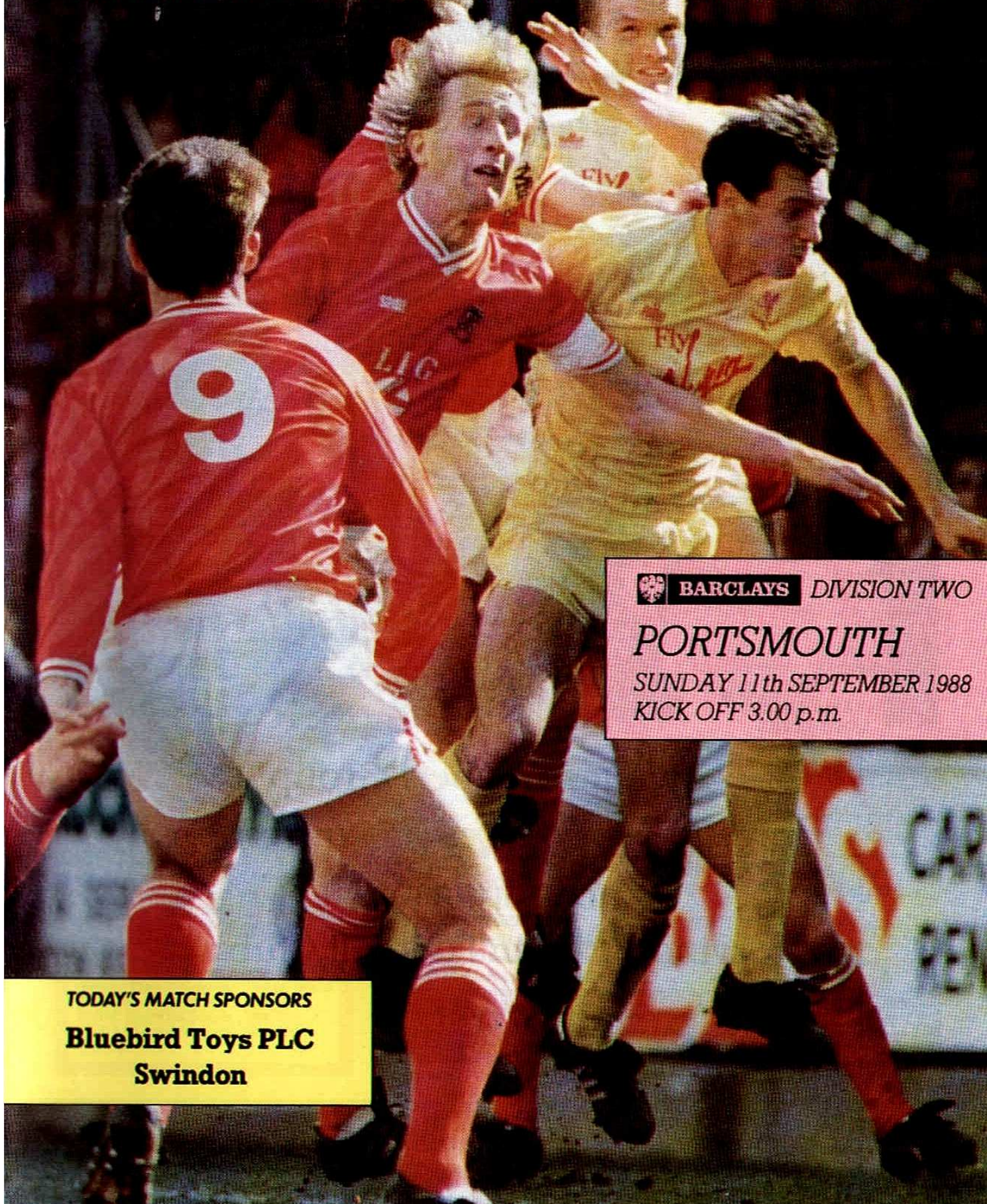


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The new season is now with us again. Although with the European Championships and the summer transfer activity still fresh in our minds, it seems as though it was only yesterday we finished last season.

**MY POSITION!**

There is little I can say about the summer conjecture with regard to my personal position. I am still manager of Swindon Town, so virtually little took place. Chelsea approached me about a move to Stamford Bridge but I had never made my mind up to leave the County Ground.

**THOSE FEES AND AGES!**

There have been playing departures from the County Ground in the close season and in my opinion the fees we have obtained for Dave Bamber, Jimmy Quinn and Chris Kamara could not have been obtained in twelve months time!

Swindon Town obtained £342,500 for three players in the late stages of their playing career. I can assure you that we would not have been able to secure that sum next summer! Although the fee for Bryan Wade and the anticipated sum for Kieran O'Regan pale in comparison. The total sum we collected for all five players enabled me to secure the summer signings of Duncan Shearer from Huddersfield Town and Ross MacLaren from Derby County.

**PREVIOUS FEES ARE  
INCOMPARABLE!**

Many of you will have noticed that the transfer fees we have to pay for players of proven Second Division

**THE  
MANAGER'S  
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

calibre are considerable compared to what this Club has paid previously.

The days of the £10,000 to £20,000 transfers proving good enough for Swindon Town have almost disappeared. At least if this Club wishes to retain Second Division status and look toward First Division soccer. Admittedly we have to look for bargains but fees are exorbitant. Some First Division Clubs ask £300,000 for Reserve team players!

**A TOUGH TIME AHEAD**

This season will be a tough time. Swindon Town are no longer newcomers to the Second Division and other Clubs are aware of our strengths and weaknesses.

The coming nine months will be a test of both these characteristics. Our opening two matches have proved this fact. Last season we collected six points from our visits to Barnsley and West Bromwich Albion. This season we collected one solitary point.

**PLAYING AWAY AN  
ADVANTAGE!**

With our first match at the County Ground having been postponed I can understand your immediate disappointment.

Personally I always prefer to start with an away match for there is no greater disappointment than to begin with a home defeat and face two away trips. If you win its fine but the first few matches are a lottery.

Enjoy the season and please give the players your maximum support. I am sure the new players will welcome your backing.

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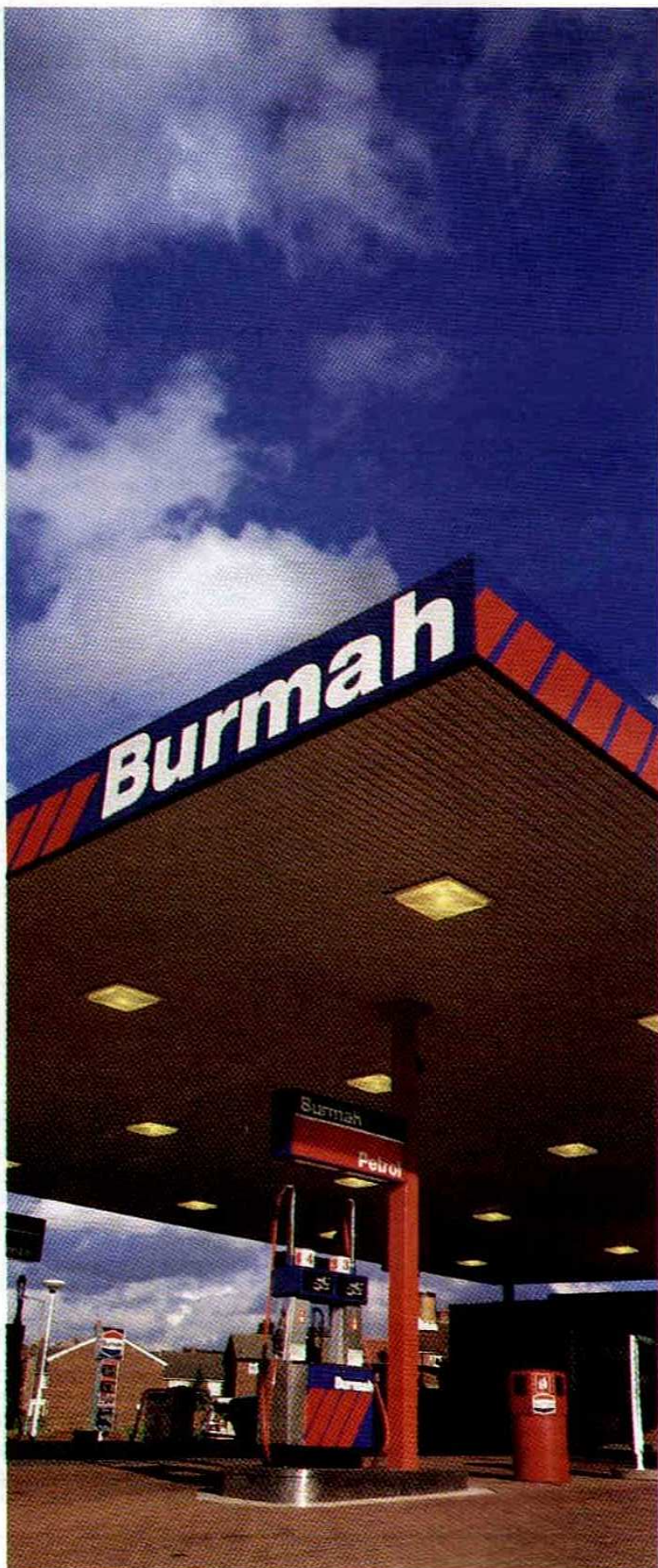
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## **DISMAL!**

As if the close season had not been depressing enough, a dismal performance at the Hawthorns last Saturday put the icing on the cake.

At least we were there to see it, which is more than can be said for the close season's many trials and tribulations.

As the F.A. and the Football League re-lived the nightmare of the governments half baked masterplan the genuine supporters found themselves, as usual, out in the cold.

Not content with making us feel like second class citizens, we are also excluded from any decision making process, ensuring that the debate is agreeably one sided.

## **WHITEHALL FARCE**

The steamrolling of the football authorities at Whitehall is not entirely surprising, but at least they had some form of representation.

The action taken by the government seems to agree with the medias view that football violence is a more widespread problem than evidence shows.

