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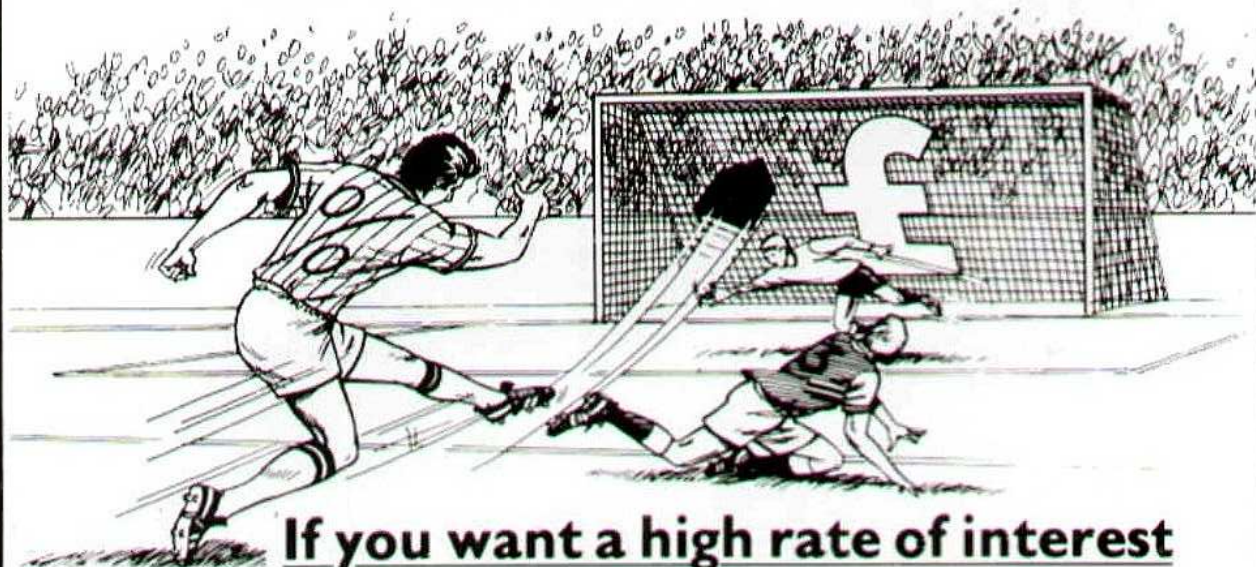
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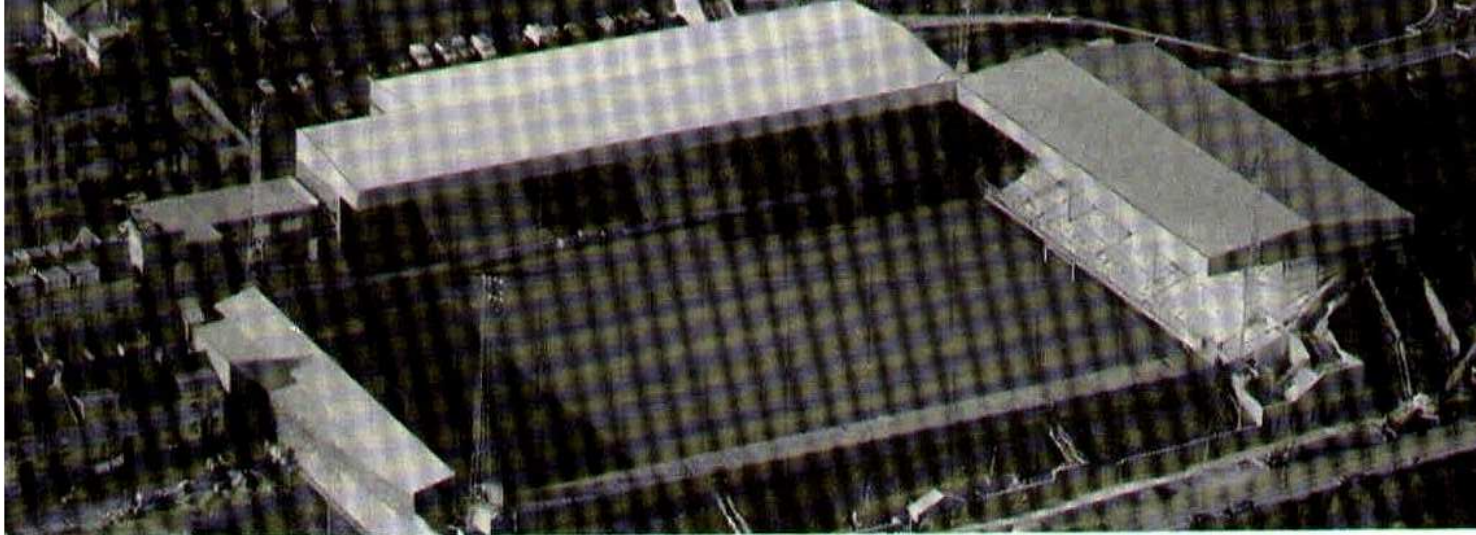
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## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Hopes are always high at the start of a new season and no set of supporters are more optimistic than Bradford City fans. A splendid end to last season and a final placing of tenth in Division Two left supporters eagerly awaiting the new campaign.

