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**Proud as a Peacock that's
Keith after receiving his
award for being the Third
Division's Bell's Whisky
Manager of the Month for
November.**

Top Comment



PAUL TAYLOR

Good Afternoon,

Welcome back to Priestfield and I hope that you're all enjoying the festive season. Within the game, this time of year is generally accepted as the half-way mark in the season.

It's the first of the vital holiday periods when teams have the opportunity to make up lost ground with the heavy fixture schedule. Alternatively, some lose ground.

Happily, we're up with the pace-makers once more which is marvellous bearing in mind the number of changes made to the playing staff during the close-season.

All credit to the players for continuing to pick up points in the early part of the season when the new-look team had hardly time to gell. What we need now is luck with injuries and the rub of the green.

We believe that the cohesion success demands is increasing. We are also pleased that competition for places is continually hotting up.

Against the very capable Northampton side in the Freight Rover Trophy tie at Priestfield, we were forced to make a number of changes through injury.

Steve Jacobs, recently signed from Charlton, Trevor Quow and Graham Westley came into the side and did very well against a side that had lost only twice all season.

That win assures the club of a place in the first round of a competition that becomes most lucrative in its advanced stages. We certainly do not treat it lightly — we can't afford to.

The reserves are doing well in the Capital League and reached the semi-finals of the President's Cup with an exciting 4-3 win, after extra time, against a full strength Dagenham side from the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Last week, they took on an Arsenal XI containing Charlie Nicholas, Graham Rix, Tommy Caton and Ian Allinson. They lost to two Nicholas goals, one a penalty, but did well.

A good proportion of those reserve team players are the lads who play in our South East Counties League side on Saturdays. So it's all good experience for them.

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TOWNSEND THORESEN 

Gills Chat

Written and compiled by Tony Hudd

GENTLEMEN — PLEASE

We at Gillingham are committed to a course of making this a family club where Mum, Dad and the children can come without fear. To help us achieve this aim, may I appeal to you all

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE—NO SWEARING

R.J. Wood, Chairman

COLIN LOOKS IN

Inbetween giving a television interview and talking to both the national and provincial press after Gillingham's marvellous 2-0 win at Bournemouth, manager Keith Peacock renewed an old acquaintance with Colin Clarke.

Colin had a spell on loan at Priestfield in 1983 when he scored one goal in eight appearances before returning to Peterborough.

He was subsequently released and joined Tranmere Rovers before moving to Bournemouth and then Southampton for whom he is top-scorer this season and a Northern Ireland international.

BILLY'S BACK

Back in England and playing for Dagenham of the GM Vauxhall Conference is ex-Gill Billy Landsdowne. He joined Gillingham from Charlton in January 1983 and made six appearances before departing for Scandanavia where he has played most of his soccer in recent seasons.

HATELEY PRAISE

Mark Hateley, the England and AC Milan striker, was among the crowd to watch Gillingham's spectacular 5-0 success at Notts County in the Freight Rover Trophy.

Mark, whose father Tony counted Notts among his many clubs, was on a whistle-stop return home seeing relatives in the Nottingham area. He left full of praise for Gillingham's performance — and their finishing.

DEAN RETURNS

Dean White was back at Priestfield last week in the colours of Maidstone United.

Dean, an ex-Gill, had just joined Stones from his home town club, Hastings, and scored twice in a reserve team friendly. During his stay at Priestfield between 1978 and 1982, Dean scored 26 goals in 108 appearances.

He later joined Millwall in March 1983, skipping the side in 41 appearances. Despite the efforts of Southend United to lure him back into the League, Dean has been content to play non-league soccer.

OH DEAR WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE . . .

Gillingham supporters wishing to sit in Doncaster's main stand in future would be advised to learn from Alan Liptrott's recent experience at Belle Vue.

Alan, steward of the Gills Social Club, wanted to use the toilets during the second half of Gillingham's match on November 7 at Belle Vue.

Alas, all the doors were locked. Apparently it's a firm policy at the ground. Poor Alan was left to find his way to the terraces where he did find a toilet open for business.

commercial

by Harold Rumsey

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SPONSOR A PLAYER

We are almost full of sponsors this season — but — a few spaces still exist for further names to be added. The response this season has been the best ever, so it would be nice if we managed 100% support.

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We are indebted to Mike Ward the newsagency and confectionary shop in the High Street, Gillingham for the supply of chocolate boxes he has so kindly provided for a number of evening matches. These are distributed by our players in various parts of the ground.

MATCH BALL DONORS

We have been a little disappointed recently with the fall-off in match ball donors. We would like to see at least another half a dozen for the remainder of the season. The sponsorship is £50.00 and it would give me great pleasure to invite donors to the match they sponsor.

MATCH DAY MASCOT

It was very funny the lengths we went to, to keep Tony Hudd of Evening Post fame — and of course the editor of this match day magazine from knowing his son was to be mascot for our match with Northampton Town. His wife had to travel separately with their son and daughter and he changed in our accounts office. Tony was told he would be interviewing someone in the tunnel before kick-off. Unfortunately, the photographer missed taking his (we had hoped) look of surprise, but it was taken as a family group. (Talk about Eamon Andrews!!)

