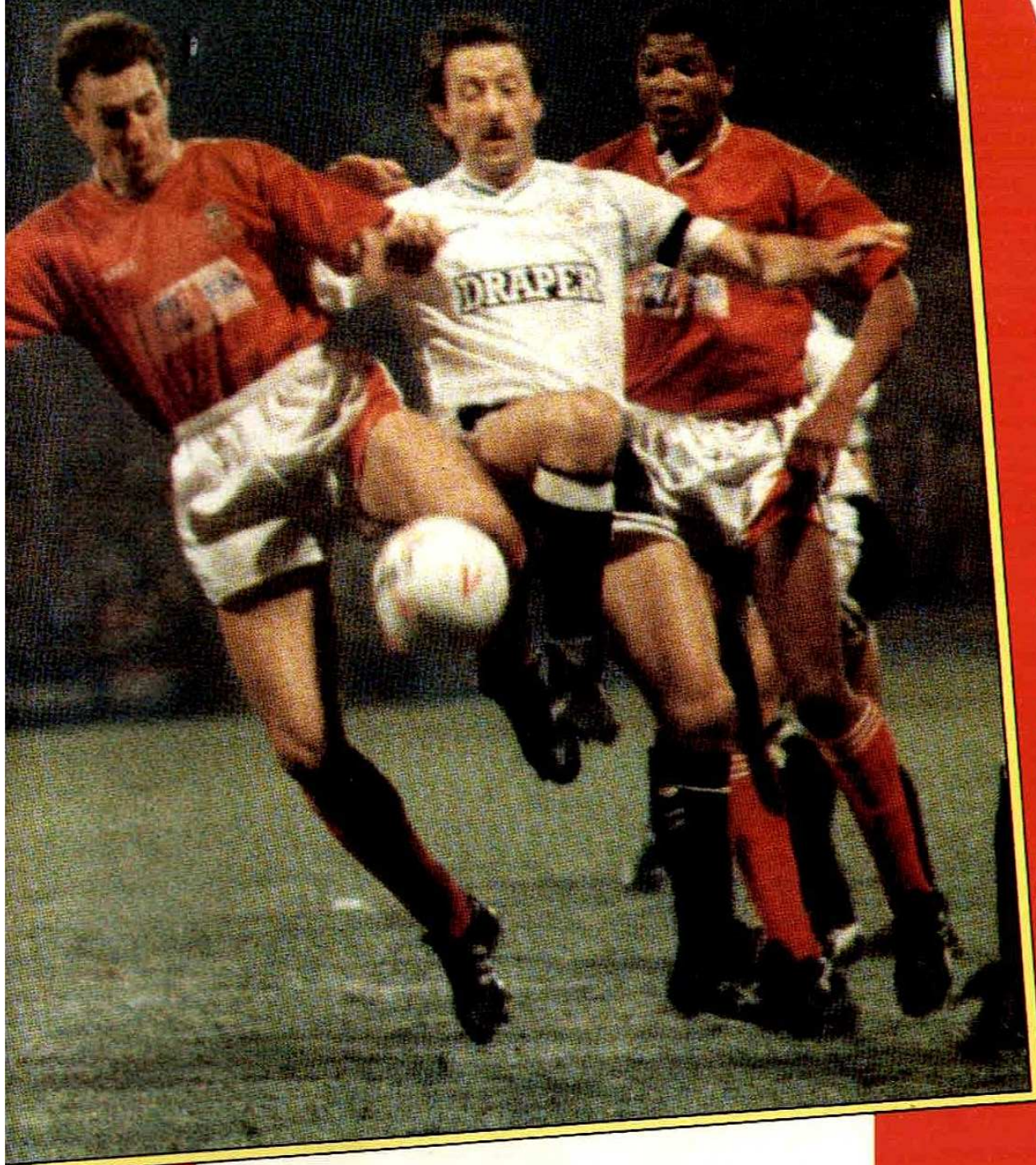


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80p

People and events in the news at the County Ground

SIX OF THE BEST

Our six-goal salvo against hapless Stoke City on November 4th meant that we became the sixth team to score six or more goals in the League this season. **Liverpool, Stockport County, Swansea City, Tranmere Rovers and Doncaster Rovers** had previously hit six goals this season.

Since our six goal blast, **Derby County, West Bromwich Albion and Aldershot** have scored six or more. The last time we managed to score six goals was when we defeated **Rotherham United, 6-2** at the County Ground on **April 15th 1980**.

One word of warning! The last time that next Wednesday's visitors **Millwall** scored six was when they defeated the Town **6-2** on **March 3rd, 1980**.

Every Club enjoys a 'golden' day but the fans most starved of a six-goal salvo are **Newcastle United's**. The 'Magpies' last six-hit was twenty-five years ago. Who did they defeat? Well, it was **Swindon Town**, when they won **6-1** at the County Ground on **November 28th, 1964**. The North East Club visit the County Ground in our last home match of 1989 on **December 30th**!

GARY DEPARTS

Former Aston Villa starlet **Gary Shaw** has now left the County Ground after an extensive trial period.



• **Gary Shaw** - Looking for a League Club after his release by the Town.

Gary, who is hoping to return to League soccer had been on loan from **Klagenfurt F.C.** The Austrian Club were seeking a £40,000 transfer fee. Gary, who scored four goals for Football Combination team, had spent a trial period with

First Division **Sheffield Wednesday** earlier this season.

PHIL FINALLY JOINS THE 'OWLS'

Phil King was an interested spectator at our recent home match with **Portsmouth** and anxious that his transfer to **Sheffield Wednesday** would be complete within the following days.

Phil, who joined the **Hillsborough Club** on a months loan initially, was nearing the completion of his loan period at that time.



• **Phil King**

The deal was completed two days following the **Portsmouth** match and the **£400,000** deal saw the Town transfer a player that originally cost just **£17,500**. Of course, with **Torquay United** able to claim a third of the fee due to an insertion in the original contract between the Town and **Torquay United**, the fee was less.

There are safeguards in the transfer deal between the Town and the **Yorkshire Club** which will see **Swindon Town** collect a further **£50,000** if, and when, **Bristol born, Phil**, makes 50 first team appearances and a further clause which will net the Town **£100,000** if the popular full back is capped by England.

Phil was waxing lyrical about the 'Owls' on his return to the Club. "Everything is so much bigger, we play mostly five-a-sides in training and the pitch is like a bowling green. Overall it was a perfect move." **Phil** and his family are in the process of vacating their **Swindon** home at **Freshbrook** and moving to **Sheffield**.

WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

We meet **Warminster Town** in the First Round of the **Wiltshire Premier Shield** on **Sunday January 7th, 1990** at **Weymouth Street**. The kick-off is at **2.00 p.m.**

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MIDLAND YOUTH CUP DATE

Our **Second Round** match in this competition is now arranged for **Tuesday January 23rd** at the **County Ground** versus **Nottingham Forest**. The kick-off for this match is at **7.00 p.m.**

BOOKINGS NOW TAKEN IN THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE?

This newspaper extract was taken from last weeks 'Sunday Correspondent' and will be of particular significance to **Bob Booker** and **Sheffield United** supporters.

Booker enjoys prize day

Sheffield United's likely promotion to Division One next May is bound to be marked by the sale of souvenir mugs, his 'n' hers commemorative undies, flying ducks with red and white stripes, and all manner of celebratory publications.

It is doubtful whether any of the latter will win the **Booker Prize** for Literature, but **Bob Booker** himself might qualify for a prize as **The Player Most Surprised To Be In The First Division**.

His two goals helped **United** beat **West Brom 3-1** to stay on course to rise from the Third to the First Divisions in successive seasons.

Booker spent 10 years at **Brentford** before moving to **Bramall Lane** a year ago. He'll be 32 in January. Well, if it's okay for **Butch Wilkins** and **Sundance Reid**, why not **Bob Booker**?

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF SHEFFIELD UNITED

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Mr. D. G. King
Editor
Swindon Town Official Programme
County Ground
Swindon

Dear Sir,

YOUR PROGRAMME -
21st NOVEMBER 1989 -
SWINDON -v-
BOLTON WANDERERS.

I visited Swindon for the first time last Tuesday to see the Littlewoods Cup third round, third replay, and had a very enjoyable evening, even though the result went against us. I was very impressed with the ground and the facilities offered to the supporters, but your programme had a glaring inaccuracy which I felt needed bringing to your attention.

Under 'Scotts Views' Michael Scott says, and I quote 'To those of us unable to travel north, Vic's supporter to supporter attitude brought the dank night in Manchester to vivid life'. As a life-long supporter of Bolton Wanderers and even though my address is now in Greater Manchester, we Boltonians are most deeply offended if people from other parts of the country, especially south of the Midlands, think we associate ourselves with the city of Manchester. (Many of us remember the 1958 F.A. Cup Final). I hope you will take note of this and print a retraction when we play you in the Second Division next year!

Good luck in your pursuit of the Littlewoods Cup and thanks to your supporters for their welcome and kind remarks after the match.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. E. F. Rigby

Editor: We willingly apologise for any offence to Boltonians. Mike has probably only travelled to Manchester in the dark and it's easy to be confused! Anyway, thanks for the nice comments Mrs. Rigby.

MARTYN SMITH'S MATCHFACTS



• Martyn Smith

v SOUTHAMPTON
on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29th
1989
at THE COUNTY GROUND
LITTLEWOODS CUP FOURTH ROUND

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry and cold

Southampton Team:

1. Flowers
2. Dodd
3. Benali
4. Case
5. Ruddock
6. Osman
7. Le Tissier
8. Cockerill
9. Shearer
10. Rideout
11. Wallace, Rod

SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

12. Cornwell/Kerslake (78 min)
14. Simpson/White (66 min)

SOUTHAMPTON SUBSTITUTES:

12. Moore/not used
14. Horne/Shearer (82 min)

SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

None

SOUTHAMPTON BOOKINGS:

None

FIRST HALF DURATION:

45 minutes 25 seconds

SECOND HALF DURATION:

46 minutes 37 seconds

GOALS:

Swindon Town

None

Southampton

None

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

Swindon Town:

- White (13 min)
- Jones (47 min)
- Cornwell (91 min)

Southampton:

- Rideout (28 min)

CORNERS:

First Half:

Swindon Town

1

Southampton

2

Second Half:

2

2

REFEREE: D. Vickers

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Play-Off Winners: 1987

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Semi-Final: 1910, 1912

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Semi-Finalists: 1911

F.A. Youth Cup

Finalists: 1964

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PROUD

I was proud of the way in which we performed against Southampton in the Littlewoods Cup. Our overall display was pleasing and we could so easily have won the match.

Despite the fact that we travel to Southampton for the replay, I am convinced that we are more than capable of surprising the First Division Club on their own ground.

