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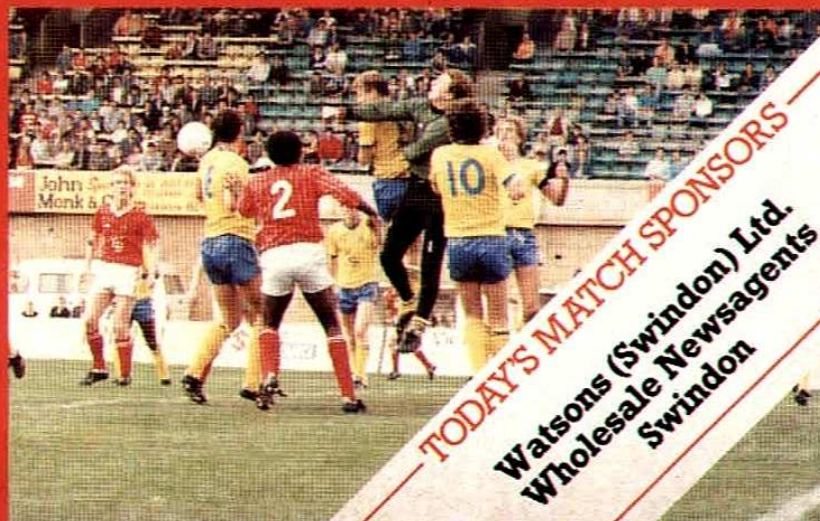
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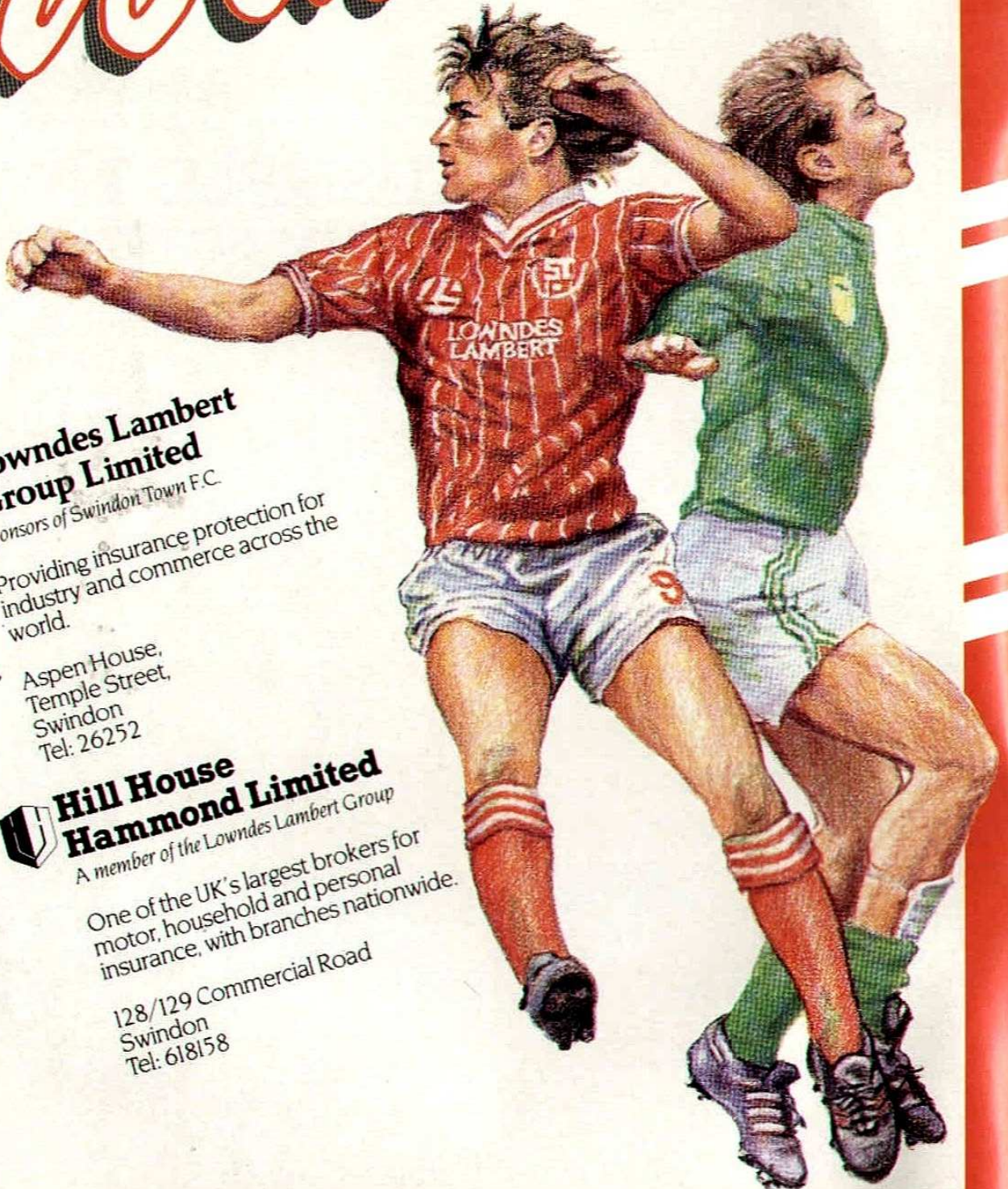
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FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

Good evening and welcome to you all. I would like to extend a special welcome to our friends from Mansfield Town who have been extremely co-operative in our attempts to bring this experimental Friday evening Kick off to the County Ground. There are a lot of problems surrounding fixtures for lower division clubs since the advent of introducing live football matches on television. Unfortunately they are announced after the dates of the original fixture list and cause the Third and Fourth Division clubs a lot of problems.

I personally have no objection to live football being transmitted but it will always bring added problems.

This is the first opportunity I have received to welcome Steve Berry, Tim Flowers and Craig Maskell to the County Ground. Steve has joined us from Newport County on a permanent contract while both Tim and Craig, currently contracted to Southampton are on monthly contracts with Swindon Town. Tim has helped us out of a difficult situation and we are grateful to him. Steve will be a useful addition and Craig will be looking for an opportunity to impress during his stay here.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team on taking maximum points from our recent three home matches during a seven day period involving matches against Port Vale, Fulham and Bolton Wanderers.

Several of you may have noticed the absence during those matches of Mr Cecil Green, one of our directors, who is currently in hospital recovering from an operation. One of the most enthusiastic of men where the love of our national game is played, his long and devoted service to Swindon Town Football Club is beyond question. I speak on behalf of everyone when I say we shall be pleased to



welcome him back to the County Ground. It is time to bid farewell to Alison Buswell who is the daughter of our Commercial Manager. Alison has been with the club for eight years and she is leaving the Commercial office to work for a company in Highworth, we still hope to see her visit the County Ground when she is able to afford the time.

May I stress to you that we are expecting a near capacity crowd when we entertain league leaders A.F.C. Bournemouth on Easter Saturday. Please arrive at the Ground with time to spare and not leave your entry to the turnstiles to the last minute. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Enjoy this evenings match and keep cheering the lads onto the Second Division.

Brian Hill

comment

Swindon Town Football Club have been hit by more injuries and suspensions this season than for several years. While we may grieve at the loss of a player for a match or two, can you imagine the feelings of Manchester United supporters at the continual loss of Bryan Robson.

England feel that they are severely restricted and hit by Robsons continual injury problems but if your club had paid £1.5 million for a player and he then proceeded to miss 76 matches out of a possible 222, how would you feel?

Robson's record since he joined the Old Trafford Club reads as follows. He missed only 2 matches in the 1981/82 season, since then he has proceeded to miss 11 in 1982/83, eleven in 1983/84, 14 in 1984/85, 28 in 1985/86 and 10 so far this season of 1986/87.

An expensive buy when you consider United have little to show for their outlay. Dislocated shoulders and hamstrings can prove an expensive business!

The postponment of the initial Swindon Town v Leeds United F.A. Cup-tie caused some people to miss the eventual match. They were able to come on the Sunday but not the Tuesday. There were no refunds available because the ticket clearly stated that they applied to the original date or whenever the match would be played.

