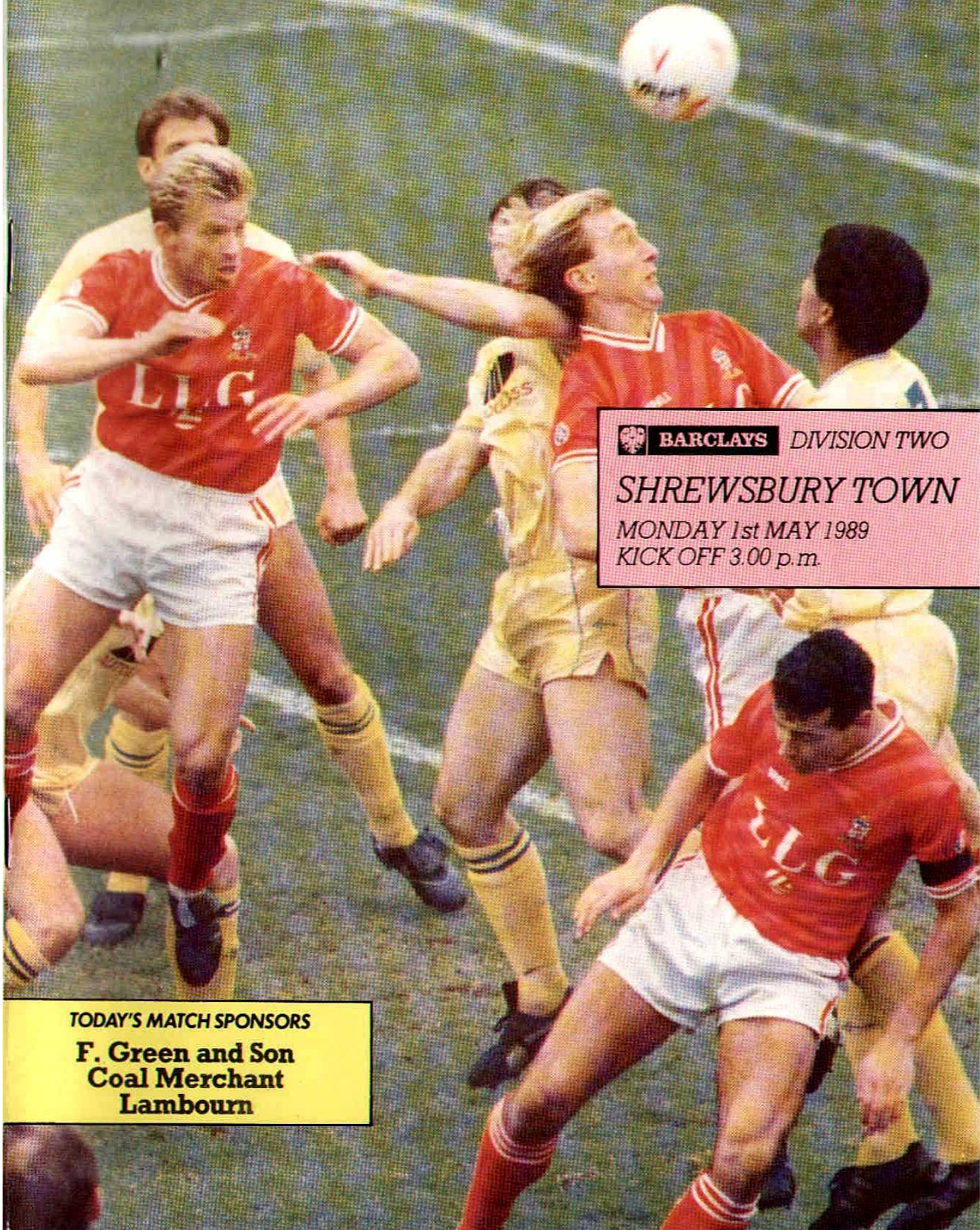


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MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

A WEEK OF SUCCESS

Following a week of success, in terms of results and points collected, the pressure to obtain a definite result against Crystal Palace became very important.

The previous week we had collected a point at home against Watford and then took full points from our visits to Birmingham City and Brighton. The team that is able to keep their nerve will eventually achieve what they are seeking. To some extent it is easier to play away. Our results in those matches I have mentioned proved that. However, we must not forget that Watford had a lot more to play for than either Birmingham City or Brighton.

LAYING THE PALACE 'BOGEY'

The match with Crystal Palace was a predictable hard fought game with a single goal deciding the outcome.

At least we laid the Crystal Palace 'Bogey' and took three vital points. One goal can often decide an important match. The penalty miss in the second half was unimportant in the final outcome. The miss will not effect Ross Maclaren for he will score more than he will ever miss.

IT'S UP TO US

Without knowing the outcome of our match at Walsall we shall have our final destiny for a place in the play-offs in our own hands.

Shrewsbury Town may come to the

County Ground this afternoon already relegated to the Third Division. If we apply ourselves in the right manner and take the maximum points from today's match and again on Saturday against Stoke City we shall be well on the way to ensuring a place in the play-offs.

COLIN A FINE EXAMPLE

At a time when holidays concern players minds, we hope that we shall be able to continue to harness their attention to carrying on a little longer.

It probably appears these days as though the season never ends, but after a hard winter slog it's important not to throw away a seasons work in the last two or three matches of the season. Injuries have to be overcome and knocks ignored. The example of Colin Calderwood to play last week typifies his determination, character and fitness. Colin showed a good example and as the Captain this is important.

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Can I appeal to the people of Swindon to give us as much support as possible in the next week or so, a lot is at stake.

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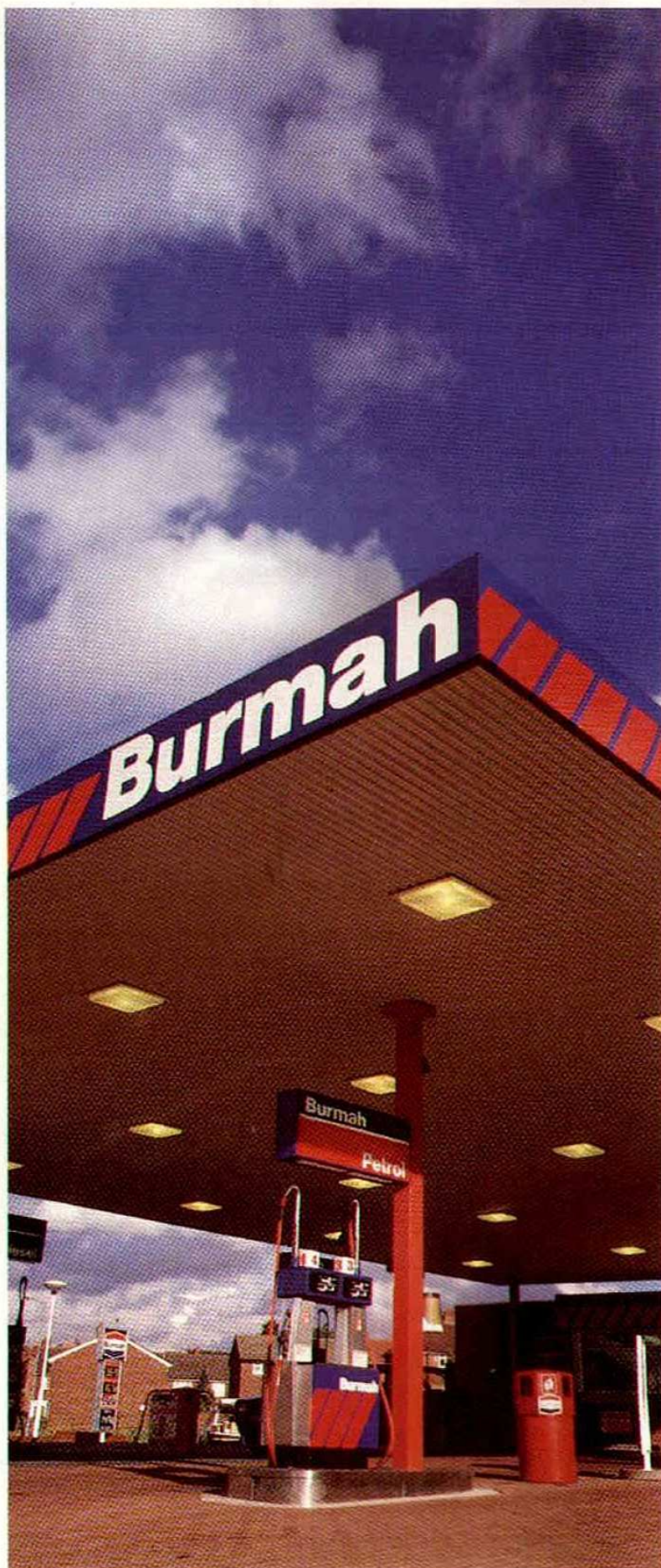
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REAL ENTERTAINMENT

After over a week of debate and mourning, football regained some normality at the County Ground last Tuesday as the 'Town' stepped up their play-off challenge against Crystal Palace in a match that brought genuine excitement in a home match for the first time in quite a while.