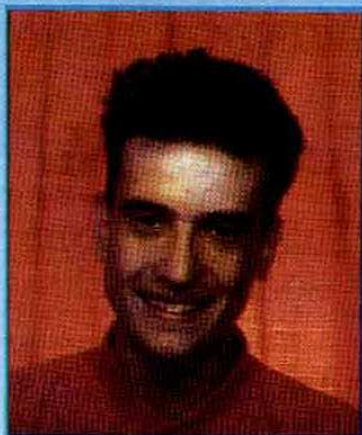
## **MEDIA MADNESS**

The European Championships were a guaranteed delight for the newspapers as they gloried in isolated violence with headlines like "World War III" and "Nazi Gas Attack on our thugs". Tactless coverage of that sort, shows the same sort of intelligence as the morons they love to publicise.

## **GREED**

On a footballing, rather than a law and order level, the close season brought greed to a head within the game. The unholy scramble for a 'Super League' place brought the

# **SCOTT FREE**



**by Michael Scott**

undesirable face of football back into the limelight again. To suggest that the only important football is played at the top of the First Division misses the point of the Football League and the game as a whole.

At least sanity almost won through on that score, with just a television elite surviving to bore the millions of hardcore armchair fans with the same teams week in - week out.

## **STRONG SECOND DIVISION**

The T.V. companies can't know what they're missing though, with the Second Division looking as strong and interesting as ever.

Bookies favourites Chelsea will surely come through, despite their poor start and today's opponents Portsmouth look strong early contenders.

But what of the 'Town'? Can we emerge from the rubble of Stratton

Bank and mount a strong challenge? On the basis of last weeks dismal showing at the Hawthorns, it's going to be a tough task.

Without our penalty creator or penalty taker of last season, it was a very different 'Town' side that took the field, although most of the names were familiar.

Early indecision amongst the back five cost us the advantage, but Steve White's incredible goal-scoring record held firm with an equaliser a minute later. Tim Parkin's injury was unexpectedly unsettling but proved to be the games turning point.

A very offside Albion goal seven minutes from half-time would have been bad enough had it not been followed by a suicidal Ross McLaren backpass which enabled Paskin to make it 3-1, what a half!

## **HARD FOR DUNCAN**

Duncan Shearer's task in following the goalscoring exploits of Jimmy Quinn was always going to be hard and two games into the season is proving just that.

Confidence throughout the side would be restored with a win this afternoon to blot out the nightmare at the Hawthorns and carry on from our solid start at Barnsley.

## **WELCOME BACK STEVE**

Steve Foley's return from suspension will aid us against our friends from the south coast, with a bit of midfield bite. Last seasons Littlewoods Cup results, home and away cannot be forgotten either, Swindon Town are still no pushover for any side. The County Ground faithful can play their part too, in ensuring that the Club enjoy continued support as it faces its most challenging season for many years.

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## Marketing

by Doug Buswell

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**The Swindon Town Club Call Line** is up and running. A 24 hour information service on every aspect of the Club is now available. Details of the Club Call number are published elsewhere in the programme. If you would like a Club Call card please collect one from the many points on the Ground.

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**The Souvenir Shop** has been updated with a new shop front and some new exciting souvenirs are now available. Incidentally, souvenirs are now available at the Souvenir Shop, the North Stand Souvenir Kiosk and at the Commercial Office.

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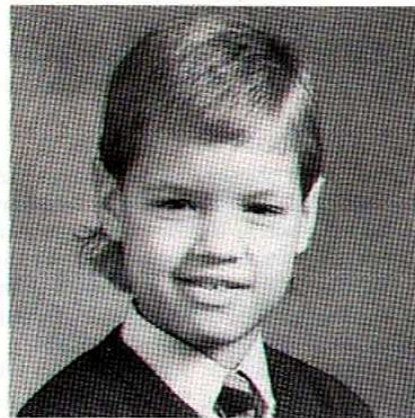
Their chairman, Torquill Norman, cannot be present today. However we welcome Mr. Stuart Gregory, Mr. Tom Charnock and Mr. Terry Crewe, together with their friends.

The Directors, Players and Staff wish to thank **Bluebird Toys PLC** for their generosity in sponsoring today's match.

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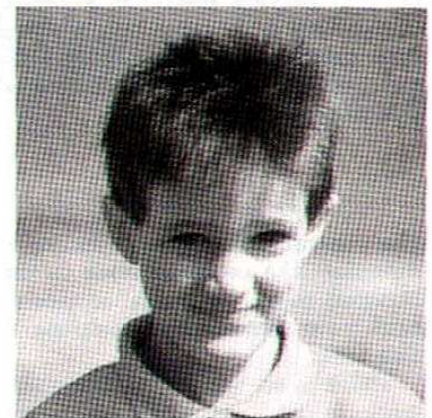
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### From Portsmouth



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School ..... St. Bartholomews,  
Wootton Bassett  
Age ..... 9 years  
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Second favourite team ..... S.T.F.C.  
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Second favourite player . Fraser Digby  
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# THE CHAIRMAN

## Speaking

**BRIAN HILLIER**



### A TRAUMATIC TIME

Once again a new season has kicked-off and the traumatic events of the close season are behind the Club.

The final whistle of last season was hardly blown when a prohibition order was placed upon the County Ground. The Safety Committee has decided the ground to be unsuitable for public use unless the conditions of improvement they set before the Club were completed.

We were then confronted with Chelsea having held talks with our team manager - Lou Macari, who was set to join the London Club as their Assistant Manager. Meanwhile several players sought to exercise their freedom of contract rights when their existing contracts with the Club expired in June. A difficult period as you can imagine.

### SAFETY WORK

The contractors have been unable to complete the required work on the Stratton Bank for many of you to take your accustomed positions in this area.

There is an amount of outstanding work to be completed which will hopefully be finished next month. I would like to apologise to all of you who use the Stratton Bank area in normal circumstances. The building work has been hampered by the inclement weather we have experienced this summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the contractors - Mears, for their help and co-operation during the summer months.

### LOU STAYED

#### WITH SWINDON TOWN

While we have all become familiar with Lou Macari's name being linked with several Clubs during each close season, this summer I was convinced that Lou was on the verge of accepting a challenge elsewhere.

With the co-operation of my colleagues on the Board of Directors I was able to convince Lou that his immediate future lay at the County Ground. Thankfully he was not convinced one-hundred-per-cent about joining Chelsea and he eventually declined their offer.

I am sure that the happy atmosphere that exists in the Club played no small part in his final decision. It would be difficult to find a more congenial behind the scene relationship than the one Lou is used to here at Swindon.

### FREEDOM OF CONTRACT

Inevitably players come and go and while Jimmy Quinn, Dave Bamber, Chris Kamara, Kieran O'Regan and Bryan Wade carry our good wishes with them in their new careers. I am pleased to welcome to the County Ground our new players.

Duncan Shearer joined the staff at the County Ground for a record fee for both Huddersfield Town and ourselves. Ross McLaren joined us for a substantial fee from Derby County. Both players will require time to settle but I am sure we will be glad of their presence by the end of the season.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A FULL MEMBER

Undoubtedly this season will again be a test of resolve and I am sure that

as long as we work hard we will give a good account of ourselves. At all cost we must establish this Club as an easily recognised full member of the 'Barclay', Football League.

The events of the summer have shown how easily it can become to be cast outside of a division and not by any points gained or lost on the field of play!

Politics played behind the scenes mixed with the ingredients of sponsorship and television rights may well eventually determine the status of many Clubs.

For the present and immediate future we are members of the 'Barclay', Football League Division Two.

### BARNSELY AND

#### WEST BROMWICH ALBION

I travelled to Barnsley where I thought we could easily have returned home with three points. The following day I left the country for a family holiday and therefore I missed the match at the Hawthorns. It was disappointing to find we had lost our second match of the season.

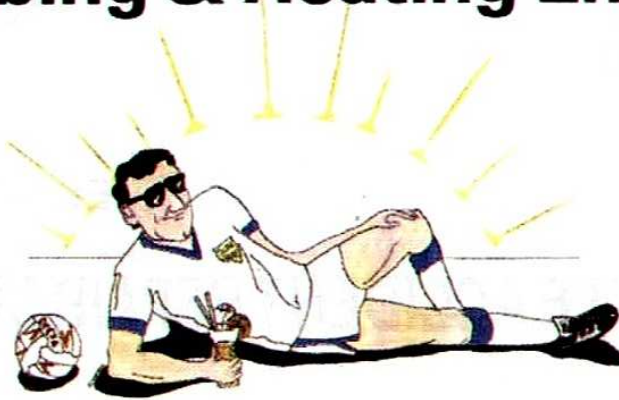
Although we have only collected one point from our first two matches our aim is to provide as much entertainment as possible during the season. I am sure you have all looked forward to the season at the County Ground and a winter of contentment. I would like to welcome the directors, officials and players of Portsmouth to the County Ground this afternoon.

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# A SECOND LOOK

## A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

### 'POMPEY' AND 'HORNETS' SET THE EARLY PACE

Town fans have the opportunity of seeing one of the Divisions early pace setters this afternoon with the arrival of Portsmouth.

The Fratton Park Club have already collected maximum points from a 2-1 win at Shrewsbury on the opening day of the season and have since trounced two of the more fancied teams in the Division! Leicester City (3-0) and last week Leeds United (4-0). Both matches being played at Fratton Park. A crowd of 15,263 must have been a pleasing attendance to new chairman Jim Gregory for the visit of Leeds United.

Portsmouth are accompanied in their good start to the season by last seasons fellow relegation neighbour - Watford.

The Vicarage Road Club have also collected maximum points from their opening three matches. A first day 1-0 home win against Birmingham City has been followed by two impressive away wins at West Bromwich Albion (1-0) and a 2-0 victory last week at Crystal Palace. Those nine points may have been further supplemented following the visit of Plymouth Argyle to Vicarage Road yesterday afternoon.

Both Alan Ball and Steve Harrison must be feeling well satisfied with their Club's start to the new season.

### MIXED FORTUNES FOR 'TOWN' OLD BOYS!

What a mixed start to the season for Jimmy Quinn, Dave Bamber and Chris Kamara!