Those are the conditions under which tickets are bought and sold and the club has no control over weather conditions or the match official. Sadly the postponment caused inconvenience to all concerned not least those who are involved in the administration of the club. In an English winter we have to tolerate the vagaries of winter.

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Phew! What a relief that the transfer deadline has now passed by. In my last programme notes I promised that I would give you an insight into the activity surrounding our attempts to strengthen the squad here at the County Ground.

The activity surrounding the transfer deadline began on the day we were due to play Port Vale on Tuesday March 17th. That morning I drove North to try and see Alex Ferguson the Manchester United manager to see if it was possible to try and take on loan one of his three goalkeepers, Gary Bailey, Chris Turner or Gary Walsh. I was only able to talk to Alex for a couple of minutes for he was due to fly to Barcelona.

No definite decision was taken he promised to let me know later that week. As time passed by United were unable to release any of them due to the fact that they were all suffering from minor injuries.

I then contacted Southampton regarding Tim Flowers and Chris Nicholl the Saints manager stated that providing Peter Shilton came through unscathed from the Aston Villa match on the Saturday we could have Tim on loan. Sunday arrived and Tim agreed to come and our Secretary Dave King drove to the Dell on Monday morning to complete the required forms. As you are all now aware Tim made his debut for us in our 2-0 home win against Bolton Wanderers.

On the afternoon prior to our evening match with Bolton Wanderers I went to watch a Chelsea midfield player I was interested in, the lad was unimpressive and rather overweight in their 3-1 defeat at home to Norwich Reserves. The trip was worthwhile in the fact that Doug Rougie was impressive and looked ideal to fill in one or two positions in our defence. With Tim Parkin serving a one match suspension it was an ideal move from our point of view. Despite strenuous efforts throughout the remaining period before the deadline to get Chelsea to part with the former Aberdeen player they steadfastly refused to move from what we considered was an exorbitant fee for a player who is 31 years of age come May.

Meanwhile Jimmy Gilligan was in a tug of war situation between Newport County and Lincoln City with Port Vale

wanting Jim on loan.

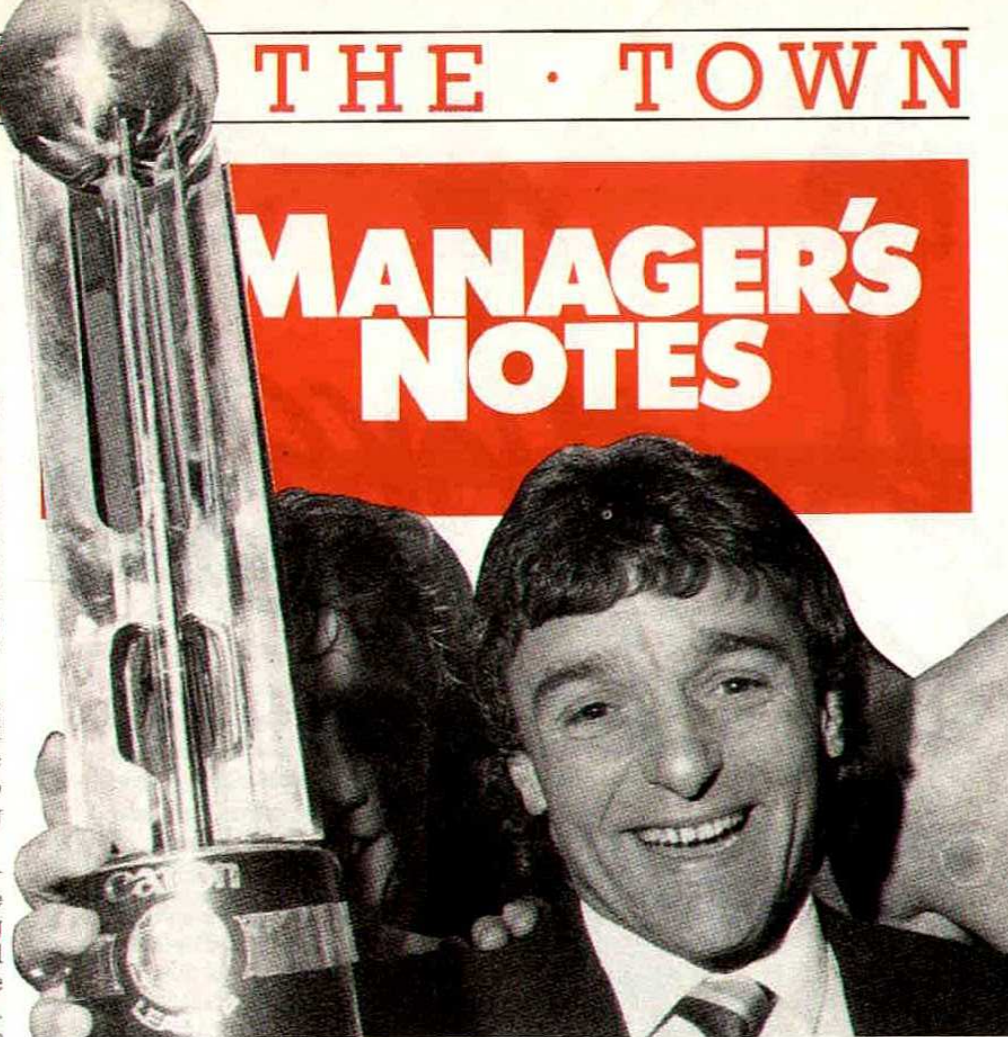
Negotiations with the Welsh club were still taking place up to half-time of the Bolton game involving a fee and Steve Berry in exchange. The deal fell through and the transfer forms for Jim to join Lincoln City were hurriedly prepared during the Bolton match.

Wednesday arrived and Newport County manager John Lewis contacted me to say Steve Berry was available for a fee. Bolton Wanderers were interested in taking him but Steve did not want to move North. It was arranged for Steve to visit the County Ground the following day. That afternoon I drove north to watch Chester City lose by the only goal of the game at home to Bury.

Negotiations to bring Steve to Swindon were quickly concluded and our Chairman drove to Somerton Park to complete the negotiations leaving our Secretary Dave King available for any other last minute deals.

I contacted Aston Villa for a central defender I was interested in but again the fee was way above my valuation of

MANAGER'S NOTES



the player. I tried another First Division club in the South of England for two defenders, unfortunately one of the players was suspended and the other player with the same club was wanted as first team cover. At 2.30pm that afternoon I made a move to sign Craig Maskell from Southampton the loan deal was agreed and it then meant that the Chairman who had arrived back from Newport and our Secretary had to race South to meet Craig and complete the forms, they arrived back at the County Ground with five minutes to spare before 5pm! Its all in a days work at the County Ground!

Craig Maskell

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SCENE

On Three



Steve Berry

The transfer deadline brought in its wake the usual frenzied last minute activity with managers hurriedly looking to strengthen their promotion hopes or to hopefully avoid relegation by adding a new face or two.

Lou Macari was one of the busiest, securing the permanent transfer of midfielder Steve Berry from Newport County and swooping South to take two players from Southampton on loan, goalkeeper Tim Flowers, who made his debut for the Town in our 2-0 home win against Bolton Wanderers and then beating the deadline with five minutes to spare when Craig Maskell agreed to move to the County Ground. Both Tim and Craig have joined Swindon Town on a months loan.

Steve Berry; Steve was born at Liverpool and began his career by joining Portsmouth as an apprentice. Twenty-three-year-old, Steve, actually joined 'Pompey' in the summer of 1981 and before moving to the North East to join Sunderland in March 1984 he made 28 league appearances for the Fratton Park Club. The midfielder player who will be 24 tomorrow! made his league debut for Portsmouth against Lincoln City on August 29th 1981 at Fratton Park in a 1-1 draw before a crowd of 10,698.

Included in the Fratton Park line-up that afternoon were former County Ground favourites John McLaughlin, Steve Aizlewood and Andy Rollings. Our midfielder player Chris Kamara was also in the 'Pompey' line up. Steve scored his first league goal five matches later in a 2-0 home win against Bristol City on September 26th. His only other league goal came against Walsall at Fellows Park in a 3-1 defeat, on October 17th while with the Naval Port club.

