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After two good wins against Leicester and West Brom we were brought down to earth

with defeat at Barnsley although I felt we had enough chances, especially in the first half to win or at least to draw.

I felt we played more football at Barnsley where we lost than at West Brom where we won — but it's results that count.

We then battled for a point at Stoke in midweek where I was delighted with the spirit shown by the players.

Lee Sinnott and Dave Evans are forming a very strong partnership at the heart of the defence and it was unfortunate that Dave had to leave the field with a hamstring injury at Stoke which is going to keep him out of the side.

The form of young Kevin Megson has delighted everyone. Obviously, we don't want to put too much pressure on him and it will be no surprise to see him rested in future as the search goes on for another winger.

It was good to see so many people from Bradford at Barnsley. I know it isn't so far, but our support was huge that day and I am sorry we disappointed our followers.

The League position is still at a stage where good or bad results can send you up and down the table quite dramatically, for instance, wins in our next two home matches could lift us into a halfway position.

Today we welcome Swindon and their new manager Ossie Ardilles, my old team-mate at Spurs. I haven't seen Ossie since I left White Hart Lane some eight years ago and I will enjoy recalling the great times we had at Tottenham.

Terry Yorath



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MM CITY CHATLINES MM

Success at West Bromwich Albion in the first leg of the second round Littlewoods cup tie was highlighted in our commentary match from the Hawthorns and as usual, you, the Bradford City supporters responded magnificently to our coverage, we were even asked to replay the goals from the game on our chatline in mid-week.

The sad news of course since our last column surrounds the injury to Alan Davies just as he was settling in to play his best football at Valley Parade, but Alan remained cheerful when he told us on the chatline that the injury could have been a lot worse and he is looking forward to being back in training in about six weeks time.

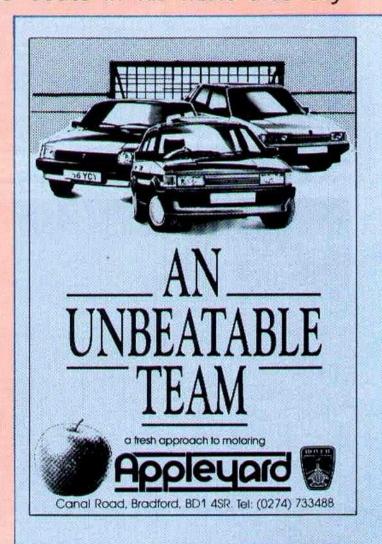
The search for goal-scoring form continues as far as the first team is concerned but how nice it is to see Mark Leonard restored to something like normal fitness and his goals at the Hawthorns were certainly just reward for a very determined performance.

"Lenny" told the chatline a few weeks ago that he felt he was in danger of becoming the forgotten man as far as City fans were concerned but he can have no doubt in his heart that City

supporters have been backing him all the way as he got over the effects of the food poisoning bug picked up abroad — the tremendous reception he received at West Bromwich will surely have allayed his fears.

A new voice on the chatline in recent days, lan Dennis, an 18 year old City fan wrote into chatline editor John Kearney asking if he could be involved with coverage of City's games. Ian, who has had experience at BBC Radio York covered the game at Oakwell last Saturday and did a fine job for us, you will be hearing a lot more of lan in the near future.

Regards, John Kearney Ring-a-Round Ltd 0898 888 640



- ODAY'S Visitors

Swindon Town

Swindon can scarcely relish a return trip to West Yorkshire this week after last Saturday's 4-0 mauling by Leeds United at Elland Road, particularly with City eager to hit back after their disappointing defeat at Barnsley.

However the West Country club have enjoyed some success in the past against City for they represented the first hurdle in Swindon's historic run to the 1969 Football League Cup Final where, as a Third Division team, they triumphed over First Division Arsenal at Wembley after extra-time.

That was undoubtedly the greatest moment in the history of a club who have spent all but a handful of seasons in the Third and Fourth Divisions since being admitted to the League in 1920 when the Southern League was adopted as the Third Division.

They managed to finish high enough in the Third Division South in 1958 to qualify for the de-regionalised Third Division but it was 1963 before they won their first ever promotion fight and took their place in Division Two.

Unfortunately they were relegated in 1965 but former Rotherham defender Danny Williams took over from Bert Head and steered them to that famous League Cup victory as well as to promotion in 1969.