Take the case of Northern Ireland International Jimmy Quinn. Leicester City manager David Pleat left Jim out of his starting line-up for the Filbert Street Club's opening two matches of the season as City drew at home to West Bromwich Albion (1-1) and suffered a 3-0 humiliation at Portsmouth. Absence will not increase Jim's chances of increasing his International total of Capped appearances.

Then last Saturday, playing his first full match since his £210,000 move from the County Ground he scored the winning goal in Leicester City's 3-2 win against Birmingham City at St Andrews. Jim scored the easiest of goals from a couple of yards after Ali Mauchlen's angled pass had disrupted the Blues defence.

Meanwhile Dave Bamber has helped Watford to a good start. It was Dave's goal, again from a tap in that enabled Watford to defeat Birmingham City on the first day of the season.

Chris Kamara put Stoke City off to a flying start with his first half header against opening day opposition, Ipswich Town at the Victoria Ground. Stoke were pegged back in the second half and had to share the spoils.

In the Bank Holiday fixture at Bradford City he was taken from the field with a severe facial injury which blighted his start to the new season.

**SADDLERS HELD ON  
DESPITE HOWARD'S INJURY!**  
Walsall were cheered off the field by their delighted fans after another fine performance in holding Manchester City at Maine Road last weekend.

Even the loss of former Town striker Howard Pritchard failed to knock the unbeaten Saddlers out of their stride.

Their 2-2 draw was their third in succession and showed Tommy Coakley's men are learning fast in the higher grade.

**COLIN'S FIRST A REAL WINNER!**  
Oxford United's captain Colin Green-

all who is former Town player, Dave Bamber's brother-in-law, ruined a good recovery by newcomers Brighton with his first goal for the Club minutes from the end at the Manor last weekend.

It left Brighton without a point and United Manager Mark Lawrenson conceded later:

"We played well in the first half but at the end I thought Brighton were going to win.

"We were frightened to death at half-time to be leading by two goals and that was the way we played in the second half."

### ONE OF 'CHICS' OLD BOYS IS BEING WATCHED!

Bernard McNally the Shrewsbury Town midfielder was under the scrutiny of Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham in Shrewsbury Town's 1-0 defeat at Bradford City last week.

**THERE WERE FOUR HOWLERS!**  
An unusual statistic in Saturday September 4th results arose when a hat-trick of own goals were conceded! The culprits were Peter Skipper (Hull City), Bob Taylor (Leeds United) and Steve Walsh (Leicester City).

## SECOND DIVISION MANAGERS

Barnsley:	Allan Clarke	Manchester City:	Mel Machin
Birmingham City:	Gary Pendrey	Oldham Athletic:	Joe Royle
Blackburn Rovers:	Don Mackay	Oxford United:	Mark Lawrenson
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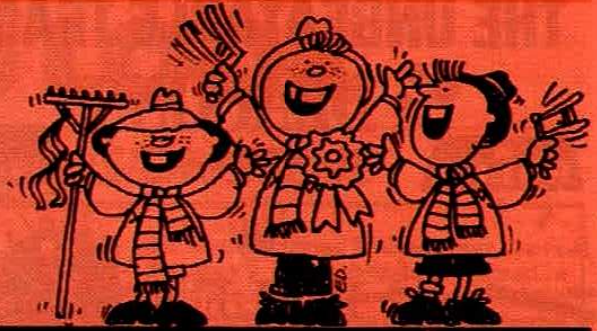


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# JUNIOR ROBINS



## A LONG WAIT

Last season seemed to start after an all too short a break following the excitement of the Promotion play off matches. This season, with the postponement of the Crystal Palace game, it seems to have been a long time since we were able to enjoy a game of football here at the County Ground. During that interval much has been happening on the Junior Robins front so I will do my best to bring you up to date.

## THANK YOU

Once again, thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Nationwide Anglia Building Society, a block of Junior Robins season tickets for Club members has been made available. They cost just £25 each, and, at the time of writing, just a few were still available at the Club Office. It is interesting to note that the meeting to arrange details of this sponsorship has to be postponed

as Nationwide were involved in hunting for new premises to cater for the increased custom they are getting. It just goes to show that sponsorship of Swindon Town pays.

Our grateful thanks to the Club's main sponsor Lowndes Lambert for once again providing tracksuits for the ballboys. This year we have been able to get a team of ballboys all of age fourteen plus which should help to ensure a speedy return of the ball to the playing area.

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES

A number of matches have already been arranged for the Transplant Junior Robins among which will be an exchange visit with the Junior Saddlers of Walsall. These exchange visits are proliferating throughout the Football League and can only be for its long term good. What a pity the media does not see fit to devote the same amount of

attention to these activities as it does to the more unacceptable elements among football supporters.

## WORLD WIDE

The Junior Robins can now claim to be an International Organisation as we have recently recruited our first member from overseas. He is twelve year old Darren Holohan of Dublin who has been a Swindon Town supporter for five years.

## BIRTHDAYS

August Birthday congratulations are due to:

Adrian O'Connell of Holy Family Junior School - 7 on the 8th  
Christopher Boyle of St Josephs - 14 on the 17th  
Mark Collett of Kingsdown - 14 on the 18th  
Nicholas Payne also of Kingsdown - 14 on the 27th

## OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we travel north to visit Blackburn Rovers. We have the opportunity to record Club history on our impending visit to Ewood Park.

On five visits to this northern venue we are still waiting to record our first League goal. Last season we did obtain our first league point from Ewood Park in a goalless match on April 25th. A crowd of 13,536 witnessed the following line-ups represent the two Clubs:

**Blackburn Rovers:** Gennoe, Price, Sulley, Barker, Hendry, Mail, Ainscow, Archibald, Ardiles, Garner, Sellars. Substitutes: Diamond and I. Miller.

**Swindon Town:** Digby, Hockaday, King, Calderwood, Parkin, Gittens, Barnes, White, Bamber, Foley, McLoughlin. Substitutes: O'Regan, Bodin.

Before yesterday's match at Stoke City, Rovers had recorded victories from their opening two matches. An outstanding 2-1 win at Chelsea on the opening day of the season when former Liverpool striker Howard Gayle scored both of their goals was followed

by an emphatic 3-1 win at home to nearby rivals Oldham Athletic. Striker Simon Garner netting a hat-trick before a crowd of 10,082.

New signings for Rovers in the close season were Tony Finnigan (Crystal Palace), Ron Hildersley (Preston North End), Andy Kennedy (Birmingham City) and Mark Atkins (Scunthorpe United).

From last seasons line-up against the Town Chris Price has departed to Aston Villa, Steve Archibald to Hibernian, Simon Barker and Ossie Ardiles to Queens Park Rangers.

On the following Tuesday, September 20th, we entertain AFC Bournemouth at the County Ground.

Last season we were victors in a high scoring 4-2 encounter at the County Ground on November 28th. The Town goalscorers that winter afternoon were Steve White (2) with Jimmy Quinn and Bobby Barnes also on the score sheet.

The attendance of 7,934 saw David Puckett and Mark O'Connor reply for AFC Bournemouth. The line-ups that November afternoon were as follows:

**Swindon Town:** Flowers, Hockaday, King, O'Regan, Gittens, Calderwood, Barnes,

Bamber, Quinn, Foley, White. Substitutes: Henry and Coyne.

**A.F.C. Bournemouth:** Peyton, Heffernan, Morrell, Pullis, Williams, Whitlock, O'Driscoll, Puckett, Aylott, Cooke, O'Connor. Substitutes: Goulet and Coleman.

Before yesterday's match at Brighton, Harry Ridknapp's team had taken four points from their first two League matches. A 1-1 draw at Sunderland was followed by a 1-0 win at Dean Court against Chelsea. Their goalscorer at Sunderland was Shann Close while a Richard Cooke goal in the second half gave them three points against the Stamford Bridge Club.

Comings and goings at Dean Court have seen the arrival of Ian Bishop from Carlisle United and Kevin Bond from Southampton. Tommy Heffernan has left the Club for Swanage Town and the other departure was David Langan for Peterborough United.

David Armstrong has been forced to retire through injury while Denny Munde who was here at the County Ground two seasons ago has recently joined Weymouth on loan.

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## HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zellers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Toxteth; refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling; closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic; transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England; from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

## WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

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Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled:

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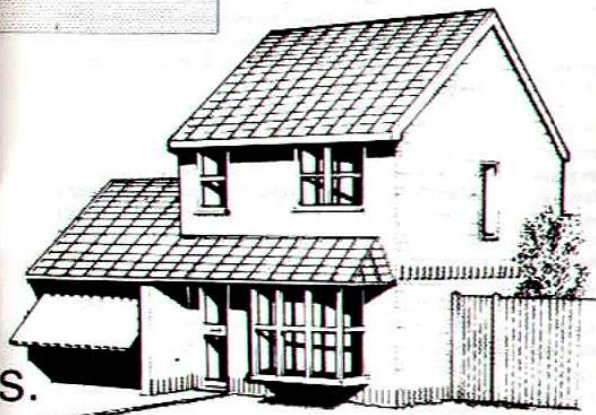
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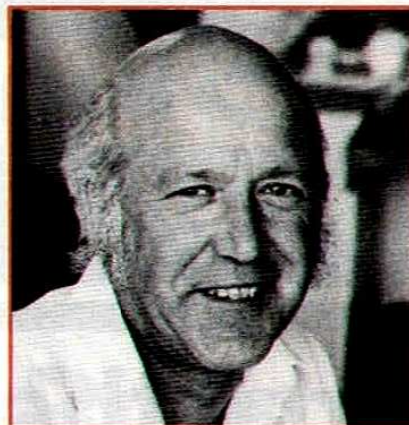
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# TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

## PORTSMOUTH



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: Clive Whitehead, Mike Fillery, Barry Horne, Mark Chamberlain, Warren Neill.

Centre Row: John Dickens, Mick Quinn, Billy Gilbert, Lee Sandford, Andy Gosney, Alan Knight (Physio), Graeme Hogg, Kevin Dillon, Ian Stewart, Gordon Neave (Kitman).

Front Row: Kevin Ball, Terry Connor, Graham Paddon (Youth Coach), Alan Ball (First Team Coach), John Gregory (Coach), Mark Kelly, Paul Hardyman.

