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FRONT COVER

**Keith Peacock's
expression at the
final whistle at
Sunderland needs
no words.**

Top Comment



KEITH PEACOCK

Good Evening,

Welcome back to Priestfield for what I hope will be one of the greatest nights in Gillingham's history. Against all the odds, after being written off so many times, the players have reached the Third Division play-off final.

I cannot heap enough praise on the players for this fantastic achievement, especially after what happened on Sunday at Sunderland where we overcame not only the team but that famous and ferocious Roker Roar.

I'm sure that the many hundreds of our supporters who took the trouble to make the long haul to the North East will have been delighted that they made the effort.

That game will remain in my memory, and I'm sure all those who witnessed it, as among the greatest. It was a major bonus for the club to learn afterwards of the impeccable behaviour of all our supporters.

Twenty coachloads of fans made the trip, not to mention countless private cars. Yet there were no arrests and the local police were quick in their praise. Thanks to you all.

In the past, I have taken the opportunity in these notes to urge our supporters to make more noise on matchdays. I know that there is absolutely no need to ask you all to raise your voices tonight.

I know there will be a spontaneous roar which I hope will intensify once the game starts.

I'm sure that come tomorrow morning, all local chemists will be doing a **roaring** trade in throat lozenges!

During these past few, so exciting weeks, the importance of the squad has been strongly emphasised as we overcame the losses of players of the calibre of our skipper Mark Weatherly plus Irvin Gernon. While on the subject of Mark and Irvin, I know you will join me in wishing them speedy recoveries from their injuries.

They have played a big part, in helping the club to qualify for the play-off, they will share with the players the agonies and ecstasies of the next two games. I think it important to stress that Mark remains the club captain.

Every member of the squad has played a part in pushing the club to the very position that we find ourselves in tonight. Now we must clear the final two hurdles for that historic first place in the Second Division.

Do, please, continue to play your part both tonight and on Monday at Swindon. Your support has been exceptional and the players have responded accordingly.

As these are positively my last notes of this truly amazing season, may I take the opportunity to thank the board of directors for their backing in difficult circumstances, to all the players and my back-room team of Paul Taylor, John Gorman and Bill Collins – and of course you,

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FROM DOVER

Gills Chat

Written and compiled by Tony Hudd

PLAY-OFF PROCEDURE

Would all supporters please note that Monday's play-off final second leg at Swindon kicks off at 7.45 p.m.

If the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes in Monday's second leg, a third match will be played on Friday, May 29 on a neutral ground if possible, otherwise by toss of a coin on the ground of one of the finalists.

In the event of the scores being level at the end of 90 minutes of a third match, extra time will be played followed, if necessary, by penalty kicks.

SEASON TICKETS

Details of 1987-88 season ticket prices will be available next week. If you're thinking of purchasing a season ticket then you stand every chance of having your own car parking space on match-days in the Priestfield Complex.

Some 80 spaces are available on a first come, first served basis and further details can be obtained on application at the ticket office.

WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes to Colin Greenall and fiancé Laura who get married in Blackpool on June 20th. Swindon's Dave Bamber and wife Joanne, who is Laura's sister, will be among the guests.

IN THE MONEY

Gillingham supporter Mr. Claydon of Lower Halstow returned from Sunderland on Sunday £1,000 better off after drawing the winning ticket on the club's lottery.

DAVE'S BIRTHDAY

Dave Smith fans might like to know that he celebrates 26 years on Thursday, June 25th and would much appreciate any cards c/o The Club.

ROGER'S RESEARCH

Gillingham Club Historian, Roger Triggs is currently doing research into all players since the club's re-election to the Football League in 1950.

He would be interested to hear from anybody that knows the whereabouts of any player, especially from the 1963-64 Championship winning side.

Roger Triggs can be contacted on Medway 51326.

ALEX'S JOB

Alex Bristow is the new secretary of the Gillingham Blues Supporters' Association. He succeeds the late Lew Marmara. Alex is a former assistant secretary and also holds the jobs of membership and entertainments secretary.

New assistant secretary is Herb Watson while Neil Klee remains as press officer.

GENTLEMEN — PLEASE

We at Gillingham are committed to a course of making this a family club where Mum, Dad and the children can come without fear. To help us achieve this aim, may I appeal to you all

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE—NO SWEARING

R.J. Wood, Chairman

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news

by Chris Savage and Maureen Bovis

Good Evening and Welcome Back to Priestfield for the final stages of our triumphal march towards the 2nd Division. Sunday was one of the most memorable days in Gillingham Football Club's history. Not only did we reach the final stages of the play-offs but we knocked Sunderland into the 3rd Division — the first time in the history of that club!