Former City mid-field man Stan Harland and goalkeeper Peter Downsborough, later to take part in many City successes, were amongst the Swindon heroes that day at Wembley while a number of other personalities have had close connections with both clubs down the years.

Chief Scout Maurice Lindley is so well known for his work as Don Revie's assistant at Leeds United and his later work at City under Trevor Cherry, Terry Dolan and now Terry Yorath, that his time as manager at Swindon Town in the early fifties is often overlooked.

Swindon have had one or two notable names as managers since the war like former Tottenham stars Dave Mackay and Les Allen but the most successful is undoubtedly the former Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland star Lou Macari who took over the club five years ago as player-manager and led them to the Fourth Division championship with a record number of points in 1986, to promotion from Division Three the following year and then to the Second Division promotion play-offs last season before moving to West Ham in the summer.

Macari's replacement has a hard act to follow but former Argentinian World Cup star Osvaldo Ardiles (37) is no stranger to difficulties.

Having moved to England to sign for Spurs in a blaze of publicity with international team-mate Ricardo Villa in July 1978 'Ossie' had first to overcome the language problem and then the personal difficulties which followed the

With his home country and adopted country in conflict he was subjected to abuse from the terraces, despite his own very dignified handling of the situation, and left Spurs for a spell in France on loan to Paris St. Germain.

He came back to Spurs after a season and went on to complete 238 League games for the club, scoring 16 goals, before clocking up a further 13 games for Blackburn Rovers and QPR.

The Swindon boss has suffered a number of serious injuries in recent seasons and looks to have finally ended his glittering playing career in which he collected an FA Cup winners medal in 1981, a runners up medal in 1987 and a UEFA Cup winners medal in 1984.

It should also be remembered that Ardiles was in fact a team-mate of City boss Terry Yorath at Spurs so today's meeting is also something of a reunion.



Former City men Stan Harland and Peter Downsborough in action for Swindon Town in a cup tie against Leeds in 1969

One of the first moves Ardiles made when he took over from Macari was to sign another ex-Tottenham team-mate Tony Galvin (33), a Yorkshire born Republic of Ireland international winger who found his way into League football with Spurs after being signed from Goole Town in January 1978.

He scored 20 goals in 201 League games for Spurs before moving to Sheffield Wednesday two seasons ago.

The current Swindon side is much the same as that which reached the play-offs last term with Sheffield born keeper Fraser Digby (22) continuing the run which saw him clock up 116 first team appearances in his first three seasons after signing from Manchester United at the start of the 1986-87 season.

At right-back is the experienced **Dave Hockaday** (31) who played 147 games for Blackpool before joining Swindon six years ago, while **Philip King** (21), formerly with Exeter City and Torquay United, has already played over 100 games for the club.

Also competing for a place in the defence is **Colin Calderwood** (24), a Scot with over 350 games with Mansfield Town and Swindon under his belt, **Jon Gittens** (25), signed from Southampton in the summer of 1987 after starting his career in non-league football in the Midlands, and **Ross MacLaren** (27), previously with Rangers, Shrewsbury and Derby County, who can also play in mid-field.

Also in mid-field are **Tommy Jones** (24), who was born in Aldershot but found his way into League football with Swindon last season via Weymouth and Aberdeen, Welshman **Paul Bodin** (25) signed from Newport County last season having also played for Cardiff City, and **Alan McLoughlin** (22) who has been involved in a strange transfer saga with Torquay United since being originally signed by Swindon from Manchester United in 1986. Having moved to Torquay he was re-signed by Swindon and then allowed to return to Torquay on loan.

Joining Galvin in the front line are Trowbridge born Fitzroy Simpson (19) who made his League debut last season and Duncan Shearer (27) who was capturing the headlines in West Yorkshire just a season or two back when he cracked in 38 League goals in 83 games for Huddersfield Town after joining them from Chelsea.

He moved to Swindon last season and hit 14 goals in 36 games.



Back Row (Left to Right): Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin

Middle Row (Left to Right): Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard, Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physio)

Front Row (Left to Right): Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.



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GENT QUIZ

- 1. Which club does Glen Cockerill play for?
- 2. Roy McFarland left Derby County to become City's player-manager n May 1981 . . . but who did he replace as full-time manager?



