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ITALY INTERNATIONAL AT WEMBLEY

For the **England v Italy** International match to be played at **Wembley Stadium on Wednesday 15th November 1989 kick-off 8.00 p.m.** tickets can be ordered at the Club reception desk. **Seat prices** are **£20.00 £17.50, £15.00 and £10.00**. The entrance price for **standing** is **£8.00**.

Wembley Stadium are now operating a **Family Enclosure**. Tickets are available for the above match priced at **£15.00 and £10.00** for **adults** and **£7.50 and £5.00** for accompanying children.

KEVIN - NO CHARACTER!

An interesting item about former Town player **Kevin Roberts**, who now keeps goal for Stroud Football Club, appeared in a recent newspaper. Kevin made one appearance for the Town in the 1977-78 season against Exeter City on October 29th at the County Ground, a match which the Town won 4-0 through goals by Trevor Anderson (2), David Moss and Ray McHale.

When Stroud goalkeeper Kevin Roberts was with Weymouth, in the GM Vauxhall Conference League, the then Manager Stuart Morgan dropped him from a forthcoming F.A. Cup tie.

The reason he gave Roberts was that he did not think that he had "the character for a cup tie".

Put that sort of reasoning to any Thatcham Town fan after Roberts' breathtaking display in the F.A. Cup replay at The Lawn on Tuesday and the reply might well be unprintable.

The 34-year-old keeper was the first to admit after the game that it was a welcome return to form. Roberts was a model of consistency last season and picked up both the manager's and supporters' player of the year awards.

"It was," he said, "my best ever season anywhere. This season has been a nightmare for me. I set my standards very high and I have not attained the level I think I should have done."

The local government accountant from Chippenham was of the opinion that his pre-season preparation had not been quite right. "I missed John Macey's help very much," he said. "Having a former top class keeper to take you in training was invaluable and I missed that."

"Picking up a bug whilst on holiday did little to help either," he said, "although I think it is out of my system now."

Roberts was a latecomer to soccer having played cricket until he was 14 in Bristol, and it was only because of his acrobatic fielding that someone suggested he should play in goal for them.

He made rapid progress and joined Portway Old Boys where he played in the reserves before he moved to Western

League Welton Rovers. He was spotted by Jack Smith and moved to Swindon Town where he played for both the first team and reserves, before he moved to Weymouth.



• Kevin Roberts - now with Stroud F.C.

A CHILLING STORY FROM COLIN

Former Town striker Colin Gordon this week revealed the chilling truth behind the hand injury which has kept him out of the first team.

Colin was bitten on the top of his right hand when he went up for a header against Swansea City recently.

At first the arm was put in plaster as a precautionary measure, but the pain and swelling got so bad that he was rushed to hospital.

The blood in the arm had become poisoned and he was put on an intravenous drip for four days.

If he and physiotherapist Peter Henderson had not acted as fast as they did, surgeons would have been forced to amputate the arm.

Said Colin: "It was a very frightening week. I didn't realise how serious it was until I had to be rushed to hospital."

"It started when I went up for a challenge against Swansea. My hand smacked in someone's mouth and he bit it."

"After the game I went to hospital for the first time and a plaster was put on as a precaution."

"But during the night I was in agony. I have broken bones before and though I knew what pain was. But this was something else."

"I saw Peter on Monday and by this time my whole arm had swollen up to under my armpit. He sent me to a specialist and the plaster was taken off."

"Apparently, bacteria from the teeth had got into the blood stream and my arm had become poisoned."

"I was rushed to hospital and put on a drip. It was only later that I found out they could have been forced to amputate the

arm if I had not been admitted as quick as I was."

"It was all very dicey. I'm just glad Peter sent me straight to the specialist."

Colin played the following Saturday in the reserves and returned to first team action against Trarnere the following week.

He said: "It was great to score, especially at St Andrew's. But I don't feel I have done myself justice yet."

Colin, who has just moved house back to his native Stourbridge, went to the specialist again yesterday after tiring during the Littlewoods Cup tie with West Ham.

He said: "I don't know when it will clear up altogether."



• Colin Gordon - Now with Birmingham City

THE ADAPTABLE RYAN

Have you noticed that **Ryan Lovegrove**, one of our first year trainees who joined the Club as a goalkeeper, has been pressed into service as an outfield player?



• Ryan Lovegrove - appearing in an outfield position at Aldershot

Ryan, who has to compete with second year trainee **Paul Thompson** for the one goalkeeper position in our South East Cou Youth League Team, was named as one of our two substitute spots in our League fixture at

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF OXFORD UNITED

Oxford United on August 26th without making an appearance.

When we met Aldershot on September 23rd the Canadian born keeper, who was actually born in Ontario, made a second half appearance in the seventy-sixth minute, replacing Robert Spence.

Ryan appears in his normal position when we play our Allied Counties Youth League team matches.

I'M GRIPPING THE WHEEL, DEAR!

Remember Jake Findlay who played four matches in our League team in the early weeks of the 1985-86 season?

Well Jake, who was forced to quit the game following a neck injury, has opened a driving instruction school at Streetly, on the northern outskirts of Birmingham.



● Jake Findlay - Diver to driver!

JOHN RELYING ON POSTMAN PAT

Another former Swindon Town player to enter the business world is John Kelly. Walsall paid £30,000 to Oldham Athletic in the summer for his services. John is also busy selling football kits by mail order, along with his brother.



● John Kelly - Now with Walsall in the Third Division.

Just goes to show how enterprising some of the former Town players are in their spare time. John made three full appearances and four substitute appearances in the 1987-88 season before moving to Oldham Athletic.

TWO FREE TICKETS

The Face in the Crowd for the Plymouth Argyle programme was Mr. G. Jones of 26 Moredon Road, Swindon. Mr. Jones collected his two tickets from our reception desk for our Littlewoods Cup, Second Round, Second Leg match with Shrewsbury Town on Tuesday October 3rd. Are you the lucky face in the crowd today?

AGONY FOR STEVE

Town supporters must be wondering if mid-field player Steve Foley will ever pull on a red shirt again. The influential Steve has not played at all this season and his career suffered another setback recently. The Liverpool born player broke down in training when he attempted a comeback.

The twenty-six year old, voted the Town's Footballer of the Year last season, has not played since May!



● Steve Foley - Immediate future still in doubt.

Steve had an operation on his left ankle injury in the summer for flakes of bone to be washed out of his ankle joint. Rest did not provide a cure. Steve was then sent to the Football Associations rehabilitation centre at Lilleshall for two weeks.

This did not prove the complete answer and Steve broke down when he had to put real pressure on the ankle. "It was real agony" says the Town midfielder star once again it's back to the medical men for an answer. In the meantime the doubts are still there as to whether he will play before Christmas.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURE ... IN THE NEW YEAR!

We have been asked to stage the F.A. Colts XI versus South West Counties match here at the County Ground on Wednesday, 7th March 1990.

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PLEASED TO HELP

Last Tuesday we had the pleasure of visiting Shortwood United, a team that play in the Homes Federated League and are based in Nailsworth in Gloucestershire.

I have always felt that it is most important to foster good relations with local Clubs and if possible we will always help them where possible. On this occasion it was to celebrate the official switching on of their new floodlighting system, which cost £22,000.

We enjoyed the evening and I am sure that United made a big impression as hosts.

STRETCHED!

Our resources were stretched in midweek with the suspensions of Jon Gittens, Shaun Close and Fitzroy

WELL DONE, FRASER

It was an honour for the Club to have our goalkeeper Fraser Digby called up for the England Under-21 team in Poland. Fraser was selected as an over age player when Nigel Martyn of Bristol Rovers was forced to withdraw with a knee injury.

Fraser has four Under-21 caps to his credit and I am sure that he has the ability to reach the top of the tree if he maintains the promise and consistency he has displayed since I moved to Swindon Town.

AND... TONY

The inclusion of Tony Galvin in the Eire squad for the World Cup Qualifying match with Northern Ireland last Wednesday is another boost for the Club as well as the

different wherever they are played. Local rivalry will ensure that fact.

CUP DRAWS

The recent cup draws made me a happy man. Every manager hopes for a home match. To receive two in both competitions was a fortunate stroke of luck for Swindon Town.

The Bolton Wanderers match will be as difficult as meeting Millwall. Bolton will be keyed up to play us while we will feel the same against opposition from a higher Division.

We must safeguard against Bolton by ensuring that we tackle them as though they were from the First Division. There is too much to lose by not adopting that attitude.

ADVICE

I have received a lot of advice from all quarters with regard to the question of discipline, in particular relating to Fitzroy Simpson. I am happy to say that we have improved our situation in recent games. Fitzroy has been told to concentrate on his game and not to bother talking to players or the referee. I must say that in the last two matches that he played he followed instructions and you cannot ask for more than that from a player.

A GREAT DAY FOR ALL

Our 3-0 win against Ipswich Town on Saturday was very pleasing. It was a match where we played some accurate and controlled football and swept into a two goal lead at half time.

It was nice to see Duncan Shearer give us the lead followed by Alan McLoughlin's opportunism. We gained a lot of pleasure from taking such a decisive lead against a side recognised as one of the better footballing teams in the Second Division.

The second half showed the varying fortunes that luck can play. We scored with an own goal. Ipswich missed a penalty, hit the crossbar and both teams continued to create further opportunities.

Overall an excellent game which I am sure everyone enjoyed. Really, my congratulations to all twenty-five players in the match and also to officials. Everyone contributed to a fine match.



Ossie Ardiles

Simpson coming into effect, the long term injuries to Steve Foley and Mark Jones leaving us further depleted. Also under treatment have been Alex Graham, John Cornwell, Ed Murray, Darren Hall and Ryan Lovegrove.

The recent departures of Peter Coyne and Leigh Barnard of course depleted our staff. Of course this allows some of the younger players an opportunity even at Football Combination team level. So I suppose there are certain compensations.

player personally.

Tony is an experienced professional and Jack Charlton knows the value of experience in vital matches.

TONIGHT'S MATCH

Tonight we welcome local rivals Oxford United to the County Ground for what will be a stern test. All local derby matches are keenly fought affairs.

I know from my Tottenham Hotspur days that matches like this are hard and difficult. They are no

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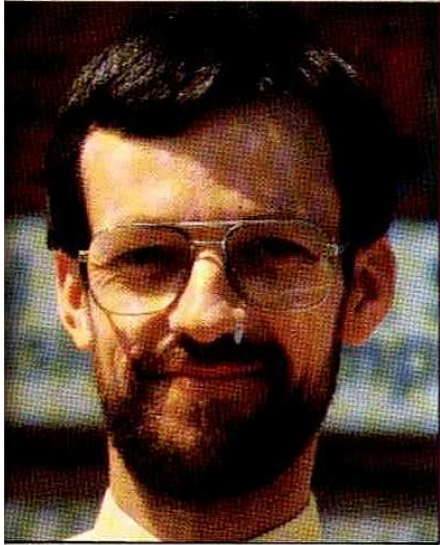
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Paul Plowman

OUR HISTORIAN LOOKS AT SOME PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS

OMEN

Tonight will be the 33rd 'derby' encounter between Swindon Town and Oxford United and the 13th in Division Two. The last time I mentioned that a thirteenth meeting could be unlucky was for the visit of Sunderland - so I won't mention it again!

SUBSTITUTES

Oxford's first-ever League visit to the County Ground came on the opening day of 1965/66 - the season that substitutes were first introduced. United, elected to the Fourth Division just three years earlier, had just been promoted, while Swindon had come in the opposite direction, down from Division Two. The Town had just sold Mike Summerbee to Manchester City, but fielded two new signings in goalkeeper Peter Downsborough from Halifax and centre-forward Ken Keyworth from Coventry. Keyworth delighted the home crowd when he dived full-length to head home a

Gordon Atherton cross early on, but his effort was ruled out for offside. Downsborough, too, was impressive and dealt competently with all that Ron Atkinson and his side could throw at him. One of the more spectacular stops was from a typical John Shuker thunderbolt that Peter pushed aside in the second half. But the huge gathering of 20,409 had to settle for a goalless draw at the end of the day. In fact, those who attended regularly also had to settle for no goals in Swindon's next two home games. It was October 5 before a goal was seen at the County Ground and then Bristol Rovers scored two before Eric Weaver finally opened the Town's account.