Bank Holiday deadlines prevent comment on Saturdays game at Walsall, but I'm sure that another rain soaked trip to Fellows Park can't have compared with the blood and thunder of a promotion battle.

Palace were something of a disappointment, with their constant use of the elbow when jumping skywards and ability to always keep their studs at head height when challenging in midfield.

Physical play is far from unknown at the County Ground, but the 'Eagles' were by far the most violent visitors so far this season.

What a fierce promotion fixture really needs is strong flexible refereeing, with tight control at all times and good communication. Unfortunately the League provided a referee with all of the opposite characteristics. Does the League list really need another referee eager to stamp his own personality on the game rather than any authority? Constant shows of self importance in over ruling linesmen and flourishing yellow card coupled with inconsistent action on niggling fouls frustrate players and crowd alike.

WE DON'T NEED THESE 'MORONS'

Further frustration for me personally comes from the morons in the Shrivensham Road enclosure who persist in engaging in racist chanting when the opposition field a black player, apart from the bad image of football supporters it displays, it also brings an unpleasant edge to an entertaining evening. Their rendition of the monkey chorus just about sums up what is usually going on in their tiny minds.

Despite further reasons behind the decline in referee recruitment and some supporters efforts to mimic

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

Leeds' racist fraction, the feeling on leaving the ground last Tuesday had to be one of relief and pleasure as another of Steve White's offside trap beating goals brought us victory. The highly entertaining Palace match was a welcome change from the frustrations at the County Ground of late as we have dropped point after point against our promotion rivals.

ST ANDREWS IS SO DEPRESSING

Harking back to our recent visit to St Andrews, it was depressing to see Birmingham City in such a state after suffering at the hands of an apparent asset stripper. An excellent City alternative publication 'Tired and Weary' presented its own view of City's demise and pointed the finger straight at one person, it also featured a form of sponsorship that would earn many Clubs a great deal of money,

pledging cash for each booking and sending off. Sadly such tongue in cheek humour does not go down well with those who want to slickly market football rather than experience and protect it.

All in all, it was very sad to see a group of such committed fans suffering circumstances that should not befall any Club, let alone one with Birmingham City's former stature and overall potential.

WE NEED CONSISTENT POLICIES

Hopefully the Hillsborough disaster appeal will spark a supplementary injection of cash from all sectors into improving safety and facilities at the grounds which need it most. The appeal cannot be allowed to close with the very reason for its existence being ignored. The British eagerness to donate following such a disaster is in danger of clouding the underlying problem of safety improvements, football must not end up like the London Underground, where safety was investigated but no effective improvements seemingly made.

There are so many muddled issues being discussed both inside and outside the game at the moment, that priorities are being obscured, often by financial considerations. The sport seems unable to choose whether to develop a family image, executive box policy or consolidate its hardcore of support, its attempts to do all three at once are creating a mish-mash which threatens to alienate the very people that the Clubs and authorities should be hanging on to.

The events of the past season and the past month in particular have made it clear that football must develop some consistent policies and form a structured hierarchy including significant input from the supporters themselves, without this the game is doomed to decline amid confusion and legislation that it is too disorganised to oppose.

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Here at Swindon Town we have discussed the question of the County Ground in great detail, not only with our Consultant Engineers, but also at Boardroom level. We are naturally guided by the experts and following exhaustive consultation with Husband and Co I was assured a disaster, the like of which was experienced at Hillsborough, could not occur at the County Ground.

DIFFERENCES AND ALSO OUR DILLIGENCE
There are significant differences between Hillsborough and the County Ground. Our perimeter fencing is of modern design and only installed within this current season. The gates are double and you only have to look around this stadium on a matchday to understand the high profile stewarding.

I can assure the supporters of this Club that we are continually following every suggestion and recommendation of the safety authorities. Regular meetings between Club officials and the safety committee have ensured that you, the public, are to the forefront of safety consideration. The Directors of

this Club continually discuss safety aspects and you only have to consider the vast amount of money spent on safety on the North Stand and the Stratton Bank area at the County Ground to prove the high standards not only imposed here but also put into operation.

OUR PLAYERS MORE RESOLUTE
The fine form we have shown recently in obtaining results may well result in Swindon Town Football Club being involved in the end of season play-offs. With so few points separating so many Clubs each game becomes vital and crucial. Our players have shown a resolution that others would have been pleased to have shown. Others have faltered. Our experience in recent seasons will be of benefit in the final analysis.

It is often easier to play away from the County Ground, the pressure is less intense and it is easier for us to counter attack. Our style of play is ideal to do this and we have caught many teams on the break this season. The achievements that the players have sought on behalf of this Club have brought success few of us could have dreamt of a few years ago.

WE CANNOT MAKE A DECISION YET
It is always helpful to our supporters to be able to advise them at this

stage of the season of administration prices and the cost of season tickets for next season.

We are unable to do so, simply because we do not know our destination for next season. First Division or Second? Whatever the outcome we will let you know as soon as possible. I am sure you can understand the dilemma that we as a Board of Directors face but we hope to make those decisions at our next meeting.

A MOST EFFECTIVE SUBSTITUTE
We all enjoyed a recent quiz organised by the Supporters Club, which involved the Directors of the Football Club, the players, media and supporters.

The poor weather that evening obviously affected the attendance but everyone enjoyed themselves. The players won the quiz with a team consisting of Alan McLoughlin, Nicky Hammond and Neil Tomlinson. The media team of Shaun Hodgetts (GWR), Dave Eaton (Evening Advertiser) and Vic Morgan (Wiltshire Sound) were second. The Directors consisting of myself, Mr C. Green and Mr R. Mattick were third and the supporters team of Sean Murphy, David Smith and Nick Paish, finished last. Mind the players were allowed a substitute with John Menham proving the most effective used by Lou Macari this season! John virtually won the cup on his own.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

I'M STAYING - BUT - WAITING TO GO!

Tony Dorigo is ready to complete the last two years of his contract with **Chelsea**. The Australian born defender will set his sights on a return to Italy - where his parents come from.

"I think the European style could suit my game more and playing anywhere in Italy would be nice," says Tony. He was seeking a transfer but admits he is now much happier at Chelsea now. "I think we can do very well in the First Division next season and not merely survive. At the start of the season I was keen for a move because I was worried playing in the Second Division would affect my place in the England Squad."

IT HAPPENED!

Did you realise that within the relatively short space of eighteen months we **twice** conceded **seven** goals in a match to **Shrewsbury Town**? It happened on May 6th, 1955 when we lost **7-0** at **Gay Meadow** and on **December 29th, 1956** when we were defeated **7-3** in our last away match of that year. The Town goalscorers were **Bob Edwards (2)** and **Gordon Pembrey**. We have yet to defeat the Gay Meadow Club in any Cup competition.

The highest crowd recorded for a match between the two Clubs is the **20,273** who saw the Town defeat Shrewsbury Town **1-0** on **May 14th, 1963** and so gain promotion to the **Second Division** for the **first time**. The Town goalscorer was **Roger Smart** who is now a publican in Devizes Road in the Old Town.

QUOTES... QUOTES... QUOTES... QUOTES...

"Chelsea should be the most glamorous Club in London, despite all the hype about the golden days of the past it has never really achieved anything in 80 years part from a couple of Cup wins in the early 1970's. But now I think we could be on the way to genuine success. Bobby Campbell has done a marvellous job and if he wants a new contract he only has to ask," said **Ken Bates** the **Stamford bridge** Club

Chairman... "This Club should be the Manchester United of the South and now we are back where we belong we can start to look for real success," said **Bobby Campbell, Chelsea Manager**

... Veteran Plymouth player **John Matthews** said, "I'm very disappointed that a former PFA chairman can conduct himself in this way." This remark was made following Steve Coppell's reprimand in the dugout at Home Park by Supt. Bob Stone... **John Duncan** the **Ipswich Town Manager**...

"We're still in with a chance but one wrong result and we'll be out of the running"... **Watford's Glyn Hodges** "I went past a defender but he just managed to toe the ball away and I ended up kicking his foot. A fractured bone in the ankle is a real blow. I was really enjoying my football."

