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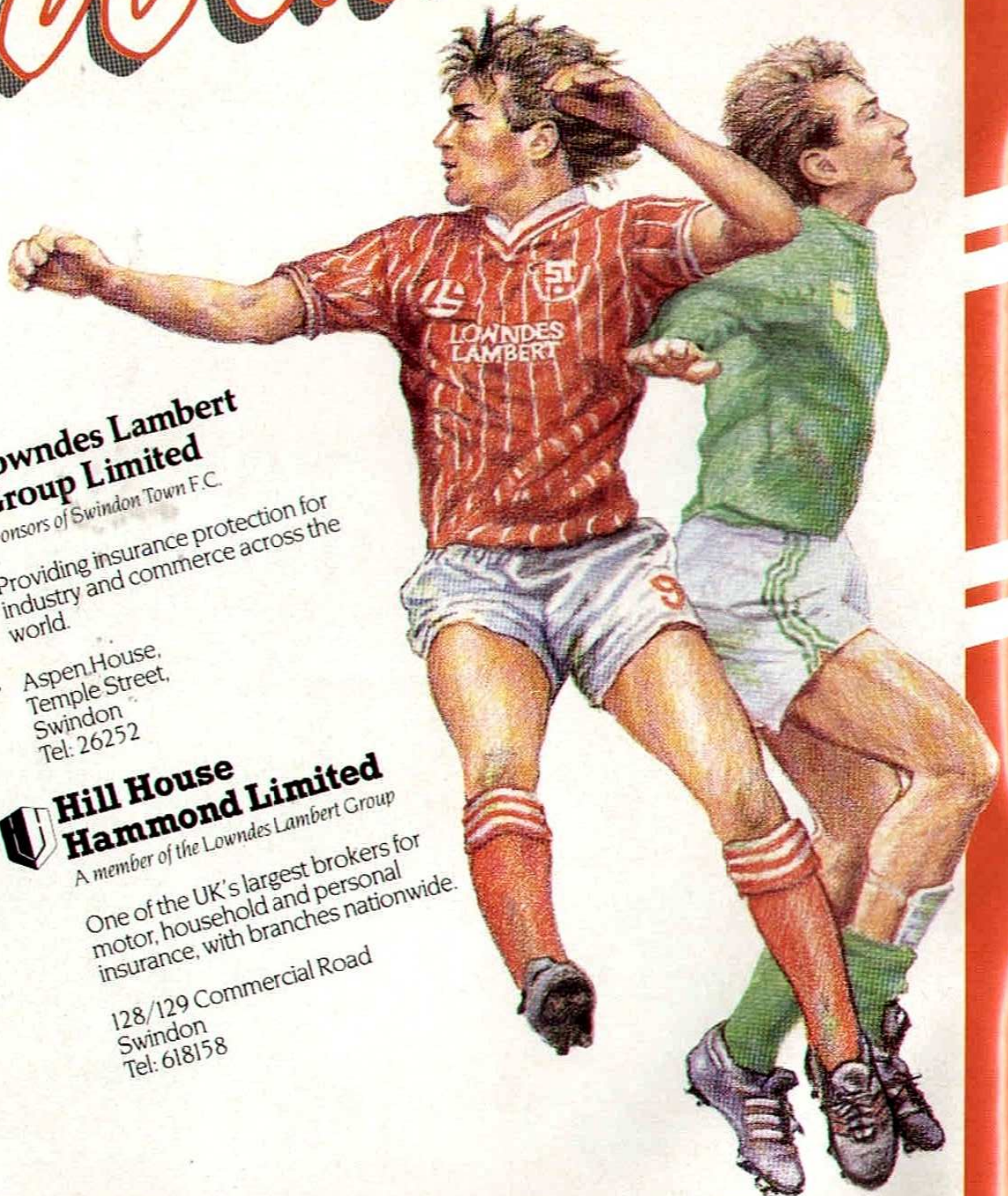
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# COUNTY GROUND

*Scene*

## FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

Once again welcome to you all for this evenings Third Division fixture with Port Vale. We extend a special welcome to all the officials and supporters of the Potteries club and hope that both teams will be able to provide a match of similar standard to our last meeting. As you are all probably well aware the Football League celebrate their centenary next season. The celebrations will last for a full year and will comprise of innovative and high profile activities. The Football League was born on 17th April 1888. There will be a glittering array of soccer events. Those events will Kick off on 8th August 1987 with the Football League contesting the 'Centenary Classic' against the Rest of the World at Wembley Stadium.

The focus on the Centenary events then move north next November with the 'Centenary Challenge' match between the 1986/87 'Today' League Division One Champions and the Fine Fare Scottish Premier League Champions.

Attention returns to Wembley Stadium on 16/17 April 1988 which will be the scene of a unique, 'Once-in-a-100-years' event. For the first time in its history the Football League brings together the entire League clubs for an innovative and imaginative festival of football. The format is for a six-a-side knock-out cup competition stage over two days and designed to appeal to family audiences.

The final football event links the top eight clubs in the First Division of the 'Today' League at the end of the Centenary season in the 'Centenary Trophy' - a knock-out competition with the clubs seeded according to their final League positions.

The centenary will also be celebrated with music and show business will play a major part in the Centenary celebrations. The Royal Albert Hall will host a glittering Gala Concert on 1st October 1987 and Wembley Arena will stage four Festival Concerts in the run up to the Leagues'



actual 100th birthday in April 1988. The Centenary will create a massive demand for souvenirs. The demand will be met through the publication of official Centenary books and brochures together with a comprehensive programme of licensing and merchandising. The celebrations begin on 7th August 1987, but not on a football pitch but in the prestige surroundings of the Grosvenor House Hotel, London with the official Centenary Dinner. In attendance will be more than 1,000 guests from the world of football - players, managers and football celebrities of the past and present. Among the guests whom the Football League will have particular cause to welcome will be representatives from the Mercantile Credit Company Ltd., Britains leading finance house. They are sponsoring the Centenary with a major programme of financial, and promotional support.

*Brian Aldrich*

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The proposed merger of Queens Park Rangers and Fulham to whatever convenient title they intended to produce can only be described as the first radical change as we move towards the twenty-first century.

Where one club disappears, others will inevitably follow, particularly where clubs are confined within city boundaries and are not particularly successful. Some clubs come easily to mind, City and Rovers at Bristol, Forest and County at Nottingham,

Wednesday and United in Sheffield, these are examples of at least one of the clubs involved, playing below First Division level.

Here at Swindon Town, our geographical location determines that we are not within easy reach of being devoured by a larger concern. There are other implications though, the disappearance of clubs will mean smaller leagues, less revenue, the rich become richer and inevitably the super league clubs will have their way. It is difficult to imagine the year 2150 boasting a league concern as we know it today. The Football League celebrates its centenary next season and once this has passed by changes will be proposed. The reduction of one club in the First Division this season, was the first decisive decision, a merger is now intended! You may ask what consequences this may have for Swindon Town Football Club? One important consequence! If we were full members of the Football League our position and status would be a lot stronger and somewhat of a guarantee that at least we would have a full say in determining our own future, something we do not have at present. It is imperative that we reach the Second Division as quickly as possible for the long term future of Swindon Town Football Club.

What will the Football League consist of next century. Pure speculation but a super league will eventually appear somewhere, a First Division or Premier League of sorts. For the remainder? League soccer of some description but under what guise and how many of todays league clubs will be part of that competition. Many of the names as you know them today, will surely be out of existence, no replacements for sure, less full time professional soccer more part time and maybe even more playing the amateur code.

To have our full say in the affairs of the next century we must obtain full league status, that must be the aim of all connected with Swindon Town Football Club. At least then we can have our full say in the outcome of the next century.

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Those of you who made up our highest league attendance of the season at the County Ground on February 28th must have made your way home, well satisfied with the final outcome against Middlesbrough.

One goal was probably always going to settle the outcome and Steve White was the player who made the most of the opportunity that came his way. It was, despite the fact there was only one goal, a case of the form of two goalkeepers, both ironically from my former club, Manchester United. Both Fraser Digby and Stephen Pears made vital saves at crucial stages. Fraser, when we were leading by Steve Whites goal, stopped Middlesbrough equalising, while Pear's vital stop came when Jimmy Quinn looked odds on to put us two goals to the advantage.

