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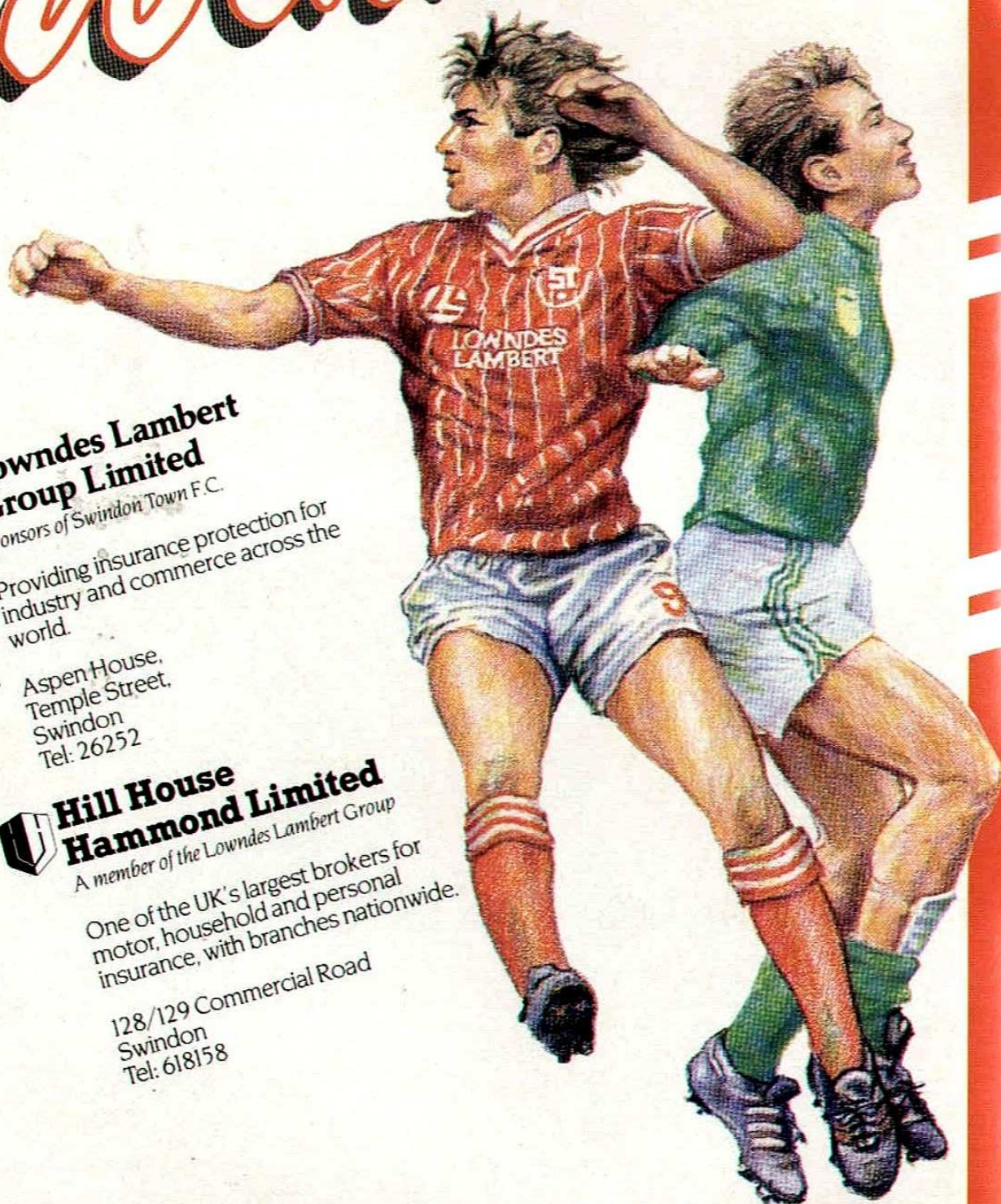
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Scene

FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

Good afternoon to you all and a special Bank Holiday welcome to our visitors Gillingham. The Kent club have been well placed throughout this season to occupy one of the top five positions. Always difficult opponents, we have had many stirring encounters with Gillingham in past seasons and I am sure we face another stern test this afternoon.

I would like to pay tribute to two of my colleagues on the Board of Directors who have recently spent a period in hospital but immediately upon release have made their way to the County Ground within hours of returning home.

Mr Cecil Green who for many years was Chairman of this Club spent many weeks indisposed and yet within 48 hours of his release made his way to the County Ground on crutches to occupy a seat near the dug out. A man who has a genuine love of not only this Club but also of the game of soccer he has spent many devoted hours serving our National game. Against medical advice he attended our match with A.F.C. Bournemouth and showed a spirit and determination that belied his years.

Mr Gary Herbert was detained in hospital for a minor operation for a few days and despite discomfort, Gary, the Club Vice Chairman travelled to Ashton Gate to view our match with Bristol Rovers, despite the after effects of his period of indisposition. Both of my fellow Directors are dedicated to the game of football.

What a nail biting finish our recent home match with Darlington turned out to be! If ever a game was designed to emphasise that it is important to keep playing to the final whistle this was never better illustrated than on that particular evening. Dave Hockaday's last ditch effort securing three vital points.



On a sad note we were very sad to learn of the death of Mr Trevor Titcombe a former manager of our Rendezvous Club. At this sad time our thoughts are with his family.

We were recently paid a visit by Ted Bachelor who played for the Town in the 1950's. Ted still lives in Swindon and wanted to renew his links with the professional game and he has kindly offered his services to John Trollope to assist in scouring the local area for any likely schoolboys who could be or will be worth John or Terry Wollen keeping an eye on for future reference.

It was a pleasant experience for the Club to be awarded the F.L.E.S.A. programme award for Division Three and following the award we received last season in Division Four it shows the rapid progress that the Club has made in this direction during the past two seasons.

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For the second consecutive season the Swindon Town matchday magazine has been voted the best in its Division. Last season we won the 'Wirral Programme Award' for the Fourth Division and last week we were informed that the 'Football League Executive and Staff Association' had voted Talk of the Town' the best produced programme in the

Third Division.

As Editor of the matchday magazine I would like to thank the following for their valued assistance in winning this prestigious award. Dave Eaton, a man with an infectious enthusiasm for the game. Michael Scott for his quiet and efficient manner. Vic Morgan, one of nature's gentlemen. Dick Mattick, a Town Director and Leader of the Junior Robins who is always willing to lend his hand to any task. Paul Plowman for assisting Dave Eaton with past statistics, his knowledge of facts and figures on town affairs is unsurpassed. To Doug Buswell the Town Commercial Manager for his regular column and finally to Chris Kirkland a man who is devoted to sport at any level. Thamesdown Litho who have given valued assistance in printing matters throughout the season and in particular to Peter Lucas whose quiet and efficient manner has made him the perfect liaison between Swindon Town Football Club and Thamesdown Litho.

To Lowndes Lambert girls who stand in all winds and weathers selling the magazine to the supporters who purchase the magazine.

