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VOICE OF THE VALE

W elcome everyone to today's game against Swindon Town, nowadays managed by former Argentinian World Cup Star Ossie Ardiles. It seems strange to be talking of a league fixture today on the day of the First Round of the F.A. Cup but then again it is the first time we haven't been involved in it since 1956!

92 CLUB

The 92 Club, a club for all supporters who have visited every league ground in England have produced a 54 page booklet with space to enter full details of 100 games attended. It also contains a list of club phone numbers, weather forecast services and main railway stations.

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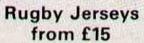
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THE GAFFER

SOME people may knock the Zenith Data Systems Cup but it served a very useful purpose for us at Sunderland this week.

After the defeat at Portsmouth, the trip to Roker Park gave the players the opportunity to show what they were made of in a testing situation, the response was magnificent.

The performance at Fratton Park was poor, so much so that we might have been seen as lambs to the slaughter against an in-form Sunderland side with an unbeaten home run of 10 games behind them.

But the beauty of football is its uncertainty and the way players rise to the occasion. Not only did we win but we won in style with the manner of the performance being the icing on the cake.

The quality of our play was a joy to watch and there were two cracking goals for our small bunch of loyal supporters to savour.

With injuries reducing choice I was not in a position to exactly experiment, but one or two effective changes were made.

Ray Walker proved his versatility by slotting in alongside Neil Aspin at the heart of defence; Andy Porter came into midfield to do one of his marking jobs on Paul Bracewell, and David Riley filled in on the left flank as he did so well for us last season.

I maintain quality players can play anywhere and Ray did exceptionally well at the back where he actually began his career at Aston Villa, often playing alongside Dean Glover.

John Jeffers again looked comfortable at left-back, as he had done at Portsmouth, and in general the team coped much better in adjusting to the changes than they did at Portsmouth.

The performance was a great boost to morale just when it was needed most and hopefully the belief that the players have regained will serve us well back in the League.

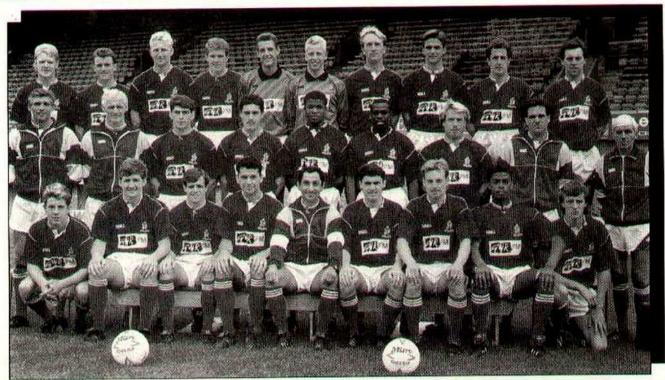
Nevertheless, it has not stopped me in my efforts to strengthen the squad. I tried to bring in Alan Cork only for Wimbledon to change their mind about selling him after asking me to make an offer, while an extra defender remains a priority.

A word or two in praise of our youngsters who overcame a difficult hurdle in the FA Youth Cup against Crewe this week. The lads battled hard to beat a talented team in front of a good sized crowd which I am sure will increase when they take on Blackburn in the next round on November 28.

In the next round of the Zenith Data Systems Cup we have to travel to Middlesbrough on November 29th, kick-off 7.30pm.



VISITING VALE PARK



Formed in 1881, Swindon spent their early days as a non-League club reaching the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912 besides losing 8-4 to Manchester United in the 1911 Charity Shield. They were elected to Division 3 (South) of the Football League in 1920 and remained in this Division throughout its existence until 1958 when they joined the new Third Division.

Promotion to the Second Division in 1963, when they finished as runners-up, one place ahead of the Vale, was followed by relegation in 1965 but they then embarked on their best ever spell.

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

The 1968-69 season will always be fondly remembered in Swindon as besides gaining promotion to Division 2 they won the League Cup defeating Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley after extra-time thanks to a brace of goals from star winger Don Rogers. They immediately

built on that success to finish 5th in Division 2 in 1970, their highest ever league placing and also won the Anglo-Italian Cup for

good measure. Unfortunately they could not enter Europe as a result of their League Cup win because it was limited to First Division sides in those days.

Relegation in 1974 was followed by a further drop to the Fourth Division in 1982 but they turned things round in fine style to take the championship four years later with a League record of 102 points.

They went straight through to the Second Division in 1987 by winning the play offs and almost created history by again reaching the play-offs after finishing sixth last season, missing out on a place in the top flight by losing to Crystal Palace.

This season they are again in 6th place after winning 6 of their last 7 League games. Away from home they have won 3, at Hull (3-2), Brighton (2-1) and Middlesbrough (2-0), drawn 3 at Oldham (2-2), West Ham (1-1) and Bradford (1-1) whilst losing just 3 at Leeds (0-4), Sheffield United (0-2) and Leicester (1-2).

Goalkeeper FRASER DIGBY cost £12,500 from Man Utd in December 1986 and has since topped 140 appearances including being the club's only ever present last season.

