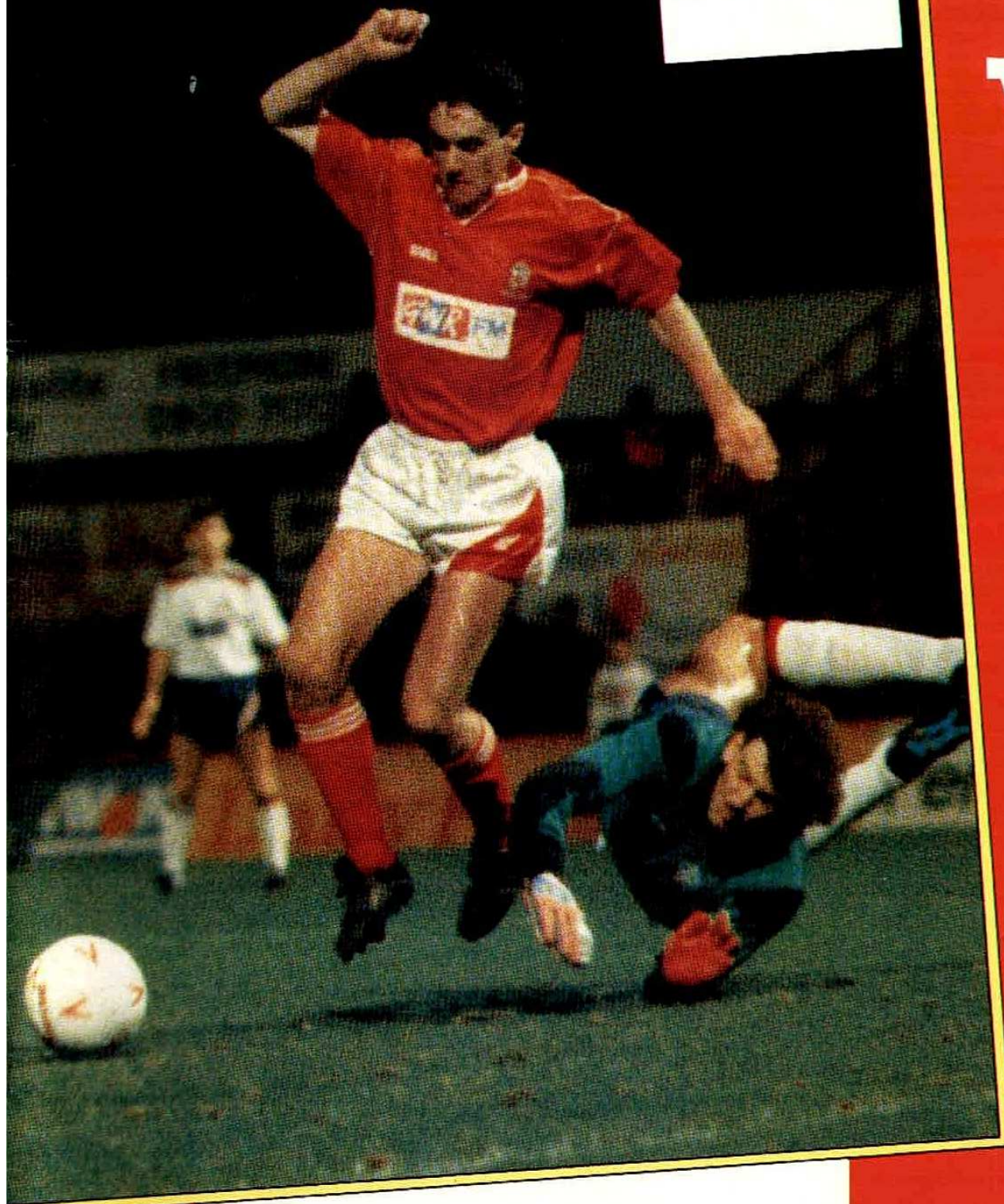


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## WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF STOKE CITY

Ipswich supporters on the morning of the League fixture at Swindon. After much arranging, the game duly took place at Stratton Community Centre from 11 am - 12 noon on 14th October.

The (very competitive) match was played in a tremendous spirit and was ably refereed by Town steward Malcolm Martin. The Swindon supporters ran out winners by 16-8, after going 3-0 down and appearing to be on a hiding. We spent the rest of the day with our visitors, until they boarded their train home in the middle of the evening. They had just suffered two defeats but left in good humour, having enjoyed an excellent social event.

I wonder what the 'Authorities' would make of this?

Yours sincerely,  
Dennis Salter

**LOU MACARI**



• Lou Macari

Former Town Boss **Lou Macari** left Swindon last week to take up residence in a London suburb. Lou had retained his Swindon home until last week, commuting between East London and Swindon.

A little known fact about Lou is that his family hail from the Roman suburb of Anna where he still has relatives. The 'Ciociani' as the habitants of this region are called, are a proud and talented race. From their bosom many famous personalities have emerged including the film goddesses Sophia Loren and Gina Lollobrigida; Sir Charles Forte and Signor Guilio Andreotti, a former Italian Prime Minister and a great football fan.

### FROM THE HAMMERS NEWS

The October edition of West Ham United's 'Hammers News' carried this account of our match when we visited Upton Park on Saturday, September 9th.

#### West Ham 1, Swindon Town 1

If West Ham needed a timely warning that all is not plain sailing in Division Two, then this disappointing draw with Swindon Town was it.

Hammers slipped from top spot to third in the table and couldn't honestly com-

plain at the result of this hard-fought battle, littered with ill-tempered challenges and nondescript play.

Swindon's former Spurs winger Tony Galvin was the main antagonist, committing a series of reckless and invariably late tackles.

He was pulled off by Ossie Ardiles with 20-odd minutes remaining, before running the likely risk of being sent off by a referee who had his hands full keeping control in the second half.

Julian Dicks rose to Galvin's bait and earned himself another booking, although George Parris was fortunate not to add his name to a list which also included skipper Alvin Martin who, despite his experience, allowed himself to be provoked by the niggly Steve White.

The untidiness of the second half upset Hammers' early rhythm when they seemed on course for their third successive home League win.

Martin Allen's well-struck goal was reward for some early enterprise by Hammers who piled on the pressure despite the absence of Stuart Slater, injured in training and the latest victim of the jinx that has stalked our strikers so far this season.

With Mark Ward again proving a menace in and around the opponent's box, and David Kelly taking up intelligent positions, it was only a matter of time before West Ham went ahead.

Even left-back Julian Dicks went on the rampage and was unfortunate not to find the net on at least one occasion.

Yet there was a warning, just two minutes after Allen's goal, that West Ham were vulnerable to the counter-attack. The diminutive front pairing of Shaun Close and White unsettled Martin and Gale at times and only a fine blocking save by the perceptive Phil Parkes prevented White from equalising.

The Swindon players - as Lou Macari no doubt anticipated - fought for everything and as Hammers began to run out of fresh ideas about how to score a second, Town came more into the picture with several second half efforts that at least kept Parkes busier than he had been in either of the previous two home games.

A mistake by Gale left Steve Potts needing to clear the danger, but at the expense of a corner. A costly one, because from Maclaren's mishit shot, the ball fell conveniently to defender Gittens who couldn't miss putting his team level.

Although Kelly, before he was injured to the head, and his replacement, Eamonn Dolan, both managed headers on target, it needed something extra to beat the always impressive Fraser Digby in Swindon's goal.

He didn't put a hand wrong and will surely be displaying his talent at a higher level before much longer.

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**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**  
Postponed matches at least allow a Manager to keep an eye on other teams and players. With the game against A.F.C. Bournemouth off, I was able to take a look at one of our future opponents.

I travelled down to Portsmouth after morning training last Saturday, to watch their match with Ipswich. Torrential rain and wind made it difficult for both sets of players. The referee had to take the players off the field for a while until the torrent abated.

always how we play that matters most, and not so much the opposition. If we are on top of our game we will be able to dictate the pattern of a game.

Obviously the pattern of play, free kicks, corners, etc. are always useful to note and often you can see a player that may be useful for the future.

**A SPECTACLE TO BEGIN THE 'LIVE' MATCHES**  
It was interesting to watch my former Club, Tottenham Hotspur, in action in the live television

remember that the game for them is a learning process.

There is as much to learn in defeat as victory. It is important that they analyse their performance and improve. It is a difficult path to the top for a young player. Their performances vary but it is vitally important that they learn quickly.

**STEVE ON THE WAY BACK**  
There was good news of Steve Foley in midweek. He scored a fine goal in our Reserve team match with Luton Town and came through the match without mishap.

Obviously it is always a big advantage to have a full complement of players available and Steve will strengthen our squad further. In recent weeks he has shown a measure of determination to reach a peak of fitness and it will be good to see him in the first team squad.

**SEAGULLS, NOT OF SORRENTO ... BUT BRIGHTON**

It was nice to be travelling to Brighton on Wednesday. The day was sunny and clear and we were back in action following the A.F.C. Bournemouth postponement. Brighton had won all of their home matches, except the one defeat they suffered against Newcastle United, so we could anticipate a difficult match.

We inflicted Brighton's second home defeat of the season. Ross Maclaren gave us a first half lead following a free kick, although Dean Wilkins equalised for the home team. I thought we deservedly took the points when Jon Gittens scored from Fitzroy Simpson's corner with five minutes of play remaining. An excellent win and full credit to the boys on their second away win of the season. Can we repeat this at Bolton on Tuesday?

match at Liverpool last Sunday. Overall I thought they did quite well in a difficult atmosphere.

It was a fine match and a good spectacle for television to begin their season of live matches with. I am sure that those of you who watched the match will have been pleased with what you witnessed.

**A LEARNING PROCESS**  
Although our Youth team lost to Portsmouth in the F.A. Youth Cup match on Monday, they must



## Ossie Ardiles

**TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT BOLTON**

After watching our Reserve match with Luton Town, I took the opportunity to travel north and watch Bolton Wanderers play Walsall.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw, with Walsall equalising the first half score of Bolton. I was able to note several points which will be useful for our cup replay next week.

**IT'S HOW WE PLAY**

I am a big believer that it is

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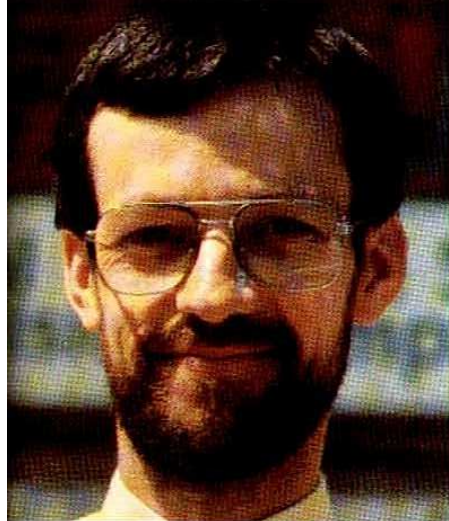
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## Paul Plowman

**Our historian looks back at some previous meetings between Swindon Town and today's opponents.**

### ON THE THIRD MATCH

Today is the 14th occasion that Swindon Town and Stoke City have met in competitive games, but only the third Football League encounter at the County Ground.

Two League meetings in Division Two and two in the Southern League here have produced a remarkable sequence, whereby in every game Swindon have scored three times and on each occasion a Swindon player has scored twice!

A win for the Town here in May ensured that they would go into the hat for the play-offs. It was not a happy day for the visitors who lost Carl Beeston through injury and Mark Higgins through dismissal. Higgins' departure came just five minutes after Duncan Shearer had given Swindon the lead in the 61st. Tommy Jones added a second four minutes from time, quickly followed by another from Shearer - his 16th and last of the season.

Jones also found the net in the Victoria Ground clash almost a year ago. His 65th minute effort was in reply to a George Berry penalty. Graham Shaw gave City the points with a header five minutes before the end.

### THE FIRST BETWEEN THE CLUBS

The 1987/88 encounters were the first between the Clubs in the Football League. Stoke City's visit to the County Ground on October 20 started disastrously for the men from the Potteries. Jimmy Quinn gave the Town the lead with just fifty seconds on the clock. City survived the half without further damage but conceded two goals to Steve White in the 60th and 71st minutes. The match marked the debut of Bobby Barnes for Swindon.

