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CONTRARY to what some newspapers might have you believe my comments following our 2-1 defeat at Crystal Palace last Sunday were not a heat-of-the-moment outburst.

I recognise the seriousness of my remarks in criticising match officials but I felt that, on behalf of my club, my players and those fans who travelled to South London, leaving Sheffield at seven a.m., some sort of statement was called for.

The game is going through a difficult season as far as the liaison between those who play and those who officiate are concerned and it is not by policy, as a rule, to add fuel to this particular flame.

But in a weekend which saw other managers, including Terry Venables at Tottenham and John Sillett at Coventry and Mick Mills of Stoke, speak out, my own comments should be taken in general context. What I said was nothing more than these distinguished managers felt obliged to say; that our livelihoods are in the hands of match officials and sometimes they don't get it right.

Since the season began there has been mounting evidence of a gap between managers and players on one hand and officials on the other but suggestions of a summit to clear the air and start again have not come to anything and this, I feel, is a pity.

At Palace I felt we were extremely hard done by. Hans Segers made as brilliant a penalty save as I have seen in a long time but a linesman informed the referee that the keeper had moved and the kick was re-taken. I do not consider Hans moved and the goalkeeper himself confirmed this. He thought the kick was being re-taken because of some other infringement, a player in the area perhaps.

We had been unhappy with the referee and linesman throughout the afternoon but the indecision by a flag-man in not intervening when Colin Morris was clearly fouled as Palace made their build up to the winning goal was the last straw.

The penalty turned the match and this second incident cost us a point when, on the day, we were looking good enough to have won the game. The headlines on Monday morning were a bit startling but there are moments when a manager has to make his point and accept whatever the consequences may be.

It may be that I shall be reprimanded but, if so, then I would expect the same treatment to be given to all the other managers I have mentioned. But the larger issue remains and that is the lack of confidence we in the game are able to enjoy when we send our teams out.

This is something I would wish to see restored. No one minds losing but there are ways to lose and, at Palace, it was not the acceptable way.

Let us hope for better fortune this Sunday against Swindon than we had a week ago in South London.

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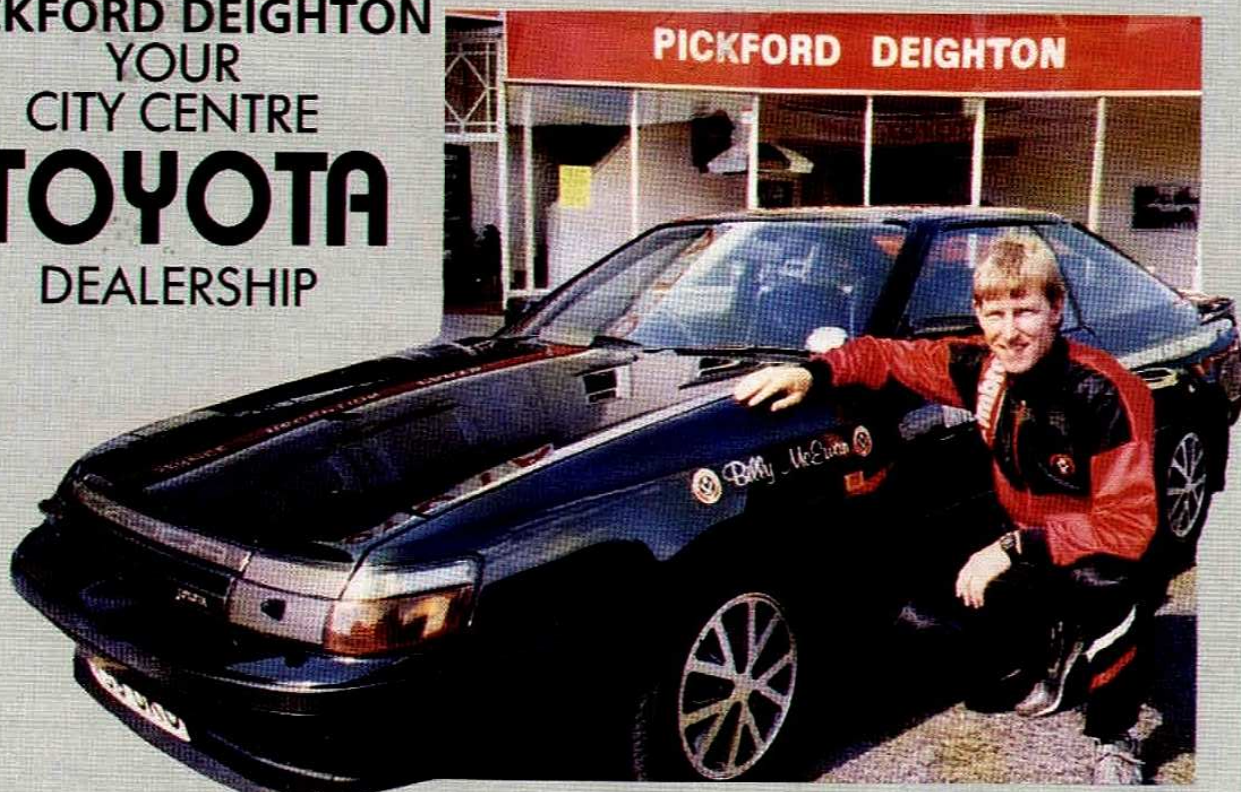
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SUPPORTERS PLEASE NOTE

The Match at Millwall on Monday 28 December will Kick-off at 11.30am.
















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BLADES WELCOME



SWINDON TOWN

by TONY PULLEIN and ANDREW KIRKHAM



Swindon go for all-time record

Swindon Town have risen from the Fourth to the Second Division in successive seasons and, by the end of October, they seemed to have a real chance of becoming the first club ever to rise right the way through the four divisions in consecutive years.

They then suffered a few adverse results and it looks as if they will probably settle for a middle-of-the-table position, though manager Lou Macari has certainly not abandoned hope of achieving further promotion this term.

In 1986 Swindon walked away with the Fourth Division Championship, setting up a new Football League record of 102 points. Last season they finished third in Division Three, earning a place in the play-offs. They defeated Wigan 3-2 in the semi-final and then had to go to a third game with Gillingham in the final after finishing 2-2 on aggregate. Swindon ultimately beat the Gills by 2-0 at Selhurst Park and thus stepped back into the Second Division for the first time since 1974.

