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## BLACKBURN'S RECORD RUN IS OVER

Blackburn Rovers' long unbeaten run finally came to an end at Stoke last Saturday. They had smashed all club records by playing 23 League games without defeat but Stoke's second-highest League gate (14,100) of the season began celebrating as Nicky Morgan gave the Potters an early lead.

Though Chris Price equalised for Rovers soon after the interval, Graham Shaw scored Stoke's winner a quarter-of-an-hour from the end. Stoke have themselves built up an impressive unbeaten run. The Potters have won five and drawn two of their last seven Second Division matches.

Aston Villa strolled to a comfortable 2-1 victory at Bournemouth to open out a three-point lead over Blackburn at the top of the table. Goals from Tony Daley and David Platt put Villa into a two-goal lead with seven minutes to go. Andy Gray then conceded an own-goal to make the final score 2-1 to Villa.

Platt, signed from Crewe a few weeks ago, has scored in each of his last three games for Villa.

The game attracted Bournemouth's best League attendance (10,057) of the season.

What a dramatic change of fortunes there has been at Reading! By mid-December they were bottom of the Second

Division without any hope, it seemed, of avoiding relegation. Since then, the Royals have won five out of nine League games and knocked First Division sides Q.P.R., Oxford, Nottingham Forest and Coventry out of the Simod Cup.

Their victory over Coventry — by 4-3 on penalties — takes them to Wembley for the first time in their history, where they now play Luton Town in the final on Sunday 27th March.

Last Saturday Reading won 2-0 at Huddersfield and they now have a very good chance of pulling clear of relegation danger. Both goals came from Billy Whitehurst — his first since his £120,000 transfer from Oxford last month.

The Midas touch of new manager David Pleat is beginning to work at Leicester. They made it four wins in a row last Saturday with a goal from Nicky Cross in a 1-0 home win over Sheffield United.

Striker Ian Baird celebrated his return to Leeds by scoring the winning goal at home to Plymouth last weekend. Ian, Leeds' top scorer with 19 goals last season, was sold to Portsmouth for £285,000 last summer but he managed to score only twice this season for Pompey. They relieved their financial problems by agreeing to sell him back to Leeds for only £185,000.

by Tony Pullein

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# JOE ROYLE

## Comments

Hello strangers, rather than welcome, would seem more appropriate as we return to Boundary Park for the first time in five weeks. Three successive away games at Bradford, Millwall and Crystal Palace have yielded but one point, as we have created chances galore, but still find 'clean sheets' elusive. With this in mind we have at least one and probably two new faces in our defence today. Andy Rhodes from Doncaster has been signed for £55,000 and if all has gone well with a loan deal, Ian Marshall from Everton will make his debut at centre half. I have watched both players for years rather than games and kept them in mind should the reason ever occur to bring them to Boundary Park.

Since Andy Goram was transferred to Hibernian, I have resisted the temptation to sign another 'keeper as Andy Gorton came into the team and did well. On reflection, one of the secrets of Andy Goram's form was the presence of Andy Gorton and with this in mind, Andy Rhodes has come to compete for the No. 1 Jersey. The catalyst for this week's transfer activity was the departure of Andy Linighan to Norwich City for £350,000, a move that I was very sad indeed to sanction. Big Andy had presented us with a fait accompli and I was reluctant to say to him "thanks for everything, but if you gotta go, go now". A big hole has been left in the centre of our defence, so as I mentioned before Ian Marshall has joined us from Everton on loan, and if everything goes well, I would like to make the move permanent.

Despite a certain cynical view amongst some of our supporters that our season is dead unless we get pulled into the relegation mire, there is still a lot to play for. Once again, get behind the lads, and let's finish the season in style.

FRONT COVER: Frankie Bunn scores his first goals at Boundary Park in the game against Reading.

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The cost of the trip including coach fare and a seat ticket to the match will be £5.00 members and £9.00 parents. We would advise anyone wishing to go on the trip to please book early to avoid disappointment. As it is the Easter Holidays we may experience difficulty in providing an extra coach and at this stage we can only guarantee one coach making the trip.

Bookings can be made in the Souvenir Shop at any time, the Junior Latics Lounge on match days or by post. CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: MONDAY 28th MARCH, 1988.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Our first meeting at Royton Assembly Hall on the 29th February was a great success with over 300 members and parents attending. Youth team coach Billy Urmson brought along apprentices Andrew Gayle, Jason Allen, Steven Bramwell and Andrew Woodcock to demonstrate their ball skills, whilst first team's Mike Flynn, Frankie Bunn, Earl Barrett and Gary Williams joined in the games and signed hundreds of autographs. Manager Joe Royle was also on hand to take part in a question and answer session.