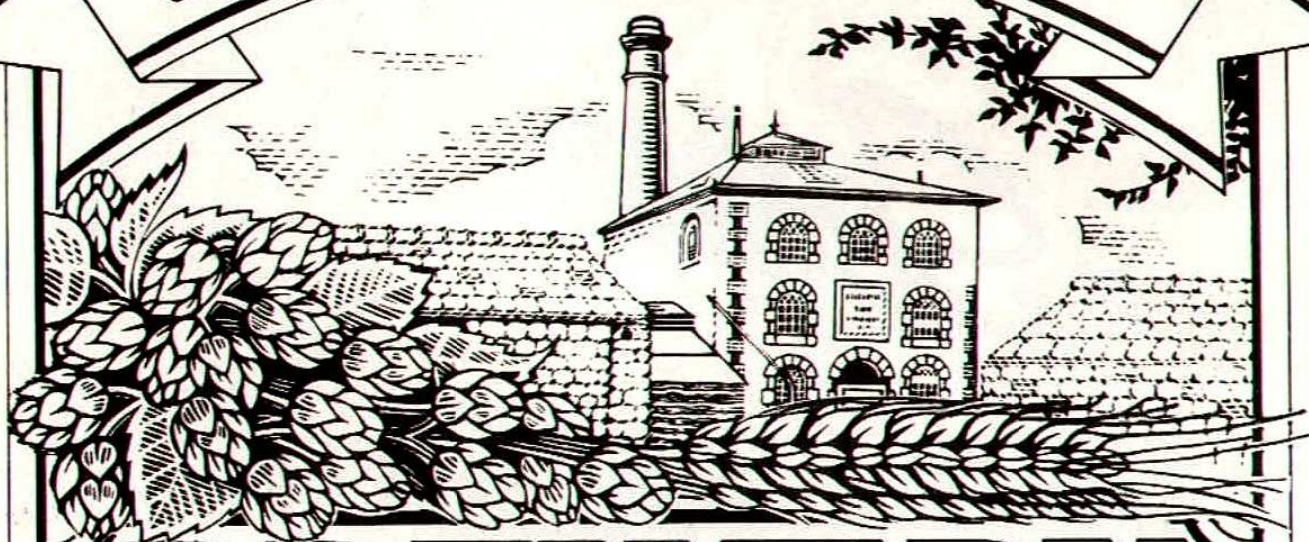
THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO PURCHASE THE TALK OF THE TOWN' after all you are the most important people in the link.

All of the people mentioned give their services to the Club on a totally voluntary basis to assist the Club. It would be inappropriate not to mention my wife who has to show great patience on Sundays when the next programme is being prepared. A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED

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Programme Editor.

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This afternoon I would like to make this strong appeal to you all, please get behind the lads throughout the match.

I felt at our recent match here at the County Ground against Darlington that the tension apparent in the County Ground was transmitted onto the pitch. Performances at this stage of the season are secondary compared to the final result and I think you must be made aware of how difficult the surface here at the County Ground has been for the players.

A rutted surface and bone hard grounds, are the scourge of English football at this stage of the season. Our pitch at the County Ground since I have been at this club appears to have less grass than the majority of league grounds. Can you recall how concerned I was when I first arrived here from Manchester United? In fact we were concerned whether we would have a pitch to start the season and actually had to postpone our pre-season matches.

The referee who officiated our recent match with A.F.C. Bournemouth reported the condition of the ground to the football League. I found this a strange observation for if the ground was fit to play the match, why report the fact? Surely you need only to make a report if the ground is unfit.

The ground leaves a lot to be desired and there have been several matches where the players have felt that they have been handicapped by its irregular bounce and surface. The summer months will be very important to see if we can improve the surface ready for next season.

These are not excuses for my players but purely facts and we would appeal to you all to please get behind us, we are all in this game together and yet I have felt in recent matches that the only response the players have been receiving is when they actually score. They need every help before that statistic. So PLEASE RESPOND, DO WE WANT SECOND DIVISION FOOTBALL AT THE COUNTY GROUND? OF COURSE WE DO, BUT WE ALL HAVE TO PULL TOGETHER. We have had a fantastic two season and the players deserve your full support.

The match against Darlington was not a classic but we keep going to the final whistle and that in itself earned the lads a deserved reward.

Every team finds the end of the season matches more difficult, pitches are

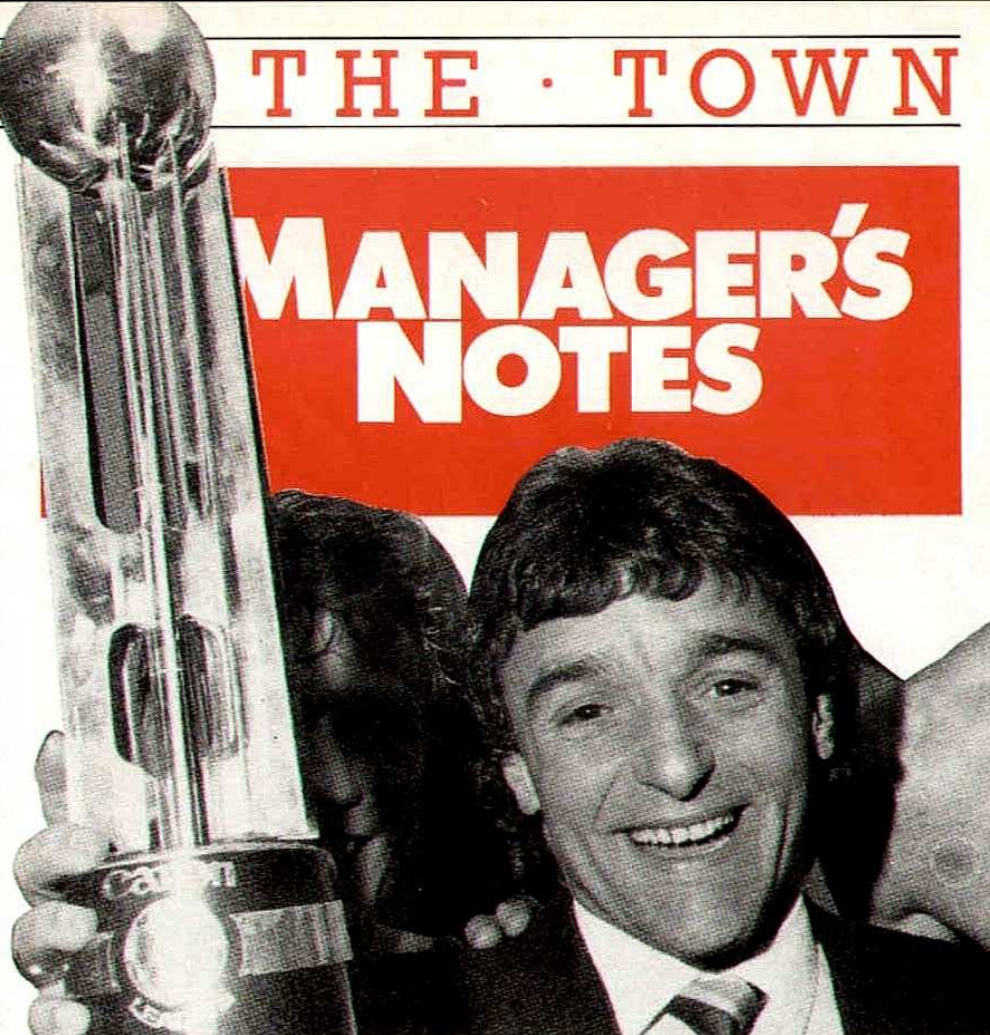
invariably hard and unlike the Brazilians and the rest of the South Americans we find difficulty in controlling the ball in these circumstances. If you believe that it only applies to matches at the County Ground then I suggest you take a trip to any match in the Third Division and the fare you will see is less exciting with the same problem with ball control.

With our match against Gillingham today being played on a Bank Holiday and the needs of the printers due to holiday not allowing me to comment on our matches of last week I can only hope that we have managed to take maximum points from our visits to Notts County and Carlisle United. Obviously a repeat of the score of our match at Gillingham would be ideal but at the time of writing these notes Keith Peacock's team were in urgent need of points to secure a place in the play offs and there is no reason to believe that this will not apply for this afternoon's match also.