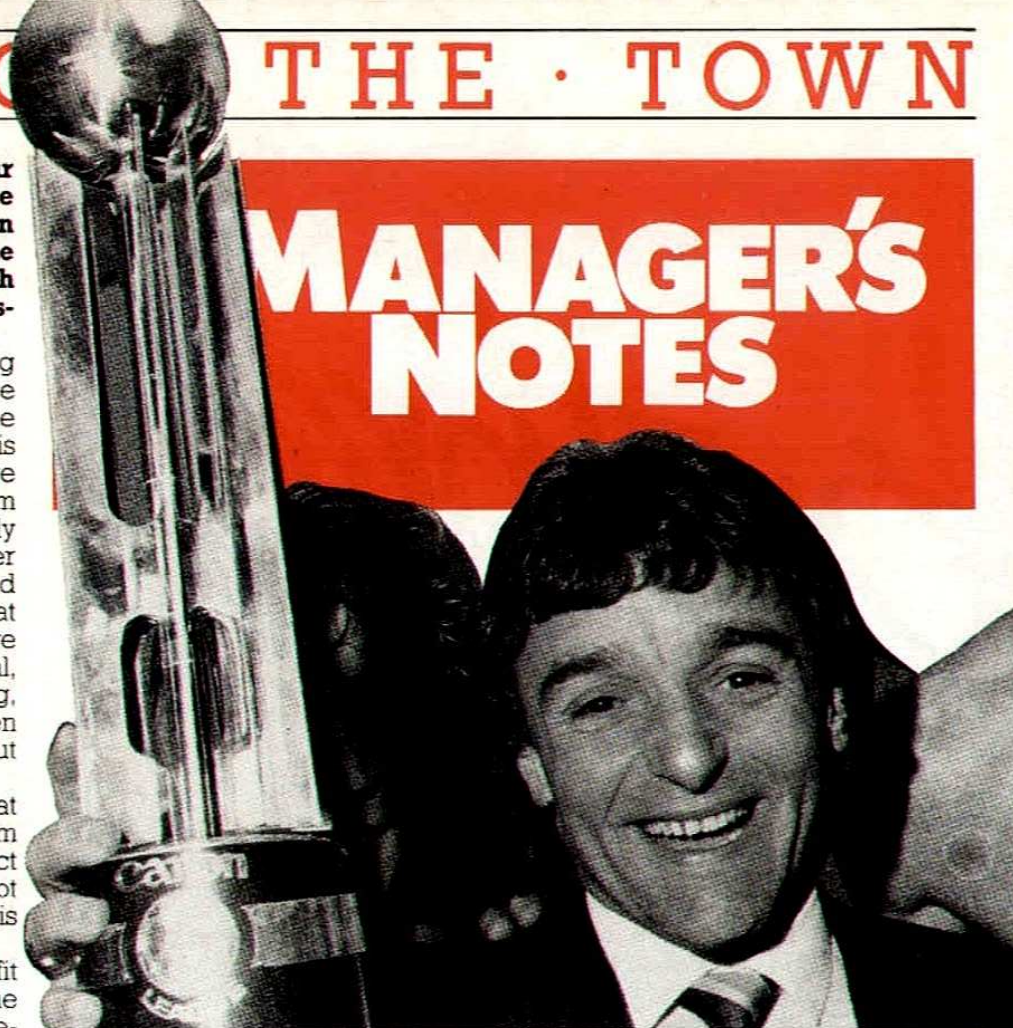
I decided to keep the same team that won the previous week at Rotherham United, not so much due to the fact that we won, but because I did not consider either Mark Jones or Chris Ramsey were match fit.

In fact Mark Jones had not been fit enough to be included in the Reserve team at Millwall the previous Monday. If he had been able to have had a run out with our combination team, Mark would have come into stronger contention for a place.

Chris Ramsey's fitness had dropped rapidly during his period of inactivity. Both players have to fight their way back to the standard they had set before their illness and injury.

We have now entered what most people consider to be the vital period of the season. One win or one loss will not make or break the season just yet and I felt that before we met Middlesbrough there were too many people believing that we would have been out of the promotion race if we had lost. Obviously it would have been a setback and after such a match a feeling of euphoria sets in providing you have won and if you have lost, the exact opposite.

A season can only be put in its really true perspective at its end. Then we can all play the expert and pinpoint the crisis point. At least May does provide a true and clear picture overall. After forty-six matches we all get what we deserve and we can



have few complaints. It is just pleasant to be involved in any competition as long as possible.

I have recently offered another months contract to three of the younger professionals at the club, Gary Gillett, Peter Lango and Nicky Hughes. This is now a crucial period of their careers for all three players. They have to now convince me that they have the necessary desire and application to be offered a further contract and also one for next season. It is easy for any young professional to fall into the habit that he will be offered a contract automatically when renewing a short period contract.

All three face individual problems in their quest to be given a long term contract. Gary Gillett needs to find the application he showed in his first month after transcending from being an apprentice. Peter Lango has been unfortunate this season after a serious illness for he has to build his fitness and stamina to the peak it was before his unfortunate setback. For a

defender, Peter, also needs to work hard on his heading ability. Nicky Hughes has a natural asset, goalscoring, a rare habit. I have always felt that Nicky will score in any level of football, the one aspect of his play he needs to find is a little more pace, easier said than done! Very often players have natural pace and find it difficult to develop an extra yard or two. A few do by working hard to sharpen their reflexes, this is something that Nicky Hughes will have to work hard to do. Each has a target, it is up to them to grasp the opportunity.

*John Mack*

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## SCENE *on three*

The Third Division promotion race is set for a nerve tingling finale. None of the leading contenders look likely to drop out and it would appear that it will be the balance to the very end.

Swindon Town have put themselves in the top five on merit. To finish in either of the top two positions we will have to be consistent to the final day of the season because there are some very strong teams in opposition.

This season, if a team finishes in fifth position, it is offered a place in the play-offs and that ensures that there is tremendous excitement in store for a number of clubs. Although the new system has its critics, nobody can deny it will create added interest.

We look reasonably equipped to last the pace, but we do have to turn games we have in hand, into points. A look at our rivals show how closely contested the remainder of the season will be:

**Middlesbrough:** As we saw for ourselves on Saturday 25th February, they are very strong at the back, where central defenders Gray Pallister and Tony Mowbray have formed a formidable partnership.

Despite his lack of inches compared with conventionally accepted type of English league striker's Archie Stephens does a great job up front for the Ayresome Park club in what is generally considered a good all round team. They have the advantage

of points already in the bag.

**Bournemouth:** Not unlike Middlesbrough in that they are strong in defence. The signing of John Williams from Port Vale proved to a very shrewd signing by Harry Redknapp the Dean Court clubs manager. In attack the physical threat of Trevor Aylott alongside the pace of Carl Richards presents continual threat for most opponents. It is fair comment to state that Bournemouth have the most influential midfield section in the Third Division. Previously they have lacked the steel to win promotion but this season they appear to have overcome that problem.

**Notts County:** Everyone ignores the Meadow Lane club at their peril, they have kept winning and their recent experience of higher divisions will stand them in good stead for the rest of the season. County striker Ian McParland is as impressive as any forward player in the Division. His eye for goal and considerable pace will keep county thereabouts to the death.

**Bristol City:** The recent signings of Joe Jordan and Trevor Morgan have appeared to rejuvenate what was fast becoming a fading challenge six weeks ago. They also appear to have overcome the loss of Central defender John McPhail through injury. The one niggling doubt about their lineup is whether Jordan and Morgan will be as effective on the drying grounds of April and May?

**Blackpool:** Saturday 28th's 6-1 away victory at Port Vale is designed to spread confidence at the right time. They probably have a lack of quality to compare with some of the other leading

### THIRD DIVISION LEADING GOALSCORERS (UP TO AND INCLUDING SAT MARCH 7th)

	League	F.A. Cup	Littlewoods Cup	Freight Rover Trophy	Total
ANDY JONES (PORT VALE)	17	0	4	2	23
IAN McPARLAND (NOTTS COUNTY)	20	2	1	0	23
GARY BENNETT (CHESTER CITY)	12	5	1	4	22
PAUL STEWART (BLACKPOOL)	20	0	0	1	21
ROBBIE COOKE (BRENTFORD)	14	0	1	4	19

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clubs but they certainly have a lot of strength and aggression. A team that don't get beaten very often but may well regret not winning more matches.

