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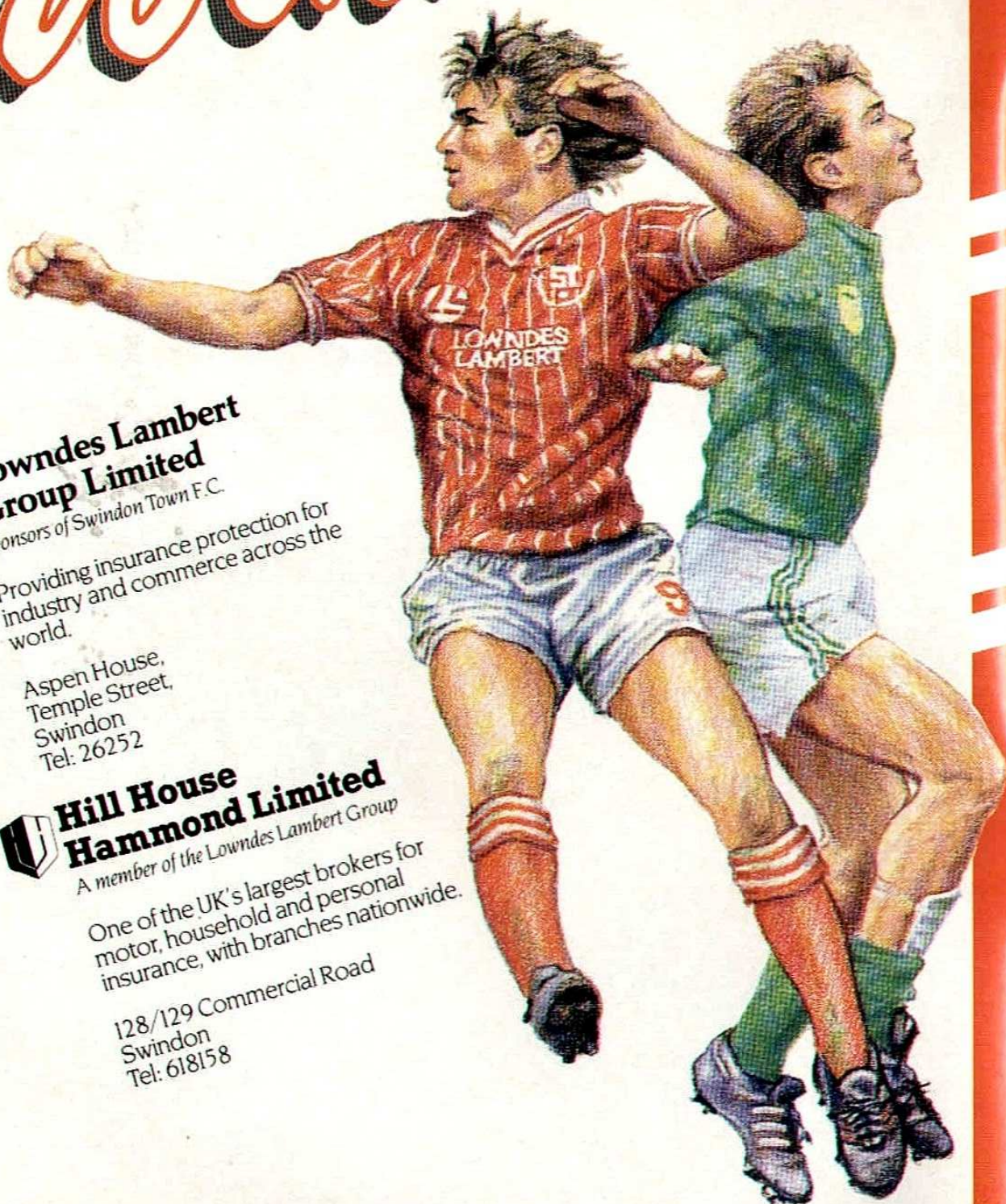
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COUNTY GROUND

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FROM · THE · BOARDROOM

It is still not clear whether we shall be playing SECOND or THIRD DIVISION soccer next season as I compile my final notes of the season. Walsall are our welcome visitors for our final home match and we extend a warm County Ground welcome to the West Midlands Club.

Whatever the final outcome of this season I would like to say thank you to several people for their efforts this season.

The players and Team Manager Lou Macari have once again provided a most memorable season and this evening we have the opportunity to show our appreciation when they take to the field of play.

We started the season, with three new administration staff in Dave King, Vince Farrar and Felicity Hazell. They quickly adapted and have spent many long hours beyond their normal duties to ensure the well being of Swindon Town Football Club. Along with Lisa they have all proved their worth.

Our Commercial Department under the guidance of Doug Buswell have once again proved how invaluable they have been in aiding the clubs finances. Our thanks are due to the Stewards and Police who at times have faced a difficult task.

I would like to convey my grateful thanks to our guests this evening Lowndes Lambert who are set to continue their sponsorship of Swindon Town. To the companys staff who have sold our matchday magazine this season.

Our grateful thanks to Doug Woodman who has done a tremendous job in our Sports shop throughout the season, the contacts he has built up with clubs throughout the area is most impressive. To everyone who has helped the club in any small way we are grateful.

Of course our Social, Supporters and Travel Club have once again shown how



proud they are to be associated with the club name and have made tremendous progress this past year.

Ron Manners our club resident manager has enhanced the reputation of the clubs under his guidance and we are grateful for his devoted service.

Last but by no means least a BIG THANK YOU TO all our Supporters, old and new, without you there is no club, your support home and away can only be described in one word FANTASTIC.

One blight on the season is the continued presence of a band of idiots set upon causing the club problems. Our message to them is that they will not be welcome at the County Ground and steps are being taken to ensure that their presence will be prohibited. That must serve as a warning to anyone else who does not visit the County Ground in pursuit of the game we all support.

Brian All

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Swindon Town Football Club would like to thank all of our true supporters for their fantastic enthusiasm home and away this season.

For several seasons you have all enjoyed the admirable expertise of Dave Evans who submits his action shots for our matchday programme. As you will have observed his work is of the highest quality and Swindon Town Football Club have enjoyed the benefit of his work in a most efficient and regular manner. Dave's work has brought many comments of admiration and we would like to say a sincere 'THANK YOU' to the Evening Advertiser photographer.

In the event of Swindon Town Football Club being involved in the promotion play-off system we would like to inform season ticket holders that they will have to pay for each match. Season tickets are **not applicable**.

Season Ticket Holders can claim their normal seats up to twenty four hours prior to each match played. Following the expiration of that time limit tickets will be on general sale to the public.

Once again we have reason to be thankful for the interest and coverage extended to the club by Clive King of the 'Evening Advertiser', Dave Eaton of the 'Western Daily Press', Shaun Hodgetts and Vic Morgan of G.W.R. all of these media personnel are local based and are as much supporters as reporters.

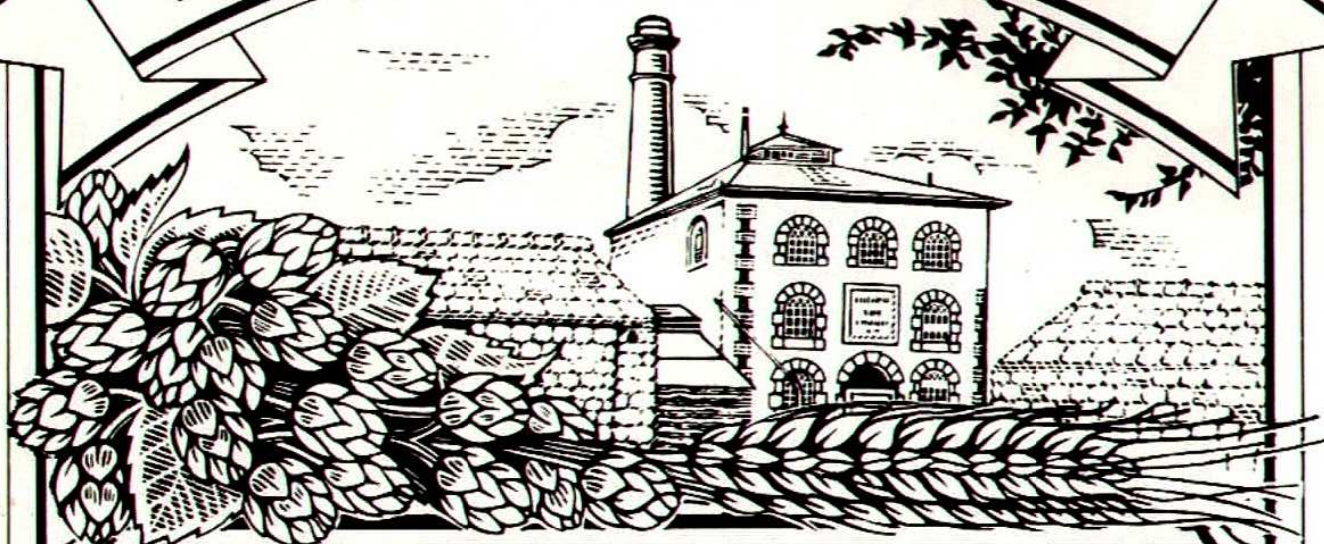
The Travel Club and Supporters Club have shown ever increasing support. Their dedicated committee members have shown a high degree of enthusiasm for their posts something which the membership of these clubs should be grateful. Well done to you all.