NEW FACES

By the time Swindon travelled to the Manor Ground for the return fixture, on January 29, they had three new faces in the side - centre-half Mel Nurse, wing-half Brian Richardson and winger Tommy Henderson. It was the tiny number seven who opened the scoring for Swindon in the 11th minute, putting the perfect finish to a John Trollope cross. Keith East did the spade-work for a second Town goal just before half-time. He beat Maurice Kyle to a through ball, drew keeper Harry Fearnley and laid the ball into the path of Dennis Brown who did the rest. Nurse finally finished off United with a third goal two minutes from time.

PAT, ROGER AND DON

The next four encounters at the Manor all ended without a goal, but there were a few in evidence at Swindon. In the final home game of 1966/67 goals from Pet Terry, Roger Smart and Don Rogers saw the Town to another 3-0 success. And yet another came in February 1971, when Peter Noble and Chris Porter put Swindon 2-0 up inside half an hour and Rogers added a penalty sixteen minutes into the second half. Swindon went one better a year later when Arthur

Horsfield hit a hat-trick and John Trollope a fourth, without reply.

ONE OFF THE BOTTOM!

Oxford's only success at the County Ground, in fifteen visits, was in February 1973. Swindon, one off the bottom of the table and nine games without a win, faced 5th-placed United. Dave Roberts, Nigel Cassidy and Hugh Curran scored for the visitors, while Mick McGovern netted for the Town. After that reverse Swindon recovered, losing only three of their last twelve games to finish sixteenth.

ELEVEN IN TWO GAMES

The goals continued to flow in 1977/78, eleven coming in the two fixtures. At the Manor Ground on Boxing Day, Oxford stormed to a 3-0 interval lead with two goals from Peter Foley and one from Ian Stott on his debut. But Swindon staged an amazing comeback with Chris Kamara, celebrating his 20th birthday the day before, getting a couple and Chris Guthrie another. On Easter Monday, David Moss - now on the Manor Ground payroll - found the net three times and Foley and Jason Seacole replied for Oxford.

A ROASTING FOR COLIN

April 7, 1982 is not a date that former Town defender Colin Bailie will want to remember. The Irishman, 18 just a week earlier, was given a torrid time by Oxford's on-loan winger George Lawrence. David Fogg (from a penalty), Malcolm Shotton, Andy Thomas, Lawrence and Peter Foley all scored as Swindon were sent crashing to a 5-0 defeat. Fogg had another spot-kick success when United came to the County Ground four weeks later, but young Paul Rideout stole the points for the Town with an 87th-minute winner, his second goal of the game. Roy Carter (for Swindon) and Billy Jeffrey were the other scorers, all five goals coming after the break.

It was to be Swindon's last victory in Division Three until 1986!

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CRYSTAL BALL GAZING
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This season, at this stage, it is **Sheffield United**. There is no doubt that former Wimbledon and Watford Manager **Dave Bassett** has the 'Blades' fired up. I still think that they will do well to sustain their early season form. Brian Deane and Tony Agana have given them a dimension to build upon with their strength and pace.

CONSISTENT ROVERS
 Once again **Blackburn Rovers**, with their settled squad, have a consistent look about them and will, I am sure, sustain their challenge hoping to be third time lucky. Twice defeated in play-offs, they deserve some reward.

While **Blackburn** Manager **Don Mackay** has to prove every buy a bargain, **Howard Wilkinson** is able to delve into monopoly money with **Leeds United**. Expect **Leeds**, with their £3 million outlay, to be strong finishers later in the season.

JIM A PROVEN MANAGER
Jim Smith has a proven track record. The **Newcastle United** squad to me has a vulnerable quality but **Mick Quinn** will win more games for the **St James Park Club** than their overall play may suggest at times.

Their North East rivals **Sunderland** have so far proved a surprise packet but **Dennis Smith** is a shrewd and tried veteran of battles! **Brighton** are another surprise. Difficult to see either lasting the pace.

NOT SO SIMPLE FOR LOU MACARI
 Our old 'gaffer', **Lou Macari**, will find **West Ham United** will not stroll away with this Division. A consistent goalscorer must be his immediate aim. The grapevine talk is that he is looking hard and he may well have acted. Don't be surprised if he moves for a former **Town** striker.

A lot is expected at **Upton Park**. A totally different type of expectation than anything he has dealt with. Habits die hard and there was no real evidence on our visit to meet the 'Hammers' that things had changed.

ELTON TO DIG DEEP?
Watford have one or two problems to overcome. Another

Colin Calderwood



consistent goalscorer to line-up alongside **Paul Wilkinson** and a weakness to overcome at full back.

Elton John may have to dig deep into his pockets to see his beloved 'Hornets' return to the top flight. **Wolves** need to be watched. Goals win games and **Steve Bull** will do enough to overcome problems at the back.

SLIDING?
 The departure of **Gary Pallister** to **Manchester United** will make **Middlesbrough** feel vulnerable on and off the field. The loss of top players at any Club is a downward sign and they rely a lot on the goals that **Bernie Slaven**, a fellow Scot of mine, who continues to knock them home.

Oldham Athletic and **Barnsley** have that cosy mid-table look about them. **Ipswich Town** will join them. The two potteries Clubs, **Stoke City** and **Port Vale**, will struggle to reach the top half of the League table. I expect **West Bromwich Albion** to emerge as a threat.

CUP ACTION TO LOOK TOWARD
 Crystal ball gazing is always everyone's favourite pastime. We are invariable wrong and rarely right. We all enjoy making predictions. I shall not predict the outcome of our Cup match with **Bolton Wanderers** next week.

I do know this though, we have a golden opportunity being drawn at home. If we are keen and on top of our game we can add to the Cup success of **Swindon Town**.

Millwall to follow in what's it Cup. Can't be bad can it. Players like the change to Cup matches, it takes the mind off the grind of League soccer and refreshes you to return to it. I can hardly wait for the Cup matches to come around each season. I don't expect that you mind either?

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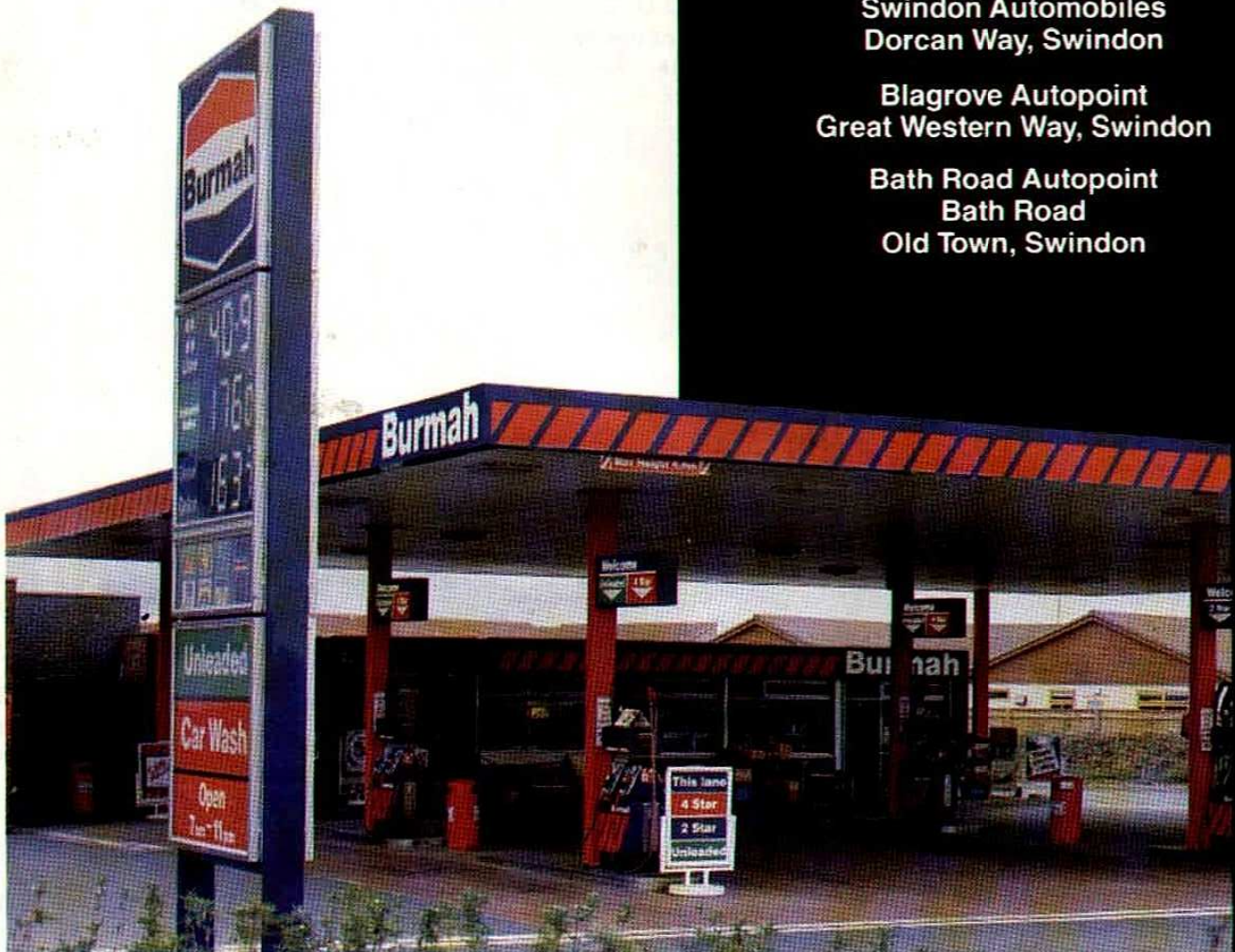
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THE TALENTED MARTIN

Our only genuine home local derby kicks off this evening against an Oxford side which has made a similar start to the season as the 'Town'. United will unfortunately be without our friend Martin Foyle, much remembered by 'Town' fans for his dying swan impression in the Swindon v Aldershot Freight Rover match a couple of seasons ago. This time around though it seems that Foyle was genuinely fouled with Pompey dishing out their usual level of finesse in the tackle. Oxford will be hoping to see their talented striker back in the squad within the six weeks that has been suggested. The Manor is usually the venue for goals in this fixture, with some enthralling Third Division battles behind us, hopefully though there will be plenty of goalmouth action on offer tonight.

MYSTERIOUS KEN DIDN'T ASK CAROL!

By the time this article is published, (written before both the Poland v England and Swindon v Ipswich fixtures) the saga over the control of Manchester United may finally have been resolved. Although on the one hand it has made a change to see one of the big five washing its dirty linen in public, if all of the vast amount of rumour is to be believed then Michael Knighton has shown himself to be a blundering profiteer rather than a committed football fan. All the ball juggling in the world cannot make genuine football supporters forget the rubbish that one of the worlds greatest Clubs has had to endure over the past few weeks. Ultimately Knighton has proved that football is merely a pawn in a much larger financial game in which the stakes are somewhat higher than three points each Saturday. With the bid crumbling, it seemed that everyone except the mysterious Carol Embrey consortium had been asked to chip in to help poor Knighton out. The success record of one of his potential backers would probably have seen United into the Northern Premier League quicker than you

can say 'Today'. But, by the time you read this, Bobby Charlton is probably Chairman at Old Trafford and all is sweetness and light as they attempt to haul themselves away from the relegation zone and keep the cheque book out of Fergie's grasp for another twenty four hours, but the underlying problems highlighted by the deal will not have gone away.

NOT THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE, BUT, JIM THE PUFF, PUFF

The sad absence of Match of the Day prevents regular examination

THE GIFTED DAVE

Tonight we welcome back to the County Ground, Oxford Coach David Moss, although his last spell with Swindon during Lou Macari's reign was not a successful one. Dave remains one of the most gifted players to have graced the County Ground in the past twenty years. With someone to cross like 'Mossy' now, where would he be? Suffice to say that the cars in the County Ground car park would be somewhat safer!