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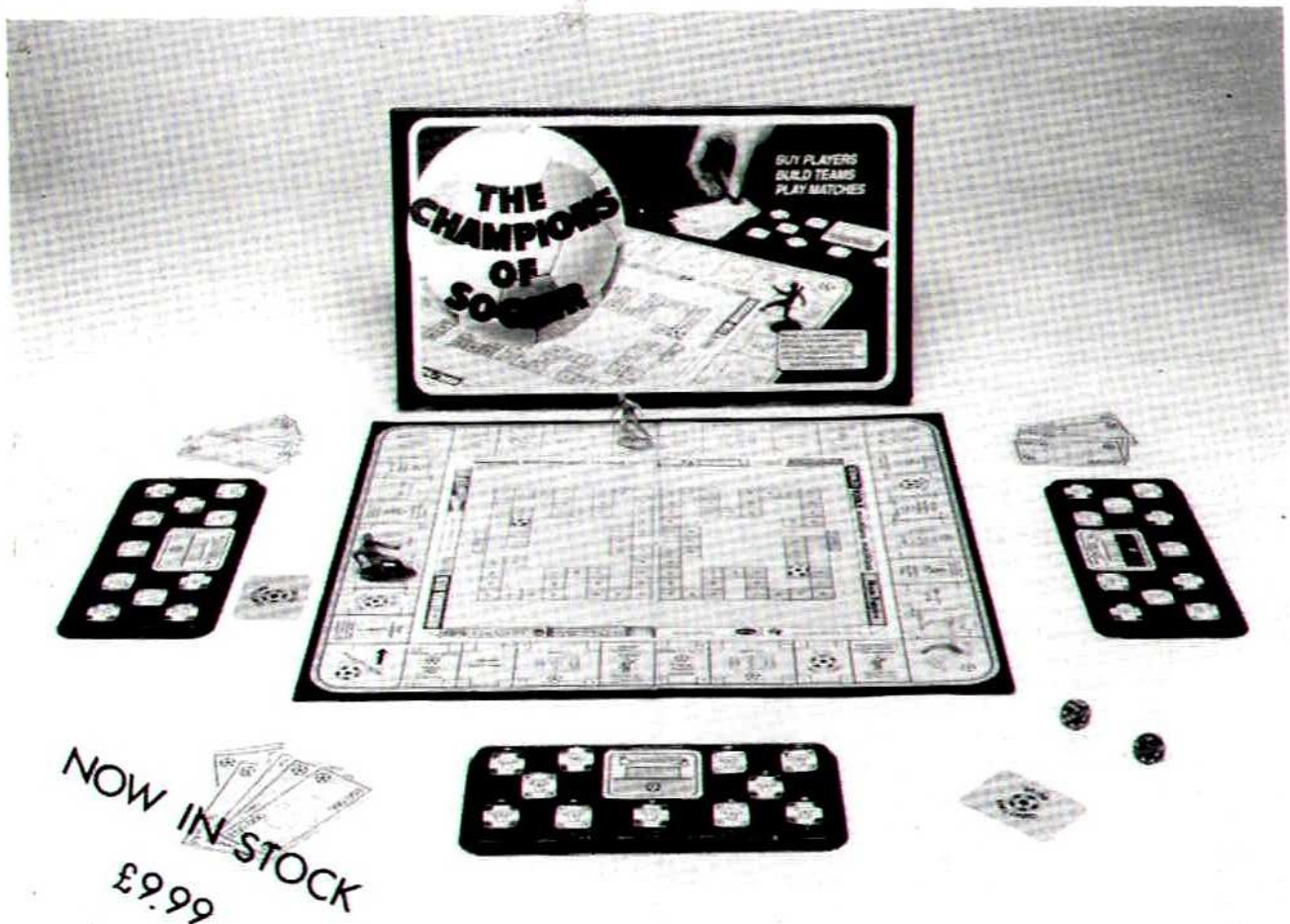
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DON DURBRIDGE WRITES

Today we find ourselves in the middle of our most busy spell of the season. Seven games in 25 days, from the Freight Rover Trophy meeting with Northampton here on December 16 to the forthcoming FA Cup trip to Wigan on January 10. Between those two cup-ties are sandwiched five League fixtures which could make or break our promotion hopes.

And the wheel of football fortune is so unpredictable. One minute all seems set fair, the next can come despair. Or, of course, the other way around. Take Middlesbrough, for example. Right up to the eve of the new season last August they were battling through the courts to stave off extinction. Then came the big kick-off, and they launched into a fair impersonation of Ballyregan Bob, leaving everybody else standing. It took us till December to overhaul them and we did so by outplaying Bournemouth, another outfit who were going great guns early on but at the time of writing appeared to be falling apart.

We stuck eight goals past Notts County in the space of 48 hours, home and away, yet in the run-up to Christmas they were rallying well and still very much among the promotion contenders in third place. And Bolton, who at one time looked to be down among the dead men, started to scale the table on the strength of points prised not from fellow-strugglers but from high-flyers like ourselves. Remember December 13?

And what about our opponents today? It's not that long since they were relegated. Then, with the arrival of Lou Macari, hopes were high that a revival would get underway. And so it has, but not before the extraordinary situation of the manager being first dismissed and then reinstated on the strength, so it was said, of player-power. That hiccup over they have indeed started to move onward and upward again.

Promotion last season has been followed by an impressive return to Division Three and you'll find plenty of people ready to forecast that this time next year they'll be battling away in the Second. We, of course, know that's easier said than achieved, but certainly their form makes them among the likely lads. We can dent those hopes today, thereby boosting our own chances and send ourselves into 1987 on a winning note. With Walsall here on Thursday and a trip to Notts County two days later it is, as I said at the beginning, make or break time.