The return fixture saw the Town go in arrears in the 16th minute, to a Simon Stainrod goal, and then bombarded the home goal for most of the game. But Stoke City's lowest home crowd of the season - 6,293 - saw them cling on to the points.

Although there were no League meetings earlier, many will remember the League Cup tussles of 1979/80 and a few the classes F.A. Cup ties of 1951/52. Not many will be able to recall the Southern League encounters of over 75 years ago!

### FORMED IN 1925

After resigning from the Football League in 1908, Stoke (the Club did not become known as Stoke City until 1925) spent a period in the Southern League. They won promotion from the Second Division, as runners-up to Reading in 1911, while Swindon were First Division champions.

### THE DAYS OF FLEMING

And so the two met for the first time on Christmas Day 1911, at the

County Ground. Swindon were without England International Harold Fleming who always declined to play on Christmas Day. Alex McCulloch took his place at inside-left. But they raced to a 3-0 half-time lead with two goals from flying winger Bob Jefferson and one from dead-ball expert Billy Tout. There was no further scoring until the Clubs met again on Boxing Day at the Victoria Ground.

McCulloch did enough to retain his place in the Town line-up, winger Sammy Lamb giving way for Fleming's inclusion in the ranks. A massive crowd saw Harold give the visitors a 1-0 advantage at the interval. Archie Bown scored twice in the second half and Jefferson added a fourth in a fine 4-1 victory.

On returning to the Potteries in the following November, Swindon were without Jefferson, Bown and Fleming, but gained a point from a 1-1 draw. Billy Batty rifled home a twenty-yarder in the 52nd minute after Revill had put Stoke ahead in the eleventh.

Fleming, who had been absent from the Town side for nearly a year through injury, had recovered by the time Stoke came back to the County Ground in March 1913. He scored twice as the Town edged home 3-2. Stoke took the wooden spoon at the end of the season and were relegated back to the Southern League Second Division. But good times lay ahead as six years later they were admitted to the Football League.

### CITY'S LAST WIN WAS FORTY YEARS AGO

City's last win at the County Ground was forty years ago, in a Third Round F.A. Cup tie in January 1949. George Mountford put Stoke City ahead ten minutes before half-time and Fred Steele added another five minutes later. Mountford put the game beyond the Town's reach with fifteen minutes to go. Maurice Owen hit a consolation goal eight minutes from time.

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### WATCHING THE STAGS

**In the afternoon, accompanied by Duncan Shearer, I set off along the M4 to watch my former Club, Mansfield Town, in action at Reading.**

It was not the best of games although Reading did create a lot of chances. Similar to most matches that were played last Saturday, the weather conditions dictated that the result was a lottery.

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Seriously, both Tommy and Ross were busy last Saturday. Tommy was painting and Ross was wall papering. Whether Tommy means that he is a Picasso or the Dulux type, I am not sure.

Don't hesitate to call them in when the weather is bad and we can't play!

### CRUNCH DAY

**Crunch day in the Littlewoods Cup is fast approaching and I can tell you this fact, I would prefer**

**going to Bolton Wanderers than Crewe Alexandra!**

Why? Simply because the pitch is bigger and that would suit us better. It is a big ground with good surroundings. I personally have some good memories of matches there including our 2-0 win when Peter Coyne scored both our goals in an opening day match when we were in the Third Division in 1986/87. I have also played there with Mansfield Town in a Freight Rover Trophy match.

### KEN AND DAVE RE-APPEAR

**Interesting to see both Kenny Allen and David Syrett back in match action. Of course, big Ken was a former team mate from earlier days here at Swindon.**

**Colin Calderwood**



Both have signed for Salisbury, making their debuts in a 2-0 win last week. Some of you may be surprised that I know Dave, but he was of course with Mansfield Town. Ken apparently now sports a beard. He should look a formidable figure in goal. Dave has been out of action for a considerable period of five years, following back trouble. Both apparently gave creditable performances and earned praise from Geoff Butler, the Salisbury Manager.

### WELL DONE 'STIGGER' AND SPARE A THOUGHT

**Our Reserve team did well to defeat Luton Town in midweek and it was nice to see 'Stigger' Foley on the scoresheet. The night before I watched our Youth team lose to Portsmouth.**

Always a difficult time, when you are a young player, to produce a level of performance. We also forget that some of them are in action for three or four matches in four or five days at a time. Last week they played Brighton on Saturday, Portsmouth Monday, the Reserve team match on Tuesday and then played at Westbury on Wednesday. It is easier to cope when you are older and experienced. For the younger players it is more of a strain.

### SEE SOME OF YOU AFTER CHRISTMAS

**Well, if you can only come to the County Ground on a Saturday, we will not be seeing you until December 30th. We have no more home Saturday fixtures until after Christmas.**

Sunday football appears to attract higher attendances in Swindon and it will be interesting to see what crowds we have for the visits of Portsmouth and the current Second Division leaders Sheffield United. Both teams are usually well supported in away matches. Enjoy the game and a special welcome to 'Kammy' and 'Bamb's'. They had some good days here at Swindon.

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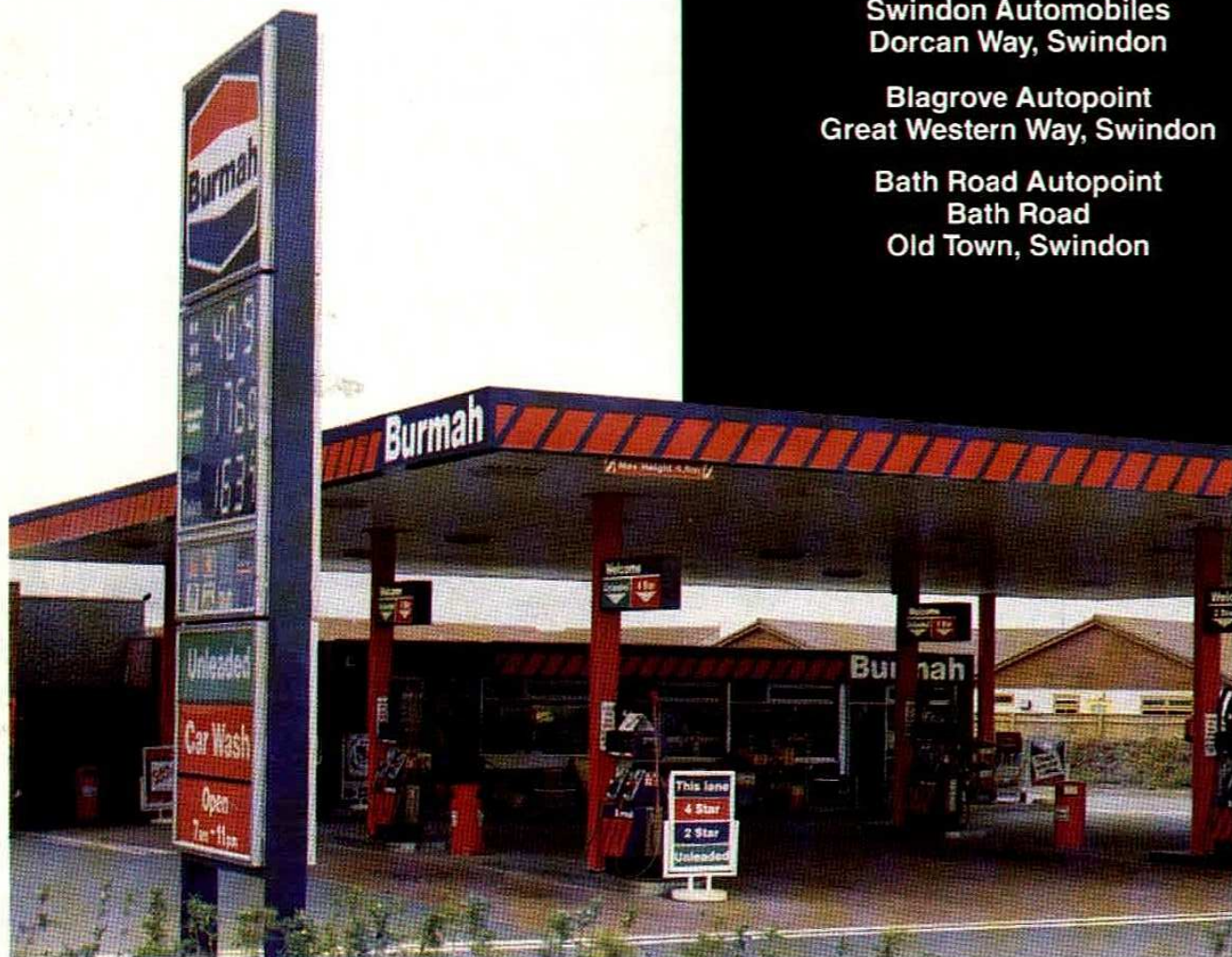
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### OCCASIONAL POSTPONEMENT OR EXECUTIVE BOXES?

The gale of last weekend denied us the chance to be battered by the storm and see the 'Town' take on A.F.C. Bournemouth. With the continued precarious state of the Shrivenham Road Stand, it seems that the choice is either the occasional postponement or the permanence of a strip of executive boxes across the south side, fixture congestion with that as an alternative has to be an acceptable hazard. No-one can really want football to be transformed into a businessman's entertainment function, the game must retain its identity with feet on terracing and full seats in stands not double-glazed, carpeted suites with everything on tap. Revenue from businesses is, of course, important, but shouldn't be confused with the games lifeblood. With a bit of luck the old military tattoo stand will have dismantled itself in the turbulent weather, preventing inevitable postponements in the future as public safety must always be paramount.

### UNLUCKY BOLTON

Bolton Wanderers' hard running, committed display of fitness in our Littlewoods Cup clash brought back vivid memories of Swindon Town's old methods against higher League opposition, with competitive effort right up to the final whistle bringing the visitors the result that they richly deserved. The Wanderers had their own equivalent of Wade, Henry and Barnard to work for the right result, emphasising the danger ahead at Burnden Park on Tuesday night. Despite all of the 'Town's' efforts which brought them back into contention twice and then in front, Bolton Wanderers held on doggedly like a pit-bull to a postman's leg and would have been luckier had referee Vic Callow been on speaking terms with his linesmen in the second half.

### MASSIVE INCENTIVE

The draw for the next round of the competition has given the 'Town' a massive incentive to beat Bolton, with the prospect of First Division highfliers Southampton visiting the County Ground. We have a couple of scores to settle with the Saints, our Littlewoods Cup defeat in 1986 was followed by a humiliating defeat in Charlie Henry's testimonial on a night when a couple of thousand diehards en-

dured worse weather than last Saturday to pay tribute to one of the 'Town's' best servants. The match would also bring Paul Rideout back to the County Ground in competitive action to play against the side that he could have been part of had Lou Macari won the pools last season.

The night after our entertaining but disappointing draw with Bolton Wanderers, curiosity (and a free ticket) took me to Villa Park to see how our former Manager was progressing as his West Ham United side took on possible future England Manager Graham Taylor's Aston Villa outfit. That night there were as many ideas on the pitch as there were goals, with a workmanlike but unattractive West Ham United performance

than considering a sides current form when manufacturing the draw. If they were left in charge of seeding the F.A. Cup, Huddersfield, Bolton Wanderers and Blackpool would all be ahead of current First Division sides, such is their bizarre logic. Surely there can't be another reason, of a non-footballing variety, why the authorities want the English isolated on an island - can there?

Colin Moynihan's latest knife into the back of football is his insistence on funding from the game for the running of the new licensing authority. The initial £250,000 is a drop in the ocean for the Government when set against the millions that they already steal from the game in pools tax. Moynihan's latest attack on the



by **Michael Scott**

cancelling out a clueless and nervous Aston Villa showing. Macari is obviously making an impression of sorts in East London and no-one can doubt Taylor's managerial ability, but the Second Division v Third Division battle the previous night was a far better spectacle that this desperate contest between two Clubs which may well meet again in the First Division next season.