**Gillingham:** Traditionally the most suspect of the leading clubs, they have fallen away in the later stages during the past four seasons. The addition of former Town striker Colin Gordon to their squad may have come at the right time. A team who rely a lot on the physical presence of defender Colin Greenall. Once again they may find the last third of the season a problem.

**Wigan Athletic:** Since the signing of striker Bobby Campbell they have been the 'forum team of the Division'. Easy to forget the dreadful start they had to the season but his signing transformed them. A lot of Third Division clubs may yet be grateful that the Springfield Park club are still involved in the F.A. Cup. Full credit must be given to their manager Ray Mathias, who has done a tremendous job for the Northern club.

So who will finally make it? Obviously the teams with the points have an advantage and both A.F.C. Bournemouth and Middlesbrough have appeared the most difficult teams to create opportunities against. They still remain the two clubs to depose, if anyone can do that, Notts County and Swindon Town would appear to have the best opportunity. One factor not to be ignored is that Notts County and Gillingham along with ourselves still have to visit Bristol City at Ashton Gate!



## OUR LAST MEETING

By Michael Scott

**With a record at Vale Park of only one win and thirteen defeats in their last twenty meetings the "Town" can scarcely have approached the match on 22nd October last year with much confidence of forcing anything other than a draw.**

A match that more than made up for the boring encounter here last season saw Swindon run out 4-3 winners.

After only four minutes the "Town" made the vital early breakthrough as Chris Kamara shot home from the edge of the area.

As is so often the case away from home, after that goal Swindon continued to push forward and were rewarded a mere six minutes later as Steve White poached another goal in the six yard box from a Dave Bamber knock down.

Vale clawed their way back into the game with a memorable goal from Robbie Earle, receiving the ball from Smith, Earle unleashed a tremendous shot from just inside the "Town" area to give Fraser Digby no chance.

Swindon maintained their two goal advantage by virtue of an equally impressive strike.

A well weighted pass by Steve White was blasted into the net by Mark Jones from the edge of the Vale box to give Swindon an unanticipated 3-1 half time lead.

The home side obviously realised the task that faced them and controlled the early stages of the second half.

Increased pressure brought their second goal, a similar effort to the first as top scorer Andy Jones hit a tremendous shot from 25 yards to

jolt the "Town" out of their complacent attitude.

With Swindon's past record at Port Vale being clear in the mind, Dave Bamber's own goal in the 70th minute began to cast doubt on whether the "Town" would even hold out to draw in spite of their earlier impressive lead.

Just two minutes later any doubts were dispelled by a Jimmy Gilligan header which Arnold misjudged at close range to allow the "Town" striker to net his second league goal of the season.

With Swindon back in front, the result looked in little doubt, from them on as they held out well against Vale's attacks of increasing frustration. The valuable 4-3 away win in October made amends somewhat for Swindon's last visit when they suffered one of the heaviest defeats of their championship season, going down 3-0. With both Swindon and Port Vale trying for a promotion place, last season's clash here at the County Ground drew a 10,122 crowd. A swirling wind ensured that little football was played that afternoon, hopefully the entertainment tonight will have more elements of our last meeting on Midlands soil than the game last March which promised much on paper but delivered an uneventful 0-0 draw.

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by Dave Eaton



## PORT VALE



Back Row Left to Right:  
Chris Banks, Russell Bromage, Phil Sproson, Eric Mountford, John Williams, Jon Bowden, Andy Jones, Robbie Earle.  
Middle Row:  
John Rudge (Manager), Martin Copeland (Physio), Alan Webb, Mark Grew, Ray Walker, Mike Pejic (Youth team coach), Alan Oakes (Coach).  
Front Row:  
Paul Smith, Geoff Hunter, Wayne Ebanks, Richard Okelly, Paul Maguire.

The club were originally formed in 1876 as Burslem Port Vale and turned professional nine years later. Burslem was dropped from the title in 1913 when the Club moved to the Recreation Ground at Hanley.

The Recreation Ground was to remain as the clubs fifth home until the switch to Vale Park in 1950, the present headquarters.

The Valiants were an original member of Division 2 in 1892 but four years later failed to gain re-election.

1898 saw their return to Division 2 until resigning from the league in 1907.

After a break of twelve years league status was regained when Vale took over the fixtures of Leeds City. Relegated to the old Division 3 (N) at the end of the 1928/29 season the club bounced straight back a year later winning the championship title with a total of 67 points – four more than runners-up Stockport.

And the following season in Division 2 a final position of 5th was gained – still the clubs highest ever placing in the Football League.

From 1936 until 1954 the Valiants fluctuated between the Third Division North and South before really hitting the headlines.

The Clubs most memorable season in history came during the 1953/54 campaign with outstanding success in both the league and F.A. Cup.

They ran away with the Third Division North title amassing a 69 points haul, eleven more than runners-up Barnsley. In the 46 league games they were beaten just three times and conceded only 21 goals – both records for the division.

And in the F.A. Cup they became at the time only the second Third division side to reach the semi-finals of the competition, and in reaching this stage knocked out the holders Blackpool 2-0.

When the Third and Fourth divisions were formed in 1958/59 Port Vale became the first name to be inscribed on the Fourth's new trophy winning the division by four points from Coventry City.

Since the mid 60's the club have had three more spells in the Fourth.

Last season under John Rudge they finished in Fourth place and were promoted back to the Third alongside Swindon, Chester and Mansfield. At one stage they looked likely to take the runners-up position but just one point from the last three games dashed those hopes.

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**Ground:** Vale Park, Burslem.

**Capacity:** 16,800 (modern).

**Record Attendance:** 50,000 v Aston Villa, F.A. Cup 5th round, 20th February 1960.

**Record Receipts:** £45,873 v Manchester Utd, Milk Cup 2nd round, 3rd October 1983.

**Founded:** 1876, turned professional 1885, elected to the Football League in 1892.

**Previous Names:** Burslem Port Vale, became Port Vale in 1913.

**Previous Grounds:** 1876, Limekin Lane, Longport, 1881, Westport, 1884, Moorland Road, Burslem; 1886, Athletic Ground, Cobridge, 1913, Recreation Ground, Hanley, 1950, Vale Park.

**Managers since the war include:** Ivor Powell, Jackie Mudie, Sir Stanley Matthews, Gordon Lee, Roy Sproson, Bob Smith and Alan Bloor.

**Honours:** Football League - Division 2 - best season 5th 1930-31, Division 3(n) - Champions 1929-30, 1953-54, runners-up 1952-53, Division 4 - Champions 1958-59, promoted 1969-70 (4th), 1982-83 (3rd) and 1985-86 (4th) F.A. Cup - Semi final 1954 (when in Division 3), Football League Cup - never past 2nd round.

**Most League Appearances:** Roy Sproson, 761, 1950-72.

**Most League Goals:** Wilf Kirkham, 154, 1923-29, and 1931-33.

**Record Victory:** 9-1 v Chesterfield, Division 2, 24th September 1932.

**Record Defeat:** 0-10 v Sheffield Utd, Division 2, 10th December 1892 and v Notts Co., Division 2, 26th February 1895.

**Record Transfer Fee Received:** £138,000 from Stoke City for Mark Chamberlain, August 1982.

**Record Transfer Fee Paid:** £40,000 to Bury for Peter Farnell, Nov 1978 and to Wolves for Ken Todd Aug 1978 and to Crewe for Paul Bowles, Sept 1979.

**Colours:** White shirts, black shorts, white stockings.

**Change Colours:** Yellow shirts, green shorts, yellow stockings.

**Nickname:** 'Valiants'.

### John Rudge (manager)

Appointed manager in December 1983, was previously the chief coach. Led Port Vale to promotion to the 3rd Division last season.

Formerly a player with Huddersfield, Carlisle, Torquay, Bristol Rovers and Bournemouth.

