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Good afternoon all.

What a pity last week's match at Sheffield was not at The Gay Meadow. This was a performance that proved once and for all to me that given the right breaks we can retain our place in the Second Division. There was not one section of the team that let us down, and it leaves me in the very good position of team problems of the right kind and that is who to leave out and not who to put in.

I now feel I have the squad capable of a decent run and also with regards to the future a solid foundation to build on.

I do sincerely hope we can put on some good displays at home and bring the crowds flocking back to The Meadow, as I have said previously, where our last home game was disappointing, last week at Sheffield it was particularly stimulating.

It would be amiss not to mention our two newcomers, Richard Pratley and Alan Irvine. Richard was thrust in straight away and with David Linighan formed a solid central defence. Alan who had lots of travel coupled with a virus came on as Sub and nearly got on the score sheet.

Vic Kasule also did really well and David Geddis and Jim Melrose formed a very experienced strike force which kept the Sheffield defence on their toes.

But this was not a game of isolated performances. Every man Jack of them performed and if we can produce the same stuff today I will be more than happy.

A very warm welcome to Lou Macari and his Swindon team and a special welcome to Chic Bates who gave Shrewsbury Town years of valuable service.

Ian McNeill.

OBITUARY - STAN JONES

It is with deep personal sorrow that I record the death of Stan Jones.

Stan, of Belvidere Avenue, Shrewsbury, has been associated with Shrewsbury Town Football Club for nearly forty years, working untiringly for the benefit of the Club, in the first instance as Treasurer of the Supporters Club and, for the last twenty-seven years, as Secretary of the Supporters Association. The amount of his spare time given to the Club over all these years is so immense as to be incalculable and indeed not only Stan's time, but also that of his wife Mary and daughter Susan.

I recall when we used to organise Bingo sessions in the Music Hall on Tuesday evenings, the whole family used to attend and take on various tasks which helped to make these sessions such a success.

Stan was a quiet man with a personality that was placid and good natured and his innate decency invited people to trust him at all times, which made him an obvious choice for the different tasks he undertook on behalf of the Football Club.

On behalf of the Directors and staff of Shrewsbury Town Club, I take this opportunity of conveying our deepest sympathy to Mary and Susan on their great loss.

Ivor Hookway.



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● **AWAY TRAVEL**

Our next away game is at Crystal Palace on Saturday February 27th, with a kick off at 3.00 p.m. Coaches will leave Gay Meadow at 9.15 a.m. and the Bucks Head, Wellington at 9.45 a.m.

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Hartlepool United on March 12th, and Scarborough on April 9th.

A number of people are seeking to attend all 92 League grounds, so here's a tremendous opportunity to travel to two Fourth Division grounds.

Anyone interested please telephone Chris Smith on Telford 604742 as soon as possible.



Shrews' mascot pictured before our game with WBA

TALK



● ALAN IRVINE

One of our two new signings, Alan Irvine is certainly not lacking in experience of football at the highest level and he has already shown the sort of qualities that can help us to stay in Division Two.

Born in Glasgow in 1958, he played for Glasgow Boys Club before linking up with Queens Park in 1977. After four good seasons in the Scottish League he joined Everton in 1981 and made his First Division debut against Aston Villa in December 1981. He scored his first goals in a game against Wolves at Molineux a month later and for the next three

seasons was in and out of the Everton team, playing in the Milk Cup final of 1983/4 season in which they went down to Liverpool.

In the summer of 1984 he moved to Crystal Palace and played here in his first away game for his new club. Then in 1985/6 season he missed only one game all season for Palace and he was again a regular in the side last season.

He moved to Dundee United in the close season and he was quickly put on Ian McNeill's shopping list when our new manager sought to strengthen our midfield. In fact Ian had at one time sought to sign him for

Chelsea during his time as John Neal's assistant there.

Ian made his bow for us on the very muddy Bramall Lane pitch on Saturday, when going on as substitute for Jim Melrose. We look forward to him and his fellow Scots making a major contribution in the next few weeks.

● PROGRAMME FAIRS

If you are interested in programmes here are a few dates for programme fairs in the area.

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GEORGE ANDREWS

George Andrews was a Midlander born and bred, who went to Cardiff City to launch his Football League career, but gave good service to both ourselves and Walsall when past the age of 30 and was a natural goalscorer whichever team he played for.

Born in Dudley in 1942 he was signed by Luton Town in 1960, but was released without making his first team debut and returned to play for Lower Gornal Athletic in the West Midlands League before being spotted and signed by Cardiff City in 1965. Almost immediately he made his debut for the Welsh club in a League Cup-tie against Portsmouth - and scored a goal. While at Cardiff he linked up with another future Shrew - Terry Harkin and occasionally with the young John Toshack. He had scored 21 goals in 43 Second Division games by the time he moved to Southport in February 1967.

He helped them win promotion from Division Four within three months of his arrival and all in all scored 39 goals in two and a half seasons before coming to us in November 1969.

He made his debut for us in a 1-1 draw here with Orient within days of arrival, resuming his partnership with Terry Harkin that had also blossomed at Southport, and getting our goal. He also found the net in the next game against Bury and got two more in his first away game - at Walsall. By the end of the season his tally was 13 in 27 games and he went on to get another 19 in the following season and 20 in 1971/2 including a hat-trick in a first round FA Cup-tie at Colchester.

By the time he moved to Walsall in January 1979 he had scored exactly 50 League goals for us and after a quiet start at Fellows Park he went on to enjoy four good seasons, highlight of which was a headed matchwinner in a fourth round FA Cup-tie against Newcastle United in January 1975.

His career goal tally in League and cup games topped the 160 mark and he was also most effective in laying the ball off, his slender frame being no handicap in getting up to high balls. He later played for Dudley Town in the Southern League and Tipton Town in the West Midlands League where he was still playing last season at the age of 45, besides being assistant manager and coach.

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There will be a particular joy this season for any team winning Football League honours inasmuch as they will be adding their own individual celebrations to those of the League itself. Wolves and Notts County for instance are two of the twelve original members in 1888 who could well celebrate the hundred years by winning promotion, the former from Division Four and the latter from Division Three. For County there is the additional joy in showing that as the oldest club in the Football League they are still going forward and upwards.

Two Football League clubs also have their Centenary Years, Walsall and Blackpool, and indeed Walsall are looking good for promotion, but Torquay United on the other hand are just 90 years old, and promotion for them from Division Four would make the most wonderful way of celebrating their last gasp rescue from losing their place altogether at the end of last season. Then of course there is the distinct possibility of Lincoln City (aged 106) winning back their Football League place just a year after losing it.

Coventry City share a 106th birthday with Lincoln and they will have to be satisfied with holding on to their First Division place for the 21st successive season (no mean feat in itself), though they have a link with another remarkable century in that one of their keenest supporters, octogenarian Bert Bissell attempts his hundredth climb of Ben Nevis in the name of peace. Bert, a retired probation officer, has spent his life working amongst young people and had his own way of forestalling soccer hooliganism many years ago by leading groups of young men in a walk from his home town of Dudley in the West Midlands all the way to Coventry's Highfield Road to see a game - a little matter of close on 40 miles.