In defence they have converted winger DAVE HOCKADAY, the former Blackpool player signed in a free transfer in August 1983, TIM PARKIN a tall central defender who cost £27,500 from Bristol Rovers in 1986 after

previously playing for Blackburn and Malmo (Sweden), COLIN CALDERWOOD a veteran of over 300 senior appearances in his career who cost £27,500 from Mansfield in 1985, JON GITTENS, a £40,000 capture from Southampton in 1987 who began his career with non-League Paget Rangers, sweeper ROSS MacLAREN the former Rangers and Shrewsbury player who cost £150,000 from Derby in 1988 and PAUL BODIN who made 83 appearances for his home town club Cardiff and had two spells with doomed Newport before moving to the County Ground in 1988.

In midfield they have ALAN MCLOUGHLIN, a former Manchester United apprentice signed in 1986 who has also had two loan spells with Torquay United, TOM JONES who began his career with Chelsea and moved to Farnborough, Weymouth and Aberdeen before joining Swindon in 1988, utility player JOHN CORNWALL who cost £60,000 last season from Newcastle Utd after beginning his career with 6 years at Leyton Orient, MARK JONES who made over 100 appearances for Oxford United before moving to the County Ground in 1986 and FITZROY SIMPSON a regular goalscorer with both the Youth team and reserves who is now a member of the first team squad.

STRIKE FORCE

Up front they have STEVE WHITE, an experienced goalscorer who has had two spells with Bristol Rovers and also appeared for Luton Town, Charlton Athletic and Lincoln (loan) before joining Swindon on a free transfer in 1986 since when he has scored 40 goals in only 95 games up to the start of this season.

Other strikers include PAUL HUNT, a
Swindon born player who has graduated
from last season's Youth team squad, TONY
GALVIN the holder of 27 Republic of Ireland
caps who won 2 FA Cup and 1 UEFA Cup
winners medals with Spurs who was signed
on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday
in August and NICKY SUMMERBEE another
youth team graduate whose father Mike
played for Manchester City.

THE MANAGER - OSSIE ARDILES

Ossie won a World Cup Winners medal with Argentina in 1978 and soon after he joined Spurs from Huracan along with Ricky Villa for £750,000. A skillful midfield player in his day, he helped Spurs win the F.A. Cup in 1981 and the UEFA Cup in 1984 and then had loan spells with Paris St. Germain and Blackburn before joining Q.P.R. in 1988. After unfortunately breaking his leg he recuperated in America with Fort Lauderdale and was then appointed manager of Swindon in July 1989.

He could be the start of a new phenomenon in the English game - that of the foreign manager and he will be hoping to use his world wide experience to take Swindon into Division One. He was also a member of the Spurs squad for their FA Cup defeat here in January 1988.

LOOK OUT FOR - DUNCAN SHEARER

After beginning his career with Inverness Clachnauddin, he joined Chelsea in 1983 and moved to Huddersfield three years later when his total of 47 goals in only 91 appearances prompted Swindon to pay a club record of £250,000 for him in June 1988. He made his debut on the opening day of last season at Barnsley and ended up as leading scorer with 16 goals as the club finished in 6th place to take its place in the play-offs. He has continued to find the net frequently and again leads the charts with 10 goals so far.

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The two teams have never met in a cup-tie

Biggest win:

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SWINDON TOWN

He Who Would Valiant be.... Ray Walker

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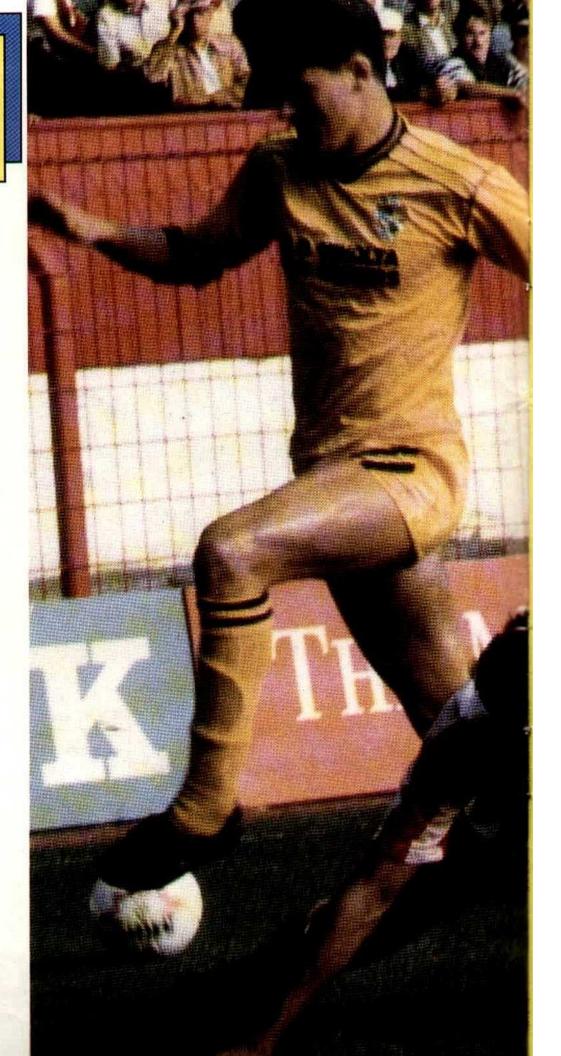
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20 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT RAY WALKER