England's second place in their World Cup Group, coupled with their probably seeding in the finals, seems to have caused a fair amount of controversy with the Swedes and Spaniards particularly upset at the preferential treatment given to the English side. FIFA's perfectly logical method of deciding seeds by virtue of matches played twenty, thirty or even sixty years ago has to be fairer

games finances is yet more provocation from a man whose bill is flagging as it reaches its crucial stage in Parliament - for once Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades seems to have get it right with his condemnation of the poisonous minister.

### POPULAR PLAYERS

This afternoon's match should bring two of the 'Town's' most popular players ever back to the County Ground as part of the Mills/Ball Stoke City line-up. It will be marvellous to see the commitment and vision of Chris Kamara coupled again with the sluggish matchwinning skills of Dave Bamber back in Swindon - if only it could be more than once a season.

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**FRUSTRATING**

What a frustrating Saturday! The postponement of our match with A.F.C. Bournemouth left a void for everyone. It was unavoidable in the circumstances.

Those circumstances began to evolve on Friday afternoon when we received the weather forecast from the Bristol Weather Centre. The bulletin is always received twenty-four hours before each match. The mean wind was indicated at Storm Force 7 with gusts between 8 to 10 Storm Force. A telephone call to the weather centre indicated that the computer would be more precise twelve hours later. After consultation with Wiltshire County Council and the Football League we decided to wait for the 8 a.m. forecast on Saturday. At this stage the Football League determined that the postponement must be made by a Wiltshire County Council representative.

**RISE WITH THE LARKS**

For the administration staff of the Club it was a case of up bright and early the next morning. Amazingly, at 6 a.m. there was no wind and no clear indication of what was to follow.

The Bristol Weather Centre confirmed that they expected a mean wind of Force 8 and gusts of Force 10 on Saturday morning when they issued their 8 a.m. forecast. At this stage Superintendent G. M. Rogers, the Wiltshire County Council representative, was informed of this bulletin. He was loathe to postpone the match but, after checking with R.A.F. Lyneham, he concurred that there was no alternative but to postpone the match. The guidelines issued had to be adhered to in the interests of public safety.

**PLEASE NOTE**

My notes contained in the Wolverhampton Wanderers programme of September 3rd warned of this implementation. I can only repeat that no sporting event at the County Ground, whether it involves League soccer, reserve, youth team soccer, or an outside activity organised to take place here on behalf of other sporting bodies, will be allowed to proceed if a Storm Force 8 wind is forecast.



by **Dave King**

**EASY TO BE WISE  
ON REFLECTION?**

Those who have to implement this decision have NO alternative within the present guideline. On reflection, the South Stand withstood the most severe battering. In fairness, no conclusive figures have been produced to state that the South Stand would not withstand a Storm Force 8 wind. The decision is precautionary for public safety. It is always easy to be wise on reflection. However, it may be a worthwhile exercise to have a thorough study on the South Stand, particularly if there is no development of this area in the foreseeable future.

**RE-ARRANGED  
AND IN ANTICIPATION?**

The match with A.F.C. Bournemouth will now take place on Tuesday December 5th, kick-off at 7.45 p.m. The Dean Court Club readily agreed to the re-arrangement and we are grateful for their co-operation.

Next Tuesday evening's Littlewoods Cup-tie with Bolton Wanderers will kick-off at 7.30 p.m. If the scores are level at full time, extra time will be played. If the score remains level after the extra thirty minutes a coin will be tossed to decide the venue for a third match. That match will be played either at the County Ground or Burnden Park on Tuesday November 14th. The kick-off at the County Ground will be at 7.45 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. if staged at Burnden Park.

**UNBEATEN  
FOR ALMOST A YEAR**

If Bolton Wanderers remain unbeaten at home to Swansea City this afternoon they will retain an unbeaten record for almost a year at Burnden Park.

The last home defeat they incurred was on December 17th, 1988 when Chester City defeated them 1-0 due to a goal scored by Carl Dale.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Our next two home matches in the Football Combination will have evening kick-off times. On Tuesday next, we entertain Wimbledon and on Tuesday November 21st, we play Arsenal. Both matches here at the County Ground will have 7.30 p.m. kick-off times.

**TAKE A LOOK**

For those of you who will travel to Middlesbrough next week, take a look at their North Stand roof, for it has been included in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's biggest advertising hoarding.

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

**FAIRFORD TOWN**

For those who take an interest in the non-League scene, the progression of Fairford Town in the Federated Homes League over the past three years will not have gone unnoticed. The Gloucestershire Club's Manager during that time has been former Stoke City and Swindon Town midfielder Paul Richardson.

Nottinghamshire-born, Paul was an apprentice with Forest at the time the Club finished runners-up in the First Division and semi-finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1967. En route, Third Division Swindon Town had taken Forest to two replays in the Fifth Round.

**"IT WAS A BIT AWESOME"**

Paul became a full professional in August of that year and played in just one full League game in 1967/68, in front of nearly forty thousand at Liverpool. "It was a bit awesome!", said Paul. Only eighteen then, Paul became a first-team regular from 1969/70 and stayed at the City Ground until October 1976, serving a number of Managers in Johnny Carey, Matt Gillies, Dave Mackay (the former Swindon boss), Allan Brown and the incomparable Brian Clough.

**MISSED ONLY TWO GAMES!**

Paul then spent eighteen months at Chester, but was soon back in the Second Division with Stoke City. In 1978/79 he missed just two games as they clinched promotion to the First Division. Paul remembers the final game at Notts County well. On the same day promotion rivals Sunderland played at Wrexham. "Near the end, Alan Durban came running down to the touch-line and told us that Sunderland were winning," he recalled. "So we all pushed upfield and I got the winner with almost the last kick of the game!"

**INJURY SETBACK**

Midway through 1980/81, Paul suffered a knee injury that kept him on the sidelines for the remainder of the season. At the end of the following July Sheffield United stepped in with a better offer than Stoke City had made - and Paul moved on to Bramall Lane. He spent two

years there before coming to the County Ground on a free transfer in July 1983.

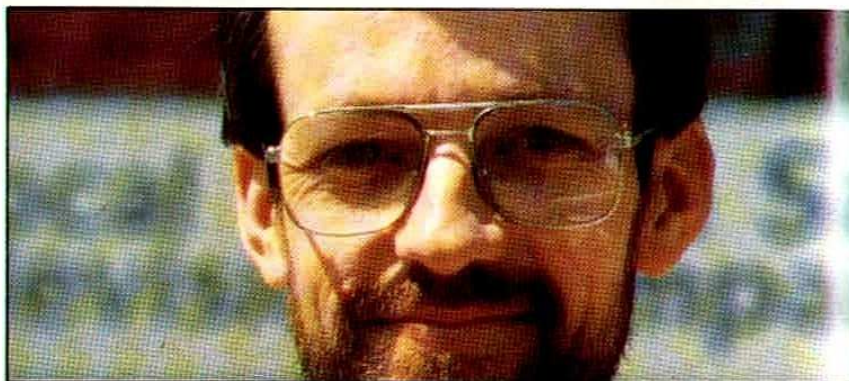
**F.A. BADGE**

Paul had meanwhile obtained a full F.A. badge at Lilleshall, which prompted Team Manager Ken Beamish to leave him out of the League side after only a handful of games and ask him to concentrate more on the coaching side. But Paul firmly believes that he gave up playing too soon. When Ken was displaced by Lou Macari a year later, the new boss endorsed that opinion. "Lou wanted me to carry on playing", said Paul. "but after being on the 'other side' for a year I

**THANKS TO GARY**

Town Vice-Chairman Gary Herbert helped him get the vacant job at Fairford in 1986. Since then Paul, who celebrated his 40th birthday last week, has taken the Club steadily up the Federated Homes League to seventh, fourth and currently, second place. "I've thoroughly enjoyed it", he said, "and from what I've seen of League football recently, I think I'm better off out of it". Paul's last visit to the County Ground was to see Stoke City in May, almost ten years to the day since those promotion celebrations at Meadow Lane.

# Passing Back



## Paul Plowman

decided that it wouldn't be fair either to the other players or to myself to go back. So I elected to leave."

**DISAPPOINTMENT**

Paul went to Swansea for a season and then spent a few months in charge at Gloucester City. That appointment promised so much, but ended in disappointment. In December 1985, with City riding high in second position in the table, a disagreement with the management led to Paul being shown the door.

The incident left Paul with a 'bad taste in the mouth' and he stayed away from football for six months, getting a job with British Telecom - where he now works in the planning department.







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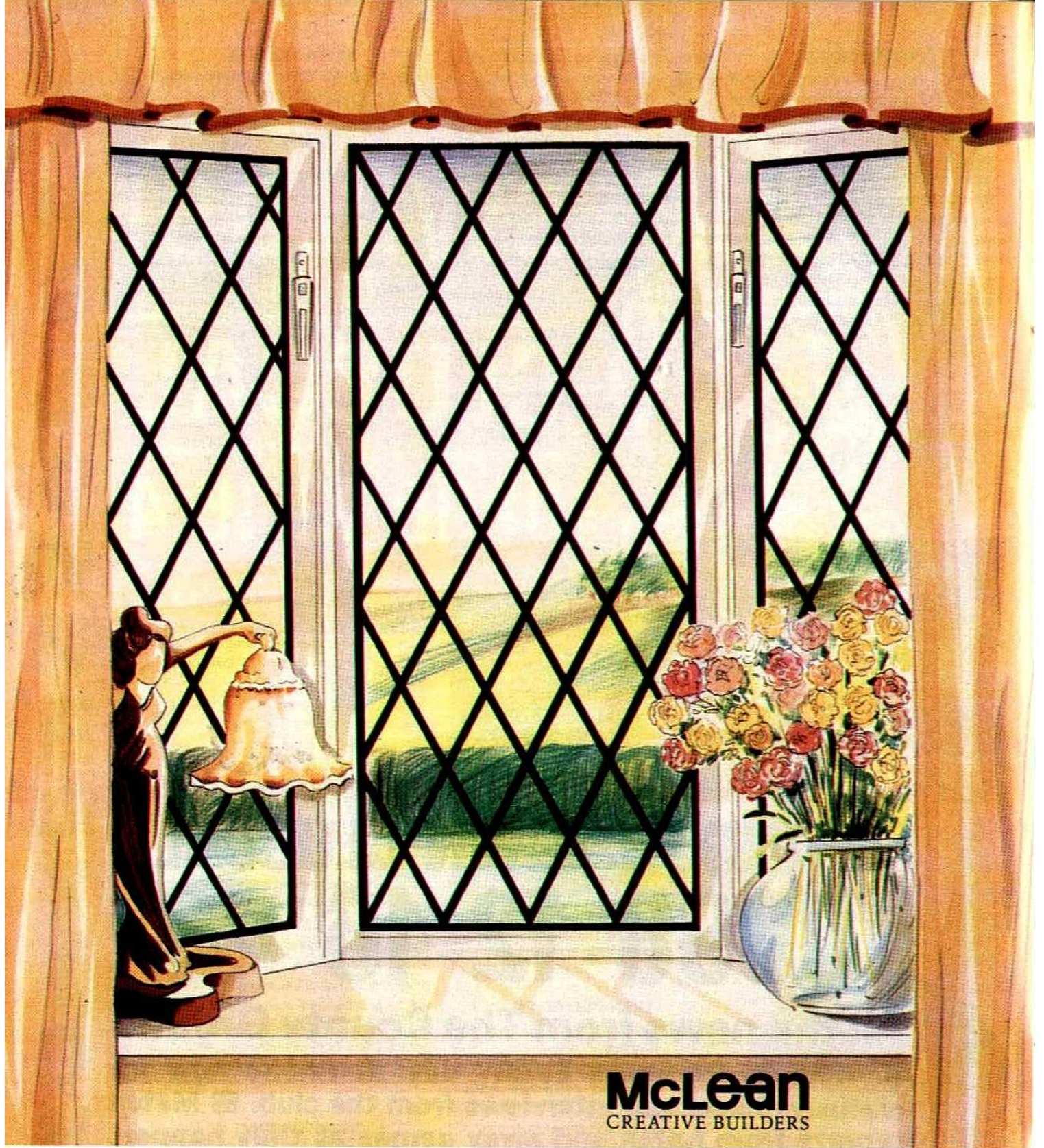
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1. Leeds United
2. Newcastle United
3. West Ham United

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

West Bromwich Albion.