Whether Everton will be able to win anything this year or not remains to be seen, but they are in fact the only one of the original twelve Football League clubs with a realistic chance of gaining either the Championship or a cup. In fact of that twelve, Derby County are the only other team currently in Division One. Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers could be climbing back there at the end of the season however, while Stoke City and particularly West Bromwich Albion will be satisfied if they can avoid slipping to a first-ever spell in Division Three where, apart from Notts County there is also Preston North End. Bolton Wanderers and Burnley too have an outside chance of joining Wolves in the promotion race from Division Four. Then of course there is Accrington Stanley, who are currently in the North West Counties League.

One wonders which teams will be in the League in another hundred years time.

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BACK IN TIME

Our win at Sheffield United last Saturday maintained our unbeaten record there with two wins and two draws in our four visits and reversed the recent run of three successive 1-0 defeats. It also brought Phil Priest his first goal in our colours - he last found the net for Brentford at Notts County in April.

Middlesbrough's brave fightback against Aston Villa on Sunday underlined for millions of viewers that for excitement the Second Division often outstrips the First Division, and Boro have now won 11 and drawn three of their 14 home games this season, while for Villa this was their first away defeat since August.

After six home defeats in a row Manchester City have now won two home games in a row with Paul Stewart getting one of the goals against Bournemouth on Saturday to underline that he could yet be the man to help them back into the promotion race. They will, however, have their work cut out to make any impression on Blackburn Rovers, who under former Coventry City boss Don Mackay, have in a year, changed from relegation strugglers to serious First Division aspirants. Their 1-0 win at Barnsley last week was their sixth win in a row and extended their current run to twenty games without defeat. In six visits to Barnsley they have now won 1-0 twice and drawn the other four games there.

Stoke City kept a clean sheet at Hull City for the third successive season, while Hull maintained their unbeaten home record, the only other one in the League being that of Liverpool.

Turning briefly to the Simod Cup, hats off to Luton Town, who won at Everton on Tuesday and now face a home game with Stoke City in the next round. This was on a ground where they had lost 2-0 on Boxing Day. Both goals came from new boy David Oldfield, his first in senior football and Luton could at the time of writing make five Wembley appearances this year. They are still in the Littlewoods Cup and the FA Cup, they are going well in the Simod Cup, could qualify for the Centenary final in April and if they won the FA Cup they could be in the FA Charity Shield at the start of next season.

In Division Four our neighbours Wolves on Tuesday visited Halifax Town who underlined that they are something of a bogey team to them by becoming only the second side to complete a double over the men from Molineux this season and they have now won three and drawn one of the six Football League games against them over the years.

Their prolific goalscorer, Steve Bull who scored a hat-trick against Exeter City, his second-ever in Football League games, though in the last couple of months he has chalked up an FA Cup hat-trick against Cheltenham Town and a Sherpa Van Trophy hat-trick against Brentford.

Still with teams from Division Four it's hats off to Torquay United, Wolves' next opponents in the Sherpa Van Trophy. They collected their third Division Three scalp in the competition on Tuesday, when they followed up wins against Port Vale and Bristol Rovers with a 1-0 win at Aldershot. It was very much a tale of two strikers with Mark Loram getting the matchwinner and former Mansfield Town man Dave Caldwell being sent off for the fifth time this season, his first at Plainmoor.

Dave's former club Mansfield, who have a good record in the competition, being holders of the trophy, went down 2-1 at Preston North End to end their interest for this year. Gary Brazil got both goals for North End, who after a poor start to the season in Division Three now look likely to hold on to their place with an unbeaten run since New Year's Day.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

For the second successive week we went down 2-0 in an away game, following our defeat at Brentford with one at Newport County on February 22nd, 1958. On a waterlogged pitch Les Graham put the home side ahead after 8 minutes and though both Ken Smith and Ray Russell hit the woodwork before half-time we just couldn't score and in the very last minute Derek Harris made the issue safe for the home side.

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Swindon Town were involved in a goalless draw with Crystal Palace at the County Ground as they battled for the Third Division (South) leadership just behind Reading and Brighton, while in Division One a hat-trick by Jimmy Murray in a 5-1 win over Birmingham enabled Wolves to stay five points clear of Preston at the top of Division One.

Manchester United drew 1-1 with Nottingham Forest in their first League game after the Munich disaster, Alex Dawson getting their equaliser in front of a record postwar gate of 66,123.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

We disappointed our fans by going down 2-1 here to Gillingham on February 17th, 1968 just when we seemed to be easing our way into the Third Division promotion race. The game began well enough with Frank Clarke heading home a Ted Hensley free kick in the very first minute and several times in the first half we had chances to increase our lead. Then with just six minutes to go, first Brian Yeo and then Brian Gibbs netted for the Gills to earn them the points and lead us in fourth place behind Torquay, Bury and Walsall.

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GILLINGHAM: Simpson; Miller; Hunt; Riddick; Arnott; Machin; Woodley; Gibbs; Yeo; Thear; Moffatt.

Swindon were without a game and stayed in eighth place in Division Three, while in the fourth round FA Cup-ties played that day Walsall held Liverpool to a goalless draw, Rotherham won 1-0 at Villa Park and Tranmere drew 1-1 at Coventry.

TEN YEARS AGO

We lost 3-2 to Swindon Town here on February 25th, 1978 in a mid-table third Division game. Ken Stroud gave the visitors a half-time lead and after the break Chris Kamara and a Jake Keay own goal consolidated their position with Jon Nixon and Paul Maguire pulling back goals for us.

SHREWSBURY TOWN: Mulhearn; King; Leonard; Griffin; Hayes; Keay; Irvine; Hornsby; Loughrane; Atkins (Maguire); Nixon.
SWINDON TOWN: Allan; McLaughlin; Trollope; Stroud; Aizlewood; Prophet; Carter (Kamara); Bates; Guthrie; McHale; Moss.

Attendance: 3,112.

This was in fact Chic Bates' first game for the 'Robins' after moving from us. Meanwhile in Division One leaders Nottingham Forest were pegged back to a 3-3 draw after taking a three-goal lead at Norwich and Gordon McQueen's debut for Manchester United ended in a 3-1 defeat at Anfield with Greame Souness among the home side's scorers.

Geoff Allman.