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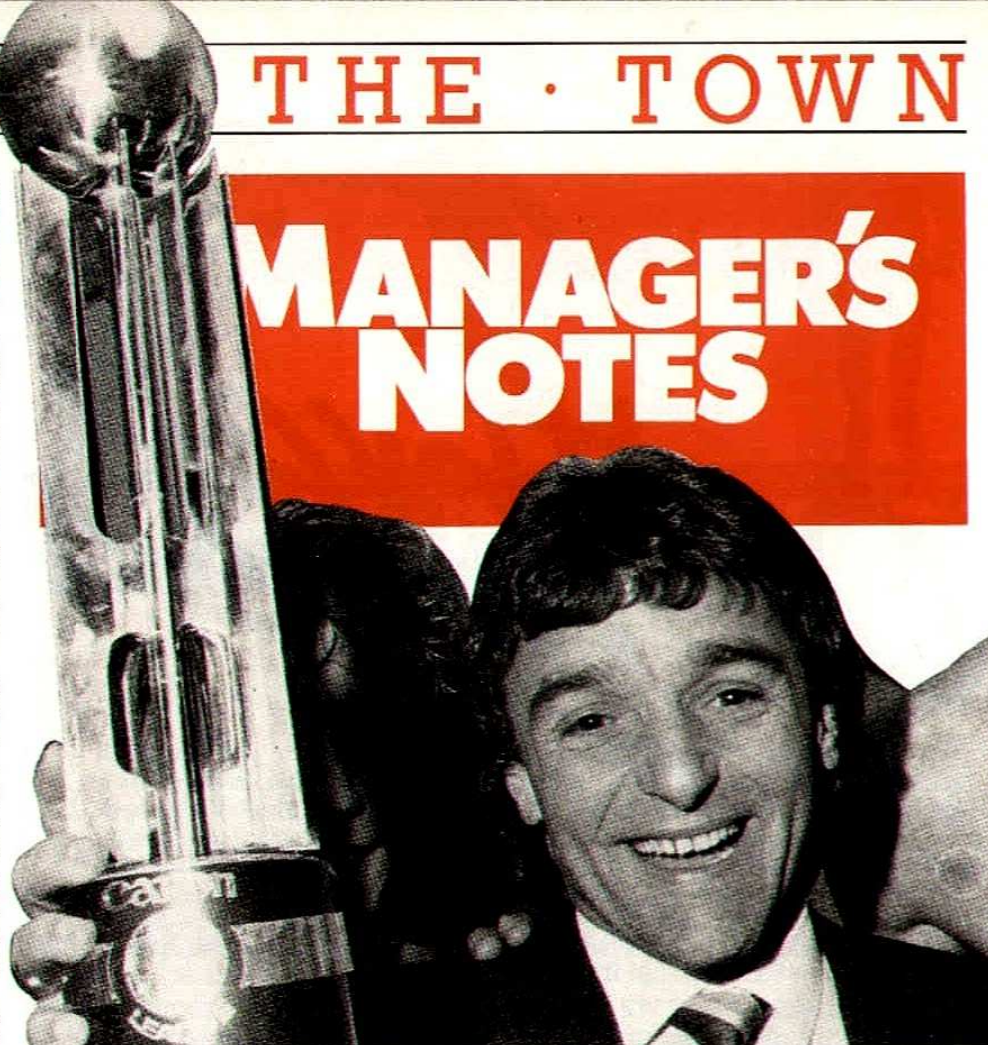
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The end of another long season is now in sight, or is it? At the time of compiling this column we simply did not know, we could still have a little way to go for we could be involved in the play-off system.

Whatever the outcome of the season, I want you the supporters to be proud of the way the players have performed this season. In August I could not have imagined in my wildest dreams that we would be so highly placed. All managers enter a new season with hope but with a certain amount of trepidation as to whether the players retained would be good enough for a higher division or whether the new signings would fit into the framework of the team.

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT becomes more difficult as time passes by, for there is no longer the desire to succeed among many of the young players. When I entered the game 20 or odd years ago the attitude was different. Today players have to be coaxed, cajoled into believing they are lucky to be playing. Here at Swindon Town I would not deny that the problems are any different than at any other League club.

The players of Swindon Town have taken the club to the verge of Second Division Soccer, the Fourth Round of the FA Cup, the Second Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup and the Southern Area Semi-final of the Freight Rover Trophy. Would you have settled for that progress last August? I know I would and I would have no hesitation in settling for a similar season in 1987/88. I have felt proud of my players this season for the players at this club have to adhere to a club that is what I would term as 'football minded', there is no relaxation and playing half heartedly at their chosen profession. Those who do not wish to conform are soon on their way elsewhere. There have been a few disappointing matches at the County Ground of late but overall the entertainment and excitement is at constant pitch for most of the season. Who will forget the drama of Peter Shiltons display for Southampton in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup, it was only his display here at the County Ground that deprived us of a night of glory. An unlucky defeat in the F.A. Cup against Leeds United. Robbed by a refereeing decision of reaching the Southern Area Final of the Freight Rover Trophy.



MANAGER'S NOTES

Those of you have travelled away will have seen away wins that once seemed the prerogative of other Clubs. From Fourth Division Champions to near promotion in the Third is success in my book and we owe a debt to players who have strained to their full capabilities. I want you to feel proud of this team, players who have showed they are equal to any other and better than most in the Third Division.

We may have to ask a little more commitment from everyone yet and if we do I want everyone to realise how much is at stake and for EVERYONE connected with SWINDON TOWN to pull in the same direction and get right behind the players, collectively we can make the Second Division.

I recall what a shambles this club was in when I first arrived here, not enough players, little pride and virtually no apparent hope. In three seasons that has all changed and that is due to the performances of the PLAYERS. They win or lose matches and the players of

Swindon Town have won more matches in the last two seasons than Liverpool!! Yes, it is a fact, for the Anfield Club have won 48 and Swindon Town 55. Oh yes, I know they are in the First Division, but we can only win whatever league we play in can't we? You have had plenty to cheer in the last season or so and it isn't over yet whether this season or next. See you at the next game whenever it is?

Don Mac

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SCENE

On Three

We have come to our final home match of the season and at the time of writing these notes we still do not know the final outcome of our season. Will it be Second or Third Division soccer next season? One thing for sure if we had a home record equivalent to that of our visitors this evening, Walsall, we would be almost assured of higher grade soccer.

Football is a game of 'ifs' for supporters and probably the followers of the Fellows Park Club are pointing to the fact that if their defence had been playing as well at the start of the season as it is now, they could have been in the promotion play-offs.

Last Tuesday's match against Port Vale was an historic match for the West Midland Club it was their 3,000th league match.

If Bobby Hutchinson is included in the Walsall team this evening it will be a return to the County Ground for the former Bristol City midfielder player, for the Scot was a member of the Ashton Gate Clubs line-up

that won 2-1 here at the County Ground last December. Although he has not been a regular in the Walsall team since moving to Fellows Park for £15,000 in February he will hopefully be able to establish a position in their line-up next season.

Plagued by a knee injury during his latter days at Ashton Gate he has so far made only eight full appearances and six as a substitute.

A player to keep an eye open for is David Kelly the Walsall striker. The former Alvechurch player has attracted a lot of attention from First Division Clubs, not only because of his goalscoring talents but also his fine all round play.