### Mark Crew (goalkeeper)

A close season signing on a free transfer from Ipswich Town where he had been unable to maintain a regular League place. He began his career with West Brom. and has also played for Wigan (loan), Notts County (loan) and Oldham (loan).

### Alan Webb (defender)

A model of consistency since arriving from West Brom. in the summer of 1984 which he proved by winning the 'Player of the Year' award in his first season. He can play anywhere in the back four and has now topped 100 first team apps. Has also played for Lincoln City on loan.

### Phil Sproson (defender)

A local lad who made his debut back in 1978 and has since topped 350 senior appearances, one of only a handful of players to do so for the Club. A dominant centre-half, he was a member of the PFA Division 4 team in both 1982-83 and 1985-86.

### Russel Bromage (defender)

Local product, who has made over 350 senior apps since his debut in March 1978. He began his career originally as a midfield player but has since developed into one of the best left backs in the lower divisions, highlighted by his selection in the PFA Division 4 teams in both 1982-85 and 1984-85. Was rewarded with a testimonial last season.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE At the County Ground

04.02.1939	D1-1	Wilcockson	8,823
01.02.1947	W2-1	Stephens W. Owen	9,935
27.09.1947	W1-0	Lucas	16,828
15.09.1948	L0-2		16,894
19.11.1949	D0-0		9,039
17.02.1951	W2-1	Peart, Millar	7,889
28.04.1952	W2-0	Owen, Bain	4,835
28.12.1957	D0-0		14,997
12.12.1959	L2-3	Layne, Marshall	7,716
01.10.1960	W6-0	Woodruff 3, Hunt, Corbett, Summerbee	11,960
30.04.1962	W1-0	Jackson	7,331
16.03.1963	L2-3	Smith 2	11,938
22.04.1975	W3-2	Prophett, Moss pen, Anderson	7,447
17.01.1976	W2-1	McLaughlin, Syrett	5,546
21.06.1978	W1-0	Syrett	6,146
15.10.1977	D1-1	Aizlewood	6,134
28.08.1982	W1-0	Rideout	3,604
20.10.1984	L0-1		2,861
23.03.1986	D0-0		10,122

### F.A. CUP

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### LEAGUE CUP

NIL

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### At Hanley

01.10.1938	L0-2		10,087
28.09.1946	D1-1	Lloyd	12,889
14.02.1948	L0-1		15,100
06.09.1948	L0-2		18,415
08.04.1950	W1-0	Peart	10,000

### At Vale Park

30.09.1980	L1-2	Court	8,800
10.11.1951	D2-2	Owen 2	9,200
31.08.1957	L1-3	Richards	16,857
30.04.1960	L1-6	Gauld	5,512
18.02.1961	L1-4	Jackson	9,633
14.04.1962	D1-1	Atkins	4,770
27.10.1962	L1-2	Jackson	5,825
24.06.1974	D2-2	MacLean, Moss	3,446
20.09.1975	L0-3		3,720
22.01.1977	D2-2	McHale, Syrett	4,446
11.03.1978	L0-1		3,723
15.01.1983	L0-3		6,397
09.03.1983	L0-2		3,300
25.10.1985	L0-3		5,073
21.10.1986	W4-3	Kamara, White, Jones, Gilligan	3,371

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NIL

### Chris Banks (defender/midfield)

Another local player who has risen through the ranks and made his debut during 1984-85 season. Is equally at home in midfield or defence and produced his best form towards the end of last season on the run-in to promotion. Plays local league cricket during the summer.

### Wayne Ebanks (defender/midfield)

Signed from West Brom on a free transfer during the summer 1985, after a spell on loan the previous season. Spent last season mainly on cover for either defensive or midfield roles and is now looking to establish himself on a more regular basis. He also played for Stoke City on loan.

### Geoff Hunter (midfield)

Cost £15,000 from Crewe Alex. in 1981 after beginning his career with Man. Utd. Has since proved to be a consistent performer, making over 250 senior apps and earning a place in the 1982-83 PFA Division 4 team. Last season missed just one game in Vale's promotion success.

### Jon Bowden (midfield)

Began his career with Oldham Athletic and moved to Vale Park in September 1985 for £5,000. Hampered by a shoulder injury last season which needed an operation during the close season.

### Ray Walker (midfield)

Joined Vale from Aston Villa during the last close season for £12,000. Previously played for the Vale on loan during the early part of the season 1984-85 season.

### Paul Maguire (midfield/forward)

An experienced stylish player who began his league career with Shrewsbury before moving to Stoke City for £282,000 in 1980. He was freed in 1985 and had a short spell in the United States before linking up with the Vale at the start of the 1985-86 season. Normally operates on the left hand side and is an expert at dead ball situations, as proved last season when he scored 13 goals in 57 apps.

### Andy Jones (forward)

Impressed enormously last season, his first in league football in which he finished up as top scorer with 18 goals. A bustling forward, he arrived at the Vale from non-league Rhyd for a fee of £3,000 in May 1985.

### Robbie Earle (forward)

A local discovery who made his debut in 1982. Originally with the Club on a Youth Training Scheme. A valuable member of the first team with the ability to play midfield or full back if necessary and has scored 37 goals in 127 apps. up to the start of the season. Last season appeared in every game scoring 17 goals.

### Paul Smith (midfield/forward)

Moved to Vale Park for a fee of £10,000 in July 1986 from Sheffield Utd. Born in Rotherham he first played for a Sheffield Club in 1983 but only made spasmodic first team appearances in a variety of roles for them. Spent a successful loan spell at Stockport County last season in which he scored 6 goals in 10 games.

### Alex Williams (goalkeeper)

A recent signing from Manchester City. He was the first choice keeper at Maine Road and an England under 23 cap before being stuck with a bad back injury. Now well on the way back to full fitness.

### Bob Hazell (central defender)

Former Wolves, Q.P.R. and Leicester player who was transferred to the Vale after a short term contract at Reading. Played in the 1982 F.A. Cup Final - an uncompromising defender who made an early entry into football at Wolves.

### Gary Hamson (midfield)

Former Sheffield Utd player who cost Leeds a six figure transfer fee. He can play in Midfield or at Left Back. He moved to Bristol City before joining the Vale late in 1986.

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# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WITH · COLIN CALDERWOOD



What an important three points we took from our recent home match with Middlesbrough. It was definitely our most important win since our Christmas victory at Gillingham. It was also very important because people would have been saying that we can beat teams below us in the league table but not above us.

Again, that Saturday showed that none of the leading clubs slipped up. Bournemouth collected three points, while Blackpool hit six at Port Vale! Bristol City and Notts County collected away points from their respective visits to Darlington and Bristol Rovers. I suppose being realistic, along with a lot of other people. I honestly thought that both teams would have collected three points on current form. It is important when you are playing away to collect a point and keep the bandwagon rolling along. It is always nice to keep that not being defeated habit.

The 'Gaffer' had kept onto us throughout the week previous to Middlesbrough's visit that we would have to battle hard, that was the basic requirement, he kept stressing what a hard game it would be, if we ran at them we would give them problems. He really had us geared up for a war of attrition and that is exactly how it turned out to be.

Middlesbrough, are a good side, with plenty of strength in the centre of their defence, where Gary Pallister and Tony Mowbray tend to dominate affairs. Gary Pallister is a fine player and attracting a lot of attention and yet alongside him Tony Mowbray is equally as effective but not gaining the plaudits Dave Bamber has given most full backs in

the Third Division the run around this season when he has been in the mood. I think Dave would be the first to admit that he found Colin Cooper the Middlesbrough full back one of the most accomplished in the Third Division that he has faced this season. Another of the fine young players that the North East club have on their books at the moment. There is no doubt in my mind that after our two matches with them this season that they are as good as any team in this Division.

The initial goal that Steve White scored caused a certain amount of controversy. From where I stood I thought that the referee would definitely give a free kick, after all he had been whistling up all afternoon for any contact the goalkeeper had with any player, whether they were wearing a red or blue shirt! Without the benefit of film it looked as though their goalkeeper ran into a player and not vice versa. Interestingly the photograph in the News of the World the following day was inclined to show that. After all, what was Steve expected to do? Run out of the way of the 'Keeper so that he does not come into any contact! The referee was on the spot, he gave a goal and that is all that counts in the final analysis.