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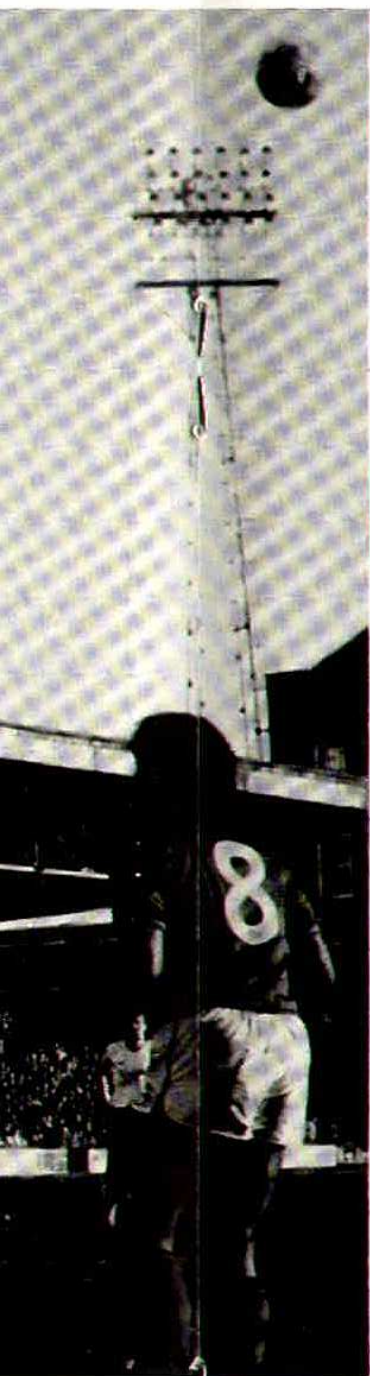
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This season's Leeds United programme must be one of the better ones in Division Two this season. It's a 24 pager priced at 60p. The front cover is blue with yellow and white trim and a colour photograph in the middle. Page 3 contains Billy Bremner's column and is one of the smaller ones I've seen from a manager this season. Fact File on John Stiles covers two pages - a page colour photograph and a page of background with a black and white picture. Club News covers a page and then there's a page with a large black and white action photograph. The visitors get two pages which include a black and white team photograph, pen pictures, club background and a memory match. This being an early season issue the middle two pages contain a colour team photograph. They Played For Leeds, covers a page, looking at old favourites. Back Track goes to 1967, 72, 77 and 82. Statistics cover two pages and the Reserves and Juniors get $\frac{2}{3}$ page between them. Supporters Club News is $\frac{1}{2}$ page. The teams are on the back page. This programme includes a fair amount of colour and coupled with some useful articles which you can expect from a club with such following, and I know their programme sales are quite high, but all this, will I'm sure make it one of the better programmes in the division.

Sheffield Wednesday produce a 36 pager priced at 70p and the issue I reviewed is against Manchester United so it contained 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages of advertising. The front cover is grey with a colour action photograph. Manager Howard Wilkinson has a good sized column with a small black and white photograph alongside. A full page colour photograph shows two of Wednesday's injured players in the gym with the physio. Talking Points is $\frac{1}{2}$ pages of club news. The kit sponsorship page includes a colour photograph. Club captain Martin Hodge's article fills a good page. The visitors get two pages with a black and white photograph, pen pictures and club background. There is also a page of three black and white photographs of the entrants for Miss Sheffield Wednesday competition. Passing Back, goes 5, 10 and 20 years ago and includes a black and white photograph from one of the games. Two pages contain colour action photographs. Sidelines looks

TALKING PROGRAMMES

with Steve Davies

at previous games between the clubs. Young Owls get a page and there are details of the away travel and ticket arrangements for future games. Two pages contain match reports, comments and action photographs from recent games. A profile of Lee Chapman also includes black and white action photographs and a colour portrait photo of him. The team lineups are on the back page and I feel this has slipped fractionally from last season, although it's still a superb read and still one of the best in the League.

Northern Premier League Division One side Droylsden produced a 12 pager for the visit of former Football League club, Accrington Stanley. No price is stated however. Four pages contain advertisements and the front cover is white, bordered in black with the club badge printed in red in the middle. Page 3 contains the team lineups. A list of club officials covers a page. Then Today's Opponents get two pages, one on their history and one of penpictures. Club notes cover a page and a league table covers a full page. Today's Division One Fixtures and a profile of the days referee complete a basic programme which in places is poorly typed making it hard to read.

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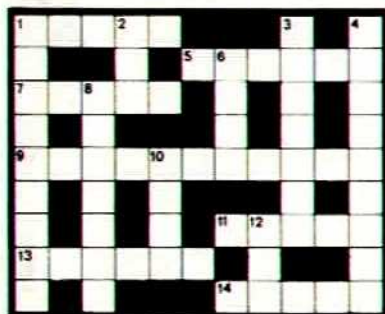
ACROSS

1. The career of midfielder Steve ... includes ten years with Charlton (5).
5. Gibraltar-born England-recognised goalie who was a long-time Fulham favourite (6).
7. Surname which (if preceded by Mendo or "Sugar") affords a choice of world boxing champions (5).
9. England forward whose twenty-year career began at The Dell in the mid-sixties (4,7).
11. London area non-Leaguers whose old boys Les Smith and Cyril Regis also served England (5).
13. Club which was known thus for the last twenty years before (in 1987) reverting to the fuller name it had had in the previous twenty (6).

14. — Pryor, world light-welterweight champion of the eighties (5).

DOWN

1. Hard-hitting stablemate (and almost a clone) of Frank Bruno (4,5).
2. Rocky Marciano became world champ in 195- (3).
3. World bantamweight champ Jimmy Barry was never beaten in his whole pro career of — fights (7).
4. The last European world heavyweight champion (9).
6. Box on a soccer pitch! (4).
8. Former Aston Villa forward who reached Manchester United in 1987 via success in Scotland (7).



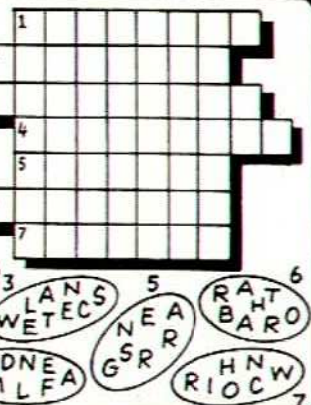
10. A boxer's favourite target perhaps? (4).
12. A two-way name for Hartford (3).

SIX OF THE BEST.

1. To which club was Tim Flowers loaned for two Third Division games last season?
2. Which Second Division team is still unbeaten at home?
3. Which Third Division club's goalkeeper is also Commercial Manager?
4. Which goalkeeper played in all four divisions last season?
5. Which former Shrewsbury and Wolves player is currently with Telford United?
6. Which was Jim Melrose's first Football League Club?

STAR IS BORN

SORT OUT THE SEVEN TEAMS AND PUT THEM INTO THEIR CORRECT PLACES. YOU WILL THEN FIND THE PLACE WHERE STEVE ARCHIBALD WAS BORN READING DOWN.



The postwar boom continued in the late forties as crowds flocked into grounds up and down the country to see goals flooding into nets. Those were the days of Blackpool's Stan Mortensen (197 goals in 320 League games), Raich Carter (213 goals in 451 League games) and just as successful after the war with Derby County as he had been with Sunderland before it. Then there were wingers (flank attackers in today's parlance) such as Liverpool's Billy Liddell (216 goals in 492 games) and Preston North End's Tom Finney (187 goals in 433 games) not forgetting Stanley Matthews, who was a goal provider for thirty years and still managed to score over a hundred goals himself.

Players managed to stay at the top that little bit longer in those days and Arsenal signed Ronnie Rooke from Fulham in December 1946 at the age of 35 in time for him to score 67 goals in 88 games and help them to the 1947/8 Football League Championship.

Transfers in those days were in general around the £10,000 mark for good First Division players and oddly enough the first £20,000 fee to be handed over was by Third Division Notts County for reigning England centre forward Tommy Lawton when he moved in November 1947. Gates rose to capacity levels wherever Tommy played in Division Three and he maintained his England place for most of the time while he netted 90 goals in 151 games for County.

