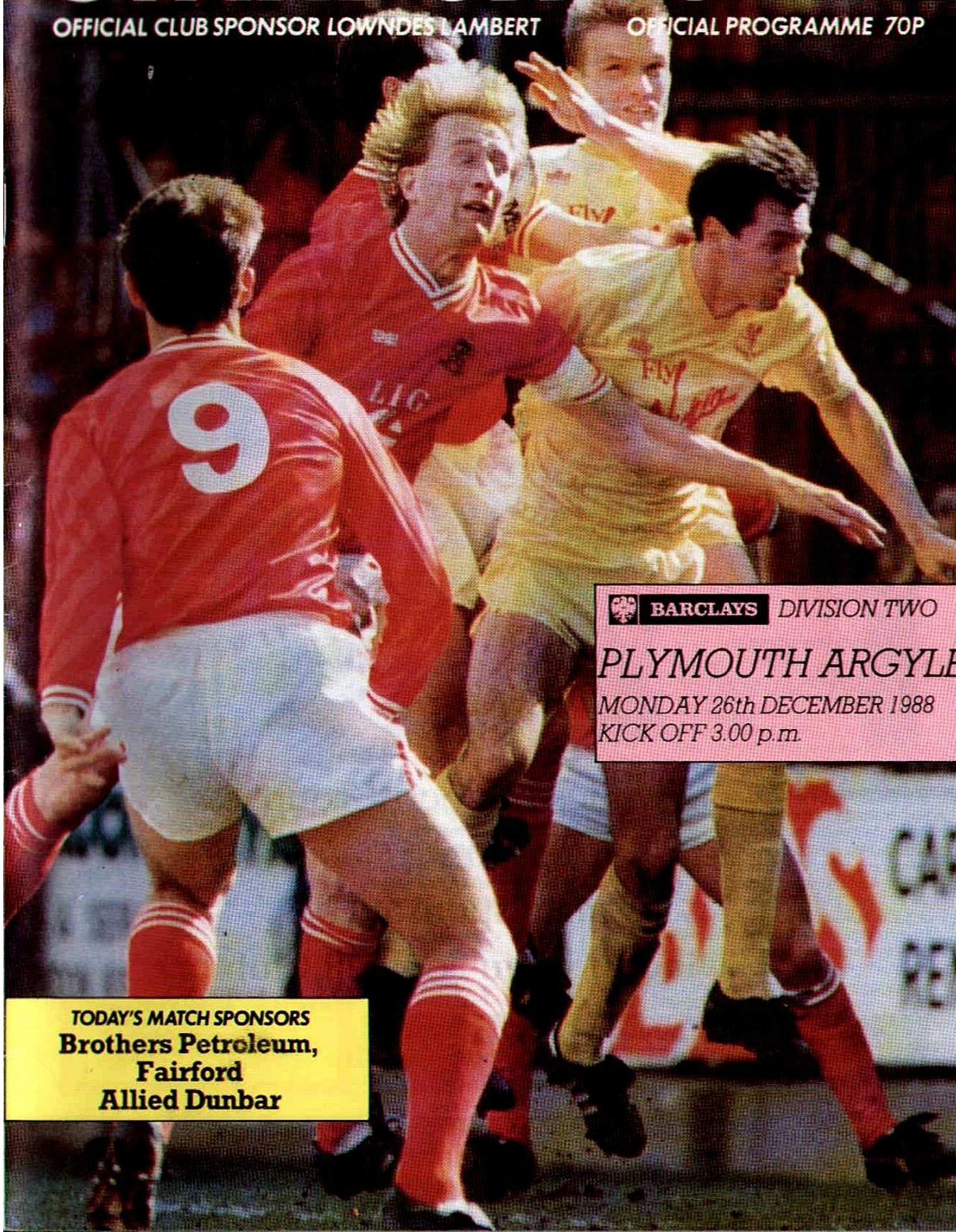


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LUCK DESERTS US!

Do you ever feel that there are times when your luck is in and then it is right out?

The latter is the feeling that I had when I watched the F.A. Cup draw for the Third Round on Saturday December 10th. It was a poor draw for us and certainly not one we would have chosen. I don't know about you but there is something missing when the Cup draw is not held on a Monday lunchtime.

Imagine what it is like for the Third and Fourth Division teams left in the competition and particularly the non-League teams. They have only a few hours to reflect on their result and dream of the big Clubs visiting them. Suddenly reality hits them and they face a trip to a ground they probably see frequently. The illusion is shattered and the dream becomes a nightmare.

ONCE... TWICE...

Portsmouth... Portsmouth... not once but twice in the short space of six days. That fact could be in our favour, frequent meetings usually ensure a familiarity with style and between players. A close game will be in prospect. Swindon Town have generally done quite well in Cup competitions and we may yet cause a surprise. Portsmouth are a formidable obstacle but, after all, they are in the same division as we are. No better or worse until the final kick of the season.

IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME, SAINT...

I missed the Oldham match due to a scouting mission but the reports I receive left me in no doubt that we must have turned in one of our worst performances of the season.

It happens and it is down to players. Results either lift you one week or depress you the next. If we had beaten Walsall, drawn at Shrewsbury (instead of winning!) beaten Oldham Athletic, most people would

THE MANAGER'S VIEW

BY

Lou Macari

have thought that was a good trio of results. Reverse two of the results and the gain is the same, yet if they are gained on different grounds it can seem somewhat disappointing. Supporters expect teams to win at home, but if they do how would we ever have good away results? It's a funny old game.

BAD LUCK FOR NICKY

What misfortune just before Christmas for Nicky Hammond to break his leg in a practice match.

Nicky was admitted to the Princess Margaret Hospital and he will probably miss the rest of this season. The medical advice is that he should make a full and complete recovery. He has the reassurance of a two year contract which he signed last summer. Nicky was a useful signing for Swindon Town and his presence will be missed. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

A SURPRISE FOR CITY

Following their fine 3-1 win in mid week against Everton in the Littlewoods Cup tie at Valley Parade, Bradford City must have anticipated a further win when we visited them last weekend.

After scoring within fourteen minutes of the kick-off their faith would have been justified. David Geddis equalised and when Duncan Shearer put us further ahead then the tables had turned and we could have been heading for victory. A late goal, thirteen minutes from time, robbed us of that privilege and we were consoled by the fact that we had stretched our unbeaten run to four matches. Walsall, Shrewsbury Town, Oldham Athletic and Bradford City had failed to defeat us. Eight points out of twelve available was significant and we can tackle the stiffer hurdle of facing Plymouth Argyle, Manchester City and the League and Cup matches with Portsmouth with more confidence.

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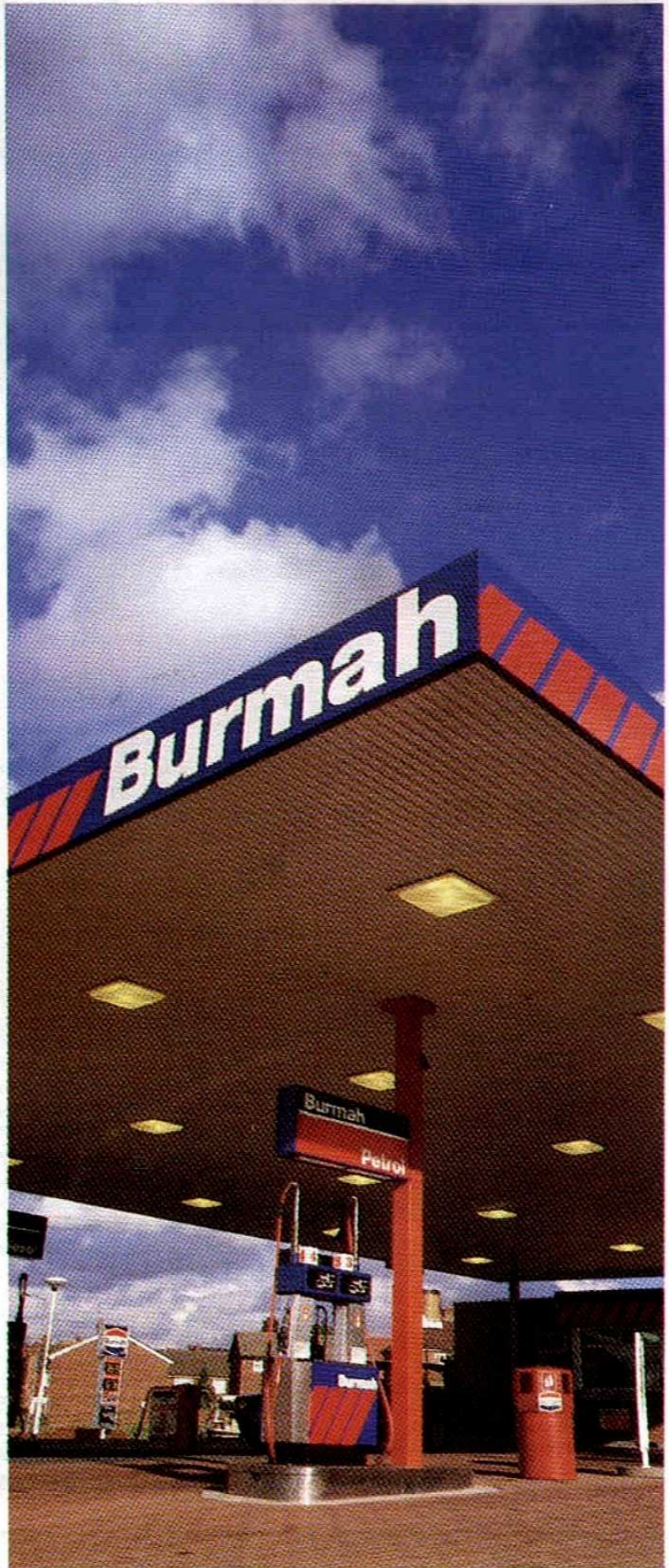
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AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY

With the excesses of Christmas close enough behind, Boxing Day games are quite often stodgy affairs both on and off the terraces. Our current need for three points should make this afternoons encounter a bit different.

