985 and has made 33 league appearances (+ 2 as sub) for the Blues. Previous league club Southampton whom he joined in May 1984 from Bishop Auckland for £4,000.

### Ian Bishop (Midfield)

Born Liverpool. A former apprentice at Everton, making just one appearance for the 1st Division club. Joined Carlisle in Oct 84 for a fee of £10,000 and cost the Blues an extra £5,000 a few months later when he made his 20th league appearance.

### Kevin Carr (Goalkeeper)

Born Ashington. Made nearly 200 appearances for Newcastle in nine years. Joined Carlisle in July last year and made 15 league appearances last season.

### John Cooke (Forward/midfield)

Born Salford. An apprentice with Sunderland and went on to make over 50 appearances for them. Went on loan to Carlisle, but then signed for Sheffield Wednesday. Rejoined Carlisle permanently in October 85.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### At County Ground

30.04.1963	W2-0	Stevens, Hunt	14,221
16.08.1969	D2-2	Horsfield 2	17,055
24.04.1971	D0-0		11,561
08.01.1972	D0-0		13,089
12.03.1973	W2-0	Noble, Moss	7,942
03.11.1973	D2-2	Eastoe 2	6,480
10.12.1977	D2-2	Moss, Stroud	5,899
10.03.1979	D0-0		8,390
11.03.1980	D0-0		9,755
18.10.1980	D1-1	Mayes	5,791
10.10.1981	W2-1	Rideout, Hughes	5,268

### F.A. CUP

#### At County Ground

10.01.1984	W3-1	Quinn, Barry, Rowland	8,078
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\* Statistics supplied by Paul Plowman

#### At Brunton Park

18.09.1962	D0-0		6,602
07.10.1969	D2-2	own goal, Horsfield	9,723
19.09.1970	L1-2	Rogers	10,070
28.08.1971	D0-0		9,936
19.08.1972	L0-3		7,747
30.03.1974	L1-5	Syrett	6,544
29.04.1978	D2-2	Guthrie, Carter	4,351
28.10.1978	L0-2		5,141
12.04.1980	L1-2	Tucker	3,472
17.03.1981	L1-2	Carter	4,104
27.02.1982	D1-1	Rideout	4,633

### F.A. CUP

#### At Brunton Park

10.12.1949	L0-2		18,604
07.01.1984	D1-1	Rowland	5,776

### Scott Endersby (Goalkeeper)

Born Lewisham. The youngest player to appear in an F.A. Cup tie at just 15 years 279 days for Kettering. Previous clubs include Ipswich, Tranmere and Swindon Town. Joined Carlisle on loan from Swindon in November 85, signed permanently in February 1986.

### Paul Gorman (Midfield)

Born Dublin. A Republic of Ireland under 18 and 21 international. Previous clubs Arsenal and Birmingham City. Signed for Carlisle just before the transfer deadline in '85.

### Paul Haigh (Defender/midfield)

Born Scarborough. An England Youth and under 21 international whilst at Hull, his only other club. After completing 180 league appearances for the Tigers signed for Carlisle in November 1980 for £100,000... the second highest fee ever paid by the club. Has now played in nearly 200 matches for the Blues.

### John Halpin (Forward)

Born Broxburn Scotland. Made his league debut for Carlisle in the home game with Huddersfield on 27 Oct 84. Had signed two days earlier from Glasgow Celtic for a fee of £10,000. Suffered a broken leg at the end of last season.

### Mick Halsall (Midfield)

Born Bootle. Missed just one league game for Carlisle last season. Has made a total of 69 league appearances altogether since joining the Cumbrian side from Birmingham in October 84 for a sum of £5,000.

### Geoff Lomax (Defender)

Born Droylsden. Signed for United from Manchester City on 5 Dec 85 for a small fee. Made his debut for the Blues two days later against Millwall. Married his fiancée Suzanne during the close season.

### Mick McCartney (Defender/midfield)

Born Edinburgh. The 32 year-old Scotsman is in his

second spell with Carlisle having rejoined them in March 1983 in a deal that took Gordon Staniforth to Plymouth. Previous clubs West Brom, Carlisle, Southampton and Plymouth.

### Scott McGarvey (Striker)

Born Glasgow. Made 25 league appearances for Manchester United whom he joined as an associate schoolboy. Spent a time on loan with Wolves before signing for Portsmouth for £100,000. Last season, on loan to Carlisle making ten league appearances. Returned to Pompey but signed permanently by Carlisle in July of this year.

### Wes Saunders (Defender)

Born Sunderland. Came to Carlisle on loan from Newcastle in September 85. After completing a three months spell signed permanently and made 35 league appearances last season.

### Garry Worrall (Winger)

Born Salford. A close season signing from Peterborough United. Began his career with Manchester United but never made a first team appearance. Made his league debut at Peterborough and in all made 96 appearances for them in three seasons.

### Billy Wright (Defender)

Born Liverpool. Began his league career with Everton making 192 appearances. Signed by Birmingham on a free transfer in the summer of 1983. Capped at England Under 21 (six times). Joined Carlisle in August this year on a month's loan. Offered contract after only two weeks.

### Malcolm Puskett (Forward)

Born Middlesbrough. The much travelled striker recently joined Carlisle for his second spell with the club after completing a one month loan period. Previous clubs include Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Whitby T, Hartlepool, Brighton, Watford, Carlisle and Stockport.

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# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WITH · COLIN CALDERWOOD

Our last match at the County Ground in the F.A. Cup against Farnborough Town gave us a flattering 4-0 home win. It would be amiss of me to say that we played well, but we also have to be realistic, we did score four times without reply and although Farnborough Town played surprisingly well they did have enough chances to have fared better.

We had no problem in being motivated for this match, for it was an F.A. Cup tie and we did not concede a goal and that in itself was pleasing as a defender.

The draw for the Second Round of the F.A. Cup was pleasing. It is always an advantage to be drawn at home in any Cup competition. Enfield will provide as difficult an opponent as any League team. They are members of the G.M. Vauxhall League, a league that I think is of a very good standard, those of you who travelled to watch us in our pre-season match against Cheltenham Town will know what I mean.

Taking a look at Enfield's record this season, I have noted that they have won eight away matches! By any standard that is an impressive record. They will be no push over and we will have to be at our best to pass into the Third Round. No one should under-estimate the London club. Last Saturday they gained a notable 3-1 away win at



Twerton Park against Bath City. Once again, we performed well against League opposition on their ground, when we took full points from our visit to Bury. It was a match where we started well, taking full advantage of the wind. We never allowed Bury a real chance in the first half, an early goal from Jimmy Gilligan was boosted even further before half time, by a second from Wadey. With a two goal advantage and having to defend against the wind in the second half, we were determined not to give anything away. We rode our luck and really the penalty we conceded late in the match was somewhat unfortunate, for Terry Pashley had beaten Dave Bamber in a run down the left and Chris Ramsey came sliding in, we were all racing out of the penalty area when the linesman held his flag up. You know the rest, as Alan Taylor scored from the penalty.