ROKER 'BLUES'

The players we have here at Swindon Town are capable of obtaining a result at most venues. Once again we played exceptionally well at Sunderland and we

Hockaday on a further two year contract.

David, who has been out injured recently, is a vastly experienced player and I was impressed with his ability before his facial injury in the recent cup match at Bolton Wanderers.

IMPRESSIVE

In welcoming Dave Bassett and Sheffield United to Swindon, I know we are in line for a competitive game. Dave's teams rarely give anything less than one-hundred and ten per cent effort.

Sheffield United have taken the Second Division by storm this season

Millwall will, of course, be here at Swindon for the Zenith Data Systems cup match on Wednesday next. More First Division opposition to savour.

IT CAN BE FINANCIALLY REWARDING

I know that the Full Members Cup is an often derided competition and it is often pointed out that it does not attract high attendances.

Those Clubs who have reached Wembley, and today's visitors Sheffield United, would inform you otherwise. They had a financially lucrative local derby with rivals Wednesday and reaped the benefit of a thirty thousand plus crowd.

WORLD CUP AND F.A. CUP DRAW

You will all have the benefit of knowing the World Cup draw by now and be able to discuss its relative merits. The draw for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup will be known to you as well.

The draw was due to have been made at about 11.20 p.m. last evening, another interesting topic for you to discuss in the stand and terraces today. We all hope for a home fixture, you will know the answer by now.

IT'S EXPENSIVE, BUT TRY HARD

Where possible, expenses allowing, can I ask you to support us against Millwall, Southampton and also next Sunday at West Bromwich Albion.

We are handily placed in the League table, still involved in three cup competitions and everything to play for. The lads have responded to your encouragement and given full value for money. Keep it going and dig deep if you can, it's an expensive time and I know Christmas is coming nearer. This can be a tremendous month for Swindon Town. Together we can achieve a lot of success.

Ossie Ardiles

did not take the three points we richly deserved.

With virtually seconds left we appeared to be coasting to our first ever win at Roker Park. I know this Club has not visited Sunderland too often, but it was nice to return home with a point despite the late setback.

FURTHER STRENGTHENING

In my efforts to establish a strong squad here at Swindon, I have secured the signature of David

and I believe they have lost just two League matches, one at home and the other away. Those statistics really do impress and we will have to be at our best to win today.

MIDWEEK MATCHES

Matches are coming thick and fast at the moment. We have played in midweek for quite a while. That sequence is still not complete, for we are due to meet Millwall and Southampton on successive Wednesdays.

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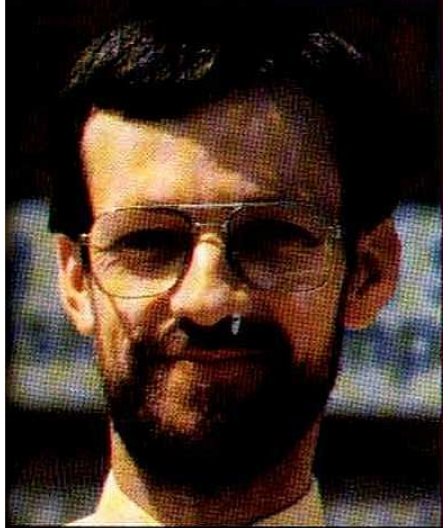
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Paul Plowman

**OUR HISTORIAN
LOOKS BACK AT
SOME PREVIOUS MEETINGS
BETWEEN SWINDON TOWN
AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS**

Today is the 12th Football League encounter between Swindon Town and Sheffield United and one which gives the Town the opportunity not only to redress the balance following the September defeat at Bramall Lane, but to maintain their 100% home League record against the 'Blades'.

The 2-0 setback, when Bob Booker and Brian Deane scored second-half goals, was the fifth successive reverse in six trips to the Sheffield ground. The one victory achieved there came from the first visit, back in 1969/70.

DISPUTED

On a wet Monday night in February most of the 22,711 were stunned into silence when Swindon's left back, John Trollope, gave the visitors the lead – a goal that United keeper Alan Hogkinson bitterly disputed,

claiming the ball had gone in through the side netting. Home full back Len Badger also got into the scoring act but the Town's leading marksman, Arthur Horsfield, hit his 17th goal of the season to bring two valuable points back to Wiltshire.

The County Ground clash, in the October, had also brought a win for Swindon. Peter Noble was successful after twenty minutes and Don Rogers added another twenty minutes from the end. Alan Woodward, like Rogers a winger of exceptional pace, pulled a goal back for United on full time.

TEN MAN TOWN

The 'Blades' next visit to Swindon, on the Saturday before Christmas 1970, saw them arrive as the Second Division's top scoring side – Gil Reece quickly showed why when he netted after only four minutes. Unfortunately for United, he beat his own keeper! The Town then lost little midfielder Tony Gough with only fifteen minutes gone and, on the half-hour, battling centre half Frank Burrows limped off. With only one substitute in those days, Swindon were thus down to ten men with an hour still to play.

A Rogers penalty on 68 minutes and a third goal from Horsfield, with three minutes left, saw the Town home safely – to a third 3-0 win in four games. United could take comfort in the fact that one of those victories was against their closest rivals, Wednesday, and that they would survive to finish runners-up to Leicester City and go on to a five-year stint in the First Division.

The Clubs met again when United faced their first-ever game in Division Three, at

Bramall Lane on August 18 1979. Swindon took a first half lead through Alan Mayes, but United equalised when Ian Benjamin, in his third League appearance, scored his third goal – and third penalty! Dougie Brown gave the 'Blades' a 2-1 verdict.

LEADERS TOPPLED

Following a run of nine wins in eleven games, United came to the County Ground as League leaders in the first week of November, but they found themselves two goals down by the interval. Centre half Billy Tucker made the first goal for Andy Rowland, following a corner, and then notched the second himself, also from a flag kick. The men from Sheffield hit back with goals from Mick Speight and John MacPhail but a second from Rowland proved a winner. United were toppled from top spot and Swindon moved up to fourth place.

The Town's televised visit to Bramall Lane on September 6 1980 highlighted their abysmal start to the season. It was certainly no 'Match of the Day' as Swindon stumbled to a fifth successive League defeat from five starts.

By the time the two sides met again, in February, the Town had won nine out of 30 League games, but saved their best win of the season for the 'Blades' visits. Ian Miller put Swindon ahead in the 22nd minute and Andy Rowland grabbed a second within three minutes. Brian Williams put the Town in a commanding 3-0 win with a penalty just before the break. Rowland struck twice again to complete his hat-trick. Tony Kenworth also succeeded with a spot-kick – as he had done in the September encounter – and Bob Hatton was the other scorer as Swindon finished 5-2 winners.

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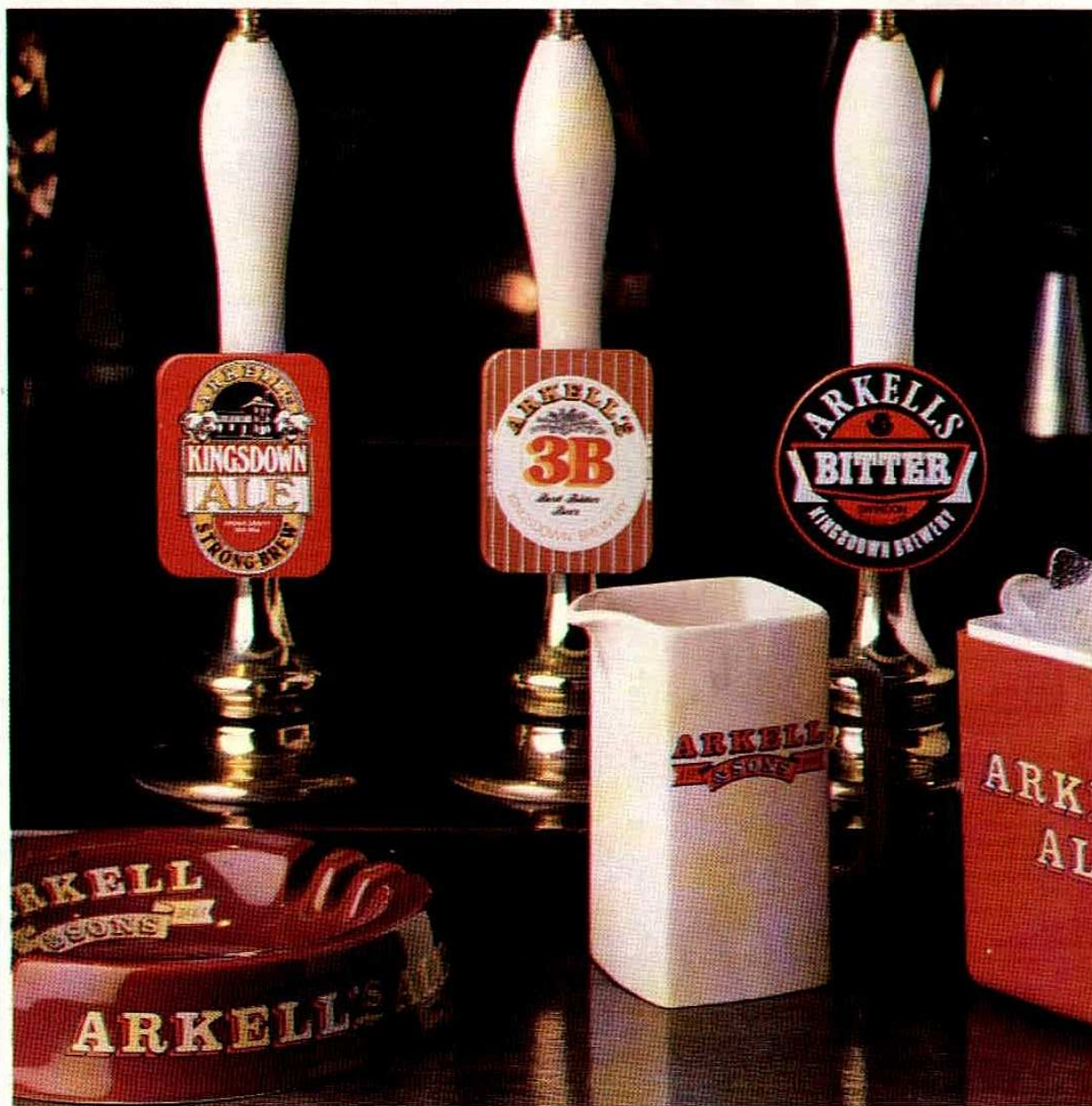
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EXCITING PROSPECT

A second match with Southampton at the Dell is still an exciting prospect. We played well against the First Division Club and created plenty of chances.

I honestly thought that we deserved to win. Southampton must have gone home well satisfied with the draw. When you are the away team, every draw seems satisfactory, especially in cup matches.

