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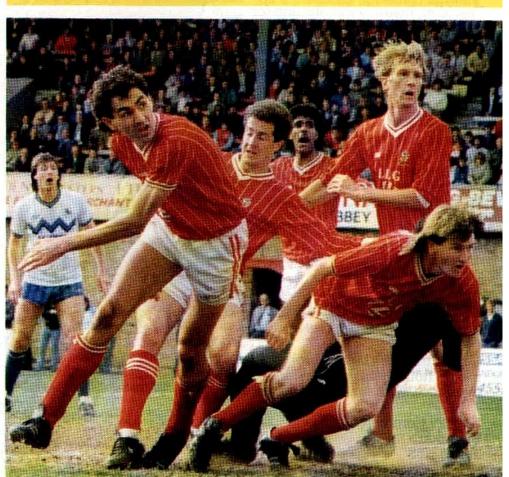
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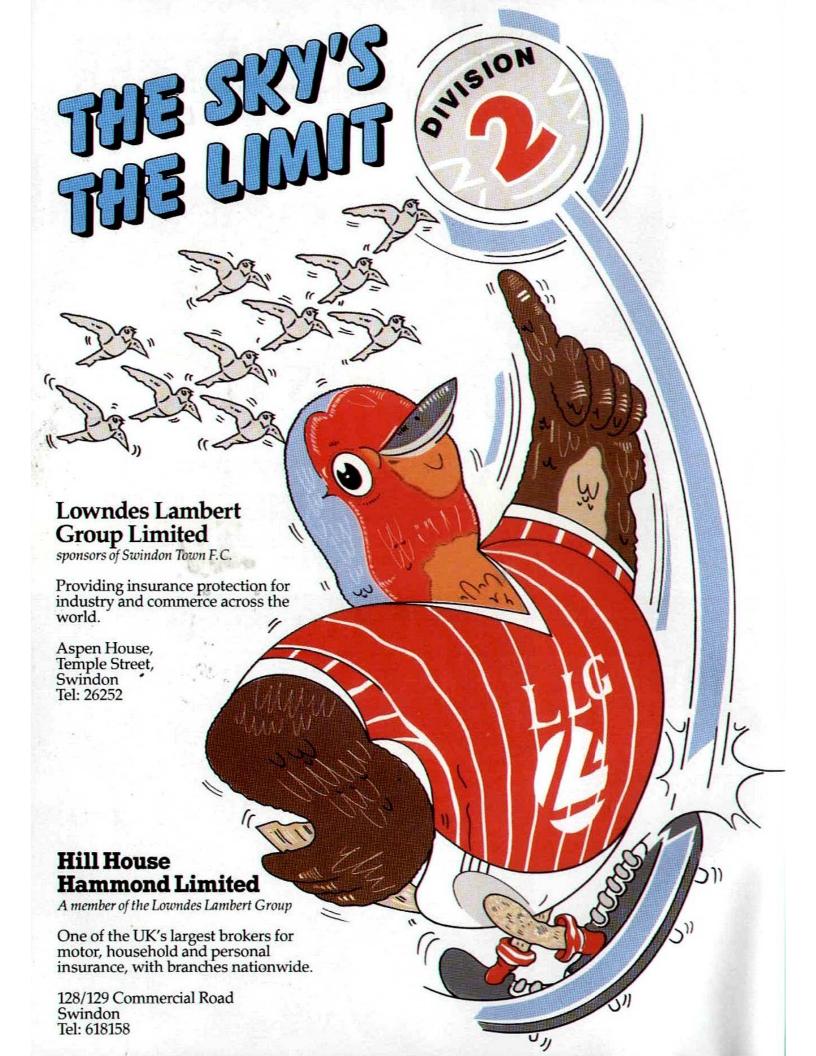
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Good afternoon to you all and may I extend a warm welcome to our vistors, Birmingham City, this afternoon. To their Directors, Officials and supporters I would like to extend the hand of friendship.

As you are all now well aware, we have been drawn againt First Division opposition in the Second Round of the Littlewoods Cup. Portsmouth will visit the County Ground for the first leg on Tuesday, September 22nd, kick-off 7.45 p.m., may I stress this is **NOT** an all-ticket match. Admission will be through the turnstiles at normal prices. North Stand tickets are available for this match also. Season Ticket holders can claim their ticket for this match in person or by post by enclosing Voucher B and also enclosing the correct remittance, accompanied with a stamped addressed envelope.

All postal applications must arrive at the Club offices by Saturday, September 19th. Un-

claimed Season Tickets will go on general sale from Monday, September 21st at 10.00 a.m.

May I encourage you to please adhere to these arrangements, they are introduced primarily for YOUR benefit and the co-operation of our supporters makes life a lot easier for our office staff, stewards and matchday ticket office.

The co-operation we have been given from the majority of our supporters regarding the new style membership cards has been first class. To those of you who turned up on a matchday appearing unaware of the innovation, may I state that we, as a Club, have advertised the requirements over a wide area.

Supporters of all Clubs throughout the country have been made fully aware of the requirements of the Football League under the Government's quidance.

May I also bring to your attention the fact that the Second Round. Second Leg of the Littlewoods Cup will be played at Fratton Park on Tuesday 6th October, kick-off 8.00 p.m.

The later kick-off will allow Town fans to arrive in plenty of time for the match.



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Our last three results, away wins at West Bromwich Albion and Middlesbrough interspersed with a draw at home to Hull City, have completely vindicated the tough pre-season programme matches we undertook.

This is the best start to a season that we have made in the three seasons I have been at the County Ground. We have played five matches, won three. drawn one and lost one.

After five matches last season, we had won one match, drawn two and lost two. In the 1985/86 season we had won two games, drawn one and lost two. Our record in my first year here was identical to the 1985/86 season.

I am already working on our schedule of eighteen pre-season matches for next season! Joking aside, some of the lads thought they had played in all eighteen matches! They didn't, and to put the record straight here are a few of their total appearances pre-season Chris Kamara 6, Dave Bamber 6, John Kelly 6, while Colin Calderwood played in eight matches and Nicky Hammond eleven! It just proves there is no substitute for hard work!

So Ron Saunders was the first manager of the season to be dismissed after just five League matches. Confidence and security are not words that apply readily to football and it is sad when there is insecurity in the Club corridors. To expect a Club to fire on full cylinders those with influence must ensure that confidence and security seeps through those those with plenty of experience at this same corridors of a Club.

