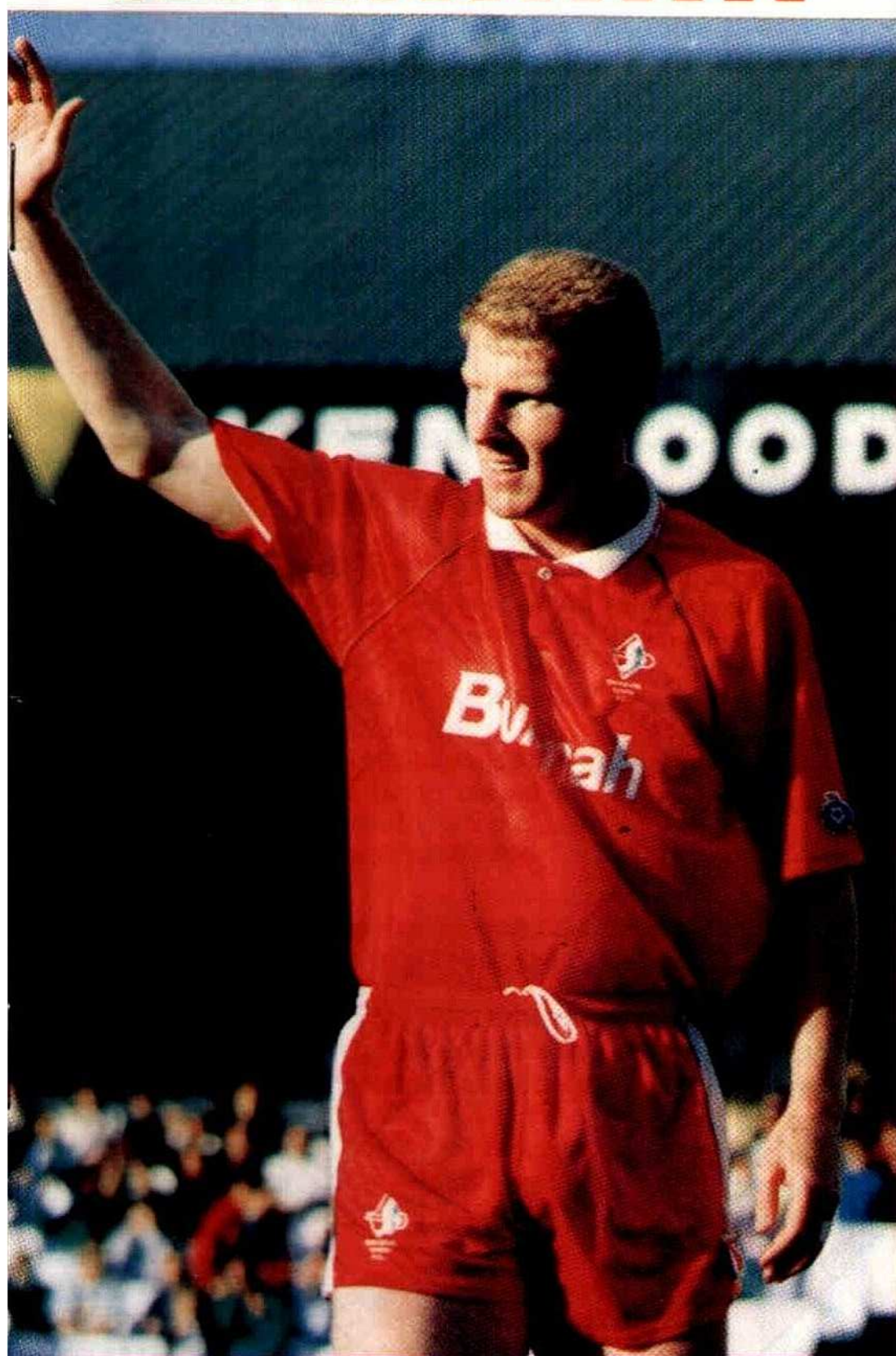




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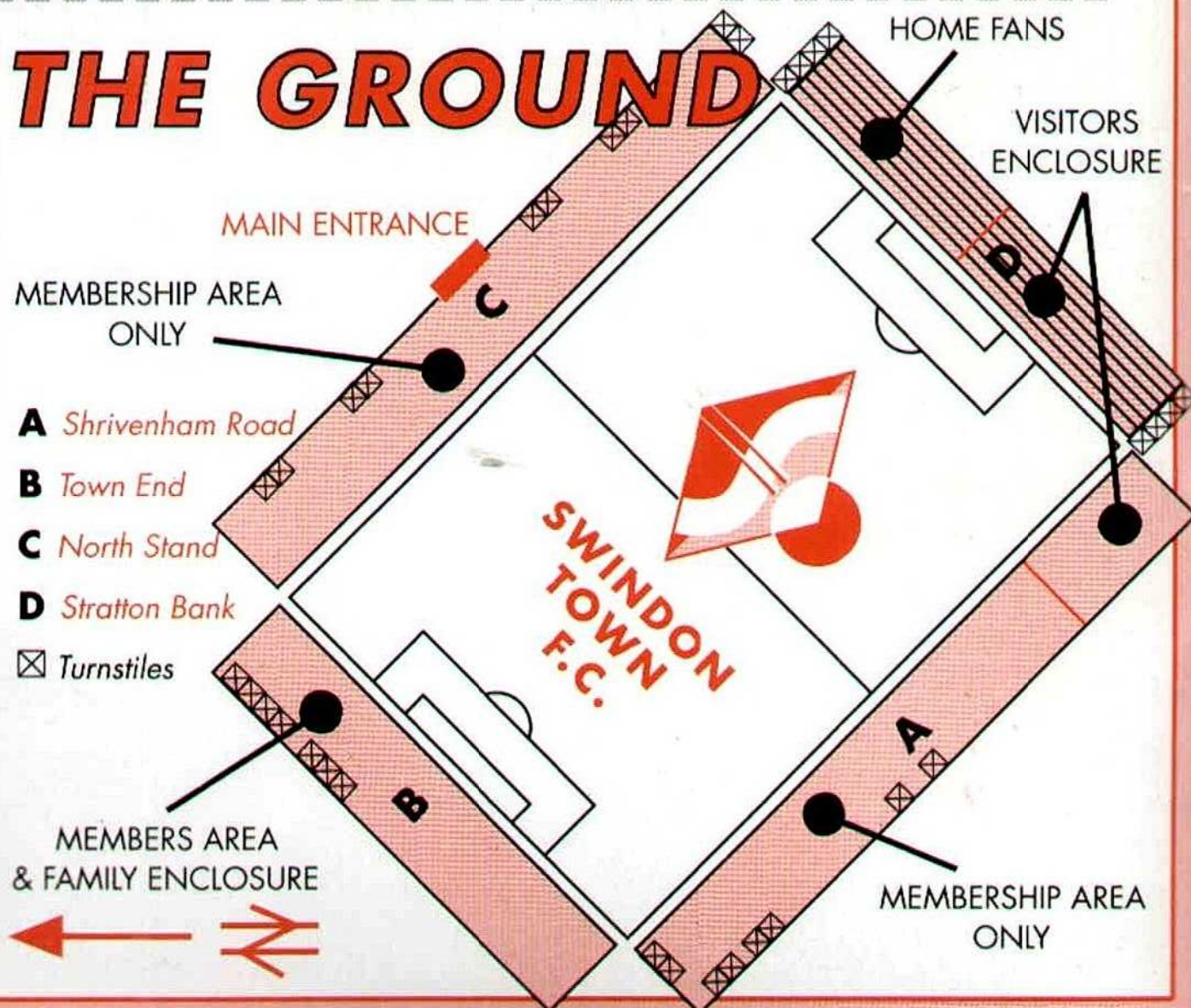
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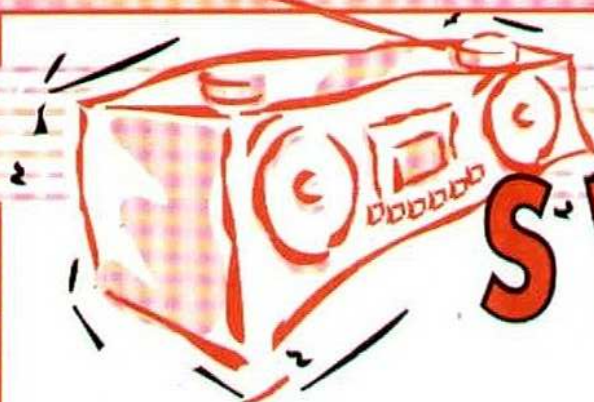
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THE GROUND