After a loan spell with Aldershot in the 1983-84 season, during which he appeared here at the County Ground in 'the Shots' 2-0 win on Saturday April 7th 1984 when a Colin Bailie (Own Goal) and an effort from Les Lawrence proved too much for us on the day, Steve then moved to the North East to join Sunderland. The influence of former Town defender and former Portsmouth manager, Frank Burrows, tempted Steve to try his luck with the Roker Park club.

Steve made his debut for Sunderland on August 25th 1984 in a 3-1 home win at Roker Park against Southampton. He notched his first goal for the club in a 1-1 draw at West Brom on September 8th and added another to his career total in a 2-1 home win against Norwich City on October 10th. That season of 1984/85, Steve made 34 league appearances for Sunderland. Ironically it was Norwich City who provided the opposition when Sunderland appeared at Wembley in the Milk Cup Final at Wembley on 24th March. The 100,000 present paid receipts of £860,935 to see these two teams in action.

NORWICH CITY: WOODS, HAYLOCK, VAN WYK, BRUCE, MENDHAM, WATSON, BARHAM, CHANNON, DEEHAN, HARTFORD, DONOWA.
SUNDERLAND: TURNER, VENISON, PICKERING, BENNETT, CHISHOLM, CORNER (GAYLE), DANIEL, WALLACE, HODGSON, **STEVE BERRY**, WALKER.

Referee H. Midgley (Salford). (Who will take charge of this seasons FA Cup Final).

A Gordon Chisholm second half, own goal, settled the issue in favour of the East Anglian Club!

Steve made just one appearance for Sunderland last season, at Millwall in a 1-0 defeat, before moving to Newport County in September of 1985. In total Steve had made 35 league appearances for the Roker Park club.

Last season Steve made 26 league appearances for the Somerton Park club scoring three goals. He was on the mark against Blackpool, Brentford and Plymouth Argyle in home matches.

This season Steve Berry made 34 League appearances, scoring 3 League goals before his £15,000 move to the County Ground last week.

Kenilworth born, **Tim Flowers** moved to the County Ground on Monday March 23rd, for a months loan period from Southampton.

Twenty-year-old, Tim made his league debut for Wolverhampton Wanderers against Sheffield United in a 2-2 draw at Molineux on Saturday August 25th 1984. Wolves were relegated from the Second Division at the end of that season but the impressive Tim was already attracting the attention of scouts from many of the countrys leading clubs. Tim made 38 league appearances in his first season and went onto to make a total of sixty-



Tim Flowers

three league appearances before moving south to join Southampton as understudy to England International Peter Shilton for £100,000 last summer. Tim made his League debut for 'the Saints' last September against Manchester United in a 5-1 defeat. Tim has appeared twice more for Southampton this season in a 4-0 home defeat to Arsenal and then in another defeat at 'the Dell' to Norwich City by 2-1.

Craig Maskell like his Southampton team-mate appeared at the County Ground recently in our 3-2 Football Combination victory. Eighteen year-old Craig has made four League appearances, two last season and two this season. Craig made his league debut at St. Andrews on April 19th last year in a 2-0 win against Birmingham City, substituting for Mark Dennis. In the final match of last season at White Hart Lane against Tottenham Hots-pur Craig scored his first goal at senior level in a 5-3 defeat.

Craig's two appearances this season have been in the No. 10 shirt in successive defeats at home to Nottingham Forest by 3-1 and in the heavy Old Trafford defeat of 5-1.

Craig has made eighteen appearances in their Football Combination team this season scoring 10 goals. Born in Aldershot, Craig, like Steve Berry is almost another birthday boy when he will celebrate his nineteenth birthday next Friday. Craig scored all four goals in our combination match at Portsmouth last Tuesday.



By Michael Scott

The atmosphere of excitement and euphoria as we clinched the championship in April last year disguised a somewhat uneventful match at Field Mill. The league positions of the two sides at our last meeting in November could offer no assistance to another ponderous encounter.

In an attempt to bounce back from their midweek defeat at the County Ground by Bristol Rovers, Swindon arrived in Mansfield ready to attack, but could not finish the chances they created.

In the 11th minute, Chris Kamara put Steve White clear, but his weak shot offered no problem to Mansfield keeper Kevin Hitchcock.

Five minutes later White combined with Mark Jones to give Jimmy Gilligan a shooting opportunity, with Hitchcock forced to turn the ball over for a corner.

Mansfield's only real opportunity in a dull first half came from a goal mouth scramble, with Keith Cassels just failing to connect following a corner.

In the early stages of the second half, Mansfield were far more impressive on the attack and were twice denied chances to open the scoring.

In the 55th minute, Cassels strode away from Tim Parkin and opened up a clear run on goal, but Parkin held the Mansfield player back and was booked for his efforts.

A minute later it was a more legal denial of Cassels, as his shot was brilliantly palmed away by Fraser Digby and headed to safety by Dave Hockaday.

Nine minutes from time, Swindon had their best chance of the match when a Gilligan cross found Steve White four yards out but he shot wide when scoring seemed the easier option.

The inevitable draw followed and should be looked back on as good result in the circumstances, with Mansfield just one place below the "Town" at that early stage of the season.

The Swindon v Mansfield match that will be longer remembered though is, of course, our clash last season when the "Town" sealed the Fourth Division title in front of their biggest away following for many season. Mansfield took a late first half lead through Cassels with Swindon's vital equaliser coming from Leigh Barnard seconds from half time. There will be no scenes this evening to match those at Field Mill last season, though we are still well on course for a promotion place.

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by Dave Eaton

OUR VISITORS



MANSFIELD TOWN



Back Row Left to Right:
Gareth Price, Ian Stringfellow, Stephen Williams, David Hodge, Glen Wathall, Mark Place, Stephen Beeston, John Blair,
Nicholas Anderson.

Middle Row:
Mike Graham, Leslie Robinson, Neil Whatmore, Mark Kearney, Kevin Hitchcock, Gary Pollard, Craig McKernon, David Logan,
Simon Coleman.

Front Row:
W. Dearden (Trainer Coach), Neville Chamberlain, Keith Cassells, Tony Lowery, Kevin Kent, Ian Greaves (Manager), George
Foster, Paul Garner, Roddy Collins, John Jarman (Assistant Manager).

The Stags who were formed in 1905 were elected to the league Division 3 South in 1931.

And in the fifth-six years that have elapsed since, only once have they ventured higher than the third division. That was in 1977 when as champions they were promoted to the Second Division - unfortunately the higher status was only to last a season, finishing one from bottom, relegation followed.

Between 1931 and 1958, when the 3rd and 4th Divisions were introduced Mansfield fluctuated between the North and South sections of the Third Division spending two periods in each. Their best season during these twenty-seven years coming in 1950-51 when they finished as runners-up to Rotherham in the Northern Section. Perhaps the club's most successful period came in the middle to late 70's with two championship trophies. The Division 4 title was won in 1974-75 with a total of 68 points - six more than runners-up Shrewsbury.

Two seasons later the Third Division trophy was proudly on display at Field Mill and Second Division football had been reached for the first time.

Alas it was only to last for a season, relegation back to the third followed and two seasons later the Stags plunged again - into the fourth for their third spell.

After six years in the basement division, Mansfield were promoted from the fourth at the end of last season finishing in third place behind Swindon and Chester.

This season they have consolidated their set place in the 3rd and at present lie just off the promotion contenders in ninth place.

And are just two games away from a trip to Wembley. They pulled off a splendid victory at Middlesbrough to reach the Northern Section Final of the Freight Rover where they now face Chester over two legs.

Since the war several well known personalities in the footballing world have occupied the managerial seat at Field Mill. These include Charlie Miller, the great Raich Carter, present Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham and that canny Yorkshireman Danny Williams.