Today's visitors, Portsmouth, have certainly experienced the joys and despairs of football over the past 16 months.

In early May 1987 the famous Pompey chimes rang out over Fratton Park to herald the Club's return to the First Division after a break of 26 years.

Following their relegation from the top section in 1959, Pompey plummeted all the way down into Division Four and are, in fact, the only side who have lifted the First Division Championship ever to plummet into the bottom division and then regain their place back in the top flight.

A year later though, in May of this year the chimes had turned to a toll as Pompey lost their

top flight status again. Finishing in 19th place they were relegated to the Second Division, alongside Watford, Oxford and Chelsea. The latter after the controversial play-offs.

So ended a traumatic four years for the partnership of manager Alan Ball and chairman John Deacon.

It seasons 1984/85 and 85/86 Pompey finished fourth in Division 2, but then in 86/87 it all came right clinching the runners-up spot and promotion. But then a year later joy was replaced by sadness.

During the summer Mr Deacon, who had been associated with Portsmouth for many years decided to call it a day through ill health.

He stepped down from the chair and sold his major share in the Club to millionaire Jim Gregory, a man who had previously been chairman at Queen's Park Rangers. Gregory changed Ball's title from manager to chief coach, but that has made little difference to the former England players role. The new partnership seems to be working well and it could not have asked for a better start.

Portsmouth have won their opening three games in the Second Division and before yesterday's matches (Saturday), they sat proudly at the top of the table. Their best result to date being the 4-0 home win over Leeds United last weekend.

Original members of the old Division Three South, Pompey reached Division One in 1927 - a place they were to retain for 32 years.

This period was the golden era in the south coast Club's history - two First Division Championships in seasons 1948/49 and 1949/50 and three FA Cup final appearances. Unfortunately they only lifted the Cup once by defeating Wolves 4-1 in 1939. They were beaten finalists in 1929 and 1934.

One player in particular stands out in Portsmouth's history since the end of the Second World War - Jimmy Dickinson.

The brilliant wing-half made 764 League appearances for the Club between 1946 and 1965 - a once Club record until surpassed by Swindon's John Trollope with 770 - and was capped by England 48 times.

### Meet the Players and Manager

**Alan Ball (Chief Coach).** A member of England's triumphant 1966 World Cup team. He was capped in total 72 times at full international level, six of them as captain, and eight times for the Under-23's. The all-action midfielder began his playing career at Blackpool before moving to Everton in August 1966 for a British transfer record fee of £110,000. He also appeared in the colours of Arsenal, Southampton (twice) and Bristol Rovers. Had a short successful time as player-manager at Blackpool in between his two spells at Southampton. Joined Pompey as youth team coach in '83 and a year later became manager of the first team. Received a title change during the summer of 1988 from manager to chief coach.

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**Alan Knight (Goalkeeper).** Served his apprenticeship at Fratton Park making his League debut away at Rotherham on April 29th 1978. He established himself in 1982/83 and has since played in each Division of the Football League, missing just five League games between 1982 and 1986, and celebrated his testimonial last year. Was forced to miss the last four games of last season following horrific facial injuries suffered in a collision with Wimbledon's Eric Young. A former England Youth International, and capped twice at Under-21 level he has made over 300 League appearances.

**Warren Neill (Defender).** Served his apprenticeship with QPR, making his League debut for Rangers on August 30th 1980 in a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge. He played a major role in helping QPR gain promotion from Division Two in 1982/83, before helping them to become established in Division One during 1983/84. Joined Pompey in July 1988 for £110,000. Made 181 League appearances for QPR.

**Paul Hardyman (Defender).** Now 24 years old, he joined Pompey from Southern League Waterlooville in 1983, making his League debut as a substitute for Steve Aizlewood in a 0-1 home defeat by Crystal Palace on March 24th 1984. His progress since although has been hindered by a series of injuries. However, he won an England Under-21 cap versus Eire in March 1985, and played 33 League games when Pompey were promoted from Division Two in 1986/87, and in total has made 92 League appearances.

**Billy Gilbert (Defender).** A member of Terry Venables' Crystal Palace team of the eighties, Lewisham born, he is the holder of 11 U-21 caps, and made 237 League appearances for Palace before joining Pompey for £100,000 in 1984. Forming an impressive partnership with Noel Blake in the centre of the Pompey defence, Billy was a member of the Pompey team that conceded the fewest goals (just 28) in the entire Football League during 1986/87.

**Graeme Hogg (Defender).** The 24 year old defender began as an apprentice with Manchester United making his League debut for the Red Devils in January 1984 in a 1-1 draw at Loftus Road. He played in 83 League games before spending a short spell on loan with WBA during the close season signing when he joined Pompey for £150,000 in August.

**Kevin Ball (Defender).** Although born in Hastings he served his apprenticeship with Coventry, but soon moved onto Pompey. Made his League debut on January 2nd 1984 when Pompey lost 0-2 at Shrewsbury. He found it difficult at first to break into the League side, but last season he made the number six shirt his own with a string of outstanding First Division performances. Has made 55 League appearances and scored one goal - against Oxford in January of this year.

**Clive Whitehead (Midfield).** Began with Northfield Juniors before signing for Bristol City as a winger in 1973. Made a scoring League debut for City on October 13th 1973 in a 2-0 win at Millwall. He spent eight seasons with City before joining West Bromwich Albion in November 1981 for £100,000. In the summer of 1987 he signed for Pompey on a free and played in 33 First Division games last season. Has made in total 432 League appearances and scored 18 goals.

**Mick Fillery (Midfield);** A schoolboy international before joining Chelsea as an apprentice in August 1978. Made his League debut for Chelsea as a substitute in April 1979, and in the following season made 41 appearances scoring eleven goals. In August 1983 he joined QPR for £200,000, but after his contract expired in the summer of 1987, he joined Pompey on a free transfer. Made 18 First Division appearances last season.



● Clive Whitehead

**Barry Horne (Midfield).** After gaining a chemistry degree at Liverpool University, he was playing part time for Rhyl when he was signed by Wrexham. Made his League debut on August 15th 1984 at Swindon, and immediately became established in the side. Scored the last minute goal which knocked FC Porto out of the first round of the European Cup Winners Cup in October of the same year. In the summer of 1987 he joined Pompey for £60,000 and made an impressive step up from the fourth to the first division. Played 39 games last season and was capped by Wales for the first time against Denmark. Now the holder of five caps, he was voted the Pompey Player of the Season for 1987-88.



● Kevin Dillon

**Kevin Dillon (Midfield).** Sunderland born, he joined Birmingham from school and made his League debut when just 17 years old on September 10th 1977 away at Middlesbrough. After gaining England Youth and U-21 honours, he remained at Saint Andrew until March 1983, when he joined Pompey for £200,000. Scoring five goals in eleven games, he helped Pompey claim the 1982-83 Third Division Championship. In 1986-87, 28 year old Kevin scored a hat-trick of penalties in a 3-2 Full Members Cup victory over Millwall. Last season he made 32 First Division appearances.

**Lee Sandford (Midfield).** The 20 years old was born in Basingstoke and served his apprenticeship at Pompey. Made his League debut on October 26th 1985 in a 4-0 win at Millwall, but his breakthrough only came last season. Forced out of the team for five months with a spinal injury, he returned to the team in February 1988 and found himself as goalie in April when he had to deputise for Alan Knight, after only two minutes, against Wimbledon.

**Mick Quinn (Forward).** Born in Liverpool, he started as an apprentice at Derby. However, he soon moved to Wigan and made a scoring League debut in April 1980. Two years later he joined Stockport County on a free, and after scoring 39 League goals in 63 games joined Oldham Athletic midway through 1983-84 for £52,000. Signed for Pompey in March 1986 for £150,000. Scored, in 86/87 season, 22 goals in 39 League games to finish top scorer as Pompey were promoted to Division One. Last season he grabbed 13 to remain top scorer. With six hat-tricks to his name, he has scored 47 goals in 94 Pompey appearances.



● Mick Quinn

**Mark Chamberlain (Forward).** Began his career as an apprentice at Port Vale. Four years later, in 1982, the winger joined Stoke City, and during his three and a half seasons at the Potteries gained eight England caps. In 1985 after 112 appearances for Stoke, he moved to Sheffield Wednesday. However, he never settled at Hillsborough, and in July 1988 he signed for Pompey for £200,000.

**Terry Connor (Forward).** Born in Leeds he joined his home town club as an apprentice. The 27 year old went on to make 96 appearances and scored 19 goals. In March 1983 he went to Brighton in a deal that took Andy Ritchie to Elland Road. Top scorer at the Goldstone Ground in three of his four seasons, he added to his England Youth caps by playing for England U-21 v Yugoslavia in November 1986. In the summer of 1987 he joined Pompey for £200,000.

**Mark Kelly (Forward).** The 19 year old winger is regarded as a fine prospect for the future. Made his full League debut on May 7 in the final First Division League game of the season at Old Trafford. But by then he had already been capped by the Republic of Ireland, nine days earlier, in the 2-0 win over Yugoslavia.

**Warren Aspinall (Forward).** Began his career at Wigan as an apprentice. Made his League debut in the 1-1 draw v Orient on March 2nd 1983. Warren found himself at Everton for the start of the 1985-86 season, but after just one First Division appearance though, he returned to Wigan on loan. He stayed at Springfield Park for the remainder of the season, scoring 21 goals in 41 matches. The next season he was back at Goodison, but after six games he transferred to Aston Villa. Last season, his second year at Villa, he scored eleven goals as Villa gained promotion to Division One. Joined Pompey for a Club record fee of £315,000 on August 17th 1988.

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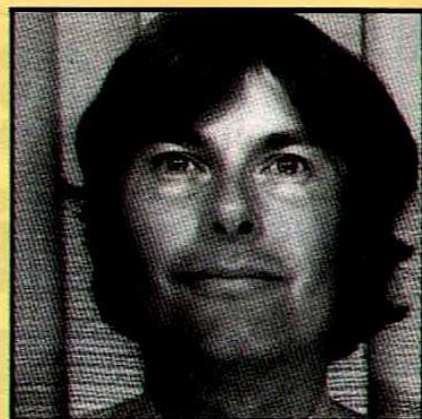
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# TUNE IN WITH GWR'S VIC MORGAN



## GONE MAD!

Welcome at last to the resumption of football at the County Ground after what seems like an eternity. The demands of safety committee's are many and laudible if it means supporters can watch football feeling secure. However if one recalls visits to other League grounds, its impossible not to feel that there is, to say the least, a lack of consistency in applying the rules.

