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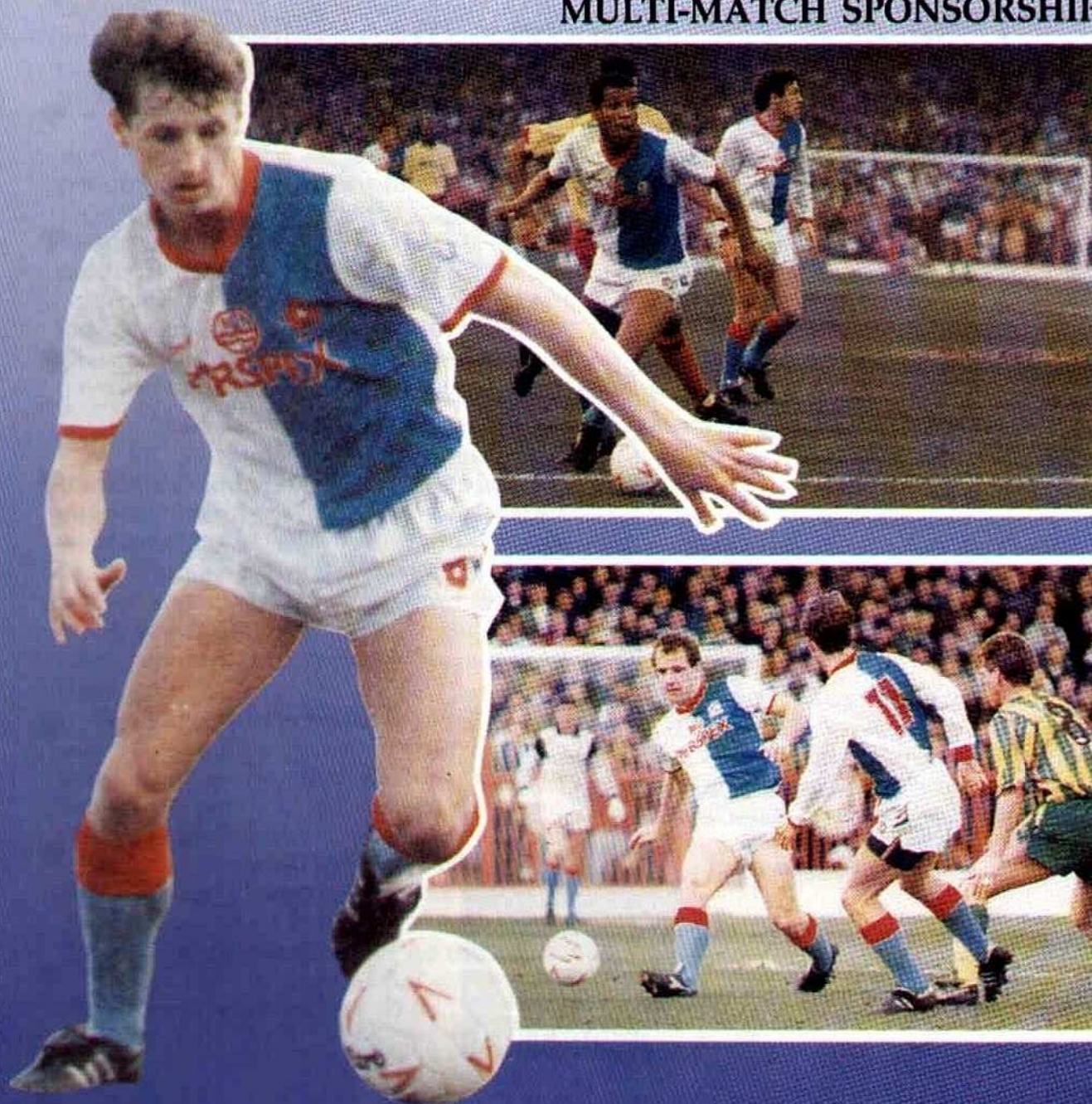
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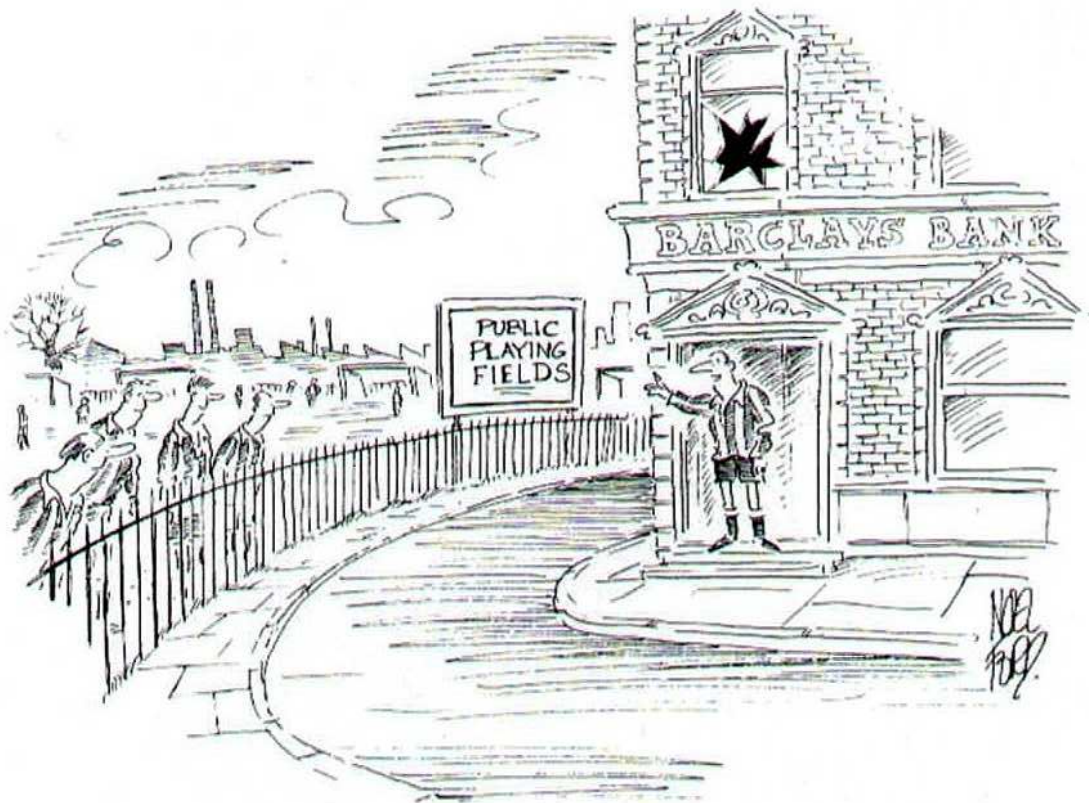


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DON'S VIEW



TODAY it's a pleasure to welcome Swindon Town to Ewood Park and, in particular, their manager Ossie Ardiles, who had a loan spell with us at the end of one season and went close to helping us to achieve promotion. Similarly, he was so close to it again with Swindon last season.

