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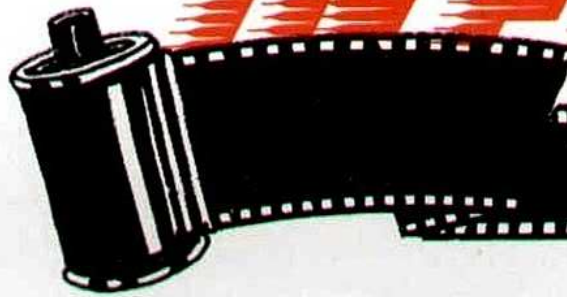
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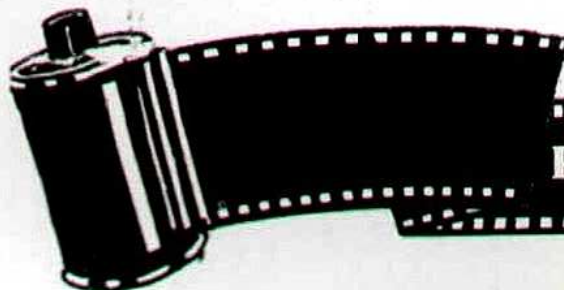


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Wigan Athletic 1



David Lowe gets up well but heads just wide.



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Notts County 0



Bobby Campbell sees his shot cannon off the legs of a County defender.

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UNTIL this season, we had never played Swindon Town in League Football. They were relegated to the Fourth Division in 1982 at the same time as we were promoted to the Third Division. Today they are making their first visit to Springfield Park and what an important occasion it is. After their 2-0 win at home against Bolton last Tuesday, Swindon are now third in the table with 66 points. They have two matches in hand of Bournemouth and Middlesbrough above them, which makes Swindon potential League leaders. Our excellent win against Notts County on Tuesday has kept us in the promotion race, especially in view of the games we have in hand. These games have got to be won if we are to maintain our interest and today's game is therefore one of the most important of the season. When we played at Swindon on Sunday the 5th October, we were only just coming out of a bad spell and we lost 3-1. Tuesday's fine game here against Notts County should have restored full confidence and our boys need no extra motivation today. The stage is set for a great sporting occasion with vital points at stake. We hope you will give the team your full vocal support and show them that you are solidly behind them in the promotion struggle.

As a result of our wonderful run in the F.A. Cup, we are now equipped with a new television platform high in the Main Stand, together with facilities for closed-circuit television for crowd supervision. This is all part of our build-up for football in the top divisions, which is our aim. We hope we shall be rewarded with adequate support by the public in our efforts to keep Wigan in a prominent place in the nation's main sport.

VIEWPOINT

Individual views in this programme do not necessarily reflect the views of Wigan Athletic Football Club.

ATHLETIC

AN

Ray Mathias

THOSE who witnessed our game against Notts County the other night will agree with me, I'm sure when I say it was one of the best games seen at Springfield Park this season.

The football and commitment shown by both sides were a credit to the game, but this was no surprise to me when looking at the quality and passing ability of the players on display.

The attitude of our lads on the night was first class and nothing less than that for today's game against Swindon will be good enough to get us the result required to keep us in line for promotion.

The old cliché of a six pointer with no thought of before today's game and it is important maximum points are taken from the teams above us to close the small gap.

My search throughout the country over the last few weeks to find cover for Andy Holden has been a very difficult task, but the signing of Alan Whitehead from York on loan until the end of the season has added another quality player to our squad.

With the talent already in the side anything less than the above mentioned player would not of been good enough.

Congratulations this week must go to Alan Hall who has now become a regular in Northern Ireland's Youth team, winning his second full cap on Tuesday evening and he shows the potential still coming through our youth system.

I would like to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan to today's game and also everybody connected with Swindon Town football club to what we hope is a great afternoon and hopefully we have something to cheer about at the end of the game.