Well, here we are for the first match of the new season against a Swindon side, which has been promoted in each of the last two seasons under Manager Lou Macari, the former Manchester United and Scottish international.

They won the Fourth Division Championship two seasons ago and promotion last season after two tough play-off matches. They beat Wigan on aggregate 3-2 after trailing 2-0 at one stage and then beat Gillingham after a replay at Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park ground.

So, they have achieved Second Division football the hard way and Lou Macari has signed six new players to make sure the club don't slip back into Division Three.

They include Jon Gittens, a central defender from Southampton for £40,000 and two mid-field players, Steve Foley from Sheffield United for £35,000 and John Kelly from Chester for £20,000.

It's 13 years since Swindon were last in the Second Division so they are bound to have a big following to see their first match back in Division Two. To them, and to our own supporters, we say 'Welcome' to Valley Parade.



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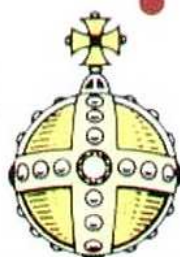
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*Welcome everyone to the start of a new season – our first full season back at the new Valley Parade.*

*This the time of year when everyone at every club is full of optimism and we at Bradford are no exception. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful nine months with our prime objective being promotion to Division One!*

We have strengthened our squad during the close season with the signings of goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson from Sheffield United and defender Lee Sinnott from Watford and I am sure they will have long and successful careers with the Club.

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to Lou Macari and his squad from Swindon and congratulate them on achieving promotion last season. No doubt they will want to carry on where they left off, so we know we are going to have a very difficult game today.

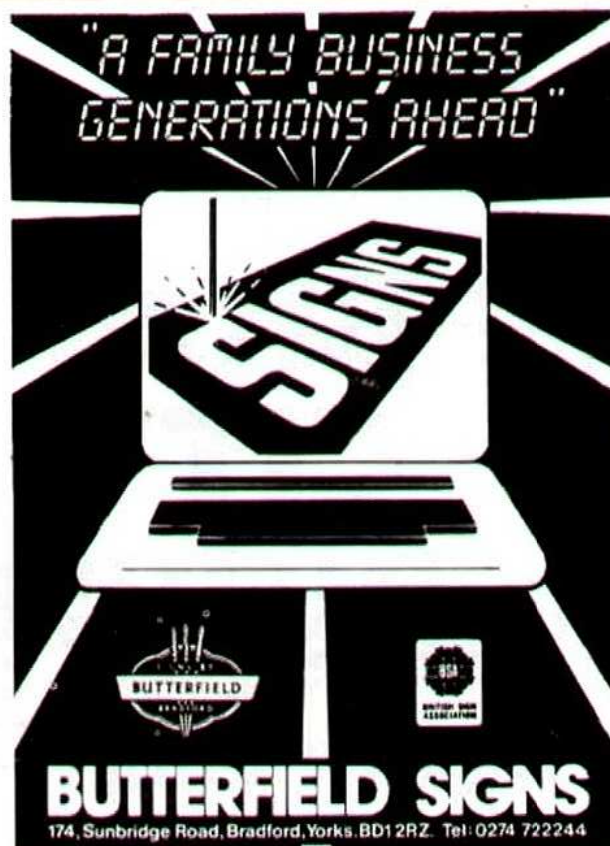
Finally, I would like to pay tribute to you the supporters. Since we moved back here last Christmas, Valley Parade has had a smashing atmosphere and the behaviour of the fans has been impeccable. We want to keep it that way and with the growth of the family section things should get even better so that Valley Parade will be the place to be. The players really appreciate the support you give and they will be doing all they can to provide entertainment and success on the field.

**Enjoy the season and keep shouting loudly for the team.**

**Terry Dolan**

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# DAVID MARKHAM

Every football fan is naturally optimistic at the start of a new season and nowhere is that optimism more in evidence than at Bradford City.

A sparkling end to the season when City won seven of their last ten matches put everyone in good heart for the new campaign.

Supporters have shown their confidence in the club's prospects by their enthusiasm to buy season tickets. Some 2,500 season tickets have been sold netting a record £200,000 for the club.