A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

A week tonight we have a vital



by **Michael Scott**

of Jimmy Hill's bizarre character, but an insight was given at the recent Bristol Rovers v Fulham fixture, where, in a wooden stand, Jimmy lit up his famed pipe and puffed away amongst a forest of no-smoking signs. Obviously the man who saw the commonsense of the maximum wage and trial by television cannot see the problem in mixing fire and wood. Particularly after the terrible Bradford disaster smoking in football grounds has to be an irresponsible act especially for a person who seeks to display his views so eagerly to the watching millions.

Littlewoods Cup tie against Bolton at the County Ground, a victory next Tuesday will see us progress further in a competition that we haven't won for just over twenty years, making the time right for a repeat performance.

There is only one bit of travel news worth hearing for Saturdays trip to Leicester. If the bulletin relays that the A429, M69 and Filbert Street itself are all blocked, it can't be any more likely to stop 'Town' travellers than the news that the referee is Mr. K. Morton from Bury St Edmunds, surely lightning can't strike three times - or can it?

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There are some disturbing trends now prevalent in staging a football match. The old story-teller would say . . . Once upon a time it was an easy exercise. Not anymore, many ground are now far safer, better policed, stewarded and equipped to cope with today's problems and yet . . . the problems continue. Make no mistake . . . this game is under threat. Football . . . at the County Ground will be in doubt! When, you may ask? It will be interesting to survey the scene here at the County Ground in 1994.

For a period of time, I have been muted on the point that authority has gone over the top in its tackle on Football Clubs. Authority with no love or passion, or ever interest, for the game is beginning to dictate whether or not we exist.

NOW TOO RIDICULOUS FOR WORDS

Safety measures are now so ridiculous that frightened people are dictating that any pathetic reason should be reason enough to halt a game. A bolt missing . . . a screw loose . . . a foot tread on a fire escape . . . a light bulb that is defective . . . the list is endless.

Soccer administrators are becoming confused, despondent and tired at the bureaucracy that strangles the game. **Following the interim report issued by Lord Justice Taylor the Police authorities are now frightened men. The Taylor criticism of Hillsborough ensured that fact.**

The Police now want to dictate the standard of steward employed here at the County Ground. God knows how difficult it is to cover each game with enough men willing to spend their spare time in the interests of his Club for a mere pittance!

Swindon Town Football Club have in the region of 150 to 200 volunteers each match. The inference is that they will have to be vetted and selected to a high



by **Dave King**

degree in the not too distant future. Well, I know one administrator who can tell them now they are wasting their time, and everyone elses!

COSTS ESCALATING

Football spends a mini-fortune on police costs. It is beyond my comprehension why an ex-Police officer or serviceman has not set up a nationwide business to offer security to sporting venues.

It is my personal belief that this Club must explore avenues to prevent **Police costs** escalating and therefore put this Club in dire financial straits. That is what will happen! There are nationwide moves to increase the cost follow-

ing Hillsborough to an almost frightening level of expenditure.

MORE THAN TWO TEAMS!

Once it was just a game, there were two teams, but that is no longer the situation. This evening we have Swindon Town and Oxford United, but there are other teams also in play. Authority, the establishment, society, councils, Police authorities, security guards and, of course, the odd hooligan.

Football is an institution under grave threat. Fences are erected and torn down. Millions of pounds have been spent throughout this land in the cause of segregation. We now have video-cameras, security officers and also legislation in Parliament No longer wanted in Europe, we have now turned upon ourselves and, meanwhile, football continues to be de-valued.

WE MUST ASSERT OURSELVES

Football Clubs are under serious threat. Swindon Town Football Club has bent over backwards to accommodate the demands made by authority in recent years, well before the Taylor criticism. It is time to assert ourselves and question certain decisions and make you, the public, aware of the demands.

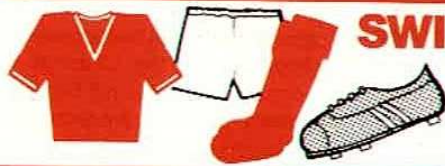
We want Swindon Town Football Club to exist well past 1994. **Take heed, it will not do so if we allow the other teams to act beyond reason.**

In my observations, I must report that the other teams are beginning to win the game. We cannot continue to allow outsiders to inflict more anguish on our institution. **Vast sums are being spent on the thinly disguised pretence that they are actually helping the game.**

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PAUL PLOWMAN

LOOKS BACK AT THE CAREER OF A PLAYER WHO SERVED BOTH SWINDON TOWN AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS

A SPECIAL DAY

Twenty-five years ago today was a very special day. Not for Swindon Town, in particular, but for at least one of those gathered on the County Ground terraces for the visit of Cardiff City. For this was the first occasion that I had sampled the delights of watching the men in red and white.

At number ten for Swindon that day, and the scorer of their first goal, was Ken Skeen.

Ken first came to the County Ground in the late 1950's and played for the Town's third team before badly burning a leg in an accident, which kept him out of football for over a year. On recovering, Ken returned to playing in Cheltenham youth football before coming to the notice of Swindon director Cecil Green and being invited for another trial.

DAVID, SON OF BERT

Ken then went to Trowbridge, whose Manager was David Head, son of Town boss Bert. Then, on September 1, 1964, his big chance came. "I received a telegram asking me to report to the County Ground", said Ken. He was in the team for the Town's away game at Crystal Palace. But Ken had to wait nearly a month for a second opportunity. He impressed enough to be given a run of nine games in the Second Division side, during which he scored in three games in succession.

ONLY THE KEEPER KEPT THEM IN IT

Ken was only given one outing in 1965/66 - and scored on that occasion - and was not brought back into the first team until January 1967. He took the number nine shirt from Willie Penman for a Third Round F.A. Cup tie against West Ham at Upton Park and held on to it for six games as Swindon took Nottingham Forest to two replays in the Fifth Round. "Only the goalkeeper Grummitt kept them in it", said Ken, remembering that the last epic game, at Villa Park, fell on his 25th birthday.

When the excitement of the Cup had subsided, it was back to business in the Combination - where Ken finished the season as the Town's top scorer. Pat Terry, signed in February but cup-tied, took over.

OFF TO OXFORD

In July 1967, Ken parted company with

Swindon Town. Although he had rarely been considered a regular first-team member, Ken was nevertheless unhappy about leaving the Club. "It was the thought of suddenly not being wanted", remembered Ken. But Oxford Manager Arthur Turner certainly wanted him. "I turned him down the first time", said Ken, but he was then persuaded to take up a new challenge.

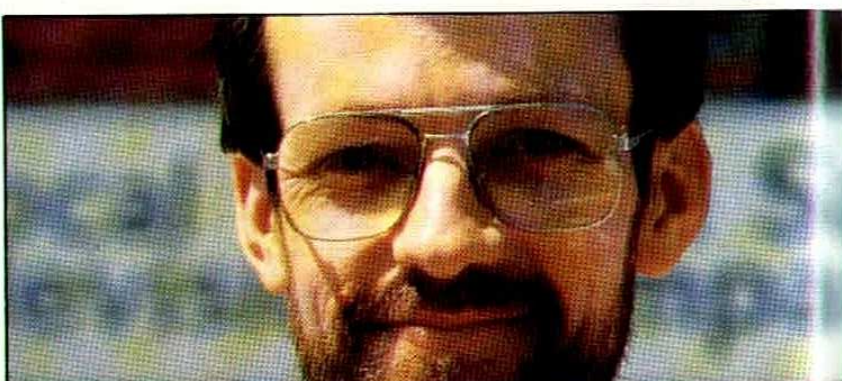
A GOOD MOVE

And it proved to be a good move, for in his first season at the Manor, Ken took part in 39 games as United took the Third Division championship. He became a popular figure there and was leading

Golf Club in Cheltenham. In such a post-weekend commitments do not always allow Ken time to get to football. When they do he watches the local Conference League Club, managed by his old colleague at the Manor, Jim Barron. His last visit to the County Ground was in January when Swindon entertained West Ham in the F.A. Cup. During the afternoon he was approached by Town Chairman Brian Hillier who recognised him and said, "I used to watch you from the terraces!"

Perhaps Brian was standing next to me on that afternoon twenty-five years ago.

Passing Back



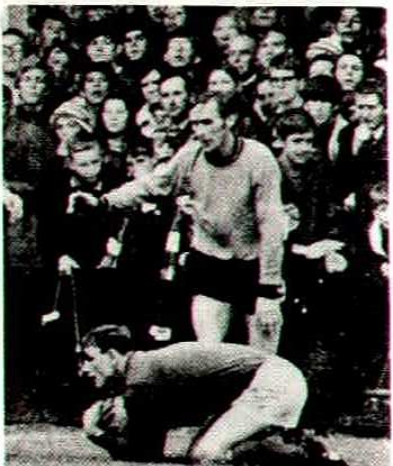
Paul Plowman

goalscorer for the Club in both 1969/70 and 1970/71.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Ken stayed at Oxford until 1974, when he returned to his home town to assist Cheltenham. Two years later, he dropped down to local League football to help out the St Mark's Club, of which he was a vice-president. They soon graduated to the North Gloucestershire Senior League, with Ken as Player-Manager.

When it was time to hang up his boots, Ken went into the engineering business with his brother.



Ken Skeen overlooks a Peter Downsbrough save in the Swindon v Oxford clash in 1969.





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1. Leeds United
2. Blackburn Rovers
3. Sheffield United

2. The team you expect to make the most improvement.

Plymouth Argyle.

3. A tip for promotion from Division Three.

Bristol Rovers.

4. Select a team from players that you have played with at Club level.

1. Fraser Digby
2. Steve Perryman
3. Bobby McDonald
4. Chris Kamara
5. Colin Todd
6. Mark Wright

7. Ray Houghton
8. Trevor Heberd
9. John Aldridge
10. Billy Hamilton
11. Kevin Brock

5. The best player you have seen in your position.

Bryan Robson.

6. Details of your first match, at any level, for your first professional Club.

Team and Opponents:

Oxford United v. Chesterfield

Date of Match:

September 6th, 1979

Venue:

Manor Ground, Oxford

Position played:

Centre Forward (alongside Peter Foley)

Player who was marking you:

Bill Green and John Ridley

No of goals scored:

None

Final result:

Lost 3-0 (Attendance: 3,273).

7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.

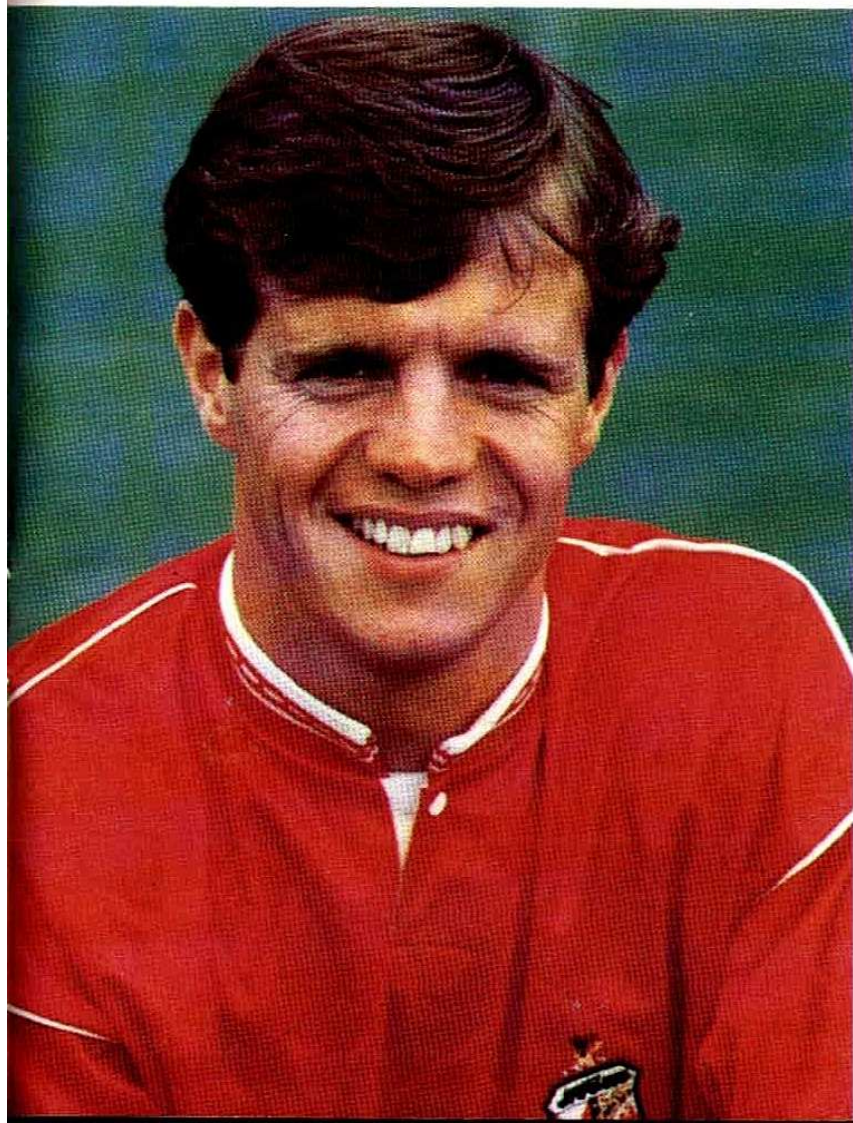
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8. Your favourite sports commentator.