Why, for instance, is there not a national set of rules applied to League grounds so that all Clubs are compelled to go to the same lengths as Swindon Town. To make my point I would ask you to cast your minds back to last season and Huddersfield Town. An excellent and friendly Club with an illustrious past but in a ground in Yorkshire not far from Bradford, a stand made out of wood! Quite extraordinary.

However that's enough of the soapbox and lets just be pleased we can watch the Town at home again.

## MIXED FEELINGS

The first two away matches of the new campaign have been strange affairs, just one point from a game at Barnsley that Swindon should have, and deserved to, win. Then West Bromwich, not a pleasurable experience either for the players I would imagine or the large and expectant Town following.

## MY FAVOURITE GROUND?

But from a personal point of view I have to say West Brom's ground, **The Hawthorns**, has to be one of

my favourite venues, a really super arena.

After the usual initial confusion about where to retrieve the magical press pass, its a walk down a flight of stairs in to the press room. Now this is where the Second Division Clubs differ from the majority of those in the Third and Fourth Division. A television on the wall, admittedly somewhat difficult to watch due to a blurred picture, cups layed out for half-time tea and refreshments and a bar for those who aren't rushing to catch the supporters coach home. A helpful press steward hands out the team changes and we prepare for the off.

In the main stand lies the press box with padded seats and wide bench tops for preparing ones notes - I know it sounds awfully hard but one just has to put up with it. I feel extremely jealous of you fans and your comfortable terrace areas.

Seriously though the Hawthorns is a fine ground and deserving of a higher status, I wish Albion well but its a shame they took the three points off the Town.

## LORDING IT FOR A DAY

Talking of fine venues to broadcast from, I recently had the good fortune to fulfil a lifetimes ambition due to one of the high spots of a pretty miserable sporting summer.

Goatacre Cricket Club, a super set of people, did the area proud recently and reached the final of the **Norsk Hydro** Village Cricket Championships held at Lords cricket ground. G.W.R. Radio sport mounted

an outside broadcast from that famous old ground and I was proud and privileged to be the link-man in North West London.

We were situated in the South Turret of the lovely main pavilion and we were afforded a splendid view across the whole of the ground. To reach that vantage point meant making our way through the Halls and up the staircases which are full of paintings and memorabilia of the bygone days of cricket.

It was, quite frankly, a day I would never forget. To wander through the same dressing rooms used by the greats of the game such as W.G. Grace, Sir Don Bradman, Sir Leonard Hutton and Kevin Iles (the first class skipper of Goatacre) really was something special. The tragedy of course was the good old British rain which prevented Goatacre from completing their famous victory over Himley at Lords.

But their success did Wiltshire proud and we should not forget their efforts.

## WISHING FOR A RETURN

My other remaining ambition of course is to broadcast from a Wembley Cup Final featuring Swindon Town. The lads nearly made that possible last season, perhaps they'll get there this time round. What a wonderful day that would be.

So to visitors Portsmouth who have got off to a fine start, lets welcome them and their fans for this first home fixture and lets hope we enjoy a good and peaceful game of football.

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# FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

## CHANGES FOR THE COMBINATION!

This season will see a few changes in matters relating to our Reserve team. They will be playing in the re-named 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination. Newcomers to the fixture list this season are Wimbledon. The London Club were elected to replace Bristol Rovers who decided to withdraw from the competition due to financial restrictions.

Crystal Palace were duly re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Combination. Bristol City, Cardiff City and Plymouth Argyle were all unsuccessful with their applications.

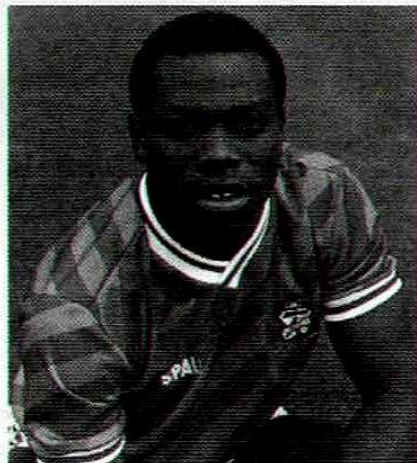
## COMBINATION MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE COUNTY GROUND

Despite consultation with Forest Green Rovers of the Beazer Homes sponsored Southern League it was decided to retain our Football Combination fixtures at the County Ground. The decision was reached before the Management Committee of the Football Combination decreed that all matches must be played on first team grounds except in severe circumstances. Several complaints had been made by existing members and a new rule is imminent to ensure that all members strictly adhere to this request. One of our directors - Mr Lionel Smart is a member of the Combination Management Committee.

## ANDY WILL STILL BE IN CHARGE WITH NEW FACES

Andy Rowland remains in charge of the Reserve team and he will have several of last seasons Youth Team readily available for selection. Dave Barnett, Dean Casserly, Gary Marshall, Fitzroy Simpson and Adrian Viveash are not eligible for youth team games. All five players will be regular members of the Reserve team line-up.

Newcomer Neil Tomlinson is another player who comes into this category. Neil was formerly with Shrewsbury Town as a non contact player. Neil is in his first year as a full time professional.



● Neil Tomlinson

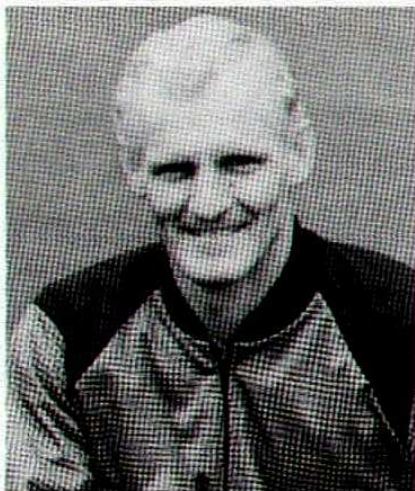
## A BUSY TIME FOR THE YOUTHS!

At Youth team level the Club are heavily involved in several competitions, the South East Counties League Division Two, F.A. Youth Cup, Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, South East Counties League Cup, Midland Youth Cup and the newly formed Allied Counties Youth Football League and Cup.

Obviously a busy time is in prospect of our Youth team this season.

## A RETURN FOR JOHN TROLLOPE

John has returned to Youth team duties



● John Trollope

this season, he will be assisted by Terry Wollen and Eddie Buckley. Also giving a lending hand will be Andy Rowland when he is free of duties with the Combination set-up.

## NEW FACES AT THE COUNTY GROUND

There are several new faces added to the trainee staff. Among the new intakes are Alex Graham, a full back from Newcastle, Paul Thompson a goalkeeper from Winchester and Richard Walker who hails from Cradley in Worcestershire, Richard plays in a midfield position.

Although the net is cast wider in the process of recruitment, local talent is not ignored. Three local lads take the number of new trainees to six. They are Liam Dixon and Paul Trollope from Highworth and Mark Lea from Liden. Paul is the son of Town stalwart John.

## SECOND YEAR TRAINEES

There are five second year trainees, Tony Hammersley, Paul Hunt, Gavin Sandrey, Nicky Summerbee and Richard Morgan. These players at first and second year level will form the nucleus of this seasons youth team line-up.

## RESULTS TO-DATE

We obtained a win and a draw from our first two matches at home in the Second Division of the South East Counties League. On Saturday August 27th we defeated Reading 3-2 at Lydiard Park. The Town trailed by two goals at one stage in the game. The Town goalscorers were Tony Hammersley and Richard Morgan.

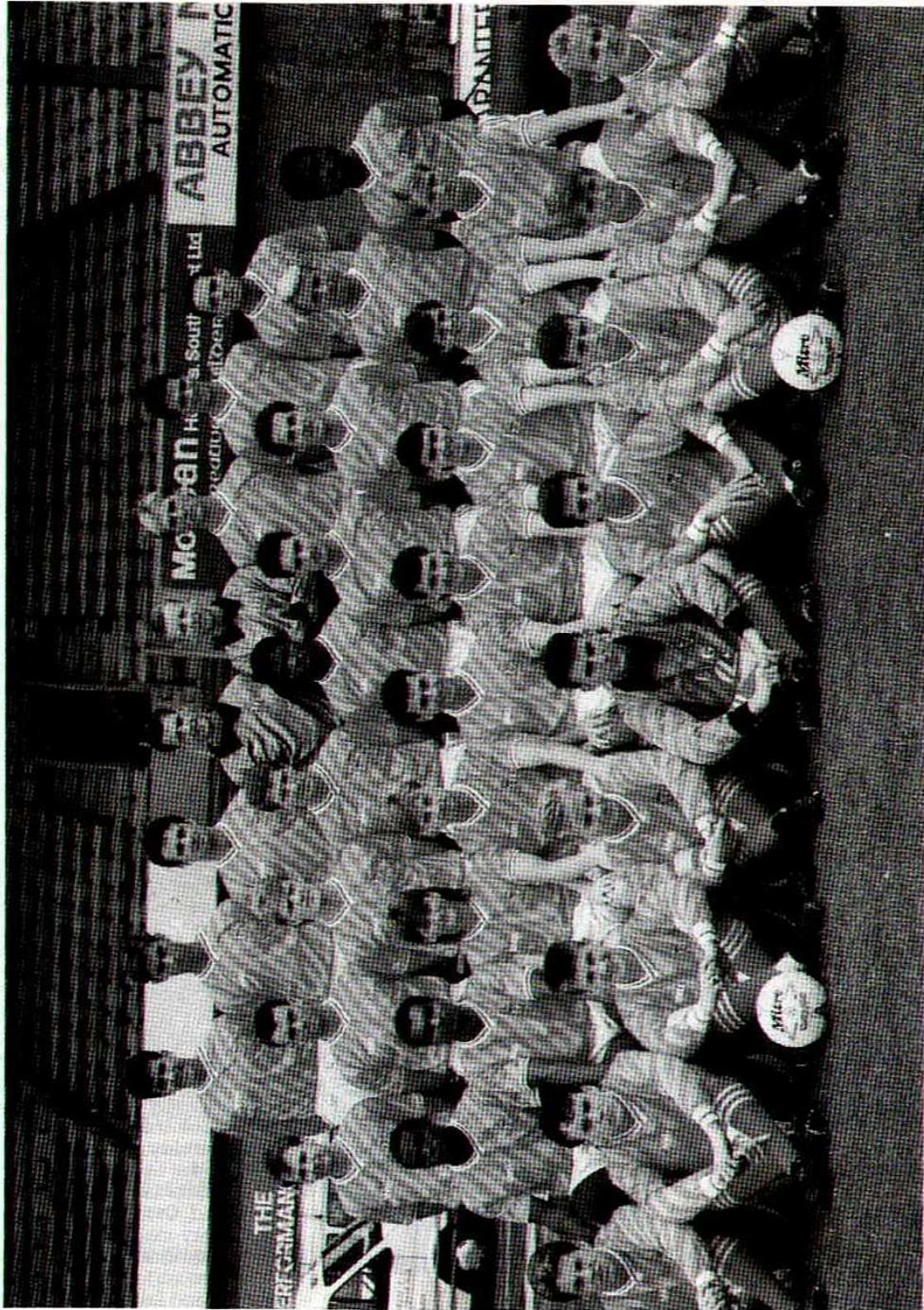
In a thrilling encounter on Wednesday August 31st against Wimbledon we shared the points in a eight goal match! Goals by Nicky Summerbee (2), Richard Morgan and Tony Hammersley enabled the Town to draw 4-4 at Lydiard Park.