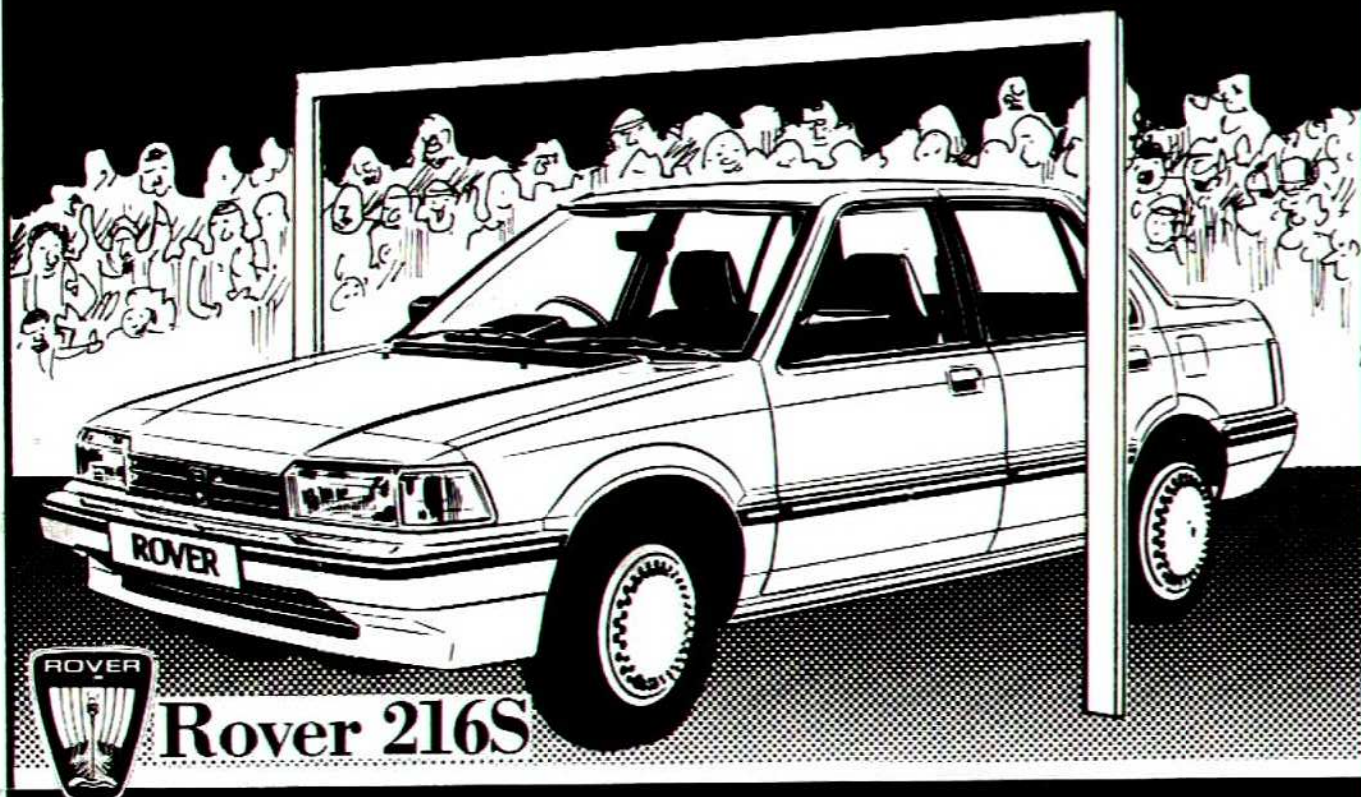
A large convoy of coaches left Gillingham in the early hours of the morning and by the end of the day we had a lucky £1,000.00 winner on the Gills' lottery. This is the first time the £1,000.00 has ever been won on the Gills Social Club Away Travel. What a day to win it! Mr. Andrew Claydon of Lower Halstow will be our guest tonight and will have his cheque presented on the pitch at half-time.

We would like to extend our special thanks to all our supporters who travelled with us to Sunderland for their smashing behaviour and also our warmest thanks to those Newcastle supporters who shouted and cheered on our behalf.

We hope this weekend will see good football, good behaviour and us in the 2nd Division.

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DON DURBRIDGE WRITES

Well, if you've arrived here this evening with anything uncrossed — *for crying out loud, cross it now while there is still time!* For this is surely the most important, the most crucial night in all Gillingham's long history. Having effectively despatched Bolton to the 4th Division and Sunderland to the 3rd we're still left with the task of achieving what we want most of all, clinching 2nd Division football for Kent for the first time in history.

The ironies and coincidences of this nail-biting season really are incredible. We did the home and away double over Bournemouth, yet they walked off with the championship and are now sitting pretty, their promotion already assured. On the other hand, Wigan knocked us out of the F.A. Cup and went on to the advanced stages of that glamour competition, then took 3 points from us at Springfield Park, and finally blunted our promotion challenge here at Priestfield whilst maintaining their own. Yet they have now been eliminated from the Division 2 race and here we are still alive and kicking.

And who stands between us and the big time? None other than Swindon, who denied us promotion with almost the final kick of the season 7 years ago, and who have taken 4 priceless points off us this time round. They are looking for a rise in status twice running, for it was only 12 months ago that they hauled themselves up from the 4th Division.

But let's not forget that in these play-offs Swindon have not had it all their own way. While we were humbling Sunderland here 8 days ago the Wiltshire side were clawing themselves back from a 2 goal 1st half deficit up at Wigan to put themselves back in the driving seat.

So the stage is well and truly set for tonight's activities, each side knowing that however well or badly they fare over the next couple of hours there's still the 2nd leg at the County Ground next Monday.

Whatever the outcome of these two games, however, nothing can detract from those pulsating performances against Sunderland. The home leg was enough to be going on with, but Sunday at Roker Park will always rank as a red letter day in the history of the Club. On your behalf, thanks to the players and the management team for some truly magic moments.

Now let's cheer the Gills on as they set about finishing the job!

Stadium Stars

Roger Triggs looks back at the players who have worn the colours of Gillingham since their election to the Football League in 1950.