IN TUNE WITH SWINDON

by Jon Pollard

WELCOME

This afternoon we are pleased to welcome to the County Ground for today's Barclays League fixture the officials, players and supporters of Blackburn Rovers Football Club.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

Next Saturday we visit the Goldstone Ground in Hove for our Barclays League game with Brighton & Hove Albion kicking off at 3.00 pm.

Our next home game is on Saturday 2nd November 1991 when Ossie Ardiles returns to the County Ground with Newcastle United kicking off as usual at 3.00 pm.

A reminder that our home game with Bristol City has now been redated for Tuesday 4th February 1992, kick-off 7.45 pm.

The game with Charlton Athletic next month at Upton Park is now being played on Wednesday 6th November (7.45 pm), 24 hours later than previously scheduled.

RUMBELOWS

Our third round Rumbelows League Cup tie with Huddersfield Town is to be played 1991 kicking off at 7.30 pm. There is no at Leeds Road on Tuesday 29th. October advance booking for this game. Cash entry on the night at the turnstiles, £8 seats and £5 terraces.

If this game results in a draw the replay is here at The County Ground on Tuesday 19th November kicking off at 7.45 pm.

ZENITH DATA

Please note that our Zenith Data Systems Cup tie at Chelsea next Wednesday evening kicks off at 7.30 pm and not as previously advertised.

RESERVES

The Reserves are here next Tuesday afternoon in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination against Southampton kicking off at 2.00 pm.

YOUTHS

The Youth Team have a busy schedule coming up over the next week or so. This morning they were in action in the South East Counties League at Oxford United. Next Saturday in rearranged fixture they entertain AFC Bournemouth at Wanborough kicking off at 11.00 am.

They have two important Cup ties themselves. This Monday evening here at the County Ground they meet Bristol City in the first round of the FA Youth Cup and one week later on Monday 28th October they have their Midland Youth Cup preliminary round replay here against Port Vale having drawn 1-1 at Vale Park recently. The Port Vale game starts at 7.00pm to allow for extra-time, while the Bristol City game kicks off at 7.30pm.

REVIEW 3

The third issue of our Club newspaper Swindon Review is on sale from the Club Shop from next Thursday - price **60p**. County Club members and Junior Robins can pick up a copy free of charge on production of their membership card. This offer does not apply to holders of the old red cards.



Community Chorus

With Leigh Barnard.

⌚ *Meeting people and getting to know what's going on has been the first step of my job. I have found it very enjoyable meeting people with great ideas and positive thoughts for Swindon Town and it's Community.*

Steve Lewis at the County Ground Complex has been excellent to talk with and I hope we can work together as one under the same roof.

The County Ground Complex has many excellent weekly sessions available including many for people with disabilities.

MONDAY: **Gentle Keep-Fit**

TUESDAYS: **Weight Room Session**

THURSDAY: **Recreation Session**

⌚ *At very short notice I would like to announce the first **FOOTBALL FUN WEEK** for Swindon Town Football Community Scheme.*

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Prelude

by

Glenn Hoddle



The spotlight will be on us all this afternoon but focused more on Blackburn Rovers I must say it is great to see Kenny back in football. It can only be good for the game and certainly a boost for the Second Division.

The pressure will be more on them I feel than us. A lot will be expected of Blackburn this afternoon. As for us it is just another game but it is very exciting being involved. I'm hoping that all the hype and atmosphere being generated will bounce off our own players and stimulate them to a good response.

After losing here to Derby County last week it is important for us to come back with a good performance.

It was disappointing to lose our unbeaten sequence, for there is nothing like a good run to boost confidence. But we have bounced back positively when we have lost before and I will be looking for the same attitude and commitment this afternoon.

Though the result went against us last Saturday I was not as unhappy with our performance as I was in the first-half show against Millwall. If you look at the video you will see that over the 90 minutes we created enough opportunities to win the game comfortably. We just didn't take our chances. That is the way it goes sometimes in football. At Plymouth we created five chances and scored four! Other days, such as last week, it goes the other way.

It took us some 25 minutes to settle against Derby but after that I felt we controlled the game. You can't legislate for deflections such as the one that gave them their first goal.

Derby only got behind our back-line once, for their second goal, so overall it was

another solid defensive display from the lads.

That game is dead and gone. The important thing is now to come back this afternoon with a good show.

We have had a good week's work with everyone in a positive frame of mind. The batteries have been re-charged and we are ready to go.

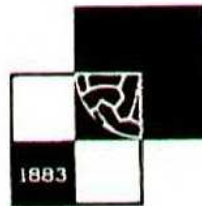
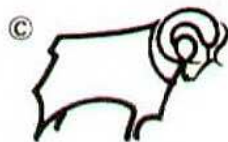
If we can show more ruthlessness in our finishing I'm sure we shall get the result we are looking for. On Saturday there were a few flicks here and there when a hard shot was required. Hopefully the lesson has been learned.

Even so I thought our passing was of a high standard and the thing that interested me most was your reaction. The lads have been drilled that no matter whether we fall behind they must remain patient and keep playing their game. It was evident to me on Saturday that our supporters have understood the message perfectly. The crowd stayed calm with us and this can only benefit us all. Turning, for a moment, to the Rumbelows League Cup I must confess I was looking for a big fish at home in the next round. However, I am not displeased with our draw at Huddersfield. They have a big pitch which will suit us.

They have to be respected having already dumped Second Division opposition out of the Cup and these ties are never easy as Spurs and other top clubs have experienced over the years. But if we are a hundred per cent professional and force our game on then we should survive.

But first Blackburn Rovers . . . Enjoy the game.

Glenn



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NEWS

Kenny Dalglish was appointed as Manager of Blackburn Rovers last Saturday in succession to Don Mackay who was sacked two months ago. Dalglish in typical fashion made no rash predictions for the team which he has inherited "It was stressed to me how ambitious Blackburn want to be. There are no guarantees. All we can be certain of is that we will give it 100 per cent. If we are good enough, promotion will come this year and if not then we will have to be patient and wait a little longer. "Dalglish has appointed the former Luton and Wimbledon boss Ray Harford as his assistant and will retain the services of Tony Parkes, who had acted as Caretaker Manager since the departure of Mackay. Blackburn welcomed their new boss with a 5-2 victory over Plymouth who had target man Robbie Turner dismissed for the second time this season for elbowing an opponent.

With no First Division games last Saturday due to European Championship action in midweek, Liverpool Manager Graeme Souness watched Bristol City beat Watford by a solitary goal at Ashton Gate. Scorer for City was former Leeds striker Terry Connor who was signed from Swansea for £200,000 although the goal was attributed to an error by transfer seeking Watford keeper David James, rated at £1 million who admitted it was his fault "A bad mistake, I misjudged it and it cost us the game."

