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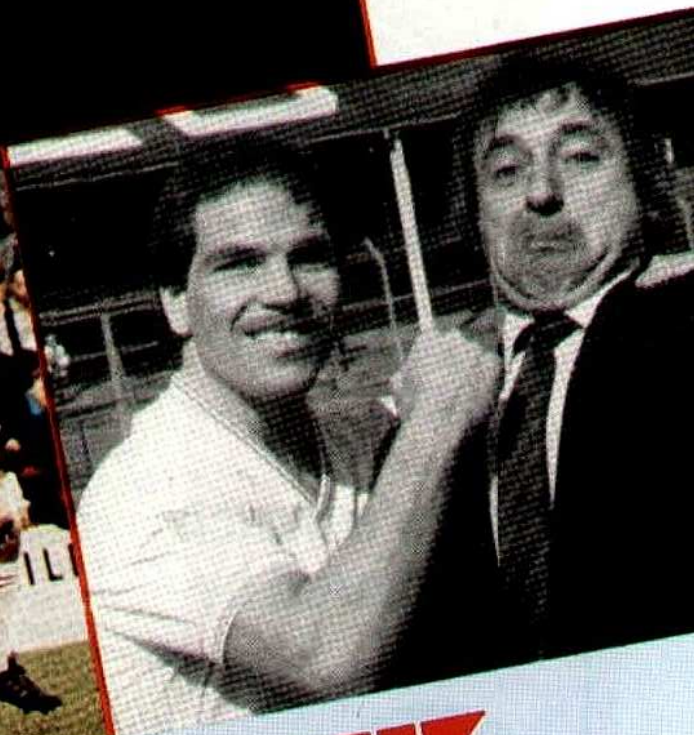
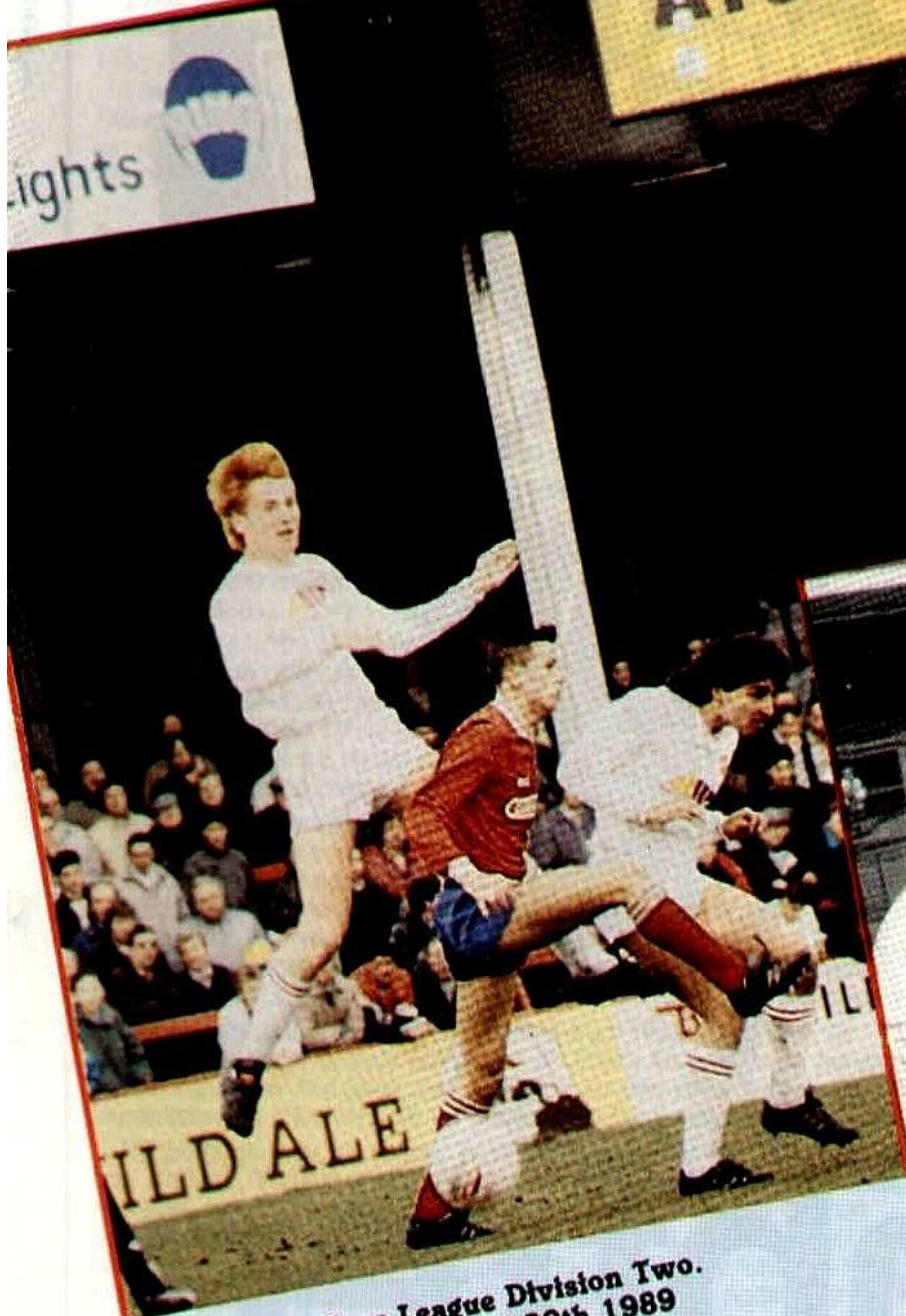
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From the Secretary's Chair

Since my last programme notes English Football has experienced its worst ever disaster. Few of you, as you made your way home from the Hull City match, could have been prepared for the sickening news that was filtering through from Hillsborough.

I well remember the atmosphere of disbelief in the Blue Room and Swifts Club as the BBC Sports Commentator gave details of the death toll.

I am sure that all of you will want to join with the Chairman, Directors, Management, Players and Staff at Walsall Football Club in expressing our most sincere condolences to the three clubs affected, Liverpool F.C., Sheffield Wednesday F.C., and Nottingham Forest F.C., and especially to those fans who were injured and to those families who lost loved ones in this awful tragedy.

Our thoughts are with all of them, and I trust and hope that everything that can be done will be done to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

I am sure that many of you would like to help those injured and the families of the bereaved. We have therefore launched a Walsall Football Club Hillsborough Disaster Appeal Fund. A collection will be held at today's match, and donations can also be made by either:

a) sending cheque/postal order (made payable to 'Walsall F.C. Hillsborough Disaster Fund') to Fellows Park;

b) or by calling in to Barclays Bank PLC, The Bridge, Walsall, and making a cash donation over the counter to the Fund (Account N°51466836).

Within 72 hours of the tragedy occurring a meeting at Fellows Park, involving Club Officials and representatives from the West Midland Police, West Midland Fire Services, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, and David Lyons and Associates (Architects for the new stadium), examined all aspects of a safety policy and made particular reference to the perimeter fencing at the Railway End of the ground.

The Club was assured by the representatives from the Emergency Services that there could not be a repetition of the Hillsborough tragedy at Fellows Park. In particular I would point out to you the two sets of double gates, and the single gate which leads on to the pitch, which coupled with the two entrances at the rear of the Railway End Terrace, and access at both sides of the terrace, enable the area to be cleared, even if full to its 4,000 capacity, within two minutes in an emergency.

I can promise that any lessons learned from Hillsborough will be acted upon. I have already authorised St. John's Ambulance to purchase on our behalf an Ambubag and Ambubag Suction which will ensure immediate and effective help for patients requiring resuscitation.

Hillsborough may, of course, have implications for the design of our new stadium. We still intend to provide terracing at the two goal ends. However, legislation could force us to change our plans, so that we have to provide an all seater concept, which would have the effect of reducing the projected 12,000 capacity to 8,500. Only time will tell if this will be necessary. However, safety concern will be paramount.

Finally, a reminder that the Mark Rees Testimonial Match, scheduled for Monday 15th May has had to be postponed due to Wolves being required to play a league match at Wigan 24 hours later. At the time of writing no new date has been fixed, but we are hopeful that Wolves will agree to play later that week, and the new date will be announced as soon as it is available.

Roy Whalley, Director, Secretary and Commercial Manager.

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TEAM TALK



Since my last Programme notes two major events have occurred, both totally different in character.

Firstly, of course, I must refer to the horrendous tragedy at Hillsborough which was unfolding while we were playing our home game with Hull City. Our first thoughts must be for the injured and the families of those killed. I am pleased that Walsall Football Club have set up a Hillsborough Disaster Fund, which I hope that as many of you as possible will contribute towards, so that in our own small way we can help to alleviate the pain and anguish of those most affected.

