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I walked through the front door at Field Mill on Monday morning as happy as a lark.

We'd extended our unbeaten run to six matches . . . we'd confounded the experts by seeing off Doncaster Rovers in the F.A. Cup . . . and our injury list was beginning to assume manageable proportions.

But I'd hardly put a foot inside the place before I got another kick in the teeth.

In hobbled young Colin Calderwood with his ankle in plaster and a report that he would be out of action for at least six weeks.

I tell you it's almost unbelievable what has been happening to us at Mansfield, I almost feel like calling in a gypsy or someone to exorcise the place.

Still these things come to try us and we'll continue to battle on against all the odds as we have done up to now.

The disappointment of not receiving a home draw in the second round of the F.A. Cup was relieved a little when we were paired with either Bolton Wanderers or Tranmere Rovers.

And I must admit to a little selfish wish that the replay would go Bolton's way . . . which it did.

It is always nice to go back to one of your former clubs.

I'm sure there will be a marvellous atmosphere and I have a sneaking feeling that the game could turn out to be a classic.

But that is a fortnight away. Our main and immediate concern is today's match against Swindon Town which I hope will see a continuation of our recent good home form.

Ian Greaves

Welcome to



SWINDON TOWN

BACK ROW	Mike Graham	Charlie Henry	Scott Endersby	Jimmy Allan	Kevin Baddeley	Leigh Barnard
MIDDLE ROW	David Hockaday	Nigel Gray	Paul Richardson	Jimmy Quinn	Andrew Rowland	
FRONT ROW	Alan Mayes	Colin Bailie	Ken Beamish (Team Manager)	Gary Emmanuel	Paul Batty	

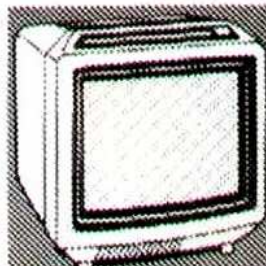
Field Mill

Welcome this afternoon to Swindon Town and their manager Ken Beamish. Mr. Beamish was appointed just after the end of last season after a spell as caretaker Manager.

The Swindon squad consists of the following players – Goalkeeper JIM ALLAN, who is now Town's longest serving player, joining in 1970 from Scottish junior football. Has made over 350 appearances. SCOTT ENDERSBY spent two seasons in goal for Tranmere Rovers before joining Swindon in May 1983 and now ties for the keepers' spot with Jim Allan. In defence local born KEVIN BADDELEY nevertheless started his career with Bristol City and signed for Swindon in 1981. Plays in either full back position. COLIN BAILIE an Irishman who made his League debut at Oxford United, made 27 senior appearances last season. MIKE GRAHAM made his League debut at Field Mill for Bolton Wanderers. Plays in defence or midfield for his present club. NIGEL GRAY, a central defender, joined today's visitors from Orient, his only previous club, in July 1983. CHARLIE HENRY is a former Swindon apprentice who signed full professional in February 1980. Has now made approaching 100 League appearances. In midfield, manager Beamish can call on the services of LEIGH BARNARD, who was an ever present last season for Swindon and previously made 79 appearances for Portsmouth. PAUL BATTY is another 'home-produced' player having served his apprenticeship with Swindon. Made 39 League appearances last season. PAUL RICHARDSON is a Nottingham born player who began his career with the Forest where he made 221 appearances before travelling to Chester, Stoke City and Sheffield United and now Swindon Town. The strike force at the managers disposal con-

sists of DAVE HOCKADAY who made around 140 League appearances for Blackpool his only previous club, joining Swindon in the last close season. Londoner ALAN MAYES is in his second spell with the Town. His career began with QPR but his League debut was for Watford in 1974. Alan has also played for Nottingham (on loan) and Chelsea in between his earlier and current spell with Swindon. GARY NELSON joined Southend United straight from school and made around 100 appearances for them. Joined Swindon in August 1983. Another Irishman, JIMMY QUINN, signed for non-league football in December 1981 and after a few months made his League debut. 18 appearance to his credit up to the end of last season. ANDY ROWLAND served his apprenticeship with his home town club Derby County and moved on to Bury in August 1974. He was three times the leading scorer at the Gigg Lane club and moved to Swindon in September 1978. As well as being a noted goalscorer, Andy is also the teams' emergency goalkeeper!