Ron in at the Hawthorns. For my former formance of our reserve team from now boss Ron Atkinson at Old Trafford has returned to West Bromwich Albion. My best wishes go to both the incoming Ron and departing Ron.

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are no easy points in this Division, we shall have to earn every one we collect.

Are you travelling to Barnsley and Ipswich this next week! To help you, follow these routes, don't blame me if you get lost!

Lou's Way to Barnsley

Proceed to the M1, leaving the motorway at Junction 36 enter Barnsley on the A61. There is an official car park for 1,200 vehicles adjacent to the ground. Price 50p.

Lou's Way to Ipswich

A45 signs Ipswich West, proceed straight through Post House traffic light, at the second roundabout turn right into West End Road. Portman Road ground is 400m. along on the left. There are large car parks in Portman Road and Portman's Walk, West End Road.

See you at Oakwell and Portman Road?

results of the Reserve Team. Losing 5-0 and 6-0 to Chelsea and Southampton. when they are only fielding teams of young players, is not something I will tolerate.

Players should be looking to prove they are worthy of first team football and level are deluding themselves. I expect It was a case of one Ron out and another to see a big improvement in the per-

Despite their 6-0 mauling at home to Crystal Palace last Saturday, I expect Birmingham City to come to the County I have been pleased with our start to Ground fired by that result. My players the season, but dismayed at the early will be in for a battle this afternoon, there

Four wheel drive - Two wheel drive - One wheel drive -Hill House Hammond have the right policy.

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Another Cap? ...

Due to the fact that Northern Ireland have asked if the Club would make limmy Quinn available if selected for their forthcoming European Championship matches with Yugoslavia and Turkey, we have had to re-arrange the date of our Second Division match with Huddersfield Town to Tuesday December 1st 1987, kick-off 7.45 p.m. If a player is required by his country the Football League allow his Club to approach their opponents and ask if they would accede to the request. We would like to thank Huddersfield Town for their co-operation in this matter.

Travel News

The Travel Club will be running coaches to the forthcoming matches

Tuesday September 15th, Barnsley. Depart at 2.00 p.m. Price £7.00

Saturday September 19th, Ipswich Town. Depart at 9.00 a.m. Price £7.00.

Strictly Travel Club Members only. Membership is available at £2.00 for one year or £5.00 for three years.

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Midland Youth Cup ...

We have been drawn at home to Northampton Town in the First Round of the Midland Youth Cup. The tie has to be completed by October 31st 1987. The winners of this First Round match will then be at home to the Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Second Round. This tie to be completed before 31st December

Live TV Games

We have been informed by the Football Association that the following Barclay League matches will be televised.

Sunday 20th September 1987

Newcastle United v Liverpool B.B.C. Sunday 18th October 1987

Totteham Hotspur v Arsenal I T.V. Sunday 25th October 1987

West Ham Utd. v Manchester Utd. IT.V

Sunday 1st November 1987

Liverpool v Everton B B C

Sunday 22nd November 1987 Derby County v Chelsea B.B.C. Sunday 13th December 1987 Coventry City v Arsenal B.B.C.

Former Town keeper Kenny Allen now with Torquay United. has revealed that he plays a cassette recording of our Fourth Division championship winning match against Mansfield before every game as he travels by car to Torquay's Plainmoor

"It was a fantastic day, the best in my soccer life. Hearing the tape gets me geed up to play well. I firmly believe the Swindon crowd are the best in the country."

Ken revealed that new Torquay boss Cyril Knowles has brought in the 100 per cent commitment style which Lou Macari used to help revive Swindon Town in a newspaper interview.

Ken is one of four former Town players at the Plainmoor Club the others are David Coll. Mark Gardiner and Alan McLoughlin is currently on loan to the Devon Club

Byron, Keats, Shelley, or Just Plain Old Dave Smith!

Our Manager Lou Macari received the following ode from Plymouth Argyle Manager Dave Smith

"If you put your nose to the grindstone rough and keep it down there long enough You'll soon forget there are such things As brooks that babble and birds that sing In time these three will your world compose Just you and the stone and your poor old nose.

Known as a man who likes poetry, he welcomes a ring from opposing Managers with this thought in mind.

"Time is of the essence, so be 'realistic' when you phone. Give me a ring and brighten your day."

Pleasant Reading . . .

The comment contained in the Evening Advertiser' issue of Monday August 17th showed their appreciation of the Club's efforts to get to grips with the dreaded disease of hooliganism

THE ACTION of a few hundred hooligans must not be allowed to mar the centenary season of League football or English clubs' chances of being readmitted to European football.

The Football League authorities must take a tough line over the disgraceful behaviour of some Wolves supporters which spoiled the first day of League football for newly admitted Scarborough. Wolves fans should be banned from away matches until the club can guarantee their behaviour.

If League football is to be restored as a family attraction, supporters must be assured that their enjoyment of the game will not be wrecked by a minority who have attached themselves to some clubs.

The disorder may have been made worse by the fact that Scarborough was new to League football and the local police lacked first hand experience of the problems.

More League clubs would be advised to treat the problem with the same kind of determination and sincerity as Swindon Town

Now in the Second Division, they brought in closed circuit television like the rest of the clubs in the two top divisions and then went even further.

The identity card scheme they introduced for their family enclosure has now been increased to include other parts of the ground, except for the section for visiting fans and the Town End section behind one of the goals.

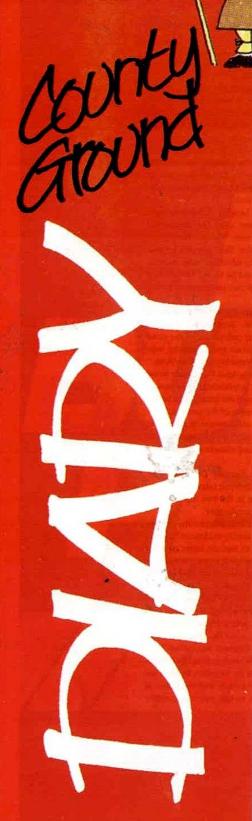
The cards carry a life membership clause. Anybody having the card confiscated by the police for misbehaviour, loses the right to enter the ground for life.