There has been saturation media coverage of the event and circumstances surrounding the tragedy and many points of view have been expressed. My only hope is that those of us involved in football, at every level and in every capacity, will learn from the Hillsborough incident and to take such actions as are necessary to make sure that nothing like that will ever happen again. Perhaps that is the best tribute that we can make in memory of those that died.

Pairing into insignificance alongside the enormity of the calamity of Hillsborough, is our own relegation to Division Three. It became a mathematical certainty after our defeat at Watford, and I can well understand the disappointment of our supporters that we are returning to the lower Division after just one season in Division Two.

However, in spite of our fate being sealed, I will emphasise to you as I have to the Players, the season is not yet over. I am determined that we will give a good account of ourselves in the final matches of the season. All of our remaining fixtures, including this afternoon's game, are against teams who have a chance of achieving a place in the promotion 'play offs'. While we would not mind swapping places with any of them, our objective will be to make life very difficult for these promotion aspirants.

As a Club it is important that we have learned from the hard lessons we have been taught this season, which will stand us in good stead for the battles that lie ahead over the next twelve months.

Finally a warm welcome to our visitors from Swindon Town this afternoon let us hope for a good game that is enjoyed by both sets of spectators.

John Barnwell.

LOOKING FOR A TREAT

● In the last programme we informed you the Ladies Cup Final, played last Saturday, would be shown on Channel 4 the next day. Now we inform you of another 'treat' that this TV channel will be presenting this coming Sunday.

They have a programme called Network 7 Sport that starts at 5.30 p.m. and during that programme they will be showing the Water Polo match between Great Britain and France which took place at Crystal Palace on 8th April. Now here is the 'treat', our announcer, David Bathurst, who so many of you know is an International Water Polo referee, is in charge of that game - 'treat' you say, well have YOU seen him perform.

● While talking of David, he is also 'in charge' of the Walsall Minor Football League, and they will be staging their annual Buller Cup Final here at Fellows Park on Thursday next 4th May with a 7.00 p.m. kick off.

The teams are Brewood Juniors and Pelsall United and the admission is 50p which includes admission to the grandstand and complimentary programme. David is not refereeing this one, so that's your second 'treat' for you.

● Many of you are no doubt wondering why our Secretary Roy Whalley is receiving, or it seems like it, from Walsall boxer Peter Till. Peter will be boxing Stephen Boyle (the holder) for the British Lightweight Championship here at Fellows Park on Saturday June 10th. No it was not a practice session for Peter, and Roy is not on the bill that night (treat number 3). More details will be given in the next programme.

● A Video of today's game can be obtained by sending a cheque/postal order for £15.00 to Saddlers TV, Fellows Park, Walsall, or ordering it at the Club Shop. Why not treat yourself.

Swindon Town

We welcome today a Swindon side who picked up a valuable 2-0 win at Brighton last weekend and then a very 1-0 result over Crystal Palace on Tuesday to put them in with a sporting chance of appearing in the playoffs for a place in Division One where they have never played in their 108 year history.

Founded in 1881 they were known at first as Swindon Spartans, then becoming Swindon Town in 1883 and joining the Southern League in 1894. They finished bottom of nine clubs in their first season there, but then after being runners-up in both 1909 and 1910 they topped the table in 1911. Meanwhile they also wrote their name clearly in FA Cup history by reaching the semi-final of 1910 and 1912 and taking Barnsley to a replay in the latter.

They were Southern League champions again in 1914 and together with other members of that league they became founder-members of the new Division Three in 1920. This became Division Three (South) a year later. They stayed in that Division throughout its existence until the reorganisation in 1958, highlights including runs to the FA Cup fifth round in 1948, when beaten at Southampton, and at Luton in 1952.

They qualified for the new Division Three in 1958 and stayed there until winning promotion for the first time ever in 1963. Then although relegated two years later they got together one of the finest Third Division sides ever with Peter Downsbrough in goal, John Trollope in defence and Mike Summerbee, Don Rogers and Ernie Hunt up front. Though these players moved on one by one Swindon still managed to reach the last eight of the FA Cup in 1966/67 and won promotion and the Football League Cup in the same season 1968/69.

They stayed up this time until 1974, but then came a sudden slide that landed them in Division Four in 1982. Then after four seasons they roared back to Division Three in 1986 and the momentum carried them straight up again in 1987 when after ending the season with an 11-game unbeaten run they battled through the playoffs to land in Division Two.

There they climbed as high as fourth in October and though they did not quite sustain this they finished in a very creditable twelfth place and also reached the Simod Cup semi-final in which they went down 2-1 at Luton.

THIS SEASON

With Lou Macari in his fifth season at the helm Swindon have won at Watford, Shrewsbury, Portsmouth, Ipswich, Bournemouth, Birmingham and Brighton and have lost only twice at home - to Ipswich in November and to Manchester City in December.

Steve Foley a one-time Liverpool junior who arrived from Sheffield United in 1987 got the winner against us at the County Ground in November and got both goals at Brighton last week. He is likely to be up front today with **Steve White**, a free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers in 1986, who got their goal on Tuesday, and **Duncan Shearer**, who cost a quarter of a million pounds from Huddersfield in June. **Ross McClaren**, who netted two penalties at Birmingham recently, is a former Shrewsbury and Derby man who plays a mainly defensive role in the number two shirt in midfield. **Alan McLoughlin** is a former Manchester United apprentice linking up with **Tom Jones** (from Aberdeen in September) and utility man **Charlie Henry**, who has a testimonial this year.

In defence **Colin Calderwood** came from Mansfield in 1985 and links up in the centre with **Jon Gittens** (from Southampton in 1987) while on the flanks **David Hockaday** was once a winger with Blackpool and teams up with **Paul Bodin**, who came from luckless Newport a year ago. In goal **Fraser Digby** came from Manchester United in December 1986 after a spell on loan.

MEET THE PLAYERS



SWINDON TOWN SEASON 1988/89

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

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

Front Row: Bobby Barnes (now with Bournemouth), Peter Coyne, Paul Bodin, Collin Calderwood (Capt), Steve Foley, Alan McLoughlin, Mark Jones.

PAUL BODIN - Midfield.

Paul signed from Newport County in March last year for a fee of £25,000 after having only been at Somerton Park for four weeks having been signed from Bath City. A former Cardiff City player he made 68 appearances for them and six for Newport. To date he has only made 15 appearances this term and has scored 1 goal.

PETER COYNE - Midfield.

A former Manchester United apprentice who was Lou Macari's first signing at Swindon in July 1984. A former England Schoolboy International he only made two first team appearances at Old Trafford before moving to Crewe Alexandra and made 113 league appearances for them. Peter was in fact signed from Hyde United for £50,000 and was a regular in the Swindon side that gained promotion from the Fourth to the Second Division in two seasons. Prior to this season he has made 50 appearances plus 11 as substitute, but this term he has only made the odd appearance in the substitute's shirt.

MARK JONES - Midfield.

Mark missed the whole of last term due to injury. Signed from his home town club, Oxford United, for £25,000 in October 1986 after making 129 appearances for them. He has made 41 appearances for Swindon prior to this season.

STEVE WHITE - Striker.

Steve the other member of Swindon's scoring machine as he has 12 goals to his credit to date, was signed from Bristol Rovers on a free transfer in July 1986 and has now netted 47 goals for Swindon in 83 appearances (plus 18 as substitute), 37 of them this term. A former Charlton Athletic and Luton Town player he was once the subject of a six figure transfer fee between Bristol Rovers and Luton for his first spell with Rovers. His previous appearances have been Bristol Rovers 46 and 89, Luton Town 63, Charlton 29, Lincoln City while on loan 2.

DAVID GEDDIS - Striker.

Formerly with Shrewsbury Town, joining Swindon in October and being reunited with his former manager Chic Bates who is now assistant to Lou Macari. A former Ipswich Town apprentice he made 43 league appearances with them and another 13 on loan to Luton Town before moving to Aston Villa and making 47 with them. A move to Barnsley saw him make 45 appearances and then 46 more for Shrewsbury while numbering nearly 40 in the league these were cut short last season with an injury which kept him out for most of the season. He has made 7 full appearances for Swindon to date and scored three goals.

DUNCAN SHEARER - Midfield.

Duncan has scored 11 goals in his 29 appearances this season to date. He was the subject of a quarter of a million pound transfer deal in the close season when he was the target of Lou Macari when he was with Chelsea before he moved North to Huddersfield Town, so he was signed by Swindon's boss as a replacement for Jimmy Quinn, who moved to Leicester City at the same time. He made just two appearances for Chelsea and 80 plus (3) for Huddersfield Town.

CHARLIE HENRY - Midfield.