In welcoming Paul Franklin to the Club from Watford, I must say that he played well in his debut for the Club, it is always difficult for any player coming into the team for

his first match. During the two days training that Paul had taken part in, we had not practised any defensive tactics. I know Paul was very surprised at the pace in which we all come racing out of defence. It will take him time to settle, after playing with two clubs previously this season.

At the top of the League table both Gillingham and Middlesbrough have opened up a 3 point gap, it is not difficult to imagine how important our fixtures with Gillingham and Bournemouth, home and away will be, also the visit of Middlesbrough to the County Ground. Having met Notts County at home we still have to travel to Meadow Lane.

On a personal note I have just moved into a new house in the West of Swindon, so you can imagine it is a busy time, although I must admit it is not me that is busy with the paint brush! It is nice to move into your home and something I had been looking forward to for some time. I suppose it is what could be termed as a nice Christmas present.

Talking of Christmas, what a busy December we have in front of us, with F.A. Cup, League and Freight Rover Trophy fixtures to come this month. Time to spare a thought for our groundsman Geoff Warren, as he tries to accommodate not only first team matches but also reserve games. Not the easiest of jobs with the incessant rain we have experienced of late. It is to his credit that not one match has been called off at the County Ground, through ground conditions. I am sure after he has been here for a couple of seasons he will produce the best playing surface that the Club have seen.

Keep cheering this afternoon and help the Town to another three points.

*Colin Calderwood*

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## Ray McHale

When Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979, the Club had one of their finest ever line-ups. They also had one of their finest ever captains in Ray McHale.

The combative mid-fielder was discovered in local non-league football by Chesterfield, and it wasn't long before he made his mark in the Derbyshire Club's first team. In the 1972/73 season McHale was the leading goalscorer for Chesterfield notching up twelve goals. The following campaign saw him score nine more and that tally included a goal which finished Swindon's interest in the 1973/74 League Cup, ironic really, bearing in mind McHales influence in later seasons in that particular competition.

Ray's next move was to Yorkshire and Halifax Town, where he again featured high up in the goalscoring charts. However, he couldn't prevent Halifax being relegated into the Fourth Division, and it wasn't long before he found his way down to Wiltshire and Swindon Town.

It was during September of 1976 that McHale signed for Swindon. Danny Williams payed Halifax the princely sum of £8,000. Surely that was one of the transfer bargains of all time, a mere snip for such a talent.

Ray made his debut on September the eleventh 1976 in the 0-0 away draw with Lincoln City, his influence not immediately evident.

His first goal came in a 7-0 F.A. Cup thrashing of non-league Bromley, the Town struggled for much of the game, but a late deluge of goals saw them reach round two of the competition, and they eventually went out in round four to First Division Everton after a replay.

Back in the league McHale showed what was to come in a game against Brighton on New Years day 1977. Swindon stormed into a 4-0 lead in a blistering display, but the heavens opened and the combined rain and snow brought about the abandonment of the match, much to the crowds disgust.

Ray shone that day and he must have been bitterly disappointed at that decision. However, he helped put the record straight scoring one of the goals in the 2-1 victory when the match was replayed later in the year.

Swindon finished that season eleventh in Division Three and improved the following season - to tenth. In the F.A. Cup in the 1977/78 season, Swindon went out in round three to the all conquering Nottingham Forest team of that era.

The final scoreline was 4-1 and the Forest goalkeeper was Peter Shilton, now haven't I seen him playing for someone else recently? In the League Cup, Swindon made round four and were defeated 2-0 by a strong Wrexham side.

# LOOKING

# Back



### Vic Morgan of G.W.R. takes a look into the past at former Town players.

During the summer of 1978, Swindon made managerial changes, Danny Williams became Football Executive and Bobby Smith was made the new Manager - Wilfe Tranter was his assistant.

I think its true to say that during this spell Ray McHale was at his dominant best, helping the side as they swept desperately close to promotion into Division two.

A nerve tingling run-in to the end of the season saw Swindon right in the thick of things and only a defeat, ironically for McHale, in Yorkshire, by Sheffield Wednesday robbed them with just two games left in the season.

However, they seemed well set for the following campaign and it looked as if nothing could stop McHale and Swindon Town as they stormed up the table. In the League Cup, Portsmouth and Chester were the Towns first and second round opponents, before an away draw with First Division Stoke City in round three.

A superb fight back from being 2-0 down to 2-2 brought City to the County Ground for a replay and on a memorable night Swindon won 2-1. McHale blasted home an unstoppable 20 yard shot for Swindons first goal and the Town were on the move.

In round four Wimbledon were beaten 2-1 away and it set up a fifth round encounter at the legendary Highbury ground of the mighty Arsenal.

On a cold December night Arsenal went in front by means of an extremely dubious Alan Sunderland penalty and it seemed that Swindon would be snowed under, not so.

Ray McHale drove his men forward and Billy Tucker equalised with minutes left. The Town fans, including, me, went wild and McHale led his side over to take the Salute

at the Conclusion of the match. A dramatic game, but nothing to what happened one week later at the County Ground.

Steve Walford scored an own goal, 1-0 to Swindon... Alan Mayes curled home from the edge of the box 2-0 to Swindon... Half time and Swindon were two goals to the good! Liam Brady pulled one back for the Arsenal just after the break, 2-1 to Swindon... A Chris Kamara header deflected past Pat Jennings by John Hollins, 3-1 to Swindon... But a Liam Brady inspired Arsenal, came back to force extra time and thirty of the most stomach churning minutes I've ever had the honour to sit through.

Ray McHale was an inspiration, as were all the other Town players, Kenny Stroud played Brady out of the game in that last half hour and the immaculate Andy Rowland scored from two yards out in the last minute. One of the classic Cup ties and I've certainly never seen better.

Swindon went to the semi-finals and eventual cruel elimination by... Wolves, I can barely mention the name. McHale and Swindon went into a decline after the turn of the year, following their League Cup defeat and an unfortunate F.A. Cup exit at Tottenham where McHale scored a penalty. Ray left Swindon in the summer of 1980 and went to Brighton for £100,000, he never recaptured the glory of that mid-season spell, but McHale was a superb Captain of Swindon Town, without doubt one of the best.

