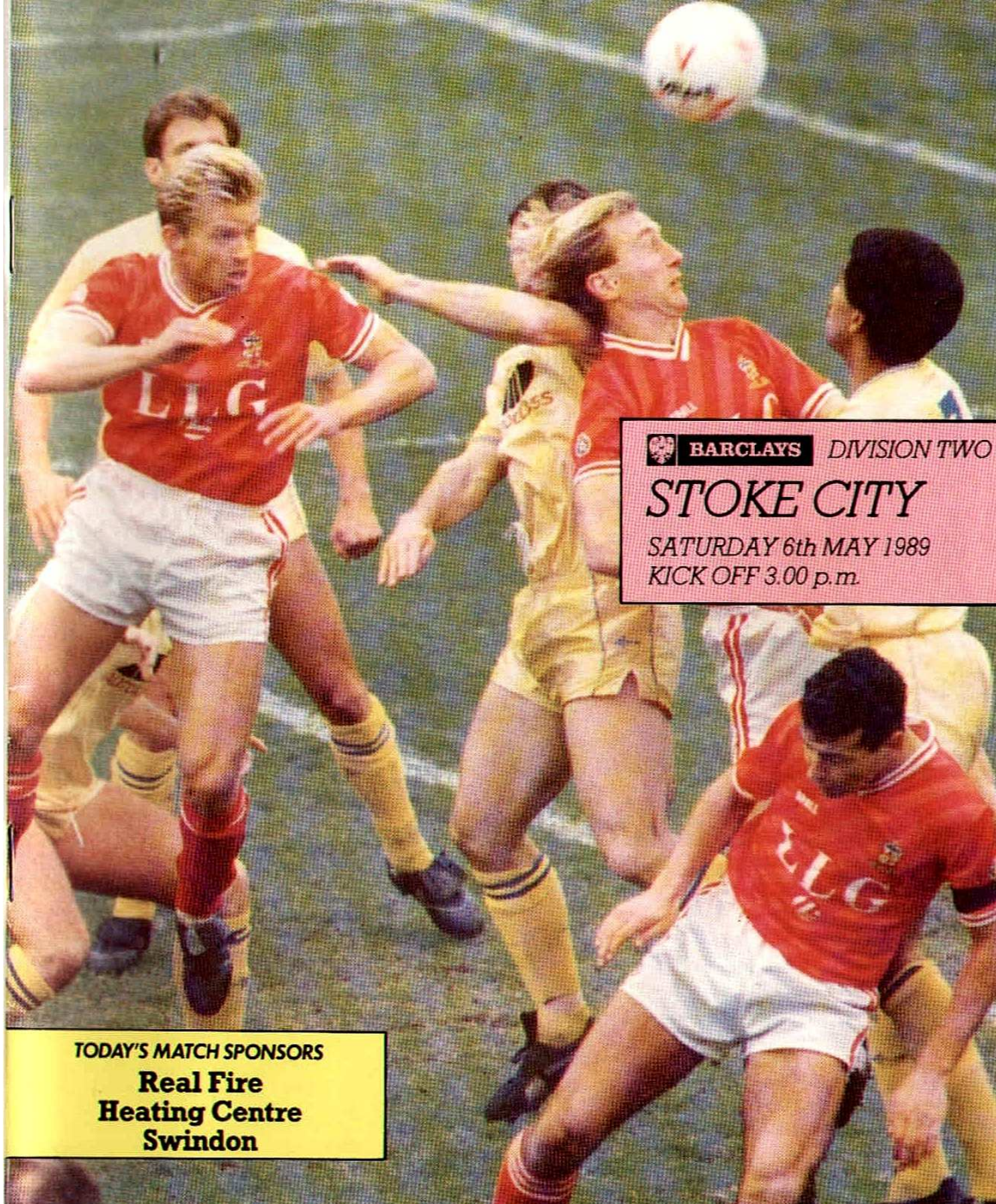


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ALMOST ON THE VERGE

Our home win against Crystal Palace and the point we took from our visit to Walsall last Saturday gave us the points we were looking for to surge ahead of West Bromwich Albion.

On Monday afternoon we were seeking the first of two wins which would ensure that we were in the end of season play-offs for a place in the First Division next season. We achieved the vital victory. It was not a vintage performance but the result at this stage is more important. We did not function in mid-field in the way I had hoped and Shrewsbury Town were given the impetus to move up-field. There was too big a gap between our strikers and the rest of the team.

**'CHIC' WAS SHREWS LOSS...
AND OUR GAIN**

Ironically Shrewsbury Town were condemned to the Third Division due to the fact they were unable to secure the victory they needed at the County Ground. It was a time of reflection, I am sure, for all concerned with the Shropshire Club.

When I brought 'Chic' Bates to the County Ground he had taken Shrewsbury Town to their highest ever League position and yet within months he was no longer required at Gay Meadow. It was a sad moment or two for him to see his former Club sink into the Third Division. Compensation came in the form that he has helped to pilot this Club to the verge of the First Division.

ONE UP... ANOTHER TO GO

In securing players signatures on new contracts for next season I am pleased to say that Leigh Barnard recently put pen to paper when I offered him revised terms for a one year contract.

Jon Gittens has rejected the terms originally offered to him but is currently thinking

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

over another offer made to him. Jon's position is clear, it is simply a question of him coming to an agreement, I am sure you will all be pleased to hear as soon as we have reached a conclusion.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TODAY

We all know the importance of today's match. Once again the final result is all important. I would like you all to encourage the team. Anxiety can be transmitted from you to the field of play.

Encouragement, whatever the state of play will help the players. Non-stop backing, even through the mistakes, will help us to obtain the result we seek. Stoke City will not be easy opponents despite their recent setbacks. It is vital we obtain the three points we seek today, rather than travel to Oldham Athletic's synthetic surface next Saturday hoping for three points. That fact should show you how much we need your help today. Just keep cheering and encouraging that's all we ask of you all. The players have almost done their bit now, you can help them.

A SEASON TO RECALL!

Whatever the outcome of this season, I am sure we have once again provided a season to remember. We began with criticism of players let go. The proof of the pudding was in the outcome.

We have almost reached the verge of the First Division. In fairness it must be pointed out that Chelsea were runaway Second Division champions. The rest trailed in their wake. I have no regrets at not moving to Chelsea last summer. I believe almost any Manager would have taken the London Club back to Division One. The players were there at the Club. One or two additions saw them romp home in style. I congratulate them on being worthy champions.

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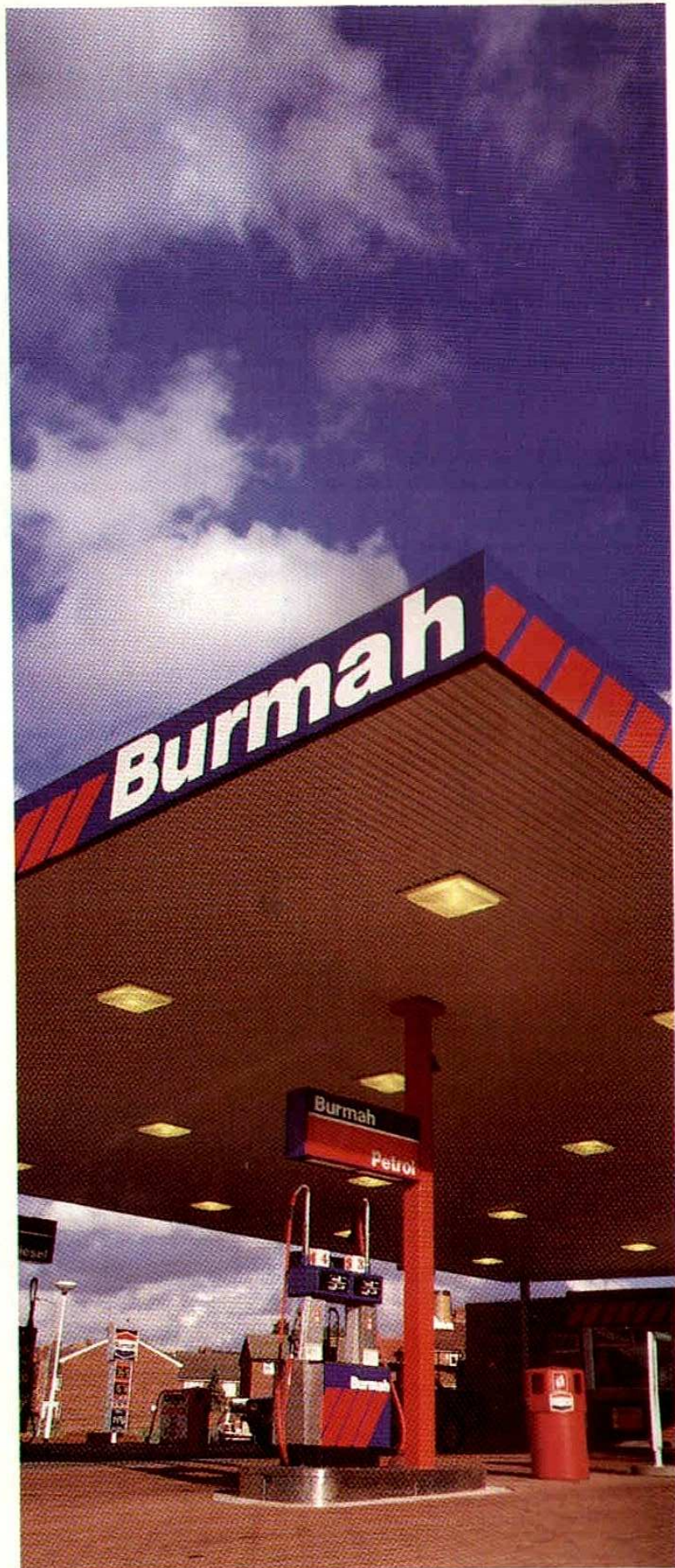
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WHAT A TRANSFORMATION

Sixteenth place at the turn of the year, being transformed into a play-off place by May, was too much for even my imagination to deal with, causing me to write early in 1989 that this season was destined to be one of consolidation, three points this afternoon and I could, just this once, be proved wrong. Those who had more faith than me can expect my sincere apologies at quarter to five.

