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TEAM TALK



Good evening all,

Tonight's game gives us an early chance to once again face Second Division opposition. I watched Swindon defeat Wolves and they achieved their win quite comfortably, so this is going to be an exceptionally tough tie to get through, but then again so was the Notts County fixture.

It certainly is not the time to start thinking about what might be, but it certainly is much better looking down in the League than looking up. While I am writing this column prior to Saturday's game at Northampton Town, I have been tremendously pleased with our previous games at Blackpool and here against Birmingham and the reason (beside the results) has been the two clean sheets. This was very important as in the previous matches we were scoring O.K., but we were also springing a few leaks. Richard Pratley and his defence has certainly plugged the gaps, and in the 180 minutes I am talking about, there has been hardly any chances against us at all. For us to continue in the same manner and be in the top section of the League, clean sheets have to be the order of the day.

The Birmingham game in particular gave me much satisfaction, as I felt it was a real comprehensive victory. It seemed we had every eventuality covered and possibly the 2-0 win really didn't do justice to our superiority. And speaking to Dave Mackay after the match, I could sense he was pretty depressed, as they had made an impressive start and he was feeling pretty confident for the season.

I imagined Bristol City to be one of the forerunners, but Dave felt his side had played exceptionally well at Bristol and were unlucky to lose. So all in all the early signs and feelings are good.

Finally, a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and Chic Bates and their Swindon side. I wish Ossie all the best in his Managerial career - that is after this cup-tie is over.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Ian McNeill.



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● SUPPORTERS CLUB MEETING.

The last meeting of the Supporters Club drew a very large attendance of which many were very welcomed new faces. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening and will become regular visitors to the Social Club meetings.

We would like to thank Asa Hartford who attended that evening and answered all the questions that were put to him in a frank and humorous manner. He also talked to many individual club members at the end of the meeting despite having to travel back home to Cheshire.

SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRAW.

The first membership draw of the season has been made and all winners will be notified in writing and they may collect their two tickets for the appropriate match by producing the letter and membership card at the Club's Ticket Office.

Draw Winners:

Swindon Town Game - 00278

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Bury Game - 00705

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Crewe Alexandra Game -00436

- D.A.Ellis.

Mansfield Town Game - 00191

- Dr.J.W.Black.

● AWAY TRAVEL.

Our next away game, at Bristol City on September 26th is a 7.45 p.m. kick off.

Coaches will leave the Gay Meadow at 3.15 p.m. and the

Buck's Head, Wellington at 3.35 p.m.

Booking can be made at the Club Shop before or after each game and also by telephoning Chris Smith on Telford 604742 in the evenings between 7 and 9 p.m., but no later than 48 hours prior to each game.

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● SHREWS FAMILY ENCLOSURE

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Notts Forest	4	3	1	0	19	3	10
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Walsall	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Shrewsbury Town	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Birmingham City	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
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Stockport County	4	2	0	2	7	4	6

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Wolverhampton	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
Stoke City	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Notts Forest	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Walsall	4	1	0	3	3	10	3
Port Vale	4	0	2	2	8	10	2
Chesterfield	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Peterborough Utd	4	0	0	4	4	23	0

HALF TIME SCORE CHECK

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| A Arsenal v Plymouth | B Barnsley v Blackpool |
| C Birmingham v West Ham | D Bolton v Watford |
| E Brentford v Man City | F Cambridge v Derby |
| G Chelsea v Scarborough | H Crewe v Bournemouth |
| I Crystal Pal v Leicester | J Grimsby v Coventry |
| K Ipswich v Tranmere | L Leyton O v Everton |
| M Liverpool v Wigan | N Mansfield v Luton |
| O Oldham v Leeds | P Reading v Newcastle |
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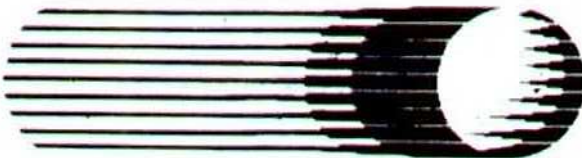


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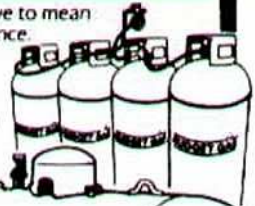
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TOPIC

Will there be more 9-0 scores this season.

Despite their tremendous success Liverpool have not in general been high scorers over the years. Only twice last season did they get more than three goals in a game and until last week one had to go back three seasons for the last time they scored six goals.

Their 9-0 win over Crystal Palace is therefore calculated to strike terror into all First Division sides. Steve Coppell on his return to the city where not so long ago he was a university student saw his side taken apart as the reds scored four goals in the first half and five more after the break and to make matters worse eight different Liverpool players found the net. An indication that they were almost taking it in turn to score is given by the fact that Steve Nicol, who scored the first goal, also scored the ninth as if this was the start of a second round of goalscoring.

Even if the transfer of John Aldridge (scorer of a penalty after going on as substitute) goes through they will certainly take some stopping as it is unlikely that they will leave any club close enough to emulate Arsenal's remarkable feat of winning the last vital game at Anfield last season and so taking the championship.