Charlton Athletic climbed to fifth in the table with a 1-0 win over managerless Bristol Rovers at Upton Park. Manager Alan Curbishley was quick to praise match winner Carl Leaburn who netted his fifth goal of the season "Only Carl could score a goal like that. We all knew he had the ability but he never had a decent run in the first team to prove it before. He used to think he was just there to flick balls on but we never had any doubts about him and now he is producing the goods." Port Vale continued their climb up the table following wins over Cambridge and away at Grimsby last Saturday where the winner was scored by on loan striker Jason Beckford, who is less than happy with his treatment by Manchester City "They froze me out and haven't got the

decency to tell me to my face that I have no future at Maine Road. All I wanted was to be treated fairly and as a professional but I was kept in the dark and made to feel unwelcome. If I can achieve half as much as brother Darren then I will be very happy. I can pick my career up again and if Vale want to buy me then I will be happy to stay."

Another player currently on loan is Everton winger Peter Beagrie who is at Sunderland. Beagrie, who scored for the first time in eight months during the Rokerites 4-2 win over Brighton may be on the way up to Tyneside saying "If it is made clear that I have no future at Everton then I would be happy to join Sunderland." All is not well at Roker Park however with a three nil defeat at Cambridge last Saturday following a humiliating four nil exit from the Rumbelows League Cup at Huddersfield Town.

Meanwhile North East neighbours Middlesbrough continue to top the table although manager Lennie Lawrence is looking to increase his squad following defeat at Bristol Rovers and a scoreless draw with Wolves at Ayresome Park last Saturday. Middlesbrough have been depleted by injuries and suspensions and Lawrence is eager to maintain his side's promotion challenge "I need to do something quickly and I want to sign one or two players. I do have someone in mind and I will try to get him very soon." 'Boro' defender Alan Kernaghan, who spent three months on loan with Lawrence at Charlton last season is pleased he stayed at Ayresome Park and is full of praise for his new boss "Lennie seems to be a fair manager and the players have a lot of respect for him. He has organised things well and kept everybody on their toes. You only have to look at the results to see the difference he has made."

FORTHCOMING • ATTRACTIONS

OSSIE'S BACK.

Ossie Ardiles, that quietly spoken Argentinean with the Spurs pedigree, who introduced some of the finer points of the game into the Swindon pattern during his managerial stint here, is back at the County Ground next month.

Newcastle United kick off our November programme which includes the visits of Portsmouth and Rumbelows League Cup giant-killers Grimsby Town.

Ossie has had a rough ride in the North East this season. After declaring in August that Newcastle United would most certainly win promotion this season he found himself on the bottom rung of the Second Division ladder by mid-October.

Yet, the former World Cup winning star has refused to betray his principles on the game which is good news for Swindon fans who can contemplate a real feast of football.

The Geordies have lined up Portsmouth defender Gavin Maguire, on loan, to shore up a defence that has leaked 32 goals in the opening 13 matches. But the biggest blow to the Tynesiders is the knee injury

sustained by eight goal Mick Quinn who is expected to be out of action for at least three months.

Before our appointment with Ossie we have a lot of football to play. Next Wednesday we travel to Stamford Bridge to pit our skills against those of Chelsea in the Zenith Data Systems Cup. Then next Saturday it is down to Brighton to try and clip the Seagulls wings.

Then more cup action on Tuesday, October 29th, with the trip to Yorkshire for the Rumbelows League Cup tie at Huddersfield Town - this fixture means that our home League game against Bristol City has had to be postponed.

Swindon Town v Newcastle United - sets Glenn Hoddle up against Ossie Ardiles for the very first time . . . Two of the most gifted innovators of their age. It's England v Argentina again. Who will plot the others downfall?

To find out make a date with us on Saturday, 2nd November at 3pm. **Swindon Town v Newcastle United** - *there could be fireworks!*

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Wednesday 23rd October 1991
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Fare: **£5.00**

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Saturday 26th October 1991
Departs County Ground: 11.00am
Fare: **£7.00**

BY RAIL

Nearest London Underground Station for Stamford Bridge is **Fulham Broadway** (District Line-from Paddington change at Earls Court).
Nearest British Rail Station for the Goldstone Ground is Hove (five minutes walk).

BY CAR

To Chelsea:

M4 to A4 to Central London, the signs to Westminster (A3220). Just under one mile turn right at crossroads into Fulham Road where the stadium is located.

To Hove:

M4 to M25 leave at junction 8. A23 signed Brighton. Turn right 2 miles after Pyecombe follow signs for Hove for 1 mile and bear left into Neville Road (A2034). After one mile turn left at crossroads into Old Shoreham Road for the ground.

Marketing Matters

by Mike Sullivan



Our match day sponsors today are from local motor dealers **SKURRAYS**.

Their group is led today by Skurrays Group Director **Mr Derek Walker**. A warm welcome is given to Derek and

the members of his party who are all staff members of Skurrays.

MAN OF THE MATCH

At our recent Rumbelows League Cup home match v Millwall our match day sponsors were **PIA COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED** from Newbury. After an exciting game they voted Duncan Shearer as their man of the match and seen here presenting him with his match award of a pair of binoculars and a bottle of champagne is Andrew Hartley of **3i'S** from Reading who were guests of PIA on the night.



Andrew Hartley, special guest of PIA presents Duncan Shearer with the sponsors 'Man of the Match' award.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR DRAW

We have now received the tickets from our printers for the Swindon Town 1991/92 Christmas and New Year draw. Remember, there are over 53 prizes to be

won including the three main prizes of:
1st Prize: A supersonic trip for two people to the **Euro-Disney** resort near Paris on Concorde

2nd Prize: A trip for two on the **Venice-Simplon Orient Express**

3rd Prize: Tea for two at the **'Ritz'** plus tickets to see **'Phantom of the Opera'**. Tickets are **50p each** and can be bought from the Club Shop and the clubs Marketing Department.

Remember you have to be in it - to win it!

LUCKY MASCOTS

We have two lucky mascots this afternoon. Our first mascot is eleven year old *Andrew Green* who lives in Griffiths Close, Stratton. Andrew names Glenn Hoddle as his favourite player and apart from supporting Swindon Town also supports Manchester United.



Our second mascot is *Philip Tollafield* from Drakes Way in Walcot. Philip is five years old and attends the Mountford Manor Infants School. Philip's family have already been to the County Ground before this season as proud parents of the match day mascot as Philip's two and a half year old brother Tosh was our mascot v Leicester City in August.



New York City MARATHON®

At approximately 3.45pm (10.45am in New York) on **Sunday 3rd November 1991**, Swindon Town Football Club's Marketing Manager, Mike Sullivan, will set off at the start of the 1991 New York City marathon. The run starts at the Verranzano Bridge on Staten Island and passes through the boroughs of Queens, Brooklyn and The Bronx, before finishing in Central Park, Manhattan, 26.2 miles further on. This will be Mike's **8th** New York City Marathon.

Over the past years Mike has run for Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Outward Bound Scheme, and last year raised enough money to send a party of mentally handicapped children to Chessington World of Adventures for the day. This year his target is to raise £2,000 which will be put towards the cost of **upgrading the toilet facilities for disabled supporters at the County Ground.**

If you would like to sponsor Mike on his marathon run, please send your donation to him in the **Marketing Department, Swindon Town Football Club, The County Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED.**

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Backing Vocals

RESERVES

Swindon Town 2 West Ham United 2

Considering that we played for fifty minutes with a stand-in keeper and only ten men, at the end of the day we did very well to take a point. We let West Ham take a two goal lead before we started playing, finally pulling a goal back with a Steve Foley header. Shortly afterwards young goalkeeper Barry Williams was sent off for bringing down a West Ham striker and centre-half Andy Thomson took over. We immediately scored an equaliser through Paul Trollope and from this point we took control of the game. Our ten men worked and battled through the whole of the second half not allowing the West Ham side a shot on target. All that our stand-in keeper had to handle was a rare cross and a shot that clipped the post. At the other end Richard Green was unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions, our set-pieces causing the Hammers defence

no end of problems. At the end of the day it was the West Ham team that were glad to hear the final whistle for we were the only side that looked like winning the game. If it hadn't been for that sloppy we could have won the game quite convincingly.