The festive season gives the 'Town' an ideal opportunity to recover some of the ground lost during October and November. Two home games and a fairly close away fixture give us the chance to start clawing our way back up the table.

As some printers have such generous Christmas breaks, I am having to write before our game at Bradford. If the Yorkshiremen's performance against us was anything like their demolition of Everton, we won't have had much luck at Valley Parade. City's win proved that there is life outside the First Division, the style which brought them a place in the Quarter-Finals seemed to shock even their own fans. Bristol City's Cup run should be next to go - what a shame!

Our struggles continued in our last home game against Oldham, with the only real highspot being Charlie Henry's name in lights on the new scoreboard.

WE WILL SOON GET USED

Sponsors revenue should make the scoreboard a worthwhile financial addition to the County Ground, but I can't help wishing for the return of the half-time scoreboard on the Town End. Technology has obviously moved on from tin numbers on hooks. Stratton Bank has never looked stranger, with the Deacon's

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

clock dwarfed by its brash neighbour and no supporters on its terrace. Apart from bringing back memories of that awful creation at Luton, the scoreboard also injects American style razzmatazz into a game that isn't really suited to it. I'm sure we'll soon be used to it.

There were ample suggestions on the terrace of a four letter description of the entertainment on offer, but none of them suitable for display in six foot letters, things can only get better.

NO FESTIVE CHEER

The FA Cup draw didn't do much to cheer us up either. Staying upon tenderhooks until gone eleven to watch ping-pong balls clicking in a velvet bag with ours coming out third from last wasn't ideal Saturday night entertainment.

Having to play Portsmouth away

in the league at New Year is bad enough, but having to go to Fratton Park in the Cup four days later is taking it a bit too far. The Third Round T.V. coverage by BBC looks like being as predictable as ITV's League action, is the FA Cup Third Round really all about a London derby between two First Division Clubs?

TOTAL DISARRAY

One small Christmas present for the game is the disarray that the government is in over the membership scheme.

The problems that anyone with any knowledge of the game could see from the start finally seem to be dawning on a Sports Minister who recently said, "Do you know there are more people go fishing than go to football, and we have less trouble with fishing." It was very difficult to complete that sentence without an exclamation mark, but he was quite serious, a sad reflection on the problems we face.

THE BEST DEFEAT EVER!

A New Year's Eve game against attractive opposition is something of a novelty to look forward to. Last seasons County Ground game against Manchester City was the best defeat I have ever witnessed with both defences conspiring to produce a seven goal feast for quite a large crowd.

The Christmas and New Year games should also give us a couple of decent gates which is something that we've not been used to lately, a couple of decent results to go with them ought to bring the crowds flooding back as we reach the turning point in the season.

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WELCOME MR PRESIDENT
On November 21st I attended the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Football League at the Connaught Rooms, London accompanied by Club Secretary, Dave King.

Although the prime purpose of the meeting was to elect a new President of the Football League. It was most interesting to note the pre-election speeches of Gordon McKeag, the Chairman of Newcastle United and Jack Dunnett formerly of Notts County. While Mr McKeag made no specific reference to the Government's plans regarding membership cards, Jack Dunnett made it an issue in his speech.

Jack Dunnett with his knowledge of the procedure of the House of Commons may be able to at least offer several debating points to several of the current Members of Parliament, irrespective of their political motives. Jack's position at the helm is only short term and his previous experiences in the post will be of considerable benefit during his eighteen month reign.

A WARM WELCOME TO PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Most of you who attend this afternoons match will be glad of the fresh air and an opportunity to stretch your legs following a day of feasting.

I hope the Plymouth Argyle contingent enjoyed the festive break and they are welcome to the County Ground

this afternoon. The drive down to Devon when we visit Home Park is one of the most pleasant away fixtures of the season. Most matches with Argyle over the years have been entertaining and exciting. I am sure we hope the twenty two players on view will provide the same level of entertainment. Naturally we hope the points come our way to enable us to consolidate our status as a Second Division Club.

REMINDER

May I take this opportunity of reminding you all of two highly entertaining fixtures in prospect next week. On Saturday we entertain Manchester City at the County Ground and on the following Monday we travel to Portsmouth for what promises to be a keenly fought match at Fratton Park.

Your support for both of these matches will be important, we face two Clubs with a high support. We have enjoyed a lot of support in our away fixtures in recent seasons and it would be pleasant if we could anticipate a large number of supporters at Fratton Park to help our lads through a difficult looking fixture.

THANK YOU DAVID

I would like to say a sincere thank you to Swindon Town fan, David Talbot. When we visited Shrewsbury

Town on the first Saturday of this month, David invited the team, officials and Directors of the Club to his Silks Restaurant in Bridgenorth for a pre-match meal.

David now owns his restaurant after several years in the trade. It was a superb gesture on his behalf and it is nice to record a public appreciation of his act of kindness. We probably made his day perfect with our 1-0 win. There were probably no happier people at Gay Meadow that day than David, 'Chic' Bates, David Geddis and Ross Maclaren.

THANK YOU PERTEMPS

On behalf of Swindon Town Football Club I would like to thank Pertemps for their sponsorship of the new illuminated score board now situated on the Stratton bank.

It is important that we maintain our links with local commercialism and to this effect our Commercial Manager, Doug Buswell, is to be congratulated on securing the links that we have established. I am sure you will see the board as a further improvement of the County Ground. Once again thank you Pertemps you are welcome to Swindon Town Football Club.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

SAD FOR TOMMY? - NO, 'ROCK ON TOMMY' SAID BARRIE

Walsall suffered their record breaking tenth successive defeat at Bournemouth last weekend. It was a tearful farewell for ex-Manager **Tommy Coakley** who himself confirmed that some of the players shed tears at the final whistle when he joined them on the pitch and shook hands with each one.

The apparently departing Tommy said, "The board had to make decisions. What I will put on record is that I could not be any more proud of the players."

So the man who had taken the 'Sadlers' back into the Second Division for the first time in twenty-five years thought he was departing. A Sunday meeting with Chairman **Barrie Blower** revealed a yuletide greeting, 'Rock on Tommy'. At least for the time being.

CARL AN OPPORTUNIST

Carl Griffiths, who missed from the penalty spot for **Shrewsbury Town** in our **Midland Youth Cup** match at **Gay Meadow** a few weeks ago, is now giving an impressive demonstration in the art of goal-poaching.

The Y.T.S. boy was on the mark with two opportunist strikes against next Saturday's visitors to the County Ground, Manchester City, when he gave the Gay Meadow Club an improbable 2-0 first half lead. City hauled themselves back into the game with two **Andy Hinchcliffe** goals.

NEARLY FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF 'EL RON'

Did you know that new West Bromwich Albion Manager **Brian Talbot** almost quit the Hawthorns over a disagreement on policy?

Albion are currently in the top bracket of the Division and playing well. After the departure of 'El Ron **Atkinson**' another departure is surely the last resort that the West Midlands Club need.

MOANING AND MOANING

Bradford City Manager **Terry Dolan** was not in a benevolent mood following our 2-2 draw last weekend.

First Terry moaned about his striker **Ian Ormondroyd**, "When Ian starts to hurt himself he might be some player. Until then he won't be."

Then he slammed his teams defenders as 'diabolical'. To cap it all he was then critical of our style of play: "At least we tried to play football."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Terry.

WARREN SETTLES SOUTH COAST BATTLE

Warren Aspenall ended two months of torment by scoring one goal and creating the other for **Paul Handyman** in **Portsmouth's 3-0** win over **Brighton**. 'Pompey's' record £315,000 signing from **Aston Villa** netted his first goal since October 29 and admitted "Not scoring was beginning to get to me. I had been seven games without a goal".

DONT DISCOUNT ROVERS

Blackburn Rovers may be short of convincing the pundits that they have a knack of intruding on the promotion

aspirations of the more favoured contenders.

Last weekend **Watford** were a case in point. They were two goals down at **Ewood Park** and only mounted a realistic challenge following the dismissal of **Kenny Jackett**.

Tiny **Ronnie Hildersley** and **Howard Gayle** had put Rovers in an unassailable position.

SWEEPING THE SYSTEM UNDER THE CARPET

Sunderland's decision to ban their controversial sweeper system paid rich dividends as they swept to their first victory in seven games.

The scored four quality goals and outplayed **Plymouth Argyle**, our visitors today, in front of the biggest Home Park crowd of the season, **13,498**.

Sunderland Manager **Dennis Smith**, said: "When we were playing with a sweeper, we were dominating matches, but not getting results. Now we have switched to 4-2-4 it has paid off, although it's too early to say whether we'll stay with it. For all that, it was a great result for us."

FACTS ABOUT SWINDON TOWN & PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Did you know that in 30 League games between **Swindon Town** and **Plymouth Argyle** since the Second World War only one match has failed to produce a single goal! That was the **Home Park** encounter on **April 18th** in 1981.

No **Swindon Town** player has scored a hat-trick against **Plymouth Argyle** in a Football League match, although several have come near to that treasured trio of goal. **Harry Morris**, **Willie Marshall**, **Frank Large** and **Don Rogers** have all scored a brace at the **County Ground**.