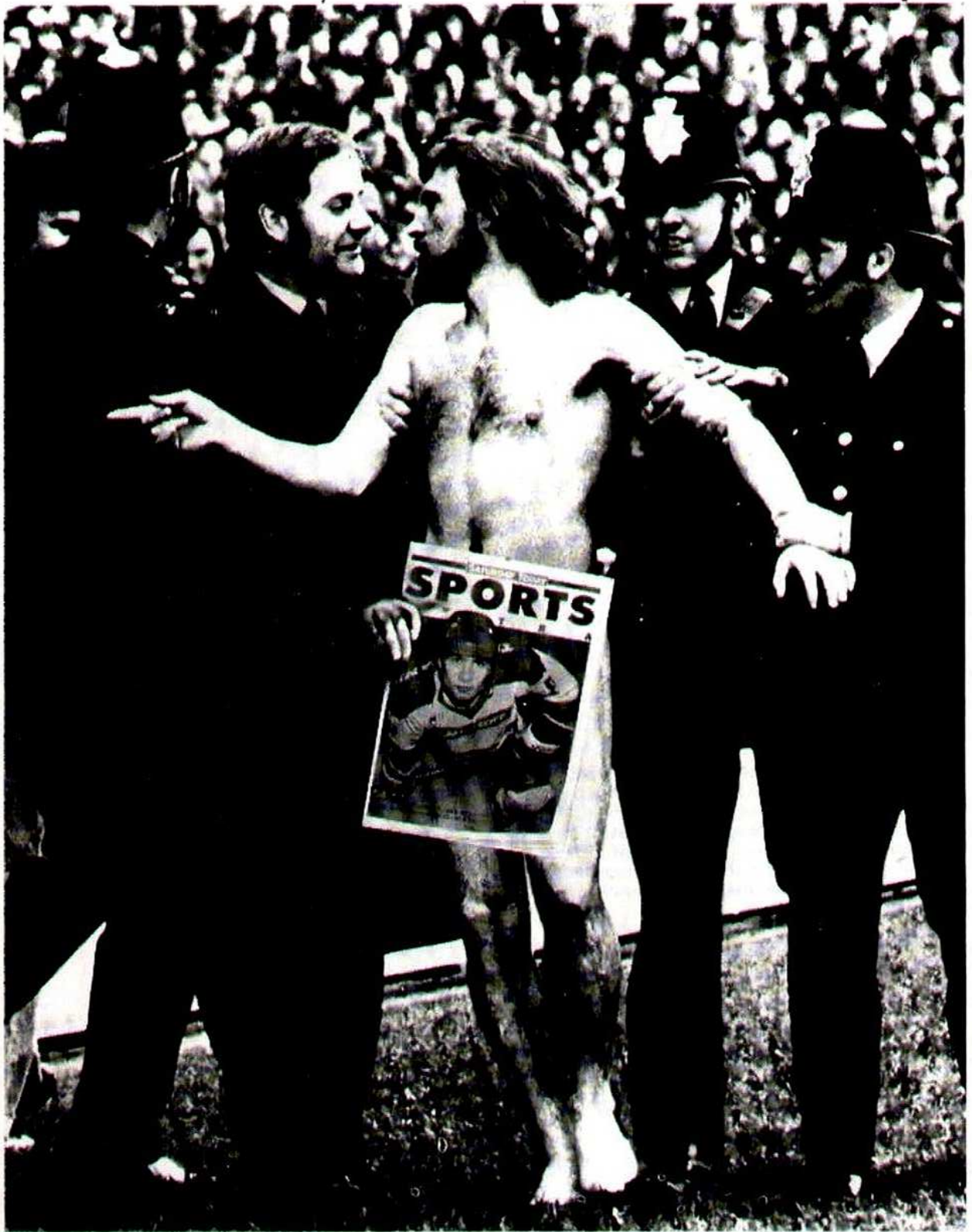
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Harold Ashurst's

3rd DIVISION SCENE



CHESTER City, managed by former boss Harry McNally, stand just two games away from a Wembley final.

Their 3-1 victory over neighbours Wrexham after extra time on Monday night means they now face Mansfield over two legs for a place at Wembley in the Freight Rover final against either Bristol City or Aldershot.

But what a night it was. Mick Clarke, who was reserve team coach at Latics in Harry's days, landed himself in hot water, so to speak after apparently slinging cold water on the Wrexham fans.

The incident came just three minutes from time when Graham Barrow headed Chester level. The Wrexham fans had some choice words to say to the Chester bench, and it all resulted in the H₂O being hurled over the wall.

Police escorted Mick from the dugout but he returned later and it seems the matter has now been sorted out.

Chester, incidentally, will have played four games in seven days come today. They beat Newport last Saturday, then Wrexham on Monday, lost to Bury at home in a League game on Wednesday and today travel to Bristol City.

Darlington's Paul Ward became the youngest manager in the Football League this week when he was handed the task of keeping the Feethams club in the Third Division.

Third from bottom Darlington sacked

Cyril Knowles and his assistant John Craggs during the week after the team hadn't won since December 19.

Notts County moved for a goalkeeper in midweek to act as cover for Mick Leonard. Jimmy Sirrell signed Canadian World Cup keeper Paul Dolan.

Today's Third Division fixtures: Bournemouth v. Darlington; Bristol City v. Chester; Bury v. Gillingham; Carlisle v. Doncaster; Fulham v. Port Vale; Mansfield v. York; Middlesbrough v. Rotherham; Newport v. Brentford; Notts County v. Bolton; Walsall v. Blackpool; Latics v. Swindon.