Andy Rowland
Reserve Team Manager



Richard Green

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

League Table up to and including 12.10.91

					Goals		
	Pld.	Won	Dwn	Lost	For	Against	Pts.
SOUTHAMPTON	10	7	1	2	18	7	22
CHELSEA	9	6	2	1	24	8	20
NORWICH CITY	8	6	1	1	23	6	19
QPR	9	6	0	3	16	10	18
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	9	5	3	1	16	8	18
ARSENAL	11	5	3	3	23	15	18
CRYSTAL PALACE	10	5	2	3	18	15	17
IPSWICH TOWN	9	4	2	3	19	20	14
WIMBLEDON	9	3	3	3	19	14	12
SWINDON TOWN	8	3	2	3	15	17	11
OXFORD UTD.	9	3	2	4	15	18	11
LUTON TOWN	9	3	2	4	9	12	11
BRIGHTON	9	3	2	4	14	19	11
FULHAM	10	3	1	6	10	13	10
PORTSMOUTH	10	3	1	6	18	22	10
MILLWALL	8	2	3	3	12	15	9
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	9	2	2	5	7	15	8
READING	10	2	1	7	16	37	7
WATFORD	8	2	0	6	8	20	6
WEST HAM UTD.	8	1	1	6	10	19	4

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Offbeat^{WITH} JOHN GORMAN

This week has given us that chance to give the players a bit more of a rest to re-charge their batteries so to speak. With the Internationals it meant no midweek game and as we've had virtually two games a week since the start of the season this has made a welcome change.

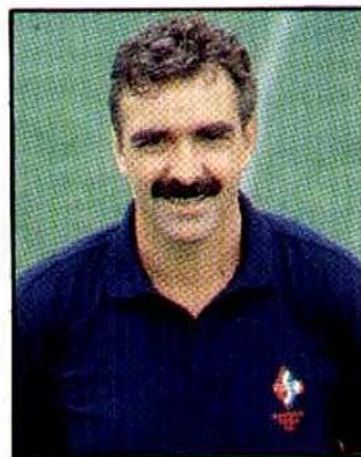
Talking of change we welcome Blackburn Rovers today with their new managerial team of Kenny Dalglish and Ray Harford. Kenny and I both played in the Reserves at Celtic and learned our trade together there. Many words have been said about Kenny as he's had a magnificent career both as a player and a manager. Although I played against him for Spurs, this will be the first time we've come against each other on the managerial side of the fence and both Glenn and I will relish the challenge that today's game will bring.

Losing last week to Derby was hard to take especially with our home record so we aim to get back on the right tracks today. We also look forward to going to Stamford Bridge on Wednesday for the Zenith Data Systems Cup. It should be an interesting match and one which should bring the best out of our lads.

We also look forward to playing Huddersfield Town in the Rumbelows League Cup 3rd round which is a good draw. Huddersfield have a big ground and an excellent field and should not be taken lightly but that's a few weeks yet so we'll not think too much about it yet. Obviously we'll have them watched a few times before we play them.

We've just recruited an old team mate of mine at Carlisle, Les O'Neil, to do the scouting in Scotland and the North East of England. He should be a big help to Keith Burkinshaw in doing the groundwork. Andy Rowland has also done a good job for us by going to see the opposition before we play them so that we know as much as possible about them. Although we want to be professional we really like to concentrate on what we do and let teams worry about us. We hope the fans will continue their great vocal support and we'll do our best to supply the goods.

We would also like to give Ken Chapman our thanks for what he has done and continued to do for the club, we fully understand his reasons for stepping down and wish him good health and success for the future. We welcome Ray Hardman, the new chairman, who will continue to rely on Peter Day to do the daily running of the club, something he has done remarkably well so far!





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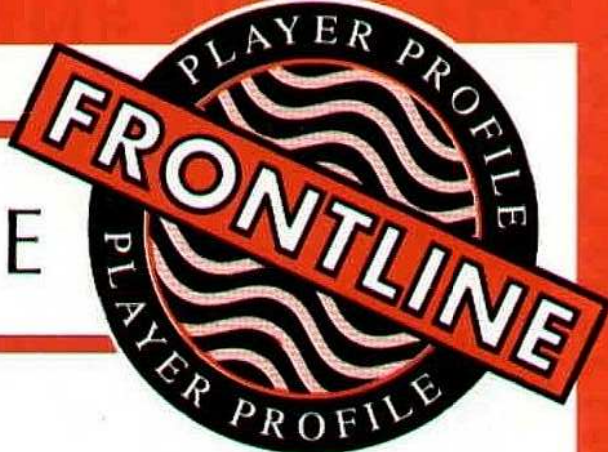



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PAUL TROLLOPE



A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

By Colin Benson

He would never admit it, he's much too well mannered for that, but the continual references to his father, John, do tend to irritate young Paul Trollope.

It is understandable. It can't be easy trying to carve out a career in the same trade as a famous parent in whose shadow you are continually compared... "It's not too bad," says Paul but the delivery is not convincing. His next sentence probably expresses his inner feeling better when he says: "Hopefully I'll be able to do something in my own right."

Dad is more an institution at the County Ground than just a famous blast from the past. His 770 League appearances for Town between 1960 and 1980 setting a record with one club; and of course he went on to manage the team for a while.

With a footballing background like this it is not surprising that young Paul's ambitions turned in this direction. He says: "I used to come and watch Dad play from the stands. He wasn't bad. "My earliest recollections are of us playing in the Third and Fourth Divisions. Like any lad I went out and played in the park and of course was given great encouragement by my father."

Paul made the Swindon Schoolboy representative side and played for Wiltshire as well. He was taken on at the Swindon School of Excellence where he came under the instruction of... Yes you have guessed it. His father.

By now Paul was determined he wanted to be a professional footballer. He had displayed an aptitude for the game that suggested he was good enough to make the pro ranks but John exercised a note of caution.

Paul explains: "Dad wanted me to stay on at school and do 'A' levels. But eventually I persuaded him that I could do the exams at any time while the chance to play professional football probably wouldn't come again."

The pleas were successful. John relented and Paul signed on to join the Robins' youth staff. "I knew all the boys so it was easy to settle,"

reflects Paul who had played always as a left back until moving into midfield as a 15-year-old. He says: "The School of Excellence contributed a lot to my development. They teach a lot of skill work and really boosted my confidence on the ball. I learned about tuck-unders and step-overs which I had never heard of before. It was good."

"Terry Wollen and my Dad were the instructors but when I am at work I never talk to him like a Dad. He's just my coach."

"It can be hard at times at home though... I've had the silent treatment when I have a bad game for the youth team."

"I hadn't finished my trainee period when Ossie Ardiles offered me a professional contract at Christmas 1989. That was a great thrill."

"At the moment I am in the reserve team. We have a big squad of players here so there are very limited places in the first team which can be frustrating. Last season I was included in the senior squad sometimes but I haven't had an opportunity this season so far. It is just a matter of keep plugging away at what you are doing and hope that the chances will come."

Paul has just turned 19 so he has time on his side. I asked him how he would best describe his qualities as a midfielder player.

There was a pause before he said: "I don't know really... A hard working passer I suppose."