The County Ground has never been over troubled by hooliganism. But that is not good enough for Swindon Town. That is why they liaise closely with the police as often as possible to talk over any possible

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Wednesday August 26th

Town Chairman Brian Hillier, accompanied by Manager Lou Macari and Secretary Dave King, attend the League Tribunal at the F.A. Headquarters at Lancaster Gate, London, set for the Chris Ramsey transfer fee. Their adjudication was £14,000 that Southend United had to pay for his registration.

Thursday August 27th

Fraser Digby is the latest addition to the casualty list as he receives treatment to his thigh following a training session.

The second round draw of the Littlewoods Cup pairs the Town with Portsmouth. The first lea will be at the County Ground. This will be the sixth time the two Clubs have met in the competition. In eight matches the Town have lost only once. That was during the 1974-75 season by 1-0 at the County Ground. On three visits to Fratton Park we have come away with a draw going onto claim a place in the next round.

Friday August 28th

Season ticket sales have now reached a new record total for the Club. There are now 2,328 season ticket holders at the County Ground.

attend the medical room for travels to Aldershot to watch the

treatment following his knee operation. Some national newspapers are forecasting that West Bromwich Albion boss Ron Saunders may be sacked if the Town collect maximum points on their visit to the Hawthorns tomorrow.

Saturday August 29th

The Town have to reply to the Football League for the delay in the kick-off in the match with Sheffield United which was ordered by the Police due to supporters arriving late at the County Ground.

The Town collect three points in a 2-1 win at the Hawthorns against a virtually ten man West Bromwich Albion team who had Tony Kelly sent off in the 26th minute for kicking Town midfielder Chris Kamara in an offthe-ball incident. John Kelly in the first half and Northern Ireland striker limmy Ouinn in the second, sealed the Town's first away win of the season.

The Town's South East Counties League team slumped to their second successive away defeat at Colchester where they lost 3-2. Fitzroy Simpson and Paul Hunt were the Town marksmen.

Monday August 31st

John Kelly is ruled out of the Hull City match with a stomach strain. Mark Jones is now able to Town Manager Lou Macari

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Recreation Ground Club in action less display led to a 6 goal against visitors Doncaster Rovers. Former West Ham United winger Bobby Barnes is his target. The former England Youth International has been watched by the Town on several occasions in the opening weeks of this season.

Steve Foley replaces John Kelly in the Town line-up to face Hull City. A crowd of 9,600 see Alton based referee John Martin provide the only statistic of the evening when he books no fewer than five players, four of them being Town players in a match that could be described as competitive but not contravening the laws of the game to any high degree.

Tuesday September 1st

Town boss Lou Macari decides to make a move for Aldershot's Bobby Barnes. Early negotiations concerning a cash deal will be affected by the fact that West Ham United have a financial interest in any move the player may make from Aldershot. It was at Upton Park that Bobby Barnes began his career. Lou's plan to watch a Oueens Park Rangers midfield player are scotched when injury rules him out of their Reserve team match.

The Town have their strongest Reserve team line-up of the season to face visiting Southampton City at the County Ground. It made little difference. A spirit-

thrashing. It was in a locked dressing room after the match that Town boss Lou Macari layed the law down that he will not tolerate any more effortless performances.

After the match Lou heads for Wokingham to watch a highly recommended defender with the Vauxhall Opel League team against visitors Harrow. Lou left stating that the gap between the players in League soccer and non-League is closing faster than ever before. Exeter City Manager Colin Appleton had been an interested onlooker at todays Reserve team match.

Wednesday September 2nd

John Kelly is still receiving treatment and looks doubtful for the visit to Middlesbrough. Steve White suffered no reaction from his run-out with the Reserves the previous day.

The Town are informed that they travel to Melksham in the Preliminary round of the Wiltshire Premier Shield.

Southend United are on the trail of Bryan Wade again with a further enquiry.

The Town's South East Counties League Team gain their first away point of the season with a 1-1 draw against A.F.C. Bournemouth in a match played at nearby Ringwood. Nigel Packer gives the Town an interval lead but a second half equaliser pegged the Town back to all-square. A feature of the match is the names of Summerbee and Trollope on the team sheet.

Thursday September 3rd

John Kelly is ruled out of contention for the team to face Middlesbrough at Avresome Park on Saturday with a stomach strain.

Friday September 4th

It's a one night stay for Lou and the lads as they set out for the North East to face one of the teams that accompanied them from Division Three last season.

.. Middlesbrough. On the eve of the match the Boro Manager Bruce Rioch states that he wants striker Archie Stephens, who once played for Melksham Town. to adopt a shoot-on-sight policy.

Saturday September 5th

Archie Stephens responded to his Managers request by putting Middlesbrough into a fifth minute lead against the Town . . . with his head! Not to be deterred, the Town hit back in convincing style to win 3-2 with goals from Dave Bamber, Jimmy Quinn and a rare effort from Leigh Barnard in front of a crowd of 9.342.

The Town Youth team were also in rampant mood against Brentford in a morning kick-off at Lydiard Park winning 4-1.

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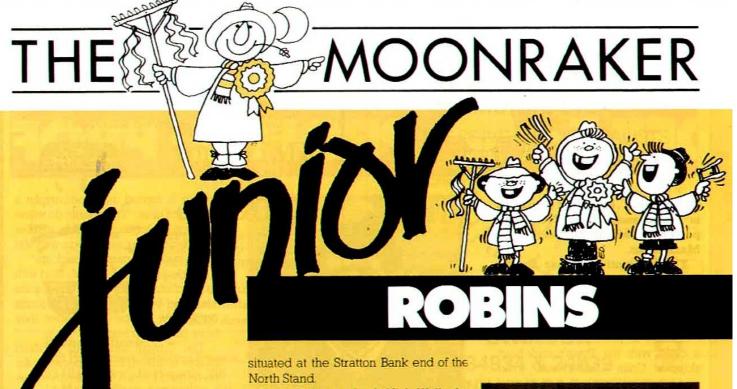


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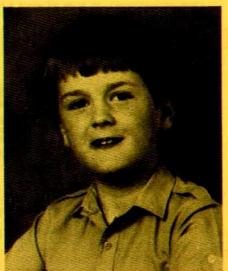
The appearance on this page of the Nationwide Building Society's new logo prompts me to remind those who have been on holiday how grateful we are to this Society for their support in enabling us to make fifty season tickets available to Junior Robins for just £15.00 each. By contributing a four figure sum they have enabled us to do this without the loss of much needed revenue to the Club which the limited supply of seating space now available would otherwise have resulted in

Our first monthly meeting of the season will take place on Monday night. We hope to have a question and answer session with one or two players and other Club staff. The arrangements for this season are slightly different. Meetings will start at the slightly later time of 6.00 p.m. There has also been a change of venue. We shall now be meeting in our pre-match base of the Alamo. This is

I would like to thank Nick Wall who acted as our membership secretary for all his hard work during last season and to wish him well in his studies at his new college. We are fortunate to have a replacement in Miss Christine Weavers. Chris will be known to those of you who attend our meetings and the experience she has gained with the Supporters Club will no doubt be valuable to us.