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GOOD afternoon and welcome to yet another important promotion game here at Springfield Park.

Those of you who attended Tuesday's game, and no doubt got soaked to the skin in the torrential rain, must have enjoyed seeing the Latics beat what is arguably the best team to have visited Springfield Park this season (Leeds included). Let's hope we have a repeat performance this afternoon.

Norma will be able to give you details of the trip to Doncaster, which will be run at special prices. If you wish to join us on the trip, pop along to the caravan with your membership card and reserve your seat. Please note that this trip is open to Junior Latics members and a limited number of accompanying adults.

Enjoy today's game.

Dave Cadman
Chairman

WIGAN JUNIOR LATICS FOOTBALL SECTION

Before I bring you up to date with the progress of our Junior Latics teams, can I say, on everyone's behalf, well done to the Wigan Athletic players on their brilliant cup run. Also, congratulations to Ray Mathias on winning his second Manager of the Month award. We hope Ray will win the next two months' awards and take Wigan through to Division Two.

Congratulations are also due to three of our Junior Latics teams — the under 11's, 12's and 16's have all reached their Cup Finals. The under 11's beat Appleton 4-0 in their semi-final and will meet Grappenhall Sports in the final, the under 12's beat Eagle 5-1 and will meet Birchwood and the under 16's beat Monks Sports 1-0 and will meet Sturdy 'A' team in their final. The under 16's also completed their league fixtures last week and finished runners-up, so well done lads.

Waiting in the wings, with a 5-a-side Cup competition win already under their belts, are the under 13's who are second in their league at present, with six matches to play.

Last, but certainly not least, our under 14's are top of their league and seven of the boys have played representative football for Wigan Schoolboys under 14's this season. Also, special congratulations to Lee Dootson and Michael Bourne (from the under 14's) who have signed Associate Schoolboy Forms for Wigan Athletic.

Yours in sport
Colin Blakemore
(Chairman Football Section)

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MATCH MASCOT

Today's mascot is Christopher Atkinson from Billinge. Christopher is aged 11, has one sister and attends St. James School. He enjoys playing football and hopes that one day he will be lucky enough to play for Liverpool. Maybe, if he achieves his ambition, he will be able to watch himself on his favourite television programme, 'Match of the Day'. David Lowe has been chosen by Christopher as his favourite Wigan Athletic player.

David Ellis aged 10 is our second match mascot for today. David is 10 years old and attends Earby County Primary School. His favourite group is Dire Straits. His favourite Latics player is Graham Sharp of Everton Football Club.

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15 YEARS AGO

Latics (1) 1 Macclesfield Town 0 Sat 25th March 1972 Att 2813 (Fletcher 44)
 N.P.L.

Wigan treated Macclesfield with a respect they didn't deserve and the Silkmen responded with a display totally lacking all the qualities they possessed only a couple of seasons before. What made Athletics failure to achieve total involvement harder to take was the injury of Macc Keeper Wilf Hall after half an hour. He hobbled around painfully for the rest of the match and a shot more than a yard to either side would have beaten him. It took a Joe Fletcher header a minute from half time to prise the points away from Macclesfield. Rising unchallenged to meet a Graham Oates corner, he powered the ball just under the bar and well away from the stranded Hall. This was to be Fred Willder's last game for Wigan. Playing for Macc was Dave Lyon who joined Athletic for the 73/74 season.

Team: Reeves, Morris Autherland Ledgard Coutts Gillibrand Chadwick Willder Fletcher Koo Oates. Sub: Fleming for Ledgard H.T.

10 YEARS AGO

Latics 0 Northwich Victoria (0) 1 Sat 26th March 1977 Att 1760 (Vickers 77)
 N.P.L.

Latics slipped to their first league defeat since New Years Day against a formidable Northwich side. It was a hard, torrid affair played on a sticky pitch made worse by continuous rain. The Wigan attack which had been so effective in the past few matches never slipped into gear against the biggest defence in the league. It was obvious that one goal would settle the match and so it turned out. Thirteen minutes from time, Wigan's defence was left exposed by a break between Morrey and Vickers. Morrey took the ball to the bye-line before crossing for Vickers to "stomach" the ball into the net from two yards. Playing for Vics were former Latics players Phil Jones and Johnny King. Frank Corrigan was also in their side and he was to sign for Athletic in March 78 for a four figure fee. Team: Brown Morris Prescott Davies Ward Gillibrand Worswick Gore Makin Wilkie Wright Sub: Bannister.