Peter Alliss

Mark Jones



9. Your favourite publication for sport.

Sports pages of the Daily Telegraph.

10. The best & worst dressers among your team mates.

Best - Fitzroy Simpson.

Worst - Colin Calderwood.

11. The best ground you have played on and the one you would most like to appear on.

Goodison Park, Everton

Wembley.

12. Your worst moment on the football field.

The collision with Colin Calderwood which cost me two years of my career.

13. What are your favourite TV shows.

Thirty-Something

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SWINDON TOWN TRAINEES
1989/90

Back Row (left to right): Alex Graham, Robert Spence, Edwin Murray, Ryan Lovegrove, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Darren Hall.
Front Row (left to right): Mark Lea, Richard Walker, John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jason Braidwood, Lee Spalding.





OXFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): Phillip Heath, Neil Slatter, Peter Hucker, Ceri Evans, Paul Kee, Jimmy Phillips, Alan Judge, Colin Greenall, Garry Smart.
Middle Row (left to right): Mathew McDonnell, Robbie Mustoe, Richard Hill, John Clinkard (physiotherapist), Michael Ford, David Fogg (Coach), John Durmin, David Moss (Coach), Paul Simpson, Maurice Evans (General Manager), Lee Nogan, Joey Beauchamp, Mark Hewitson.
Front Row (left to right): Gary Shelton (now Bristol City), David Penney, Martin Foyle, Steve Foster, Brian Horton (Manager), Mickey Lewis, David Bardsley (now Queens Park Rangers), Peter Rhoades-Brown, Les Phillips.

Form guide

Oxford United lost 2-0 at **Plymouth Argyle** on the first day of the season and were then forced to share the points at home to **Watford** in a 1-1 draw. **John Durnin's** goal earning a point. **United** took a creditable point in a 2-2 draw at **Blackburn Rovers**. A **colin Hendry** own goal and **Martin Foyle's** first goal of the season had given them a 2-1 lead. **Howard Gayle** then scored from a penalty rebound a minute from time for Rovers.

Bradford City were defeated 2-1 on September 9th at the Manor Ground. An overhead kick in the 35th minute by **Phil Simpson** gave them the lead. Substitute **Robbie Mustoe** increased that lead three minutes after the interval. **Alan Davies** reduced the arrears for the visitors.

Newcastle United were defeated 2-1 at Manor Ground. **Ray Ranson** gave Oxford a flying start to this match with a fourth minute own goal. **Mick Quinn** equalised in the 65th minute for the North East Club but **Robbie Mustoe** clinched a fine win five minutes from time.

A 3-2 defeat ensued at **West Bromwich Albion** on September 16th. **Gary Robson**, **Darren Bradley** and a **Colin Grenall** own goal were too much for **John Durnin's** and **Mike Ford's** efforts.

Although goals by **David Penney** in the twenty-fifth minute and **John Durnin** in the fifty-first minute had given Oxford United a two-goal lead against last Saturdays

visitors **Ipswich Town** on **September 23rd**.

A goal in the 82nd minute by **Ian Redford** and an own goal from **David Penney** three minutes later, saw the East Anglian Club share the spoils in front of Town Coach **Andy Rowland**.

Four days later **Bobby Davison**, in the third minute, and **Mel Sterland** in the twenty-fifth minute, gave **Leeds United** a clear two goal interval lead. **Mark Stein** reduced the arrears nineteen minutes from time but the match ended in a 2-1 defeat at **Elland Road**.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland** returned to the Manor Ground on **Saturday September 30th** to see **A.F.C. Bournemouth** inflict a 2-1 home defeat. **George Lawrence**, with a thirty yard spectacular shot in the thirtieth minute, and **Paul Moulden's** goal in the 74th minute proving too much despite **Mark Stein's** late effort eight minutes from time.

Portsmouth recently lost at the Manor by 2-1. A penalty by **Jimmy Phillips** and a goal by substitute **John Durnin** were too much for **Guy Whittingham's** effort for the visitors.

Goalscorers: Football League: John Durnin 4, Martin Foyle and Robbie Mustoe 2 each, David Penney, Jimmy Phillips, pen, Phil Simpson and Mark Stein, one each. Own goals 2.

Littlewoods Cup: Paul Simpson 2, John Durnin and Martin Foyle one each.
Average home League attendance: 5,525.

Littlewoods Cup attendance (one match): 3,896.

Midfield - Local born **Robbie Mustoe**, (21), is hailed as one of United's brightest prospects. Called into the England Under-21 squad last season, he has been under the microscope of England Under-21 boss **Dave Sexton** this campaign. **Robbie** has made just over fifty League appearances for United. Tough tacking **Mickey Lewis**, (24), once with **West Bromwich Albion**, joined United in a player exchange deal involving the prolific goalscorer **Dean Saunders**, in the summer of 1988. Although diminutive in stature he has been pressed into emergency defensive duties. **Mick** made 36 League appearances last season. Another player to join Oxford United in a player exchange deal was **Steve McClaren**, (29), from **Bristol City** with **Gary Shelton** moving in the opposite direction. The former **Hull City** and **Derby County** player joined City in February 1988. **Steve** made his debut for United in the 1-0 home defeat by **Watford** on August 26th. **Bristol** born **Mike Ford**, (23), was sold to United by former Town stalwart **Frank Burrows**, when he was Manager of **Cardiff City**, for a fee of **£150,000** in the 1988 close season. **Mike** was signed by the Welsh Club from nearby **Devizes Town** in 1983. Plagued by injury since his arrival at United, the midfielder player was restricted to eleven appearances last season after 150 League matches at **Ninian Park**. Former **Leicester City**, **Nuneaton Borough** and **Northampton Town** midfielder player **Richard Hill**, (26), prompted an enquiry from former Town Manager **Lou Macari** in his last season at the County Ground. **Richard** moved to **Watford** in a **£235,000** transfer deal before joining United. Scored four goals in United's 5-1 win last at **Walsall Boxing Day**. The powerful midfielder player has scored 59 League goals in 153 appearances. Midfield terrier **Les Phillips**, (26), is out of action with injury. **Les**, a former **Birmingham City** player who joined United in a **£5,000** transfer deal in 1984, played in the first game of the season at **Plymouth Argyle**, missed the next three matches and re-appeared in the 2-2 draw at **Blackburn Rovers**. **Les** had made 129 League appearances for United.

Strikers - Former **Hull City** Manager **Brian Horton** has three wingers on his staff. **David Penney**, (25), was signed from **Derby County** in May 1989 for **£175,000**. After appearing in the first ten matches of this season he was forced to relinquish the number 7 shirt to new signing **Mark Stein** for the recent visit of **A.F.C. Bournemouth**. The enigmatic **Phil Simpson**, (23), a former England Under-21 International, joined the Manor Ground Club from **Manchester City** in October 1988 for **£200,000**. Ever-present this season, **Phil** made 28 League appearances last season, scoring eight goals. Former **Chelsea** winger **Peter Rhoades-Brown**, (27), has been hampered by injury in the past year. **Peter** moved to Oxford United in a **£85,000** transfer deal in February 1984. Made 112 League appearances for United, scoring fifteen goals. **Liverpool** born **John Durnin**, (24), cost United **£250,000** when he moved from **Liverpool**. A virtual reserve player with the **Anfield Club**, he was a scouting target for **Lou Macari** in one Central League match. **John** moved to Manor Ground in February 1988. Spent a period on loan to **West Bromwich Albion** while with **Liverpool**. Now under threat from recent signing **Mark Stein**, (23), the South African born striker joined United in the transfer deal that took **David Bardsley** to **Queens Park Rangers**. **Mark** moved to **Loftus Road** after scoring 28 goals in 71 League appearances for **Luton Town**. Scored on his first full League debut for United at **Leeds** in a 2-1 defeat, four days after our 4-0 defeat at **Elland Road**. **Salisbury** born **Martin Foyle**, (26), began his career with **Southampton**. His first team chances were limited and he eventually moved to **Aldershot** for a small fee. Oxford United eventually paid **£140,000** for **Martin** on the transfer deadline of 1987. **Martin** has scored twenty-eight goals for United. In the enforced absence of skipper **Steve Foster** he has taken on the mantle of team captain. **Lee Nogan**, (20), the **Cardiff** born striker has been restricted by injuries. **Lee** has spent loan periods with both **Southend United** and **Brentford** and made nine League appearances for United. Recently injured in a reserve match with **Reading** which necessitated a cartilage operation. Expected to be out of action for a period of four to five weeks. **Philip Heath**, (24), joined Oxford United for **£80,000** in June 1988 from his home town **Club Stoke City**. **Phil** had made 166 appearances for the **Potteries Club**. **Phil**, who made 16 appearances for United last season, is yet to appear this campaign.

Welcome to OXFORD UNITED

THE SQUAD

Goalkeepers - Oxford United Manager, **Brian Horton**, has three goalkeepers at his disposal. The experienced **Peter Hucker**, (29), joined United from **Queens Park Rangers** in 1987. The former England Under-21 International has made nearly 250 career appearances and in recent matches has been the first choice. **Peter** celebrates his birthday in eleven days time. **Alan Judge**, (28), was the custodian in both of our League matches with United last season. **Alan** began his career with **Luton Town** and later moved to **Reading** on a free transfer. He joined Oxford United in 1985 and was a member of their 1986 Milk Cup winning team. **Alan** recently had a five match run in the team. **Peter Hucker**, who appeared in the first five matches of this season, was recalled for the recent home match with **A.F.C. Bournemouth**. **Paul Kee**, (19), was signed from **Ards** in Ireland for **£15,000**, but he has yet to appear in a first team match.

Oxford United have failed to score in ten of their fifteen League matches played at the County Ground, while the last time the Town failed to score was over twenty years ago on September 13th 1969 in a 0-0 draw!

Defenders - The loss of new Club Captain **Steve Foster**, (32), after only four matches of this season, was a massive blow to the Manor Ground Club. The former **Portsmouth**, **Brighton** and **Aston Villa** central defender moved to United for **£175,000** in July. The former England International is expected to return from injury shortly. The recent departure of full back **David Bardsley** to **Queens Park Rangers** has seen Welsh International **Neil Slatter**, (25), slot into the right back position for one match. **Neil** joined United from **Bristol Rovers** for **£70,000** in the

summer of 1985. The injury prone defender has found his first team appearances hindered at United. **Neil** is now approaching one hundred League appearances for Oxford United. Most of his appearances this season have been in the centre of defence. **Garry Smart**, (25), a former schoolteacher, was signed from **Wokingham Town**. **Garry** had a trial period here at the County Ground. Recalled to the United defence against **Portsmouth** ten days ago. Made seventeen League appearances last season, his first in League soccer. Former **Glasgow Rangers** full back **Jimmy Phillips**, (23), has made the number 3 shirt his own at United. Ever-present this campaign the former **Bolton Wanderers** defender joined United for **£150,000** from the **Glasgow Club** in July 1988. **Jim** missed two matches in his first season at United. The injury to **Steve Foster**, sustained in the **Littlewoods Cup** defeat by **Fulham**, saw a recall for transfer listed **Colin Greenall**, (26). **Colin**, brother-in-law to former Town striker **Dave Bamber**, started his career at **Blackpool**. He joined **Gillingham** for **£40,000** in September 1986 and Oxford United later signed **Colin** for a Club record fee of **£285,000** in February 1988. He was dropped by Manager **Brian Horton** for the recent visit of **Portsmouth** ten days ago. This meant a recall for **Ceri Evans**, (26), a New Zealand International currently studying psychology at Oxford United. **Ceri**, with 50 International caps to his credit, made four appearances last term. **Ceri** reached his twenty-sixth birthday on October 2nd.