**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. Kirk Stephens
3. Brian Williams
4. Brian Horton
5. Mal Donaghy
6. Steve Foley

7. Ricky Hill
8. Brian Stein
9. Dave Bamber
10. Geraint Williams
11. David Moss

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

Edson Arantes Do Nascimento (Pelé).

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

**Team and Opponents:**

Bristol Rovers v. Southampton

**Date of Match:**

March 27th 1978

**Venue:**

The Den

**Position played:**

Centre Forward

**Player you were marking:**

Chris Nicholl - Centre Half

**No of goals scored:**

None

**Final result:**

1-3.

**7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.**

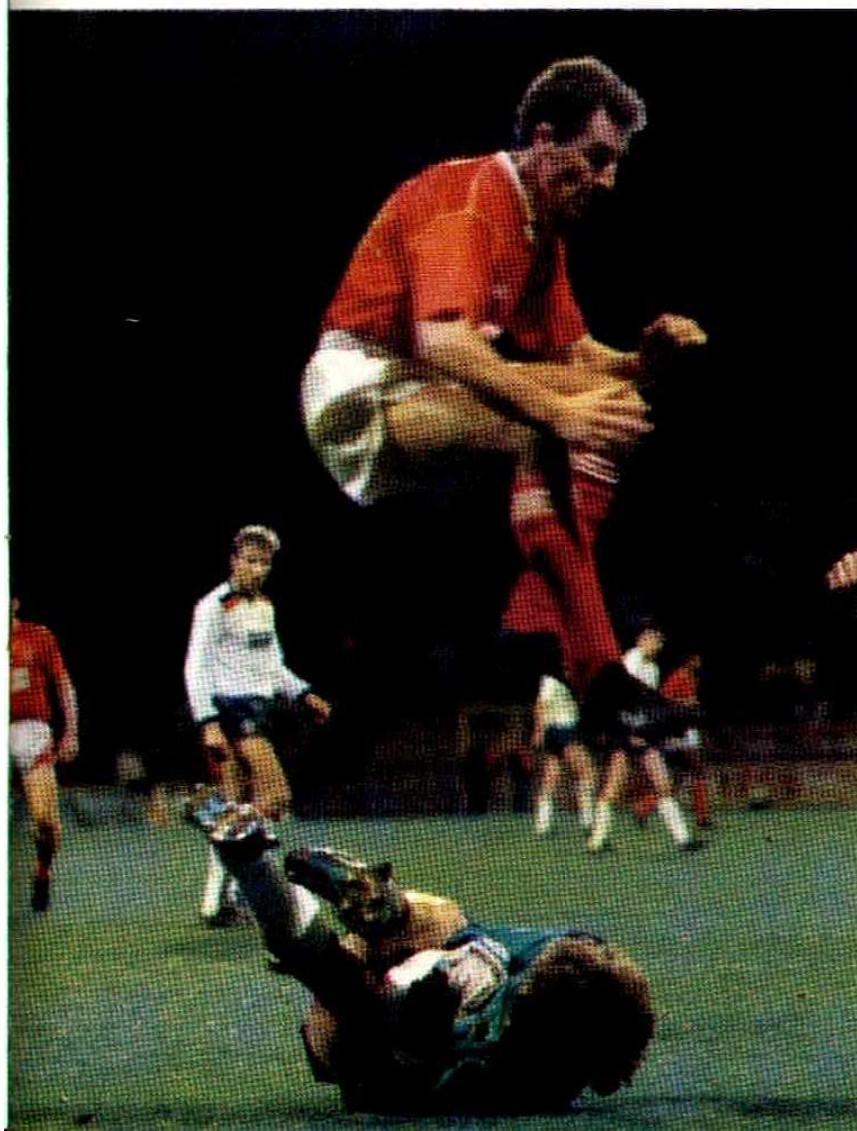
Padstow - Cornwall

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**8. Your favourite sports commentator.**

Harry Carpenter.

## Steve White



**9. Your favourite publication for sport.**

Sunday People.

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

Best - Colin Calderwood

Worst - Fitzroy Simpson

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

Villa Park

Wembley.

**12. Your worst moment on the football field.**

Our non-performance at Selhurst Park on April 24th last season.

**13. What are your favourite TV shows.**

Till Death Us Do Part.

Only Fools And Horses.

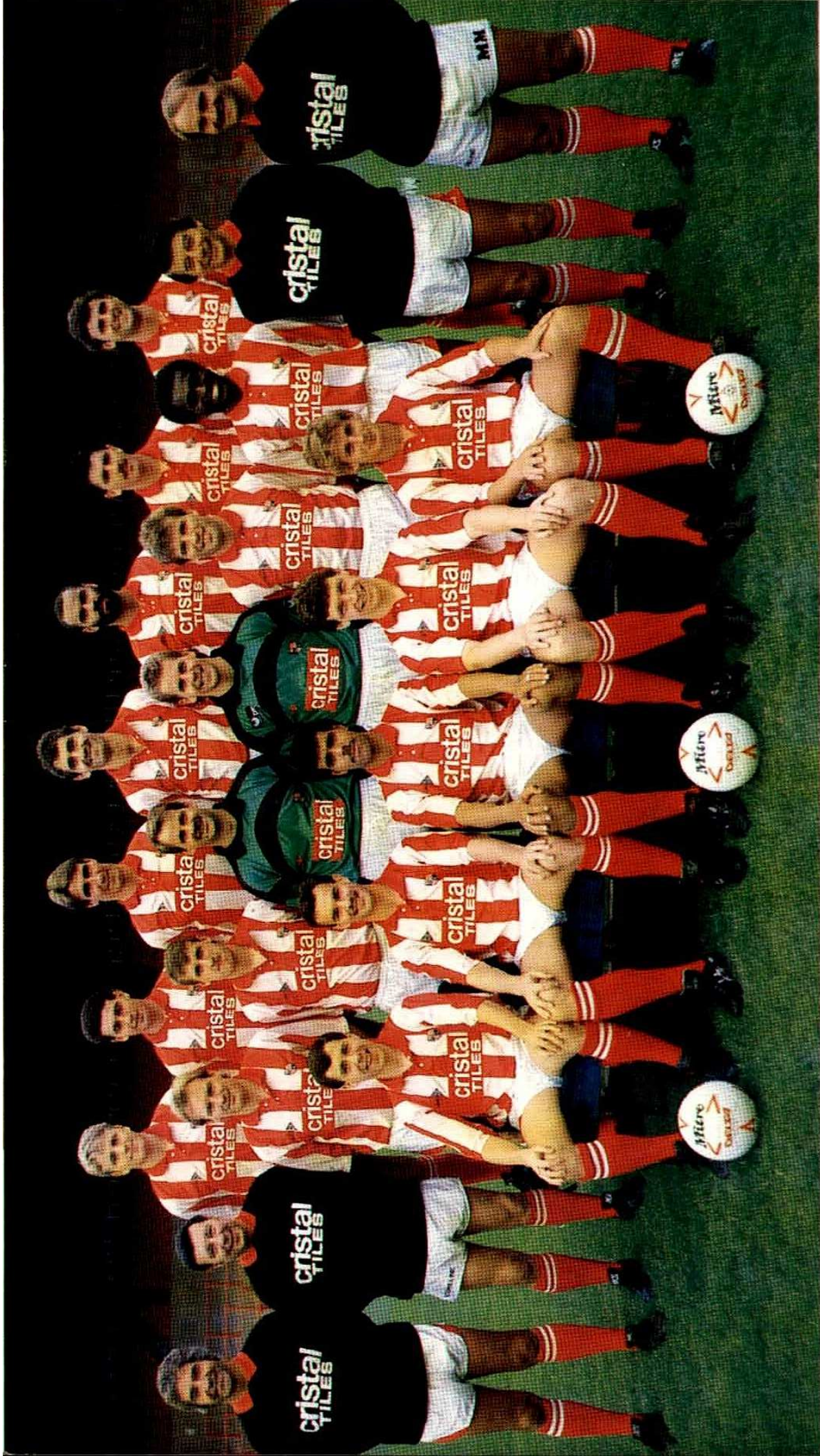
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PERSONAL OPINION





Duncan Shearer and Ross Maclaren scoring two of the goals in our 3-3 draw with Bolton Wanderers.



**STOKE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Back Row (left to right):** Darrey Boughey, Paul Ware, Mark Higgins, Dave Bamber, George Berry, Carl Beeston, Wayne Biggins.

**Middle Row (left to right):** Tony Lacey (Youth Coach), Keith Rowley (Physio), Derek Statham, Ian Scott, Peter Fox, Scott Barrett, Nicky Morgan, Carl Saunders, Sammy Chung (Coach), Mick Mills (Manager).

**Front Row (left to right):** Cliff Carr, Peter Beagrie (now with Everton), Chris Kamara, Ian Cranston, Gary Hackett.

# Form guide

The introduction of **Alan Ball** to assist **Mick Mills** at the **Victoria Ground** has seen no improvement in recent results. With only one League win to their credit this season, Stoke City faithful would have been dismayed to see star winger **Peter Begrie** depart to **Everton** last Monday for **£1 million**.

The season has been disappointing to date. At the **Victoria Ground** the only victory and, incidentally, the first of the season, came on **October 17th** when **West Bromwich Albion** were defeated 2-1. Supporters of the famous **Potteries Club** have seen no fewer than **five 1-1 draws** this season! **West Ham United**, **Leeds United**, **Port Vale**, **Bradford City** and **Hull City** have shared the points in those five matches. **Oldham Athletic**, who won 2-1, and **Sunderland** last Saturday, who were 2-0 victors, have taken maximum points on their visit to the **Potteries**.

In away matches **Stoke City** have shared the points in goal-less encounters at

**Portsmouth** and **Wolverhampton Wanderers**. Their other away point came from a 2-2 draw at **Ipswich Town** on **September 30th**. They have been defeated in three away matches, at **Barnsley (3-2)**, **Plymouth Argyle (3-0)** and **Sheffield United (2-0)**.

After defeating **Millwall (1-0)** in the **First Leg, Second Round** of the **Littlewoods Cup** they made their exit in the **Second Leg** when they lost 2-0 at the **Den**, therefore losing 2-1 on aggregate. On Wednesday **City** visited **Oxford United** and were defeated 3-0.

**Goalscorers: League: Wayne Biggins 3, Leigh Palin 3** (including two penalties), **Ian Cranston** and **Nicky Morgan 2** each. **Dave Bamber**, **Gary Hackett** and **Carl Saunders** one each. **George Berry**, penalty.

**Littlewoods Cup: Nicky Morgan**, one goal.

**Average attendance: 14,013.**

**Littlewoods Cup: 8,030** (one match v Millwall).

# Welcome to STOKE CITY

## THE SQUAD

**Goalkeepers** - This is **Peter Fox's**, (32), testimonial year. The former **Sheffield Wednesday** keeper moved to the **Victoria** ground in 1978. Peter appeared in the first nine League matches of this season, taking his total of League appearances for **City** to 326 matches. Peter was replaced for the trip to **Plymouth Argyle** on **October 4th** by **Scott Barrett**, (26), who joined **Stoke City** from **Wolverhampton Wanderers** in July 1987 for a **£10,000** transfer fee. Scott, who began his career with non-League **Ilkeston Town**, made 30 League appearances at **Molineux** and has appeared in **Stoke City's** last six League matches.