- He came on as a substitute in Aston Villa's F.A. Youth Cup victory over Manchester City in 1980.
- 2 He appeared for England Youth in the European Youth Championships in East Germany in 1981.
- One of his team mates at Aston Villa was Dean Glover, now also here at the Vale of course.
- His debut for Aston Villa came in a 2-0 defeat at West ham in April 1983.
- His next appearance was also against West Ham, but eight months later!
- 6 After joining the Vale on loan he made his debut for us against Hartlepool at Vale Park in September 1984.
- 7 He scored in his second game in a 3-1 victory at Torquay United.
- 8 His last appearances for the Villa came in a home defeat by Newcastle in October 1985.
- When he joined the Vale his fee was set by a tribunal at £12,000 plus 50% of any further sale to the Villa.
- His first appearance for us on a permanent basis came against Middlesbrough at Hartlepool in August 1986.

- He scored his first goal for us in his fifth game a 4-1 Littlewoods Cup victory over Notts County.
- 12 He was sent off in a defeat at Notts
 County and the suspension caused him
 to miss his only game in that 1986-87
 season.
- 13 He soon gained a reputation for being a classy midfield player as the Vale shot to the top half of the table.
- 14 His fame became worldwide when he scored a superb opening goal against Spurs in the historic FA Cup victory in January 1988.
- 15 The 1987-88 season was his best in goalscoring terms when he was on the mark 7 times.
- 16 He won the supporters Player of the Year award for the 1987-88 season.
- 17 He also scored one of the Vale's quickest ever goals that season, after just 50 seconds against Southend United.
- 18 He captained our successful promotion campaign last season during which he made 56 appearances.
- 19 He had a foot operation during the close season and was forced to miss the early part of the 1989-90 campaign.
- 20 He made his 150th league appearance for the Vale in last month's home game against West Ham.

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PORT VALE AND YOU

Hi J.V's

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Junior Robins of Swindon and hope you all enjoy your day at Vale Park.

At the time of writing I can not give any details of any away games as I am still watching for the prices for coaches to the following grounds - Plymouth, Hull, Oldham and Sunderland.

Happy Birthday to the following J.V's for November:-

Matthew Oakes, Craig Bulger, Stephen Wood.

JUNIOR VALIANTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are planning to hold the J.V's Christmas Party on Friday, 22nd December and this again will be split into two age groups as in previous years. It will be for 11's and under in the afternoon and 12 to 16 years in the early evening. We will send you more details shortly.

On the international note we are pleased to welcome to the J.V's membership Thomas Possami (pictured right) who lives in Italy and became a member at the age of 3 weeks.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Hello Readers

I would like to give you all an update of two of our current projects here on the community project scheme.

First of all our ladies football team is progressing very well and we look forward to playing our first game shortly after Xmas.

For the boys we hold our own soccer school on Wednesday evenings here at Port Vale and that too is progressing well.

If you are interested in the two projects currently being run at present can you please contact Stephen Ridge or John Cooper on 0782 575594 for more details.

Until next time yours in sport, Alex Williams

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The Junior Valiants Club is open to all junior supporters of Port Vale F. C. up the age of 16.
- The membership fee is £2 which includes a membership card and a birthday card, and new
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 a photo of their favourite player.
- Members of the Junior Valiants will be allowed to sit in the family stand at the admission price fixed by the football club on showing your membership card.
- Members must obey all instructions from official stewards.
- Away travel: all seats must be booked 7 days before the event so travel arrangements can be made. A deposit must be paid and will not be refunded on the cancellation of booking unless the trip is cancelled by us.
- Members must refrain from the use of bad language and causing a nuisance to ensure fellow spectators can enjoy the game.
- 7 Any member who misbehaves or contravenes these rules will be liable to expulsion.

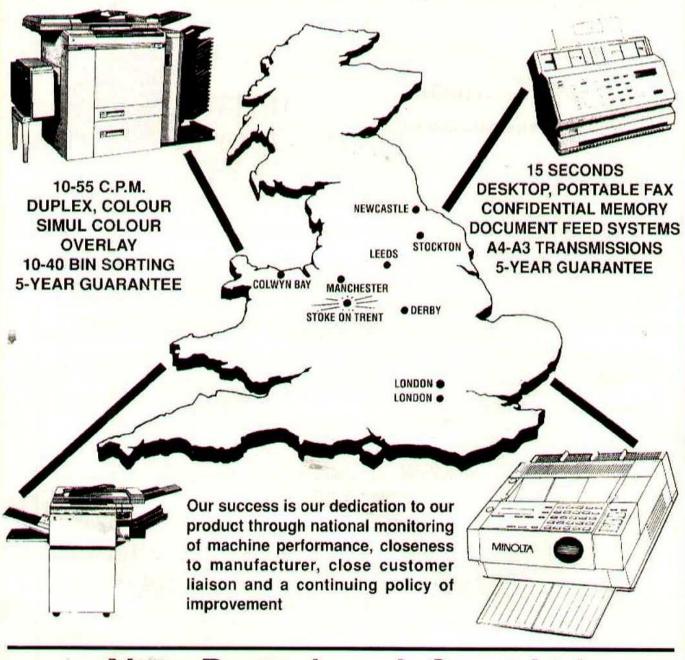
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TRADING PLACES