And, City have demonstrated their ambitions by paying a record £130,000 for defender Lee Sinnott to go with the £47,000 they spent on goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson during the summer.

Just as important, they have persuaded John Hendrie and Stuart McCall to sign new contracts much to the delight of the fans and the disappointment of some top First Division clubs, who were desperate to sign this talented pair.

Having established themselves as a Second Division club in the last two seasons, City now seem ready to challenge for a promotion or play-off place.

Many people forget that Bradford is one of the largest cities in the country and there is no reason why it should not support a First Division club.

Towns of similar or lesser size and potential like Coventry, Luton and Watford have shown it is possible to run First Division clubs, so why not Bradford?

Crowds at re-built Valley Parade last season were the envy of most Second Division clubs and there

is scope for a greater increase providing there is success on the field.

Yorkshire derby matches are once again a feature of next season's Second Division programme with visits from Leeds United, Huddersfield Town, Hull City, Sheffield United and Barnsley certain to attract five figure crowds.

The three relegated clubs Aston Villa, Manchester City and Leicester will enhance the Second Division and Villa and Manchester City, who have big away followings, will boost the gate of every club they visit.

Villa will be most people's favourites for promotion. New manager Graham Taylor from Watford has been given the task of guiding this famous club back to Division One at the first attempt and no one can dispute that that is where they belong.

Manchester City, who have added Mel Machin to their management team, is another club who will not be satisfied with Second Division status, but the third relegated club, Leicester City, may struggle to go straight back.

Apart from the top three clubs Derby, Portsmouth and Oldham – who were beaten in the play-offs by Leeds United – there was a noticeable lack of consistency in the Second Division and the promotion race is wide open to anyone who can produce this elusive commodity.

If City can re-produce their form of the last two months of last season it could be their season.



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# TODAY'S VISITORS Swindon Town

Like many English football clubs Swindon Town owe their origins to the church, being formed as an amateur club in 1881 by the Rev. W. Pitt, but they quickly developed into a highly professional and successful organisation becoming founder members of the Southern League in 1894.

During the early years of the century Swindon were amongst the leading clubs in the Southern League which was universally recognised as the premier competition outside the two divisions of the Football League.

*Front Row (L to R):  
Alan McLoughlin, Bryan Wade, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (manager), John Trollope (asst. manager), Steve Berry, Leigh Barnard, Mark Jones*

*Middle Row (L to R):  
Andy Rowland (player/coach), Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Terry Merri-man, Dave Bamber, Jon Gittens, John Kelly, Steve White, Steve Foley, Chris Ramsey, Kevin Morris (physiotherapist)*

*Back Row (L to R):  
Tim Parkin, Jimmy Quinn, Fraser Digby, Chris Kamara, Nicky Hammond, Charlie Henry, Colin Calderwood*



Spurs showed the strength of the Southern League winning the FA Cup in 1901 and Swindon twice came close to emulating that feat, reaching the semi-finals in both 1910 and 1912 before losing to the eventual winners – Newcastle and Barnsley respectively.

During those years immediately before the First World War they were at their peak and twice won the Southern League championship. Although the break in domestic football halted their progress, in 1921 League football came to the County Ground for the first time when the Southern League was adopted by the Football League as a 3rd Division (South).

There was little else to note until the 1960's when they were promoted to Division Two for the first time in 1963. Though relegated soon after, they bounced back with a sensational 3 - 1 win over Arsenal in the League Cup Final at Wembley in 1969, gained promotion for a second time the following year, then shot to the top of the Second Division in the opening weeks of the following season.

Unfortunately by the mid-70's they were on the slide once more and in 1982 they found themselves in the 4th Division for the first time.

However, Lou Macari arrived on the scene from Manchester United as player manager in 1984 and the club has never looked back. After winning the Fourth Division championship with a record-breaking 102 points in 1986, they forced their way into last season's dramatic play-off final with a thirteen match unbeaten run and though losing their first leg at Gillingham 1 - 0 and going 1 - 0 down in the second leg, Swindon hit back to force a replay and clinch promotion for the second successive season with a 2 - 0 win.

Manager Macari now goes into this new season relying to some extent on his promotion winning side to mount their challenge for a First Division place for the first time in their history, but he has every confidence in their ability.

Sheffield born goalkeeper Fraser Digby only joined the club last December, having failed to make the



first team at Manchester United, but he quickly made his mark and went on to win England U21 honours before the season's end.

In defence there is the 29 year old ex Blackpool man Dave Hockaday, now in his third season at the club, and Tim Parkin, also 29, who joined the club 12 months ago from Bristol Rovers, having earlier played for Blackburn Rovers, while Phil King and skipper Colin Calderwood made up the regular back four. Incredibly King, though still only 19 years old, is actually with his *third* club. He started with Exeter City and then moved on to Torquay last summer before signing for Swindon in March.

