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Welcome to our match with Swindon Town as we try to end our run of six home league matches without a win.

A glance at the league table shows how important this match is for us. Our recent lean spell has seen the side drop to fifth from the bottom, and the fact that Swindon are just three points ahead, but having played a match less, stresses the importance of the game.

This is Swindon's second season back in the Second Division and they did well last season, finishing a creditable 12th.

However, they lost four players during the summer, including their much feared strike force of Dave Bamber and Jimmy Quinn.

Quinn went to Leicester for £250,000 and scored the winner against us at Filbert Street three weeks ago, while Bamber joined Watford for just over £100,000. Last season they scored 34 league goals between them. Midfield player Chris Kamara also left to join Stoke.

A familiar face in their line-up is former Huddersfield Town striker Duncan Shearer who cost £250,000, and their other major signing is Derby County defender Ross MacLaren for £150,000.

Manager Lou Macari did a great job in guiding Swindon to promotion two seasons ago, and we welcome him, his players and directors to Valley Parade.

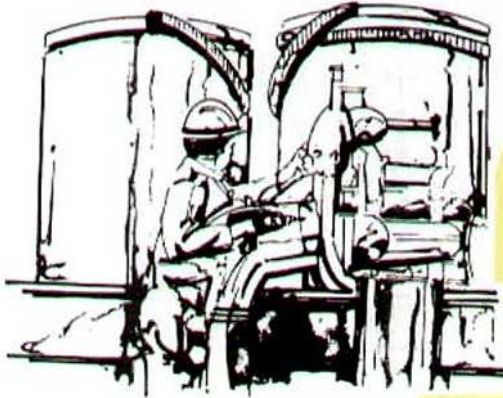
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A Word from the Manager

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Lou Macari and his squad from Swindon. It would be remiss of me not to talk a bit about last Wednesday night which I'm sure you will agree was another great night for the club. On the field it was one of those nights when everything goes your way, something which hasn't happened often this season, but full credit to all the players who worked extremely hard and concentrated hard for 90 minutes. All three goals were brilliantly taken and Everton could have no complaints, in fact the score could have been 7-4 or 8-5, and I'm sure people will be talking about the game for a long time.

The reward for the victory as you know is a home tie against Bristol City. Although we will probably be cast as the favourites we know it won't be easy but we can't ask for any more than a home draw.

That game will be out of our minds now for a few weeks as we strive to gain League points and pull away from the lower reaches of the division. The players showed what can be done on Wednesday, now we have to build on that and show more consistency.

Peter Jackson starts a two match suspension today but we are hoping that Karl Goddard will be fit again.

The Christmas period is a very important time because after the holiday programme things begin to take shape and come the new year let's hope we are in a healthier position.

The support was tremendous on Wednesday night and you all had plenty to shout about. Let's hope for more of the same and enjoy the game.

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WORD
FROM —

DAVID MARKHAM

Those members of Bradford City Supporters Club who couldn't attend the recent meeting on ID cards missed an interesting contribution from Rogan Taylor, chairman of the Football Supporters Association.

The main topic concerned the Government's proposals for a compulsory membership scheme, and Mr. Taylor offered an eloquent case against the scheme.

He claimed that the battle against hooligans was being won inside the grounds, making the members-only scheme unnecessary to cure this diminishing problem.

But the scheme would cause chaos outside grounds, insisted Mr. Taylor, as supporters queued to use the computerised turnstiles, which may also break down, causing more trouble. It would also discourage casual supporters.

All these arguments are well rehearsed, but Mr. Taylor had some interesting things to say about the role of supporters in the running of the game.

After all, the supporters are the game's main sponsors, contributing some £60m through the turnstiles last

season, and he clearly believes they should have much more say in how football is run at both club and national level.

Too often there is a deep division between directors and supporters, but perhaps the compulsory membership scheme is an issue on which everyone can unite.