WE MAY PULL OUT

Plymouth Argyle are considering pulling their Reserve team out of the **Great Mills Western League Premier Division** at the end of the season. No decision has been taken yet but

Manager **Ken Brown** is reported to be putting a case for the Club to quit the League to his Directors shortly. A decision to leave will bring Argyle a £500 fine for failing to notify the League by December 31st of their possible withdrawal. Bristol City withdrew last season.

FOLLOWING

THE BRIGHTON ROCK!

Brighton Manager, Barry Lloyd said of **Swindon Town** "Swindon never stopped battling and gave us no quarter. All credit to them. In general we were not determined enough and that is one of the reasons why we are in our current League position and why Swindon are near the top. The style Swindon adopt caused our back four problems but best of luck to them."

Former Town striker **Garry Nelson** said "they play to a certain pattern which makes it difficult to play against. They let you play all your football in front of them but don't let you get behind. They have every chance of making the play-offs playing like that."

SHREWSBURY TOWN HAVE NOT WON A LEAGUE MATCH AT THE COUNTY GROUND SINCE NOVEMBER 11th 1961!

David 'Bronco' Layne is the only Swindon Town player to score a hat-trick against today's visitors at the County Ground in a 4-2 win on **March 12th 1960**. The other Town goalscorer was **Ernie Hunt**, before a crowd of 7,595.

Bill Roost is the only Town player to record a hat-trick at Gay Meadow in a 3-1 win on **December 7th 1957**.

Our highest win at the County Ground was recorded on **September 30th 1977** when we defeated **Shrewsbury Town 5-0**. The 6,810 in attendance saw **Chris Kamara, Steve Aizlewood, David Moss, Chris Guthrie** and **John Trollope** score the Town goals.

Shrewsbury Town have only scored four goals in their last ten appearances at the County Ground, one of those goals coming from the penalty spot. That was last season when **Tim Steel**, now of **Wolverhampton Wanderers**, scored a late equaliser in the 1-1 draw.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope**, playing at full back, scored in both League matches during the 1977 season. John scored at **Gay Meadow** on **March 19th** and here at the County Ground on **September 30th!**

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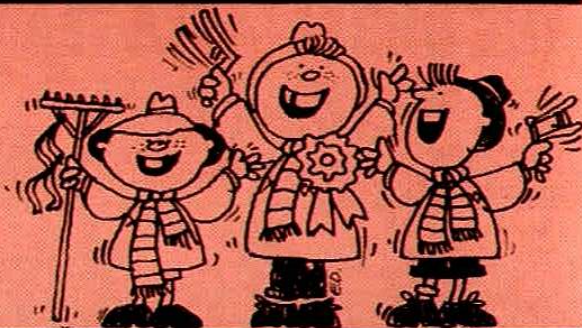
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My Day at the County Ground

On Thursday 30th of March I went to the Swindon Town Funday at the County Ground. I went with my friend Andrew Bowes. In the bar, (where we had to meet) we were told what we would be doing during the day. Then we were put into groups and we were given stickers with our group number. My number was A4. After we all had stickers we went outside. We went for a run on a wide pathway which goes round the running track. After our run we had to play the 5-a-side qualifying

round. Our team played first. It was a tough game but we won 3-1. I enjoyed that game (but that wasn't because we won). Next we watched the other games. After the games we had to do some kick-ups. I'm not that good at kick-ups but I tried my best. After the kick-up competition we had to wait for our lunch. For lunch we had chips, sausage and beans (to build our energy up). After our lunch we had a tour of the ground. The tour started at the main entrance. In there they had a presentation for winning promotion into Division 3 from Division 4. Then we went up the stairs to the Board room. In there they had the trophy cabinet, and there was a large table where the board men and chairman talk about players and financial things. Then we went into the referees and linesmen

changing room. Next we saw the boot room where all the players boots were. Then we went near the pitch and sat in the dugout. After that we went into the bar, and a referee told us about the laws of the game. Then the teams that were in the next round of the 5-a-side. My team was in the semi final. We lost 2-0. After the Final we all went indoors. The winners and runners up got plaques. We all got a Swindon Town Pencil. That was the end of a well enjoyed day.

I'd like to thank Mr. Mattick very, very much and to thank the Avco company for organising and sponsoring the day.

From Paul Colman
Nythe School
Age 10

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Any hopes that **Stoke City** have cherished of reaching the play-offs have ended in some disappointing results in the last few weeks. Relegated **Walsall** picked up their first win in eleven matches with a hard earned victory at the **Victoria Ground** on April 22nd.

The 3-0 defeat was also significant for former town midfielder player **Chris Kamara** was sent off in the thirtieth minute of this match. Chris had been booked for a foul on Willie Naughton and then received the red card for a back-handed swipe at Walsall midfielder player Craig Shakespeare. This was a match in which another former Town player **Dave Bamber** had a miserable afternoon and was eventually

replaced in the second half.

Peter Beagrie who has been responsible for many of City's better performances this season returned from injury in this match. Peter's absence in recent weeks is seen as one of the main contributory factors for the Potteries Club's recent loss of form.

Stoke City look destined for a mid table position when the final whistle of the season blows.

Stoke City have conceded more goals in away matches (41) than any other Second Division team except Plymouth Argyle. The Victoria ground Club's Manager **Mick Mills** has built an experienced squad which includes former Wolverhampton goalkeeper **Scott Barrett** and central defender **George Berry**.

Garry Hackett who will be able to renew acquaintances with his former Shrewsbury Town Manager 'Chic' Bates and his team-mate at Aberdeen - Tommy Jones. **Tony Henry**, once of

Manchester City and Oldham Athletic, along with **Nicky Morgan** late of Portsmouth are other players with a wealth of experience. Ambition for this season is now past for Stoke City and the Town will have met more resolute opponents this season.

Our last match of the season will be played on the artificial surface of **Oldham Athletic**. The **Boundary Park** Club have generally disappointed this season and just one solitary away win in League games probably emphasises their real problem. The artificial surface always guarantees that Clubs will collect their fair share of points at home although only Preston North End in the Third Division have been able to capitalise on what is generally regarded as an unfair advantage for those Clubs with the synthetic surface. Luton Town in the First Division and Oldham Athletic in the Second have struggled this season.

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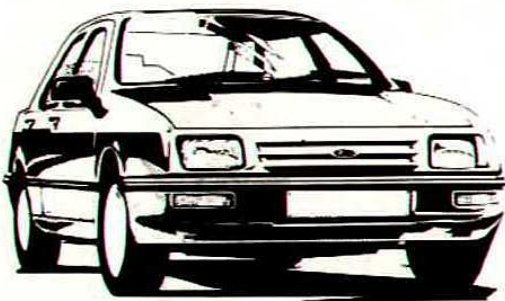
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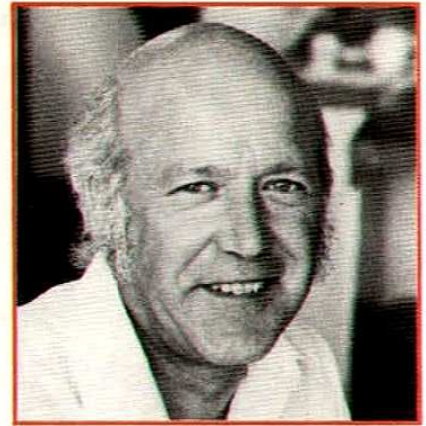
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SHREWSBURY TOWN



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: Richard Pratley, Alan Finlay, Ken Hughes, Steve Perks, Richard Green, Dougie Bell.

Standing: Paul Tester (now Hereford United), David Geddis (now Swindon Town), Neil Smith, David Moyes, Alan Irvine, Wayne Williams (now Northampton Town), Phil Priest.

Sitting: Colin Griffin (Coach), Bernard McNally, Jim Melrose, Victor Kasule, Ian McNeill (Manager), Brian Williams, Mickey Brown, Les Helm (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Micky Thomas, Tim Steel (now Wolverhampton Wanderers), John Narbett (now Hereford United), Garry Osbourne.

Shrewsbury Town Football Club was founded in 1886 and the Club has made considerable progress since attaining Football League status in 1950. The present ground is in a picturesque setting at the Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury, adjacent to the River Severn and in beautiful surroundings. Almost three sides of the ground are covered and recent additions include a new office and administrative block,

a Club shop, a modern stand seating over 4,000 and dressing room accommodation.

Shrewsbury entered League football in the autumn of 1950, and had one season in the old Third Division North, followed by seven seasons in the Southern Section. Promotion was gained from the newly formed Fourth Division in 1958/59, and apart from one season, 1973/74 in the Fourth

Division, the Club remained in the Third Division until season 1978/79 when they won the Third Division Championship and were promoted to Division Two. Twice in seasons 83/84 and 84/85 eighth place was achieved – the Clubs highest League placing.