No. 34 Charlie Livesey

With stiff competition from other clubs, Charlie Livesey joined Gillingham in August 1961 for a then club record fee of £5,500 from Chelsea. Born in the East End of London, he was an energetic inside-forward as well as having the skill to play the scheming role.

Once on Wolverhampton Wanderers books as an amateur, he turned professional with Southampton in March 1956. In May 1959 he moved to Stamford Bridge in a player-exchange deal, but never quite acclimatised to First Division football and was allowed to leave.

In his first season at Priestfield he quickly built up a close relationship with the fans as well as leading the goalscoring charts with 15 goals. With the appointment of Freddie Cox as manager, his appearances were limited and he linked up with Watford in October 1962. He later served Northampton Town before ending his League career with Brighton and Hove Albion in 1968.

	LEAGUE		FACUP		FLCUP		TOTAL	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
1961-62	41	15	1				42	15
1962-63	6	2					6	2
	47	17	1				48	17



F by David Garth

A During the past week the twelve teams involved in the play-offs have been whittled down to just six with Group 2 – our own group – proving the most exciting. Our epic tie with **Sunderland** produced an amazing 12 goals while **Swindon** edged out **Wigan** with a 3-2 away win – although the return game at the County Ground was goalless.

C Up in Group 1, the fight for a Division 1 place saw **Charlton** follow up their 0-0 draw away to **Ipswich Town** by winning the return leg 2-1 thanks to a first-half Jim Melrose double. Charlton's opponents in tomorrow's Group 1 final will be **Leeds United** who went down 2-1 away to **Oldham** after extra-time but went through 2-2 on aggregate through Keith Edward's vital away goal.

T Down in Group 3, **Wolves** – who had already won 2-0 away to **Colchester United** – failed to score at Molineux in front of 16,330 fans but still went through comfortably. The Wolves will now be playing at **Aldershot** this evening after the Shots went through 3-2 on aggregate against **Bolton** with goals from Anderson and Burvill earning them a 2-2 draw at Burnden Park.

S **FOCUS ON SWINDON TOWN**

Last six matches: Carlisle United (A) 3-0 Parkin, Wade, Jones (pen.) Att: 2,082;

Gillingham (H) 1-1 Jones (pen.) Att: 10,286;

Walsall (H) 0-0 Att: 7,911;

Bristol City (A) 1-1 Coyne Att: 19,201;

Wigan (Play-off SF, 1st leg) (A) 3-2 Bamber, Quinn, Coyne Att: 6,718; Wigan (Play-off SF, 2nd leg) (H) 0-0 Att: 12,485

Best win this season: 4-0 v Farnborough (A*) (FAC1) on 15-11-86.

Scorers: Coyne, Wade, Gilligan, Gardiner. (* match played at the County Ground, Swindon).

Heaviest defeat this season: 2-6 v Blackpool (H) on 16.9.86. Scorers: Barnard 2.

Highest Attendance at the County Ground: 14,302 v Bournemouth (League) on 18.4.87 Result: 1-1

Lowest Attendance at the County Ground: 3,085 v Orient (FRT, Preliminary Round) on 9.12.86. Result: 3-0.

Average Attendance at the County Ground this season: 7,914

SWINDON TOWN'S GOALSCORERS.

League: White 15, Bamber 10, Quinn, Jones 9 (6 pens.) Wade 8, Coyne 6 (1 pen), Gilligan 5, Barnard 3, Kamara 3, Hockaday 2 (1 pen) Calderwood, Franklin, Gardiner, Henry, Parker, Parkin, Ramsey, Opponents 2.

Littlewoods Cup: Bamber 4, Wade 2.

F.A. Cup: Bamber 3, Wade 2, Coyne, Gardiner, Gilligan, Jones.

Freight Rover Tr.: Coyne 4 (1 pen) White 4, Bamber 3, Quinn 2.

COMPARISON (showing Gills' and SWINDON'S respective League and Cup records this season)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
GILLINGHAM	60	30	12	18	92	70
SWINDON	61	33	15	13	108	67

Stats on the Third

Highest League Attendance: 25,470 **Sunderland 4 Gillingham 3 (A.E.T.) (League play-offs, SF, 2nd Leg) on 17.5.87**

Highest Cup Attendance: 20,350 **Watford 4 Walsall 4 (A.E.T.) (FAC5, replay) on 24.2.87**

Lowest League Attendance: 1,052 **Darlington 3 Port Vale 2 on 19.12.86.**

Lowest Cup Attendance: 766 **Darlington 2 Rochdale 2 (FR Trophy) on 2.12.86.**

Highest League wins: **Chester City 6 Darlington 0 on 16.9.86** and **Fulham 0 Port Vale 6 on 28.3.87**

Highest Cup win by Div. 3 side: **Bournemouth 7 Fareham Town 2 (FAC1) on 15.11.86**

Longest unbeaten run: 19 games (League and Cup) by **Wigan Athletic**

Longest run without winning: 17 games (League and Cup) by **Darlington**

Top goalscoring side (Div. 3): **Wigan Athletic** with 83 goals.

Lowest goalscoring side (Div. 3): **Carlisle United** with 39 goals.

See you next season, Up the Gills!