'The Gaffer' had told us that eventually a decision had to go for us and when it did it could be a vital one. I must stress that Fraser Digby kept us in the game with two great saves after we had taken the lead.

Our performances in defence have given me a great deal of pleasure recently. We kept a clean sheet against Middlesbrough, both Rotherham United and Blackpool only scored by means of the penalty spot. Newport County and Bury failed to find the back of the net and the goal that we conceded at Bournemouth only came in the dying minutes of the match! The two games before that we only conceded one goal at Gillingham had kept a clean sheet at home to Brentford. These are league matches, we have had one or two hiccups in the Cup competitions allowing Leeds United, Bournemouth and Hereford United to find their way through our defence.

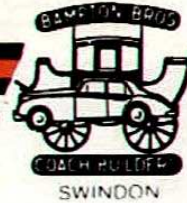
Although last Tuesday's Freight Rover match is now history but there were lessons to be learnt from what on the night was a disaster. Despite the fact that we lost Fraser Digby early in the second half we still had a two goal lead. I have to admit that we did not defend that lead in a positive way and consequently we gave away our lead. There have been many teams before who have been in the same situation and survived.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the referees decisions to send Fraser off we let it affect us too much and this we must learn not to allow again. We all know your dreams of going to Wembley this season have finished but we still have Division Two to aim at for the remainder of this campaign.

Please get behind the lads tonight and I am sure we will give you something to cheer come next May.

Col Calderwood

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It was left to Dave Bamber to ensure we went into the draw for the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, for Dave scored the only goal of the January tie.

News of the London club in recent weeks has concerned activities off the field of play rather than on and most people would be hard pressed to recall their last few results. Never a club to be over active in the transfer market, they have preferred to adhere to a youth policy which has brought them fruitful dividends in the past. On Saturday March 7th they visited Bury and were defeated 2-1.

VAUGHAN, KERRINS, HICKS, DONNELLAN, OAKES, PARKER, COTTINGTON, PIKE, DAVIES, CARR, OAKES. SUB: SKINNER.

Next Tuesday, we once again have the opportunity to complete a double, when we entertain Bolton Wanderers here at the County Ground. It was our visit to Burnden Park on the opening day of the season which gave us a memorable beginning to our return to the Third Division last August.

Two goals from Peter Coyne in a 2-1 win gave us just the start we had all been hoping for. Bolton Wanderers managed by former Liverpool and England full back Phil Neal are struggling to keep their position just above the relegation zone. Their two recent away matches have been at Chesterfield and Chester City.

On their visit to Saltergate they held the Derbyside club to a goal less draw and their team for this match was:

SALTERGATE: SCOTT, PHILLIPS, JOYCE, SUTTON, GAME, CALDWELL, THOMPSON, ELLIOTT,

HARTFORD, DARBY. SUBSTITUTE: ATKINSON.

We travel to Springfield Park, Wigan on Saturday March 28th, for what promises to be a vital promotion battle. The hospitable Northern club have been in fine form after a poor start to the season and their Cup exploits have earned them many plaudits and with these notes having to be written before their F.A. Cup Quarter Final match against Leeds United they may well have secured a Semi Final place.

Their recent top of the table tussle with A.F.C. Bournemouth was abandoned after 61 minutes play due to a blizzard on the same day that our match with Darlington was postponed due to similar conditions. The scores were level at 1-1 after Richard Cook had given A.F.C. Bournemouth an early lead which Paul Jewell had neutralised. The match was finally abandoned after 61 minutes of play. There has been no new date set for this match yet.

Wigan Athletic, are on current form, the most improved team in the Third Division and they have achieved this after a poor start to the season

making their improvement even more praiseworthy. Ray Mathias has been highly successful since taking over from former Town Coach and midfielder Bryan Hamilton.

The Wigan Athletic team that were on duty for their abandoned match with A.F.C. Bournemouth was:

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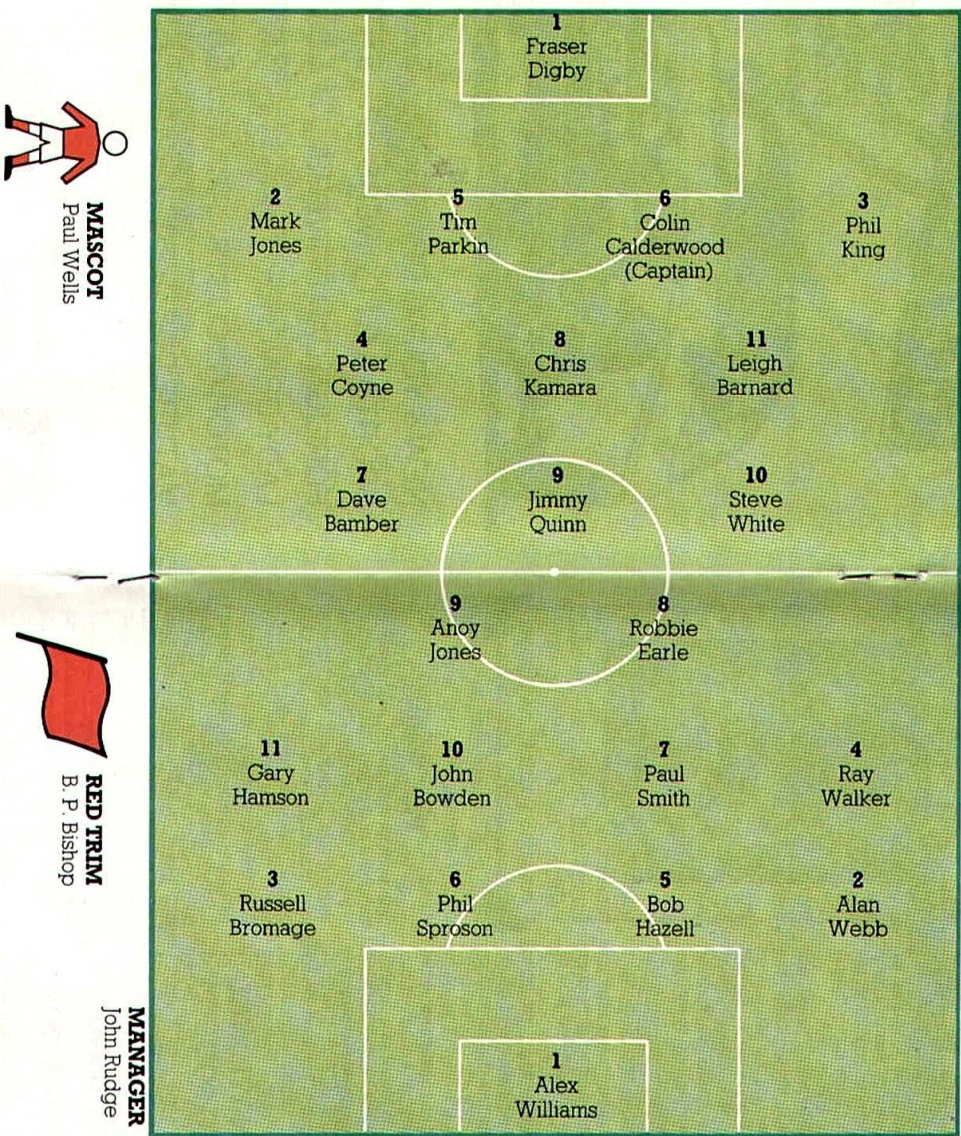
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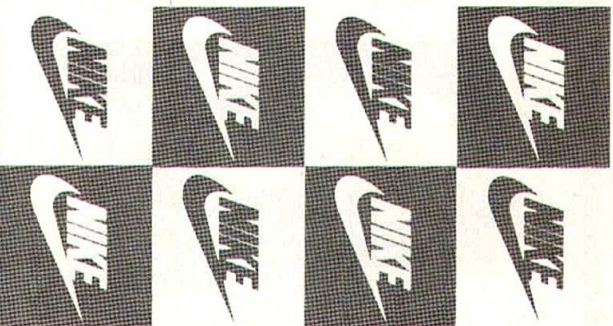
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## INTERVIEW



**The Commercial Department of Swindon Town Football Club are fortunate to have the services of Joyce Moore. She has now completed ten years in the service of Swindon Town Football Club.**

Joyce is a well travelled lady as she explains, "It was an experience that came through my late husband Eric's service with the R.A.F." It was through Eric's involvement with the Club as Lottery Manager and later in a brief spell as Commercial Manager that Joyce became connected with the club.