Don't forget we have Walsall as our visitors on Wednesday evening, they are always an attractive and skilful team to

watch and this season they attracted a lot of attention with their performances in FA Cup matches with Watford. Do you remember that fantastic 4-4 draw at Vicarage Road? It should be a match worth seeing, so come along and get right behind Swindon Town the players deserve your whole hearted support for their efforts this season. We at least look set for the play offs even if we don't take second position these last three games will be vital for both causes.

John Warr



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SCENE

On Three

Former Bristol Rovers Assistant Manager, Wayne Jones, now physiotherapist at Notts County recently took to star gazing when he predicted that the Third Division promotion race would finish in the following order, (1) Bournemouth, (2) Swindon Town, (3) Middlesbrough with Wigan Athletic, Bristol City and Gillingham fighting to take fourth and fifth positions along with his club Notts County.

The former Rovers' Assistant was less than happy that we had played our recent away match with Bristol Rovers at Ashton Gate. The Notts physio said, "I must admit that we were not happy about Rovers playing the match at Ashton Gate. It was not just a case of Swindon escaping that Twerton Park pitch. They must have gained an advantage from Rovers playing away from the ground where they have staged all their previous home matches this season". The former West Country resident went onto say, "I'm not blowing our own trumpet but we are the only

Third Division team to get into the top group without spending in the transfer market"

The Twerton Park pitch which has been the centre of controversy all season seems to be under constant criticism whenever someone loses there or drops a point. Remember Notts County conceded an unexpected point at Twerton in late February. Bournemouth, Middlesbrough and our visitors today, Gillingham have all been good enough to win their away matches on Twerton Park!

Bristol Rovers, Gary Penrice, made a very astute comment about the notorious Twerton Park pitch after Rovers' recent 4-0 mauling of Carlisle United when he said "you only really think about it when things go wrong". Pleasant to see that our Northern Ireland International striker, Jimmy Quinn won the recent monthly award for February for Division Three. Points are awarded to players for each match with the average ratings based on individual marks. Only

league games are taken into account and, to qualify, each player must have appeared in at least three games for the same club. Three other Town players Steve White, Dave Bamber and Chris Kamara all finished in the top twelve places. Four Town players in the top twelve places! For your interest these were the final positions in a national soccer magazine:-

Division Three

Player	Av. rating
1 Jimmy Quinn (Swindon).....	8.00
2 Keith Cassells (Mansfield).....	7.50
3 Mark Whitlock (Bournemouth).....	7.50
4 Mick Henderson (Chesterfield).....	7.40
5 Kenny Hibbitt (Bristol Rov).....	7.34
6 Roy Tunks (Wigan).....	7.34
7 Nigel Adkins (Wigan).....	7.34
8 Steve White (Swindon).....	7.34
9 Martin Scott (Rotherham).....	7.25
10 Dave Bamber (Swindon).....	7.20
10 Chris Kamara (Swindon).....	7.20
10 Gary Pallister (Middlesbrough).....	7.20

Former Town player Colin Bailie, now with Reading, finished in ninth position in the Second Division ratings with an average rating of 7.34. While Jon Hallworth who spent a loan period at the County Ground during the 1984-85 season also totalled the same rating as Colin, with Ipswich Town.

Darlington's recent 2-1 win at Port Vale, their first away win of the season meant that each club in the Division has now got rid of that unwanted tag of not winning away during the current campaign. That left Manchester City and Exeter City throughout the "Today" Football League without an away win to their credit.

To add further to the overcrowded fixture list of both Bristol Rovers and City it would appear that they may well be forced to play the Gloucestershire Professional Cup Final this month. The traditional derby clash originally scheduled for Twerton

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Park on March 11th will now have to be re-arranged. The Gloucestershire Football Association favour a switch to Ashton Gate where a bigger crowd would mean more revenue for the County and make the game far easier to police.

Welsh International striker Andy Jones of Port Vale looks set to finish as the Third Division leading goalscorer by a wide margin. Andy's recent goal in the shock 2-1 home defeat by struggling Darlington was his 32nd of the season. His nearest rivals include Tony Cascarino who should be in the Gillingham line-up this afternoon but who was trailing behind with a total of twenty-four goals. Northampton Town and Preston North End have secured their places in the Third Division next season and look likely to be joined by Southend United. While Carlisle United, Newport County and Darlington look set to make way for the promoted clubs.

It was an early end to the season for Notts County goal-getter Paul Barnes, 19, for he has been plagued by knee injuries and to ensure he is fit for next season he will spend the summer swimming and cycling his way back to fitness.

It is goals that you require to bring you to football then the Third Division has been the place to be. For upto and including Saturday April 25th the following totals were reached in all four Divisions.

First Division 1,122, Second Division 1,012, **Third Division 1,336**, Fourth Division 1,320.

We would still swap for less goals in the Second Division to entertain the likes of Ipswich, West Bromwich Albion, Leeds United and the rest though!



OUR LAST MEETING

By Michael Scott

Gillingham's unbeaten home record and confident second position were both shattered by a fine Swindon performance on December 27th.

The Priestfield ground was swamped by nearly 10,000 fans, Gillingham's biggest gate of the season, causing the start to be delayed by 15 minutes. Once the match did begin, the "Gills" must have hoped that it hadn't, as Swindon took early control and never really looked back.

The "Town" took the lead in only the ninth minute, Peter Coyne beating Hillyard with a shot from a Jimmy Quinn cross.

Missed chances by the home side kept Swindon in the game, with Elsey missing a particularly good shooting opportunity from only ten yards.

A dubious free kick given against David Hockaday, brought Gillingham level as Colin Greenall headed Graham Pearce's cross into the net.

Despite that set back, Swindon came out for the second half still believing that the points were there, only four minutes into the second half Peter Coyne went on the run that clinched the victory.

Tantalising the defence on a run that took him to the edge of the six yard box, Coyne was inevitably pulled down, to give the "Town" a penalty that Mark Jones duly converted.

Another missed chance by Karl Elsey emphasised that it would be neither his nor Gillingham's afternoon.

At the other end, Steve White

nearly put Swindon even further ahead, but after beating Hillyard, shot inches wide.

White was not to be denied though, as Swindon did indeed add a third. A through ball from Alan McLoughlin was met by White, whose presence confused the home defence so much that Elsey deflected the ball past Hillyard and into the net, just crossing the line before Jimmy Quinn had chance to add a final Swindon touch to the ball.

Jimmy Gilligan replaced Jimmy Quinn right on the final whistle, but by then Swindon had pulled off one of the best results of the season and won at Priestfield and for the first time since the war.

Since that match just after Christmas, the positions of the two sides, have changed fairly dramatically, with Swindon moving up to the top three and Gillingham slipping to fifth. That change in fortunes makes today's game an even more enthralling encounter, as Swindon try to get into second spot and the "Gills" try to consolidate their position as play off contenders.

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by Dave Eaton

OUR VISITORS



GILLINGHAM



Back Row Left to Right:
Karl Elsey, Howard Pritchard, Tony Cascarino, Mel Eyes, Paul Collins.
Middle Row:
Mark Weatherly, Keith Oakes, Mark Beeny, Paul Taylor (Assistant Manager), Ron Hillyard, Joe Hinigan,
Martin Robinson.
Front Row:
Bill Collins (First Team Trainer), Russell Musker, Graham Westley, Paul Haylock, Keith Peacock (Manager),
Graham Pearce, David Shearer, Trevor Quow, John Gorman (Youth Team Coach).

Gillingham have never sampled life above the Third Division but in the last three seasons have made a bold challenge to rectify that situation.

And should they reach Division 2 this year – it will be a case of third time lucky.

In both the 1984/85 and 1985/86 seasons they were up with the leaders from the outset only to fade in the closing stages – finally finishing fourth and fifth respectively. This term they have led the division, but since Christmas have stuttered slightly.