He is obviously very conscious of his father's spectacular record with the club but is setting no targets. The objective is first to get into the senior side then to maintain his place.

Says Paul: "The team is playing very well so there is little likelihood of changes at the moment. All we can do in the reserves is our best and hope we are equal to the task when called upon."

While the desire might be emulous Paul maintains a humorous perspective on things. "Do I hope to emulate dad?" he says repeating my question. "I might emulate him for reserve team appearances!"

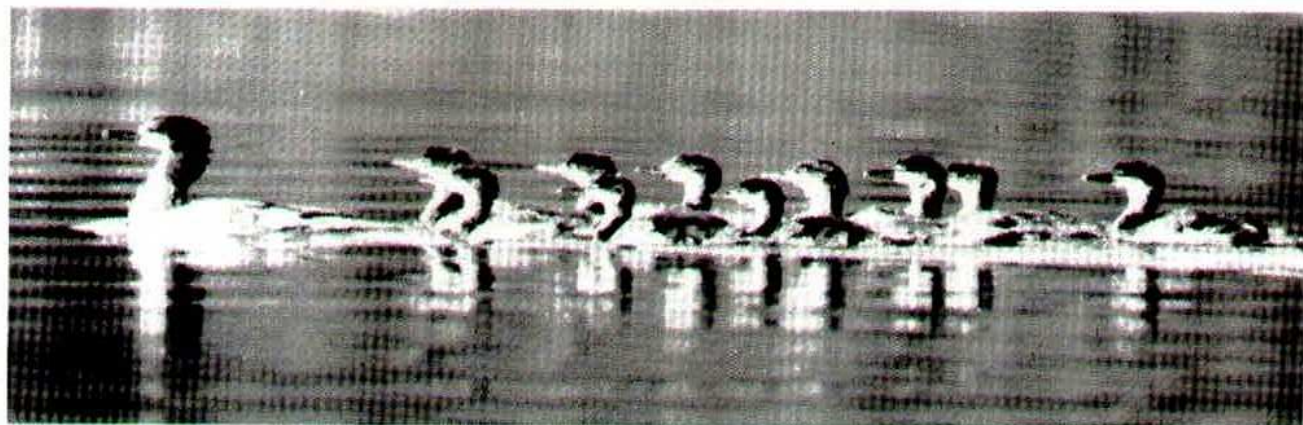




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Welcome

TO BLACKBURN ROVERS

A 'SPEEDIE' RETURN TO THE TOP FLIGHT?

by John Nolan

As the new season dawned Blackburn Rovers focused their sights clearly on the Premier League. With the financial clout of millionaire backer **John Walker** they spent big, investing a club record £750,000 to secure the services of Barnsley midfielder **Steve Agnew** and a further £350,000 to sign Glasgow Rangers fullback **Stuart Munro**.

But the man most likely to speed the Rovers return to the top flight is **David Speedie**, the Scottish international who came to prominence with Chelsea, then sought fame and fortune with Liverpool.

It took close on half a million to get him away from Anfield but his bubbly personality and abrasive competitiveness has rubbed off on those around him.

Four goals in successive games against Ipswich, then at Derby and Sunderland, and home to Port Vale, provided tangible evidence of Speedie's worth to the side. His fifth goal of the season was netted at Millwall a fortnight ago and sparked an impressive 3-1 victory, ending a three match sequence away from home without a goal.

However, despite the financial investment in the restructuring of a team that has been beaten in the play-offs three times over the past four years the early results were not encouraging.

It took a last gasp effort from that former Manchester United stalwart, **Kevin Moran**, to scramble a point on the opening day in a 1-1 home draw with Portsmouth, and though a Buckley own-goal saved their blushes in a 1-1 home draw with Hull City in the Rumbelows Cup it did not save face. Hull winning the second leg 1-0!

Successive defeats too in the Second Division at Bristol City and home to Ipswich Town highlighted problems which culminated in the

sacking of manager **Don Mackay**.

Tony Parkes took over as the caretaker boss and Rovers responded with a surprise 2-0 win at the Baseball Ground. A point won at Sunderland was followed by home wins over Port Vale and Watford.

Rovers then suffered a goal drought failing to score away at Leicester, and Port Vale - in the Zenith Data Systems Cup - and in the home game with Tranmere Rovers. Then came Speedie's reply at The Den. Further goals from **Lennie Johnrose** and **Simon Garner** - who both recorded their first strikes of the season - made it 3-1. The Rovers best result of the season thus far.

Overshadowing all this had been Rovers attempts to persuade **KENNY DALGLISH** to come out of retirement. The former Liverpool legend was said to be bored with a diet of golf and leisure.

However, last Saturday Blackburn got their man and he takes charge for the first time this afternoon.

With players of the calibre of goalkeeper **Bobby Mimms**, **Moran** and **Mike Duxbury** bolstering the defence there is no shortage of experience available to the new manager.

Rovers Form Guide

Portsmouth	1 1	Moran
Hull City*	1 1	o/g
Bristol City	0 1	
Hull City *	0 1	
Ipswich Town	1 2	Speedie
Derby County	2 0	Wilcox, Speedie
Sunderland	1 1	Speedie
Port Vale	1 0	Speedie
Watford	1 0	Richardson
Leicester City	0 3	
Tranmere Rovers	0 0	
Port Vale+	0 1	
Millwall	3 1	Speedie, Johnrose, Garner
Plymouth Argyle	5 2	Moran, Garner 2, Speedie (pen)

* Rumbelows League Cup

+ Zenith Data Systems Cup



Blackburn Rovers 1991-92 First Team Squad

Back row: Robert Dewhurst, Mark Atkins, Darren Collier, Bobby Mimms, Terry Gernoe, Tony Dobson, Keith Hill, Steve Livingstone, Kevin Moran, Peter Thorne.
 Middle Row: Don Mackay (Ex-Manager), Mike Pettigrew (Physio), Nicky Reid, Stuart Munroe, Howard Gayle, Jason Wilcox, Chris Sulley, Craig Skinner, Alan Irvine, David May, Peter Baah.

Scott Sellars, Tony Sellars, Tony Parkes (Coach), Jim Funnell (Youth Team Manager).

Front row: Asa Hartford (Reserve Team Manager), Lee Richardson, Mike Duxbury, Darren Donnelly, Lenny Johnrose, John Butterworth, Simon Garner, Richard Brown, Matthew Holt, Paul Shepstone, Steve Agnew, Sammy Chung (Chief Scout).

THE ABC OF BLACKBURN ROVERS

STEVE AGNEW - Midfield. Signed last summer for a club record £750,000 from Barnsley. A former Barnsley Boys player, Steve had made his debut against Charlton in April 1984, for the last 15 seconds. Initially a striker he was moved to midfield two years ago.

MARK ATKINS - Defender. A versatile performer who cost £45,000 to sign from Scunthorpe United in 1988. Established himself at right back in the Rovers side. Made his League debut for Scunthorpe v Wolves (5-10-86). Born Doncaster 14-8-68.

MIKE DUXBURY - Fullback. Signed in the summer of 1990 from Manchester United for whom he made 350 senior appearances in a 10-year career. Played 10 times for England and also collected seven Under-21 caps. Can operate in midfield or defence. Born Accrington 1-9-59.

SIMON GARNER - Striker. The Club record goal scorer - his hat-trick against Manchester City in season 1988-89 saw him beat Tommy Briggs' record which had stood since the 1950s. Has topped the Rovers hit-list eight times since joining them from Boston United in 1978. Born Boston 23-11-59.

KEITH HILL - Defender. Developed through the youth scheme he made his League bow against Middlesbrough (26-9-87). A strong athlete, good in the air, he made 21 Second Division appearances last season. Born Bolton 17-5-69.