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**Defenders** - Former **Wigan Athletic** full back, **John Butler**, (27), who joined **City** for a **£75,000** transfer fee at **Christmas 1988**, has appeared in the No. 2 shirt for the **Potteries Club** in all of their fifteen League matches this season. A full back who likes to join the attack, John had made 245 League appearances for **Wigan Athletic** after joining them from non-League **Prescot Cables**. His full back partner has been close seasons signing **Derek Statham**, (30), from **Southampton**. The former **England** international began his career with **West Bromwich Albion** and in ten years at the **Hawthorns** he made 298 League appearances. After 64 League games with the **Saints** he joined **City** for **£100,000** in the summer. Central defender **Ian Cranston**, (25), is the **Club's** record **£450,000** signing from **Sheffield Wednesday**. Ian had also been the **'Owls'** record signing at **£475,000** from **Ipswich Town** in **March 1988**. Ian, who moved to the

**Victoria Ground** in the summer, has appeared in all of **Stoke City's** matches this campaign. He had previously made 131 League appearances for **Ipswich Town** and 30 for **Sheffield Wednesday**. **Carl Beeston**, (23), and **Mark Biggins**, (31), have shared the No. 6 shirt alongside **Ian Cranston** this season. Carl, a local born player, is a former **England Under-21** international. Mark was a **£150,000** signing from **Bury** in **September 1988**. The former **Gigg Lane** defender began his career at **Goodison Park**, making 152 League appearances for **Everton**. Mark's comeback from a serious injury, which caused him to miss a whole season, saw him play six League matches for **Manchester United** in the 1985/86 season. The **Buxton-born** defender, who made 68 League appearances for **Bury**, has now appeared in fourteen of **Stoke City's** League matches this season. **Cliff Carr**, (25), was signed from **Fulham** in 1987 for a fee of **£45,000**. The former **England Under-21** international made 145 League appearances for the **Craven Cottage Club**. To-date **Cliff** has appeared in 82 League matches for **Stoke City**. **Andy Holmes**, (20), who has made two League appearances for the **Club**, has been plagued by injury in the last fifteen months. The veteran, **George Berry**, (32), was signed on a free transfer from **Wolverhampton Wanderers** in 1982. A **Welsh** international who has made 221 League appearances for the **Club**. The former **Wolves** apprentice was actually born in **West Germany**. **George** made 198 League appearances for the **Molineux Club**. Nominated as a substitute for the League fixture with **Leeds United** on **September 2nd**, his only inclusion in **City's** League campaign so far this season.

**Midfield** - **Stoke City's** 'player of the last year' need no introduction to **Swindon Town** fans, for **Chris Kamara**, (31), was as popular at the **County Ground** as he has proved to be with the **Potteries Club**. **Chris**, who appeared in the first ten League matches of this season before being sidelined with a groin injury, made 234 League appearances in his two spells with the **Town**. **Chris**, who will celebrate his 32nd birthday on

**Christmas Day**, has also played for **Brentford** and **Portsmouth**. The **Potteries Club** had the misfortune to lose former **Manchester City** midfielder player **Ian Scott**, (22), with a leg injury after only two minutes of his fifth appearance against **Wolves** at **Molineux** on **September 9th**. Ian had cost **City** a **£175,000** transfer fee in July. The former **Maene Road** apprentice had played in 24 League matches for the **Manchester Club**. Ian returned to League action against **West Brom** on **October 17th**. Former **Club** trainee **Paul Ware**, (18), who celebrates his nineteenth birthday next Tuesday, has made twelve League appearances for **City**. His only appearance this season, until the recent injury to **Chris Kamara**, had been as a sixty-six minute substitute appearance for **Carl Saunders** in the 2-1 home defeat by **Oldham Athletic** on **September 16th**. **Garry Hackett**, (27), is a player well known to **Town** Assistant Manager **'Chic' Bates**. Signed for **£110,000** from **Aberdeen** in 1988, **Garry** was also a former team mate of **Town's** midfielder player **Tommy Jones**, at **Pittodrie**. **Garry** began his League career with **Shrewsbury Town** after joining the **Gay Meadow Club** from **Stourbridge**. Expected to take over the wide role fulfilled by the recently transferred **Peter Beagrie**, **Garry** made 165 League appearances for the **Shrews'** before his move to **Aberdeen**. Ever-present in the **Victoria** ground **Club's** League team last season, **Leigh Palin**, (24), was signed from **Bradford City** for a League tribunal settled fee on **October 20th**. Born in **Worcester**, **Leigh** began his career as an apprentice with **Aston Villa**. Although he failed to appear in the **Villa** first team colours, he made his League debut on loan to **Shrewsbury Town** with the **Midlands Club**. After 60 League matches with **Bradford City**, **Leigh** moved to **Stoke** where he made a goalscoring League debut against **Port Vale** in a 1-1 draw on **September 23rd**. Scored from the penalty spot in the recent 2-1 defeat by **Sheffield United** at the **Victoria** ground.

## GOALPOWER

**Stoke City** appear to be vulnerable in the fifteen minute period either side of half time although they have also scored more goals in the fifteen minutes following the interval.

Number of goals scored between (minutes)		
1-15	16-30	31-45
3	1	2
45-60	61-75	76-90
4	3	1
Number of goals conceded between (minutes)		
1-15	16-30	31-45
6	4	5
45-60	61-75	76-90
5	4	1

**Forwards** - Summer signing **Wayne Biggins**, (27), was a **£250,000** pre-season signing from **Manchester City**. **Wayne** opened his goalscoring account for the **Potteries Club** on the first day of the season in the 1-1 draw with **Lou Macari's** **West Ham United** at the **Victoria Ground**. **Wayne** was injured in the next match at **Portsmouth** and did not return to action until the away defeat at **Plymouth Argyle** on the first Day of **October**. Added to his goals tally in subsequent matches this season at the **Victoria Ground** against **Hull City** and **West Bromwich Albion**. **Wayne**, formerly with **Lincoln City**, **Burnley** and **Norwich City**, celebrates his 28th birthday on **November 20th**. Former **Town** striker **Dave Bamber**, (30), has failed to recapture the form he displayed in his days at the **County Ground** in subsequent moves to **Watford** and **Stoke City**. The former **Blackpool**, **Coventry City**, **Walsall** and **Portsmouth** striker was able to renew his acquaintance with new **Stoke** Coach **Alan Ball** recently. The former **World Cup** star of **England's** success in 1966 was **Dave's** Manager in his **Fratton Park** days and sold the tall striker to former **Town** boss **Lou Macari**. His only goal this season came in the 2-1 defeat at home to **Oldham Athletic**. **Dave** joined **Stoke** for a **£190,000** fee at **Christmas 1988**. **Carl Saunders**, (24), was a target for former **Town** boss **Lou Macari** when we were in the **Fourth Division**. After talks with the **Scot**, **Carl** rejected a move to the **County Ground** and remained with **City**, his only **Club**. **Carl** has now made nearly 150 League appearances. Scored one goal this season in the 2-2 draw at **Ipswich Town** on **September 30th** to add to his 22 League career total. Former **West Ham United** and **Portsmouth** striker **Nicky Morgan**, (30), was signed from the **Fratton Park Club** in 1986 for a **£40,000** fee. Although **Nicky's** appearances were limited to 27 matches at **Upton Park**, his move to **Portsmouth** brought nearly a century of League games in **'Pompey'** colours. His only two goals this season came in the **Littlewoods Cup** tie with **Millwall** and in a 3-2 defeat at **Barnsley** on **September 6th**.

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**HAPPY RETURN FOR 'BERTIE'  
AND EVENTS OF  
A WINDSWEPT DAY**

Last Saturday Sheffield United won 3-1 against Watford. Blades boss Dave Bassett enjoyed a happy return to Vicarage Road, substitute John Francis scoring twice.

West Ham United were the only other team to record a hat-trick - coming from behind to beat Oxford United 3-2 at Upton Park.

Simon Milton netted a double in Ipswich Town's 3-2 victory at Portsmouth. Referee Lester Shapter took the players off the field at Fratton Park for four minutes when weather conditions were at their worst. The day's other 2-goal-hero was Sean McCarthy for Plymouth Argyle, who shared four goals with Blackburn Rovers at Home Park. The Plymouth Argyle striker was returning after missing six matches through injury. Blackburn Rovers' all-important equaliser by Scott Sellars went in direct from a free-kick.

A penalty by David Currie earned Barnsley a point against Leicester City, who had been 2-nil up at the break. Final score at the Oakwell: 2-all.

Andy Thompson's spot-kick helped Wolverhampton Wanderers to a one-all home draw with Oldham Athletic.

Leeds United beat Bradford City to go second in the table. Bobby Davison got the only goal of the game in the Yorkshire derby at Valley Parade.

Newcastle United are behind them after a 2-all draw with Port Vale. Mick Quinn made it fifteen for the Magpies this season. Ron Futcher equalised in the last minute for the visitors.

Hull City have now gone 25 League games without a win. Former Barnet players Nicky Bissett and Robert Codner were on target for Brighton & Hove Albion in their 2-0 away win.

The only goal-less game was at Ayresome Park where Middlesbrough drew with West Bromwich Albion. Sunderland scored twice in two minutes in their 2-0 triumph at Stoke City.

Swindon Town against Bournemouth at the County Ground was postponed.

**MONDAY BLUES!**

On Monday Middlesbrough drew 1-1 at Port Vale, although a hotly disputed penalty decision, taken by Dean Glover, gave Port Vale the equaliser. Alan Kernaghan had put the visitors ahead five minutes previously.

**LOU MACARI  
HAS TO GIVE WAY**

Lou Macari had to give way to

Gordon Taylor and player power in an about-turn at West Ham United. Four days previously the Upton Park Club had told Mark Ward he must honour his contract. Lou Macari also had to suspend the fine imposed on the player last week.

Gordon Taylor was called in to mediate after Ward had failed to travel on the team coach to Aston Villa last week.

PFA Secretary Taylor was called in to mediate and Ward eventually travelled to Villa Park under his own steam, but was then left out by Macari.

At the same time Taylor understood that Ward would be made available for transfer, but a board meeting on Thursday decided that

he should be made to honour the final two-and-a-half years of his contract.

That angered Taylor, and he persuaded Macari and Club Secretary Tom Finn to see sense.

Ward, rejected by Everton as an apprentice, cost West Ham United £250,000 from Oldham Athletic four years ago.

**HULL SACK APPLETON**

Hull, bottom of the Second Division, dismissed Manager Colin Appleton - only hours after Chairman Don Robinson stood down.

Appleton's team have failed to win any of their 14 games this season, and his dismissal was announced by new Chairman Richard Chetham.

**Stability**

Property developer Chetham, who succeeded Robinson in a boardroom re-shuffle, said: "We are now looking for stability and to get the Club back on the rails. Something had to be done, and quickly, to give us a chance of staying in the Second Division.

"There would have been no point in leaving the decision until later in the season."

Appleton, who had a successful spell at Hull City from 1982 to 1984 said: "It is unbelievable what has happened. I had no hint of it."

Robinson, who will remain on the board, took over as Hull City Chairman in 1982 after the Club had had to call in the official receiver.

Under his control they rose from the Fourth Division to the Second, but they have struggled to make further progress, and have now dismissed three Managers in 18 months.

Tom Wilson returns to the Club only a week after being dismissed as reserve team coach, to act as Caretaker Manager.

**BEAGRIE MOVED**

Everton completed the £750,000 signing of Stoke City winger Peter Beagrie when the player successfully came through a medical at Goodison Park.

The signing takes Manager Colin Harvey's spending over the £3 million mark since the end of last season.

He beat several other First Division Clubs to the signature of the former Sheffield United and Middlesbrough players.

**WOLVES SPENDING SPREE**

Norwich City midfielder Paul Cook, 22, completed a £250,000 move to Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday.

Cook, who has played only eight times for Norwich City since joining them from Wigan Athletic for £73,000 18 months ago, is likely to make his debut at Leicester City tomorrow.

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Many parents have voiced concern about the cost of boots which young lads rapidly grow out of. If there is sufficient interest we hope to organise a second-hand boot sale at one of our meetings soon.

Today we welcome Diane and the Junior 'Potters' from Stoke City. We hope they enjoy their day with us.

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We urgently need a sponsor for the Junior Robins football teams. If you are able to help please contact either Mr. D. Mattick at the Club or John Timms on Cirencester 861710.

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### A REMINDER

Next trip away to: Port Vale on Saturday

18th November

This is our first visit to the Junior 'Valiants'. Coach only to pay for.