On Saturday September 3rd we defeated Oxford United in our very first away match of the season. Goals from Paul Hunt and Nick Summerbee were enough to ensure that we recorded our second League win of the season.

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# SWINDON TOWN SQUAD 1988-89



Back Row (Left to Right) Liam Dixon, \* Gavin Sandrey, \* Charlie Henry, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Dean Casserly  
 Second Row (Left to Right) Dave Barnett, Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Duncan Shearer, Jon Gittens, Ross McLaren, Steve White, Leigh Barnard, Fitzroy Simpson.  
 Sitting (Left to Right) Neil Tomlinson, Bobby Barnes, Peter Coyne, Paul Bodin, Colin Calderwood, Steve Foley, Alan McLoughlin, Mark Jones, Gary Marshall  
 Front Row (Left to Right) Paul Hunt, \* Richard Morgan, \* Richard Walker, \* Tony Hammersly, \* Paul Thompson, \* Mark Lea, \* Nicky Summerbee, \* Paul Trollope, \* Alex Graham, \*

\* Denotes trainees.



# NEWS NEWS NEWS

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### FORMAT FOR THIS SEASON . . .

This season the format for promotion and relegation to and from the **Second Division** is changed.

The **two** Clubs who finish in **first** and **second** positions in the League table are automatically promoted to the **First Division** for the season of 1989/90.

The **four** Clubs who finish in **third, fourth, fifth** and **sixth** position in this seasons League table will meet each other in the play-offs to determine who will join the two Clubs automatically promoted.

At the other end of the League table the relegation issue will be settled by the **three** Clubs with the least number of points being automatically relegated.

The format will remain in operation thereafter although the 'Barclay' League Management Committee shall determine or be entitled to vary the format.

### A REAL SURPRISE!

When the players reported back after the summer recess they were joined for pre-season training by a **Japanese** player!

**Takashi Sekizuka** a 27-year old forward who plays for Waseda University enjoyed the rigours of English training . . .

### IN BRIEF . . .

#### Andy's Testimonial

No luck yet for Town Coach **Andy Rowland** in his efforts to bring opposition to the County Ground for his testimonial match. **Manchester United** and **Arsenal** both declined to appear. Meanwhile Andy is waiting on replies from **West Ham United** and **Nottingham Forest**.

### ALSO CHARLIE HENRY'S

Another of the Town's loyal servants **Charlie Henry** is planning to approach **Southampton** to visit the **County Ground** for his testimonial match. Charlie will be hoping that his brother in law - **Paul Rideout** will be an attraction for this match. We will keep you informed on both accounts.

### ON TRIAL . . .

On a months trial at the County Ground is utility player **Barry Young**. The midland born player appeared in our Football Combination fixture at **Watford** last May. A product of Midland Junior soccer he is currently staying at the Club Hostel in Shrivenham Road and hoping to earn a full contract with the Club.

### POSTMAN PAT

Former Swindon Town goalkeeper **Kenny Allen** is now **Postman Pat** in **Newton Abbot** in Devon. Ken (36) joined the Post Office after being released on a free transfer by **Torquay United** at the end of last season.

Ken decided to keep in contact with the game he loved by joining **Exmouth Town** as **Player Coach**. After agreeing to join the **Great Mills Western League** outfit the agreement was held in obedience when Ken was approached by one of his former Clubs - **Bath City**. **Harold Jarman** the recently appointed **Twerton Park** manager of the **Beazer Home Premier League Club** persuaded genial Ken to agree to join **Bath City**.

### MARK ON THE MOVE

News of another former **Torquay United** and **Swindon Town** player is that **Mark Gardiner** joined **Crewe**

**Alexandra** on a months trial when pre-season training began at Gresty Road.

### ROY ALSO . . .

**Roy Carter** who was released by **Exeter City** at the end of last season has rejoined **Saltash United** one of his former Clubs.

### FAREWELL TO DAVE

A recent departure from the County Ground scene has been Lottery Manager **Dave Cooper**. A business interest in Melksham attracted him into a musical future. Dave has opened a second hand record sales business. Commercial manager **Doug Buswell** is busily seeking a replacement after he had almost filled the position. Unfortunately Dave's replacement had second thoughts and left Doug with a slight headache.

### A NEW COMPETITION

This season we are participating for the first time in the **Allied Counties Youth Football League**. The Clubs in a seven team **Western Division** are **Basingstoke Town, Hungerford Town, Newbury Town, Reading, Thatcham Town** and **Wokingham Town**.

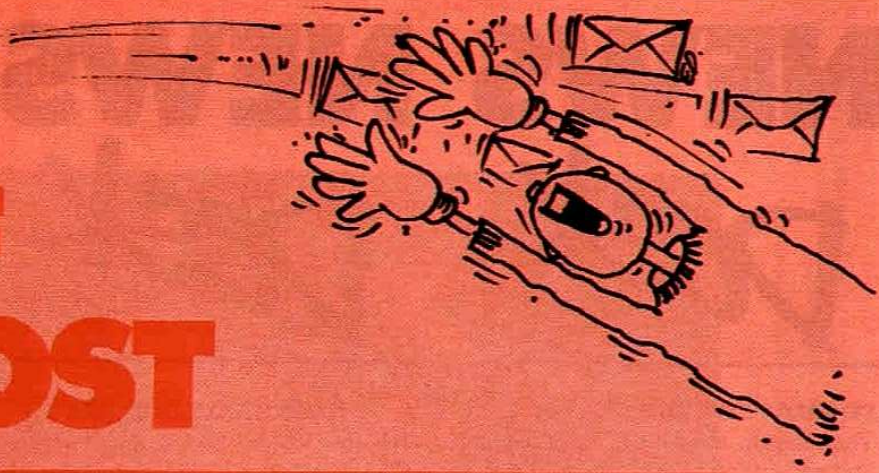
The League will also be operating **East** and **Central Divisions**. There will also be a Cup Competition known as the **Allied Counties Youth Football League Challenge Cup Competition!** Extra time will be played in these matches and if there is no result at the completion of extra time, penalties will decide the issue.

**John Trollope** is planning to include first year trainees, schoolboy form players and trialists in this League.

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# IN OFF THE POST



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## Dear Mr King

Being a keen follower of Swindon Town Football Club I have watched with interest the comings and goings of players throughout the close season; but for me there remains one question to be answered – What has happened to Terry Merriman? The last piece of information I have is that the player in question was given a free transfer by the Club. However despite referring to several sources I have found no details of a move to another Club. Has Terry given up the life of a professional footballer? If you could answer this query for me I would be most grateful.

Thankyou for your time.

T.J. Shailes (Miss).

**Editor: Terry is now with Wimbledon.**

6 St. Nicholas Road  
Witham  
Essex CM8 2JF

## Dear sir,

I am writing to you in my capacity as organiser of the Ipswich Town Supporters football team. This is a relatively new team and the only opponents to date have been Oldham Athletic Supporters.

The main purpose of this letter is to discover, firstly whether your Club has a supporters team and if so whether, during the coming season, it would be interested in the playing of matches on a home and/or away basis.

If your Club does have a supporters team and may be interested would you please write to me at the above address.

Thank you for your time and co-operation.

Anthony Abbs, Team Manager

**Editor: all replies to the above address please.**

32 Churston Gardens Bounds Green  
London N11 2NL  
Tel: 01-368 5619

## Dear sir,

I am writing to ask if you could give some publicity to the FSA's activities concerning the governments proposed legalisation of Identity Cards. We are opposing the government proposals because we feel that they will have little effect on the problems of football violence, but will impose severe financial burdens on many football Clubs.

We are particularly disturbed that the government, after agreeing to a system of 50% membership schemes, now intended to abandon this idea despite the fact that it apparently achieved the objective set out for it.

The ID cards are being brought in as a response to the problems that occurred in Germany, yet the government have yet to explain how they would have prevented it. It is also worth pointing out that for every 3 England fans they arrested in Germany, there were 8 Germans arrested. The official UEFA report on the championships stated that the amount of violence was on a par with a normal weekend in a town where a League game was taking place. There are no proposals from the German government to introduce such a system.

We think that the government are mistaken and we have discussed the matter with MP's of all parties, who tend to agree with us. We have persuaded some MP's to support amendments to the governments legislation that will make it more workable, or vote against it. However, we need as many people as possible to write to their own MP's to tell them their views on the subject. (Most MP's know nothing about football). If you could do this as often as possible throughout the next season we would be most grateful.