However, at the time these notes were penned they are in with a good chance of reaching the end of season play-offs. Present Manager Keith Peacock took charge in July 1981 and is the longest serving manager in the Third Division. And has been instrumental in bringing the Kent side to the verge of honours.

The Gills were original members of Division 3 in 1920 and a year later Division 3 South.

But in 1938 they failed to gain re-election losing their place to Ipswich and spent the next twelve years mopping up titles in both the Southern and Kent Leagues.

When the Third Division South was extended in 1950 Gillingham were re-elected to the League.

Eight years later they became founder members of the fourth. The Gills only Football League Championship was clinched during the 1963-64 season.

In an exciting race they pipped Carlisle to the Fourth title on goal difference with Workington just one point behind in third place, and Exeter one point further back in fourth. Third Division status was lost in 1971 but three years later regained again when the Gills finished as runners-up to Peterborough in the fourth division championship.

Since 1974 they have enjoyed life in the third under just three managers – Len Ashurst, Gerry Summers and Keith Peacock.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Ground: Priestfield Stadium.

Capacity: 16,000.

Record Attendance: 23,002 v

Q.P.R., F.A. Cup 3rd round, 10th January 1948.

Record Receipts: £35,070 v Everton, F.A. Cup 4th round, 2nd replay, 4th February 1984.

Founded: 1893, elected to Division 3 in 1920. Failed to gain re-election in 1938. Re-elected to Division 3(S) in 1950.

Previous Name: New Brompton, 1893-1913.

Honours: Football League: Division 3 - best season, 4th 1978-79, 1984-85. Division 4 - Champions 1963-64, runners-up 1973-74. F.A. Cup - best season, 5th round 1969-70. Football League Cup - best season, 4th round 1963-64.

Most League Appearances: John Simpson, 571, 1957-72.

Most League Goals: Brian Yeo, 135, 1963-75.

Record Victory: 10-1 v Gillingham, F.A. Cup 1st round, 16th November 1957.

Record Defeat: 2-9 v Nottingham Forest Division 3(S), 18th November 1950.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £135,000 from Norwich City for Steve Bruce, July 1984.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £90,000 to Colchester Utd. for Trevor Lee, January 1981.

Colours: Blue shirts with white trimmings, white shorts, white stockings with blue trim.

Change Colours: Red shirts, black shorts and stockings.

Nickname: 'The Gills'.

MEET THE MANAGER & PLAYERS

Keith Peacock (Manager)

Succeeded Gerry Summers as manager of Gillingham in July 1981 after two years in the United States with Ohio and Tampa Bay Rowdies. The Third Division's longest serving manager.

Keith spent his entire playing career with Charlton, joining them in 1960 and going on to score 107 goals in 591 appearances. In August 1965 he made history by becoming the first ever substitute to be used in a football league fixture, when coming on midway through the Second Division game against Bolton Wanderers.

Tony Cascarino (forward)

Won international acclaim during 1985/86 and became Gillingham's most capped player by gaining three full caps for the Republic of Ireland. A frequent source of attraction to other clubs, top scorer last with 21 goals. Joined the Gills in January 1982 from Kent League side Crockenhill and progressed rapidly.

Karl Eisey (fullback)

Ever-present last season after being snapped up on a free transfer from Cardiff City in June 1985. He broke into League football with Q.P.R., joining them from Pembroke Borough in January 1979. He moved on to Newport 18 months later and thence to Cardiff in July 1983.

Mel Eves (forward)

Experienced, former England B international secured during the close season. He netted 44 goals in 180 league appearances for Wolves and also won a League Cup winners' medal in 1980 before transferring to Sheffield United in 1984.

Colin Greenall (defender)

A £40,000 purchase from Blackpool in September. Joined the Tangerines from school and broke into the first team at the age of 16. He was capped by England at youth level and figured in 200 senior games for the Bloomfield Road club.

Paul Haylock (defender)

Cost Gillingham £25,000 from Norwich City in August. A former apprentice at Carrow Road and went on to make nearly 200 appearances for the Canaries. Won a Milk Cup winners' medal in 1985.

Ron Hillyard (goalkeeper)

Evergreen goalkeeper now in his 13th season with the club. He arrived at Priestfield from York City in June 1974 and has been first choice for the green jersey virtually ever since. He was ever present last season and has now featured in over 550 games for Gillingham at first team level.

POST WAR MEETINGS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At The County Ground

28.04.1951	W2-0	Pear 2	3,915
01.03.1952	W2-1	Bettenridge, Owen	9,769
10.09.1952	D0-0		8,291
03.04.1954	W2-1	Brill, Sampson	7,150
05.02.1955	W2-1	Sampson 2 (1 pen)	6,477
24.03.1956	L0-1		7,035
12.09.1956	L2-3	Gibbs, Owen	6,082
15.02.1958	D1-1	Edwards	13,128
09.10.1965	L0-1		13,133
08.04.1967	W2-0	Penman, Walker	10,375
30.09.1967	D2-2	own goal, Rogers	12,808
25.02.1969	W1-0	Noble	17,489
16.11.1974	W1-0	Eastoe	8,847
30.06.1975	D2-2	Moss pen., Eastoe	9,786
25.09.1976	D2-2	Stroud, Aizlewood	8,712
05.11.1977	W3-2	Moss, Aizlewood, Anderson	7,086
05.05.1979	W3-1	Rowland, Mayes 2	15,125
19.04.1980	W3-0	Williams, Lewis, Cockerill	9,155
04.11.1980	D0-0		4,722
20.03.1982	L0-1		4,910

At Priestfield

02.05.1951	L1-2	Thomas	8,275
13.10.1951	L0-4		15,704
17.09.1952	D0-0		10,808
14.11.1953	L0-1		11,682
18.09.1954	L1-2	Onslow	12,112
12.11.1955	L0-4		9,400
05.09.1956	L0-3		6,783
05.10.1957	L1-2	Skull	8,544
01.01.1966	L0-1		7,513
12.11.1966	L0-1		7,320
10.02.1968	L1-3	Smart	5,116
05.03.1969	L0-2		6,104
22.02.1975	L1-3	Trollope pen.	9,172
10.01.1976	L2-3	Anderson, Burrows	6,459
05.03.1977	D2-2	McHale, Moss	4,994
31.12.1977	D2-2	Kamara, Moss	8,012
31.03.1979	D2-2	Mayes, Carter	9,460
01.12.1979	D0-0		8,029
07.10.1980	D0-0		4,066
31.10.1981	L0-1		8,410
27.12.1986	*W3-1	Coyne, Jones pen., own goal	9,994

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

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NIL

At Priestfield

27.11.1937 W4-3 Bradley 3 (2 pens.), Jones

*Statistics supplied by Paul Plowman

*Swindon's first league victory in Kent since 15.11.1930 (W1-0)

Joe Hinningan (defender)

Spent his first season with Gillingham (1984/85) as a fullback, but switched to a central defensive role last term. Began his career with South Liverpool and then moved across to Wigan Athletic before transferring to Sunderland for £80,000 in February 1980. Three years later moved to Preston.

Graham Pearce (defender)

Obtained on a free transfer from Brighton during the close season. The South Coast club signed him from Gola League club Barnet in 1982 after the two sides had met in the F.A. Cup. Played for Brighton in the 1983 F.A. Cup final against Manchester United.

Howard Pritchard (forward)

Became the first of Gillingham's many summer signings, transferring from Bristol City for £22,500 in July. He joined them as an apprentice and became a full pro in August 1976. After a two year interlude at Swindon, returned to Ashton Gate in 1983. Capped by Wales, against Norway, in 1985.

Trevor Quow (midfield)

Another of Gillingham's close season acquisitions, bought for £7,000 from Peterborough in August. Joined the Posh as an apprentice, went on to figure in well over 200 Fourth Division games for them.