The highest attendance recorded between the two Clubs at the County Ground is the **16,763** who watched the **October 21st** encounter in the now defunct **Third Division (South)** match in 1950.

The highest attendance at **Home Park** between the Clubs is the **26,051** who saw the Town lose 3-2 on **October 11th**, 1958.

The record between the two Clubs in League matches at the County Ground shows that **Swindon Town** have won 10, drawn 5 and lost 10. During that period of matches we have scored 36 goals and conceded 34 goals.

Swindon Town Coach **Andy Rowland** scored in three consecutive years against **Plymouth Argyle**, in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

We have yet to register a goal from the penalty spot in matches at the **County Ground** against **Plymouth Argyle**, although **George Hudson** did record our one and only success at **Home Park** on **March 10th 1951** in a 5-1 defeat!

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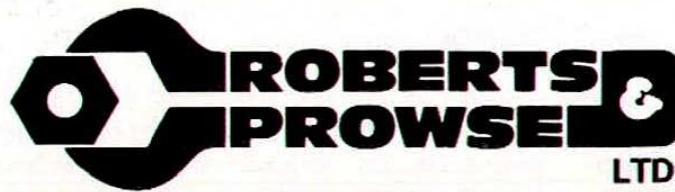
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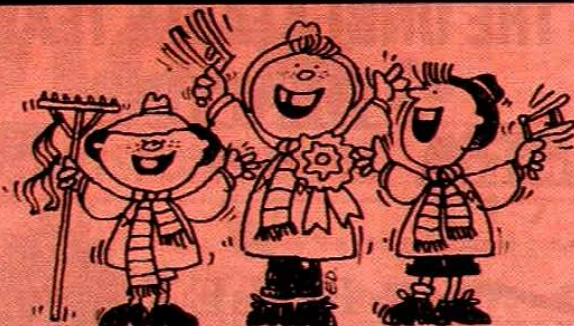
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Bring packed lunch.

Match Day Ticket: Children Free.

Adults £4.00 each.

Junior Football for the 11s and 13s on Astro Turf (ie Trainers only).

The u/9's (weather permitting) will play a six-a-side game on the Fratton pitch, before the afternoons Division 2 game, here's hoping for fine weather lads.

Please remember to book **yourself** directly into the Travel Club. Book early to avoid any disappointment, as was the case with the highly

enjoyed trip to Stoke.

9 year olds, please bring both football boots and trainers.

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Day festivities and on behalf of Swindon Town Junior Robins we wish you all a very happy Boxing Day and a prosperous New Year. Our seasons greetings to our football sponsors 'Transplant' for their continuing support of our Junior Robins teams and in particular Bob Chalk for his great support.

JUNIOR ROBINS TRAINING

As from Tuesday 10th January we shall be training at churchfields School (indoors). Trainers etc. please. The

usual time of 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.

Parents please ensure that your children know of your arrangements for delivering and collecting from the school.

The cost of the training will be £1.50 each, covering the Tuesday nights until the end of the season.

Please bring this sum with you on the 10th.

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SOCCER STAR AWARD SCHEME

The above scheme commences at the County Ground complex on Saturday 14th January 1989. The full list of dates throughout 1989 are on the Junior Robin's notice board in the Alamo and at the main reception area board at the County Ground.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Manchester City once again visit the County Ground with hopes high of being able to regain their First Division status at the completion of this current season.

Although the Maine Road Club have been finding goalscoring difficult in their away matches they have recorded **four** victories. A **3-1** win at **Chelsea** where **Ian Brightwell** with **two goals** and **Paul Moulden** were their goalscorers has been the highlight of their four matches. Goals from **Tony Morley** and **Ian White** gave the Manchester Club a **2-1** win at **Barnsley**. Two **1-0** wins at **Plymouth Argyle** and at **A.F.C. Bournemouth** proved that the South Coast air was rejuvenating. Former Wimbledon defender **Bryan Gayle** scored at Home Park while

Paul Moulden netted at Dean Court.

Two goalless encounters at **Leicester City** and **Crystal Palace** were two of three draws that City have obtained. Although they were able to share the points in an early season encounter at **Leeds United**, midfield player **Neil McNab** from the **penalty** spot, enabling City to share the points.

Single goal defeats at **Hull City**, **Ipswich** and **West Bromwich Albion** have left the Maine Road Club pointless from their remaining three fixtures.

Hull City are the only team to have won at **Portsmouth** this season. The 'Tigers' fine **3-1** win saw **Terry O'Connor** the lone 'Pompey' goalscorer.

Crystal Palace and **Oldham Athletic** have shared the points at **Fratton park** in **1-1** draws. **Warren Aspinall** was the Portsmouth goalscorer in both games.

Leeds United we trounced **4-0** in an early season match **Mark Chamberlain**, **Mike**

Quinn, **Terry O'Connor** and an **own goal** completing the avalanche.

Barnsley and **Leicester City** both succumbed **3-0**. **Terry Connor (2)** and **Mike Quinn** scoring against the Filbert Street Club. **Barry Horne** with a brace and **Mike Quinn** scored against **Barnsley**.

Oxford United and **A.F.C. Bournemouth** were defeated **2-1** at Fratton Park. **Warren Aspinall** and **Mick Quinn** scoring against Oxford United. **Mark Chamberlain** and **Mike Quinn** put their names on the score-sheet against A.F.C. Bournemouth.

The remaining 'Pompey' victory came against **Plymouth Argyle** when **Mark Chamberlain** and **Mike Quinn** netted for Portsmouth. Both matches will provide a stern test for Swindon Town. Intriguing prospects in store for the remainder of the holiday period. Don't miss the action you may miss a goal bonanza.

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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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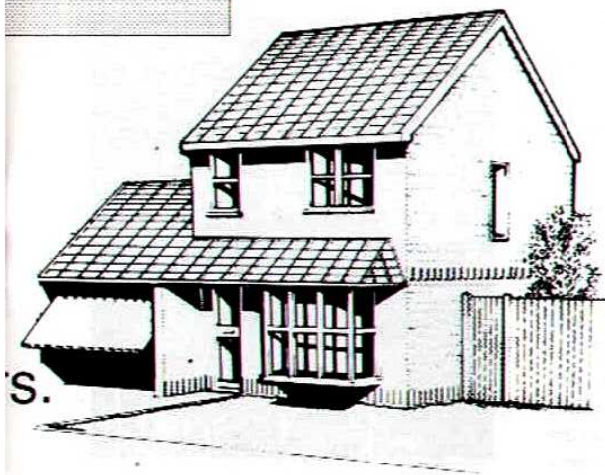
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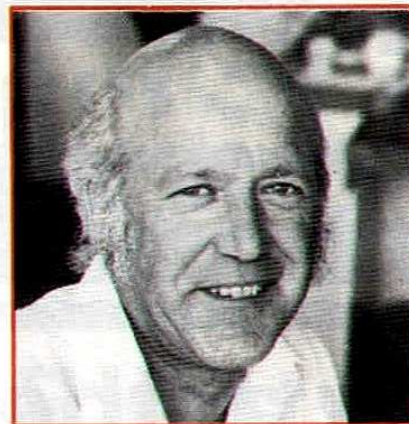
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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: John Brimacombe, Nicky Marker, Stewart Evans, Garry Penhaligon, Geoff Crudgington, Steve Cherry, Mark Smith, Andrew Morrison.

Middle Row: Stuart Casey, Owen Pickard, Tommy Tynan, John Uzzell, Adrian Burrows, Doug Anderson, Kevin Summerfield.

Front Row: Kevin Hodges, Leigh Cooper, John Matthews, Malcom Musgrove (Physio), Ken Brown (Team Manager), Martin Harvey (Team Coach), Sean McCarthy, Kenny Brown, Jason Rowbotham.

Plymouth Argyle were founded in 1886 and until 1903, when they turned professional, were known as Argyle Athletic Club.

The Pilgrims, as they are affectionately known, were original members of Division Three in 1920. Ever since they have fluctuated between the Second and Third Divisions. Five times they have enjoyed Second Division football at Home Park, the best League position of fourth being gained twice in seasons 1931/32 and 1952/53.

Three League titles were gained - Divi-

sion 3(S) in 1929/30 and 1952/53, and the Division 3 crown in 1958/59.

Plymouth set up a record which may never be equalled before landing that first League title. In six successive seasons between 1921/22 and 1927 they incredibly finished runners-up on each occasion.

In the Football League Cup they have been semi-finalists twice - 1965 and 1974.

It was the run in the F.A. Cup in 1963/64 that brought the Club to prominence again. After defeating Southend, in a replay in the First Round, the Pilgrims battled their way through a further seven games, including

two replays, to join a select band of Clubs from the Third Division who have reached the semi-final of the competition.

However, the dream of reaching Wembley never materialised and they were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Watford at Villa Park in front of a crowd of 43,858. This, though, had sparked an upsurge in spectators at Home Park and under Manager Dave Smith the Club went from strength to strength.

In 1985/86 they finished as runners-up in Division 3 to Reading to gain promotion back to the Second Division. At one stage in 1986/87 they looked to be on course to the First Division, but in the end finished seventh to just miss out on the promotional play-offs.

Last season, though, they struggled and finished in 16th place. Dave Smith moved on to Dundee in the summer and former Norwich boss Ken Brown was appointed as his replacement.

To date he has lifted the side to just above a mid-table position.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS



Ken Brown (Manager).

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Adrian Burrows (Defender). He was signed on a two month loan period from Northampton Town in July 1984, at the end of which Argyle paid a £10,000 transfer fee for his services. Born in Sutton-In-Ashfield, he has also played for Mansfield, Northampton and Southend on loan.