LEADING GOALSCORERS IN DIVISION 3

	League	L'wood Cup	FA Cup	F.R. Trophy	Total
1. Andy Jones (Port Vale)	31 (8 pen)	4 (3 pen)	0	2	37
2. Tony Cascarino (Gills)	21	3	2	4	30
3. Ian McParland (Notts Cty)	24 (1 pen)	1	2	0	27
4. David Kelly (Walsall)	23 (1 pen)	2	1	0	26
5. Robbie Cook (Brentford)	20 (2 pen)	1	0	4	25
6. Keith Walwyn (York City)	19	4	1	1	25
7. Gary Bennett (Chester City)	13 (2 pen)	1	5 (2 pen)	4	23
8. Bernie Slaven (M'bro)	17	1	3	0	21
9. Dave Bamber (Swindon)	10	4	3	3	20
10. Bobby Campbell (Wigan)	16	0	4	0	20
11. David Lowe (Wigan)	17	0	2	1	20
12. Alan Walsh (Bristol City)	16 (2 pen)	2 (1 pen)	1	1	20

GILLINGHAM'S GOALSCORERS

League: Cascarino 21, Shearer 16 (2 pen), Pritchard 13, Weatherly 4, Greenall 3, Robinson 3, Elsey 2, Eves 2, Gordon 2, Collins, Lovell, Quow, Smith, Opponents 1.

Littlewoods Cup: Cascarino 3, Weatherly.

F.A. Cup: Cascarino 2, Greenall (pen), Hinnigan, Robinson, Opponents 1.

Freight Rover Tr.: Cascarino 4, Shearer 2, Smith 2, Elsey, Pritchard, Robinson.

Average League Attendance at Priestfield: 5,343

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1. Howard Pritchard's header beats Iain Hesford so gives Gills a third minute lead at Sunderland.
2. Tony Cascarino (centre) prepares to launch himself to head Gills second goal at Roker Park to level the scores at 2-2.
3. Tony Cascarino knocks in the goal that took Gills into the play-off with Swindon.
4. David Smith made a sixty yard dash in the dying minutes of extra time only to shoot wide of the target.



John Letley

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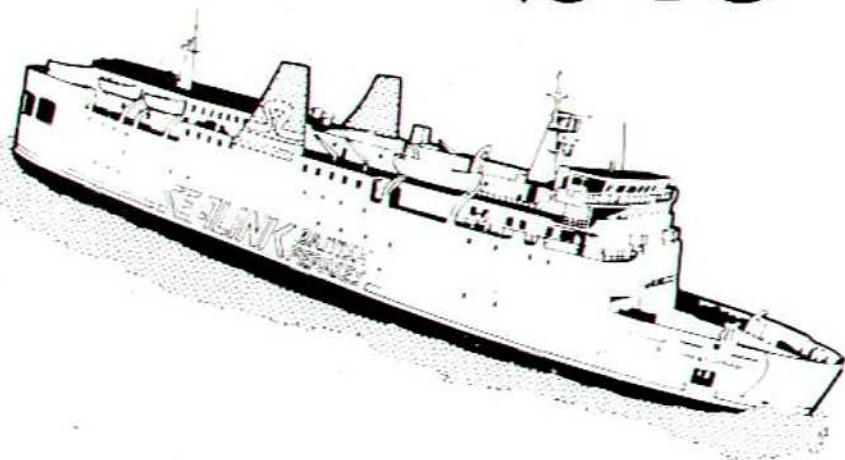
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A DIARY OF PREVIOUS SEASONS

1945: Saturday 19 May

Gillingham clinched the Kent League title on the last day of the season by beating local rivals Shorts Sports. The Rochester factory side began the day one point clear at the top of the table and needing only a draw to win the championship. But, in front of a Priestfield crowd of 5,300, Vic Hole (2) and Jackson (penalty) helped Gills to a 3-1 victory and a reversal of positions in the final table.

1947: Saturday 17 May

Vic Hole and Jackie Briggs both plundered hat-tricks as Gills roared to a big 7-0 win over Ramsgate in the final of the Kent Senior Shield. Wally Akers notched the other goal in a match watched by a gate of 5,277.

1963: Monday 20 May

Gills spent an hour in the Third Division after beating Oxford United 2-1 in their last Fourth Division game of the campaign. But the celebrations of 9,051 fans were shortlived. The news eventually filtered through that Mansfield had won their final game — a fixture which kicked off an hour later as these were the days before the advent of floodlights at Priestfield — to pip Gillingham for the fourth promotion slot on goal average. The win over Oxford was achieved through Peter Stringfellow and John Ballagher. Alec Farrall could have made the result easier, but missed from the penalty spot.

1966: Saturday 28 May

The Match of the Day television cameras, which in these days recorded the highlights for early evening transmission on BBC2, were in attendance to witness a 2-0 triumph for Gills at Brentford. On a dustbowl of a pitch fullback Tony

BY ANDY BRADLEY

Weston hammered the visitors into an interval lead; an advantage which Charlie Rackstraw added to in the second half.

1967: Saturday 13 May

Gills completed the double over Doncaster Rovers, winning 3-1 at Priestfield through Brian Yeo, Bill Brown and Gordon Riddick.