And under present boss Ian Greaves, who has many years of experience, the club seem set for better times again.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Ground: Field Mill.
Capacity: 8,500 (modern).
Record Attendance: 24,467 v Nottingham Forest, F.A. Cup 3rd round, 10th January 1963.
Record Receipts: £9,227 v Sheffield W, Division 3, 15th March 1980.
Founded: 1905 and turned professional same year. Elected to the league in 1931 into Division 3 (S).
Managers since the war: Roy Goodall, Freddie Steele, Stan Mercer, Charlie Mitten, Sam Weaver, Raich Carter, Tommy Cummings, Tommy Eggleston, Jock Basford, Danny Williams, David Smith, Peter Morris, Billy Bingham, Mick Jones and Stuart Boam.
Honours: Football League Division 2 - best season 21st 1977-78. Division 3 - Champions 1976-77. Division 4 - Champions 1974-75. Division 3(N) - runners up 1950-51. F.A. Cup - best season 6th round 1968-69. Football League Cup - best season 5th round 1975-76.
Most League Appearances: Sandy Pate, 413, 1967-78.
Most League Goals: Harry Johnson, 104, 1931-36.
Record Victory: 9-2 v Rotherham U. Division 3(N), 27th December 1932 and v Hounslow T, F.A. Cup 1st round replay, 5th November 1962.
Record Defeat: 1-8 v Walsall, Division 3(N), 19th January 1933.
Record Transfer Fee Received: £200,000 from Luton T. for Mike Saxley, July 1979.
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £75,000 to Luton T. for Steve Taylor, July 1979.
Colours: Amber shirts, blue shorts and stockings.
Change Colours: All red.
Nickname: 'The Stags'.

Ian Greaves (Manager)

Appointed manager of Mansfield in January 1983 and has since turned down the chance of moving to a higher division. Previously manager at Huddersfield, Bolton, Hereford (assistant), Oxford and Wolverhampton. In his playing days saw service with Manchester United, Lincoln and Oldham.

George Foster (Defender)

Signed from Derby County at the beginning of the 1983-84 season for a substantial fee. Ever-present last season and the club's Player of the Year twice in three seasons, and captain for the past two seasons.

Kevin Hitchcock (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Nottingham Forest in June 1984 after a successful on-loan period with Mansfield. Voted Player of the Year in his first full season. An outstanding prospect.

Mark Kearney (Defender)

Joined Mansfield from Everton in time for the 1983-84 season. Has also operated successfully in a midfield role. Has made a total of 114 appearances for the club so far.

Mike Graham (Defender)

Began his career with Bolton Wanderers when Ian Greaves managed the Lancashire Club. Spent six years at Burden Park before joining Swindon Town where he spent four years. He can operate either at full back or in the centre of the defence. Missed only one league match last season.

Gary Pollard (Defender)

Signed from Port Vale in July 1984. Born at Staveley, Derbyshire he began his career with Chesterfield.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At The County Ground

Pre-War		Post-War		
02.01.1932	W5-2	Morris 3	Starsmore, Keeling	4,481
05.03.1938	D3-3	Wise, Fowler, Jones pen		7,728
22.10.1938	L1-2	Morton		11,653
01.03.1947	W6-1	Owen 4	Paterson, Lucas	12,257
22.04.1959	W2-1	Marshall, Stephens		7,395
23.04.1960	W2-1	Chamberlain, Mellor		7,963
20.11.1965	W6-2	East 5	Rogers	12,001
11.04.1967	W3-1	Smart, Rogers, Terry		13,280
30.03.1968	D1-1	Butler		10,248
22.04.1969	W1-0	own goal		21,045
27.03.1976	L0-2			6,805
30.04.1977	L0-1			5,792
02.03.1978	W1-0	Bates		6,200
22.03.1980	W2-1	Mayes 2		7,990
23.10.1982	W4-0	Rideout, Barnard, Rowland, Pratchard		3,920
29.04.1984	D1-1	Baillie		1,941
02.02.1985	W1-0	Coyne		2,664
23.11.1985	W2-1	Coleman pen., Wade		4,784

At Field Mill

Pre-War		Post-War	
29.08.1931	L2-3	Morris, Lawley	11,806*
23.10.1937	L0-2		
25.02.1939	D1-1	Morton	
26.10.1946	D1-1	Williams	7,000
13.04.1959	D0-0		5,719
28.03.1960	W2-1	Layne 2	6,409
16.04.1966	W5-1	Brown, East, Rogers, Trollope, Dawson	3,784
24.04.1967	W3-1	Nurse, own goal, Terry	7,837
04.11.1967	D2-2	Terry, Dawson	4,619
23.11.1968	L0-2		5,471
08.12.1975	L1-3	Eastoe	5,487
27.11.1976	D1-1	Anderson	6,663
11.11.1978	W1-0	Bates	4,721
10.11.1979	D1-1	Williams	4,425
08.03.1983	L0-1		2,101
26.11.1983	D2-2	Quinn 2	3,327
29.09.1984	D0-0		2,224
19.04.1986	D1-1	Barnard	8,416
08.11.1986	D0-0		3,908

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

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Paul Garner (Defender)

Joined Mansfield from Sheffield United in September 1984 after being a regular first team player with The Blades for seven seasons. Plays at full back but is also a polished midfield player.

Tony Lowery (Midfield)

Signed from West Bromwich Albion in July 1983 and quickly established himself as a regular first team player. Has totalled 154 senior appearances since joining the club.

Craig McKernon (Midfield)

A product of Mansfield's successful youth policy. Made a number of first team appearances last season even though only 17. Signed full professional on his 18th Birthday. A midfield player already attracting attentions of top clubs, and hails from the Gloucester area.

Les Robinson (Midfield)

Only a teenager, but has made a number of first team appearances to date. A local boy born at Shirebrook and another product of the Youth Policy.

Kevin Kent (Midfield/Striker)

A Birmingham born 22 year old who began his career with West Bromwich Albion before moving on for a season with Newport County. Scored several vital goals last season in the run-in towards promotion.

Neville Chamberlain (Winger)

Brother of England's Mark Chamberlain who saw service with both Potteries Clubs. Born in Stoke, was Mansfield's top scorer last season with 20 goals. Had loan periods with Newport County and Plymouth before joining the Welsh Club. Moved to Mansfield just before the start of last Season.

Keith Cassells (Striker)

Joined Watford from non league Wembley. Moved to Oxford United then to Southampton for £100,000. A £25,000 move to Brentford followed where he was top scorer before joining Mansfield before the start of last season. Scored 15 goals last season.

Neil Whatmore (Striker)

Began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made over 300 appearances for the club and scored 115 goals. Moved to Birmingham City for £340,000 before joining Oxford United and Burnley prior to joining Mansfield during the 1984-85 Season.

David Logan (Defender)

Signed from non league Whitby Town towards the end of the 1983-84 season made 16 first team appearances in his first full season although only 19, but injury restricted his appearances to 30 last season.

Ian Springfellow (Midfield/Striker)

Another exciting prospect from the club's youth policy. He is the nephew of a former Mansfield player Mike Stringfellow who moved on to spend a number of successful seasons with Leicester City. Highly rated prospect.

Tony Kenworthy (Defender)

An experienced player who spent two months on loan at Field Mill in the closing stages of last season after 10 years as a regular with Sheffield United. Signed full time in preparation for the start of this season.

Roddie Collins (Striker)

Joined Mansfield in the second half of last season from League of Ireland club Dundalk. A burly striker who made several senior appearances last season. Cost Mansfield a substantial five-figure fee.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WITH · COLIN CALDERWOOD

Well we managed to take maximum points from our run of three home matches against Port Vale, Fulham and Bolton Wanderers. The feature of the Fulham match we're the two goals scored by Jimmy Quinn, the first with his right and then the second with his left. They were goals of real quality. Somewhat rare for Jim for he usually scores most of his goals with his head.

I thought Bolton were a side of similar style to Fulham, a short passing team but we were the better team on the night. I know a lot of you remarked how well we played and yet we were not really aware of our performance. The rain had made the pitch softer and, this was more to our liking. After three wins on the trot we travelled to Wigan with high hopes. I must admit that I may as well have stayed in the dressing room for the first ten minutes of the match. It was down to me that we allowed Wigan to take that early lead. I allowed Bobby Campbell to get in a free header when he stooped low to score from near the edge of the penalty area. I still wonder how the ball crept home. The penalty decision was really one that Peter Coyne has had given in his favour on several occasions. It is difficult when you are a defender and a forward gains a yard of pace on you what appears to be a penalty is very often a well intentioned tackle.

Although we fought our way back into the match to level the scores at 2-2, after earlier resting the initiative from Wigan when Dave Bamber had equalised their first goal, I always felt we had failed to use the wind to our advantage. We were the better side



but what is the use of that if you end the game without a point?

