

The **ROVERS**

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



Tuesday, 10th November 1987
Kick-off 7.30pm

v SWINDON TOWN



SIMOD CUP
FIRST ROUND

Price 30p

Welcome

SWINDON TOWN

Fraser Digby (Born: Sheffield). The former Manchester United apprentice spent two loan periods at the County Ground before eventually joining the Club for a fee of £25,000 in December 1986. Fraser's outstanding displays last season not only helped Swindon Town to gain promotion for the second successive season but also helped him to gain England Under-21 honours. He had previously been capped at Schoolboy and Youth level.

Nicky Hammond. (Born: Essex) Signed on a free transfer from Arsenal in July 1987. The former Highbury Club Keeper had a brief loan period with Bristol Rovers last season where he made his League debut against Blackpool on 27th September 1986 at Twerton Park. Nicky also spent loan periods with Scottish Club Aberdeen and with Peterborough United last campaign, without appearing in their senior team.

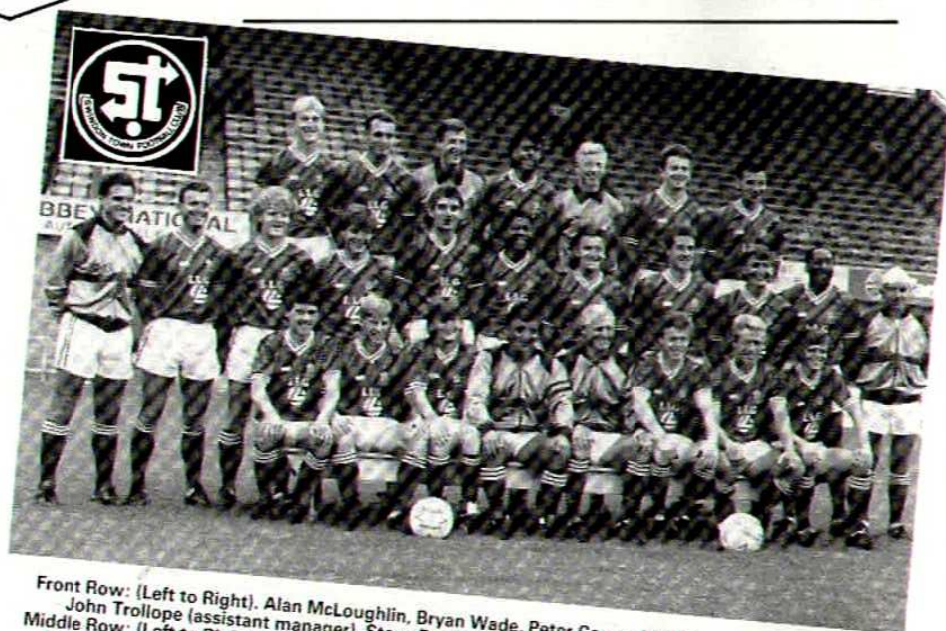
Dave Hockaday. (Born: Billingham). The former Blackpool player moved to the County Ground in August 1983. After several seasons of appearing in midfield or as a winger the Billingham born player made the successful transition to full-back during Swindon Town's Fourth Division Championship winning season of 1985/86. Dave is one of only two players to remain on the County Ground staff from the day Lou Macari was appointed to the position of Team Manager in July 1984. An influential member of last seasons promotion campaign from Division Three. The Town full-back should make his three-hundredth League appearance in the early part of this season.

Terry Merriman. (Born: Oxford). The former Coventry City defender joined the County Ground staff in July 1987 on a free transfer. Terry, who had joined the Highfield Road Club as an apprentice, found his appearances limited to the "Sky Blues" Central League team last season. Terry is another newcomer to Swindon Town who will be eagerly looking to make his League debut this season.

Alan McLoughlin. (Born: Manchester). The former Manchester United defender joined Swindon Town on a free transfer in July 1986. Alan did not appear in the Old Trafford Clubs League team and made his debut for Swindon Town against Newport County at Somerton Park on September 6th 1986 in a 2-2 draw. Alan is a versatile performer who can play in a variety of positions. He spent a period on loan to Torquay United last season.

Phil King. (Born: Bristol). The Bristol born full-back joined Swindon Town from Torquay United for a fee of £12,500 in March 1987. Phil quickly slotted into the Town defence and helped the Club to eventual promotion. The former Torquay defender had only been with the Plainmoor Club for a few months following his move from Devon neighbours Exeter City in July 1986. A Football League tribunal had settled the fee between the two Devon Clubs at £3,000. During his brief spell at Torquay Phil was the subject of interest from Tottenham Hotspur and he spent a brief spell training with the White Hart Lane Club.