The two lucky winners of our Prize Quiz were Neil Ward and Philip Camm who each received autographed footballs, with consolation prizes going to Steven and Wendy Varley. We had a magnificent response to the quiz with almost 100 members entering.

**WE'LL BE THERE AT...**

### BIRMINGHAM CITY AND ASTON VILLA, WILL YOU?

*Bookings are now being taken in the club shop for the following away games.*

**BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO BIRMINGHAM CITY v ATHLETIC**  
Saturday, 19th March, 1988.

Kick-off 3.00p.m.

Depart: Boundary Park 11.30a.m.

Fare: £5.00.

**BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO ASTON VILLA v ATHLETIC**

Monday, 4th April, 1988 (Easter Monday).

Kick-off 3.00p.m.

Depart: Boundary Park 11.30a.m.

Fare: £5.00.

## MATCH MASCOT

Today's match mascot is 12-year-old John Prestwood of 131 Norman Street, Middleton. John attends Langley Community School, Middleton and his favourite player is Tommy Wright. Enjoy your day, John, hope you have a great time.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays shortly. Cards from Joe Royle will be arriving soon.

March 13th — Paul Ryder, March 16th — Adrian France, Mark Savage, Wendy Varley; March 17th — Paul Bradley, Christopher Ford, Gareth Lynch and Andrew O'Grady; March 18th — Andrew Davies, Luke Summers; March 25th — Jason Bolton and Iain Hardwick.

## SWINDON MASCOT

Swindon Town's mascot this afternoon is 13-year-old Michael Jennings. Michael has seen Swindon play on 31 away grounds, and his favourite player is Bobby Barnes. Hope you have a great afternoon, Michael.



Daniel Chadwick, mascot for the Crystal Palace game, meets his favourite player, Willie Donachie, before the game.

**JUNIOR Latics**

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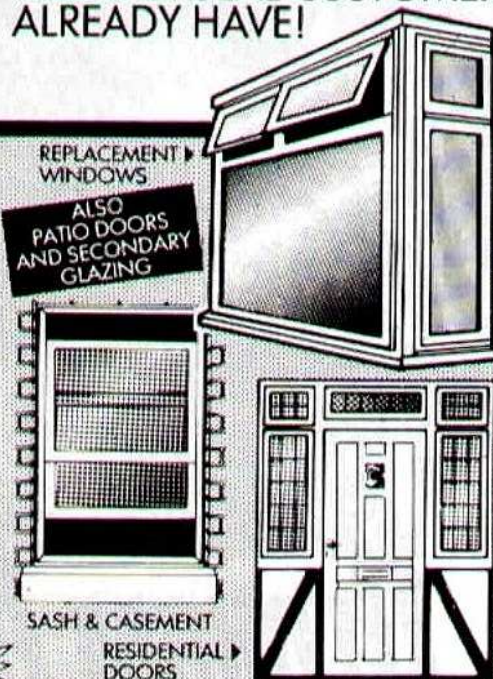
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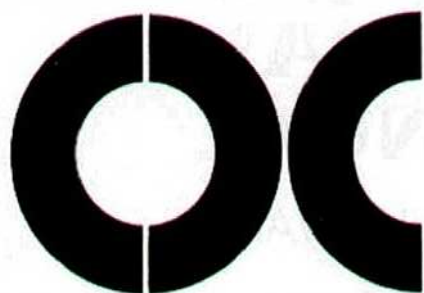
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# SP on TLIGHT Reserves

## RESERVES

With the 5 week break both the reserves and 'B' team have played a number of games. The results of which were of vital importance, with the reserves pushing for promotion back to the Central League Division 1 and the 'B' team who have led the league table all season looking like Champions elect. But good results for both teams were of paramount importance.

## RESERVES

10th Feb.  
Athletic 2 Notts County 0  
Latics goalscorers: Monaghan (2)  
17th Feb.  
Newcastle U. 2 Athletic 2  
Latics goalscorers: Cecere, Edmonds  
24th Feb.  
Doncaster R 1 Athletic 0  
2nd March  
Athletic 3 Bolton W. 2  
Latics goalscorers: Morgan (2), Cecere

## B TEAM

13th Feb.  
P.N.E. 4 Athletic 4  
Latics goals: Kelly, Morgan, Bramwell, Papavasiliou  
20th Feb.  
Athletic 3 Blackburn 1  
Latics goals: Bramwell (2), Slaney  
27th Feb.  
Carlisle U. 1 Athletic 3  
Latics goals: Woodcock, Goldthorpe, Gayle  
5th March  
Tranmere R 0 Athletic 1  
Latics goal: Allen

## CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

### ATHLETIC 2 NOTTS COUNTY 0

Reserves kept up their challenge for promotion to the Central League First Division with this fine 2-0 win over lowly Notts County.

