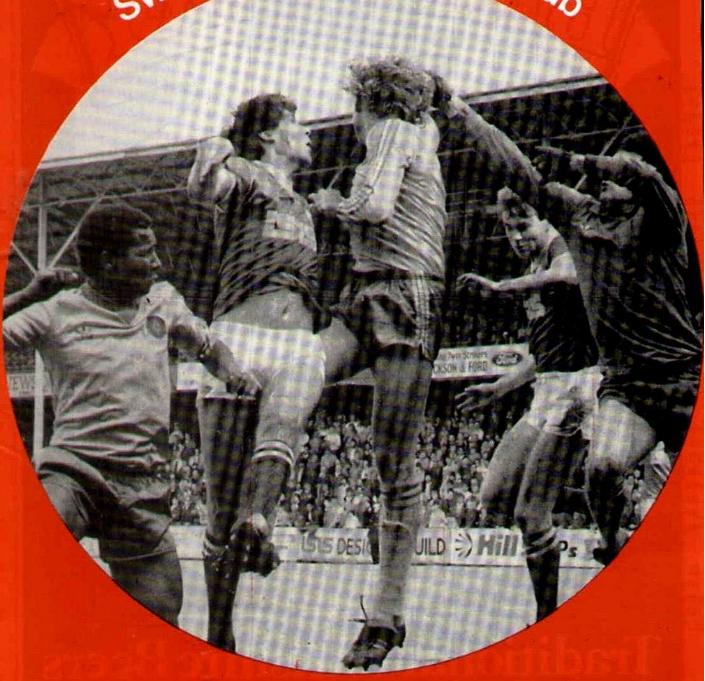
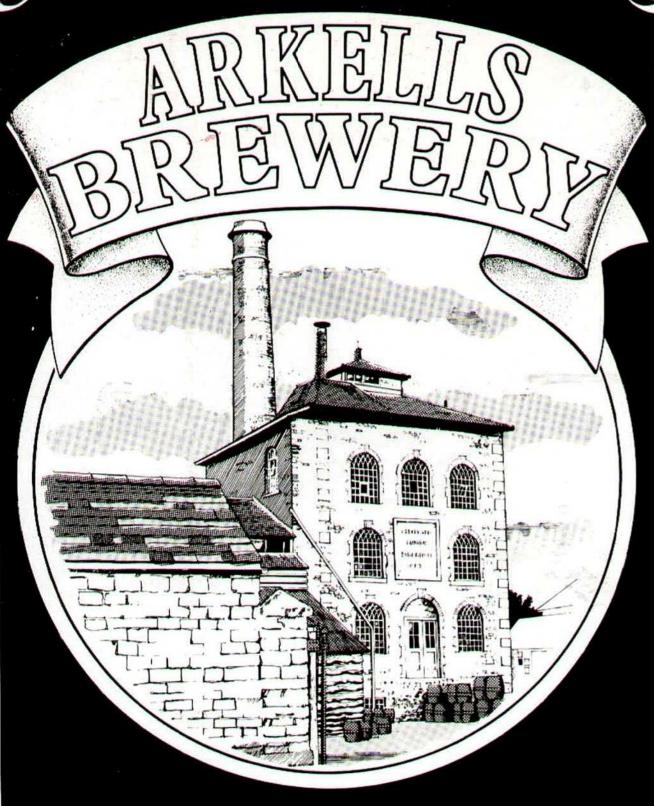


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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

We welcome today the Players and Officials from Northampton Town. This is our second match this season played on a Sunday and normally we would be looking to see if this day would attract more than our average attendance, but with so little at stake it is not going to be a true reflection. I am really sorry if playing today prevents any of our loyal supporters attending, but I am sure that they will appreciate what this exercise is all about.

Our players have everything to play for because most of their contracts come up for review and this is a task that faces Ken Beamish in his new job. I am sure that you will all wish Ken every success in his management which is made difficult because of the shortage of income. We know that if we can get success on the field our income will rise, but this game is all about ifs.