Oxford United Coach and former Town star **David Moss** scored a hat-trick for the Town in their 3-2 win at the County Ground on March 27th 1978.

TEAM NEWS



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RAMBLINGS OF AN EARLY MORNING BROADCASTER

With two home matches in quick succession, at the time of writing, this column is up to date with games and goals in the Second Division. This offers me the opportunity to present the ramblings of an early morning broadcaster, sporting and otherwise. For those who wonder about GWR FM, it's the independent local radio station serving Wiltshire and the West. It's my pleasure(?), privilege(?) to wake people up, at a distance, between 6.00 and 9.00 a.m. Monday to Friday. Living in Devizes, the alarm clock has to go off at 4.00 a.m. - it's not the most popular object in the house at that time!! I'm all in favour of little or no injury time being added on to evening fixtures to allow them to drag on late into the night!!

MY 'DAYTIME' JOB

The 'day-time' job is packed full of stories, people to interview and preparations for other programmes. We set the scene for the weekend sport on a Friday teatime, 5.10 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. This slot includes comment from Ossie Ardiles, 'Chic' Bates and players hitting the headlines. The Saturday afternoon sports slot, 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. now includes more music and more match reports on your favourite football Club. The preview at 2.45 p.m. includes the team news live from the ground, there's up-to-the-minute information on games and goals around the country including regular match reports home and away on Swindon Town. The number of 'crosses' to the stadium is agreed by the Football League to be 3 in each half.

FINAL WHISTLE

From 4.40 p.m. results are broadcast as soon as they filter through to our studios in Wootton Bassett, culminating in radio's first classified pools check of the day at 4.55 p.m. The scores are again read at 5.30 p.m. with

the pools news. The last hour of that programme also features the views of the players at the heart of the action, on the station where the action is!

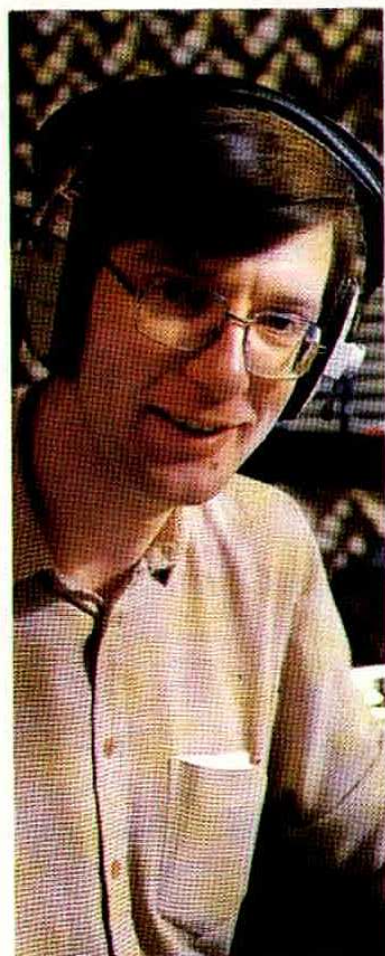
THE FORUM - SWINDON STYLE, NOT ROMAN!

We have already recorded and transmitted our first Football Forum of 1989/90 giving fans a chance to question those 'in-the-know' direct! More are planned soon.

Another celebrated innovative idea was our 'live' link-up to Ricky Villa in South America.

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*Shaun
Hodgetts*
of GWR



After good approach work, we had primed Ossie Ardiles' former Tottenham Hotspur team mate to be near a telephone somewhere in Argentina for a surprise chat with Swindon Town's new Player-Manager. After the Sunderland game we had Ricky Villa ready and raring to go, thousands of miles away in Buenos Aires, but couldn't find Ossie Ardiles less than one hundred yards away at the County Ground. Football and radio is full of ups and downs.

ROBINS, CHEETAHS, STARS AND WILDCATS

Tonight's match is a local derby - a special occasion is always generated whatever the sport. The Robins speedway fans turn out in force if the Oxford Cheetahs visit Blunston, the Wildcats ice-hockey supporters pack the Link centre to see the Oxford City Stars.

There's nothing like rivalry with your near-neighbours to bring out the best in players and hopefully those on the terraces too.

TIME TO RE-SET THE ALARM CLOCK

It's been my pleasure to talk to some of those stars very much involved, and they will always say that a good crowd is an added incentive. Cheer them on, loud and clear, much like GWR FM the loudest and clearest on the radio dial... That's enough of the corny links, it's time to re-set that alarm clock. You'll hear comprehensive coverage of this match and all Swindon Town affairs on the breakfast show. The sports bulletins are specifically timed at 6.45, 7.45 and 8.45 a.m. These are updated at 1.10 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

ANECDOTES

I hope I didn't ramble, there are 101 broadcasting anecdotes, Colemanballs and bloopers I forgot to mention, how GWR FM lost 6-3 to the Walford Boys Club (from Eastenders) in a charity soccer game and more, but they are for another match-day programme.

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WINNER

Our September Quiz winner was Kevin Stone of 'Chantry Bridge' 43 Church Street Market Lavington

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TRAINING

Every Tuesday 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. at the County Ground and in the Winter at Churchfields School

THANK YOU

To Colin Calderwood guest at the Junior Robins October meeting

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PLAYING AWAY

The Junior Robins will be playing at Leicester on 21st October.

All members and parents are invited to travel, cost is £5.00 Contact Travel Club for full details.

Face in the Crowd

Are you the face ringed in the photograph alongside? If you are, you've won two tickets for a S.T.F.C. home game this season. All you have to do is bring along your programme to Lisa, Joanne or Michelle at the Club reception office and claim your tickets.

You can do this between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or between 9 am and 12 noon on Saturday first team home match days.



WARNING TV SURVEILLANCE

This ground is equipped with
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Installed with the help of a grant from the Football Trust. It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

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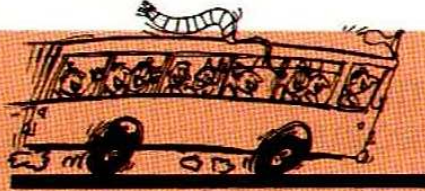
OPEN 9.00 to 12.00 2.00 to 5.00 DAILY

JUNIOR ROBINS



50-25 ALWAYS

Travel Club News



Once again, Swindon Town Travel Club are operating coach trips this season and they are ready to welcome new members, as well as renewing acquaintance with those members who have travelled on a regular basis for the past few seasons. There are many advantages to be gained by becoming a member of the Travel Club and if you have not already joined, you should seriously consider doing so.

Date	Venue	Depart	County Ground	Fare
Sat Oct 21	Leicester City	11.30 a.m.		£ 5.00
Wed Nov 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	3.30 p.m.		£ 6.00
Sat Nov 11	Middlesbrough	7.15 a.m.		£13.00
Sat Nov 18	Port Vale	10.15 a.m.		£ 6.00
Sat Dec 2	Sunderland	7.00 a.m.		£13.50

We will also be running coaches to all Cup matches. Bookings are taken from MEMBERS ONLY. Membership is currently available at the cost of £2.00 for one year, or £5.00 for three years. You must also provide TWO passport size photographs with your application. Forms are available from the Travel Club Office, which is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 7.30 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. and also before and after each home game. For further information please telephone 611499

YOUR ROUTE TO LEICESTER AND FILBERT STREET

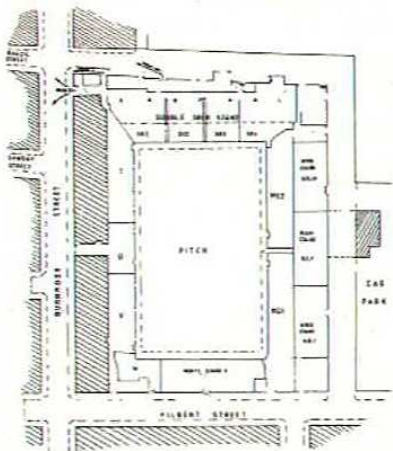
Next Saturday, October 21st we travel to Leicester City where our Manager, Ossie Ardiles, will be renewing his acquaintance with one of his former Tottenham Hotspur Managers David Pleat

Your route from Swindon to Filbert Street will be via the A361 to Burford and then proceed to Banbury. Continue on the A361 to Junction 18 of the M1. Proceed via the motorway and then exit at M1 Junction 21 and take A46, turn right ¾ mile after railway bridge into Upperton Road, then right into Filbert Street.

MATCH DETAILS

The basic accommodation for Swindon Town supporters will consist of 1,200 seats in the East Stand at £6.50 each, the complete Block T, although your tickets will not refer to a specific seat. There are seat tickets on sale for this match at the County Ground reception desk.

The basic standing accommodation is SK1 which holds 2,300 spectators, price £4.50 to pay on the day of the match.



All signs outside of Filbert Street and at the appropriate turnstiles for the visiting areas are painted in red.

There are no parking facilities available for visiting supporters so you are advised to arrive early and find your own parking by following the AA signs in and around the City.

Accommodation is limited for the disabled and prior arrangements are required.

The nearest Police station is Charles Street, Leicester. Telephone number (0533) 530066.

Food and drink is available at snack bars throughout the ground. The Club telephone number is (0533) 555000.

Your matchday programme will cost £1.00.

The nearest railway station is Leicester which is one mile from the Filbert Street ground.

The most convenient train to Leicester will leave Swindon at 9.30 a.m. for Paddington, arriving at 10.31 a.m. Your connection to Leicester leaves St. Pancras at 11.30 a.m., arriving at 12.38 p.m.

The return journey leaves at the following times:

Depart Leicester 6.30 p.m., arrives St. Pancras 7.50 p.m. Depart Paddington 8.45 p.m., arrives Swindon 9.47 p.m.

Depart Leicester 7.00 p.m., arrives St. Pancras 8.23 p.m. Depart Paddington 9.20 p.m., arrives Swindon 10.18 p.m.

The return rail fare is £19.50.

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FORM CHECK

Leicester City and their Manager, David Pleat, have experienced a torrid time this season. This has been due to the injury list at Filbert Street which has reached alarming proportions. The Filbert Street Club have won only one of their six home matches up to now.

They lost by a single goal to Blackburn Rovers on August 23rd when a goal in the 77th minute, by the prolific goalscorer Simon Garner settled the issue. Three days later Newcastle United were the visitors and they took a point back to the North-East from a 2-2 draw after Kevin McAllister had given City a 27th minute lead. Mick Quinn, five minutes before half time, and John Gallacher, in the fifth-fifth minute, gave the visitors the lead. Tony Spearing rescued a point for Leicester four minutes later with a 25 yard shot.

On September 9th the Filbert Street Club had to relinquish all three points to a rampant West Bromwich Albion. Injury hit City took the lead thirty minutes into the game through Paul Reid. Within two minutes Albion were level through Colin West. Former Arsenal defender Chris Whyte put Albion further ahead on the stroke of half time. Don Goodman took advantage of a weak Simon Morgan back pass in the 74th minute.

Relief came on September 23rd when a goal from Lee Glover, four minutes from the final whistle, deprived visitors Brighton and Hove Albion of a point.