- 3. Who managed the England team in 1973 between the dismissal of Sir Alf Ramsey and the appointment of Don Revie?
- Name the Barclays 'Young Eagle of the Month' for August.

- 5. Which country did ex-lpswich and Everton midfield player Bryan Hamilton play for?
- Which team did Stoke City beat to win their only major honour, the League Cup, in 1972?
- 7. Who are known as the Cobblers?
- 8. Which French club has Chris Waddle joined?
- Name the striker who was fined £3,000 by FIFA after failing to sign for Celtic in the summer.
- 10. Who were the winners of last seasons Sherpa Van Trophy?
- 11. Which team walked off the pitch in a recent World ,Cup qualifying match after their goalkeeper was allegedly hit by a firecracker?

Compiled by John Watmough

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One of the encouraging features of football this season is that the rank and file supporter is commanding more attention from the people who run the game — and about time too.

It was the Hillsborough tragedy that finally brought home to the authorities that they know little about what it's like to stand on the terraces, travel to and from a match and queue to get into a ground.

So, it's good to see the Football Supporters Association becoming active in this area.

Mainspring behind the newly formed West Yorkshire branch is David Goodman who has been writing elsewhere in the programme.

Most of the sensible opposition to the Government's controversial compulsory membership scheme has come from the FSA. They need to be consulted as football tries to come to terms with crowd safety and control in the light of Hillsborough and fresh bouts of hooliganism at home and abroad.

Their help will be needed more than ever if we are to contain the expected

trouble at next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

A minority of hooligans seem to care nothing for either British football or national pride as they go rampaging about Europe leaving a trail of destruction.

Other countries also have their hooligan element — many people seem to forget that — but the spotlight is on the English fans and everything must be done to root out the troublemakers.

Despite increasing restrictions particularly on visiting and what few neutral spectators are left these days, football still gives pleasure to hundreds of thousands of people every week.

Earlier this month I was privileged to see Liverpool beat Crystal Palace 9-0 to demonstrate what a skilful and entertaining spectacle football can be.

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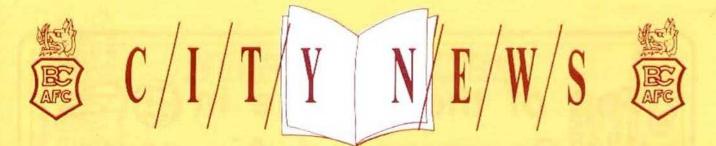
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Season Ticket holders in the Natpros Stand are reminded they have to purchase their usual seat for this match, 24 hours prior to the kick-off to ensure that it is available.

Barclays League Division Two

Bradford City v Brighton - Saturday, 7th October kick-off 3.00pm.

The Pontin's League - Division One

Bradford City v Liverpool – Tuesday, 3rd October. Due to the match with West Bromwich on Wednesday 4th, the said match is postponed until

Tuesday, 9th January 1990.

Bradford City v Hull City - Thursday, 19th October kick-off 7.30pm.

Northern Intermediate League

Bradford City v Scunthorpe — Saturday, 7th October kick-off 11.00am.

Travel Club

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Bradford City v Leeds United

Saturday, 28th October 1989.

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It may not have come to your notice that our junior side have not been playing their home fixtures at Rawdon Meadows this season. This is due to returfing of the football pitch, this will not be available for our use until mid October, until then

they are playing at the Trinity Sports Ground. Horsforth, Leeds.

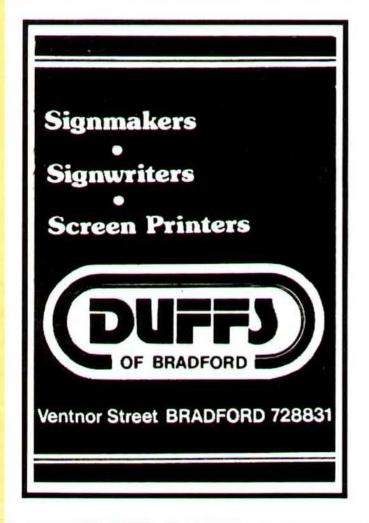
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Info

Good afternoon and welcome to Swindon Town and their supporters who have travelled north for

today's game. As I am away on holiday, these notes have been prepared well in advance of this afternoons encounter and consequently may appear a little dated. Swindon, like City, have made a sluggish start to the season. Their only victory to date was a 3-1 win over bottom club Wolves on Sunday 3rd September at the County Ground.