Calderwood, a 22 year old Scot, played 100 games for Mansfield Town before joining Swindon two years ago and becoming a permanent fixture in their side. Charlie Henry (25), now in his eighth season at the County Ground, is another defender in contention for a place. Although missing most of last season's run in, he came back to play a vital role in the three matches against Gillingham.

During the exciting run up to the play-offs, Mark Jones (25), a signing from Oxford United last September, and 29 year old Chris Kamara were the regular midfield men although Kamara, who has clocked up over 400 League appearances in a 13 year career with Portsmouth, Brentford and two spells with Swindon, was something of a utility man at times.

Leigh Barnard (28), another ex-Portsmouth player, also appeared in midfield while 24 year old Steve Berry, a signing from Newport in March, came into the side for the last League game of the season and then played in every one of the play-off games.

Up front there were five men challenging for the striking roles. Bryan Wade (24) was the man most often in the No.12 shirt, Northern Ireland international Jimmy Quinn (27), another in his second spell with the club, missed a few games through injury, but much travelled Dave Bamber (28), formerly with Blackpool, Coventry City, Walsall and Portsmouth, didn't miss a game in the last three months.

The others in contention were the inconsistent Peter Coyne (25), a man rescued from non-league soccer after Manchester United and then Crewe had let him go, and Steve White. The 28 year old White once cost Luton Town £200,000 when they signed him from Bristol Rovers but he arrived at Swindon at the start of last season via Charlton, Lincoln City (on loan) and Bristol Rovers again. Although playing only one full game in the last eight in the League and missing the first three in the play-offs, White came back for the last two games against Gillingham and emerged the hero of the season after scoring both goals in that decisive 2 - 0 win at Selhurst Park.

Recent additions to last season's squad are 23 year old central defender Jon Gittens, a £40,000 signing from Southampton, midfield men Steve Foley (24), formerly with Grimsby Town and Sheffield United, and John Kelly (24) from Chester City who was previously with Tranmere Rovers and Preston, with two ex Coventry City teenagers, Terry Merriman and Gary Marshall, completing the list of newcomers.

## Meet the Manager – Lou Macari

Lou Macari should need no introduction to football fans for, unlike some of his fellow TV pundits, he also does his talking out on the field in the harsh day to day cut and thrust of professional soccer. Or to be more precise, his Swindon team do the talking for him now that he has made the transition from a highly successful player to successful manager.

Born in Aberdeen of Italian parents, 38 year old Macari began with Celtic, playing a part in four successive Scottish League championship wins and Scottish FA Cup and League Cup successes, before joining Manchester United in January 1973 where he collected a 2nd Division championship medal (1975), an FA Cup winners medal (1977) and two runners-up medals (1976 & 1979).

The only real hitch in his career came at Easter 1985 when he was sacked by Swindon, the club he had joined as player manager in 1984, after a much publicised row with his No.2, Harry Gregg. Fortunately for Swindon and Macari, the board reversed their decision and both have gone on from strength to strength.



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# JUNIOR BANTAMS

## Dear JBs,

Welcome to Valley Parade for our first full season here since we were promoted to the Second Division. On behalf of all Junior Bantams, I would like to wish the players best wishes for what I am sure will be a very successful season.

It is going to be a very interesting and exciting season for everyone connected with Bradford City, as apart from starting the season here at Valley Parade, we have several new grounds to explore, including some of the more famous. We would like to welcome our new players Paul Tomlinson and Lee Sinnott, who, added to our present squad of Superstars, will form one of the most skilful and attractive sides in the Football League.

As far as the Junior Bantams are concerned, we now have a membership approaching 400, with lots of room for more. Anyone under 16 years of age wishing to join can apply on the forms which are available from the Lottery Office. Membership costs £4.50 and you will also need two passport size photographs. If anyone would like a mention in the programme, or has any ideas relevant to the Junior Bantams, please write to me at 33 Westfield Avenue, Yeadon, Leeds LS19 7NU.

The season really started for our members on Thursday, 6th August, when we held a Training Day with the players at Apperley Bridge. There was a large turnout of members, and the weather stayed fine for us. Terry Dolan started the event by welcoming everyone on behalf of the Club, then, after members had been divided into teams, they went on a training

run with the players. Following this, various games were played between the teams – Sarah was adamant that her team had been cheated out of a good result because of a bad refereeing decision by Stuart McCall! Sorry about that Sarah – I hope that you will still speak to us on the Travel Club bus!