Born in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, Joyce first moved to Wiltshire when she moved to Malmesbury. An R.A.F. posting to Aden, took Joyce abroad. "I really did enjoy the time out there despite what most people usually describe Aden to be like". She continued "We came back to Wiltshire and Swindon in particular when Eric was posted to Brize Norton". The Moore family retained their Swindon home despite another overseas posting, "This time we were off to Singapore for a 2½ year stay, we then returned to Swindon for two years

before going to Malta".

This was a troublesome period for anyone in Malta as Joyce explained, "Do you remember it was the time that Mintoff the Maltese premier ordered all the servicemen off the island. We moved back to Brize Norton and back to Swindon, until Eric retired from the R.A.F. in 1977".

One year after her late husband joined the Commercial Department of Swindon Town Football Club, Joyce joined forces with him.

"Before joining the club, I worked for the Southern Electricity Board. I have always enjoyed my connection with the club and working here three days a week keeps my involvement".

Joyce explained her function in the Commercial department with the obvious enjoyment that she had earlier expressed, "My work entails keeping the accounts for the lottery department, sending out the invoices and the required returns to the local council for the lottery competition?"

There has recently been added involvement for Joyce as she went onto explain, "Since I have been working with Doug, I have become more involved with the sponsorship side of the Commercial Department and that is very much more interesting".

Joyce who has three sons, two of whom are married described the familys interest and involvement with football, "We just eat, breath and drink football. My sons all play the game and to be honest they cannot get enough of the game, we really do love it as a family". Family involvement in football is what every club desires, particularly on the terraces, but it is nice to hear of familys within the Football Club also being involved with our national game.

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## MATCH DAY

# Mascot



### Paul Wells

Our photograph above tells it all! A delightful and proud Paul Wells holding the Fourth Division Championship Trophy that Swindon Town have in their possession. Paul, lives at 26 Colbourne Street, Swindon and is another of our matchday mascots who attend Churchfields School.

Twelve-year-old Paul rated former Town goalkeeper Kenny Allen as his favourite County Ground player. Ken is now with Torquay United and is apparently playing very well for the South Devon club according to United Manager Stuart Morgan.

First Division title chasers Everton are highly rated by Paul and he will be keeping a watchful eye on the progress of the Merseyside club. Liverpool will also be one of Pauls main concerns as they tussle for Merseyside Supremacy. Have a good day, Paul.

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Seven of the Youths playing in the National Final last season eventually signed for 'Today' Football League clubs.

Despite the fact that the Town Youth team lost their South East Counties League game at Hambrook against Bristol Rovers by 2-1 on Saturday February 14th, they did give an improved display.

Nigel Packer gave the Town the lead in the fourth minute following a good movement between Paul Hunt, Adrian Viveash, and Fitzroy Simpson. However the defence was caught napping in the 28th minute by a long clearance which Dave Barnett failed to clear, allowing Jim Eaton to race clear and equalise.

The Town youngsters had learnt nothing from their previous encounter with Eaton earlier this season for it was the same player who was allowed to put Rovers ahead midway in the second half, when Gary Gillette and Martin Tucker failed to clear.

A piece of bad luck for the Town youngsters was the loss of Richard Morgan at half-time through injury.

The lack of overall strength in our squad of players is being

clearly emphasised in our Football Combination results of late. Our most recent defeat against a youthful Millwall team at the Den on Monday February 23rd was our seventh defeat in our last nine matches. The 3-1 scoreline could have been closer but for missed chances.

Chris Ramsey returned to action following his recent illness while Phil King and Bryan Wade provided the only other experience in the team.

The Town failed to produce a shot at goal in the first half.

Trevor Booker put Millwall ahead in the fifteenth minute following a mistake by Alan Churchward. Twenty minutes later David Mehmet put the home side into a 2-0 interval lead.

Nicky Hughes reduced the arrears in the 66th minute following a centre by Phil King. It took Millwall only two minutes to score a third. Phil King was unlucky to see his shot hit the Millwall crossbar and then Bryan Wade shot straight at Paul Sansome.

### SWINDON TOWN v BRISTOL ROVERS

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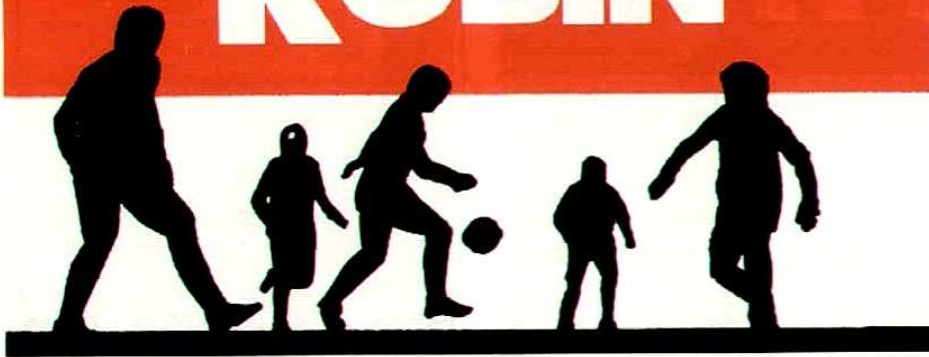
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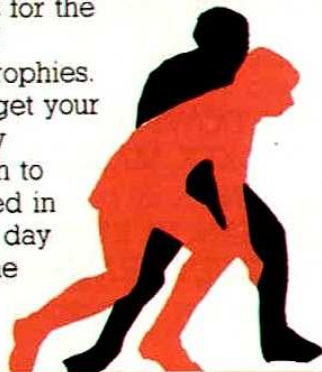
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Last year many of you took part in Wootton Bassett School's Mad March Hare Fun Run. You will be pleased to know that a similar event is being held again this year. It will be held this year on Sunday 22nd March. The Under 16 Race is again over 2 miles and starts at 10.30 am. The entry fee is just £1, there are tracksuit badges for all finishers and a number of trophies for the winners of different trophies. You must get your entry in by 14th March to be included in the match day programme



but entries will be accepted up to and including the day of the race. Entry forms can be obtained from the Club Office.

Although the exact date has still to be confirmed we are hoping to hold an evening for the parents of Junior Robins on a Monday Evening in the Rendezvous Club. Rick Kennedy, whose son Richard keeps goal for the Under 11 Junior Robins team has kindly volunteered his services free for this evening. Rick was born in Shildon a little railway town in the North East but has lived in London for most of his show business life. A singer with a great voice for either ballads or beat he started in the entertainment business at the age of 15 on the northern club scene. Having passed an audition with the B.B.C. he spent three years touring with the Sid Phillips Band. His next stint was at the exclusive 400 Club in



Dick Mattick

Leicester before touring in the United States and the West Indies. One of his great memories with the famous Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. On his return Rick joined the famous Squadronairs Band with Ronnie Aldrich. He has also been doing regular television work recently in such shows as Russ Abbott and Eastenders. Recently both he and Junior Robin Richard appeared together in "Seal Morning".

Finally a couple of quick reminders. We have a meeting on Monday Evening at 5.30 p.m. in the Supporters Club. Also do not forget that if you and your friends want to enter a team in the Leeds Permanent Penalty Prize Competition forms are available from the Club Office.