Finally, a word search with a sting in the tail. Can you find the eight Football League teams hidden below and say what they have in common? Swindon Town wrist bands to the first four correct answers received.





Name Alex Powell
Address 1 Bell Piece, Sutton Benger, Chippenham
Age9 years
Plays for Sutton Benger School
Position Midfield
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Favourite Other Team West Ham United

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The diminutive former Oxford United player has had the worst possible start to this season ... out of action . . . before the season began . . .

Injured in pre-season training in a clash with the Town's rock-hard skipper Colin Calderwood, even pre-season training had its problems.

"Nobody knew what the problem was," said Mark. "The first time I tried it out after treatment the knee just gave way." The climax came in a pre-season match at Gloucester City's Meadow Park. "Nobody touched me, I landed on the ground and the knee was locked in one position. I had four days in the Princess Margaret Hospital and the operation was carried out the following day, Friday."

It was a cross to bear for Mark, "Over the years I have had little injury."

How does a professional footballer wile away the hours of boredom lying or sitting inactive? Mark replied, "You had better ask the wife, for a few days I couldn't move, then gradually I was able to move a little. It was a case of keeping my muscles in tone as best as possible. Even when I was watching T.V. I worked to build them up."

Mark was unable to travel to the County Ground from his Abingdon home during this initial period of his re-habilitation. "At first I had to see the physiotherapist at Abingdon Hospital but now I am able to drive to the Ground."

Unfortunately for Mark while Lou Macari has been ringing the changes in midfield to find his best line-up, he has been side-lined. "Yes, that is true



MARK JONES

but it is no good moping about it."

Mark continued, "The Club doctor has told me not to rush the injury but to get it right first time, rather than come back into action too soon."

When did Mark hope to return to action? "About Christmas time, it seems a long way ahead. I have not seen a game this season so I am looking forward to watching a few now I am more mobile."

It is difficult for supporters to imagine the muscle waste when a

player is forced into inactivity for a period of time. "They really do waste and you lose muscle quickly, it's now a case of lifting sand bags with the leg to build the muscles back up."

Mark viewed the Town's start with satisfaction. "They have done quite well and when the wetter grounds come they will be even better, they have nothing to fear."

The Town's industrious midfield player is talking from experience for he helped Oxford United in their rise from the Third to the First Division.

"It is harder to get out of the Third, it is easier in the Second, the standard is higher but Third Division teams are very competitive."

The players, with whom Mark helped the University City to scale the heights, are nearly all but departed from the Manor Ground, with Malcolm Shottons recent move to Portsmouth the latest departure, "Only Gary Briggs is left and I think they will do well to escape relegation. They were lucky to do so last season. It will be even more difficult this time."

It was time for Mark to return home to his wife Julie and one-year-old daughter Laura. The two people to have benefite from his untimely injury. In the meantime we all hope he makes the progress he deserves.

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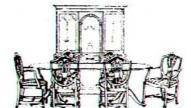
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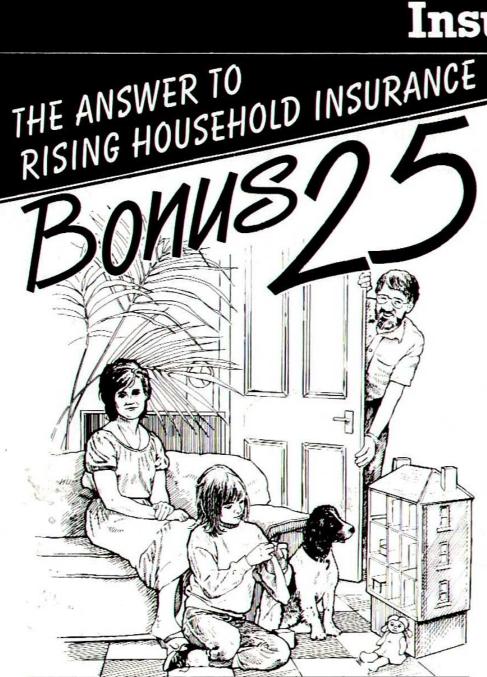


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After being relegated from Division 1 at the end of the 1985/86 season they came perilously close last season to making the drop to the Third Division for the very first time

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But then a disastrous run of only two victories in the last fifteen games gave them 19th place in the table - one place and two points away from having to play in the play-offs to stay in the Second

John Bond was duly sacked and Gary Pendrey appointed manager in May and charged with the task of restoring the second cities footballing fortunes To date they have made a steady start with two wins in the opening four League

Birmingham were elected to the Football League in 1892 and have regularly fluctuated between the top two divisions.

Four times they have been second division champions and five times runners-up, but in the top flight their best finishing position was sixth place in the 1955/56 season.

In cup competitions the Blues have twice reached the F.A. Cup final but on both occasions in 1931 and 1956 ended up as beaten finalists. They were the third name to appear on the Football League Cup beating Aston Villa 3-1 on aggregate in 1963.

In European competitions they twice finished as runners-up in the old Fairs Cup in 1958/60 and 1960/61

BIRMINGHAM CITY

MEET THE PLAYERS

Tony Godden Goalkeeper, acied 32, height 6it, weight 13st. Born Oillingham, August 1955 Joined Blues July 1967 Career: West Bromwich Albion and Chelsea and spent time on loan with Walsall and Luton before returning to the Midlands.