John Hendrie had an up and coming star in his team in 3½ year old Stuart Pearson. And even John was upstaged later in the day by the appearance of his beautiful baby daughter, Lauren.

At the end of the session the players signed autographs, and all the JBs were given pop and crisps before going home at the end of a very enjoyable day. We would like to thank everyone involved with this event, especially the Directors, Manager and players for allowing us to hold the Training Day and for all the effort they put into it, and to Allan Gilliver for organising everything.

*Now it is time to mention all the birthdays celebrated so far this month, including those of Darren Walker of Wrose, Scott Sansom from Clayton Heights, Paul McDermott who lives in Wilsden, Andrew Swift who comes from Idle, Stuart Rhodes from Pudsey, Steven Clark of Wrose, Neil Ackroyd who lives in Thornton, Benjamin Martin from Odsal and Philip Pickard of Wrose. Many happy returns to you all.*

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May 11th 1985 will be a date that will never be forgotten in the history of Bradford City Football Club when the main stand was totally destroyed by fire.

But today sees the start of a happier chapter in the story of the club. Bradford City finished in the top ten in Division Two last season and gates were up to nearly 10,000 when we returned to Valley Parade. The old stand and much of the stadium has now been rebuilt and looks splendid in its new amber and maroon livery.

But the first thing you'll notice about the stand today is that it has a new name – "The Natpro's Stand". We're very pleased to announce that National & Provincial Building Society have signed an agreement with us to sponsor the stand for a period of three years. We have always had a good relationship with National & Provincial so this sees the extension of a happy partnership.

'Since our head office is one of the landmarks of Bradford, this sponsorship was a natural for us' says Eric Smith, Head of Sales and Distribution for the society. 'We felt that we wanted to do our bit for the club and to show our pride in Bradford – both the club and the city'.

To celebrate the sponsorship, the Queensbury Band will be entertaining you pre-match and then we're delighted to welcome comedian Jimmy Cricket as our guest today to open the renamed stand. Jimmy will be setting off a mass barrage of 2,000 balloons just before kick-off.

Finally you will have been given a competition entry form today as you entered the ground. Simply fill in your name and address and return it to National & Provincial Building Society either by post or by taking it in to your local branch. There will be three winners who will each receive cheques to the value of £100, £50 and £25 to open accounts at the National & Provincial Building Society. The winners will be announced at our match against Blackburn Rovers on September 19th.



# Player Parade

*In our new feature we have asked the players to answer a few questions about themselves and over the coming season we hope to give you some interesting information about them. We kick off today with goalkeeper Peter Litchfield.*

Date of Birth: 27.7.1956

Birthplace: Manchester

Nickname: Litchy or Big Nose

Car: Ford Granada 2.8 Ghia

Previous Clubs: Preston N.E., Manchester City (semi-pro) and Bolton W. (schoolboy)

Club he supported as a child: Manchester City

Other sports enjoyed: All ball games, especially squash

Ideal holiday spot: Greece

Favourite food/drink: Steak, eggs and lager & lime

Favourite music: Heavy rock & Bon Jovi

Favourite TV programme: Black Adder

Likes: Eating out

Dislikes: Smoking

Most like to meet: Rick Mayall

Favourite all time footballer: Pat Jennings

Favourite away ground: Villa Park

Greatest moment in his career: Touring Japan & South Korea with Manchester City in 1976 whilst being semi-professional

Tip for player of the future: Karl Goddard

All time World XI: Daseyev, Junior, Butcher, Cabrini, Stiles, Beckenbauer, Dalglish, Laudrup, Keegan, Maradona, Pelé





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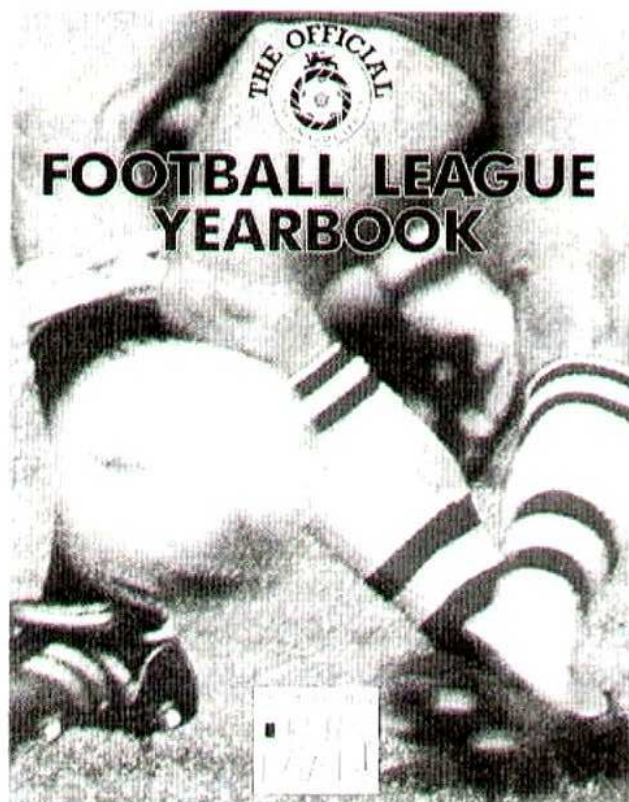
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Supporters Club activities kicked off this morning with our first event, a football match against Swindon Travellers FC, and we will try to give you the result this afternoon. We are hoping to play regular supporters matches throughout the season, and anyone interested in joining the team should contact the manager, Dave Keagan, at the Duchess of Kent pub (off Westgate) on Monday evenings.