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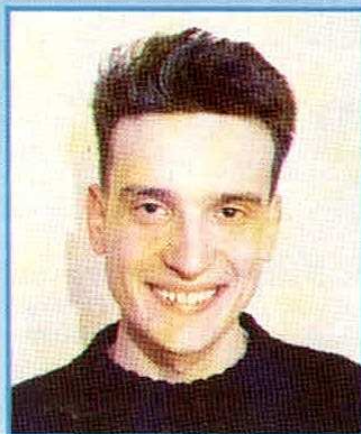
Our unpredictable season has never been emphasised more than in our past three games, our fine performance against rivals Crystal Palace was followed by two struggles against relegated opposition.

Last Saturday at Walsall, it didn't rain and we couldn't lose, but enough chances went begging to make it two points lost rather than one gained. Duncan Shearer's early goal gave us the perfect start, but a pair of defensive lapses saw us trailing against an ordinary Walsall side relying on the ageing Howard Pritchard to feed their amply built strike force. Colin Calderwood's equaliser showed sleight of foot that Gazza would have been proud of and brought delight to an away terrace depleted by some over zealous arrests for swearing. A few faded warning posters obscured by supporters or their own officers would have been better supplemented by a tannoy announcement or even a verbal warning that swearing would not be tolerated. Some of the chances we missed were enough to make a saint cuss anyway. Obscene chanting should, of course, be eradicated but displays of dismay are hard to stop, particularly when the supposed offenders are allowed to pay to get back in. A little more thought can stop a situation from becoming far more unsavoury.

WHO CARES ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT

No level of abuse could sum up the

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

performance on Bank Holiday Monday against Shrewsbury, where entertainment took a definite back seat, but at this stage of the season, who cares? Three points by whatever route must be our prime concern. Phil King's brilliant first half goal made up for some suspect defending on Saturday, but was the high spot in a game as drab as any Bank Holiday traffic jam. Bad performances that result in a win are the strength of sides who gain promotion, a good sign for the possible struggle ahead.

BRAVE DECISION

Liverpool's ultimate decision to continue in the F.A. Cup is a brave one and also the correct one. The Hillsborough tragedy will overshadow both the Anfield Club and football in general for a long time to come, but it shouldn't be forgotten that those who died were football fans and as such it is fitting that the game should carry on with those who died at the forefront of its thinking. A Liverpool victory in the F.A. Cup is perhaps the nation's wish, but the competition should

now be allowed to run its course, however muted and tarnished its final will now be. The mind boggles as to Brian Clough's behaviour should Forest win given his reaction to their Simod Cup triumph. Ted Croker must have been a very worried man as the Forest Manager ascended the famous steps.

LET'S GET RID OF THE PLAY-OFFS

Although the play-offs and the chance of a place in the First Division are lurking and could greatly help Swindon Town, the sooner the Football League get rid of them the better. Why should we have the chance to leap-frog Watford if they have more points than us over the course of the season? A sensible return of old ways could be to abolish the play-offs if the 'Town' are promoted this season and then remove relegation from the First Division, that would suit us fine.

The return of Dave Bamber to the County Ground is certainly something to look forward to, his eccentric displays around the penalty area are sadly missed, at least we know that a tackle in the area is a bad idea and hopefully won't fall (excuse the pun!) for it. It is a shame that Dave is not lining up alongside another former 'Town' favourite Chris Kamara, whose mid-field displays have been equally missed, though the brilliant form of Steve Foley prior to his injury may have kept him out of the side anyway.

WE DON'T WANT TO VISIT OLDHAM NEEDING POINTS!

We must sincerely hope that we gain a place in the play-offs by virtue of a win this afternoon and not have to rely on a good result on the dreaded plastic at Oldham on Saturday. In spite of their lowly League position the Lancashire Club are one of the Division's highest scorers largely by virtue of their artificial home advantage, a shame for them that their performances away from home on grass have been so diabolical. Hopefully we won't care by then though!

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BRIAN HILLIER



IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY – WE DO, DO THEY?

The possibility of First Division football at the County Ground. The tragic circumstances of Hillsborough and the news that Sheffield could be building a new stadium would appear to be diverse subjects.

Yet, they are subjects which can be linked. The progress of Swindon Town Football Club in recent years both on and off the field have yet to stir Thamesdown Council into action. We have stated often that the County Ground could and should face further improvement. The car park needs to be repaired and a new multi-purpose surface laid. One that could incorporate community use. Netball areas and five-a-side football pitches could be marked. Utilisation and repair of the County Ground in certain areas with a view to other uses could be developed. Will someone on the Council please listen to the plea of this Club to move toward a unity to aid what can transpire into a communal benefit?

TRIBUTE

This is our last home League match of the season and we would all like to pay tribute to the players of Swindon Town Football Club. It is they who

make or break our enjoyment of a weekend. There have been times when perhaps the standard of football we have produced has been of a higher degree in away matches.

Seasons vary, but I know most of you will realise the commitment given. I cannot help recall a winters day, the match was against Oldham Athletic, the faithful were somewhat restless and it was an afternoon where the only real heckling of the season was evident. The final result a 2-2 draw. Mainly by courtesy of an own goal by the opposition.

Those same players play before you today and on the verge of perhaps a momentous period in the Clubs history. Funny how fickle nature can be and how fickle fortunes of football are!

THE POSTPONEMENT A BONUS
Our recent fine win against Crystal Palace was most important and gave us the breathing space above those teams currently pressing for a play-off place.

Ironically, how important that postponed match became. There was a great deal of concern last August when we could not begin the season as scheduled. That was due to the work being completed

on the Stratton Bank. Consternation, frustration and despair was shown. In the final analysis it may have turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

ONCE AGAIN!

It would appear that we are heading for a place in the play-offs. We could be facing a situation where we are virtually 360 minutes away from First Division soccer. Those minutes, if we go the full distance of the play-offs, will be like an eternity. What we will need is maximum support and endeavour.

This afternoon we entertain **Stoke City** who appeared to challenge for honours for a long period throughout this season. Their challenge faltered at the final run-in but in welcoming the Potteries Club we know we shall be in for a tough ninety minutes.

We welcome old friends in **Dave Bamber** and **Chris Kamara**, back to the County Ground. Although Chris may be out of action due to suspension. **Dave** will be playing against us for the second time this season with a different Club. Previously he was in the Watford lineup. I am sure he will be keen to impress on his first return to the County Ground since last summer.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

CITY TAKEOVER AND THE RECRIMINATIONS!

Former Swindon Town Manager **Dave Mackay** has taken over as General Manager of Third Division bound **Birmingham City**. Dave Mackay, who took over last week, quit as Manager of Fourth Division Doncaster Rovers eight weeks ago, steps in after a **£1.6 million** take over by the Manchester based Kumar brothers, heads of a Manchester based leisurewear empire.

Dave Mackay who won the League title as Manager of Derby County said, "We can get back to the Second Division. You cannot believe that a Club of this size that the crowds have gone below 5,000. We have to get the Club back and give the fans something to shout about."

The multi-million pound fashion and leisurewear company, Kumar, have purchased 62 per cent controlling interest of Birmingham City's Chairman Ken Wheldon, who is to remain as a consultant Director.

The new owners are the Indian brothers - Ramesh 32, Samesh 26 and Binai 39 - who have intensive soccer interests. They have built up a £20 million textile trading empire.

Brian Slater, the brother's legal advisor, has been added to the Birmingham board of Directors.

In the meantime **Gary Pendrey** is ready to launch a **£40,000** battle for compensation after walking away from the Club.

Ramesh Kumar, Birmingham City's new Vice-Chairman said, "We are not going to be taken to the cleaners by anyone. If he doesn't want to stay, we can do a deal. If he is such a true Birmingham man he should have stayed. He did not turn up for training, which has angered me because it's not a gentlemanly thing to do. I'm told he's a good coach but he couldn't have been a brilliant one or the Club would not have gone down. We need someone with an older head."