Midlands

Roger Hansbury Coalkeeper aged 32, height 5th 11in weight 12st 11ths Born Barnsley, January 1955, Joined Blues on Joan towards the end of last season from Fourth Division Cambridge United and became a permanent player at St. Androw's during the close season Began life with Norwich City, making 82 senor appearances from the Canaries before transferring to Cambridge United on a free. Left United briefly for a spell in Hong Kong and returned to London Road at the start of 1965/66 after two seasons with Burnley for whom he made 103 first team. seasons with Burnley for whorn he made 103 first team appearances. Has now chalked up well over 250 appearances in English Football. An able replacement for Tony Codden.

Ray Ranson. Pull Back aged 27, height 58 9/sins.

Tony Godden

Ray Ranson Pull Back aged 27, height 5ft 9/4ins weight 12st Born St. Helens June 1960 Impressive and determined infinit-back who had eacht good seasons with Manchester City before joining Blues soon after the stan of the 1984/S season Capped 11 times by England Under 21's he played for the Maine Road Club in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final (and replay) and in all made over 200 appearances for City.

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Brian Roberts Full Back aged 31, heacht 5ft 8urs.
weight 11st 3lbs Born Manchester, November 1956, Full
back experienced, dedicated and efficient who has now
amassed in excess of 350 League and Cup appearances in
a career with Coventry City. Hereford United (on loan)
and Birmingham City whom he joined from Highfield Road
in March 1984 for £10,000

Tommy Williams Full Back aged 29, height 5ft 10 urs.
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Julian Diciss Hull Back aged 19, height 5th Tiris, weight 10st 8lbs Born Bristol, August 1988. Capable defender ever present in season 1986/7. This England Youth International is expected to go on to full honours.

Vince Overson. Defender, aged 25, height 6th, weight 13st 1lb Born Kenering, May 1982. Strapping centre-back signed from Burnley in the summer of 1986. An England Youth International. Vince helped Burnley win the Third Division title in 1982 and in all appeared in well over 250 games for the Turf Moor Club. Once interested Lou Macan.

Des Bremner: Midfield, aged 36, height 5th Unis weight 11st. 11lbs. Born Arbitchder, Scotland, September 1982. Joined Blues October 1984. Career. Hiberman (280).

appositances) Asion Villa (216 appearances) Blues Won one Scottish International Cap. nine at U/23 level and two as a Youth and Schoolboy Gained First Division. Championship and Buropean Cup Winners medal with Asion Villa in 1981 and 1982 Cost Villa 275 000 from Hins

By Dave Eaton

Gary Childs Midfield, aged 23 height 5th Girs, weight 10st 7ths Born Birmingham, April 1964 Has played for both West Bromwich Albion and Walsall before moving to St. Andrew's in the summer.

Ian Bandysides Midfield, aged 25 height 5ft fürs weight 10st 6lbs Born Jarrow. December 1962 In his second spell with Birmingham City having played für Walsall in between times Keen and energetic. Handy made 74 senior appearances for Blues fürst ime round) and then after his £17.000 transfer to Follows Park in 1963 has dided here. Ian Handysides Midfield, aged 25 height he added almost 100 more to his tally before arriving back at St. Andrew's towards the end of March 1986. Currently on a weekly contract with the Blues

Andy Kennedy Striker, aced 22 height 6ft. Im. weight List 6fbs Born Clasgow, October 1984. Hard working striker who joined Blues from Pangers (Scotland) in March 1986 A big favourite at librox Park Andy scored over 20 scals in Scotland. Spent a period on loan with Sheffield United last season where he linked up with our own Seve Foley.

Tony Rees Striker, aged 23, height 5tt 814ms, weight 11st 2ths, Born Menthyr Tydfal, August 1964, Sprightly striker who has been capped by Wales at full U21 and Schoolboy levels Played menalty for Aston Villa and joined Blues in the 1963 close season.

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Steve Whitton Forward, aged 26, height 68, weight 12st 81bs 8om East Ham London December 1960 Immensely powerful player who played 81 games for Coventry City (21 goals) before transferring to West Ham in 1964 With the Hammers Steve added eight more goals to his record in 46 outings before coming to Blues on loan signing on a permanent basis for the start of 1966 7

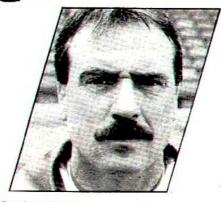
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Steve Wigley Winger, aged 25 height 5ft 8ins, weight 10st. Born Ashton Under Lyne. October 1961, Joined Blues March 1987 from Sheffield United. Another player who has played alongside Steve Foley at Bramall Land

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Garry Pendrey above

Garry is the newly appointed Manager of the St. Andrew's Club Garry first joined Birmingham City as an apprentice 23 years ago. At 20 he was the 'Blues' youngest captain. His summer move to St. Andrew's probably made him the youngest ever Manager of Birmingham City at 38 years of age.

Julian Dicks left

Julian is the highly rated 'Blues' full back who is expected to add to his England Youth honours eventually

 We apologise for the absence of a Birmigham City team photograph, but the St. Andrew's Club have none available at present.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOOTBALL LEAGUE At The County Ground

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For whatever reason Reading Manager Ian Branfoot and A.F.C. boss Harry Redknapp decided to watch our Football Combination match with Chelsea on Tuesday. August 25th, we may never know. There was certainly little to enthuse over with regard to our display as we slumped to our second defeat of the season. A resounding 5-0 defeat against a very youthful Chelsea eleven showed the limitations of some of our players in this match. Admittedly fielding a weakened. team due to injuries and suspensions. there was still not a large age difference between the participants.

Trailing to a first half goal from Billy Dodds the Town suffered further reverses during a one-sided second half when Colin West (2), Jason Morris and Gareth Hall increased the Stamford Bridge Club's lead.

Team: Hammond, Merriman, Casserley, Gittens, Bell, Barnett, Packer, Foley, Rowland, Kennedy, Viveash Substitute: Hunt (for Foley in the 45th minute).

Lapses in defence cost the Town Youth team dear in their South East Counties League fixture at Colchester on Saturday, August 29th.

Lapses by Damien Cullen in goal did not help their cause. After only ten minutes play he let an intended centre from Bennett curl into the net Although the Town had plenty of the play they went further behind after 27 minutes when Cherry capitalised on some sloppy play by the Town defence.

The Town reduced the arrears in the thirty-second minute when Fitzroy. Simpson scored from close range following a centre from Paul Hunt.