Mr Macari made several new signings during the summer. Defenders Keiran O'Regan and Jon Gittens came from Brighton and Southampton respectively.

Midfield man John Kelly was signed from Chester whilst forward Steve Foley was, of course, with us at Bramall Lane.

Hammond came into the side when Fraser Digby was injured in October but he was succeeded by England under-21 'keeper Tim Flowers, who has been on loan from Southampton.

Flowers has been lining up behind a back four of David Hockaday, Colin Calderwood, Tim Parkin and Phil King.

Barnes recently scored seven goals in a six-game sequence and has taken some of the goalscoring responsibility away from N. Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn who is now the Second Division's leading scorer with 20 goals.

Dave Bamber usually plays in attack with Quinn, whilst Barnes has been utilised in midfield where he usually teams up with Chris Kamara and Leigh Barnard.

Forward Steve White and Charlie Henry, a versatile player, are often nominated as substitutes.

Swindon have a good away record with League victories at W.B.A. (2-1), Middlesbrough (3-2) and Barnsley (1-0) to their credit. They also drew at Millwall (2-2). Swindon were beaten at Bradford City (0-2), Ipswich (2-3), Crystal Palace (1-2), Leicester (2-3), Leeds (2-4) and Aston Villa (1-2).

The Robins reached the third round of the Littlewoods Cup with aggregate victories over Bristol City (5-3) and First Division Portsmouth (6-2). After being held at home by Watford (1-1), they lost the replay 2-4.

In the first round of the Simod Cup, Swindon dismissed the holders Blackburn Rovers by 2-1 at Ewood Park and they are now at home to Derby in the next round.

SWINDON DELIGHTED THEY HAD CHANGE OF MIND OVER MACARI

One of the wisest decisions ever taken by the Swindon directors was to re-instate Lou Macari as manager in April 1985 — five days after they had sacked him. That first decision had caused such a shock in the town and led to a petition from the players to have the boss returned to office.

Happily, the situation was soon normalised, Mr Macari continued to lay his plans to see the club rise from their home at the time in the Fourth Division. These began to be realised when Swindon won the Championship of Division Four in 1986 and followed that with further promotion last season.

Mr Macari spent his distinguished playing career with Celtic and Manchester United. He celebrated his first Celtic game with a goal in 1969 and, whilst with the Celts, he played in five Cup finals.

After being capped twice at under-23 level, he made his debut for the full Scotland team in 1972 and went on to collect 24 caps for his country.

Manchester United signed him for £200,000 in 1973 and for more than a decade he starred in the United side, scoring regularly.

He was appointed player-manager of Swindon during the summer of 1984 and played on for one more season before retiring to concentrate fully upon the managerial side.



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

UNITED v SWINDON TOWN

Today's game is the 10th between the two clubs. The results of the previous nine games are listed below, United's score first.

	Division	Home	Away
1969-70	2	1-2	1-2
1970-71	2	2-1	0-3
1979-80	3	2-1	2-3
1980-81	3	3-0	2-5
1987-88	2		0-2

As can be seen, there have been no draws as yet, and United have lost all their games at Swindon.

Swindon are the only club to have won more than half their

games with the Blades, they have so far won 6 out of 9.

The clubs have met in some Cup games, all in the F.A. Cup. United's record against Swindon is as unsuccessful as their League record, being:

P3 W0 D1 L2 F2 A4

FIRST LEAGUE MEETING

The clubs first met in the League at Swindon on 11th October 1969. Swindon, watched by 21,770 people, won 2-1 thanks to goals by Peter Noble and Don Rogers. Alan Woodward scored United's goal. The Blade's team was:

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SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL

Player	Birthplace	Date of Birth	Previous Clubs
Dave Bamber	St. Helens	1.2.59	Blackpool, Coventry, Walsall, Portsmouth
Leigh Barnard	Worsley	29.10.58	Portsmouth
Bobby Barnes	Kingston	17.12.62	West Ham, Aldershot
Colin Calderwood	Stranraer	20.1.65	Mansfield
Peter Coyne	Manchester	13.11.58	Man. Utd., Crewe
Fraser Digby	Sheffield	23.4.67	—
Steve Foley	Liverpool	4.10.62	Grimsby, Sheff. Utd.
Jon Gittens	Moseley	22.1.64	Southampton
Nicky Hammond	Essex	7.9.67	Arsenal
Charlie Henry	Acton	13.2.62	—
Dave Hockaday	Billingham	9.11.57	Blackpool, Exeter, Torquay
Mark Jones	Berinsfield	26.9.81	Oxford Utd.
Chris Kamara	Middlesbrough	25.12.57	Portsmouth, Brentford
Phil King	Bristol	28.12.67	Exeter, Torquay
Kieran O'Regan	Cork	9.11.63	Brighton
Tim Parkin	Penrith	31.12.57	Blackburn, Bristol Rovers
Jimmy Quinn	Belfast	18.11.59	Blackburn
Bryan Wade	Bath	25.6.63	—
Steve White	Chipping Sodbury	2.1.59	Bristol Rovers, Luton, Charlton

BLADES WELCOME Continued

LAST LEAGUE MEETINGS

Prior to this season, the clubs last met, in Division 3, in 1980-81. The first meeting was at the Lane, on 6th September, United winning 3-0. The attendance was 12,089, and the scorers were Kenworthy (pen.), Trusson and Peters.

The teams were:

United: Richardson, Cutbush, Houston, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, Tibbott, Trusson, Butlin, Hatton, Peters (Garner).

Swindon: Allan, Lewis, Peach, Kamara, Rolling, Carter, Miller, Hamilton, Rowland (Henry), Mayes, Greenwood.

United lost the return match on 14th February, by 2-5. Again Tony Kenworthy scored with a penalty and Bob Hatton added the second. For Swindon, Rowland scored a hat-trick, Williams scored with a penalty and Miller also scored. 6,305 watched the game.

SWINDON TOWN IN THE LEAGUE

This season is Swindon's 61st as a League club. They were elected to Division 3 (to become Division 3S the following season) for season 1920-21, and have been in the League since. Their opening League fixture was at home to Luton Town on 28th August 1920. Swindon won 9-1.

This is Swindon's first season in Division 2 since 1973-4. Last season they were promoted from Division 3, via the play-off system. The previous season they were promoted, as Champions, from Division 4.