Birmingham City have also clinched a new three-year sponsorship with clothing manufacturers Mark One worth **£250,000**.

SETTLED

Former, Brighton Manager, **Chris Cattlin** has settled his differences with the Club after a three-year legal battle to clear his name. Cattlin, 41, was dismissed in April 1986 when he still had 17 months of his contract to run. He sued for the remainder of his money owed under the term of his contract but Brighton counter-claimed, citing negligence, misconduct and breach of duty. A recent joint statement confirmed that both parties had dropped their legal action.

Cattlin is expected to receive £40,000 in compensation.

WE ARE GOING TO IMPROVE ON DISCIPLINE

Portsmouth's new boss **John Gregory** recently fined **Graham Hogg** and **Gavin Maguire** for their Easter dismissals saying, "when I took over at Fratton Park, the disciplinary record was diabolical - one of the worst in the League. I made my point that I would give it urgent attention and I aim to stick by what I've told the players, that their pockets will be hit hard if they continue to fall foul of the referee."

HOWARD - BITTERLY ANNOYED

Talented Republic of Ireland International midfielder **John Sheridan's** future as a **Leeds United** player is on the line. He was recently arrested for being drunk and disorderly in a Leeds City centre in the small hours of Friday morning, 7th April and appeared at Leeds Magistrates Court the following Monday, after being dropped from the team for the previous days crucial away game at Plymouth Argyle, which United lost **1-0**. **Elland Road** boss **Howard Wilkinson** said, "John knows my feelings and the Club's. He

breached a strict Club code by being out late close to a matchday. I am bitterly annoyed over the whole incident."

250 NOT OUT - KEITH OR TOMMY?

Striker **Keith Edwards** (Hull City) and **Tommy Tynan** (Plymouth Argyle) have between them netted over **460** League goals in a total of **1,010** matches. Keith Edwards, aged 31, who started the season with **209** League goals to his credit, was just ahead of Tommy Tynan with **199** at the commencement of the season. It's a race to see who will reach that magical **250** mark first. At present it is **239** to **227** in terms of goals, with Keith favourite to reach the 250 landmark first.

ROD AND THE BANANA - A LOT OF HOT AIR

Watford striker **Rod Thomas** was most aggrieved in the **Vicarage Road Club's** recent match with **Leicester City** when a flagging linesman arrested his break towards the Leicester goal. He felt he was clearly onside, but the official was adamant! Then the puzzled linesman later in the game spotted what looked like a yellow shirt moving back and forth on the far side of the pitch. It turned out to be a huge inflatable banana!

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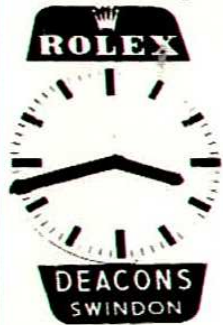
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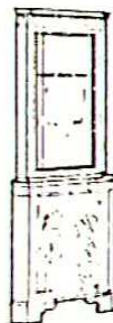
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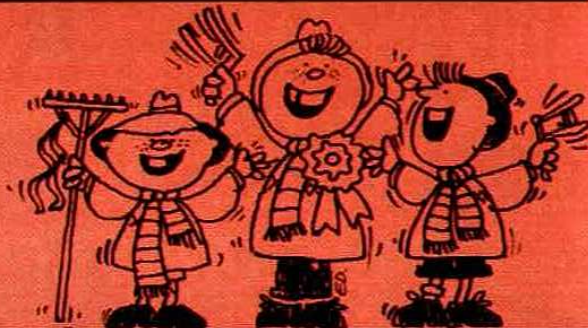
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JUNIOR ROBINS



Hopefully these will not be the last Junior Robins notes of the season. If this is the case I will be able to say something in a play-off programme about a meeting of League Clubs being held at Villa Park on Sunday 14th May, to consider Junior Supporters Clubs and Family Enclosures. Hopefully I will be able to go to this meeting armed with the views of you, the supporters. Many of you will have received a question sheet today, I hope you will take the trouble to complete it so that the voice of the football supporters in Swindon can be heard.

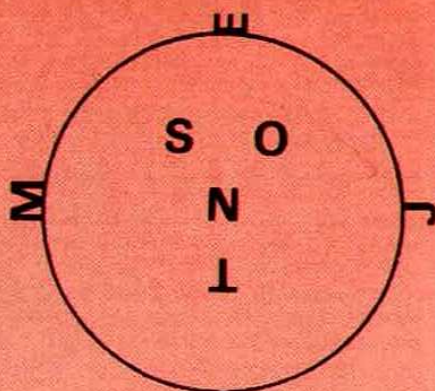
Football does need to respond to the wishes of its customers. I am surprised that many Conservative politicians are critical of Clubs for

expenditure on high transfer fees while neglecting facilities. In effect all football Clubs are doing is to try and cater for public demand as winning seems to draw big gates, whatever the facilities, while few people turn up to watch in the most well-appointed stadia.

A big education job is needed to convince people that not all teams can win all the time and even losing teams that show skill and commitment are worth watching.

Today we welcome parties from the Junior Potters, who gave us such a splendid day out earlier in the season, and from the Swindon Club Pack who are having their presentation ceremony at the Ground today.

Can you spot the Swindon player hidden in the picture below?



OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Watford, Crystal Palace and Blackburn Rovers appear to be the teams who will be joined by **Swindon Town** in the play-offs. The wealth of **Elton John** has been a bonus for Watford. The managerial skills of **Steve Coppell** and **Don Mackay** at **Selhurst Park** and **Ewood Park** are becoming readily recognised. The attacking duo of **Mark Bright** and **Ian Wright** are the focus of media attention at Selhurst Park.

Few teams can boast the type of consistency achieved by **Blackburn Rovers** over the past two seasons. They are heading for the drama of the sudden-death play-offs for the second year running. Few people realise that the **Ewood Park** Club have not been out of the top five positions in the League table since January last year.

Three players who have turned on the style for Rovers this season have been **Simon Garnet, Howard Gayle** and **Andy**

Kenedy who have hit nearly 60 goals between them. In fact **Simon Garner** recently passed the Rovers Club record of 142 goals previously set by **Tommy Briggs** and which stood for 30 years!

The real beauty of Rovers involvement is that they have spent less money than the other Clubs involved in the play-offs. In fact their 23 strong playing staff cost less than £250,000. Since **Blackburn Rovers** lost to **Chelsea** in the First Round of last year's play-offs they have bought **Andy Kennedy** from **Birmingham City** for £50,000 while former **Scunthorpe United** full back **Mark Atkins** and **Crystal Palace** defender **John Finnigan** were recruited for £40,000 each. Of the 23 professionals at **Ewood Park** half a dozen have graduated through the Club's own Youth policy.

The ample evidence of tight purse strings compared to the other play-off contenders is in stark contrast. **Watford** spent £300,000 in signing **Willie Falconer** from **Aberdeen**. Former **Notts Forest** striker **Paul Wilkinson** cost an identical amount. His striking partner **Garry Thompson** from

Coventry City was purchased for £325,000. The total outlay of the **Vicarage Road** Club staff was also supplemented by **Paul Miller** moving to **Watford** from **Charlton Athletic** for £80,000.

Crystal Palace boss **Steve Coppell** spent almost £½ million signing **Jeff Hopkins** for a fee of £240,000 from **Fulham** in August and **Eddie McGoldrick** in January for a fee of £200,000.

In comparison our own **Lou Macari** has strengthened his signings this season by signing **Duncan Shearer** from **Huddersfield Town** for £250,000, former **Derby County** defender **Ross Maclaren** for £180,000 and former **Aberdeen** midfield player **Tommy Jones** for £80,000. An outlay of £½ million. Who spent their cash the wisest will be determined by the play-off system. Although detractors will always be able to justify that finishing in third position in a seasons performance should earn its just reward. We justified third position in 1996/97 will we be able to upset the odds and remove the Clubs who finish above us this term! We have an interesting two weeks in which to find out.

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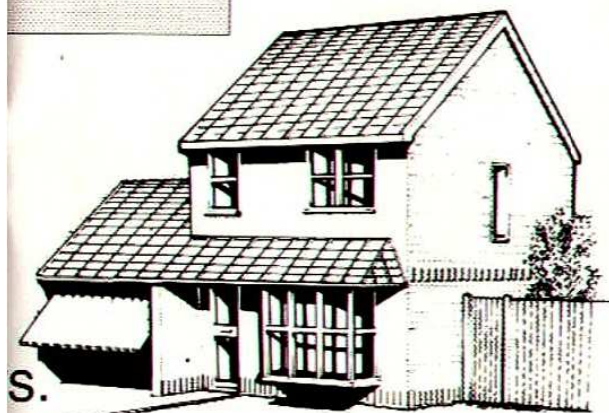
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Middle Row: Keith Rowley (Physio), Simon Stainrod (now in France), Andy Holmes, Peter Fox, Scott Barrett, Chris Hemming, Cliff Carr, Sammy Chung (Coach).

Front Row: Carl Saunders, Tony Ford (now West Bromwich Albion), Peter Beagrie, Mick Mills (Manager), George Berry, Steve Parkin, Chris Kamara.