Charlie, who is due a testimonial match this season, after ten years service with Swindon Town, originally joined the club as an apprentice. A utility player, who can virtually play in any position, he was their leading goalscorer in the season that Swindon Town won the Fourth Division championship, with a record number of points - 102 in 1985/86. Charlie signed a new one year contract with them at the beginning of this season. League appearances are, prior to this season, with Swindon Town 187 + (14), Torquay United 6, and Northampton Town 4. This season he has made 13 full appearances and 10 as substitute as well as scoring three goals.

MEET THE PLAYERS

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN - Midfield.

A former Manchester United apprentice moved south to join Swindon Town on a free transfer in August 1986, and is another of the players on the Town's books who can be rightly described as a utility player. Alan, who has spent two loan spells with Torquay United but then signed a new two year contract with Swindon in May 1988. He was a member of the Manchester United Central League side while Lou Macari was at Old Trafford and indeed played alongside him on occasions. He has made 21 full appearances to date and has scored 2 goals.

FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper.

Last season was somewhat disappointing for the former Manchester United goalkeeper, who joined the club in December 1986, for a fee of £32,500, after an initial period on loan at the County Ground. A thumb injury sustained at Crystal Palace in late October, restricted Fraser's appearances to thirty-one league matches. It also cost him his England under-21 position, although he was included in several of the end of seasons squads named by England under-21 Manager, Dave Sexton. League appearances with Swindon Town are 109 and is an ever-present to date with 42 appearances.

NICKY HAMMOND - Goalkeeper.

Signed on a free transfer from Arsenal in July 1987, a former Highbury apprentice he was forced into first team action last season, due to the injury that Fraser Digby sustained in October 1987. Previously Nick's league experience had been confined to his spell with Bristol Rovers, on loan. The former Arsenal 'keeper signed a new two year contract with Swindon in May 1988. League appearances are with Bristol Rovers (loan) 3 and Swindon Town 4.

DAVE HOCKADAY - Defender.

Dave signed a new two year contract with Swindon in the summer of 1988. The former Blackpool Player, who moved to the County Ground in August 1983 as a winger, enjoyed one of the best seasons of his career, last season. Since his conversion to a full-back position, his form has been enhanced. Dave has been a regular member of the Swindon Town team that has risen from the Fourth Division under the guidance of Lou Macari's managership. League appearances are with Blackpool 131 + (16) and with Swindon Town 206 + (17), having made 40 appearances to date this season.

PHIL KING - Defender.

Phil was the only player to appear in every league match last season and has missed only seven games this term. Phil began his career with Exeter City in May 1985, before joining Torquay United in July 1986, for a league tribunal settled transfer fee of £3,000. Although Phil originally joined Swindon Town on a months loan in February 1987, his transfer became permanent one month later for a £12,000 fee. Torquay United are entitled to one-third of any transfer fee, if Phil is transferred in the future. League appearances are with Exeter City 24 + (3), Torquay United 24 and Swindon Town 95 + (2). This season he has made 29 appearances and netted one goal.

TOM JONES - Midfield.

Signed from Aberdeen in September this season he has made the number four spot his own since and has made 36 appearances to date scoring 5 goals. He made 14 appearances for Aberdeen last season with 12 more in the substitute's shirt, scoring three goals.

JON GITTENS - Defender.

The former Southampton defender proved himself a firm favourite with the County Ground faithful, with some determined and enthusiastic performances last season. Jon, who moved to the County Ground for a £45,000 football league tribunal fee, in July 1987, he was playing non-league football for our local Midlands Combination club, Paget Rangers, before accepting a successful trial period at the Dell. It was a commanding central defensive performance against Ian Rush, for the 'Saints', versus Liverpool, that first brought him to the attention of Lou Macari. League appearances are with Southampton 14 and this season he has made 29 appearances and scored one goal.

TIM PARKIN - Defender.

During the close season, Tim signed a new two year contract with the club. The former Blackburn Rovers, Malmö and Bristol Rovers central defender was named 'Player of the Year' in May 1988 by the club supporters. The vastly experienced defender must rate as one of Lou Macari's best signings, when he secured the signature of the Penrith born player in July 1986. The subsequent fee of £27,500 was settled by a league tribunal. The same tribunal had sat only minutes earlier deciding the fee that Torquay United had to pay for Phil King, who is now on the club's staff. League appearances are with Blackburn Rovers 13, Bristol Rovers 205 + (3) and Swindon Town 93 + (7). Tim has made 29 appearances to date and scored one goal.

COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender.

Colin, who joined Swindon Town from Mansfield Town in June 1985, for a Football League tribunal fee of £27,500, has been a stalwart at the heart of the Town's defence in the last three seasons. Colin had the honour of captaining the club through two successive seasons of promotion in the 1985/86 and 1986/87 campaigns. After making 131 consecutive league appearances since his signing in July 1985, injury interrupted Colin's progress last season. Although the form of the Scottish born defender has often attracted the attention of several of the country's leading clubs, he remains at the County Ground. League appearances are with Mansfield Town 97 + (3) and Swindon Town 162 + (3). He has made 39 appearances this season to date and scored three goals.

ROSS MACLAREN - Defender.

Ross joined Swindon Town on a conditional transfer fee, decided by a Football League tribunal at £150,000 in July 1988. Ross entered the Football League from Glasgow Rangers on a free transfer to Shrewsbury Town. After five seasons with the Gay Meadow club, Ross joined Derby County in July 1985, after a Football League tribunal commission had set the fee at £67,000. In three seasons with the Baseball Ground, Ross helped the East Midlands Club to win promotion from the Third Division, to the First Division. Ross was an ever-present during his first two seasons with Derby County. - League appearances are with Shrewsbury Town 158 + (3) and with Derby County 113 + (9), and has made 33 appearances for Swindon so far this season and he has scored 6 goals, 4 from the penalty spot.

STEVE FOLEY - Midfield.

Steve joined Swindon Town in July 1987 for a fee of £35,000 that was set by a tribunal. The former Sheffield United midfielder player had joined them from Grimsby Town and made 66 appearances for the United after making 31 with Grimsby. He began his career with Liverpool but could not break through in the League side and his League debut came during a loan spell with Fulham. He has made 36 appearances for Swindon Town this term to date, the same number he made last season. Steve has also scored 7 goals.



WALSALL V SWINDON TOWN

	Home	Away
Division Three(South).		
1927/28	1-2	0-5
1928/29	1-1	1-5
1929/30	4-0	1-3
1930/31	2-2	3-4
1936/37	5-2	0-3
1937/38	2-3	1-1
1938/39	5-0	4-1
1946/47	0-1	1-4
1947/48	1-0	3-0
1948/49	0-1	1-2
1949/50	0-0	3-4
1950/51	1-0	1-1
1951/52	0-0	1-1
1952/53	1-2	2-1
1953/54	0-1	0-3
1954/55	1-2	2-2
1955/56	4-0	2-1
1956/57	1-2	2-1
1957/58	1-1	3-2
Division Three.		
1960/61	2-1	0-1
1965/66	5-0	0-0
1966/67	1-1	2-3
1967/68	3-2	0-3
1968/69	0-2	0-1
1974/75	2-0	0-3
1975/76	1-1	1-5
1976/77	2-0	2-2
1977/78	2-0	3-2
1978/79	4-1	1-4
1980/81	2-1	1-3
1981/82	5-0	2-2
1986/87	1-0	0-0
Division Two		
1988/89		0-1

We have a good record against Swindon Town over the years and in fact we have won seven and drawn one of our last eight games against them here. We have won 5-0 on three different occasions - in April 1939 when Gilbert Alsop(4) and Joe Bambrick got the goals; in March 1966 when Colin Taylor and Howard Riley got two goals each and Ken Satchwell the other; and in October 1981 when Alan Buckley and Mark Rees both scored twice and John Loveridge also got one.

LOU MACARI- SWINDON'S MANAGER.

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

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

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

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

Things then began to hum and a season later Swindon topped Division Four and a season after that they climbed into Division Two where they are currently in the top half of the table after finishing in 12th place last season. They also pulled off two cup-tie wins against First Division Norwich City last season to bring back memories of Lou's Old Trafford days.

PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES - DAVID SYRETT.

Of the players who have appeared for both Swindon Town and ourselves over the years one of the features has been the number of strikers who have fared rather better in the Swindon colours than in ours. There was Jimmy Kelly in the late fifties who came to us with a record of 14 goals in 30 games for the 'Robins' but didn't progress beyond being useful cover for Tony Richards here though he did then go on to play his part in Yeovil's shock FA Cup win here in December 1960 when we were on our way up to Division One. Then in more recent times there was Dave Bamber, who came to us in March 1984 after spells with Blackpool and Coventry scored 7 goals in 20 games but did not really win a regular place and then moved on via Portsmouth to score 46 goals in two and a half seasons for Swindon before moving to Watford and Stoke City this season.