The winning goal was a disaster and we as defenders must accept the blame to be all walking away from Tim Flowers without looking for where his kick would land was criminal on our part.

There has been a lot of discussion in some of the newspapers recently about our disciplinary record this season and I would like to take this opportunity to state a case for the players concerned.

No club goes through the season without having a player suspended. It is not difficult to reach a total of 21 points especially for defenders. You will often notice that if there is a booking it is usually a defending player that is concerned. Also have you noticed how the players regarded as 'star names' escape while the same offence committed by a player in the lower divisions is punished?

Take the instance of Chris Kamara he is often booked for remonstrating with the match official about a decision while an England full back with a London First Division club can often be seen with his arms around the referee arguing and nothing hap-

pens Why not? Neither situation is right but why Chris and not the International player there really is no difference.

I cannot comment on our match at Chester having to write this column before the match is played, but I have always felt they were a little put out by our success last season and have always been very determined to put one over on Swindon Town.

Tonights match is against my former club Mansfield Town. Next week they will be involved in the Northern Area final of the Freight Rover Trophy and I wish them well and hope they make it to Wembley. I enjoyed my spell at Mansfield and will always be grateful to them for giving me the opportunity to forge a career in professional football. I am especially grateful to Ian Greaves their manager who gave me the chance to make my league debut.

Mansfield meet Chester City in the Area Final so within the space of three days we shall have had the opportunity to view their prospects. It will be a hard fought encounter but I want and feel that Mansfield Town will make it to Wembley.

Don't forget to get behind us again tonight there are still plenty of points left to play for and it will be the teams who can find consistency over the last ten matches who will take the honours. We hope to see as many of you as possible at Bristol next week lets make it feel as if we are playing at the County Ground your vocal backing for the rest of the season is going to play a vital part. Will you help us?

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We have the opportunity next week of exacting revenge for one of our shock defeats of the season when we visit Bristol Rovers. We let slip three priceless points earlier this season to Rovers in a match which we completely dominated and yet allowed Trevor Morgan, now with Bristol City to show us how to take chances. Trevor scored both of Rovers goals on that evening.

Bristol Rovers defeated Wigan Athletic only two weeks ago due to a Kenny Hibbitt goal so they have given prior notice of the difficult task ahead. Last Saturday they took a point from a 1-1 draw at Chesterfield with Gary Penrice their marksman. It was often stated at the commencement of this season that if Bobby Gould keeps Rovers in the Third Division he would have attained a miracle, he will do so with a little to spare come May.

We have not fared well in our matches with Bristol clubs in recent seasons so now is the time for our lads to settle a few scores.

On Easter Saturday, April 20th we entertain the Third Division leaders A.F.C. Bournemouth here at the County Ground in what many people would term 'the match of the season'. We lost our league match at Dean Court by a late goal on New Years Day and in reality we drew 2-2 in our Freight Rover Trophy match with Harry Redknapps team, eventually winning on penalties.

At present they appear to be proving that they are the strongest team in the division with a blend of skill and strength in all departments. A look at the players who comprise their team shows what a match is in store for what is expected to attract a near capacity attendance to the County Ground.

In goal is **Gerry Peyton (30)** who has 21 full Eire International Caps to his credit. His experience has paid dividends for Bournemouth this season. **Mark Newson (26)** is the team captain and has proved what an excellent capture he was when he

was signed from Maidstone. **Tommy Heffernan (32)** is another Irish lad with plenty of experience and enjoys playing at full back. **Paul Morrell (25)** is probably the best full back in the Third Division and was signed from Weymouth on a free transfer!

Mark O'Connor (23) was signed from Bristol Rovers and is one of the most skilful midfield players in the Third Division. Central Defender **John Williams (26)** was a £20,000 signing from Port Vale and was in outstanding form until his recent injury. Consistency is the best description of **Mark Whitlock (25)** who was signed last summer from Southampton.

Tony Pulis (29) was previously with Bristol Rovers and Newport County before moving to Dean Court. Tony is the organising influence in the Bournemouth line-up.

Sean O'Driscoll (29) could rightly be described as the hardest working midfielder in the Third Division and also one of the most skilful. Another Eire International and joined A.F.C. Bournemouth from Fulham.

Trevor Aylott (29) has always

threatened to carve a career for himself at the highest level but his finishing has always let him down. His physical stature makes him an ideal target man. **Gary Howlett (23)** appeared in the Brighton 1983 F.A. Cup Final team alongside our own Chris Ramsey a very skilful player who should really be playing at a higher level. **Richard Cooke (20)** was a mid season signing from Tottenham Hotspur. A player who likes to hug the touchline to use his pace and skill. **Carl Richards (27)** is a player that Lou Macari contemplated signing when he was with Enfield last season. Carl scored 35 goals last season for the non-league club and has proved a worthwhile capture for Harry Redknapp. A player with an extraordinary turn of pace.

When Colin Clarke moved along the South Coast to Southampton for a £400,000 transfer fee last summer the player brought to Dean Court to replace him was **David Puckett**. He was in fine form this season until sustaining a knee ligament injury against Bristol Rovers on Boxing Day. The former Saints striker had scored 16 goals in 17 matches until his injury!

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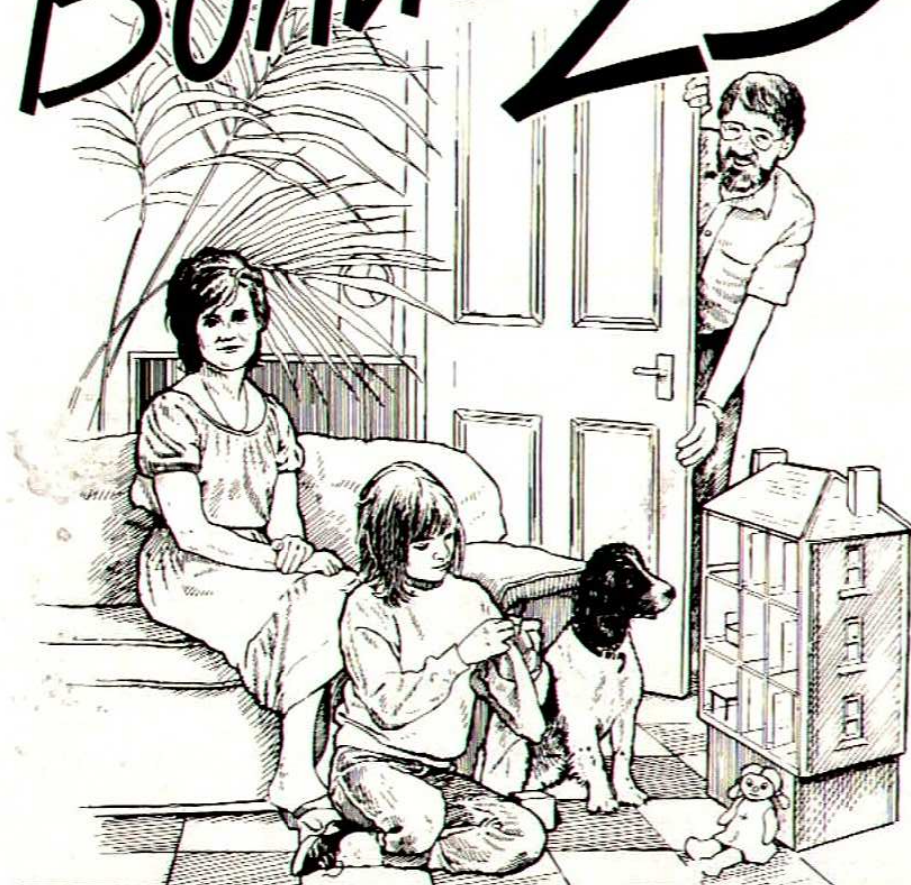
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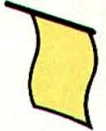
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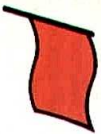
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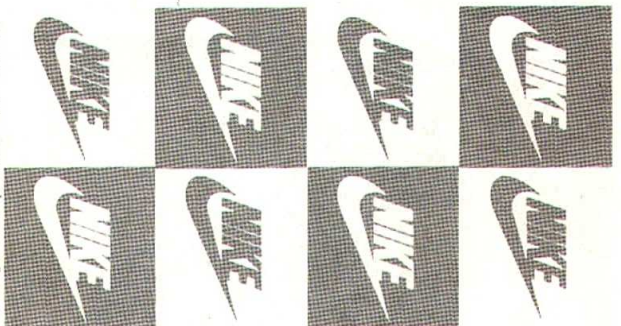
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INTERVIEW



Eddie Buckley could rightly be described as one of Swindon Town's most loyal servants. Eddie has been with the club since the mid-sixties, Bert Head was the Town manager, 'I remember my first job with the club was helping Jack Conley with the youth team.' Eddie who assists the club in a voluntary capacity as spongeman for the Youths and Reserves originated from Fulham. 'I always found in my early days with the club that Harry Cousins was most helpful to me regarding injuries.'