To the start of this season, Swindon's League record was:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Division 2 (7 seasons)	294	92	82	120	367	427
Division 3 (18 seasons)	828	333	220	275	1244	1067
Division 4 (4 seasons)	184	87	39	58	263	211
Division 3S (31 seasons)	1334	491	333	510	2058	2130
Total (60 seasons)	2640	1003	674	963	3932	3835
1939-40 (Division 3S)	3	0	1	2	2	4
Play-offs (1986-7)	5	3	1	1	7	4
Last season home	23	14	5	4	37	19
away	23	11	7	5	40	28

Swindon finished 3rd in Division 3 last season, 7 points behind Middlesbrough in second place. They beat Wigan in the

play-off semi-final and then they overcame Gillingham in the final, which required a third game, the scores being level after two legs.

Highest League position	5th, Division 2, 1969-70
Lowest League position	17th, Division 4, 1983-4
Championships	Division 4, 1985-6
Times promoted	4 (once as Champions)
Times relegated	3
Re-election	3 times to Division 3S (1932-3, 1955-6, 1956-7)
Long sequences in a Division	31 seasons, Division 3S, 1920-58
Most frequent opponents (including this season)	Watford (43 seasons) Northampton (42), Reading and Southend (41)
Most frequent Division 2 opponents	Middlesbrough (8), Cardiff and Portsmouth (7)
Swindon have played 91 other clubs in League games, including Stoke City who they meet for the first time this season. They have yet to meet Arsenal, Chelsea, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester Utd., Scarborough, Tottenham, West Ham and Wolves. They have, however, met 9 ex-League clubs.	

ODDITIES

Swindon's 9-1 victory in their first ever League match is the best performance, by far, by a club in their opening fixture. Only Manchester City (7-0 winners), and Burton United (7-1 winners), come close to Swindon's achievement.

Swindon have never scored, nor conceded, double figures in a League game — hence their 9 goals in their opening fixture has not yet been beaten.

In 1985-86, Swindon won 32 games in Division 4 — a record for that Division, shared with Lincoln. Swindon's 102 points is also a record since 3 points have been given for a win.

Although United first met Swindon in the League in 1969, and in the F.A. Cup in 1907, United did play at Swindon on 12th November 1892, in a friendly fixture. The Blades won 6-0 and the crowd was around 4,000.

Swindon are one of 6 clubs to have played in Division 3S in all its 31 seasons, (1920-58).

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What The Papers Say...

v Leeds United (0-3)
Simod Cup
Wednesday, 25th November, 1987
Tony Pritchett reported:

United began grittily enough, defended with spirit and held out promise of a night of defiance as Stancliffe and Smith, with Segers behind them, did a fine containing job. But the suspicion that, while United could defend, they could not attack slowly hardened and it was 42 minutes before Leeds were in any trouble. Then Stancliffe's header from a corner and Beagrie's follow-up shot were blocked on the line.

Taylor volleyed a lovely opening goal with Segers, looking in good heart and form, left with no chance. Again the goalkeeper was stranded when Kevin Noteman ran through the middle, round him and scored a goal greeted with sheer delight. The third, headed in by Rennie might have been converted by any of three players queuing up.

United had again looked short of midfield and finishing strength, although Mendonca cheerfully ran all night. They could scarcely complain at the end at the defeat or even the margin of it.

v Huddersfield Town (2-2)
Saturday, 5th December, 1987
Peter Keeling of the Sunday Express wrote:
 When Dempsey put Sheffield ahead following a mistake by Steve Walford, the lead lasted only seven minutes before Ian Banks scored with a typical thunderbolt drive.

Sheffield opened the second half with more purpose and in the 55th minute looked as though they were going to get a grip on the game when Peter Duffield scored his first League goal, a splendid effort from a Stancliffe flick-on after a Morris corner.

But when Andy May came on, Huddersfield took a midfield grip that led to Graham Cooper's 71st minute equaliser at the far post after a measured Cork centre.

v Huddersfield Town (2-2)
Saturday, 5th December, 1987
Tony Pritchett commented:
 It ended 2-2 and the fact that Billy McEwan's team had three chances to pinch it in the last five minutes should not be allowed to cloud the 90-minute judgement that a draw was fair.

United were clearly on edge and injuries and suspensions dogged selection so much that one of their subs, Cadette, was not fit enough even to do a short stint. "It was", said Billy McEwan bleakly, "him or me on the bench."

United, with Duffield and Withe forming a new strike partnership, were unable to ruffle Huddersfield.

Duffield, sharp, young and nimble, set up



Dempsey for the first goal which Huddersfield thought offside and then the equaliser came from a vintage Banks strike when United, in turn, expected the whistle for a foul on Morris.

Pike, roving fiercely up and down the left side, was the team's most influential player in this spell, backed up by some touches from Morris on the left, Duffield's bravado and impressive professionalism from goalkeeper Segers.

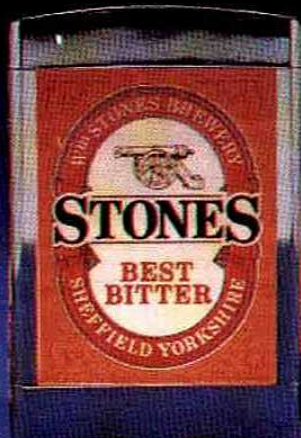
When Duffield, striking a superb volley from a corner, restored United's lead, it seemed that home advantage, if nothing else, might carry the team through. But Cooper scored as he had threatened to do earlier.

In the last five minutes, Barnsley nearly scored; Morris should have done, and the disappointing Dempsey hooked one over.



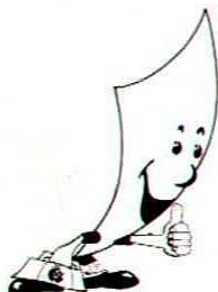
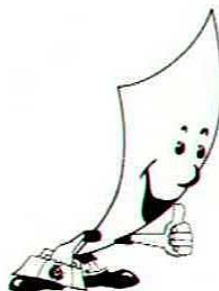
"Peter Duffield—laid on the first goal and scored the second against Huddersfield"

The Perfect Match

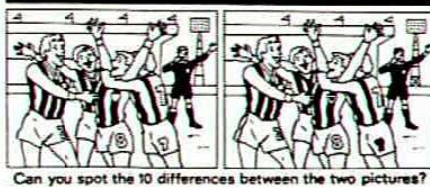


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At the Blades Revival party last month, I talked about our hopes for the future, particularly the proposed development at the ground which should go a long way towards easing our present financial difficulties. These developments are not too far away and we can all look forward to better times ahead.