Ray McHale career for Swindon Town Football Club  
171 Appearances.  
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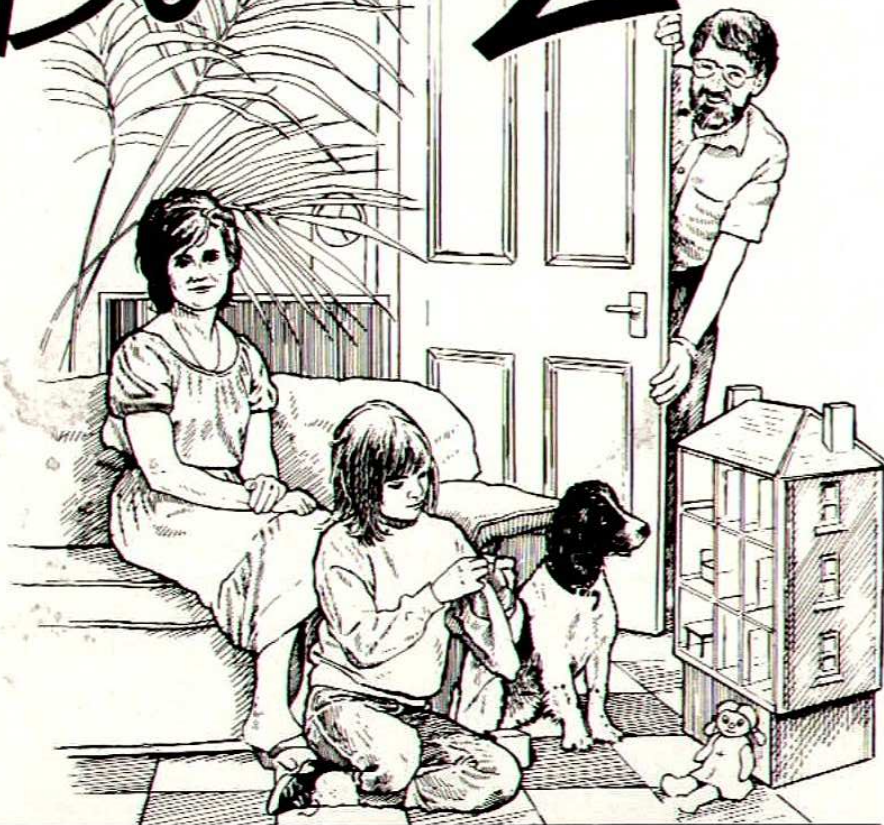
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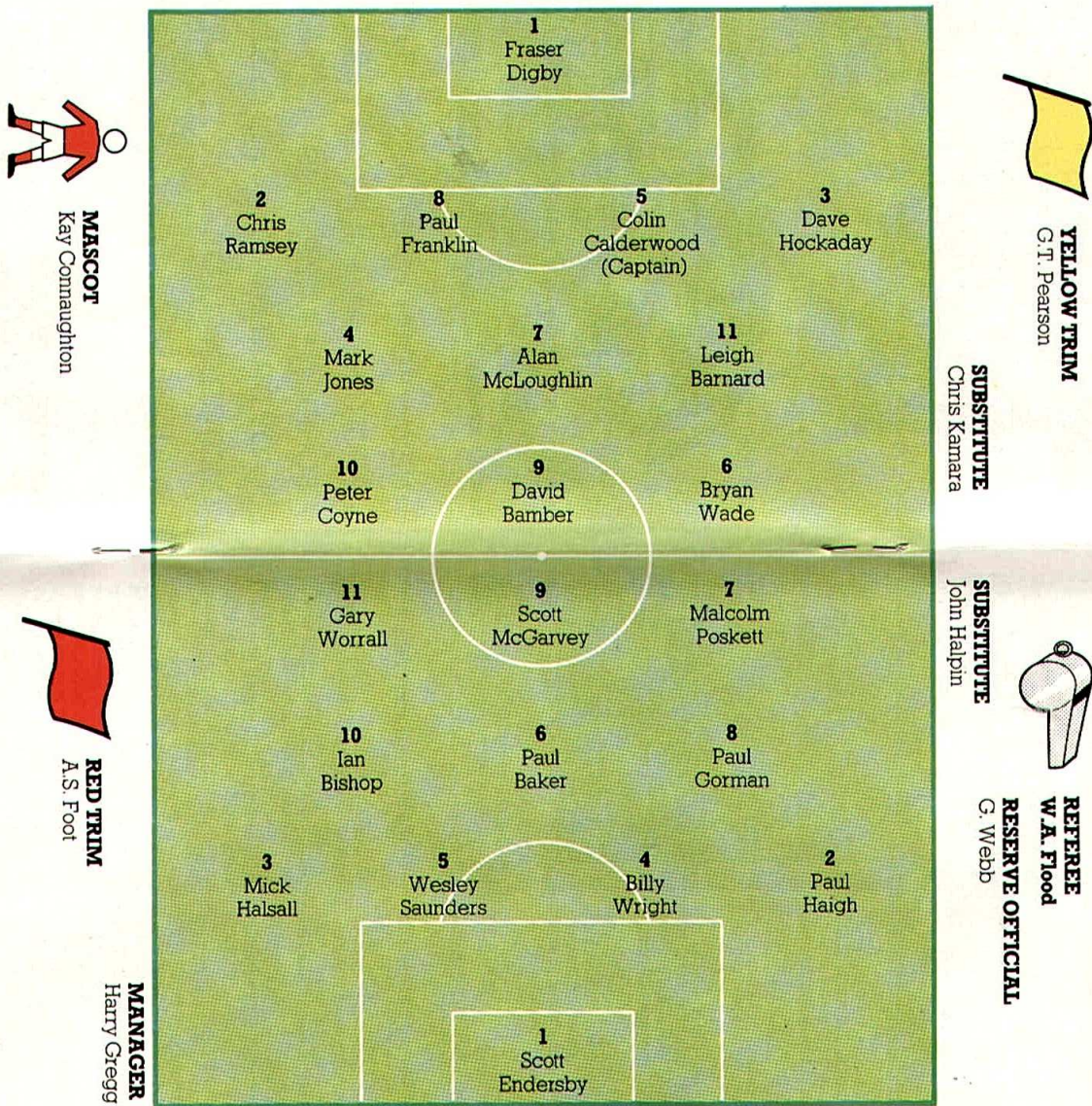
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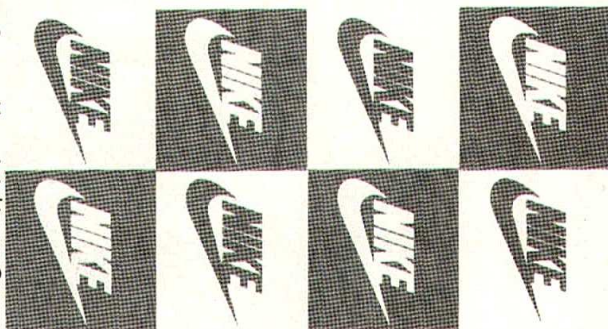
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## INTERVIEW



**December will be a month of decision for Fraser Digby, who comes to the end of his loan period following our away match at Doncaster Rovers on Sunday the 21st.**

What does the Manchester United teenager think will be the outcome or more importantly what does Fraser hope the future holds for him personally?