Although they were well on top in the second half, the Town missed



several chances before Paul Hunt equalised in the 56th minute.

A similar mistake by the Town's custodian, Cullen, when United scored their first goal, saw Gordon clinch the win that the home side should have been deprived of if some of the Town players had displayed a more positive attitude.

Team: Cullen, Sanderson, Viveash, Hammersly, Bell, Casserly, Packer, Barnett, Hunt, Simpson, O'Neill Substitute: Churchward (for O'Neill in the 60th minute).

*Martin Churchward is the younger brother of former Town keeper Alan, who was released by the Club at the end of last season and is now playing for Cheltenham Town in the G.M. Conference League

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There is little that can be said about a 6-0 defeat which our Football Combination team suffered on Tuesday. September 1st, at the County Ground against Southampton. A team that included more experience than the youthful Southampton team earnt the full wrath of Manager Lou Macari in the dressing room following the final whistle.

The Town opened brightly enough, with one or two offences committed going unpunished by the referee. Whether this contributed to a half-hearted performance from there on is difficult to ascertain.

Whatever the reason 'The Saints' capitalised through Ian Hamilton (23) and Craig Maskell (27) before half time. There was little resistance to Craig Maskell's 53rd minute goal from the penalty spot, and Mathew Le Tissier (2). Craig Maskell completed his hat-trick in the second half adding to the misery of the few spectators present.

Team: Hammond. O'Regan, Casserly, Merriman, Gittens. Henry, Kennedy, Berry, White, Coyne, Simpson Substitute: Bell (not used).

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Our South East Counties team gained their first away point of the season with a well-merited draw against A.F.C. Bournemouth on Wednesday, September 2nd, in a match played at Ringwood F.C.

The Town took the lead when Nigel Packer cut in from the wing in the fourteenth minute and scored with a good shot. Two near misses by Paul Hunt before half-time could well have put the Town in a commanding position before the interval.

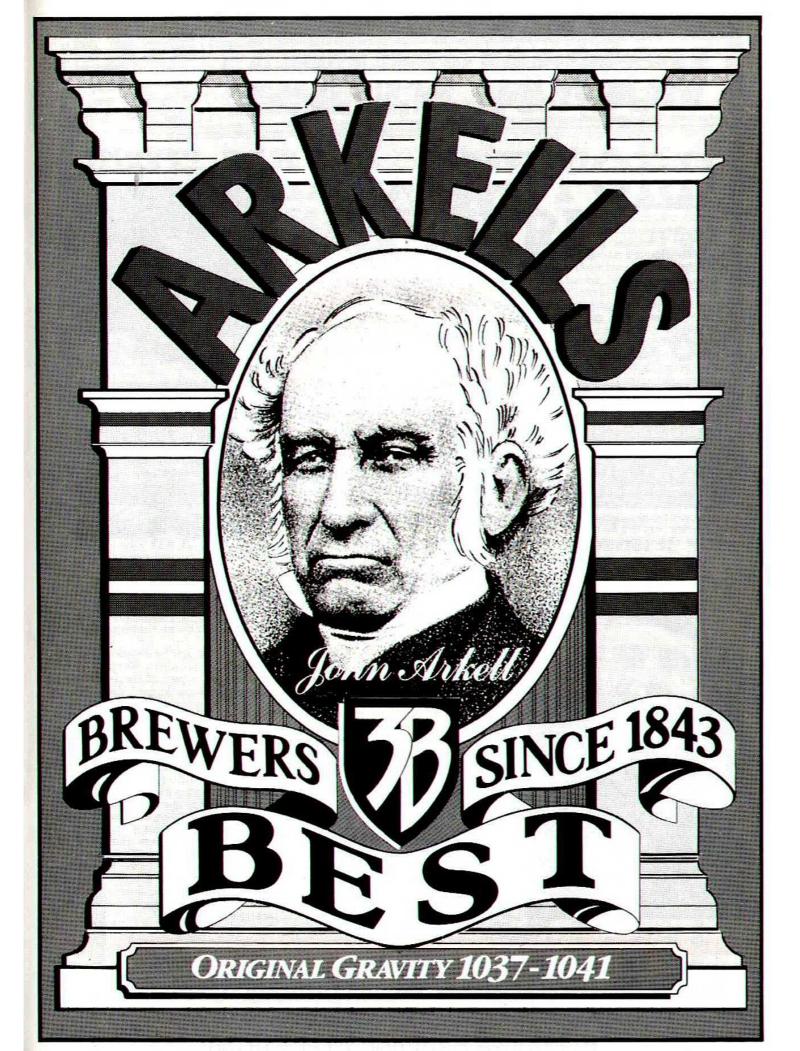
A poor clearance by Adrian Viveash gave Bournemouth's Mitchell the opportunity to equalise when he chipped the ball over the Town's debut-making goalkeeper Scott Goddard.

Both Fitzroy Simpson, who hit the crossbar, and Nigel Packer, with an effort that was scrambled off the goal-line, went near for the Town.

Team: Goddard, Sanderson, Viveash, Packer, Bell, Casserly, Barnett, Simpson, Summerbee, Hunt, Hammersly. Substitutes: Trollope (for Sanderson in 72nd minute), Gassner (not used).

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Peter Downsborough

A Wembley performance repeated only by the 'Polish Clown' in 1973 saw Peter Downsborough play a massive part in bringing Swindon Town their first major trophy.

As Don Rogers tormented the Arsenal back four, Downsborough gained national recognition as he thwarted the Gunners big name strike force. If Bob Wilson still winces at the name of Don Rogers, surely the same can be said of Bobby Gould, John Radford and 'Geordie' Armstrong when thinking of Peter Downsborough's at times unbelievable display.

As the London Club became more desperate, pressure was heaped on Downsborough who seemed at times to be in danger of drowning in a sea of mud caused by a recent Horse of the Year Show.

Born in Halifax in 1943, he progressed from the 'Shaymens' juniors into the first team where he made 148 appearances before joining the 'Town' in a deal that took Bill Atkins to the Shay in 1965. Downsborough proved once more that Danny Williams was a superb judge of talent and a shrewd mover in the transfer market.

A measure of the impact that the arrival of Downsborough was to have on the Town in the fact that the side conceded 15 goals in the





By Michael Scott

last 9 games of the 1964/65 season but only 2 in the first eight games of the 1965/66 season after his arrival.