There's no doubt that Swindon were definitely one of the better sides in the Second Division last term but, like ourselves in many ways, they have found it difficult to find any consistency this time.

Today's match also takes on extra significance in view of our last two home performances, more so the last one against West Bromwich Albion. It was more than disappointing and it never ceases to amaze me just how unpredictable this game can be.

We only lost 10 games in total throughout last season's programme in the Second Division. Already at home this season we have lost nine and that is not acceptable.

Confidence

A lot of the problem stems from confidence, and you have to have a belief in your own ability. One of the reasons we went away last week was to try to recharge batteries and build up confidence again.

Fans can contribute and I continue to thank you for helping in that way. It must have been so frustrating for you against West Brom.

We all know we are a much more capable side than we have shown of late. The only thing is, of course, that we have to show that on the park and we shall be striving to do so this afternoon.

There is so much rubbish written and talked about players not trying and not doing things. As I have said repeatedly in the past, professionals never go out on the field with the intention of not doing well. They always want and try to do their best,

but circumstances affect different players in different ways. It only takes one or two to go off the rails a little bit and it can affect everyone.

I know that many of you here today will have played football at some level though perhaps not, in most cases, professional football. And it IS altogether different, though it is hard to explain to people just how difficult it can be at times.

Despite what people may write, professionals do try to give 100 per cent in every game. Though that might not always be evident to spectators — yes, and managers sometimes.

If we could come up with the theory why that is, then we would never get anything wrong.

Opportunity

Supporters expect — rightly so — a certain standard from a team in the Second Division. They have paid their money and are entitled to it.

Well, we have another opportunity today to show you just how capable the team is, not only of surviving in the Second Division but of doing well.

There's a very fine line between success and failure and we have to roll up our sleeves, stop making excuses for each other and just get on and do our jobs.

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HERE is a letter I received from a Portsmouth supporter:

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STANLEY TURNELL,
Fareham, Hants.

Robins at sea

TODAY'S visitors, Swindon Town, have established a link with HMS Marlborough, a new Type 23 frigate which will soon leave the Newcastle dockyard where it has been built. The Royal Navy is due to take over the frigate on March 4 and the commissioning ceremony will be in Plymouth on June 14. Ratings from HMS Marlborough will be guests of the club for a League game later this season, and representatives of the club have been invited to the commissioning ceremony and a guided tour of the frigate.

Football on TV

THE matches to be shown 'live' on ITV in the next few weeks are: Sunday, March 3 — Liverpool v Arsenal; Sunday, March 17 — Arsenal v Leeds United; Monday, April 1 — Southampton v Liverpool, with a 5.00pm kick-off.

Penalty contest

THERE will be two rounds of the Under-13 schools penalty competition at today's game. Before the kick-off Moorlands High School, in light blue, will compete against Billinge High School in the green strip. At half-time Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in their blue and red strip have Pleckgate High School in the dark blue strip as their opponents.



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With **PETER WHITE**
Lancashire Evening Telegraph



I HAVEN'T a clue as to the identity of Barnet FC's bank manager, but his best friend must be the boss of the GM Vauxhall Conference club, Barry Fry.

For when it comes to raking in the cash the Barnet boss must be the best in the business. Last week's potential record deal, which saw Barnet's highly-rated striker Andy Clarke move across London to join First Division Wimbledon, was nothing unusual for Fry.

Depending on Clarke's progress with the Dons, Barnet could recoup a massive £350,000 for his services, and that is the fifth transfer deal of six figures that Fry has negotiated on Barnet's behalf.

The initial payment for Clarke was £150,000 and, if they receive the full amount, it will double the previous non-League record fee, established by — that's right — the Barnet boss, when he sold Phil Gridelet to Barnsley for £175,000.

Perhaps the biggest tribute to Fry, however, is that while working wonders in the transfer market for his club, he has also managed to keep them knocking on the Football League door.

It seems to me that Barnet's biggest asset is — their manager. How much is HE worth to them?

Meanwhile, Wimbledon's players must have been inspired by the club's move for a striker. They certainly responded in the best fashion — slamming five against Spurs to retain a hope of claiming a place in Europe. Humble Wimbledon that is, not hard-up Spurs!

TALKING of cashing in . . . Notts County were delighted to be handed a trip to White Hart Lane in next week's FA Cup sixth round.

Never mind the fact that Gary Lineker and Gazza will be lying in wait for them as they tackle Spurs for a place in the semi-finals. Like their opponents, cash-conscious County need the money.

Losing £3,000 a week, they were delighted with their share of the record receipts of £123,000 from their Fifth Round game against Manchester City, and takings from a tie at Tottenham could go a long way towards balancing their books.

OF all the words written and spoken since Kenny Dalglish's sensational departure from Liverpool, there was one first reaction to the news that immediately caught my attention.

It came from Leeds United's straight-talking manager Howard Wilkinson. Shocked at the news, he said: "If Kenny Dalglish has resigned because of the pressures of the job the rest have no chance . . ."

Quite!

THERE seems to be just no stopping little Cambridge, as they continue their quest for FA Cup glory, as well as promotion.

Their quite remarkable 4-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday took them to a new club record of 15 matches unbeaten. They added a couple more to it very quickly and, while some of manager John Beck's methods have been questioned, you have to hand it to the man. He gets results.

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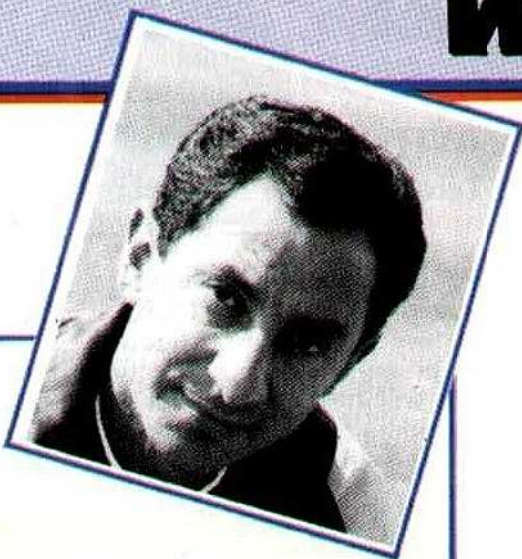
Then Preston played at home to Bradford — and promptly lost 3-0!

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WELCOME TO



OSSIE ARDILES (above) was appointed manager of Swindon Town on July 20, 1989. An Argentinian international, he earned fame during their World Cup triumph of 1978 in Rio De Janeiro when, along with Mario Kempes, he was the star of the Argentinian line-up.

With fellow Argentinian Ricky Villa he signed for Tottenham Hotspur in 1978 and during his ten years there he collected an F.A. Cup winners medal in 1981 and a U.E.F.A. Cup winners medal in 1984.

Ossie played five games for Blackburn Rovers while on loan during his final season at Tottenham and then moved to Queens Park Rangers at the end of 1987/88 season.

He then had a spell playing for Fort Lauderdale in America prior to joining Swindon.