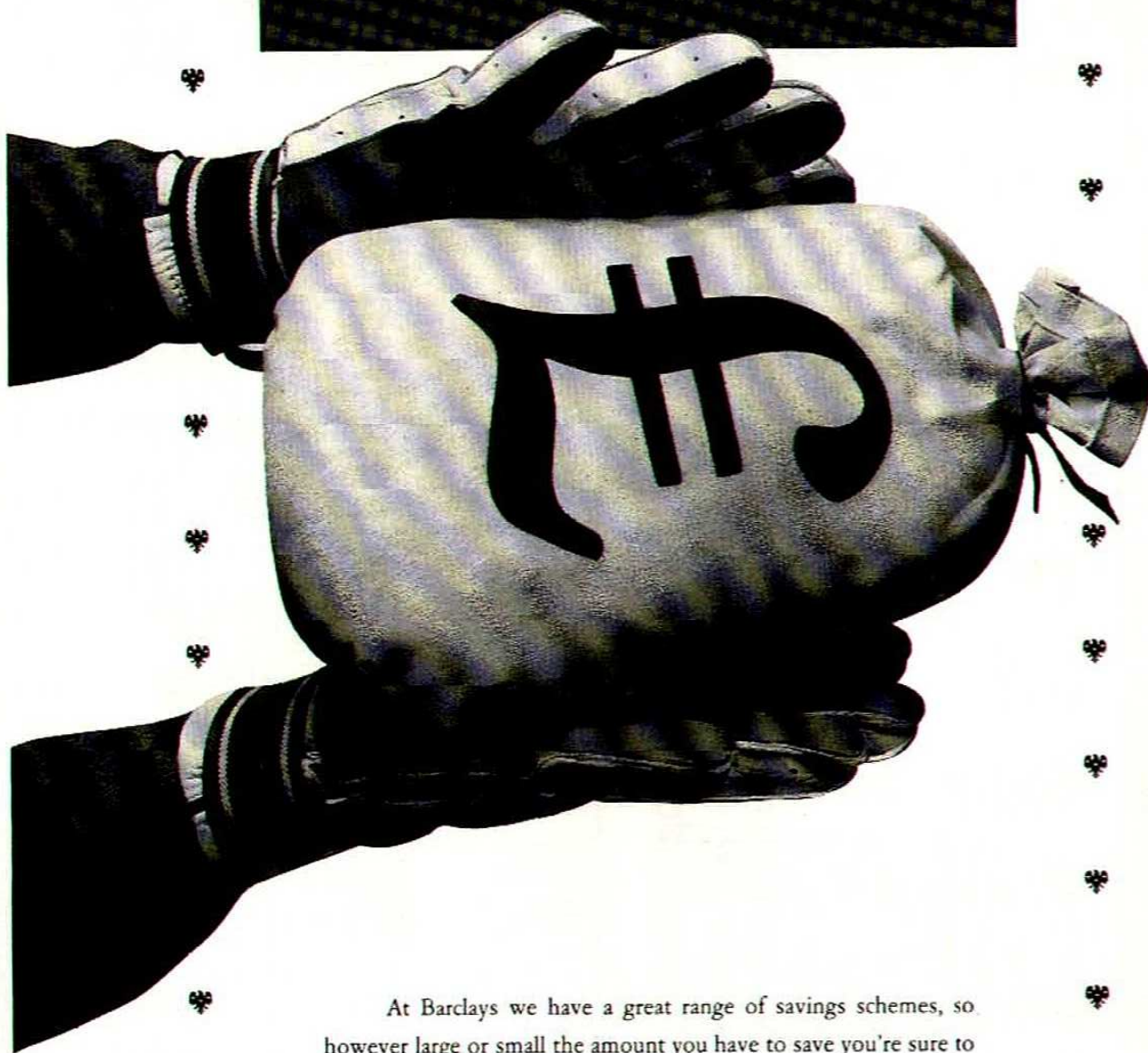
Sunderland were the visitors to Filbert Street four days later and they increased the furrows in David Pleat's worried brow, with a 3-2 win. Paul Williams gave City the lead in the twenty ninth minute, but Gordon Armstrong equalised for the Roker Park Club five minutes later. Four minutes after the interval break Paul Hardyman put the visitors ahead from the penalty spot.

Alan Paris appeared to have given his Club a point with a fifty-fifth minute equaliser. All thoughts of a second home win of the season evaporated when Gary Owers scored Sunderland's winner twenty minutes later.

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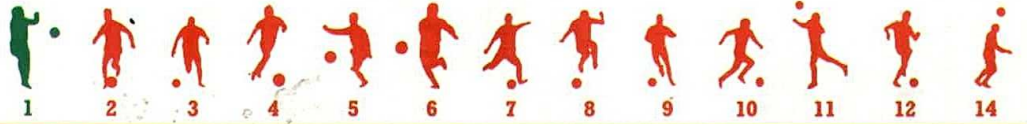
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Sat Aug. 19	Sunderland	0-2	10,199	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin*	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardies*(7)	Cornwell(5)	
Sat Aug. 26	Oldham Athletic	2-2	5,531	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardies*(9)	Summerbee	
Sun Sept. 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-1	10,213	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Gittens	Calderwood	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Galvin	Cornwell*(2)	Summerbee(8)	
Sat Sept. 9	West Ham United	1-1	21,469	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones†	Close	White	Maclaren	Galvin	Cornwell*(1)	Hunt	
Tue Sept. 12	Sheffield United	0-2	13,920	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones†	Close	White	Maclaren	Galvin	Cornwell*(2)	Simpson(7)	
Sat Sept. 16	Barnsley	0-0	6,540	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones*	Shearer	Close	Maclaren†	Simpson	Bodin*(7)	Hunt†(10)	
Tue Sept. 19	Shrewsbury (LC R1)	3-0	3,518	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones*	Shearer	Close	Maclaren	Simpson	Bodin*(8)	Galvin†(11)	
Sat Sept. 23	Leeds United	0-4	21,894	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones*	Shearer	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpson*	Bodin*(9)	Galvin*(11)	
Tue Sept. 26	Plymouth Argyle 7.45	3-0	6,862	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones*	Shearer†	Close	Maclaren	Simpson	Bodin*(7)	Galvin†(8)	
Sat Sept. 30	Bradford City	1-1	8,334	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	Bodin	Maclaren	Galvin*	Simpson*(11)	White†(4)	
Tue Oct. 3	Shrewsbury (LC R1) 7.45	3-1	5,541	Digby	Hockaday	King*	Jones*	Calderwood	Gittens	Bodin†	Shearer*	White*	Maclaren	Simpson*	McLoughlin†(4)	Close†(7)	
Sat Oct. 7	Hull City	3-2	5,366	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin*	Bodin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson*	Jones*(3)	Close	
Sat Oct. 14	Ipswich Town	3-0	8,039	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Bodin*	Cornwell*(11)	Galvin	

Key: ● Goalscorer * and † Player substituted and () number of player substituted Home matches in bold type

Date	Match	Time
Sat Oct. 17	Oxford United 7.45	
Sat Oct. 21	Leicester City	
Tue Oct. 24	Bolton Wern (LC R3) 7.45	
Sat Oct. 28	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
Wed Nov. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Sat Nov. 4	Stoke City	
Sat Nov. 11	Middlesbrough	
Sat Nov. 18	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 1)	
Sun Nov. 26	Portsmouth 3pm	
Wed Nov. 29	Millwall (ZDSC) 7.45	
Sat Dec. 2	Sunderland	
Sun Dec. 10	Sheff Utd (F.A. C. 2) 3pm	
Sun Dec. 17	West Bromwich Albion	
Tue Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers 3pm	
Sat Dec. 30	Newcastle United	
Mon Jan. 1	Watford	
Sat Jan. 6	F.A. Cup 3	
Sat Jan. 13	Oldham Athletic	
Sat Jan. 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Sat Jan. 27	F.A. Cup 4	
Sun Feb. 24	Leeds United	
Sat Feb. 25	Barnsley	
Sat Feb. 17	West Ham Utd (F.A. Cup 5)	
Sat Feb. 24	Portsmouth	
Sat Mar. 3	Port Vale	
Tue Mar. 6	Bradford City 7.45	
Sat Mar. 10	Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 6)	
Sat Mar. 17	Hull City	
Tue Mar. 20	Ipswich Town	
Sat Mar. 24	Oxford United	
Sat Mar. 31	Leicester City	
Sat Apr. 7	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
Tue Apr. 10	Brighton & Hove Albion 7.45	
Sat Apr. 14	Watford	
Mon Apr. 16	Blackburn Rovers	
Sat Apr. 21	West Bromwich Albion	
Wed Apr. 25	Newcastle United	
Sat Apr. 28	Middlesbrough	
Sun Apr. 29	Littlewoods Cup Final	
Sat May 5	Stoke City	
Sat May 12	F.A. Cup Final	

WALTON & REVERENDS
 * RETIREMENT ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 24th AT THE COUNTY GROUND
 LITTLEWOODS CUP, SECOND ROUND, SECOND LEG

Weather Conditions: Dry and cool

Shrewsbury Town

1 Parke
 5 Parry
 6 Moyes
 7 Brown
 10 McLoughlin
 11 McGee
 12 McLoughlin
 13 Jones
 14 Jones

Notes:
 12 McLoughlin (95 mins)
 14 Jones (85 mins)

Goal attempts on target:
 10
 14

Goal:
 10
 14

Bookings:
 10
 14

First Half Duration:
 45 mins 55 secs

Second Half Duration:
 45 mins 31 secs

Goalkeeping:
 10
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Comments:
 First Half
 Second Half

Referee:
 D. Kirby and R. Paulson

HULL CITY vs **LUTON TOWN**
 * RETIREMENT ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 24th AT BOOTHBY PARK

Weather Conditions: Dull, overcast with occasional rain

Hull City Team:
 1 Kelly
 2 Beckett
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Luton Town Team:
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Goal attempts on target:
 10
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Goal:
 10
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Bookings:
 10
 14

First Half Duration:
 45 mins 17 secs

Second Half Duration:
 45 mins 51 secs

Goalkeeping:
 10
 14

Comments:
 First Half
 Second Half

Referee:
 C. Pritchard & C. Taylor

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Goal attempts on target:
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Goal:
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Bookings:
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 14

First Half Duration:
 45 mins 8 secs

Second Half Duration:
 45 mins 3 secs

Goalkeeping:
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Comments:
 First Half
 Second Half

Referee:
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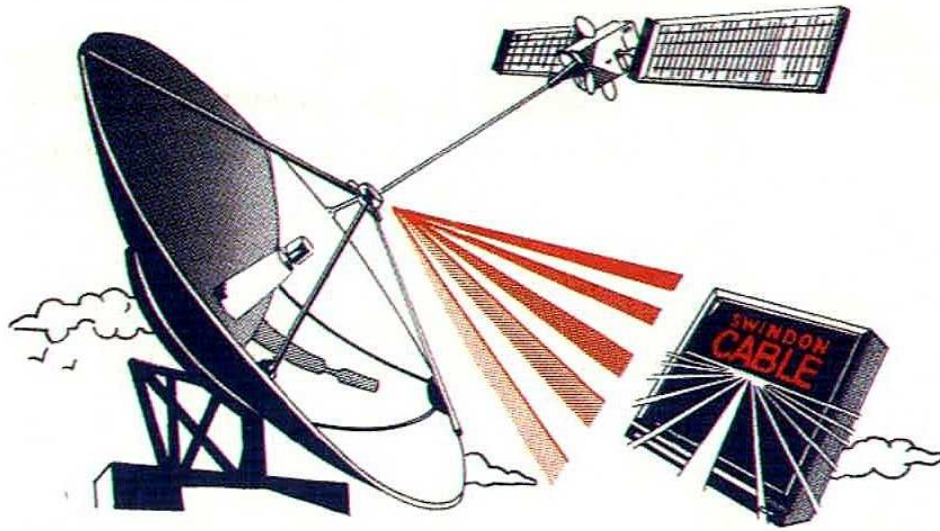
SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sheffield United	11	4	1	1	11	7	2	3	0	9	5	22
Leeds United	11	4	2	0	12	4	2	2	1	5	6	22
Newcastle United	11	5	0	0	11	4	1	2	3	8	9	20
Plymouth Argyle	11	4	1	0	9	2	2	0	4	9	10	19
Sunderland	11	3	2	1	12	8	2	2	1	7	6	19
Blackburn Rovers	10	2	2	0	9	3	2	4	0	9	6	18
Brighton & Hove Albion	11	5	0	0	9	1	1	0	5	9	13	18
West Ham United	11	3	1	2	9	7	2	2	1	5	5	18
A.F.C. Bournemouth	11	4	1	1	13	10	1	1	3	7	9	17
Oldham Athletic	11	4	2	0	11	6	1	0	4	4	8	17
Swindon Town	11	3	1	1	9	3	1	3	2	7	12	16
West Bromwich Albion	10	1	2	1	6	8	3	1	2	11	8	15
Port Vale	11	2	3	0	5	3	1	2	3	6	7	14
Watford	11	4	0	1	6	3	0	2	4	3	10	14
Oxford United	11	3	2	1	10	8	0	2	3	5	9	13
Ipswich Town	11	2	2	1	9	8	1	2	3	7	11	13
Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	2	2	2	10	7	1	1	2	8	12	12
Barnsley	11	3	2	1	9	8	0	1	4	2	12	12
Bradford City	11	2	3	0	8	4	0	2	4	3	9	11
Middlesbrough	10	3	1	1	10	8	0	1	4	4	9	11
Stoke City	11	0	5	1	6	7	0	3	2	4	8	8
Portsmouth	11	1	3	2	6	8	0	1	4	2	10	7
Hull City	11	0	2	3	5	9	0	4	2	8	10	6
Leicester City	11	1	2	3	6	9	0	1	4	3	9	6