John Brimacombe (Defender). Joined the Club as a 16-year-old amateur but drifted away to play in local soccer. He re-joined the Club as a non-contract player and after several seasons playing in the Reserves, Manager Dave Smith was so impressed with his performances that he signed him as a full-time professional.

Greg Campbell (Forward). Son of Bobby Campbell, the Manager of Chelsea. Born in Portsmouth, he began as an apprentice at West Ham. Only made five appearances for the Upton Park Club and two on loan to Brighton before moving to Sparta Rotterdam. Bought out his contract to join Argyle.

Mark Smith (Defender). Argyle paid the highest transfer fee in their history (£170,000) to sign this very experienced central defender from Sheffield Wednesday in July 1987. Born in Sheffield, he began as an apprentice at Wednesday and made over 300 first team appearances before opting for Devon.

John Uzzell (Defender). A product of the Club's youth scheme. Locally born, he joined Plymouth as an apprentice in July 1975 and became a full-timer in April 1977. Injury dogged him for a large part of last season. Now fully recovered and hoping to establish himself in the first team again. Has made nearly 300 appearances for the Pilgrims.

Kenny Brown (Defender). Signed from Norwich City during the close season. He is the son of the newly appointed Manager Ken Brown. Began as an apprentice at Carrow Road and made 25 League appearances for the current leaders of Division One, but failed to score.

Alan Miller (Goalkeeper). The 18-year-old is currently on loan from Arsenal. Made his League debut for Argyle and is just entering the second month of the loan spell. Made his England Under-21 debut when coming on as substitute during the 1-0 win over Morocco in the summer.

Tommy Tynan (Forward). The team captain, he is again banging in the goals for Argyle. Scored 16 League goals last season and 18 League goals during the

1986/87 season. Liverpool born, he is in his second spell at Home Park. A prolific goalscorer at all of his previous Clubs - Swansea (on loan), Sheffield Wednesday, Lincoln, Newport, Plymouth and Rotherham.



• Tommy Tynan

Dougie Anderson (Forward). Signed from Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 1987. First team appearances were rather limited last season, only making 19 and scoring once. Born in Hong-Kong, he started his League career at Oldham before moving on to Tranmere.

Mark Stuart (Forward). Manager Ken Brown's first big signing. Purchased from Charlton Athletic for £150,000 a couple of months ago. Born in London, the left winger, who recently celebrated his 22nd birthday, made over 100 League appearances for the London side.

Sean McCarthy (Striker). Signed from Swansea City for £50,000 during the close season. He was top scorer for Swansea for the past two seasons. Born in Bridgend he made 91 League appearances for the Swans, scoring 25 times before switching to Home Park.

Calvin Plummer (Forward). Although only 25 years of age, the Nottingham born player has seen service with several Clubs. Began as an apprentice at Forest, then his journey's took him to Chesterfield, Derby, Barnsley, back to Forest and then on loan to Derby City. Signed from Forest by Argyle for £30,000.

John Matthews (Midfield). A shrewd free transfer signing, by Manager Dave Smith, from Chesterfield in August 1985. A vastly experienced player who originally joined Arsenal as an apprentice in 1975. He spent five seasons with the First Division Club before joining Sheffield United for a fee of £90,000.

Kevin Hodges (Midfield). Joined the Club as an apprentice in July 1976 and became a full-timer in March 1978. He was deservedly voted 'Player of the Year' by Argyle supporters in the promotion season when he was an ever-present, finishing as the leading goalscorer with 16 goals. Awarded a testimonial match against West Ham in a pipe-opener to the 1987/88 season.

Kevin Summerfield (Midfield). He was Manager Dave Smith's first signing for the Club on 20th December, 1984, joining on a free transfer from Cardiff City. Started his career with West Bromwich Albion and also played for two other Midland sides - Birmingham City and Walsall.

Peter Whiston (Midfielder/Defender). Born in Widnes, Lancs, he joined Argyle in December 1987. He featured prominently in the Western League last season and looks a fine prospect for the future.

Nicky Marker (Midfielder/Defender). Signed from Exeter City in November 1987 as a defender, but played most of his games for the Club last season in a midfield role. Made over 200 League appearances for Exeter before moving down the road to join Plymouth.



• Nicky Marker

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A BOXING DAY TALE

It was Boxing Day, snow and frost covered the pitch of Fourth Division side, Blackstaff Rovers. The local derby game with arch rivals Tunberry United, was in doubt and awaited a referee's inspection at eleven o'clock that very morning.

It was an important game, Rovers languished at the bottom of the table and looked in grave danger of losing their Barclays League status. For United though, life could not be better, they had not yet lost a League match and looked easily capable of eclipsing the points record set in 1985 by some Wiltshire side - the name of which escapes me at present.

So both sides were extra keen for the game to go ahead, Blackstaff desperately needed the cash a large crowd would attract. The referee arrived to be greeted by both Managers - Doug Bullit, the dour Scotsman in charge of Rovers and Geoff Shilling, the quiet spoken English boss of Tunberry.

The ground staff had worked especially hard and their efforts were rewarded when Kelvin Mortar, from Norfolk, passed the pitch fit for play. The news was quickly flashed around the area by means of the local radio station W.R.G.M.F. and anticipation rose around the pubs and the clubs of the town of Blackstaff.

Meanwhile, Bullit set about the task of selecting his side from just ten fit first teamers and two or three young lads on Youth Opportunity schemes. One of them, Roy Duff, was just sixteen but a great prospect, but was he ready?

Bullit decided he was and threw him in at the deep end in the number 9 shirt.

Shilling, on the other hand, had no such problems and kept the same side that had won their last five League games, a side which included Paul Starr the highly rated midfielder on the verge of a move to the First Division.

Surely Rovers stood no chance against Tunberry, they would do well to keep the scoreline respectable and Bullit knew it. But he wasn't going to let his feelings get through to his players and gave his usual impassioned team talk just before kick-off.

The two sides ran out to a great reception from the large, noisy but friendly crowd. Roy Duff looked around him, it was something the like of which he'd not experienced before in his young life. He was excited by it and felt that this was going to be his day. The match kicked off and Tunberry attacked straight away, driven on by Starr who elegantly moved that ball forward. It was an incisive pass by him which led to the first goal. The match just six minutes old when Jim Phipps ran on to Starr's pass and found the net.

A game which looked difficult for Blackstaff now looked almost impossible especially as Tunberry scored twice more before half-time.

The second half began with the floodlights on, the surface was becoming trickier as the night frost took a hold - it was then that Roy Duff felt the magic flow through his body. He beat three men on one run, twisting and turning before crossing for veteran striker Alan Rowland to score with a powerful

header. The Rovers fans began to stir on the ageing St Anne's terraces.

Duff then cracked home a second from twenty yards to send Blackstaff's fans crazy, could a miracle happen or is it only Leicester City who make three goal recoveries aided by East Anglian referees? The youngster wasn't finished and was brought down outside the box for a free kick. Former First Division player George West knew enough to float the ball into the corner of the net - the crowd were delirious - local radio commentator, Rick Organ was beside himself screaming into the microphone and there were still ten minutes left.

But they were ticking by and despite pressure Rovers just could not get the winner. That is until the last minute when Duff did his stuff once more.

He set off on another maze like run, leaving players in his wake before advancing into the United penalty area. He chipped to the far post the most delightful cross to the head of Rowland who rose majestically to head home.

Pandemonium ensued, Duff was carried off the field on the shoulders of his team mates in front of the astonished and emotional Boxing Day crowd - they would never see the like again.

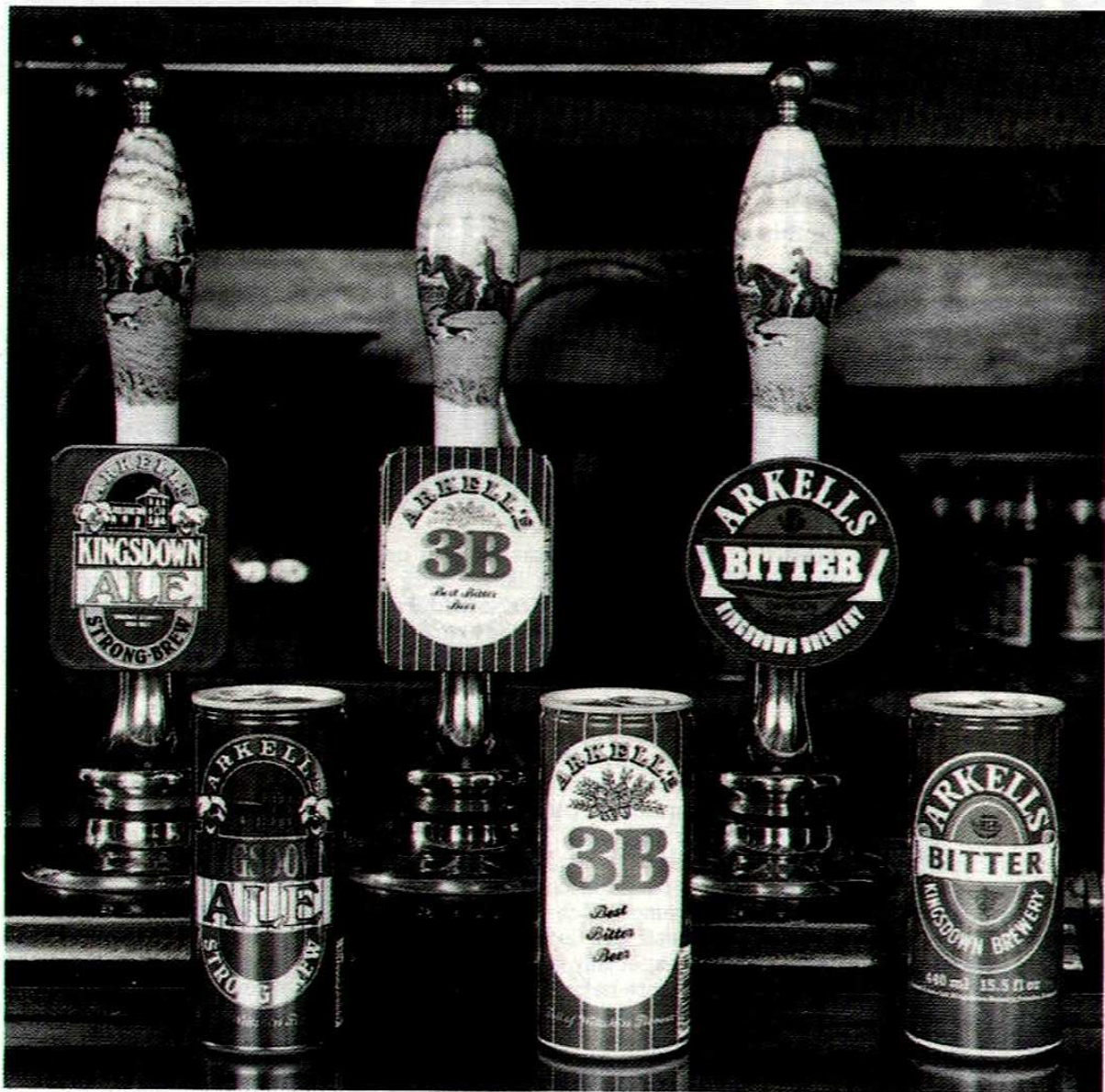
Rovers never won another game that season, Tunberry won the Championship but those present at St Anne's that day would forever remember the headline in the local paper the following day, 'Christmas Starr Eclipsed by Plum Duff'.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