I must admit to being surprised at Wolves position at the bottom of the table. At our meeting at Molyneux in August City looked a much better side and should really have won. The Wolves side seemed remarkably devoid of skill with strength appearing to be their main attribute. Their defence looked very poor and conceded a further four goals at home the other night to an in-form Brighton attack. Up front Steve Bull will probably continue to score goals, as he did against us, but their bludgeoning style may have to be refined if they are to continue their success in a very competitive Second Division.

While Wolves (10-1 at the start of the season) languish at the foot of the table, Sheffield United (22-1) are sitting proudly at the top. The other promoted side Port Vale (66-1) have also made a sound, if unspectacular, start to the season. Vale must be very annoyed that they are not further up the table. They only drew their home games with Blackburn and Hull, both of which, by all accounts, Vale should have won.

If any branch or members of the Official Supporters Club wish to publicise details of

meetings, events etc., please let me know. I can be contacted during the day on 0937 843434 Ext 6504. Please supply any details at least a week before a home game.

Football Supporters Association

The West Yorkshire Branch of the FSA will be holding its next meeting at The Shay, Halifax on Monday 2nd October at 8.00pm.

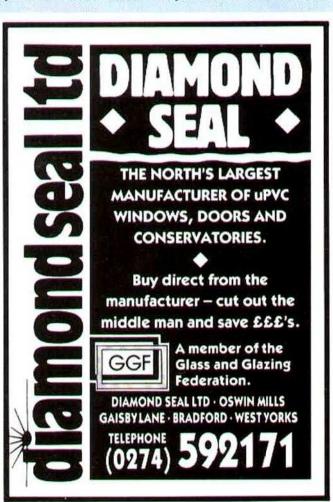
Barbecue — Held 17th September

An enjoyable and successful Barbecue was held at The Fountain Inn, Heaton on Sunday 17th September. Around ninety people attended and Mark Ellis, Brian Mitchell and Peter-Jackson were also present. An estimated £150 was raised for Mark Ellis' Testimonial Fund.

Supporters Club Thursday Meetings

There will be a meeting at Valley Parade on Thursday 5th October at 8.00pm but at the time of going to press the guest speaker still has to be confirmed. There will be no meeting on the 19th October as the Reserves are playing at Valley Parade.

John Watmough (O.S.C.)



CITY Action

Action photographs from City's 2-0 home win against Leicester City on Saturday, 16th September.

The new John Hendrie?

Lively winger young Kevin

Megson has an acrobatic shot
at goal.

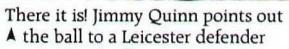
Mark Leonard gets to grips with a Leicester defender 📦



Mark Aizlewood loses out to the Leicester defence









City on the defensive – Lee Sinnott clears the danger





Former Sheffield Wednesday keeper Martin Hodge is shown the yellow card for this challenge on Jimmy Quinn

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(*) The first match at Swindon was played on the 16th January and it was abandoned after 72 minutes due to fog. Swindon were leading 3-0 at the time of

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BRADFORD CITY v SWINDON TOWN

by Jeffrey Watkins

Football League between the two clubs.

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Football Supporters Association

Welcome to this afternoon's match, I hope you see a good game.

One problem already experienced by Bradford City this season is that seemingly new experience of the delayed kick off.

I've already experienced two this season, Leeds United's opening game versus Middlesbrough had a half hour delay, and due to the numerous problems made the game itself rather immaterial. More recently I saw the not so super whites steal the points at my beloved Boothferry Park (I am one very depressed Hull City fan!) in a game delayed to allow more Leeds fans into the ground.

The F.S.A's position on delayed kick offs is that persistent delays are undesirable in that supporters will come to rely on them. Clearly each situation has to be judged individually. However, post Hillsborough it is surely right that there is a senior police officer specifically designated to give permission to the referee to delay a game. At all times the prime concern when contemplating this subject has to be the safety and comfort of the supporters.

Supporters who want a greater say in this wonderful game of ours are very welcome to attend the next meeting of the West Yorkshire F.S.A. It will be held at the Shay in Halifax Town's Sporting Club, on Monday 2nd October at 8pm.