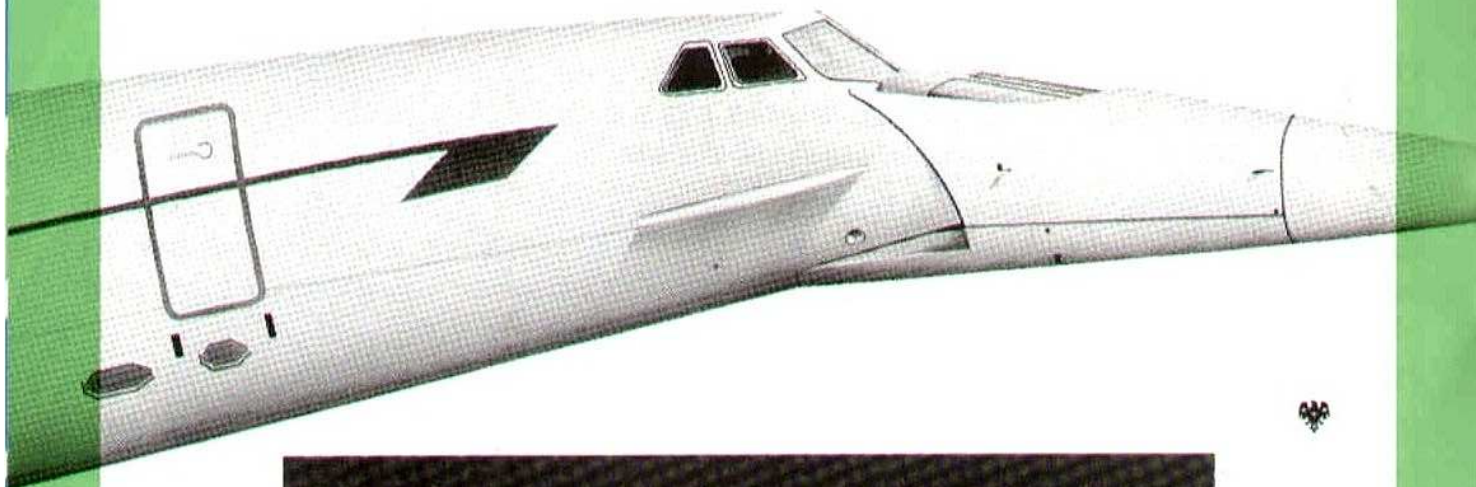
Certainly, it seems as if the opposition is having some effect. Apparently there are rumblings of unease among some Conservative MP's and their Sport Committee is openly critical. Conservative peers in the House of Lords where the bill will be introduced are said to be hostile. The police are also against the scheme.

All this is not to say any of us are willing to relax the battle against the hooligans. We just believe the present proposals will not help to cure the problem and the Government should allow more time for other measures to work.



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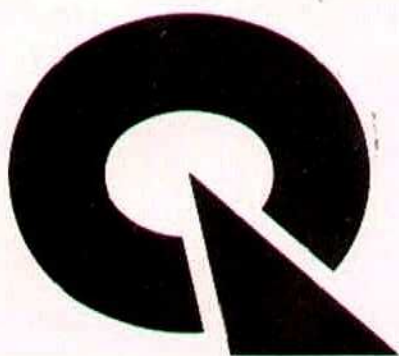
1. Who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer last season?
2. Name Swindon's goalkeeper who played in the 1969 League Cup Final.
3. Who was captain of the above team?
4. Still with the above game, who scored Arsenal's goal in the 3-1 defeat?
5. Which club does Paul Rideout play for?
7. Which First Division club did Swindon knock out of the F.A. Cup last season?
8. Name the manager of Doncaster Rovers.
9. Name the player who was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm to Shrewsbury striker Jim Melrose last season.
10. Which Scottish club does ex-Arsenal striker Raphael Meade play for?
11. Who is the chairman of Newcastle United?



6. The above is a N.I.L. game between Bradford City and Doncaster Rovers. The player shooting for goal is now with Huddersfield Town ... who is he?

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Swindon Town are a club who have never really hit the Football League 'big time' for fifth place in Division Two, in 1969-70 remains their best ever position at the end of a season. There have been brief moments of glory, like the time they topped the Second Division table immediately following their promotion from Division Three in 1963 but otherwise they have had little to look back on apart from their 1969 Football League Cup Final triumph over Arsenal at Wembley.

The club was formed in 1881 and in their early years they were a force in the Southern League, particularly just before the First World War when they twice fought their way through to the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

However, since entering the Football League in 1920 when the Southern League was adopted as the Third Division they have actually spent 60 years in that division making them one of its longest serving clubs.

In spite of that though their last experience of Third Division football was extremely brief for having dropped into the Fourth Division for the first time in 1982 they won that championship with a record breaking points tally in 1986 and promptly won promotion to the Second Division the following year.

On their return to the Second Division, after an absence of 13 years, Swindon Town completed last season in a respectable mid-table position but during the close season the



Back Row: Charlie Henry, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin

Middle Row: Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Duncan Shearer, Jon Gittens, Ross McLaren, Steve White, Leigh Barnard

Front Row: Bobby Barnes, Peter Coyne, Paul Bodin, Coin Calderwood (Captain), Steve Foley, Alan McLoughlin, Mark Jones

decision of several leading players to exercise their right to move under the freedom of contract has made life very difficult for manager **Lou Macari**, the former Manchester United and Celtic player.

Jimmy Quinn joined Leicester City, Dave Bamber went to Watford, Chris Kamara to Stoke, Bryan Wade to Swansea and Kieran O'Regan to Huddersfield Town.

Moving in the other direction have been former Huddersfield striker **Duncan Shearer**, who cost a record breaking £250,000, and former Derby County central defender **Ross McLaren**, whose £150,000 fee was determined by a Football League tribunal.

In recent weeks Macari has kept a fairly settled side with one time Manchester United and England Youth international keeper **Fraser Digby** (21), a current u.21 international, holding down the goalkeeping job.

Billingham born **Dave Hockaday** (31), a signing from Blackpool in August 1983, has become the regular right-back despite starting his career as a winger, while former Exeter and Torquay man **Phil King** (20), an ever present last season, is at left-back.

In the centre of the defence are **Tim Parkin** (30), who came to Swindon from Bristol Rovers in July 1986, and ex Mansfield Town man **Colin Calderwood** (23) who is now in his fourth season at the County Ground.