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So, on behalf of myself and my fellow Directors, thank you for being Unitedites. We hope you have a good Christmas and that we all have a good footballing New Year.

Reg Brannley
CHAIRMAN

SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM DEREK

With Christmas only a few days away, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing all our supporters and their families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

With half the season now behind us, our League position is nowhere near as good as I would like it to be, and we are looking forward to much better results in the second half.

It's been a strange season. Excellent victories at Barnsley and Manchester City; a good performance at Villa Park; unlucky results at Ipswich, Plymouth and Oldham; very disappointing standards at Shrewsbury and in several of our home matches.

This lack of consistency can only be put down to inexperience. It certainly isn't a lack of preparation, effort or enthusiasm.

At Bramall Lane, we are all aware of the loyalty of our supporters and we know you deserve the best. In 1988, we shall be striving to correct the things that are wrong and, hopefully, to give you something to shout about before too long.

I and all my colleagues at the Lane hope you have a very enjoyable festive season.

Derek Doolley
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PROFILE

DAVID FRAIN

Date of Birth	11.10.62
Place of Birth	Sheffield
Height	5' 8"
Weight	10 stone 10 lbs
Girlfriend's name	Caroline Anne
Favourite present-day footballer	Pat Nevin (Chelsea)
Favourite former footballer	Johnnie Giles
Most difficult opponent	Lee Dixon
Car owned	Ford Fiesta
Favourite teams (after SUFC)	Celtic, Republic of Ireland
Favourite other sports	Snooker and cricket
Favourite TV or film star	David Jason
Favourite TV programmes	Sport, soaps
Favourite newspaper	Green 'Un
Favourite food	Steak and chips
Favourite drink	Fresh orange, Guinness
Hobbies	Snooker, running and training a Sunday Football team
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Memory Match *by Alan Biggs*

DAVID FRAIN

It was the dawning of the Age of the Frain — the day that one of football's late developers finally emerged from the sidings. David was 23 and heading for the scrapheap when he was suddenly plunged into a league debut that was as much of a surprise as it was long-awaited.

The date was March 31, 1986 — also the dawning of a new era of management at Bramall Lane. And it was one of Billy McEwan's first decisions to pluck Frain from the reserves for an Easter Monday home game with Sunderland.

United won 1-0 and David impressed everyone with an intelligent display, full of neat control and tricky skills. Why, it was asked, had he waited so long for recognition?

"It was make or break for me at the time," David remembers. "Although Ian Porterfield signed me, Billy saw more of me from the time he spent with the reserves. I'll always be thankful to him for giving me my chance."

"The first inkling I got was when Billy included me in the squad at Carlisle on Easter Saturday, a match we lost. We came in for training on the Sunday and he said: 'Get a good night's sleep tonight.'"

"From that I thought I'd be in the 12 but didn't expect to play from the start. I was very nervous when I realised I was actu-

ally in the team. I always get nervous before any match, but especially so for that one.

"It helped to get a few early touches and I felt I did well. I played against Alan Kennedy and thought I got the better of him. The whole thing was a bit unreal. There I was, straight out of non-league, coming up against the one-time Liverpool and England full back. All my family were watching — they're all Unitedites — and I was pleased for them as well."

Frain's performance was such that Sunderland must have noted that name — but they were still caught out again the following year when he scored a dramatic last minute winner. "They're my lucky side. I also scored against

them in the reserves last season."

But David would admit that he has struggled to maintain his early impact despite good advice from veteran winger Colin Morris. "Colin has helped me a lot. He's similar to me in style, except he's quicker. We're both players who try to see things early and aim to play one-twos off people."

"This season has not been a good one for me. I've been left in and out of the side and it's hard to come into a struggling team. It doesn't help that I'm always the one who gets taken off. But it's the manager's decision that counts and, looking back, I've got a lot to thank him for."



Looking supremely confident on his first senior appearance, David prepares to take on Sunderland defender Alan Kennedy.

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LUCKY MASCOT

Our joint lucky mascot is 10-year old James Brereton from Stretford, Manchester. He is a student of Gorse Hill First School in Stretford.

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LUCKY MASCOT



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Philip, who is 8, attends Noremarsh Junior School and is a keen footballer, playing as a midfielder for two teams — Apache Cubs and Noremarsh School.

A keen supporter of Swindon Town, his favourite player is Jimmy Quinn, but he also has a strong liking for John Barnes of Liverpool, which is also his second-favourite team.

In addition to football, Philip's hobbies include car spotting, train spotting and reading.

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ANOTHER defeat for us, at Crystal Palace this time, has put pressure on us all and I stress the word "all."

We are all in this together at Bramall Lane and the best thing we can do, in my opinion, is all accept our responsibilities and, if possible, start afresh.

As far as we are concerned we should try and imagine that a new season starts today. What is gone is gone and, provided we have learned from it, our record will not be the bad news it looks.

Because, compared with most of our rivals in the Second Division, we are a big club, we have big expectations and big demands. I know, and the team knows, that we can match any side in the division and if you look at Manchester City, Barnsley and Villa, all away, we have proved it. But we have also had some bad performances and bad results and it is up to all of us to knuckle down and take it from here.

There are always reasons for defeats; explanations for victories. I feel that the events at Palace last Sunday were influenced by considerations outside the normal run of play but I am a professional footballer and it is not my place, publicly to enter any controversy that is raging in the game.

All I can say is that our match was not

alone in making the wrong sort of headlines and I am sorry there does not appear to be a move to get all factions together and sort things out.

In the situation in which we find ourselves as we approach the Christmas holiday matches we have to be vigorously competitive. That does not mean we must take part in the elbow-flying habit that has crept into the game but if we are less than committed in all that we do, then we will find it all the more difficult to make headway.