TIM PLAYED WELL

It was a match in which I thought Tim Flowers played well and for the First Division Club both Russell Osman and Neil Ruddock were solid.

We were continually pushing forward so it restricted them to the counter attacks. The 'Saints' always appeared dangerous on the break. With players like Rodney Wallace, Paul Rideout, Mathew Le Tissier and Alan Shearer up front they are a constant threat.

WELL DONE DAVE

Although everyone expected Rodney Wallace to be a big danger to us when the ball was kicked over the top of our defence, David Kerslake coped well with his pace.

It was a credit to Dave that he did not allow him to run amok. For a newcomer into our set-up I must say that Dave has settled well into our back four.

NOT OVER YET

The replay at the Dell will be on a smaller pitch than the one here at the County Ground. The crowd at Southampton are much nearer to the players also.

It's amazing that Southampton always appear to have so much space on a tight ground. This tie is far from over and we will be

geared up to fight to the finish. We can surprise Southampton and still earn that home tie with Oldham Athletic. It may still require a third match to settle the issue!

CRACKING GAME

What a cracking game at Sunderland last Saturday, I felt we were in control of the game for most of the time.

We were in no rush, able to build our moves with patience and we were able to be on target with some good efforts. It was a killing goal to concede in the last minute. The newspapers referred to it as a last minute goal, but really the referee

played a good two minutes after the goal. It was probably in injury time that he had added on. The last ditch effort was through a melee of legs and was difficult for Fraser Digby to see.

WHAT ABOUT THAT SAVE?

Talking of Fraser, what about the save he made against Paul Rideout last week. It wasn't a miss, but a tremendous save by our England Under-21 International.

Fraser stood up to make the save and committed Paul in the way in which he shot. That is top class goalkeeping by anyone's standards.

WE WILL HAVE TO COMPETE

Reflecting back to cup matches, how easy it is to be satisfied with a draw in these competitions. In comparison, a League match would mean that we have lost two points!

Today's match is an ideal opportunity to match ourselves against a team who appear to be destined for the top flight. Their results have been outstanding and we shall have to compete for every second of this game. Any team that Dave Bassett manages are relentless.

LOOKING TO THE LIONS VISIT

Wednesday's forthcoming match with Millwall should provide some more top class entertainment and it will be interesting to meet up with Tony Cascarino once again.

Tony was, of course, with Gillingham before moving to Millwall. We met in the Third Division play-offs. I think it is fair comment to say that he has made giant strides since and his performances with Eire under Jack Charlton have been a revelation.

Colin Calderwood



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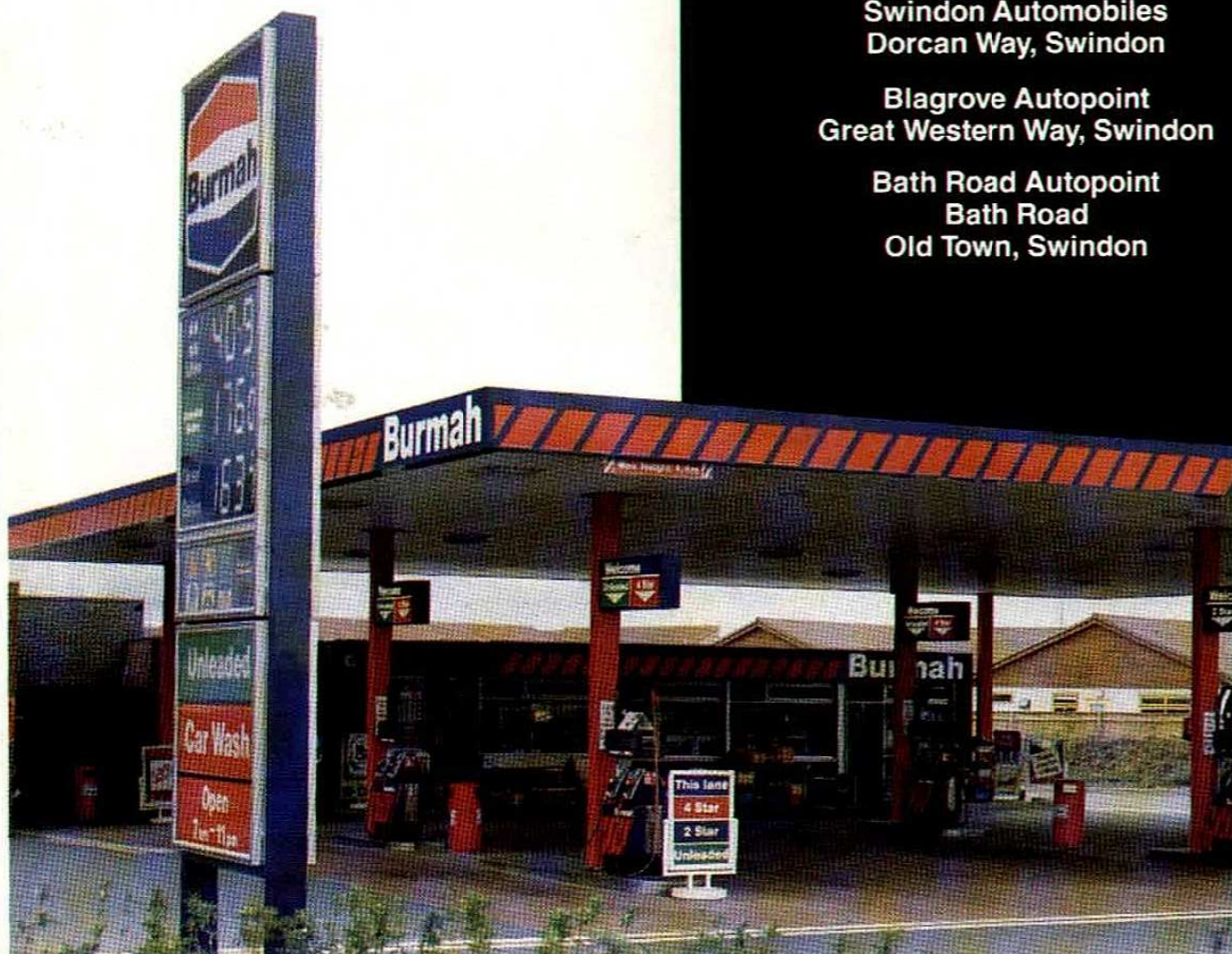
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FLOWING PLAY

Despite a classy performance last week, yet another Littlewoods Cup replay lies ahead. Flowing football from the 'Town' failed at the finishing stage but seemed to surprise many, with our style being beamed to millions of people on Midweek Sports Special and drawing deserved glowing praise. It was good to see that Brian Moore had the same problem as the rest of us with the pillars on the Shrivenham Road side obscuring his view. Colin Calderwood was brilliant again at the centre of the defence feeding the ball to a midfield which played its most intelligent football of the season. The match at the Dell will be our toughest yet, with the prospect of more extra-time on offer, a display of the quality of last Wednesday could still be enough to see us through – what a Christmas present that would be!

POMPEY

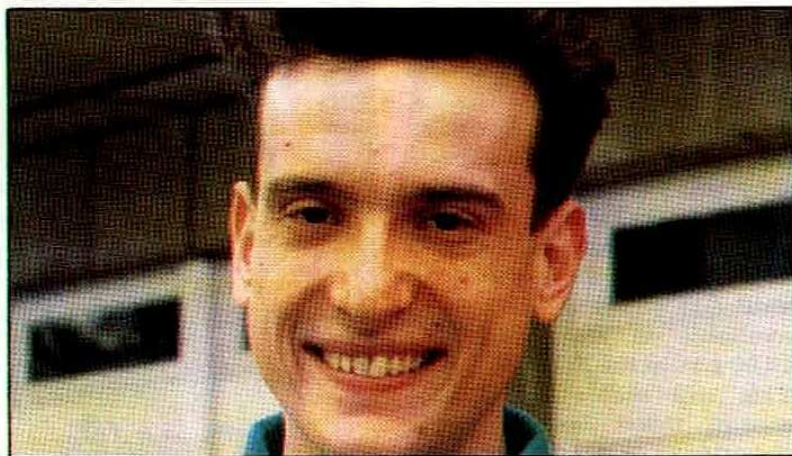
After our conflict with Bolton Wanderers, our second battle of the week was necessary in our last League game at the County Ground as we drew 2-2 with lowly but lively Portsmouth. In a matter of moments a probable win had been turned into a likely defeat, Duncan Shearer's well timed equaliser ensured that we stayed in contention at the top of the table. Pompey seemed somewhat more subdued than normal, with less than half a dozen over the top tackles and only a couple of neatly placed elbows. One of their officials did seem determined to make it into their already overflowing hall of shame though with his extensive coaching from the Shrivenham Road touchline, earning a spineless ticking off before scurrying back to his rightful position on the other side of the pitch. It never ceases to amaze me how players and officials can continue to add to footballs poor public image with their behaviour on and

off the pitch becoming more bizarre by the week. Much more incident and they'll deserve the intervention of the Police, something that I'm sure most supporters have, up to now, been dead against, but as usual footballs own actions are forcing the issue.

FOR GOD'S SAKE HELP!

The aims of a collection for improved disabled facilities at the County Ground are admirable and as such every fan should be able to spare the price of a programme to help out those less fortunate than

believable whitewash over the Arsenal, and Norwich brawl itself brings the game into disrepute. How can £70,000 in fines be any sort of punishment for two First Division sides, when that amount can only buy a very average First Division player, or take care of their weekly wage bill? The F.A. rule book apparently didn't allow for deduction of points, the only effective fine, so the Fudging Alliance of footballs hierarchy missed their opportunity and conveniently copped out by slapping the Clubs on the wrist and citing their past behaviour as an



by **Michael Scott**

themselves. What sticks in the throat though is that it is supporters who have to take the initiative to finance these improvements, when the involvement of local businesses could achieve the same end far more quickly. Helping the disabled watch the 'Town' in comfortable surroundings is obviously not as glamorous for local businesses as the prospect of 'entertaining' in a proposed executive box with other local businessmen, but as a public relations exercise alone it is surely more attractive.

F.A. WHITEWASH?

The Football Association's un-

excuse for their leniency. The Police Federation quite rightly summed up the action as 'a joke' and not a very funny one at that.

Tuesday nights tough game against more South Coast opposition used up our game in hand and enabled a more realistic view of our position to develop. Today we face our toughest League game of the season against the Second Division, a cup-tie performance will be in order to continue our genuine challenge at the top of the table and sets us up for our vital game in the Zenith Data Systems Cup this week.

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WELCOME TO UNITED

Welcome to the County Ground for this afternoon's match with the Second Division leaders Sheffield United. This promises to be one hell of a struggle and I am sure we shall witness a highly competitive encounter.