Most teams had a major goalscorer in those days. Jordan got 42 of the goals that took Doncaster into Division Two in 1947. They went down again a year later, but two years later they were back up again, helped by Northern Ireland international Peter Doherty's 26 goals. Goalscorers didn't come any more consistent than Wally Ardon, who in the first three postwar seasons netted 38, 27 and 29 respectively for Rotherham and then moved on to get 25, 36 and 29 respectively for Nottingham Forest, who had made their one and only incursion into Division Three.

The late forties were the golden days of Portsmouth, who won two successive First Division Championships and become the team that everyone wanted to beat just as Arsenal had been in prewar days. They had an outstanding forward line with Peter Harris on the right flank and Jack Froggatt on the left with big Doug Reid in the centre. Jimmy Dickenson was right at the start of his long and distinguished career in midfield with Reg Flewin at the heart of the defence.

By contrast Norwich, Crystal Palace and Brighton were amongst the teams having to apply for re-election at the bottom of Division Three (South) while amongst the teams holding their own in Division Three (North) were Barrow, Gateshead and Accrington. Bradford Park Avenue were still making their mark in Division Two even after transferring Len Shackleton to Newcastle and in 1948 they set the FA Cup competition alight by beating Arsenal at Highbury.

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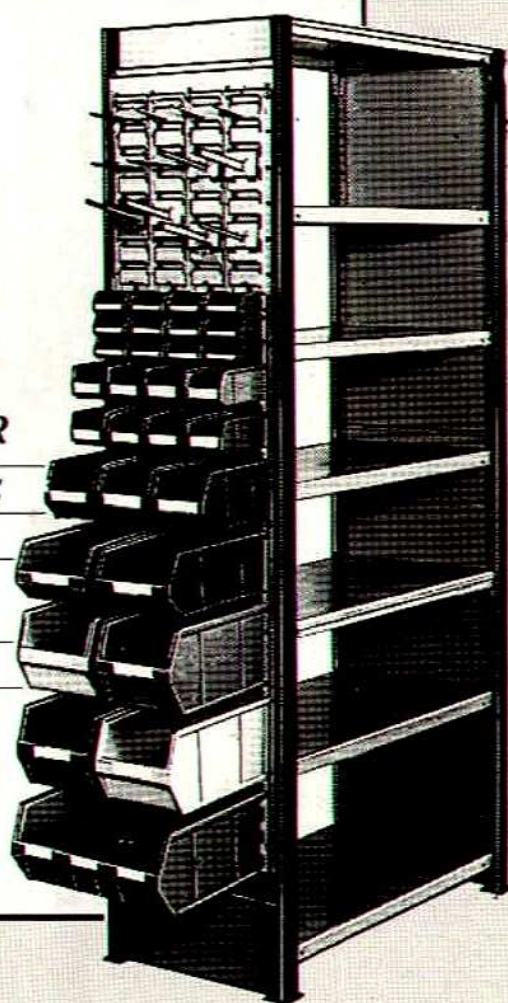
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WELCOME

Today we welcome old friends of ours from the days of the old Division Three (South). At one stage this season Swindon looked capable of becoming the first team ever to win promotion in three successive seasons and even though that no longer looks likely they are still in the top half of the table only two years after playing in Division Four.

Founded in 1881 Swindon were members of the Southern League when they reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in both 1909/10 and 1911/2. Either side of the Second World War they were in the top five in the Southern League in seven successive seasons and twice won the championship.

Like most members of the Southern League they became members of the new Division Three in 1920, this becoming Division Three (South) a year later. Swindon then enjoyed an unbroken spell in that division that lasted until 1963 when they won promotion for the first time. They stayed up for only two seasons, but then with players such as Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Don Rogers up front and Peter Downsborough and John Trollope in defence they became one of the best Third Division sides ever. Even after Hunt and Summerbee had moved on they reached the last eight of the F.A. Cup in 1966/7 and then in 1968/9 they not only won promotion but also won the Football League Cup with a memorable win over Arsenal at Wembley.

They slipped back to Division Three in 1974 and then after near misses for both promotion and relegation they went down to Division Four for the first time ever in 1982. They then staged another steady recovery and after finishing in eighth, seventeenth and eighth positions in the next three seasons they roared to promotion in 1985/6.

Last season they began unsteadily, even crashing 6-2 at home to Blackpool in September, but some excellent away performances landed them in the promotion race from Christmas onwards and an 11-game unbeaten run at the end of the season put them in the playoffs. They then underlined their battling qualities by coming from behind to beat both Wigan and Gillingham. All in all they won 11 away games and were the highest away goalscorers in Division Three.

THIS SEASON

This season they won at West Bromwich, Middlesbrough and Barnsley in quick succession in August and September and then won both legs of their Littlewoods Cup-tie against First Division Portsmouth. They have been a most consistent home team with just one defeat (by Birmingham) so far, but though they have not put together so many good away results as last season they have one or two notable wins to their credit such as at Blackburn in the Simod Cup, at Norwich in the F.A. Cup and at Huddersfield in Division Two last week.

Former Blackpool, Coventry, Walsall and Portsmouth man **Dave Bamber** netted twice at Huddersfield last week with up and coming **Keiran O'Regan** also on the mark while Northern Ireland cap **Jimmy Quinn**, who returned from Blackburn last season, and former Luton and Bristol Rovers man **Steve White** have also been regular scorers this season. **Steve Foley** from Sheffield United and **Jon Gittens** are newcomers this season who may be seen in midfield while in defence **Tim Parkin** (from Bristol Rovers) and **Phillip King** (from Torquay) arrived last season to link up with well established **Colin Calderwood** (ex-Mansfield) and **David Hockaday** (ex-Blackpool). In goal **Fraser Digby** a £30,000 signing from Manchester United last season made the position his own as successor to Kenny Allen.



SWINDON TOWN - SEASON 1987/8

Front Row: Alan McLoughlin; Bryan Wade; Peter Coyne; Lou Macari (Team Manager); John Trollope (Assistant Manager); Steve Berry (now with Aldershot); Leigh Barnard.
 Middle Row: Andy Rowland (player/coach); Dave Hockaday; Phil King; Terry Merriman; Dave Bamber; Jon Gittens; John Kelly (now with Oldham); Steve White; Steve Foley; Chris Ramsey (now with Southend); Kevin Morris (physiotherapist).
 Back Row: Jimmy Quinn; Fraser Digby; Chris Kamara; Nicky Hammond; Charlie Henry; Colin Claderwood.

FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper.

Sheffield born Fraser, a former Manchester United apprentice spent two loan spells at Swindon before joining them in December 1986 for a £25,000 fee. His outstanding displays last term not only helped Swindon to promotion but also helped to gain him an England under-21 cap. 20-year-old Fraser made 39 appearances last season.

NICKY HAMMOND - Goalkeeper.

Signed on a free transfer from Arsenal in the close season the former Highbury keeper had a loan spell with Bristol Rovers last season and also spent loan periods with Aberdeen and Peterborough United, but did not appear in their first team.

DAVE HOCKADAY - Defender.

A former Blackpool player that moved to Swindon in August 1983. After several seasons of appearing in midfield or as a winger he switched to full back during the Town's climb to win the Fourth Division Championship in 1985/6. Dave is one of the only two players to remain on the staff from the day Lou Macari was appointed manager in July 1984. Now with over 300 League appearances to his credit he is an ever-present so far this season.

TERRY MERRIMAN - Defender.