The fact that Liverpool scored nine times speaks much of their mental attitude as well as of their skill. For in recent times many clubs, Liverpool amongst them, have seemed content to win games by a one or two goal margin and many relatively outplayed clubs have come away from Anfield with an encouraging result, teams such as Stockport

and Doncaster suffering apparently narrow defeats there. Almost certainly Liverpool could on such occasions have scored more had they been in any danger, but they were content by and large to roll the ball round.

They certainly weren't content to do that against Palace however and the whole game brought back memories of some of the high scores of long ago. Within a few miles of Anfield Tranmere Rovers scored 13 goals against Oldham on Boxing Day 1935. Luton got 12 against Bristol Rovers the following Easter. Here in the Midlands Wolves netted 10 times against Leicester on Boxing Day 1938. Since the war Walsall have scored eight times at Northampton, Wolves have scored nine at Cardiff and, Birmingham City beat Liverpool 9-1 in December 1954 when both teams were in Division Two.

Whatever fear Liverpool strike into opponents they will certainly win back some of their own fans (there were only 35,000 at the Palace game) if they keep scoring as they did last week. For there is nothing like goals and even in defeat a 4-3 reverse is so much more exciting than a 1-0 defeat. It will be interesting to see just how many Liverpool - and other teams - score in what is a very important season for English football.

After writing this piece, they let me down with their 0-0 draw at home to Norwich City last Saturday.

Geoff Allman.



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SOCCER SCENE

Steve Pittman's first goal in our colours was not sufficient to prevent us from losing our unbeaten record in the Football League this season and Bury (visitors to Gay Meadow on Saturday) and Huddersfield Town are now the only unbeaten Third Division sides. Since losing at Walsall on the opening day of the season Northampton have won two home games and drawn two away games, and now that Tony Adcock is in his scoring stride again they could be a long shot for promotion.

Talking of Walsall, on Saturday they became the first team to beat Reading this season thanks to Steve Gritt's late goal at Elm Park on Saturday, his first since netting for Charlton against QPR last December. This was Walsall's first win in six visits to Elm Park since a 2-1 success in August 1970 ultimately ensured that they stayed up and Reading went down to Division Four.

It was very much a top v bottom game at Bath on Saturday where Bristol Rovers scored three goals in the first half against Preston with defender Geoff Twentyman opening the scoring against his former club. North End have now lost four away games in a row this season and have conceded three goals in each of them.

Rotherham meanwhile stayed in the promotion race with a Pat Heard matchwinner against Bolton, this being the fourth time in their last four visits that Wanderers have lost at Millmoor.

One game that did not follow the traditional pattern however was the one at Blackpool where Crewe Alexandra chalked up their first win since returning to Division Three on a ground where they had lost 3-0 and 6-1 respectively on their last two visits. Andy Sussex got his fourth goal of the season and Mark Gardiner his third of the season for Alexandra.

Though Huddersfield beat Brentford 1-0 on Saturday they have scored just one goal in each of their four home games this season though on their travels they have scored 3, 2 and 3 respectively so far. Former Scunthorpe and Rochdale man Mark Smith who is in his second season at Leeds Road got the winner on Saturday.

Meanwhile in Division Four Maidstone chalked up their first away win in the Football League with a 3-2 win at Grimsby. In a flurry of scoring just before the interval they took a two goal lead, were pegged back to 2-2 and then they got a second half winner. Two more teams striving to get away from any possible relegation danger are Rochdale and Colchester, who drew 2-2 on Saturday the fifth time in seven seasons that this particular game has ended all square. Still no joy for Hartlepool, however. They are now the only Football League team without a single point and last week they crashed 6-0 at Stockport, who are shaping like a promotion side with Brett Angell and George Oghani forming a useful striking partnership.

In Division One Coventry beat Luton without conceding a goal for the sixth time in seven seasons while Norwich, who are still unbeaten this season, amazingly kept a clean sheet at Anfield for the third successive season after losing 6-2 there in 1986/7. Arsenal's win at Nottingham Forest was their third in as many seasons there while Sheffield Wednesday's win over Aston Villa was their fourth in as many games.

A Mark Hughes hat-trick enabled Manchester United to end a run of three successive defeats by beating Millwall 5-1, the Londoners' first defeat of the season. Mark also netted in the corresponding game last season when United won 3-0. •

THE CHALLENGE

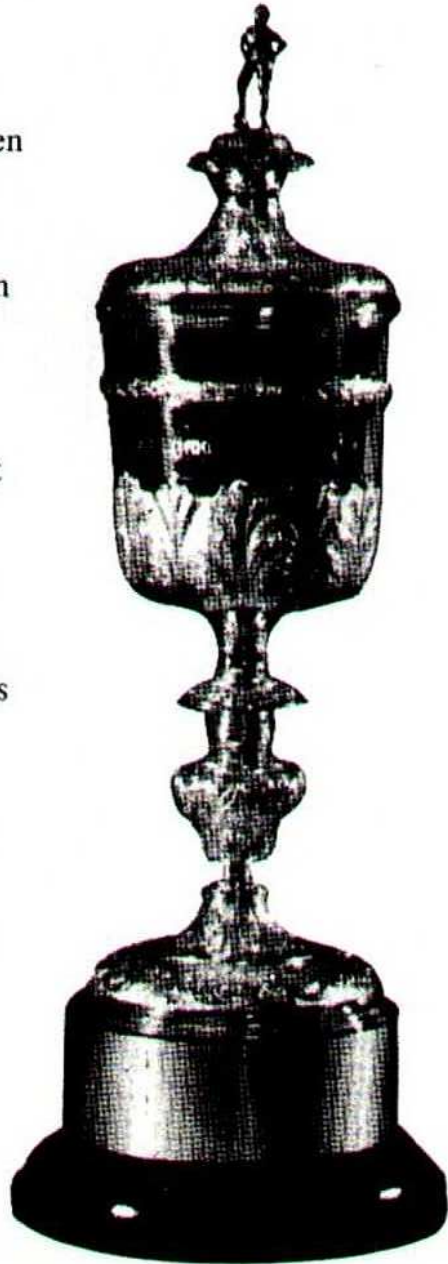
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Intercepted in the post.