The Bramall Lane Club's Manager, **Dave Bassett**, has worked miracles for United and never lost faith in his beliefs and principles following his brief excursion to Watford. Did you note that there were **30,464** spectators at the Zenith Data System Cup match at Hillsborough recently between the two Sheffield Clubs!

TICKET ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 'SAINTS' REPLAY

For the Littlewoods Cup Fourth Round replay with Southampton at the Dell we have a limited number of tickets available for the replay. In the first instance they will be made available for season ticket holders. Following today's match they will be available from the Reception desk until 5.15 p.m. and will also be available on Wednesday until 10.00 p.m. at the Reception desk. This will enable our country season ticket holders ample opportunity to purchase a ticket for this match if they require.

The Reception office, is of course, open daily from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m., except Sunday. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on Thursday next, December 14th from 9.00 a.m. at the matchday ticket office.

WELL DONE THE SUPPORTERS CLUB AND HELPERS

When we played Portsmouth at the County Ground recently the match was preceded by a sponsored walk, to raise funds for an improvement to the Disabled Enclosure, by the Supporters Club.

It was a frosty morning but it did not deter the walkers. Some were pushed around the County Ground in their wheelchairs and over all over £500 was raised. I have



by **Dave King**

attended several of the Supporters Club meetings and their concern for fellow humanity is most admirable. Thanks to all of you who have contributed. Not enough is done in this direction to help the less fortunate.

WELL DONE OSSIE

Our first point at Sunderland last Saturday. All records end sometime and eventually we were due to take a point at Roker Park.

There hardly seems a minute between matches this season, they appear every few days! The manner

in which 'Ossie' Ardiles has adapted to this Club and everyone to him is marvellous. I don't suppose very few of us give time and thought as to how he has changed the style of play with no disastrous consequences and improved a spectacle. A quiet man with dignity and presence, 'Ossie' quickly gained the respect of all who have come into contact with him. Well done 'Ossie', you undertook a difficult task following Lou Macari's era at the County Ground but you overcame any inherent problems and stamped your own style and quiet, pleasant personality.

ZENITH v MILLWALL

Your Second Round Zenith Data System match versus Millwall will go ahead as scheduled next Wednesday, December 13th, at 7.45 p.m.

It was feared at one stage that due to the National team's commitments within the next few days that the match may have been delayed. However, although the Football League were concerned that Fraser Digby could be required for the England 'B' team, they were due to inform the Football Association that they did not want a further delay in our growing cup commitments. If we are successful on Wednesday the Football League have advised the Club that we may have to fulfil the Norwich City fixture on Saturday December 23rd. I must stress this is a possibility and at this stage not fact, purely hypothetical until after the result is known and we should not tempt providence.

A POSSIBILITY

Football League representatives **Chris Walley** and **Colin Metcalfe** have inspected the County Ground facilities with a view to utilise the County Ground in the Governments I.D. pilot scheme. Along with Derby County and Reading, this Club will be considered as a medium sized strategy. Arsenal are among the larger Clubs seen as a prime possibility. We will let you know if we are to become further involved.



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KITSACTIONS



PAUL PLOWMAN LOOKS BACK AT THE CAREERS OF SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED BOTH SWINDON TOWN AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS

In the 1920's, Herbert Chapman was a Manager without parallel. But as a player, his career had encompassed a rapid succession of Clubs in ten years of mediocrity. Swindon and Sheffield United were just two of those Clubs.

In more recent times, the first signing from United after the War came in January 1957, in the shape of wing-half Jack Fountain. In seven years at Bramall Lane, Jack made only 13 League appearances. He stayed at the County Ground until 1960 before returning north to York City. Sadly, he was caught up in the 'bribes' case of 1965.

In January 1966, Swindon signed Brian Richardson, also a wing-half. Brian had completed 300 League appearances for the Blades since making his debut at Christmas 1955. He was to stay just six months before a final season at Rochdale.

David Munks came to the County Ground via Portsmouth. Sheffield-born, David was an apprentice at Bramall Lane and signed professional forms in August 1964. He left for Fratton Park in May 1969, and stayed there until the Town signed him in December 1973. David made just 21 League appearances in twelve months at Swindon, before joining Exeter on loan. His transfer to the Devonshire Club was completed in March 1975.

BROTHERS AT NEWCASTLE

Geordie Chris Guthrie, who cost United £100,000 from Southend in May 1975, came to the County Ground for a quarter of that fee two years later. Chris had begun his career with his home-town team, where his brother was a full back, but had departed with only three League appearances to his name. With Southend he found his scoring boots but was soon tempted away by the kind of offer that a Third Division side cannot refuse.

Chris hit 14 League and Cup goals for Swindon in 1977/78, but after a change in management found himself 'out in the cold' after just six games in the following autumn. He had spells in London with Fulham and Millwall before injury put paid to his League career. Chris went to Holland but is now back at Newcastle, on the 'backroom' staff.

JUST ONE GAME

Ulsterman Peter Dornan had a somewhat shorter stay in League football

In December 1976, during Chris Guthrie's stay at Bramall Lane, Peter came over from Linfield. He made one full appearance and two as substitute before going home again on New Year's Eve. Peter made a second attempt in February 1979, when he came to Swindon. But it was not to be and following one appearance as twelfth man, at Peterborough on April 24, he returned to Linfield once again.

Another ex-Blade to make just a single appearance for the Town was goalkeeper Tom McAlister. Tom, who completed his apprenticeship at Bramall Lane in May 1970, was ever-present for United in the First Division in 1972/73 and eventually signed for

another. Glenn's move to Bramall Lane in March 1984 was the second time that Lincoln had received a six-figure fee for the talented midfielder player. Swindon Town took him from Sincil Bank in December 1979, but his stay at the County Ground lasted only eighteen months. United doubled their investment when Glenn signed for Southampton for £225,000 in October 1985.

Paul Richardson, has also been the subject of 'Connections', but the final link is provided by Steve Foley, recently returning to the Town side following injury. Steve spent two years in Sheffield and was top goalscorer for United in the Second, prompting Lou Macari to bring him to Swindon in June 1987.

Passing Back



Paul Plowman

neighbours Rotherham in March 1976. He hardly missed a game for the Millers before joining Blackpool for £50,000 in July 1979. But a year later he was released on a 'free' and came to Swindon. His solitary game for the Town came in a comfortable 3-0 home win over Plymouth Argyle at Christmas. After a loan spell at Bristol Rovers, Tom moved on to West Ham United in May 1981 and remained there until this summer. Now Player-Manager of Harrow Borough, he celebrates his 37th birthday today.

£100,000 TWICE

Glenn Cockerill, seen in action at the County Ground eleven days ago, is one of the few who have gone to Sheffield after leaving the County Ground. Ray McHale, who was featured in this series earlier in the season, is



● Chris Guthrie



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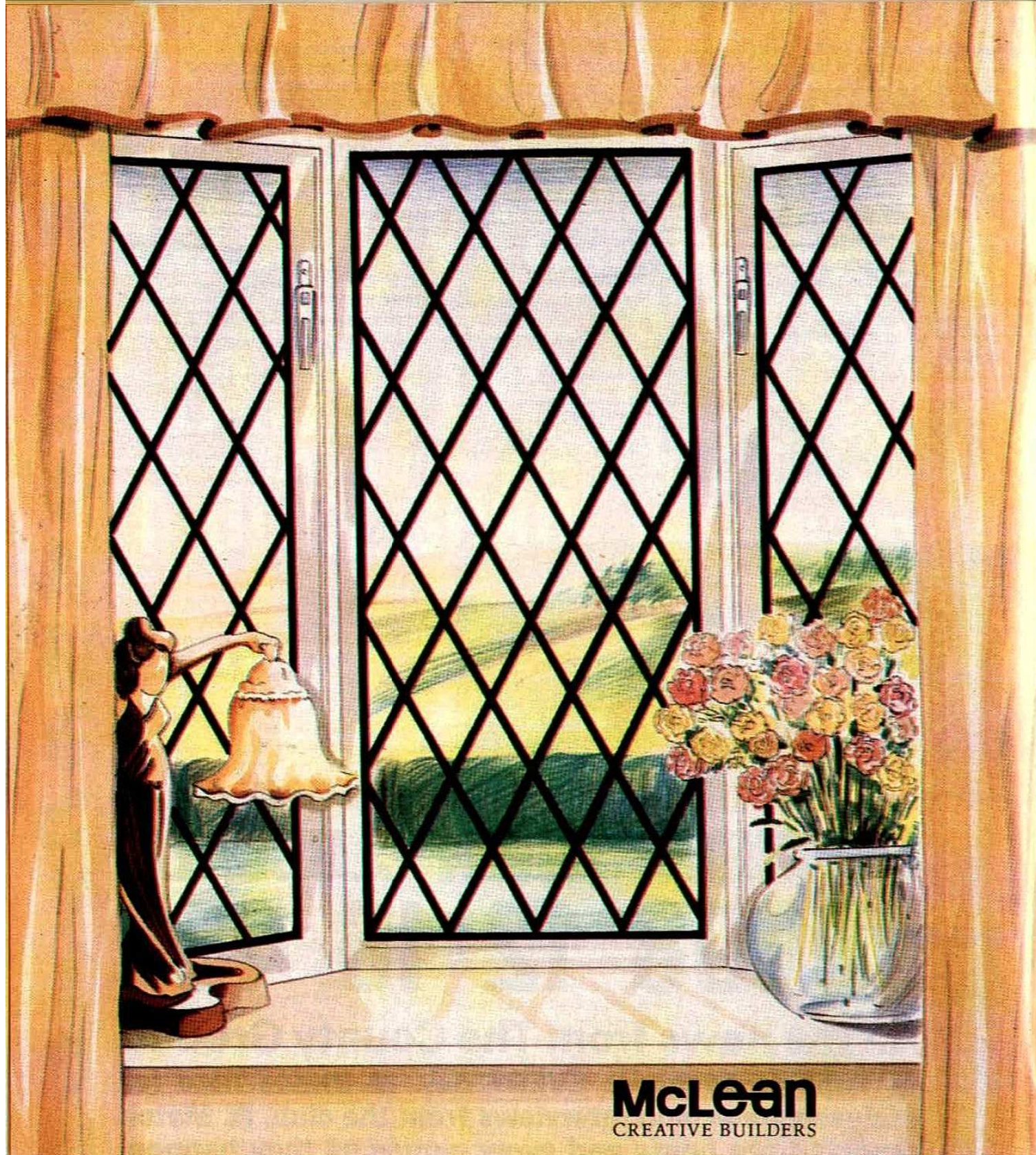
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1. Newcastle United
2. Leeds United
3. Oldham Athletic

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

Middlesbrough.