Challenging for the midfield positions are 26 year old **Steve Foley**, utility man **Charlie Henry** (26), who has ten years service with the club behind him, and former Oxford United player **Mark Jones** (27) who is now back in the side having missed the whole of last season through injury.

Foley actually began his career at Liverpool, without ever breaking into the first team, but after clocking up 100 league games with Fulham (loan), Grimsby Town and Sheffield United he moved to Swindon from Bramall Lane for £35,000 in July 1987.

Despite his large fee Scots born **Duncan Shearer** has failed to establish himself as a regular member of Macari's strike force and has had to be content with the role of substitute in recent weeks.

In contrast 29 year old **Steve White**, having played for Bristol Rovers, Luton Town and Charlton arrived at Swindon on a free transfer following a second spell at Rovers having knocked in 35 goals in his first 61 games for the club he has once again got amongst the goals this term.

Bobby Barnes, the former West Ham and Aldershot player, would no doubt like to celebrate his 26th birthday today with a goal but with ex Ipswich Town and Shrewsbury striker **David Geddes** in form he first has to win a place in the side.

By way of a footnote, whilst City have Chris Lee, the son of youth team manager Jeff — a one time player with Halifax Town and Peterborough — and Arthur Graham's younger brother Jimmy, in their junior ranks it is interesting to note that **Paul Trollope**, son of former long serving defender John Trollope MBE, and **Nicky Summerbee**, whose dad played for Manchester City and England as well as Swindon, are both apprentices on Swindon's books at the moment. Football is obviously regarded as something of a family business in the West Country as well as West Yorkshire.



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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

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City NEWS Desk

FORTHCOMING HOME MATCHES —

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Sunderland — Monday 2nd January 1989, kick-off 12 noon.

CENTRAL LEAGUE — DIVISION TWO

Mansfield Town — Tuesday, 20th December, kick-off 7.30pm.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Middlesbrough, Saturday 24th December, kick-off 11.00am.

F.A. YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP — Third Round —

After the 2 - 1 win against Port Vale in the Second Round we play away to Sheffield United in the next round on Monday 9th January next, kick-off 7.30pm.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO v Sunderland

Monday 2nd January 1989 — This match is a 12 noon kick-off. It is also "all ticket" with a special provision that no tickets can be sold on the day of the match. So, remember, **YOU MUST PURCHASE THEM BY SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER**. They are on sale now.

SEASON TICKETS — Still available at cheap rates — apply at the Ticket Office. Buy one for Christmas.

MEMBERSHIP — Season 1988/89 — All members from last season will have received their cards by now automatically through the post for this season. New members can enrol at the Ticket Office by completing an application form.

Membership areas are as last season — Natpros Stand and Midland Road. For the T&A Family Stand you must join the T&A Family Club which is £5.00 for Junior Bantams and £1.00 Associate Membership for adults and OAP's.

TRAVEL CLUB

Monday 26th December — Hull City
Coaches depart 12.30pm — cost £3.00.

Saturday 30th December — Walsall

Coaches depart 11.30am — cost £5.00

F.A. Challenge Cup, Third Round — Tottenham Hotspur — Saturday 7th January 1989. Kick-off 3.00pm

— This match is "all ticket". Vouchers are being given out at today's match and tickets will go on sale to voucher-holders on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 28th, 29th and 30th December. On Saturday 31st they go on sale to members only, and any left will go on general sale on Tuesday 3rd January. Season ticket holders have until 24 hours before the match to claim their tickets.

Hull City — 26th December 1988 — Kick-off 3.00pm

— Hull have supplied us with stand seats for the match on Boxing Day. These are £6.50 each and available from the Ticket Office.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COURSE —

Richard Dunn Sports Centre at Odsal has recently introduced a Football Development course for boys and girls aged 6 to 16 years old on Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6pm. A qualified F.A. Prelim coach will teach the children many aspects of the game and the kids will also have the chance to play 5-a-side games. The cost is 80p per session, but for more details contact the Centre on Bradford 307822.

ALBANIA v ENGLAND, 8th March 1989 —

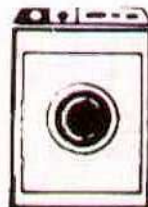
For details of this game contact B. Clark on (0942) 677105 or (0925) 826333, or D. Clark on (0695) 622597.

Congratulations to Swindon Town supporter Paul Drew. Today he visits his 92nd League ground when Swindon play at Valley parade. Mrs. J. Menham of Cloche Way, Upper Stratton, Swindon has written to us asking to give him a mention in the programme. He is a friend of Mrs. Menham's son John who is handicapped and confined to a wheelchair. "Paul very unselfishly helped my son get his 92nd ground record first", she said, "and I think he deserves a mention in your programme."

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Answers to CITY GENTS QUIZ TIME

- (1) Jimmy Quinn; (2) Peter Downborough; (7) Norwich; (8) Dave Mackay; (9) Chris Kamara; (10) Dundee United; (11) Gordon Mckean;
- (3) Stan Harland; (4) Bobby Gould; (5) Southampton;

SUPPORTER'S CLUB News Letter

Welcome to Swindon Town and their supporters for our last Valley Parade League game of 1988.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all City players, management and staff and also seasons greetings to our visitors from Swindon.