Many more details on the F.S.A. can be extracted by phoning myself on a new number, Leeds 668146 or Patrick Cookland on Leeds 650538. Please note this man does not answer to the name of Pat, Patsy, PC, indeed anything other than Patrick!

See you soon

David Goodman





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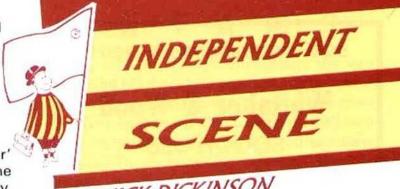
Welcome to today's game, especially to all those who have made the long journey up from Wiltshire.

Swindon supporters produce the excellent BRING THE NOISE, which is superb value at 30p. You can get it from 10 Devon Road, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 1PQ.

Fanzines tend to encapsulate all the 'other' qualities of football that make the game so appealing: qualities like fierce loyalty, humour, dedication, single-mindedness and fairness, solidarity and the terrace perspective.

One such publication which makes essential reading is FROM CASUALS TO CUP WINNERS by Brian Spurrell. This is subtitled "A Journey through the FA Cup 1988/89", and is just that. Brian, whose local club is Erith & Belvedere, decided to follow the Deres from the first round through to their eventual FA Cup Final appearance. Of course, if the Deres happened to lose, then he would follow their opponents, and so on. So the first match he visited was Corinthian Casuals v Hanwell Town, the winners of whom would play Erith & Belvedere in the second qualifying round (the Deres had a first qualifying round bye).

The book thus follows the Cup in an exciting and often humorous way through the various rounds to the eventual final. For the record, the games featured are: Corinthian Casuals 0 Hanwell Town 4; Erith & Belvedere O Hanwell Town 1; Hanwell Town 0 Wembley 1; Walton & Heresham 2 Wembley 1; Walton & Heresham O Sutton United 3; Dagenham O Sutton United 4; Aylesbury 0 Sutton United 1; Sutton United 2 Coventry City 1; Norwich Sutton United 0; West Ham 0 Norwich 0; Norwich 3 West Ham 1; Everton 1 Norwich 0; Everton 2 Liverpool 3. These match reports (which are refreshingly honest and humorous) supplemented are by photographs and newspaper extracts, accounts of other games (supplied by fanzine



BY MICK DICKINSON

editors and including City's win over Spurs written by yours truly), and a moving reference to Hillsborough.

Throughout, the tone of this publication reflects the true spirit of football, and reveals, more than anything I have read recently, just why people bother to go to football matches. The publication retails at £1.20 for 52 A4 pages and can be obtained (58p extra) from 30 Manor Court, York Way, Whetstone, London N20 ODR. Get it if you can!

CTC'73 are holding a Social Evening on Monday 23rd October at 8.00pm in the Metropole. Terry Yorath will be the speaker and he has promised to bring a few players along. Food will be provided, and the event will be free to CTC members, £1.00 to non-members. It loks like being a good evening, so make sure you get along there.

On sale today are two new City Gent publications — The Odsal Collection, a compilation of the best of issues 7-14, and Super Leeds, a tribute to our near and dear, neighbours. The Odsal Collection costs £1.00 and the Leeds tribute is 50p. Both can be obtained from our sellers in the ground.

We are hoping to have City Gent 26 for sale before the end of October. Contributions for no. 27, to be available in December, can be sent to me at 13 Meadow View, Skelmanthorpe. Huddersfield HD8 9ET.

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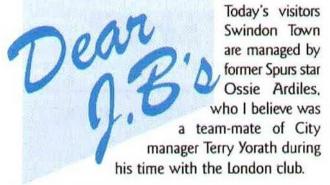


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Over the past few seasons, Swindon have always been a difficult team to play against, and I'm sure today's game will be very competitive. Goalkeeper Fraser Digby is being watched by several First Division clubs, so hopefully he doesn't tame the Bantams attack.

Today's mascot is Ben Benson aged 11, of Frederick Close, Thackley, Ben attends Cottingley Manor School and his favourite player is Paul Jewell.

Birthday wishes to Alexandra Wilson, Ruth Lockwood, Paul Allsopp and David Denton for today. Mark Elener for Monday and Joe Miller, Stephen Goggs and Kerrin Winn for Wednesday.