1979: Saturday 19 May

A first half goal by Danny Westwood coupled with a second half effort from Tony Funnell and a penalty save by Ron Hillyard provided Gills with the points from a 2-0 win at Chesterfield. That result was of academic interest only as the promotion places had already been decided. But, it was awfully close. Two days earlier Shrewsbury had won their last match to both move above Gillingham and take the Third Division title as well. The final table looked like this:-

	P	F	A	Pts
1 Shrewsbury T.	46	61	41	61
2 Watford	46	83	52	60
3 Swansea	46	83	61	60
4 Gillingham	46	65	42	59
5 Swindon	46	74	52	57

1982: Tuesday 18 May

Fullback John Sharpe netted only two goals for the club in 194 league appearances, including a special one on this day which began a splendid recovery against Reading. Trailing to a first half goal, Sharpe levelled the scores and Gills went on to win 2-1 when Trevor Lee scored another. With four wins and a draw from their last five fixtures of the season, Gills finished sixth in Division Three with 71 points from



John Sharpe . . . scored a rare goal against Reading.

46 games. As an illustration of just how quickly fortunes can change, this was the season that Burnley won the Third Division championship, on goal difference from Carlisle.

1984: Monday 12 May

Dave Mehmet's second half equaliser in a 1-1 draw against Scunthorpe made him the club's leading marksman with 17 goals — two more than Tony Cascarino. In contrast to the top two clubs of 1981/82 who have subsequently foundered, this was the season that Oxford won the Third Division by eight points from runners-up Wimbledon. Look where they are now!

1985: Friday 17 May

A hat-trick by Dave Shearer plus one apiece from Paul Collins and Keith Oakes gave Gills a 5-1 victory over Wigan, fourth place in the table and the £4,500 prize money put up by sponsors Canon for the top scoring side in the division.

AND TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The F.A. Cup final of 1977 — played at Wembley on Saturday 21 May — was considered by the experts to be one of the best for years.

Manchester United beat Liverpool, 2-1, with all three goals coming during a five minute burst in the second half. Stuart Pearson put United in front, Jimmy Case promptly equalized and then Jimmy Greenhoff deflected Lou Macari's drive past Ray Clemence to provide the Red Devils with their first F.A. Cup success since 1963.

For team boss Tommy Docherty it was a particularly memorable occasion as it was his first ever win at Wembley either as a player or manager.

Liverpool's disappointment was turned into joy four days later when they won the European Cup for the first time by beating Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome.

They won 3-1 through Terry McDermott, Tommy Smith and Phil Neal (penalty).



Formed: 1881.

Turned Professional: 1894.

Ground: The County Ground.

Club Nickname: The 'Robins'.

Club Colours: Red shirts, white shorts, red stockings.

Change Colours: Yellow shirts, blue shorts, yellow stockings.

Record Attendance: 32,000 v Arsenal (FA Cup) 15 January 1972.

Record Receipts: £56,024 v Tottenham Hotspur (FA Cup) 26 January 1980.

Record Victory: 10-1 v Farnham United Breweries (FA Cup) 28 November 1925.

Record Defeat: 0-9 v Torquay United (Div. 3 South) 8 March 1952

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £150,000 to Southampton for David Peach, March 1980.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £250,000 from Aston Villa for Paul Rideout, May 1983.

Highest League Scorer in Season:
Harry Morris with 47 goals in season 1926-27.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate:
Harry Morris, 216, 1926-33.

Most Capped Player:
Rod Thomas, 30, Wales

Most League Appearances:
John Trollope, 770, 1960-80.

Honours: Runners-up, Div. 3: 1962-63, 1968-69. Champions, Div. 4: 1985-86.

GOOD EVENING SWINDON TOWN

Lou Macari (Manager). Born Aberdeen. Has been in charge at the County Ground since July 1984 and last season was voted the Fourth Division Manager of the Season when he steered the club to the Championship with a record number of League points. As a player he first made his name with Celtic before joining Manchester United for a £200,000 fee in January 1973. While at Old Trafford he appeared in their colours on over 350 occasions and three times appeared for them in FA Cup Finals. A full Scottish International with 24 caps, he was a member of their 1978 World Cup squad in Argentina.

Fraser Digby (Goalkeeper). Born Sheffield. Former apprentice with Manchester United, he is now in his second spell with Swindon having been on loan with them last season. Over six foot, he made his Football League debut earlier this season.

David Hockaday (Defender). Born Billingham. Once on Blackpool's books as a junior, he turned professional with them in June 1975. He went on to score 24 goals in 147 appearances for them before joining Swindon during the summer of 1983. Having spent part of last season in the full-back position, he made his 100th League appearance for Swindon earlier this season.

Phillip King (Defender). Born Bristol. Signed last February from Torquay United and has settled in well in the left-back position. Once on apprentice forms with Exeter City, he made 25 League appearances before moving to Torquay last summer.

Colin Calderwood (Defender). Born Stranraer. Swindon's only ever present last season and current holder of their 'Player of the Year' award, he joined Swindon during the summer of 1985. His brilliant displays attracted the attention of many First Division clubs, having previously made over 100 senior appearances for Mansfield Town.

Tim Parkin (Defender). Born Penrith. Cost a fee of £27,500 to Bristol Rovers during the summer, this tall commanding central defender had made over 200 League appearances for the Bristol club. Previously on apprentice forms with Blackburn Rovers, he later had a successful spell with Malmo in Sweden.

David Cole (Defender). Born Barnsley. Signed in February 1985 on a free transfer from Swansea City and missed only two League games last season. He spent brief spells with St. Mirren and Sunderland before joining the South Wales club for whom he made eight League appearances.