Along with Bobby Hutchinson, Kenny Mower and Willie Naughton have found difficulty in making the Fellows Park line-up in recent weeks.

Kenny has an unusual event in aid of his Testimonial on Sunday May 17th when he will be holding a sponsored canal towpath walk!

For your interest the leading Walsall goalscorers this season have been, including Cup matches, David Kelly 23, Nicky Cross 18, Trevor Christie 18 and Craig Shakespeare 17.

Craig Shakespeare has scored a remarkable number of goals for a midfield player. There was an early season period where David Kelly scored in five consecutive matches and yet Walsall only won one of those matches!

Hat tricks have eluded the Walsall players this season for no fewer than thirteen occasions up to and including April 25th they had recorded a brace of goals!

Trevor Christie the former Notts County and Derby striker who moved to Fellows Park from Manchester City earlier this season has scored twice in matches with Brentford (F.R.T.), Watford (F.A.C.) Newport County (Div 3) and Port Vale (Div 3). Nicky Cross formerly of West Bromwich Albion has done likewise against Chesterfield (Div 3), and Bury on April 25th (Div 3). Craig Shakespeare has accomplished the feat against Brentford (Div 3) and Port Vale (F.A.C.). Gary Childs another midfielder player who moved to Fellows Park from West Bromwich Albion scored twice against Rotherham United and Darlington in Third Division fixtures while Willie Naughton scored a brace against Mansfield Town in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup. David Kelly has accomplished the feat in Third Division matches versus Brentford and York City.

We visit Bristol City for our final league match of the season next Saturday. The Ashton Gate clubs directors have been worrying over whether to give former Scottish International Joe Jordan a new contract. City's board were concerned about sanctioning a deal that would

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break the strict wage ceiling enforced since the Club was reformed in 1982. Joe Jordan wanted a considerable signing on fee as well as salary which will make him the highest paid player in the new company's short history. City are assured of a bumper profit from their second successive Wembley appearance. It was expected that City's directors would relent and allow manager Terry Cooper to keep the former Leeds United, Manchester United and Southampton striker at Ashton Gate.

Craig Maskell returned to Southampton after playing in our reserve match at Watford following his months loan. Craig did not make a first team appearance during his months stay. Steve Berry, our 'beat the transfer deadline' signing from Newport County has been put out of action by Glandular Fever. Steve has yet to appear in our first team following his £15,000 move from Somerton Park.

Our congratulations are extended to A.F.C. Bournemouth on their merited championship success. They have proved over the season that they were the team to defeat.

After conceding early goals in our recent matches with A.F.C. Bournemouth, Brentford and Doncaster Rovers Bernie Slaven showed the tonic we badly needed by scoring in the second minute of their recent home match with Brentford. An early goal seems to settle all tension. Although we did manage to come from behind at Notts County and win 3-2 last Tuesday.

DON'T FORGET IF WE ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION PLAY OFFS SEASON TICKET HOLDERS MUST PURCHASE THEIR SEATS AND FOR GROUND SEASON TICKET HOLDERS THEY MUST PAY AT THE TURNSTILES.



By Michael Scott

A September virus in the Walsall squad delayed Swindon's visit to Fellows Park this season until November 25th. The match took place in typical Walsall v Swindon weather, as a Midlands monsoon made conditions for both players and spectators very unpleasant. The torrential rain beating down on the tin roof of the stand at Fellows Park brought back to many memories of Swindon's most recent previous visit, in 1981/2 when a 5-0 defeat reflected more Swindon's luck that season than the run of play in that particular game.

This seasons match ended up with a far closer scoreline and for a time seemed destined to end up goalless as Swindon fought hard against a Walsall side on the upsurge following a poor start to the campaign. After only a few seconds of this vital game, Swindon's attacking strategy was thrown into disarray by a crunching tackle on Peter Coyne that rendered him fairly ineffective for the rest of the game.

Dangerous Saddlers striker David Kelly was well contained by the "Town" defence in the first half with his only real opportunity being thwarted by Fraser Digby after 27 minutes when clean through.

Two minutes into the second half though, Kelly made no mistake, an Alan McLoughlin pass in midfield did not find its man and gave Walsall the chance to exploit a huge gap in the "Town" defence, the ball eventually reaching Kelly on the edge of the box who thundered

home a perfect shot.

Heavy Walsall pressure after they had taken the lead did not bring another goal, indeed as the game wore on Swindon looked more likely to score.

Dave Bamber made some spectacular attempts on goal from dead ball situations and had a shot deflected wide, but this was not to be the "Town's" night. The defeat became absolutely certain when the ball was handled in the home penalty area from an Alan McLoughlin header and referee Hendrick waved play on to the relief of Tommy Coakley's men.

Home games at this stage of the season must be won if Swindon are to have any interest in the play-offs at the end of this season. Walsall have won here in the league only once in the past 20 years, it would improve our promotion chances greatly if that record were to remain unbroken this afternoon.

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OUR VISITORS

by Dave Eaton



WALSALL

The Saddlers made a very poor start to this season but quickly recovered to enjoy a fantastic F.A. Cup run. In the league they have gradually moved up the table, and a fine run of late has now given them an outside chance of claiming a place in the end of season play-offs.

Walsall joined the regionalised third division in 1921 and fluctuated between the north and south sections until the reorganisation into the third and fourth divisions in 1958. After just two seasons in the fourth they gained promotion as champions with a total of 65 points - five more than nearest rivals Notts County and Torquay.

The following season - 1960/61 - they gained promotion again this time to the second, finishing as runners-up in the third to Bury. After just two seasons it was back to the third, where in 1978 they failed by just four points to regain a place in division 2.

Relegation to the fourth followed in the next season. After leading this division for most of the 1979-80 season Walsall eventually finished as runners-up to Huddersfield and so once more regained third division status.

In the F.A. Cup their most famous triumph was a 2-0 win over Arsenal, who were then regarded as the greatest club side in the world, in January 1933.

In more recent years they have reached the fifth round on three occasions - 1974/75, 1977/78 and of course this season before losing to Watford.

The club's best season in the League Cup came in 84/85 when they reached the semi-finals only to lose out to Liverpool when though they drew the first leg at Anfield 2-2.

During the 1986 close season a plan was devised by the then Walsall F.C. chairman Jack Harris and his predecessor Birmingham City chairman, Ken Wheldon for the two clubs to share the Blues St. Andrews Ground.

The plan met overwhelming opposition in Walsall - so severe that it was rejected by the Football League.

Charismatic Barry Blower, a keen follower of Walsall in the meantime had persuaded London businessman and race horse owner Mr. Terry Ramsden to take over the club.

On August 1 Mr. Ramsden became the new owner and announced his intentions, was to take Walsall into the First Division.

A new manager Tommy Coakley was appointed and since several big money signings have arrived at Fellows Park.

It is also rumoured that Mr. Ramsden will build a new Stadium if his team gain promotion.



Back Row:

M. Rees, P. Hawker, F. Barber, W. Naughton, R. Jones.

Middle Row:

T. Bradley (Assistant Physiotherapist), P. Hart, K. Mower, G. Forbes, P. Jones, A. Dornan, N. Cross, T. Christie, F. Pedley (Physiotherapist).

Front Row:

C. Shakespeare, G. Childs, G. Sweeney (Assistant Manager), T. Coakley, (Manager), D. Kelly, R. Train.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Ground: Fellows Park.

Capacity: 12,060 (modern limit).

Record Attendance: 25,453 v Newcastle Utd., Division 2, 29th August 1961.

Record Receipts: £40,714.60 v Liverpool, Milk Cup semi-final 2nd leg, 14th February 1984.

Founded: 1888.

Previous Names: Walsall Swifts (founded 1877) and Walsall Town (founded 1879) amalgamated in 1888 and were known as Walsall Town Swifts until 1895.

Honours: Football League Division 2 best season - 6th 1898-99. Division 3 - runners-up 1960-61. Division 4 - Champions 1959-60, runners-up 1979-80. F.A. Cup best season - 5th round 1939, 1975, 1978, 1987 and last 16 1888-89. Football League Cup - Semi-final 1983-84.

Most League Appearances: Colin Harrison, 467, 1964-82.

Most League Goals: Tony Richards, 184 1954-63, and Colin Taylor, 184 1958-63 and 1964-68 and 1969-73.

Record Victory: 10-0 v Darwen, Division 2, 4th March 1899.