NEXT MATCHES AT THE COUNTY GROUND

- Wednesday October 25th 1989**
English Schools Divisional Trial Match
South West v South of England
Kick-off 7.00 p.m.
- Saturday October 28th 1989**
Barclays League Division Two
Swindon Town v A.F.C. Bournemouth
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
- Tuesday October 31st 1989**
Swindon Town v Luton Town
'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

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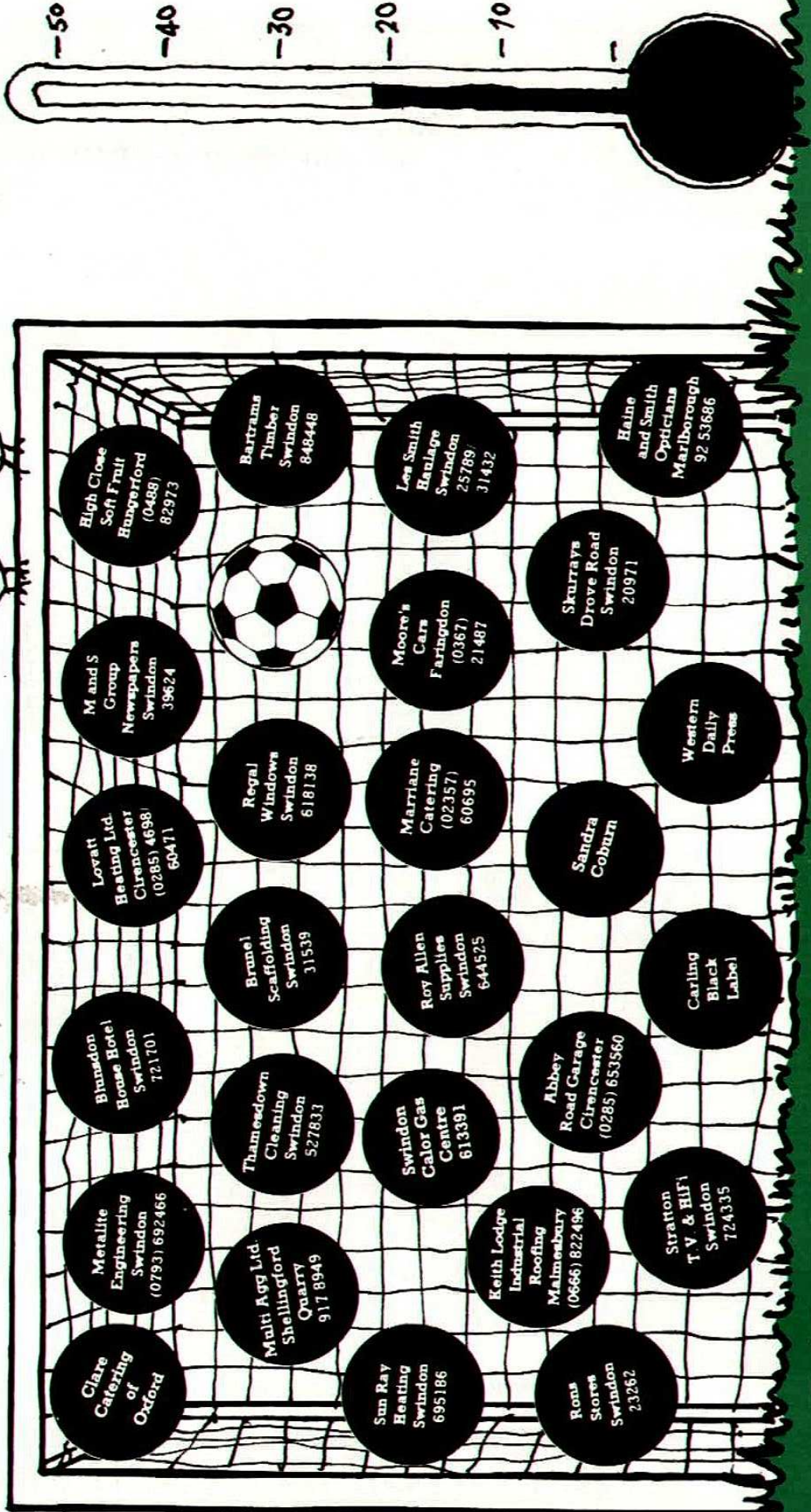
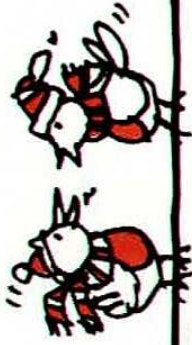
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**'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION
LEAGUE TABLE**

(up to and including Wednesday 11th October 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	8	7	0	1	29	15	21
Arsenal	9	7	0	2	23	18	21
Ipswich Town	9	6	2	1	21	13	20
Millwall	9	5	2	1	14	9	17
Norwich City	8	5	0	3	11	9	15
Swindon Town	10	5	0	5	18	19	15
Oxford United	9	4	5	3	22	14	14
Brighton & Hove Albion	9	4	1	4	14	15	13
Luton Town	5	4	0	1	12	7	12
Wimbledon	8	3	3	2	13	9	12
Queens Park Rangers	8	4	0	4	13	15	12
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	17	7	10
Portsmouth	7	2	3	2	8	14	9
Crystal Palace	9	2	2	5	13	14	8
West Ham United	8	2	1	5	13	17	7
Charlton Athletic	9	2	1	6	21	26	7
Watford	8	2	1	5	11	16	7
Fulham	7	2	0	5	7	22	6
Southampton	8	0	3	5	9	17	3
Reading	8	0	2	6	9	22	2

A SPIRITED PERFORMANCE

A spirited performance by a youthful Town eleven gave the vastly more experienced Queens Park Rangers team a stern test in our 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture at the County Ground on Tuesday October 10th. Despite the fact that we lost 2-1 it was a game in which we took a lot of credit.

A depleted team, who had the added misfortune of losing Gary Shaw with an injury just before the kick-off, included Richard Walker as a late replacement.

The play remained even until Danny Maddix put the Loftus Road Club into the lead in the thirty-second minute. Four minutes later Maurice Doyle increased the visitors lead. Both goals had preceded two close efforts by Neil Tomlinson, who had been somewhat unfortunate not to have given the Town an early lead.

Despite the fact that they were facing a two goal deficit the young Town team fought back with vigour and determination.

The second half saw the London Club's lead reduced when Richard Walker, who was a late replacement for Gary Shaw, scored in the sixty-first minute with a rising drive from twenty yards following a centre from Neil Tomlinson.

It was a match where we fielded a very young team and in no way were we disgraced against a First Division Club that fielded several very experienced players.

Teams: Swindon Town: Paul Thompson, Mark Lea, Paul O'Driscoll, Paul Trollope, John Cornwell, Adrian Viveash, Neil Tomlinson, Paul Hunt, Richard Walker, Nicky Summerbee, Liam Dixon.

Substitutes: Robert Spence, Jason Braidwood.

Queens Park Rangers: Tony Roberts, David Bardsley, Maurice Doyle, Brian Law, Danny Maddix, Paul Wright, Michael Rutherford, Mark Falco, Les Ferdinand, Kevin Kingsmore.

Substitutes: Alan McCarthy, David Macciochi (for Ferdinand in 80th minute).

• This was a match that attracted a posse of Managers and Scouts to the County Ground. They included former Town boss Lou Macari

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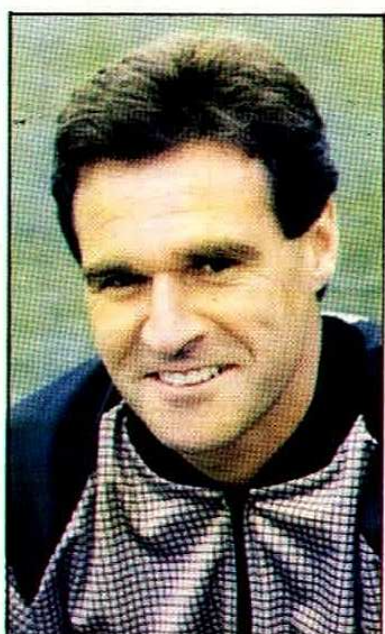
Date 1989	Opponents	Result
Wed Aug 23	Portsmouth	2.00 H 2-0
Sat 26	Southampton	3.00 A 1-0
Tue 29	West Ham United	2.00 H 3-1
Sat Sep 2	Wimbledon	3.00 A 2-3
Tue 5	Oxford United	2.00 H 0-4
Wed 13	Fulham	2.00 H 5-0
Wed 20	Ipswich Town	3.00 A 0-3
Wed 27	Chelsea	2.00 A 0-5
Mon Oct 2	Millwall	2.00 H 3-1
Tue 10	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 H 1-2
Wed 18	Crystal Palace	2.00 A
Mon 23	Millwall	2.00 A
Tue 31	Luton Town	2.00 H
Tue Nov 7	Wimbledon	2.00 H
Tue 14	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 A
Tue 21	Arsenal	2.00 H
Tue 28	Charlton Athletic	2.00 A
Tue Dec 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	2.00 H
Sat 9	West Ham United	2.00 A
Tue 12	Portsmouth	7.00 A
Tue 19	Crystal Palace	2.00 H
1989		
Tue Jan 9	Watford	2.00 H
Tue 16	Reading	2.00 H
Wed 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.15 A
Sat 27	Watford	3.00 A
Tue 30	Chelsea	2.00 H
Fri Feb 2	Norwich City	7.30 A
Tue 6	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 H
Wed 14	Oxford United	7.30 A
Sat 17	Arsenal	3.00 A
Tue 20	Southampton	2.00 H
Wed 28	Fulham	2.00 A
Sat Mar 10	Luton Town	2.00 A
Tue 13	Ipswich Town	2.00 H
Tue 20	Charlton Athletic	2.00 H
Wed 28	Reading	2.00 A
Tue Apr 3	Norwich City	2.00 H
Tue 24	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 A

who was accompanied by Coaches Ronnie Boyce and Mick McGiven. Also in a watching brief were Joe Jordan of Bristol City, Graham Carr of Northampton Town and Brian Horton

of Oxford United accompanied by Maurice Evans, Stuart Morgan, now a Scout with A.F.C. Bournemouth also watched the match.

Goalscorers: Paul Bodin 4 (including 2 penalties), Paul Hunt 3, John Cornwell and Gary Shaw 2 each, Shaun Close, David Geddis, Tony Sealy, Nicky Summerbee and Richard Walker one each.