PENSIONERS WERE MORE SUPPLE

Our Football Combination team were unable to follow their 2-1 win at Norwich with a similar win at Chelsea on Tuesday November 22nd, losing this time by an identical scoreline.

Town Coach, Andy Rowland, was naturally disappointed "considering this was possibly our strongest reserve team of the season the performance was very disappointing".

Andy continued his disappointing report by stating "We only had two players in the team without any first team experience. We conceded a goal after only three minutes when Billy Dodds put Chelsea in front and we never really recovered from this early setback. We never managed a single shot on goal in the first half. Play continued in this fashion in the second half and it came as no surprise when Eddie Newton put the Stamford Bridge Club further ahead.

A clearly disappointed Andy Rowland summed up the performance by saying "Three minutes from time Paul Bodin reduced the arrears with our only worthwhile shot on goal. It left the team contemplating what might have been had we competed from the kick off".

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Bodin, Barnard, Maclaren, Gittens, Coyne, Simpson, Shearer, Geddis, Viveash.

Substitutes: Tomlinson (for Simpson in 70th minute), Marshall.



• **Paul Bodin** - The former Newport County player who has scored in both our recent Reserve team matches at Chelsea and West Ham United.

A SETBACK

Our South East Counties Youth League team received a setback to their Second Division title aspirations when they lost 1-0 to Bristol City in their away match on Saturday November 26th.

Bristol City took the vital lead as early as the second minute when Alan Theobald fastened onto a ball from one of his defenders and despite Paul Thompson parrying the shot, he scored from the rebound.

The Town Youth team were under pressure for most of the match but good defensive work and brilliant goalkeeping from Paul Thompson kept them in the game.

It was the first time in seventeen League matches that our Youth team had failed to find the net.

Town Youth team Manager John Trollope reported "This was a match where we reached the half way stage in our League fixtures. While we have obviously played well to lead the Division we must

eliminate these type of performances if we wish to remain there. More importantly the players must show a more consistent approach and thought to their game if they wish to stand any chance of progressing in the game as individuals".

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Graham, Morgan, Murray, Quinn, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Lea.

Substitutes: Dixon (for Lea in 66th minute), Walker (for Quinn in 81st minute).

GOOD ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

The ninety five people who watched our Reserve team draw 3-3 with Watford in an 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match at the County Ground on Tuesday November 29th were given full value for their admission money with a six goal thriller.

Watford scored in the first minute when Iwan Roberts netted from eighteen yards. It took our Reserves twenty minutes to draw level when Paul Bodin hit a free kick through a defensive wall. Five minutes later the visitors had the misfortune to lose goalkeeper Mel Rees through injury, substitute John Ashley replacing him in goal. Within minutes Peter Coyne put the Town ahead following a goal-mouth scramble.

After only six minutes of the second half the Town had their interval lead wiped out by a fifty-first minute header by Iwan Roberts. Ten minutes later David Holdsworth scored after breaking clear through the middle of the Town defence.

After substitute Ashley had made two good saves, Duncan Shearer equalised in the 81st minute when he took a Bobby Barnes pass and rounded the deputy keeper.

The Reserves were thwarted in the dying minutes of the match when substitute Paul Hunt was upended in the penalty area but no penalty was given.

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Marshall, Coyne, Bodin, Barnard, Tomlinson, Barnes, Shearer, Simpson, Viveash.

Substitutes: Hunt (for Marshall in 80th minute), G. Morgan.

A RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

Following their defeat at Bristol City the previous week our South East Counties Youth team returned

to winning ways by defeating Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday December 3rd.

Town Youth Team Manager John Trollope reported "This was our fifth away win out of seven matches and although we did not produce our best form we limited Spurs to few clear cut opportunities. With a little more thought and awareness both in possession and in defending we would have improved our overall team performance. It actually took a penalty by Neil Quinn to register any scoreline. This emphasised the lack of opportunism.

Neil's goal came after the Spurs goalkeeper had brought Liam Dixon down in the penalty area.

John summed up the performance by paying tribute to four players in key positions, Paul Thompson in goal, Neil Quinn in defence while Richard Morgan and Paul Trollope dominated mid-field.

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Murray, Lea, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Dixon, Morgan R.

Substitutes: Walker (for Dixon in 68th minute), Braidwood.

THIRD AWAY WIN OF THE SEASON

Our Reserve team completed their third away win of the season when they defeated West Ham United 2-1 on Saturday December 3rd in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture at Upton Park.

Town Coach Andy Rowland reported "After we had conceded yet another early goal, scored by Andy King, we had to work hard to get back into the game. After 30 minutes we equalised through Leigh Barnard. We then squandered several excellent chances and a draw began to look inevitable. However, with just two minutes of play remaining Bobby Barnes scored the winning goal against one of his former Clubs". Andy, on his final surmising up of this third away win of the season said, "West Ham were restricted to few chances while we should really have scored four or five and put the game beyond any doubt".

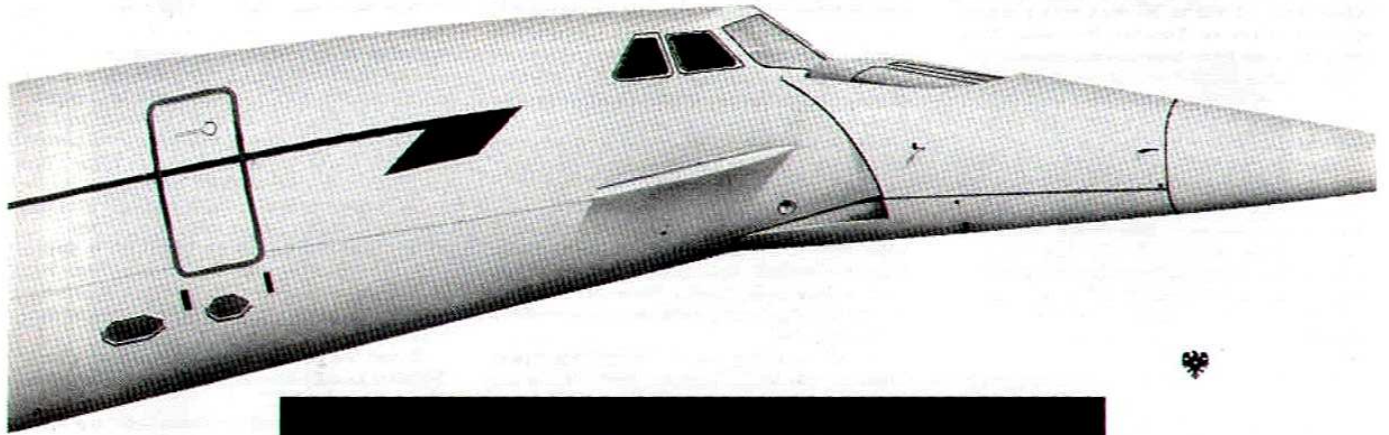
Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Marshall, Coyne, Bodin, Barnard, Tomlinson, Barnes, Morgan G., Sandrey, Viveash.

Substitutes: Hunt (for Viveash in the 80th minute), Rowland.



• **Bobby Barnes** - who scored with two minutes of play remaining at West Ham. Bob began his career with the Upton Park Club before being transferred to Aldershot.

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We were surprised when **Dave Eaton** of the 'Evening Advertiser' phoned the Club to ask if we were aware that **Shrewsbury Town** had asked the Football League for a postponement of our 'Barclays' League Division Two fixture at Gay Meadow on **December 3rd**. We had received no indication from the Shropshire Club of such a possibility and Dave who features in our matchday production was the bearer of this surprise news. Happily for us we were able to fulfil the fixture and win **1-0**.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

At present **Swindon Town** have **2,347** season ticket holders. They are split into the following categories: **North Stand 1,898** which are divided into **five** sections, **Orange Zone: 935, Blue: 495, Yellow: 314, Green: 19** and in the **Rendezvous Box 135**.