Back Row L-R Mark Gardner, Steve White, Jimmy Gilligan, Chris Kamara, Tim Parkin, Alan Churchward, Kenny Allen, Dave Bamber, Charlie Henry, David Cole, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey.
Middle Row L-R Philip Bell, Nick Hughes, Tony Berry, Peter Lango, Andy Rowland (Youth Coach), Garry Gillen, Dave Barnett, Dean Casserly, Adrian Viveash.
Front Row L-R John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Leigh Barnard, Martin Ling, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (Manager), Mark Hughes, Jamie Reynolds, Bryan Wade, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Alan McLoughlin (Defender). Born Manchester. Signed on a free transfer during the summer from Manchester United, he made his Football League debut earlier this season having failed to make the first team at Old Trafford.

Chris Ramsey (Defender). Born Birmingham. Once on amateur forms with Bristol City, he later served Brighton & Hove Albion and played in the 1983 FA Cup Final alongside Graham Pearce against Manchester United. He first joined Swindon on loan before joining permanently in December 1984. He missed only three League games last season.

Steve Berry (Midfield). Born Gosport. Began his career with Portsmouth and after a loan spell with Aldershot he moved to Sunderland. Appeared for them in the 1985 Milk Cup Final against Norwich City and the following November he joined Newport County. Swindon signed him just before the transfer deadline in March this year.

Mark Jones (Midfield). Born Berinsfield. Former apprentice with Oxford United, he turned professional in September 1979. Whilst at the Manor Ground he made over 100 League appearances and was a member of their side that won the Second Division Championship in 1985. An expert penalty taker, he moved to Swindon last September.

Chris Kamara (Midfield). Born Middlesbrough. Now in his second spell with Swindon having rejoined them in August 1985 from Brentford for £12,500. Originally on apprentice forms with Portsmouth, he first joined Swindon in August 1977 and made 147 League appearances before having another spell with Portsmouth.

Leigh Barnard (Midfield). Born Worsley. Has now made over 150 League appearances since his transfer from Portsmouth in July 1982. Former apprentice at Fratton Park he turned professional in August 1977 and went on to make 79 League appearances for them. During his career he has also had loan spells with Peterborough United and Exeter City.

Bryan Wade (Midfield). Born Bath. Signed at the start of last season from Southern League side Trowbridge Town and made a successful start to his Football League career. He appeared in 31 League appearances last season for Swindon scoring 10 goals.

Charlie Henry (Midfield). Born Acton. Former apprentice, he turned professional in January 1980 and has now appeared in over 200 senior games. Originally a full-back, he was a revelation last season when converted to a midfield role and finished the season as the club's top scorer with 18 goals.

Dave Bamber (Forward). Born St. Helens. Tall commanding striker, he was signed last March from Portsmouth for £15,000 after an initial period on loan. Spotted playing for Manchester University, he signed professional forms for Blackpool in September 1979. He later served Coventry City and Walsall.

Peter Coyne (Forward). Born Manchester. Former England Schoolboy International, he turned professional with Manchester United in November 1975. After a spell with non-League Ashton United he moved to Crewe Alexandra in August 1977 and scored 47 League goals in 134 appearances. After a spell with Hyde United he signed for Swindon.

Steve White (Forward). Born Chipping Sodbury. Began his career with Bristol Rovers before moving to Luton Town for £200,000. He later had spells with Charlton Athletic and Lincoln City (on loan) before returning to the Bristol club. He joined Swindon last summer, when he had scored 81 goals in 258 League games.

Jimmy Quinn (Forward). Born Belfast. Northern Ireland International, he moved to Swindon last December from Blackburn Rovers and is now in his second spell at the County Ground. It was Swindon who first noticed him playing for non-League side Oswestry and signed him on professional forms in 1981.

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Arrangements for supporters wishing to travel to the 2nd leg at Swindon on Monday are detailed elsewhere in the programme. Please book now as you may be disappointed if you leave it until the last minute.

Whatever the result tonight there is still another 90 minutes of football left and anything can happen. We all heard the Roker Roar on Monday at Sunderland. Lets hear the **Gillingham Roar** at Swindon. Your support will help to achieve the aim.

It's the final home game of the season tonight. Let's hear you all night long. **COME ON YOU GILLS.**

SOCIAL CLUB

Tel: Medway 51385

ALAN LIPTROTT

It certainly pays to support the Gills as Mr. Claydon found out on the trip to Sunderland last Sunday. Lottery tickets were sold on each of the twenty coaches on the way to Roker Park and to his delight Mr. Claydon found he'd won the top prize of £1,000. The winners cheque will be presented to him during this evening's match.

I've written to Newcastle United Supporters Club thanking them for lending their vocal support at Roker Park. The rivalry between United and Sunderland worked in our favour as hundreds of Newcastle fans chanted for the Gills.

On Saturday 30th May the Social Football Team will be celebrating in the club as champions of Division Three of the Medway Sunday League. Making a welcome return to Priestfield as our guest of honour will be Russell Musker who managed the side during his spell as a Gills player.

The draw for the club knockout competition will be made shortly and all competitors are asked to pay their entrance fees as soon as possible.

BLUES SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

NEIL KLEE

THE GILLINGHAM BLUES SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION are pleased to announce that Alex Bristow has accepted the job as Secretary in succession to the late Lew Marmara.

Alex is a former Assistant Secretary and will retain the roles of Membership and Entertainments Secretaries. The Association's new Assistant Secretary is Herb Watson while Neil Klee remains as Press Officer.