Reserves took the lead when a fine cross from Papavasiliou beat the County defence for transfer listed Bob Monaghan to score from close range. And it was Papavasiliou who dribbled his way through before crossing, and once again Monaghan was on hand to score Reserves 2nd goal.

In a fine Reserves performance Earl Barrett and Papavasiliou were outstanding.

Team: Williams, Joughin, Blundell, Allen, Barrett, Edmonds, Morgan, Henry, Cecere, Monaghan, Papavasiliou. Subs: Kelly and Slaney.

### NEWCASTLE 2 ATHLETIC 2

Striker Mike Cecere and defender Earl Barrett pressed their claims for first team places with fine displays in this Central League game.

Cecere put Reserves ahead from the penalty spot, while Neil Edmonds earned a point with a late equaliser.

Team: Williams, Adams, Blundell, Callaghan, Barrett, Edmonds, Morgan, Monaghan, Cecere, Ogden, Mooney. Subs: Gayle and Wood.

## ENGLAND CAPS FOR PRICE AND MAKIN

Two of Athletic's Associate Schoolboy signings, Robert Price and Chris Makin were awarded their England Boys caps after playing in the recent 5-0 win over Wales Under 15's at Boston.

Local lad Price who had a fine match, started at left-back before switching to central defence in place of West Ham's Peter Reed, allowing Makin to come on as substitute at full back.

Robert and Chris are both resident at the F.A. School of Excellence at Lilleshall.

Today England take on Brazil at Wembley in the first ever Schoolboy International between the two countries and both of our youngsters are again included in the squad.

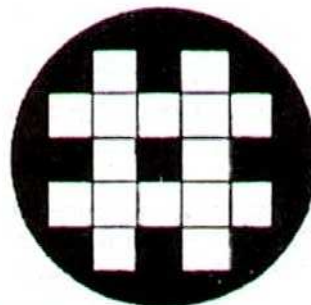
## LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham Athletic B	20	14	4	2	53	24	46
Manchester Utd. B	20	13	2	5	66	36	41
Wigan Athletic A	18	11	2	6	49	26	35
Preston North End B	20	11	2	7	35	37	35
Blackpool A	20	8	5	7	30	31	29
Blackburn Rovers A	17	9	1	7	41	36	28
Crewe Alexandra B	16	8	1	7	63	43	25
Tranmere Rovers B	19	7	4	8	37	34	25
Liverpool B	14	7	3	4	31	20	24
Chester City A	15	5	1	9	25	41	16
Stockport County A	20	4	3	13	22	48	15
Formby A	11	3	1	7	15	29	10
Marine Youth	18	3	0	15	19	49	9
Carlisle United A	11	2	1	8	11	43	7

## CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	26	15	5	6	61	37	50
Newcastle United	21	13	5	3	54	27	44
Blackburn Rovers	23	12	7	4	49	17	43
West Bromwich A.	22	11	5	6	47	27	38
Oldham Athletic	20	11	3	6	32	25	36
Bolton Wanderers	25	10	6	9	40	45	36
Stoke City	24	9	7	8	26	26	34
Port Vale	22	9	6	7	37	34	33
Preston North End	21	9	3	9	35	40	30
Scunthorpe United	22	8	5	9	27	33	29
Doncaster Rovers	21	8	4	9	37	44	28
Middlesbrough	22	7	4	11	26	36	25
Rotherham United	21	6	5	10	27	31	23
Wigan Athletic	21	7	2	12	27	52	23
Mansfield Town	23	6	4	13	27	41	22
York City	22	6	3	13	29	39	21
Notts County	21	5	5	11	26	33	20
Darlington	19	5	3	11	24	44	18

## Quizline



### ON THE BALL

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Fazackerley for instance

Jazz instrument by Mick

Soren the Dane

Winner's small souvenir

Answers on Statistics Page



# BOUNDARY

## RECORD FEE RECEIVED FOR LINIGHAN

Athletic picked up £350,000 from the sale of defender Andy Linighan to First Division Norwich City last week, a record for the club.



The move appeared to come out of the blue after a possible deal with Crystal Palace fell through three weeks earlier, but in fact negotiations had been taking place between the two chairmen for four days.

Athletic's Chairman Ian Stott said: "The Norwich Chairman contacted me on the Sunday following our friendly at Norwich. They were obviously impressed with Andy's performance in that match and had watched him in a few previous games. It wasn't until Tuesday that the fee was agreed, and the player travelled to Norwich on Wednesday to talk personal terms, and undergo a medical examination."