This evening the Heaton Branch are holding a Start of Season Barbecue at the Fountain Inn on Heaton Road. Tickets are limited, and there may be none left at the time of going to press, but if you are interested please check at the Lottery Office after the game.

Thursday night socials begin again on September 3rd, when City manager Terry

Dolan will be the speaker. These evenings will be strictly members only, and cards must be shown on the door. Non-members can, however, join on the night for £2 plus 2 passport-sized photos.

Next, a date for your diary. The Supporters Club is holding a Programme Fair at Valley Parade on Sunday, 22nd November, when ten of the north's top programme dealers will be in attendance. More details will be given later.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing management, players and especially supporters all the best for a happy and successful season.

*Enjoy the game, Mick Dickinson*

PS Support the City by joining the Supporters Club. Details from the Lottery Office.

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The latest issue (number 18) of City Gent is on sale today around Valley Parade. The biggest issue to date — being 52 pages in size — it includes all the usual features as well as contributions from readers nationwide. There are interviews, a review of the 1986/87 season and a realistic assessment of City's promotion ambitions this season. Good value for money reading at only 60 pence. Also available by post (30p SAE please) from: John Watmough, 46 Ainsty Road, Wetherby, LS22 4QS.



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# VALLEY VIEW

We had a pre-season boost by retaining the West Riding Senior Cup and winning the trophy for the fourth time in a row. A 1-0 win at Huddersfield Town in the first match was followed by a 2-2 draw at Leeds United and a 3-0 home win against Halifax Town.

Photographer Peter Suthers captures some of the action from the Huddersfield win.



*Ron Futcher beaten to Karl Goddards corner by Cox*



*Leigh Palin sets up a City attack*





*John Hendrie scores the only goal of the game*



*Mark Ellis on the attack*

#### Answers to CITY GENT QUIZ

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Gerry Ingram who joined City from Preston seen here in the colours of his first club, Blackpool



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| 12/9/87  | Stoke City           | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16/9/87  | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE      | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19/9/87  | BLACKBURN ROVERS     | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26/9/87  | Shrewsbury Town      | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29/9/87  | Huddersfield Town    | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/10/87  | MIDDLESBROUGH        | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/10/87 | West Bromwich Albion | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17/10/87 | BIRMINGHAM CITY      | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21/10/87 | MANCHESTER CITY      | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24/10/87 | Reading              | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31/10/87 | CRYSTAL PALACE       | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/1/87   | Hull City            | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7/1/87   | Barnsley             | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14/1/87  | SHEFFIELD UNITED     | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21/1/87  | Leicester City       | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28/1/87  | ASTON VILLA          | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/12/87  | Ipswich Town         | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12/12/87 | BOURNEMOUTH          | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20/12/87 | Plymouth Argyle      | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26/12/87 | SHREWSBURY TOWN      | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28/12/87 | Blackburn Rovers     | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/1/88   | Leeds United         | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2/1/88   | STOKE CITY           | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/1/88   | F.A. Cup 3rd Round   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16/1/88  | Swindon              | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



*Aidey Thorpe chases after a loose ball*



*Mark Leonard loses out to the Halifax defence*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVISION TABLE

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS



*Ian Ormondroyd in aerial battle with the Halifax defence*

**Pictures from our  
3-0 win against  
Halifax Town in the  
West Riding Senior  
Cup at Valley Parade  
last Sunday.**

|         |                      |   |
|---------|----------------------|---|
| 30/1/88 | FA Cup 4th Round     | A |
| 6/2/88  | Millwall             | H |
| 13/2/88 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC      | H |
| 20/2/88 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN    | A |
| 27/2/88 | Middlesbrough        | A |
| 5/3/88  | Birmingham City      | H |
| 12/3/88 | WEST BROMWICH ALBION | A |
| 19/3/88 | Crystal Palace       | H |
| 26/3/88 | READING              | H |
| 2/4/88  | BARNLEY              | A |
| 4/4/88  | Sheffield United     | H |
| 9/4/88  | HULL CITY            | A |
| 23/4/88 | Manchester City      | H |
| 30/4/88 | LEICESTER CITY       | A |
| 2/5/88  | Aston Villa          | H |
| 7/5/88  | IPSWICH TOWN         |   |