Just such a player was chunky little striker Dave Syrett, who was born in Salisbury in 1956, progressed via the Swindon junior ranks to make his debut for Swindon in September 1973 in a Second Division game at Preston. He was still only 17 when he scored his first league goal in the following December at Crystal Palace and his 30 goals in 122 games for Swindon included one against us in April 1976 when we lost 5-1 at the County Ground and Trevor Anderson got a hat-trick of penalties.

In August 1977 Dave moved on to Mansfield, scored 20 goals in 65 games and then came to us in March 1979 when we were sliding towards Division Four. He made his debut in a goalless draw at Chesterfield and a fortnight later he got our consolation goal in a 3-1 defeat at Gillingham.

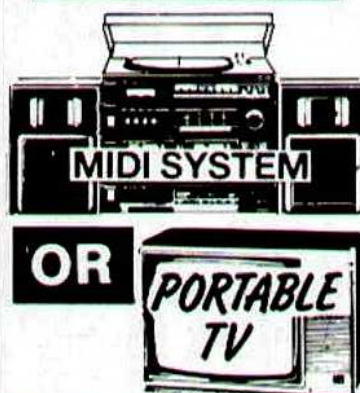
His best game for us was at Swansea in a Tuesday evening game when he got both our goals to give us a shock 2-0 lead before we were pegged back by a side on their way up to Division Two. Dave didn't show the same sort of form in home games and after playing for three seasons for Peterborough and another two for Northampton to bring his Football League statistics up to 90 goals in 321 games. He played for non-league Brackley for a time before being forced out with a back injury and the last we heard of him he was working as a milkman in Towcester.

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This wartime game looked a foregone conclusion however when against a side with a hundred per cent record up to that point we took our record of two draws and three defeats in five games. The first half confirmed our worst fears for while home goalkeeper Alan Wakeman, a former Walsall Boys player was rarely in action we conceded four goals as Frank Broome and Ronnie Starling scored simple goals and Eric Houghton hammered the ball past Bert Williams twice - once from a 30-yard free kick and once from a penalty.

We had looked incapable of holding the ball or working it forward and our shortpassing game had continually given the ball away. Whatever was said in the dressing room, however, brought about an incredible transformation. We came out and proceeded to swing the ball about. Both our wingers Jackie Maund and Stan Batty were prewar Villa men and Jackie in particular came into the game, prompted by Wally Brown. They set up Gilbert Alsop after an hour's play and when Gilbert was sent tumbling in the penalty area he got up and banged the spot kick home. Then Stan Batty beat Alan Wakeman and home defender Jim Morby could only help it on its way into the net.

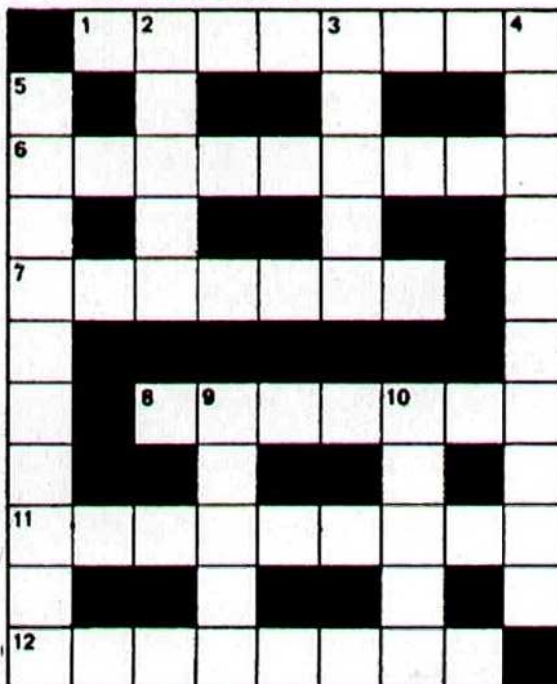
Then came a fine cross from Jackie Maund that Tom Wood nodded home and with Villa seemingly incapable of wresting the initiative back again we got an equaliser from another Maund Cross that Gilbert Alsop turned home.

With the minutes ticking away we twice almost won it when Wally Brown struck a post and then Jackie Maund laid on another cross that Gilbert Alsop was inches too high with. Over 13,000 saw this remarkable game and a few of them may be here today. If so they certainly won't have forgotten it.

ASTON VILLA: Wakeman; Potts; Cummings; Massie; Morby; Iverson; Edwards; Broome; Davis; Starling; Houghton.

WALSALL: Williams; Shelton; Male; Lewis; Rist; Emanuel; Maund; Brown; Alsop; Wood; Batty.

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FITNESS TEST



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'The romance of the FA Cup' is a phrase that has been used regularly and with good reason over the years. 'The romance of the Sherpa Van' does not trip so readily off the tongue, but there is increasing evidence that the latter is now beginning to assume a character that the competition did not succeed in doing under its two previous labels, the Associate Members Cup and the Freight Rover Trophy.

Last season had its moments of course with 80,841 watching the Wolves v Burnley final and creating an atmosphere reminiscent of that experienced by the two clubs when playing at Wembley in different FA Cup finals in the sixties. Then just as one was reflecting that this season's final would also feature two former First Division clubs the competition produced the shock result of the season when Torquay, one down in the first leg of the semi-final on their own ground and with serious injury problems for the replay somehow managed to win the second leg at Molineux by two clear goals.

What's more two of their heroes were a former Wolves cast-off, Dean Edwards, who scored in both legs against his former club, and veteran Kenny Allen, who had been virtually pensioned off at the end of last season, but was still on call in case of a goalkeeping emergency. The emergency came, he responded to the call and now he seems to be likely to be taking his place at Wembley to cap a career that began with Hartlepool 21 years ago, proceeded via South Africa to West Bromwich where he failed to make the first team. He then had five seasons with Bath City in the Southern League before being signed by Bournemouth where he gave five seasons' good service before being



released in 1983.

He then had a trial with Bury and was not retained, spent a short time at Peterborough as a non-contract player without making the first team and then spent just over two seasons with Torquay, just over a season with Swindon and then played another season and a half back at Torquay without missing a game.

One wonders what is now in store for him for just four days after defying the most prolific attack in the Football League at Molineux he was beaten four times on his home ground at Torquay by an Exeter front line that has been having a lean spell recently. Now one wonders whether he will in fact be at Wembley, but in any event he has made his mark in the annals of the Sherpa Van and a Torquay side that has never reached even a quarter final of a major cup competition before are now at Wembley where they could not have ever even dreamed of playing. In fact few of their players will have ever been there even as spectators.

If they play well there and perhaps even beat Bolton, the team who were one of the first two teams to play there in that amazing first FA Cup final there in 1923, that will be a further

sensation, but just for Torquay to be playing there will make it a day undreamed of just two years ago when only a last minute goal saved them from going out of the Football League altogether and thereby losing the chance of even competing in the Sherpa Van.

There is also a tinge of romance in the appearance of Bolton again at Wembley. They were the first winners there in 1923. They went on to win three of the first seven FA Cup finals there, all of them with Devonshireman Dick Pym in goal. Sadly Dick, the oldest known FA Cup final survivor until last year, died a few months ago. What a poignant day it would have been if Dick could have seen his former team play the team from his native Devon where he began his days and to where he retired.

There is also an incredible coincidence of an even sadder kind in the appearance of Bolton at Wembley this year for whilst the 1923 final saw near tragic crowd scenes and the 1953 final was tragic in a playing sense with them losing 4-3 to Blackpool after leading 2-0 and 3-1 but being handicapped by a serious injury to midfielder Eric Bell, Bolton are forever associated with two of the greatest tragedies in football. There was the 1946 disaster at an FA Cup quarter final against Stoke when over 30 fans were killed. There was also the 1958 FA Cup final that they won against a Manchester United side decimated by the Munich disaster. Now just four days after the Hillsborough disaster they are back at Wembley again. Whichever side wins all hope for a great Sherpa Van final to add further to the competition's growing reputation and to take a little of the bitterness away from a tragic season.