Record Defeat: 0-12 v Small Heath, 17th December, 1892 and v Darwen, 26th December 1896, both Division 2.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £175,000 from Birmingham City for Alan Buckley, October 1978.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £175,000 to Birmingham City for Alan Buckley, June 1979.

Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, White Stockings.

Change colours: All Blue.

Nickname: "The Saddlers".

Meet the Players and Manager

Tommy Coakley (manager)

This is Tommy's first taste of football league management and it is proving highly successful with Walsall into the 5th round of the F.A. Cup. His playing days were spent with Motherwell, Arsenal, Detroit Cougars and finally Morton. Then it was onto Chelmsford and Essex Senior League Club Maldon Town whom he led to the championship in 1984-85 at the time when Terry Ramsden was chairman.

Last season he steered Bishop's Stortford to seventh place in the Vauxhall Open Premier Division.

Fred Barber (goalkeeper)

Made 32 league appearances for Darlington last season and 135 in total. A recent acquisition from Everton.

Andy Dorman (right back)

He played a limited number of games for Aberdeen before moving to Motherwell where he was a regular member of their Scottish Premier Division side last season. He joined Walsall from Motherwell during the close season, for £17,500.

Phil Hawker (central defender)

Former England under 18 Youth International. Signed from Birmingham City in March 1983, having made 31 appearances for them. Has overcome a series of injury problems to estab-



PREVIOUS MEETINGS POST-WAR AT COUNTY GROUND Football League

29.03.1947	W4-1	Stephens W. 2, Emery, Williams	14,454
28.04.1948	L0-3		8,362
20.11.1948	W2-1	Cowie, Bain	15,034
10.04.1950	W4-3	Wheeler, Cowie 2, Jackson	10,218
31.03.1951	D1-1	Lunn	7,413
09.02.1952	D1-1	Owen	10,270
01.10.1952	L1-2	Bettendge	4,279
16.09.1953	W3-0	Lunn, Bettendge, Bain	8,832
05.03.1956	D2-2	Gibson, Williams H.	5,148
10.09.1955	L1-2	Gibson	7,576
12.01.1957	L1-2	Edwards	8,948
22.03.1958	L2-3	Richards, Edwards	11,202
03.09.1960	W1-0	Jackson	13,472
04.09.1966	D0-0		13,734
18.04.1967	W3-2	Rogers 2 (1 pen.), Terry	14,459
03.02.1968	W3-0	Rogers, Nurse, Penman	17,111
14.09.1968	W1-0	Noble	10,594
08.03.1975	W3-0	McLaughlin, Prophet, Moss	8,964
24.04.1976	W5-1	Anderson 3 pens., Moss, Syrett	7,491
26.03.1977	D2-2	Mottale, Anderson	7,535
11.04.1978	L2-3	Stroud, Moss	3,929
16.01.1979	W4-1	Kamara, e.g. Bates, Gilchrist	7,282
19.12.1980	W3-1	Carter, Mayes, Greenwood	4,625
09.03.1982	D2-2	Greenwood, Lewis	4,446

Football League Cup

NIL

F.A. Cup

14.11.1959 L2-3 Edwards, Darcy

13,368

Associate Members Cup

13.03.1984 W3-0 Gibson, Mayes 2 (1 pen.)

2,727

*Statistics supplied by Paul Plowman

AT FELLOWS PARK Football League

23.11.1946	W1-0	Lucas	14,291
17.04.1948	L0-1		9,885
16.04.1949	W1-0	Dawson	12,000
07.04.1950	D0-0		8,305
11.11.1950	L0-1		7,795
29.09.1951	D0-0		8,004
23.04.1953	W2-1	Owen 2	6,500
10.09.1953	W1-0	Bain	7,784
16.10.1954	W2-1	Owen, Onslow	9,010
14.01.1956	L0-4		10,961
08.09.1956	W2-1	Owen, Edwards	7,500
23.11.1957	D1-1	Edwards	6,539
21.03.1961	L1-2	Woodruff	12,102
19.02.1966	L0-5		9,367
18.10.1966	D1-1	Rogers	9,027
23.09.1967	L2-3	Harland, Rogers	9,132
19.04.1969	W2-0	Rogers 2	10,654
24.09.1974	L0-2		3,595
23.08.1975	D1-1	Eastoe	5,146
16.10.1976	L0-2		5,529
03.09.1977	L0-2		4,717
09.09.1978	L1-4	Williams	5,024
25.04.1981	L1-2	Miller	3,429
20.10.1981	L0-5		6,010
25.11.1986	L0-1		5,807

Football League Cup

NIL

F.A. Cup

NIL

Associate Members Cup

NIL

Paul Jones (midfield)

Former apprentice signed contract forms in September 1983 on 18th birthday. A utility player, representing Walsall in defence, midfield and attack. However, he now seems to be settling into a midfield role.

Nicky Cross (striker)

Signed from W.B.A. in August 1985 for around £40,000. He quickly established himself as a favourite with the Fellows Park fans, finishing as top scorer for the season, and being awarded the Player of the Season trophy.

Trevor Christie (midfield/striker)

An ever present in Derby's promotion side last season with 18 League and Cup goals. Signed in October for a large undisclosed fee from Manchester City. Scored on his league debut for Walsall at Middlesbrough. Started as an apprentice with Leicester before moving onto Notts County, Notts Forest and Derby.

Bobbie Hutchinson (midfield)

Signed recently from Bristol City for £15,000. Made 42 league appearances for them last season and was the captain of their Freight Rover winning Wembley side. The much travelled Scotsman has also played for Montrose, Dundee, Hibernian, Wigan, Tranmere (twice) and Mansfield.

Mark Taylor (midfield)

21 year-old born in Birmingham. Made 18 league appearances last season, scoring twice. Has made a dozen or so appearances in the side this season.

lish himself back in the first team.

Peter Hart (central defender)

A former Huddersfield Town apprentice helped the Leeds Road club to win the Fourth Division Championship in 1980, before joining Walsall for £65,000 in August that year. Captain of the team. He is a model of consistency, rarely missing a match during his 6 years with the Club.

Craig Shakespeare (midfield)

A former apprentice, signed contract forms in October 1981. Made first team debut in September 1982, quickly becoming an established member of the team. Has made over 150 league appearances for the Saddlers.

Graeme Forbes (midfield)

Signed early in the season from Scottish League Premier side Motherwell for £80,000. A regular member of their team last season making 28 league appearances.

Gary Childs (midfield)

Former England Youth International signed from West Bromwich Albion in November 1983 for a fee of £15,000. A very creative player, capable of playing central midfield, or on the right flank.

David Kelly (striker)

Signed from non-league Alvechurch in December 1983. The 21 year old celebrated his birthday in November by scoring the only goal against Swindon. Currently way out in front in the Walsall score charts. Was nicknamed "super sub" by the fans for scoring vital goals when called from the substitute bench.

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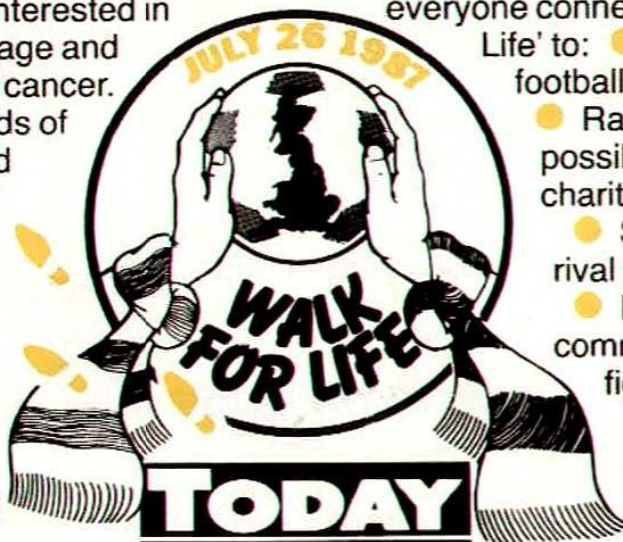
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What a time to score my first goal of the Season! We were all square in our match at Notts County last Tuesday at 1-1 when I managed the unexpected.