PAUL BODIN. Defender. Attacking left-sided full back who is now a regular in the Welsh international side. Signed for a bargain £25,000 from Newport County in March, 1988, and previously with Bath City, where he was top scorer with 16 goals in 1986/87.

FRASER DIGBY. Goalkeeper. The former England Under-21 keeper missed just one game in 1989/90, the first time he had been absent in over two years. A former Manchester United apprentice, Fraser also spent a loan period with Oldham Athletic before making his League debut for Swindon in September, 1986. He has since made over 200 appearances for the club.

STEVE FOLEY. Midfield. Missed the first three months of last season through injury, but was soon buzzing again as the Town fielded an unchanged line-up in 22 successive League and Cup games. A knee injury forced him out again in the spring. Steve spent four years at Anfield, without making a senior appearance. Signed from Sheffield United for £35,000 in 1987.

JON GITTENS. Defender. Arrived at the County Ground from Southampton for £40,000 three years ago and was previously with Midland Combination club Paget Rangers.

RICHARD GREEN. Defender. Signed for the club on January 3, after a period on trial, following his release on a free transfer from Shrewsbury Town in the close season. He made nearly 150 senior appearances for the Gay Meadow club, where he was previously an apprentice.

MICKY HAZARD. Midfield. Ossie Ardiles's most recent addition to his ex-Tottenham stable at the County Ground. Signed from Portsmouth on September 28 for £130,000. Spent eight years at White Hart Lane, during which time he collected both F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medals, before moving across London to Chelsea for a £300,000 fee in 1985.

TOM JONES. Midfield. Made a speedy recovery from a cartilage operation in the 1989 close season and clearly enjoyed the short ball game favoured by Ossie Ardiles. A former Chelsea apprentice, Tom arrived at Swindon in September, 1988, via the circuitous route of Farnborough Town, Weymouth and Aberdeen. Has filled in at right-back when David Kerslake was suspended but will normally be seen on the right of the midfield 'diamond'.

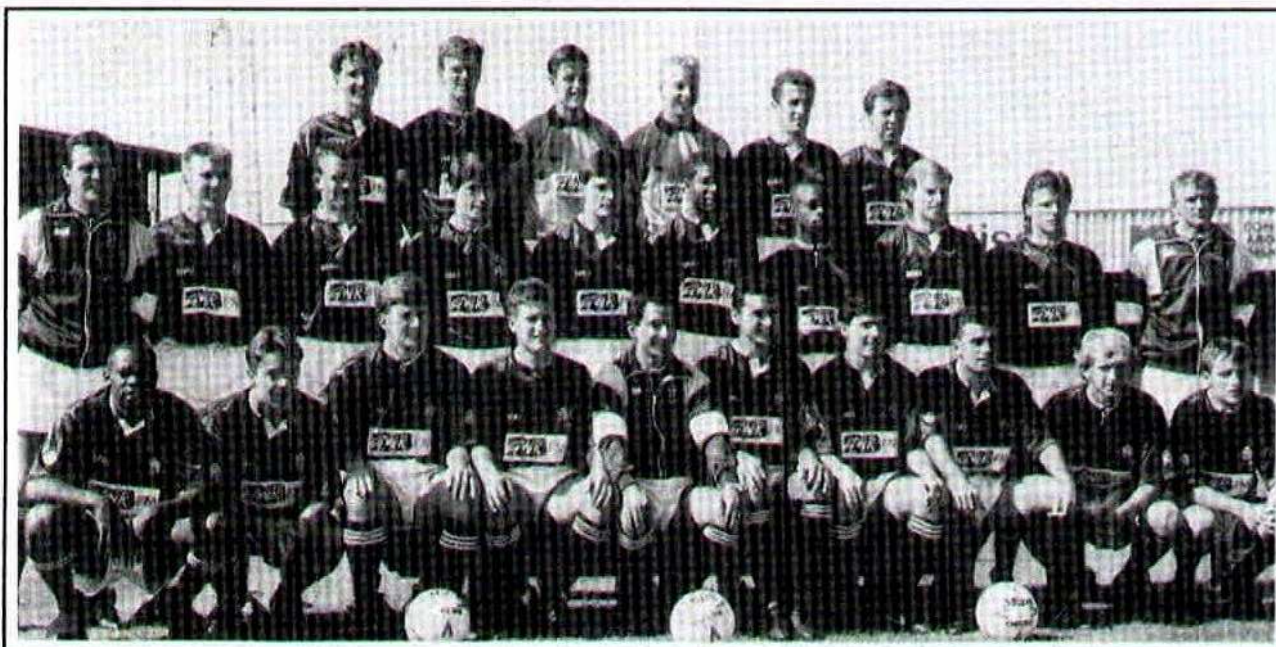
DAVID KERSLAKE. Midfield/Defender. Signed for £110,000 from Queens Park Rangers in November 1989, David stepped in at right-back and became a firm favourite with the fans with his forceful runs upfield. Represented England at schoolboy, youth and Under-21 levels. He joined the Loftus Road club as an apprentice and made his first team debut in a U.E.F.A. Cup tie in 1984.

NESTOR LORENZO. Defender. The Argentinian, who played in the World Cup Final, is Swindon's most recent signing, from Italian club Bari, for a reported £400,000 — a club record fee. Nestor has appeared 25 times for this country and was previously with Argentinos Juniors. He made four appearances while on loan, scoring against Portsmouth on his League debut on November 10.

ROSS MacLAREN. Midfield/Defender. The other 'ever-present' in the Swindon side last season, along with Colin Calderwood, Ross has assumed the role of skipper in the absence of his fellow Scot and is the 'anchor-man' of midfield. Signed two years ago from Derby, where he won a Second Division championship medal, and previously with Shrewsbury Town and Glasgow Rangers.

DUNCAN SHEARER. Joint top scorer with 27 goals last season, Duncan has topped his club's scoring list for a fourth successive season (twice with Huddersfield Town) and leads the way again this term with fifteen to the end of February. Signed from the Yorkshire club for £230,000, he was previously released by

SWINDON TOWN



Chelsea on a 'free' transfer.

FITZROY SIMPSON. A former trainee, he made a 30-second debut as a substitute in December 1988. Was sent off twice last season but has since fought to overcome his disciplinary problems. Injury set-backs at the club gave Fitzroy the chance to play 'up front' and he celebrated a recent recall with a goal against Sheffield Wednesday.

ADRIAN VIVEASH. Defender. Acquitted himself well in Swindon's pre-season friendly with Everton in Dublin, but had to wait until mid-October for his League debut, in the local 'derby' with Bristol Rovers. Injuries and suspensions have since given Adrian the opportunity to claim a regular place and he has acclimatised to Second Division football well.

STEVE WHITE. Striker. Probably the best 'free' transfer signing ever made by Swindon Town, Steve was the other half of the club's 54-goal partnership last season. Previously with Bristol Rovers (twice), Luton Town and Charlton Athletic. Scored five goals in four games during January.