5 YEARS AGO

Hereford Utd (1) 3 Latics 0 Sat 27th March 1982 Att 4191 (Phillips 16 Price 65,84)
 DIVISION FOUR

After early Latics pressure had come to nothing, the Wigan defence was caught square after sixteen minutes as striker Phillips collected a through ball from Showers on the left to beat Roy Tunks with a low drive. Wigan pushed forward at the start of the second half and seemed to have equalised after 55 minutes when Eamon O'Keefe helped Les Bradd's header into the net. However, a linesmans flag came to Herefords rescue. Soon after, new boy Brian Taylor (on loan from Preston) ran onto a perfect Larry Lloyd through ball only to hesitate and fire wide with only keeper Brand to beat. This was to prove costly as minutes later, Hereford defender Price ran from the half way line to beat Tunks to a through ball from his skipper Harvey. Just to emphasise Wigan's bad luck, Peter Houghton hit the inside of the upright before Price made certain for Hereford with his second goal. This was Athletics third successive away defeat but Hereford manager Frank Lord praised Wigan for their willingness to put the accent on attack.

Team: Tunks, McMahon Glenn Taylor Lloyd Methuen O'Keefe Barrow Bradd Houghton Evans Sub: Quinn for Evans 68 minutes.



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LITTLEWOODS CUP: Torquay 3-2 Southampton 0-3

FA CUP: Farnborough 4-0 Fulham 1-0

FREIGHT ROVER TRY: Brentford A 2-4

DID YOU KNOW?

Swindon were the last non-league side to reach the FA Cup Semi Finals in 1910 and 1912. They lost 0-2 to Newcastle and 0-1 to Barnsley (after 0-0) Both sides went on to win the cup.

Swindon won the League Cup at Wembley in 1969 beating Arsenal 3-1. Goalscorers for the then 3rd Division side were Smart and Rogers (2). Swindon also won the Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners Cup in 1969 (5-2 on agg v Roma) and then won the Anglo Italian Cup in 1970 beating Napoli 3-0. Swindon hold the record for most points in a season for any division - 102 points gained last season.

John Trollope holds the record number of League Appearances for one club - 770 for Swindon over 21 seasons (1960-80).

SWINDON TOWN - THE LAST 5 YEARS

Season	Div	Pos	Pl	W	D	L	F-A	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
81/82	3	22nd	46	9	5	9	37-36	4	8	11	18-35	52
82/83	4	8th	46	14	3	6	45-27	5	8	10	16-27	68
83/84	4	17th	46	11	7	5	34-23	4	6	13	24-33	58
84/85	4	8th	46	16	4	3	42-21	5	5	13	20-37	72
85/86	4	1st	46	20	2	1	52-19	12	4	7	30-24	102

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Swindon Town won their first Football League title last Season as they swept to the Fourth Division Championship under the astute guidance of their Team Manager Lou Macari, the former Scotland, Glasgow Celtic and Manchester United star.

In compiling a Football League Record of 102 points, Swindon Town passed several previously existing Club records with consummate ease.

Naturally the exploits of last Season attracted several of the leading Clubs to take a definite interest in the immediate future of the diminutive Scot, who had become one of the brightest and most promising young Managers in the Football league.

The Summer months were spent dissuading Coventry City, Leicester City and Glasgow Celtic from adding Lou Macari to their staff. While overtures were received from all three Clubs along with more than a little interest from Spain, it was eventually a compromise that decided the immediate destiny of the popular Scot. After being offered the position of Assistant Manager with Glasgow Celtic, Lou Macari finally settled for remaining as Manager of Swindon Town. While his decision to stay at the County Ground caused disappointment at Parkhead, the home of his former Club, Glasgow Celtic, he renewed his links with the Scottish champions by accepting scouting duties, with emphasis placed on the South of England.

Although interest was centred around the future of Lou Macari, he did not neglect his duties at the County Ground. In preparation for a return to Third Division soccer Lou Macari strengthened his record breaking squad with four signings of merit. Former Watford and Grimsby Town Striker Jimmy Gilligan returned South for a fee of £31,500 while the



Back-Row (left to right)

*Mark Gardiner, Steve White, Jimmy Gilligan, Chris H
Charlie Henry, David Cole, Colin Calderwood, Ch*

Middle-Row

Middle of row Andy Rowlands

Front-Row

*Alan McLoughlin, Mark Hughes, Jamie Reynolds, I
Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Lou Macari (Team
Peter Coyne, Martin Ling, Leigh Barnard, Bryan V*

payment on Central Defender Tim Parkin, from Bristol Rovers and the highly promising Martin Ling from Exeter City were decided by a July sitting of the Football League Tribunal.