Founded in 1863, Stoke City are the second oldest Football Club in England, though it was only in recent times that the Potters enjoyed their best successes.

At one stage, the Club dropped from the First Division to the Third Division but made a rapid recovery and in 1972 the side won their major trophy, the Football League Cup.

When the original Football League was formed in 1888, Stoke City were invited to become one of its 23 founder members. After finishing bottom of the table in the first two campaigns, they failed to gain re-election.

They were given another chance a year

later and held their First Division place until relegation overtook them in 1907. Financial problems then reached such proportions that when, in 1908, an appeal was launched to rally around them and only three shareholders bothered to attend a crisis meeting, the Club resigned from the League.

After 11 years of non-League football, Stoke regained a place in Division Two in 1919 to commence a hectic yo-yo period which saw them rise into Division One for the campaign (1922-23), then only four years later drop into Division Three (North). They were champions of the section at the first attempt and eventually returned to Division



by Dave Eaton

One in 1933, to remain under 1953.

Then followed 19 seasons of Second Division football until promotion was achieved in 1963. Steady progress was made and in 1972 the Club reached Wembley for the first time, defeating Chelsea 2-1 to win the Football League Cup.

Many of Stoke's recent League sides have been developed in the Clubs junior teams. Some of the truly great players to wear Stokes' famous red and white stripes in modern times have included Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton, Stanley Matthews, George Eastham and Peter Doherty.

The inflated transfer market however, prevented these sort of 'bargains' and City were relegated in 1977. Alan Durban succeeded George Eastham and in 18 months took Stoke back to the First Division. After one season of consolidation finishing 18th, Stoke City surprised all but their loyal fans by finishing 11th in the First Division, which has been described as a Super-League.

Ritchie Barker manager the Club from July 1981 to December 1983, being replaced by his Assistant Bill Asprey before Stoke were relegated at the end of the 1984/85 season and former England Captain Mick Mills took over as a player/Manager in June 1985. He has completely transformed the Club and is hoping to lead them next season back to the top flight once more.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Mick Mills (Manager). Commenced a new career as Player/Manager of Stoke City on 1st July, 1985 and went on to make 31 Second Division appearances for the Potters in his first season. He began his career as an apprentice with Portsmouth in 1966 and later joined Ipswich, with

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• Mick Mills

whom he spent 16 years and made over 700 appearances – a record which may never be bettered at Portman Road. Led Ipswich to success in the F.A. Cup in 1978 and in the U.E.F.A. Cup three years later, but a First Division championship medal eluded his grasp. His international career took off in 1973 when he won the first of the 42 caps for England against Yugoslavia, and was Captain during the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. In 1982 Southampton paid out a £50,000 transfer fee for his services and he went on to make 103 appearances for the 'Saints'. In the Queens' New Years Honours list of 1984, Mick celebrated his 38th birthday by being awarded the M.E.B. for his services to football.

Scott Barrett (Goalkeeper). Born in Derby, he began his career with Ilkeston Town. After spending three seasons with Wolves, he joined City for £10,000 in July 1987. He took over from Peter Fox in November 1988 and played in 27 League games last season.

Peter Beagrie (Forward). A native of Middlesbrough he was signed by his local Club in 1983/84. The following season he became a regular first-team player and signed for Sheffield United for £35,000 in the summer of 1986. Cost Stoke £215,000 last June.

Carl Beeston (Midfielder). Locally born he can play midfield or in the back four. Made his debut in the First Division against Coventry City in 1985. He was a late call-up for the England Under-21 side and played at right-back in the end of the season tournament.

George Berry (Defender). Central defender and Club skipper who was signed on a free transfer from Wolves in 1982. He has gained five international caps for Wales. Made 35 League appearances last season scoring five times including three penalties.

John Butler (Defender). Signed at Christmas from Wigan Athletic for £75,000. Made his debut on Boxing Day against Manchester City. Played almost 300 games for Wigan scoring one goal. Born in Liverpool he began his career with non-League Prescot Cables.

Bave Bamber (Striker). Another Christmas signing, he cost £190,000 from Watford. Last season he scored 17 goals for Swindon, and 46 altogether in 137 matches. Left the County Ground last summer after rejecting a new contract. Joined Watford for £105,000 – the fee determined by a Football League Tribunal. His previous Clubs include Portsmouth, Walsall, Coventry City and Blackpool.

Cliff Carr (Defender). A £45,000 signing in 1987 from Fulham where he was Club Captain. Played over 150 games for them and gained an England Under-21 cap.

Chris Hemming (Defender). Locally born he made his League debut at Spurs in March 1984. A natural athlete and accomplished in many sports, he can play anywhere in the back four. He has attracted worldwide publicity as the first player to be fitted with a pacemaker. He made 20 League appearances last season.



• Peter Beagrie

Nicky Morgan (Forward). Made 27 full League appearances last season scoring five goals. He was signed from Portsmouth for £40,000 in 1986 and began his League career with West Ham.



• Gary Hackett

Gary Hackett (Forward). A left winger who was signed in March 1988 for a fee of £110,000 from Aberdeen. He played 150 games for Shrewsbury Town scoring 17 goals before joining Aberdeen at the start of the 1987/88 season. Born in Stourbridge he began his career at non-League Bromsgrove Rovers.

Tony Henry (Midfielder). He was signed from Oldham Athletic for £40,000 in December 1987. Born in Sunderland he made almost 100 appearances for Manchester City before signing for Bolton Wanderers. He then signed for Oldham Athletic in March 1983 making over 175 appearances and scoring 24 goals.

Carl Saunders (Forward). Born in Birmingham he made his League debut at Goodison Park in April 1983 coming on as sub. He is equally at home at full back or in midfield as well as his normal front running role. To the start of this season had made 109 League appearances and scored 20 goals.

Graham Shaw (Forward). Locally born, the 21 year old made 30 full League appearances last season and scored 6 goals. He suffered last season when a bad run of injuries meant he had a different partner almost every game alongside him.

Mark Higgins (Defender). Cost £150,000 from Bury at the end of September and made his debut v Bournemouth. He has played at the top level with Everton and Manchester United. The central defender has signed a three year contract.

Paul Ware (Midfielder). Locally born, the 18 year old former trainee has forced his way into the first team squad on a permanent basis this season. Made one League appearance last season.

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IMPORTANT GAME

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for what is a terribly important game. Just three more points will put Swindon Town into the play-offs for a First Division place. It's quite a prospect isn't it... Arsenal... Liverpool... Tottenham etc. Still there's a long way to go but a little dreaming doesn't go amiss.

First things first, greetings to Stoke City and their Club supporters. City's play-off chances have waned a little in recent weeks but I'm sure they'll be a force to be reckoned with next season. It's also nice to welcome back messers Bamber and Kamara. The latter will have to sit out the game due to suspension, the former is bound to prove a handful. Nice to see you back at the County Ground.

LET'S GET BEHIND THEM

Swindon's recent run of success continued over the Bank Holiday weekend. A draw at Walsall and a win at home against Shrewsbury. The match with the Shrews wasn't the best of the season, in fact at times it was awful. It surprised me however that certain members of the crowd took to jeering the Swindon team. For goodness sake the Club is in with a chance of Division One football, let's get behind the team, never mind the performance. Three points are what matters right now not technical brilliance.

CLIMAX UPON US

So the season's climax is upon us which gives me time to take stock of the past nine months or so. It's been a season

which has seen a real shift in fortunes for the Club. Before Christmas it seemed for a time that it maybe the bottom of the table that would preoccupy us, not the top. Defeats at Sunderland and Hull helped to add to that view. The trip back from Roker Park was particularly arduous after the 4-0 defeat, likewise from Humberside. The gloom on those occasions was contrasted to the sheer pleasure of that tremendous 3-2 victory at Watford. Yes it was a topsy turvy time alright and a funny old time to be a Swindon supporter.

I've already got into some trouble mentioning the Leicester debacle, so I'll give it a miss on this occasion. It's something that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the game and the way it was changed, but not by the players. I will say no more than that.

A TURNING POINT

After Christmas came the F.A. Cup and a victory at Portsmouth which set up a tie with West Ham. After a disappointing goal-less draw in Wiltshire it was off to East London and a gutsy Town performance. A solitary goal for the Hammers settled the issue but that game may well have been the turning point for Swindon.

My own memories of the West Ham tie are of the outside broadcast from Upton Park. After five years with G.W.R. it was my final live commentary before switching to the Beeb. A bitter sweet moment I guess you could say.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Since that game Swindon's form has gone from strength to strength, which

brings us to the position the side finds itself in now. Tremendous victories at Ipswich and Bournemouth and a point at the famous Elland Road. Yes many memories good and bad from season 1988/89. I have a feeling there are few still to come, treasure them all, they may be precious.

WELL DONE BATH

One Club that's had many good moments this season has been Bath Rugby Club. A 10-6 victory over Leicester in the Pilkington Cup Final gave them the League and Cup double. The first side in history to achieve that feat. It seems that Bath enjoy the same status in Rugby as Liverpool do in football. They are without doubt a great side and their achievement will be recorded for all to see.