This ten year stint in the Second Division though, is in grave danger of coming to an end. At the time these notes were penned Shrewsbury looked favourites to join Walsall and Birmingham in the drop to the Third. They lie in 22nd place, seven points adrift of Hull above them, but with only four games left.

The ground holds 18,000 people in comfort and great steps have been taken in the last few years to make Gay Meadow a modern well appointed enclosure. The record attendance is 18,917 versus Walsall in a Football League match on 29th April, 1961. In 1978/79 Shrewsbury Town created a Club record by reaching the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup being defeated narrowly by Wolves in a replay.

Former Manager, Arthur Rowley, is the holder of the record number of goals to be scored by any player in Football League matches, and up to his retirement at the end of 1964/65 season he had scored 434 goals, this also

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beating the Scottish record held by Jimmy McGory.

Chic Bates, now here at Swindon, signed for the second time for Shrewsbury in December, 1980 was appointed player/Manager in July 1984 when Graham Turner was appointed Manager of Aston Villa. Chic Bates left in December, 1987 when Ian McNeill was appointed Manager. Other Managers have been Sammy Crooks ex-Derby and England; Walter Rowley ex-Bolton; Harry Potts, Arthur Rowley, Harry Gregg, Maurice Evans, Alan Durban and Richie Barker.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Ian McNeill (Manager). Appointed Manager in December 1987 in succession to Chic Bates. Previously Manager at Wigan and assistant at Chelsea. During his playing career saw service with Aberdeen, Leicester, Brighton and Southend.

Michael Brown (Forward). Age 21. Born Birmingham. Regular first team player. Scored 5 goals last season in 41 appearances.

Alan Finley (Defender). Close season signing from Marine in the Northern Premier League. 20 year old, central defender who was born in Liverpool.

Richard Green (Defender). Age 21. Born Wolverhampton. Strong tackling player who joined the club as a centre forward. Made 31 appearances last season.

Ken Hughes (Goalkeeper). Age 23. Welsh born he was signed from Crystal Palace at the start of the 1986/87 season. The understudy to Steve Perks.

Alan Irvine (Forward). Age 26. Born Broxburn. Signed in February 1988 from Dundee United. Liverpool paid £100,000 to take Alan from Falkirk before he returned to Scotland with Dundee United.

Victor Kasule (Forward). Born Glasgow. Age 23. Signed for Shrewsbury from Meadowbank Thistle in January 1988. Previously played with Albion Rovers and has proved a firm favourite at Shrewsbury.

Bernard McNally (Midfielder). Age 26. An Irish International. The local lad began as an apprentice. Ever present last season and supporters Player of the Year.

Jim Melrose (Forward). Age 30. Signed from Leeds United in February 1988. Man of many Clubs Jim has played with success at Partick Thistle, Leicester City, Celtic and Charlton. Born Glasgow.

Steve Perks (Goalkeeper). 26 year old, born in Shrewsbury. Signed as apprentice on leaving school and has been regular first team goalkeeper since 1984. To the start of this season had made 143 League appearances.

Richard Pratley (Defender). Age 26. Born Banbury. Signed February 1988 from Derby County. A central defender, he spent a short period on loan to Scunthorpe.



● Richard Pratley



● Tony Kelly

Tony Kelly (Midfielder). Age 24, born in Prescot. A former Liverpool apprentice but made League debut whilst with Wigan in 83/84 season. Other Clubs include Derby, Stoke, West Bromwich and Colchester.

Philip Priest (Midfielder). Age 22. England Youth International. Joined the Club from Chelsea in July 1987. Whilst at Stamford Bridge had short loan spells at both Blackpool and Brentford.

Michael Thomas (Midfielder). The 33 year old is the possessor of 61 Welsh Caps. Has had a nomadic career giving good service to Wrexham, Man. Utd, Brighton, Stoke and Chelsea. Although in the twilight of his career is still an exceptionally good and fit professional.

Graeme Worsley (Defender). Signed recently for no fee from Bootle. Has impressed in games so far.

Steve Pittman (Defender). Age 22. Signed recently from East Fife of £25,000.

David Moyes (Defender). Born Beersden. Age 26. Signed for Shrewsbury Town from Bristol City in October 1987. Previous Clubs Celtic, Cambridge Utd and Bristol City.

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RENEWING OLD FRIENDSHIPS

Good afternoon on this sunny Bank Holiday, I feel I may be just a trifle optimistic here but I can always hope. Welcome to Shrewsbury Town and their supporters, it'll be a game that a few of the Swindon camp will be looking forward to I've no doubt 'Chic' Bates, Ross Maclaren, David Geddis and Neil Thomlinson all have Shrewsbury connections so they'll be extra keen to see a Swindon victory this afternoon.

WE'RE LOOKING GOOD

The season is hotting up now as we enter the final fortnight of what has been at times fascinating, humorous and tragic. A football season brings out all sorts of memories both good and bad and I shall be having a look back over the course of the next couple of games. But as I write it might well be that Swindon's season could be extended due to the play-offs. We've had the experience of that situation before at the County Ground, who could ever forget the Heart stopping climax to the 1986/87 season.

I STILL CANT AGREE

My views on the play-offs haven't changed, I don't agree with them. After nine months of toil and sweat I can't see the justice in playing a knock-out competition which could deprive a Club of their rightful reward. That view may prove unpopular right now, but there it is. You may aim your rotten fruit now.

SUPERB FORM

Swindon's recent form has been superb, two away wins at Birmingham and Brighton (maybe three after Walsall) may set up the situation referred to above. Well done lads - well done to the travelling fans who have

continued to uphold the name of Swindon Town all season magnificently. Personally speaking your behaviour is something to be proud of, your conduct during the recent silent tributes at Birmingham and Brighton in memory of the Hillsborough victims were emotional to say the least. Football supporters get a bad press most of the time, but let's pay credit to the travelling Swindon fans - you're tremendous.

LUCKY BERGER

In the world of Grand Prix racing, the season is well under way now with its share of thrills and spills. I don't know how many of you saw, the horrific smash which led to the Ferrari of Gerhard Berger burst into flames. I did and it was quite astonishing that he was able to come out alive with relatively minor injuries. Now these racing drivers get an awful lot of money for what they do. Having seen that I reckon they deserve every penny. What amazes me even more is that Berger is prepared to race again. Good luck to you mate, rather you than me, I'll stick to my Fiat Uno.

A PLEASURE

I recently had the pleasure to take part in the annual football quiz organised by the Swindon Town supporters Club. My team who compete under the banner of the 'Media' side, came second to the players in a close fought affair. Apart from the odd question about the introduction of shin pads in the 1909/10 season directed to us, it was a fun evening. I may appear somewhat haggard but my memories of Swindon's stoneage performances are somewhat limited. Now it may seem from this I was a trifle upset to come second. Not at all... I was downright furious. Seriously though, thanks to all who organised the event and for those who attended.

DON'T FORGET ANDY

Talking of events transpiring in the near future, Andy Rowland has his testimonial dinner and match coming up. The Town Reserve team Coach has spent many loyal years at the County Ground and deserves your support. One goal sticks in my memory from the many he scored for Swindon. It was against Watford in a 2-0 victory, a fine sweeping move ended in a half volley from Andy captured by the 'Match of the Day' cameras. A fine goal from a fine player. Get your tickets now.

BRILLIANT... KENNY

As we approach the time of year when finals take place it appears that our old friend Kenny Allen may well make a Wembley bench at the end of a long and excellent career. Torquay United, the side he's given such great service to over the years, have defied the odds and reached the climax of the Sherpa Van Trophy. Congratulations big Ken, it would be great to see you pick up a winners medal. There'll be a contingent of Swindon fans there to cheer you on. We all remember your contribution during the 1985/86 Fourth Division championship season.

COME AND JOIN US... COME AND JOIN US... COME AND JOIN US...

G.W.R.F.C. have played their final game of the campaign, a well fought 2-2 draw with Handi-Gas. It was played in a fine spirit and a draw the right result, we're now looking to next season, anybody interested in playing us in a friendly can contact me on Cirencester 713581. I look forward to hearing from you.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS



● **Paul Trollope** – the Town's hardworking midfield player equalised with an unstoppable shot to earn our Youth team a 3-3 draw with Nottingham Forest at the County Ground.

A REAL CRACKER

Those who witnessed the First Leg of the Midland Youth Cup Final at the County Ground on Wednesday, April 19th, against Nottingham Forest saw one of the most entertaining matches of the season. The 3-3 scoreline left both teams with the Second Leg to decide the destiny of the Cup. Although our Youth team were twice in the lead they finally had to settle for a draw.