Dear Alex,

How are you doing, you old Jock? Long time, no see. How is the old place? I expect the old knuckles are a bit nibbled now, what with the championship still eluding you. And it doesn't look too good for this year, does it? Personally I reckon you've as much chance of succeeding where Chrome-dome, Irish Velvet, The Mouth, The Gravedigger and your's truly failed as P.W.Botha has of joining the Harlem Globetrotters.

But at least they're giving you the old readies to fritter away. Fancy. Two and a bit Big ones for old Gary Ballerina, or whatever they call him. Not exactly had a million dollar start though, has he? Good on yer, though: spend, spend, spend I say. And now you've got that Knight-raider geezer up your backside you ought to be able to cream the market by all accounts.

Pity about that Incy Wincy business - I daresay that little saga really made you climb up the wall, eh? They tell me it was a groin strain - it's a long time since I had one of those.

Things are pretty miserable up here in Yorkshire. The lads have not, should we say, done the business for me so far. I told one of them not to point and, damn me, if they're not taking me at my word.

Alas, alack, Alec, what more can I do? I bought Shakespeare but he's not started making the play yet. Old Worthington's been given his head and, thankfully, he's not becoming too bitter. Harper couldn't be sharper, and Shirliff isn't too windy! But it just isn't coming.

And it doesn't help to have my predecessor old Wilko set up shop along the M1. Now there's a guy with the urge to spend - and not a penny either. They tell me he's trying to recreate the good old days, so he's gone for Sweet Vincent, who makes Norman Hunter look like a sort of mincing Wayne Sleep.

It's cricket country up here, though. It occurs to me that you're a Pict, of course - have you ever heard of such a civilised sport? I'll tell you the rules one day, if you'll reciprocate on soccer. Anyway, there's a revolution on up here - there are those who want to have foreigners playing for the county side.

By foreigners I don't mean the likes of your Spanish - about which race I know plenty, you'll recall. No, it's the rest of your English even your Scots, and your West Indians, and worst of all your Lancastrians, of which I am proud to be a fully paid-up member. Nope. Up till now you've had to be born in Yorkshire to play for the county.

And now the scurrilous (that's a big word, ain't it?) suggestion has been made that this rule should no longer apply. Stone me, the old merde has well and truly struck the ventilateur, as the Frogs say. (I wasn't in Madrid long enough to find out how to say it in Spanish.)

Furry Fred is furious.

"If they sign an overseas player, a foreign player, the first membership card they will receive back is mine".

That's some threat, I can tell you, because the average Yorkie is as tight as Bestie when he was on a bender.

It set me a-thinking though, Fergie, I can tell you. (By the way, how is big Sis? And little Beattie? Nice to have contacts in high places.) I had a nasty thought: what if a policy like Yorkshire's applied in football? Just think - no more flexible friends.

I've heard it suggested that the only kids you could sign up would be from a 50-mile radius of the ground. And the word is no more big money transfers: a £100,000 ceiling, maximum two per season.

You'd be in a pickle wouldn't you?

The argument is that it would encourage parochial identity. You know, local boy makes good and all that. I suppose it makes sense - the boy Beardsmore is a popular lad in your neck of the woods isn't he? And Rushy at the enemy. And look at Bully at Wolves.

O.K. there'd have to be some arrangement for us to cream off the Irish and the Scots and the remote Cornish - though perhaps it would be a dream come true for Penzance or Truro City.

Ah, well, it's just a thought to mull over between mouthfulls of caviar. I'll see you on the 14th October. Oh - and don't worry. There's more to life than a silly old championship!

Your's

Ron.

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SWINDON TOWN THIS SEASON

So far this season Swindon have drawn at Oldham and Watford and have lost to Sunderland and beaten Wolves at the County Ground, before their goalless draw with Barnsley last Saturday.

Duncan Shearer (ex-Chelsea and Huddersfield) is likely to be up front today with **Steve White** (ex-Bristol Rovers, Luton and Charlton) with **Tommy Jones** (ex-Aberdeen), **John Cornwell** (from Newcastle last season) and **Alan McLaughlin**, now in his second spell with them after returning from Torquay, in midfield.