WE NEED YOU

Finally a plea to all those who fancy themselves as players as well as watchers of football. G.W.R.F.C. are on the look out for players for next season. We will be looking to run a couple of sides in 1989/90 so as many of you who want to have a go will be welcome. If you want to join us ring me on Cirencester 713581. Thanks for your time, here endeth the commercial.

COME ON YOU FANS

So it's the final home League match of the season, it's time to get behind your team and help them achieve what we all desire. No jeering, only cheering.

Right, to the matter in hand, let's settle back and enjoy a good and peaceful game of football. Stay tuned

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

THROWN AWAY!

If there was a lesson in how to seemingly take the points from a match and then aimlessly and totally unnecessarily concede them it was given by our Reserve team recently. The occasion was the 'Ovenden Papers', Football Combination fixture versus Chelsea at the County Ground on Wednesday, April 26th. After taking a two goal lead our Reserve team were defeated 3-2.

Our Reserve team took an early second minute lead when, following a centre from Adrian Viveash, a defensive mix up by Chelsea saw the ball enter the net off a defender.

The Town increased their lead in the nineteenth minute when David Geddis hit home a half volley from a Paul Bodin centre. Although we remained on top of a generally lack lustre Chelsea team we allowed Micky Hazzard to reduce the arrears in the thirty sixth minute. A dubious decision three minutes later from what appeared to be a blatant off-side position allowed Clive Wilson to put the London team on equal terms.

The second half was an even affair but with minutes remaining the Stamford Bridge Club clinched the points when Stephen Beattay scored the winning goal in the 81st minute.

Team: O'Donnell, Fleming, Bodin, Barnard, Gittens, Cornwell, Coyne, Simpson, Geddis, Henry and Viveash.

Substitutes: Tomlinson and Marshall.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

For the second successive season our Youth team were pipped at the post in their quest for Midland Youth Cup honours. Last season it was Nottingham Forest who denied them a winners medal. The Second Leg match played at the County Ground on Wednesday, April 26th saw an 89th minute goal deprive them of at least extra time.

Following the goal bonanza of the First Leg match and the splendid football in the 3-3 draw this was a match of contrast. Both teams showing a healthy respect for each other. The close marking of both defences ensuring that goalscoring chances were kept to a minimum.

Nottingham Forest's Mark Hurst had the ball in the net in the first half only to be given off-side and a fine save by the Town's Paul Thompson from Forest's Mike Gauzey kept the first half goal-less.

With Nottingham Forest defending well the opportunities for the Town's Youth team were rare and with extra time and the possibility of penalties looming to settle the issue. A cruel piece of misfortune proved fatal for our Youth team. An 89th minute shot from Mark Hurst was covered by Paul Thompson when it took a wicked deflection off another Forest Player leaving the Town goalkeeper stranded.

Town Youth team Manager John Trollope summarised the game by saying, "It was disappointing we were unable to win but unfortunately we did not perform anything like we can, allowing Forest to have the better of the match. A positive approach and confidence in themselves would have allowed the players to have given a better account.

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt and R. Morgan.

Substitutes: Dixon and Spalding.

LEIGH BARNARD SENT OFF

Our Reserve team conceded four goals on their visit to Vicarage Road on Saturday, April 29th and therefore conceded their seventh goal in their last two matches. Watford were convincing 4-1 winners in this 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture. Deprived of first team players in the line-up our Reserve team find the task of obtaining results more difficult when we have a first team match on the same day. The dismissal of Leigh Barnard did not help their cause.

It was a game where we took the lead in the seventh minute when Peter Coyne pushed the ball past Watford keeper, Mel Rees following a goal-mouth scramble. The lead was relatively short lived for the Vicarage Road Club hit back to score three goals in a five minute spell during the first half.

The first goal was scored by Liburd Henry who broke through the Town defence and took advantage of Jim O'Donnell's hesitancy in coming off his line. A thirty-yard free-kick direct into the top corner by John Drysdale put the home team into the lead. A penalty conceded by goalkeeper Jim O'Donnell on Liburd Henry allowed Chris Pullen to score from the ensuing penalty.

After was only a minutes play in the second half when Leigh Barnard became the sixth Swindon Town player to be sent off this season. Two minutes later David Geddis missed a great opportunity to reduce the arrears when he missed a penalty after Peter Coyne had been brought down in the penalty area. It came as no surprise when Wayne Bennett scored Watford's fourth goal in the 71st minute.

Team: O'Donnell, Fleming, Marshall, Barnard, Henry, Bodin, Tomlinson, Coyne, Geddis, Simpson, Viveash.

Substitutes: Summerbee and Hunt.



● Peter Coyne - Scored his tenth goal of the season for our Reserves in their 4-1 defeat at Watford last Saturday.

MIKE MACARI SCORES FOUR GOALS

Mike Macari stole the show in the Allied Counties Youth League play-off match against Slough on Saturday, April 29th. Our Youth team visited the Central Division winners and defeated the home team 7-0.

We were given an encouraging start when Mike Macari scored a seventh minute goal when he raced onto a through ball from Liam Dixon and lobbed the ball over the advancing custodian Jones in the Slough goal. In the tenth minute our Youth team went further ahead when Alex Graham smashed home a centre from Liam Dixon.

With the interval score at 2-0, it took the Town only until the 54th minute for Mike Macari to score following more good approach work by Liam Dixon. In the 58th minute the irrepressible Mike Macari completed his hat-trick when he put the Town into a 4-0 lead. Mike Macari then adopted the role of goalmaker when his centre allowed Paul Trollope to score in the 65th minute. In the 74th minute the Town were in an unassailable lead when Jason Braidwood scored the sixth goal.

Mike Macari completed a personally memorable performance when a through ball from Eddie Murray in the 84th minute allowed him to score his fourth goal to give the Town a 7-0 victory.

Town Youth team Manager John Trollope had these comments to make on this emphatic win, "the performance did not live up to the scoreline, it did however give us maximum points from two of our play-off matches and also a very healthy goal difference."

Team: Ryan Lovegrove, Lee Spalding, Alex Graham, Neil Quinn, Martin Churchward, Edwin Murray, Richard Walker, Paul Trollope, Mike Macari, Liam Dixon and Mark Lea.

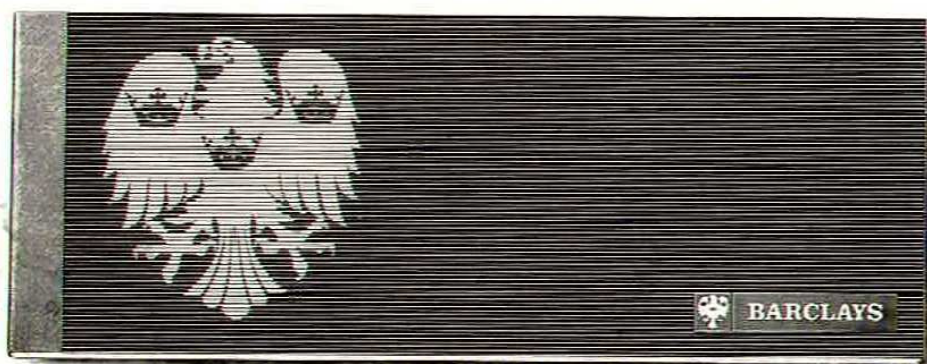
Substitutes: Jason Braidwood (for Paul Trollope in 61st min.), Simon Payne (for Neil Quinn in 66th min.) and Paul Thompson.



● Michael Macari - Who scored four goals in our 7-0 win against Slough Town in the Allied Counties Youth League play-off.

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The collection made at the recent Crystal Palace match in aid of the Hillsborough Disaster Fund raised **£1,603.93**. May we thank all of you who kindly donated to this worthy cause and the Club would like to thank all of the Supporters Club Members and their helpers who made the collection. To help swell the collection **Swindon Town Football Club** have donated **£2,500**.

SEEKING MEMBERSHIP

Three applications have been received for membership of the **Football Combination** for next season, **1989-90**. They are from **Cardiff City, Plymouth Argyle** and **Swansea City**. There are no withdrawals but the two Clubs who finish in the bottom position seek re-election.

'FORCE 8' AND NO MATCH!

Further to our guarantee to **Wiltshire County Council** we have had to confirm that in the event of a 'force 8' gale being forecast we will postpone any fixture at the **County Ground** in connection with the safety of the South Stand.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

May 13th, Oldham Athletic, depart 9.15 a.m., fare £7.50.

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

DILEMMA FOR ANDY!

Charlton Athletic recently enquired if we would play our 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture which had been re-arranged for Thursday, May 11th on the Wednesday instead, due to the **Welling F.C.** requiring to begin re-seeding work on their ground on that date.

Our problem was that **Andy Rowland** had arranged his **Testimonial Dinner** at **Blunsdon House Hotel** on **Wednesday, May 10th**. A compromise was reached with the match now kicking off at **1.00 p.m.**

This will allow **Andy** to return to **Swindon** for his important date at the **Blunsdon House Hotel**.