It was 8p.m. on the Wednesday evening before Andy eventually signed on the dotted line. Everything had been kept a closely guarded secret at the request of Norwich.

Joe Royle signed Andy from Leeds United on January 13th, 1986 for £55,000 and during his 26 months at Boundary Park Andy made 102 appearances and scored eight goals.

Joe does not intend to be

rushed into a signing but knowing how he operates don't be surprised if he has made a signing before today's game.

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## MIKE PICKS UP THE CHEQUE



Defender Mike Flynn picked up £50 from Martins Wellington Sales Manager Howard Rose before the kick-off of the Reading game last month in recognition of being chosen as 'Martins Player of the Month' for February.

It was Mike's first such award but he is determined that it won't be his last.

## MAKE A DATE

The next Latics Car Boot Sale is on Easter Sunday, April 3rd, on the club car park. To reserve

your space call the office on 627-1802, cars £5.00, trailers £1.00 per foot.

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## NICKY CAN'T STAY



Seventeen-year-old Nicky Papavasilou, who has been at the club since last September, last week finally found out that he will not be able to obtain a work permit and must, therefore, return to Cyprus in the near future.

During his stay he has impressed the backroom staff at Boundary Park as well as the regular spectators at Reserve games with his skills and pin-point crosses.

So everyone at Boundary Park will be sorry to see Nicky return to his native land but we



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Congratulations Barry, on your fine achievement. We hope you enjoy your afternoon at Boundary Park.

## GLENN RETURNS

Glenn Keeley, Athletic's close season signing from Blackburn, returned to the club last week having completed a months' loan at Fourth Division Colchester United. The player could not agree personal terms with the club so a permanent move has been dismissed at the moment.

## OVERSEAS BOUND

Three Athletic players are hoping to be playing 'abroad' during the summer break. Nick Henry, Gary Williams and Mike Cecere have all agreed to join overseas clubs on loan, Nick Henry will be joining Swedish First Division Club Halmstad for five months, while Gary Williams and Mike Cecere will be joining American club Tampa Bay Rowdies for three months.

## AMERICANS VISIT

Athletic have already arranged one friendly in preparation for next season. F.C. Seattle from the North American Soccer League will play at Boundary Park on Wednesday, August 3rd. The game will kick off at 7.30p.m.