Swindon Town had to pay £27,500 for Tim Parkin, while Exeter City were the recipients of £25,000 for Martin Ling. Former Bristol Rovers Striker Steve White also moved to the County Ground on a free transfer after scoring sixteen goals last Season for the former Eastville Club.

DAVE HOCKADAY (DEFENDER) Born 9.11.57 The versatile former Blackpool player who moved to the County Ground from the Bloomfield Road Club in the close Season of 1983, proved a revelation in the Full Back hole he fulfilled in the second half of last Season. Dave made 34 appearances and three substitute appearances in the Towns championship winning line-up of last Season.

TIM PARKIN (DEFENDER) Born 31.12.57 Joined the County Ground staff

visiting TOWN F.C.



Kamara, Tim Parkin, Kenny Allen, David Bamber, Chris Ramsey

Dave Hockaday, Andy Rowland (Player/Coach), (Manager), John Trollope (Assistant Manager), Wade.

from Bristol Rovers in July for a Football League Tribunal fee of £17,500. The tall commanding Central Defender had made 219 League appearances for Rovers. Tim moved to the Bristol Club from Malmo (Sweden) in August 1987. Rated at £50,000 by Bristol Rovers prior to his move to Swindon, Tim had been 'Player of the year' in successive Seasons with the former Eastville Club. He originally made his Football League debut with Blackburn Rovers for whom he made 13 League appearances.

COLIN CALDERWOOD (CENTRAL DEFENDER) Born 20.1.65 Without doubt Colin proved to be Lou Macari's outstanding signing as he built his championship winning team in the Summer of 1985.

The former Mansfield Town Defender attracted a lot of attention from First Division Clubs last Season with his brilliant displays. Stranraer born, Colin, was the only Swindon Town player to make the 46 maximum League appearances as

Swindon collected their first ever League Championship title. Colin rightfully won the 'Player of the year' award in his first Season with the Club.

CHRIS KAMARA (MIDFIELD) Born 25.12.57 Chris rejoined the Club for a second spell in August 1985 from Brentford for a £12,500 transfer fee. Absent through injury in the first half of last Season the former Portsmouth apprentice made 19 League appearances and one as substitute, scoring one League goal. Chris is one of the few players in the Football League to have played for two League Clubs in different spells - Portsmouth and Swindon.

Chris made 183 First Team appearances in his first spell with the Club.

STEVE WHITE (STRIKER) Born 2.1.59 Steve was surprisingly given a free transfer at the end of last Season by Bristol Rovers. After scoring sixteen goals for the former Eastville Club last Season, Lou Macari fought off opposition from several Third Division Clubs to obtain his signature in July.

Steve was in his second spell with Rovers having been transferred to Luton Town for a fee of £200,000 in 1979. He later played for Charlton Athletic before his return to Bristol Rovers.

BRYAN WADE (STRIKER) Born 25.6.63 Bryan made a successful entry into League soccer last Season from Southern League Trowbridge Town.

To have finished with a championship medal in his first Season of full-time soccer was beyond the former Bath City and Trowbridge Town's Strikers wildest dreams.

Bryan's ten League goals from his 31 League appearances, and three as substitute had a significant part in the Town's first ever championship title win.

SPRINGFIELD SCENE

LAST Saturday's Third Division game at Darlington was a bit special for Swindon Town fan John Menham.

It was his 300th consecutive League game, home and away, following his beloved Town.

That would be a great record for any fan, but for one who has to spend his life in a wheelchair it is an incredible one.

Little wonder that Town manager Lou Macari presented him with an inscribed watch earlier this year... identical to those given to the players to mark their Fourth Division championship success.

John, 28, saw his first Swindon game in 1969. And he started in style... it was the League Cup Final at Wembley, when

**'Thanks
for
coming'
— Lou**

they beat Arsenal 3-1.

It was also his 11th birthday that day, March 15.

From then, 17 years ago, he has not missed a single home game.

And, during the last ten or so seasons, has missed only a few away.

"He's our greatest fan, so he tells me. But I'd like you to know that he did miss a youth game a couple of weeks ago," said Lou Macari today.

to a wheelchair and has seen every Swindon home game for nearly 18 years. He has only missed a few away games - these being in the earlier years.

Would it be possible to make some small mention in your programme on March 28th - regarding John's achievement of visiting all the 92 league grounds, it would please him so much. I have enclosed copies of press and programme cuttings to better explain John's devotion to football and Swindon Town Football Club in particular.

It will also be the last ground to be visited for Swindon's Assistant Manager - Mr John Trollope. Thank you
Yours sincerely Jean Menham Swindon

A warm welcome today to Swindon fans Mike and Stella Rogers, who will get the red carpet-style treatment on their visit to Springfield Park.