DAVID MAY - Defender. Like Hill progressed through the apprentice ranks. Made his debut against Swindon in a vital promotion battle in season 1989-89. Made 19 appearances in Division Two last season.

BOBBY MIMMS - Goalkeeper. Arrived at Ewood Park from Tottenham Hotspur in January 1991. Bobby served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town but made his league debut after joining Rotherham United, whom he helped beat Blackburn 4-1 (8-5-82). Made 29 League appearances for Everton and had loan spells with Notts County, Sunderland, Blackburn and Manchester City before signing for Spurs in February '88, for £375,000. Capped three times by England at Under-21 level. Born York 12-10-63.

KEVIN MORAN - Central Defender. Snapped up from Spanish First Division side Sporting Gijon in 1980. Started his career in 1979 with Manchester United, making his League debut at Southampton (30-4-79). Was previously a Gaelic Football star with Pegasus. Capped 55 times by Eire he gained notoriety when he became the first player ever sent-off in an FA Cup Final in 1985. Born Dublin 29-4-56.

LEE RICHARDSON - Midfield. Started his career with Halifax, making his League debut v Darlington (15-8-87). Watford paid £175,000 for him a year later and sold him to Rovers in the summer of 1990 for £250,000. Scored two goals in 39 League games last season. Born Halifax 12-3-69.

SCOTT SELLARS - Midfield. Left sided player, he returned to the side against Plymouth last Saturday having been out of action since the opening game of the season with a pelvic injury. Cost £25,000 to sign from Leeds six seasons ago. Born Sheffield 26-11-65.

CRAIG SKINNER - Winger. Another to emerge through the Ewood Park youth team. He made nine League appearances last season - five as a substitute. Born Bury 21-10-70.

DAVID SPEEDIE - Midfield. A £500,000 signing from Liverpool in the summer he has sparked a Blackburn revival. Came into football with Barnsley in October 1978 (v Wigan). Joined Darlington in 1980 and two years later moved to Chelsea for £70,000. Won Second Division Championship medal in 1984. Next stop was Coventry City and in January 1991 Kenny Dalglish invested £675,000 to take him to Anfield. A Scottish international. Born Glenrothes 20-2-62.

LENNIE JOHNROSE - Striker. Joined the club as a trainee and made his League bow as a substitute at West Bromwich Albion in season 1987-88. Still trying to establish himself as a regular - 20 of his 29 Second Division appearances last season were as a sub - despite finishing the third top scorer in the League last season with seven goals. Born Preston 29-11-69.

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HE'S BACK. Surrounded by the kind of media attention that befits the king. Yes, after all the speculation and uncertainty Kenny Dalglish, the manger who walked out of Anfield seven months ago because he claimed the pressure was too great, is in business again. Enthroned last week-end as the new boss at Ewood Park.

The arrival of Dalglish, and his most competent assistant Ray Harford, has sent a rumble of excitement through the old mill town not experienced since 1914 when they last won the League title.

Jack Walker, whose millions are financing the new dream, wants to return to those winning ways and there is no question that he is expecting great things. He says: "We have not won a major trophy since 1928. That is too long and I believe it is about time we started doing something again."

Rovers are a proud club with a long history that includes two league titles and six FA Cup triumphs. But few are old enough to recall those distant good times.

But things are changing at Ewood Park and Mr Walker has backed his intentions with hard currency. Now he will expect his new managerial team to deliver the goods.

Mind you, one is tempted to ask if the stresses of managing Liverpool, with all their resources and abundance of talent, proved too much how is he going to cope with Blackburn, where, with all due respect, the players are not of the same standing?

That is to be seen. But Kenny warned that should he experience similar pressure again then he will quit without hesitation.

Of course we hope to put him under pressure right from the off. That is the name of the game. Yet there are few with more presentable credentials than this quietly spoken, and often mysterious, Scot.

I can't help reflecting back to a Wembley post-match press conference after Liverpool had surrendered the Charity Shield to Everton of all people. When manager Joe Fagan was asked if he felt under pressure a broad smile filled his wrinkled face as he responded:

"Under pressure! I have never been under pressure in my life at Liverpool. It is you people, the media men,

who say we are under pressure. We just go out and play and enjoy it."

Different men, possibly different circumstances. Maybe Kenny Dalglish is softer than his bland exterior projection suggests. He is most definitely a private man who keeps his cards very close to his chest.

Born in Glasgow on the 4th March 1951, he played for Cumbernauld United before signing for Celtic, 17 years later. Made the first of his 204 Scottish league appearances (112 goals) in 1969 and picked up four League titles and four Scottish Cup winners' medals as well as a League Cup honour.

Made his international debut in December 1971, netting 30 goals in 102 appearances for Scotland.

Liverpool paid £40,000 for him August 1977. It proved to one of Bob Paisley's shrewdest signings. After making a scoring debut he became the first player ever to hit 100 goals in both the Scottish and English leagues . . . His final tally being 118 in 353 League games.

At Anfield he won five League titles (three more as player); four League Cups, and three European Cups as well as two Player of the Year awards in 1979 and 1983.

As manager he led Liverpool to FA Cup victories in 1986 and '89; runners up spot in 1988 and runners-up in the League Cup in 1987 . . . Voted Manager of the year in 1986, 1988 and 1990 he has proved to be a winner on both sides of the fence.

At Anfield his worst finish as a manager was second in the First Division. His second record is without equal but many believe Kenny's toughest task is just beginning.



Kenny Dalglish

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August 31st: Swindon Town 2 Blackburn Rovers 0

We return today to a sunny August afternoon 17 years ago for a Third Division encounter. Blackburn were trying to regain the Second Division place they had lost in 1971 - and had begun well, with maximum points from the first two games. The Town has more recent memories of relegation, having been a poor last in the Second in the previous campaign. However spirits were high, despite an opening day home defeat by Bury, when one Andrew Rowland got on the scoresheet on his League debut! Blackburn's attack featured Ken Beamish - later to occupy the manager's seat at Swindon and currently Rovers' commercial manager - and Barry Endean was included in the visitor's side as substitute. It was Endean's goal for Watford at the County Ground in March 1969 that had taken the Third Division championship from the Town's grasp.

Swindon had made just two close season signings, in goalkeeper Jim Barron and striker Hugh Maclean. Defender Colin Prohett had arrived on loan from Norwich on the day before the game and so was ineligible to play. There was nothing to choose between the sides in the first half-hour and it looked as though half-time would arrive without a goal. But then in the space of four minutes the Town, attacking the Stratton Bank end, struck twice.

In the 37th minute a long ball from full-back John Trollope was only partially cleared by Graham Hawkins and midfielder Wilf Dixon hit a 20-yard drive which took a slight deflection off a covering defender, just enough to wrong-foot keeper Roger Jones and put Swindon

Paul Plowman

*continues to look back at
previous encounters with
today's visitors*

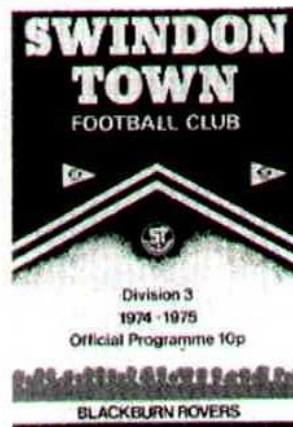
1-0 ahead. The second also followed some hesitancy in the Rovers ranks. Jones was caught in 'no-man's land' and he was punished as Peter Eastoe drove his shot just inside the far post - two goals not unlike those scored by Derby here last weekend.