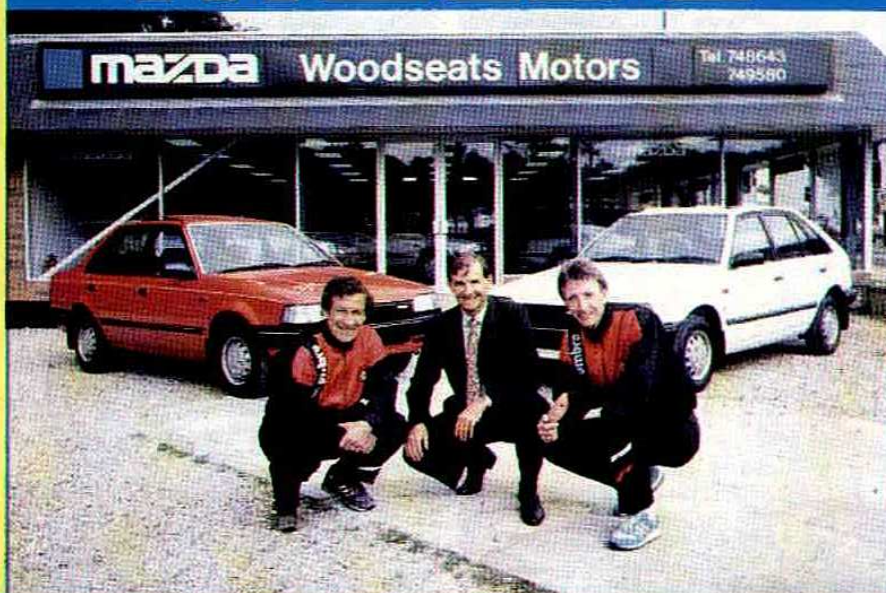
Our manager was right when he pointed out that our livelihoods are influenced only by results and when the result is at the whim of factors outside which team is playing the better and which forwards are taking the chances, then life becomes hard.

There is no sentiment in this game, not even at Christmas. Except that everyone in the dressing room wishes all of you a happy holiday and a winning New Year.

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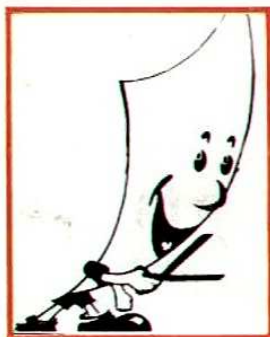
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IS IT FAIR?

THE season is flying by, it seems. It hardly seems five minutes since we went to Swindon for our first away match of the season in August and here we have the return match in mid-December.

Swindon came up from the Third Division last season and under Lou Macari have established themselves well and so we can expect a handful this morning, particularly if they have our old pal Steve Foley in the side.

When we went to the County Ground we sat and watched a cricket match before the kick off... but cricket seems a banned word just now with all the fuss and goings on in Pakistan.

Stigger Foley didn't play that day. He was on the bench but with Swindon winning 2-0 he was not called upon. This I recall as being one of United's better away performances of the season, despite the result. Three or four times, as I recall, United had a man clear and away in the Swindon penalty area without putting one of the chances away.

They certainly cannot afford any lapses like that today if we are to go into Christmas in the right frame of mind.

United have gone for a Sunday morning trial today to avoid the traditional Black Saturday at the turnstiles and the situation is

now even more complicated because of the counter-attraction of First Division football on TV this afternoon.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the principle of televised live football, I personally think it unfortunate that clubs struggling to hold on to support in mid-winter should have this extra worry thrust upon them.

I think this is one Sunday, at least, when we could have done without a big game on TV. In that way it would allow clubs to try a Sunday experiment and draw valid conclusions from it. As it is United are playing in the morning when I suspect they would really have preferred a three o'clock start.

Still, as they say, if you are playing well and winning the fans will come at midnight. Well, that may have been valid years ago; it certainly isn't true today when the supporters need every consideration the clubs can offer.

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Mystery star: The striker is Scotland's Charlie Nicholas.

25 YEARS ago

Bill Hodgson and Derek Pace (2) scored the goals in our 3-1 home victory over Nottingham Forest.

Attendance: 17,649.

Mike Summerbee and John Smith were the marksmen as Swindon achieved a 2-1 home win over Barnsley in Division Three. Tony Leighton scored for Barnsley.

Dave Mackay scored a rare hat-trick for Spurs in their exciting 4-4 draw with West Ham at White Hart Lane. John Smith also scored for Tottenham whilst the Hammers' goals came from Martin Peters, Joe Kirkup, Ron Boyce and Tony Scott.

Ian St John was among the scorers in Liverpool's 3-1 home win over Blackburn.

15 YEARS ago

The Blades went ahead in the second minute of our First Division encounter with Leicester at Bramall Lane. Alan Woodward converting a penalty. There was no further score until two minutes from time when Trevor Hockey made it 2-0.

The teams:

SHEFFIELD UNITED: McAlister, Badger, Hemsley, Flynn, Colquhoun, Hockey, Woodward, Salmons, Dear-den, Currie, Scullion.

LEICESTER: Shilton, Whitworth, Rife, Samuels (Tomlin), Manley, Cross, Farrington, Birchenall, Weller, Worthington, Glover.

Attendance: 17,111.

Howard Kendall netted twice in Everton's 3-1 victory over Tottenham at Goodison.

Liverpool lost a bit of ground at the top of the First Division when held to 1-1 at Ipswich. Steve Heighway scored their goal.

Arsenal defeated W.B.A. 2-1 at High-bury to close the gap on Liverpool to just one point.

Allan Clarke scored twice, with Peter Lorimer and Mick Jones adding singles, as Leeds ran up a 4-0 home win over Birmingham.

5 YEARS ago

Our Third Division game at Bradford City had to be postponed because of bad weather.

Paul Rideout netted from the spot to give Swindon a 1-0 interval lead in their home Fourth Division game against Hartlepool. Andy Rowland scored twice after the break to give Swindon a comfortable 3-0 win.

Gary Rowell hit a hat-trick in Sunderland's 3-0 First Division victory over Arsenal at Roker Park.

Liverpool increased their lead at the top of Division One to five points over Manchester United after winning 4-2 at Aston Villa. United were held to a goalless draw at Swansea.

The Second Division leaders Q.P.R. were beaten 0-4 at Wolves who moved into second place in the table. John Humphrey, Wayne Clarke, Geoff Palmer and Alan Dodd were the Wolves' scorers.

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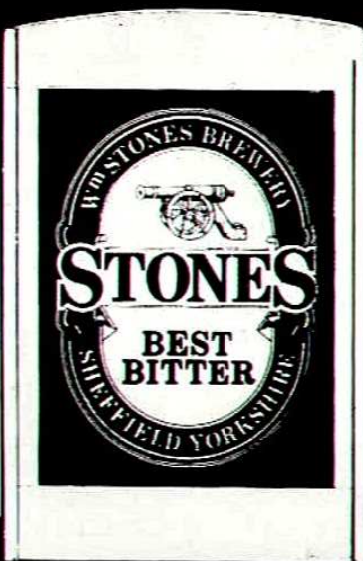
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'PRINT THE LEGEND'

Many football journalists outside of Sheffield, would probably regard Bill Foulke as United's most famous old player because Bill was a larger than life character. Like George Best, Bill's ability on the field became of secondary importance. It was the personality of the man that fascinated and crowds flocked to see him. The more well known he became, the more stories about him were required to be written.