A former Coventry City player who joined Swindon in July 1987 on a free transfer. Terry had joined the Highfield Road club as an apprentice but had limited appearances in the Central League side last term and was keen to take his chances with Swindon.

BRYAN WADE - Striker.

Signed from Trowbridge Town for a nominal fee in 1985 after having had previous spells with Bath City and Manchester City. A strong and powerful player he scored many crucial goals in Swindon's promotion seasons.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN - Defender.

Another former Manchester United player who joined Swindon on a free transfer two close season's ago. Alan did not make the United's first team but made his debut soon after joining Swindon in September 1986 and has played in a variety of positions. Last season he spent a loan spell with Torquay United for 16 games.

PHIL KING - Defender.

Another all present member of the Swindon side this season, Phil joined the Town from Torquay United in March last year for a fee of £12,500 after only being with the Devon club for a few months having joined them from Exeter City the previous July for a £3,000 fee set by a tribunal. He made 21 appearances in the Town's promotion side last term.

JON GITTENS - Defender.

A close season signing, and the fifth made by Lou Macari. This former Southampton central defender cost the Town a £40,000 fee after joining them from Birmingham non-league side Paget Rangers. He attracted the attention of Lou Macari when playing against Liverpool and his displays against Swindon in last season's Littlewoods Cup.

CHRIS KAMARA - Midfield.

Chris now in his second spell at the County ground having rejoined them from Brentford in August 1986 for a fee of £12,500. His earlier spell with the Town came following a move from Portsmouth in July 1977 and is now one of the few players who have had two different spells with the club, he also rejoined Pompey in 1981 although this was shortlived. He has now made over 400 appearances in League soccer.

PETER COYNE - Midfield.

Following some great displays with England Schoolboys Peter joined Manchester United, but his early promise declined and after only two first team appearances he was given a free transfer and moved into non-league soccer. Then he came back into the League with Crewe and spent four seasons with them. Another free transfer took him back into non-league soccer and he joined Hyde United. In August 1984 Lou Macari signed Peter for £5,000 and has now made over 100 appearances with Swindon.

LEIGH BARNARD - Midfield.

Leigh along with Dave Hockaday is one of the two players still remaining with Swindon who were at the County Ground when Lou Macari arrived in July 1984. Signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in July 1982 he has now made well in excess of 200 appearances in their colours.

SWINDON TOWN

GARY MARSHALL - Striker.

A non-contract player who is just 18 and joined the club from Coventry City having been on trainee forms with them and was a member of their FA Youth cup winning side last season.

SWINDON TOWN THIS SEASON

Aston Villa 2 Swindon 1
Barnsley 0 Swindon 1
Birmingham 1 Swindon 1
Bradford City 2 Swindon 0
Crystal Palace 2 Swindon 1
Huddersfield 0 Swindon 3
Ipswich Town 3 Swindon 2
Leeds United 4 Swindon 2
Leicester City 3 Swindon 2
Middlesbrough 2 Swindon 3
Millwall 2 Swindon 2
Reading 0 Swindon 1
Sheffield United 1 Swindon 0
WBA 1 Swindon 2
Swindon 0 Birmingham 2
Swindon 0 Hull City 0
Swindon 1 Middlesbrough 1
Swindon 1 Plymouth 1
Swindon 1 Shrewsbury 1
Swindon 2 Oldham Athletic 0
Swindon 2 Sheffield United 0
Swindon 2 WBA 0
Swindon 3 Manchester 4
Swindon 3 Stoke City 0
Swindon 4 Bournemouth 2
Swindon 4 Huddersfield 1
Swindon 4 Ipswich 2
Swindon 4 Reading 0
Littlewoods Cup
Bristol City 3 Swindon 2
Swindon 3 Bristol City 0
Swindon 3 Portsmouth 1
Portsmouth 1 Swindon 3
Swindon 1 Watford 1

FA Cup

Swindon 0 Norwich City 0
Norwich City 0 Swindon 2
Newcastle United 5 Swindon 0

Simod Cup

Blackburn Rovers 1 Swindon 2
Swindon 4 Chelsea 0

BOBBY BARNES - Forward.

A former West Ham United apprentice, where he made 13 League appearances and scored 5 goals, Bobby had a loan spell with Scunthorpe United for six games before a move to Aldershot where he scored 19 goals in 39 appearances last term, and is the Town's latest signing, joining them in December last year.

CHARLIE HENRY - Midfield.

A former apprentice with Swindon, Charlie can play in a number of positions which he did in their promotion seasons and was their leading goalscorer with 18 goals in the 1985/6 season. Last term he struggled to find his form, and in fact had a loan spell with Northampton Town for four games, although he has now appeared in 200 games for the Town.

MARK JONES - Midfield.

Mark joined the Town in October 1986 from Oxford United for £25,000, after having been an apprentice with the Manor Road club and helped them in the rise to the First Division. He has now made over 50 appearances in the Town's colours.

STEVE FOLEY - Midfield.

Another close season signing having joined the Town from Sheffield United for a tribunal fee of £35,000. The Liverpool born player started his career at Anfield as an apprentice but never made their League side and made his debut while on loan to Fulham. A free transfer followed and Steve joined Grimsby Town in 1984 and made 31 appearances for them before another free transfer saw him move to Sheffield United to make 55 appearances and score 9 goals for them.

JIMMY QUINN - Striker.

The man to watch this afternoon, the current leading goalscorer with 24 goals, Jimmy moved to Swindon from Blackburn Rovers in December 1986 for a fee of £50,000. This Northern Ireland international had previously joined Swindon from Oswestry Town in 1982 and had 49 appearances with them before his move north to Blackburn for £32,000. Now nearing the 100 mark in appearances he netted 9 goals last season.

COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender.

Another all present member of the Town's side this season, Colin has had the distinction of being captain of their side to promotion in two consecutive seasons. He moved from Mansfield Town in July 1985 for £27,500 and to date has not missed a single first team game, which has made him the target for a number of top flight clubs.

DAVE BAMBER - Striker.

Another man to watch this afternoon, Dave, a much travelled striker has netted 13 goals this term to be Swindon's second top striker. He started his career with Blackpool making 86 appearances and scoring 29 goals before signing for Coventry City in 1983 where he made 19 appearances and scored 3 goals. A move to Walsall saw Dave score 7 goals in 20 appearances but he moved onto Portsmouth where he netted once in four games before his move to the County Ground and is now nearing the 100 mark being an ever-present this season.

STEVE WHITE - Striker.

Joined Swindon on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July 1985, Steve has proved to be a great signing and has hit 11 goals so far this term. Steve had two spells with the Rovers, inbetween moves to Luton Town for £200,000 and Charlton Athletic, before re-joining them in August 1983 and has now well over 250 League appearances behind him.



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SWINDON TOWN

	Home	Away
DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)		
1951/2	0-1	2-1
1952/3	2-1	2-2
1953/4	1-0	1-2
1954/5	7-0	1-2
1955/6	1-1	1-2
1956/7	7-3	2-1
1957/8	1-3	0-1
DIVISION THREE		
1959/60	3-0	2-4
1960/1	1-1	1-1
1961/2	1-3	2-1
1962/3	1-2	0-1
1965/6	1-1	0-0
1966/7	3-1	2-2
1967/8	0-1	0-0
1968/9	1-1	0-3
1975/6	3-0	0-3
1976/7	2-2	0-1
1977/8	2-3	0-5
1978/9	0-0	1-2
DIVISION TWO		
1987/8		1-1

We may feel that we are overdue for a win today as we have won only nine of our previous Football League games against Swindon. Yet oddly enough in two of these games we have scored no fewer than seven goals. Our 7-0 win in May 1955 still stands as our biggest-ever Football League win with Ray Russell amongst our scorers just as he was nearly two years later when we chalked up a 7-3 win.