BACK: Liam Dixon (on loan to Happy Valley, Hong Kong), Adie Viveash, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Steve White, Tony Galvin (now Assistant Manager).

MIDDLE: Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Coach), Tony Clark (no longer with club), Dave Hockaday (now Hill City), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Bodin, Greg Costello (no longer with club) Chic Bates (now Birmingham City).

FRONT: Neil Tomlinson (now Worcester City), Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, David Kerslake, Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Colin Calderwood, Alan McLoughlin (now Southampton), Shaun Close, Paul Trollope, Nicky Summerbee.

FORM GUIDE — SWINDON'S LAST TEN GAMES

Date	Opponents	Res	Gate	Scorers	Pos in Lge
Dec 29	Watford	A 2-2	11,233	Shearer, Lorenzo	14
Jan 1	Plymouth Argyle	H 1-1	9,736	Foley	13
Jan 5	Leyton Orient (FAC-3) .	A 1-1	6,679	Shearer	—
Jan 12	Bristol City	A 4-0	16,169	Hazard, White (2), Shearer	12
Jan 19	Hull City	H 3-1	7,297	White, Shearer (2)	10
Jan 21	Leyton O. (FAC-3R)	H 1-0	7,395	White	—
Jan 26	Norwich City (FAC-4) ..	A 1-3	14,408	White	—
Feb 2	Middlesbrough	A 0-2	14,588		13
Feb 19	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 2-1	8,274	Simpson, Foley	11
Feb 23	Portsmouth	A 1-2	8,889	White	11

(Up to and including February 23)

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They had shaken the football world a few months earlier by winning not only promotion from Division Three but also the Football League Cup, with a remarkable extra-time victory over Arsenal at Wembley.

We had just had rather an undistinguished season in Division Two, avoiding relegation by just two places.

We fielded three newcomers in Alan Hunter, Ken Knighton and Brian Hill. Knighton, in particular, made an encouraging start, seeming always to be in the thick of things, his fair hair and determination standing out like a beacon in the early exchanges. We should have taken the lead when a John Smith back pass went straight to the feet of Eamonn Rogers, but he screwed the ball off the side of his boot and visiting goalkeeper Peter Downsborough managed to scramble on to it.

Awkward

Then, after a Hill corner had been palmed by Downsborough against the crossbar, a free kick was awarded as our strikers rushed in for the kill. Don Rogers caused us several awkward moments with his speed as half-time approached. But then, as we hit back, Stan Harland twice got in the way of fierce drives from Eamonn Rogers.

It was Rogers, in fact, who broke the deadlock early in the second half by racing on to a Wilson pass, resisting a Thomas tackle and crossing the ball perfectly for Don Martin to sidefoot it home. Play now swept from end to end as Adam Blacklaw clung on to a low centre from Don Rogers before Ken Knighton flashed a fierce shot just wide. Alan Hunter then headed clear with Adam Blacklaw beaten, but then a gift goal in the 61st minute virtually settled the issue. Downsborough pushed a short goalkick to John Smith, but before the burly midfielder could return it to him, John Connelly had nipped in. He rounded the goalkeeper and coolly slipped the ball home. The general opinion at the end of the game was that we were a fitter, faster and more eager

LAST TEN YEARS' HOME GAMES

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Simod Cup	Blackburn 1	Swindon 2
	Reid	Gittens, Parkin
88/89	Blackburn 0	Swindon 0
89/90	Blackburn 2	Swindon 1
	Garner, Atkins	Gittens
Play-offs	Blackburn 1	Swindon 2
	Kennedy	White, Foley

outfit than we had been at any time in the previous season — and we went on to finish eighth though Swindon, in fifth spot, actually came within three points of Division One.

BLACKBURN: Blacklaw, Newton, Wilson, Hunter, Mulvaney, Knighton, Connelly, Metcalfe, Martin, Rogers, Hill.

SWINDON TOWN: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Horsfield, Smart, Noble, Rogers.

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WHO IS IT?

- He was born in 1959
- He has scored several goals in Division Two this season
- He made his debut for Swindon against Walsall in 1982
- He came to us in August, 1984
- He was in the Northern Ireland 1986 World Cup squad
- He got two goals each in successive games for us against Sheffield United and Wolves
- His one hat-trick for us was also against Sheffield United
- We sold him back to Swindon for more than we had bought him for
- He got 21 Second Division goals for Swindon in 1987/88
- He is a tall long-legged striker
- He has since played for Leicester City and Bradford
- He cost West Ham over £300,000 last year.

ANSWER to *Who Is It?* in our last matchday magazine: Paul Bradshaw.



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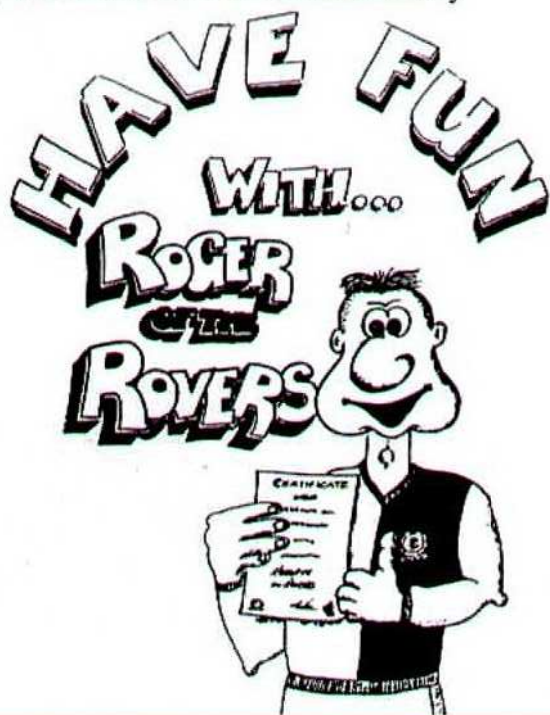
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By PETER DEVINE, Supervisor, Football In The Community

WE are now in the process of organising a soccer school at Easter. All boys and girls from the ages of 6 to 16 are invited to Witton Park's Astroturf where they will be given expert coaching by the Community staff.

The fee of £25 includes a leather football to keep, a printed T-shirt a certificate and other goodies. The schools will be held from 10am-3pm on March 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.

The closing date for entries is March 8 and there is an application form on Page 31.



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VIEWPOINT

With **RON KENNEDY**



BY the time, dear reader, you come to read this programme, Everton and Liverpool — weather permitting of course — will have been locked in F.A. Cup combat for the third time this season.

The second meeting at Goodison where the Merseyside rivals etched that Titanic 4-4 draw deep in our memory, left me with an irresistible urge to give it an honourable mention, no matter how much out of date it might appear.

Kenny Dalglish had good reason to feel aggrieved, not only at the surrender of a lead four times, but also the farcical defending which gifted the old enemy a goodly proportion of their goals.

Whatever the private thoughts which went spinning around in his head in that context, he joined with his opposite number Howard Kendall in praising the game to the skies.