Overall the Town Youths created a host of chances and generally appeared to be in command. However defensive lapses cost them a vital lead to take into the Second Leg match.

The first half was one of clear dominance and the visitors rarely troubled Paul Thompson in the Town Goal. Only a series of fine saves by Kieron Mountford kept the Town at bay. Missed opportunities appeared to have deprived the Town of an interval lead and then in the 41st minute they took the lead when the Youth team's leading goalscorer **Nicky Summerbee** scored from close range.

Despite this interval lead it was soon proved to be shortlived. It took Nottingham Forest a mere five minutes after the break to draw level. After Paul Thompson had blocked a shot from Forest striker Michael Damsey the ball hobbled and Edwin Murray chasing back under pressure could only help the ball into the net for an **own goal**.

Refusing to be denied the Town fought back to regain the lead in the 60th minute when Nicky Summerbee set up a chance for **Paul Hunt** to score after his first shot had been blocked. A static Town defence conceded their new found advantage within three minutes when following a Stephen Hope corner **Nick Ashby** was allowed to stab the ball home from close range.

Another mistake in the 80th minute by central defender Gavin Sandrey allowed the irrepressible **Shaun Browne** to race through and shrug off the despairing challenge of Neil Quinn and put Forest ahead for the first time in the game.

Not to be denied the Town hit back with the best goal of the match when following a throw in by Mark Lea. Paul Hunt cut along the by-line and pulled the ball back to the edge of the penalty area where **Paul Trollope** raced onto the ball and score with a thunderous drive with three minutes of play remaining.

Although understandably disappointed the Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** was optimistic of the outcome. "It is still only half time and we still have a chance of taking the trophy. Several of the lads appeared nervous and with parents in attendance and a fair size crowd here that may have affected them. In the Second Leg there will not be so much pressure and then they will be able to relax and play their normal game."

The crowd left the County Ground enthused over the game and many expressed the view that it was the most entertaining staged at the County Ground this season. Few could disagree and all those participants had reason to feel extremely pleased with their contribution.

Swindon Town: Paul Thompson, Mark Lea, Alex Graham, Neil Quinn, Gavin Sandrey, Eddie Murray, Tony Hammersley, Paul Trollope, Nicky Summerbee, Paul Hunt.

Substitutes: Liam Dixon and Lee Spalding.

Nottingham Forest: Kieron Mountford, Kevin Sharp, Stephen Hodder, Craig Boardman, Nick Ashby, Roy Stobart, Mark Hurst, Scot Gemmill, Michael Domzey, Jiffon Browne, Stephen Hope.

Substitutes: Gary Mevitt and Gary Brown.



● **Paul Hunt** – who scored the Town's second in the Midland Youth Cup Final earned the plaudits of those watching the 3-3 draw. Many left the County Ground enthused over the skills of the talented striker.



● **Nicky Summerbee** – the Town's leading goalscorer put the Town Youth team into a first half lead in the Midland Youth Cup Final watched by his father, former Town and England International Mike Summerbee.

ONLY SPURS AND THE 'WOMBLES' HAVE WON MORE MATCHES

Our Reserve team recorded their 10th win in their last 13 matches in the 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination when they defeated Norwich City at the County Ground on Thursday, April 20th by 2-0. This latest win lifted our Combination team into sixth position in the League table. The League table showed that only Tottenham Hotspur with 22 and Wimbledon with 19 had recorded more victories this season.

It was a match which saw Jim O'Donnell make his belated debut for the Club since his pre-transfer deadline loan signing from Manchester United following a shoulder injury.

Our Reserve team dominated most of the play and only some splendid saves by 'Canaries' custodian David Gladstone and some near misses prevented our Combination team taking the lead until the second half.

A short centre from Peter Coyne allowed **Charlie Henry** to put us ahead in the 60th minute with a close range shot. With former West Ham United and Fulham Striker Alan Taylor well marshalled by Jon Gittens the visitors rarely threatened. It came as no surprise when following some fine play by Charlie Henry that **David Geddis** put the Town further ahead in the 63rd minute.

Jim O'Donnell seemingly still troubled by his shoulder injury made two good saves from Alan Taylor and then in the last minute brought off a brilliant reflex save from Adrian Pennock.

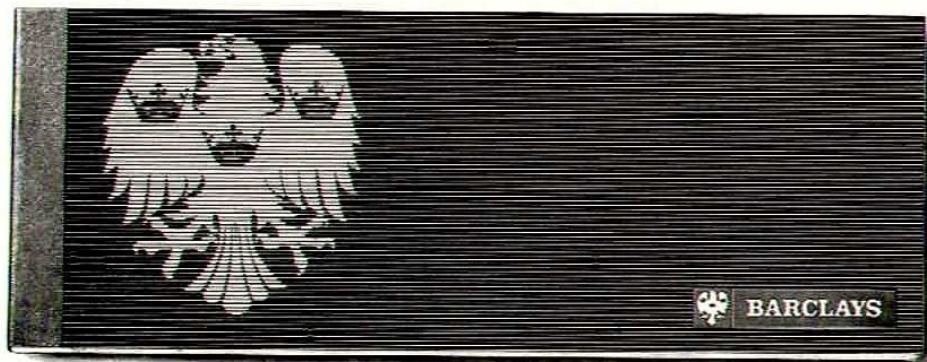
It was a match where it took the second half to bring some livelier action for the 82 present to watch the match.

Jim O'Donnell, Curtis Fleming, Leigh Barnard, Fitzroy Simpson, Jon Gittens, John Cornwell, Peter Coyne, Charlie Henry, David Geddis, Adrian Viveash, Mark Jones.

Substitutes: Neil Tomlinson and Gareth Morgan.

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The Travel Club Committee wish to thank all their members for travelling this season and hope they will continue to travel with us in the future.

The Travel Club Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Supporters Club Function Room on Thursday 1st June at 8.00 p.m.

The Travel Club are holding a Race Night in the Rendezvous Club at 7.30 p.m. for Charlie Henry's Testimonial on Thursday 4th May. Admission by programme 50p (or on the door).

ANDY ROWLAND

TESTIMONIAL EVENTS

Andy Rowland will be holding his Testimonial Dinner at Blunsdon House Hotel on Wednesday, May 10th, 1989 at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. The guest speaker is Duncan McKenzie. Tickets are available at the Club's Reception Desk - Price £20.00.

Andy will be holding an auction for which he has received the following donations:

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Framed photo of Manchester Utd.

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On Tuesday May 19th at the County Ground a Testimonial Match will be staged - Swindon Town versus West Ham United for which the kick-off will be 7.45 p.m.

Admission will be £4.50 for the North Stand. Tickets are now on sale at the Club offices and £2.50 for the terraces.

Admission for the ground will be CASH ONLY.

CHARLIE HENRY TESTIMONIAL EVENT

A Golf Challenge will be held at Bremhill Golf Club. Teams of four. £15.00 per person inclusive of lunch. Wednesday 17th May 1989 Tee-off at

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8.00 a.m. For further information please contact Barry Nugent (Committee Organiser) on Swindon 876484 or please leave your name and telephone number at the Reception Desk.

WEMBLEY TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the following matches at Wembley Stadium can be ordered from the Club Reception office.

The Football Association Challenge Vase Final - 6th May 1989.

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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The Football Association Challenge Trophy Final - 13th May 1989

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Seats - £7 and £5. Standing £3.

International for Rous Cup - England v Chile - 23rd May 1989

Kick-off 8.00 p.m.

Seats - £15, £12.50 £10 and £8. Standing £6

World Cup Qualifying Match - Poland v England - 3rd June 1989

Seats - £17.50, £15, £12.50 and £10. Standing £8

The Football Association have decided not to take up an allocation of saleable tickets for the Scotland v England match on Saturday 27th May 1989.

INTERESTING

With the possibility of reaching the play-offs and then further possibility of promotion to Division One it is inevitable that Swindon Town Football Club and our Manager, Lou Macari, will come under media scrutiny.

The Sunday Telegraph John Burrows recently interviewed Lou Macari and we hope you will find this feature of interest.

Swindon Town's presence among the teams battling for the promotion play-off places in the Second Division has surprised many people, including it seems, Manager Lou Macari, who has said the Club has no right to be there.

"When you look down the list of Second Division Clubs, we should not really be in the top half of the table," Macari observes. "How can we compete with Clubs who can go out and spend a fortune on one player?"

Among former First Division organisations such as Chelsea, Manchester City, Leeds, Ipswich, Watford, West Bromwich Albion and Blackburn, one can see his point. In this company the little

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Wiltshire outfit comes into the Cinderella class.