To be truthful it came totally unexpectedly, we had been caught offside on numerous sorties into the County half when I decided to lift the ball over the Notts defenders and hope someone would race through to catch them unawares. I kept running myself and was surprised to find that I was the only player goalside. I expected both the linesman's flag and a challenge from the goalkeeper, neither came and so I thumped it into the net. It doesn't matter what the Gaffer told GWR about my shooting, he is only jealous because all of his goals came in the six yard box! Seriously, I was relieved to score and despite the fact that they drew level again there was no way we were going to be beaten.

When Dave Bamber was introduced in the second half we had an extra dimension to our play. County were not particularly tall at the back and someone of Dave's height was always going to pose problems. At least it virtually assured us of a place in the play-offs. By the time you read my notes you will be nearer to knowing whether we can catch Middlesbrough.

The end of the season is fast approaching and just to keep you aware of the Town players during the summer months I'll let you into a few facts about some of my team mates.

'Rambo', Chris is the cool dude of



the team, very popular with the rest of the team because he buys all the newspapers the rest of the team like reading.

'Hocky', Dave the professor, the educated one of the team, our advisor.

'Kinky', Phil is the typical English tourist abroad, although he is the youngest in the team he is good for our dressing room. You can always imagine Phil with just a pair of braces, a deck chair and a knotted handkerchief on his head.

'Kammy', Spends most of his life on the telephone, providing Rambo or Kinky are not using it. He's usually ringing Julian Wilson, probably telling him that we won't follow any of his tips. It's been good of Kammy to turn up at times this season he's usually tied up with the Disciplinary meetings.

'Bambs', 'The Italian Stallion', just like Rocky. He wants to fight everyone. A stocks and shares man and another like 'Hocky' one of those the rest of the team listen to. A degree and all that, educated again.

'Whitey', Sooty, named after his lookalike, the Ripper, he does look like Peter Sutcliffe. Spends most of his life looking out of windows.

'Quinney', 'Bison breath' for Jim is

always calling everyone 'Donkey breath'. The tired looking leprechaun is fast becoming an Alan Cork lookalike with his receding hairstyle. Alan plays for Wimbledon.

'Barny', Always looking forward to his holidays, he used to be known as Mr Angry but he is quieter these days commonly known as Spew which is a Scottish saying.

'Wadey', A Robin Day of football, always asking questions. Why? Where? and When? Shy boy off the pitch, loves five-a-side, then he can repeatedly ask how many touches of the ball he is allowed. When you tell him, you can bet he will ask again two minutes later.

'Coyney', Looking forward to reaching his best fighting weight so that he can tackle Dave Cusack of Doncaster Rovers on equal terms. Another quiet lad who likes a bet.

'Fraser', Still wearing that England cap, goes to bed with it on, think he is frightened someone might take it away.

'Joner', A psycho in training, where he loses his temper, but one so quiet off the park.

'Hughsy', Nick is the best dressed apprentice in the Football League, plenty of contacts in the Rag Trade selling his seconds to Kevin Morris at present!

'Gary Gillet', Ice man, oh so cool. Worried about the sun, when it comes out, he goes in.

Summer is nearly with us and I think 'the gaffer' was giving us a preview with a few days away at a holiday camp following the Notts County match. We were due to travel from Blackpool to Carlisle for last Saturday's League fixture at Brumton Park. Nearly home from home for me and 'the gaffer' its England's nearest approach to Scotland.

On behalf of all the lads I would like to thank you for the magnificent support we have received this season and a special thank you to all of you who have travelled to our away matches always a welcome sight to us when we arrive at opponents grounds. Have a good break and see you all again next season.

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Here is the account of our Easter Monday fixture against Brentford as seen through the eyes of the Middlesex Chronicle.

After taking five points from three unbeaten games in seven days Brentford player/manager Steve Perryman can start planning for Third Division football at Griffin Park next season. His rejuvenated side has now gone eight games without defeat with just two reverses in 16 league games under his command. That's a bit like championship form and it isn't surprising that this has elevated the Bees to 11th place in the league table.

Brentford 1 Swindon Town 1

Before the start of this exciting Easter Monday morning game Steve Perryman was presented with a crystal glass vase on behalf of the club and the Supporters Association to commemorate his recent 900th cup and league appearance.

He then sat on the substitutes bench to see his young side tackle promotion chasing Swindon Town before 7,443 fans - the largest for a league game at Griffin Park since September 1983.

Those supporters saw the Bees make the best possible start with Robbie Cooke powerfully heading home skipper Wayne Turner's angled cross in the 11th minute. Not only was this his 24th goal of the season but an excellent way to celebrate his 300th league game which have brought him 114 goals.

Cooke could have made it 115 in the 24th minute when Swindon skipper Colin Calderwood badly sliced a ball in the centre circle leaving Cooke a clear run to goal but he shot past the post as keeper Fraser Digby advanced.

Brentford were taking the game to Swindon who included former Bees favourite Chris Kamara in midfield. At last Town broke loose and Gary Phillips was forced in to a quick double-barelled save from Peter Coyne and David Hockaday. The half-time curtain came down with



Roger Joseph nearly catching Digby napping with a long cross and Cooke scraping the bar with an overhead kick.

The second period initially followed the earlier pattern and Cooke had another ideal chance but got too much height on his header from Andy Sinton's corner. Gary Blissett found Lee Nogan from a free kick but the on-loan teenager fired straight at Digby.

Gradually Swindon came back and for the last 25 minutes laid siege to Phillips goal. The Bees' keeper foiled Dave Bamber with a spectacular flying punch and gave a repeat performance with a great save from a Jimmy Quinn header.

Three minutes from time Brentford should have sewn it up when Lee Nogan raced away from the half way line leaving Hockaday trailing in pursuit. The teenager slipped the ball wide of Digby but also past the post.

Swindon made Brentford pay the price when in the next minute substitute Bryan Wade popped up at the far post to head in from Mark Jones' centre.

It was a disappointing end to Brentford's efforts but Perryman said afterwards: "I was delighted with the way we played and even if we had lost I would still have praised the players. The huge crowd helped and Swindon fans deserve credit for keeping behind their team even when it looked as though they might be beaten".

The Bees line-up was Philip, R. Joseph, Murray, Millen, Droy, Maddy, Nogan, Sinton, Cooke, Blissett, Turner. Sub Perryman.

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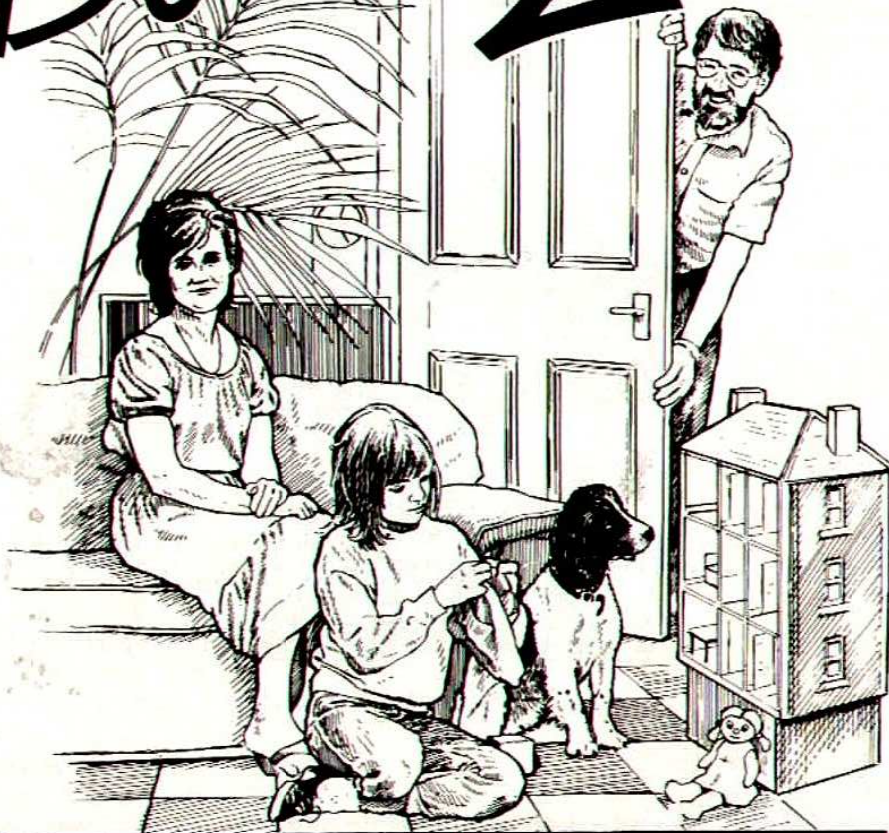
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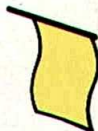
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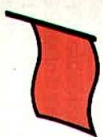


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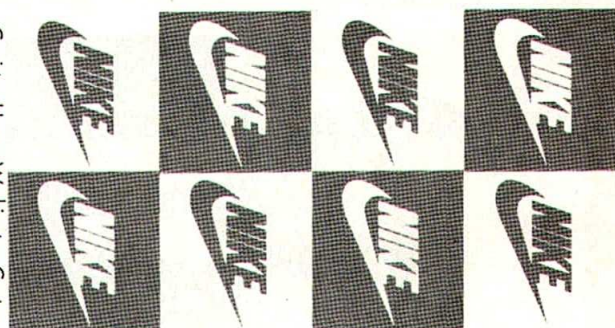
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INTERVIEW



For our final interview of this season we turn to a man whose help has been invaluable to Swindon Town Football Club this season, George Sims.