Eddie is a man with a wealth of experience as he explained, 'I was the trainer for the Borough League and Wessex League team also the Hellenic League team along with the Midland Youth team. I passed my FA Preliminary Coaching Badge in 1962 and assisted the club in coaching youngsters.'

London born Eddie has seen no fewer than eight managers come and go at the County Ground, 'It started with Bert Head, Danny Williams, Fred Ford, Dave McKay, Les Allen, John Trollope, Ken Beamish and Lou Macari.'

Even scouting has been part of Eddie's forte and assisting John Trollope with the

youth team has always given him a lot of pleasure.

'Dealing with young lads is satisfying and for several years I have been the Reserve Team trainer and also worked in the same capacity with the South East Counties team.'

Eddie continued on the same theme 'I have of course also helped former Town stalwarts like Don Rogers and Terry Wollen.'

Of all the players and staff that Eddie has come in contact with over many years he has the greatest admiration for John Trollope.

'I have worked alongside John for many years and as far as I am concerned it has been a good working relationship.'

Eddie clearly felt he owed a debt of gratitude to John, 'I owe a lot to John a man who shows all the good points of football, he has helped my knowledge of the game a lot and also with coaching.'

Swindon Town's 'jack of all trades' also had a lot of admiration for the other half of what formed the clubs youngest ever full back partnership of the early sixties Terry Wollen.

'With John's involvement now confined on matchdays to the League team I am working alongside Terry and he is also a man that you could describe in the same mould as John Trollope.'

Eddie clearly admired both of these fine Swindon Town servants of many years. It takes a certain type of man to devote his time and efforts to young players and Eddie Buckley is that type of man. Swindon Town means a lot to Eddie and he is very popular with the staff at the club. A man who is proud of his association with the club who knows the hours of devotion that are needed behind the scenes and for that he also paid tribute to his family.

'I am a proud family man they give you a base in life and for that and my involvement with football I have to be grateful for the understanding of my wife Phylis and daughters Marilyn and Anne and also my son Glyn.'

His family meant a lot to Eddie for he was quick and proud to add 'Do you know I have four grandchildren also'.

Swindon Town Football Club are pleased to have Eddie Buckley in their midst, in his way he ranks alongside the men he admires, John Trollope and Terry Wollen, for Eddie is also someone who has shown the utmost loyalty. That description is a tribute.

MATCH DAY

Mascot



Christopher Amor

Christopher Amor who is our mascot for this evening's match lives at 39 Wheeler Avenue, Swindon.

Christopher who is seven and a half years of age attends Ruskin Junior School. Once again Chris joins the ever growing band of football followers who name Manchester United. Lou Macari's former club as his favourite other club. Sadly for Christopher his favourite Town player is no longer with the club for Kenny Allen rejoined Torquay United last year. We wonder if Chris now rates Fraser Digby as his favourite Town player or do you now prefer one of our outfield players Chris?

Chris is our first Friday night mascot this season as we experiment with an evening Kick off due to televised alternatives this weekend which take place in the World of Sport.

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Our Football Combination team recorded their third successive victory on Wednesday March 18th when we defeated Southampton at the County Ground by 3-2.

Included in our line-up were three players who had appeared in our league match with Port Vale the previous evening, Town skipper, Colin Calderwood lining up alongside Tim Parkin and Chris Ramsey. Also included was Dave Bamber who was the non-playing substitute for the Port Vale fixture and Dave Hockaday making a welcome re-appearance following his injury lay-off.

Playing against the wind our Reserve team took the lead with a close range shot from Dave Bamber in the 18th minute from a centre by Nicky Hughes.

The score remained 1-0 until the interval. Tim Flowers had to save shots from Tim Parkin and Dave Bamber early in the second half before Dave increased the Town's lead in the 59th minute with a header from a free kick taken by substitute Gary Gillette who had taken over from Colin Calderwood.

It was substitute Andy Cook who had replaced Ian Down who centred from the right for Craig Maskell to reduced the arrears for the 'the Saints'.

Southampton equalised in the 83rd minute when Mark Blake equalised with a header from Ian Hamilton's corner.

Town secured the points when Dave Hockaday's throw in was flicked on by Tim Parkin for Nicky Hughes to head a last minute winner.

That goal took Nick's total of goals to 36 for the season 30 for the Youth team and six for our Combination team. Nick is currently on a monthly contract with the Town and he will be hoping to secure a longer term with the Town if his chance taking continues in this vein.

Trialist Matt Robinson from Cirencester was given a debut appearance in goal in our South East Counties League match at Luton on Saturday March 21st. It was a game that we lost 5-2.

The Town were caught by a huge clearance by Luton Town Keeper Walton in the 17th minute which Gray latched onto and forced a parried save by Robinson only for him to see the same player score from the rebound.

Seven minutes later it was Gray who hit the Town cross-bar enabling Farrell to score from the rebound.

Luton Town went three up in the 35th minute when Farrell scored his second goal when the Town defenders were in a confused state.

Paul Hunt reduced the arrears two minutes before half-time following a fine move between Nigel Packer and Phil Bell. In the 53rd minute Nigel Packer reduced the arrears further when he rounded Walton to score the Town's second goal.

Luton went further ahead twelve minutes later following a mistake by Adrian Viveash who was caught in possession by O'Brien who raced twenty yards to hit a terrific drive past Robinson.

Husband scored the Kenilworth Road clubs fifth goal in the 76th minute. Fielding a team with next season in mind it was once again a young Town team that put up a spirited display.

SWINDON TOWN v SOUTHAMPTON

SWINDON TOWN: CHURCHWARD, CALDERWOOD, REYNOLDS, HOCKADAY, GILLIGAN, RAMSEY, TOBIN, HUGHES, BAMBER, PARKIN, WADE. SUB: GILLETTE (FOR CALDERWOOD IN 45TH MINUTE).

SOUTHAMPTON: FLOWERS, LLEWELYN, TANKARD, PARKINSON, BLAKE, GITTENS, DOWN, BULL, BENALI, HAMILTON, MASKELL. SUB: COOK, (FOR DOWN IN 69TH MINUTE).

LUTON TOWN v SWINDON TOWN

LUTON TOWN: WALTON, BOND, MANN, O'BRIEN, JAMES, ALLPRESS, KENNEDY, GRAY, FARRELL, MACKAY, NOGAN. SUBS: (HUSBAND AND CRAWSHAW).

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JUNIOR ROBIN



Dick Mattick

I read with interest the minutes of a meeting of First Division managers aimed at finding ways of improving the game as a spectacle. The fact that Bobby Robson spoke to the meeting about F.A. initiatives to develop the game for 8 to 12 year olds shows they are looking to the future. It is you, the Junior Robins, who will be watching the game in the future so I thought I would outline some of the ideas put forward at this meeting and invite you to submit your own views on how you would improve the game.

1. OFFSIDES are a source of considerable annoyance to spectators. Two suggestions put forward at the meeting were a) no offsidess from passes delivered from a player's own half and b) no offsidess from free kicks. The former would certainly reduce the number of offsidess particularly from kicks from out of the goalkeeper's hands but might eliminate the excitement created by a well timed exchange of passes or a

fast forward outpacing defenders.

2. GOALKEEPERS being asked to release the ball within 4 seconds. It was recognised that it is not easy for the goalkeeper to release the ball when he is under pressure from an outfield player and that a compromise would be needed to give keepers a reasonable chance to clear the ball.