For Eastoe, the goal signalled the first of 31 netted that season, which was to make him joint leading scorer in the League. It was Rovers' only defeat in their first twelve games and paved the way for them to take the championship in the following spring. The Town had to settle for fourth place - just two points behind promoted Charlton - and their only consolation was in that their 18 home wins was the best tally in all four divisions.

Town: Barron, McLaughlin, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Butler, Moss, Dixon, Eastoe, MacLean, Jenkins. Sub not used: Syrett.

Blackburn R: Jones, Wilkinson, Heaton, Metcalfe, Hawkins, Waddington, Beamish, Oates (sub. Endean 69), Martin, Parkes, Hilton.

Attendance: 4,951





Port Vale 1 Swindon Town 1

On Monday 7th October we travelled to Port Vale in the preliminary round of the Midland Youth Cup. After an even first ten minutes we took the lead when a Marcus Phillips free kick was flicked against an upright for Mark Lockyer to score from the rebound. Instead of giving us the lift, the goal seemed to have the reverse effect.

Our passing and movement was poor not allowing us to keep the ball long enough to put too many worthwhile attacks together.

It was no surprise that Vale equalised soon after the interval, giving them the lift they needed and put us under pressure for a period. To the lads credit, in the last twenty minutes of normal time and extra time, they picked their game up and were very unfortunate not to have won the tie at the first attempt instead of a replay here at the County Ground.

Following this performance in which they showed good spirit, the game against Reading in the South East Counties on Saturday 12th October, the same old faults were all too evident. Conceding

four goals in the first 33 minutes we could only go out in the second half to restore a little pride and could have pulled a few goals back with a far better approach. The inconsistent approach has been the most disappointing aspect of the players make up and unless they can overcome this, very little progress will be made. The Under-15's continued their fixtures with a visit to Plymouth and gave a good account of themselves against a bigger side with two over age players in gaining a 2-2 draw. We look for the players improvement rather than results and encourage the boys to play the right way not just to win the game.

John Trollope

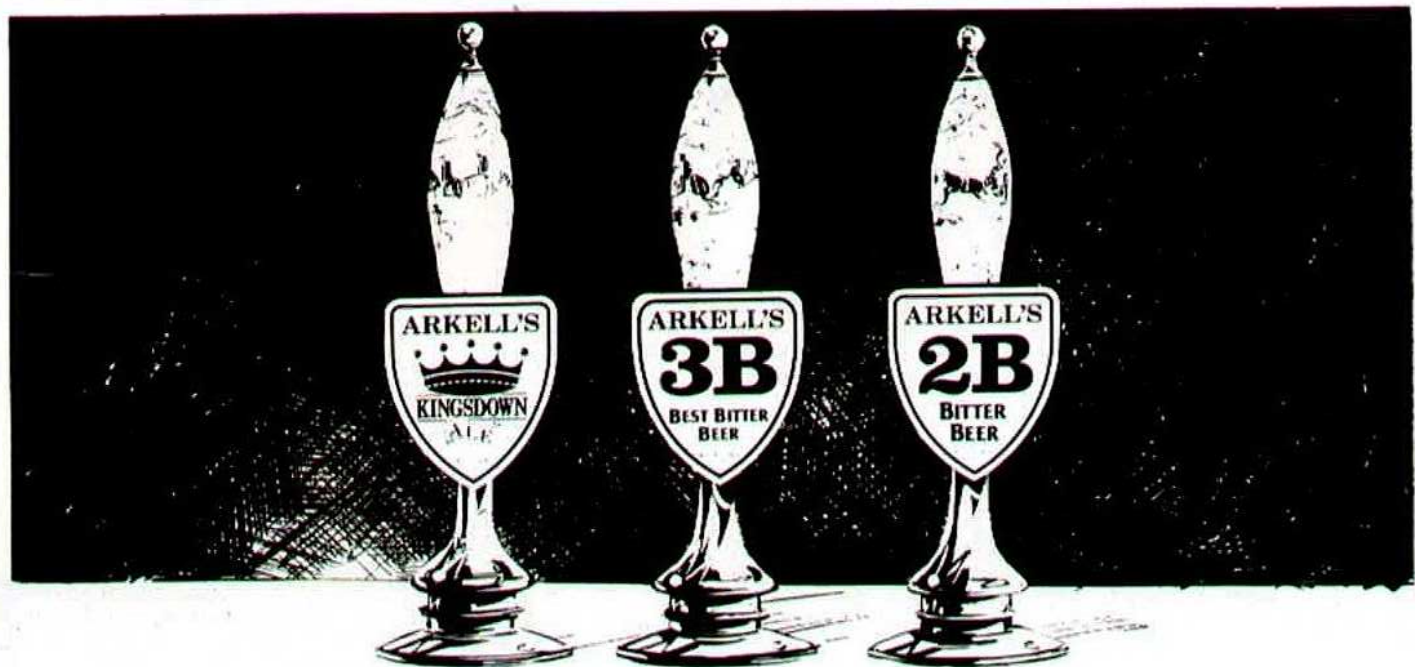
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Luton Town	9	5	0	4	15	17	10
Reading	7	4	1	2	19	14	9
Southampton	7	3	2	2	9	10	8
Bristol City	7	4	0	3	9	11	8
Brighton	8	3	1	4	13	14	7
Oxford United	7	3	0	4	13	12	6
Maidstone Utd	7	3	0	4	11	17	6
Swindon Town	7	2	1	4	4	12	5
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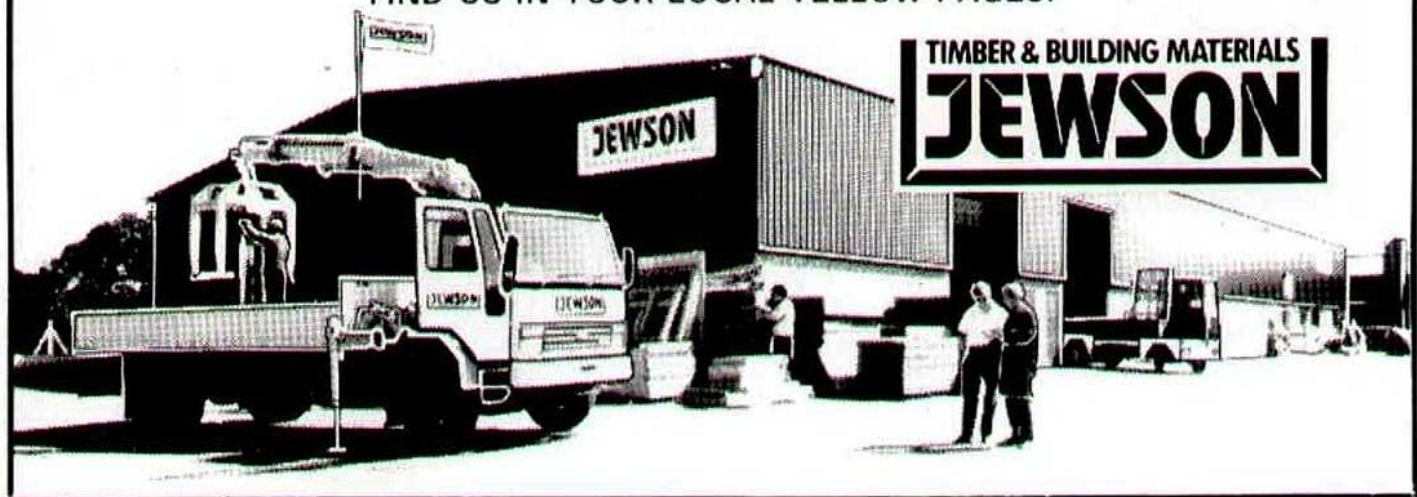