**Please** book early at the Travel Club.

Leave County Ground 8.30 a.m.

### 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



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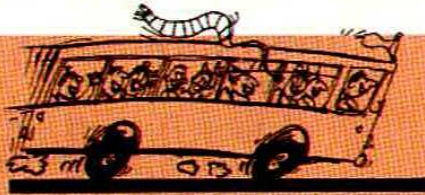
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For more details call into our office after today's match or on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 7.30 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Date	Venue	Depart	County Ground	Fare
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
Sun Dec 17	West Bromwich Albion	11.15 a.m.		£ 6.00
Mon Jan 1	Watford	12.00 noon		£ 5.00

### CHANGES TO TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Tuesday next, October 31, is your last chance to take advantage of the three-year membership fee at £5.00. After that date, the three-year offer is withdrawn and new members will have to pay £3.00 for the remainder of the 1989/90 season.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Middlesbrough (November 11) and Sunderland (December 2) Book for these trips together and save money. **Cost £25.00** (saving £1.50). Ask at the Travel Club Office today.

### YOUR ROUTE TO BOLTON AND BURNDEN PARK

On Tuesday next, November 7th we travel to Bolton for our Littlewoods Cup, Third Round Replay at Burnden Park.

The route leaves Swindon on the A419 to Cirencester, by passing the Cornium town to take the A417 leading to the M25 using the new Birdlip by-pass. The M5 is joined at Junction 11 just north of Gloucester. Proceed on the M5 by-passing Worcester to join the M6 north of Birmingham. M62 to Junction 14 then M61. After two miles leave motorway, then first exit from roundabout (B6536). After another two miles turn right into Croft Lane for Burnden Park.

### MATCH DETAILS

**Nearest Car Park:** Large area 200 yards from the ground. Also nearby street parking. Rough land car park behind Embankment which becomes very muddy in the wet weather.

**Nearest Bus Station:** Moor Lane.

**Nearest Railway Station:** Trinity Street (half a mile).

**Seats** will be on sale at £5.50 in the Burnden Stand. For those who prefer to stand on the terraces the price of admission will be £3.50.

For the disabled, wheelchairs can be accommodated around the pitch - ring the Club in advance.

**Catering:** There is a tea and pie point next to the Co-Op.

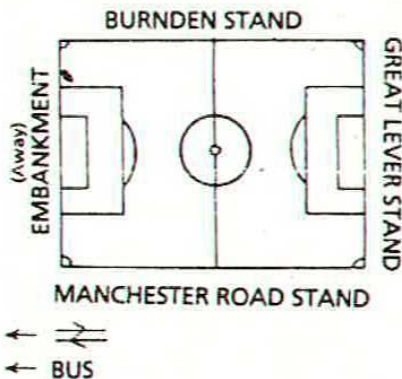
**Programme:** In black, blue and white. 70 pence for 36 pages.

For general enquiries ring (0204) 389200. The ticket office: (0204) 21101.

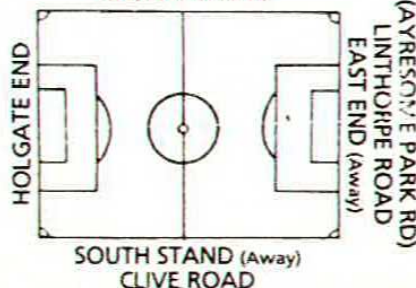
**Capacity:** 28,000. There is a three foot drop off the pitch onto the perimeter path!

The Wanderers nickname is 'The Trotters'. There is no truth in the rumour that 'Only Fools and Horses' Del Boy obtained his surname from Bolton!

### PLAN OF BURNDEN PARK



### PLAN OF AYRESOME PARK



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### YOUR ROUTE TO MIDDLESBROUGH AND AYRESOME PARK

Next Saturday, November 11th we travel to the North East to meet relegated Middlesbrough. Your route from Swindon will be via the A361 through Burford and Banbury by-passing Daventry to Junction 18 of the M1. Proceed north to the A1 and A19 to the Junction with the A1130. In one mile join the A66. One mile further, at roundabout, take the fourth exit into Heywood Street, at the end turn left into Ayresome Street and Middlesbrough Football Club.

### MATCH DETAILS

There will be **no seat tickets** for Swindon Town supporters. Following instruction by the local authority in consideration of Lord Justice Taylor's Interim report the **South East Corner Terrace** for visitors is now reduced to 2,108. This is the only area available for Town supporters. The **admission price is £5.00**.

**Car parking** is off-street near the ground or on-street around the ground. The nearest railway station is Middlesbrough (0624 243208) one mile from Ayresome Park.

The nearest **Police Station** is at Dunning Street (1 mile). Telephone number (0642) 248184. There is accommodation for **Disabled Wheelchairs** and it is advisable to phone Middlesbrough F.C. on (0642) 819659 beforehand.

Your **matchday programme** will be on sale priced at £1.00.

**Food and drink** is available at **Snack Bars and Restaurant**.

### YOUR ROUTE TO VALE PARK AND PORT VALE

On Saturday, November 18th, we travel to Burslem to meet newly promoted Port Vale.

The route leaves Swindon on the A419 to Cirencester. By-passing the Roman town to take the A417 leading to the M5 using the new Birdlip by-pass. The M5 is joined at Junction 11 just north of Gloucester. Proceed on the M5 by-passing Worcester and Birmingham to join the M6 north of Birmingham. Leave the M6 at Junction 15, then take the A5006 and A500. In 6.3 miles branch left and at the roundabout take the third exit A50. In 0.4 miles turn right into the B5051 leaving to Newcastle Street and at the end of the street proceed over crossroads into Moorland Road. Shortly after turn left into Hamil Road for Port Vale Football Club.

### MATCH DETAILS

**Car Parking:** Is ample behind the Railway Stand on Hamil Road and also on Lorne Street sides of the ground.

**Railway Station:** The nearest railway station is Longport, Stoke-on-Trent. Telephone number (0782) 411411.

The nearest **Bus Station** is at Burslem. Your nearest **Police Station** will be also Burslem. Telephone number (0782) 57714.

**Wheelchairs and Invalid Cars** are accommodated. The Club telephone number is (0782) 814134.

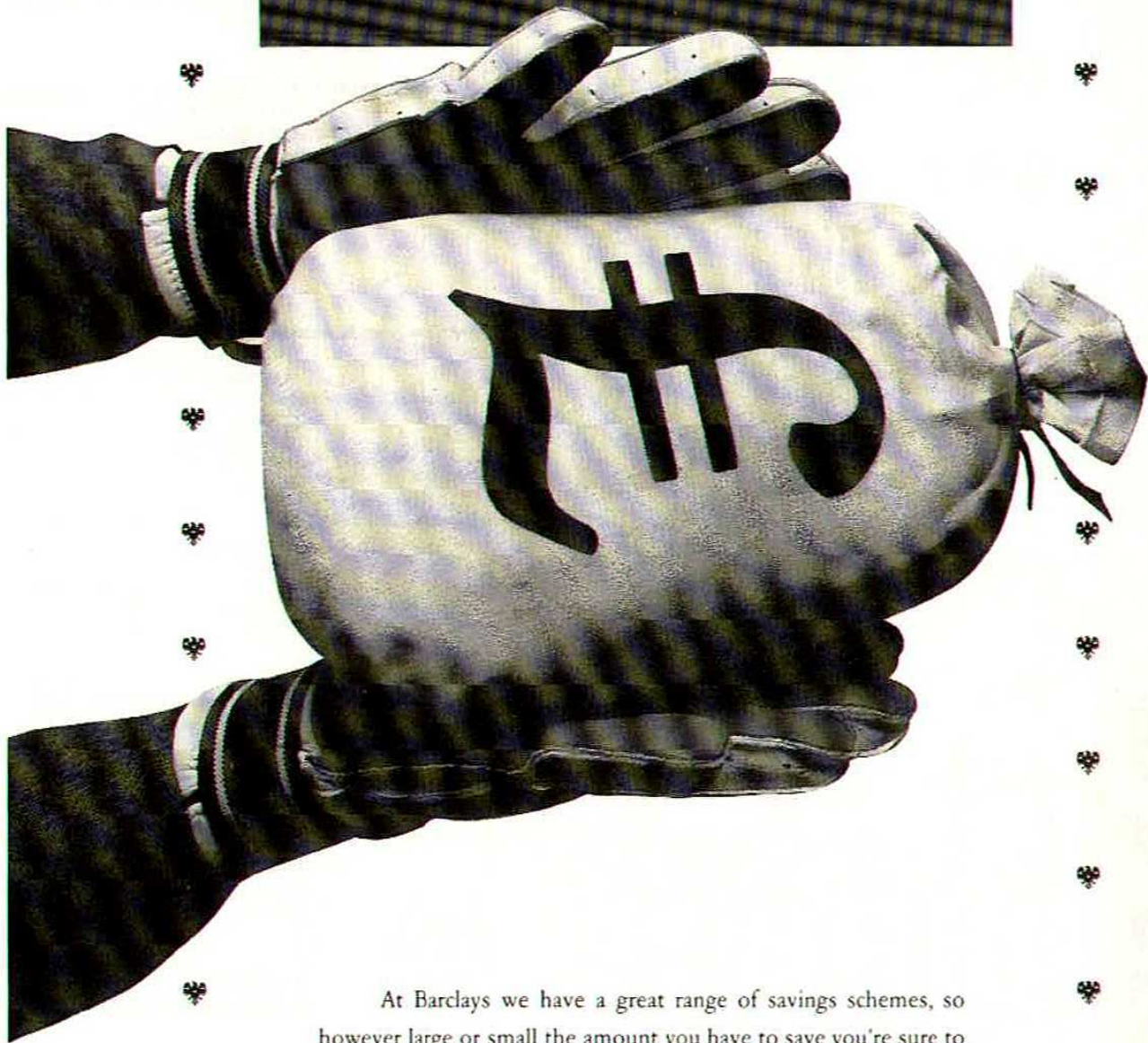
There are **snack bars** situated throughout Vale Park.

**Seat prices** for Town supporters will be priced at £6.00 and situated in the Railway Stand.

For those of you who wish to stand on the terraces the price of entrance is £4.00.

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## BARCLAYS LEAGUE FIXTURES DIVISION TWO 1989/90



	Res.	Att.																	
Sat Aug 19	Sunderland	0-2	10,199	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin†	Calderwood	Galvin*	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles*(7)	Cornwell(5)			
Sat Aug 26	Oldham Athletic	2-2	5,531	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer†	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles*(9)	Summerbee(8)			
Sun Sept 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-1	10,213	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Cittens	Calderwood	Cittens*	Jones	Close	Maclaren	Galvin*	Cornwell(11)	Hunt			
Tue Sept 12	Sheffield United	0-2	13,920	Digby	Barnard*	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones†	Close	White	Maclaren	Galvin	Cornwell(2)	Simpson†(7)			
Sat Sept 16	Barnsley	0-0	6,540	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones*	Shearer	Close	Maclaren†	Simpson	Bodin*(7)	Hunt†(10)			
Tue Sept 19	Shrewsbury (LC R1)	3-0	3,518	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones	Shearer†	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpson†	Close*(8)	Galvin†(11)			
Sat Sept 23	Leeds United	0-4	21,694	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones	Shearer	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpson*	Close	Galvin†(11)			
Tue Sept 26	Plymouth Argyle 7.45	3-0	6,862	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones*	Shearer†	Close	Maclaren	Simpson*	Bodin*(7)	Galvin†(8)			
Sat Sept 30	Bradford City	1-1	8,334	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin†	Calderwood	Cittens	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	Cittens	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			
Tue Oct 17	Oxford United 7.45	3-0	10,715	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Hunt†	White*	Maclaren	Bodin†	Cornwell†(11)	Galvin†(8)			
Sat Oct 21	Leicester City	1-2	8,547	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Parkin	Jones	Hunt	White	Maclaren	Bodin	Cornwell	Cittens			
Tue Oct 24	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	3-3	8,318	Digby	Hockaday†	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens	Bodin*	Shearer*	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Hunt*(7)	Jones†(2)			
Wed Nov 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	8,070	Digby	Hockaday	King*	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Cittens*	Jonest	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Bodin*(3)	Hunt†(7)			
Sat Nov 4	Stoke City																		
Tue Nov 7	Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45																		
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																		
Tue Dec 5	A.F.C. Bournemouth																		
Sun Dec 10	Sheffield Utd (F.A. Cup 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 5	Leeds United																		
Sat Feb 10	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																		
Sat Apr 29	Littlewoods Cup Final																		
Sat May 5	Stoke City																		
Sat May 12	F.A. Cup Final																		