Oxford United were the visitors in an appropriate 0-0 draw that saw the mighty Downsborough make his first moves in a career that spanned 274 games and ended 7 years later with the visit of Hull City to the County Ground.

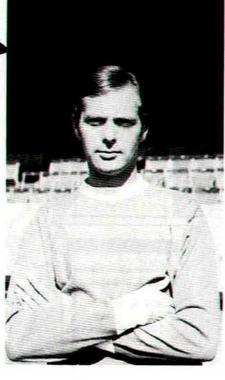
There were many who felt that Peter Downsborough's departure from Swindon Town could have been prevented, but the loyal 'keeper was destined to go, first on loan to Brighton and Hove Albion and then a permanent move to Bradford City.

His service for the Valley Parade Club was such that on the opening day of this season, the Club programme featured an article on the man who also blessed their Club with fine loyalty, making 225 appearances before his retirement at the end of the 1978/79 season, making in excess of 700 appearances in total

It is a shame that his current work at Elland Power Station seems to preclude any lasting involvement in football, but the memories are still there.

"My best moment with the Club (Bradford) was, without doubt, playing in the F.A. Cup quarter final against the eventual winners Southampton in 1976."

There is no doubting to what he refers when he says "That has to be the greatest moment of my career" and indeed one of the greatest moments in the history of Swindon Town, as his contribution to that League Cup win was a major factor in hauling Swindon onto the footballing map.



Owen Dawson

Born in Christchurch, Owen Dawson signed along the coast at Portsmouth, but left for Swindon in 1962 before making his first team debut.

His versatility saw him established in the side, generally appearing at right back, though also a cultured centre half. His performances were honoured with England Youth appearances before joining the Club and this class shone through during his successful eight year spell with the Club making 196 appearances and scoring 4 goals.

He would perhaps have stayed longer and developed more but for an unlucky injury in the lead up to Wembley in 1969. After appearing in every round of the competition in some guise or another. Dawson was injured and missed out on the chance to display his talents in the Wembley showpiece.

It seemed to be a blow from which his career never recovered, making only a handful of further appearances for the Town'. A free transfer followed, as did emigration to South Africa to live, unrecognised, as the one Swindon player who could find disappointment in that great triumph of '69.

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Manchester United defender Graeme Hogg put the brakes on his pre-season transfer to Manchester City. The deal, worth £250,000, was held up because of his request for a loyalty bonus from the Old Trafford Club.

The Club refused and Hogg stayed-put resting his case. The evidence He had made 74 League appearances since joining United, including eleven last season, during eight years at Old Trafford The verdict No comment... Over to you John Trollope

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Four Clubs declined to name their bank, but two did admit it was not Barclays.

The Football League are not the only Centurions...

When todays visitors, Birmigham City, met Aston Villa on August 22nd, it was the 100th meeting between the Clubs, it was also a century since their first meeting.

The two Clubs had met at Birmingham's Muntz Street ground in a second round F.A. Cup tie on November 6th 1887 when an estimated crowd of 10,000 saw Villa win 4-0.

There were side attractions to football even in those days for Buffalo Bill Cody's travelling rodeo show attracted 10,000 to nearby Aston Lower Grounds.

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Seventeen . . . Seventeen . . .

Seventeen Barclay Football League' Clubs started the season with new managers in charge. These are the men, division by division:

First Division: Colin Harvey (Everton), Ray Harford (Luton Town), Dave Bassett (Watford), Bobby Gould (Wimbledon).

Second Division: Graham Taylor (Aston Villa), Garry Pendry (of Todays visitors Birmingham City), John Duncan (Ipswich Town).

Third Division: Bobby Roberts (Grimsby Town). John Barnwell (Notts County), Kevin Randall (Chesterfield), Gerry Francis (Bristol Rovers), Dick Bate (Southend United), Dennis Smith (Sunderland), Bobby Saxton (York City). Fourth Division: Asa Hartford (Stockport County), Cyril Knowles (Torquay United).

There Really is a 'Socker Samba' . . .

Two players were sent off and five booked as fighting broke out during Brazil's recent 2-0 defeat of Chile.

Caught Out . . . On and Off the Field . .

Notts County's new closed circuit T.V. is proving very useful. Several fans, sitting in seats they had not paid for, have been caught out.

Portsmouth midfield player Kevin Dillon has settled his pay dispute and signed a new two-year contract. He had said he would never play for the Club again.... I've heard it said before....

Advertising the Town in the Gulf!

Town fan Tony Busson is able to keep up with news on the Town while serving in the Gulf.

Tony, who used to live in Highworth receives copies of the local Evening Advertiser on board H.M.S. Abdiel escorting minesweeper during the Middle East conflict.

Tony's mother-in-law sends him the 'Evening Advertiser' so that he can keep track of the Town.

Tony lives with his wife Angela and their two children in Rosyth, Scotland.

Conscience?..

Dear sir.

On the 18th August 1 visited your ground to see Swindon play Bristol City.

At the end of the evening I swung on the plastic guttering on the edge of the stand, and unfortunately it came down.

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8 Lyons Court Road, Stockwood, Bristol Comment . Obviously one of the nicer sides of football. We would like to compliment the policeman who aprehended Mr. Stockwood and his noble gesture in paying the ensuing bill .

West of England Football Programme Fair...

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The above Programme Fair will take place tomorrow. Sunday September 13th, at the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotel, Redcliffe Way, Bristol between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

On the Move ...

Former free scoring Town striker Alan Mayes, now 32, has joined Wycombe Wanderers from Third Division Blackpool

At the G.M. Vauxhall Conference Club he was newly appointed Peter Suddaby's first signing since his recent appointment as Manager.

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A Man with Two Hats ...

Gerry Francis is to join the Bristol Rovers' board. The Manager will put £12,500 into the Club to become an Assistant Director.

It is the first step towards the former England skipper becoming a full member of the board. Rovers' present five Directors have each injected £25,000 into the Club, in addition to providing bank guarantees.

When he was first appointed Manager in July, Francis offered to put money into the Club in return for a seat on the board. It was considered to his advantage to let him settle

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into the job first.

A Change of Heart? . .

Former Bristol Rovers manager Bobby Gould has taken over a bunch of Third Division footballers, playing in the First on a Fourth Division ground.