Macari's total budget at the start of the season was around £400,000 - and that was only after he had sold his two leading scorers from the previous season - Jim Quinn and Dave Bamber - to rake in more than £300,000.

When Swindon hosted West Ham in the FA Cup in January they could not even afford to give up the revenue of a few stand seats to accommodate the Press box overflow. Instead, eight of the visiting national reporters spent the match in the isolated splendour of the council-owned ground's South Stand.

This has been out of commission for two years, since the Wiltshire Ground Safety Committee declared the access stairs too dangerous.

Swindon eventually hope to strip the cladding off the structure and replace the stand with luxury boxes. But that means first getting local firms to put their money up front. Meanwhile, the empty stand's roof acts as cover for the 2,000 fans who regularly inhabit the family enclosure.

Another problem for Swindon is the recent loss of sponsors Lowndes Lambert, the insurance giants. Since they decided to end their five-year association last month, Club Chairman Brian Hillier has been searching for a replacement.

Against this background, Macari and his assistant, Chic Bates, have been rallying their troops for a final promotion charge. Can they make it?

"I wouldn't bet against it" says Macari, who makes no secret of his love of a flutter on the horses. "There is a lot of football to be played yet, in a very short space of time."

The Scot's views will please Swindon's 8,000 loyal followers, who apparently believe his every word. Who can really blame them! When he came to Swindon in 1984 the Club were wallowing in the Fourth Division.

He took them to the championship in 1985-86 with a record 102 points and straight through the Third Division to the Second Division via the play-offs the following season.

It is little wonder that Clubs such as Celtic, Chelsea, Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday have tried to lure him away. But through it all Macari has remained true to the Club which gave him a start in Management.

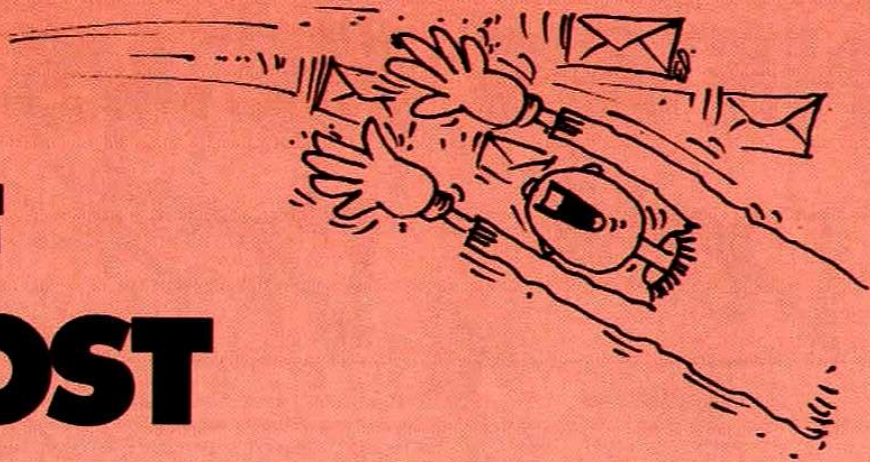
Shortly after his arrival he and assistant Harry Gregg were dismissed when it became obvious the new association was not going as planned.

But the fans demonstrated for Macari's reinstatement and swayed the Swindon board into doing a U-turn.

Just how much he has kept faith with those fans can be judged by Swindon's present position. And since faith can move mountains, who would bet against Swindon realising their dream?

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Dear Mr King,

I am writing on behalf of the Management Committee of Thamesdown Dial A Ride & Community Transport to thank you for allowing us to have a collection at your ground on April 1st, last. The amount collected by the 'Friends of Dial A Ride' group was £223.93p. A very useful addition to our funds.

Mrs Parker has asked me, especially, to thank your staff and helpers on the day, who were most helpful and considerate to her and her fellow collectors.

Finally, of course, thanks to your supporters at the match who gave so generously.

Our very best wishes to you all at the County Ground, and once more, our thanks,

Rex Bakall
Secretary

Bradson Road
Aylestone
Leicester

Dear Sir,

I recently wrote to you wondering if you could help me obtain a Swindon v Hereford 85/86 programme. I have since received a copy from a Swindon supporter and I have sent on my thanks. However, I am also writing to express my appreciation concerning a request you apparently included in the programme v Blackburn. Many thanks to all concerned. I am very grateful.

Yours faithfully
Peter Clifton

Ivy Road
Chippenham

Dear Mr King,

Thank you for your swift and positive response to my letter, it will give me great pleasure to reduce my ramblings to a more manageable size.

Dear Sir,

Despite being delighted at the present League position of the Club there are a number of personal observations that I would like to make, possibly through the letters column of your much improved programme.

1) Would it be possible to give a systematic and regular account of news from the Club in the programme. For example could the 'mystery' of Bobby Barnes' exclusion from the team, despite being worth £100,000, be explained.

2) The two major reasons for the relatively poor home gates experienced this season are: the large increase in admission prices and the style of football favoured by Lou Macari. I for one find it difficult to convince casual supporters to return despite even a favourable result. I do, however, admit to being biased and long for a return to the days when accurate passing was considered essential. Does anyone out there agree that despite Lou's misgivings, attractive football and success are not mutually exclusive?

It seems a lot doesn't it, 150 words? but I've hardly said anything and what I have said seems terribly critical, which of course it is! But please accept these comments in the real spirit in which they are sent, with the welfare of S.T.F.C. central.

Thank you for your kind consideration, I have been impressed with the concern with which my, admittedly trivial, points have been dealt. My best wishes to all at the Club and hope for a successful end to the season.

By the way having just had a son I was considering calling him after the Swindon Town team but due to my doubts about the entertainment value I have come down in favour of Gorby! What do you think?

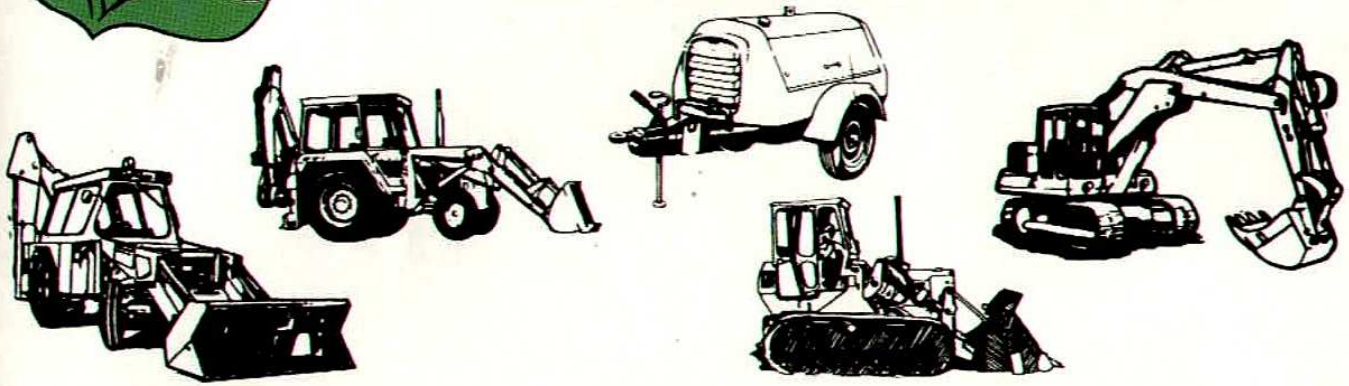
Yours faithfully
Robert Noyes

P.S. I return the fuller version of my correspondence for reference and perhaps for the attention of Mr Macari whom I am sure would have a keen interest in the contents... good bedtime reading!