Since then however we have won only three home games out of thirteen, the most recent success here being in September 1975 when David Collier netted a penalty in each half and Ray Hayward completed the scoring in a 3-0 success. The point that we picked up at Swindon in September was our first there in our last six visits. After a goalless first half Jimmy Quinn netted for the home side and Tim Steele for us.

The last game was in August 1978 when despite having just won both our opening games of the season there were only 2,869 here to see us held to a goalless draw.



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Meet Swindon Town's Manager **LOU MACARI**

Lou Macari is one of the comparatively few soccer men to achieve spectacular success both as a player and as a manager. In fact if ultimately he takes Swindon into Division One he may yet outdo as a manager his spectacular feats as a player.

Born in Edinburgh in 1949 he is the descendant of a family that hails from the same part of Italy that has produced at different times Sir Charles Forte, Gina Lollobrigida and former Italian Prime Minister, Signior Guilio Andreotti. He played for Kilmarnock Amateurs before joining Celtic in 1965 with Schoolboy and Youth international honours already behind him. It took him some little time to earn a regular place in the Celtic team, but then in the course of three full seasons he gained three Scottish League medals, two Scottish Cup medals and six full and one under-23 Scottish cap.

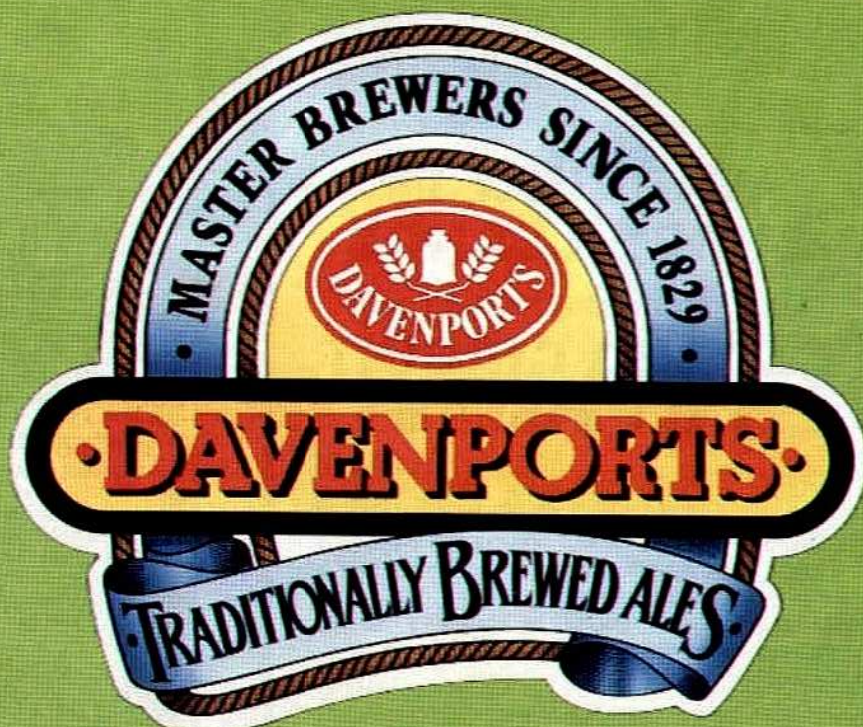
Liverpool were keen to sign him, but Tommy Docherty pipped them by taking Lou to Old Trafford in January 1973. In a spectacular career there he won a further 18 Scotland caps, an FA Cup winners medal in 1977, runners-up prizes in 1976 and 1980 and was a key figure in United's bounce back from Division Two in 1975. He also appeared in the 1983 Milk Cup final in which United went down to Liverpool after extra time at Wembley.

All in all he played in 392 League and cup games for United and scored over a hundred goals in eleven seasons. In July 1984 he moved to Swindon as manager with another former United man Harry Gregg as his assistant, but things did not work out and in the following April both were sacked with Lou re-instated on his own shortly afterwards.

Things then began to hum and a season later Swindon topped Division Four and a season after that they climbed into Division Two where they are currently in the top half of the table. They have also pulled off two cup wins over First Division teams this season to bring back memories of Lou's Old Trafford days. He is clearly the man to write more exciting pages in the history of Swindon Town.



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We have much pleasure in extending to you a belated but no less sincere good wish for the festive season to all Supporters and well wishers. Whilst our football was curtailed, our fans brought welcome Xmas gifts from Gillingham and Walsall in the shape of a point from each ground. The story of looking Day as all know and we were not alone, for all Midland Clubs suffered with us. The results over the weekend were good for the lot had two draws, we repeat 1-1 at both Gillingham and Walsall, with O'Donnell and Keady scoring at the respective places; the reserves announced their revival with a grand 4-1 win over Rugby Town, with Shindler, Webb, J. C. Jones, L. Edgley & serving whilst the 'A' team ran riot with a 10-1 win over Pontefryst, with F. Williams and Harbin having three each, Ross, J. N. Williams and J. Jones 1. So in two weeks our Junior sides have beaten Pontefryst with 18 goals for and 3 against.

Today our games, if played, are last team at home to Swindon Town; Reserves are due at Halesowen Town; and the Colts go to Hinkley United. The 'A' team match versus Hanwood having been cancelled.

Next Saturday we have Oldham Athletic as visitors. In reply to many queries we cannot get one of League games fitted in as opponents we have still to meet are already committed. We hope a good crowd will rally round next week to see Oldham, and see again a very good team which will give an idea of the strength, this time of a Club in the top half of the Northern section. The Reserves visit Tam-

worth; the Colts entertain Wyke; and the 'A' side go to Chelwood.

Financial. Everyone will realise that despite our team's success, that various interventions, the weather and the like, have decreased the gates, and the biggest blow was, of course, the postponement of the Walsall game at home, which promised to bring the best gate for several seasons. This and the inclement weather attending recent matches has meant a tightening of the belts, but we hope we do not appear in vain for better and increased support for our remaining home games.

Our aim for promotion is a real one, even the severest of our critics have realised that we are well amongst the leaders. To achieve that aim the Players need the maximum of encouragement from large crowds; and the Board and Management need the bigger crowds to have the necessary wherewithal to bring that dream of promotion to reality and establish ourselves for the future. Everyone will realise that the fall in gates has not been altogether the Club's fault, and our record form and galloping dues confirm the Managers view that this is his best ever team.

In an early edition, we propose to show you how gate receipts are split up and how little there is left for the Club at the end to pay various expenses; this will have an emphasis on Entertainment Duty, a burden which all interested parties will agree should be lightened in respect of Professional Football Clubs.

So a warm Appeal to you. Support your Club and play your part in our program. Yes, your program too.