They both hit the headlines last year when their marriage plans threatened to clash with the club's fixture with Latics at the County Ground.

The game was switched to Sunday and at the game the couple were invited back to Wigan for the return. They will be shown around the town, meet civic dignitaries and club officials and, if you see a helicopter landing on the pitch just before the kick off, don't worry. It's just Mike and Stella being flown in in style.

Welcome to new signing Alan Whitehead, who's joined us from York on loan until the end of the season. And going in the opposite direction is John Lowey, who's agreed to join York on loan. Good luck John.

Don't forget, the coach for Tuesday's game at Newport leaves Springfield Park at 3.30 Fare is £7.99.

Dear Ms Fillingham

On Saturday March 28th Wigan Athletic will be playing Swindon Town. That will be a great day for my son, as Springfield Park is his last league ground to visit.

My son, John Menham, who will be 29 on March 15th is confined

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Welcome to Springfield Park for our second home game in 5 days - after today its hit the road time again and off to South Wales for Tuesdays game at Newport.

The trip to Twerton Park, Bath was long and tiring. It was a good job I had my trusty cassette player blasting out the sounds otherwise I'd have fallen asleep. The full days driving was 403 miles and I literally fell into bed - shattered.

The City of Bath is beautiful and one day I hope to go back and spend time sight seeing. One aspect of the game at



out when our game was in progress and showed total disregard for pronunciation of Latics players names. Far from being perfect myself - I do at least research the opponents names and liaise with Ray Mathias over announcements such as man of the match, giving out half time scores etc.

Anyway I think its fair to say I had a 'cob on' after the Bristol game - I'm not used to seeing Latics loose!

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Best wishes
Dave Swanton

Bath I was unhappy about was the unbelievable bias shown by the public address man who looked like a test pilot for Grecian 2000. He gave Bristol Citys score

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What were you doing on

Wigan Athletic, under the shrewd managership of Gordon Milne, were powering towards their first ever Northern Premier League title this time 16 years ago. After a goal-less home draw with Bangor City, Latics hit the victory trail in style with a 4-0/away win against a totally outclassed Matlock Town.

Gordon Milne re-shaped the side after a recent spell in which goals were hard to come by, and his plan worked like a charm.

Centre half Doug Coutts started the riot with a goal in the second half then, after Graham Oates had added a second, Coutts pounced again with a curling drive from the edge of the penalty area, before

Lee Koo rounded off the scoring six minutes from time with a fine solo effort. The victory kept Latics top of the Premier League ahead of Stafford Rangers and Scarborough in a season in which they reached the Third Round of the FA Cup, going out to Manchester City in a memorable match at Maine Road before 46,000 people.

Just up the M58 Skelmersdale United were hoping to end their days as an amateur club by winning the Amateur Cup against Dagenham at Wembley. Skem booked their passage for the first time since losing to Enfield in 1967 by beating Leatherhead in the semi final at

TRAVEL CLUB

31st March Newport County Depart 3-30pm
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11th April Doncaster Depart 12 noon

SUPPORTERS' CLUB SPOTLIGHT

ON behalf of the committee and members, I would like to welcome the officials, players, and supporters of Swindon Town.

FUNCTIONS

I would like to remind you that the club is available for all types of functions (Weddings, Parties etc.) seven days a week. All enquiries to Carol Liptrot on Wigan 43512.

SPORTS SECTION DARTS & DOMINOES

On Monday evening the Knockout competition for individuals was played at Pemberton L.C. One of our domino players was unable to attend and our sub, Wilf McDonald played and actually won the competition. Congratulations, Wilf.

The League presentation will be held on April 1st at Pemberton L.C.

POOL

The Pool team need to win both their remaining fixtures in order to win the championship. (Good luck Chris Leigh and Co.).

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Voting for the player of the year will take place on Good Friday when we entertain Bury, with the Presentation being on Friday, May 15th, in the Supporters Club.

Watch this space for further information.

Enjoy a pint after the match.
Stuart Cooper

28th March 1971 ?

Bolton.
Ted Dicken and Andy Windsor scored the Skem goals that took them to Wembley.

On the Rugby front Wigan were heading for the League Leaders' Trophy thanks to a decisive 24-5 victory at Whitehaven. It was their first win at the Recreation Ground for five years and their tries came from Bill Francis (2), Warren Ayres two from Stuart Wright and another from Doug Laughton. Bill Ashurst kicked three goals.

On the News front, proposals which would give Wigan a new Market Hall and Market Square took shape this week. They have been put forward by a group of developers and while they are not named at this stage it has emerged that they are acting on behalf of two clients - Littlewoods Stores and Woolworths. The proposal envisage the demolition of the Market Hall and its replacement by a three storey building on the Market Square.