A good set of home results so far this season has kept Swindon very much in the wide open competition for promotion places, their away from however has not been so good, six losses out of eight games being the situation at the time of writing.



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thoughts from George Best. This is a special evening organised by Mansfield Town Promotions for and on behalf of the Club.

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Tickets may be booked at the Commercial Office.

This is an evening not to be missed for sports and in particular, football fans. George Best has not been seen in the area and this is an opportunity to hear the views, of arguably the best footballer of his time, on aspects of current football and football life.

An excellent meal will be followed by comedy from Tony Kent and reflections and





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Youth Scene

By John Jarman

To our young trainees came a new experience, last week, they spent a week under the Youth Opportunity scheme, taking part in getting to know what it is like tasting other various activities. From reports they appeared to have enjoyed themselves, taking part in rock climbing, canoeing in the Derbyshire Dales. The centre at Dovedale is fully equipped to provide accomodation and facilities for youngsters to get away from their usual routine and experience another way of life even for only a few days.

Other visits are being planned, to get the players out and about the area, seeing and talking to people from different walks of life. I guess they will be in for a treat when they visit a local pit, no prizes for guessing which one but it will be close to Mansfield, and one where I know the workers are Stags supporters!

Welcome back to the fold, to Billy Ayre, the Club skipper played his first competitive game last week since getting injured in the close season. Billy will be quite an asset to the youngsters during his rehabilitation period in getting fit again for first team football. He will hopefully be joined by Andy Beasley the young goalkeeper who is on Luton Town books and our own Mark Kearney who all in the next week or so will be grafting hard to get back to match fitness, there is no easy way to achieve that. Morning, afternoons will be spent achieving maximum fitness again.

Unfortunately the reserve game against Walsall reserves was called off by the host club on Saturday, this will be rearranged within the next week or so. It did however enable the entire playing staff to take a

busmans holiday seeing the First eleven provide a good, sound skillful performance against one of the best sides in the Division. I am sure many of them had their appetites whetted, wishing the boys on from the stand. Competition for places is starting to hot up again, and is an healthy sign that nobody can rest on his laurels from now until the end of the season.



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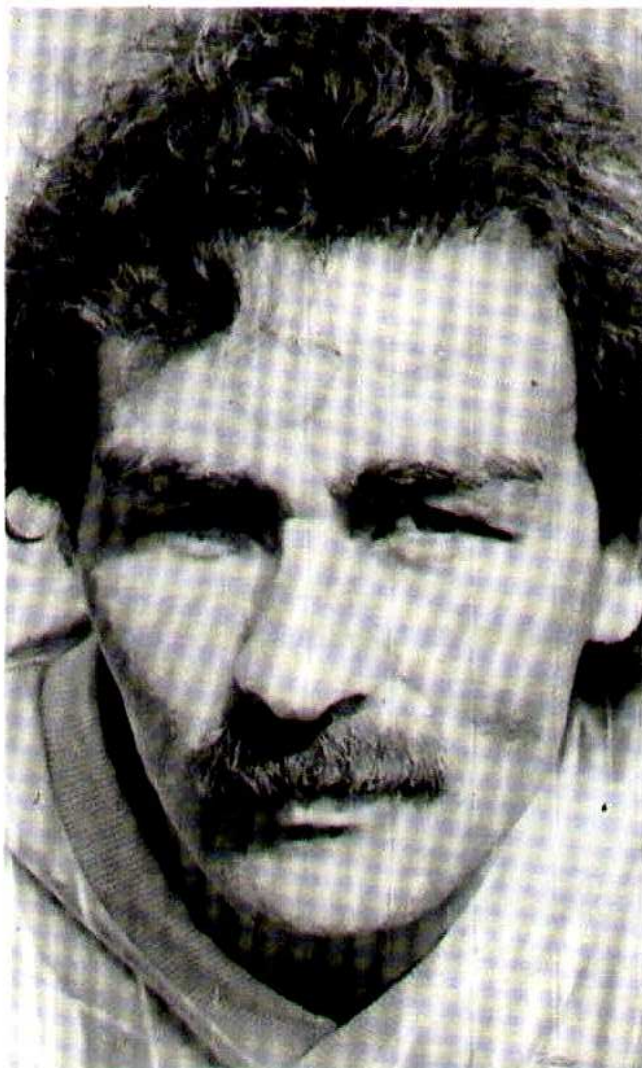