The remaining season ticket holders are situated in **Shrivenham Road: 300, Stratton Bank: 79** and **Town End: 70**.

A FREEMAN

Mr Arthur Done a former Director of the Club accompanied our Youth team when they travelled to meet **Shrewsbury Town** in the **Second Round** of the **Midland Youth Cup** on **Wednesday, December 7th**. Mr Done is a Freeman of the Town of Shrewsbury. Obviously it was a

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poignant visit to Gay Meadow for Mr Done. One that he will recall with pleasure for our Youth team recorded a fine **3-2** victory, with striker **Nicky Summerbee** registering a hat-trick.

Mr C. Green, a former Chairman of the Club and still a serving member of the Board of Directors, attended the **Semi-Final** draw which was held at **Filbert Street, Leicester**. Mr Green is a member of the Midland Youth Cup Committee.

A HUGE SUCCESS

The **Sportsmans Dinner** held at the **South Marston Country Club** on **Monday, December 5th** was generally received as one of the most popular held since their innovation. The guest speaker was **Duncan McKenzie** and the guest comedians were **Dave and Amos**. A huge success and our grateful thanks are extended to **Allied Dunbar, Swindon branch** and in particular to **Mr Peter Painter** and **Mr Ron Foster**.

LINKING UP WITH PAUL

David Barnett who left the Club a month ago after deciding to quit full time professional football has signed for Hellenic League Club, **Fairford Town**.

Former Town player/coach **Paul Richardson** is the Gloucestershire Club's Manager.

NEWS

Desk

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP SEMI-FINAL

In the Semi-Final draw for the **Midland Youth Cup** held at Filbert Street, Leicester on Friday, December 9th, we were drawn away to **Leicester City** in the **First Leg** of the Semi-Final. The **Second Leg** will be staged at the **County Ground**. Both Legs of the Semi-Final have to be completed on or before **March, 15th 1989**.

The other Semi-Final pairing brought **Nottingham Forest** and **Northampton Town** into opposition. Former Swindon Town Chairman, **Mr Green** attended the draw at Filbert Street in his capacity as a serving member of the Midland Youth Cup Committee.

OFF TO THE NAVAL BASE

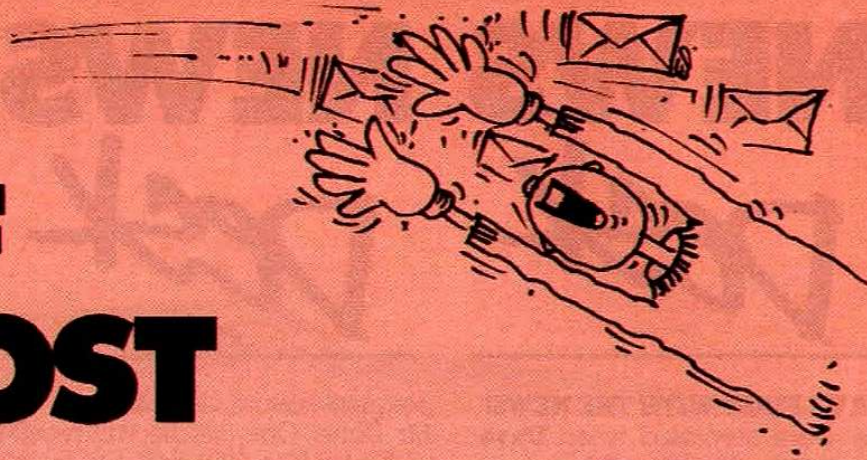
Our **FA Cup Third Round tie** with **Portsmouth** will not be all ticket at Fratton Park. If a replay is required it will be played on **Tuesday, January 10th kick-off 7.45 p.m.**

Season ticket holders must purchase their ticket by **5 p.m.** on the day of the match. Any unclaimed tickets will be sold after 5 p.m.

For those season ticket holders who live in the country areas they can reserve their ticket by telephone call. For those season ticket holders and those who wish to buy North Stand tickets, the matchday ticket office will be open on **Monday, January 9th until 7.30 p.m.**

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IN OFF THE POST



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Dear David,

Thank you very much for the cheque I received this morning and for all the hard work you have put in to make Sunday the success it was. I know all my team mates thoroughly enjoyed the match and thanks must go to Andy Rowlands and the Swindon boys for playing the game in the spirit they did.

Once again many thanks
Kind Regards

**Yours sincerely
Andy Brassington
Marketing Manager**

The Library
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Dear Sir

I am the Librarian at H.M.P. Wymott. The Library and Education Department are compiling an information service for inmates. Parts of this service are already in operation and are working well. The inmates have expressed a particular interest in the Football League. In response to this I am contacting all the Clubs in the League, to enquire whether they can supply information on their own Clubs.

I would therefore be most grateful if your Club could let us have any relevant information, for inclusion in our file. Thanking you for your time.

**Yours faithfully
W. P. Cook
Library Officer**

Editor: We are only too pleased to help and the required information is being sent to Walton.

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**Identity Card Scheme for League Football Grounds
Dear Minister,**

I refer to your proposals for the above, and your associated comments to the media.

I believe it is quite wrong to imply that football clubs have not done enough to eliminate trouble from within their grounds. Many clubs operate voluntary membership schemes and have invested in other aids such as closed circuit television.

My local club discussed the hooligan problem two years ago, and as a result implemented a seventy percent membership scheme the cost of which was borne by the club and an issue of membership cards at a cost of fifty pence each. The records ensure that a person can be issued with only one card, and this is checked by police and stewards on entry to the ground. Offenders have their cards taken away and cannot gain entry until such time as deemed necessary.

The fundamental simplicity of the system and the ease with which it operates has resulted in an issue of over twelve thousand cards, and has virtually eliminated trouble among home supporters.

The club has also spent a great deal of money refurbishing areas declared not up to standard required by new safety regulations.

This, together with the simple membership scheme makes the football ground a safer place to be than many other areas of the town.

Your inconvenient and very expensive proposals will do little to improve upon the situation. Moreover, to enforce checks with a national computer on young and old alike could risk driving away the very people that the sport needs.

This is certainly not the British way of doing things, and one would hope not the way of a Conservative Government.

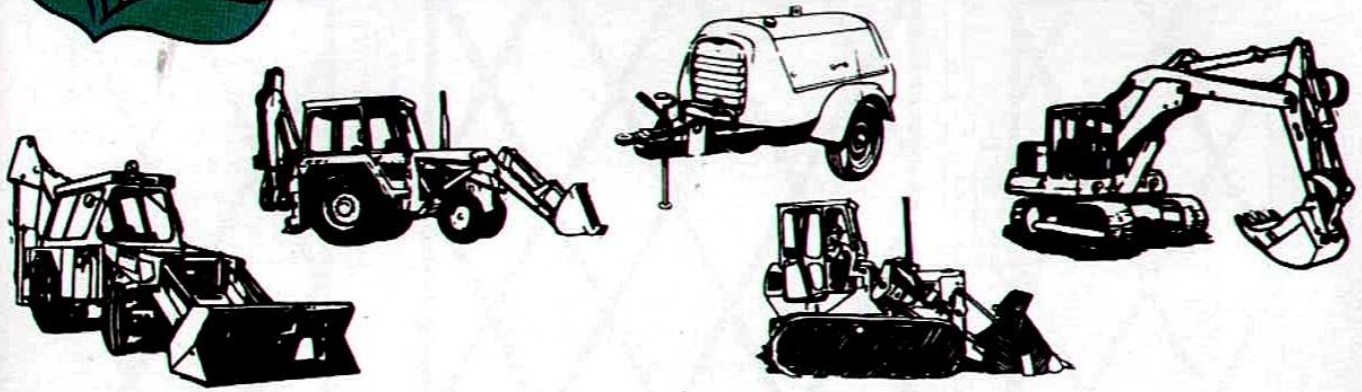
The Prime Minister has impressed upon us a great deal lately in importance of getting value for money where law and order is concerned. My club has reacted in the best possible way. I hope you will be persuaded to do the same.