Swindon like ourselves have had a disappointing time so far this season after last seasons promising return to Division Two.

Successful cup runs and several postponed home games left Swindon with too great a fixture backlog after being on the fringe of the promotion race for much of the season.

Last Saturday saw us suffer another disappointing defeat, 4-0 at Manchester City. City looked the better side until Brightwell opened the scoring and then suffered a disastrous spell in the second half when Manchester City scored three more.

Following today's game against Swindon we have two vital away games at Hull City and Walsall, who are both struggling in the bottom half of the table. All three of these games are vital to the teams involved and it would be nice to pick up some points and start climbing the table again.

The Second Division is proving to be the closest battle for many years and a good run of results can send a team soaring up the table amongst the promotion contenders, whilst a bad run such as the one we are experiencing at present can soon send a team plummeting in the opposite direction.

F.A. Cup

Our cup luck this season held again in the draw for the third round of the F.A. Cup. This time our opponents will be another of the First Division 'big spenders' and is one of the most attractive ties of the round. There is bound to be a big demand when tickets go on sale and hopefully a

capacity crowd will see City pull off one of the shocks of the day.

Supporters Football Team

Last Saturday the supporters team were again in action, suffering another defeat, this time by 3-1 against a strong Manchester City team. After the game the team were entertained in the excellent Manchester City Supporters Club.

This morning the team were again in action entertaining Swindon Town when hopefully the lads will have recorded their second victory of the season.

Australia Branch Badges

The Australia Branch badge is proving very popular and selling very quickly. These badges can be obtained from Supporters Club Committee Members, priced £2.00, at today's game, stocks permitting.

This is one of the best badges to be produced by any club for many years so if you would like one buy yours as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed.

Also still available are the new Official Supporters Club badge priced £1.50 and the Saltaire Branch badge priced £1.75. These are also selling very well and stocks are running low.

Aireborough Branch

The last meeting of 1988 will be held on Monday, 19th December at the Drop Inn, Guiseley.

This will be followed by another quiz about Bradford City and hopefully some of the City players will again be attending.

Let us hope that we can end 1988 with a winning run and give all the City supporters something to cheer about over Christmas and the start of the New Year.

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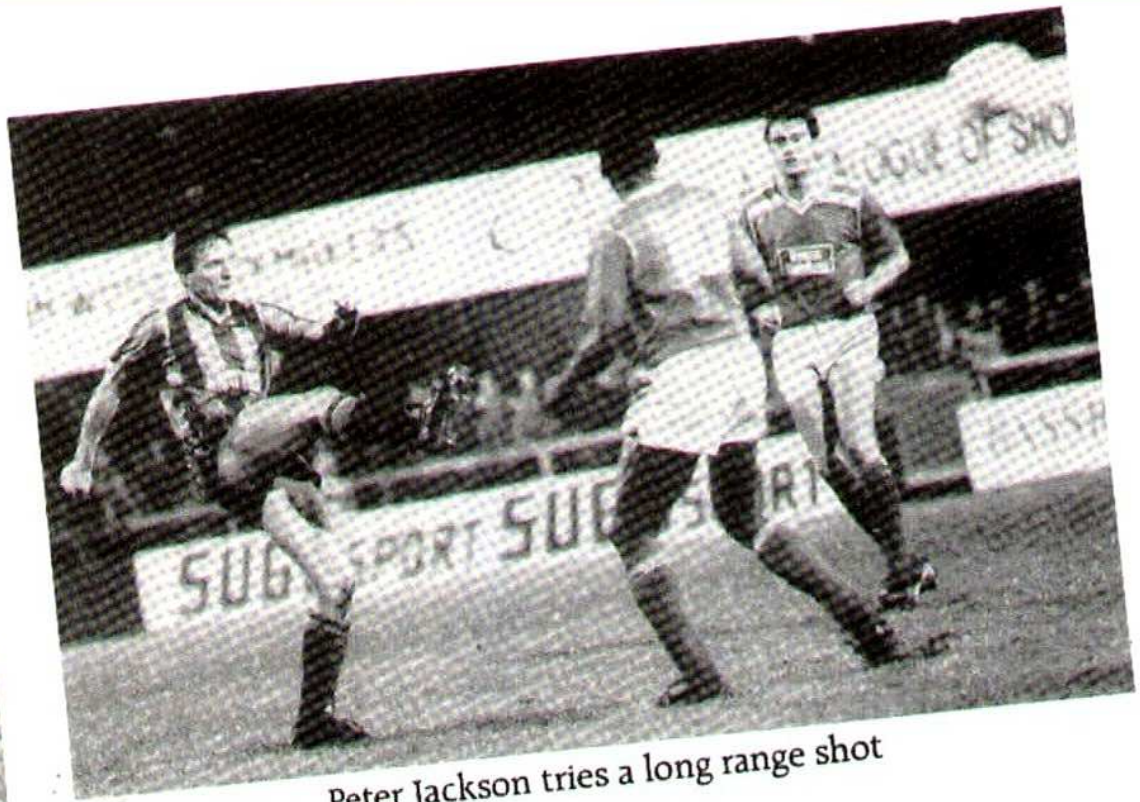
Our photographer Pete Suthers was at Valley Parade on Saturday 3rd December to capture some highlights of the 2 - 2 draw with Birmingham City.