George is one of the Clubs Assistant Chief Stewards and a man that the Clubs Chief Steward Doug Wiltshire has had cause to rely heavily upon during the course of Autumn, Winter and Spring. George a Swindon resident is always the first steward on duty, midweek or Saturday. 'Punctuality is a must for me' stated George. Born in South East London he left school at sixteen, 'I first worked in a Solicitors office for 2 years and then in the Appeals Department in Dr. Barnardo's Homes.'

George continued, 'I enlisted in the R.A.F. in 1940 and served six years. I spent 3 years of this period with the Desert Air Force in North Africa and Italy'.

Upon leaving the forces he worked for Gillette Industries, after two years he was made redundant. It was then that a period of long stability entered his life, 'I began service with British Rail! I moved to Swindon in 1956. After 23 years at Swindon Station I was transferred to Slough as

Passenger Services Manager. I took early retirement in October 1985 having spent over 35 years with British Rail.'

George's link with football began as a boy when he played both football and cricket at School, he pursued this interest with Boy's Clubs and with various units in the R.A.F.

What of his early links with the professional game? 'I followed the fortunes of Millwall prior to the War and afterwards as my home was in Brentford I naturally followed the local team.'

When George moved to Swindon he quickly became a supporter of Swindon Town and was a Ground Season Ticket holder for many years.

'I eventually became a Steward and I have served the Club in this capacity for sixteen years.' It is a job that gives George a lot of pleasure, 'My only regret is that the job prevents me from seeing any of the football'.

George who still retains in his interest in all sports still enjoys football, cricket and snooker and he plays skittles during the winter months and enjoys a game of putting during the summer.

Currently resident in Eldene, along with his wife Violet, George is the Steward that deals with the gate figures and payment to Stewards on Matchdays. Figures have always fascinated George and he has given a lot of help to the Clubs Accounting department in this respect.

'Mental arithmetic is a gift and I was perhaps fortunate to be at a school where the headmaster was keen on the subject'.

George has seen many changes in the duties of Stewards since he first joined sixteen years ago, 'It is entirely different, you simply came to the Ground and there were no laid down duties and just watched the match. Tabards were not issued until relatively recently and the Ground Safety Act made the Stewards accept a lot more responsibility'.

A man with a studied look at life his alertness condemns many that are several years his junior. The County Ground has obviously given George many hours of pleasure. George also takes charge of programme distribution on matchdays and collects the cash from the resultant sales. It would be fair comment to state that George is a man who takes great pride in all that he attempts and in today's world that often appears to be a diminishing virtue. Swindon Town have good reason to be proud of George's service to the Club.

MATCH DAY

Mascot



Darren Gale

Our mascot tonight is Darren Gale who lives at 35 Harrow Close, Swindon.

Peter Coyne is Darren's favourite Swindon Town player and he hopes that he will meet Peter tonight.

Liverpool are Darrens choice as his second team and we are sure that he will be hoping that the Anfield club come good in the second half of this season to clinch the League Championship. Darren attends Grange Drive Junior School S.S.M.

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Despite the fact that the experience of Chris Ramsey, Charlie Henry, Peter Coyne and Bryan Wade was included in our Combination team we succumbed to a disappointing 7-1 defeat at Vicarage Road against Watford on Thursday April 23rd.

Watford fielding a young team took the lead in the seventh minute through Neil Doherty. The respectable scoreline stayed until the interval. It was the massive frame of Ewen Roberts who began posing all manner of problems for the Town defence and he scored a hat-trick in the first fifteen minutes of the second half. With substitute Nicky Hughes replacing Bryan Wade, in the 75th minute, Nicky scored the Town goal, to bring the score to 4-1. Further goals from Paul Ramble, Malcolm Allen and Neil Doherty completed the onslaught on the Town goal.

Town manager Lou Macari summed up the difference between the teams by saying, "They were much fitter than we were, some players think they should be playing five-a-sides at this stage of the season and

preparing for the summer. You can never afford to relax in this game if you wish to be successful".

Our South East Counties Youth Team restored lost pride with their 3-2 win against Crystal Palace at Lydiard on Saturday April 25th. Earlier this season we had suffered a humiliating 8-0 defeat.

In an evenly fought first half the

Town went close through Gary Gillett and Adrian Viveash before taking a 42nd minute lead through Fitzroy Simpson who finished off a move started by defender Colin Hughes.

The interval lead was increased in the forty-eighth minute when Adrian Viveash's headed centre swerved into the top corner of the net.

Nicky Hughes made it 3-1 with his 31st goal of the season at Youth Team level in the sixty-first minute.

Palace made a spirited reply and reduced the arrears in the 79th minute with a header by Hammond following a corner. Three minutes later they scored again when Ansan gave Palace hope when he took advantage of a rebound from a Town defender. The Town youth team did well to hold out under pressure in the closing minutes of the match to take revenge on that 8-0 thrashing in March.

SWINDON TOWN: CHURCHWARD, RAMSEY, CASSERLY, SIMPSON, HENRY, TOBIN, COYNE, MASKELL, WADE, GILLET, REYNOLDS. SUBSTITUTE: N. HUGHES (FOR WADE IN 60TH MIN.).

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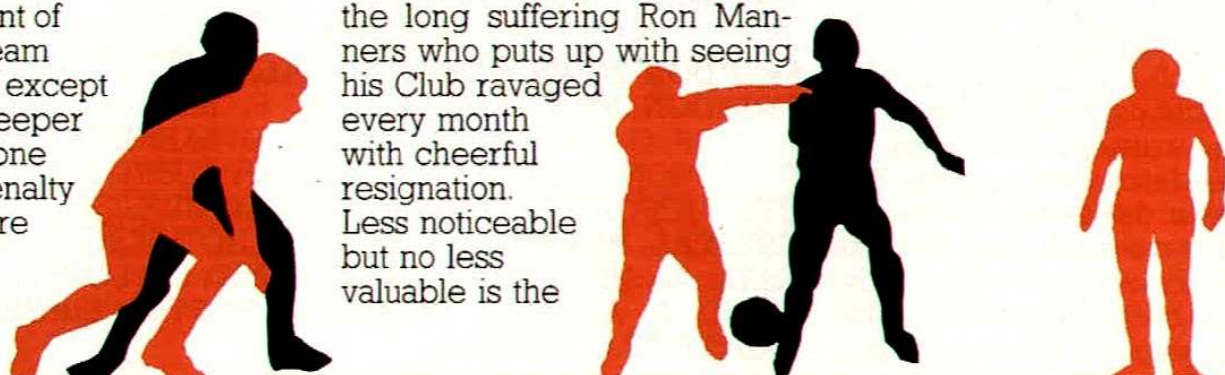
As these may be the last Junior Robins notes of the season there are a number of people I would like to thank. Firstly Mr. John Timms for the many hours of work he has put in both with the Junior Robins football teams and the ball boys. Secondly Sandra Cobern and Christine Weavers for the help they always give at Junior Robins meetings when I am usually trying to do two things at once and failing to do either successfully and the long suffering Ron Manners who puts up with seeing his Club ravaged every month with cheerful resignation. Less noticeable but no less valuable is the

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contribution made by Nick Wall who deals with enrolment of members. With the hazards of the postal system and changing playing staff meaning needing to get new photographs his job is never easy but it is one he still manages to perform with commendable efficiency. Last but no means least Mr. Dave King and Felicity and Lisa the ladies in the office. The Junior Robins Organisation means additional work to add to the many tasks they already have to cope with yet they carry it out with the helpfulness and curtesy that I feel is becoming a hallmark of our Administrative staff.