National Secretary

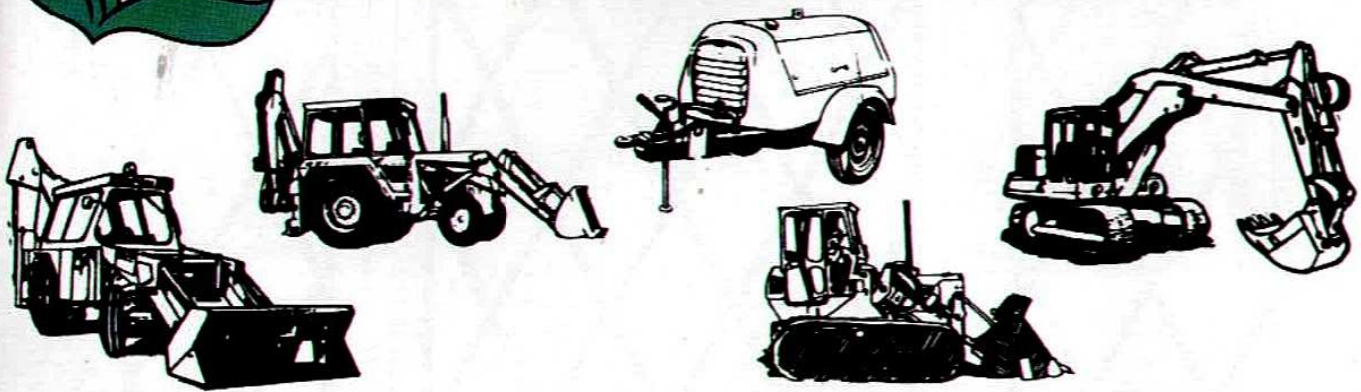
**Editor: All interested, reply to the National Secretary please and not to the Club.**

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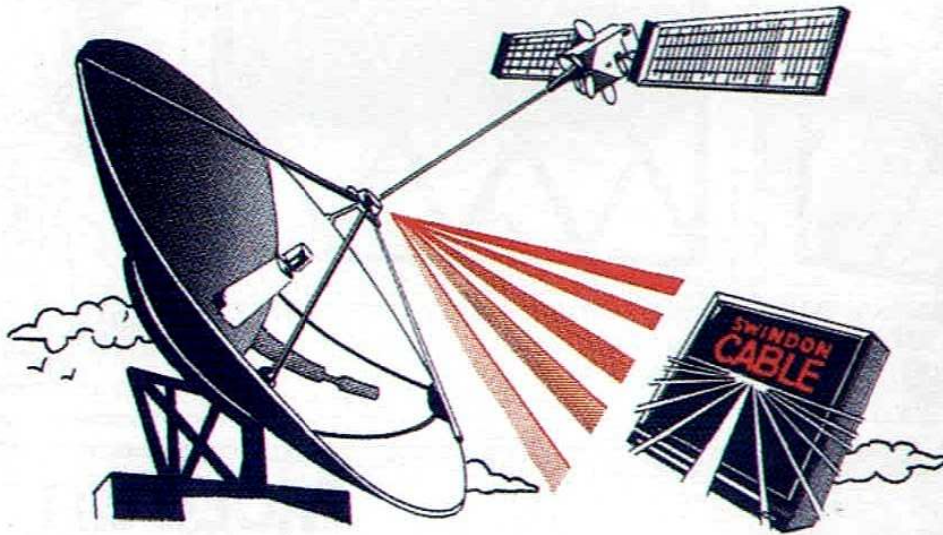


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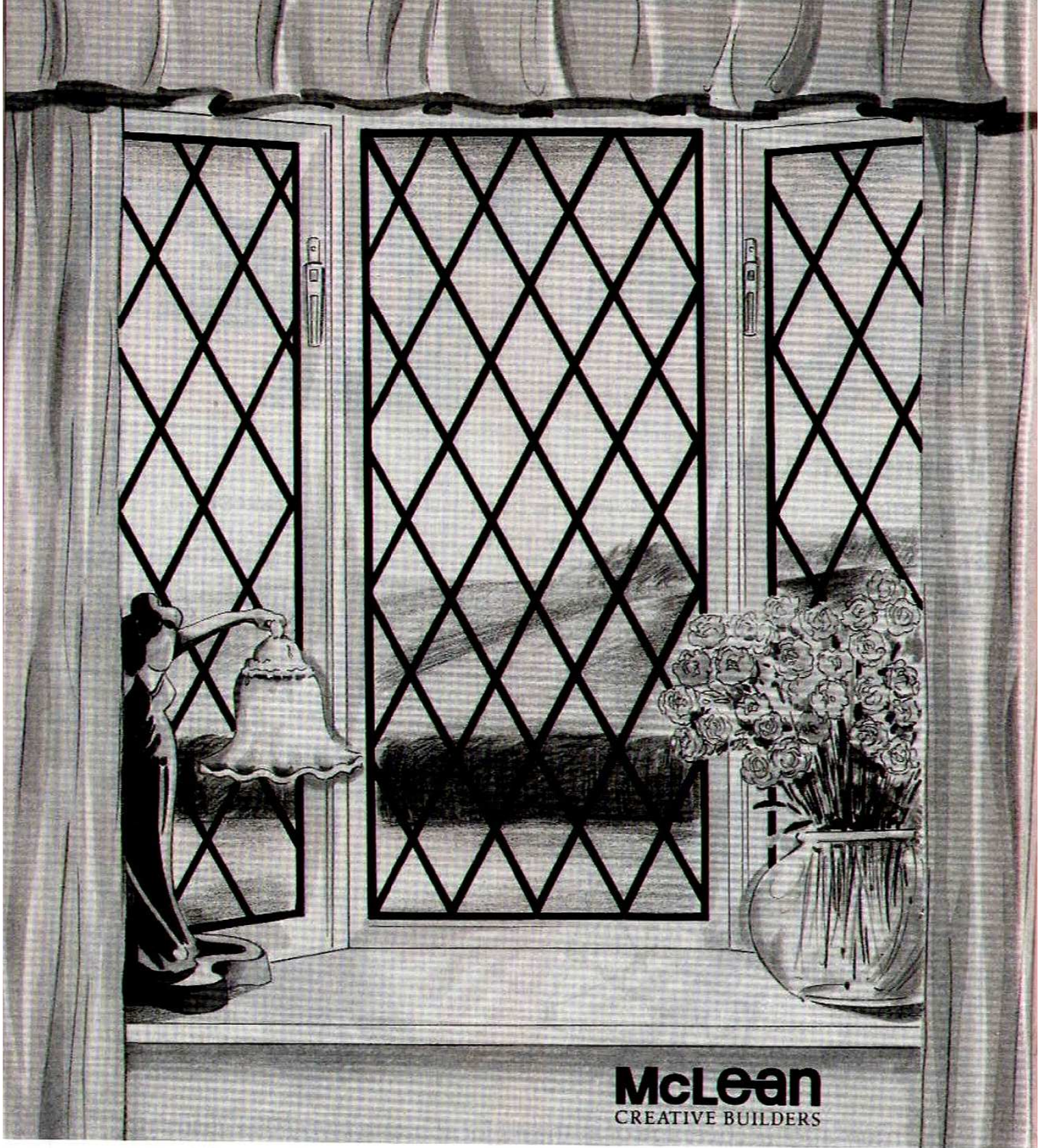


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# VIEWPOINT

## **WE MUST PUT THE ALBION MATCH BEHIND US**

**After taking a point from our match at Barnsley in a 1-1 draw – a game where we created numerous opportunities the following match at West Bromwich Albion came as a major disappointment.**

The 3-1 defeat was a match we would all like to forget. I can assure our supporters who may view some of our more difficult away fixtures still to come with apprehension that football is not predictable and everything really depends upon the day.

## **I PREFER PLAYING IN DEFENCE, BUT...**

Some of you are probably surprised to see me appearing in a midfield role, although following Tim Parkin's injury I was soon back in my familiar role at the Hawthorns. I obviously prefer playing in my normal position but I am pleased to be in the team and will play where the 'Gaffer' asks me to.

Tim's injury should have made no difference to the result last week for apart from myself both Jon Gittens and Ross McLaren are central defenders. I have only played one and a bit matches in midfield so I have had very little chance to grow accustomed to the position.

**CONSOLIDATION STILL NEEDED FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURES OF BAMBS, QUINNY AND KAMMY**  
Last season was considered one of consolidation. I will view this our second season in a higher sphere to be the same. The loss of Jimmy Quinn, Chris Kamara and Dave Bamber meant that a quarter of last seasons team had left the County Ground.

That left a lot to replace and the squad needs to be strengthened and while this process is happening we will need to consolidate.

## **No. 1 COLIN CALDERWOOD**

### **PRE-SEASON WENT WELL BUT A DEFEAT MAY HAVE HELPED!**

**We had a good run in our pre-season matches defeating three Clubs in away matches – Hereford United, Swansea City and Cardiff City and obtaining a draw at Bristol City.**

It was a great run but you reflect if it would have served a purpose to have been defeated once. It helps to bring everyone down to earth and makes you aware of the obstacles ahead.

### **DUNC AND ROSS WILL BE USEFUL SIGNINGS**

Both Duncan Shearer and Ross McLaren will add class and ability to our squad. Duncan has proved himself to be a goalscoring machine and will soon be knocking goals in like he did in pre-season.

Ross McLaren – obviously I have played nearer to Ross in matches both of us being defenders and I have felt his influence more and his experience of First Division football will be beneficial.

**'POMPEY' – A STERN TEST TODAY**  
Teams who are relegated often struggle for a while but Portsmouth have confounded this theory with an excellent start. Maybe they will prove to be the exception similar to Aston Villa last season.

Although they lost Vince Hilaire and Noel Blake they have bought several younger players and with the money that their new chairman has infused into the Club they may be set for a good season. Their new players are obviously out to impress. 'Pompey' along with Watford have made excellent starts to the season.