3. A tip for promotion from Division Three.

Bristol City.

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

1. Fraser Digby
2. Paul Parker
3. Steve Nicol
4. Phil Thompson
5. Dave Watson
6. Ronnie Whelan

7. Colin Morris
8. Steve Foley
9. Kevin Drinkwell
10. Ian Rush
11. Peter Beagrie

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

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

Team and Opponents:

Swindon Town
v Oldham Athletic

Date of Match:

December 17th 1984

Venue:

Boundary Park

Position played:

Midfield

Player you were marking:

Tony Henry

No. of goals scored:

None

Final result:

0-3.

7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.

Lake District
Greece

8. Your favourite sports commentator.

Brian Moore.

9. Your favourite publication for sport.

Shoot

Steve Foley



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

Paul Hunt - Worst
Dave Geddis - Best

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

Anfield - Liverpool
Wembley.

12. Your worst moment on the football field.

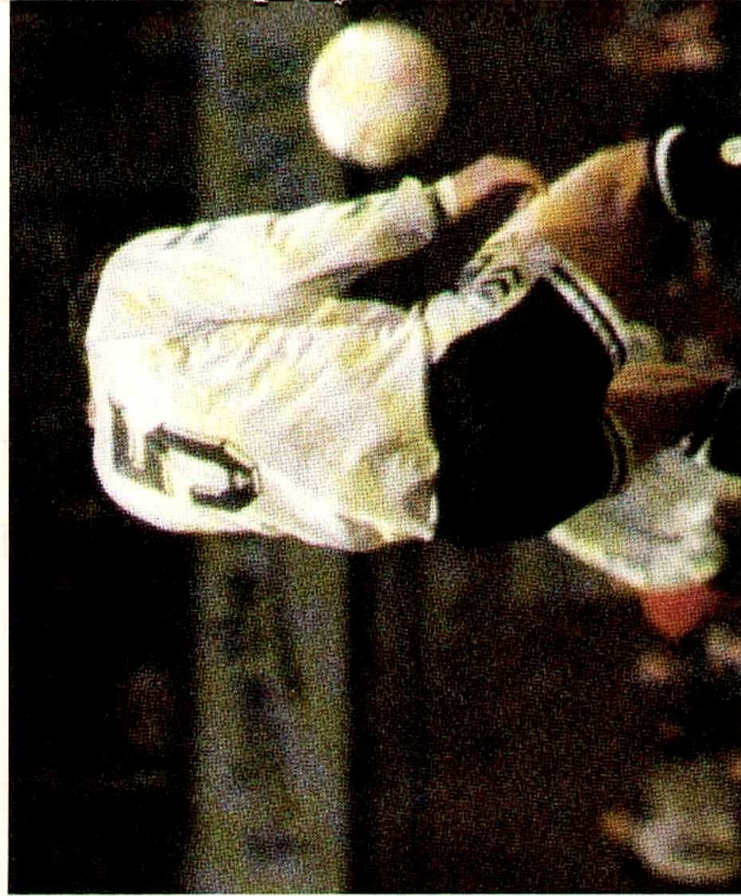
Having to be substituted against Crystal Palace in the Second Leg of the play-offs.

13. What are your favourite TV shows.

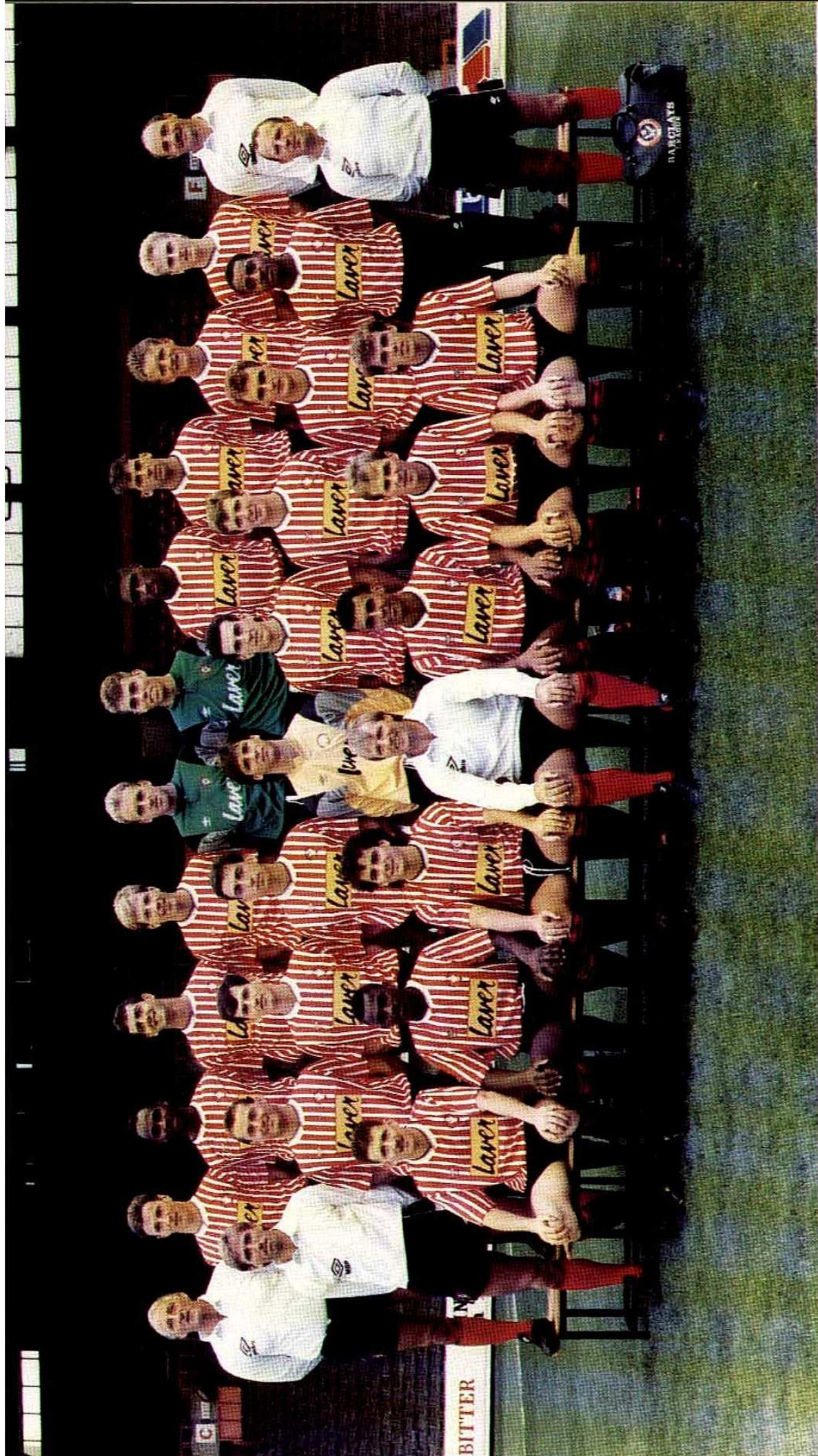
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PERSONAL OPINION





Action from our recent 0-0 home draw versus Southampton



SHEFFIELD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): Geoff Taylor (Coach), Ian Bryson, Tony Agana, Paul Stanciliffe, Simon Webster, Graham Benstead, Matthew Dickinson, Brian Deane, Bob Booker, Chris Wilder, Brian Smith, Keith Mincher (Youth Team Coach).

Middle Row (left to right): John Dungworth (Youth Development Officer), Martin Pike, Julian Winter, Mark Morris, Simon Tracey, Darren Carr, James Gannon, Colin Hill, Cliff Powell, Derek French (Physio).

Front Row (left to right): Peter Duffield, John Francis, John Gannon, Dave Bassett (Team Manager), David Barnes, Alan Roberts (now Lincoln City), Mark Todd.

Form guide

Following their promotion from the Third Division last season, Manager **Dave Bassett** is currently leading a United revival to regain the First Division status that the Bramall Lane Club lost due to relegation.

Sheffield United have lost only one home match this season, when Lou Macari's **West Ham United** won 2-0 on October 14th. They have defeated **Ipswich Town** (2-0), **Brighton and Hove Albion** (5-4), **Oldham Athletic** (2-1), **Stoke City** (2-1), **Portsmouth** (2-1), **Wolverhampton Wanderers** (1-0) and, last week, **West Bromwich Albion** (3-1).

Struggling **Hull City** took a point from a goal-less draw. **Leicester City** and **Bradford City** gained a point in 1-1 draws.

The Bramall Lane Club's away form has seen them win at **West Bromwich Albion** (3-0), **Ipswich Town** (2-0), **Wolverhampton Wanderers** (2-1), **Barnsley** (2-1), **Watford** (3-1) and **A.F.C. Bournemouth** (1-0). They have drawn at **Middlesbrough**

(3-3), **Plymouth Argyle** (0-0), and **Sunderland** (1-1). The Sheffield Club suffered their first and only defeat at **Newcastle United** (0-2), on November 25th.

Goalscorers - League: Brian Deane 7, John Francis 5, Ian Bryson 5 (including one penalty), Carl Bradshaw and Bob Booker 5 each, Tony Agana 3, John Gannon 2, Mark Morris and Wilf Rostron one each. **Own goal:** one.

Littlewoods Cup: Brian Deane one goal.

Zenith Data Systems Cup: Bob Booker, Brian Deane and John Francis one each. **Average League Attendance (Home):** 15,208. **(Away):** 16,733.

Littlewoods Cup (Home): 11,136 one match v Rotherham United. **(Away):** 11,833 one match v Rotherham United.

Zenith Data Systems Cup (Home): 4,926.

Yorkshire County Cricket Club formed **Sheffield United** in March 1989. The **Bramall Lane Club's** first Secretary, Mr. J. B. Wostinholm, was also Secretary of the cricket club.

MIDFIELD - Former Brentford midfielder **Bob Booker** (31), joined United in November 1988 after eleven seasons with the Griffin Park Club. An ever-present this season, **John Gannon** will celebrate his twenty-third birthday in eight days time. John joined United from Wimbledon and, although not immediately accepted by the Bramall Lane fans, his impact has become more significant as the season progresses. John has missed one match this season. **Ian Bryson** (27), moved to Bramall Lane in August 1988 after eight years with Scottish League Club Kilmarnock. Ian scored twelve goals in his forty-eight League and Cup appearances last season. He has netted four this campaign. **Dave Whitehouse** (19), made four first team appearances last season. Dave has also made four appearances this season, taking over the number 11 shirt from Ian Bryson. Belfast born **Mark Todd** (22), celebrated his twenty-second birthday last Monday. Three days previously he had been placed on the transfer list at his own request. The former Manchester United player is believed to be priced at £90,000. Mark has been a regular substitute for United this season. **Michael Lake** (23), was signed from non-League Macclesfield Town earlier this season for a £40,000 transfer fee. He has made an immediate impact with the Bramall Lane Club.