We welcome today Swindon Town to the Gay Meadow, a team who started the season badly, but who have improved so much since Bert Head, former Torquay captain and centre-half and latterly Assistant Manager at Bury, took over the team. Swindon will provide stern opposition and be worthy opponents. Early in the season we won 2-1 at Swindon, with O'Donnell and Whittaker, both at wing-forward, scoring the goals. A repeat win would do us good and keep us in a challenging position and give us our first double of the season.

Now some Club notes and jottings, word of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace on the birth of young Martin William, note Joe, he is eligible for England, not Scotland. So this year each of the occupants of Club Flats at Belmont Bank, Jimmy Bannister, Colin Whittaker and now Joe, have had additions to the family, but wishes to all three families. Now to Norman Bowen who joins Miss Joan Walker in holy matrimony in the summer, we wish them both well. Happier news of injuries, Ron Walker has recovered from his accident and was fit for duty today, apart from Willie O'Donnell, doubtful for today, we have a clean bill of health.

The boys received a very nice letter of thanks from the Dr. Barnardo's homes, the recipients of Xmas gifts as per the usual custom, that our players follow at Xmas time.

Now a last word of sympathy to Jimmy Bannister, the cancellation of the Walsall match robbed Jimmy of a good collection for his benefit, but may we remind you that donations will be gratefully received for this fund, and that other efforts and another collection will be made at dates to be announced later.

This afternoon we look back to a game 31 years ago when we were on the edge of the Third Division (South) promotion race and Swindon were battling it out with Norwich City, Coventry and Plymouth in the re-election zone.

We were at that time on the crest of a wave with an unbeaten run of five games in the course of which we had scored 15 goals. Though the eight-page programme selling at three old pence, was a small one by present-day standards it contains some interesting notes including an appeal for more support.

There were in fact over 8,000 at this particular game and they had a real feast with both teams playing fast direct football and us coming out winners by 7-3, the second time we had netted seven against Swindon in the space of three seasons. Ray Russell and Colin Whittaker got two goals each and Ray Weigh, Jim Shields and Derek Price the others, while Bob Edwards (2) and Gordon Pembrey replied.

Geoff Allman.

DIVISION III SOUTH

SATURDAY, DEC. 29th, 1956

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WALLAGE	(4)	SIMPSON	(6)
PRICE	(7)	RUSSELL	(10)
O'DONNELL	(8)	WHITTAKER	(11)
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DARCY	(1)	OWEN	(9)
EDWARDS	(10)	GIBBS	(8)
PEMBRY	(4)	JACK	(5)
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FIXTURES	ATT	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
AUGUST 1987															
15-Leicester City.....	8,469	1-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Geddis	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Brown
22-IPSWICH TOWN.....	3,610	0-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
25-Crewe LC 1st 2nd.....	1,200	3-3	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Green	Unghlan	Leonard	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Crane	Griffin
29-Huddersfield.....	4,478	0-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	McNally	Pearson	Unghlan	Leonard	Narbett	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Green	
SEPTEMBER															
1-READING.....	3,223	0-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
5-W.B.A.....	8,590	1-2	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
8-CREWE LC Rd 1 2nd.....	2,824	4-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Green	Crane
12-MANCHESTER CITY.....	6,280	0-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Brown	Leonard
15-Hull City.....	7,939	1-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Brown	Leonard
19-Birmingham City.....	7,183	0-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
22-SHEFFIELD WED LC2 1L.....	4,364	1-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
26-BRADFORD CITY.....	4,247	2-2	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Green
29-Swindon Town.....	8,261	1-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally +	Cooper	Brown	Tester	Leonard +	Robinson
OCTOBER															
3-CRYSTAL PALACE.....	3,998	2-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Cooper	Brown	Tester	Robinson	Leonard
6-Sheffield Wed LC2 2L.....	8,572	1-2	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Leonard	Pearson	Unghlan	Steele	McNally p	Cooper	Robinson	Tester	Green	Griffin
17-Millwall.....	5,202	1-4	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Green	Griffin	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Robinson	Leonard
20-Bournemouth.....	5,587	0-2	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Green	Griffin	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Robinson	Leonard
24-OLDHAM ATH.....	3,337	2-3	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Green	Griffin	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Robinson	Leonard
31-Middlesbrough.....	10,183	0-4	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Leonard	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Steele	Green
NOVEMBER															
3-ASTON VILLA.....	7,088	1-2	Perks	Green	Williams (B)	Narbett	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Laworthy	Robinson	Leonard	Brown	Crane
7-Leeds United.....	13,760	1-2	Perks	Green +	Williams (B)	Narbett	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Robinson	Laworthy	Leonard	Brown	Smith
14-BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	3,184	1-2	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Narbett	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Smith
17-SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	2,556	2-0	Hughes	Green	Williams (B)	Narbett	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	Leonard	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Priest	Griffin
21-Barnsley.....	5,364	1-2	Hughes	Green	Williams (B)	Leonard	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Priest	Narbett
23-Newcastle United.....	7,787	1-2	Hughes	Green	Williams (B)	Leonard	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	Priest	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Narbett	Griffin
28-STOKE CITY.....	5,158	0-3	Perks	Green	Williams (B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Narbett	Leonard
DECEMBER															
6-Plymouth Argyle.....	7,803	0-2	Perks	Green	Williams (B)	Leonard	Moyes	Unghlan	Priest	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Narbett	Tester	Smith (N)
12-HULL CITY.....	2,598	2-2	Perks	Green	Williams (B)	Leonard	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Leonard	Narbett
18-Ipswich Town.....	8,830	0-2	Perks	Green	Williams (B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Narbett	Leonard +
26-Bradford City.....	15,808	1-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Narbett	Leonard
28-BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	6,397	0-0	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest +	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Tester	Ball	Williams(W) +
JANUARY															
1-HUDDESFIELD.....	5,448	3-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B +	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele +	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Ball	Tester +	Narbett
2-Manchester City.....	21,455	3-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes 2	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Williams(W)	Williams(W)	Narbett
9-BRISTOL ROVERS FAC Rd 3.....	6,554	2-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Narbett	McNally	Brown	Robinson	Williams(W)	Williams(W)	Tester +
16-LEICESTER CITY.....	5,025	0-0	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Robinson +	Ball	Kasule	Williams(W) +
23-Reading.....	5,170	0-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Steele	McNally	Brown	Kasule +	Williams(W)	Williams(W)	Geddis +
30-Plymouth Argyle FAC 4.....	12,749	0-1	Perks	Green	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Williams(W)	McNally	Brown +	Geddis	Ball	Kasule	Tester +
FEBRUARY															
6-W.B.A.....	6,360	0-1	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Priest	Moyes	Unghlan	Ball	McNally	Mellrose	Geddis	Kasule	Brown	Narbett
13-Sheffield United.....	8,227	1-0	Perks	Williams(W) Williams(B)	Williams(B)	Priest	Pratley	Unghlan	Kasule	McNally	Mellrose	Geddis	Brown	Irvine	Tester
20-SWINDON TOWN															
27-Crystal Palace															
MARCH															
6-MILLWALL.....															
18-MIDDLESBROUGH.....															
26-Oldham Ath.....															
APRIL															
2-LEEDS UNITED.....															
4-Blackburn.....															
9-BOURNEMOUTH.....															
23-Aston Villa.....															
30-BARNLEY.....															
MAY															
2-Stoke City.....															
7-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....															