Pam Turner, who always greets you so helpfully and happily whether on the phone or in the office, is leaving us this weekend and I know that you will want to wish her happiness in her new job.

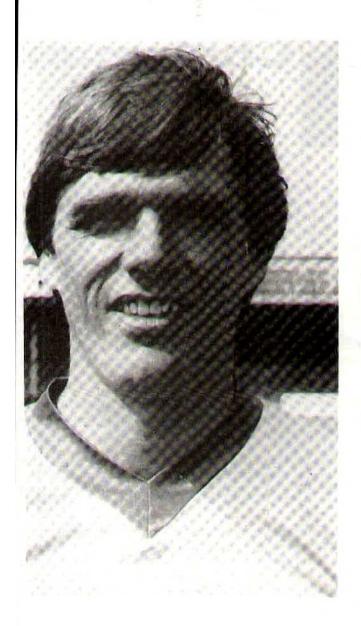
Northampton are fighting for every point that they can get to keep above the bottom four. Today we are honoured to have the presence of Mrs Jennie Pitman with her winning Grand National Horse, Corbiere, and jockey Ben de Haan.

This week has been important in the football world because of our decision to accept or otherwise the new television contract. I have to write this way because these notes are written premature to the meeting held on Thursday last. It is important both to the public and to the club. I am glad if only for the invalids and perhaps I should say the non drinkers that we will not have to watch filmed football in pubs and clubs. There is no doubt that television has affected the habits of cinema, theatre and football followers and we feel that we should be amply compensated if we are to sell our products to them.

Our sponsors for today's match are, Mr. Edgington, Confectioner, Mr. G. Alexander of Thamesdown Cleaning, Mr Ken Knox of South West Transport Limited, Mr Den Morton, Roofing Contractors and Mr John Arnold of Intercare Limited. Mr Bruce Buxton of the Mariner's Arms, Braunton, North Devon is once again the Match Ball sponsor and the team mascot is lan Glanville from New Malden, Surrey.

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From the desk of Ken Beamish



As you will probably all know by now I have been appointed Team Manager of the club and I would like to take this opportunity in print to thank the Directors for their belief in my capabilities to undertake the job at a very difficult period in the club's history. Although my appointment is initially for twelve months my obvious ambition is to get the club out of the Fourth Division at the earliest possible time and all of my energies will be directed towards this aim within the confines of the financial restrictions. Your support is essential if I am to achieve this goal and I hope that I can count upon you during this coming year. This is a new chapter in the annals of the club so let us work together to make it a happy and successful one.

Very many thanks to all those who have sent me their congratulations.

Since my last notes we have had two fixtures, winning at home 2–0 against Stockport County and losing 0–2 away at Scunthorpe. For Stockport their goalkeeper made a string of fine saves to keep them in the game until the final stages and although they created a couple of good chances we were well worth the win. This game illustrated the importance of continued pressure and running throughout the full ninety minutes.

On May Day Bank Holiday we travelled to Scunthorpe where the result was disappointing brought about, in my opinion, because our opponents had five players all above six feet tall and, for their first goal, a set piece found us wanting in the 'height department'. In the second half we completely outplayed them with some fine football but to no avail and finally, in the last minute, we were caught by a break following sustained pressure in their half and they scored their second goal.

Thanks for coming along today and I hope we all spend a pleasant and rewarding Sunday afternoon.



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From the Secretary's Desk

SEASON TICKETS

Today, Season Ticket Application forms are available for next seasons tickets and I would like to point out the savings that can be made from purchasing such a ticket. The full price is broadly based upon paid admission to nineteen games giving season ticket holders free access to four games worth £11.20 at the top adult price.

For tickets purchased before 12th June a further saving will be made dependant upon the price of the ticket e.g. an adult in the North Stand will save £6.00 equal to two further games free with enough over to buy a Lottery Ticket. We haven't finished there for all season ticket holders can come along to reserve games free of charge.

I am sure that many of you find it difficult to produce the cost of a season ticket in one lump sum and we have anticipated that problem. Tickets can be purchased by easy payments, weekly or monthly, providing that the ticket is paid for before the season commences. We also have saving stamps on sale which can be exchanged for season tickets or goods in our shops.