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

**MARTYN SMITH'S  
MATCH FACTS**

LEICESTER CITY on SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st 1989  
AT FILBERT STREET  
BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Weather Conditions: Dry but windy  
Leicester City Team:

1	Bodge	7	Red
2	Manchallan	8	Clarke
3	Johnson	9	Knox
4	Ramsay	10	McAlister
5	James	11	Wright
6	Evans		

Swindon Town Substitutes:  
12 Cornwell not used  
14 O'Hara not used

Leicester City Substitutes:  
12 North not used  
14 Paris Wright 75 min

Swindon Town Bookings:  
Hunt (87 min)  
Leicester City Bookings:  
Manchallan (87 min)  
Evans (6 min)

First Half Duration: 45 minutes 38 seconds  
Second Half Duration: 46 minutes 50 seconds

Goals:  
Swindon Town  
Leicester City

Goal Attempts  
on Target:

Swindon Town	Leicester City
King (31 min)	Red (1 min)
McLoughlin (32 min)	Red (30 min)
Jones (72 min)	Knox (33 min)
Knox (77 min)	Knox (41 min)
Swindon Town	Leicester City
3	1

Referee: R. Walsman  
Lineament: G. Hamblin and G. Stones



### SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE (Up to and including Wednesday November 1st)

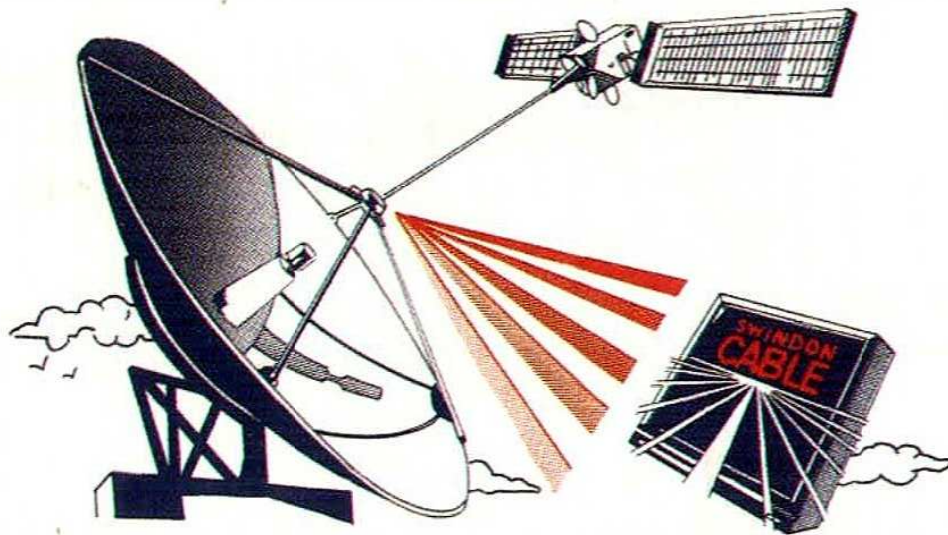
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield United	15	6	1	1	15	9	4	3	0	14	7	34
Leeds United	15	6	2	0	13	5	3	3	1	9	9	32
Newcastle United	15	6	1	0	13	7	3	2	3	16	10	30
Sunderland	15	5	2	1	17	10	3	2	2	9	11	28
West Ham United	15	5	1	2	17	9	2	4	1	8	8	26
Plymouth Argyle	15	5	2	0	14	5	2	0	6	10	15	23
Oldham Athletic	15	5	3	0	15	8	1	2	4	5	9	23
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	5	0	2	10	6	2	1	5	13	15	22
Ipswich Town	15	4	2	1	13	8	2	2	4	10	14	22
Blackburn Rovers	14	2	4	0	11	5	2	5	1	12	10	21
Wolverhampton Wanderers	15	3	3	2	13	8	2	2	3	10	12	20
A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	4	2	2	14	12	1	2	3	9	11	19
Port Vale	15	2	5	0	9	6	1	3	4	8	11	17
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Middlesbrough	14	3	3	1	12	10	0	2	6	5	13	14
<b>Stoke City</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
Portsmouth	15	1	4	3	11	14	1	1	6	4	12	11
Leicester City	15	2	3	3	8	10	0	2	5	6	14	11
Hull City	14	0	3	4	5	11	0	6	2	9	11	9

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- Tuesday November 7th 1989**  
**Swindon Town v Wimbledon**  
'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination  
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday November 21st 1989**  
**Swindon Town v Arsenal**  
'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination  
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- Saturday November 26th 1989**  
**Swindon Town v Portsmouth**  
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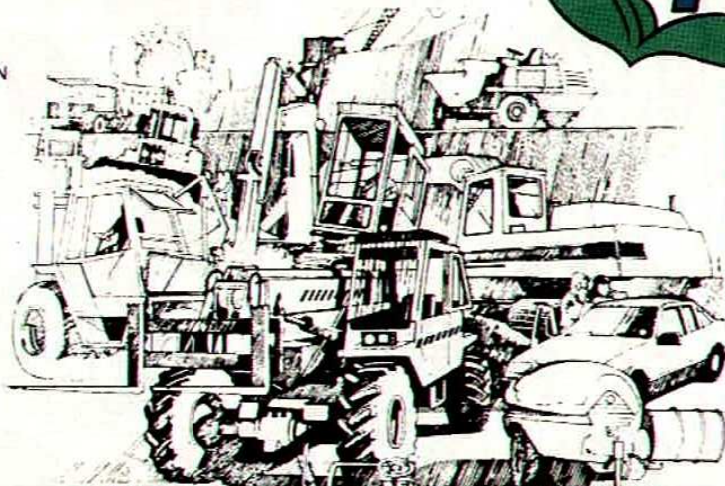


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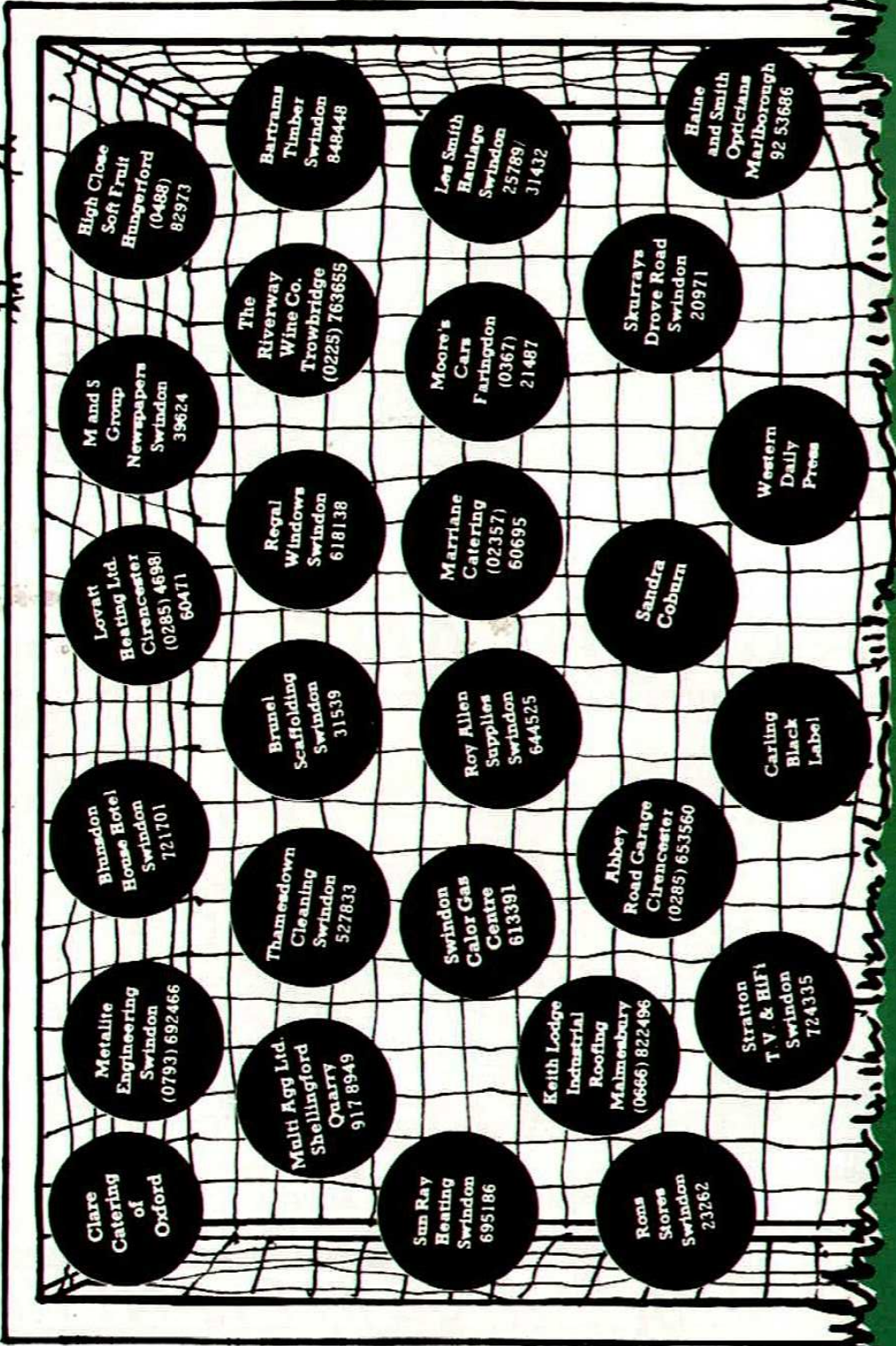
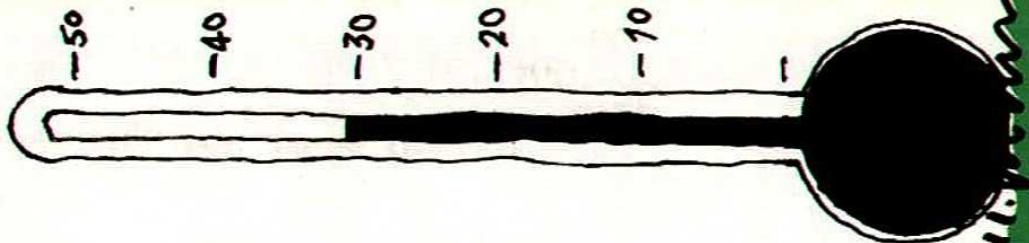
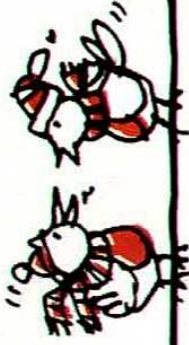
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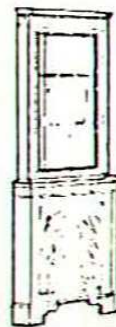
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**'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE**  
(up to and including 1st November, 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	12	10	0	2	40	19	30
Millwall	13	9	2		26	14	29
Arsenal	14	8	2	4	31	26	26
Wimbledon	12	6	4	2	22	14	22
Ipswich Town	12	6	3	3	25	20	21
Norwich City	11	7	0	4	15	11	21
Queens Park Rangers	11	6	1	4	23	20	19
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>
Oxford United	11	5	2	4	23	15	17
Chelsea	9	5	2	2	25	11	17
Brighton & Hove Albion	11	4	2	5	17	22	14
Luton Town	8	4	1	3	15	14	13
Crystal Palace	12	3	4	5	18	18	13
Portsmouth	9	3	4	2	10	15	13
Charlton Athletic	12	3	2	7	25	30	11
Watford	11	2	3	6	17	24	9
Reading	12	1	3	8	14	34	6
West Ham United	11	1	3	7	15	22	6
Fulham	8	2	0	6	7	25	6
Southampton	12	0	4	8	13	24	4

**PUTTING THE CAP ON THE 'HATTERS'**  
After three consecutive defeats our Reserve team felt welcome relief in their 2-0 win against Luton Town at the County Ground last Tuesday, October 31st, in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture.