'I still really don't know what will happen to me, it is something I intend to talk to Lou Macari about, but of course things might be different for me at Old Trafford, now Alex Ferguson has taken over. I don't think I stood a lot of chance of progressing with Ron Atkinson in charge. So things could be different for me now.'

'I was glad to come to the County Ground, it has given me first team football and the chance to better myself. Competition is keen at Old Trafford with Gary Bailey, Chris Turner and Gary Walsh all considered to be in front of me.' Had Fraser heard anything from the new regime at Old Trafford? 'No they have not been in contact and I have had no news from anyone there.' Fraser had formed the opinion that his career was coming to a standstill at Manchester United before his move South to Swindon.

Fraser had come to the attention of

United when he was a member of the Sheffield Schoolboy team. He went on to make twenty appearances at Junior International level for England Schoolboys, Under-16 and Youth team

Some prominent names featured with the Sheffield born keeper as he made progress? 'I kept Tim Flowers who is now with Southampton out of the side and played with Franz Carr who is now a prominent member of Notts Forest team and of course who made his debut for England Under-21's recently,' Fraser added 'Mark Seagrave of Liverpool, who has been on loan to Norwich City recently, was also in the England teams at the same time. Tony Adams who has been earning some rave reviews with Arsenal this season was another player I appeared with.' Training at Old Trafford was different to Swindon Town due to the numbers there,' said Fraser. 'We were divided into three groups, the first and second teams and then the Youth team.' It appeared contact with the stars at United was minimal, 'We played against the First team in practice matches,' related Fraser.

Tuition from the experienced Gary Bailey and Chris Turner was forthcoming but with training organised in groups, there was not always the chance to train with them. 'Both Gary and Chris were always willing to help me when they could,' said Fraser.

Was life very different at the County Ground? 'The players here are much closer knit and that makes it different for me.' How did Fraser rate Lou Macari and did he know of Lou, previously, when the former Scottish International was coming to the twilight years of his notable career?

'I knew Lou at Old Trafford and I think he is a good manager, well disciplined and that is something that players will always respect of any manager.'

With his present contract due to run out with Manchester United next summer, would Fraser relish a return to 'A' team soccer and reserve team football at the best?

'Running out and playing in front of 600 people is different to what I have been used to here and even if there are some quality players among the Reserves at Old Trafford, it will not wholly compensate.'

Whatever the outcome of future talks between Lou Macari, Fraser Digby and Alex Ferguson, I am sure everyone hopes it works out to the advantage of the impressive young goalkeeper. His displays here at the County Ground have earned him that right.

## MATCH DAY

# Mascot



**Kay Connaughton**

Eleven year old Kay Connaughton who hails from Chandlers Close, Bampton, Oxford, cannot make up her mind who is her favourite Town player. For Charlie Henry, Peter Coyne and Kenny Allen are her favourites.

When asked who her favourite other team are, she had no hesitation in naming the Town's Combination team!

Kay attends Henry Box School at Witney, not named after Charlie, we may add.

We suspect that Kay is a cartoon fan, for you will see from her photograph she is displaying a Micky Mouse pattern on her jumper. Wonder if he is her favourite Walt Disney Character? It is pleasant to note that Kay, among several of our followers, who live in the Oxford area, still prefer to watch the Town, despite the presence of a First Division club nearby. Enjoy your day out with the Town, Kay.

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## RESERVES YOUTH

### TEAMS · TEAMS · TEAMS

A disastrous match for four players, two from each side, as we swept to a convincing 5-1 away win at Elm Park against a depleted Reading team, on November 1st. Both Charlie Henry and Jamie Reynolds were dismissed for the Town, after being involved in misdemeanours with Darren Bailey and Darren Newman. All this off the ball action occurred after we had taken a 2-0 lead through David Cole's 30th minute goal and one from Charlie Henry in the 41st minute.

Once the game had become a nine man affair it did not take long before Mark Gardiner with two goals, and one by Nicky Hughes emphasising the Town's superiority. Reading scored a late consolation goal with a deflected shot.

Our depleted South East Counties team lost their second round League Cup match at Lydiard on November 1st to Brighton by 0-5. With reserve team calls disorganising their strength, they were able to keep the scoreline blank until the interval, before a second half onslaught saw Gipp (2),

Webber (2) and Carter gave the south coast club a convincing win.

Our Football Combination team were in rampant form on Wednesday, November 5th, as they romped home to a convincing 5-2 win here at the County Ground, against Portsmouth. First half

goals from David Cole and Jamie Reynolds gave us a 2-0 lead at the interval.

Paul Wood reduced the lead for the visitors shortly after half time. Two goals from Bryan Wade and another from Mark Gardiner, gave the Town a 5-1 advantage before "Pompey" substitute, John Pike, scored a second for the Fratton Park Club before full time.

#### READING v SWINDON

**READING:** GILES, ARCHER, HEAD, BAILEY, STAKER, NEWMAN, BASHIR, DAVIS, BOAHENE, JONES, LANDEG, SUB: KING.

**SWINDON:** ALLEN, McLOUGHLIN, COLE, ROWLAND, CASSERLY, GILLETT, HENRY, REYNOLDS, COYNE, N. HUGHES, GARDINER, SUB: BARNETT.

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#### SWINDON v PORTSMOUTH

**SWINDON:** ALLEN, MUNDEE, CASSERLY, McLOUGHLIN, COLE, GILLETT, COYNE, HENRY, WADE, GARDINER, REYNOLDS, SUB: N. HUGHES

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## JUNIOR ROBIN



Dick Mattick

The November Meeting of the Junior Robins proved to be an extremely enjoyable and successful one. Many thanks are due to Mr Chris Kirkland, one of our local referees and to Colin Calderwood and Alan McLoughlin who came along to help him demonstrate some of the laws of the game.

It was very difficult to select winners for the competition which followed the talk. Eventually we settled on Carl Webster, aged 12 in the Secondary School category and decided to award two prizes in the Junior section to Alan Jones and Jolyon Richardson. All three will receive a copy of "Nothing is Impossible" the story of Swindon's promotion campaign last season kindly presented by its author Mr. Chris Scott. Hopefully they will be presented with their prizes before a forthcoming home match.

The high standard of marks was a tribute to the instruction of Mr. Kirkland and the careful way you listened to him. Those who failed to win a prize can take comfort from the fact that nearly

all participants scored the 15 marks required to qualify for the Laws of the Game award on the Junior Robins Certificate. A number of people will be awarded distinctions for scores of 19 or 20.