Zapping

I had begun that night switching on to satellite TV to watch the opening phase of the cup tie 'live' before zapping to Inspector Morse on the Granada channel.

This was by way of courtesy to my (infinitely) better half who, to say the least, is none too pleased with my application of the zapper whenever soccer is being screened.

Having disposed of Morse (enjoyable, nonetheless) at a point when all I knew was that Liverpool led by a Peter Beardsley goal, I then bombed over to BBC Sportsnight.

At that point I had not the foggiest notion of what had happened following Liverpool's opener.

Mrs K gave me a look, loosely described

as withering, as she beavered away at some magazine win-a-holiday competition, and more of the same when I responded to the breathtaking thrills of the cup tie just as if I were occupying a place on the Kop.

Just how far the viewing network of the BBC and satellite TV extended I do not know, but it must have run into multi-millions for an occasion of this stature.

What a jewel of an advertisement for the way this beautiful game of ours can be played.

I could not help but compare its thundering pace, skill and tackling with some of the stuff featured in Eurosport etc. from the Spanish and Italian leagues.

Amazement

The world's great footballing stars are there, costing a fortune, the gates are massive, and we see individual touches which make us stand back in amazement.

But there is something very special about the English game; passion and a level of commitment unmatched anywhere.

We can still teach the world the art of tackling, which in other quarters usually leads to a procession of free kicks or worse. Heaven forbid that we go 'Continental' in that particular aspect of the game.

All that I have said so far should not be taken to indicate that I do not recognise the flaws in the way we sometimes play.

Perfection is a goal not very often achieved, and not for one moment is this article intended to suggest that the Everton-Liverpool cup tie was perfection.

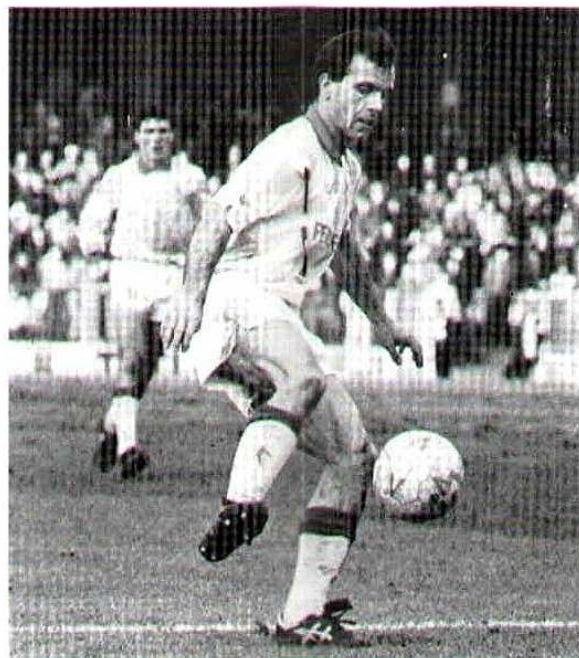
But if anybody can remember a piece of entertainment to top it, I would dearly love to be enlightened.

ACTION SHOTS

Rovers v West



Simon Garner's cross beats a defender.



Nicky Reid traps the ball . . .



Lee Richardson in action before his injury.



Jason Wilcox in a tight spot.

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Rovers v West Brom

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Ky Reid traps the ball . . .



. . . and battles for posession.



Jason Wilcox in a tight spot.



Frank Stapleton takes on Craig Shakespeare.

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Re-arranged fixtures

COACH tickets purchased for the postponed games at Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday are valid for the re-arranged dates, the deadlines for claiming refunds having now passed. Departure times for these games are as follows:

Sheffield Wednesday, April 10, 1991.

Boar's Head, Accrington 5.00pm; Bridge Street, Blackburn 4.45pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood 4.30pm; Darwen Leisure Centre 4.15pm.

Barnsley, April 23, 1991.

Boar's Head, Accrington 5.15pm; Bridge Street, Blackburn 5.00pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood 4.45pm; Darwen Leisure Centre 4.30pm.

Another date for your diaries is the away game at Watford on Tuesday, March 19. As with the games at Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday, this is a mid week match.

To help anyone who may need to arrange time off work, or a change of shift, here are the departure times:

Boar's Head, Accrington 1.45; Bridge Street, Blackburn 2.15pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood 2.30pm; Darwen Leisure Centre 2.45pm.

This trip will be Executive coach only and the price is £12.50.

England v Republic of Ireland

DUE to the lack of demand it will not be possible to run this trip to Wembley as planned.

The people who paid their deposits for the trip can call into the office and claim their money back on production of their receipt.

Cookery demonstration

LADIES, as promised we are arranging events especially for you. The first one is a cookery demonstration being staged by British Gas, in the John Lewis Complex here at Ewood Park on Tuesday, April 30. Further details will appear in the next programme. SO WATCH THIS SPACE.

Prize winner

THE winner of the Goodmans Radio/Cassette recorder was Rachel Walmsley, of Blackburn. Congratulations Rachel — hope your neighbours are still speaking to you!

Programmes

MR COOKSON, of P.O. Box 539, Lostock Hall, Preston, Lancashire PR5 5QP is a private collector of football programmes and he wonders if anyone is interested in exchanging Rovers' programmes for some of his spare programmes.

Mr A.S. Hooper, of 153 Page Road, Bedfont Feltham, Middlesex TW14 8DN is trying to obtain copies of Blackburn Rovers v Brentford programmes for the seasons 1972/73, 1979/80, 1982/83. Can anyone help?

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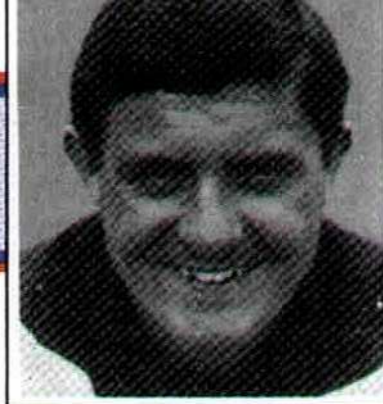
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FAMILY CLUB

News

With GARY
TAYLOR



Visit by Junior Latics

DON'T forget, only two weeks now to the visit from the Junior Latics. Any junior member who has not enrolled to play yet, and would like to, can do so tomorrow morning at Shadsworth Centre at our weekly football training between 11am and 12 noon. Any parents who are willing to help on the day should speak to me today or phone Barbara at the main office during the week.

Pantomime trip

"WE all had another terrific day out on Sunday, February 17, when a coach full of Junior Members went to the Palace Theatre, Manchester, to see Dick Whittington.

"We all met at the ground at 11.15am and spirits were very high as we all waved goodbye to mums and dads and set off to Manchester.

"On arrival at the Palace Theatre we all bought programmes and pop corn before going to our seats. While we were waiting for the panto to start we were all given a goody bag of sweets and crisps and pop. The pantomime was very good and lasted about three hours. It starred Les Dawson, The Roly Poly's and Dooby Duck.