**Yours faithfully
Ron Burhill**

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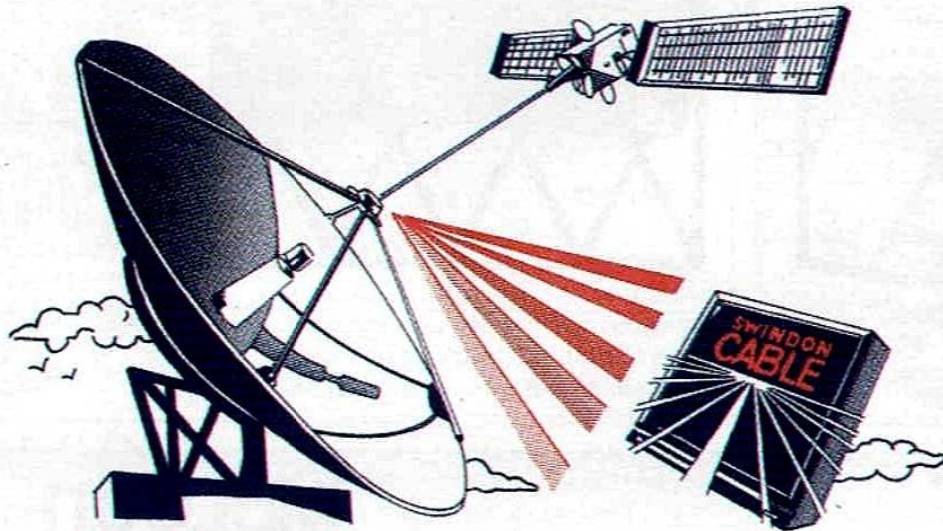


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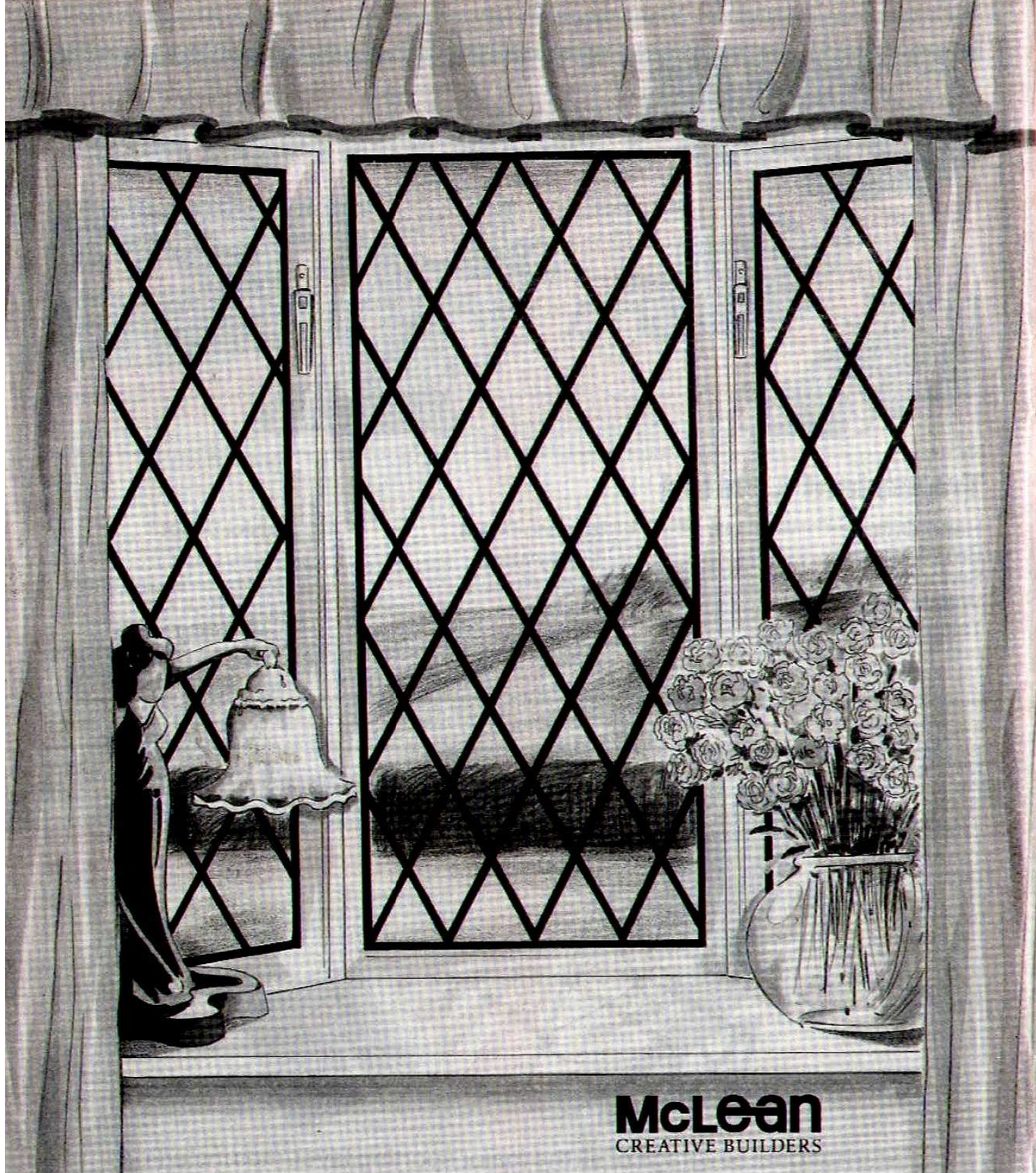
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VIEWPOINT

THE PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

An assessment day is held prior to each season when boys are invited to attend a fun day from which we select our new recruits for that season.

Boys recommended by contacts, Wilts. F.A. Fun weeks, super skill gold award winners and others seen by members of the youth staff are given the chance to be assessed, and those considered good enough are invited to the Centre for a one year period.

ATTENDANCE, SKILLS AND PRACTICE

Four groups are run from under 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 year olds. Two hour and a quarter sessions are held, 12-13 between 6.00 and 7.15 p.m. and the 14-15 years old between 7.15 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. at Croft Sports Centre on Thursday evenings during the school terms. The South West Centres concentrate on ball skills, touch, balance and dribbling skills to improve confidence when in possession of the ball. These skills are practised for twenty to twenty five minutes each week, without opposition, progressing to grid work and small sided games to test these skills under supposed situations.

AREA OF RECRUITMENT

Each boy must live within one hour travelling time of the Centre, this allows us to cover a wide area when recruiting boys.

Those attending at present come from Stroud, Melksham, Pewsey, Cirencester and Gloucester along with those from the Swindon schools or just outside the Town.

No. 11 JOHN TROLLOPE

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE JUDGEMENT IN SELECTING TRAINEES

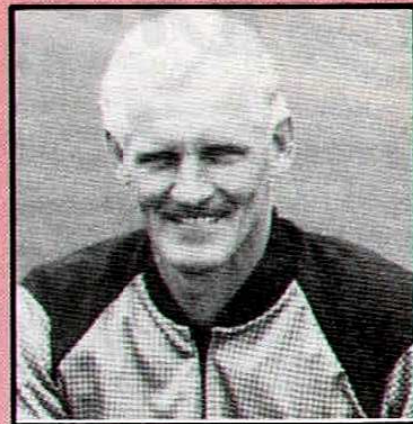
This is becoming harder as fewer boys are playing football, although the real outstanding lads are still about. The potential at 12 - 13 - 14 years of age has to be carefully assessed as to whether he will mature both physically and ability wise.

The first factor I look for is that he has a good enthusiasm for the game and he enjoys his football, then whether he has the basic skills (eg control and passing), that he has an awareness of situations and uses all these to the right effect more times than not. Finally, does he use his individual ability to complement others in the team.

EVERYDAY LIFE FOR THE TRAINEE

This has changed in the last few years, for although football is his number one priority, the scheme now tries to prepare him in case he does not make the grade.

Each week is different but certain things must be covered. The main part of the week is football training (fitness work and other functional work to improve individual and team performances). As well as football, one day of the week is spent at college studying Recreational and Leisure Industries and also the first years do work experience in other parts of the



• John Trollope

Club for a half day in the administration office, pools office, sports shop, groundsmanship, stadium maintenance and action sport.

OUR PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE THIS SEASON

A reshuffle in the coaching staff has given the trainees a more concentrated and organised programme. Most have responded to this, improving their fitness and knowledge of the game.

Working with them each day and being in charge on match days has helped this season, for the faults from that game can be dealt with during the following weeks training.

The results achieved have shown that this is working, with most showing an improvement in all aspects of their game but like most youngsters they must look to be more consistent, in wanting to play the game at all times and applying their skills properly, individually and in the team, making football their number one interest.

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● Tommy Jones slides in but is beaten by the big boot against Oldham.



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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNSELEY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin†	Gittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
17.9.88	SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
20.9.88	TUE A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,055	3-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren (1)(p)	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,885	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Gittens	Foley
9.10.88	SUN CHELSEA	H	11,927	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	McLoughlin	Gittens	Foley
12.10.88	WED CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Gittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
16.10.88	SUN LEEDS UNITED	H	9,234	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
22.10.88	SAT SUNDERLAND	A	13,520	0-4	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.10.88	WED LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
12.11.88	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	H	7,246	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens (1)	Foley
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.11.88	SAT WALSALL	H	5,328	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley (1)
3.12.88	SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
10.12.88	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	5,540	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones*	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
17.12.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	9,462	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
26.12.88	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H									
31.12.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H									
2.1.89	MON PORTSMOUTH	A									
7.1.89	SAT PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	A									
14.1.89	SAT BARNSELEY	H									
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A									
5.2.89	SUN OXFORD UNITED	H									
11.2.89	MON CHELSEA	A									
18.2.89	SAT SUNDERLAND	H									
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A									
28.2.89	TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H									
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A									
11.3.89	SAT HULL CITY	H									
14.3.89	TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY	A									
18.3.89	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A									
25.3.89	SAT WEST BROM	H									
27.3.89	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A									
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4.4.89	TUE BRADFORD CITY (7.45)	H									
8.4.89	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	A									
15.4.89	SAT WATFORD	H									
22.4.89	SAT BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A									
29.4.89	SAT WALSALL	A									
1.5.89	MON SHREWSBURY TOWN	H									
6.5.89	SAT STOKE CITY	H									
13.5.89	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A									
T.B.A.	CRYSTAL PALACE	H									

TOMMY MISSED FIVE SEASONS OF LEAGUE ACTION!

This afternoon we have the privilege of witnessing one of the Football Leagues most prolific goalscorers - **Tommy Tynan**. Amazingly at the outset of his professional career **Tommy** failed to make one League appearance for a period of five years!

Tommy actually signed apprentice forms for **Liverpool** on his 16th birthday on the 17th November 1971. Tommy had been spotted by the legendary **Bill Shankly** in the finals of a newspaper competition! There were over 1,000 entries and Tommy made the final 20. He failed to make a League appearance at Anfield and spent a loan period at Swansea City.