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**  
In every Club we all look for younger



● Colin Calderwood

**players to break through to the first team. Here at the County Ground we have two young lads who could just make it – Fitzroy Simpson and Dean Casserly.**

Both of these players have potential, last season they appeared to be overawed with the pressure of senior players. This time they seem willing to compete and push their way in training. You have to if you want to make a mark. Fitzroy played at Bristol City and Dean at Swansea in pre-season games and both did well. They must now treat Reserve team matches as if they were in the first team. We have a small squad. Tim Parkin's injury last week and any suspensions could leave opportunities, both Dean and Fitzroy need to be ready to fill those gaps.

### **AIMING FOR FIFTY OR FIFTY FIVE**

**Those are the points that we shall have to aim for to avoid relegation. That is not being pessimistic but realistic. Every Club aims for that first figure, even Liverpool.**

We can help towards that total today but it will be tough, we will need your help and support to silence those 'Pompey' chimes. Start cheering, the season at the County Ground is about to kick-off.

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# LOOKING AT SOME GREAT Ghats Ghats Ghats

HELLO SUPPORTERS!

We are the two newcomers and below you will find our playing records before we moved to the County Ground during the summer.

## Ross McLaren

Football League Appearances:

1980/81	Shrewsbury Town	Division 2	2 (2)
1981/82	Shrewsbury Town	Division 2	34 (1)
1982/83	Shrewsbury Town	Division 2	40
1983/84	Shrewsbury Town	Division 2	40
1984/85	Shrewsbury Town	Division 2	42
1985/86	Derby County	Division 3	46
1986/87	Derby County	Division 2	42
1987/88	Derby County	Division 1	25 (9)

## Duncan Shearer

Football League Appearances

1985/86	Chelsea	Division 1	2
1985/86	Huddersfield Town	Division 2	7 (1)
1986/87	Huddersfield Town	Division 2	42
1987/88	Huddersfield Town	Division 2	31 (2)

Figures in brackets denote substitute appearances.



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### IT'S MINE!

Swindon Town Youth team goalkeeper Paul Thompson gathers the ball under pressure during the recent South East Counties Youth League Division Two match against Wimbledon.

The exciting encounter played at Lydiard Park saw the final whistle blown with the score at 4-4!



● The Young Hopefuls at the County Ground – Will they be tomorrows future?

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## SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON	BARNSELY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT	WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLaren	Parkin	Gittens	Bodin
<b>11.9.88</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	<b>H</b>									
17.9.88	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A									
<b>20.9.88</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>24.9.88</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>BRIGHTON</b>	<b>H</b>									
1.10.88	SAT	WATFORD	A									
5.10.88	WED	OXFORD UNITED	A									
<b>9.10.88</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>CHELSEA</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>16.10.88</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>LEEDS UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>									
22.10.88	SAT	SUNDERLAND	A									
26.10.88	WED	LEICESTER CITY	A									
<b>29.10.88</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	<b>H</b>									
5.11.88	SAT	HULL CITY	A									
<b>12.11.88</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>									
19.11.88	SAT	STOKE CITY	A									
<b>22.11.88</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45)</b>	<b>H</b>									
26.11.88	SAT	WALSALL	H									
3.12.88	SAT	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A									
<b>10.12.88</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	<b>H</b>									
17.12.88	SAT	BRADFORD CITY	A									
<b>26.12.88</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3 pm)</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>31.12.88</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>MANCHESTER CITY</b>	<b>H</b>									
2.1.89	MON	PORTSMOUTH	A									
<b>14.1.89</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>BARNSELY</b>	<b>H</b>									
21.1.89	SAT	CRYSTAL PALACE	A									
<b>5.2.89</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>									
11.2.89	MON	CHELSEA	A									
<b>18.2.89</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	<b>H</b>									
25.2.89	SAT	LEEDS UNITED	A									
<b>28.2.89</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>LEICESTER CITY 7.45</b>	<b>H</b>									
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29.4.89	SAT	WALSALL	A									
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<b>6.5.89</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>STOKE CITY</b>	<b>H</b>									
13.5.89	SAT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A									

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Club	Free Transfers	Signings
<b>Barnsley</b>	Ian Chandler, Simon Jeffels, Paul Malcolm, Roger Wylde	Steve Co
<b>A.F.C. Bournemouth</b>	Tom Heffernan	Kevin Bo
<b>Birmingham City</b>	Tommy Williams	
<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>		Andy He Ron Ho
<b>Bradford City</b>	Nigel Beaumont	Ian Bar Andy Th
<b>Brighton</b>	Grant Horscroft, Dale Jasper, Richard Tiltman, Damian Webber, Trevor Wood	
<b>Chelsea</b>	David Jones	Peter Ni
<b>Crystal Palace</b>	Jim Cannon, Gary Stebbing, Stuart Davenport, Paul Hammond	
<b>Hull City</b>	Peter Barnes, Robert Doyle, Stephen Corkain, Pat Heard, Neil Williams	Steve Ter John Mo
<b>Ipswich Town</b>	Neil Rimmer	David Hi
<b>Leeds United</b>	Mike Conner, Bobby McDonald	Noel Blak
<b>Leicester City</b>	Philip Horner, Steve Prindiville	Jimmy Qu Tony Sisk
<b>Manchester City</b>	John Gidman	Bryan Ga John De Wayne B
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	Paul Atkinson, Bob Monaghan	Tony Paul
<b>Oxford United</b>	Steve Hardwick, Jim McDonagh	Mike For Jimmy Ha Phil Hea
<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	Paul Edwards, Gerry McElhinney	Paul Kay Sean M
<b>Portsmouth</b>	Noel Blake, Liam Daish, John Kerr, Kenny Swain, Simon Stapleton	Mark Cha Graeme
<b>Shrewsbury Town</b>	Andy Crane, Gary Leonard	Alan Fur
<b>Stoke City</b>	Gerry Daly, Terry Williams	Chris Kan Peter Bea
<b>Sunderland</b>	Nicky Junson, Jarrod Suddick	Tommy
<b>Walsall</b>	Terry Carville, Pat Dolan, Tony Millard, Richard O'Kelly, Mark Rees, Gary Smith	Keith Bea Alex Tay
<b>Watford</b>	Neil Doherty	Dave Bar Paul Wil
<b>West Bromwich Albion</b>	Barry Cowdrill, Steve Lynex, David Powell, George Reilly, Bob Williamson, Martin Dickinson	Arthur Al

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H. Kenley (Preston North End), Tony Finnigan (Crystal Palace)

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Baker (Portsmouth), Vince Hilaire (Portsmouth)

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# SHORT & SWEET

A new article for your matchday magazine where the topics can range from Swindon Town to the game in general. How, why, when, where, did he, did they, the first it's all here.

**Penalty kicks were introduced?**  
In 1891. The very first penalty was scored by J. Heath for Wolves who beat Accrington 5-0 on the 14th of September!

**When was the Second Division Formed?**  
In 1892, with twelve Clubs. With Division I having 16 Clubs, promotion and relegation was introduced.

**The First use of Crossbars!**  
In 1892, Nottingham Forest replaced the tapes that were then in use. It was Forest who first suggested shin-pads and the use of whistles by referees.

**A Defensive Success!**  
Nottingham Forest were the first champions in any Division with more points (56) than goals (51)!

**Numbers on Shirts**  
Did you know that Tottenham Hotspurs proposal of 1933 was finally agreed in 1939, when numbered shirts became compulsory.

**The First Substitute**  
The very first substitute was Charlton Athletic's Keith Peacock who entered the field of play at Bolton on the 21st August 1965. The first substitute to score was Bobby Knox of Barrow, the same day!

**The First Match on Television**  
Was shown on 10th September 1960, when Bolton Wanderers won 1-0 at Blackpool in a televised League match: four years later BBC 2 was showing a game every week.

**The Longest Throw-In**  
Was measured in 1965 when former Swindon Town player Bobby Woodruff, then with Wolverhampton Wanderers threw the ball at a phenomenal 40 yards!

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**Record Penalty Taker**  
Manchester City player Francis Lee converted a record 13 penalties in the Season of 1971/72.

**Longest Unbeaten Run**  
On the 31st January 1981, Liverpool's 85 match unbeaten sequence ended as Leicester City won 2-1 at Anfield!

**The First Sunday League Match**  
Was played on 20th January 1974 when a morning kick-off at the Den made the Millwall-Fulham game the very first Sunday match. The result? Millwall 1, Fulham 0.

**It Happened Only Ten Seasons Ago!**  
Norwich City became the draw specialists when they drew 23 of their 42 First Division matches and so beat Tranmere Rovers record, set eight years earlier, by one.

**Most Goals in a Career**  
In 1965, Arthur Rowley retired with 434 League goals in his 20-year career with West Bromwich Albion, Fulham, Leicester City and Shrewsbury Town.

**A Joint Own Goal!**  
Yes it is true. On the 18th December 1954, Leicester City's Milburn and Froggatt jointly scored a goal for Chelsea hitting the ball simultaneously: a unique event. Leicester City lost 3-1.

**The First League Match under Floodlights**  
Was at Fratton Park on February 22nd 1956 when visitors Newcastle United beat hosts Portsmouth 2-0.

**Club on the Move**  
Did you know that when Queens Park Rangers moved back to Loftus Road in 1963 it was their eleventh move: they have had nine different League home grounds.

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## SWINDON TOWN

*Team Changes*

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2. Dave Hockaday
3. Phil King
4. Ross Maclaren
5. Jon Gittens
6. Colin Calderwood
7. Steve Foley
8. Paul Bodin
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Steve White
11. Bobby Barnes
12. Charlie Henry
14. Peter Coyne

## PORTSMOUTH

*Team Changes*

1. Alan Knight
2. Warren Neil
3. Paul Hardyman
4. Kevin Dillon
5. Graeme Hogg
6. Billy Gilbert
7. Mark Chamberlain
8. Barry Horne
9. Mick Quinn
10. Terry Connor
11. Lee Sandford
12. Mark Kelly
14. Mike Fillery

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## TEAM IN THE MIDDLE

*Referee:* J. Ashworth  
*Linesman Red Flag:* J. L. Connock  
*Linesman Yellow Flag:* K. J. Hawkes  
*Reserve Official:* D. F. Roberts

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