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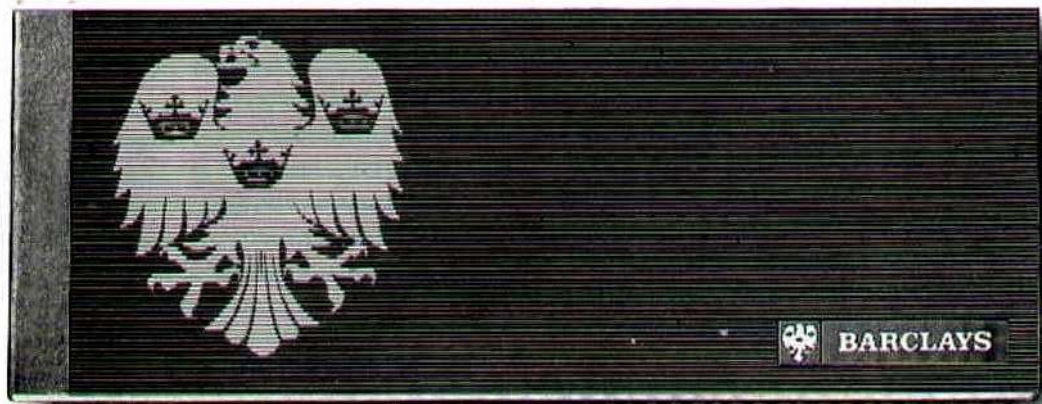
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'Them wot day goo wished as ow they adderdone an we wot did goo wor arf plased as we did' was Ayli's comment to Aynok as they made their way back from the Potteries last week, threading their way through the Stafford bypass as their 'oss an cart' was of course not allowed on the M6.

'Ar yo'd a thought as wot Stoke was the tame wot was gooin down. We run rings round 'em day we? Med em look like a lot of ode men'.

'Ar they looked slower than wot they did in the sixties wen ode Tony Waddington bought all the blokes ee could find over 30 an put the tin at on it by purrin ode Stan Matthews on the right wing wen ee was nearly 50'.

'Funny thing was they looked faster then and they went up, but they doh look as if they'm gooin up this eer'.

'Naoh. An ode George Berry day look fit did ee? Young Stuart did im a right runaround as ee day no wich road ee was gooin. Ee looked as unappy as that day wen we beat 'em in the cup in 66 wen we bate em wi ten blokes after Jimmy Mcsporrnan was crocked'.

'Ar that was a day wor it? We was theer fer 12 so as ter be sure of gerrin in an our ode oss im wot was the granfairther o the one we got now nearly got we locked up fer tekkin that bag o chips out o that copper's ond'.

'Wos it im as bit the ole in the net?'

'Oo the copper?'

'No, our ode oss. Remember there was a ole wot the ball went through an the ref gid a goal but ode John Arris tode im as wot it ad gone through the side netting an e day allow it in the finish'.

'Ar good ref wor ee? Frank Cowan wor is nairm. Gid us a penalty as well wen that goalie went ter kick Clarkie up in thair'.

'Ar never played again fer em did ee?'

'Oo, Clarkie?'

'No, that goalie. Irvine or summat wor is nairm?'

MISSED A TRATE DAY THEY LAST WICK

'Ah do no, but Clarkie put the penalty past im an Stoke just couldn't do anthin abaht it'.

'Funny ow sometimes tames wi ten blokes con bate them wi eleven'.

'Day appen last wick though, did it?'

No not last wick, but Bradford bate us easier wi ten blokes than they ad looked like dooin wi eleven an a couple o eers agoo Everton lost even a Cup Final after that ref wot wos a copper sent that United bloke of'.

'Ar yo've missed the best un

though. Remember wen we went ter Swindon that day an John Savage our goalie wot wus about ten fate tall wos sent off cos the ref reckoned as e'd ad a goo at a Swindon bloke. Gid em a penalty. Tony Richards in Savage's jaisey wot day fit im sairved the penalty an we went on ter win'.

'We'r playing them a Satdy an all'.

'Oo?'

'Swindon wen they'm at um'.

'They ay at um if the'm ere am they?'

'Well they'll be after pints fer the playoffs buriff aer lads play like wot they con then Swindon wo be in any playoffs'.

Should be wuth seein ennyroad up'.

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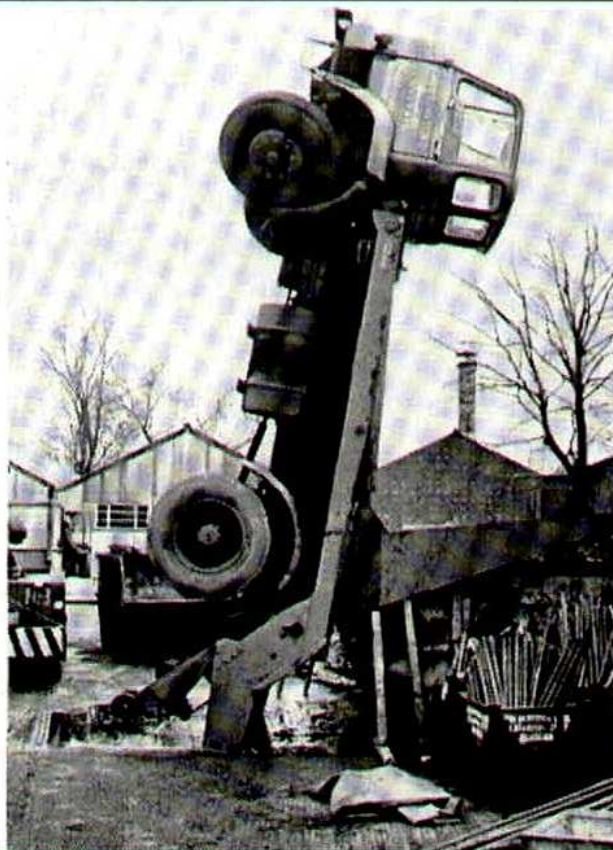
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Monday, April 17th

Snooker back on the telly. As a spectator sport it's marginally less exciting than the weather forecast.

Tuesday, April 18th

At a game this evening. The visiting side were desperate to win, in their quest for the first glory in their modest history. Why, oh why, though did they have to secure their victory via some wholly unpalatable time-wasting tactics. Pick of the crop of sickening abuses of our noble sport was the habit of taking the ball to the corner flag and shielding it from increasingly agitated defenders. One of the home players sought to minimize the time spent in this thunderously entertaining gambit by hoiking the legs from beneath each culprit

ON THE SPOT

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with some rather robust scything tackles. Bravo for him, say I. The referee seemed suitably tolerant as well, and refused to apprehend the defender. Personally I would make such delaying tactics (and the countless other manifestations of 'gamesmanship') punishable as 'bringing the game into disrepute'. They are certainly not the substance of what we pay our entrance fees to witness.

Wednesday, April 19th

In the aforementioned extravaganza in which the fruit of my loins made his debut, one of the more prominent participants was a rather large creature who answered to the name of 'Rachel'. I know I'm slow on the uptake, but it was only today that I sussed out that the player in question was of the female gender. (Well it's often difficult to tell at that age!) Jolly good the girl was, too. Big and strong, she was the equal of any of the lads. And why not? Why in this country do we have to ridicule the efforts of females who wish to excel in activities generally deemed to be the preserve of those born with that bit extra. We've come to terms with lady doctors, newsreaders, sports journalists, bus drivers and one day we may even have a reasonable

and genuinely compassionate lady prime minister.

Thursday, April 20th

Terry Mancini, that chrome-dome of a centre half with a boxing but strictly non-musical pedigree, is back in football as Ray Harford's assistant at Luton Town. Mancini had been running a boozer. He's probably right in his career change. This Government's opinions about the brewing business, reflected in the recent Monopolies and Mergers Committee report, are even more misguided than their pronouncements on football spectators. Mancini is safer on the managerial merry-go-round.

Friday, April 21st

Kenny Wharton is defying the specialists and will not be retiring. I am pleased - and sincerely hope that the Newcastle man doesn't suffer long-lasting physical disability as a result. Wharton is one of the game's unsung heroes - a loyal one club man who deserves all he can get from his profession. In an era where greed is the name of the game, it's good to know that there are still the Whartons, the Mowers and the McNallys.

Saturday, April 22nd

Chelsea promoted and they can relax. Congratulations to them. Walsall and Birmingham relegated - and they can relax. Hence they both now win. Elsewhere, notably at the top, it's jitters all round. Manchester City dither in the Second. All the top three in the Third are wobbling like a belly dancer's prize assets. For supporters it's an unbearable time, too. Why do we put ourselves through it?

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Above we show our mascots for the game with Hull City. Mark Vurlan with Stuart Rimmer and Stuart King with skipper Graeme Forbes.

● TODAY'S MASCOTS.

Two young lads will again lead our team out this afternoon, they are, Gareth Evans from Stencills Road, Walsall, who is being sponsored by Hewitts Garages of Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, and Gavin Wright from Sunderland Road, Cheslyn Hay. He is being sponsored by Mr. Wright.

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10.45 p.m. Delves 10.50 p.m.

● ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SADDLERS CLUB

Saturday 30th April 1989

Sheila & Clyde. Vocal instrumental.