Stadium Stars

Roger Triggs looks back at the players who have worn the colours of Gillingham since their election to the Football League in 1950.

No. 19 John Simpson

Tall, commanding keeper who still holds the club's appearances record, John Simpson was born in Kendal and played for his school, county and local senior side as a centre-half! After being called up to do his national service, it was whilst serving with the Military Police in Edinburgh that his goalkeeping talents were first noticed. He gained experience with Scottish Junior side Penicuik Athletic and after being demobbed he signed for Netherfield in the Lancashire Combination.

He signed professional for Lincoln City in March 1957 after a trial with Huddersfield Town and played in the final five games of that season. During the summer of 1957 he moved south to Gillingham for a fee of £750 and he made his debut in the opening game of the season against Brighton & Hove. He soon established himself at Priestfield and over the next 14 years withstood all other challenges from other promising goalkeepers.

He made his final appearance against Colchester United in February 1972 and the following August he moved to near neighbours Maidstone United. He still lives in Gillingham and runs a successful newsagents in Barnsole Road.

| | LEAGUE | | FA CUP | | FL CUP | | TOTAL | |
|---------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| | App | Gls | App | Gls | App | Gls | App | Gls |
| 1957-58 | 28 | | | | | | 28 | |
| 1958-59 | 40 | | 2 | | | | 42 | |
| 1959-60 | 46 | | 4 | | | | 50 | |
| 1960-61 | 44 | | 3 | | | 2 | 49 | |
| 1961-62 | 37 | | 1 | | 1 | | 39 | |
| 1962-63 | 37 | | 2 | | | | 39 | |
| 1963-64 | 46 | | 1 | | 5 | | 52 | |
| 1964-65 | 45 | | 3 | | 1 | | 49 | |
| 1965-66 | 46 | | 1 | | 1 | | 48 | |
| 1966-67 | 37 | | 2 | | 1 | | 40 | |
| 1967-68 | 46 | | 1 | | 3 | | 50 | |
| 1968-69 | 26 | | | | 2 | | 28 | |
| 1969-70 | 40 | | 6 | | 1 | | 47 | |
| 1970-71 | 46 | | 1 | | 1 | | 48 | |
| 1971-72 | 7 | | | | 1 | | 8 | |
| | 571 | | 27 | | 19 | | 617 | |



by David Garth

CITY ON THE MOVE

Having been just behind the pacemakers in this season's race for promotion, **Bristol City** have started to close the gap on the leading sides and at the time of writing are unbeaten in five matches. Having suffered a few poor results in October and November, including a shock 1-0 home defeat by lowly **Rotherham United**, City ran out 1-0 winners away to **Newport County** before beating near neighbours **Bath City** in an FA Cup, Second Round replay - Owen 2 (1 pen) and Neville scoring the goals. It was Neville again on target along with Glyn Riley as they won 2-1 away to today's guests **Swindon Town** with City then beating arch-rivals Bristol Rovers 3-0 in the Freight Rover Trophy. Rob Newman, David Moyes and Alan Walsh scoring the goals.

FOCUS ON SWINDON TOWN

Last six matches: Bury (A) 2-1 Gilligan, Wade; Walsall (A) 0-1; Carlisle United (H) 2-0 Franklin, Kamara; Enfield (FAC2,H) 3-0 Wade, Bamber, Jones; Orient (FRT,H) 3-0 White, Bamber 2; Bristol City (H) 1-2 White.

Best win this season: 4-0 v Farnborough (A*) on 15-11-86. Scorers: Coyne, Wade, Gilligan, Gardiner.

Heaviest defeat this season: 2-6 v Blackpool (H) on 16-9-86. Scorers: Barnard 2.

Highest attendance at the County Ground: 9,453 v Southampton (LCC2,2L) 0-0 on 8-10-86.

Lowest attendance at the County Ground: 3,085 v Orient (FRT) 3-0 on 9-12-86.

Average League Attendance: 6,520.

*Cup tie v Farnborough was played at Swindon.

THE ROBIN'S GOALSCORERS.

League: Gilligan 5, White 5, Jones 4 (1 pen), Bamber 3, Barnard 3, Coyne 3 (1 pen), Kamara 3, Wade 3, Franklin.

Littlewoods Cup: Bamber 4, Wade 2.

F.A. Cup: Wade 2, Bamber, Coyne, Gardiner, Gilligan, Jones.

Freight Rover Trophy: Bamber 2, White.

COMPARISON (showing Gills' and Swindon Town's respective record this season)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| GILLINGHAM | 27 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 40 | 25 |
| SWINDON | 27 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 47 | 32 |

TODAY'S DIVISION THREE MATCHES

| | | |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| Bournemouth | v | Fulham |
| Brentford | v | Bristol Rovers |
| Bristol City | v | Walsall |
| Bury | v | Notts County |
| Carlisle United | v | Rotherham United |
| Chester City | v | Blackpool |
| Darlington | v | Chesterfield |
| Doncaster Rovers | v | Bolton Wanderers |
| Mansfield Town | v | Middlesbrough |
| Newport County | v | Port Vale |
| York City | v | Wigan Athletic |

LEADING GOALSCORERS IN DIVISION 3.