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During the October half-term holidays the very successful IB's 5-a-side tournament will be held at Richard Dunn Sports Centre. Details will be given in a later programme. Don't forget the half-term coaching courses organised by Bradford Recreation Division. These courses are organised especially for boys and girls between the ages of 5-15 years old, and are excellent value for money. Details of venues will be disclosed in later programmes.

It's nice to see Mark Leonard back in a City strip after his long lay-off through illness. I'm sure all JB's will be hoping Mark and Jimmy Quinn can carry on where they left off last season.

After today's game City have two more home fixtures, West Brom in the cup on Wednesday and Brighton, who have had a good start to the season, next Saturday.

A good result today will push City back up the League and when that "Little Bit of Luck" you need to win matches, changes, I can see the boys battling it out at the top of the league.

Keep up the support, enjoy the game. Eric

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Parade on the 19th September in a game which ended in a goal-less draw.

In contrast, the juniors began their defence of the Northern Intermediate League

championship with three wins and a draw and followed that up with a League Cup first round victory over Leeds United.

However, last Saturday they lost that impressive unbeaten record when Hull City clinched a

late 2-1 win at Trinity and All Saints College, Horsforth, where the

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juniors are currently playing their home games.

City fell behind in the first half through Paul Waite after leading scorer Michael McHugh had missed an early chance but the Irish lad made up for the miss with the equaliser on the hour.

It was McHugh's seventh goal of the season and this was the fifth consecutive game in which he had scored but it was all to no avail. Hull hit back to regain the lead through substitute Alan Ball and though McHugh had a last gasp opportunity to grab an equaliser he was denied by the visitors keeper.

The good news on the junior front however is the success of Kevin Megson since winning promotion to the first team.

Megson has made good progress since helping the juniors to the NIL championship last season and he is the sixth graduate from that side behind Peter Costello, Mark Evans, Martin Pattison, Lee Duxbury and Jimmy Graham.

This leaves Arthur Graham's side just one short of the record seven players promoted from Jeff Lee's NIL Cup winning side of 1983.

There is good news too of reserve team striker Gary Chapman

Jimmy Graham one of six members of the 1989 N.I.L. championship side to play first team football

who's two goals for Notts County on Saturday made it three in two games since joining the club on loan.



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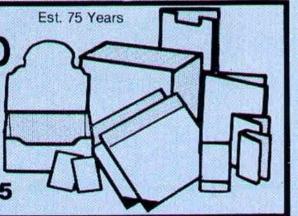


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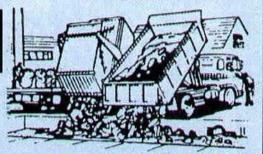
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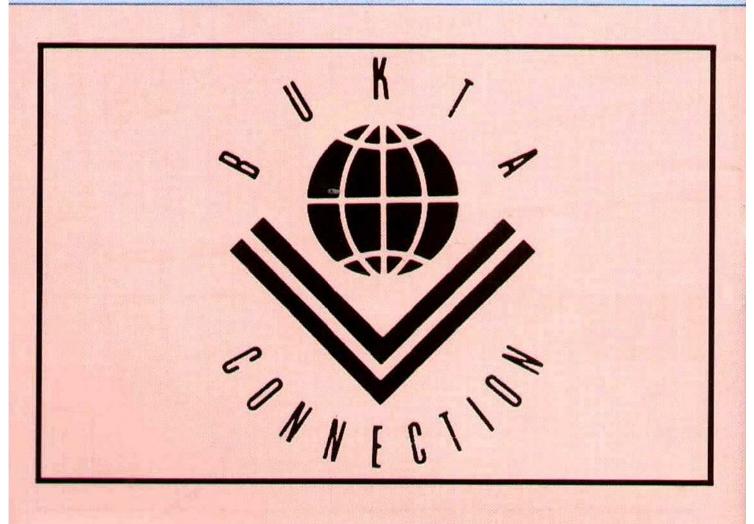
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Kennedy's Kids (Part 1)

Bobby Kennedy was one of Bradford City's best liked managers and will always be remembered for those two glorious seasons when he took a bunch of youngsters to the last eight of the FA Cup and to promotion from Division Four in 1976 and 1977.