With Andrew Petterson appearing against his own Club, Luton Town, and Gary Shaw re-appearing after injury, our Reserve team had a more experienced look about the eventual line-up.

We commenced the match in fine form, winning most of the early challenges and immediately stamping our authority on the game. Our strong midfield trio of John Cornwell, Paul Trollope and Steve Foley worked very hard to close down the Luton Town players, setting us on the attack at every opportunity. It was from this pressure that **Steve Foley** was able to give us the lead in the **twenty-third** minute. After winning possession deep in Luton's half, the former Sheffield United midfielder player hit a cracking shot from twenty-five yards to beat Les Sealy, the Luton Town keeper.



● **Steve Foley** - scored his first goal of the season.

The pattern of the game remained the same for long periods. We were able to sustain our pressure. Luton Town only able to break spasmodically. They were able to test on-loan keeper Andrew Petterson, who was on loan from the Kenilworth Road Club! The Australian-born keeper was in fine form to thwart his colleagues.

After **thirty minutes** of play **John Cornwell** scored our second goal, diving to head home Paul O'Driscoll's deep cross, to give the Town a two-clear-goal interval lead.

Facing a strong wind in the second half allowed the visitors to come into the game and they were able to force us to defend strongly.

Andrew Petterson managed to keep his goal

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intact, leaving us with three points and a much needed win.

**Teams:** Swindon Town: Andrew Petterson, Mark Lea, Paul O'Driscoll, John Cornwell, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Neil Tomlinson,

**Andy Rowland**



**'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90**

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 1-2
Mon 23		Millwall	2.00 A 0-3
Tue 31		Luton Town	2.00 H 2-0
Tue Nov 7		Wimbledon	7.30 H
Tue 14		Queens Park Rangers	2.00 A
Tue 21		Arsenal	7.30 H
Tue 28		Charlton Athletic	2.00 A
Sat 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
Tue 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



● **John Cornwell** - scored his third goal of the season for our Reserve team.

**Steve Foley, Shaun Close, Gary Shaw, Paul Trollope.**

**Substitutes: Nicky Summerbee** (for Lea in 75th minute) **Liam Dixon.**

**Luton Town: Les Sealey, Julian James, Tim Allpress, Neil Poutch, Matthew Jackson, Gary Cobb, Ian Scott, Jason Rees, Kurt Nogan, Gary Crawshaw, Ceri Hughes.**

**Substitutes: Mark GoConagle** (in 75th minute), **Stuart Brown.**

● Few players can have achieved the feat that **Andrew Petterson** accomplished in this match. Last season the Australian-born goalkeeper played for the Town against Luton Town while on loan from the Kenilworth Club. Andy found himself in exactly the same situation last Tuesday.

● Please note that the match with **Wimbledon** on Tuesday next, November 7th, will kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

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

**'ALL AT SEA'**

Our South East Counties League team defeated Brighton & Hove Albion 1-0 at Lydiard Park on Saturday last, October 28th. It was a match played in very windy conditions.

The conditions dictated that playing good football would be difficult. This was the main reason that neither team were able to create too many chances. In fact, the goal that we did score came from a mistake by the Brighton goalkeeper, who handled the ball outside the penalty area. Robert Spence played an early short ball to Liam Dixon before the Brighton defence had organised themselves. The Town striker had the easiest of tasks to tap the ball in the net.

Our approach both in effort and appetite was much better and this was matched by players giving each other better instructions and help. A good, hardworking team performance.

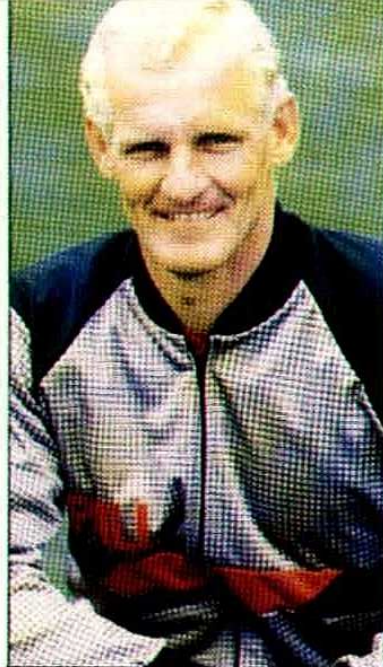
**Team:** Paul Thompson, Lee Spalding, Alex Graham, Mark Lea, Martin Churchward, Darren Hall, Richard Walker, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Jason Braidwood.  
**Substitutes:** Marcus Phillips and Andy Thomson.

**'POMPEY' AT THE DOUBLE**

Portsmouth ensured that we made our exit from the First Round of the F.A. Youth Cup for the second successive season! To make matters worse the Fratton Park Club also inflicted the second cup defeat of the season on our Youth team. 'Pompey' removed us from the South East Counties League Cup earlier this season, ironically also by a 3-2 scoreline.

In an entertaining match played at the County Ground on Monday last, October 30th, we conceded a two goal lead and therefore made our exit from our third competition this season.

After making a good start to the game we



**John Trollope**

took the lead in the **tenth minute** through **Nicky Summerbee**, who collected a through-ball from Liam Dixon, rounded 'keeper Knott and slotted the ball into the net. Town goalkeeper Paul Thompson thwarted 'Pompey's' efforts to draw level before the interval, with several fine saves and interceptions.

The second half saw the Town increase their lead in the **sixty-third** minute when Robert Spence's shot was allowed to run loose by 'Pompey' keeper Knott and **Nicky Summerbee** took full advantage.

With what appeared to be an unassailable lead, with half-an-hour of play remaining, the defiant Thompson was beaten. The effervescent **Stuart Doling** reduced the arrears in the **sixty-eighth** minute when he scored with a rising drive from within the penalty area.

In the **seventy-seventh** minute the visitors equalised when **Micky Ross** collected a throw-in and turned along the edge of the penalty area to hammer home a tremendous drive. Nicky Summerbee missed a chance to win the tie with a glancing header from Mark Lea's cross in the final minutes. With the match in the dying throes of injury time Portsmouth clinched the tie when full back **Chris Male** scored the winner from a Lee Tierling cross.

The Town players could hardly believe that it was only half-an-hour previous they were two goals clear. Credit must be given to the Portsmouth team who held the belief that they could overcome the deficit. Both Paul Thompson and Nicky Summerbee gave sterling performances in a match which Stuart Doling and Micky Ross looked to be destined for fine futures in the game, providing they maintain their initial promise.

**Teams:** Swindon Town: Paul Thompson, Lee Spalding, Alex Graham, Mark Lea, Martin Churchward, Darren Hall, Richard Walker, Robert Spence, Nicky Summerbee, Paul Trollope, Liam Dixon.

**Substitutes:** Jason Braidwood and Marcus Phillips.

**Portsmouth:** Alan Knott, Russell Perrett, Chris Male, Stuart Doling, Darren Cheverton, Andy Axford, Darren Anderton, Shane Davies, Lee Turling, Micky Ross, Micky Turner.

**Substitutes:** Lee Smith and Paul Daughtry.

**& YOUTH**

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90			
Date		Opponents	Result
<b>1989</b>			
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 0-2
Sat	21	Wimbledon	A 0-0
Sat	28	Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am H 1-0
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
<b>1990</b>			
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	Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90			
Date		Opponents	Result
Wed	Aug 30	Peterborough United	A 3-0
Mon	Nov 13	Nottingham Forest	

FA YOUTH CUP					
Date		Opponents			Result
Mon	Oct 30	Portsmouth	7 pm		H 2-3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE							
Division Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	10	8	1	1	25	8	17
Wimbledon	11	7	2	2	26	7	16
Oxford United	8	6	1	1	20	9	13
Southampton	13	5	3	5	19	18	13
A.F.C. Bournemouth	10	4	4	2	23	14	12
Brentford	8	5	1	2	21	12	11
Northampton Town	9	5	1	3	22	14	11
Colchester United	13	5	1	7	19	25	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	9	5	-	4	19	12	10
Luton Town	8	4	2	2	10	10	10
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
Tottenham Hotspur	12	4	-	8	16	29	8
Bristol Rovers	9	3	1	5	15	22	7
Reading	9	2	2	5	7	11	6
Bristol City	10	-	3	7	5	17	3
Aldershot	9	-	-	9	7	43	-

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP					
Date		Opponents			Result
Mon	Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion			A 0-2

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TEAM NEWS

**FRASER DIGBY.** ..... The England Under-21 cap makes his 132nd League appearance this afternoon



**SCOTT BARRETT.** ..... The former Wolves keeper makes his sixth consecutive appearance of the season today

**DAVE HOCKADAY.** ..... The former Blackpool player makes his 356th League appearances this afternoon. Dave is now the Clubs longest serving player.



**JOHN BUTLER.** ..... The attacking full back has played in all 17 matches this season. John played nearly 300 matches for Wigan Athletic prior to joining City

**PAUL BODIN.** ..... The Welsh-born utility player has become a regular member of the Town's first team squad this season and replaces Phil King who joined Sheffield Wednesday on Thursday.



**DEREK STATHAM.** ..... The former West Bromwich Albion and Southampton fullback has played in all of City's 17 League and Cup matches this season.

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN.** ..... The former Manchester United player scored his eighth goal of the season against Bolton on October 24th.



**CHRIS KAMARA.** ..... The influential and popular midfield player returned to action last Saturday after missing the three previous games with a groin injury

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** ..... Makes his 280th League appearance today. Watched his former team, Mansfield Town, in action last Saturday at Reading



**IAN CRANSON.** ..... The former Ipswich Town defender has scored two goals this season, both against Yorkshire Clubs Leeds United and Bradford City.

**JON GITTENS.** ..... The former Southampton defender scored the winning goal in the 2-1 win at Brighton on Wednesday



**CARL BEESTON.** ..... The only local-born player in the Stoke line-up today. Makes his eleventh consecutive appearance this afternoon.

**TOMMY JONES.** ..... Recalled to the Town midfield section at Brighton to help the Club to a fine 2-1 win at the Goldstone Ground



**GARY HACKETT.** ..... Expected to take over the wingers role vacated by the departure of Peter Beagrie to Everton for £1 million on Monday.

**DUNCAN SHEARER.** ..... The former Chelsea and Huddersfield Town striker has 58 League goals to his credit.



**LEIGH PALIN.** ..... Stoke City's penalty expert since his move from Bradford City in September.

**STEVE WHITE.** ..... The former Bristol Rovers player has 123 League goals to his credit, shared in the service of four Clubs



**DAVE BAMBER.** ..... The former Town striker is desperately looking to add to his only goal of the season, scored against Oldham Athletic on September 16th.

**ROSS MACLAREN.** ..... Scored the first goal in the Town's 2-1 success against Brighton and Hove Albion on Wednesday



**WAYNE BIGGINS.** ..... The former Manchester City striker's early season injury was a big blow to Mick Mills' hope of a good start to the season. A £250,000 summer signing.

**FITZROY SIMPSON.** ..... Returned to League action after a three match absence in the midweek defeat of Brighton.



**IAN SCOTT.** ..... Another former Manchester City player, plagued by injury early this season. A £175,000 close season buy.

**JOHN CORNWELL.** ..... The former Newcastle United player was included in the fourteen players who travelled to Brighton on Wednesday.



**PAUL WARE.** ..... Teenage midfield player who signed professional forms in November 1988.

**PAUL HUNT.** ..... The local-born teenager has impressed in his limited appearances to show he may have a fine future ahead.



**MARK HIGGINS.** ..... The former Everton and Manchester United defender has appeared in one full League appearance this season and two as a substitute.

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