The last player that the Vale signed from Swindon Town was striker Ralph Hunt and he was having a knee operation in hospital when Vale manager Norman Low secured his signature in December 1961! He had began his career with Portsmouth and moved on to Bournemouth, Norwich (where he set a club record for goals in a season) and Derby before joining Swindon from Grimsby in July 1961. He scored 15 goals for them in just 21 league games before his injury and Vale made their hospital swoop.

He made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Portsmouth, his birthplace, but then soon won over his new fans with a hat-trick within the first 16 minutes of his home debut, a 4-1 victory over Shrewsbury. Altogether he scored 6 goals in 15 games that season before moving on to Newport and Chesterfield where he was tragically killed in a car crash in 1964.

TOP SCORERS

The only other player to have appeared for both the Vale and Swindon was also a striker, Maurice Jones who joined Vale from South Liverpool in June 1946. He scored 23 League goals in his first season with us, a total not bettered until the exploits of another Jones, Andy in 1987. After 26 goals in 53 games he moved to Swindon in November 1947 and notched 48 goals for them before leaving for Crystal Palace in 1950.

Current Blackburn Commercial Manager Ken Beamish was yet another striker who topped our scoring charts in 1976-77 with 12 league goals - 11 of which were unusually away from home! He moved on to Bury for £30,000 in 1978 and finished his playing days with Swindon in 1982, also having a spell as manager during 1983-84.



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TEAMS

SWINDON T.

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MARK GREW

PORT VALE

Colours- White shirts, Black shorts

Needs just 2 more games to complete 100 league games for the Vale

FRASER DIGBY

Highly rated 'keeper who has made 3 apps for England U21's

SIMON MILLS

Normally a midfield player he is currently operating at full-back DAVE HOCKADAY

A member of the Fourth Division PFA side for 1985-86

DARREN HUGHES

Speedy defender due to return after missing 4 games through injury PAUL BODIN

A Welsh Under 21 international who cost £30,000 from Newport last year.

RAY WALKER

Team captain who is always at the hub of Vale's midfield moves

ALAN McLOUGHLIN

Goalscoring midfielder who has 9 to his credit so far this season

NEIL ASPIN

Consistent central defender who has repayed his £200,000 fee many times over COLIN CALDERWOOD

Missed only 1 game last season and contributed 4 goals

DEAN GLOVER

Missed last week's defeat at Portsmouth after a knee operation

JON GITTENS

Cost £40,000 from Southampton in 1987 and is approaching his 100th app.

IAN MILLER

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DUNCAN SHEARER

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NICKY CROSS

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Scored twice in the 6-0 victory over Stoke a fortnight ago.

DARREN BECKFORD

Leading scorer with 5 goals this season following last season's 23 ROSS MacLAREN

A member of the PFA Div. 2 side whilst with Derby Co.

JOHN JEFFERS Scored his first goal for the club in our last FITZROY SIMPSON

Made his debut as a sub last season and came on for the last 30 seconds!

home game v Oxford PAUL MILLAR

£20,000 signing from Portadown who made his full debut last week.

JOHN CORNWELL

Can play in either midfield or defence and came from Newcastle

ANDY PORTER

his brother.

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PAUL HUNT

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TODAY'S MASCOTS ARE Andrew and Steven Garrett

from Rode Heath, Stoke-on-Trent. Andrew is 9 and attends Rode Heath Primary School. His favourite players are Robbie Earle and Darren Beckford, and his hobbies include football, pool, swimming and running. Steven is 8, and he also goes to Rode Heath Primary School. His favourite player is Robbie Earle and his hobbies are identical to those of



HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 2 FACTS & FIGURES

	TOP	SCORES:		
WBA	7	Barnsley	0	11-11-89
West Ham	5	Sunderland	0	18-10-89
Blackburn	5	Barnsley	0	30-9-89
Wolves	5	Portsmouth	0	30-9-89
WBA	1	Newcastle	5	1-11-89

LEADING MARKSMEN (L & C)

16 - Mick Quinn (Newcastle)

12 - Andy Ritchie (Oldham)

11 - Bernie Slaven (Middlesbrough)

10 - Marco Gabbiadini (Sunderland)

10 - Steve Bull (Wolves)