It may well be that this session fired the desire to become a referee. If so write in and let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Subject to replays and team commitments it is hoped to stage this year's Junior Robins Christmas Party on Monday 8th December between 5.30 and 7.00 p.m. in the Supporters Club. These Christmas Parties have always provided lots of fun in the past so why not come along.

Today sees the first of a number of visits by schools and Youth Clubs. They will be attempting a quiz at the end of their tour and I thought I would include some of the questions to get you thinking. Answers next week in the Cup tie programme.

1. A statue of which

player can be seen in the main entrance?

2. How many times did this man play for England?

3. Who did Swindon beat to win the Dubonnet Cup?

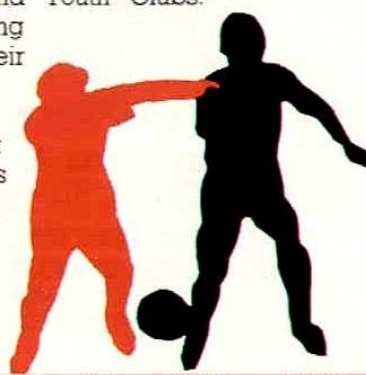
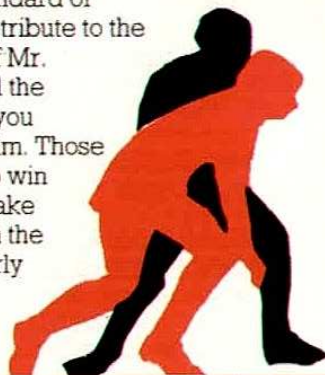
4. What is the name of a person who treats injured players?

5. How many seats are there in the North Stand?

6. What are the names of the people with the following jobs at Swindon: a) Administrative Manager b) Chairman c) Groundsman.

7. How many times have Swindon reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup?

8. Who did Swindon beat in the 1969 League Cup Final.



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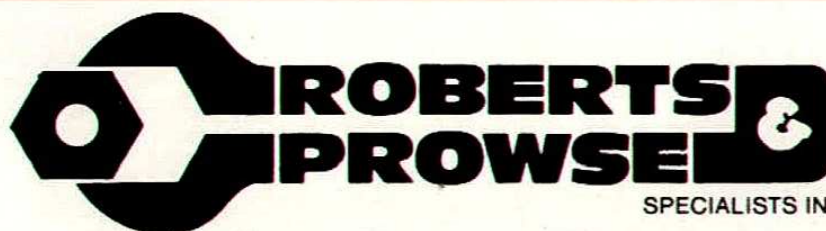


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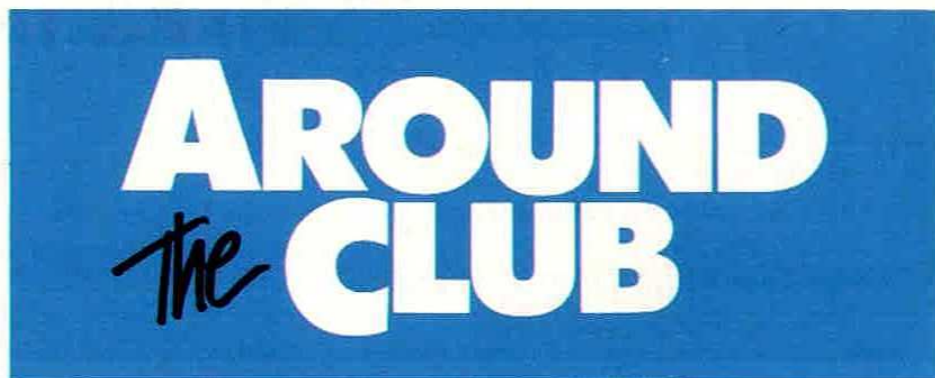
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We shall be notified of when Tony visits Swindon Town next summer.



All at Swindon Town Club wish Evening Advertiser Sports Columnist, Clive King, a speedy recovery from his recent indisposition. Clive who has spent the last week in Princess Margaret Hospital is due for release shortly. We will be pleased to see him back at the County Ground and in full form once again.

## YOUR DECEMBER DIARY

### DIVISION THREE

SUNDAY	14th	BRISTOL CITY (All ticket match)	HOME	11.30 am
SUNDAY	21st	DONCASTER ROVERS	AWAY	3.00 pm
FRIDAY	26th	BRENTFORD	HOME	3.00 pm
SATURDAY	27th	GILLINGHAM	AWAY	3.00 pm

### F.A. CUP

SATURDAY	6th	ENFIELD	HOME	3.00 pm
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TUESDAY	9th	ORIENT	HOME	7.30 pm
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In the event of any replay being necessary, our Freight Rover Trophy Match with Orient, would then take place on Tuesday December 16th at the County Ground, kick off 7.30 pm.



Hard to believe, but it is a true story told by our Manager Lou Macari. It was three hours after our second round F.A. Cup destiny had been heard and we were drawn at home to Enfield, the players had been informed by Lou, when an enquiring voice from the ranks of the full time professionals asked, "Who have we drawn?", a trustee then asked, "What cup is that?", Lou then gave an appropriate reply, "And what bloody chance have I got, when they don't even know these things or are not too interested?"

Food for thought there Lou. Interesting to see the retained list at the end of the season.



What a panic before the November mid-week fixture with Bristol Rovers when the Floodlights went out of operation. The South West Electricity Board were called, along with local contractors, Griffin and Weston, and fortunately the fault was overcome. We had to ask them to stay in attendance during the duration of the match and our grateful thanks are extended to all concerned.

## SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB WERE VERY SAD TO HEAR OF THE RECENT DEATH OF SIR GORDON RICHARDS

Sir Gordon was a former Director of Swindon Town Football Club and the Club Directors would like to express their condolences to Sir Gordon's family and his numerous friends on their sad loss.

At our recent Football Combination match here at the County Ground versus Norwich City there were several Managers and their Assistants in attendance. Alan Ball and Graham Paddon of Portsmouth, Terry Cooper and Clive Middlemass from Bristol City and Stuart Morgan of Torquay United.



Geoff Warren, the Club groundsman, is a deep sea fisherman and away from the County Ground that is where he is to be found. Geoff has earned the plaudits of many visiting clubs this season, the most recent being York City when they came south.



Chris Kamara's hat-trick in our fifth consecutive Football Combination win against Norwich City on November 11th was the fourth hat-trick scored by a Town player this season.



Nicky Hughes had accomplished the feat three times, once in South East Counties League fixture against Colchester United at home on October 18th and earlier in the season on September 20th in our 4-4 draw at Dean Court against Bournemouth in a South East Counties League Cup Match. He repeated the act last week against Tottenham Hotspur in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, and became the scorer of the clubs 5th hat-trick this season.