Ross MacLaren needs no introduction to our fans after arriving at Swindon via Derby and in defence **Philip King** is a former Exeter and Torquay man, **Leigh Barnard** has had a vast amount of experience with Portsmouth, **Jon Gittens** came from Southampton two years ago and **Colin Calderwood** came from Mansfield in 1985. In goal **Fraser Digby** is a former Manchester United junior with three seasons at Swindon behind him, being an ever-present last season.

Geoff Allman.

WELCOME

The Littlewoods Cup draw gives us the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with a team hoping to improve still further on last season's outstanding achievement in reaching the playoffs for what would have been a first-ever experience of Division One.

All of which is to say that Swindon have come a long way since they began life as Swindon Spartans in 1881 and changed their name to Swindon Town in 1883. They joined the Southern League in 1894 and then after being runners-up in both 1909 and 1910 they topped the table in 1911, also reaching the F.A.Cup semi-finals of both 1910 and 1912 and taking Barnsley to a replay in the latter.

They were Southern League Champions again in 1914 and became founder-members of Division Three in 1920. This became Division Three(South) a year later and Swindon had unbroken membership there lasting until 1958 and bringing us into contact with them regularly during the fifties. They reached the last 16 of the F.A.Cup in both 1948 and 1952, but in general did not attract many headlines in those days.

How different things were in the sixties. Having qualified for the new Division Three in 1958 they won promotion for the first time in 1963 and though they stayed up for only two seasons they then put together one of the finest Third Division sides ever with names like Ernie Hunt, Mike Summerbee and Don Rogers in their lineup. Don was still there when they shook the football world by not only winning promotion in 1969 but also beating Arsenal 3-1 in extra time at Wembley in the League Cup final.

This time they stayed up until 1974 and they then had mixed experiences in Division Three.

SWINDON'S LAST TEN YEARS

1979/80 saw Swindon belying their tenth place in Division Three by taking Spurs to a fourth round F.A.Cup replay and getting to within striking distance of another visit to Wembley by reaching the League Cup semi-final and losing rather unluckily 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves. A season later they were seventeenth in the League and crashed out of the League Cup 5-0 at Anfield while in 1981/82 a promising start to the season with only two defeats in their first ten games all went wrong as they slid into Division Four for the first time.

They finished eighth in their first season in Division Four, slipping to fifteenth in 1983/84 and then climbing back up to eighth in 1984/85. Then in his second season at the helm Lou Macari led them to the Fourth Division Championship followed by promotion from Division Three at the end of 1986/87 when they squeezed through bravely in the playoffs.

They achieved a comfortable twelfth place in Division Two in 1987/88 followed by a magnificent run at the end of last season. After seeming likely to finish in mid-table they won ten and drew five of their last 17 games and finished in sixth place. They could scarcely have come nearer to Division One as they beat Crystal Palace 1-0 in the first leg only to go out 2-1 on aggregate.

MEET SWINDON THIS SEASON - PREVIOUS CUP GAMES AGAINST

FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper

The former England Under-21 International was the only player to make the maximum number of league appearances last season. Fraser, who has attracted the attention of many of the leading clubs in the First Division, began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice. Following an initial period on loan at the County Ground, the Sheffield born goalkeeper moved to Swindon Town, for a fee of £12,500 in December 1986. Manchester United insisted on retaining fifty per cent of any profit, in the event of the player being transferred to another club.

JON GITTENS - Defender

Jon joined Swindon Town in July 1987 with a Football League Tribunal committee setting the fee at £40,000, following his move from Southampton. The Birmingham born central defender was signed by the 'Saints' from Paget Rangers, the Midland Combination club in October 1985 for an initial fee of £6,000. Jon's appearances last season were limited due to disciplinary suspensions, having been suspended for the first two matches of this season following an F.A. ruling for passing 51 disciplinary points for last season.

MARK JONES - Midfielder

The unfortunate former Oxford United midfield player has been out of action during the majority of the last two seasons, with a serious knee injury. An injury that he sustained in a pre-season accident. It is to his credit that he has fought his way back to fitness. Mark, who began his career as an apprentice with Oxford United, helped the Manor Ground's Club to the Second Division Championship in the 1984/85 season. After seven years with Oxford United he signed for Swindon Town in October 1986, after an initial loan period at the County Ground, and the industrious midfield player helped the club to promotion from the Third Division via the play-offs in the 1986/87 season.

PETER COYNE

A former Manchester United apprentice, Peter drifted into non league soccer with Ashton United, after only two appearances with Manchester United's senior line-up, although he actually scored on his league debut! Peter's league career was resurrected by former Munich hero Harry Gregg, when he was Manager of Crewe Alexandra. During four years with the Gresty Road club, the former Old Trafford apprentice finished as the leading goalscorer each season. Disillusionment with the full time game saw Peter once again drift in to non league football. This occasion saw Peter join Hyde United. It was from the Northern Premier club that he moved South to join Swindon Town in August 1984. Peter's performances in the Fourth Division were significant in helping Swindon take the Fourth Division Championship with a record 102 points in the 1985/86 season. More success followed with their rise to the Second Division, although he has been unable to establish a place in the Town's senior team in the past two seasons.