Ian Banks hammers a shot at goal



Vince Overson clears a Brian Mitchell cross



Peter Jackson tries a long range shot



Ian Ormondroyd stretches to get to Mick Kennedy's cross

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DATE	OPPONENTS	F.A.	P t s	P o s	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUBS.
27/8/88	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	3-1	3	10,190	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks 1	Oliver	Evans	Thomas 1	Sinnott	Ormondroyd 1	Kennedy	Jewell	Leonard
29/8/88	Stoke City	H	0-0	4	11,819	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Jewell	Leonard
3/9/88	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-0	7	9,765	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd 1	Kennedy	Jewell	Leonard
10/9/88	Sunderland	A	0-0	8	16,286	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Jewell	Leonard
17/9/88	Oldham Athletic	H	2-0	11	12,235	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas 2	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Abbott
20/9/88	Watford	A	0-1	11	12,296	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Jewell
24/9/88	Ipswich Town	A	1-1	12	13,074	Tomlinson	Mitchell 1	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Abbott	Leonard	Palin
28/9/88	Reading (LC2)	A	1-1	-	4,013	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd 1	Kennedy	Leonard	
1/10/88	Portsmouth	H	2-1	15	11,208	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas 1	Sinnott 1	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Jewell
5/10/88	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1	16	13,022	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Thomas 1	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Abbott
8/10/88	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3	16	6,855	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks 1	Oliver	Jackson	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Jewell 1	Abbott
12/10/88	Reading (LC2)	H	2-1	-	6,256	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks 2	Oliver	Jackson	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Jewell	Abbott
15/10/88	Crystal Palace	H	0-1	16	11,028	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Jackson	Evans	Thomas	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Jewell	Chapman
22/10/88	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-1	16	8,989	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Jackson	Banks	Oliver	Evans	Abbott	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Jewell
26/10/88	Leeds United	H	1-1	17	13,046	Litchfield	Mitchell	Jackson	Abbott 1	Oliver	Evans	Chapman	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Jewell
29/10/88	Oxford United	A	4-3	20	10,503	Litchfield	Mitchell	Goddard	Abbott	Jackson 1	Evans	Jewell	Palin 1	Ormondroyd	Kennedy 1	Leonard 1	Thomas
2/11/88	Scunthorpe (LC3)	H	1-1	-	8,011	Litchfield	Mitchell	Sinnott	Abbott	Jackson	Evans	Jewell 1	Palin	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Chapman
5/11/88	AFC Bournemouth	H	0-1	20	9,067	Litchfield	Mitchell	Sinnott	Abbott	Jackson	Oliver	Jewell	Palin	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Banks
9/11/88	Brighton & H.A. (ISC1)	H	3-1	-	3,145	Litchfield	Abbott	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin 1	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard 2	Thomas
12/11/88	Barnsley	A	0-0	21	8,838	Tomlinson	Abbott	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard	Mitchell
19/11/88	Chelsea	H	2-2	22	11,442	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd 2	Kennedy	Leonard	Abbott
22/11/88	Scunthorpe (LC3R)	A	1-0	-	5,793	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard 1	
26/11/88	Leicester City	A	0-1	22	16	9,533	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard
30/11/88	Chelsea (SC2)	H	2-3	-	5,341	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Goddard	Thomas 1	Oliver	Pattison	Palin 1	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Costello	Leonard
3/12/88	Birmingham City	H	2-2	23	20	9,503	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Costello	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard 1
10/12/88	Manchester City	A	0-4	23	20	10,129	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Evans	Banks	Oliver	Jackson	Palin	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard
14/12/88	Everton (LC4R)	H	3-1	-	15,055	Tomlinson	Mitchell	Evans	Banks 1	Oliver	Jackson	Palin 1	Sinnott	Ormondroyd	Kennedy	Leonard 1	
17/12/88	Swindon Town	H															
26/12/88	Hull City	A															
31/12/88	Walsall	A															
2/1/89	Sunderland	H															
7/1/89	Tottenham (FAC3)	H															
14/1/89	Stoke City	A															
18/1/89	Bristol City (LC5R)	H															
21/1/89	Brighton & Hove Albion	H															
28/1/89	FA Cup 4th Round																
4/2/89	Blackburn Rovers	A															
11/2/89	Plymouth Argyle	H															
18/2/89	West Brom (FAC5)	H															
25/2/89	Crystal Palace	A															
1/3/89	Leeds United	A															
4/3/89	Barnsley	H															
11/3/89	AFC Bournemouth	A															
15/3/89	Oxford United	H															
18/3/89	Watford (FAC6)	H															
25/3/89	Shrewsbury Town	A															
27/3/89	Hull City	H															
1/4/89	Oldham Athletic	A															
4/4/89	Swindon Town	A															
8/4/89	Walsall	H															
15/4/89	Ipswich Town (FAC5-F)	H															
22/4/89	Portsmouth	A															
29/4/89	Leicester City	H															
1/5/89	Birmingham City	A															
6/5/89	Chelsea	A															
13/5/89	Manchester City	H															
20/5/89	FA Cup Final: Wembley																