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## CENTRAL LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE SEASON 1987/88

|                |                     |   |
|----------------|---------------------|---|
| Weds. Aug. 19  | BLACKPOOL           | H |
| Weds. Aug. 26  | Nottingham Forest   | A |
| Tues. Sept. 1  | Sheffield Wednesday | A |
| Tues. Sept. 8  | GRIMSBY TOWN        | H |
| Tues. Sept. 15 | Manchester United   | A |
| Tues. Sept. 22 | LIVERPOOL           | H |
| Tues. Oct. 6   | LEICESTER CITY      | H |
| Thur. Oct. 15  | Huddersfield Town   | A |
| Tues. Oct. 20  | COVENTRY CITY       | H |
| Tues. Oct. 27  | Everton             | A |
| Weds. Nov. 11  | Hull City           | A |
| Tues. Nov. 17  | LEEDS UNITED        | H |
| Tues. Nov. 24  | Sunderland          | A |
| Tues. Dec. 1   | DERBY COUNTY        | H |
| Tues. Dec. 8   | Manchester City     | A |
| Tues. Dec. 15  | SHEFFIELD UNITED    | H |
| Weds. Jan. 6   | Aston Villa         | A |
| Tues. Jan. 12  | NOTTINGHAM FOREST   | H |
| Tues. Jan. 19  | Blackpool           | A |
| Tues. Jan. 26  | Grimsby Town        | A |
| Tues. Feb. 2   | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | H |
| Tues. Feb. 9   | Liverpool           | A |
| Tues. Feb. 16  | MANCHESTER UNITED   | H |
| Tues. Feb. 23  | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN   | H |
| Mon. Feb. 29   | Leicester City      | A |
| Tues. March 8  | Coventry City       | A |
| Tues. March 15 | EVERTON             | H |
| Tues. March 22 | Leeds United        | A |
| Tues. March 29 | HULL CITY           | H |
| Tues. April 5  | SUNDERLAND          | H |
| Tues. April 12 | ASTON VILLA         | H |
| Tues. April 19 | MANCHESTER CITY     | H |
| Weds. April 27 | Sheffield United    | A |
| Tues. May 3    | Derby County        | A |

## THE NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES - SEASON 1987/88

(Kick-off 11.00 am unless otherwise stated)

|            |                              |   |
|------------|------------------------------|---|
| 15th Aug.  | Sheffield United             | A |
| 22nd Aug.  | HARTLEPOOL UNITED            | H |
| 29th Aug.  | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN            | H |
| 31st Aug.  | Sheffield Weds. (League Cup) | A |
| 5th Sept.  | Sunderland                   | A |
| 12th Sept. | League K.O. Cup              |   |
| 19th Sept. | NEWCASTLE UNITED             | H |
| 26th Sept. | Barnsley                     | A |
| 3rd Oct.   | SCUNTHORPE UNITED            | H |
| 10th Oct.  | Middlesbrough                | A |
| 17th Oct.  | Leeds United                 |   |
| 24th Oct.  | Lincoln City                 | A |
| 31st Oct.  | Halifax Town                 |   |
| 7th Nov.   | Sheffield Wednesday          | A |
| 14th Nov.  | League K.O. Cup              |   |
| 21st Nov.  | DONCASTER ROVERS             | H |
| 28th Nov.  | Hull City                    | A |
| 5th Dec.   | GRIMSBY TOWN                 | H |
| 12th Dec.  | Rotherham United             | A |
| 19th Dec.  | YORK CITY                    | H |
| 26th Dec.  | York City                    | A |
| 2nd Jan.   | SHEFFIELD UNITED             | H |
| 9th Jan.   | Hartlepool United            | A |
| 16th Jan.  | Huddersfield Town            | A |
| 23rd Jan.  | SUNDERLAND                   | H |
| 30th Jan.  | Newcastle United             | A |
| 6th Feb.   | BARNSELY                     | H |
| 13th Feb.  | Scunthorpe United            | A |
| 20th Feb.  | MIDDLESBROUGH                | H |
| 27th Feb.  | LEEDS UNITED                 | H |
| 5th Mar.   | LINCOLN CITY                 | H |
| 12th Mar.  | HALIFAX TOWN                 | H |
| 19th Mar.  | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY          | H |
| 26th Mar.  | Doncaster Rovers             | A |
| 2nd Apr.   | HULL CITY                    | H |
| 9th Apr.   | Grimsby Town                 | A |
| 16th Apr.  | ROTHERHAM UNITED             | H |

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# News Desk

## Travel plans

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## Supporters club

Brian Defurey has succeeded Eric Morgan as chairman of the supporters club. Eric has been chairman since the club was formed two years ago. Mick Dickinson continues as secretary.