Tim Parkin. (Born: Penrith). Joined Swindon Town from Bristol Rovers in July 1986 for a Football League Tribunal settled fee of £27,500. The former Rovers stalwart eventually esta-



Front Row: (Left to Right). Alan McLoughlin, Bryan Wade, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (team manager), John Trollope (assistant manager), Steve Berry (now Aldershot), Leigh Barnard, Mark Jones.
Middle Row: (Left to Right). Andy Rowland (player/coach), Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Terry Merriman, Dave Bamber, Jon Gittens, John Kelly, Steve White, Steve Foley, Chris Ramsey (now Southend), Kevin Morris (physiotherapist).
Back Row: (Left to Right). Tim Parkin, Jimmy Quinn, Fraser Digby, Chris Kamara, Nicky Hammond, Charlie Henry, Colin Calderwood.

blished himself in the Town defence and was prominent in helping the Club to promotion last season. Tim began his career with Blackburn Rovers before moving to the Continent for a brief spell with Swedish Club Malmo. On his return to the Football League with Bristol Rovers he proved to be a great favourite with the fans of the former Eastville Club.

Colin Calderwood. (Born: Stranraer). Stranraer born, Colin, had the distinction of captaining Swindon Town to promotion in consecutive seasons. It is a measure of the dedication and fitness of the former Mansfield Town defender that he has not missed a single match for the Club since his £27,500 move in July 1985. Tipped by many to gain eventual honours with Scotland, Colin has often been the target for many of the leading Clubs in both England and Scotland. After completing a century of League appearances for Mansfield Town, Colin is set to do likewise with the Wiltshire Club in the early part of this season.

Jon Gittens. (Born: Moseley). Jon moved to the County Ground in July 1987 and therefore became the fifth close season signing for Lou Macari, the former Southampton central defender cost Swindon Town £40,000 at a Football League Tribunal appeal. Jon had joined the First Division Club from non-League Birmingham Club Paget Rangers. Jon first attracted the attention of Lou Macari when he gave a commanding display against Ian Rush when the Welsh International was with Liverpool. Further impressive displays against Swindon town for "the Saints" in last seasons Littlewoods Challenge Cup prompted the Town manager to move for the Saints defender.

Chris Kamara. (Born: Middlesbrough). The Middlesbrough born player is now in his second spell at the County Ground, Chris rejoined the Club from Brentford in August 1985 for a fee of

£12,500. His earlier spell with the Club came following a move from Portsmouth in July 1977. One of the few players to have appeared for two clubs in different spells. Chris rejoined the Fratton Park Club in 1981 although his second spell with "Pompey" was short lived. Chris, who celebrated his 400th League appearance last season against his home town club at Ayresome Park, was the driving force in the Town's midfield section as the Club moved into Division Two.

Peter Coyne. (Born: Manchester). Following some brilliant displays with England Schoolboys Peter joined Manchester United. His early promise declined after two appearances in the Old Trafford Clubs League line up and following a free transfer he drifted into non-League football. Peter eventually returned to League action with Crew Alexandra where he spent four seasons with the Gresty Road Club. Another free transfer took him back to non-League soccer and it was from Hyde United in August 1984 that Lou Macari signed Peter for £5,000. He probably played the best football of his career in the first half of the Clubs Fourth Division Championship winning season of 1985/86.

Leigh Barnard. (Born: Worsley). Leigh, along with Dave Hockaday, is one of the only two players remaining from the squad of players who were at the County Ground before the arrival of Lou Macari in July 1984. Leigh was actually signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in July 1982. A player with endless stamina, Leigh has now made nearly 200 League appearances for Swindon Town. Once had a loan spell with Exeter City and actually played for the Devon Club against Swindon Town!

Charlie Henry. (Born: Acton). One of Swindon

Towns most popular players over recent seasons. His natural enthusiasm for the game having won him many admirers, Charlie originally joined the Club as an apprentice. Capable of playing in a variety of positions. At the completion of the Towns Fourth Division Championship winning season of 1985/86 he was the Clubs leading goalscorer with 18 goals. Last season was more difficult for Charlie in Division Three as he struggled to recapture his form of the previous season. Another of the Town players close to completing a personal milestone for he is now approaching 200 League appearances. Charlie spent brief loan periods with Torquay United and Northampton Town last season.

Mark Jones. (Born: Berinsfield). Mark moved to the County Ground in October 1986 from Oxford United for a fee of £25,000. He joined the Manor Road Ground Club as an apprentice and helped the meteoric rise of the Club to the First Division. Mark spent an initial loan period at the County Ground before his eventual signing. His non-stop running was a contributory factor in Lou Macari's decision to bring him to Swindon. Once again Mark proved to be as lucky an omen for Swindon Town as he had previously for Oxford United! Another season of promotion followed.

Steve Foley. (Born: Liverpool). Another of Lou Macari's close season captures. Steve moved South to join Swindon Town from Sheffield United in July 1987 for a Football League Tribunal fee of £35,000. The Liverpool born player began his career as an apprentice with Liverpool. Steve failed to make the Anfield Clubs League line up and actually made his League debut while on loan to Fulham. Eventually given a free transfer from Anfield he joined Grimsby Town in the close season of 1984, making 31 League appearances for the Blundell Park Club. Once again given a free transfer he

joined Sheffield United in July 1985. During two seasons with the Bramall Lane Club he made 55 League appearances. Steve finished last season as the Yorkshire leading goalscorer with 9 goals.