THE NINETY-TWO CLUB

Today we welcome members of the Ninety-Two Club to our ground for their 31st meeting. This club was formed in June 1978 to provide formal recognition of those supporters who have visited all 92 League grounds for first team matches and today members from North Yorkshire, Peterborough, Ipswich, the Midlands, the Home Counties and the West of England will be present including Dave King, David Walker, Derek Elston and Stephen Turner from our own supporters.

Have a nice day at Swindon.

One of the strange infringements imposed upon us when staging Sunday games prevents us playing records or tapes over our public address system but permits live music being played. This restriction enables us to give today a welcome return to the Wootton Bassett Brass Band and I am sure you will enjoy their music. If you do, please give to the collection being made to support the band's funds

No doubt you will all have read that cable television is to become a very considerable alternative to television now available to us. Many people in Swindon have, for some years, received the normal television pictures via cable and, more recently been able to view films on their screen from this same source. This weekend cable television of Victoria Road, Swindon are transmitting to it's viewers an experimental programme in which the Swindon Town Football Club are pleased to take part with the blessing of the Football League. If you are a cable viewer, look in on Sunday afternoon when the club will be featured. I am sure that Cable Television are making history this weekend, a portent of much greater things to come in which football generally will take a significant part.

MARK KENDALL (Goalkeeper) Mark was born in Nuneaton and served his apprentice-ship with Aston Villa. He made more than a dozen appearances for the England Youth Team and joined us from Aston Villa in June 1982.

IAN PHILLIPS (Defender) Ian was born in Ayrshire but started his soccer career as an apprentice at Ipswich. He moved to Mansfield and then to Peterborough, from where he joined us during the summer. He has played around 135 League games.

PAUL SAUNDERS (Defender) Paul is a versatile player who operates mainly at full-back but has played in r midfield and at the centre of the defence. He joined us from Watford three years ago and a long run in the first team last season brought his total of League appearances to more than 90.

WAKELEY GAGE (Defender) Wakeley is a local discovery and plays at the centre of the defence. He is one of the tallest players in the League and cost us £5,000 from United Counties League side, Desborough Town. Last season he established himself in 43 League and Cup matches and won the Fourth Division player of the Year award run by a Sunday newspaper.

PAUL BRADY (Defender) Paul was born in Birmingham and served his apprenticeship with Birmingham City, playing regularly in their Central League team. He joined us in 1981 and has been a first team regular at either right-back or centre-half.

ADRIAN BURROWS (Defender) Adrian was born in Sutton and signed as a professional for Mansfield Town after completing his apprenticeship with them. He made more than 70 League appearances for Mansfield before joining us during the summer.

STEVE MASSEY (Striker) Steve joined us from Peterborough during last season and made 18 first team appearances. Before joining Peterborough he had been with Stockport County and Bournemouth.

NORTHAMPTON



BACK ROW:

Clive Walker (Manager), Steve Massey, David Syrett, Mark Kendall, John Buc Frankie Belfon, Adrian Burrows.

FRONT ROW:

Wakeley Gage, Peter Coffill, Adam Sandy, Paul Saunders, Ian Phillips, Gary S Peter Denyer.

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PETER DENYER (Midfield) Peter is one of the most versatile players on the books and has been a first team regular ever since being bought from Portsmouth in the summer of 1979. He made more than 100 consecutive appearances but was restricted to 25 matches last season because of a cartilage operation. Even so he scored seven goals.

ADAM SANDY (Midfield) Adam was born in Peterborough and joined the club two seasons ago from United Counties League side Wolverton Town. He started as a noncontract player but was quickly offered a contract and has now made more than 80 first team appearances.

GARY SAXBY (Midfield or Defence) Gary was born in Mansfield and started his career with Mansfield Town. He switched to Northampton in 1980 and has improved steadily through 80 first team games. Last season he scored seven goals.