Martin Robinson (forward)

Goalscoring winger - 26 in the last two campaigns - secured from Charlton Athletic for a £15,000 fee in October 1984. A former Tottenham apprentice, he scored twice in six games for Spurs before moving across London to the Valley in February 1978. For the Valiants he registered 70 goals in 250 senior appearances.

Dave Shearer (forward)

He was snapped up by Middlesbrough from Highland League club Inverness Caledonian in January 1978 and went on to net 23 goals in 88(3) outings. After a loan spell with Wigan and season 1983/84 at Grimsby, he joined the Gills during the summer of 1984.

David Smith (forward)

Another of Gillingham's close season captures, transferring in August from Southern League champions Welling United for £3,000.

Mark Weatherly (utility)

Loyal, long serving player who has twice been voted Player-of-the-Year. Now in his 13th season with the Gills. He made his debut in August 1974 - at the age of 18, and has since clocked up over 450 appearances in League and Cup.

Steve Jacobs (midfield)

Former Coventry City and Brighton player signed in December 1986 after spending the earlier part of the season with Charlton Athletic.

Phil Kite (goalkeeper)

Acquired from Southampton in January 1987. Was formerly with Bristol Rovers. Where he figured in 101 league games before joining the Saints in August 1984 for £30,000. He has also spent loan spells at Tottenham and Middlesbrough.

Steve Lovell (midfield/forward)

Welsh international, capped six times by his country, who became Gillingham's 11th signing in eight months when purchased from Millwall for £20,000 in February. Started his career with Crystal Palace and moved across London to the Den in February 1983.

Irvin Gernon (defender)

Tall defender signed from Ipswich for £30,000 in early March this year. A one club man - apart from loan periods with Newcastle and Northampton - he joined Ipswich from school during 1979/80. He was capped by England at under-18 and under-21 levels and graduated through the ranks to figure in 87 games for the Portman Road club.

Les Berry (defender)

Ex-long serving Charlton player and son of Gillingham director Dennis Berry who was secured on loan from Brighton shortly before the deadline. He attained full pro status with Athletic in March 1974 on completion of his apprenticeship. He registered almost 400 first team appearances prior to his move to Brighton in the summer of 1986.

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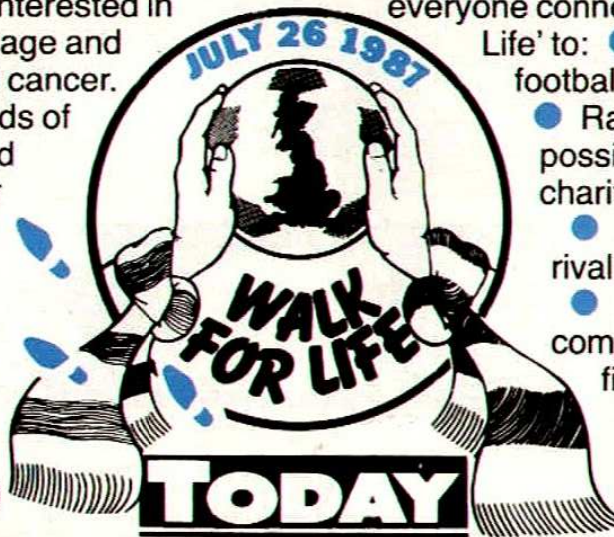
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Up to and including the last home match with Doncaster Rovers we had drawn three of our last four matches. A fact which many of you would attribute to promotion 'jitters'. Quite honestly it has not been such a situation for it is simply that we have been making ourselves a mountain to climb for conceding early goals.

For instance take our last two home matches against Darlington and Doncaster Rovers. We did not concede a goal against Darlington and then managed to snatch a last minute effort. The opposite happened against Doncaster Rovers for we conceded a first half goal and then had to fight an uphill battle to gain a point. It is easy to say we should beat these type of sides but they come to the County Ground fighting for their lives and are equally as determined as ourselves.

Have you thought what would have happened if we had not conceded that early goal against Doncaster Rovers? We would probably have won 1-0 just like we did against Darlington. There is another way of looking at this and that is to say we have always fought back and have not been beaten.

I am well aware that several of our supporters believe that the long ball style we play has not been so effective recently. I would simply answer by saying that we have pumelled sides who rarely get time to clear their own penalty area, that does not give our strikers the chance to use their speed behind our opponents defence. It may not always be particularly attractive to watch but we

have been winning games with this style and it has not deterred people from coming back to watch us again. Players cannot adopt to a style that is alien to their nature. Imagine what would happen if Fraser Digby started throwing the ball out to me, I passed back to him he then found 'Rambo' who would pass it square or back. What would your reaction be? You would probably murder us particularly if we were a goal down. The opposition penalty area is the best place for the ball to be, all of the match preferably! We have to play to our strengths and that has been the right way this season.

A lot of you have been asking if anything has gone wrong the last few matches, really there is nothing wrong with the team except that perhaps we all expect other teams to come here like lambs to the slaughter, that simply will not happen particularly with the introduction of the play-off system.

Niggling at some of the players will not help, I have, not played with anyone who does not want to win. A couple of our lads have come in for some of this treatment at times this season but at the seasons end their contributions will have been totally invaluable.

Funny how the play-off system seems to have cast disappointment among a lot of football supporters and that is understandable when in previous seasons third position would have guaranteed promotion.

Although it is sickening we must all remember we knew the situation before the season began so there are no real excuses.

The two teams who automatically gain promotion will have earned that right and we must all remember this, whether it is Swindon Town or not. For those clubs who partake in the play-offs there is an equal chance for all four clubs. No excuses, it is simply a case of getting on with the job and trying to win the four matches. If we are involved we will stand the same chance as anyone else. Of course with the Bank Holiday looming and printing deadlines to be met it is impossible for me to comment upon any likely outcome. We will have given our best as we have done so all season.

Perhaps today's match will arrive with all to play for and I am sure that will be the situation for Gillingham this afternoon. We have two equally difficult matches left, at home to Walsall and away to Bristol City, so we are going to need all the help we can get.

There is a lot to play for and let's all resolve to make one last determined effort to round off the season in style. We have had some great times again this season.

The crowds have been coming to the County Ground in increasing numbers this season and that must be a tribute to all at the Club. They say winning is the measure for filling grounds if this is so we have had our fair share of victories this season. There may be a few more important victories to come before May is finally finished. Just keep cheering the lads on.

Yours in sport.

Col Calderwood

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Last Thursday, April 30, marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of perhaps Swindon Town's most celebrated figure and most-capped England international.

Harold John Fleming was born in Down-ton, not far from the Hampshire border. He came to Swindon as a boy and, for a time, attended Sanford Street school. When ill-health put paid to his ministerial aspirations, Harold turned his attentions to outdoor pastimes, assisting his church, St Mark's, at both cricket and football. A playing colleague, Godfrey Dibsall, had assisted Swindon Town on a number of occasions, as had his brother Arthur, and it was not long before Harold's skills brought him to the attention of Sam Allen and the Town management.

At the age of twenty, Harold was invited to turn out for Swindon reserves against Salisbury City on October 12, 1907. He immediately impressed with two goals in a 4-0 Town win - and was plunged into the first team on the following Saturday when Swindon entertained Luton. The newcomer did not disappoint. He set up two goals, scored a third and even allowed himself the luxury of missing a penalty as his side cruised to another 4-0 victory. On the following Monday, Harold signed professional forms for the Town, earning the sum of £4 a week. He finished his first season as the club's top scorer and, when his goal haul increased during the following winter, the England selectors were prompted to include him for the Scotland game at the Crystal Palace on April 3, 1909. During the next five years, Fleming was to represent his country on eleven occasions, scoring nine goals including a hat-trick against Ireland in Dublin in February 1912.