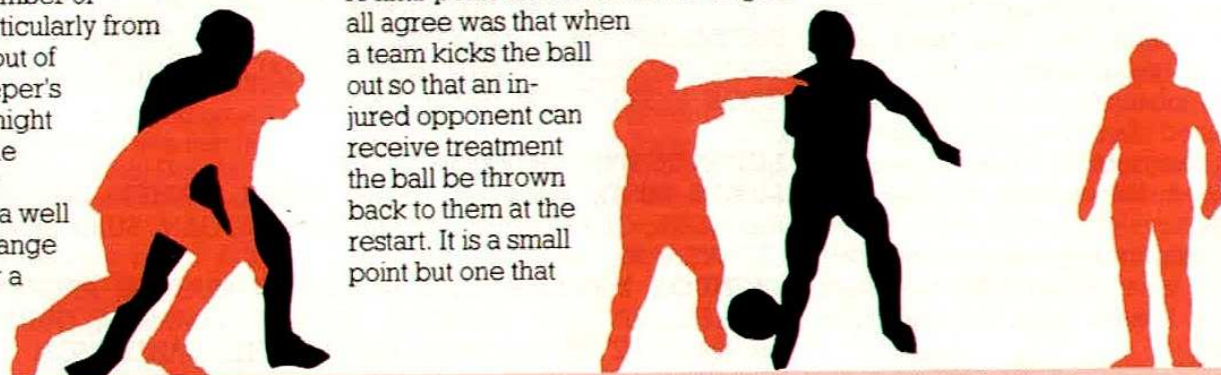
3. REFEREES to be judged more on how their performance is rated by players and spectators rather than assessors. A white disc to be supplied to enable them to mark out the ten yard point from a free kick.

4. POINTS to be awarded for the margin of victory. 3 points for a one goal win, 4 points for a two goal win, 5 points for a three goal win and a maximum 5 points for a win by four or more goals.

A final point on which the managers all agree was that when a team kicks the ball out so that an injured opponent can receive treatment the ball be thrown back to them at the restart. It is a small point but one that

could do much for the reputation of the game. Anyone who saw the Wales versus England Rugby International with its fist fights and the televised football match the following day when a player deliberately kicked the ball into touch so that an injured opponent could receive treatment must have wondered which was the game supposedly played by gentlemen. Well you have heard about the views of the managers so now why not express yours by writing in and letting us know.

Our next Junior Robins meeting will be on Monday Evening. Paul Plowman will be one of our guests and will be talking about Harold Fleming, whose centenary year this is. Any older supporters who want to come along will be most welcome. As usual this season the meeting will be at 5.30 pm in the Supporters Club.



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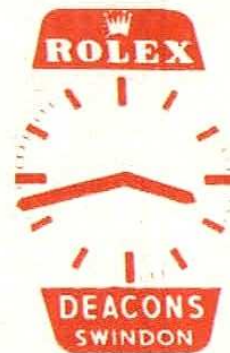
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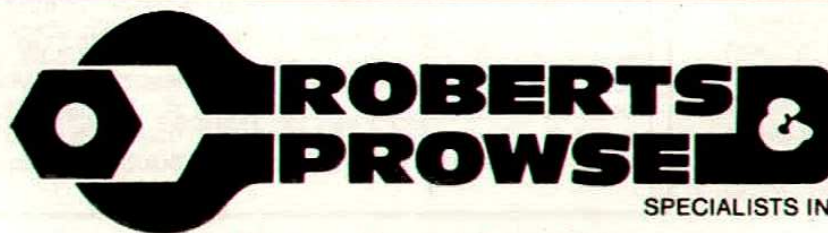


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The cheque will be handed over on the pitch by the F.G.I.T., Chairman Mr. Tom "Tiny" Wharton to the Swindon Chairman Mr. B. Hillier.

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Town physiotherapist, Kevin Morris, is set for college next summer. Under new Football League regulations the person who treats the players of Football League clubs must be the holder of a proven certificate. This will mean that Kevin along with the majority of physio's employed by League clubs now have to attend a two year course. It is spread over that long a period and yet each year it is only taking two weeks of concentrated study.

Kevin with his many years of experience in the treatment room at the County Ground expects no problems in meeting the Leagues requirements. Mortar board, chalk and the cane will be the order of the day come the balmy days of June 1988.

Former Town central defender Andy Rollings joined Salisbury City recently. Andy has been appearing for Brighton in their Football Combination matches this season as a non-contract player. Not a happy debut for Andy for the Southern League outfit lost 5-1 to Redditch.



Former Town goalkeeper Mark Stevens has recently left Southern League Trowbridge Town and joined Western League Mangotsfield. Mark was actually confined to just one League appearance following his move to the County Ground from Bristol Rovers.

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Bevan Bros. Haulage Contractors A P Silk Licenced Valuer, 38 High Street, Highworin G Holborow, Sherbourne News, Nythe	16 September	Blackpool	Div 3	Mr G Williams, The Ring Cafe
British Tissue Ltd The Oxford & Swindon Co-operative Society	27 September	Rotherham	Div 3	Mr Arthur Done
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Fields Packaging of Thatcham	8 October	Southampton	L Cup	The Stratton Bankers'
Skurveys, Drove Road, Swindon	18 October	Chesterfield	Div 3	Simon Bayliss, North Brickhill, Bedford
Mr A Holland, High Close Soft Fruit, Hungerford	1 November	York City	Div 3	Mr Webb and family of Lydiard Milcoent
Action Plant Ltd	4 November	Bristol Rovers	Div 3	Terry Coffey, M Troop, 21 Signals Regiment, Wildenrath BFPO 42
Blunsdon House Hotel	15 November	Farnborough Town	F A C	The County Ground Hotel
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Mr M Bevan, Mr J Lovatt, Mr J Lafford	26 December	Brentford	Div 3	Mr M Bevan, Mr J Lovatt, Mr J Lafford
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J Arkell & Sons	25 January	Newport County	Div 3	Mr P Neal, The Three Tuns, Wroughton
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Mr G Mulleahy and Friends of the Mallard, Lyneham and Doug Buswell and Friends	10 February	Hereford	F.R.T.	Cliff Jones, Wessex Aluminium, Swindon
Crosby Doors	28 February	Middlesbrough	Div 3	Mr Adamczyk and son Steven
British Tissue Ltd, The Oxford and Swindon Co-Operative Society	17 March	Port Vale	Div 3	Mr Paul Gilchrist, The Town Fitness Centre, Bridge Street, Swindon
Metalite Ltd	21 March	Fulham	Div 3	Mr Gerry Boydell
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STANDING VIEW

FROM · THE · TERRACE

As one record was lost at Wigan last Saturday, another was created.

Swindon Town's remarkable feat of remaining unbeaten on Saturday since our visit to Tranmere on January 4th 1986 was shattered by a sequence of events that could not in the end be overcome.

But for Swindon Town's undisputed number one fan and their number one servant, the cloud did have a silver lining as John Menham and John Trollope's visit to Springfield Park marked their elevation to the elite band of football followers who

have visited all 92 clubs in the football league. It is a great pity that events on the pitch could not provide a win for them on their great day but promotion at the end of the season would surely make up for it. In describing the "Town's" first ever match at Springfield Park it would be very easy to lapse into an endless stream of footballing cliches. It was very much "a game of two halves" as the shuffled defence struggled to settle in the first period with the added loss of David Hockaday. The bulk of the second half

saw the "Town" fully in control, but then totally against the run of the play, we were behind again and "sick as parrots". As defeats go though the match was not a totally unrewarding encounter with the sort of excitement that should be expected from two sides aiming for the second division. Highspot of the afternoon had to be the "Town's" equaliser when 2-1 down, the wind of God and the foot of Bryan Wade combining to send an attempted cross looping into the net following a superb pass from Leigh Barnard "The lads done great". Bearing in mind the problems that had been forced upon the side last Saturday, to have played attractive attacking football and nearly be successful perhaps shows that football may once again be the winner as we fight for a place in Division 2 next season.

by Michael Scott

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Jimmy Quinn (right) scores his second goal against Fulham giving the Town a 2-goal win.