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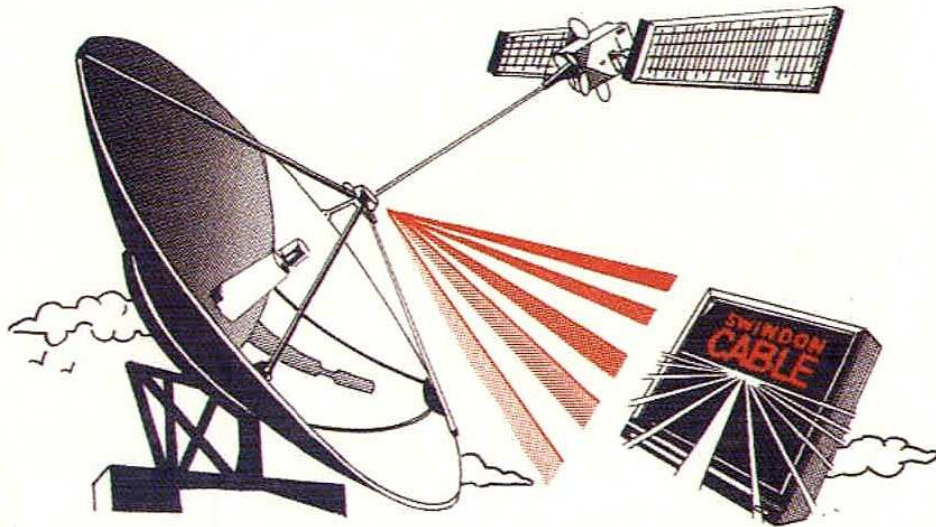


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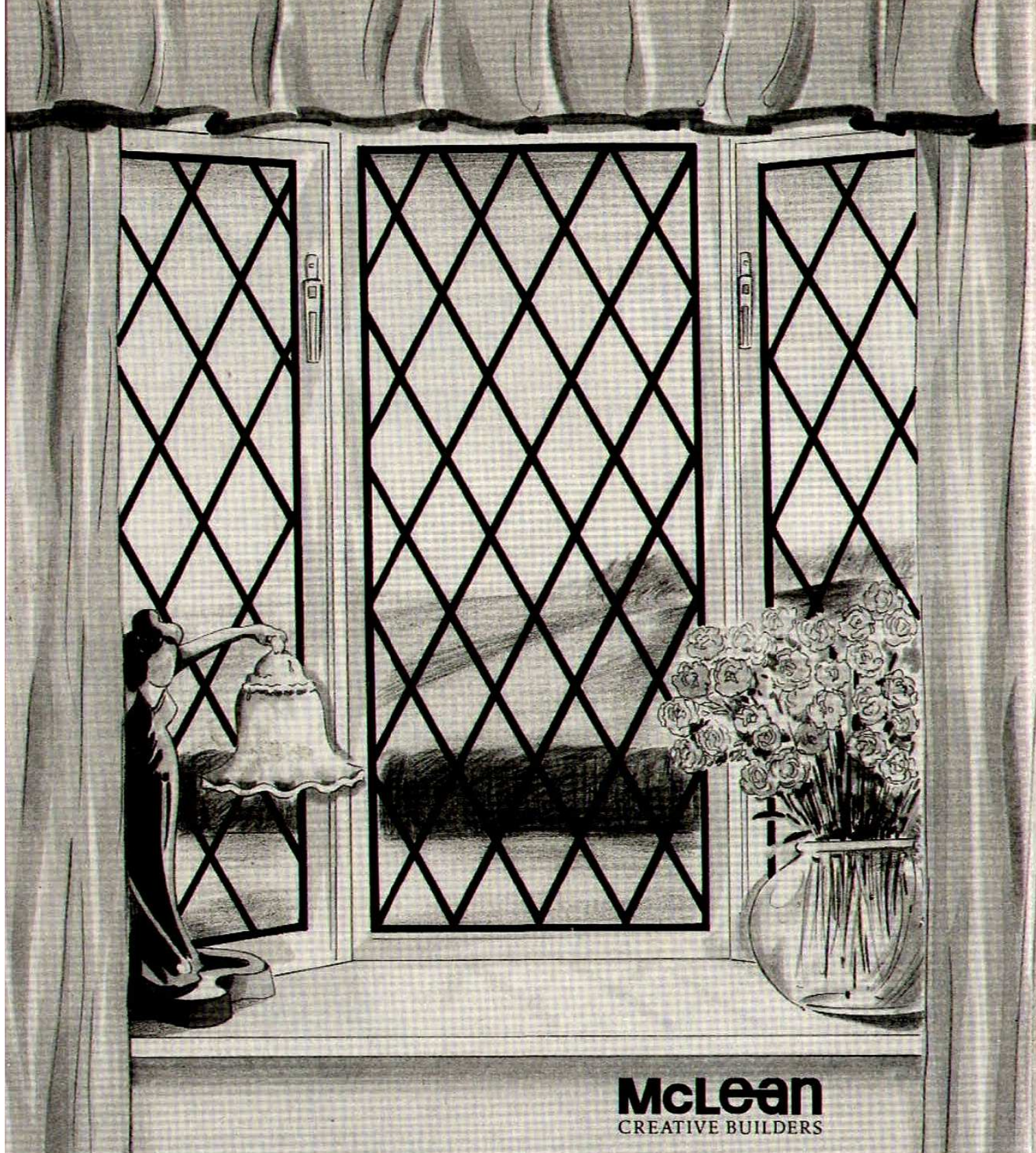
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VIEWPOINT

THE HILLSBOROUGH DISASTER

In the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster we asked Swindon Town's honorary Chaplain, Rev Nigel Sands, to reflect upon the tragedy.

VARIETIES

Tragedies come in many varieties and I imagine that among the readers of this programme there will be many more than just a few whose homes and families have suffered the trauma of the loss by sudden death of a loved one – perhaps as a result of a traffic accident, sudden illness, a stroke, heart-attack or cancer (and, since we're talking in a Footballing context, please don't let anyone think that footballers are immune from tragedy; those who follow our game closely will well remember the wave of sympathy and support that so strengthened former West Ham defender Paul Brush, when his wife Marilyn died of leukemia some five years ago).

HORRIFIED

But the thing which so horrified the nation about the events at Hillsborough was the extent of them: nearly a hundred people killed; each one of them an individual, not merely a number or statistic in the catalogue of tragedy; all of them with families and friends; all of them innocent football fans simply there to enjoy an afternoon in support of their team.

SOLACE – WONDER

What can a Christian or a Christian Minister offer in the way of solace in such a situation? Clearly there

REV. NIGEL SANDS

are no slick answers, and Jesus Himself could offer no easy panacea when two contemporary tragedies were under discussion in His presence.

But it has always seemed utterly wonderful and a source of huge relief to me to realise that in the heart of God there is full understanding of the hurt and bewilderment, the pain and the anguish which people feel at the time of a tragedy. After all, the sign in which Christians glory is the sign of the Cross, and it was at the Cross that Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, was brutally killed. So, the Father knows precisely the feelings that have been experienced by those who were bereaved or suffered as a result of Hillsborough in particular, and what you felt at the time of your tragedy, because He knows from first hand experience just what it is like to have a close and beloved member of His family needlessly done to death in the most harrowing circumstances.

HELP FROM OUTSIDE

Personal tragedies or major disasters frequently leave sensitive people emotionally drained and incapable of positive thought or action, so that after them we usually need help from outside or beyond ourselves. Now this may be gained to some degree from counselling by sympathetic friends and colleagues, or from experienced social



● REV. NIGEL SANDS

workers, but my own experience in the Hugerford disaster two years ago was that, in order to contribute anything at all to the situation, I needed strength, guidance and help from quite another dimension altogether – from Someone who is greater, stronger and wiser.

It was St. Paul who claimed that the one way in which he could cope with anything was 'Through Jesus Christ, who strengthens me'. Paul was no stranger to rigour and hardship, or indeed to violent death, but it was to Christ that the brilliant and energetic hero of the early Church turned. The man whose words and deeds changed the course of world history looked to the person and presence of Jesus Christ to gain courage, renewed vision, hope and strength for the future; and even in the most testing circumstances was never disappointed.

Individual Christians, churches, parsons and football Club chaplains, throughout Sheffield, Nottingham and Merseyside in particular, have all proved in the wake of Hillsborough that Paul's confidence in Jesus Christ was not misplaced.

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◀ ● A young Swindon Town supporter proudly displays his inflatable Robin. A recent innovation at our recent match with Watford

● Town midfield player Tommy Jones attempts a shot at goal during our recent match with Watford, at the County Ground. Town defender Dave Hockaday and match official Brian Hill, watch in anticipation. ▼



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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON BARNSELY	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	6,585	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	9,794	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	7,883	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
31.12.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H	10,776	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens*	Foley
2.1.89	MON PORTSMOUTH	A	11,681	2-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
7.1.89	SAT PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	A	10,582	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Cornwell	Calderwood	Foley (1)
10.1.89	TUE PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	H	11,457	2-0	Digby	Hockaday*	King	Jones	Calderwood	White	Foley (1)
14.1.89	SAT BARNSELY	H	10,201	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A	8,109	1-2	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley (1)
28.1.89	SAT WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	H	18,627	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
1.2.89	WED WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	A	24,723	0-1	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
5.2.89	SUN OXFORD UNITED	H	10,227	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
11.2.89	SAT CHELSEA	A	17,802	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin(1)	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
18.2.89	SAT SUNDERLAND	H	7,432	4-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer (2)
25.2.89	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A	22,651	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer
28.2.89	TUE LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H	7,456	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones (p)	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
4.3.89	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A	11,542	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Shearer
11.3.89	SAT HULL CITY	H	7,090	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
18.3.89	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A	9,752	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley(2)
25.3.89	SAT WEST BROM	H	12,240	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
27.3.89	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	8,487	1-4	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Gittens	Calderwood	Foley
1.4.89	SAT BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	8,220	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin*	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
4.4.89	TUE BRADFORD CITY (7.45)	H	6,476	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
8.4.89	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	A	22,663	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
15.4.89	SAT WATFORD	H	9,828	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley
17.4.89	TUE BIRMINGHAM CITY (7.30)	A	4,026	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Simpson
22.4.89	SAT BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A	9,510	2-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley(2)*
25.4.89	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE	H	11,045	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley
29.4.89	SAT WALSALL	A									
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SHORT & SWEET

SOLD OUT

Chelsea Chairman Ken Bates recently sold his major shareholding in Scottish League Club Partick Thistle for £300,000. Ken sold the shares to a Glasgow consortium.