Our Reserve team are in action the previous day when they visit **Fulham** at Craven Cottage in an 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture. The **Kick-off** is at **2.00 p.m.**

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

The **Supporters Club** are holding a forum in the **Rendezvous Club** on Monday evening, **May 8th** at **8.00 p.m.** Admission will cost **£1.00** per person for non-members and **75 p** for Supporters Club members.

On the platform will be the **Club Chairman - Mr B. Hillier, Vice Chairman - Mr G. Herbert, Club Secretary - Mr D. King, Club Manager - Mr L. Macari, Club Coach - Mr P. Bates, Club Captain - Mr C. Calderwood**. Please support this event.

HICKMAN GOALSCORING LEAGUE

Duncan Shearer	14
Steve White	13
Steve Foley	9
Ross MacLaren	6 (inc 4 pens.)
Tommy Jones	5 (inc 1 pen.)
Colin Calderwood	4
Bobby Barnes	3
David Geddis	3
Charlie Henry	3
Phil King	2
Alan McLoughlin	2
Paul Bodin	1
Jon Gittens	1
Tim Parkin	1
Own Goal	1

The arrangements for the end of season play-off matches have been revised with the following effect:

i) There will be no third match in the Final. If the aggregate scores are level at the end of 90 minutes in the **Second Leg** of the Final, extra time will be played. If the scores are then level, the away goals rule will be applied, followed, if necessary, by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game, (i.e. 5 kicks per side taken alternately followed by sudden death).

ii) For all play-off matches, Clubs must not reduce their normal League admission prices. Season ticket holders cannot gain admission by virtue of their season ticket.

iii) Where there is cash admission at the turnstiles, Clubs should consider rounding up admission prices to the nearest pound, in order to assist ease of access through turnstiles.

iv) For all play-off matches, Clubs must not

charge visiting supporters more than home supporters for comparable accommodation.

CHANGES AFOOT!

Our links with Gloucestershire based **Cheltenham Town** and **Forest Green Rovers** have been extended in recent pre-season matches. Both Clubs have recently announced significant news.

At **Whaddon Road** the **G.M. Vauxhall Conference Club** will begin work immediately following their last home match with the delivery of **100 tons** of top soil to improve their playing surface.

Meanwhile **Forest Green Rovers** the **Nailsworth** based Club are aiming to change their name to **Stroud Football Club**. They hope to attract more support from a larger catchment area!

Gloucester City Managed by **Brian Godfrey** Will move into the **Premier Division** of the **Southern League** as **Midland Division** champions.

STILL GOING STRONG

Brian Hughes and **Mark Payne** at **Southern League, Midland Division** champions **Gloucester City**. . . **Alan Churchward** and **Ray Baverstock** at **G. M. Vauxhall Club, Cheltenham Town**. . . **Russell Lewis** at **Kettering Town**. . . **David Dangerfield** and **Jason Niblett** at **Shortwood United**. . . **Tom McAlister** at **Colchester United**. . . **Phil Bell** at **Fairford Town**. . .

PLAY-OFF DATES

May 21st, 1989.
6th Club v 3rd Club
5th Club v 4th Club
May 24th,
1989. 3rd Club v 6th Club
4th Club v 5th Club.
Final 1st Leg - May 31st, 1989.
2nd Leg - June 3rd, 1989.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION ATTENDANCES

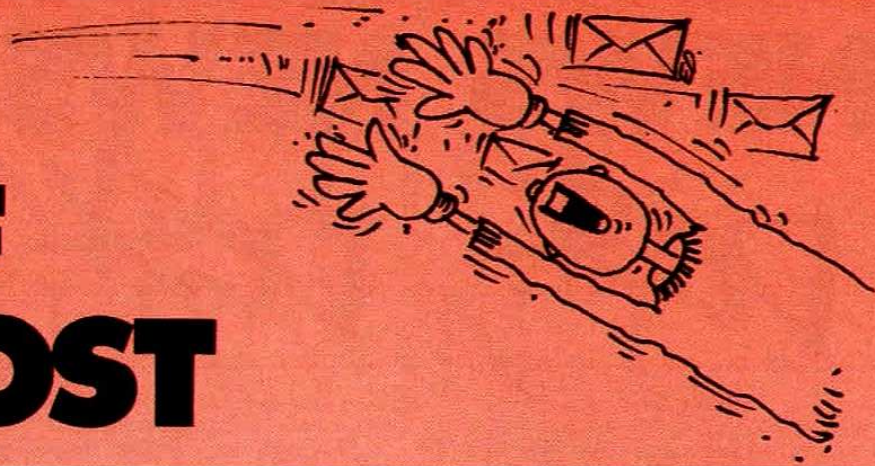
Below are the attendances for our Reserve team matches at the **County Ground**. We have one out standing fixture at the **County Ground** against **Queens Park Rangers** on **Tuesday, May 16th, kick-off 2.00 p.m.**

1. **West Ham United** - 54, 2. **Arsenal** - 57, 3. **Reading** - 114, 4. **Southampton** - 124, 5. **Watford** - 95, 6. **Brighton and Hove Albion** - 77, 7. **Portsmouth** - 171, 8. **Charlton Athletic** - 70, 9. **Wimbledon** - 113, 10. **Fulham** - 40, 11. **Luton Town** - 103, 12. **Millwall** - 136, 13. **Tottenham Hotspur** - 185, 14. **Oxford United** - 73, 15. **Oxford United** - 73, 16. **Norwich City** - 65, 17. **Chelsea** - 84.

A total of **2,035** spectators averaging **119** per game.

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IN OFF THE POST



Kingsley Close
Shaw, Newbury

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Wickham Wanderer's Boys Football Club may I sincerely thank you for allowing Tommy Jones to attend our Presentation Evening held recently in Newbury. Unfortunately I was not present, and the general consensus was he, 'Tommy', did us proud, every one I have talked to said 'What a smashing guy'. I'm sorry I missed this occasion, please convey our thanks to this 'Gentleman', they are rather rare these days.

So our kindest thoughts are with you all, and our Best Wishes for your Club's future.

**Yours,
Sylvia Turnbull**

60 Kelso Road
Liverpool 6
Merseyside

Dear Sir,

I wonder whether you could put the following request in one of your Club programmes this season, please.

I am willing to pay £1.00 for a copy of the programme for the home game v Chelsea on October 8th.

I have now been to all 92 League grounds, and this is only game that I am missing the programme for, despite various attempts to get hold of a copy. Can anybody help?

**Yours faithfully
Graeme Holmes**

Coleview
Stratton St Margaret

Mr J.P. Nolan
Chairman
AFC Bournemouth
Dean Court Ground
Bournemouth

Dear Mr Nolan,

On Saturday 18 March my wife and I attended the Bournemouth v Swindon game at Dean Court.

In view of the uncertain weather, and having prior knowledge of the poor terracing facilities for 'away supporters' (not just at Bournemouth), we purchased tickets for the Stand.

This turned out to be a serious mistake, as you will appreciate should you wander along to Row BB Seat Nos 23 and 24. To say that there is a restricted view of the pitch is something of an understatement; added to which is the claustrophobic effect of the metal cage. Not surprisingly a large number of Swindon Town supporters actually left the seated area (with the permission of the police and stewards) and stood on the terrace.

I would be grateful to hear of your views about the quality of the seats sold to us and our companions. It was quite remarkable that the crowd were so tollerant of the conditions and I trust you will agree that such provocation is certainly not in the best interests of the game.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Yours sincerely
S D Greig**