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If you missed the details of the transfers that beat the deadline here is a comprehensive list:-

Deadline Deals

Alan Smith, Leicester to Arsenal £800,000; Martin Foyle, Aldershot to Oxford, £140,000; Tommy McQueen, Aberdeen to West Ham, £125,000; Garth Crooks, WBA to Charlton, £75,000; Stewart Evans, WBA to Plymouth, £50,000; Don Goodman, Bradford to WBA, £50,000; Gerry Daly, Shrewsbury to Stoke, £15,000; Jimmy Harvey, Hereford to Bristol City, £20,000; Chris Marples, Chesterfield to Stockport, £9,500; Gary Stevens, Brentford to Hereford, £6,000; Paul Bunce, Leicester to Northampton, £5,000; Steve Lynex, Leicester to WBA, £5,000; Dave Waller, Shrewsbury to Chesterfield, £3,000; Steve Berry Newport to Swindon nominal; James Gilligan, Swindon to Lincoln, nominal; Paul Raynor, Huddersfield to Swansea, nominal; Steve Sherlock, Cardiff to Newport, nominal; Mark Cooper, Cambridge to Tottenham, free; John Deakin, Doncaster to Grimsby, free; Steve Mardenbrough, Newport to Cardiff, free; Andy Robinson, Bury to Carlisle, free; Neil Smillie, Watford to Reading, free; Tommy Sword, Hartlepool to Stockport, free; Robbie Taylor, Portsmouth to Newport, free; Andy Thackery, Huddersfield to Newport, free.

Loan deals - Alan Smith, Arsenal to Leicester; Paul Atkinson, Oldham to Swansea; Neil Bailey, Stockport to Newport; John Buckley, Leeds to Leicester; Paul Crichton, Nottm Forest to Peterborough; Andy Dibble, Luton to Huddersfield; Ron Fitcher, Oldham to Bradford; Derek Hood, York to Lincoln; Mark Loram, QPR to Torquay; John Lowey, Wigan to York; Craig Maskell, Southampton to Swindon; Neil Matthews, Grimsby to Bolton; Dave McLean, Scunthorpe to Hartlepool; John Moncur, Tottenham to Cambridge; Aidan Murphy, Manchester Utd to Oldham; Eric Nixon, Manchester City to Carlisle; Lee Nogan, Oxford to Brentford; Ian Ormondroyd, Bradford to Oldham; Mark Prudhoe, Walsall to Grimsby; Ronnie Sinclair, Leeds to Halifax; Steve Spriggs, Cambridge to Middlesbrough; Alan Whitehead, York to Wigan; Stephen Bell, signed by Darlington non-contract; Jim Blott, signed by Newport non-contract; Howard Gayle, one month trial at Stoke, from Dallas.

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In Focus

Two-goal hero Jimmy Quinn causing more problems for Fulham.



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Swindon Town 1986-87

TODAY LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

FIRST DIVISION: Bottom three relegated. Team that finishes fourth from bottom go into a play-off with teams who finish third, fourth and fifth in Second Division.

SECOND DIVISION: Top two promoted, bottom two relegated. Team that finishes third from bottom goes into a play-off with sides who finish third, fourth and fifth in Third Division.

THIRD DIVISION: Top two promoted, bottom three relegated. Team that finishes fourth from bottom goes into a play-off with sides finishing fourth, fifth and sixth in Fourth Division.

FOURTH DIVISION: Top three promoted.

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
14.3.87	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	A F.A.C. R.6	3,810	3-1
17.3.87	TUE	PORT VALE	H (7.45 pm)	7,347	1-0
21.3.87	SAT	FULHAM	H	7,426	2-0
24.3.87	TUE	BOLTON WANDERERS	H (7.45 pm)	8,110	2-0
28.3.87	SAT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	4,424	2-3
1.4.87	WED	CHESTER	A (7.30 pm)		
3.4.87	FRI	MANSFIELD TOWN	H (7.45 pm)		
11.4.87	SAT	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.)		
22.4.87	WED	DARLINGTON	H (7.45 pm)		
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 (3.00 pm)		
6.5.87	WED	WALSALL	H (7.45 pm)		
9.5.87	SAT	BRISTOL CITY	A		

TOMORROWS THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

LAST TWO SEASONS RESULTS

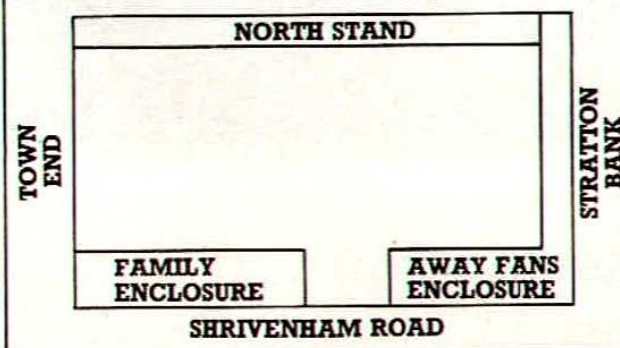
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BRISTOL CITY v FULHAM	-	-
BURY v BRISTOL ROVERS	1-1	-
CARLISLE UNITED v BOURNEMOUTH	-	-
CHESTERFIELD v YORK CITY	1-0	-
GILLINGHAM v DONCASTER ROVERS	4-0	2-1
NEWPORT COUNTY v BOLTON WANDERERS	0-1	3-2
ROTHERHAM UNITED v BLACKPOOL	4-1	-
WALSALL v NOTTS COUNTY	0-0	-
WIGAN ATH v PORT VALE	-	-

PLAYING ON SUNDAY

MIDDLESBROUGH v DARLINGTON

COUNTY GROUND PLAN



PLEASE NOTE: The Bristol Rovers away fixture will now be played next Saturday April 11th at Ashton Gate, kick off 3.00 pm

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Allen	Ramsey	Hockaday	Kamara	Cole	Calderwood	Bamber	Henry	Wade	Coyne (2)	Barnard	Ling
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 (1)	Franklin (1)	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
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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	Casserty*	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
Digby	King	Jones	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Quinn (1)	White (2)	Barnard	Wade
Digby	Jones	King	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Ramsey (1)	Kamara	Quinn	White	Barnard	Bamber
Digby	Ramsey	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Coyne*	Bamber	Quinn (2)	White	Barnard	Wade
Flowers	Hockaday	King	Jones (P)	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Kamara	Quinn	White (1)	Barnard	Wade
Flowers	Hockaday*	King	Jones	Coyne	Calderwood	Bamber (1)	Kamara	Ramsey	White	Barnard	Wade (1)

Your next League Matches at the County Ground

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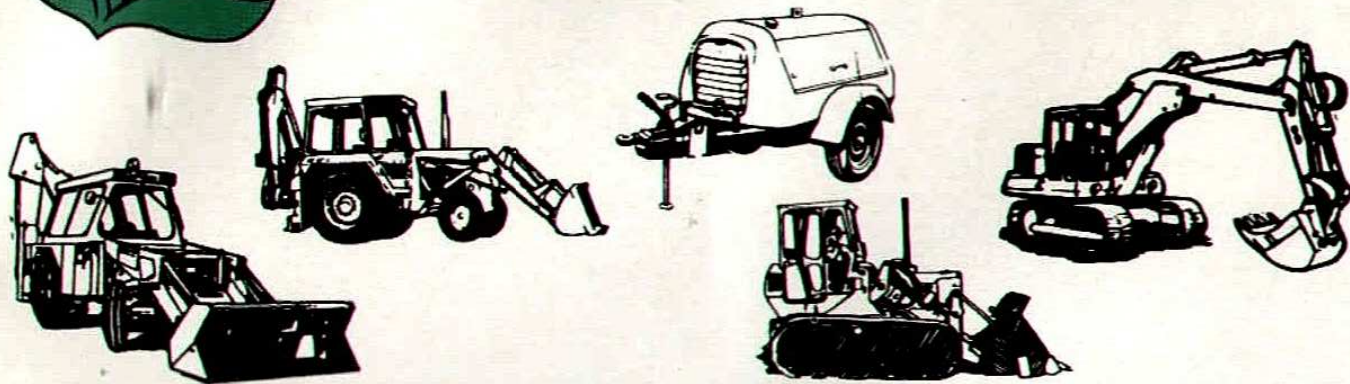
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