HIGHEST ATTENDANCES

29,499 - Sunderland v Newc'le 24-9-89

28,204 - Leeds v Wolves 21-10-89

27,815 - Leeds v Sunderland 14-10-89

27,032 - Stoke v Port Vale 23-9-89

26,791 - Leeds v Plymouth 1-11-89

26,484 - Leeds v Bournemouth 4-11

25,892 - West Ham v Newcastle 11-11-89

25,045 - Leeds v. Blackburn 26-8-89

25,004 - Leeds v. Middlesbro 23-8-89

24,482 - Newcastle v. Leeds 19-8-89

LOWEST ATTENDANCES

3,863 - Oxford v Bradford C. 9-9-89

4,027 - Oxford v. Bradford C. 9-9-89

4,718 - Hull City v. Watford 4-11-89

4,375 - Oxford v Stoke City. 1-11-89

4,480 - Oxford v Oldham 11-11-89

4,756 - Hull City v. Brighton 28-10-89

4,940 - Oldham v. Plymouth 9-9-89

5,109 - Hull City v. Oldham 17-10-89

5,325 - Oxford v Bournemouth 30.9.89

5,531 - Oldham v. Swindon 26-8-89

LEAGUE HAT-TRICKS

4 - M. Quinn (Newcastle) v. Leeds 19-8-89

3 - P. Moulden (Bournemouth) v. Hull 26-9-89

3 - A. Payton (Hull) v. Bournemouth 26-9-89

3 - G. Strachan (Leeds) v Swindon 23-9-89

3 - M. Quinn (Newcastle) v. Brighton 21-10-89

3 - D. Goodman (WBA) v Barnsley 11-11-89

SENDINGS-OFF (DIV.2)

Sixteen

PENALTIES SCORED

Twenty eight out of a total of forty awarded

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

				Hom	e			Away								
	P	W	D	L	P	A	W	D	1.	F	A	Pts				
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Leeds United	+17	7	2	0	18	5	3	3	2	12	13	35				
Newcastle	17	6	2	0	17	9	3	3	3	16	10	32				
Oldham A.	17	6	3	0	17	ŷ.	2	2	4	ő	9	29				
Sunderland	17	5	3	1	18	11	3	2	3	10	13	29				
Swindon	16	5	1	1	18	3	3	3	3	12	15	28				
West Ham	17	5	2	2	17	9.	2	4	2	8	9	27				
Plymouth A.	17	5	3	0	* 15	6	3	0	6	12	16	27				
Ipswich	17	5	2	1	16	9	2	3	4	12	16	26				
Blackburn	16	2	5	0	13	7	3 2	5	1	14	11	25				
Wolves	17	4	3	2	14	8	2	3	3	11	13	24				
Brighton	17	5	0	3	11	8	2	1	6	15	18	22				
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Oxford Utd	17	4	2 2	3	15	12	1	2	5	G)	16	19				
Bournemouth	16	4	2	3	14	13	1	2	4	9	14	19				
Port Vale	17	2	5	1	9	8	1	3	5	8	13	17				
Portamouth	17	2	4	3	13	14	2	1	5		12	17				
Watford	17	4	1	3	10	10	0	4	5	5	13	17				
Bradford	17	3	3	2	11	В	. 0	4	5	6	13	16				
Barnsley	17	3	3	3	12	13	- 1	1	6	7	25	16				
Middlesbrough	16	3	3	2	12	12	0	3	6	7	14	15				
Leicester	17	3	3	3	12	13	0	3	5	7	15	15				
Stoke City	17	2	5	2	11	12	0	3	5	5	19	14				
Hull City	17	0	4	4	5	11	1	6	2	12	13	13				

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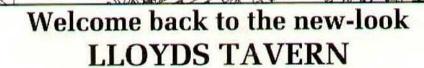
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Vale supporters are continuing to send us their moments of agony and ecstasy concerning the last 1000 matches held at Vale Park.

A popular provider of ecstasy to Vale fans is the historic F.A. Cup victory at the hands of Tottenham Hotspur in January 1988.

We have received a number of letters concerning this game and supporter Gordon Holland of Weston

Coyney, summed up the general feeling as he wrote:-

"The amazing thing about the victory was that people actually expected it. Certainly in Stoke on Trent in the week preceding the match the gut feeling was, among the Vale supporters, that we were going to win. I am sure that many local bookies will testify to that fact. As the build up approached the match captured the imagination of the T.V. and press and no one gave the Vale a chance. Indeed, who can forget Jimmy Greaves' infamous assertion that the only problem Spurs would have was finding the ground? However, in Stoke on Trent we just KNEW we were going to do it.

The afternoon was one of the most emotional I have ever experienced in my years of watching games at Vale Park. To think of Ray Walker's opening strike still brings me out in goosepimples, and then the relief and tears at the final whistle, as hardened supporters openly wept into each other's arms. We have

had memorable moments since, but this was the forerunner of our recent glories."

Thank you for your contribution Gordon. Memorable goals have also featured in our postbag this week. Andy Roberts related to a goal scored by Brian Horton against Millwall in what he thinks was the 1975/76 season.

Andy writes: "We were attacking the Bycars End and were awarded a corner. From the corner kick Brian Horton met the ball clean on the volley from the edge of the penalty box and the ball flew into the net like a rocket. For some reason it has always stuck in my mind and is my favourite goal seen at Vale Park."