Over the years the truth and facts become distorted and it becomes difficult to see the man behind the legend. When journalism becomes a branch of the entertainment industry, then the maxim 'blow the facts, print the legend' takes over.

Lets go back to the beginning.

William Henry Foulk, born Dawley, Shropshire, 12 April, 1874, and the end.

William Henry Foulkes, died Sheffield, May 1st 1916.

Poor old William. Even his name defeated

everybody. he was brought up in Blackwell in Derbyshire and may have been unaware of the spelling of his name on his birth certificate, which in any case may have been a clerical error. He thought his name was FOULKE with no S on the end, but to no avail, and he soon gave up trying to persuade United and journalists of what he understood was the correct spelling and so throughout his career to the finality of his death certificate he was generally known as Foulkes.

The first fact we usually read in an article about Foulke is of his weight. "Bill Foulkes, United's 20 stone goalkeeper" though sometimes the figure given is 22 stones or 24 stones or 26 stones. He was certainly a big man standing 6 feet 2 inches in an era when generally people were much smaller than we are today. So he tended to dwarf his contemporaries and there is also no doubt that he was extremely strong.

You need to be more than big and strong to become a legend in your own lifetime however. There has to be another ingredient. There was, and Bill had it to excess. He was a showman, a character, a personality, and towards the end of his career the showman threatened to dominate the footballer.

He stood 6 feet 2 inches. There seems to be no disagreement about that, but how much did he weigh? A Sheffield newspaper in January 1985 gave his weight as 14 stones 12 pounds and the photograph which was taken at about that time shows him as a pretty impressive figure. In March 1899 his weight was quoted as 19 stones 7lbs though by October, according to a United programme of the time, he had trimmed it back to 19 stones. Though by then, as the programme writer pointed out, he was not too keen to be weighed. In 1905 he joined Chelsea. His weight was given as 22 stones 3lb. You might feel that he can't have been any good as a keeper at nineteen stones, never mind twenty two, but in 34 appearances for Chelsea he kept 17 clean sheets and in 9 other games he let in just one goal. His record for United was never less than impressive. Never be in any doubt as to his ability. In season 1896-97 United conceded less than a goal per game and eight goals less than any other team, and in the following season only Sunderland conceded fewer goals while two seasons later Bill again conceded fewer goals than any other Division One keeper.

In a later article I'll return again to the legends of 'Little Willie'.



Photography by Martyn Harrison and Ken Daniells

ACTION READING

What a relief! After four games without a goal, United take the lead and scorer Withe is mobbed by his colleagues.

Missed it! Reading keeper Gary Westwood tries in vain to block Martin Kuhl's effort — and United take a 2-0 lead.



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**such as this one of Chris Wilder.*

Peter Withe leaps high to this Mark Dempsey free kick to give United an early lead.



Peter Withe nips in between two Reading defenders to slot the ball home from a Martin Pike cross for United's fourth goal.



Hard lines! Martin Kuhl's brave sliding effort goes inches wide of the Reading goal.



The alert Clive Mendonca beats everybody to this Peter Withe cross to slide in United's third goal.

Our Next Home Game: **ASTON VILLA**

(Saturday December 26th — kick-off 3 p.m.)

Aston Villa, who were relegated from the First Division last May, made a shaky start to their Second Division programme but they have since settled down and, following a succession of good victories, look highly likely to regain their First Division place at the first attempt.

Graham Taylor gave up the security of his Watford job to accept the challenge of managing Villa in the summer. He quickly appreciated, during their pre-season tour, that new players were urgently required. Striker Alan McNally was signed from Celtic but an injury kept him out for several weeks.

Mr Taylor later signed Mark Lillis from Derby County and slotted him into what has evolved as a completely new midfield. He later paid Barnsley £175,000 for Stuart Gray and invested a further £150,000 in Crystal Palace's Andy Gray. The latter should not be confused with the Scotland international striker who formerly played for Villa.

Though Villa failed to win any of their opening seven home League matches, they boast the best away record in the Football League. They won at Leicester (2-0), W.B.A. (2-0), Huddersfield (1-0), Plymouth (3-1), Leeds (3-1), Shrewsbury (2-1), Oldham (1-0), Bradford City (4-2) and Birmingham (2-1). Villa drew at Ipswich (1-1) and Stoke (0-0) and their only away defeat was suffered at Hull (1-2) in August.

Former England under-21 striker Garry Thompson has been producing his old scoring form again, ably assisted by back-to-form Mark Walters on the left wing.

There is a new confidence oozing through the Villa side at the moment as they play with the belief that they are on their way back to the First Division.

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Nott'm. Forest	13	9	1	3	27	16	28
Manchester City	12	9	0	3	38	20	27
Derby County	11	8	0	3	34	14	24
Sheffield United	13	7	2	4	29	22	23
Coventry City	12	5	4	3	28	12	19
Everton	13	6	1	6	29	19	19
Leicester City	13	5	3	5	22	17	18
Huddersfield T.	13	6	0	7	17	27	18
Hull City	12	5	1	6	16	23	16
Sunderland	13	4	3	6	19	26	15
Leeds United	12	5	0	7	18	26	15
Sheffield Wed.	13	4	2	7	15	27	14
Manchester U.	9	3	4	2	16	11	13
Bradford City	10	4	1	5	16	14	13
Aston Villa	10	2	2	6	13	23	8
Grimsby Town	12	2	0	10	7	41	6
Blackpool	11	1	0	10	6	41	3

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1987-88

1987		1988	FA
Aug. 19	Sunderland	5-5	Jan. 6 Everton
26	Liverpool	2-1	12 Liverpool 7.00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Aston Villa	3-1	19 Sunderland
9	Blackpool	2-0	26 Blackpool
16	Leeds United	3-2	Feb. 3 Aston Villa
24	Nottingham Forest	2-1	10 Nottingham Forest
Oct. 8	Grimsby Town	5-0	17 Leeds United
13	Manchester United	0-3	24 Manchester United
21	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	Mar. 2 Grimsby Town
27	Derby County	2-3	8 Sheffield Wednesday
Nov. 12	Manchester City	1-2	16 Derby County
18	Hull City	1-1	23 Hull City
25	Huddersfield Town	1-2	30 Manchester City
Dec. 1	Coventry City	1-1	Apr. 5 Huddersfield Town
9	Leicester City	1-0	12 Everton
15	Bradford City	5-3	18 Leicester City
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			May 4 Coventry City

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Wednesday 25th November 1987

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2

Team: Heald, Wilder, Downes, Knowles, Copeland, Lucas, Duffield, Frain, Cadette, Grayson, Wood. Subs: Franco, Whitehouse (not used). Scorer: Duffield.