| | League | L'wood Cup | FA Cup | F.R. Trophy | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 1. Dave Puckett (B'mouth) | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 16 |
| 2. Robbie Cooke (Brtford) | 10 (1pen) | 1 | 0 | 4 | 15 |
| 3. David Kelly (Walsall) | 13 (1 pen) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 4. Ian McParland (Notts Co) | 11 (1 pen) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| 5. Archie Stephens (M'bro) | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| 6. Keith Walwyn (York City) | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| 7. Tony Caldwell (Bolton) | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| 8. Dean Coney (Fulham) | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| 9. Andy Jones (Port Vale) | 8 (2 pen) | 4 (3 pen) | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 10. Dave Shearer (G'ham) | 10 (1pen) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 |

GILLINGHAM'S GOALSCORERS

League: Shearer 10 (1 pen), Pritchard 4, Weatherly 3, Cascarino

2, Eves 2, Greenall 2, Robinson 2

Littlewoods Cup: Cascarino 3, Weatherly

F.A. Cup: Cascarino 2, Hinnigan, Robinson, Opponents 1

Freight Rover Tr.: Cascarino 2, Shearer 2, Pritchard, Robinson

Average League Attendance at Priestfield: 4,729

(All facts and figures are correct up to and including Thursday, 18th December 1986.)

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**John
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1. Gills best chance at Bolton fell to Co on in anticipation, but the defender's kick, flashed wide.
2. Bolton's Mark Came gives Tony challenges, but on this occasion the couldn't direct his header to the waitin
3. Paul Haylock is already off the startin behind, but yet again a Bolton defende
4. Bolton 'keeper Mike Salmon gather close attention.



1. Gills best chance at Bolton fell to Colin Greenall. Joe Hinnigan looks on in anticipation, but the defender's header, from a Paul Collins free kick, flashed wide.
2. Bolton's Mark Came gives Tony Cascarino one of many stiff challenges, but on this occasion the big striker came out on top but couldn't direct his header to the waiting Howard Pritchard.
3. Paul Haylock is already off the starting blocks with Colin Greenall just behind, but yet again a Bolton defender got there first.
4. Bolton "keeper Mike Salmon gathers safely with Tony Cascarino in close attention.

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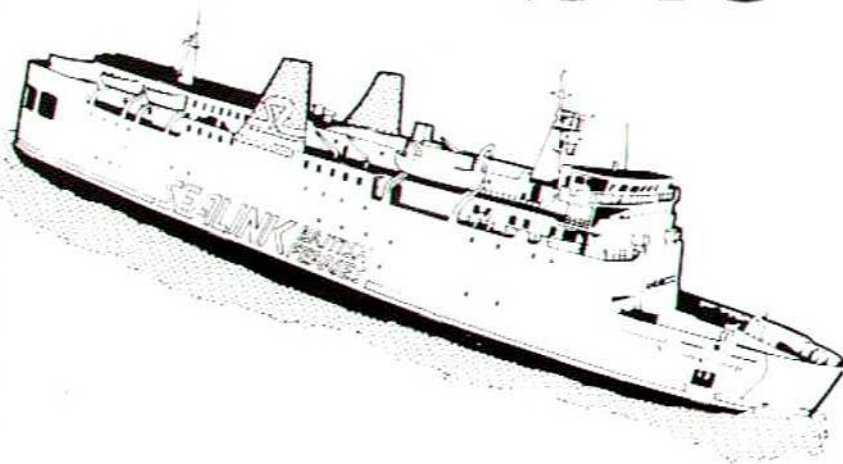


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New Brompton win 7-2 at Chesham to remain top of the Southern League Division Two with a 100 per cent record.

1904: Monday 28 December

Jim Stevenson, acquired from Nottingham Forest during the close season, nets a hat-trick in enabling Brompton to defeat Swindon 3-1 at Priestfield.

1933: Saturday 31 December

Gills suffer a record home defeat, slumping to a 7-3 reverse by second-in-the-table Coventry. Gillingham were ominously whalloped 7-1 at Highfield Road on the opening day of the season.

1937: Saturday 25 December

A crowd of 7,102 demand their money back after the referee, rightly, decided to abandon the home match against Notts County after 37 minutes because of fog. A thick, swirling mist made it impossible to see. By the time the referee called it off the scores stood level at one apiece.

1943: Monday 27 December

The cobwebs and weeds were cleared from Priestfield Stadium before a Gillingham team captained by Stan Cullis of Wolves and England played Ford Sports in a friendly. The first match at the ground for four-and-a-bit years attracted a gate of over 7,000.

BY ANDY BRADLEY

1946: Thursday 26 December

A bumper crowd of 11,242 pack Priestfield to see Gills defeat Colchester 4-2 in the Southern League thanks to Tommy Kingsnorth (penalty), Tug Wilson and Vic Akers (2).

1957: Wednesday 25 December

Gillingham's last ever Christmas Day fixture ends in a 1-1 draw against Q.P.R. at Priestfield. Wendel Morgan scored the home goal in a match watched by an audience of 7,299.

1959: Monday 28 December

Gillingham's Fourth Division game at Crystal Palace pulls in a hefty holiday crowd of 18,248. The visitors forced an impressive result — a 3-3 draw — through Jack Hannaway (2) and Roy 'Chopper' Proverbs.

1961: Wednesday 26 December

With manager Harry Barratt indisposed, Dr. Grossmark takes charge of the team for the match at Exeter City and encourages them to a 3-1 win. Ronnie Waldock (2) and Bill Cockburn scored the goals.