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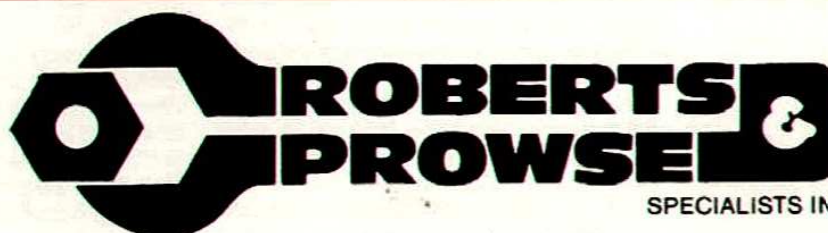


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Dear Mr King,

Thank-you for the kindness and hospitality shown to me during the match 'v' Bournemouth when I was the matchday guest.

The memory of the day is some-thing I will always treasure and a great help to me in getting on the way to proper health.

Thank-you once again for the time you gave me.

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Dear Mr. King,

On behalf of the Junior Cherries and their parents I would like to thank you for the very good seats reserved for us at the front of your North Stand. The youngsters had a super view of a super game with a satisfactory result from both points of view!!

Wishing you the best of luck for the rest of the season, let's hope both clubs meet again in the Second Division next season!

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Dear Dave,

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"Judges were full of praise for Swindon Town who won the 3rd Division award from A.F.C. Bournemouth and "ever consistent" Brentford.

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Lou is already looking to next season and along with the rest of the club staff is busy covering every match possible as the season draws to a close. Two players one in the Midlands, another with a Northern club have attracted his attention on more than one occasion recently.

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How wrong can you be?

The following article appeared in a Midlands newspaper one problem! Lou was not even at the match mentioned.

Lou moves in for Williamson

Striker Bobby Williamson could be on his way out of The Hawthorns only eight months after joining Albion from Glasgow Rangers.

Swindon Town, chasing promotion from the Third Division, have targeted the marksman who has not enjoyed the happiest of seasons under Ron Saunders.

The Wiltshire club's manager Lou Macari timed one visit perfectly to see Williamson score a hat-trick for Albion's reserves against Darlington at The Hawthorns last week.

Macari was duly impressed. But Swindon will have to find up to £120,000 to bring the Scot to the County Ground.

Williamson is available for transfer - but only at the right price. And Albion could do with the money to boost their ailing finances.

With six goals to his name before Christmas, Williamson seemed to have done enough to become a permanent fixture at Albion.

But Saunders has dropped him twice since then and he was back in the squad for today's home match with Blackburn only because Garth Crooks was suspended and George Reilly was doubtful through injury.



For those of you who are interested in players ages and their birthdates here is a list of Town players with current age in brackets Chris Ramsey (25) April 28th, Charlie Henry (25) February 13th, Colin Calderwood (22), January 20th, Leigh Barnard (28) October 29th, Jamie Reynolds (19) October 27th, Chris Kamara (29) December 25th, Peter Coyne (28) November 13th, Dave Hockaday (29) November 9th, Bryan Wade (23) June 25th, Dave Bamber (28) February 1st, Tim Parkin (29) December 31st, Steve White (28) January 2nd, Steve Berry (24) April 4th, Mark Jones (25) September 26th, Phil King (19) December 28th, Jimmy Quinn (27) November 18th, Andy Rowland (32) September 8th, Fraser Digby (19) April 23rd.

The average age of the above squad, discounting Andy Rowland who is confined to Reserve team football these days is 25 years and one month for the seventeen players currently on full time contracts at the County Ground.

We played a friendly match on Monday April 6th at Weymouth as part of the Dorset F.A. Centenary celebrations and drew 2-2 with the G.M. Vauxhall Conference team.

The teams for the evening Kick-off were.

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Weymouth took a two goal lead through Jones and Turrell before Steve Tobin reduced the arrears in the 76th minute and on-loan signing Craig Maskell from Southampton equalised for the Town in the 85th minute.



Televised 'live' matches this season have shown that 'derby' games have been the biggest draw, with the BBC clocking 8 million viewers for the Everton v Liverpool league game on November 23 and also the Spurs v Arsenal Littlewoods Cup Semi-Final. ITV did the return leg and claim only 5.3 million.

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STANDING VIEW FROM · THE · TERRACE

Last Tuesday's important encounter with Notts County seemed to sum up a season that has brought a variety of emotions to the supporters of Swindon Town.

County's opener came at the end of a first half dominated by the "Town", a familiar story over recent weeks.

The second half brought its reward for Swindon though, as they gave the 'the Magpies' three for sorrow!

Dave Bamber's equaliser brought elation, but not on the same scale as Colin Calderwood's effort which put the "Town" 2-1 up.

As spectacular as it was unexpected, the captain's thunderbolt earned him an ovation

at the motorway services usually reserved for the arrival of more chips, as the mainly Swindonian contingent in the restaurant applauded him to his seat. McParland's equaliser for County moments later brought gut wrenching despair to the terraces as the "Town's" hopes of winning seemed to fade. But relief was at hand as Wade came to our aid again with a dramatic 84th minute winner, enabling the "Town" to perform their escape act for the sixth game running. The never say die attitude that has hauled us into promotion contention got us the points at County and emphasised that we really do want to get back where we belong. All of

this happened of course without Jimmy Quinn due to his injury sustained in training with the Northern Ireland squad, a fine regard for his displays of late, a cut head and his absence from a vital promotion game - what an incentive to get picked for your country! This season has been another great one for Swindon Town, and not a bad one for football in general. Quite what will be dreamt up in the summer by the brains that brought us the play offs, is anyone's guess, but we can be sure that come August, controversy will be raging about some vital issue. We haven't even got the World Cup to occupy us this summer, so by then we will be raring to go and eager to support this so called dying sport.

by Michael Scott

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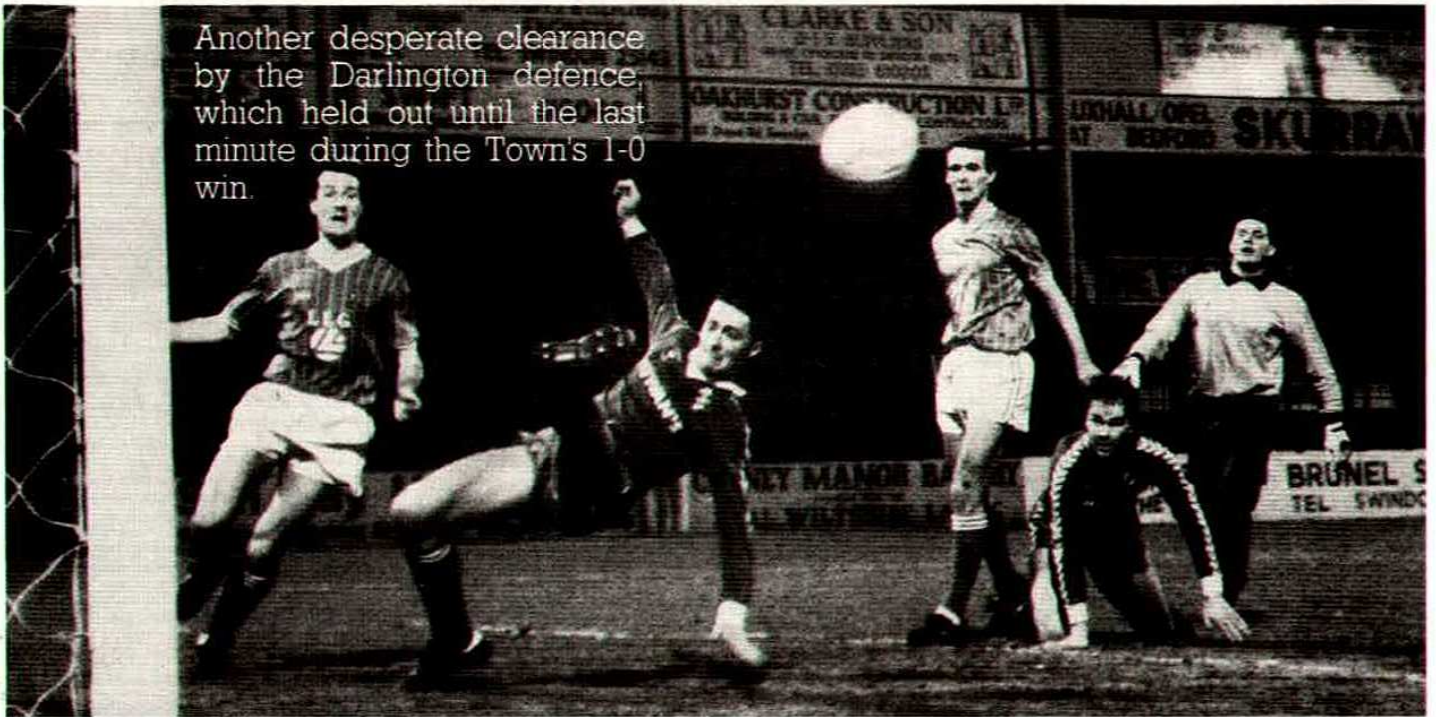


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Another desperate clearance by the Darlington defence, which held out until the last minute during the Town's 1-0 win.