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Leonard	14 (4)	2	4	4	2	2
Litchfield	3	1	1	1	1	1
Mitchell	19 (1)	1	5	5	1	1
Oliver	18	1	4	4	2	2
Ormondroyd	19	4	1	1	2	2
Palin	7 (2)	1	3 (1)	3	2	2
Pattison	19	1	5	5	2	2
Sinnott	19	1	1	1	1	1
Sinnott	11 (4)	5	2 (1)	2	1 (1)	1
Thomas	11 (4)	5	2 (1)	2	1 (1)	1
Tomlinson	17	1	4	4	1	1

2nd DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 10th December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	20	10	6	4	28	17	36
Blackburn	20	11	3	6	34	25	36
Watford	20	10	5	5	32	20	35
Chelsea	20	9	7	4	36	22	34
WBA	20	9	7	4	29	19	34
Portsmouth	20	8	8	4	32	24	32
Barnsley	20	8	6	6	26	26	30
Plymouth	20	8	5	7	29	29	29
Leicester	20	7	8	5	29	27	29
Crystal Palace	19	7	7	8	26	25	28
Bournemouth	20	8	4	8	23	23	28
Stoke	20	7	7	6	22	26	28
Ipswich	20	8	3	9	27	25	27
Leeds United	20	6	8	6	24	22	26
Swindon	19	6	8	5	26	26	26
Sunderland	20	5	10	5	25	25	25
Oxford	20	6	9	5	31	32	24
Hull	21	6	6	9	25	33	24
Oldham	20	5	7	7	30	32	23
Bradford City	20	5	8	7	20	25	23
Shrewsbury	20	4	8	8	16	26	20
Brighton	20	5	3	12	25	36	18
Walsall	20	2	8	10	17	26	14
Birmingham	20	3	5	12	15	38	14

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RESERVES AND JUNIORS ROUND-UP

After seeing a superb run of five successive Northern Intermediate League wins come to an end at Halifax with a 2-2 draw two weeks ago City's juniors have bounced back in the best possible way.

Following the Halifax game Arthur Graham's youngsters promptly saw off the challenge of Port Vale in the second round of the FA Youth Cup, then last Saturday, despite the absence of Kevin Megson (injured) and Peter Costello (on first-team duty), they overcame a strong Barnsley side to extend their unbeaten start to the N.I.L. season to 17 games.

City's 1-0 win was achieved through yet another goal from their remarkable goal-scoring central defender Martin Pattison.

It was 17 year old Pattison's third goal in as many games and his eleventh overall this season at junior team level.

City's victory keeps them well clear of neighbours Leeds United, who are also in the middle of a good run at the moment, and already 12 points ahead of third placed Middlesbrough.

There was no reserve team game last week due to the juniors FA Youth Cup tie but they too are nicely poised to challenge for honours if they can win their games in hand in the Second Division of the Central League.

Results and Scorers

Reserves

August

31 Rotherham United Away 2-2 Chapman 2

September

7 Darlington Home 2-1 Leonard, Abbott

13 Oldham Athletic Away 2-1 Lee, Taylor

21 Stoke City Home 3-0 Chapman, Lee, Pattison

27 York City Home 1-2 Palin (penalty)

October

11 Notts County Away 2-3 Costello, Wroe

18 Preston

24 Blackpool

November

15 Wigan Athletic

23 Port Vale

Juniors

August

13 Grimsby Town

20 Sunderland

24 Barnsley

27 Hull City

September

3 Scunthorpe United

10 Sheffield Wed (LC Rd 1)

17 Hartlepool United

24 Doncaster Rovers

October

1 Sheffield United

8 Leeds United

15 York City

22 Rotherham United

29 Scarborough

31 Sunderland (FA YC 1)

November

5 Huddersfield Town

19 Sheffield Wednesday

26 Newcastle United

December

3 Halifax Town

6 Port Vale (YC 2)

10 Barnsley

Home 4-1 Abbott 2, Costello 2

Away 3-3 Thomas, Jewell, Graham

Away 5-0 Jewell 3, Costello, D. Evans

Home 4-3 Costello 2, Thomas, Jewell

Home 2-2 Hobby, Megson

Away 4-1 Hobby, Megson, Costello, Log

Away 3-2 Pattison 2, Costello

Home 1-1 Pattison

Away 4-1 Costello 2, Hobby, Duxbury

Home 2-3 Lee, Graham

Home 1-0 Hobby

Away 1-1 Costello

Home 5-2 Hobby, Graham, Pattison, Megson, Costello

Home 3-2 Costello, Hobby, Pattison

Away 0-0

Home 3-2 Pattison, Pedder, Megson

Away 2-1 Megson, Francis

Away 3-1 Hobby, Pattison, Lee

Home 5-1 Costello 3, Hobby, Pattison

Away 1-0 Costello

Home 2-0 Costello, Hobby

Away 2-2 Graham, Pattison

Home 2-1 Pattison, Megson

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JUNIOR BANTAMS

The trip to Manchester City was a great success, for after a very evenly fought game we beat Junior Blues 4 - 2. Scorers were Simon Lightfoot (2), Craig Labbett and Jody Williams.