Chris Wilder — created problems for Huddersfield away.

Having gone through a bad experience last week against Hull, the lads went out on the pitch to try and prove, as was said in the last report, that everyone can make mistakes as long as you are aware of them and they are not committed again. This was so as we watched a very entertaining first 45 minutes. Peter Duffield scored the goal after a brilliant move through the middle, Simon Grayson showed excellent control and vision. Huddersfield equalised as a result of a long ball into the penalty box and a young Heald couldn't manage to punch it away.

United still played some quality football at times especially on the right side where Knowles, Duffield and Wilder were creating a lot of problems for Huddersfield, and we should have regained the lead on a couple of occasions, but for some good goalkeeping.

The lads were very unfortunate not to have at least got the point they thoroughly deserved as Huddersfield scored again in the second half as the result of an indecision in our defence giving Paul Heald no chance.

There's a long way to go and we have to keep working and encouraging all of these young players who earlier on in the season have been working wonders and entertaining the crowd that come to watch their progress whenever they play. Thank you for your support and, if anything, please keep encouraging our young players. It is essential that together we take care of them as they are the future of Sheffield United Football Club.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Wednesday 18th November 1987

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 HULL CITY 1

Team: Heald, Wilder, Downes, Todd, Copeland, Pike, Knowles, Frain, Grayson, Philliskirk, Wood. Subs: Atkinson (not used), Whitehouse for Knowles. Scorer: Philliskirk.

After a good performance away to Manchester City, although we didn't get the points, we came back home against a Hull City side that, like ourselves, fielded a few young players.



Darren Knowles — his "goal" was disallowed.

In the first half the lads played good football and as a result of one of our attacks, Tony Philliskirk got himself on the score sheet, finishing in good fashion an excellent move on the left hand side.

There were plenty of stoppages which one would feel were not necessary and a Hull player, Tony Philliskirk and David Frain got booked. In the second half this kind of incident continued and frustration grew within the United players, especially when a goal from Darren Knowles was disallowed seemingly for a push on the goalkeeper. It seemed at the time that the only person who saw this infraction was the man in charge of the game.

Hull City got a goal back to draw level and with 3 minutes to go, David Frain was clearly brought down inside the box by an opponent when having a good chance of scoring but again the referee waved play-on. Not for long, as he stopped the game, called David Frain at the request of the linesman and, as a result, David got sent off. Before the ball was put into play again, Philliskirk got called by the referee and he was also sent off.

The crowd became agitated and problems could have been caused with these two decisions. We finally managed to get a result but the lesson to learn, to all the young players, is to take notice and realise once and for all that the referee is always right (although we know that everyone can make mistakes) and there is only one way to deal with this situation, loud and clear, get on with your game!

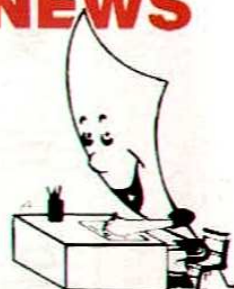
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Barnsley	14	8	4	2	23	14	26
Sheffield United	14	8	3	3	33	17	27
York City	15	7	5	3	25	15	26
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Bradford City	13	7	1	6	33	19	22
Hartlepool United	14	7	1	6	18	22	22
Rotherham United	15	6	3	6	21	24	21
Sheffield Wed.	16	5	4	7	23	19	19
Sunderland	13	6	1	6	22	18	19
Hull City	14	5	3	6	25	25	18
Middlesbrough	13	3	3	7	16	24	12
Grimsby Town	14	3	3	8	17	32	12
Scunthorpe Utd.	16	3	2	11	17	55	11
Huddersfield T.	15	2	4	9	23	38	10
Lincoln City	14	1	1	12	5	51	4

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Saturday 5th December 1987

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 YORK CITY 1

Team: Norton, Bothwell, Ashworth, Knowles, Taylor, Lucas, Ward, Boon, Atkinson, Wood, Whitehouse. Subs: Exton (not used), Fenwick for Wood.

A rather disappointing first half saw us fall behind to a hard working York side, the goal coming after 5 minutes following a mix up in our defence.

HT 0-1.

The second half saw an improvement in our play and it was no surprise when, after a good spell of pressure, Paul Wood was brought down in the box and Mitchum Ward converted the penalty scoring the equalising goal. Despite our efforts to



Mitchum Ward — scored our equalising goal from the penalty spot.

score the winning goal York defended stubbornly to earn a point to keep them in touch with us as one of the top of the table teams.

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Aug.	15 Bradford City	2-1
	22 Sunderland	2-1
	29 Newcastle United	1-2
Sept.	5 Barnsley	1-2
	12 Barnsley (L.C.I.)	1-1
	19 Scunthorpe United	4-0
	26 Middlesbrough	3-2
	28 Barnsley (L.C.I.R.)	4-2
Oct.	3 Leeds United	3-1
	10 Lincoln City	7-0
	17 Halifax Town	1-2
	24 Sheffield Wednesday	2-1
	31 Doncaster Rovers	4-4
Nov.	7 Hull City	0-0
	14 Halifax Town (L.C.I.)	3-2
	21 Grimsby Town	2-0
	30 Stoke City (FAYC 2)	0-3
Dec.	5 York City	1-1
	12 Huddersfield Town	2-2
	19 Hartlepool United	
	26 Hartlepool United	
1988		
Jan.	2 Bradford City	
	9 Sunderland 12 noon	
	16 Newcastle United 1.00 p.m.	
	23 Barnsley	
	30 Scunthorpe United	
Feb.	6 Middlesbrough	
	13 Leeds United	
	20 Lincoln City	
	27 Halifax Town	
Mar.	5 Sheffield Wednesday	
	12 Doncaster Rovers	
	19 Hull City	
	26 Grimsby Town	
Apr.	2 Rotherham United	
	9 York City	
	16 Huddersfield Town	
	23 Hartlepool United 12 noon	
	30 Rotherham United	
	Home games in Bold type	