Let's hope we score a few more like that Andy!

Harry Poole is a name which will conjour up happy memories for you older supporters and Mike Sherwin from Weston Coyney well remembers a classic Poole goal in a 5-0 win against Rochdale.

Mike writes: "It was a night match during the 1967/68 season I think, and Harry Poole was playing at centre forward instead of his normal half back position. If my memory serves me correctly, Harry scored two goals that night, but the one that has always stuck in my mind all these years was an absolutely superb lob into the corner of the net which was one of the best pieces of finishing I have seen at Vale Park."

This afternoon's visit of Swindon Town reminds exiled supporters Mark Simpson of Sussex of one of his most memorable seen at Vale Park, which embodied both agony and ecstasy. When Swindon visited Vale Park they were gunning for promotion from Division 3 to Division 2. The game was a cracker with what Mark calls:-

"Some of the best goals I have ever seen at Vale Park. We were 3-1 down at half time but we fought back to 3-3 and 2 of the goals by Andy Jones and Robbie Earle were absolutely stunning efforts - long range shots which hurtled into the roof of the net like a bullet. 1986 was World Cup year and our lads had obviously been taking a leaf our of the Brazilians book because our finishing was that class! Unfortunately, we lost the game 4-3 and Swindon also contributed to the action with some fine goals. Coincidentally, I think our third goal that day was an own goal scored by Dave Bamber, now at neighbours Stoke City!

Thank you all for your contributions and please keep them coming in. Please relate your moments of agony and ecstasy to:-

The Editor, Port Vale F.C. Programme, Hamil Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent ????1000 UP QUIZ TIME????

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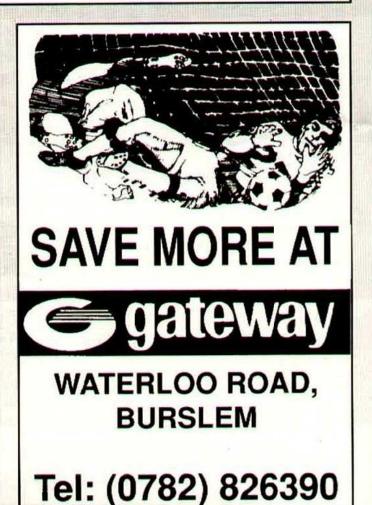
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NEWS ON TWO

Not the best of days last weekend as far as we were concerned as the bottom four all won. Leicester City took the Barclays Performance of the Week award after inflicting Leeds' first defeat since the opening day of the season upon them, 4-3. Baird and Williams gave Leeds a 2-0 interval lead before sub Paul Ramsey scored twice, five days after his testimonial, and after a Strachen penalty had given the Yorkshiremen the lead again and with 12 minutes to go, Moran and McAllister gave Leicester an unlikely victory.

Hull City were 2-1 down at Bradford City with a quarter of an hour to go and after 27 games without a victory there wasn't much prospect of any change to the scoreline. Still, Andy Payton equalised and lan McParland scored a last minute winner to get new manager Stan Ternent, the former Crystal Palace coach, off to a flier.

Another manager seemingly off to a flier was caretaker Alan Ball who saw his Stoke side take the lead after just 35 seconds of play since the sacking of Mick Mills. Further goals by Bamber and Kamara saw them hang on to a 3-2 victory, only their second of the season, despite Brighton goals from Codner and Bremner. Brighton have now won just one of their last six games, and that was at Hull.

Barnsley have also entered into the spirit of the sacking season by dispensing with the services of Allan Clarke and installing long serving Eric Winstanley as caretaker boss. The move didn't prove immediately successful as they suffered their worst defeat in ten years by going down 7-0 at West Brom.

The goals came from a Don Goodman hat-trick, two from Kevin Bartlett and one each from Tony Ford and a Bernard McNally penalty whilst to add to Barnsley's woe they had substitute Dunphy sent off after only being on the field for 19 minutes.