Monday 1st May 1989

Ballroom Dancing to the New Wright Sound.

Sunday 7th May 1989

Paul Fredericks - Vocal

● FORMER SADDLERS AT OUR LAST GAME

At the Walsall v Barnsley game on 13th May next, all of our former players have been invited to attend, they will again be introduced on the pitch, and will be entertained at the Saddlers Club in the evening.

**● THE CLUB SHOPS HAVE A
NUMBER OF END OF SEASON
SALE BARGAINS.....HAVE A LOOK
TODAY.**



OBITUARIES

We were sorry to hear of the death of Bernard Dickenson, of 58, Enison Road, Beechdale Estate, Walsall on 6th April. Bernard was 58 years old. He was a lifelong supporter of the Saddlers, and a hardworking Committee Member at the Saddlers Club. He served on the Saddlers Club Management Committee for the past 5 years.

He will be sadly missed on matchdays at Fellows Park, and the Chairman, Directors, Management, Players and Staff would like to extend their deepest sympathy to his widow Phylis, and three daughters and son, as well as to acknowledge the many hours of hard work that Bernard performed on behalf of Walsall Football Club and the Supporters Club.

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of William Egan who died on 6th April 1989, age 70 years. He supported the Saddlers for 50 years, rarely missing a match until his recent illness. The Chairman, Directors, Management, Players and Staff of Walsall Football Club wish to extend their sympathy to his family and friends, and to acknowledge his tremendous support of this Club over so many years.

● JUNIOR SADDLERS.

Membership costs for the coming season 1989/90 which is as follows:

Single membership - £2.00

Family Membership - £3.00, which includes two children in the same family.

A free membership package is available to every child who joins.

Membership forms will be given out by committee members and ball boys at the last match of the season.

You can apply for 1989/90 membership after 1st July 1989.

Note: you **will not** be automatically enrolled next season if you are a member this season.

Applications should be made to:
Debbie Wood, Membership Secretary,
16 Church Road, Pelsall.

Please send a S.A.E.

**HALF PRICE PROGRAMMES AT
THE PROGRAMME SHOP ON THE
WALLOWS LANE CAR PARK.**

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 25th, 1959 saw us drawing 1-1 with Fourth Division leaders Port Vale here to leave us five points below fourth place Exeter with one game to go. Graham Barnett headed the visitors into the lead after an Arthur Cunliffe cross had eluded John Savage. Roy Faulkner got our equaliser after 57 minutes when he took a cross from Tony Richards in his stride and cracked it past Ken Hancock from ten yards. From that point on we dominated play, but our attacks tended to fizzle out in the slippery mud on the edge of the penalty area.

WALSALL: Savage; Haddington; Guttridge; Billingham; McPherson; Rawlings; Davies; Faulkner; Richards; Hodgkinson; Taylor.

PORT VALE: Hancock; Raine; Sproson; Poole; Leake; Miles; Hall; Steele; Wilkinson; Barnett; Cunliffe.

Attendance: 6,626.

Swindon meanwhile beat Norwich 4-3 in a thrilling Third Division game, both of them being in the top half of the table with Hull and Plymouth by this time certain of going up. In Division One Wolves, who were certain of the championship extended their lead over Manchester United to five points with a Jimmy Murray matchwinner at Everton.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

In a season that finished earlier than usual we lost our last game 2-1 at Mansfield on April 25th, 1969. Nick Sharkey and Phil Waller got the home goals with David Wilson replying in the second half.

MANSFIELD: Hollins; Pate; Hopkinson; Quigley; Boam; Waller; Patridge; Sharkey; Ledger; Roberts; Goodfellow.

WALSALL: Parkes; Gregg; Evans; Atthey; Jones; Harrison; Train; Trevis; Wilson; Bennett; Morris.

Attendance: 5,863.

A disappointing season therefore ended with us in thirteenth place while Swindon, who had beaten us in our last home game with two Don Rogers goals were going up to Division Two and had also won the League Cup for good measure. Watford were on the way up with them with Luton in third place.

In the same week 35,000 saw Coventry hold Liverpool to a goalless draw while on the same night Everton were watched by 59,000 as they also ended 0-0 with First Division champions Leeds.

TEN YEARS AGO

Our unhappy run continued as we lost 1-0 at home to Bury on April 24th, 1979 to make relegation virtually certain after 8 games without a win, just when we needed a winning run to pull us out of danger. Brian Stanton got the goal that kept Bury just out of danger themselves.

WALSALL: Turner; Paul; Caswell; King; McDonough; Sbragia; Birch; Kelly; Syrett; Williams; Rees(Perrin).

BURY: Forrest; Ritson; Constantine; Lugg; Tucker; Bailey; Stanton; Wilson; Beamish; Gregory; Taylor.

Attendance: 2,573.

Swindon meanwhile lost 2-1 at Peterborough with a goal from Bryan Hamilton and it looked as though they were slipping out of the promotion race but Shrewsbury enhanced their chances of reaching Division Two for the first time ever by beating Tranmere 2-1. Bryan Robson got West Brom's goal in a 1-1 draw at Birmingham and they had every chance of finishing runners-up to Liverpool in Division One. Wolves beat Derby 4-0 with George Berry amongst the scorers and they were now certain of at least one more season in Division One.

Geoff Allman.

WALSALL v SWINDON TOWN

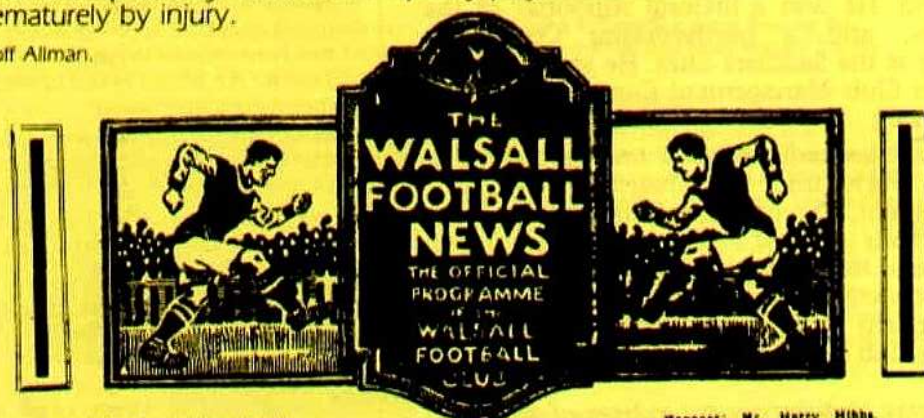
April 17th, 1948.

Today we look back to our last home game of 1947/48 when we clinched third position in the old Division Three (South).

It was in fact the last home game for Doug Lishman before his move to Arsenal and it also marked the end of the short career of promising fullback Charlie Humphries who had helped in the signing of Doug from Paget Rangers. Charlie was never fully fit again - after a first half injury but we still managed to win 1-0 with a goal from Dennis Wilshaw early in the second half.

Fred Kelly moved into defence after Charlie's injury and it was a great loss when this splendidly versatile and speedy player also had his career ended prematurely by injury.

Geoff Allman.



WALSALL FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1948.

PRICE TWOPENCE

Notes of the Week.

As was the case at Port Vale on Saturday, one goal, with Lishman again the scorer, sufficed to give us both points against Torquay United on Thursday night, and the result put us back in the third place in the table, thanks to our advantage in goal average over Ipswich, who pulled off a win on Notts County's ground.

When Lishman, with one of the best shots we have seen on the ground this season, put us in front four minutes after the start of Thursday's match, and our team as a whole settled down to play some attractive football, we seemed set for a comfortable win.

Once more, however, there was lacking that extra bit of something which means all the difference between goals and "near things," and although the visitors had several narrow escapes, including a couple from Devlin's efforts in the closing stages, we did not succeed in again beating down their hard-worked defence.

Fortunately our own defence, although it was nearly caught napping in a United breakaway just before the interval, once more kept a clean sheet, so that Queen's Park Rangers remain the only team to score against us on our own ground in the last six matches.

On Thursday, April 29, a match will be played here for the benefit of our popular player, Gilbert Alsop. Details of the teams and other arrangements will be announced later, and we are sure that a splendid response will be forthcoming from our supporters.

Our Visitors.

SWINDON TOWN.

SWINDON Town's record suggests that if their attack had been as successful as their defence they would probably have at least equalled last season's achievement, when they finished fourth in the Southern Section table. Whilst, however, they have conceded only 37 goals, an average of about one per match, they have themselves scored only three more, so that whilst they have been a difficult side to beat—only four clubs in the Southern Section have suffered fewer defeats—they have not had quite sufficient "push" in the forward line to turn the scale in their favour. The upshot of it all up to date has been that Aldershot alone have fewer victories to their credit, and the "Railwaymen" have the distinction of having played more drawn games than any other club in the whole of the Football League.