## Independent Magazine Publications

Most people at Valley Parade are by now acquainted with City Gent – the supporters' magazine dedicated to the glories of Bradford City. A growing band of similar publications at other League clubs is now appearing and they provide an alternative look at British

soccer. In addition, there is a small number of independent magazines that are not attached to any particular clubs but instead include articles and contributions of national and international interest. Pick of these is "When Saturday Comes", a professionally produced publication with excellent articles including an interview with Terry Dolan in the latest issue. It is available from Mike Ticher for 40p plus SAE from: 5 Alma Road, Wandsworth, London SW18 1AA. "Off The Ball" is also recommended – 40p plus SAE from: 11 Doorstone Covert, Druids Heath, Birmingham B14 5TH. Covering the Scottish scene, try "The Absolute Game" for 40p plus SAE from: Box 99, 43 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh EH1 2QB. (These magazines are available on City Travel Club '73 coaches).

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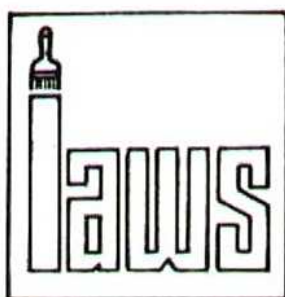
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4. Name the five managers before Terry Dolan.
5. Which player made the most League appearances for Bradford City?
6. Who has made the most League appearances for Swindon Town?
7. How many points did Swindon obtain when they won the 4th Division Championship in 1986?
8. What was significant about the last time that we played at Swindon Town?
9. How many appearances did ex-City favourite Peter Downsbrough make for Swindon Town?
10. At which club did Peter Downsbrough start his League career?

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# BACK CHAT

Leading writer for Football Monthly

During the next few months in this column I'll be chatting to some of the men who have played their part in making the turbulent, yet sometimes highly successful, history of Bradford City Football Club and who better to kick off the series than Peter Downsborough.

Although Peter made his Football League debut in goal for his home town club Halifax Town, and also played a few games on loan with Brighton, it was with City and today's visitors to Valley Parade, Swindon Town, that he enjoyed his most tangible success.

"I had a good time at Bradford," he recalls. "It was a friendly club with a relaxed atmosphere and we had some success on the field.

"My best moment with the club was, without doubt, playing in the FA Cup Quarter Final against the eventual winners Southampton in 1976 but I was also in the 4th Division promotion side the following year."

He might have added that he also passed two personal milestones in his career at Valley Parade between November 1973 and April 1979, recording both his 500th and 600th League appearances.

However, none of that quite matched a spring day in 1969 when, at times, he alone seemed to stand against the might of First Division Arsenal as Third Division Swindon battled to win the League Cup Final at Wembley.

"That has to be the greatest moment of my career," says Peter who, despite playing around 700 League and Cup games in a 20 year career, has very little to do with the game today. That may sound surprising but as he explained, "I did spend the season before last coaching the Halifax Irish club but working shifts and weekends at Elland Power Station made it difficult to make a regular commitment.

"My only sporting involvement now is swimming for an hour every day and playing golf at the Bradley Moor club. I still watch football on T.V. but the crowd trouble has spoilt it for me as a spectator sport."

Peter's work commitments, together with problems from an old knee injury, have prevented him from playing even in charity games since his last appearance for an ex-Halifax Town team against Pennine Radio two years ago. However, that day he still showed flashes of his old brilliance and saved a penalty.

He made quite a habit of that in fact during his career and it was only after hanging up his boots that he revealed his secret.

"I used to leave just a little more space on one side of the goal for the kicker to aim at so I knew which way to dive," was his simple but highly effective ploy.

Coming back to the present Peter's work at the power station dictates his movements to a large extent but today's match is one that he really hopes to get to in order to renew an old acquaintance.

"One of the best friends I made in the game was my old team-mate at Swindon, John Trollope, who is still on their coaching staff, and it would be great to see him again," he explained.

Peter's career record shows that in his six seasons at Valley Parade he made 225 League appearances, just failing to beat Geoff Smith's post-war goalkeeping record for the club, and he was awarded a well deserved Testimonial in 1979 on his retirement.

*FA Cup Swindon v Leeds 1969/70.  
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