Andy Rowland



**FOOTBALL COMBINATION
APPEARANCES 1989-90
up to and including Tuesday October 10th**

Paul Hunt	10
Adrian Viveash	10
Nicky Hammond	9
Neil Tomlinson	8 + 2 sub
Paul O'Driscoll	8 + 1 sub
Nicky Summerbee	8 + 1 sub
Paul Bodin	6
Tim Parkin	6
John Cornwell	5
David Geddis	5
Paul Trollope	4 + 4 sub
Leigh Barnard	4
Tommy Jones	4
Tony Sealey	3
Fitzroy Simpson	3
Shaun Close	2
Tony Galvin	2
Dave Hockaday	2
Mark Lea	1 + 2 sub
Ossie Ardiles	1
Jason Braidwood	1
Liam Dixon	1
Jon Gittens	1
Alex Graham	1
Darren Hall	1
Mark Jones	1
Gary Shaw	1
Paul Thompson	1
Richard Walker	1



'HATTERS' CAP THE TOWN!

Following two successive wins, our South East Counties Youth League team were defeated 2-1 by visitors Luton Town on Saturday October 7th at Lydiard Park. With a depleted line-up, due to injuries, we struggled to make any impression.

With several injuries and players unavailable we were forced to reshuffle the team. A reasonable start to the game developed into a poor performance which lacked the necessary enthusiasm and fight needed to gain a fair share of the game.

It came as no surprise that Luton Town took the lead through **Stuart Bodin**. The same player increased the visitors lead before half time.

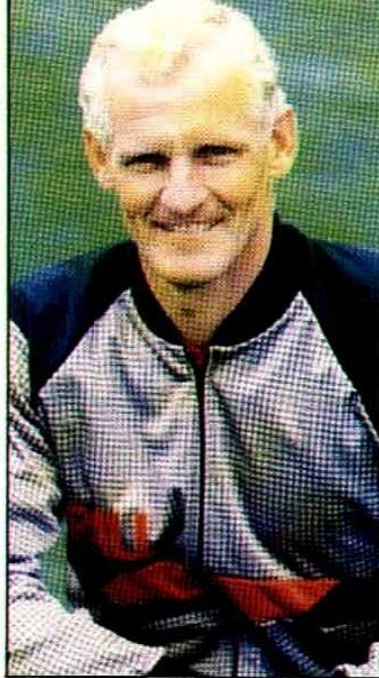
Although **Liam Dixon** reduced the arrears before half-time a heavy defeat appeared to be in prospect. The only danger to Luton's lead in the second half came from the efforts of mid-field player Paul Trollope to trouble Luton keeper Richard Watkiss.

The only player to emerge with any credit from this display was Paul Trollope who worked hard and prompted well from his midfield position.

We are still performing in fits and starts and too many players lack real commitment and the fight needed to carve a successful career in professional football.

Team: Paul Thompson, Darren Hall, Julian Braidwood, Andy Thomson, Martin Churchward, Mark Lea, Marcus Phillips, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Richard Walker.

Substitute: Goble (for Phillips in 71st minute)



John Trollope



● **Liam Dixon** - Scored his second League goal of the season against Luton Town.

● **South East Counties League goalscorers:** (up to and including Saturday October 7th). Robert Spence 5, Liam Dixon 2, Marcus Phillips, Wayne O'Sullivan and Paul Trollope one each.

● **Currently out of action with injury** are five of our trainees, they are: Alex Graham (Stress fracture of his instep), Darren Hall (hamstring), Ryan Lovegrove (shoulder), Ed Murray (knee injury) and Lee Spalding (broken toes).

● **Midland Youth Cup goalscorers:** Nicky Summerbee 2, Liam Dixon one.

● **South East Counties League Cup goalscorers:** Liam Dixon and Nicky Summerbee one each.

● **Our Allied League Challenge Cup** match away to Farnborough Town was postponed last Wednesday. No new date has yet been arranged.

● **Our Midland Youth Cup, Second Round,** fixture with Nottingham Forest will be played on Monday, November 13th at the City Ground. Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

● **We have used twenty players** in our seven South East Counties League fixtures to date.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90

Date	Opponents	Result
1989		
Sat Aug 19	Reading	11 am H 1-1
Sat 26	Oxford United	A 0-3
Sat Sep 2	Wimbledon	11 am H 0-3
Sat 16	Tottenham Hotspur	11 am H 3-0
Sat 23	Aldershot	A 3-2
Sat 30	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A 3-1
Sat Oct 7	Luton Town	11 am H 1-2
Sat 14	Colchester United	A
Sat 21	League Cup (?)	
Sat 28	Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am H
Sat Nov 4	Northampton Town	11 am H
Sat 11	Southampton	11 am H
Sat 18	Bristol City	A
Sat 25	Crystal Palace	A
Sat Dec 2	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 9	League Cup (3)	
Sat 16	Tottenham Hotspur	A
1990		
Sat Jan 6	Reading	A
Sat 13	Oxford United	11 am H
Sat 20	Wimbledon	A
Sat 27	Aldershot	11 am H
Sat Feb 3	Colchester United	12 noon H
Sat 10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	11 am H
Sat 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Sat 24	Brentford	A
Sat Mar 3	Bristol City	11 am H
Sat 17	Luton Town	A
Sat 24	Southampton	A
Sat 31	Crystal Palace	11 am H
Sat Apr 7	Northampton Town	A

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP 1989/90

Date	Opponents	Result
Sat 1989 Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90

Date	Opponents	Result
Wed 1989 Aug 30	Peterborough United	A 3-0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

(up to and including 13/10/89)

Division Two

Crystal Palace	8	6	1	1	20	6	13
Wimbledon	8	6	-	2	21	6	12
Oxford United	7	5	1	1	14	9	11
A.F.C. Bournemouth	7	4	2	1	21	10	10
Brentford	6	5	-	1	16	6	10
Southampton	10	3	3	4	11	13	9
Brighton & Hove Albion	7	4	-	3	15	8	8
Northampton Town	6	3	1	2	15	9	7
Luton Town	6	3	1	2	7	8	7
Swindon Town	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Colchester United	10	3	-	6	13	22	7
Tottenham Hotspur	9	3	1	6	13	22	7
Bristol Rovers	6	2	-	4	9	17	4
Reading	6	1	1	4	5	9	3
Bristol City	7	-	2	5	4	14	2
Aldershot	6	-	-	6	6	29	-

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

Date	Opponents	Result
Mon 1989 Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-2

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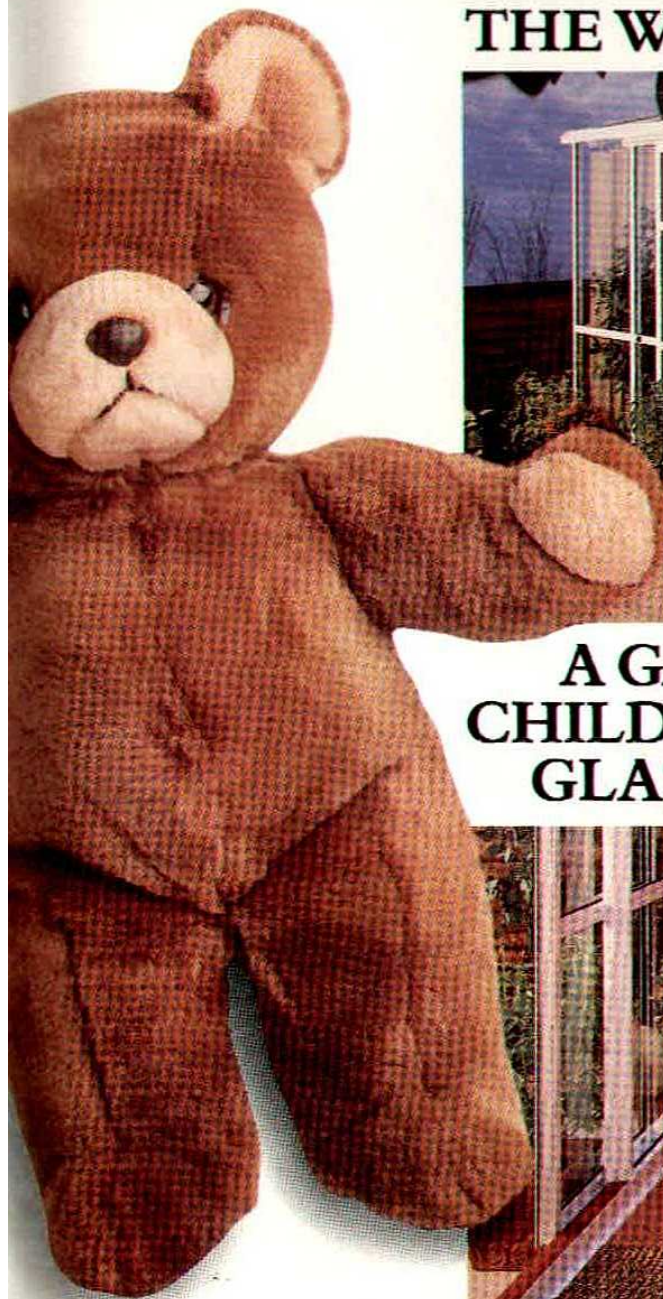


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FRASER DIGBY. Five Under-21 caps to his credit following his appearance in Jastyzebie Zdroj last Tuesday.



PETER HUCKER. Makes his 65th League appearance for United tonight. Yet to keep a clean sheet in League matches this season.

DAVE HOCKADAY. All the twos tonight. Dave makes his 222nd full League appearance for the Town.



GARRY SMART. The former Wokingham Town full back made one appearance in our Football Combination team in the 1987/88 season on trial.

PHIL KING. The former Exeter City and Torquay United full back has made 109 League appearances for the Town.



JIMMY PHILLIPS. Was Graeme Souness's first signing for the Ibrox Club. The former Bolton full back scored his first goal of the season with a penalty against Portsmouth on the 7th.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. In superb form this season. Developed an eye for goal too. Five to his credit at present.



MICKEY LEWIS. Makes his 46th League appearance for United this evening. Yet to score his first goal for the Manor Ground Club.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. Match number 180 in League games for the Town tonight. Yet to score this season.



CERI EVANS. Recalled to the United line-up when Colin Greenall was dropped following A.F.C. Bournemouth's recent 2-1 success at the Manor Ground.

TIM PARKIN. Scored his sixth League goal for the Town at Hull recently. Makes his 108th League appearance for the Town tonight.



NEIL SLATTER. The former Bristol Rovers defender is making his tenth consecutive first team appearance of the season this evening.

TOMMY JONES. Left out the line-up at Hull City, his second half substitution inspired the Town to their first League away win of the season.



DAVID PENNEY. Scored his first goal for United against last Saturday's County Ground visitors, Ipswich Town, in the home 2-2 draw on September 23rd.

DUNCAN SHEARER. Before last Saturday's match it was 123 League games and 55 goals for the Scot in his full career.



ROBBIE MUSTOE. The promising midfield player scored his only goal of this season five minutes from time in the 2-1 defeat at home against Newcastle United on September 12th.

STEVE WHITE. The bargain free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers has scored 121 League goals.



MARTIN FOYLE. A nineteenth minute injury casualty in United's 2-1 win against visiting Portsmouth ten days ago.

ROSS MACLAREN. Set to make his fiftieth League appearance for the Town if selected at Filbert Street next Saturday.



MARK STEIN. Recent signing from Queens Park Rangers. Scored in consecutive matches against Leeds United and A.F.C. Bournemouth recently.

PAUL BODIN. The Welsh utility player has proved his worth in several roles this season under new Town boss Ossie Ardiles.



PHIL SIMPSON. A goal scoring winger, three goals this term. Scored a hat-trick against A.F.C. Bournemouth on April 22nd last season.

TONY GALVIN. Twenty one League goals to his credit. Still to score his first for the Town since his summer move from Sheffield Wednesday.



JOHN DURNIN. The former Liverpool striker lost his place to new signing Mark Stein recently. The scorer of four goals to date this season.

PAUL HUNT. Created a good impression as a second half substitute against Barnsley at the County Ground on September 16th.



MICHAEL FORD. Once with Devizes Town. Unable to claim a regular place since his move from Cardiff City.

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