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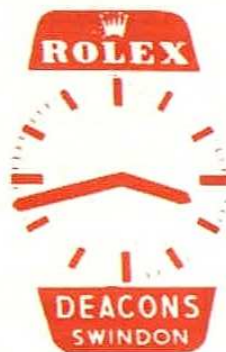
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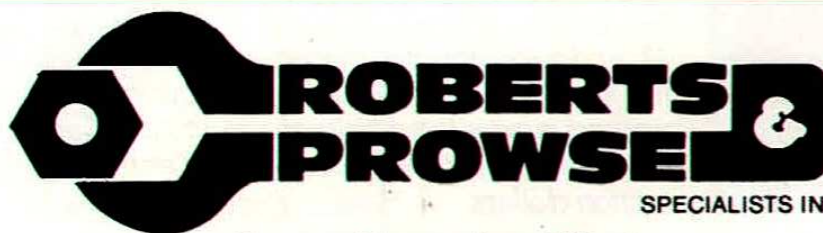


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*Steve has now returned, and will set off from Gretna Green on Saturday February 14th and we were wondering if you would be kind enough to allow him to do a lap of honour during half time at one of your fixtures. He will be in your area around April 1st and we would be very grateful if you could let us know if and when this would be possible. Obviously we can be somewhat flexible with the dates I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.*

*Yours Sincerely  
Moya Layton*

*P.S. Lou has invited Steve to attend our match with Mansfield Town on Friday April 3rd.*

Our F.A. Cup tie earlier this month with Leeds United certainly attracted the big names to the County Ground with both Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness of Glasgow Rangers in

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The photograph above shows Town reserve team manager Andy Rowland presenting the Trophy awarded to the Swindon branch of the Leeds Building Society for the most progressive in the United Kingdom. Receiving the Trophy from Andy is Peter Gibbs the local branch manager.

attendance. Who were they all watching? It was widely accepted that it was John Sheridan the cultured Elland Road clubs midfield schemer. One problem, if it was he would be the wrong denomination for a move to Ibrox Park. Now who could have been the attraction, don't be surprised to see either back here before the season is finished or Tottenham's David Pleat who has been seen at some of the Town's midweek matches.

The following letter was received from a Blackpool supporter following our visit to Bloomfield Road on Saturday February 7th.

*St James Vicarage  
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8.2.87*

Dear Sir,

*On Saturday last, I went to watch Blackpool v Swindon Town at Bloomfield*

*Road, Blackpool.*

*I have been a life long supporter of Blackpool and arrived some 15 mins before Kick Off to find myself surrounded on the Kop in the company of the entire supporting crowd of Swindon Town supporters. At first I was dubious about displaying my loyalties. I need not have been worried, for I have never met a better bunch of folk from 'the opposition'. There was'nt one piece of foul language, there was much fun and laughter. They are a credit to Swindon and especially to the Town Football club.*

*Yours Sincerely  
R. Cartmell*

*P.S. 'Well done all you Town fans, this is probably due to the well run Travel Club who have made sure that only well respected members attend in the majority. Keep up the good work'.  
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## STANDING VIEW

### FROM · THE · TERRACE

The circumstances of our exit from the Freight Rover Trophy last Tuesday could scarcely have been more dramatic or controversial.

The forty minutes or so after keeper Fraser Digby was sent off remain largely a blur as a feeling of stunned disbelief took over the County Ground.

The consistently inconsistent decisions that the paying public have to endure do little to control the growing feeling of mistrust that it fast undermining the authority of match officials.

Last Tuesday was yet another occasion when one official's application of the rules of

the game made him and not the match the abiding memory.

It is painful to dwell too much on the events of our departure from the Freight Rover Trophy but just two incidents seem to sum up the whole sickening night.

The felling of Steve White when goal bound inside the penalty area during the first half, brought neither a penalty nor a booking.

The similar action of Fraser Digby outside the penalty area in the second half brought his premature departure from the proceedings, Jimmy Quinn's removal from an attacking role and the subsequent punishment of three goals conceded and the denial of

Swindon Town's chance to progress in a lucrative competition.

The punishment is exaggerated still further by Digby's ban from vital matches in the run in to the end of the season. His absence could result in not only our Wembley dream turning into a nightmare.

Coupled with our experience at Dean Court on New Year's Day, last Tuesday's officiating perhaps emphasises the need for certain referees resist the temptation to continually step into the limelight themselves. Sour Grapes do not really come into the argument, as standards have fallen enough, over a period of time, for football supporters to call for the introduction of professional referees. The ranks of ex-player's provide an ideal supply of officials who are able to draw on relevant experience in order to apply the laws correctly to the pace and pressures of the modern game.

by Michael Scott

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**JIMMY QUINN.** Jim who rejoined Swindon Town from Blackburn Rovers in December was recently called into the Northern Ireland squad that drew 1-1 with Israel in Tel Aviv. Although Jim did not make an appearance he naturally hopes that he will be included in future squads.

City when he was a member of Avon schoolboys. Phil made his league debut for Exeter City at home to Halifax Town on February 23rd 1984. It was former Town winger Martin Ling who made sure Phil's League debut was marked with a victory, his first half goal enough to ensure maximum points for the Devon club in front of a crowd of 2,549.

Phil played against the Town in only his third league appearance. Contrary to most peoples belief, Phil was not making his first league appearance at the County Ground on February 28th 1987! Phil was a member of City's team on March 5th 1984 that lost 2-0. Two second half goals from Colin Gordon settling the issue that evening. Leigh Barnard was a member of the 'Grecians' line up that night, for Leigh was then on loan to the Devon club. There were 2,696 present that evening.

The Bristol born full back went onto make 16 appearances for Exeter City that season, wearing the No's 6,12,2,3 and 8 shirts in the process.

Last season Phil made nine League appearances for Exeter City but he did not appear in either of our two matches with the Devon club as we swept to the Fourth Division title.

Ironically Phil was present at a League tribunal meeting in London the same day that Tim Parkin and Martin Ling were having their fees set by the attendant commission. Phil's fee was set at £3,000 a fee that left Torquay United manager Stuart Morgan beaming with delight. This season he is reported to have attracted a lot of attention from several leading clubs. His form was enough for Tottenham Hotspur to invite him to White Hart Lane for a two day training stint.



**PHIL KING.** Was born in Bristol on December 28th 1967. Phil first came to the attention of Exeter



Steve White and Peter Coyne on the attack against Aldershot.

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Peter Coyne surges towards the Aldershot goal during a Town attack.

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## FOOTBALL COMBINATION GOALSCORERS

(up to and inc. March 7th)

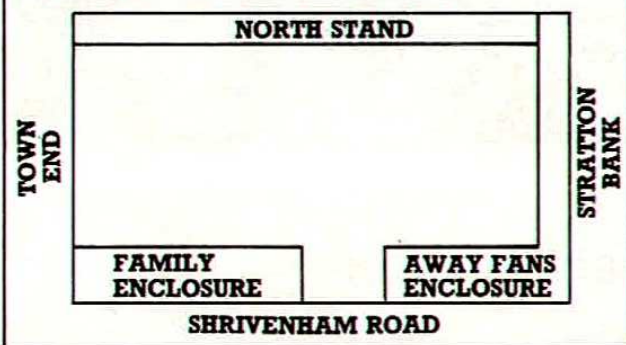
Steve White 9, Mark Gardiner and Bryan Wade 8 each, Jimmy Gilligan 7, Nicky Hughes 4, David Cole, Gary Gillett, Charlie Henry and Chris Kamara 3 each, Dave Bamber, Alan McLoughlin and Steve Tobin 2 each, Peter Coyne, Dave Hockaday, Tim Parkin, Martin Ling, Jamie Reynolds and Stuart Wilson one each, own goals 5.

## YOUTH TEAM GOALSCORERS

(up to and inc. Sat March 7th)

Nicky Hughes 30, Nigel Packer 8, Adrian Viveach 6, Dean Casserly, Paul Hunt and Denny Mundee 4 each, Gary Gillett and Fitzroy Simpson 2 each, Dave Barnett and Tony Hammersley one each.