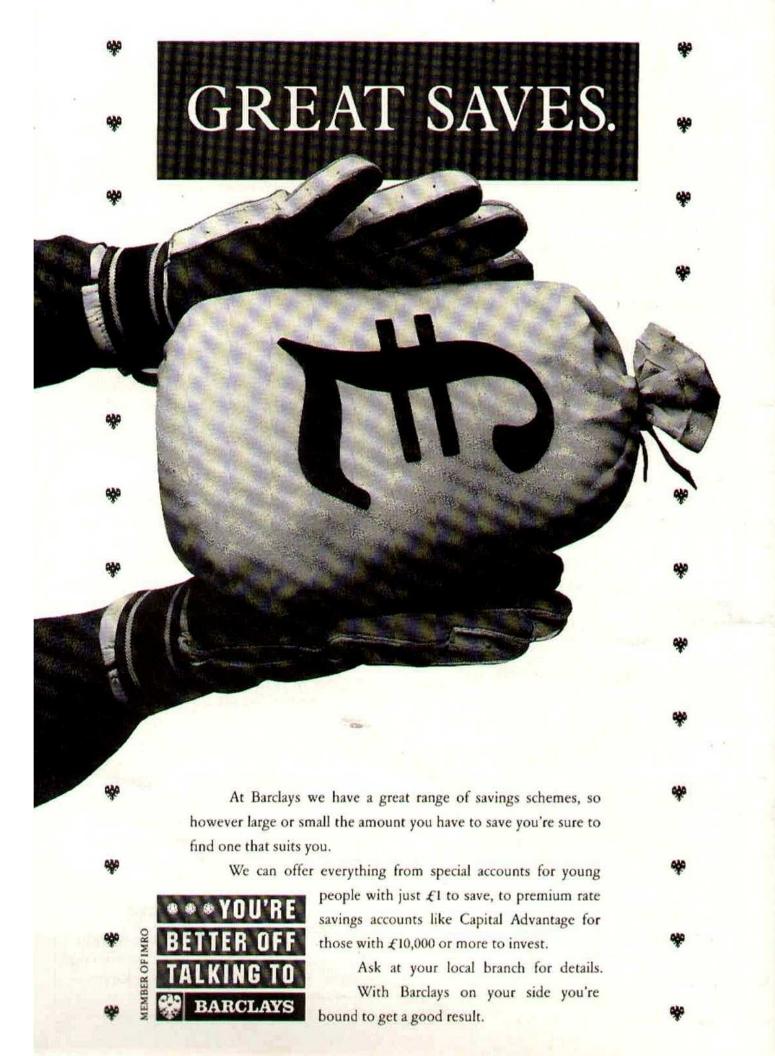
Blackburn faced a 2-0 deficit at home to Ipswich with just a quarter of an hour to go after an own goal from May and a John Wark penalty. The introduction of a substitute named Lennie Johnrose changed all that though and after equalising himself Atkins made it 2-2 with a last minute penalty.

Wolves may face the prospect of three games without Steve Bull, serving a suspension for being sent off at Leicester over two weeks ago, and last weekend they drew 1-1 at Sunderland. Andy Mutch gave them the lead but a controversial penalty by Hardyman tied things up.

Three teams with promotion aspirations all gained good away wins, not least Sheffield United whose 1-0 victory at Bournemouth thanks to Carl Bradshaw's goal kept up their unbeaten record, the last one in the country. Oldham moved into fourth with a goal by Andy Ritchie at Oxford and Plymouth gained their third away win of the season with a 2-1 success at Watford, who have now gone eight games without a victory. Tommy Tynan and Andy Thomas scored the goals with Redfearn replying for the Hornets.

In the other games today's visitors
Swindon won 2-0 at Middlesbrough with
goals by Shearer and an own goal from
Mohan and West Ham played out a goalless
draw with Newcastle at Upton Park.
Middlesbrough have now gone ten games
without a win.

Transfer news. West Brom have loaned defender Graham Harbey from Ipswich and Leicester have also loaned striker Kevin Campbell from Arsenal.



RESERVES & YOUTHS

F.A. YOUTH CUP 1ST ROUND **6TH NOVEMBER** CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 PORT VALE 1

Despite conceding a first minute goal the Vale youngsters fought their way back into the game well. It was tall centre forward Chris Boswell who fired home the all important equaliser after a goalmouth scramble during the second half to secure a draw against a highly rated Alex side.

Vale team:- Brown, Llewellyn, Bedson, Myatt, Lowe, Kidd, Moore, Johnston, Boswell, Mills, Banks. Subs Beeby and Harrison

13TH NOVEMBER PORT VALE 2 CREWE ALEXANDRA 1

Another cracking game ensued in the replay and after Saxton Brown had made a good save to deny Crewe's early threats, Brian Mills played a good onetwo before firing us into the lead on the half hour. Crewe, fielding three players with first team experience, equalised a minute before half-time.

John Johnston had another good game in the Vale midfield and Brian Mills caused plenty of problems up front as both sides went all out for the winner. It came with just a quarter of an hour to go when a good run down the left by Mills led to a cross that was fired

home by Paul Moore.

Vale team:- Brown, Llewellyn, Bedson, Myatt, Lowe, Kidd, Moore, Johnston, Boswell, Mills, Banks Subs Beeby and Harrison

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PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 8TH NOVEMBER PORT VALE 1 SUNDERLAND 4

A young Vale side did well to lead Sunderland into the second half after good work by Paul Millar led to Brian Mills stroking home our first half goal. Paul Atkinson played the whole game in his continual battle against injury and as the game wore Sunderland began to dictate terms.