SUBS

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA	GATE
Aug	15 A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-1	9,757
	22 Swindon Town	0-2	8,637
	29 Blackburn Rovers	3-1	8,540
Sept.	31 Plymouth Argyle	0-1	14,504
	5 Stoke City	0-0	10,086
	12 Oldham Athletic	2-3	5,730
	15 Crystal Palace	1-1	7,767
	19 Millwall	1-2	9,048
	22 Bury (LC2 1L)	1-2	2,401
	26 Aston Villa	1-1	14,761
	29 Barnsley	2-1	10,203
Oct.	3 Hull City	2-1	10,446
	7 Bury (LC2 2L)	1-1	6,377
	10 Manchester City	3-2	18,377
	17 Leicester City	2-1	10,593
	20 Birmingham City	0-2	9,287
	24 Ipswich Town	0-1	11,949
	31 Leeds United	2-2	12,095
Nov.	4 West Bromwich Albion	0-4	8,072
	7 Middlesbrough	0-2	11,278
	14 Bradford City	0-2	13,694
	17 Shrewsbury Town	0-2	2,555
	21 Reading	4-1	6,977
	25 Leeds United (Simod Cup 1)	0-3	4,425
Dec.	5 Huddersfield Town	2-2	9,269
	13 Crystal Palace	1-2	8,174
	20 Swindon Town		
	26 Aston Villa		
	28 Millwall		
Jan.	1 Blackburn Rovers		
	2 Oldham Athletic		
	9 Maidstone United (FAC3)		
	16 A.F.C. Bournemouth		
	23 Plymouth Argyle		
	30 F.A. Cup 4		
Feb.	6 Stoke City		
	13 Shrewsbury Town		
	20 Barnsley (F.A. Cup 5)		
	27 Hull City		
Mar.	5 Leicester City		
	12 Manchester City (FAC6)		
	19 Leeds United		
	26 Ipswich Town		
Apr.	2 Middlesbrough		
	4 Bradford City		
	9 Birmingham City (FAC SF)		
	23 West Bromwich Albion		
	30 Reading		
May	7 Huddersfield Town		
	14 F.A. Cup Final		

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 *Own goal. #After extra time, ΔPlayer sent off.

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Michael is a Cartographic Surveyor making Ordnance Survey Maps. Married with two children. Commenced refereeing in 1963 in Northampton—progressed via local leagues to the Football League line in 1971 and onto the Referees List in 1980. Interests and hobbies include Golf, Badminton, and Squash. Involved in F.A. Coaching courses with players and managers.

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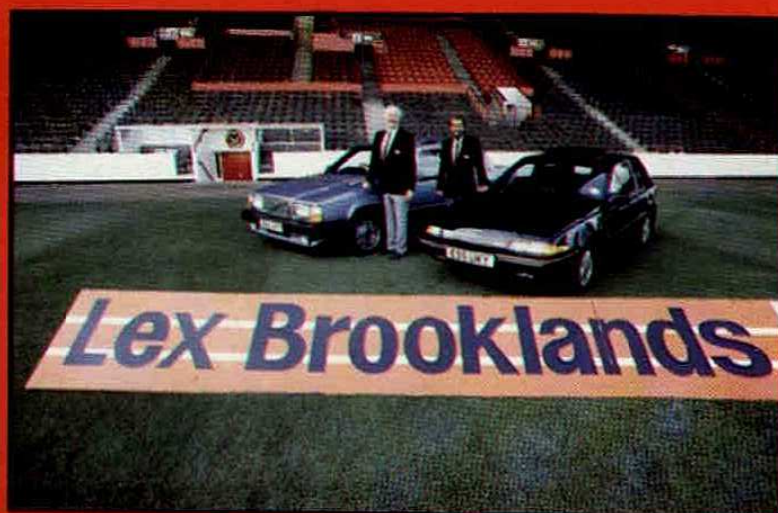
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(Up to and including Sunday 13th December 1987)

	P	W	D	Goals			L	F	A	Pts	Top Goalscorers	Highest Gates	Av. Gates
				L	F	A							
Middlesbrough	23	9	2	1	23	6	5	3	3	12	8 47	15,709	11,344
Bradford City	23	9	1	2	26	11	5	3	3	12	14 46	15,006	12,290
Aston Villa	23	3	5	3	13	12	9	2	1	22	9 43	30,870	15,424
Crystal Palace	22	9	1	1	27	10	4	2	5	20	20 42	10,828	8,561
Manchester City	23	6	2	3	32	14	5	4	3	17	16 39	23,161	19,178
Ipswich Town	22	10	1	0	23	4	1	5	5	8	13 39	14,580	11,746
Millwall	23	8	1	2	25	10	4	2	6	12	18 39	10,477	6,844
Hull City	23	7	5	0	19	10	3	4	4	14	14 39	15,443	8,158
Blackburn R.	22	6	3	2	15	9	4	4	3	13	13 37	7,675	6,671
Birmingham City	23	5	5	2	14	13	4	1	6	12	21 33	27,789	9,272
Barnsley	22	7	1	3	25	15	2	4	5	7	13 32	11,569	7,229
Leeds United	23	7	2	2	18	11	1	6	5	10	20 32	25,358	18,375
Swindon Town	21	6	3	2	24	11	3	1	6	16	21 31	11,536	9,006
Plymouth Argyle	23	5	3	3	24	15	2	3	7	11	23 27	14,504	9,919
Stoke City	23	5	4	2	14	9	2	2	8	6	21 27	13,494	9,206
Leicester City	22	5	3	4	17	11	1	2	7	12	20 23	11,543	9,163
Sheffield United	23	4	4	4	17	16	2	1	8	9	21 23	12,095	9,595
West Brom A.	23	5	3	4	19	13	1	1	9	9	26 22	22,072	10,842
Bournemouth	23	3	4	5	18	18	2	2	7	10	21 21	9,499	7,316
Oldham Athletic	22	4	3	4	12	12	1	3	7	8	20 21	16,008	6,863
Huddersfield T.	23	3	4	4	11	15	1	3	8	16	39 19	11,671	7,209
Shrewsbury T.	23	2	4	5	12	15	1	4	7	7	20 17	7,089	4,113
Reading	22	2	2	6	10	13	1	4	7	10	27 15	10,052	6,085

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