The hospitality given to us in Manchester was excellent, so we will return the favour later in the season. We organised a Guess the Crowd Competition at the big game in the afternoon, and the winner was Anthony Le Feuvre who receives gifts given to us by Manchester City.

At the moment I am trying to organise a game with Leeds United, over the Christmas holidays.



Faye Holmes
Bradford City's Mascot

Today's mascot is Faye Holmes aged 12 who attends Ladderbanks Middle School, Baildon. Her favourite players are Paul Jewell, Mark Leonard and Paul Tomlinson. As well as watching Bradford City, Faye also enjoys playing netball and badminton.

Swindon's mascot is

Robert Tait (14). Robert is a keen Town fan who travels to most away games and whose father supports the Town and Dundee.



Robert Tait
Swindon Town's Mascot

Birthday wishes to Catherine Aykroyd, Ben Stevenson, Mark Kellet, Christopher Masley, Andrew Redman, Richard Taylor, Darren Harwood, James Weller, Graham Adams, David Firth, Carl Fletcher, Hedlen Crossley, Stephen Todd, Steven Midgley, Paul Stilling, Julian Townsend (better late than never. Sorry Julian for missing your birthday in an earlier programme.)

It's back to League action again for City after the Everton game, and today's visitors Swindon will be tough. Under the guidance of manager Lou Macari Swindon have progressed through the leagues.

A big thank you to all the City players who signed autographs for the JB's at the Manchester City game - it was very much appreciated by the kids.

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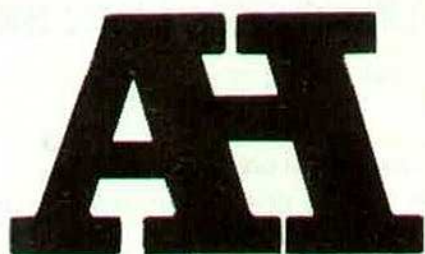
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Despite the considerable distance between Bradford and Swindon there have been a number of transfers between Bradford City and Swindon Town over the years. Some, like Bruce Walker, would have been overlooked completely by all but the most fervent fan of either club, for Bruce played just 29 games for Swindon between December 1963 and March 1968 (when he arrived at Valley Parade) and played in only 28 games for City before he moved on to Exeter City in June 1969.

However, one man who is still fondly remembered for his courageous exploits between the 'sticks' is Peter Downsborough.

Peter still lives in the area but has little to do with football these days. Since retiring nine years ago he has maintained a fairly low profile, playing in only a handful of charity events. He is a keen golfer, as many footballers are, but most of his time since leaving the football arena has been spent in much the same way as his countless fans always did, just going to work and working around the house.

There is little glamour in the life of the ex-soccer star but Peter has never expressed any regrets about either his footballing days or his life since.

It was during his days at Swindon, however, that he really was thrust into the limelight. Peter was the hero of the hour when the Third Division club took on mighty Arsenal in the 1969 Football League Cup Final at Wembley, for he defied them almost single handed. In the end it was two goals from Don Rogers which won the game but it was the goal-keeping of Peter Downsborough that kept them in with a chance.

The other notable, and later notorious signing was that of Sheffield born David 'Bronco' Layne. Having started his career at Rotherham Layne moved on to Swindon in June 1959 at the age of 19 and made an immediate impact scoring 28 goals in only 41 games before moving back to Yorkshire to sign for City in December 1960.

By the time he left, being snapped up by First Division Sheffield Wednesday, he had scored 44 goals in 65 games.

That tally included the 34 goals in the 1961-62 season which still stands as an individual scoring record for the club, and though they were scored in Fourth Division football no one doubted his ability to maintain that strike rate at a higher level.

Sure enough in only 74 games at Hillsborough he reached 52 goals, taking his career total to 128 in only 191 games, but he was never to score again.

He was still only 24 years old but his footballing days were numbered and he had nobody to blame but himself.

Layne became caught up in the biggest bribes scandal this country has ever known. A former Republic of Ireland international, Jimmy Gould, was the Mr Fixit in a betting ring and Layne, together with England internationals Peter Swan and Tony Kay, were persuaded to accept money to 'throw' a game.

Layne later declared that he was overcome by remorse for what he had done and in the second-half of the game in question he had gone all out to play his best, but it was too late. For his part in the scandal he received a three month prison sentence and was banned for life from football.



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Back Chat!

In recent weeks this column has discussed the comings and goings in the transfer market during the decline, and eventual fall, of Bradford City during the late thirties.

Fred Westgarth, having taken over from Dick Ray as manager, helped steady the 'ship' with a couple of crucial signings himself in the latter part of the 1937-38 season — in the shape of Les Gore (Carlisle) and Jimmy Robertson (Park Avenue) — whilst the following year he brought in goalkeeper Jim McCloy from St Mirren, Ernest Beardshaw and Jim Smailes from Stockport, Alex Hastie from Motherwell and George Hinsley from Barnsley.