1969: Saturday 27 December

Gills, third to bottom in the table, come storming back from behind to end the 36 match unbeaten home record of promotion chasing Luton Town. In the days

when visiting supporters were allowed at Kenilworth Road there were a good number in 17,402 crowd, acclaiming Mike Green — scorer of both Gillingham goals — as their hero.



Allan Gauden — Debut goal

1974: Saturday 28 December

Midfielder Allan Gauden — signed from Hartlepool for £5,000 — scores on his debut against top dogs Crystal Palace. A handsome Priestfield attendance of 14,565 saw Dave Shipperley and Damien Richardson account for the other scores in an excellent 3-1 success.

1986: Wednesday 1 January

Gills give their promotion hopes a boost with a great win in the pouring rain at Reading. The runaway leaders were beaten 2-1 by David Byrne, after two minutes, and a rocket freekick dispatched by Karl Elsey.

AND TEN YEARS AGO . . .

John 'Buster' Crabbe of Southampton was the man Gerry Summers had in mind to strengthen the team's midfield department following the departure of Dick Tydeman to Charlton for a fee of £65,000.

But, before his arrival in January, Gills had to see out the old year and they fared badly.

A crowd of 11,237 gathered at Priestfield on Monday 27 December 1976 for the visit of Terry Venables' powerful Crystal Palace outfit.

And most of them went home dejected as Palace cruised to a comfortable 3-0 away win.

Two days later Gillingham travelled down to Sussex to play top-of-the-table Brighton in another match which attracted a big gate — 16,880.

A goal in each half without reply gave the Seagulls both points and sent Gills crashing to their seventh consecutive defeat.

Those results obviously seriously effected the club's station in Division Three and pushed them down to 18th position, just one point clear of the bottom four.

Everybody was hoping for a change of fortune in the New Year.



Formed: 1881.

Turned Professional: 1894.

Ground: The County Ground.

Capacity:

Club Nickname: The 'Robins'.

Club Colours: Red shirts, white shorts, red stockings.

Change Colours: Yellow shirts, blue shorts, yellow stockings.

Record Attendance: 32,000 v. Arsenal (FA Cup) 15 January 1972.

Record Receipts: £56,024 v Tottenham Hotspur (FA Cup) 26 January 1980.

Record Victory: 10-1 v Farnham United Breweries (FA Cup) 28 November 1925.

Record Defeat: 0-9 v Torquay United (Div. 3 South) 8 March 1952.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £150,000 to Southampton for David Peach, March 1980.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £250,000 from Aston Villa for Paul Rideout, May 1983.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Harry Morris with 47 goals in season 1926-27.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Harry Morris, 216, 1926-33.

Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas, 30, Wales.

Most League Appearances: John Trollope, 770, 1960-80.

Honours: Runners-up, Div. 3: 1962-63, 1968-69. Champions, Div. 4: 1985-86.

GILLINGHAM v SWINDON TOWN
LEAGUE RECORD

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Home | 38 | 20 | 15 | 3 | 64 | 31 |
| Away | 38 | 5 | 9 | 24 | 28 | 75 |
| | 76 | 25 | 24 | 27 | 92 | 106 |

GOOD AFTERNOON SWINDON TOWN

Kenny Allen (Goalkeeper). Born Thornaby. Signed in September 1985 from Torquay United and missed only six games last season as Swindon won the Fourth Division Championship. Originally with Hartlepool United, he went on to make 152 League appearances for Bournemouth before moving to Torquay.

Fraser Digby (Goalkeeper). Born Sheffield. Former apprentice with Manchester United, he is now in his second spell with Swindon having been on loan with them last season. Over six foot, he made his Football League debut earlier this season.

Chris Ramsey (Defender). Born Birmingham. Once on amateur forms with Bristol City, he later served Brighton & Hove Albion and played in the 1983 FA Cup Final alongside Graham Pearce against Manchester United. He first joined Swindon on loan before joining permanently in December 1984. He missed only three League games last season.

Colin Calderwood (Defender). Born Stranraer. Swindon's only ever present last season and current holder of their 'Player of the Year' award, he joined Swindon during the summer of 1985. His brilliant displays attracted the attention of many First Division clubs, having previously made over 100 senior appearances for Mansfield Town.

Tim Parkin (Defender). Born Penrith. Cost a fee of £27,500 to Bristol Rovers during the summer, this tall commanding central defender had made over 200 League appearances for the Bristol club. Previously on apprentice forms with Blackburn Rovers, he later had a successful spell with Malmo in Sweden.

David Cole (Defender). Born Barnsley. Signed in February 1985 on a free transfer from Swansea City and missed only two League games last season. He spent brief spells with St. Mirren and Sunderland before joining the South Wales club for whom he made eight League appearances.

Alan McLoughlin (Defencer). Born Manchester. Signed on a free transfer during the summer from Manchester United, he made his Football League debut earlier this season having failed to make the first team at Old Trafford.



Back Row L-R Mark Gardner, Steve White, Jimmy Gilligan, Chris Kamara, Tim Parkin, Alan Churchward, Kenny Allen, Dave Bamber, Charlie Henry, David Cole, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey.

Middle Row L-R Philip Bell, Nick Hughes, Tony Berry, Peter Lango, Andy Rowland (Youth Coach), Garry Gillen, Dave Barnett, Dean Casserly, Adrian Viveash.