Just seven weeks after the Ireland game, personal triumph turned to tragedy when Swindon faced Barnsley in an F A Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge. Somewhat over-zealous tackling by the Yorkshire-men put paid to the more subtle skills of Swindon's international. Harold went closest of any to scoring, when a header thudded against the Tykes' crossbar, but he was soon to be reduced to a passenger, hobbling bravely on the wing. Without his presence, non-League Swindon did well to hold Second Division Barnsley to a single goal in the replay. Ironically, the winning goal came from defender Phil Bratley, one of the chief offenders in the first game. Harold suffered a severe groin injury and twisted leg muscles that



H. FLEMING,

kept him out of football for ten months, forcing him to watch the Town's summer tour of Argentina and Uruguay from the touchlines.

With the outbreak of War in Europe in 1914, many young sportsmen were forced to give up promising careers in football. Harold Fleming was spared from taking part in the hostilities when he went to Cambridge as a physical education instructor in 1915. There, in 1918, he married a Swindon girl, Grace Haskins.

Harold celebrated Swindon Town's elevation to Football League status in August 1920 in some style. In the opening game,

Luton Town again suffered the wrath of Fleming. Although now 33, he hit four goals in Swindon's tally of nine and was again the club's top scorer that season. He repeated the feat in 1921/22, for the fifth and final time in a career in which he had steadfastly refused to display his talents on either Good Friday or Christmas Day. By 1923/24, Harold was being used very sparingly and made his farewell appearance against Brighton on April 19. Again he inspired the town to a 4-0 victory, just as he had done seventeen years previously on his debut. And again he contributed a goal.

Mr Fleming was no longer to grace the football field, but kept in touch by demonstrating his skills to school children and running his own sports shop. Sadly, the great man did not live to see Swindon Town's finest hour at Wembley in 1969. He died from cancer in August 1955.

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Season	League		F A Cup		Intn'ls	
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1907/08	30	17*	4	0		
1908/09	34	28*	1	0	3	3
1909/10	33	19	5	5	2	1
1910/11	30	19*	4	2	2	0
1911/12	20	16	6	5	1	3
1912/13	12	9	2	1	2	1
1913/14	24	18	1	1	1	1
1914/15	23	12	2	0	-	-
1919/20	20	10	2	0	-	-
1920/21	26	16	1	1	-	-
1921/22	24	11*	2	2	-	-
1922/23	14	4	1	0	-	-
1923/24	5	3	5	2	-	-
Total	295	182	35	19	11	9

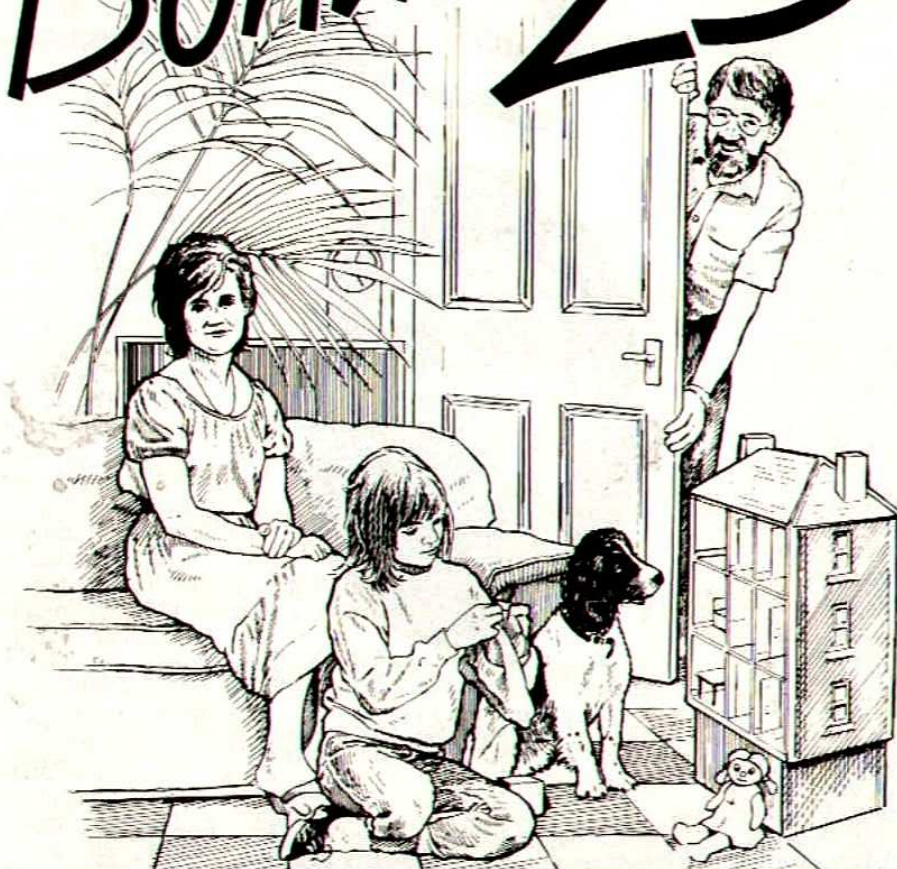
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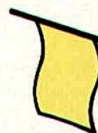
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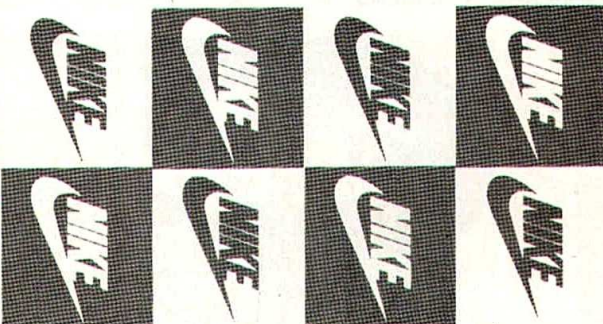
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INTERVIEW



A day to remember was the promise made to pretty Swindon Town fan Tracey Parker. In a moment of desperation or hope, Tracey's father had contacted the club in the hope that anything the club could do would bring a halt to a problem that was beginning to bring some despair to Tracey's caring parents. For Tracey was suffering from Anorexia Nervosa the slimmers disease, her fascination and love of Swindon Town was a possible solution to the problem.

Swindon Town Football Club were only too pleased to attempt to help the Parker family with their personal dilemma. We made Tracy a promise that if she increased weight we would entertain her as our guest at a forthcoming match.

A few weeks later she visited the County Ground, an improvement saw Tracy gaining weight and we told her we would keep our side of the bargain as long as she kept to her promise to keep putting on weight.

We are pleased to say she kept to her promise and she came to the County Ground to see behind the scenes on Easter Saturday April 20th for our match with Third Division leaders A.F.C. Bournemouth. Before her visit we were unaware of her personal details and she soon enlightened us of her connection with the Town. "Although I live at Yate, both my parents come from Swindon and they have continued supporting the Town. We as a family are season ticket holders".

Fifteen-year-old, Tracey, was asked if she wanted to talk about her problem and without a moments hesitation she said "Definitely, it may be a help to someone else". How did Tracey's problem begin? "It was some remarks made to me at School and I began dieting, it became an obsession and before long I was eating very little and lost 2½ stone". She added "I shouldn't have listened to other people remarks".

Tracey is now recovering and in a years time she will be leaving Brumsham Green Secondary School at Yate when she hopes to become a nurse working in a Casualty Department.

Asked about her thoughts on County Ground personalities she had definite views on her favourite players. "I like Fraser Digby, Peter Coyne and Steve White". Did she know that Steve also resided near Yate, "yes I have seen him around the shops on one or two occasions".