MARK HEELEY (Midfield or Forward) Mark was a club record signing when we bought him from Arsenal in March 1980. After starting his career with Peterborough United he moved to Highbury where he played his 23 first team games. He has made more than 70 first team appearances for Northampton and this season will be a part-time player.

JOHN BUCHANAN (Midfield) John joined Northampton from Scottish junior football and was transferred to Cardiff in 1974, in an exchange deal involving John Farrington. Last season Northampton bought him back and he has been a first team regular for both clubs.

PETER COFFILL (Midfield) Peter was born in Romford and started his League career with Watford, where he made over 60 first team appearances. He moved to Torquay where he was Player of the Year two years ago before we bought him in the summer of 1981, for £5,000.

From the Northampton Archives

by Paul Plowman

Northampton Town and Swindon Town share not only a home ground of the same name, but also a chapter in the career of one of the greatest managers of all time - that of Herbert Chapman. For the uninitiated, Chapman was a 1920's version of a Shankly or Paisley, who took unfashionable Huddersfield Town to three consecutive Football League championships and then led Arsenal to similar heights before his early death in 1934. As a player, Chapman signed for Northampton no less than three times, after earlier being on Swindon's books. Born near Paddington, London in January 1878, Herbert came to Wiltshire from Grimsby in the 1899 close season but was here only a few months before going to Kent to assist Sheppey United. He joined Northampton for the first time in 1901 and played against Swindon when the two clubs met here on November 9 that year, the first of many Southern League encounters.

Swindon Town: Pollard; Fagan, Major; Codling, Logan, Downie; Oakden, Davies,

Becton, Oakley, Edwards.

Northampton Town: Cook; Bennett, Turner; Pell, Murrell, Howe; Frost, Chapman, Farrell, Coleman, Lawrence.

Albie Edwards gave Swindon an interval lead but Jack Farrell, Chapman and Coleman took the points back to Northampton · where the 'Cobblers' inflicted a 0-8 defeat on the Town later that season. Swindon wing-half RALPH CODLING joined Northampton at the end of 1901/02 and later served Stockport, Clapton Orient and Aston Villa. Chapman, meanwhile, assisted Glossop North End, Sheffield United and Notts County before returning to Northampton in 1904. But it was only to be a short stay for, in March 1905, he was sold to Tottenham for £70! He went back, yet again, to the County Ground as player-manager in the summer of 1907, but his playing days were soon ended through injury. Northampton had finished bottom of the Southern League First division in the two seasons prior to Chapman's take-over but he soon changed that. From Tottenham he brought with

him George Badenoch and Fred McDiarmid and the Cobblers finished sixth before taking the championship - six points ahead of Swindon - in 1909. Chapman brought Ralph Codling back from Aston Villa and later signed a nine-stone winger from Welling-borough who was eventually to play for England. He was five feet four-inch 'Fanny' Walden, sold to Tottenham in 1913. By then, Herbert Chapman had furthered his managerial career by moving on to Second Division Leeds City and had been succeeded at the County Ground by another former 'Spur' Walter Bull.

Northampton started their Football League career in 1920 in unorthodox fashion by losing at home and winning away! The team which went down 0-2 to Grimsby on August 28 1920 was:

Thorpe; Sproston, MacKechnie; Hewison, Jobey, Tomkins; Pease, Whitworth, Lockett, Thomas, Freeman.

Lockett scored both the goals when the Cobblers won 2-1 at QPR on September 2. Billy Pease was later capped and player-manager Bob Hewison signed another future England winger in Louis Page from Stoke in 1922. Mr Page was, of course, manager at Swindon for the first eight years after the last War.



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RESERVES REVIEW by John Trollope

Keeping you in the picture upon the results of the Reserve and Youth teams, the results have continued to fluctuate, due mainly to the differing teams we have to field. In the 2-0 defeat at Brighton we fielded no less than six first year apprentices and although the result went against us, they gave a first class display, aided ably by the professionals in the side giving the youngsters the necessary guidance. If the spirit shown by these young players can be maintained, hopefully we shall see them improve in standard and become regular reserve players next season.