PREVIOUS RESULTS SHREWSBURY TOWN V SWINDON TOWN IN CUP TIES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Round 2

Swindon 1 Shrewsbury 1

Shrewsbury 2 Swindon 2

Swindon 0 Shrewsbury 2

F.A. CUP

Round 2

Swindon 0 Shrewsbury 1

How odd that both our previous cup encounters against Swindon were in the same season. We actually won both of them though it took us three games to put them out of the League Cup in its very first season when we went on to the semi-final. Very little publicity was given to it at the time and programmes and match reports of games at that time are very scarce.

PHIL KING - Defender

The former Exeter City and Torquay United full back joined Swindon Town after an initial loan period with the club for a fee of £12,500, in March 1987. Regarded by many clubs as one of the most promising young defenders in the Second Division, Phil lost his position in the first team last season for a period due to the fine form of Paul Bodin, after having lost his place in the Town lineup originally due to a suspension for two matches. The Bristol born defender did however regain his position in the latter half of the season. Phil had been the subject of a tribunal settlement between the two Devon Clubs when he moved to Torquay United in July 1978 for a fee of £3,000.

PAUL BODIN - Defender

Paul joined Swindon Town from the now defunct Newport County in March 1988. The Welsh born utility player commenced his career in the Football League with the former Somerton Park Club without making a senior appearance. It was after joining fellow Welsh Club Cardiff City that he made his league debut. After three seasons with the South Wales club he drifted into non-league football with Bath City after being given a free transfer by the Ninian Park club. Newport County eventually paid the Southern League club £15,000 for his return in January 1988 after Paul had been attracting the attention of several clubs with his consistent performances. Last season the versatile Paul, proved he was adept in a full back or midfield role with Swindon Town.

NICKY SUMMERBEE - Striker

The son of former Town, Manchester City and England international, Mike Summerbee, Nicky joined the club as a trainee, and after progressing through the clubs youth ranks with the South East Counties league team, he is expected to establish a regular position in the clubs reserve team this season. A striker who was the youth teams leading goalscorer last season.

NICKY HAMMOND - Goalkeeper

The former Arsenal goalkeeper spent the summer months recovering full fitness after breaking a leg in a training accident. Nick, who commenced his career with Arsenal as a trainee, actually made his league debut with Bristol Rovers. Given a free transfer by the Highbury Club at the end of the 1986/87 season, he has proved an able understudy to Fraser Digby.

DAVE HOCKADAY - Defender

Dave has given the Club sterling service since he joined Swindon town from Blackpool on a free transfer in August 1983. A professional who can be described as a true utility player capable of playing in several positions. In fact, Dave originally joined Swindon as a winger and was successfully converted to a full back role. During their rise from the Fourth Division to the Second he proved to be one of the Clubs most consistent performers, and he has given them excellent service for six seasons. Dave should make his 450th senior appearance in the early part of this season in a career spent with two Clubs.

TIM PARKIN - Defender

Tim joined Swindon Town in July 1986 after a Football Appeals Committee had set the compensation fee of £27,500 to be made payable to his former Club, Bristol Rovers. Tim, who had previously played for Blackburn Rovers and Malmö (Sweden) proved to be a shrewd signing, and he played a major part in helping Swindon to establish a springboard for promotion from the Third Division, and gain a place in last season's Second Division play-offs.

ROSS MACLAREN - Defender

Ross moved to the County Ground in July 1988 from Derby County, after a Football League Tribunal had set the fee at £150,000. The Scottish born defender settled into a sweeper role with them last season. Ross of course entered Football League with us here at Shrewsbury Town in August 1980 after being released on a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers. After five years at the Gay Meadow Club he moved to Derby County in July 1985 after a Football League Appeals Committee set the transfer fee at £67,500. Ross made the maximum number of League appearances at the Baseball Ground in the 1986/87 Second Division championship triumph.

COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender

Colin, who is the club captain, returned to the form last season, that made him an attraction in previous seasons, for several of the country's leading clubs. Colin, who is widely regarded as one of the Second Division's strongest central defenders, was signed from Mansfield Town with a Football League Appeals Committee setting the transfer fee.

PAUL HUNT

Another of the Swindon youth team players of last season to be elevated to the senior ranks. A consistent goalscorer at Youth team level who earned the plaudits of David Pleat, the Leicester City manager last term, following an outstanding display in a Midland Youth Cup tie at Filbert Street. The diminutive striker was a consistent goalscorer in his two seasons at Youth team level.

WE HAVE WON BOTH OUR THEM.

TOM JONES - Midfielder

After being discarded by Chelsea as a youngster, the skilful midfield player drifted into non-league circles with Farnborough Town and Weymouth. It was while he was with the Terras, that Tom attracted the attention of several Football League Clubs. Surprisingly it was Scottish League club, Aberdeen, who eventually signed the former Chelsea apprentice in 1987 for a fee of £35,000. Tom's spell with the Pittodrie Club came to an end after just over a year when he returned to the South of England with Swindon Town. The fine form he had displayed in his early games with the club deteriorated with his disillusionment with the long ball tactics the Town adopted. Tom's frustration resulted in a transfer request, which he eventually withdrew following Manager Ossie Ardiles' appointment. Tom has been forced to miss the early pre-season and league matches due to a cartilage operation just after pre-season training commenced, although the injury had flared up in the play off matches with Crystal Palace last season.