Town Coach, Andy Rowland, is the only **Swindon Town** player to score a hat-trick against United. Andy achieved this feat on February 14th 1981 in our 5-1 win. Just 6,308 watched the match. Two years previous Andy scored a brace in a 3-2 win on November 11th 1979.

FORWARDS - **Tony Agana** (26) and **Brian Deane** (31). Tony played for non-League Welling United and Weymouth before joining Watford in 1987. Tony, who joined Sheffield United in February 1988, was joint top goalscorer last season with 30 League and Cup goals. Injury has restricted his appearances this campaign. Tony was recommended to the Town by Chief Scout Bert Head before Watford signed him. Leeds born, Brian, was joint top goalscorer with Tony last season also with 30 League and Cup goals. He moved to Bramall Lane from Doncaster Rovers in July 1988. Brian has scored seven goals this season. **John Francis** (27), was signed from non-League Emley, he was previously with Halifax Town. He has deputised for Tony Agana this season. Former Middlesbrough apprentice **Peter Duffield** (20), scored fifteen goals last season but has found his appearances limited this season to mainly a substitutes role. Former Sheffield Wednesday striker, **Carl Bradshaw** (21), joined United initially on loan from Manchester City. Since his move became permanent he has responded with five goals so far this season.

Welcome to SHEFFIELD UNITED

THE SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS - **Simon Tracey** celebrated his twenty-second birthday yesterday. The former Wimbledon apprentice has been an ever-present in the Bramall Lane Club line-up this season. Simon joined United in October 1988.

Graham Benstead (26) is a former England Youth International who began his career with Queens Park Rangers. After four seasons at Loftus Road he joined Norwich City in 1984. Graham made 20 League appearances for the 'Canaries'. After a loan period with Colchester United he signed for Sheffield United in July 1988. **Matthew Dickens** (19) is a Youth team product who has spent a brief period with Swedish Club Malmo.

Sheffield United Manager, Dave Bassett, won 10 England Amateur International Caps and played in the Amateur Cup Final for Watford and Hertham, who defeated Slough 1-0.

DEFENDERS - Former Arsenal full back, **Colin Hill** (26), made 46 First Division appearances for the Gunners before moving on for brief spells with Brighton, Maritimo (Portugal) and Colchester United. Colin, who joined United in July 1989, has appeared in every League match this season at right back. Injuries and suspen-

sion had led to the left full back position being shared. Former Coventry City, Wolves, Ipswich Town and Aldershot defender **David Barnes** (28), played in the first nine matches of this season. Since then former veteran Watford and Sheffield Wednesday defender **Wilf Rostron** (33), has taken over the mantle for the past thirteen matches. Central defender **Mark Morris** (27) and **Paul Stancliffe** (31), have had an unbroken partnership at the heart of the United defence this season. Mark has followed Manager Dave Bassett from Wimbledon to Watford and then on to United in the summer of 1989. Paul, the former Rotherham United defender, joined his home town Club in 1983 and is a veteran of over 500 League and Cup appearances during a consistent career. Former Tottenham Hotspur, Norwich City and Huddersfield Town defender **Simon Webster** (25), has found his appearances limited by the fine form of Mark Morris and Paul Stancliffe.

In our away League match at Bramall Lane this season we lost 2-0 on September 12th. The Sheffield United line-up was: Tracey, Hill, Barnes, Booker, Stancliffe, Morris, Roberts, Gannon, Francis, Deane, Bryson. Substitutes: Whitehouse and Bradshaw. Referee: M. Reed.

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'BLADES' TEMPER

After the recent excitement of the one-off cup competitions in this column, let's consider the Second Division again in more detail.

It's Sunday soccer at the County Ground in Swindon. It was 2-2 exactly a fortnight ago against Portsmouth.

Over the same weekend top-of-the-table Sheffield United, the only unbeaten Club of 1989 away from home, lost that record two-nil at Newcastle. For the host side, John Gallagher and Mick Quinn got the goals, the Hatters' 17th of the season. It was the biggest St. James' Park crowd of the season - 28,092.

Leeds United stayed second, despite losing 2-1 away to West Bromwich Albion. Chris Fairclough scored a consolation goal at the Hawthorns.

NINE GOAL THRILLER

There was a nine-goal thriller at Ewood Park when Blackburn Rovers beat West Ham United 5-4 - 'an engaging extravaganza', according to the national newspapers. Scott Sellars was on the scoresheet twice to help Rovers into a 4-0 lead. At 5-2 'Hammers' supporters staged a sit-down protest. The Fleet Street views - 'Macari chumps can be champs'.

BATTLE AT BOTTOM

In the 'Battle at the Bottom', Stoke City lost by a single goal at home to Leicester, their first away success of the season.

The lowest attended game of the day, 5,715, saw Barnsley come from behind to beat Hull 2-1, thanks to two goals in eight minutes. The home side still hasn't won on their own patch during the current campaign.

HOME PARK SET-BACK

Nicky Cross scored twice for Port Vale at Plymouth Argyle. Argyle suffered their first defeat at Home Park this term, 2-1, after taking the lead through Skipper Tommy Tynan - his 11th so far in 1989/90.

Gary Penrose made it three goals in three games for Watford since his £500,000 transfer from Bristol Rovers. Visitors Wolves missed the suspended Steve Bull, they lost 3-1 even though they were put in front

by Andy Mutch. The 'Hornets' broke an 11 fixture winning sequence.

YALLOPS 'WALLY'

Frank Yallop's own goal put Oldham Athletic in front at Ipswich Town. The Suffolk side equalised within five minutes. Final score 1-1.

Bernie Slaven took his personal tally for the season to 13 with the only goal at Ayresome Park, where Middlesbrough overcame Oxford United.

Marco Gabbiadini has also scored an unlucky number for some. He was on target again in Sunderland's 2-1 away win at Brighton and Hove Albion.

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At Valley Parade, Bradford City beat A.F.C. Bournemouth 1-0.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE OF THE SEASON

Seven days on, Saturday 2nd December, Division Two's biggest crowd of the season, 31,715 at Elland Road, saw Leeds United overcome Newcastle United. Ian Baird scored the only goal of the game. This result ended the 'Magpies' nine-match unbeaten run. Bob Booker scored twice at the Hawthorns as leaders Sheffield United beat West Bromwich Albion 3-1.

Bottom Club Stoke City picked up a point away to West Ham United - drawing nil-nil. Leicester City moved out of the bottom three for the first time this season with their third victory in four games. Hull City were defeated 2-1 at Filbert Street.

Robbie Earle netted two goals in Port Vale's 3-2 home win over Bradford City.

PAUL COOK'S FIRST GOAL FOR WOLVES

Paul Cook scored his first-ever for Wolverhampton Wanderers as they avenged their opening-day beating by Middlesbrough in the 2-0 triumph at Molineux. Watford recorded their first away success of the current campaign at Portsmouth, 2-1.

The afternoon's lowest attendance, 4,403, watched Oxford United beat Plymouth Argyle at the Manor Ground by the odd goal in five.

There were away wins for Ipswich Town and Brighton and Hove Albion over Barnsley and A.F.C. Bournemouth 1-0 and 2-0 respectively - little hint of what was to come at the County Ground last Tuesday! Swindon had gone into the game in good heart, after a two-all draw at Sunderland. One other weekend result, Oldham Athletic 2 Blackburn Rovers 0.

THANKS TO PAUL HUNT

Finally, grateful thanks to Paul Hunt, expert summariser during our live commentary on Swindon Town v Southampton in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup.

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(a new initiative)

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(a) that a National Family and Junior Supporters body be set up in order to bring about a long awaited 'voice' into our National game.

(b) The encouragement between Clubs of reciprocal arrangements for families and juniors.

(c) The support and involvement of the Football League with the above, with the provision of new guidelines to support the future growth of junior supporters and their families.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JR TRAVEL CLUB

Sunday 17th Away to W.B.A. Due to the fact that the Junior 'Baggies' are unable to offer us any football, makes this trip less attractive to the JR's.

However should you wish to support a trip to the Hawthorns, with a tour of the ground and a complimentary seat ticket for the afternoon's match, please book after today's match. If insufficient numbers arise the trip will, unfortunately, be cancelled.

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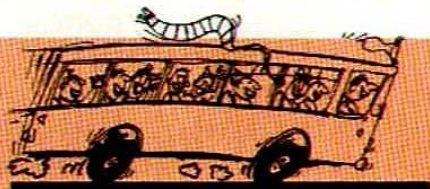
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Travel Club News



Following an extraordinary meeting of members of the Swindon Town F.C. Travel Club on Monday November 13th, a number of statements have appeared in the press which may have caused some confusion as to events which took place and as to the present position of the Travel Club.

The following may assist in clarifying the situation:

★ At the meeting a motion was proposed by the Travel Club Committee present - John Cook, Ann Alder, Paul Plowman, Sue Snow and Janet Smith - that Mr. Lewis be asked to relinquish his position on the Committee with immediate effect. Mr. Lewis is a FORMER Chairman of the Travel Club but was under suspension at the time of the meeting. ★ A ballot was held by the members present at the meeting and the motion was defeated. ★ Following the declaration of the result of the ballot, four members of the Committee - John Cook, Ann Alder, Paul Plowman and Sue Snow - handed a written form of resignation to the Chairman of the meeting. ★ Before the meeting closed, Mr. Dave King asked the four who had resigned to reconsider their action in the interests of conveying Travel Club members to Bolton and Port Vale. ★ The four declined to reconsider their resignation but had already planned to carry out their duties for the Bolton trip as normal. ★ Mr. Doug Buswell was asked to assume responsibility for organising the trip to Port Vale. ★ As more than 100 members had already been booked on this trip, using the Travel Club computerised booking system, Mr. Buswell liaised with two of the four former committee members as to its operation. ★ Following negotiations, the four former committee members AGREED TO ASSIST both Swindon Town F.C. and Travel Club members by staffing the booking office on Wednesday and Thursday evening of last week.

The future of Swindon Town F.C. Travel Club is ultimately in the hand of its 800+ membership. If YOU are a member please support it by attending any meeting that may be called.

PAUL PLOWMAN

YOUR ROUTE TO WEST BROMWICH ALBION AND THE HAWTHORNS

On Sunday December 17th we travel to the Midlands to meet West Bromwich Albion. Your route from Swindon takes you on the A419 toward Cirencester. You by-pass the former Roman Corinium town proceeding by the A417 to the M5 just north of Gloucester using the new Birdlip by-pass. Use the M5 motorway until Junction 1. Leave the motorway and follow signs Birmingham A41 for West Bromwich Albion F.C.