Front Row L-R John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Leigh Barnard, Martin Ling, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (Manager), Mark Hughes, Jamie Reynolds, Bryan Wade, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Chris Kamara (Midfield). Born Middlesbrough. Now in his second spell with Swindon having rejoined them in August 1985 from Brentford for £12,500. Originally on apprentice forms with Portsmouth, he first joined Swindon in August 1977 and made 147 League appearances before having another spell with Portsmouth.

Leigh Barnard (Midfield). Born Worsley. Has now made over 150 League appearances since his transfer from Portsmouth in July 1982. Former apprentice at Fratton Park he turned professional in August 1977 and went on to make 79 League appearances for them. During his career he has also had loan spells with Peterborough United and Exeter City.

Martin Ling (Midfield). Born West Ham. Moved to the County Ground in July for a Football League tribunal fee of £25,000 from Exeter City. He first joined Exeter as an apprentice in 1982 and went on to make 116 League appearances for them.

Charlie Henry (Midfield). Born Acton. Former apprentice, he turned professional in January 1980 and has now appeared in over 200 senior games. Originally a full-back, he was a revelation last season when converted to a midfield role and finished the season as the club's top scorer with 18 goals.

David Hockaday (Midfield). Born Billingham. Once on Blackpool's books as a junior, he turned professional with them in June 1975. He went on to score 24 goals in 147 appearances for them before joining Swindon during the summer of 1983. Having spent part of last season in the full-back position, he made his 100th League appearance for Swindon earlier this season.

Dave Bamber (Forward). Born St. Helens. Tall commanding striker, he was signed last March from Portsmouth for £15,000 after an initial period on loan. Spotted playing for Manchester University, he signed professional forms for Blackpool in September 1979. He later served Coventry City and Walsall.

Jimmy Gilligan (Forward). Born Hammersmith. Cost a fee of £31,500 to Grimsby Town during the summer, he first joined Watford as an apprentice straight from school. After turning professional he found he was unable to gain a regular first team place at Vicarage Road and moved to Grimsby during the summer of 1985 for £100,000. He also has spent a short loan spell with Lincoln City.

Bryan Wade (Forward). Born Bath. Signed at the start of last season from Southern League side Trowbridge Town and made a successful start to his Football League career. He appeared in 31 League appearances last season for Swindon scoring 10 goals.

Peter Coyne (Forward). Born Manchester. Former England Schoolboy International, he turned professional with Manchester United in November 1975. After a spell with non-League Ashton United he moved to Crewe Alexandra in August 1977 and scored 47 League goals in 134 appearances. After a spell with Hyde United he signed for Swindon.

Jamie Reynolds (Forward). Born Swindon. An England Youth International, he is regarded as Swindon's finest discovery for many years. During the summer he toured China with the England team and is hopeful of gaining a regular first team spot this season after making his League debut in March 1984.

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HEAVY BOOKINGS: For the match at FULHAM yesterday there was need for us to run a second coach for only the second time this season. If there is sufficient demand we will run two coaches to the Notts County match next Saturday; the WIGAN Cup fixture on 10 January, and the League fixture at Bristol City on January 17. Bookings for all these matches are being taken now, any evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Medway 401381. If you cannot ring between these times then ring me on 375919 for details and information.

SUCCESS AGAIN: Yes, our Christmas Raffle was a near sell out and with over 50 lucky winners, there were a lot of happy people about last Saturday night. Special thanks to Gary Payne who organised, promoted and distributed the tickets. Lists of prize winners are available, just give me a ring and I will slip one in the post.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS:

NOTTS COUNTY

Depart: 10.00 a.m.

WIGAN ATHLETIC

Depart: 9.00 a.m.

BRISTOL CITY

Depart: 10.00 a.m.

Pick up points in Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester and Strood can be arranged.

SOCIAL CLUB

Tel: Medway 51385

ALAN LIPTROTT

The annual children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, January 11 at the Wimpy Bar in Gillingham High Street. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and members wishing their youngsters to participate are asked to enter their names and ages on the club notice board.

And remember, we look forward to seeing everyone in the Club for the New Year's Eve party and hope that as many of you as possible will arrive in fancy dress.

Four teams from the club competed in a football quiz at the Black Lion Sports Centre and with the incentive of cash prizes for the winners, it was all deadly serious. It therefore came as no surprise that our three teams scooped the jackpot.

The Social Club soccer team are certainly showing no festive favours to their opponents. Latest team to find them a force to be reckoned with were Deanwood who went down 8-2.

John Lannan scored a hat-trick while the other goals came from Bob James (2), Kelvin Warren, Nicky Sopheolis and a Deanwood defender.

BLUES SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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Headquarters & Main Sales Shop, Priestfield Stadium, Gordon Road, Gillingham. (Tel: Medway 50398 - Matchdays - or Medway 42488). **Sales Shops** also situated on Gillingham End and Rainham End Terracing.

Good afternoon and welcome to the game against our old rivals Swindon Town. Like ourselves, Swindon are challenging for promotion in this their first season back in Division Three, and today's match is sure to be competitive and exciting.

Our Sales Shops are well stocked with scarves, bobble hats, plastic caps, rosettes, lapel badges for those younger supporters with "Christmas Money" to spend. Why not come along and see our selection.