John Kelly. (Born: Bebbington). John's move from Chester City for a £15,000 transfer fee in July 1987 was Lou Macari's first venture into the Summer transfer market in an attempt to strengthen his squad of players in preparation for the Club's return to Second Division soccer. John had previously spent his career with Tranmere Rovers before making eventual moves to Preston North End for a fee of £35,000 and then to Chester City. John was much sought after during the Summer months receiving approaches from Bristol City, Wigan Athletic and Port Vale before deciding to settle for the County Ground.

Jimmy Quinn. (Born: Belfast). The Northern Ireland International rejoined Swindon Town from Blackburn Rovers in December 1986 for a fee of £50,000. Jim had originally joined Swindon Town from Oswestry Town in 1982. The tall striker had made 49 League appearances in his first spell at the County Ground before moving North to join the Ewood Park Club in a £32,000 transfer deal. Ironically it was the first of Lou Macari's transfer deals for Swindon Town. Jim scored 9 goals in last seasons successful promotion bid.

Dave Bamber. (Born: St. Helens). The much travelled striker has probably produced the best soccer of his career with Swindon Town following his move from Portsmouth in March 1986. Dave had previously spent a loan period with the Club prior to his £12,500 move. Few would question that he has played a prominent role in the County Ground Clubs successive seasons of promotion. Dave began his career with Blackpool and his early promise attracted

the attention of First Division Coventry City where he moved in 1983. Subsequent moves to Walsall and Portsmouth were a prelude to his eventual move to Swindon Town. A maker and taker of goals, he could be a key factor in the Clubs hopes for consolidation this season. Dave scored 19 League and Cup goals last campaign.

Steve White. (Born: Chipping Sodbury). Incredibly allowed to join Swindon Town on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July 1986. What a signing he proved to be for the Club as he headed both the League and Football Combination goalscoring charts for the 1986/87 season. The Chipping Sodbury born striker had two spells with Bristol Rovers where he began his League career. Steve left Rovers after his first spell in a £200,000 move to Luton Town. He eventually rejoined Rovers in August 1983 from Charlton Athletic. Steve wrote his way into the Wiltshire Club's history when his two goals gave Swindon Town that vital 2-0 win against Gillingham at Selhurst Park, Crystal Palace on May 29th 1987 and ensured their passage into the Second Division this season.

Bryan Wade. (Born: Bolton). Plucked from the virtual obscurity of non-League soccer with Southern League Trowbridge Town for a nominal fee in the summer of 1985. Bryan had previously had a spell with Bath City following his rejection after trials with Manchester City. A strong and powerful player with pace, he often causes defenders problems with his forceful play. Bryan scored many crucial goals in Swindon Town's consecutive seasons of promotion.

Bobby Barnes. (Born: Kingston). Started his career with West Ham making almost 50 appearances in their team. Following a loan spell with Scunthorpe, he was transferred to Aldershot in 1986. Moved on to Swindon earlier this season.

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Round One matches to be played the week commencing 9th November. The sixteen winners will go forward to Round Two and those eight ties will be played during the week commencing 30th November. The eight winning clubs will be joined for Round Three by Everton, Norwich City, Wimbledon, Luton Town, Nottingham Forest, Watford, Coventry City and Southampton. These third round ties will be played during the week commencing 18th January and quarter-final ties during the week commencing 8th February. Semi-finals will be during the week commencing 29th February and the Final will be at Wembley on Sunday, 27th March.

There will be a draw at each stage of the competition with the matches being played on the ground of the first-named club.

You might like to know that the winners will receive £60,000, the runners-up £30,000 and the losing semi-finalists £15,000 each.

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND

Oxford United	v.	Crystal Palace
Charlton Athletic	v.	Hull City
Chelsea	v.	Barnsley
Leeds United	v.	Sheffield United
Portsmouth	v.	Stoke City
Queens Park R.	v.	Reading
Manchester City	v.	Plymouth Argyle
West Ham United	v.	Millwall
Sheffield Wed.	v.	A.F.C. Bournemouth
Newcastle United	v.	Shrewsbury
Derby County	v.	Birmingham City
Oldham Athletic	v.	West Bromwich A.
Ipswich Town	v.	Middlesbrough
Aston Villa	v.	Bradford City
Leicester City	v.	Huddersfield Town
Blackburn Rovers	v.	Swindon Town

TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Name: Paul Allsop. **Age:** 11 years
School: Witton Park High School
Hobbies: Football, Programme Collecting, Computers and supporting Blackburn Rovers
Favourite Rovers Player: Simon Garner

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David Mail
Ian Miller
Nicky Reid
Mark Patterson
Simon Garner
Scott Sellars

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Nicky Hammond
David Hockaday
Phil King
Leigh Barnard
Tim Parkin
Colin Calderwood
Dave Bamber
Chris Kamara
Jimmy Quinn
Steve Foley
Bobby Barnes

TONIGHT'S REFEREE: A. Seville. (Birmingham)

LINESMEN:

S. D. Bell "Yellow Flag". J. Higham "Yellow Flag with Red Trim"



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