MATCH DETAILS

Seat tickets are available for Town supporters at £7.00 each in the Rainbow Stand. Enter through turnstile numbered A Block R. Standing on the terraces is at the Smethwick End of the ground, admission is £5.00 through the turnstiles situated in the P block.

Car parking is in Halfords Lane and Middlemore Road. There is some street parking within 10 minute walk of the Hawthorns.

Your matchday programme will be on sale at 80p.

FORM GUIDE

Today's visitors, Sheffield United, are one of only three teams to have won at the Hawthorns this season. The Bramall Lane Club inflicted an opening day 3-0 defeat. Since then Wolverhampton Wanderers (2-1) and Newcastle United (5-1) have taken maximum points on their visits to the Hawthorns. West Bromwich Albion have defeated only Oxford United (3-2), Barnsley (7-0) and, more recently Leeds United (2-1) at home.

They have shared the points on the visits of Sunderland and Hull City in 1-1 draws. Blackburn Rovers were the other Club to draw with the Midland Club in a 2-2 draw.

YOUR ROUTE TO SOUTHAMPTON AND THE 'DELL'

For our Fourth Round replay in the Littlewoods Cup on Wednesday December 20th leave

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MATCH DETAILS

This is an all ticket match for Town supporters. Car parking is in nearby streets. The Rail Station is ten minutes walk from the ground.

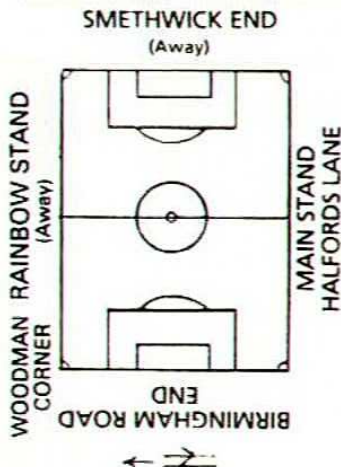
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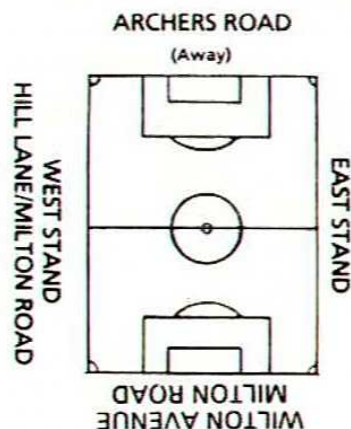
FORM GUIDE

Can Swindon Town succeed where mighty Liverpool failed? The Anfield Club lost 4-1 on their visit to the Dell. Millwall, next Wednesday's visitors to the County Ground, are the only team to have won at the Dell this season. The Lions' succeeded in a 2-1 opening day success. The Saints' have defeated both Aston Villa (2-1) and Charlton Athletic (1-0). They have drawn with Crystal Palace (1-1), Wimbledon (2-2) and Tottenham Hotspur (1-1) at the Dell. In the Littlewoods Cup both York City (2-0) and Charlton Athletic (1-0) have lost at the Dell this season.

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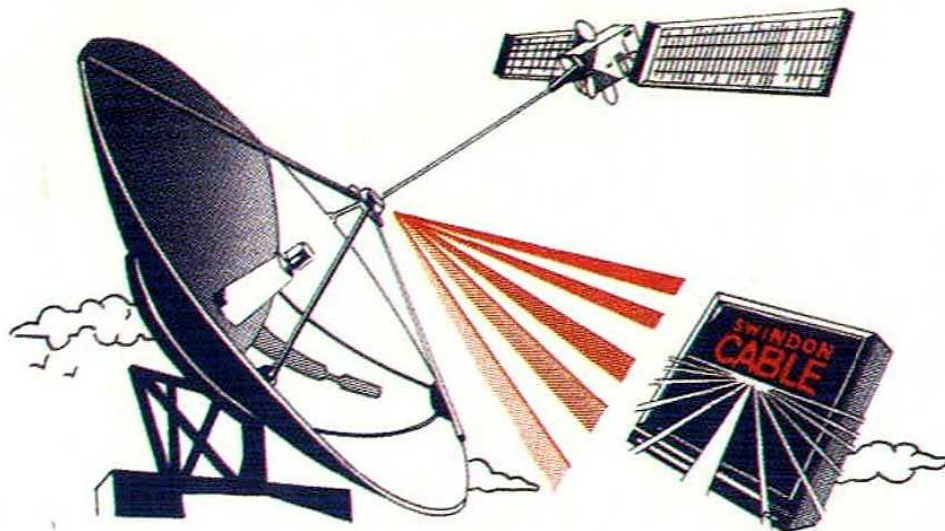
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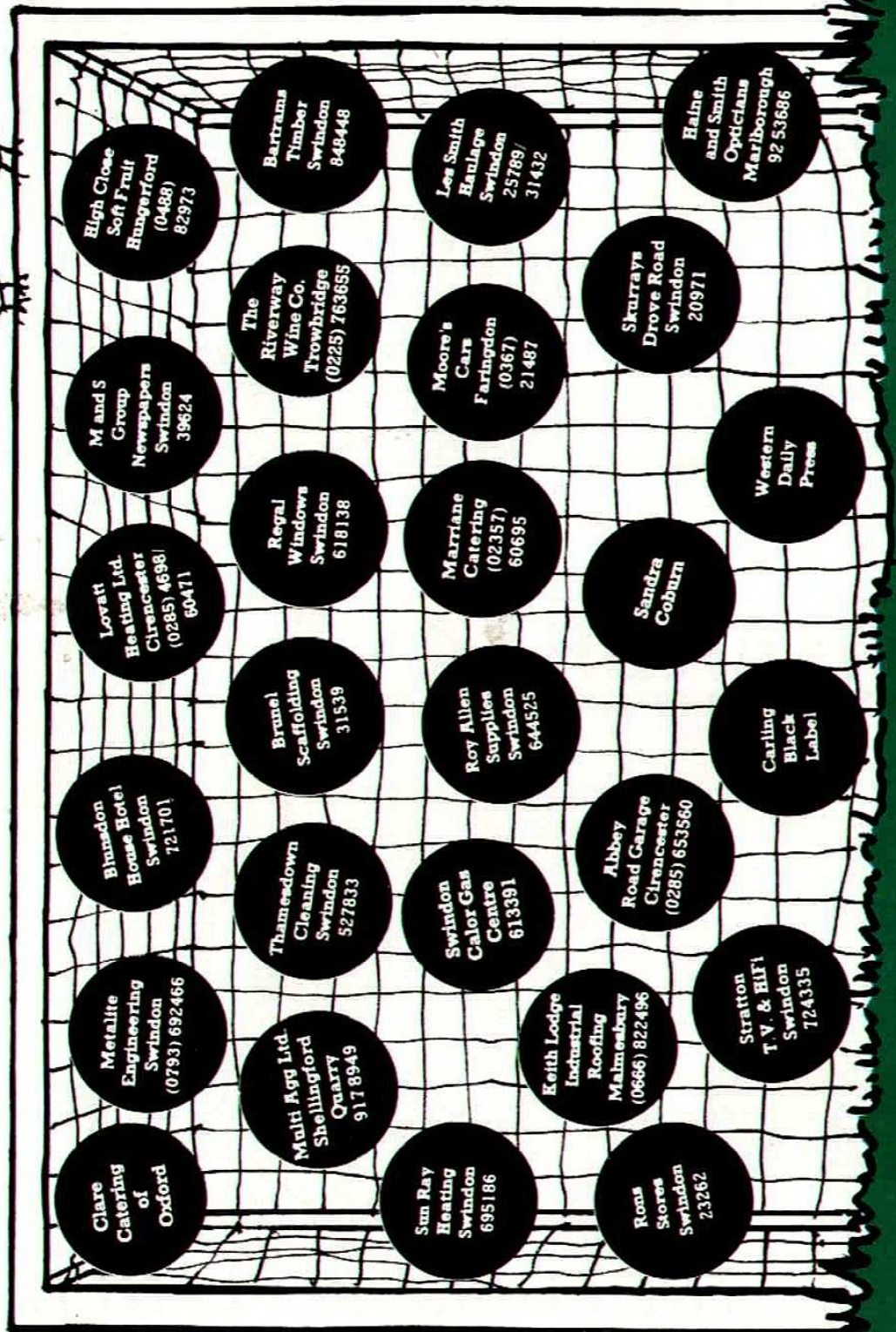
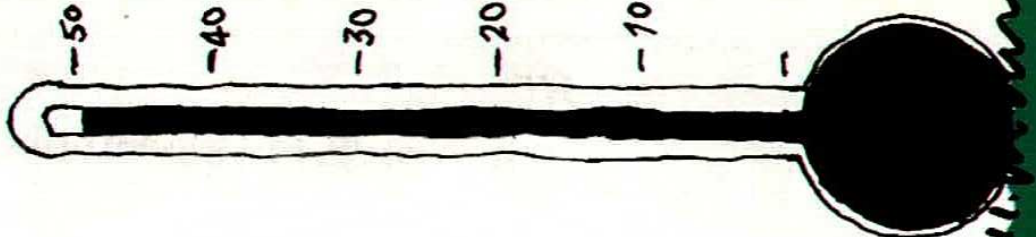
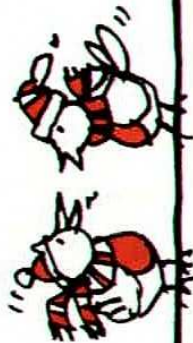
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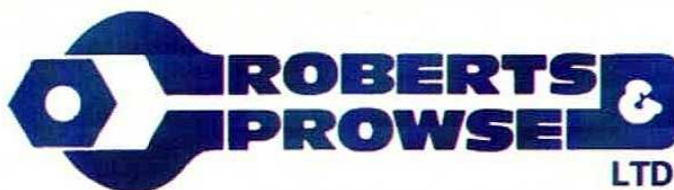


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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	18	14	1	3	53	23	43
Millwall	19	11	5	3	32	18	36
Arsenal	18	11	3	4	42	31	36
Chelsea	15	10	2	3	38	19	32
Norwich City	15	9	1	5	26	18	28
Wimbledon	17	7	6	4	29	21	27
Swindon Town	18	9	0	9	29	29	27
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	8	2	7	28	30	26
Ipswich Town	17	6	3	8	27	34	24
Queens Park Rangers	16	7	2	7	26	33	23
Oxford United	16	7	2	7	30	24	23
Crystal Palace	19	6	5	8	27	24	23
Luton Town	13	5	4	4	23	18	19
Charlton Athletic	17	5	3	9	29	35	18
Portsmouth	14	4	7	3	14	19	17
West Ham United	16	3	5	8	29	36	14
Watford	15	2	6	7	25	33	12
Fulham	14	3	1	10	9	37	10
Southampton	18	1	6	11	17	30	9
Reading	16	2	4	10	19	43	9

INEPT DISPLAY

Our Football Combination team lost their second match in succession when they were defeated 2-1 by Charlton Athletic on Tuesday November 25th at Well-ing F.C.