AFTER EL RON, NOW EL JAVIER!

Former Hereford United Manager Colin Addison has been asked to remain with Spanish First Division Club Athletic as Assistant to Javier Clemente who will replace him at the end of the season.

VILLA LIT UP

Aston Villa have installed two new £70,000 electronic scoreboards which were in use for the first time for the F.A. Cup Semi-Final between Everton and Norwich City on Saturday April 15th.

LESS TO PAY

Queens Park Rangers have announced that despite spending £2.75 million on players they are prepared to cut the price of season tickets for next season.

TRAGEDY AT IBROX

The recent Hillsborough tragedy surpasses the worst British football incidents in recent years. In January 1971 sixty-six people were killed and 145 injured at Ibrox Stadium at a Rangers versus Celtic match. The tragedy happened after fans leaving early turned back as a goal was scored.

STAKED OUT

You have to be tough to play for Wolves! In the warm-up at Mansfield recently, keeper Mike Stowell stood on a six-inch nail which went through his foot. "He may have been in a bit of discomfort" said Manager Graham Taylor, "but it did not affect our 3-1 defeat. Mike Stowell may disagree. He needed a tetanus injection.

NO, MINISTER

Those who are deeply suspicious about the politicians who champion the identity card scheme and who also believe that they know very little about football were given ammunition by Health Minister David Mellor at the Littlewoods Cup Final. After the Nottingham Forest and Luton Town spectacle he turned from his seat in the in the Royal Box and said to the Press: "Wasn't much of a game was it?" No, Minister.

THE BRADFORD DISASTER...

On May 11th 1985, 56 people died and more than 200 were injured when flames engulfed the 77-year-old West Stand of Bradford City football ground and reduced it to a charred shell in four minutes.

... AND THE TRAGEDY OF HEYSEL

Just under three weeks later on May 29th, 1985, at Heysel Stadium, Brussels, 39 fans were killed when a concrete wall topped with fencing collapsed 45 minutes before the start of the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus of Turin.

ITALY THE SECOND

Italy have become only the second country to put a team into the finals of Europe's three major Club competitions in the same season. Spain have twice achieved the feat.

YES BUT NO

Wolverhampton Wanderers biggest crowd for five years - 22,532 - watched their Sherpa Van Trophy Semi Final against Torquay United produced Club record receipts of £91,137. But defeat cost them a £300,000 Wembley final pay day.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1945

On Saturday April 22nd the traffic lights in Nottingham were switched to red and church bells and sirens sounded together as they last did on V.E. day in 1945 as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in the Hillsborough disaster.

FURTHER MARK OF RESPECT

In Liverpool, Sheffield and Nottingham, two million people stopped what they were doing at 3.06 p.m. on April 22nd in respect and the Sunday Times did not cover soccer matches in England and Wales that weekend as a mark of respect.

WHO IS FOOLING WHO?

Was it sheer coincidence that within an hour of the E.E.C. Parliament passing a resolution for U.E.F.A. to be taken to the European Court over the ban on English Clubs being barred from Europe the ruling body of the European game had nominated 1990-91 as the season for the return of English Clubs? Messrs Dunnell and Kelly had a lot of help and the responsibility of entry now lies with ourselves. Clever stuff, eh!

OFF, OFF, OFF, OFF

Four players have been sent off playing for England. They are Alan Mullery, Alan Ball, Trevor Cherry and Ray Wilkins.

DISBELIEF

F.I.F.A. referee Brian Hill recently reacted with disbelief to the news that Manchester United had given him nought out of ten for his handling of their F.A. Cup Quarter-Final against Nottingham Forest in March.

SPOT ON

Do you know the six players who have scored from the penalty spot in post-war F.A. Cup Finals? They are Eddie Shinwell, Ronnie Allen, Danny Blanchflower, Kevin Reeves, Glenn Hoddie and Arnold Muhren.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN OF ANFIELD

Liverpool have had seven Managers since World War Two. They have been George Kay, Don Welsh, Phil Taylor, Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan and Kenny Dalglish.

BRITAIN'S FAMOUS FIVE

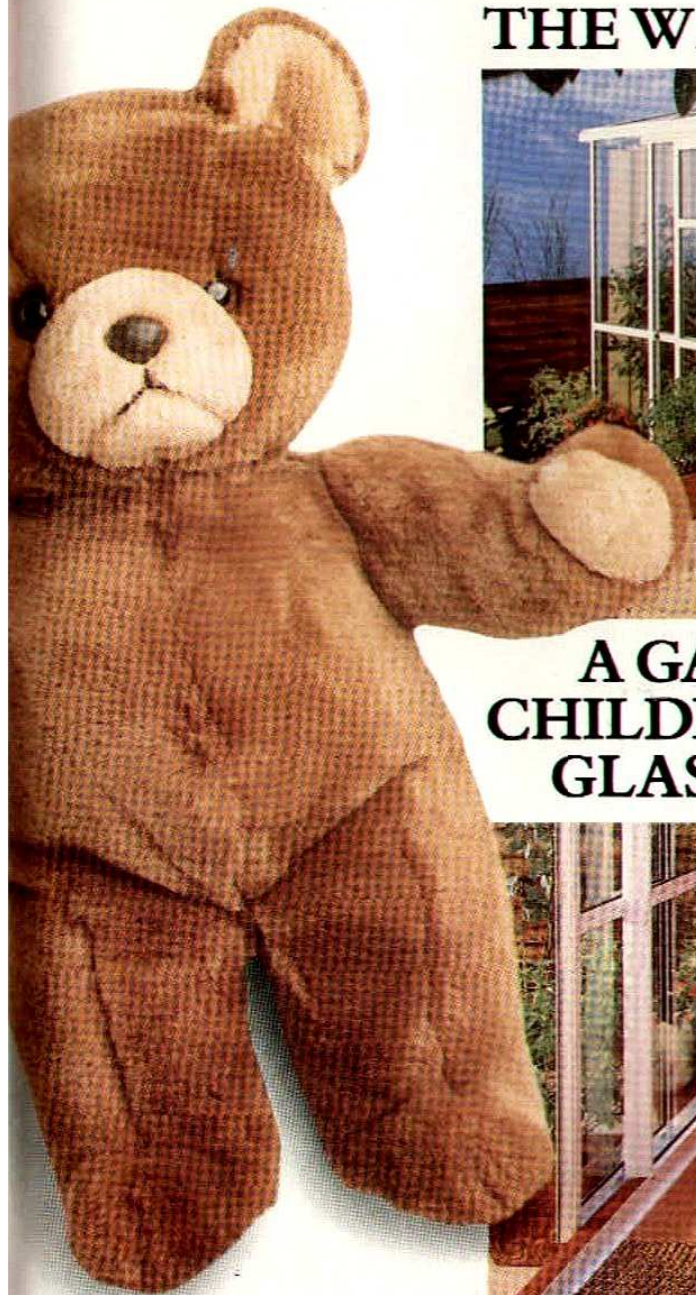
Can you name the five British players to be voted European Footballer of the Year? They were Stanley Matthews, Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, George Best and Kevin Keegan.

STATISTICS AND DAMNED LIES

James Lawton of the Daily Express on Charles Hughes Assistant Director of coaching for the F.A. "Charles Hughes told an American audience that the English long-ball style "wins all the time" against the Brazilian approach. They say there are lies, damned lies and statistics. There are also, it seems, good coaches, bad coaches and well rewarded assassins of a beautiful game."

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8. Duncan Shearer
9. Alan McLoughlin
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Steve White
12. Jon Gittens
14. David Geddis

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2. Graeme Worsley
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4. Tony Kelly
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