## COUNTY GROUND PLAN



## THE TODAY LEAGUE

Swindon Town 1986-87

DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result
23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	5,684	2-1
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY	H L.C.	4,749	3-0
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H	7,350	1-2
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD	A L.C.	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	A L.C.	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 L.C.	9,453	0-0
11.10.86	SAT	FULHAM	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	6,194	2-0
6.12.86	SAT	ENFIELD	H F.A.C. R.2	6,258	3-0
9.12.86	TUE	ORIENT	H F.R.T.	3,085	3-0
14.12.86	SUN	BRISTOL CITY	H (11.30 a.m.)	7,637	1-2
21.12.86	SUN	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	3,301	2-2
26.12.86	FRI	BRENTFORD	H (3.00 pm)	8,086	2-0
27.12.86	SAT	GILLINGHAM	A	9,994	3-1
1.1.87	THU	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A (3.00 pm)	10,557	0-1
3.1.87	SAT	BURY	H	6,675	1-0
6.1.87	WED	BRENTFORD	A F.R.T.	1,100	2-4
10.1.87	SAT	FULHAM	A F.A.C. R.3	7,077	1-0
25.1.87	SUN	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	6,620	3-0
28.1.87	WED	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H F.R.T.	4,524	2-2
3.2.87	TUE	LEEDS UNITED	H F.A.C. R.4	14,031	1-2
7.2.87	SAT	BLACKPOOL	A	4,839	1-1
10.2.87	TUE	HEREFORD UNITED	H F.R.T. R.2	5,739	4-2
21.2.87	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	3,004	2-1
28.2.87	SAT	MIDDLESBROUGH	H F.A.C. R.5	11,341	1-0
3.3.87	TUE	YORK CITY	A	2,561	3-0
10.2.87	TUE	ALDERSHOT	F.R.T. H (7.45 pm)	8,450	2-3
13.3.87	FRI	CHESTERFIELD	A F.A.C. R.6		
17.3.87	TUE	PORT VALE	H (7.45 pm)		
21.3.87	SAT	FULHAM	H		
24.3.87	TUE	BOLTON WANDERERS	H (7.45 pm)		
28.3.87	SAT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A		
1.4.87	WED	CHESTER	A (7.30 pm)		
3.4.87	FRI	MANSFIELD TOWN	H (7.45 pm)		
12.4.87	SUN	BRISTOL ROVERS	A F.A.C. S.F.		
18.4.87	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H		
20.4.87	MON	BRENTFORD	A (11 a.m.)		
25.4.87	SAT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H		
28.4.87	TUE	NOTTS COUNTY	A (7.30 pm)		
2.5.87	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	A		
4.5.87	MON	GILLINGHAM	H		
9.5.87	SAT	BRISTOL CITY	A		

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**FULHAM** League Division Three

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Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Henry	Wade(1)	Coyne*	Ling*	McLoughlin/Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Coyne*	Henry	Bamber	Wade	Barnard	White (1)
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Henry	Wade(1)	Coyne	McLoughlin	Parkin/Ling
Allen	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade(2)	Coyne*	Ling	Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry*	Wade	McLoughlin	Jones	White (1)
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Jones	Ling*	Wade	White	Barnard (2)	Gilligan
Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Jones	Wade	Gilligan	Barnard	Henry/McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan (1)	Wade	Bamber (1)	Barnard	Coyne
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan*	Wade	Bamber	Barnard	Coyne
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara (1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones (1)	Gilligan	White	Bamber (1)	Barnard	Reynolds
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin*	Calderwood	Jones	Gilligan	Coyne*	Bamber	Barnard	White/Wade
Digby	Ramsey	McLoughlin	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber	Jones	Coyne (P)	Gilligan	Barnard	White (1)
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Jones	McLoughlin	Gilligan*	Barnard (1)	White
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones (1)	Calderwood	Kamara (1)	Henry	Bamber	White (1)	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan*	Barnard	McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones (P+1)	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan(1)	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan(1)*	Barnard	Henry
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Kamara	Parkin	Bamber	White	Gilligan	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Wade *(1)	Parkin	Coyne (1)	White *	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	Gardiner/McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Wade(1)	McLoughlin	Franklin	Bamber	Gilligan (1)	Barnard	White
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber	McLoughlin	Wade	Coyne *	Barnard	Gilligan
Digby	Ramsey *	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Wade	Kamara	Franklin	Bamber	Gilligan	Barnard	Reynolds
Digby	Kamara	Hockaday	Jones (1)	Henry	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	McLoughlin	Wade (1)	Gilligan	Barnard	White/Coyne
Digby	Henry	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber (2)	Kamara	White (1)	Reynolds	Barnard	Parkin/Gilligan
Digby	Henry	Hockaday	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	White (1)	Gilligan*	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Henry (1)	Barnard	Jones	Franklin	Calderwood	Kamara	Hockaday	White (1)	Quinn	Bamber	Wade
Digby	Hockaday	Barnard	Jones (P)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	White (1)	Quinn	Gardiner	Wade
Digby	Barnard	Hockaday	Jones (P)	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne (1)	Kamara	White	Quinn *	McLoughlin	Gilligan
Digby	McLoughlin *	Hockaday	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Coyne	Kamara	Quinn	White	Barnard	Gardiner
Digby	Coyne	Hockaday	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Gardiner (1)	Kamara	Quinn *	White	Barnard	Bamber
Digby	Coyne (1)	Hockaday	Cassery*	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Ramsey	Quinn	White (1)*	Barnard	Wade/N. Hughes
Digby	Hockaday	Barnard	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Ramsey	Quinn	White	Bamber(1)	Gilligan/McLoughlin
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Parkin (1)	Calderwood	Coyne	Gardiner*	Quinn (1)	Wade	Barnard	Bamber (1)
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday*	Coyne (2, 1 pen)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Henry	White*	Barnard	Quinn/Wade
Digby	Ramsey	Hockaday	Wade*	Parkin	Calderwood	Jones	Kamara	Quinn	Bamber (1)	Barnard*	Coyne/White
Digby	White	Hockaday	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne	Kamara	Quinn	Bamber (1)	Barnard*	King
Digby	McLoughlin	Hockaday	Coyne (1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White (1)	Barnard	Reynolds/White
Digby	King	Hockaday	Coyne *	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Hockaday	King	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Quinn	White (1)	Barnard	Jones
Digby	King	Hockaday	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber (1)*	Kamara	Quinn (2)	White	Barnard	Jones
Digby	Ramsey	Barnard	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White (1)	Jones	Wade/Gilligan

## THE PLAY OFFS

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

The First Stage, week commencing 10th May 1987 will be as follows:-

**FIRST LEGS:** Division Three 5th Club v Division Two 20th Club  
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**SECOND LEGS:** Reverse of above matches.

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

For every tie which ends with the scores level, an extra half hour will be played, if the scores are level at the end of extra time, the 'Away Goals double' rule will be applied. If the tie remains unsettled there will be a replay, i.e. a third match, on the day immediately following the Second Leg match.

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

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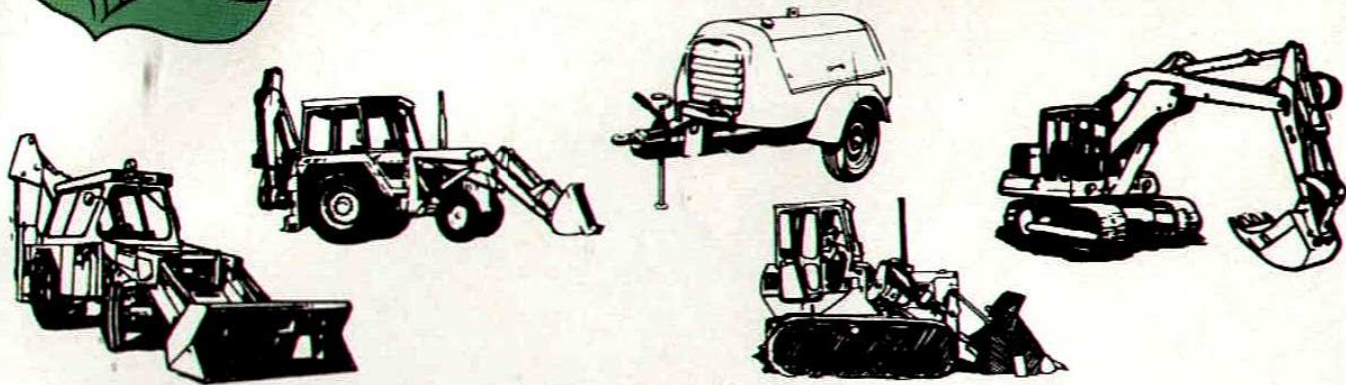
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