"From the Palace Theatre we came back to Blackburn to McDonalds for burgers, fries and coke, before our mums and dads came to take us home. Thank you Gary and Barbara for taking us!"

From the Kids on the Coach

Well, I would just like to say on behalf of Barbara and myself that it is nice to be appreciated, and everyone was well behaved and a credit to themselves, their parents and the Family Club. I would also like to thank Paul Astley, Dave Pascoe, Bob and Sue Baron, Adrian and Marian Marsh, Rosemary Smith, Liz Shand and Terri my wife for coming along on the day and helping us. We could not have managed without them.

Trip to Wembley

IT'S every schoolboy's dream to play football at Wembley Stadium isn't it?

On Saturday, June 8, England Schoolboys will play West Germany. Would you like to go along and support the stars of the future?

The Family Club is running a coach to this event and the cost of the trip, all inclusive, is £15.00. You don't need to pay the amount in full now — if you would like to join us on this trip we will need a £5.00 deposit now and the remainder should be paid by May 31. If you would like to pay a little each week that's OK, we will give you a payment card.

Seats for this event will only be available until Thursday, March 7, so avoid disappointment — book your place today!

Away Day to Brighton

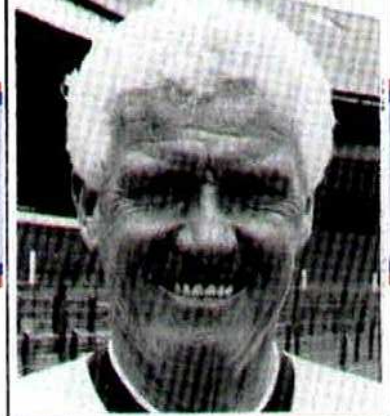
WE have been invited to Brighton to go down and play football before the game on Saturday, March 16. As you can appreciate, this will be a very early start — in other words we will see daylight about Birmingham! Before we can commit ourselves to Brighton we need to know if you would like to go on this trip. Could you please speak to me today or tomorrow at Football Training or ring Barbara during the week. Further details will appear in the programme for the game against Bristol Rovers.

We will be playing football with Notts County Juniors on March 30. Full details will appear in the programme for the Bristol Rovers match.

Meet Lee

TODAY'S Matchday Mascot is Lee Panaro who will be four years old on Tuesday. He attends Heathfield Nursery School, Blackburn, and his hobbies are swimming, ice skating, playing football and playing Turtle games with his brother, Scott. His favourite Rovers' player is Scott Sellars.





**With JIM
FURNELL**

Rovers Reserves 4 Leeds United Reserves 2

THE commitment, passion and pride shown by the Reserve team in our last home fixture was like a breath of fresh air.

It was apparent from the first whistle that the team meant business and the Leeds team were in for a tough time. We pushed up quickly out of defence and pressurised very well, giving the visitors little time to settle and play. It was this sheer persistence that paved the way for our first goal. Paul Shepstone chased a 'lost cause', dispossessed the full back and crossed superbly for Frank Stapleton to finish in fine style with a diving header.

Later in the half we scored our second through Lenny Johnrose, but it was definitely not a contender for Goal of the Season. Lenny hit a 'shot' from about 25 yards, miscued it and it found the corner of the net on the fifth bounce. But, they all count! And that was the scoreline at the interval.

We soon increased our lead. This time Darren Donnelly was the scorer, latching on to a long kick out from Darren Collier and coolly picked his spot to leave their keeper helpless.

YOUTH ON

But credit to Leeds who stuck to their task and through two lapses in our defence pulled two goals back and put us under a lot of pressure. We got our act together and withstood their attacks until the game was put beyond doubt with Darren's second goal. Craig Skinner hit a very powerful shot which their keeper could only parry and Darren was on the spot to tap it home to complete the scoring and make sure of the points.

TEAM: Collier, Oliver, Baah, Skinner, May, Brown, Ainsworth, Johnrose, Donnelly, Stapleton, Shepstone. Subs: Holt, Butterworth.

Burnley 'A' 0 Blackburn Rovers 'A' 1

PLAYED last Saturday at Gawthorpe in a gale force wind and driving rain and on a pitch that resembled a paddy field at the end of the game.

We played against the wind in the first half and had to be at our best defensively and had to be content with the occasional foray into their penalty box. It became increasingly hard to play any football and the ball had to be booted out to the wings where there was some patches of 'green stuff'. With both sets of defenders doing a good job it was no surprise to turn around with the scoreline blank.

It was the same pattern in the second half and with time running out it looked odds on being a scoreless draw. But with only three minutes to go Gareth Ainsworth went down after a crunching

PASSING BACK

With Jack Tipping

10 YEARS AGO

LYING third in the Second Division league table, the Rovers boosted their promotion prospects with a 3-1 win over fellow contenders Sheffield Wednesday, at Ewood Park, before the best home gate of the season — 19,222.

Speight put the Rovers ahead after 26 minutes and player-manager Howard Kendall added a second before half-time.

Andy McCulloch reduced the arrears, but Viv Busby restored the two-goal lead with his first goal for the club.

20 YEARS AGO

DEEPER and deeper into the Second Division relegation mire went the Rovers with a 0-3 defeat by Swindon Town at the County Ground.

Eight goals conceded in two games was an ominous sign and the team was playing without any conviction at all, almost as though they were resigned to their fate.

The forwards lacked punch and the defence was fortunate to survive with the only goal scored before half-time.

After the interval Swindon piled on the pressure which paid off with two more goals. Attendance: 11,299.

30 YEARS AGO

THE Rovers got a well-earned point against Arsenal at Highbury. It was not a great game — the hard pitch and the light ball were against ordered football — but there was plenty of interest and entertainment in the 0-0 draw.

Peter Dobing missed a great chance of impressing the England team manager Walter Winterbottom. The inside-right was seldom in the game and played without a great deal of spirit. But the other forwards responded well.

Attendance: 34,542.

OUR SIDE

tackle and had to be carried off the field (X rays later proved it to be very badly bruised and no break. If he had not been wearing shin guards I have no doubt he would have suffered a broken leg — YOUNGSTERS PLEASE NOTE.)

Andrew Scott, one of our schoolboys, was sent on to play out the last few minutes and with his first and only touch smashed the ball high into the Burnley net. Lenny ribbed him about being the new super sub. It was a hard-won victory that keeps the 'A' team's winning streak going.

TEAM: Gillespie, Holt, Sixsmith, Shepstone, Johnrose, Pickup, May, Ainsworth, Donnelly, Thorne, Baah. Subs: Beattie, Scott.

Rovers 'B' 2 Manchester City 'B' 6

ON paper it looks like another drubbing for the youngsters at a very windy Pleasington last Saturday. But when you look at the sides and realise that the City team contained three professionals and eight apprentices the lads didn't do too badly. They actually took the lead early on through John Butterworth only for the City team to pull it back a minute later. Lee Hitchen gave us

the lead again with a fine header from a Scott Lindsay cross only to see it wiped out again soon after. With their experience and physical power telling, they scored another two before half time to give us a mountain to climb.