Vale team:- Wood, Bennett, Booth, Beeby, Lowe, Finney, Atkinson, Porter, Millar, B. Mills, Shepherd subs Harrison for Millar—Rushton for Porter

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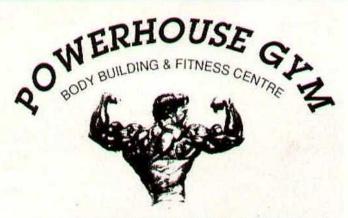
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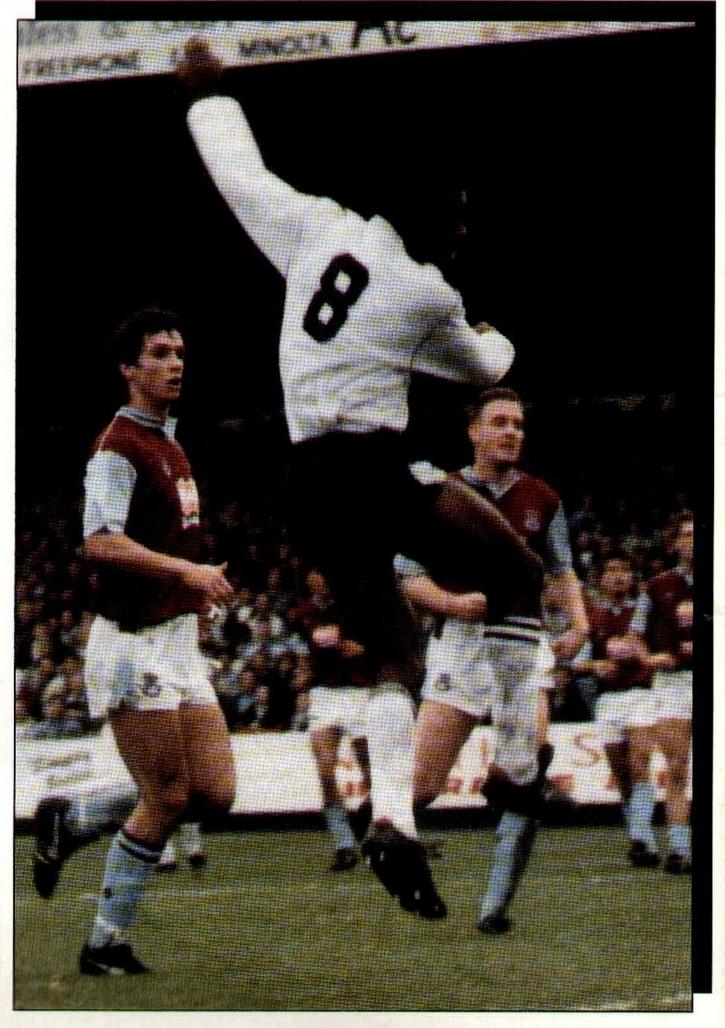
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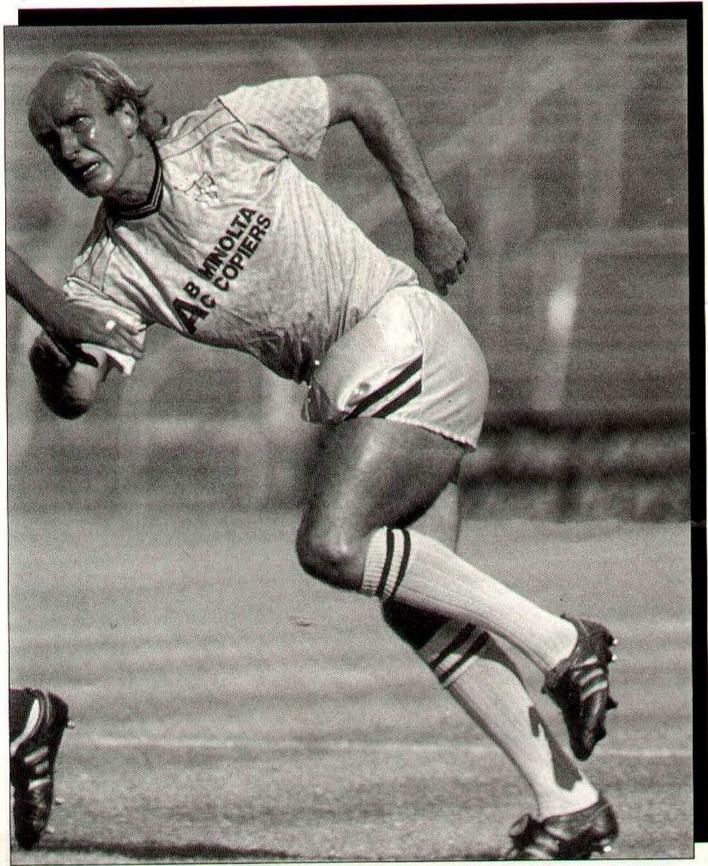
VALIANT ACTION





Match action from our recent home draw with West Ham United at Vale Park

PARTING SHOT



Farewell Ron and Thanks...... Last week striker Ron Futcher joined Burnley for a fee of £65,000 to end a successful 16 month stay with us.

Signal-Radio

1st for sport

Daily Bulletins

at 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 8.10, 1.10 and 6.00 pm

(Monday to Friday).

Saturday and Sunday

8.30 and 9.30 am.

Friday evenings

at 6.00 pm, Signal Sports Preview with

Russ Couch.

Saturdays

2 - 6 pm. Signal Sport with Mike Calvert

(1170 AM).

Also

updates during Phil Trow's show for

midweek matches.

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