As today's attendance is likely to be larger than normal I thought I would again remind supporters that we are looking for more members of the Supporters Association. If you have not renewed your membership or have not previously been a member, come along to our H.Q. at the Gillingham End where our Membership Secretary will assist. Should you be interested in membership through our East Kent Branch based at Canterbury contact Bob or Marylee Mairs on Canterbury (0227) 69042.

GILLINGHAM F.C. AWAY TRAVEL

Saturday 3rd January 1987

NOTTS COUNTY

Depart 10.00 a.m.

Fare £5.50

Saturday 10th January 1987

F.A. Cup 3rd Round

WIGAN ATHLETIC

Depart 8.30 a.m.

Fare £7.50

Saturday 17th January 1987

BRISTOL CITY

Depart 10.00 a.m.

Fare £5.00

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our Blues Supporters' Association mascot this afternoon is 10-year old Russell Rogers of Featherby Road, Gillingham. He plays soccer for Featherby Juniors and the trumpet for the Gillingham Marching Band. His favourite player is club skipper Mark Weatherly.



Home matches and scorers in heavy type. † Number of goals scored. * Own goal. p Penalty. † Player withdrawn. ● Substitute used.
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| Date | Opponents | Att. | FA | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|----------|------------------------------|-------|-----|----------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Aug. 23 | Newport County | 2,533 | 2-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Quow | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Collinst | Cascarino | Oakes● |
| Aug. 25 | LCC 1st Leg Northampton | 2,948 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard† | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Quow† | Cascarino | † |
| Aug. 30 | Bristol City | 4,049 | 1-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard† | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Collins | Cascarino | Eves● |
| Sept. 3 | LCC 2nd Leg Northampton | 2,724 | 2-2 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Collinst | Cascarino ² | Quow● |
| Sept. 6 | Rotherham United | 3,243 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Quow† | Cascarino | Eves● |
| Sept. 13 | Middlesbrough | 4,899 | 0-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Sept. 16 | York City | 4,115 | 2-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino | Smith |
| Sept. 20 | Oxford Utd. LCC2, 1st Leg | 5,246 | 0-6 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino | Gorman● |
| Sept. 27 | Brentford | 4,710 | 2-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino | Collins● |
| Sept. 30 | Mansfield Town | 3,045 | 0-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino | Collins● |
| Oct. 4 | Bury | 4,326 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Elsay | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino ¹ | Quow● |
| Oct. 7 | Oxford Utd. LCC2, 2nd Leg | 3,033 | 1-1 | Beoney | Haylock | Gorman | Pearce | Weatherly ¹ | Hinnigan | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Eves† | Cascarino ¹ | Quow● |
| Oct. 15 | Chester | 2,169 | 1-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Eves |
| Oct. 18 | Carlisle United | 4,207 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Shearer● |
| Oct. 21 | Darlington | 1,512 | 1-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Eves |
| Oct. 25 | Port Vale | 3,005 | 2-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 1 | Chesterfield | 4,373 | 3-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 4 | Blackpool | 5,951 | 2-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 7 | Doncaster Rovers | 2,691 | 0-2 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 15 | FAC 1 Kettering Town | 2,845 | 3-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 22 | Notts County | 5,239 | 3-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith● |
| Nov. 29 | F.R.T. Notts County | 1,668 | 5-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith |
| Nov. 29 | Wigan Athletic | 2,492 | 1-3 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith |
| Dec. 2 | A.F.C. Bournemouth | 7,756 | 2-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith |
| Dec. 6 | F.A.C. Rd.2 Chelmsford Cv | 4,863 | 2-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith |
| Dec. 13 | Bolton Wanderers | 4,867 | 0-3 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Smith |
| Dec. 16 | F.R.T. Northampton | 2,047 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce† | Hinnigan | Jacobs | Quow | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Quow● |
| Dec. 19 | Bristol Rovers | 2,047 | 1-0 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Quow● |
| Dec. 26 | Fulham | 4,448 | 4-1 | Hillyard | Haylock | Pearce | Hinnigan | Weatherly ¹ | Greenall | Pritchard | Shearer ¹ | Robinson | Elsay | Cascarino | Quow● |
| Dec. 27 | Swindon Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | Walsall | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 3 | Notts County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 10 | F.A.C. Rd.3 Wigan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 17 | Bristol City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 24 | Rotherham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 31 | Middlesbrough (FAC Rd 4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 7 | York City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 14 | Chester | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 21 | Brentford (FAC Rd 5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 28 | Mansfield Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 3 | Chesterfield | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 7 | Port Vale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 14 | Carlisle United (FAC Rd 6) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 17 | Darlington | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 21 | A.F.C. Bournemouth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 28 | Bury | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 4 | Doncaster Rovers (LCC Final) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 11 | Blackpool (FAC Semi-Final) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 18 | Walsall | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 20 | Fulham | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 25 | Bristol Rovers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 2 | Wigan Athletic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 4 | Swindon Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 9 | Bolton Wanderers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 16 | F.A. Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