Dean Casserly scored the first hat-trick of the season against Reading in a South East Counties League fixture on Saturday August 30th in our 5-0 home win.

## Commercial COLUMN

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen welcome once again to the County Ground.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW** will take place on Friday 19th December in the Supporters Club. Will all Season Ticket Holders and our lottery agents please make sure that all tickets and counterfoils are returned to the Commercial Department by noon on Friday 19th December.

**PARTY BOOKINGS** Why not make 1987 your year to visit the club and see the facilities at the County Ground. Parties of between 10 and 50 can be catered for. See Swindon Town Football Club from the boot room to the Board room, a seat in the North Stand, programme and lunch. For further details please contact Doug Buswell at the Commercial Department or ring Swindon 642984 ext 30 or 31.

**SPONSORED KIT** There are still one or two vacancies left to sponsor our players kit. If anyone is interested please ring 642984 ext 30 or 31 for details.

Will **Mr Straight** who has left messages on our club ansaphone, please get in touch with me personally.

**SOUVENIRS** are now available for Christmas presents. Yesteryear cars which are collectors items, glassware engraved with the new club crest or an autographed football could be your idea of something different as a Christmas present. For the items above please call at the Commercial Department or ring 642984 ext 30 or 31.

However our Sports Shop run by Doug Woodman, situated by the County Ground Hotel stocks many other items such as replica kits, scarves, hats together with many items of sportswear. For the best deal in Town call and see Doug or ring him on Swindon 642984 ext 29. You won't be disappointed.

**OPEN DAY PHOTOGRAPHS** There are just a few photographs left to collect. Anyone who has not picked up their photo is requested to do so. They are available at the lottery office.

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The Book Club Associates	31 August	Notts County	Div 3	Paul Clarke, Swan Meadow, Pewsey
McLeans (South West) Ltd	13 September	Chester City	Div 3	Mr Perry, Gardiners Row Business Centre, Liverpool
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 Ray Hall, Avonclass Autocare, Okus Trading Estate, Swindon	5 October	Wigan Athletic	Div 3	Mr R Warren and family, Lambourn
Fields Packaging of Thatcham	8 October	Southampton	L Cup	The Stratton Bankers'
Skurrays, 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, 21 Signals Regiment, Wildenrath BFPO 42
Blunsdon House Hotel	15 November	Farnborough Town	F.A.C.	The County Ground Hotel
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
Allied Dunbar Ltd. Brothers Petroleum of Fairford.	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 Three Tuns, Wroughton
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
Wheelines (Swindon) Ltd, Central Trading Estate, Signal Way, Swindon	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
Mr. Green, North View, East Garston, Nr. Lambourne	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

In a week that saw the publication of a poll on peoples reasons for shunning football, the trip to Bury brought ample evidence itself. The 1970's gift to football was hooliganism, and subsequently fencing and caging to combat it. The major finding of the poll in the Today newspaper was that violence has driven and is continuing to drive families away from football, a vast number of potential supporters being lost to the game.

Bad crowd behaviour and the restricted view offered behind fencing has prompted many of those families still supporting football to seek refuge in the seating areas of football grounds.

Which leads me on to Gigg Lane, Bury and one of the most disturbing and ridiculous sights I have seen on a football ground for many years. Not content with caging standing supporters on a largely wooden terrace,

Bury also chose to erect a very high and very obstructive fence in front of the seating section reserved for away fans. If it is now felt necessary to treat seated fans with little history of trouble like caged animals there is surely no way back for football, and no way that it is going to lure back those who could safeguard its future.

Fencing on terraces should be as unnecessary an evil as hooliganism itself but has been made necessary by the access an unfenced terrace gives to the morons "battlefield".

Fencing grandstands is both dangerous and offensive, those who consider it necessary should perhaps consider a safer alternative if the problem cannot be coped with any other way - shut down the ground.

by Michael Scott

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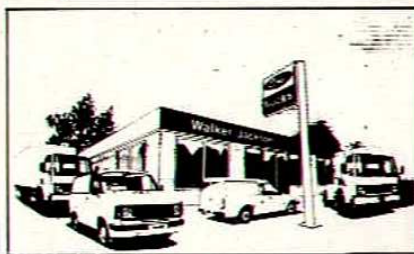
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Farnborough goalkeeper Les Cleevely saves from intruding Peter Coyne (left) and Leigh Barnard.



Peter Coyne forces the ball over the Farnborough line for the first Town goal of the 1st round FA Cup match.

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Acrobatic Peter Coyne leaps to avoid clashing with Farnborough 'keeper Cleevely in the Town's FA Cup win at the County Ground.

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## LAST SATURDAYS RESULTS

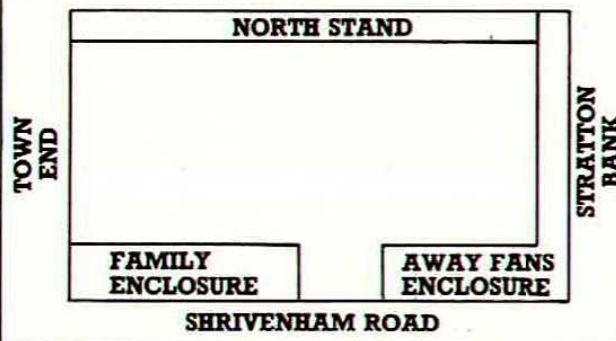
<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b> (0)..... 2 Puckett, O'Connor	<b>CHESTERFIELD</b> (0)..... 0 4,312
<b>BRENTFORD</b> (1)..... 1 Stevens	<b>BLACKPOOL</b> (0)..... 1 Taylor 4,471
<b>BRISTOL CITY</b> (0)..... 0	<b>ROTHERHAM</b> (1)..... 1 Pugh 6,796
<b>BURY</b> (0)..... 1 Taylor (pen)	<b>SWINDON</b> (2)..... 2 Gilligan, Wade 2,241
<b>CARLISLE</b> (0)..... 1 Poskett	<b>FULHAM</b> (0)..... 3 Coney 2, Davies 2,462
<b>CHESTER</b> (2)..... 3 Bennett 2, Croft	<b>BRISTOL R</b> (0)..... 1 Morgan 2,026
<b>DARLINGTON</b> (1)..... 1 Moore	<b>WIGAN</b> (0)..... 0 1,612
<b>DONCASTER</b> (2)..... 2 Woods, Burke	<b>PORT VALE</b> (1)..... 1 O'Kelly 2,455
<b>GILLINGHAM</b> (2)..... 3 Shearer 2, Cascarino	<b>NOTTS CO</b> (0)..... 1 Waitt 5,239
<b>MANSFIELD</b> (1)..... 2 Garner, Lowery	<b>BOLTON</b> (0)..... 2 Caldwell, Joyce 3,096
<b>NEWPORT</b> (0)..... 0	<b>MIDDLSBRO</b> (0)..... 1 Mowbray 2,876
<b>YORK</b> (0)..... 1 Hood (pen)	<b>WALSALL</b> (2)..... 5 Shakespeare, Childs, Kelly 2, Cross 3,149

DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attd	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
23.9.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON L.C.	A	10,826	0-3
27.9.86	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	4,055	2-0
30.9.86	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	9,221	0-1
5.10.86	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	6,450	3-1
8.10.86	WED	SOUTHAMPTON	H	9,453	0-0
11.10.86	SAT	FULHAM L.C.	A	4,708	2-0
18.10.86	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	H	5,787	2-1
21.10.86	TUE	PORT VALE	A	3,420	4-3
25.10.86	SAT	DARLINGTON	A	1,834	0-0
1.11.86	SAT	YORK CITY	H	6,297	3-1
4.11.86	TUE	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	9,097	1-2
8.11.86	SAT	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	3,908	0-0
15.11.86	SAT	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	H F.A.C. R.1	5,960	4-0
22.11.86	SAT	BURY	A	2,241	2-1
25.11.86	TUE	WALSALL	A	5,807	0-1
29.11.86	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H		
6.12.86	SAT	ENFIELD	H F.A.C. R.2		
9.12.86	TUE	ORIENT	H F.R.T.		
14.12.86	SUN	BRISTOL CITY (11.30 a.m.)	H		
21.12.86	SUN	DONCASTER ROVERS	A		
26.12.86	FRI	BRENTFORD	H (3.00 pm)		
27.12.86	SAT	GILLINGHAM	A		
1.1.87	THU	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A (3.00 pm)		
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		

## DIVISION THREE

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Middlesbrough	17	5	2	1	16	7	5	3	1	14	7	35
Gillingham	16	7	2	0	15	2	3	2	2	7	7	34
Bournemouth	16	8	0	0	18	6	2	3	3	7	11	33
Blackpool	16	5	2	1	14	5	3	3	2	15	11	29
Notts County	17	6	1	1	19	6	2	3	4	10	14	28
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	17	4	1	3	15	14	4	3	2	12	9	28
Doncaster	17	7	2	0	16	5	1	1	6	10	16	27
Mansfield	16	4	4	0	9	5	2	5	1	10	8	27
Bristol City	15	3	4	1	13	7	3	1	3	10	5	23
Wigan	17	5	1	2	17	10	2	0	7	10	20	22
York City	17	5	2	2	13	12	1	2	5	9	19	22
Walsall	17	4	2	2	17	13	2	2	5	15	19	22
Chesterfield	17	5	0	3	18	18	1	3	5	7	15	21
Bristol Rovers	16	2	4	1	8	7	3	1	5	12	16	20
Fulham	17	2	2	4	11	16	3	3	3	12	13	20
Brentford	16	4	2	3	14	12	1	2	4	6	12	19
<b>Carlisle</b>	17	4	2	3	11	11	1	2	5	6	14	19
Newport County	16	1	5	2	11	12	3	0	5	12	14	17
Bolton	17	3	2	3	12	10	1	3	5	11	16	17
Chester	17	2	6	1	11	11	0	5	3	6	12	17
Darlington	15	4	2	3	8	10	0	2	4	8	14	16
Rotherham	17	2	2	4	7	10	2	1	6	7	17	15
Bury	16	2	3	3	11	12	1	2	5	8	12	14
Port Vale	17	1	2	5	12	14	2	3	4	11	15	14

## COUNTY GROUND PLAN



Coming next to the County Ground  
**ENFIELD in the F.A. Cup**  
**Saturday December 6th**  
 KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

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Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade	<b>Coyne (2)</b>	Barnard	Ling
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	<b>Bamber (2)</b>	Henry	<b>Wade(1)</b>	Coyne*	Ling*	McLoughlin/Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Coyne*	Henry	Bamber	Wade	Barnard	<b>White (1)</b>
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	<b>Bamber (2)</b>	Henry	<b>Wade(1)</b>	Coyne	McLoughlin	Parkin/Ling
Allen	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	<b>Wade(2)</b>	Coyne*	Ling	Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry*	Wade	McLoughlin	Jones	<b>White (1)</b>
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Jones	Ling*	Wade	White	<b>Barnard (2)</b>	Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Jones	Wade	Gilligan	Barnard	Henry/McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	<b>Gilligan (1)</b>	Wade	<b>Bamber (1)</b>	Barnard	Coyne
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan*	Wade	Bamber	Barnard	Coyne
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	<b>Kamara (1)</b>	Parkin	Calderwood	<b>Jones (1)</b>	Gilligan	White	<b>Bamber (1)</b>	Barnard	Reynolds
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin*	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan	Coyne*	Bamber	Barnard	White/Wade
Digby	Ramsey	McLoughlin	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber	Jones	<b>Coyne (P)</b>	Gilligan	Barnard	<b>White (1)</b>
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	<b>Bamber (1)</b>	Jones	McLoughlin	Gilligan*	<b>Barnard (1)</b>	White
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	<b>Jones (1)</b>	Calderwood	<b>Kamara (1)</b>	Henry	Bamber	<b>White (1)</b>	<b>Gilligan (1)</b>	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan*	Barnard	McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	<b>Jones (P+1)</b>	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	<b>Gilligan(1)</b>	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	<b>Gilligan(1)*</b>	Barnard	Henry
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	<b>Wade *(1)</b>	Parkin	<b>Coyne (1)</b>	White *	<b>Gilligan (1)</b>	Barnard	Gardiner/McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	<b>Wade(1)</b>	McLoughlin	Franklin	Bamber	<b>Gilligan (1)</b>	Barnard	White
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber	McLoughlin	Wade	Coyne *	Barnard	Gilligan

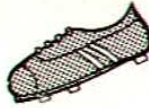
- League crowds were up for the sixth time in the last seven weekends. The total of 405,727 showed an increase of 57,092 compared with a year ago. This total includes last Sundays attendance of 48,247 who watched the televised match between Everton and Liverpool at Goodison Park end in a goal-less encounter.
- The first appearance of Alex Ferguson in charge of Manchester United at Old Trafford enticed 42,235 for their First Division match with Queens Park Rangers. The total was 5,289 up compared with United's last gate. This was the highest attendance of last weekend until last Sunday's Merseyside, Derby.
- Derby County attracted their biggest league gate of the season, 18,092, since they returned to the Second Division.
- Torquay United became the first club this season to record a crowd of less than 1,000. Just one absent fan gave the Plainmoor Club that unwanted fact.
- Total Goals: 115. Hat-Tricks: Keith Bertschin (Stoke City v Reading). Sent Off: Nicky Johns (Charlton Athletic) and Sean Haselgrave (York City). Total dismissals this season: 87 (68 League, 10 Littlewoods Cup, 9 F.A. Cup).
- There have been seven less dismissals compared with this stage of the season a year ago.