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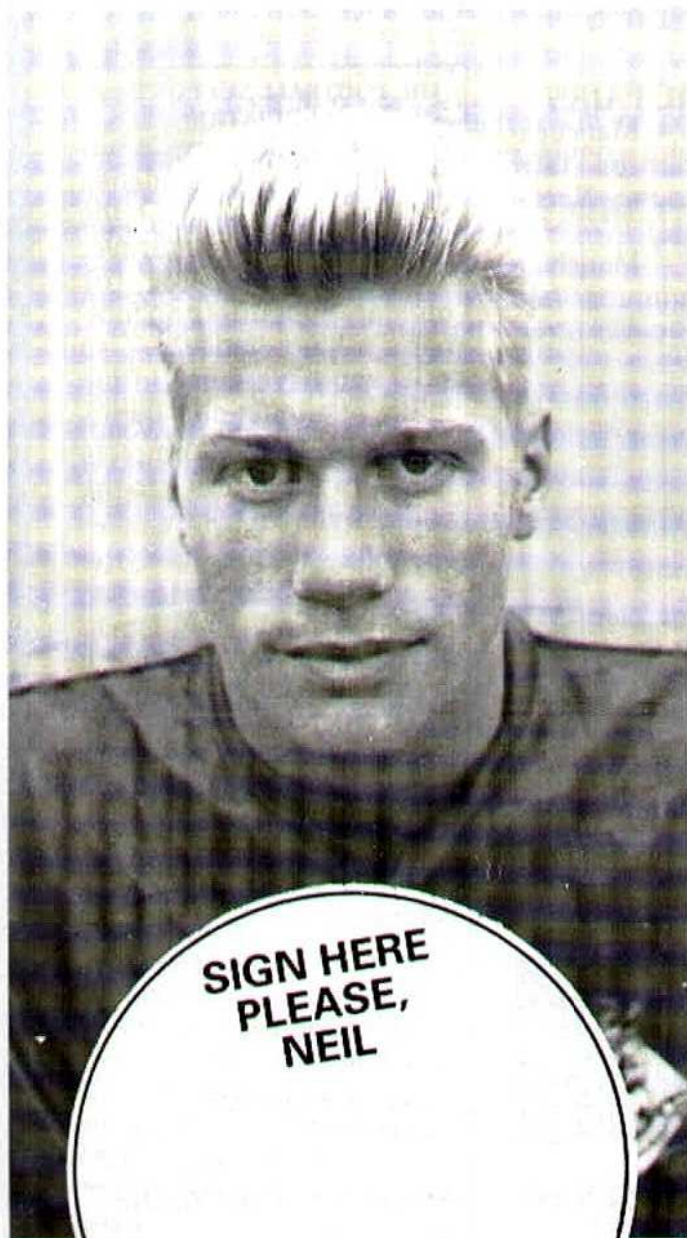
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**Birthdate:** 18th October, 1968  
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**Marital Status:** Single  
**Car:** Ford Escort  
**Nickname:** None  
**Hobbies:** Car maintenance  
**Fav. Other Sport:** Tennis/Snooker  
**Fav. T.V. Programme:** The Young Ones  
**Fav. All Time Player:** George Best  
**Current Fav. Player:** Steve McMahon  
**Fav. Away Ground:** Aston Villa  
**Fav. Food & Drink:** Pasta/Milk  
**Pre-Match Meal:** Chicken  
**Biggest Influence in Career:** Bill Urmson/Family  
**Ambitions:** To play First Division football  
**Honours to Date:** None  
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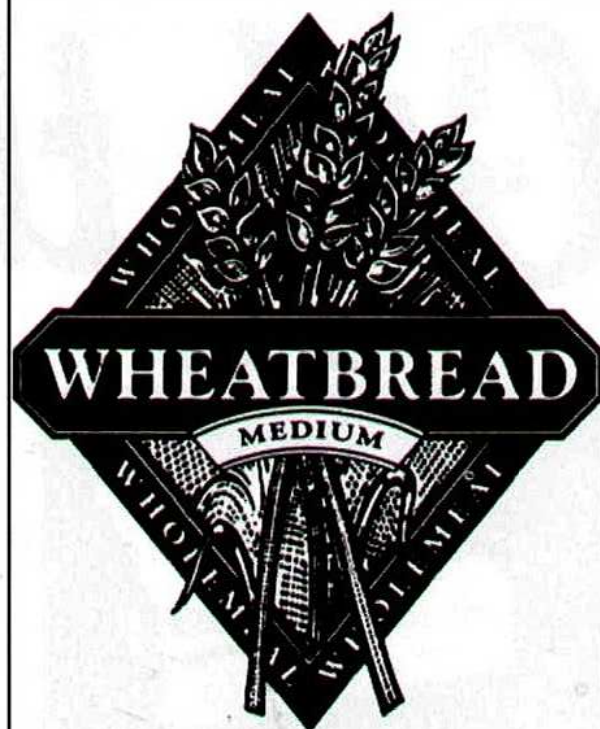
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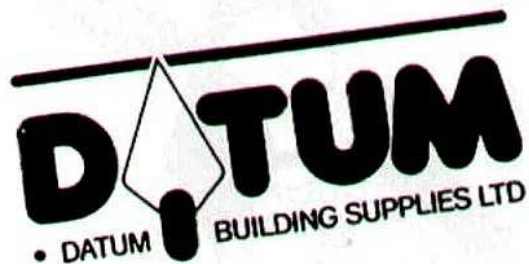
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### LATICS DINNER DATE

The date for Athletic's next Sportsman's Dinner is THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, at the Belgrade Hotel, when the speakers will be Peter Brackley (T.V. Sports Commentator) and Comedian Johnny Casson. The evening will be compered by Piccadilly Radio's Tom Tyrrell. Tickets are available at £15.00p each or in special Sponsorship Packages for Companies. Contact Alan Hardy on 627 1802.

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# SWINDON'S ATTACKING STYLE PAYS OFF

by Tony Pullein

Swindon manager Lou Macari decided to continue with his attacking policy after winning last season's promotion play-offs to move up into Second Division football this season. It has kept the Robins in a safe position in mid-table.

They were also hoping it would take them to Wembley! Swindon were due to meet Luton in the semi-final of the Simod Cup, aiming for a game against neighbours Reading in the final.

Swindon had already scored five victories over First Division sides in other cup-ties this season. Norwich were ousted from both the F.A. Cup and Simod Cup to add to wins over Portsmouth, Derby and Chelsea.

The Robins possess four consistent goal-scorers in Jimmy Quinn (24 goals), Dave Bamber (12), Bobby Barnes (who scored seven times for Aldershot and, since his

transfer, has bagged eight more for Swindon) and Steve White (12).

Quinn is level top scorer in the Second Division and his shooting form has earned him a recall to the N. Ireland team. He scored their winning goal against Turkey and picked up his 16th cap against Greece. Swindon initially signed Jimmy from Oswestry Town and he made his League debut during 1981/82. Blackburn signed him in 1984 and it was with them that he became an international. He rejoined Swindon last season.