Chris Kamara - just fails to connect with a Town cross in Swindon's narrow win over Darlington at the County Ground.



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Dave Bamber heads a Town throw into the Darlington penalty area as Swindon search for their late winner.

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

Southampton	28	24	2	2	113	23	50
Crystal Palace	26	16	5	5	71	38	37
Luton Town	26	14	5	7	63	42	33
Oxford United	26	12	7	7	63	52	31
Tottenham Hotspur	24	11	8	5	57	42	30
Wimbledon	28	11	8	9	53	45	30
A.F.C. Bournemouth	27	10	6	11	63	52	26
Brighton & Hove	27	11	4	12	49	53	26
Bristol Rovers	25	10	4	11	37	40	24
Northampton Town	27	9	6	12	44	56	24
Swindon Town	27	11	2	14	64	79	24
Colchester United	28	9	5	14	55	71	23
Reading	26	6	5	15	41	79	17
Southend United	26	5	2	19	32	82	12
Brentford	27	4	3	20	28	79	11

Congratulations to Tottenham Hotspur on winning the Championship of Division One.

END OF SEASON PLAY-OFFS

The schedule of dates is as follows:-

SEMI-FINAL

(1ST LEG) THURSDAY 14TH MAY

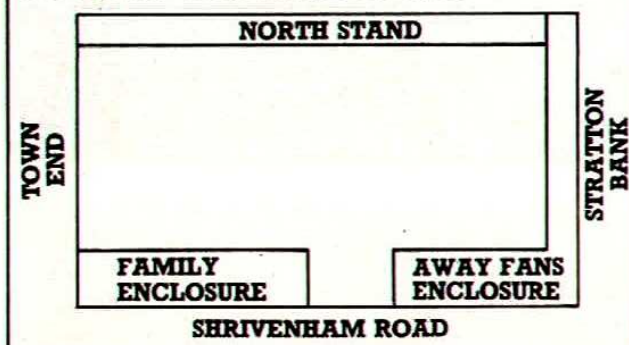
(2ND LEG) SUNDAY 17TH MAY

FINAL

(1ST LEG) FRIDAY 22ND MAY

(2ND LEG) MONDAY 25TH MAY

COUNTY GROUND PLAN



THE TODAY LEAGUE

Swindon Town 1986-87

DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result
23.8.86	SAT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	5,684	2-1
26.8.86	TUE	TORQUAY	H L.C.	4,749	3-0
31.8.86	SUN	NOTTS COUNTY	H	7,350	1-2
2.9.86	TUE	TORQUAY UNTD	A L.C.	1,100	3-2
6.9.86	SAT	NEWPORT COUNTY	A	3,796	2-2
13.9.86	SAT	CHESTER	H	5,522	1-1
16.9.86	TUE	BLACKPOOL	H	6,622	2-6
23.9.86	TUE	SOUTHAMPTON	A L.C.	10,826	0-3
27.9.86	SAT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	4,055	2-0
30.9.86	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	9,221	0-1
5.10.86	SUN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	6,450	3-1
8.10.86	WED	SOUTHAMPTON	H L.C.	9,453	0-0
11.10.86	SAT	FULHAM	A	4,708	2-0
18.10.86	SAT	CHESTERFIELD	H	5,787	2-1
21.10.86	TUE	PORT VALE	A	3,420	4-3
25.10.86	SAT	DARLINGTON	A	1,834	0-0
1.11.86	SAT	YORK CITY	H	6,297	3-1
4.11.86	TUE	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	9,097	1-2
8.11.86	SAT	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	3,908	0-0
15.11.86	SAT	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	H F.A.C. R.1	5,960	4-0
22.11.86	SAT	BURY	A	2,241	2-1
25.11.86	TUE	WALSALL	A	5,807	0-1
29.11.86	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H	6,194	2-0
6.12.86	SAT	ENFIELD	H F.A.C. R.2	6,258	3-0
9.12.86	TUE	ORIENT	H F.R.T.	3,085	3-0
14.12.86	SUN	BRISTOL CITY	H (11.30 a.m.)	7,637	1-2
21.12.86	SUN	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	3,301	2-2
26.12.86	FRI	BRENTFORD	H (3.00 pm)	8,086	2-0
27.12.86	SAT	GILLINGHAM	A	9,994	3-1
1.1.87	THU	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A (3.00 pm)	10,557	0-1
3.1.87	SAT	BURY	H	6,675	1-0
6.1.87	WED	BRENTFORD	A F.R.T.	1,100	2-4
10.1.87	SAT	FULHAM	A F.A.C. R.3	7,077	1-0
25.1.87	SUN	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	6,620	3-0
28.1.87	WED	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H F.R.T.	4,524	2-2
3.2.87	TUE	LEEDS UNITED	H F.A.C. R.4	4,031	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	ALDRSHOT 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)	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		

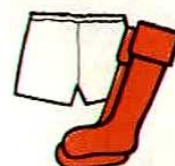
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The ninth annual Swindon Town Programme Fair will be held on Sunday, 17th May 1987 from 10.30am until 2.30pm in the Supporters Social Club, County Ground, Swindon.
Admission 30 pence (free to Junior Robins).

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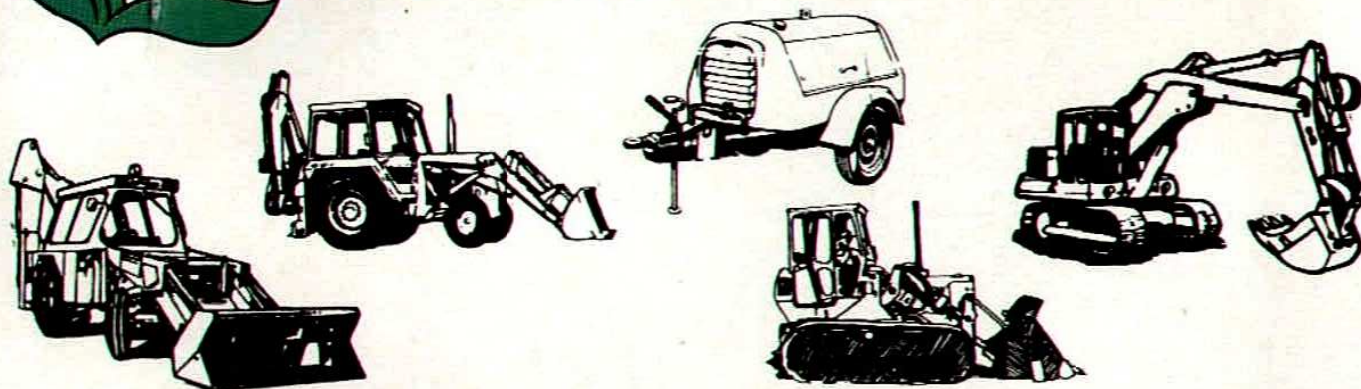
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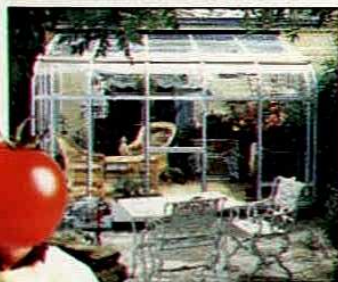
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