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Player Profile



Full name: William Ayre
Birthplace: Crookhill, Tyne & Wear
Birthday: 7.5.52
Height/Weight: 6'0"/12.12st
Married: Yes
Wife's Name: Elaine
Children: No
Previous Clubs: Scarborough, Hartlepool United, Halifax Town
Honours: None
Car: Ford Cortina
Favourite Food: Frosties
Favourite Other Sport: Basketball, Tennis, Cricket
Favourite Group: Jimmy Shand & his Band
Favourite TV Programme: Taxi
Favourite Hate on TV: Songs of Praise
Favourite Actor and Actress: Harpo Marx, Jacqueline Bisset
Dislikes: "Cheats" and Dishonest People
Hobbies: Playing Most Sports
Favourite Footballer: Graeme Souness
Favourite Ground: Portman Road
Personal Ambition: To be a Football League Manager.
Biggest Thrill in Football so far: Playing at Wembley
Biggest Disappointment in Football: Being Injured
Person Like Most to Meet: Princess Diana
Thoughts on Future After Football: Manager or Furthering Teaching Career



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Quiz Page

STAGS SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Our **Christmas Prize Draw and Social Evening** is planned for **Wednesday evening, the 14th December**, to be held in the **Visitors Lounge at Field Mill**.

We are hoping to have the playing staff and management in attendance.

In the event of a cup replay during that week, we may have to postpone the social evening until a more convenient date.

However the Prize Draw will still take place as stated.

Winners will be notified as soon as possible.

A few Prize Draw tickets are still available from committee members at 25p per book of 5 tickets.

We are still in need of members for our Quiz team.

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Aug.	27 Sat. 30 Tues.	Bristol City HUDDESFIELD TOWN (Milk Cup Rd.1 1st leg)	A H	0-4 1-2	5,758 3,734	Arnold Arnold	Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth	Kearney Kearney	Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth		
Sept.	3 Sat. 6 Tues. 9 Fri. 13 Tues.	DONCASTER ROVERS STOCKPORT Halifax Town Huddersfield Town (Milk Cup Rd.1 2nd leg)	H H A A	1-2 1-2 0-0 1-5	2,837 2,166 1,725 5,190	Arnold Arnold Arnold Arnold	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Kearney Kearney Kearney Kearney	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth		
Oct.	17 Sat. 24 Sat. 27 Tues.	TRANMERE ROVERS Peterborough United Blackpool	H A A	1-0 0-3 0-2	2,002 3,490 3,461	Arnold Arnold Arnold	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Kearney Partridge Woodhead	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth		
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Nov.	1 Tues. 5 Sat. 12 Sat. 19 Sat.	ROCHDALE Wrexham COLCHESTER UTD. DONCASTER ROVERS (F.A. Cup 1st rd.)	H A H H	3-0 3-2 0-0 3-0	2,535 1,663 3,042 5,027	Daines Daines Daines Daines	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Woodhead Woodhead Woodhead Woodhead	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth		
Dec.	26 Sat. 3 Sat. 10 Sat. 18 Sun. 26 Mon. 27 Tues. 31 Sat.	SWINDON TOWN Darlington F.A. Cup 2 Northampton Town CHESTERFIELD Chester CREWE ALEXANDRA	H A A A H A H	3-0 0-4 0-0 3-0	5,027 1,663 3,042 5,027	Daines Daines Daines Daines	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Woodhead Woodhead Woodhead Woodhead	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	
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April	7 Sat. 14 Sat. 21 Sat. 28 Tues. 5 Sun.	Stockport County DARLINGTON Chesterfield CHESTER Swindon Town	A H H H H	0-4 1-2 0-0 3-0	5,758 3,734 2,837 2,166 1,725	Arnold Arnold Arnold Arnold Daines	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Kearney Kearney Kearney Kearney Kearney	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth
May	5 Sat. 7 Mon. 12 Sat.	YORK CITY Crewe Alexandra NORTHAMPTON	H H H	0-4 1-2 0-0	5,758 3,734 2,837	Arnold Arnold Daines	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Kearney Kearney Kearney	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	