That was Dave Bassetts assessment of Wimbledon as he left to become boss of Watford.

His quote is one of a collection forming an entertaining new feature in the latest edition of the 'News of the World' Football Annual

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two matches, the first brought the following comments from the locally regarded press with the Second Leg of our First Round match of the Littlewoods Cup at Ashton Gate.

Clive King saw our eventual move into the Second Round like this.

But few will believe how close Lou Macari's side came to an inglorious exit at Ashton Gate last night.

Their three-goal lead from the first leg looked shockingly flimsy from the time David Moyes rattled the crossbar in the fifth minute.

Paul Hickson, of the Western Daily Press' also witnessed our narrow escape by reporting.

Bristol City challenged the odds and almost hit the jackpot at Ashton Gate last night.

The three goal deficit was quickly whittled down, much to the dismay of the Town followers. Paul summed it all up in a few words.

They needed to overturn a three goal deficit to go into the Littlewoods Cup second round draw.

Gordon Owen's second double in four days put them in sight of their target before sanity prevailed.

Paul was concerned for Lou's mental state as he described the traumatic happenings at Ashton Gate.

Lou Macari went scouting for new players and missed his side's near collapse.

It was just as well for his nerves might have been as frayed as assistant John Trollope's by the finish.

David Harrison of the Today newspaper was painting the picture of Ron Saunders future if we happened to win at West Bromwich Albion, before we travelled to the Hawthorns for our second away league match of the season.

I understand Saunders' future will not be finally decided until after Saturdays home game against Swindon. Defeat, and a further drop in support will leave the West Brom board with no other option but to dismiss the man they appointed 18 months ago.

Ron was reported to have received the dreaded seal of approval at a board meeting on the eve of the match. There was no reprieve for his team the following afternoon, as the Birmingham 'Sports Argus' reporter Derek Lawrenson described.

Swindon's Jimmy Quinn scored a 67th minute goal to send Albion crashing to their third defeat of the

Albion had been desperately poor in the first half and had Tony Kelly

Swindon totally dominated that opening period and John Kelly deservedly put them in front.

And although Bennett equalised, the visitors winning goal came after Robson and Singleton had almost scored at the opposite end.

The 'Western Daily Press' saw our goalless draw with Hull City on the Bank Holiday Monday as fortunate.

Swindon moved up a place in the Second Division table with a fortunate draw at the County Ground last night.

Under pressure for long periods they survived thanks only to a series of incredible misses by the Hull strikers and the agility of goalkeeper Fraser Digby.

Clive King of the local Evening Advertiser' saw the contest as one which probably just about deserved to end all square as he said

The Town dragged deep into their stamina reserves to stage a gutsy late rally in an attempt to steal victory.

But, in the end, they had to be content with just one of the points . . . not that they could grumble about

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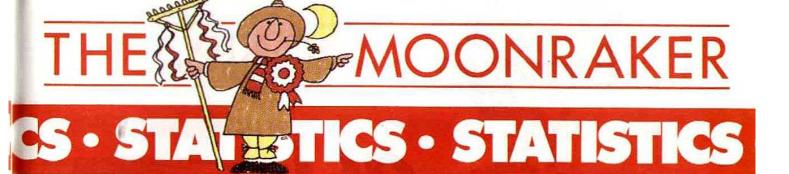
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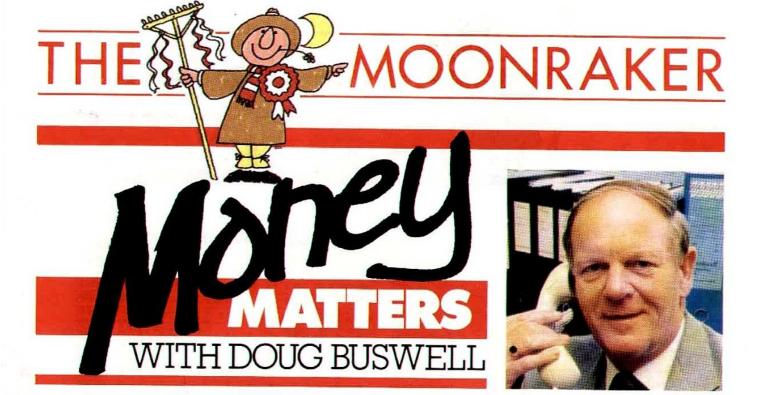
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Fraser Digby
Chris Kamara
Phil King
Tim Parkin
Jimmy Quinn
Leigh Barnard
Dave Hockaday
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John Kelly
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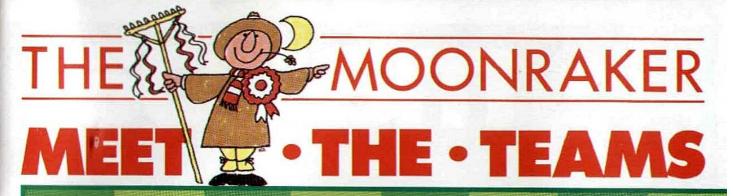
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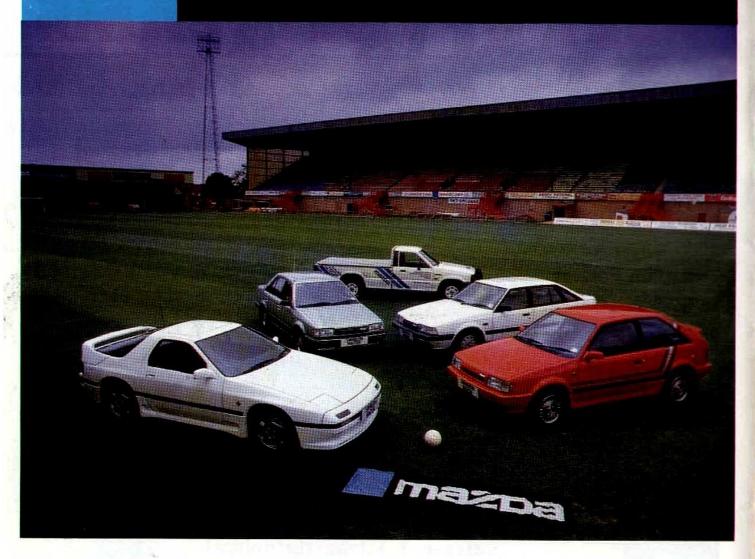
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