We played more compactly and tighter in the second half, but they still managed to score another couple to give the final scoreline a terrible look about it. The lads are learning their trade the hard way in the 'B' team.

TEAM: Ridgeway, Burch, Berry J., McBeth, Cunliffe, Peake, McGarry, O'Shaughnessy, Hitchen, Butterworth, Lindsay. Subs: Ainscough, Yeoman.

On a happier note, congratulations to young Shaun Marsden one of the boys who attend our Centre of Excellence at Blackburn. Shaun has been invited to Lilleshall for trials for the National School of Excellence. They are the first set of trials from which eventually a group of boys will be invited to take up residence at Lilleshall for two years under the guidance of the F.A. and their coaches. We all wish him every success.

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Sept	28	Hull City	2-1	7,337	3	13	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	Dewhurst	Irvine	Millar	● Stapleton	● Richardson	● Gayle ¹	● Johnrose	● Shepstone
	1	Newcastle United	0-1	11,329	—	—	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	Moran	Gayle	Richardson	Stapleton	● Millar	● Oliver	● Johnrose	● Shepstone
	8	Ipswich Town	1-2	10,953	3	18	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	Stapleton	● Gayle	Richardson	Starbuck	Richardson ¹	Wilcox	● Johnrose	● Oliver
	15	Barnsley	1-2	7,665	3	19	Collier	Atkins	● Duxbury	Reid	Hill	Moran	Richardson	Millar	Stapleton ¹	Starbuck	Wilcox	● Johnrose	● Oliver
	18	Leicester City	4-1	6,000	6	16	Collier	Atkins ¹	● Millar	Reid ¹	Hill	Moran	Irvine ¹	Richardson	Stapleton	● Starbuck ¹	Wilcox	● Johnrose	Duxbury
	22	Portsmouth	2-3	7,801	6	17	Collier	Atkins	Millar	Reid	Hill ¹	Moran	Irvine	Richardson	Stapleton	● Starbuck	Wilcox	● Johnrose ¹	Duxbury
	25	Rotherham RC-2 (1-Leg)	1-1	4,231	—	—	Collier	Atkins	Millar	Reid	Hill	Moran	Irvine	Richardson	Stapleton	● Johnrose ¹	Wilcox	● Johnrose ¹	Shepstone
	29	Brighton & H. Albion	1-2	6,027	6	19	Collier	Atkins	Millar	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	Irvine	● Richardson	Johnrose ¹	Starbuck	● Wilcox	● Duxbury	● Shepstone
Oct	3	Bristol Rovers	2-1	5,200	9	18	Collier	Atkins	Duxbury	Reid ¹	Hill	Moran	Irvine	Millar	Stapleton	● Johnrose ¹	Wilcox	Richardson	Starbuck
	6	Oldham Athletic	1-1	12,093	10	16	Collier	Atkins	● Duxbury	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	Irvine	Millar	Stapleton	● Johnrose ¹	Wilcox	● Richardson	● Starbuck
	9	Rotherham RC-2 (2-Leg)	1-0	4,884	—	—	Collier	● Atkins	● Duxbury	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	Irvine	Millar	Stapleton ¹	Johnrose	Wilcox	Shepstone	● Oliver
	13	Watford	0-2	7,060	10	19	Grew	Beglin	Duxbury	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	Irvine	Millar	Stapleton	Johnrose	Wilcox	Shepstone	● Oliver
	20	Plymouth Argyle	0-0	6,267	11	20	Grew	Duxbury	Beglin	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	● Irvine	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	● Wilcox	● Johnrose	● Atkins
	24	West Ham United	0-1	20,003	11	20	Grew	● Duxbury	Beglin	Reid	Dewhurst	Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Atkins	● Richardson	Johnrose
	27	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-2	17,776	14	19	Grew	● Duxbury	Beglin	Reid	Hill	Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton ¹	● Garner	Atkins	● Johnrose	● Wilcox
	31	Q.P.R. RC-3	1-2	8,396	—	—	Grew	Oliver	● Sulley	Reid	Hill ¹	Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	● Garner	Atkins	● Richardson	● Johnrose
Nov	3	Millwall	1-0	7,336	17	17	Grew	Oliver	Beglin	Reid	Hill	Moran	● Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Atkins	● Richardson	● Johnrose	● Atkins
	10	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	13,437	20	12	Grew	Dewhurst	Beglin	Reid	Hill ¹	Moran	● Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Johnrose	Atkins	● Irvine	● Shepstone
	17	West Bromwich Albion	0-2	6,985	20	16	Grew	Dewhurst	Gallacher	Richardson	Hill	● Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Johnrose	Atkins	● Irvine	Shepstone
	23	Port Vale	1-1	8,016	21	17	Collier	May	Gallacher	Richardson	Hill	● Duxbury	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Irvine	Atkins	● Johnrose ¹	Shepstone
Dec	1	Swindon Town	1-1	8,091	22	14	Grew	● Dewhurst	Gallacher	Richardson	Hill	Moran	● Gayle	Millar	Stapleton ¹	Irvine	Atkins	● Garner	● Shepstone
	8	Hull City	1-3	4,166	22	16	Grew	Atkins ¹	Gallacher	Richardson	Hill	Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	● Garner	● Irvine	● Johnrose	● Wilcox
	15	Bristol City	0-1	7,072	22	17	Grew	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	Moran	● Richardson	Stapleton	Johnrose	Johnrose	● Wilcox	● Shepstone	● Skinner
	18	Everton (ZC-2)	1-4	5,410	—	—	Reitmaier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	May	● Moran	Skinner ¹	Shepstone	Johnrose	Wilcox	Dewhurst	Richardson	Duxbury
	22	Middlesbrough	1-0	17,206	25	16	Grew	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	● Moran ¹	Skinner	Shepstone	Johnrose	● Wilcox	Dewhurst	Richardson	Duxbury
	26	Notts County	0-1	8,648	25	17	Grew	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	● Hill	● Dewhurst	Gayle	Shepstone	Skinner	Duxbury	Wilcox	Richardson	Johnrose
	29	Oxford United	1-3	6,428	25	18	Grew	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	Dewhurst	Gayle	Shepstone	Stapleton	● Skinner	Wilcox	Duxbury	● Johnrose ¹
Jan	1	Charlton Athletic	0-0	5,558	26	19	Mimms	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	May	Moran	● Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Johnrose	Shepstone	Duxbury	● Richardson
	5	Liverpool FAC-3	1-1	18,524	—	—	Mimms	Atkins	Duxbury	Reid	May	Moran	● Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner ¹	● Sellers	● Shepstone	● Johnrose
	8	Liverpool FAC-3 Replay	0-3	34,175	—	—	Mimms	Atkins	● Duxbury	Reid	May	Moran	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Shepstone	● Johnrose
	12	Newcastle United	0-1	16,382	26	20	Mimms	● Atkins	Duxbury	Reid	May	Moran	Skinner	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Shepstone	● Johnrose
	19	Ipswich Town	0-1	8,256	26	21	Mimms	Atkins	● Sulley	Reid	May	Moran	Dobson	● Gayle	Richardson	Livingstone	Garner	Sellers	● Skinner
	26	Leicester City	3-1	8,167	29	18	Mimms	Atkins	Sulley ¹	Reid	May	Dobson	● Gayle ¹	Richardson	Livingstone	Garner	Sellers	Millar	● Irvine
Feb	9	Portsmouth	1-1	7,348	30	19	Mimms	Atkins	Sulley ¹	Reid	May	Dobson	● Gayle	Richardson	Livingstone	Garner	Sellers	● Irvine	● Shepstone
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	13	Charlton Athletic																	
	20	Plymouth Argyle																	
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	27	West Ham United																	
May	4	Wolverhampton Wanderers																	
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	Home						Away						Leading Scorers (inc. Cup games)
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
West Ham United	29	11	4	0	29	8	7	5	2	13	8	63	Morley 16, McAvennie 9, Quinn 7.
Oldham Athletic	29	12	3	0	41	13	5	5	4	17	19	59	Redfeam 14, Marshall 12, Ritchie 7.
Sheffield Wed	28	5	8	0	26	15	8	4	3	26	16	51	Hirst 24, Williams 10, Pearson 9.
Middlesbrough	29	7	2	5	20	11	8	3	4	25	16	50	Slaven 18, Baird 13, Mustoe 7.
Notts County	29	8	3	3	27	21	5	5	5	20	19	47	Bartlett 14, Johnson 8, Regis 7.
Brighton	28	8	3	3	29	22	6	1	7	18	26	46	Small 19, Codner 8, Byrne 7.
Millwall	29	6	5	4	28	19	6	3	5	17	16	44	Sherringham 23, Rae 12, Allen 6.
Bristol City	29	9	3	3	31	18	4	1	9	15	27	43	Morgan 13, Taylor 7, Newman 5.
Wolverhampton	28	7	3	3	28	16	2	10	3	14	17	40	Bull 20, Cook 5, Bellamy 3.
Bristol Rovers	29	7	4	4	20	14	3	5	6	20	24	39	Saunders 12, White 9, Mehew 9.
Swindon Town	30	6	4	5	17	15	3	7	5	25	27	38	Shearer 15, White 9, McLoughlin 5.
Ipswich Town	29	6	5	4	20	19	3	6	5	17	24	38	Milton 8, Redford 7, Dozell 6.
Newcastle United	28	5	6	3	13	11	4	4	6	17	20	37	Quinn 16, McGhee 4, Peacock 3.
Barnsley	27	6	4	2	23	10	3	5	7	13	20	36	Rammell 10, O'Connell 5, Agnew 5.
Port Vale	29	8	1	6	24	18	2	5	7	15	26	36	Beckford 16, Walker 7, Earle 6.
West Bromwich	30	5	7	3	18	13	3	3	9	20	28	34	Bannister 15, West 9, Robson 3.
Leicester City	29	8	3	4	29	24	1	3	10	10	34	33	Kelly 14, Oldfield 6, James 6.
Charlton Athletic	30	4	4	7	18	20	3	7	5	20	23	32	Lee 10, Watson 8, Dyer 6.
Oxford United	29	5	6	3	32	26	2	5	8	17	30	32	Foyle 13, Simpson 11, Magilton 9.
Portsmouth	30	6	5	4	24	22	2	3	10	15	29	32	Whittingham 17, Clarke 13, Kuhl 7.
Plymouth Argyle	30	6	7	2	21	12	1	4	10	13	35	32	Thomas 8, Turner 6, Salman 3.
Blackburn	30	4	3	9	13	20	4	3	7	17	22	30	Johnrose 8, Stapleton 7, Gayle 4.
Watford	30	2	6	7	13	20	3	5	7	13	21	26	Wilkinson 10, Penrice 4, Porter 3.
Hull City	30	5	5	5	29	25	1	2	12	15	46	25	Payton 18, Swan 12, Palin 5.