Bamber has been a consistent scorer since joining the club from Portsmouth in 1985. Last season he netted 20 times and he has bagged 12 goals so far this term. He started his career with Blackpool and it was after leading their scorers for two successive seasons that Coventry signed him in 1983. He didn't stay for long at Highfield Road before signing for Walsall. Portsmouth signed him three seasons ago.

Barnes started his career with West Ham, making his League debut during the 1980/81 campaign. He made more than 40 League appearances for the Hammers before going to Scunthorpe on loan in 1985. He then made the full transfer to Aldershot. Swindon signed him in October.

Steve White is likely to play in attack with Quinn and Bamber. Steve was top scorer with 21 goals last season, including the two



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 Athletic), Steve White, Steve Foley, Chris Ramsey (now Southend United), 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.



which finally beat Gillingham in the replay of the play-off finals which clinched promotion. He was originally a Bristol Rovers player, moving off to Luton in a £175,000 deal in 1979. Charlton signed him in 1982 but a year later he returned to Bristol Rovers. Swindon signed him during the 1986 close-season.

Barnes usually plays in midfield alongside Keiran O'Regan and Steve Foley but Chris Kamara and Charlie Henry are also in contention here.

O'Regan was spotted in Irish football by Brighton who offered him a professional contract. He made his League debut for the Seagulls in 1983 and, whilst with them, he won four Republic of Ireland caps. Swindon signed him last summer.

Foley, who joined Swindon from Sheffield United last summer, began as a Liverpool apprentice. He didn't make the League team at Anfield but he got his chance when loaned to Fulham during 1983/84. At the end of that season he was transferred to Grimsby and he moved on to Sheffield United just over a year later.

Kamara is now in his second spell with Swindon. After taking his League bow with Portsmouth in 1975, he moved on to Swindon two years later. In 1981 he went back to Portsmouth — but only for a few weeks. Brentford signed him and he remained at Griffin Park until re-joining Swindon in 1985.

Henry is a versatile player who was a defender when he made his League debut for Swindon in 1980. Two seasons ago he switched back to attack and finished top scorer with 18 goals. Now he usually plays in midfield.

Tim Parkin and Jon Gittens have recently been playing in the middle of the defence, though Colin Calderwood had been a fixture in the centre until early February.

Parkin joined Swindon from Bristol Rovers in 1986. Earlier his career had taken some surprise twists. After turning professional with Blackburn, he got 13 outings in their League eleven and then decided to try his luck in Sweden in 1980. He played for Malmo and then Almondsbury but he returned to England in 1981 to join Bristol Rovers.

Southampton were impressed by Gittens' performance with Paget Rangers and they invited him along to The Dell. He was blooded in their First Division side towards the end of the 1985/86 season. Swindon signed him last summer.

Calderwood got his League chance with Mansfield in 1982 and quickly earned himself a place in their senior squad. Swindon signed him for £27,500 in 1985 and he hadn't missed a game until last month.

Dave Hockaday and Phil King are the full backs.

Hockaday was a forward in his early days with Blackpool but is now well established at right-back. He made his League debut for Blackpool in 1977 and made well over 100 League appearances for them before transferring to Swindon in 1983.

King was introduced to League soccer by Exeter City in 1984 and was a fairly regular member of their side for two seasons. He moved on to Torquay during the summer of 1986 but it wasn't long before a further transfer took him to Swindon.

Goalkeeper Fraser Digby has just returned after injury. Signed from Manchester United, Fraser made his League debut last season but he has already won four England under-21 caps.

## OLDHAM v SWINDON

### Previous League Results

	Home	Away
1965/66	1-1	1-0
1966/67	1-0	3-6
1967/68	0-2	0-0
1968/69	2-3	1-5
1987/88		0-2

## GOALS POWER (Reading)

Swindon are powerful starters, often getting goals during the opening minutes. They come good as an attacking side during the middle period of the second-half. Six of 14 goals scored in their last ten games came between the 60th and 75th minutes.

### SCORE AT:

	MINS			MINS		
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Birmingham (a)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1
NORWICH (H)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Norwich (a) FAC	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
CHELSEA (H) SC	2-0	2-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	4-0
Newcastle (a) FAC	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-5
MIDDLESBROUGH (H)	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Huddersfield (a)	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-0	3-0
Shrewsbury (a)	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2
NORWICH (H) SC	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0
MILLWALL (H)	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1

### No. of goals scored between:

1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
4	1	1	1	6	1

### No. of goals conceded between:

1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
1	2	3	1	1	2

# SWINDON TOWN



# ACTION

## ACTION FROM THREE GAMES

1. It could have been a hat-trick for Frankie Bunn against Reading as this thunderbolt header was somehow saved by the 'keeper.
2. Frankie made it seven goals in 13 games with this strike at Millwall.
3. Roger Palmer failed to get nearer the 100 League goal mark when he missed this chance at Crystal Palace.
4. Mike Cecere (12) did manage to get on the scoresheet at Palace but this header was off target.