† Smith for Shearer, Collins for Pritchard; †† Smith for Robinson, Quow for Shearer; ●● Collins for Pearce, Westley for Cascarino
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TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

| HOME | Goals | | | AWAY | | | Goals | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|---|---|------|----|----|-------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Middlesbrough | 20 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 41 |
| Gillingham | 20 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 40 |
| Notts County | 20 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 37 |
| Bournemouth | 18 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 33 |
| Blackpool | 19 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 32 |
| Bristol City | 19 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 8 | 32 |
| Swindon | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 32 |
| Mansfield | 20 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 29 |
| Wigan | 20 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 29 |
| Doncaster | 19 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 28 |
| Walsall | 20 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 23 | 28 |
| Chesterfield | 20 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 21 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 26 |
| Fulham | 20 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 25 |
| Bolton | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 23 |
| Brentford | 19 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 23 |
| York City | 20 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 27 | 23 |
| Bristol R. | 18 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 21 |
| Chester | 20 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 21 |
| Rotherham | 20 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 21 |
| Bury | 19 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 19 |
| Newport | 20 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 19 |
| Carlisle | 20 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 19 | 19 |
| Derlington | 18 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 19 |
| Port Vale | 19 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 17 |

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1986-87

| | F | A |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Aug 23 Fulham | 6 | 0 |
| Aug 27 Ipswich Town | 1 | 2 |
| Aug 30 Norwich City | 0 | 0 |
| Sep 1 Charlton Ath | 1 | 1 |
| Sep 6 Arsenal | 1 | 3 |
| Sep 13 Portsmouth | 2 | 3 |
| Sep 20 Colchester Utd LC1 | 2 | 1 |
| Sep 27 Watford | 1 | 8 |
| Oct 4 Southend Utd | 1 | 2 |
| Oct 11 Cambridge Utd | 2 | 2 |
| Oct 18 Q.P.R. | 2 | 2 |
| Oct 25 Millwall | 1 | 4 |
| Nov 1 Ipswich LC2 | 2 | 4 |
| Nov 8 Fulham | 2 | 4 |
| Nov 15 Ipswich Town | 3 | 2 |
| Nov 22 Charlton Ath. | 1 | 1 |
| Nov 29 Norwich City | 2 | 2 |
| Dec 1 Charlton YC2 | 0 | 3 |
| Dec 6 Arsenal | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 13 Portsmouth | | |

Matches in bold denote home games.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

FA Youth Cup 2nd round, Monday, December 1st lost 0-3 at home to Charlton Youth. Half-time 0-2.

Gillingham Youth: Thompson, Ayres-Townsend, Smith, Haines, Clarke, Stinson, Rolis, Luff, Underwood, Docker, Lillis. Subs: Barlow for Rolis; Palmer for Stinson.

South East Counties League, Saturday, December 6th drew 0-0 at home to Arsenal Youth.

Gillingham Youth: Thompson, Ayres-Townsend, Palmer, Haines, Clarke, Smith, Rolis, Luff, Underwood, Docker, Lillis. Subs: Barlow for Underwood; Stinson.

FOLLOW THE GILLS TO NOTTS COUNTY

Saturday 3rd January 1987
Kick off 3 p.m.

Admission Charges

| | Adult | Juvenile/OAP |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|
| County Road Stand | £5.50 | £5.50 |
| Terrace: Spion Kop | £3.00 | £3.00 |
| County Road Corner | | |

Matchday Programme: 60p

Club Colours: Black & White striped shirts, black shorts and white socks.

Travelling by Road:

Leave the A2 at the Dartford Tunnel interchange. Travel through the tunnel and join the M25 motorway. Stay on the M25 until you reach the exit marked M1 (north). Join the M1 and stay on this motorway until you reach junction 24. Leave the motorway here and follow the signs A453 Nottingham. At the Clifton Bridge Complex follow A52 Grantham signs to join the new Lings Bar Road. (At second roundabout). Follow to the next roundabout, turning left onto A6011 (Radcliffe Road) towards Nottingham. On approaching Lady Bay Bridge continue on A6011 through traffic lights. After crossing bridge, turn left at next traffic lights and follow main road (which bears right onto County Road) and onto the ground.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES SENIOR LEAGUE LEAGUE TABLES

| Division One | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Ag | Pts |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Watford | 17 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 57 | 18 | 29 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 14 | 23 |
| Arsenal | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 38 | 22 | 19 |
| Chelsea | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 21 | 19 |
| Portsmouth | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 31 | 17 |
| Ipswich Town | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 30 | 16 |
| West Ham United | 15 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 40 | 42 | 16 |
| Southend United | 15 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 26 | 15 |
| Millwall | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 29 | 15 |
| Norwich City | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 30 | 15 |
| Orient | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 25 | 13 |
| Gillingham | 16 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 26 | 33 | 13 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 31 | 13 |
| Charlton Athletic | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 28 | 9 |
| Cambridge United | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 39 | 8 |
| Fulham | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 41 | 8 |

As at 12th December 1986

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GILLINGHAM

Blue/White

Ron Hillyard
Paul Haylock
Graham Pearce
Joe Hinnigan
Mark Weatherly
Colin Greenall
Howard Pritchard
David Smith
David Shearer
Karl Elsey
Martin Robinson

SWINDON TOWN

Red

1 Fraser Digby
2 Chris Ramsey
3 David Hockaday
4 Mark Jones
5 Paul Franklin
6 Colin Calderwood
7 Dave Bamber
8 Chris Kamara
9 Steve White
10 Jimmy Quinn
11 Leigh Barnard

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Referee: D.S.C. Vickers; Linesmen: R. Tye (Red Trim); P. Brennan (Yellow Trim).

NEXT HOME GAME

Today League Third Division

WALSALL

Thursday, January 1st, 1987
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



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