An 83 year old Hindley pensioner who married last autumn held a belated wedding reception for 40 of his friends this week - despite the fact that he and his wife - his third - have parted! The sprightly old gent decided to go ahead with the celebrations because of a long standing promise.



Graham Oates

He said: 'Few of my friends came to the reception at my home so I told them I would have a separate party. I couldn't break my word.'

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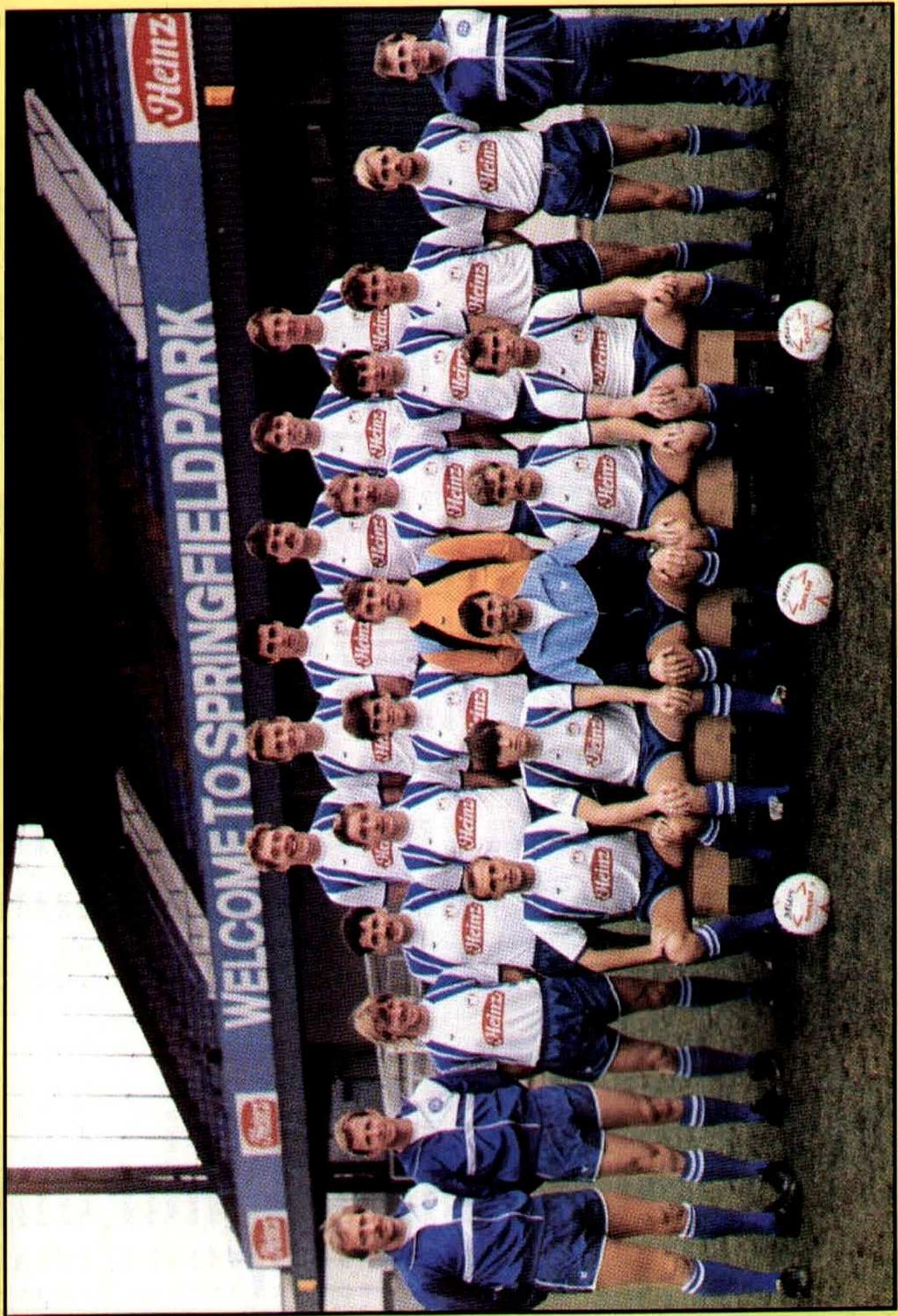
Our business depends on family support and perhaps football needs more families to return to the game and ensure its long term future."

Applications are invited from families for seats in the Heinz enclosure for the remainder of this season and throughout next.

For further details contact Commercial Manager John Fillingham on Wigan 44433.

All the refreshments in the Heinz Family Enclosure have been donated free of charge by H.J.Heinz and Cambrian Soft Drinks For To-Days Game.