The 2-0 win against Birmingham City on Tuesday last was earned by a good second half performance after a first half typical of an end of season game. We need to get a few more points in the bag to enable us to steer clear of the bottom two positions and the necessity to seek re-election.

On the youth front we have one game left, having played Luton yesteray, and this could be a match to see as our opponents, Wimbledon, are at the top of the League and could need a good result from this game to clinch the championship. If you would like to see the game it will be played on the Shrivenham Road ground on Saturday 14th May, Kick off 11.0 a.m.

Shrivenham Road ground on Saturday 14th May,

Kick off 11.0 a.m.

A quick reminder of some of the forthcoming events arranged by the Supporters Co-operative in coalition with Speedway's Phil Crump's Benefit:

Monday next, 9th May — a disco in the Supporters'

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Friday 20th May — a football match featuring speedway riders and other stars.

Sunday 22nd May — a Programme Fair.

Friday 27th May - a Jumble Sale.

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PART 19

The arrival of TREVOR ANDERSON in November 1974 brought the inevitable comparisons with George Best. In terms of build and movement, there was certainly an uncanny similarity but in temperament Travor appeared to show little of the wayward star's shortcomings. He had joined Manchester United from Portadown in October 1972, while Best was suspended and reportedly about to sign for every club from Palace to Feyenoord. Trevor played just thirteen full League games during his Old Trafford career but had added considerably to his international reputation, having scored twice on his Northern Ireland debut against Cyprus. In his debut for Swindon, against Chesterfield, he took a leaf straight out of the Best scrapbook, pirouetting to fire the ball past keeper Tingay for the only goal of the game. Anderson was not the orthodox flank man that so many of the County Ground regulars had been brought up on, but his silky skills were seen more in the wider positions than when exposed to the less subtle approaches made by some of the central 'henchmen'. The points gained at Chesterfield's expense had lifted the Town to second place in the Third Division and that position was maintained when DAVID MOSS recorded his first League hat-trick against Colchester on November 30 1974 albeit with the assistance of two penalty kicks. Trevor Anderson took over the task of penalty taking during 1975/76 and three in one game, a 5-1 victory over Walsall in April 1976, equalled a Football League record. Six successes from the spot took his League goal tally to fifteen for the season. thus making him top scorer. Don Rogers had

returned to the club in the March but was now wearing an unfamiliar number four or eight on his back, while the man who had been bought to replace the popular Town winger in 1972, TOM JENKINS, had his contract cancelled and joined the growing band of English talent in the United States. choosing to play for the Seattle Sounders. And by the end of 1977/78, both Anderson and Moss had departed too. The Irishman signed for Peterborough three days before Christmas and David Moss, scorer of twentytwo League and Cup goals, joined Luton for a £100,000 plus fee a week after manager Bob Smith's arrival at Swindon in May 1978. Following Trevor Anderson's migration, little DAVID CUNNINGHAM appeared frequently in the number eleven shirt. Just five feet five. Cunningham was a Scot from Kirkbaldy. He had begun his career with Brechin City and then, at 19, signed for Southend in April 1973. Having lost his firstteam place at Roots Hall in October 1976. David had become disillusioned with life in the reserves and went on loan to Hartlepool in the following March. His debut for Swindon was as substitute against Peterborough in August 1977, After 23 League appearances for the Town, Cunningham was loaned to the London Road club, just a month prior to making a more permanent move to Aston Villa. That permanence was terminated when Hereford signed him at the start of the 1979/80 season. Bob Smith's choice for the job of attacking from the flanks went to another Scot - the speedy Doncaster Rovers winger IAN MILLER.

TO BE CONCLUDED

The Travel Club Committee

wish to thank all those who have assisted and supported us during the past season. All members are invited to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and will be notified by post in due course.





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REFEREE:

MR. DAVID LETTS (Basingstoke) Started in New Forest and Bournemouth Leagues in 1965, graduated via Hampshire League and the Football Combination to Football League List. Was linesman at an F. A. Cup Quarter-Final match in 1977/78, and the Wales v. Northern Ireland Home Championship match in 1980.

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