Along with her brother Richard who is twelve years of age and her mother and father she makes the pilgrimage to the County Ground each home match.

It was time to show Tracey behind the scenes on a match-day and introduce her to people she only knew as names. "Can I please meet Lou Macari, whats he really like, do you know him well and how do you get on with him".

Questions that most people outside the club ask, "Could I please meet Fraser Digby, would he have his photograph taken with me, I've brought my camera".

Peter Coyne was in sight, "can I meet him", Peter duly gave Tracey his autograph and later she had her photograph taken with Fraser.

Meeting Lou Macari was as always with Lou, a friendly exchange, no club has a better ambassador where public relations are concerned.

A tour of the club facilities, the pre-match activity with an insight into the stewarding of the club was provided by George Sims the Assistant Chief Steward. Kick off time was nearing, a seat next to the Dug-out, where she would be able to enjoy a life time memory. A dream come true for Tracey. At the final whistle her first words were "It was fantastic I'll never forget it, I did so enjoy it and thanks to all of you".

The day was nearly over and it was time to return home. We hope you will remember your day Tracey, we will not forget you and we shall keep a check on your progress.

MATCH DAY

Mascot



Steven Ralph

Steven Ralph is our mascot for this afternoon's Bank Holiday fixture with Gillingham. Steve who is eight years of age lives in Tulip Tree Close. This is a special day for Steve for he celebrated his birthday last Saturday and we are sure that he will look upon today as a birthday treat.

Steve attends Ruskin Junior School and is a member of the Junior Robins, his favourite Town players are England Under-21 International Fraser Digby and skipper Colin Calderwood. We are sure that Steve will find this afternoon a memorable occasion and one that will live in the memory for the rest of his life. We have a lot of requests for matchday mascots with a waiting list in operation. Steve is one of the lucky ones to be included this season.

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A Saturday morning kick off and a fine Spring morning brought a slightly larger than usual turn out for a Football Combination fixture when we met West Ham United at the County Ground on Saturday April 11th. Playing their third match in five days our Reserve team found the back of the net in the first minute through Craig Maskell. Playing with the advantage of the wind West Ham equalised ten minutes later through Eamon Dolan, the same player put the London Club into the lead in the twenty-first minute. It was the on loan Southampton striker Craig Maskell who equalised for the Town just before half-time.

The elusive Eamon Dolan retrieved the lead for West Ham United in the fifty-fifth minute. The Town Reserves with youngsters Philip Bell and Nigel Packer making their debut at Combination level and Adrian Viveash playing his first full game who rescued the match in the 71st minute when Nigel Packer netted following a goalmouth scramble to earn a point.

Fielding a team strengthened by several first-team players our Football Combination team met Arsenal at Highbury on Wednesday April 15th in a hastily rearranged

fixture and defeated the London Club 3-2. The three goals scored took the total of goals scored by our Combination team to eighty-eight. A staggering total of 162 goals have been scored in our 34 Combination matches, an average of 4.7 goals per match!

Arsenal started the match in dynamic fashion going two goals up in only eight minutes. Paul Merson cut in from the left to open the

score with a low shot in the fifth minute, while Russell Milton added the second only three minutes later.

The Town with Charlie Henry returned from his loan spell with Fourth Division leaders Northampton Town alongside Colin Calderwood settled down to see Chris Kamara reduce the arrears from a Steve Berry corner in the sixteenth minute. Steven Tobin levelled the scores with his fourth goal in four matches when he beat Rhys Wilmott in the Arsenal goal from a corner. Further Town pressure forced Gus Ceaser to head into his own net in the thirty-eighth minute. With Denny Mundee replacing Dave Bamber in the second half the Town continued to have most of the play.

The experienced Ian Allison created danger in the second half for the homeside while the injury prone Graham Rix hit the Swindon cross-bar. The Town held out for a well merited win.

SWINDON TOWN v WEST HAM UNITED

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SWINDON TOWN: FLOWERS, RAMSEY, CASSERLY, HENRY, CALDERWOOD, TOBIN, BAMBER, KAMARA, HUGHES, BERRY, BARNARD. SUBSTITUTE: MUNDEE (FOR BAMBER IN 45TH MINUTE).

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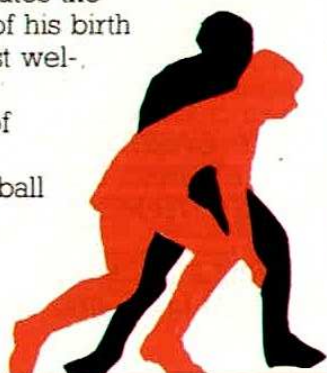
Firstly news of two forthcoming events. On Wednesday evening of this week it will be well worthwhile making an early arrival for the match with Walsall as the final of the Leeds Permanent Penalty Competition will be taking place, starting at 7.00 pm. Junior Robins from Bradon Forest and Churchfields will be competing so members from those schools will have an extra reason for getting along. On Monday 11th May we will be holding the final Junior Robins meeting of the season. The postponed talk by Paul Plowman on Harold Fleming will form the main part of the meeting and any older supporters who would like to come along to this talk which commemorates the centenary of his birth will be most welcome. Members of the Junior Robins football teams will doubtless

be aware that their manager's wife Mrs. Timms has been in hospital recently. You will be glad to know she is now out of hospital and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Unfortunately these notes have to go to press before the meeting to finalise arrangements for concessions for Junior Robins next season. At present the situation is as follows:

1. There will be no match day reductions for Junior Robins.
2. Junior Robins season tickets for Under 13's will be available and will include a free badge, membership card, an autographed photograph of their favourite player and a team poster.
3. The Junior Robins will continue to be situated in the Green Block and to use the Alamo as a match day base. Finally a bank holiday brain teaser. Can you

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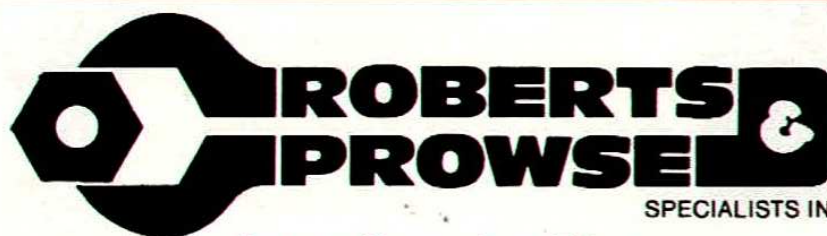


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AROUND *The* CLUB

Swindon Town sent a representative team to Taunton on Wednesday April 15th to play in a testimonial match against the Great Mills Western League team in aid of Jimmy Greene's Testimonial Year.

The local team had the misfortune to net two own goals - one in each half - before actually opening their own account two minutes from the final whistle through Dave Allcock.

It was through fine play down both flanks that the Town took the lead when Mike Deeks turned the ball into his own net in the first half and Dave Allcock suffered the same misfortune in the second half. Steve White had a goal disallowed for off-side in a fairly competitive match.

Jimmy Greene has been the Taunton club's trainer for the past eight years. The Town had plenty of chances to have increased their lead in the second half but found that despite the narrow victory it was a good work out.

Lou Macari and Chairman Brian Hillier made a dash across London from our Reserve match at Arsenal to catch the train down to Somerset for the evening kick off.

Town youngsters, Alan Churchward, Philip Bell, Nigel Packer and Adrian Viveash all made second half appearances.

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Dear Mr King,

I wonder if it would be possible to include in a forthcoming programme a request for a manager for the above Sunday team.

The team is comprised of regular Swindon supporters, and as such we are looking for a manager who is like minded. The ideal candidate would also have had some previous knowledge of running a football team at some level or other.