It was upon joining **Sheffield Wednesday** that his career took off and he later enjoyed spells with **Lincoln City**, **Newport County**, **Plymouth Argyle** and **Rotherham United**. It is since joining **Argyle** for a second period that he completed his 200th League goal.

Only once in 25 Football League matches played at the **County Ground** has a match between **Swindon Town** and **Plymouth Argyle** failed to produce a single goal! That goalless match was played on **September 5th 1928!**

The highest attendance recorded at the **County Ground** for a **Football League** match between the two Clubs was the 16,763 that saw **Plymouth Argyle** win 2-1 on **October 21st 1950**. The **Swindon Town** goalscorer was **Maurice Owen**.

No **Swindon Town** player has registered a hat-trick against the **Devon Club** in League matches.

The highest attendance recorded for a match between the two Clubs was the 26,051 who saw **Plymouth Argyle** win 3-2 at **Home Park** on **October 11th 1958**. Two goal **Andy Mickdewright** was the **Town** marksman just over 30 years ago.

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SHORT & SWEET

WRONG OR RIGHT DOOR?

New Everton goalkeeper Jason Kearton, 19, paid his own fare from Australia... and should have ended up with rivals Liverpool!

Jason admits: "I was trying to find Anfield when I saw Everton's stadium. I thought it was worth calling in

OH RATS!

Did you know that Denmark's Michael Laudrup and Russia's Vassili Rats were both dope tested three times during the summer's European Championship.

England players who had to give samples were Kenny Sansom, Peter Beardsley, Bryan Robson, Mark Hateley, Neil Webb and Tony Adams.

NOT PAST-A HIS BEST!

Trevor Francis has been around for a long time but he knows he's not yet past-a his best!

The ex-England player, now with Queens Park Rangers, says: "I've had pasta as my pre-match meal since my days in Italy. Pasta gives you strength and durability.

HANDING IT OUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY

Diego Maradona, the Argentinian star, now hands out money! The scorer of that infamous hand-ball goal against England recently gave his old team Boca Juniors \$10,000 for defeating River Plate!

TIES AND TOES

Some players have soccer superstitions: Derby County's £1 million new boy Dean Saunderson wears the same tie after a win, while Sunderland's Gary Bennett touches his toes three times before every game.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Seven Managers have won the First Division League Championship with Liverpool... Tom Watson 1900-01, 1905-06; Dave Ashworth 1921-22, 1922-23; George Kay 1946-47; Bill Shankley 1963-64, 1965-66, 1972-73; Bob Paisley 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83; Joe Fagan 1983-84; Kenny Dalglish 1985-86, 1987-88.

END OF DYNASTY?

David Murray, the new Glasgow Rangers Chairman, paid £8 million for a Club whose assets, excluding players, are currently valued at £24 million. By comparison Spurs, quoted on the Stock Exchange, are worth £13 million. For that price he gained a business which turned over £6 million in the last financial year. The sale ended former Chairman Lawrence Marlborough's family 25-year-old dynasty at Ibrox.

LOSING...

Manchester United reported a loss of more than a million pounds to their shareholders. In exact figures a loss of £1,296,344!

United's average home League attendance of 39,151 was the lowest for 23 years last season.

... AND WINNING!

The Old Trafford accounts showed that four players earn between £70,000 to £85,000. One player picked up a staggering £170,000. Martin Edwards, as chief executive, received £87,675.

THE ELITE

England's big guns may be forced to shoot it out in next season's Simod Cup. Football League officials are considering making the competition compulsory - to ensure that the like of Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester United and Spurs don't shy away. They were the only Clubs to snub this season's competition.

IT TOOK THE BISCUIT!

Despite their Simod Cup success, Reading's win over Luton at Wembley last season helped them to a profit of just £241 - despite pulling in an estimated £250,000 from their Cup run. The cash was spent on wages and transfers.

IS IT WORTH IT?

Last season 322 referees were the victims of assault, ranging from push and shove to punches, kicks and head butts! That was nearly a third more than the previous seasons 248 reported incidents.

SPELL BOUND AND TIRED!

Oh Dear Bobby! When Rotherham striker Bobby Williamson was asked in their Club programme: "What subject did you hate at school?" he replied: SpellEng!

Hot shot Stuart Rimmer, transferred earlier this season from Watford to Notts County, was fined £10 on his first day at Meadow Lane after arriving late for training!

WATCH THE CUCKOO!

If you want to know when a move is imminent at Watford you need to keep an eye on their official match magazine! For their Simod Cup tie with Leicester City the cover photo was Stuart Rimmer, sold to Notts County earlier in the day! For their match with West Ham United in the same competition it was Luther Blissett on the cover - sold to A.F.C. Bournemouth earlier in the day!

GEORGE AND THE TRUST

Former Manchester United and Northern Ireland star George Best recently collected a cheque for £15,000 for his testimonial in Belfast. A remaining sum of £65,000 from the kitty was kept in trust for the 42-year-old Irishman.

THE GOOD BOY COULD NOT PLAY!

Liverpool's Jan Molby had his wages stopped by the Anfield Club while he was serving a prison sentence which was reduced from six months to three for good behaviour. The prison team cheekily asked if he could play for them, but Liverpool refused to give their permission.

CORNFLAKES AND TOAST

The 25-year-old Molby, known as Rambo, survived in prison on one bowl of cornflakes and three rounds of toast! When he entered prison he was weighing 14st 7lb. His only exercise in prison was pumping iron in the gym.

FRANK CEMENTING A RELATIONSHIP?

Former Town defender Frank Burrow's thoughts on Leyton Orient's on loan Steve Ketteridge: "Steve is the ideal pro" said Frank. "The sort of man I'd like my daughter to marry. He was the cement of my side, holding things together in the middle of the park and popping up wherever you needed him.

BALD LUCK BOB!

A floppy haired kid with flair in a Metropolitan Police five-a-side competition had England Manager Bobby Robson out of his seat with their instant control and a 15-yard drive inside the far post. Bob looked again at the 16-year-old, he smiled wryly and resumed his seat. Her name is Pamela Andrews. Sadly, she will play no part in his plans.

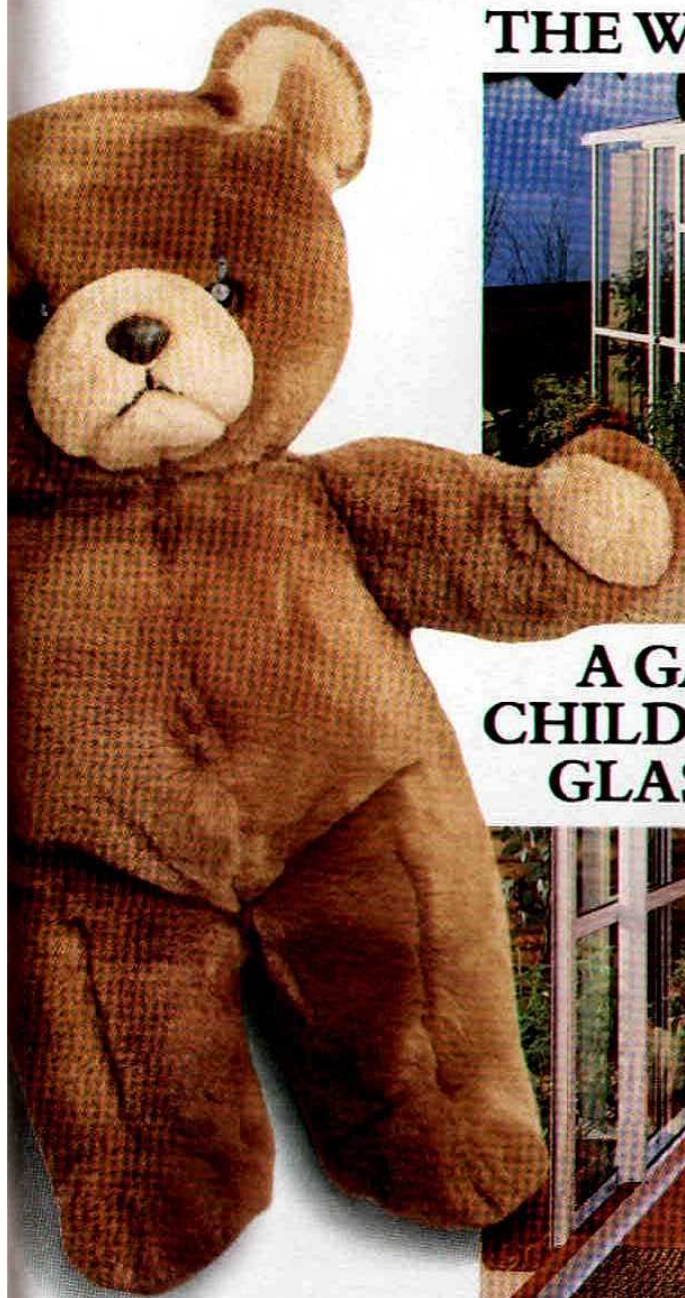
TRY ANNOUNCING THE VISITORS!

The National Charity Alcohol Concern, sponsors of the Kidderminster Harrier's Welsh Cup tie, may have had a problem if their announcer had too much to drink!

The visitors? Llanfairpwllgwyngll-gogerychwyrndrobwulartysiliogogoch!

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8. David Geddis
9. Charlie Henry
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Duncan Shearer
12. Jon Gittens
14. Fitzroy Simpson

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Team Changes

1. Alan Miller
2. Kenny Brown
3. John Uzzell
4. John Brimacombe
5. Nicky Marker
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