However what should never be forgotten is the work he did as Youth team coach after joining the club from Grimsby in 1972.

The youngsters like Garry Watson, John Middleton, David Fretwell and Joe Cooke who did so well for him

during his time as manager had all been either brought to the club or brought on through the juniors during his time in charge.

What is more he took a personal interest in the young players themselves and even those who failed to make the grade have maintained a lasting interest in the game.

A glance at the junior team appearance record for 1974-75 makes interesting reading in fact for several players are still figuring in local sporting circles.

In fact there are two names which have subsequently become known nationally and internationally despite their failure to make their names as first team players at Bradford City.

These two are Neil Hartley and David Ratcliffe.

Hartley, a Yorkshire County cricketer, has spent some winters playing Rugby Union for one of the Bradford and Bingley XV's in recent years but back in the early 70's he was a very useful soccer player.

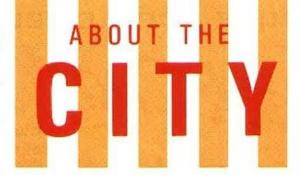
He was at City in the junior and reserve teams for four seasons in all without ever making his Football League debut but within 12 months of leaving Valley Parade to concentrate on cricket he had joined another ex City man, David Bairstow, in the Yorkshire CCC 1st XI.

Though not always a regular in the Yorkshire side, Neil completed his 12th season at the county this summer with over 5000 runs and 50 wickets to his credit in the first class game in this country and has also played in South Africa. The sporting exploits of David Ratcliffe, a former Batley Grammar School boy, are also well chronicled for having played Rugby League as a youngster he had the honour of representing England against Australia in a schools international before turning to soccer.

That is not so remarkable in itself but having been released after playing 28 League games for City, manager Bobby Kennedy helped find him a club in Australia and he went on to represent his adopted country AGAINST England in three friendly internationals and in the World Cup Finals.

The term 'friendly' is in fact something of a misnomer as far as those Australia v England games go however, for Ratcliffe received nationwide notoriety for his robust handling of England striker Trevor Francis during those games.

Still it was a far cry from those far off days in the City junior team and I suspect the criticism meant very little to the local boy finally made good.





City's David Ratcliffe who was destined to become an Australian soccer international.

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Youngster to the fore

The 'City Gent' motif is reputedly based rack Chi on the young Stafford Heginbotham since it was introduced during his first Chairmanship of the club, however, whilst the 'City Gent' character has acquired great popularity, football chairmen in general are seldom looked upon kindly

as any current or past incumbents would readily testify.

Despite this it should not be overlooked that in Stafford's time at the helm in the late sixties several young players came to the fore who were destined to play a vital part in the rise from the ignomy of reelection in 1966 to promotion from Division Four in 1969.

Ian Cooper was perhaps the most notable newcomer during the disastrous 1965-66 season followed soon after by Bruce Bannister.

Cooper was a former Buttershaw Comprehensive School pupil who arrived at the club as an amateur at the age of 16 in September 1962 and was still on a PE Teaching course at Leeds Carnegie College when he was thrust into the first team shortly before his 19th birthday for the opening game of the season against Torquay in August 1965.

He was an immediate success playing in the next 25 League and Cup games before giving way to utility man Peter Roden and then Alan York - whose injury had paved the way for his debut in the first place.

January 1966 and Ian is introduced to the City fans in

the match day programme 'Meet the Players' series

By the end of this dismal season Ian, brother of the ex-Yorkshire

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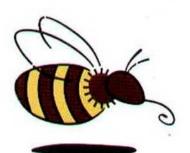
He was ever present four times during his 12 seasons of first team football at Valley Parade and missed just one game in his penultimate season (1975-76) as he clocked up a new club record of 443 League appearances — which included one spell of 154 in a row.

After playing an important part in the FA Cup run to the Quarter Final in 1976 Ian was to play just five games during the promotion campaign the following year and left the club after being awarded a benefit game against Newcastle in May 1977.

Still living at Wibsey, Ian now has his own joinery business and works from time to time with former City team-mate Graham Oates who helped set up that benefit game during his time at St James Park.

On leaving Valley Parade Ian spent two or three years at Guiseley in the Yorkshire League but has little to do with the game these days.

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