The Association have decided to honour Lew's memory by funding the Lew Marmara Quiz Trophy. All donations will be most welcome and can be given in at the Supporters' Headquarters and Club Shop.

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FINAL PLAY-OFF

Monday 25th May

SWINDON TOWN

A Charter Train has been arranged at a cost of £10.00 per person.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.

COACHES have also been arranged and will also be on sale from Gillingham Football Club. Priced at £6.00.

NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

TODAY'S MASCOT

James Negus of Toronto Road, Gillingham is the Blues Supporters Ass. Mascot this afternoon. He is aged 7 years and plays football for Woodlands School. His hobbies include drawing and painting. James is another boy whose favourite player is Club Captain Mark Weatherly. Have a memorable afternoon James!



Home matches and scorers in heavy type. ¹ Number of goals scored. * Own goal. p Penalty. + Player withdrawn. ● Substitute used.
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Date	Opponents	Att.	FA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 23	Newport County	2,533	2-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly ¹	Quow	Pritchard	Shearer ¹	Robinson	Collins [†]	Cascarino	Oakes●
Aug. 25	LCC 1st Leg Northampton	2,948	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly ¹	Oakes	Pritchard	Shearer [†]	Robinson	Quow [†]	Cascarino	†
Aug. 30	Bristol City	4,049	1-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Hinnigan	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Collins	Cascarino	Eves●
Sept. 3	LCC 2nd Leg Northampton	2,724	2-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Hinnigan	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Collins	Cascarino	Quow●
Sept. 6	Rotherham United	3,243	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Hinnigan	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Smith●
Sept. 13	Middlesbrough	4,899	0-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Smith●
Sept. 16	York City	4,115	2-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Collins	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Gorman●
Sept. 24	Oxford Utd. LCC2, 1st Leg	5,246	0-6	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Collins●
Sept. 27	Brentford	4,710	2-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Collins●
Sept. 30	Mansfield Town	3,045	0-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Eves [†]	Cascarino	Quow●
Oct. 4	Bury	4,326	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Hinnigan	Pritchard	Quow	Smith	Eves	Cascarino	Robinson
Oct. 7	Oxford Utd. LCC2, 2nd Leg	3,033	1-1	Beoney	Haylock	Gorman	Pearce	Elsay	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Eves
Oct. 15	Chester	2,169	1-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Shearer●
Oct. 18	Carlisle United	4,207	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Eves
Oct. 21	Darlington	1,512	1-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Smith●
Oct. 25	Port Vale	3,005	2-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Smith●
Nov. 1	Chesterfield	4,373	3-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Smith●
Nov. 4	Blackpool	5,951	2-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	Smith●
Nov. 7	Doncaster Rovers	2,881	0-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Nov. 15	FAC 1 Kettering Town	2,845	3-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Nov. 22	Notts County	5,239	3-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Nov. 25	F.R.T. Notts County	1,688	5-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Nov. 29	Wigan Athletic	2,492	1-3	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 2	A.F.C. Bourneouth	7,756	2-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 6	F.A.C. Rd.2. Chelmsford Cy	5,843	2-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 13	Bolton Wanderers	4,867	0-3	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 16	F.R.T. Northampton	2,047	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 19	Bristol Rovers	4,448	4-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 26	Fulham	9,894	2-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Dec. 27	Swindon Town	9,957	1-3	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Jan. 1	Walsall	6,036	4-0	Beoney	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Jan. 3	Notts County	5,792	1-3	Beoney	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Jan. 19	F.A.C. Rd.3 Wigan	3,459	1-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Jan. 26	F.R.T. Colchester (1st rd.)	1,984	2-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 3	Rotherham United	3,852	1-0	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 7	York City	2,845	1-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 10*	Port Vale	2,768	3-3	Hillyard	Haylock	Pearce	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 14	Chester City	4,467	1-2	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 17	Newport County	3,542	1-1	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 21	Brentford	4,015	2-3	Hillyard	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Feb. 28	Mansfield Town	4,564	2-0	Kite	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 3	Chesterfield	2,626	0-1	Kite	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 7	Port Vale	4,001	0-0	Kite	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 10	Bristol City F.R.T.**	10,540	0-2	Kite	Haylock	Elsay	Pearce	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 14	Carlisle United	2,117	4-2	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 17	Darlington	3,632	4-1	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 21	A.F.C. Bourneouth	7,304	2-1	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Mar. 28	Bury	2,197	0-1	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 4	Doncaster Rovers	3,650	2-1	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 11	Blackpool	2,588	1-0	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 18	Walsall	5,109	0-1	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 20	Fulham	6,123	4-1	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 22	Bristol City	10,260	0-2	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 25	Bristol Rovers	3,168	1-0	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
Apr. 28	Middlesbrough	11,937	0-3	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
May 2	Wigan Athletic	5,376	0-0	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
May 4	Swindon Town	10,287	1-1	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
May 9	Bolton Wanderers	5,561	1-0	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
May 14	Sunderland	13,804	3-2	Kite	Haylock	Garnon	Hinnigan	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†
May 17	Sunderland	25,470	4-3	Kite	Haylock	Pearce	Berry	Weatherly	Greenall	Pritchard	Shearer	Robinson	Elsay	Cascarino	†

TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	HOME			Goals AWAY			Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	L	F	A	Pts	
Bournemouth	46	19	3	1	44	14	10	7	6	32	26	97
Middlesbrough	46	16	5	2	38	11	12	5	6	29	19	94
Swindon	46	14	5	4	37	19	11	7	5	40	28	87
Wigan	46	15	5	3	47	26	10	5	8	36	34	85
Gillingham	46	16	5	2	42	14	7	4	12	23	34	78
Bristol City	46	14	6	3	42	15	7	8	8	21	21	77
Notts County	46	14	6	3	52	24	7	7	9	25	32	76
Walsal	46	16	4	3	50	27	6	5	12	30	40	75
Blackpool	46	11	7	5	35	20	5	9	9	39	39	64
Mansfield	46	9	9	5	30	23	6	7	10	22	32	61
Brentford	46	9	7	7	39	32	6	8	9	25	34	60
Port Vale	46	8	6	9	43	36	7	6	10	33	34	57
Doncaster	46	11	8	4	32	19	3	7	13	24	43	57
Rotherham	46	10	6	7	29	23	5	6	12	19	34	57
Chester	46	7	9	7	32	28	6	8	9	29	31	56
Bury	46	9	7	7	30	26	5	6	12	24	34	55
Chesterfield	46	11	5	7	36	33	2	10	11	20	36	54
Fulham	46	8	8	7	35	41	4	9	10	24	36	53
Bristol R.	46	7	8	8	26	29	6	4	13	23	46	51
York City	46	11	8	4	34	29	1	5	17	21	50	49
Bolton	46	8	5	10	29	26	2	10	11	17	32	45
Carlisle	46	7	5	11	26	35	3	3	17	13	43	38
Darlington	46	6	10	7	25	28	1	6	16	20	49	37
Newport	46	4	9	10	26	34	4	4	15	23	52	37

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1986-87

	F	A	F	A	F	A	
Aug 23 Fulham	6	0	Dec 20 Millwall	7	2	7	2
Aug 27 Ipswich Town	1	2	Dec 27 Watford	0	0	0	0
Aug 30 Norwich City	0	0	Jan 3 Orient	1	0	1	0
Sep 1 Charlton Ath	1	1	Jan 24 Tottenham	0	2	0	2
Sep 6 Arsenal	1	3	Feb 7 Tottenham	1	5	1	5
Sep 13 Portsmouth	2	3	Feb 14 Millwall	2	2	2	2
Sep 20 Colchester Utd LC1	2	1	Feb 21 Cambridge Utd	3	1	3	1
Sep 27 Watford	1	8	Feb 28 Orient	3	2	3	2
Oct 4 Southend Utd	1	2	Mar 7 West Ham Utd	0	2	0	2
Oct 11 Cambridge Utd	2	2	Mar 14 Southend Utd	0	2	0	2
Oct 18 Q.P.R.	2	2	Mar 21 Chelsea	2	5	2	5
Oct 25 Millwall	1	4	Mar 28 West Ham	1	0	1	0
Nov 1 Ipswich LC2	2	4	Apr 4 Portsmouth	1	3	1	3
Nov 8 Fulham	2	1	Apr 18 Chelsea	0	2	0	2
Nov 15 Ipswich Town	3	2	Apr 25 Q.P.R.	5	2	5	2
Nov 22 Charlton Ath	1	1					
Nov 29 Norwich City	2	2					
Dec 1 Charlton VC2	0	3					
Dec 6 Arsenal	0	0					

Matches in bold denote home games.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES SENIOR LEAGUE LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag	Pts
Division One	30	23	4	3	90	25	50
Tottenham Hotspur	30	21	6	3	92	32	48
Watford	30	19	4	7	65	35	42
Chelsea	30	16	7	7	73	41	39
Arsenal	30	15	3	12	67	66	33
West Ham United	30	13	7	10	49	60	33
Millwall	30	13	5	12	44	46	31
Portsmouth	30	11	9	10	41	45	31
Norwich City	30	11	7	12	55	60	29
Ipswich Town	30	9	9	12	47	48	27
Charlton Athletic	30	8	9	13	51	62	25
Gillingham	30	8	5	17	53	68	21
Orient	30	8	5	17	36	61	21
Southend United	30	8	4	18	32	60	20
Queens Park Rangers	30	4	8	18	32	70	16
Cambridge United	30	5	4	21	28	76	14
Fulham	30	5	4	21	28	76	14

FOLLOW THE GILLS TO SWINDON

Monday 25th May 1987
Kick off 7.45 p.m.

This game is all ticket and tickets must be purchased before the day of the game — details available from the Club Office.

For those travelling with Gills F.C. Away Travel and Gills Travel Club, tickets are included in the price.

Admission Charges — Match All Ticket Matchday Programme: 50p

Club Colours: Red shirts with white pinstripe, white shorts and red socks.

Travelling by Road:

Leave the Medway Towns via the A2 towards Dartford Tunnel. At the Dartford Tunnel interchange, join the M25 motorway West. Follow the M25 to the junction with the M4. Join the M4 West. Stay on M4 to junction 15. Leave the motorway here and join A345 towards SWINDON. The A345 passes the ground after about 2 miles. Ample parking available.

THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

DIVISIONS 1 and 2

Leeds v Charlton 1st leg

DIVISIONS 2 and 3

Gillingham v Swindon 1st leg

DIVISIONS 3 and 4

Aldershot v Wolves 1st leg

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GILLINGHAM

Blue/White

- Phil Kite
- Paul Haylock
- Graham Pearce
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