STEVE FOLEY - Midfielder

Steve joined Swindon Town from Sheffield United for a Football League tribunal fee of £35,000 in July 1987. The former Liverpool apprentice failed to make an appearance with the Antfield club at senior level. It was while Steve was on loan to Fulham from the Merseyside Club that he made his league debut. Eventually given a free transfer by Liverpool, he joined Grimsby Town in 1984. Steve spent one season with the then Second Division club before joining Sheffield United in August 1985. He spent two seasons with the Bramall Lane club. It was generally regarded that the Liverpool born midfielder produced his finest form last season in helping the Town to a play-off position. A troublesome ankle injury in the last few weeks of the season robbed the influential Steve of his earlier fine form.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN - Midfielder

The former Manchester United apprentice moved to Swindon Town on a free transfer in August 1986. Originally a full back, Alan was converted to a midfield role and he relished the transition. Last season he established a regular position in the Town's Second Division promotion drive. Alan spent two periods on loan with Torquay United during the 1986/87 and 1987/88 season.

FITZROY SIMPSON - Midfielder

The former club apprentice made his league debut for the club last season and is expected to challenge for a first team position on a regular basis this season. A predominantly left sided player with the ability to make the grade this term, his progress will be monitored closely by those who expect the talented teenager to advance. Fitzroy, a regular goalscorer at youth and Reserve team level, still awaits his first goal at senior level as the 1989/90 season commences. He made his debut in a 30 second appearance!

NEIL TOMLINSON

A former Shrews non-contract player he is in his second season at the County Ground. Still to make his debut at senior level, Neil, was a regular member of the Town's reserve team in the Football Combination last season.

SWINDON'S MANAGER OSSIE ARDILES.

Now in his first managerial appointment Ossie Ardiles brings to us the qualities of knowledge of the game and integrity, qualities which characterised his playing career. A skilful midfield operator he was on anybody's reckoning a class player.

Born in Cordoba in 1952, Ossie had played for Institute de Cordoba and Huracan of Buenos Aires and had helped Argentina win the World Cup when he was signed by Keith Burkinshaw, then manager of Spurs, for £325,000. He made his debut in the 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest in the opening game of 1978/79. He missed only 6 games all season and then missed only two games in the following season. Then in 1980/81 played in a total of 51 League and cup games as Spurs won the F.A. Cup.

He played up to the semi-final again in 1981/82 but missed the game against QPR at Wembley and the replay because of the Falklands campaign. He was then loaned to Paris St Germain, but returned in January 1983. A series of injuries restricted his appearances from then on, but he made an appearance as substitute in the 1984 UEFA Cup final and by the time he was awarded a testimonial against Inter-Milan in May 1986 he was back to his best.

He had a short spell on loan to Blackburn in 1987/88 and all in all he played in 243 Football League games in midfield and scored 16 goals. His silky skills broke down cultural barriers as well as opposing defences and it is good that his knowledge of the game is being used in the interests of a brave West Country club whom he joined after the move of Lou Macari to West Ham.

STEVE WHITE - Striker

Steve a free transfer signing, is a consistent goalscorer and he has become one of the most feared strikers in the Football League. He joined his first club, Bristol Rovers from Mangotsfield United, and after nearly three seasons with the Pirates, he moved to Luton Town in a £200,000 transfer in December 1979. After three seasons at the Kenilworth Road club, during which he helped the Hatters to the Second Division championship, Steve moved to Charlton Athletic in July 1982 for a fee of £150,000. During his only season with the London Club, he spent brief loan periods with Lincoln City and amazingly Luton Town! Steve returned to his native West Country roots with Bristol Rovers in August 1983, for a fee of £35,000. After three seasons with the then Eastville club, he was surprisingly given a free transfer, and that is when Swindon Town stepped in quickly to take the experienced striker to the County Ground in July 1986, and in three seasons he has never failed to reach double figures in the goalscoring charts. During this period, Steve has helped them to promotion from the Third Division and a play off position in last seasons Second Division.

JOHN CORNWELL - Midfielder

John is another of the Town players who is adept at performing equally as well in midfield or defence. The former Leyton Orient and Newcastle United player moved to the County Ground in December 1988 for a £60,000 transfer fee. He spent six seasons at Brisbane Road before moving to Newcastle United in July 1987 for a £50,000 fee. When Jim Smith took over as the North East club's manager last season, John found that he did not figure in the former Queens Park Rangers managers plans. John returned south, and his early performances for the club proved he could be a more than useful acquisition. He lost his position in the team in the latter part of the season, but early pre-season injuries to midfield players, Tom Jones and Steve Foley, could pave the way for his return to first team action.

LEIGH BARNARD - Midfielder

Leigh is Swindon's longest serving player after joining the County Ground staff on a free transfer from Portsmouth, in July 1982, the former Fratton Park apprentice is renowned for his enthusiastic approach. Although his appearances have been restricted in recent seasons, as the club moved into the Second Division. The industrious midfield player has spent loan periods with both Peterborough United and Exeter City. Leigh had the unusual distinction of appearing for the Devon Club at the County Ground against Swindon Town while he was on loan!