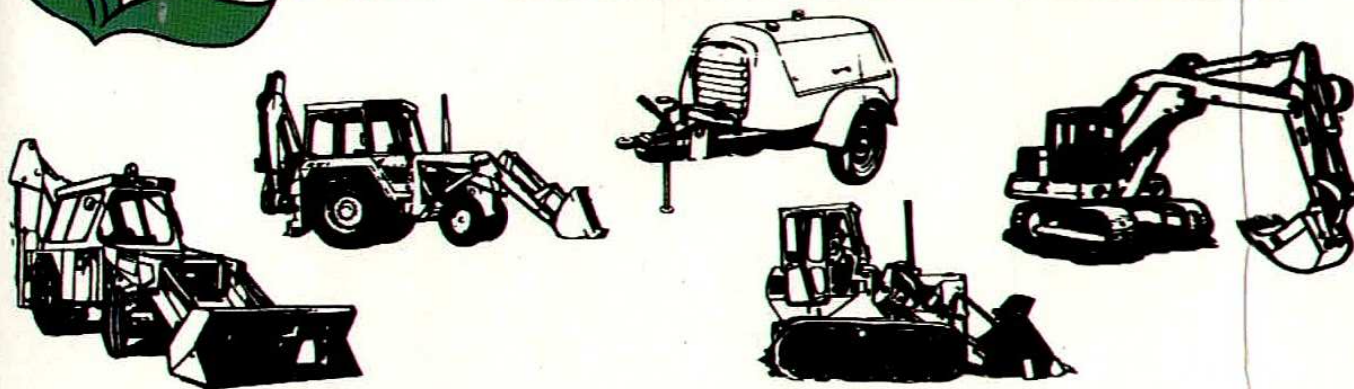
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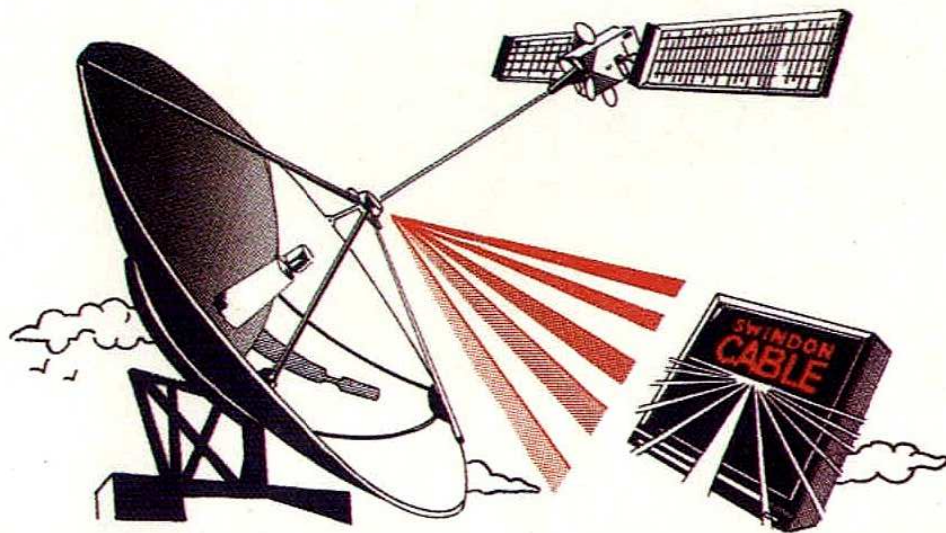


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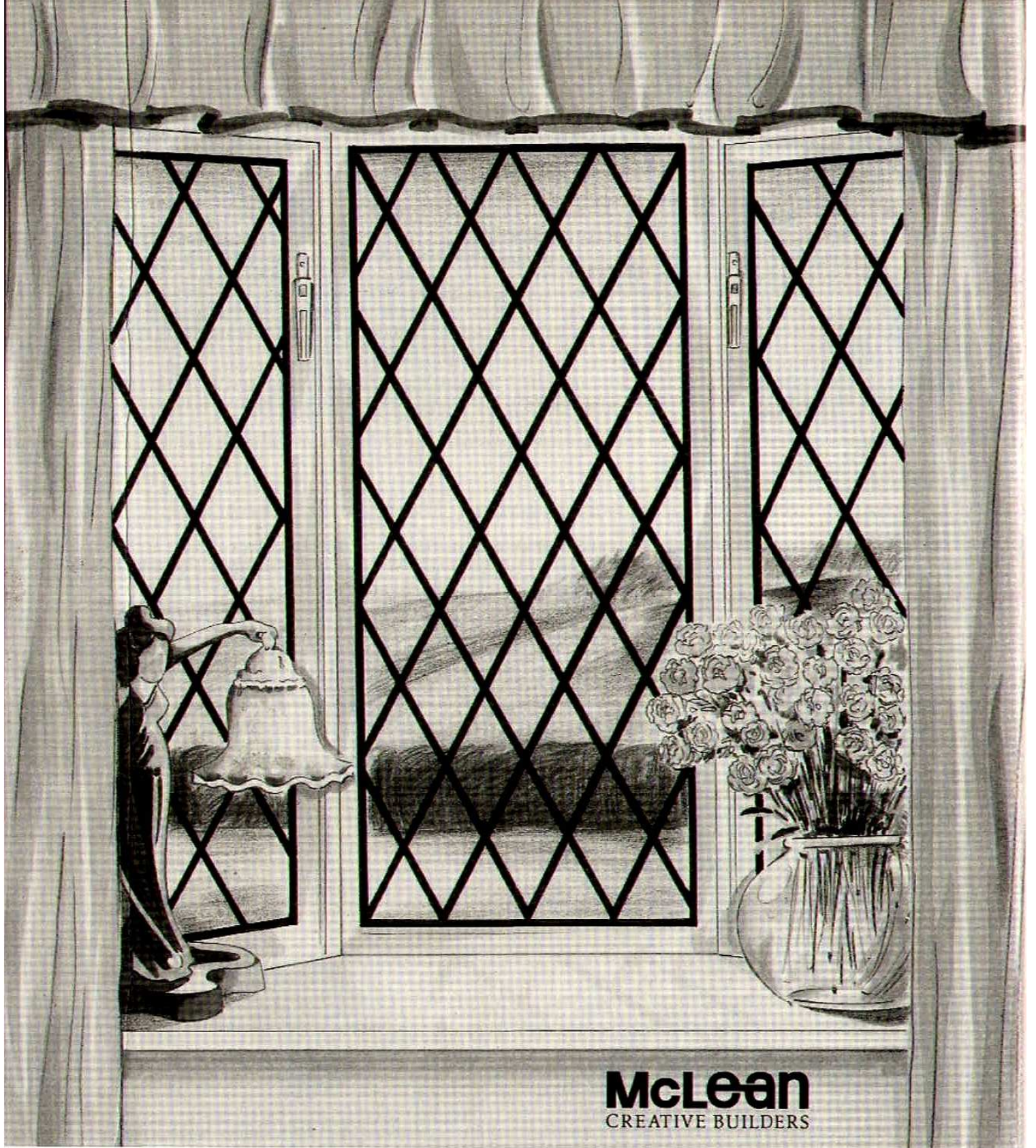
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VIEWPOINT

PRIDE

It is with a great deal of pride that I shall lead the players onto the pitch here at the County Ground today. I will do so in the knowledge that my team-mates have taken this Club almost to the verge of the First Division.

There is little of the season left and 180 minutes of football before we know whether we will contest a place in the First Division. The players will not be nervous for we are in a position where we aim to give, you, the fans, something to shout for. Often the view is expressed that the fans should get right behind the players. Of course we all want that but it is up to us to give you something to shout for. We are in a strong position because we play to our strengths. We aim to play those strong points today.

BETTER IN AWAY GAMES ... SO FAR!

Probably those supporters who travel regularly to our away matches have seen the best of our performances. A lot of our games here at the County Ground have been unequal to our away games.

Our match with Shrewsbury Town last Monday began with the visitors passing the ball around in their half of the field, they were not intent on making a worthwhile challenge and the game is set in its pattern. If it had been an away game, the longer the score had remained at stalemate, the better it would have been for us. We could have said we were defending well. It was a home game and the onus is on us to get forward. There lies the problem at home.

ON A LEVEL

This is a Division where there is little or no difference between teams. Only four or five weeks ago half of the Division were involved in either hoping for promotion or fearing the drop. Apart from Chelsea there was little between Clubs.

We were optimistic that if we could string results together we would be involved. Since Christmas we have

COLIN CALDERWOOD

climbed the League table in a most convincing manner.

WE NOW KNOW THE RULES

The majority of us were not in favour of the sixth placed team being involved in promotion when we were aiming to get out of the Third Division, so why should we see the situation any different now?

The answer can only be that we knew the rules before the season began and over the last three seasons we have become accustomed to those rules. Let's face it, you the fans, must like the system. It certainly adds a great deal of excitement!

JUST HAVING THE CHANCE

If we could make it to the First Division, I am often asked if we as players would be concerned as to whether we would cope as a team and as individuals.

In my opinion there is no professional who would not like to give it a shot. Nobody knows until they have played there whether they are good enough. Only one way to find out, just get there and see!

IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAM WORK

Since Lou Macari came to Swindon we seem to have had nothing but success. I have always felt that the fans here felt that they appointed 'The Gaffer'. He lost his job here and the supporters re-appointed him. 'The Gaffer's' personality is something the fans have been able to identify with and that has been a tremendous lift.

One person cannot be solely responsible for success. Everything is team work. This season 'Chic' Bates has been in charge of training, his contribution immense. The secret of Swindon



● COLIN CALDERWOOD

Town can only be known by those inside this Club. It is a togetherness, a will to win.

I LOVE PLAYING

On a personal basis, I am really hoping we make the play-offs. I have been looking forward to it. I love playing and it doesn't bother me whether we are playing for twelve months virtually non-stop.

I always think to myself, what else would I be doing? Let's face it at the most it's a couple of hours work a day and we have days off. If you look after yourself physically there is no problem with the close season.

WE MUST SUCCEED

If we make the play-offs, I want success. Yes, if we failed to get promotion we will still have had a great season. It's a season that can be built on.

If we fail it would be bitterly disappointing and I'm sure we would feel we might as well have finished in seventh position. There are no guarantees, remember Oldham Athletic? They finished third and have had a struggling time since. No, for me we must, first of all make sure of our play-off place and then make sure we finish the best of the four. You can bet we will be trying our hardest, sweat, blood, but no tears. We have nothing to fear.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Goals Goals Goals*



● Town's goalscoring hero Phil King in a tussle for the ball against Shrewsbury's Micky Brown.