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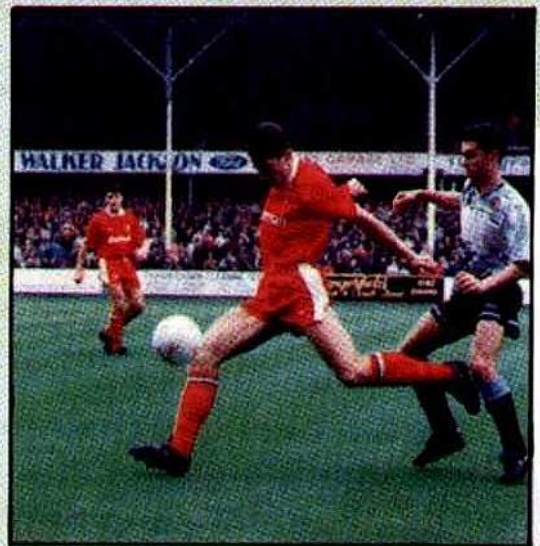
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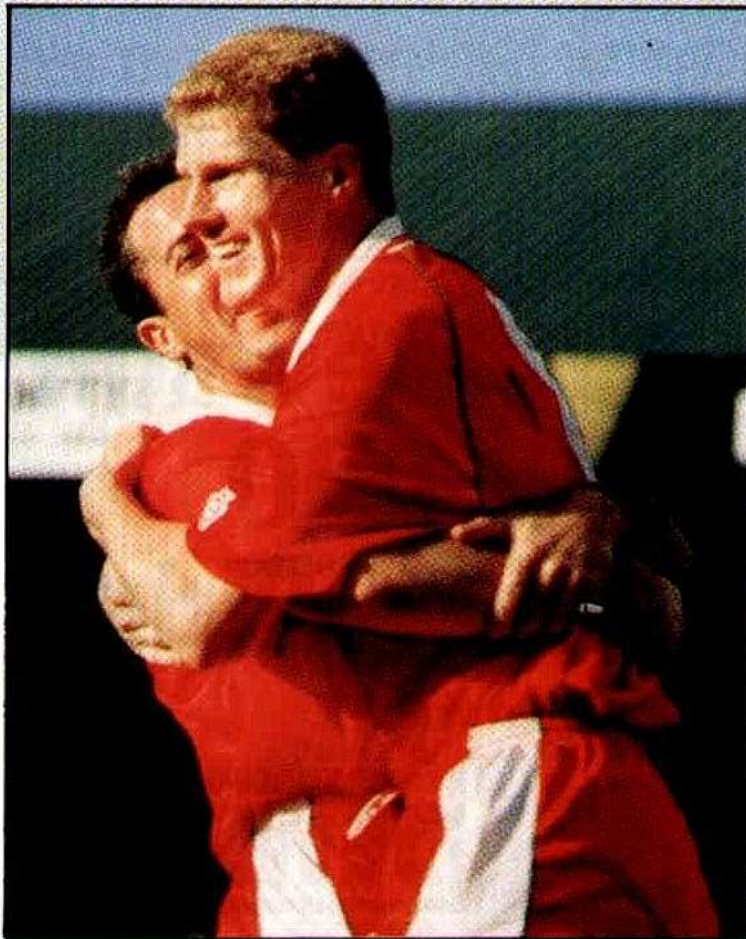
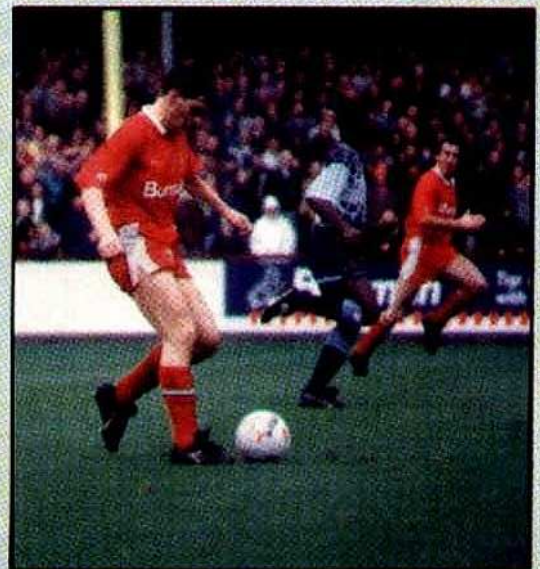


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Shaun Taylor moving forward against Watford.



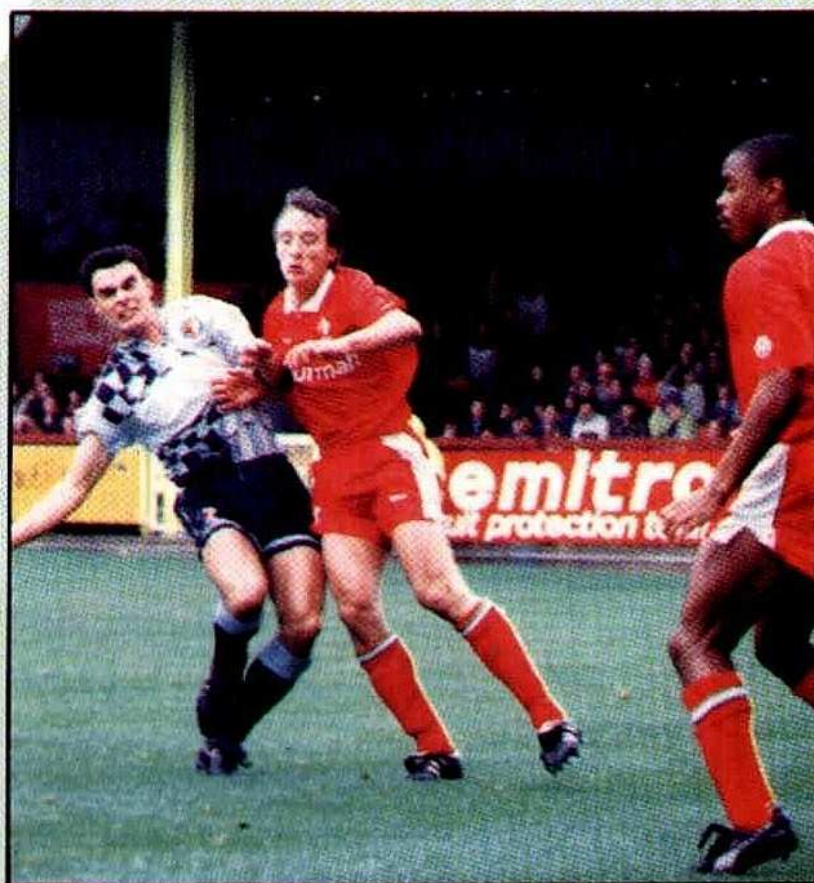
Ross MacLaren - leading a charge.



On a roll. Shearer celebrates his fourth at Plymouth.

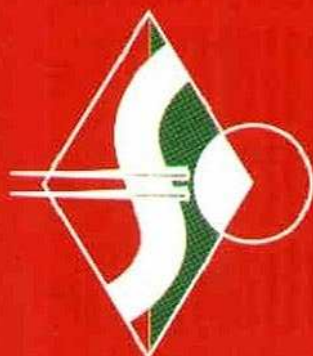


*Cracking shot, but
Shearer's fifth is
disallowed.*



*Nicky Summerbee
tussles for the ball.*

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- 4** Tom Jones
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- 8** Duncan Shearer
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- 10** Ross MacLaren
- 11** Steve White

SUB: **12** **14**

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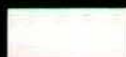
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- 8** Kevin Moran
- 9** David Speedie
- 10** Simon Garner
- 11** Lee Richardson

SUB: **12** Scott Sellars **14** Steve Livingstone

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SCORE



FULL-TIME
SCORE



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