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September			16	Wolverhampton	
5	EVERTON	1-3	23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	P-P
12	Huddersfield Town	2-2	30	ASTON VILLA	0-1
19	WOLVERHAMPTON	0-2	February		
October			4	Leicester City	1-0
4	NEWCASTLE UNITED	4-3	12	Coventry City	P-P
10	MANCHESTER CITY	2-2	20	LEEDS UNITED	4-2
17	Sheffield United	0-2	26	Rotherham United	0-1
25	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2-3	March		
31	Newcastle United	0-3	6	SUNDERLAND	
November			20	Derby County	
7	Leeds United	0-0	27	LIVERPOOL	
14	COVENTRY CITY	2-2	April		
21	Sunderland	1-2	3	Derby County	
28	ROTHERHAM UNITED	3-3	9	Liverpool	
December			17	SHEFFIELD WED	
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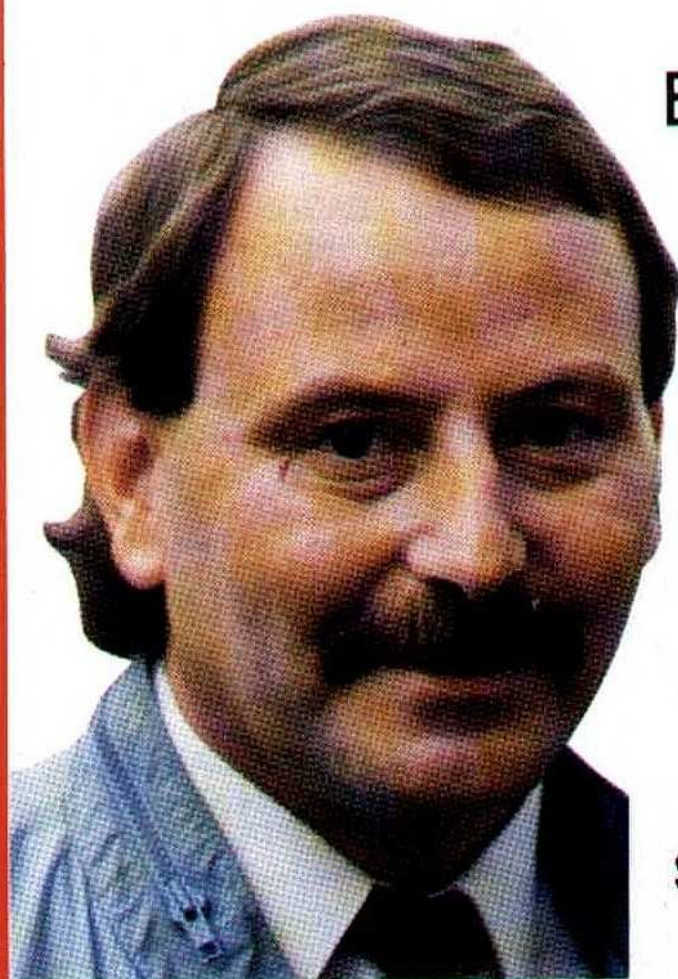
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