DUNCAN SHEARER - Striker

The Scots born striker is the clubs record buy, joining the County Ground staff from Huddersfield Town in June 1988 for £250,000. Duncan was the leading goalscorer for them in League matches last season, with 14 goals. The Scot entered league soccer with Chelsea from Inverness Clachnacuddin. After three seasons with the Stamford Bridge club, he found that his first team appearances were limited, and he moved to Huddersfield Town on March 1986, for a nominal fee. Duncan's goalscoring record with the Northern Club attracted Swindon Town's interest and he returned South to prove his fee was an investment well spent.

DAVID GEDDIS - Striker

The much travelled striker rejected a close season move to Grimsby Town during the summer, after the two clubs had agreed to a £40,000 transfer deal, that fee represents the outlay that Swindon Town made when they secured David's signature from us in October 1988.

ADRIAN VIVEASH - Striker

Adrian is a product of the Swindon youth scheme and is now in the second year of being a full time professional. He was the only player to make the maximum number of appearances in the Town's reserve team last season, and although primarily regarded as a striker the local born player is capable of performing equally well in several roles.

PAUL O'DRISCOLL

The former Southampton player joined the club on a three month trial period, when pre-season training commenced in July after being given a free transfer by the First Division club. Paul was a regular member of the 'Saints' South East counties youth team, in the past two seasons.

GOLDEN OLDIES

Looking at Shrew's Programmes

SHREWSBURY TOWN v SWINDON TOWN Saturday, December 29th, 1956.

We look back today to our biggest-ever win over Swindon Town in a Division Three(South) game in the last but one season of that league.

Our Boxing Day game against Walsall had been postponed and the gate of 8,229 and the response of our lads showed just how keenly we had waited for some late Christmas Fare though that was still not a break even figure at that time.

Our goals came from Ray Russell(2), Colin Whitaker, Ray Weigh and John Price and an own goal while Dennis Edwards (2) and Gordon Pembery netted for Swindon.

Geoff Allman.

Today our games, if played, are 1st team at home to Swindon Town; Reserves are due at Halesowen Town, and the Colts go to Hinksbay United. The 'A' team match versus Hanwood having been cancelled.

Next Saturday we have Oldham Athletic as visitors. In reply to many queries we cannot get one of League games fitted in as opponents we have still to meet are already committed. We hope a good crowd will rally round next week to see Oldham, and see again a very good tussle which will give an idea of the strength, this time of a Club in the top half of the Northern section. The Reserves visit Tamworth; the Colts entertain Wrockwardine United at the Racecourse, and the 'A' side go to Chalwood.

Financial. Everyone will realise that despite our team's success, that various interventions, the weather and the like, have decreased the gates, and the biggest blow was, of course, the postponement of the Walsall game at home, which promised to bring the best gate for several seasons. This and the inclement weather attending recent matches has meant a tightening of the belts, but we hope we do not appeal in vain for better and increased support

for our remaining home games. Our aim for promotion is a real one, even the severest of our critics have realised that we are well amongst the leaders. To achieve that aim the Players need the maximum of encouragement from large crowds, and the Board and Management need the bigger crowds to have the necessary wherewithal to bring that dream of promotion to reality and establish ourselves for the future. Everyone will realise that the fall in gates has not been altogether the Club's fault, and our recent form and goalgetting does confirm the Managers view that this is his best ever team.

In an early edition, we propose to show you how gate receipts are split up and how little there is left for the Club at the end to pay various commitments, this will have an emphasis

on Entertainment Duty, a burden which all interested parties will agree, should be lightened in respect of Professional Football Clubs.

Be a warm Appeal to you. Support your Club and play your part in our progress. Yes, your progress too.

We welcome today Swindon Town to the Gay Meadow, a team who started the season badly, but who have improved so much since Bert Head, former Totquay captain and centre-half and latterly Assistant Manager at Hurry, took over the team. Swindon

will provide stern opposition and be worthy opponents. Early in the season we won 2-1 at Swindon, with O'Donnell and Whitaker, both at wing-forward, scoring the goals. A repeat win would do us good and keep us in a challenging position and give us our first double of the season.

Now some Club news and jottings, word of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace on the birth of young Martin William, note Joe, he is eligible for England, not Scotland. So this year each of the occupants of Club Flats at Belmont Bank, Jimmy Bannister, Colin Whitaker and now Joe, have had additions to the family, best wishes to all three families. Now to Norman Hobson who joins Miss June Walker in holy matrimony in the summer, we wish them both well. Happier

news of injuries, Ron Walker has recovered from his accident and was fit for duty today, apart from Willie O'Donnell, doubtful for today, we have a clean bill of health.

The boys received a very nice letter of thanks from the Dr. Barnardo's homes, the recipients of Xmas gifts as per the usual custom that our players follow at Xmas time.

Now a last word of sympathy to Jimmy Bannister, the cancellation of the Walsall match robbed Jimmy of a good collection for his Benefit, but may we remind you that donations will be gratefully received for this fund, and that other efforts and another collection will be made at date to be announced later.

SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

DIVISION III (SOUTH) SATURDAY, DEC. 29th, 1956

SHREWSBURY TOWN (7) (Blue Shirts and White Knickers)		SWINDON TOWN (Red Shirts and White Knickers)	
(Right)	CURRAN BANNISTER (Capt.) (2) WALLACE (4) PRICE (7) O'DONNELL (8)	MALONEY (5) WEIGH JACK (5) DEAR (3) CHANDLER	(Left)
Referee :- E. T. Jennings		Linesmen :- Red Flag: A. J. Robertson Yellow: H. Horne	
DARCY (11) PEMBERY (6)	EDWARDS (10) OWEN (9) GIBBS (8) RICHARDS (7) CROSS (4) LEE (2)	HOBSON (3) SIMPSON (6) RUSSELL WHITAKER (10) (11)	(Left)



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BACK IN TIME

30 YEARS AGO

We beat Colchester 4-1 here on September 19th, 1959 just one year before the Football League Cup came into being. Colin Whitaker gave us an early lead after an Arthur Rowley shot had come back off a post and the rest of the first half was fairly even. Just after the break Whitaker set up Malcolm Starkey for a second goal and then Malcolm returned the compliment for Colin to score. Neil Langman pulled one back for the visitors before more good work by Starkey laid on a goal for Colin Whitaker to complete his hat-trick.

SHREWSBURY: Humpreys; Hobson; Price; Wallace; Maloney; Pountney; Ireland; Starkey; Edgley; Rowley; Whitaker.

COLCHESTER: Ames; Laird; Fowler; Parker; Milligan; Hammond; Blake; Hill; Langman; King; Wright.

Attendance: 9,068.

We were now seventh in Division Three, a point ahead of Swindon, who beat Bury 1-0 while Halifax were a point ahead of Southampton and Norwich at the top. In Division One Spurs beat Preston 5-1 and moved ahead of Wolves to the top of the table. Wolves losing 3-1 at Blackpool just 3 days after beating Fulham 9-0.

20 YEARS AGO

We were held to a 2-2 draw here by Southend in a second round Football League Cup-tie on September 2nd, 1969. Alf Wood (penalty) scored in the first half with Gary Moore replying and Jim McLaughlin scored after the break with Mike Beesley replying.

SHREWSBURY: Phillips; Fellows; Loska; Moore; Dolby; Clapham; Roberts; Bridgwood; Wood; Hawkins; McLaughlin.

SOUTHEND: Roberts; Lindsey; Simpson; Beesley; Haydock; Kuria; Bentley; Baber; Moore (G).

Attendance: 4,968.

We went down in a replay two days later with Beesley and McMillan getting the goals against a Shrews side that included Pountney, Fellows and Meredith instead of Moore, Clapham and McLaughlin. Swindon meanwhile won 3-1 at Swansea with a Peter Noble hat-trick their side at that time also including Don Rogers up front. Barrow lost narrowly to Nottingham Forest and Darlington to Everton for whom Alan Ball got the only goal of the game.

10 YEARS AGO

We were held to a goalless draw here by Chesterfield in a first round second leg League Cup-tie on September 4th, 1979 to put us out of the competition 3-0 on aggregate as the Spintees had won the first leg 3-0 with Ernie Moss (2) and Alan Birch getting their goals.

SHREWSBURY: Mulhearn; King; Leonard; Cross; Griffin; Keay; Birch; Atkins; Tong (Lindsay); Biggins; Mann.

CHESTERFIELD: Letheren; Tarr; O'Neill; Riley; Green; Hunter; Birch; Moss; Walker; Salmon; Crawford.

Attendance: 4,270.

Swindon put out Chester 2-1 on aggregate with Alan Mayes getting both goals and the bravest fight of the round was that of Colchester who were 2-0 down from the first leg but levelled the aggregate score at Villa Park only to lose 9-8 on penalties.

Newcastle beat Sunderland and Wimbledon beat Orient in the other games that went to penalties.

Geoff Allman.

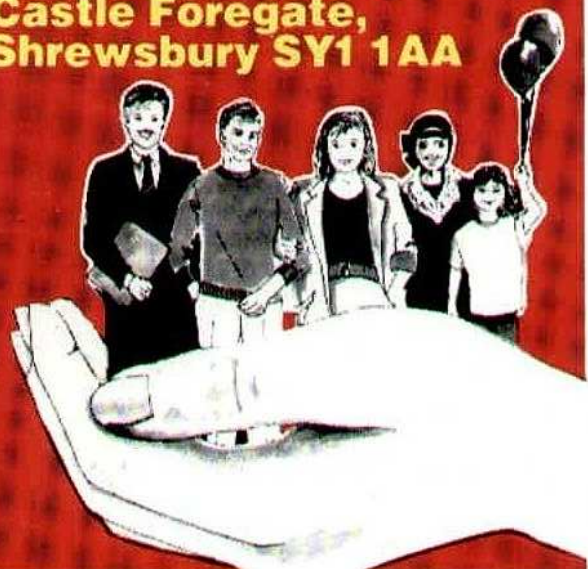
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Steve PITTMAN	3
Tony KELLY	4
Richard PRATLEY	5
David MOYES	6
Michael BROWN	7
Dougie BELL	8
Victor KASULE	9
John McGINLAY	10
Willie NAUGHTON	11
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Fraser DIGBY	1
Lee BARNARD	2
Phil KING	3
Alan McLAUGHLIN	4
Colin CALDERWOOD	5
Jon GITTINS	6
Tom JONES	7
Shaun CLOSE	8
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