In Reserve

OUT of the last three reserve performances the one at West Bromwich on Wednesday in which we achieved a 3-2 win was not as good as the previous two, where, amazingly, only a point from each fixture was the outcome.

The obvious reason for this was the ability to take the chances created during the West Bromwich match and although not playing that well defensively the three points were deserved.

Our scorers from the match were Mark Hilditch, with two, and Graham Houston.

Mark's goals were two fine headers from equally fine crosses with Graham's coming from close range after reacting quicker than anybody else to a loose ball in the West Brom box.

It was great for the lads to get a win under their belt after going through a bit of a barren spell.

Hopefully we can continue this trend and I am sure we will. If we can maintain the improvement shown of late.

Let me at this stage say how pleasing it is to see Dayle Green making progress from his serious knee operation and it will not be long before he can join us in our daily training sessions.

AUGUST

27 Wed. Notts County..... A 3-0

SEPTEMBER

2 Tue. Bolton Wanderers..... H 2-2

9 Tue. Bradford City..... H 1-5

17 Wed. Rotherham United..... H 2-0

24 Wed. Barnsley..... A 1-2

OCTOBER

1 Wed. West Bromwich Albion..... H 2-4

6 Mon. Stoke City Res.7pm..... A 1-2

15 Wed. Grimsby Town..... A 1-1

22 Wed. Huddersfield Town..... H 1-4

29 Wed. Port Vale..... A 3-0

NOVEMBER

5 Wed. Scunthorpe United..... A 3-1

11 Tue. Preston North End..... A 0-3

18 Tue. York City..... H 5-1

26 Wed. Darlington..... A 1-1

DECEMBER

2 Tue. Doncaster Rovers..... H 3-1

30 Tue. Preston North End..... H Void

JANUARY 1987

6 Tue. Blackpool..... A 1-1

13 Tue. Notts County..... H P

21 Wed. Bolton Wanderers..... A P

27 Tue. Bradford City..... A 1-3

FEBRUARY

3 Tue. Barnsley..... H 1-3

10 Tue. Rotherham United..... A 0-3

18 Wed. York City..... A 2-2

23 Mon. Darlington..... H 1-0

MARCH

4 Wed. Huddersfield Town..... A 1-3

10 Tue. Grimsby Town..... H 2-2

18 Wed. Stoke City..... H 1-1

25 Wed. West Bromwich Albion..... A 3-2

APRIL

1 Wed. Scunthorpe United..... H

6 Mon. Port Vale..... H

15 Wed. Doncaster Rovers..... A

27 Mon. Blackpool..... H

30 Thu. Bolton Wand'ers..... A

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Still on the schoolboy front Granada T.V. are sponsoring an U.14 soccer tournament involving all 10 Greater Manchester Town teams including our own Wigan Boys U.14s squad. The Wigan squad, for once, is having a hard time of it at the moment but together with Rochdale, Salford, Bolton and Bury they start the tournament on Tuesday 28th April at Robin Park (k.o. 4.30).

The great thing about it for these eager youngsters is that the matches will be screened by Channel 4 at a later date — it's not just Bobby Campbell who gets on the television!

At least over the Easter Holidays, Wigan U.14s will get in some good practice as they tour the North East with matches against Sunderland, Middlesborough and Chester-le-Street.

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Step forward John Menham.

Twenty-nine year old John is a Swindon supporter who will today complete the set of a visit to all 92 League grounds.

He has visited 83 of the grounds with his beloved Swindon Town, whom he first started watching back in 1969 when they beat Arsenal at Wembley to win the League Cup.

His first League game was Swindon Town v. Oxford United on September 13th, 1969. He has not missed a home game since, 37 FA Cup, 29 League Cup, seven Freight Rover Trophy and four Anglo-Italian Trophy games. That and an amazing 472 consecutive home games!

And his away record takes some beating. The last time John was unable to travel to a game was on Wednesday, March 19, 1980 when the transport scheduled to take him to a match at Chester was cancelled at the last moment. Since then he has watched 379 successive home and away games.

John is also to be found at the County Ground, in all weathers, for Reserve and Youth Team games.

His knowledge of football is, to put it mildly, brilliant. He is well known to all the Swindon players and, in fact comes from a family with a fine football tradition.

His father, John Menham Snr., was a centre half who played for Swindon and Bath and during his Army days, Colchester.

His grandfather, Robert Menham, played in goal for Everton in the 1897 Cup final against Aston Villa at Crystal Palace and it's thought, although we can't confirm it, that he played a few games for the old Wigan County.

John Menham is what can really be called a football fan with a capital F.

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- 7 David Lowe
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- 5 Tim Parkin
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- 12 Bryan Wade