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WEST BROMWICH ALB Sat. 16.1.88	Ashdene & Windsor	G. Andrews
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READING Sat. 6.2.88	Westco/Bradbury's of Oldham	T.T.E
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# CLUB DIARY

A summary of events from the club diary over the last five weeks.

After consultation with the Police and local authorities it is decided that for the Blackburn Rovers game (which kicks off at 12 noon) the Weatherseal Paddock Chadderton Road End, will be closed for the day so as to be used for overspill from the Chaddy End if needed.

Work on the Rochdale Road End of the ground begins in earnest so as to have the area open for use at the Swindon Town game, the work involved digging out grassed areas, and laying tarmac pathways from the turnstiles and to the exits.

Crystal Palace begin inquiries about the availability of Andy Linighan, and after many phone calls between London and Oldham agree a fee for Andy, then after watching the Bradford City game Palace Chairman Ron Noades pulls out of the deal at the last minute. No doubt the week of speculation upset Andy's concentration on the day.

Norman Kelly and Jason Allen, two of our apprentices, were both chosen for the Northern Ireland Youth team squad for their game against Wales at Newtown. Northern Ireland won the game by a 4-1 scoreline. A friendly at Norwich was arranged to keep the lads'

match fit during our official week off. Norwich had no game due to the Littlewoods Cup Semi-final Second Leg, they were due to play Oxford but the Littlewoods Cup-tie took precedence. The friendly ended in a 1-1 draw, Tommy Wright scoring for Athletic.

The following day the First team squad left for a short break in Benidorm (financed by the Norwich friendly), training still continues in Spain but Gary Williams and John Kelly both pull out of the trip in a bid to clear up their respective injuries. Both Kelly and Williams see specialists a result of which sees Gary Williams have a minor operation to remove some "floating bone" in his knee.

Gary Hoolickin had a major setback in his preparations for a return to full fitness when he broke down in training at Lillehall, the specialists there sent him back to Boundary Park to see a top consultant with his troublesome knee injury.

Good news for both Mike Cecere and Gary Williams (providing he is fit) the two lads have agreed to join North American Club Tampa Bay Rowdies for the summer season. Two months in Florida will do no harm to anyone!

Andy Linighan again is the centre of transfer speculation this time both Chelsea and Norwich show interest, resulting in the transfer of Andy to Norwich for a £350,000 fee. Andy signed late on Wednesday the 2nd March, after spending the day at Carrow Road for medical tests and to agree personal terms.

Bad news arrived this week for Nicky Papavasiliou our Cypriot winger. After many negotiations he is finally refused a work permit/visa to stay in the country and his appearance in the Reserve team against Barnsley was probably his last.

Dear Editor,

I must write to say how much I enjoyed the recent home game with Reading on February 6th.

I reluctantly declined to travel to watch my team, Bury who, that day, were playing down at Bristol and I wasn't very impressed with the fact that the Reds were at home to Coventry, so I, for once, picked 'THE RIGHT GAME' real Roy-of-the-Rovers stuff and played in the right spirit, particularly by Latics who despite the early setbacks and a great opposing goalie, thoroughly deserved the win.

Good old-fashioned Saturday afternoon entertainment.

Yours sincerely,  
David Reynolds, Bury.

Dear Editor,

After hearing from a friend at the Reading match that Margaret Burgess had fallen and broken her arm last Saturday morning, I called round at her home on Monday afternoon to see how your best supporter was getting along.

I can tell you how delighted and surprised she was at getting a visit from Mike Flynn and Andy Barlow, with the flowers, scarf and hat.

## POSTBAG

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It bodes well for the club that not only do they play good football, and Saturday's match was a cracker, but they also have the human touch!

Thanks to all for such a nice gesture!

All the best,  
Jack Holroyd.

Dear Editor,

Please, if you could, make it possible to put me in touch with any female Latics pen-pals.

Thank you.

Simon Paul Rooks,  
Hurst Bank, Birchcliffe Road,  
Hebden Bridge, Halifax HX7 8DB.









## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	35	7	7	3	27	16	12	3	3	33	17	67
Blackburn Rovers	34	11	4	2	29	15	7	6	4	27	19	64
Millwall	35	11	2	3	32	14	7	4	9	22	27	60
Crystal Palace	34	13	1	3	41	19	5	3	9	29	32	58
Middlesbrough	34	11	3	2	29	11	5	7	6	15	16	58
Bradford City	33	10	2	4	33	20	7	5	5	18	21	58
Manchester City	35	9	2	7	41	23	7	4	6	26	24	54
Leeds United	35	12	3	3	29	15	3	6	8	20	30	54
Stoke City	34	10	4	4	28	19	4	4	8	13	22	50
Ipswich Town	34	11	2	4	29	14	3	5	9	15	24	49
Hull City	33	9	6	2	26	16	4	4	8	19	30	49
Swindon Town	30	8	4	3	31	15	5	2	8	22	25	45
Barnsley	32	9	2	6	35	25	4	4	7	13	18	45
Plymouth Argyle	32	8	3	4	34	21	4	3	10	16	31	42
Oldham Athletic	33	8	3	5	23	18	3	5	9	21	31	41
Leicester City	33	8	4	5	26	18	3	3	10	17	26	40
Birmingham City	34	6	7	4	17	17	4	3	10	17	35	40
Shrewsbury Town	35	4	7	6	17	18	4	5	9	14	26	36
West Bromwich A.	35	7	4	7	23	22	3	2	12	14	32	36
Sheffield United	35	5	5	7	21	25	4	1	12	15	32	36
AFC Bournemouth	33	6	6	7	33	28	3	2	9	12	25	35
Reading	33	3	3	9	14	19	5	4	9	23	38	31
Huddersfield Town	33	3	3	5	8	14	27	2	4	11	20	24

## CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1987/88

	F	A
August	1-2	2-0
26 Preston North End		Notts County
September	4-0	2-7
1 Middlesbrough		Newcastle United
7 Mansfield Town	2-0	2-1
15 Newcastle United	2-1	2-1
22 Notts County	1-0	0-1
October	1-0	
7 Bolton Wanderers	1-0	3-2
21 Barnsley	1-4	Barnsley
27 Port Vale		16 Port Vale
November	0-3	23 Scunthorpe United
12 Rotherham United	0-1	35 Darlington
16 Scunthorpe United		29 Rotherham United
December	3-1	
1 York City	0-0	5 Wigan Athletic
15 Stoke City	3-1	12 Blackburn Rovers
21 West Bromwich A.		19 Darlington
January	1-1	27 Stoke City
12 Preston North End	3-1	4 York City
19 West Bromwich Albion	2-1	9 Doncaster Rovers
26 Mansfield Town		To be arranged
		Wigan Athletic
		Blackburn Rovers
		Middlesbrough

## APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1987/88

	LEAGUE			CUPS		
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Paul ATKINSON	3(4sub)	—	2	—	—	—
Earl BARRETT	5(2sub)	—	—	—	—	—
Frank BUNN	13	7	1	—	—	—
Andy BARLOW	14(4sub)	—	1	—	—	—
Aaron CALLAGHAN	8	—	5	—	—	—
Mike CECERE	13(8sub)	1	5	—	—	—
Willie DONACHIE	19(1sub)	1	5	—	—	—
Nel EDMONDS	2	—	1(1sub)	—	—	—
Tony ELLIS	2(1sub)	—	—	—	—	—
Mike FLYNN	18(2sub)	1	3	—	—	—
Andy GORAM	9	—	1	—	—	—
Andy GORTON	24	—	6	—	—	—
Tony HENRY	20(1sub)	4	5(1sub)	1	—	—
Nick HENRY	3(2sub)	—	2(3sub)	—	—	—
Denis IRWIN	33	—	6	—	—	—
Glen KEELEY	10(1sub)	—	2(2sub)	1	—	—
John KELLY	10	—	7	—	—	—
Andy LINGHAN	32	2	—	—	—	—
Stephen MORGAN	—(1sub)	—	—	—	—	—
Mike MULLIGAN	31	1	5	—	—	—
Roger PALMER	31	8	2	—	—	—
Andy RITCHIE	25	9	7	—	—	—
Tommy WRIGHT	29(1sub)	7	5(1sub)	3	—	—
Gary WILLIAMS	9	1	5	—	—	—

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- 7 ROGER PALMER
- 8 WILLIE DONACHIE
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- 10 JIMMY QUINN
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- 12 STEVE WHITE
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**MR. H. TAYLOR (York)**

Howard is an administrator and company secretary. Married with two daughters. Commenced refereeing in the Manchester and Cheshire area in 1956, progressing to the Football League via Football Combination. Moved to York from Leicestershire during the summer of 1987. Hobbies include golf and music. He is also a referee training instructor with the F.A.

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