However two of the most prominent members of the side during those immediate pre-war years which saw signs of a revival at Valley Parade had been snapped up by Ray from local football and didn't cost a penny.



Alf Whittingham (front row 2nd from left) is seen here in the Altofts West Riding Colliery FC line-up at the start of the 1936-37 season — shortly before signing for Bradford City along with team-mate Jack Deakin

Those players were Jack Deakin and Alf Whittingham who were playing in the highly successful Altofts West Riding Colliery FC side when City persuaded both to join the club in October 1936.

Jack Deakin, at 24, was the elder of the two men — by two years — and was the first to break into the first team when he actually scored on his debut in City's 2-2 draw with Aston Villa at Valley Parade in November 1936.

Alf Whittingham followed Deakin into the side that same month and though both spent short spells out of the side by the time the Second World War broke out to bring League Football to a temporary close both had clearly made their mark.

Deakin had knocked in 51 goals in only 68 League and Cup games whilst Whittingham, who was much more a provider than scorer, hit 13 goals in exactly the same number of games.

Unfortunately, as with many players at this time, the war badly hit this duo's career but whilst Jack Deakin failed to appear after the war Alf Whittingham was to enjoy a real 'Indian summer' going on to play 52 games in the First Division with Huddersfield Town at the age of 34 and still managed to play a couple of seasons with Halifax Town after that.

Ironically Whittingham's post-war career, which began at the age of 32, saw him clock up almost twice as many games and score at a much higher rate than he did in a comparable period in his younger days.

THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

By Mick Dickinson

Today I would like to welcome the management, players and supporters of Swindon Town to Valley Parade.

A group of Swindon supporters produce a fanzine called *Bring the Noise*. I saw the first issue of the season which was very good, and carried a photograph of Valley Parade in a review of last season. It's a good magazine in an A4 format, which can be obtained from 34 Eastcott Hill, Swindon SN1 3JD — price 30p. There's quite a bit of Macasi-baiting, and the overall presentation is superb. It's well worth a read.

Last week saw the launch of the third book on Bradford City inside twelve months. 'Of Boars and Bantams' is a Club History and Pictorial History combined. The text has been written by City fan Donald Gillan, and Tim Clapham and John Dewhirst (of City Gent fame) compiled the photographic and pictorial record. The most obvious thing about the book is the claret and amber cover. The City Gent logo is carried on the cover as well.

In terms of the text, it is unfortunate that the history has largely been rendered redundant by the Terry Frost book. The format, however, divides the text into a season-by-season format, which makes it easy to follow. Nevertheless, many of the events of particular seasons are skirted over, and the history does not have the comprehensive feel of the Terry Frost book. Set alongside that book, Mr Gillan's text has nothing new to offer, but I felt that it was perhaps more readable, and certainly, in terms of layout, more accessible.

It is the many pictures, photographs and newspaper cuttings which add another dimension to the book. These supplement Mr Gillan's text and tell the story with more immediacy and poignancy than words can. Many of the illustrations have not been published before, and Tim Clapham and John Dewhirst have done excellent work in ferretting out the memorabilia. As well as the aforementioned material, extracts and adverts from old programmes are included. The book is great to dip into. I liked the statistical format. Whilst not as comprehensive in this department as the earlier book on the history of City, the season by season breakdown is simple yet informative. 'Of Boars and Bantams' makes a superb companion volume to the earlier Temple publication 'The Avenue'. It also complements, rather than duplicates, Terry Frost's City history. The three books, along with 'A Game That Would Pay' by A.J. Arnold, make a mini-library that every Bradford football enthusiast should own. Mr Gillan's book is to be welcomed, and is highly recommended. At £12.95 the price is reasonable. It will make a good Christmas present, and can be obtained from the club shop.

City Gent is giving away a copy of the book to someone who can answer these simple questions, the answers of which can be found in the latest City Gent, price £1.00 for 80 pages. The questions are:-

1. Who did Bingley Under 11's beat 11-0?
2. What TV channel does Dick Woodacre work for?
3. Who scored after 12 seconds against Southport in 1959?
4. Where does Gerd Hessner come from?

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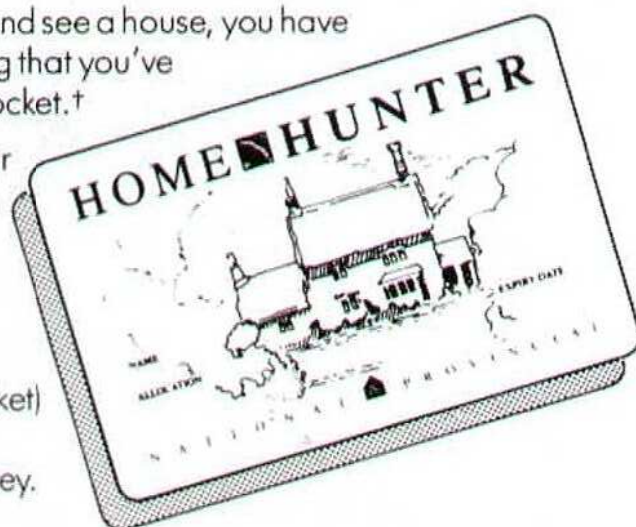
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