Four of their victories have been gained on opponents' grounds, the most notable of them being that by 2-0 over Queen's Park Rangers at Shepherd's Bush. The other three were gained in successive matches—1-0 at Ipswich, 3-2 at Reading and 3-0 at Leyton. Drawn games have been played at Torquay, Aldershot, Norwich, Crystal Palace, Northampton and Bristol City.

Last season the Town beat us here by 1-0, and they were also successful on their visits in 1927-28 (2-1), and 1937-38 (3-2), and they divided the points in 1928-29 and 1939-40. On the three occasions when we have beaten them here we have made a good job of it—by 1-0 in 1925-26, 5-2 in 1936-37, and 3-0, in 1938-39, while we completed a goal "double" by winning 1-1 at Swindon as well.

WALSALL

LEWIS (1)

HUMPHRIES (2)

WALTERS (4)

DEVLIN (5)

CONDIE (7)

FOULKES (8)

MCGOWAN (9)

SKIDMORE (8)

NEWMAN (6)

LISHMAN (10)

WILSHAW (11)

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Walsall—Claret and Blue.

Swindon Town—Red.

Referee: MR. R. M. GRIFFITHS (Newport, Mon.)

Linesmen:

Messrs. J. W. Handford (Blues) and J. H. Irving (Reds.)

BAIN (11)

JONES (10)

WILLIAMS (6)

LLOYD (5)

OWEN (9)

ITHELL (8)

DRYDEN (8)

PAINTER (4)

PREECE (2)

MAGUIRE (7)

BOULTON (1)

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION III (South)

Our 3-0 win at Stoke recalled that brave F.A. Cup win in 1966 when as a Third Division team playing with ten men for most of the game we beat the First Division Potters 2-0. This was Stoke's first home defeat in Division Two since early December and it virtually ended their hopes of a playoff place. Though we have won only two away games this season both have been by 3-0 margins and it is also interesting to note that in all five of our wins this season have achieved a clean sheet.

It was interesting to see former Shrews' striker Colin Robinson on the mark in Birmingham's 2-0 win over Blackburn, who had not lost any of their previous seven games and are still well-placed for a playoff place. This was Blues' second home win since November, the other being against Walsall and it was the first time they had won a league game by more than a single goal margin for 18 months.

Though there were only two Second Division games played on Tuesday they could both have a bearing on playoff places. Crystal Palace who had seemed to have second place within their sights went down 1-0 to the home side, Swindon Town, who themselves moved up into sixth place to give them a chance of contesting the playoffs for a place in Division One where they have never played before. Swindon's recent

SOCCER SCENE

with Geoff Allman

home record is a remarkable one for in six games they have taken 12 points and yet have scored only five goals.

Barnsley too have an outside chance of a first Division place for the first time ever. They chalked up their third successive away win, 2-1 at Plymouth on Tuesday to follow up their remarkable 2-1 win at Manchester City on Saturday with former Nuneaton defender Malcolm Shotton netting for the second away game in succession.

Hull City are still not completely safe, dropping two points on Saturday in a 1-1 draw with Oldham whom they had beaten on each of their last three visits to Boothferry Park. New striker Ian McParland from Notts County opened his Hull account in Saturday's 1-1 draw.

Four wins in their last four home games against Leicester and five wins and three draws in their last eight games is Watford's current record as they strive to emulate Chelsea in climbing straight back up to Division One. The only unusual feature of

Chelsea's win over Leeds on Saturday was that it was only by a single goal margin and that the goal came from John Bumstead, who had not scored since September when oddly enough the opponents were also Leeds. Chelsea have now won seven of their last nine home games and seven of their last eight away games.

Showing better form than at any time this season Oxford have now won six and drawn three of their last nine home games to pull them out of any danger. Former Manchester City man Paul Simpson got a hat-trick in Saturday's 3-1 win over Bournemouth they have now slipped nearly to mid-table after four successive defeats.

Meanwhile in Division Four a battle royal is developing for the right to stay in the Football League. Colchester's 2-1 win over Wrexham on Tuesday took their current record to five wins and two draws in their last seven home games and they are now just one point behind Darlington, who on

Saturday spiked Scarborough's promotion guns by inflicting on them a 2-1 defeat.

What a topsy-turvy time Torquay United are currently having. Just three days after their sensational 2-0 win at Molineux to reach the Sherpa Van final they crashed 4-0 at home to Exeter City, this being their biggest home defeat since crashing 6-1 to Wimbledon in February 1979. Three days after that they had recovered well enough to beat York City 2-0.

What an odd situation is developing in Division Three with none of the top teams showing any sort of form at home. Wolves not only lost their Sherpa Van home leg against Fourth Division Torquay but in the course of their last three league games at Molineux have lost to Bristol Rovers and drawn with Swansea. Port Vale have lost two and drawn one of their last four home games and Sheffield United have been held to a draw in two of their last three home games.

Even fourth place Bristol Rovers have drawn three of their last four home games just when the lapses of teams above them could have put them in line for second place after four successive away wins. None of the teams battling for playoffs are getting consistent results either, but clues as to the ultimate destination of these may have been afforded by Fulham's recent win at Brentford and Preston's recent win at Chester.

Finally in Division One hats off to Charlton, who again seem to be holding on to their First Division place against the odds and on Saturday beat Manchester United 1-0 and to Nottingham Forest who after the traumas of Hillsborough produced a sparkling display to win 4-3 at Middlesbrough, this being their eleventh win in 12 away games. All the top four teams in Division One have now won more away games than home games.

THE ANSWERS

Crossword: Across: 1. director; 6. (Henry) Armstrong; 7. Eclipse; 8. Tomado; 11. repurchase; 12. end-to-end. Down: 2. Innest; 3. Cnfs; 4. Roger Jones; 5. racecourse; 9. (Steve) Overit; 10. Alun (Prost).
 FITNESS TEST:
 Stop/Ping/Scout/Ting.

FIXTURES	SCORE	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
27-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-2	6,178	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A(2)	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
30-STREWSBURY TOWN L.C.1 1L	2-2	4,579	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
3-MANCHESTER CITY	2-2	17,104	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
6-SHREWSBURY TOWN L.C.1 2L	3-0	5,552	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
10-CRYSTAL PALACE	0-0	6,525	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
15-West Bromwich Albion	0-0	13,977	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
20-BIRMINGHAM CITY	5-0	8,780	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
24-STOKE CITY	1-2	7,785	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Taylor A	Christie	Naughton	Hawker	Marsh
28-Liverpool L.C. Rd2. 1st L	0-1	18,084	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Pritchard + Doman
OCTOBER															
1-Hull City	0-0	4,845	Barber	Taylor M	Doman	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
4-Chelsea	0-2	6,747	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
8-SUNDERLAND	2-0	6,150	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
12-LIVERPOOL L.C. Rd2. 2nd L	1-3	12,015	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
15-Stremsbury Town	0-0	5,026	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
22-PORTSMOUTH	1-1	5,626	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
28-Brighton	2-2	8,311	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
28-WATFORD	0-1	6,682	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	Bertschin	Taylor A	Pritchard	Naughton	Marsh	Marsh
NOVEMBER															
5-Oldham Athletic	0-3	5,760	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Christie	James P	Banton	Naughton	Marsh	Bertschin
8-Jewell Town	1-3	9,067	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Christie	James P	Banton	Naughton	Marsh	Bertschin
12-LEICESTER CITY	0-1	6,895	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	James P	Christie	Banton	Naughton	Marsh	Bertschin
19-BLACKBURN ROVERS	0-0	5,848	Barber	Taylor M	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Hawker	James P	Christie	Banton	Naughton	Marsh	Bertschin
22-Crystal Palace SCRD.1	2-4	2,883	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Naughton	James P	Christie	Banton	Pritchard	Bertschin	Bertschin
26-Swindon Town	0-1	5,328	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Mower	James P	Christie	Banton	Pritchard	Bertschin	Goodwin
DECEMBER															
3-LEEDS UNITED	0-3	6,885	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hawker	Mower	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Hart	Pritchard
10-Barnsley	0-1	5,173	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
17-Bournemouth	1-2	6,500	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
26-OXFORD UNITED	1-5	6,332	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
31-BRADFORD CITY	0-1	5,366	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
JANUARY															
2-Crystal Palace	0-4	9,352	Barber	Doman	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
7-Brentford FAC Rd.3	1-1	5,375	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
10-Brentford FAC Rd.3 replay	0-1	8,163	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
14-PSWITCH TOWN	2-4	4,623	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
21-Plymouth Argyle	0-2	11,505	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Rees	Goodwin	Bertschin	Christie	James P	Rees	Naughton
FEBRUARY															
4-CHELSEA	0-7	6,860	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Christie	James P	Hawker	Goodwin	Rees
11-Sunderland	3-0	14,203	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Rimmer	Bertschin	Rees	Goodwin	Taylor
18-Preston	1-1	7,310	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Rimmer	Bertschin	Rees	Goodwin	Taylor
25-SHREWSBURY TOWN	1-1	5,871	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Rimmer	Bertschin	Rees	Goodwin	Taylor
28-BRIGHTON	1-0	4,613	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Rimmer	Bertschin	Rees	Goodwin	Taylor
MARCH															
4-Leicester City	0-1	9,375	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Christie	Goodwin	Rees	Hawker	Naughton
11-OLDHAM ATHLETIC	0-2	5,576	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Christie	Goodwin	Rees	Hawker	Naughton
18-Birmingham City	1-0	6,558	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Christie	Goodwin	Rees	Hawker	Naughton
25-MANCHESTER CITY	3-3	7,562	Barber	Doman	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hart	Pritchard	Rimmer	Christie	Goodwin	Rees	Hawker	Naughton
27-Oxford United	0-1	5,101	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hawker	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Taylor	Goldsmith
APRIL															
1-WEST BROMWICH ALBION	0-0	9,520	Barber	Rees	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Smith	Hawker	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
4-BOURNEMOUTH	1-1	3,619	Barber	Rees	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hawker	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
8-Bradford City	1-3	8,763	Barber	Rees	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hawker	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
15-HULL CITY	1-1	3,953	Barber	Rees	Taylor M	Shakespeare	Forbes	Hawker	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
18-Warford	0-5	9,777	Barber	Rees	Hawker	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
22-Stoke City	3-0	8,132	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
26-SWINDON TOWN	3-0	8,132	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
MAY															
1-Leeds United	1-1	11,505	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
6-Blackburn Rovers	1-1	11,505	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
LETSBARNBURN	1-1	11,505	Barber	Rees	Mower	Shakespeare	Forbes	Smith	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Naughton	Hart	Goldsmith
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SADDLERS' FACTS