## DIVISION THREE LEADING GOALSCORERS

	LEAGUE	F. A. CUP	LITTLEWOODS CUP	TOTAL
DAVID KELLY (WALSALL)	13	0	2	15
IAN McPARLAND (NOTTS COUNTY)	10	2	1	13
ANDY JONES (PORT VALE)	8	0	4	12
ARCHIE STEPHENS (MIDDLESBROUGH)	11	0	1	12
KEITH WALWYN (YORK CITY)	7	1	4	12



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Lou Macari	Family Choice, quite simply a good buy, only at your local shop				
Kenny Allen	Andrea Peglar	The Pete Allen Band Swindon 694828	Dave Dennis and Marlene Brown of Carterton	Mrs Chillot 34 Ash Walk Warminster	Simon Hillier
Dave Bamber	Raynors J. R. and Sons, Vehicle Dismantlers, Broadtown, Swindon Swindon 853715, 853409				
Leigh Barnard	Richard Brien, Lindum House Hostel				
Alan Churchward	R. H. Sears Family Butchers Nythe Road, Swindon	Mr. Forrest Lloyds Bank Devizes			
Dave Cole	Mr G. Mulcahy The Mallard, Lyneham	Videostop 1 118 Eastcott Hill Swindon 694603	Mrs Fisher 50 Birdcome Road Westlea	John Monk and Co., Unit 4 272 Ermin Street, S-S-M Swindon 827098	
Peter Coyne	Simon Bayliss North Brickhin Bedfordshire	Mrs Chilcott 34 Ash Walk Warminster	Bryant School of Motoring Swindon 823421	Mr Fisher 50 Birdcome Rd Westlea	Martyn Smith Market Stores Minchinhampton, Glos.
Colin Calderwood	The Oxford Hotel Drove Road Swindon	Don Rogers Sports 29 Faringdon Road Swindon	Ray Warren and Family Lambourn	Robins out of Town	Tony Newman Wsale Meat Supplies Lea, Malmesbury
Mark Gardiner	Videostop 2 345 Cheney Manor Rd Swindon 619905	A. J. Carter Co. Water Engineers Devizes 0380/2063	Robins out of Town	Tudor Carpets Seymour Road Swindon 30699	Mr. B. Compton Compton Welding, Purton Swindon 770742
Jimmy Gilligan	Mrs Tucker, Bath Road Garage, Seend, Melksham, Wilts				
Charlie Henry	Colin Robson, Mathew Warr, Paul Garrett, Ben Warr, David Rose	T. Ranger, D. Loder N. Cowley, M. Pitts	Stratton TV & HiFi Upper Stratton Swindon 724335	Alexander Insurance Regent Circus Swindon	Mr. J. Bird Kington-St-Micheal Rd. Kington Langley
Dave Hockaday	M. Aldridge 19 Keats Gardens Stroud	Miss S. Coburn 12 Deburgh St. Swindon	Mr & Mrs Smith Market Stores Minchinhampton, Glos.	Ben Herbert	George, Brenda & Helen Chadwick of Ramsbury
Chris Kamara	John Tremlin Coped Hall Service Station	Mr Chris Scott	John Ward 18 Nelson Place London	The Oxford Hotel Drove Road Swindon	
Mark Jones	Bassett Bookmakers, High Street, Wootton Bassett - Accounts Welcome Tel. 854788 (all lines)				
Alan McLoughlin	The Drivers of Tidworth Coaches				
Denny Mundee	The County Ground Bookmakers	Don Rogers Sports 29 Faringdon Rd., Swindon	Brewster Hire Centre Swindon 23306		
Tim Parkin	Tidworth Coaches		Tidworth Coaches		
Chris Ramsey	June and Alan Beckett Oakfield Road Carterton	Terry Wollen Wollens Off Licence Cricklade Road, Swindon	Mr Michael Scott	Robins out of Town	
Jamie Reynolds	Mr C Parker The Old Swan Hotel, Minster Lovell, Oxon	Rollers Brunel Plaza	Mr Hiscock The Fairway Lounge Broome Manor Golf Complex		
Andy Rowland	Mr Ted Roberts & Family	Mrs C. Weavers Haydon Wick Swindon	Mr Godwin The Princess Beatrice St, Swindon	Ashley Catering Weddings, Parties Swindon 770250, 770982	John Ward 18 Nelson Place London
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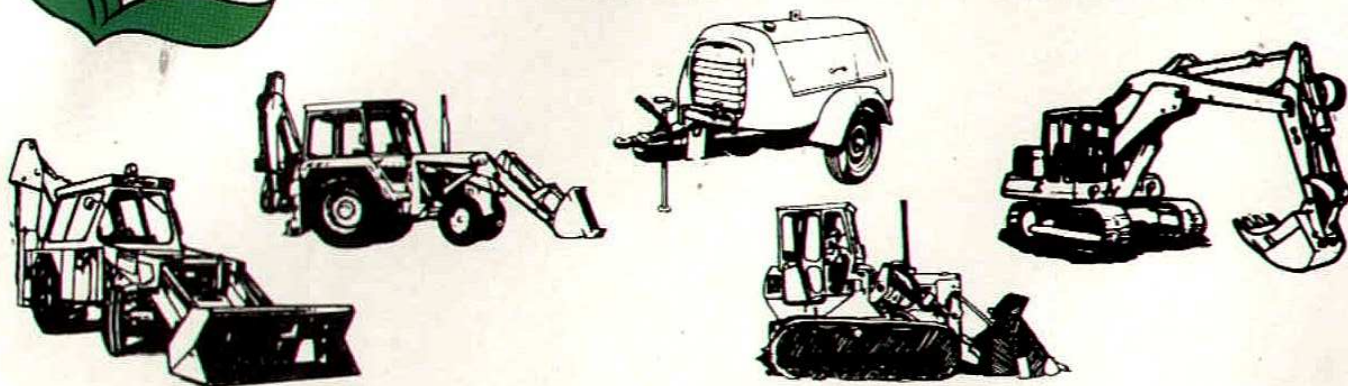
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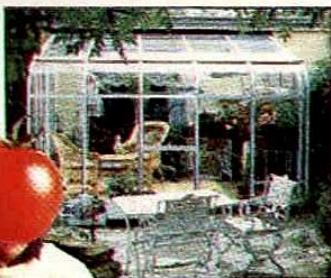
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