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● Shrewsbury's goalkeeper Steve Perks is first to the ball from this corner with Steve White and Tim Parkin in close attendance.

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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	8,065	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	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
12.11.88	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	H	7,246	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens (1)	Foley
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.11.88	SAT WALSALL	H	5,328	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley (1)
3.12.88	SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
10.12.88	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	5,540	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones*	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
17.12.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	9,462	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
26.12.88	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H	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	5,288	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Calderwood(1)	Parkin	Foley
1.5.89	MON SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	8,698	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King(1)	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Foley
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REDUCED CAPACITY

Charlton Athletic return to the Valley next season due to a £2½ million investment by Roger Alwen and Mick Morris. The ground which once had the biggest capacity in the country, which was 70,000, will be slashed drastically to 20,000.

THE COST

Derby County found that the cost of removing the Baseball Ground's perimeter fence was 50% increase in policing. Derbyshire County Council increased the number of police for their two remaining home games from 37 to 57 - which raised the cost to more than £2,000 per match.

RON, NOW DAUGHTER, TERRY.

Remember Ron Springett? He won 33 caps for England in the 1960's. On Saturday, April 22nd, his daughter, Terry, played for Friends of Fulham in the Women's F.A. Cup Final at Old Trafford, as a defender. Ron was an F.A. Cup final loser in 1966 when Everton beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-2.

THE LIMIT

A crowd limit of 45,000 has been set for the European cup Winners Cup Final in the Wankdorf Stadium, Berne, this month - 13,000 below the grounds capacity. The Swiss F.A. said the limit was an additional safety measure in view of the fact that Barcelona and Sampdoria had qualified for the May 10 Final.

FURTHER BOOST

Merseyside supporters hope to boost the Hillsborough Disaster Fund by £1,000 with a five-a-side tournament planned for May 14th at Everton Park Sports Centre. Members of Supporters Clubs from Liverpool, Everton and Nottingham Forest are among the 15 teams.

A REAL, REAL PROBLEM!

A problem is flaring in Italy where the World Cup organisers are wrestling with the problem of deciding upon the name of their 1990 mascot. Critics of the existing short list say that it would have helped if someone had checked the names of the English meanings of the two most popular names to emerge - 'Dribbly' and 'Bimbo'.

BLANK WEEK-ENDS

When the Football Leagues fixture computer sets to work it will ensure that England's last two World Cup Qualifying matches against Sweden and Poland will both be preceded by weekends free of First Division action. The fixtures concerned will be re-scheduled for the first two mid-weeks of the season, dates which otherwise would have remained blank for the top flight Clubs.

OH DEAR!

No charity here! Taxmen rejected an appeal to waive £3,000 VAT from Sunday April 23rd's match between Bradford City and Lincoln City which had raised £22,000 for the Hillsborough Appeal.

CAN YOU NAME THEM?

Could you name the twelve countries in which the World Cup has been staged? They are Uruguay, Italy, France, Brazil, Switzerland, Sweden, Chile, England, Mexico, West Germany, Argentina and Spain.

A POSSIBLE NEW STADIUM?

Sheffield could have a new £50 million stadium as a result of the Hillsborough tragedy. Talks are underway between the City Council and Sheffield United for a 60,000 seater arena. The plan would involve selling Bramhall Lane for re-development.

FENCE FREE

Last Sunday's Simod Cup Final between Everton and Nottingham Forest saw the first major Wembley football match without fences since November 1977 when they were erected after a pitch invasion by Scottish fans at an England-Scotland game.

OPPOSED!!

More people are opposed to identity cards than support them - by nearly 70-1. In a Government poll 59 people had voted for the scheme and 3,991 against. Liverpool MP David Alton wants the bill introducing I.D. cards to be suspended until after the Hillsborough enquiry.

GHOSTLY

Bobby Robson on the precocious Paul Gascoigne: "He is in every conversation and when you move on to another group in another room he is there before you. I don't know how he does it. I need to talk to him for a couple of hours about his lack of confidence."

WOT A LOAD OF BULL!

Steve Bull took 500 fans with him when he went to Portman Road for the England Under-21 game against Albania. He rewarded his fan-club by producing 10 attempts on goal, making the first and scoring the second. However, you cannot please everyone. A lone voice of dissent was heard to mutter at the end: "I'm convinced this bloke is just a 100 goal wonder."

FLASH FASH!

Wimbledon striker John Fashanu has kicked off a new career as a television reporter on Channel 4's seventy-five minute programme '7 Sport'. John is reporting on a variety of sports.

KOS?

Jim Smith, the Newcastle United Manager, is rumoured to have sent a tray of sandwiches flying with an angry flourish of his right boot following a recent defeat. Rumour has it that Assistant Manager Bobby Saxton spent the next ten minutes picking bits of lettuce out of his hair!

ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE!

Bimal Kumar, one of the new Birmingham City Directors, once wrote to Old Trafford asking for a trial and was turned down. The pressure of George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton might explain why he was not needed.

MACKAY THE FOURTH

Former Swindon Town Manager Dave Mackay, 54, is the fourth Manager of Birmingham City to have led a Club to the Football League title. The others were Stan Cullis, Sir Alf Ramsey and Ron Saunders - and none of them could achieve any long-standing success at St Andrews.

INCREASING

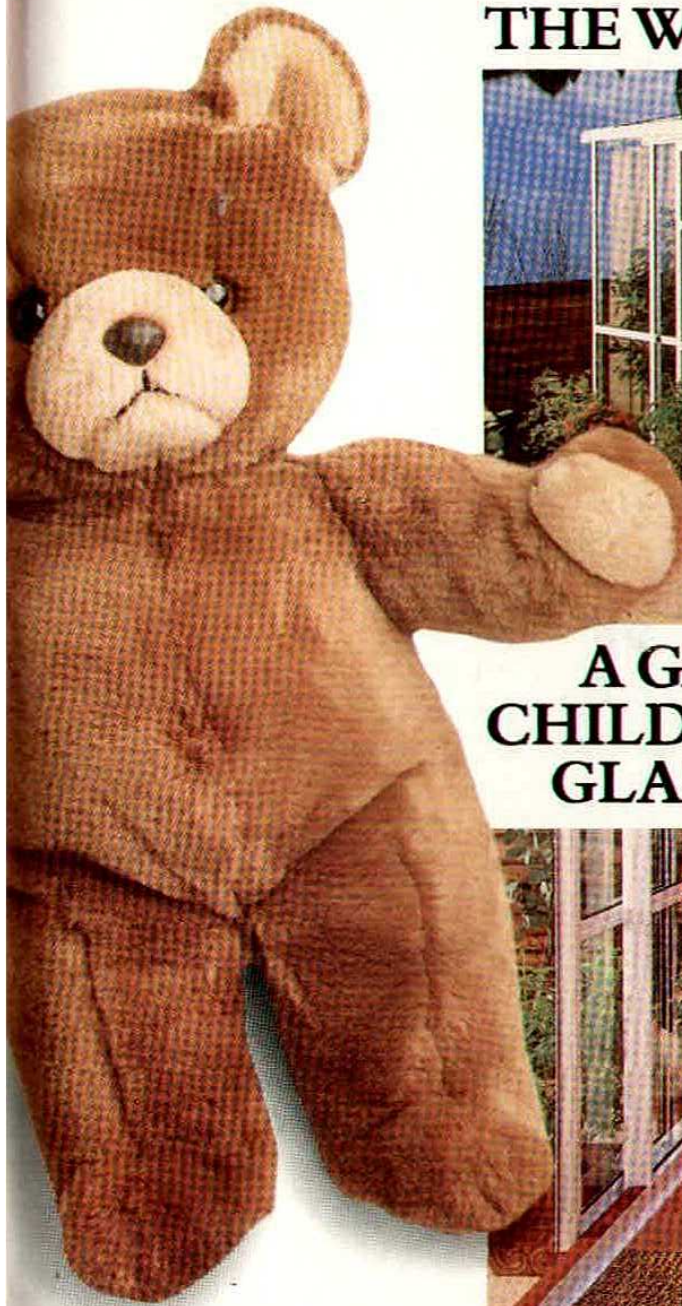
The Football League attendances show an increase of around two million spectators on the 1987-88 figures. The 1988-89 average is now standing at over 9,000 and there are still the play-offs to come in this month and June.

IMPROVING

The number of League players sent off this season is already showing a marked decrease from 1987-88. There is a reduction of 15 per cent - just over 150 dismissals compared with 180 last term. The number of players reaching the suspension levels of 21 and 30 points is also markedly down - 14 per cent in the case of the former and over 42 per cent in the latter.

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Team Changes

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3. Phil King
4. Tommy Jones
5. Tim Parkin
6. Colin Calderwood
7. Steve Foley
8. Duncan Shearer
9. Alan McLoughlin
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Steve White
12. Charlie Henry
14. David Geddis

STOKE CITY

Team Changes

1. Scott Barrett
2. John Butler
3. Cliff Carr
4. Carl Saunders
5. George Berry
6. Mark Higgins
7. Gary Hackett
8. Tony Henry
9. Dave Bamber
10. Nicky Morgan
11. Peter Beagrie
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