As a background, we are at present playing friendlies but have applied to join the Swindon Sunday League for next season. To date we have played 23 games this season, with others arranged up till the end of May.

If any Swindon supporters feel they would be interested then could they please contact me on the above address, by the end of April please.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation,

yours sincerely,
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Did you see Northampton Town manager Graham Carrs comments regarding Swindon Town as his team have tried to emulate our record of last season?

While the former Nuneaton manager refused to make any rash promises, the thousands of new-found 'Cobblers' fans are doubtless keeping their fingers crossed that their very own County Ground outfit will emulate our achievement.

Graham had this to say about the Town, 'Swindon bought wisely last summer and hopefully I'll do the same but while a lot of managers would tell you they were aiming to copy Swindon, I'm not prepared to make any claims this stage. I prefer to take things one step at a time.'

Northampton's quest for Records saw them trying to beat our record for amassing the record number of points in one season, 102 last term.

Winning a division by the greatest margin we hold the League record having won the Fourth Division by 18 points last season.

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K. Bridgeman



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Terry Paine (Southampton and Hereford Utd)...824

Peter Shilton (Leicester City, Stoke City, Notts Forest, Southampton)...785

John Trollope (Swindon Town)...770

Ray Clemence (Scunthorpe United, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur)...740

Billy Bonds (Charlton Athletic, West Ham United)...730

Stanley Mathews (Stoke City, Blackpool, Stoke City)...698

Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)...644



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FAMILY ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS Many of you have returned the circular that I sent you signifying that you would like to see a Family Enclosure Association formed. With the present Season almost over my thoughts have turned to 1987/88 when hopefully I will be in touch with all of you with some positive developments. However, if any of you have any ideas you think could help then please contact me on Swindon 642984 Ext 30 or 31. Please don't forget to put your Derby Draw Tickets in the post box provided within the enclosure.

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STANDING VIEW FROM · THE · TERRACE

The sickening scenes from a minority of morons at the top of the table clash last month were bad enough to witness, but they have also given rise to ill informed local comment and yet another stick to beat football with. Swindon Town have already announced that troublemakers will be banned for life from the County Ground, this in some "experts" eyes is not enough. The assumption that without football there would be no violence seems to be the key to many people's theories on hooliganism - try telling that to the inhabitants of Weston after a Bank Holiday or Old Town pub landlords on a Saturday night! Hooliganism is basically a

social, not sporting, problem that is looking for somewhere to happen. Football is unfortunately a sport that is followed by those most likely to cause violence in society, the class background and traditions of other sports keeping their violence mainly on the pitch. Though I would agree that the magistrates treatment of offenders has to be tougher, I fail to understand how a membership scheme with a subscription fee would attack hooligans, remember, they are no longer bristle headed Neanderthals, but 'designer' hooligans. Do we see pubs with memberships imposed when trouble occurs or all ticket seaside resorts? The

revenue lost in such a situation, would cause the true desire of those who comment without any regard for fact, or realistic solutions - the financial collapse of the game, not as one local correspondent sarcastically commented, less money in the kitty for a 'new boardroom carpet' or a 'new roof for the stand'. The same correspondent considered sweeping the streets whilst being pointed at the suitable punishment for offenders, emphasising the simplistic attitude with which the problem is often approached. Frankly I feel that people with no knowledge or concern for the game should stop suggesting the imposition of ludicrous controls on the followers of football and look in more detail at the society that creates the problem in the first place. For too long football has been the unfair recipient of blame for problems that are outside its own limited control.

by Michael Scott

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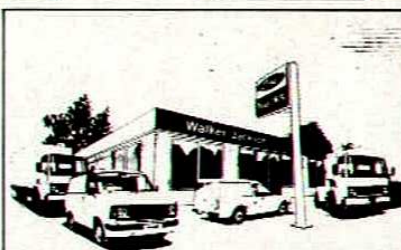


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BRISTOL ROVERS v BRENTFORD
CHESTERFIELD v DARLINGTON
FULHAM v A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
MIDDLESBROUGH v MANSFIELD TOWN
NOTTS COUNTY v BURY
PORT VALE v NEWPORT COUNTY
ROTHERHAM UNITED v CARLISLE UNITED
WALSALL v BRISTOL CITY
WIGAN ATHLETIC v YORK CITY

NEXT SATURDAY'S THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES - MAY 9TH

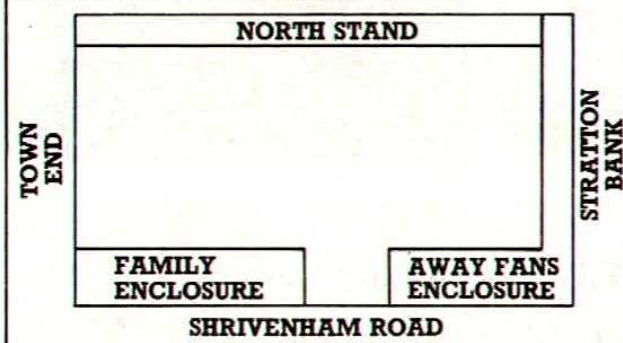
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CHESTER CITY v PORT VALE
DARLINGTON v WALSALL
DONCASTER ROVERS v MIDDLESBROUGH
GILLINGHAM v BOLTON WANDERERS
MANSFIELD TOWN v FULHAM
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YORK CITY v NOTTS COUNTY



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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	H F.R.T. (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)	2,626	0-2
3.4.87	FRI	MANSFIELD TOWN	H (7.45 pm)	8,192	3-0
11.4.87	SAT	BRISTOL ROVERS	A F.A.C. S.F.	8,196	4-3
18.4.87	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H	14,302	1-1
20.4.87	MON	BRENTFORD	A (11 a.m.)	7,443	1-1
22.4.87	WED	DARLINGTON	H (7.45 pm)	7,740	1-0
25.4.87	SAT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	8,218	1-1
28.4.87	TUE	NOTTS COUNTY	A (7.30 pm)	6,354	3-2
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		

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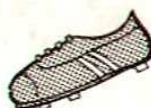


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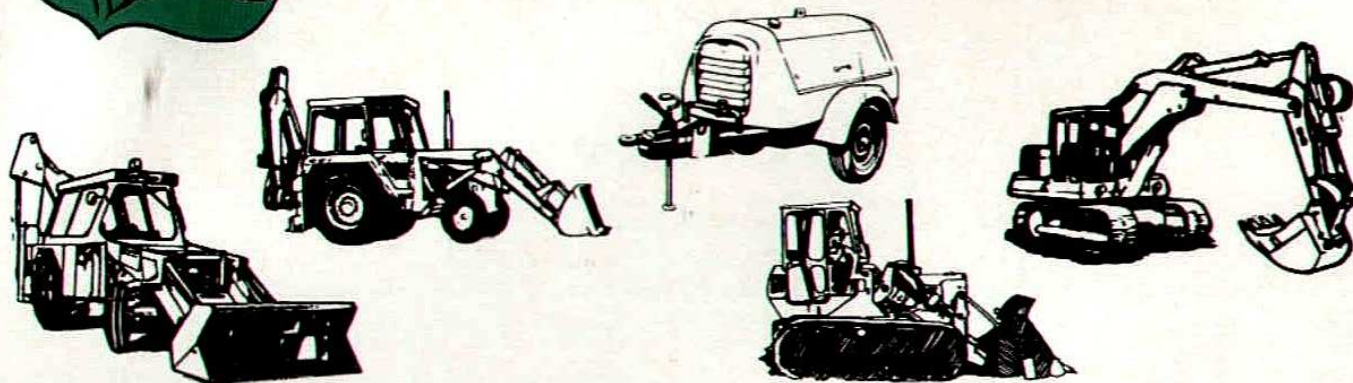
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