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE

30-HALIFAX TOWN	AUGUST 1988	2-0 O'Hara; Goldsmith.
13-LINCOLN CITY	SEPTEMBER	2-0 Goldsmith; Jones PA.
20-Hartlepool United	3-1 Williams; Jones M (penalty); Marsh.	
7-Chester City	OCTOBER	3-4 Callaghan; Jones M; Evason.
11-Shrewsbury Town	4-3 Goldsmith; Callaghan, Heath, Smith.	
17-Northampton Town	1-2 Pritchard	
26-CHESTERFIELD	Cancelled	
2-Wolves LC Rd.1	NOVEMBER	0-2
22-Halifax Town	0-2	
28-Peterborough United	1-2 Goldsmith	
13-SCARBOROUGH	DECEMBER	2-1 Goldsmith & O.G.
21-Birmingham City	Cancelled	
3-TRAMMERE ROVERS	JANUARY 1989	3-0 Goldsmith; Banton; Rees.
18-BIRMINGHAM CITY	2-1 Naughton p; Evason.	
25-Wolves	1-2 Banton	
30-Lincoln City	1-2 Marsh	
8-SHREWSBURY TOWN	FEBRUARY	2-1 Page 2
21-NORTHAMPTON TOWN	0-1	
7-Chesterfield	MARCH	4-0 Bertschin; Jones P; Eves 2.
14-WOLVES	0-0	
21-Tramere Rovers	1-2	
28-CHESTER CITY	2-2 Goldsmith 2	
3-Birmingham City	APRIL	1-0 Jones M.
12-PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5-1 Bertschin 3; Jones M; Goldsmith.	
17-HARTLEPOOL UNITED	2-0	
19-Scarborough	0-2	
25-WREXHAM	MAY	
3-Wrexham		

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	42	26	11	5	87	45	89
Manchester City	42	22	10	10	68	46	76
Watford	42	20	11	11	67	47	71
Crystal Palace	41	20	10	11	62	45	70
Swindon Town	42	18	14	10	60	49	68
Blackburn Rovers	42	19	11	12	67	56	68
WBA	42	16	17	9	61	40	65
Barnsley	42	16	14	11	59	54	65
Ipswich Town	42	18	7	17	63	61	61
Leeds United	42	15	14	13	52	45	59
Stoke City	41	15	13	13	52	61	58
Bournemouth	42	17	6	19	47	55	57
Sunderland	42	14	13	15	56	58	55
Oxford United	42	14	12	16	59	58	54
Leicester City	42	13	14	15	50	55	53
Bradford City	42	12	16	14	48	53	52
Portsmouth	42	13	12	17	50	53	51
Brighton	42	14	7	21	54	61	49
Plymouth Argyle	42	13	10	19	50	62	49
Oldham Athletic	42	10	18	14	69	67	48
Hull City	42	11	13	18	51	62	46
Shrewsbury Town	42	8	15	19	36	62	39
Walsall	42	5	15	22	38	71	30
Birmingham City	42	6	11	25	28	68	29

GATES TO DATE

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	40,070	16,033	22,699
Leeds United	33,325	15,657	22,547
Chelsea	30,332	6,747	16,174
Sunderland	21,994	9,427	15,359
WBA	22,960	7,248	12,965
Ipswich Town	15,521	9,067	12,914
Watford	15,747	8,667	12,346
Leicester City	19,466	7,750	10,749
Bradford City	13,046	7,553	10,549
Portsmouth	15,263	7,145	10,331
Stoke City	24,056	7,025	10,165
Crystal Palace	12,444	7,006	10,097
Brighton	12,600	6,311	9,167
Plymouth Argyle	10,619	8,468	8,908
Blackburn Rovers	16,727	5,724	8,857
Swindon Town	11,347	5,540	8,691
Bournemouth	11,000	5,499	8,064
Oldham Athletic	19,200	4,550	7,421
Barnsley	9,879	4,937	7,389
Hull City	11,472	4,845	7,032
Oxford United	11,427	4,385	6,643
Birmingham City	11,707	4,026	6,437
Walsall	9,520	3,619	6,249
Shrewsbury	8,271	2,457	4,678

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

27-LEICESTER CITY	AUGUST 1988	1-1 Evanson
3-Mansfield Town	SEPTEMBER	2-2 McAlear(pen); Knight
10-NOTTIS COUNTY	1-1 Smith	
17-Notts Forest	1-4 Beckett	
24-PETERBOROUGH UNITED	3-1 Callimore 2; Dykes.	
1-Port Vale	OCTOBER	2-3 Callimore; Beckett.
15-Stoke City	1-0 Street	
20-W.B.A.	1-3 Dykes (penalty).	
9-MANSFIELD TOWN LC Rd. 1	NOVEMBER	1-2 Beckett
12-Wolves	3-0	
19-ASTON VILLA	1-2 Dykes	
26-Birmingham City	1-2 Boddams	
17-Derby County	DECEMBER	1-2 Asson
7-DERBY COUNTY	JANUARY 1989	2-3 Evanson; Sweeney.
14-Leicester City	0-7	
21-MANSFIELD TOWN	1-3 Boddams	
28-Notts County	0-6	
4-NOTTIS FOREST	FEBRUARY	1-2 O'Hara (penalty);
11-Peterborough United	2-1	Evanson; and own goal.
18-PORT VALE	2-5 O'Hara; Boddams.	
4-WOLVES	MARCH	2-0 Kerrigan; Evanson.
15-COVENTRY CITY	0-6	
25-SHREWSBURY TOWN	2-1 Knight; Beckett;	
1-STOKE CITY	APRIL	0-1
8-Coventry City	1-3 Knight	
15-BIRMINGHAM CITY	2-1 Knight	
29-Aston Villa		

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Fellows Park Line Up

WALSALL

FRED BARBER	1
MARK REES	2
KENNY MOWER	3
CRAIG SHAKESPEARE	4
GRAEME FORBES	5
DEAN SMITH	6
HOWARD PRITCHARD	7
STUART RIMMER	8
ANDY SAVILLE	9
PHIL HAWKER	10
WILLIE NAUGHTON	11
	12
	14

White Shirts, Shorts and Stockings.

SWINDON TOWN

FRASER DIGBY	1
DAVE HOCKADAY	2
PHIL KING	3
TOMMY JONES	4
COLIN CALDERWOOD	5
TIM PARKIN	6
STEVE FOLEY	7
DUNCAN SHEARER	8
ALAN McLOUGHLIN	9
ROSS MACLAREN	10
STEVE WHITE	11
	12
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Reserve Official - A.M.GARRATT

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