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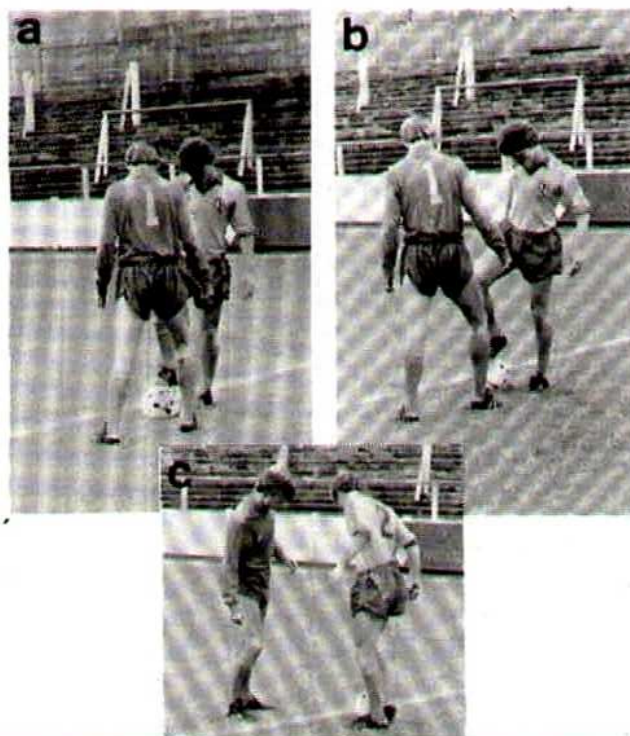
The ability to beat opponents is an exciting proposition for anyone who is interested in football to see. Encouragement to young players to take on opponents with confidence is always a good sign to see on any soccer pitch.

In today's football there appears to be quite an emphasis on team work to the detriment of individuals ability to dribble.

If people are supposedly born to dribble a ball, then unfortunately I cannot see a trend happening in the next few years that will change this. However hopefully at grass roots level, and that is where learning takes place most effectively and if teaching of the basic skills is taught correctly, we might improve youngsters ability to dribble with excitement and confidence.

- a) Use the sole of the foot to control the ball, note the concentration
- b) Dragging ball backwards before moving either right or left.

- c) Use outside of foot to go away from opponent. Body well balanced having feigned before moving away.



Half-time Scoreboard CANNON Football League

A Aldershot v Rochdale		J TranmR. v Crew Alex.		R Stoke C. v Notts. F	
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E Hartlepool U. v YorkC.		N Everton v Norwich C.		V Barnsley v Brighton	
F Hereford U. v Blackpo		O Ipswich T. v Liverpool		W Cardiff v Huddersfield	
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H Torquay v Colchester		Q Notts. Co. v Aston V		Y Fulham v Blackburn R.	



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Field Mill Jottings

Our delight at the F.A. Cup success against Doncaster Rovers has been tempered somewhat by the injury sustained by Colin Calderwood.

And while congratulating Colin on scoring his first senior goal for the club we must also wish him a speedy recovery from his ankle injury.

Naturally we are a little disappointed that we were not fortunate enough to achieve another home draw.

However Bolton Wanderers are attractive opposition and we shall be doing our best to make sure that we move forward into the money-spinning third round when the First And Second Division clubs join the competition.

Unfortunately the away draw means that after today's match we are not in action at Field Mill until Boxing Day when we meet neighbours Chesterfield with a morning kick off at 11.30 a.m.

That is of course unless our cup game at Burnden Park ends in a draw and we have

a replay here on Tuesday 13th December.

Next Saturday we are away at Darlington and the following Sunday December 18th we travel to meet Northampton Town.

In welcoming Swindon Town we recall that the Wiltshire club has a special place in Mansfield Town's history books.

For it was against Swindon Town here at Field Mill in 1931, that we were launched into the Football League.

The result that day was a 3-2 win for us . . . we hope for a similar outcome this afternoon.

May we take this opportunity of wishing all our supporters and of course those of our opponents a very Happy Christmas from the chairman, his board of directors and everyone here at Field Mill.

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