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SHREWS' FACTS



MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Wednesday 19th August	BRISTOL CITY 3pm	2-2	Mulcahy, Griffiths.
Wednesday 9th September	Torquay United 2pm	4-1	Hodgetts 2, Green, Osbourne.
Wednesday 23rd September	SWANSEA CITY 2.00pm	1-1	Griffiths.
Wednesday 7th October	AFC Bournemouth 2.00pm	0-3	
Tuesday 13th October	Plymouth Argyle 2.00pm	1-4	Smith
Wednesday 21st October	NEWPORT COUNTY 2.00pm	3-1	Smith, Leonard, Griffiths.
Monday 9th November	Hereford United 7.00pm	0-0	
Wednesday 9th December	Cardiff City 2.00pm	1-2	
Monday 21st December	EXETER CITY	0-2	
Wednesday 6th January	Bristol City 2.00pm		
Wednesday 20th January	TORQUAY UNITED 2.00pm	1-1	Griffiths.
Wednesday 10th February	Swansea City 2.00pm		
Wednesday 17th February	AFC Bournemouth 2.00pm		
Wednesday 2nd March	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 2.00pm		
Tuesday 22nd March	Newport County 2.00pm		
Wednesday 30th March	HEREFORD UNITED 7.00pm		
Tuesday 19th April	Exeter City 2.00pm		
Wednesday 27th April	CARDIFF CITY 2.00pm		

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MATCH BALL SPONSORS.

Ipswich Town	Mrs. E. Yates
Reading	Annscrip Haulage, Annscrip
Crews	Bates & Hunt (Petroleum) Ltd. Shrewsbury
Manchester City	Chris. Smith & the Away Supporters.
Bradford City	Telepost Away Supporters
Crystal Palace	S.T.F.C. Supporters Dominice Team.
Oldham Athletic	Mark Singer, former Port Vale Chairman.
Aston Villa	Bernard, Kevan & Sandra Davies, Season Ticket Holders, Telford.
Blackburn Rovers	Chris Smith in memory of the late Sam Powell.
Sheffield United	Standard Life Assurance Ltd.
Stoke City	G.T. Catering Services, Telford.
Hull City	R.W. Ralph. Financial Consultant.
Birmingham City	Marches Supporters Club
Huddersfield	Martin Dawley & Stan Jones.
Bristol Rovers	Martin Dawley & Stan Jones.
Leicester City	Anthony Horton Limited.
West Bromwich Albion	Bates & Hunt. Shrewsbury & Telford.
Middlesbrough	Graham Phillips.
Leeds United	Royal Mail Letters
Bournemouth	Standard Life Assurance Ltd.

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Ipswich Town	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery
Reading	
Crews	
Manchester City	Charles Clarke, Shrewsbury.
Bradford City	
Crystal Palace	
Oldham Athletic	Chris Smith & The Away Supporters
Aston Villa	Mynd Factors (V.G.)
Sheffield United	
Blackburn Rovers	Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.
Sheffield United	
Stoke City	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery.
Hull City	C.J. Pearce & Co. Ltd. Telford.
Birmingham	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery.
Huddersfield	Shrewsbury Rotary Club.
Bristol Rovers	Davan's Paints Division.
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Leicester City	McCartneys, Auctioneers.
W.B.A.	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery.
Swindon Town	Magna Specialist Confectioners Ltd
Millwall	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery.
Middlesbrough	R.M.W. Electrical Services.
Leeds United	Brookhursts.
Bournemouth	ADMAG, Shrewsbury.
Barnsley	Charles Clarke, Shrewsbury.
Plymouth Argyle	Shrewsbury & Wern Brewery.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Plymouth	9	7	0	2	33	14	21
Exeter City	9	5	1	3	24	11	16
Cardiff City	9	5	0	4	20	21	15
Hereford United	6	4	1	1	11	6	13
Bournemouth	6	4	0	2	20	9	12
SHREWSBURY	10	2	4	4	13	17	10
Torquay United	8	2	3	3	9	23	9
Swansea City	9	2	2	5	14	23	8
Bristol City	8	1	2	5	13	28	5
Newport County	4	0	1	3	5	10	1

BARCLAYS LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

	32	17	10	5	51	27	61
Aston Villa	31	17	9	5	45	28	60
Blackburn Rovers	31	16	8	7	43	25	56
Middlesbrough	32	17	4	11	66	48	55
Crystal Palace	32	17	4	11	52	40	55
Millwall	30	16	6	8	48	38	54
Bradford City	32	14	8	10	45	41	50
Leeds United	30	13	10	7	43	40	49
Hull City	31	13	7	11	41	32	46
Ipswich Town	31	13	6	12	60	45	45
Manchester City	28	13	6	9	52	37	45
Swindon Town	30	12	7	12	37	39	43
Stoke City	30	12	6	12	48	46	42
Plymouth Argyle	31	11	7	13	42	45	40
Oldham Athletic	28	11	6	11	42	37	39
Barnsley	31	10	8	13	31	48	38
Birmingham City	30	9	7	14	43	49	34
Bournemouth	32	9	5	18	36	54	32
W.B.A.	30	8	7	15	39	46	31
Leicester City	31	8	6	17	32	53	30
Sheffield United	32	6	11	15	27	42	29
SHREWSBURY	30	6	6	18	34	57	24
Reading	30	4	8	18	31	71	20
Huddersfield							

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO GATES

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	30,153	15,430	26,044
Leeds United	34,186	13,760	20,565
Aston Villa	30,870	11,702	16,769
Middlesbrough	23,536	9,342	13,582
Bradford City	15,008	8,858	12,534
Ipswich Town	17,124	9,730	12,028
W.B.A.	22,072	7,303	10,420
Plymouth Argyle	15,581	7,603	10,082
Sheffield United	13,809	6,997	9,750
Stoke City	18,020	6,740	9,728
Leicester City	11,937	7,358	9,479
Swindon Town	12,424	6,963	9,415
Birmingham City	28,000	5,829	8,962
Hull City	13,886	5,007	8,573
Barnsley	11,569	5,011	8,310
Blackburn	15,427	5,619	8,172
Crystal Palace	12,449	6,088	8,169
Millwall	10,411	5,202	7,517
Huddersfield	11,671	4,478	7,481
Bournemouth	9,083	5,567	7,397
Oldham Athletic	15,984	4,353	6,583
Reading	10,052	4,535	6,423
Shrewsbury Town	7,089	2,556	4,865

At Gay Meadow Today

SHREWSBURY v SWINDON TOWN

STEVE PERKS	1	FRASER DIGBY
WAYNE WILLIAMS	2	DAVE HOCKADAY
BRIAN WILLIAMS	3	PHIL KING
PHIL PRIEST	4	CHRIS KAMARA
RICHARD PRATLEY	5	TIM PARKIN
DAVID LINIGHAN	6	COLIN CALDERWOOD
VICTOR KASULE	7	DAVE BAMBER
BERNARD McNALLY	8	JON GITTINS
JIM MELROSE	9	JIMMY QUINN
DAVID GEDDIS	10	BOBBY BARNES
MICHAEL BROWN	11	KIERAN O'REGAN
	12	
	14	

White and Blue

Red and White

TODAY'S REFEREE - I.S. HEMLEY

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- H Blackburn v Aston Villa
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- O Coventry City v Norwich City
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