This was a match in which, if we had applied ourselves properly, we could have won comfortably. Instead, it resulted in a defeat through too many players giving below par performances.

Charlton Athletic took the lead after only **ten minutes** when **Andy Jones** scored with a header from a Tivey free kick. We struggled to get to grips with the game and Charlton were continually pressing forward. They scored again in the **thirty-first minute** when **Mark Tivey** broke clear to hit a rising shot past Andy Petterson. Our only effort of the first half was a shot from Nicky Summerbee just before half-time.

Although we managed to raise our game a little in the second half the damage had been done in our inept first half display. We gained some consolation to make the scoreline a little more respectable when **Sean Close** reduced the arrears in the **eighty-ninth minute**.

Tim Parkin was in outstanding form throughout the match and showed a fine example to the young

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players which, unfortunately, failed to rub off on them.

Team: Andy Petterson, Mark Lea, Alex Graham, Paul Trollope,

Andy Rowland



'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90

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



• **Tim Parkin** – joined Third Division Port Vale on Wednesday in a **£57,500** transfer deal.

Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Neil Tomlinson, Paul O'Driscoll, Shaun Close, Nicky Summerbee, Paul Hunt.

Substitutes: Liam Dixon (for Neil Tomlinson in the 75th minute), **Darren Hall** (for Mark Lea in the 65th minute).

• **Andy Jones** – the Charlton Athletic striker joined Bristol City two days later on a monthly loan deal.

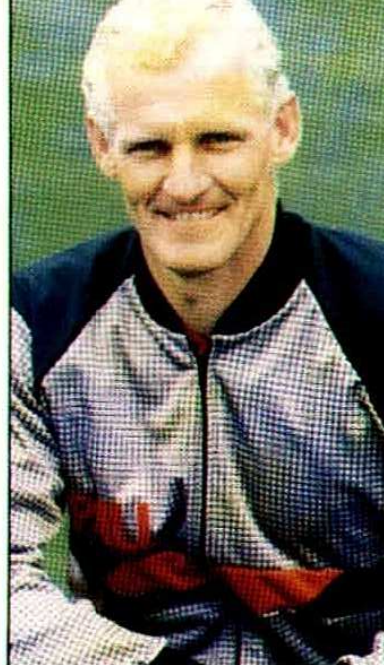
PAYING HOMAGE AT THE PALACE We lost our South East Counties League fixture when we visited the League leaders Crystal Palace on Saturday November 25th by 2-1.

We failed to approach the first half with any real purpose and we were outwitted whether we were in possession or defending. It was against the run of play when **Liam Dixon** latched on to a weak back pass to beat the Palace keeper in the **eleventh minute**.

Crystal Palace deservedly equalised in the **twenty-second minute** when a long forward ball allowed **Simon Roger** to beat Town keeper Paul Thompson.



• **Liam Dixon** - The Highworth striker scored the Town's goal in the 2-1 defeat against the League leaders.



John Trollope

With strong half-time words about showing a better second half approach ringing in the players ears this brought a better approach. A fine through ball by Paul Trollope found Liam Dixon, who turned inside a Palace defender and was upended. Alex Graham wasted the spot-kick with a weak shot, allowing Palace keeper Woodman to make an easy save. **Dean Goodman** gave Crystal Palace maximum points when Paul Thompson missed a long throw-in, allowing him to tap the ball home.

A poor first half display was followed by an improved second half. We really must maintain this second half kind of approach for every game, and each minute.

Team: Paul Thompson, Lee Spalding, Alex Graham, Wayne O'Sullivan, Darren Hall, Mark Lea, Richard Walker, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Casey Goble.

Substitutes: Marcus Phillips (in 87th minute for Graham), Ryan Lovegrove.

Our Allied Counties Youth League team gave a totally inept display in their 2-0 win against a depleted Staines Town team on Monday November 27th. Ian Howell and Robert Spence were the Town goalscorers.

Team: Ryan Lovegrove, Neil Sharland, Lee Spalding, Ian Howell, Martin Churchward, Darren Hall, Marcus Phillips, Richard Walker, Casey Goble, Stuart Phillips, Robert Spence.

Substitutes: Murray Fishlock (for Neil Sharland in 71st minute), Paul Thompson (for Stuart Phillips in 78th minute), Andy Thompson (not used).

• **Paul Thompson** - The Town Youth team goalkeeper emulated the feat earlier this season of Ryan Lovegrove by being utilised as an out-field substitute play in this match.

• Our **Midland Youth Cup, Second Round** match at **Nottingham Forest** is now set for **Tuesday, January 23rd 1990**. The **kick-off** will be at **7.00 p.m.**

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90				
Date	Opponents		Result	
1989				
Sat Aug 19	Reading	11 am	H	1-1
Sat 26	Oxford United		A	0-3
Sat Sep 2	Wimbledon	11 am	H	0-3
Sat 16	Tottenham Hotspur	11 am	H	3-0
Sat 23	Aldershot		A	3-2
Sat 30	A.F.C. Bournemouth		A	3-1
Sat Oct 7	Luton Town	11 am	H	1-2
Sat 14	Colchester United		A	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	2-3
Sat 11	Southampton	11 am	H	1-1
Sat 18	Bristol City		A	2-1
Sat 25	Crystal Palace		A	1-2
Sat Dec 2	Bristol Rovers		A	3-2
Sat 9	League Cup (3)			
Sat 16	Tottenham Hotspur		A	
1990				
Sat Jan 6	Reading		A	
Sat 13	Oxford United	11 am	H	
Sat 20	Wimbledon		A	
Sat 27	Aldershot	11 am	H	
Sat Feb 3	Colchester United	12 noon	H	
Sat 10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	11 am	H	
Sat 17	Brighton & Hove Albion		A	
Sat 24	Brentford		A	
Sat Mar 3	Bristol City	11 am	H	
Sat 17	Luton Town		A	
Sat 24	Southampton		A	
Sat 31	Crystal Palace	11 am	H	
Sat Apr 7	Northampton Town		A	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP 1989/90				
Date	Opponents		Result	
1989				
Sat Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am	H	2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90				
Date	Opponents		Result	
1989				
Wed Aug 30	Peterborough United		A	3-0
Tues Jan 23	Nottingham Forest			

FA YOUTH CUP				
Date	Opponents		Result	
1989				
Mon Oct 30	Portsmouth	7 pm	H	2-3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (up to and including 25th November 1989)										
Division Two										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Crystal Palace	13	11	2	1	32	11	24			
Oxford United	11	8	2	1	30	15	18			
Wimbledon	15	7	3	5	29	15	17			
Southampton	17	6	5	6	24	23	17			
Colchester United	17	8	1	8	30	30	17			
Northampton Town	13	7	2	4	29	19	16			
Brighton & Hove Albion	13	7	1	5	29	18	15			
Brentford	12	6	4	3	29	21	14			
Reading	13	6	2	5	19	14	14			
Luton Town	11	11	5	4	17	14	14			
Swindon Town	14	5	3	6	18	27	13			
A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	4	5	5	26	25	13			
Tottenham Hotspur	16	5	1	10	21	36	11			
Bristol Rovers	13	4	1	8	19	32	9			
Bristol City	14	2	3	9	11	22	7			
Aldershot	13	0	1	12	12	36	1			

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP				
Date	Opponents		Result	
1989				
Mon Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion		A	0-2

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(up to and including 5.12.89)

Duncan Shearer	14
Alan McLoughlin	10
Steve White	9
Ross Maclaren	3
Tommy Jones	2
Jon Gittens	2
Paul Bodin	2
Phil King	1
Colin Calderwood	1
Tim Parkin	1
Fitzroy Simpson	1
Own goals	3

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FRASER DIGBY. The England Under-21 International makes his 136th League appearance today.



SIMON TRACEY. The former Wimbledon player has been ever-present in the 'Blades' line-up this season.

DAVID KERSLAKE. Plays in his third Football League match for the Town this afternoon.



COLIN HILL. The former Arsenal and Colchester United defender has also played in every match this season.

PAUL BODIN. Will be making his 106th Football League appearance today.



WILF ROSTRON. The former Watford player scored in only his third appearance for the Club against Wolves on October 7th.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. Watched by Eire International Manager Jack Charlton in the 2-2 draw at Sunderland last week. On target as well!



BOB BOOKER. Scored twice in the 3-1 defeat of West Bromwich Albion last week, his sixth goal of this season.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. The Town Captain will be making his 189th full League appearance for the Town this afternoon.



PAUL STANCLIFFE. The former Rotherham United defender is ever-present in the 'Blades' defence this season.

JON GITTENS. The former Southampton defender makes his 71st League appearance for the Town against the Second Division leaders.



MARK MORRIS. Another former Watford and Wimbledon import into the Bramall Lane set-up. Scored his only goal this season in his second League appearance against Ipswich Town on August 26th.

TOMMY JONES. The former Weymouth and Aberdeen midfielder player makes his 57th League appearance today, all for the Town.



CARL BRADSHAW. The former Sheffield Wednesday striker joined the 'Blades' initially on loan from Manchester City.

DUNCAN SHEARER. Goal number 13 at Roker Park for the free scoring Scot this season.



JOHN GANNON. Another ex 'Wormble'. Scored twice this season, against Wolves and Bradford City.

STEVE WHITE. Scored the second goal in our surprise 3-2 defeat against A.F.C. Bournemouth at the County Ground in midweek.



PETER DUFFIELD. The former Middlesbrough player netted eleven goals last season for the 'Blades' as they finished runners-up to champions Wolves in the Third Division title chase.

ROSS MACLAREN. Vacated the penalty taking mission in favour of Paul Bodin in the 3-2 midweek defeat.



BRIAN DEANE. Joint top goal-scorer last season with 30 goals. His 75th minute goal earlier in the season at Bramall Lane set the seal on the 'Blades' 2-0 win against the Town.

STEVE FOLEY. Made 148 League appearances for the 'Blades' before joining the Town. Steve netted 14 League goals for United also.



IAN BRYSON. The former Kilmarnock midfielder player has netted five goals for United this season.

FITZROY SIMPSON. Injured his knee ligaments against A.F.C. Bournemouth in midweek. Hoping to make a quick return today.



JOHN FRANCIS. Scored two goals as a second half substitute in the 3-1 win at Watford on October 28th!

JOHN CORNWELL. The former Newcastle United player has been nominated as a substitute for the past four matches.



SIMON WEBSTER. Found his appearances limited this season. Nominated as substitute in the last five matches.

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